

# Probate for the will of Jane Jordan, Spinster of Burford - Written in 1675 proved in 1675

## **Transcription**

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## **Source**

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## **Summary**

Jane Jordan of Burford, Oxon Spinster

To Sister Ann Jordan £50

To Brother Robert Jordan £10

To three daughters of Brother in Law Francis Cokayne (Elizabeth, Abigail, Arabella) £10 each at age 18 or marriage. Held for them by Jane's cousin John Harris of Twywell, Northampton and Thomas Ekurd also of that place. Redistributed amongst survivors if required.

To Hannah Harrison daughter of Brother in Law John Harrison £20 at age 18 or marriage. Held for her by William Swayle of Upton and Jane's uncle Thomas Silvester of Witney. If she doesn't live to inherit then to the eldest living child of John Harrison.

Rings worth 10/- to

- **uncle William Jordan**
- **Uncle Paul Silvester**
- **Brother in Law John Harrison and wife**
- **Cousin William Swayn of Upton and his wife**
- **Children of Brother Thomas Jordan**
  - **Nephew John Jordan**
  - **Niece Mary Jordan**
- **Nephew Jordan Harris son of her sister Abigail**

A silver spoon worth 10/- each to Goddaughters Jane Groome and Hannah Gisborne of Kingham

To the poor of Fulbrook 20/-

Executors – John Thorpe (Brother in Law)

Witnessed - Anne Perkenes, John Godfrey

Signed - 12 Aug 1675

Proved - 29 November 1675



## **Summary of family relationships mentioned**

Jordan (implied Father)

Jane Jordan, Spinster (self)

Ann Jordan (sister)

Thomas Jordan (brother)

John Jordan (Nephew)

Mary Jordan (Niece)

Robert Jordan (brother)

? (sister), wife of Francis Cokayne

Elizabeth (daughter of Brother in Law Francis Cokayne)

Abigail

Arabella

Hannah (sister) wife of John Thorpe (Brother in Law)

? (sister), wife of John Harrison

Hannah Harrison (daughter of Brother in Law John Harrison)

Abigail (sister)

Jordan Harris (Nephew)

William Jordan (Uncle)

Thomas Silvester of Witney (Uncle) + wife

Paul Silvester (Uncle) + wife

? (Aunt)

William Swayn of Upton (Cousin)

? (Aunt)

John Harris of Twywell, Northamptonshire (Cousin)

## **Text**

In the name of God Amen **I Jane Jordan of Burford in the County of Oxon Spinster** being sick and weake in Body but of good understanding and memory Praise be God doe make and ordaine this my Last Will and ~ Testament in manner and form following ffirst I comitt my Soule into the mercifull hands of its great creator hoping for Salvation through my dear redeemer Jesus Xist And the remission of all my Sins through ffaith in his Bloud And my body to be christianlly buried and interred at the discreson of my Executor hereafter named in assured hope of its resurrection and~ glorification at the great Day And as for my earthly Estate and Portion I thus dispose thereof ffirst I give and bequeath unto my dear **Sister Anne Jordan** ffifty pounds To be paid by my Executor within one year after~ my decease Item I give unto my **Brother Robert Jordan** Ten Pounds To be paid by my Executor within Six months after my decease Item I give to the **three daughters of my brother in Law ffrancis Cokayne** Thirty Pounds That is to say To **Elizabeth Cokayne** Ten Pounds To **Abigail Cokayne** Ten Pounds and to **Arabella Cokayne** Ten pounds To be paid all within one year next after my decease by my Executor into the hands of my **cosen John Harris of Twywell in the County of Northampton** and **Thomas Ekurd of Twywell~ aforesaid yeoman** desiring them with their utmost Care to improve it And the said Three Ten Pounds with the improvement to be paid by them to the said **Elizabeth Abigail and Arabella** at their ages of Eighteen years or dayes

of Marriage which shall first happen And in case of the death of either one of the three before thee arryne to the age of Eighteen years or day of~~ Marriage That then my Will is that her Ten Pounds with the increase shall Be equally divided between the surviving sisters when their Legecyes shall Become due payable And in case two of the said Sisters shall dye are they arrayne at the age of Eighteen years or Day of Marriage then my will is that the last survivor shall have the whole Thirty Pounds with the improvement thereof Item I give unto **Hannah Harrison the daughter of my Brother in Law John Harrison** Twenty Pounds to be paid into the hands of **William**

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**Swayn of Upton** and my **uncle Thomas Silvester of Witney** to be paid to her with the

improvement when shee come to the age of Eighteen years or dayes of Marriage which shall first happen But in case the said **Hannah Harrison** dye before shee attaine

the age of Eighteen years of dayes of Marriage Then the said Twenty Pounds with the improvement Shall be paid unto my brother Harrison to be by him improved unto and for the good and Benefitt of his eldest Child which shall be them Living if he shall have

any Children Item I give unto my **uncle William Jordan** and his wife each of them

a Ring Item I give unto my **Uncle Paul Silvester** and his wife each of them

a Ring Item I give unto my Brother in **Law John Harrison** and his wife each of them

a Ring Item I give unto my loving Cosens **William Swayle of Upton** & his wife each of them

a Ring Item I give unto my **Nephew John Jordan and Neece Mary Jordan**

**Children**

**of my Brother Thomas Jordan late deceased** each of them as Ring Item I give~ unto my **Nephew Jordan Harris the Sone of my Sister Abigail** a Ring All the said Rings to be at the value of Ten Shillings a peece and be provided by my Executor within Ten weeks after my decease Item I give to my **Two Goddaughters~**

**Jane Groome and Hannah Gisborne of Kingham** each of them a silver spoon at the value of Ten shillings a peece to be provided by my Executor within

a quarter of a year next after my decease Item I give unto the poore of ffulbrook Twenty shillings The surplise of all my Goods Bills Bonds

mortgages and worldly Estate whatsoever I give and bequeathe unto my **brother**

**in Law John Thorpe** out of my love for him and **my sister Hannah his wife** these Legacyes being paid and my just Debts and funeral rites being by him discharged

And I do ordaine and constitute the said John Thorpe the sole Executor of this my last Will and Testament All other Wills or pretended Wills and ~~~

Testaments whatsoever being hereby by me revoked and disclaimed In Witness whereof I the said **Jane Jordan** have hereunto set my hand and seal this

Twelveth Day of August In the Seaven and Twentyth yeare of the Raiyne of our soveraigne Lord Charles the second by the grace of God King of England

Scotland ffrance and Ireland Defender of the faith \*\* Andin the yeare of our Lord One Thousand Six hundered Seavventy ffive Jane Jordan Read~~

Signed sealed published and declared to be the last Will and Testament of the said **Jane Jordan** in the presence of **Anne Perkenos John Godfrey**

Probatum ..

...London..

...**Johannis Thorpe** Executoris...

### **Notes**

1. Around 1608 surnames SWAYNE and COKAYME are found associated together in the HOLBECH family papers relating to property in Farnborough (see Warwickshire County Record Office: HOLBECH FAMILY OF FARNBOROUGH, CR0457/10/19, CR0457/10/20). The HOLBECH family of Farnborough features in the Will of Hatton TASH
2. The witness John GODFREY may be related to the GODFREY family of Milton under Wychwood to which TASH, ASTON and HOWELL have links.

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