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Probate for the will of John Jordan of Bourton - Written in 1727 (amended 1731/2) proved in 1732

Transcription

By R I Kirby (25/1/2006). Difficult text replaced by ‘*’. Line padding squiggles represented by ‘~’. References to people emboldened.

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Summary

John Jordan of Bourton upon the Water, Gloucester Esq
Confirmed the arrangements concerning the £2,000 marriage portion and the proposed Marriage between Christopher Shute of the University of Oxon Master of Arts and his daughter Ann Jordan. If the marriage does not go a head then he leaves his Daughter Ann £2,000 of which £1,000 (charged on Berry Fields House in Bourton) to be paid at age 21 or marriage to someone else and the residue of £1,000 (charged on the lands that were part of the settlement of his late wife Anne, only daughter of John Rooke Deceased) to be paid when his Son John Jordan reaches 21.
Wife Mary to receive all the plate she brought with her to Bourton and 20 Guineas
Daughter Anne Jordan 10 Guineas
Son John Jordan 10 Guineas
Intended Son in Law Mr Christopher Shute 10 Guineas
Sister Mary Bartholomew Five Guineas
Nephew William Bartholomew and his wife – 1 Guinea apiece to buy a Ring
Mr Tash of the Bull in Burford and his Wife - 1 Guinea apiece to buy a Ring
Tuition and Guardianship of Son John Jordan to Wife Mary Jordan & Mr Christopher Shute
Wife and Mr Christopher Shute appointed as Trustees of this my Will
Mr Henry Hawkins of Aston Farm to assist the trustees
Executors Mr Christopher Shute until his Son John attained age 21 thereafter John became sole executor.
Poor of the parish of Bourton £5
Poor of the parish of Fulbrook £5
Poor of the parish of Burford £5
Witnessed: Edm Bray Elizabeth Buckingham Servant to Mr Jordan for Palmer
Signed -13 January 1727, amended 4 February 1731/2 but with no changes beyond the version transcribed here.

Proved - 23 November 1732

Text

In the name of God Amen

I John Jordan of Bourton upon the Water in the County of Gloucester Esq being very sick and weak in body but of sound Mind Memory and understanding Thanks be to God Do make publish and declare this my last Will and Testament in Manner and fform following that is to say ffirst and principally I commend my Soul into the hands of Almighty God~ hoping through the Merits of my Saviour to receive fforgiveness of my Sins And my Body I commit to the Earth to be buried in ffulbrook Church in the Chancel there in the same Grave that my first wife was buried in and in such decent manner as to my Executor herinafter named shall seem meet And as to the Worldly Estate which it hath pleased Almighty God to bless me withal I give and dispose of the same in Manner following Impris My Will and Meaning is that my Debts and ffuneral Expenses be first paid and discharged Item Whereas there is a covenant of marriage already agreed upon between **Christopher Shute of the University of Oxon Master of Arts** and my **daughter Ann Jordan** and Whereas I have ~~ covenanted and agreed with the said **Mr Shute** that if the said Marriage takes
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effect that I will pay him the Sum of Two Thousand pounds as a marriage portion with the said Anne for the payment of which I have given the said **Mr Shute** a sufficient Security by two Mortgages of several of my Lands which I had the power to charge with the payment thereof in Manner as in the said Mortgages is mentioned and expressed as by the said Mortgages the Counterparts of which (executed by the said **Mr Shute**) are now in my hands Relation being unto them had may appear in consideration of which said Marriage and Two thousand pounds portion the said **Mr ~ Shute** hath made and executed a Settlement of Lands and Tenements upon my said **Daughter Anne** for her life which I do esteem as sufficient~ Consideration for the said Marriage portion Now my Will is and I do~ hereby ratifie and confirm whatsoever Good or Goods Mortgage or~ Mortgages Article or Articles of Agreement or any other Writing or~ Writings whatsoever which I have already signed sealed or executed to the said **Mr Shute** or any other person or persons whatsoever which is any ways relating to or concerning the said Marriage in case the same shall take effect and in case the said Marriage shall not take Effect then I do give and devise unto my said **Daughter Anne** the Sum of Two thousand pounds to be paid in Manner following viz One thousand pounds part thereof to be paid her so soon as she shall arrive to the age of twenty one years or day of Marriage with any other person besides the said **Mr Shute** and the further Sum of One Thousand pounds residue~ thereof when my **Son John Jordan** shall attain to his age of twenty one~ years Item and my Will and Meaning is And I do hereby direct that my **Messuage lyeing Bourton aforesaid called the Berry fields..... house** and all my **Lands lying in the parish of Bourton aforesaid called by the Names of the Berry fields** shall stand charged and chargeable and I do hereby charge the same with the payment of the said first~~

mentioned Sum of One thousand pounds to my said **daughter Anne** as~
aforesaid and that the Rest of my Lands which were settled upon my
Marriage with my late **Wife Anne** who was **the only daughter of John
Rooke Deceased** which I had a power to charge with the payment of the Sum
of Two thousand pounds my Will and Meaning is shall be chargeable
and stand charged with the payment of the said further Sum of one~~~
thousand pounds to my said **Daughter Anne** upon my said Sons arriving to
his said Age as aforesaid Item I give to my dear **Wife Mary** all the
plate which she brought with her to Bourton at the time of our marriage
and the sum of twenty Guineas to buy her Morning Item I give and
Devise to my said **Daughter Anne Jordan** and to my said **Son John Jordan**
the sum of Ten Guineas apiece to buy them Mourning And I give to
my said **intended Son in Law Mr Christopher Shute** Ten Guineas Item
to my **Sister Mary Bartholomew** I give the Sum of Five Guineas to my
Nephew William Bartholomew and his wife I give OneGuinea
apiece to buy each of them a Ring To **Mr Tash of the Bull in Burford
and his Wife** I give One Guinea apiece to buy each of them a Ring And
I do hereby commit the Tuition and Guardianship of my **Son John
Jordan** unto my said Dear **Wife Mary Jordan** the said **Mr Christopher~
Shute** until he shall attain his age of twenty one years and I do~
hereby nominate and appoint my said **Wife** the said **Mr Christopher
Shute** Trustees of this my Will and my Will further is and I do~
desire that **Mr Henry Hawkins of Aston ffarm** do assist my said~~
Trustees as also my Executor hereafter named in the selling and disposing
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my latter stock and personal Estate whatsoever which I shall be~
possessed of at the time of my death at Bourton aforesaid to the best
advantage towards the payment of all my just Debts (except the said
plate so given to my said dear Wife as aforesaid) and I do desire my said
Trustees to satisfie the said **Mr Hawkins** for his Trouble therein out
of the said personal Estate And in case my said personal Estate shall
not be sufficient to pay off and discharge all my just Debts which shall
be due and owing by me at the time of my decease to any person or~
persons whatsoever then my Will and Meaning is that the said~
**Messuage in Bourton called the Berry ffeilds house and also my Lands
which lye in the said parish of Bourton called the Berry fields** shall
stand and be charged and chargeable with the payment of so much of my
said Debts as my said personal Estate shall fall short of and also of the
Legacies herein by me given and devised and I do hereby charge the
same with the payment thereof accordingly Item I give **to the poor of
the parish of Bourton upon the Water** the Sum of ffive pounds **to the poor of the
parish of ffulbrook** the Sum of ffive pounds and **to the poor of the ~
parish of Burford** the sum of ffive pounds to be disposed of at the
discretion of my said Trustees and in such Manner as they shall think fit
And I do hereby nominate and appoint the said **Mr Christopher Shute~
Executor** of this my last Will and Testament until my said **Son John ~
Jordan** shall arrive to his age of twenty one years And then I do~
nominate and appoint my said **Son John sole Executor** of this my Will
And I do hereby revoke all former or other Wills by me at any time~

heretofore made In Witness whereof I have to this my last Will and~
Testament being write upon three sheets of paper to each Sheet my hand
and seal have put this thirteenth day of January in the first year of
the Reign of our Sovereign Lord George the Second by the Grace of~
God of Great Britain ffrance and Ireland King Defender of the ffaith etc
and in the year of our Lord God one thousand seven hundred and
twenty seven **John Jordan** Signed Sealed published and declared by the said
Testator John Jordan as and for his last Will and Testament in the
presence and Sight of us who subscribe our names as Witnesses hereof
in the presence and sight of him the said Testator and at his Request
Edm Bray Elizabeth Buckingham Servant to Mr Jordan for Palmer

February ye 4-1731/2

This is to satisfie that then I made those three Blottings out or~
Raisures in this my last Will with my own hand at the date above.~
written Witness my hand **John Jordan**.

Notes

1. Probate was granted to Christopher Shute
2. No candidate for Henry Hawkins has been found, a review of A2A looking for
'Aston Farm' reveals several, including one near Avening

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