

Will of William Powlton, 1583

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Testamentu will(ia)m powlton de Barford St. Johns in com oxon

In the name of god Amen / the xth daie of october in the yeare of our Lord god 1583 and in the xxvth yeare of the Raigne of our soveraine Ladie Elizabeth by the grace of god quene of England France and Ireland &c I will(ia)m powlton of Barford Saint John in the county of oxford husbandman being sick in bodie but sole and of good and p(er)fect reme(m)brance thanks be god make this my last will and testament in manner and forme followinge First I bequeath my soule to almighty god my heavenlie father And to Jesus Christ my onlie redem(er) and Savioiur and my body to be buried in the churcheyard of adderbery It(e)m I bequeath to the mother churche of oxford ii^d It(e)m I geve everie house in Barford Saint John halff a strick¹ of corne or malt that hath no land belonging to their howses and to everie one of them vj^d in monie to be paid before martlemas² next And to everie house likewise in great barford a peck³ of corne or malt and iiij^d in monie to be paid w(i)thin this xij monethes / It(e)m I bequeath to everie of my s(er)vanntes a shepe or a lambe to be delevered at mychaellmas⁴ next / It(e)m I geve to everie one of my godchildrene iiij^d It(e)m I geve to my sonne John x^{li} to be paid unto him when he shall p(ro)ceed M^{rs} Part the one halff and the other halffe to be payd to him when my wiffe and my sonne will(ia)m shalbe able to pay yt / It(e)m if it please god to take him out of this world before he receaves yt then I will that my wiffe and my sonne will(ia)m to take yt equallye betwene them / It(e)m I geve to John powlton of helmede a shepe a paire of sheetes and a platter / It(e)m I geve to edward powlton ye sonne of John powlton a shepe / It(e)m I geve to denis kirwood a strick of barlie / It(e)m I geve to my sonne william halffe my goodes moveable and unmoveable and to accmpie[?] Halfe with my wiffe of this house and land during her widdowes estate and ye other halff to my wiffe whom I make my whole executrix of this my last will and testament my dettes being paid and my Legaces p(er)formed / It(e)m I geve to adderburie bells xij^d / It(e)m I geve to our towne bells x^s / It(e)m I do will that mr John Dalbie of ? my Cosin will(ia)m Powlton and thomas taylor to be my overseers of this my last will and testament yf yt be trulie p(er)formed and to everie one of them I geve iiij^s iiij^d for their labors these being witnesses will(ia)m Belcher thomas durdin will(ia)m Patton w(i)th others /.

Probat erat hor testem coram ?????

Inventarim

iiij^{xx} ix^{li} xiiij^s x^d

¹ A bundle of broken hemp, flax, jute, etc. for heckling (separating the fibres of flax and hemp) (OED)

² Obsolete form of Martinmas, the feast of St Martin, 11 November (OED)

³ A measure of capacity used for dry goods; the fourth part of a bushel, or two gallons (OED)

⁴ The feast of St Michael, 29 September (OED)