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**Will of Thomas Bury 1668** (LeicsRO, Will 1668, Inventory PR/I/67)

## Summary

Testator: Thomas Bury of Sewstern, tanner  
Executor: son Thomas  
Date: 26 January 1668, proved 6 November 1668  
Witnesses: Samuel Dixon, Tho: Moore  
Will: - all property, in Sewstern & Buckminster, to son Thomas  
- including a close he bought from **his father George Bury**  
- £2 to 4 children of **elder son Leonard** when 18 or 21 (Thomas, John, Ann & Samuel)  
- if son Thomas dies without heirs, all to grandson Thomas, son of Leonard  
- if this happens, he to pay his sister Anne £2, and his aunt Jane Bury £5  
- £100 to daughter Jane Bury  
- bed & some household items to son Thomas  
- rest of household items to daughter Jane & wife Mary  
- £3 to 'present' wife Mary  
- rest to son Thomas

Fortune: £562 12s. 8d.

Modernized spelling

In the name of God Amen

1. I Thomas Bury of Sewstern in the County of Leicester Tanner being somewhat weak in body but of good and perfect memory (blessed be almighty God for the same) & knowing that shortly I must put off this tabernacle, that I must die & return to dust, I do make & ordain this my last will and testament in manner and form following
2. First of all & principally I do recommend my soul into the hand of almighty God, as unto a faithful creature begging & hoping for acceptance & everlasting salvation, through the sole merits & intercession of Jesus Christ our saviour, whom God has set forth to be a propitiation through faith in his blood, wherein he has washed us from our sins & has made us kings & priests unto God and his father to whom be glory and dominion for ever and ever, Amen
3. And my body to be buried in decent manner, in the church or churchyard of Buckminster as to my executor (hereafter named) shall be thought most convenient from whence I shall be raised by my redeemer, & do believe, that although after my skin, worms destroy my body, yet in my flesh I shall see God.
4. And as for such houses, lands, good & chattels as it has pleased God mercifully to bestow upon me, I do hereby dispose, give and bequeath in manner and form following
5. First I give & bequeath to my son Thomas Bury all that messuage, farm or tenement wherein I now live & dwell in Sewstern aforesaid with all the yards, backsides, orchards, gardens, outhouses & appurtenances to the same adjoining or heretofore belonging, purchased of Elizabeth Spencer, & one croft or close to the same adjoining & belonging by estimation one acre be the same more or less
6. And also all that house or building adjoining to my said dwelling house & now used as a barn or backhouse which I purchased of Richard Crafts, namely that Lower Bushome (so

- called) after, and not until the decease of my present loving wife Mary Bury & to her reserved with other provisos specified, declared & appointed in her jointure
7. Also I give & bequeath to my son Thomas Bury aforesaid all that close of meadow or pasture grounds with the appurtenances situate lying & being in the fields & liberties of Sewstern aforesaid called by the name of Square Close in Brothamdale containing by estimation five acres, be the same more or less, which I purchased of Andrew Tyre
  8. And also one other enclosure with all the appurtenances called or named & known by the name of Nether Close containing by estimation five acres, be the same more or less, situate & being in the fields of Buckminster & Sewstern aforesaid which I purchased of Henry Brewster, these two last enclosures after the decease of my present wife Mary Bury aforesaid, being reserved to her in jointure during her natural life
  9. Also I give and bequeath to my son Thomas Bury aforesaid one other close of pasture with all the appurtenances called or known by the name of Mooreclose next to Wymondham hedge containing by estimation five acres, be the same more or less, **which I purchased of my father George Bury** To have and to hold all the said messuages, houses, lands, closes or enclosures, & their premises with their & every of their appurtenances (except as before excepted) unto the said Thomas Bury my son & to the heirs of his body lawfully begotten, or to be begotten for ever
  10. Provided always & upon condition that the said Thomas Bury my son his heirs, executors & assigns, shall pay or cause to be paid to the children of my elder son Leonard Bury, namely Thomas Bury, Ann Bury, John Bury & Samuel Bury, to each and every of them two pounds, namely to Thomas Bury & John Bury my grandchildren, to each of them two pounds when they shall accomplish the age of twenty one years, and to Anne Bury & Samuel Bury my grandchildren when they shall accomplish the age of eighteen years, two pounds
  11. Provided further & my will is that if my son Thomas Bury shall depart this life & leave no issue of his body lawfully begotten, I then do give & bequeath all my aforesaid houses, lands, closes or enclosures & premises before mentioned with all their appurtenances unto my grandchild Thomas Bury, son and heir apparent of my son Leonard Bury & to his heirs forever
  12. And if it shall so happen, my will then is that the said Thomas Bury my grandchild shall pay to Anne Bury his own sister two pounds when she shall accomplish the age of twenty one years & to my daughter Jane Bury ten pounds at the end of five months
  13. Item I give & bequeath to the said Jane Bury my daughter one hundred pounds to be paid to her when she shall accomplish the age of twenty-one years (for her portion) & forty shillings toward her maintenance yearly till she shall accomplish the age of one & twenty, except she marries before that time
  14. Item I give to my son Thomas Bury one feather bed one bolster two pillows on bedstead the 'vallons' & curtains & a carpet thereunto belonging, a table & one chest, which are in my parlour chamber, One coverlet, two blankets, two pillowboas & one pair of sheets, one bar of great handiron, a clock, a sealed seat, one chair & my lesser brass pottage pot,

15. And all the rest of my household goods whatsoever & movables I give unto my daughter Jane Bury & to my wife Mary Bury to be divided equally between them two
16. And to my loving wife Mary Bury I give three pounds in money as a particular token of my affection to her
17. Item all the rest of my goods & chattels & dues unto me whatsoever unbequeathed (my own debts & funeral expenses first paid & discharged) I give & bequeath to my dear son Thomas Bury whom I do name ordain & appoint sole executor of this my last will & testament desiring him to fulfil this my last will according to my trust reposed in him
18. Finally I do hereby revoke, make void & null every & all former will or wills & testament whatsoever
19. Witness my hand & seal January 26 in the year of our Lord God one thousand six hundred sixty & seven & in the nineteenth year of the reign of our sovereign Lord Charles the second of England Scotland France & Ireland King, defender of the faith etc.

Thomas Bury

Sealed and signed in the presence of Samuel Dixon, Tho: Moore