

Probate for the will of Edward Ansell of Burford - Written in 1776 proved in 1793

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

Edward Ansell of Leafield but now of Burford, Oxon

Requests burial in Northleach, Gloucs.

Sole beneficiary was Joseph Fitchew of Burford, Oxon Victualler

Executor: Joseph Fitchew of Burford

Witnessed: James Smart, William Stafford, Thomas Buckle

Signed – 4 Jun 1776

Proved - 8 January 1793

Text

In the Name of God Amen

I Edward Ansell of Leafield but now of Burford

In the County of Oxford being weak in Body but
of sound mind and memory {about a 10 word section here is very faint, possibly
erased, and unreadable}

do make and

publish this my last will and Testament ffirst

I give my Soul unto God that gave it and my

body to the earth to be decently buried in the

burying ground of the Town of Northleach in

the County of Gloucester as near as possible to

the remains of my dear Father And as to

all my Worldly Estate Goods Chattels and Effects

whatsoever I give and bequeath them all both

real and personal unto **Joseph Fitchew of Burford**

in the County of Oxford Victualler and to his heirs

forever and I hereby nominate and ~~

appoint the said **Joseph Fitchew my sole and~**

whole Executor to this my last Will and Testam^t

hereby revoking all will or Wills heretofore by me made In Witness Whereof I have hereunto set my hand and seal this fourth day of June in the year of our Lord 1776 *Edward Ansell* (seal) Signed Sealed published by the Testator Edward Ansell as his last Will and Testament in the presence of *James Smart, William Stafford, Thomas Buckle*

Notes

1. The main beneficiaries name is difficult to decipher and looks like Joseph Filthew but is probably Joseph Fitchew, (a local spelling of Fitzhugh found especially in Bampton and Burford). There was a Joseph Fitchew christening children in Burford a little after the time of this Will.
2. James Smart. In 2007 checked Gretton's Burford Records and A2A with nothing found.
3. William Stafford. In 2007 checked A2A and nothing was found. Gretton (pg 564) has a William Strafford the younger of Burford Slater & Plasterer who entered into a lease on 1 Dec 1734 which was witnessed by one William Jordan. In 1767 one William Strafford married My Smith in burford (IGI)
4. Thomas Buckle. Checked Gretton's Burford Records, where he is not mentioned. The Oxfordshire Marriage bonds list an 1787 bond for the marriage of a Thos Buckle of Hedington & Elizth Godfry of the same.

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