

John Burton of White Colne – will, 1689

In the name of God Amen the nine & twentieth day of June in the yeare of our Lord God one thousand six hundred eighty & nine I John Burton of White Colne in the County of Essex miller, sicke of body but of good & pefect Memory God be praised doe make & ordaine this my last will & teastament in manner & forme following:

That is to say first I commend my soule into the hands of God my maker hopeinge assuredly through the onley merits of Jesus Christ my Saviour to be made petaker of life evelonglasting: & I commende my body to the earth whereof it is made to be decently buried by my undernamed executrix:

Item I give & bequeath All my Coustamary lands & tenements holden of the mannor of Colne Wake called by the name of Rolfs land or by any other name or names whatsoever unto Sarah my well beloved wife for & dureing the tearme of ten yeares next ensuing after my deceasing my said wife shall so long live:

& after the end & expiration of the said ten years or other soner determination I give said lands & tenements unto my brother Samuell Burton & his heires for ever:

Item I give & bequeath unto my brother Samuell Burton the summe of five shillings of lawfull mony of England to be paid within six monthes next after my decease:

Item I give & bequeath unto my kinseman Thomas Dearsly the summe of one shilling to be paid within one moneth the next after my decease:

Item I give & bequeath unto my kinsewoman Alice Tompson the summe of one shilling to be paid within one moneth next after my decease:

Item all the rest of my goods & chattels whatsoever not before bequeathed: I give & bequeath unto Sarah my wife towards the paying of my debts & Legacies & funeral expences whome I doe appointe sole executrix of this my last will & testament:

In witness whereof I have hereunto set my hand & seale the day & yeare first above written:

Signed Sealled published & declared by the said John Burton x to be his last will & teastament in the presence of us whose names are hereunder named & was attested & subscribed by us in the presence of the said testator:

John Keable senr.

John Sallowes?

Solomon Carter x

Elnathan Middleton x

Proved: 16 Dec 89.

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