

Stephen Burcome, Clothier, Will dated 1734

Request to be buried in the parish church of Stinchcombe and for my worldly estate which it hath pleased God to endow me withal I dispose of as follows.

I give and devise unto my eldest Son Thomas my estate called Kings --- farm lying in the Parish of Old Sodbury according to the deed of settlement made by my father I also give him my little silver cup and three silver spoons two of which have no mark and one marked HB.

I give unto my son Stephen Burcombe and his heirs forever all that my house and garden with its appurtenances lying at The Green in Stinchcombe wherein Timothy Cole and Walter Rickett? Do now inhabit and all those three grounds called the Inwood all of which I bought and purchased of Thomas and Isaac Jobbins for me and my heirs.

And give and devise unto my son Stephen Burcombe and his heirs for ever all that my Mansion House wherein I now dwell with its appurtenances and all the lands and premises thereunto belonging lying in Stinchcombe aforesaid which I bought and purchased of William Tyndale Esq and William Tyndale Silk Thrower withal chargeable with the payment of one hundred pounds apiece to my three daughters Mary, Jane, and Ann in six months after my decease.

Also give and devise to my son Stephen Burcombe and his heirs forever all that my ground called Twenty Acres which I bought and purchased of Edward Try lying in Stinchcombe aforesaid.

I give and bequeath for my three daughters Mary Jane and Anne Five? hundred pounds apiece out of my personal estate and one hundred pounds apiece to be paid by their brother Stephen out of the lands and premises afore mentioned which I bought and purchased of William Tyndall Esq and William Tyndall Silk Thrower and whereas I am obliged by marriage articles with my present wife Elizabeth to leave her two hundred pounds in money to be paid to her three months after my decease if she survive me.

I do herby confirm that agreement and do appoint my executor and trustees to pay and satisfy the said two hundred pounds accordingly.

I give and devise to my daughter Mary and her heirs forever my ground called Perryfields lying in the parish of Cam which I bought and purchased of Edward Try and others also I give and bequeath to my said daughter Mary my best cloth bed with all its appurtenances that stands in the Parlour chamber with all the furniture of the said chamber, also I give her my silver salver and three silver spoons.

I give and devise to my daughter Jane and her heirs for ever my ground called Wood Mead? lying in the parish of Stinchcombe which I bought of? also I give and bequeath to my daughter Jane the bed with all appurtenances that stands in the hall chamber with all the furniture of the said chamber, also I give her my two silver porringers and three silver spoons.

I give and devisee to my daughter Ann and her heirs for ever the Little House garden and orchard that I purchased of John Arthur? wherein William Smart now liveth and also the little ground called Barnes I purchased of John Pope and now his own up to John Orchard, I also bequeath to my daughter Ann the bed with all its appurtenances that stands in the kitchen chamber I also give her my silver --gg that was her mothers and three silver spoons and all the furniture of the said kitchen chamber.

I give to each of my children a pair of broad gold and all the rest and residue of my household goods and personal estate together with my silver tankard my Great ----- in the Dye house my shop of tools wharfs? and profs?

I give and bequeath to my son Stephen Burcombe whom I make my sole executor and I nominate and appoint my loving brothers in law John Walker and Richard Willing and my loving kinsmen Richard Hill and Stephen Compeer to be trustees of this my last will desiring them to see this my will performed and to prevent all differences that may arise.

19/10/1730

Signed in the presence of Robert Manning, Mary Manning, and the mark of Joseph Bendall.