

The last will and testament of William Hurst

1582

In the name of God Amen the xxvi day of September in the xxiiij year of the reign of our sovereign Lady Elizabeth the Queen In the year of our Lord God 1582 I

William Hurst of Pirton in the county of Hertford labourer being sick in bodie but sound in mind & of perfect remembrance thanks be to Almighty God doe ordayne and make this my lastwill and testament in manner and forme followinge

First I geve and bequeath my sole to Almighty God our heavenly father desieringe him of his fatherly to forgeve my bodies offen & to permit my soule to rest with Abraham Isace and Jacobe & in his blessed kingdom and my body to be buried in the churchyard of Pirton aforesaid Item I geve and bequeath to the mother Church of Lyncoln ijd

Item I geve and bequeath to William Barber iiij Li

I geve and bequeath to Thomas Barber his sonne xxs

Item I geve unto William Barber younger another of the sonnes of the said Wm Barber iiij s

Item I geve unto Beatrice Barber daughter to the said Wm one ewe and one lamb & ijs in money

Item I geve unto Mathew Carter of Aspley End xxs

Item I geve unto Edward Holmes ijs

Item I geve unto John Borough ij s

Item I geve unto Anthonye Wheatlye ijs

Item I geve unto Michael Chapman son of John Chapman ijs

Item I geve unto Thomas Sparke ijs

Item I geve unto Alice Watson ijs

Item I geve unto Marye Hanson ijs Item I geve unto John Hull Thomas Peacocke

John Deere and John Webb to carry me to the church to everye of them xijd

Item I geve unto the poor of Pirton xx s to bestowed where most neede by the
descretion of my executors & the collectors for the poore

I geve unto the poore of Shillington xx s to be bestowed where most needs is by the
descretion of my executors Thomas Parrat the Elder & the churchwardens there

The residue of my goodes not bequethed my debts paied and my funerall expences

discharged I geve and bequeth to William Barber my ? whome I ordayne and

make my full and sole executor of this my last will and testament & I ordayne and

make Mathew Carter my overseer of the same

These being witnesses John Caynhoo Thomas Peacocke John Deere with others