

Humphrey Farley of Bosbury, yeoman, 1609

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In the name of God Amen: the 11th day of March A.D.1608 [1609 NS] in the year of the reign of our sovereign Lord James by the grace of God of England, Scotland, France and Ireland being Defender of the Faith etc. (that is to say) of England France and Ireland the 6th and of Scotland the 2 and 40th. I Humphrey Farley of Bosbury within the diocese and county of Hereford yeoman being very aged weak and sickly in body, nevertheless of sound and perfect memory (I laud and pray Almighty God for the same) calling to mind the uncertainty of this transitory life not knowing when the end thereof will be, which is to all men uncertain and minding to settle such worldly thing as it hath pleased God to bestow upon me in some good order do make and ordain this my last will and testament in writing confirming herein my last will in manner and form following, revoking hereby all former wills by me heretofore made. **First** and most principally I commit my soul to Almighty God my creator trusting and assuredly believing, by the merit, death and passion of Our Lord and saviour Jesus Christ to have full remission of all my sins, wickedness's and offences and to be one of the elect people of God And my body to be buried in Christian burial, in such decent sort, as to my executrix hereafter named, shall be thoughtful and convenient. **Item** I give and bequeath towards the reparation of the cathedral church of Hereford 12d. And towards the reparations of the parish church of Bosbury 2s. **Item** I give and bequeath £3 6s. 8d. to be distributed to and amongst the poor people of the said parish of Bosbury. **Item** upon condition that Humphrey Farley (the son of Anne Farley my late daughter) do and shall well and truly satisfy and pay or cause to be satisfied and paid, unto Joan Powell, wife of James Powell and to Alice Farley and Sara Farley his sisters, to every one of them, the sum of £40, of lawful money of England, within the space of 3 years next after the decease of the longest liver of me and of Joan my now wife, I do then give and bequeath unto the said Humphrey Farley my grandchild, and to his heirs for ever, all my free lands, tenements and hereditaments whatsoever, with all the house, edifices and building thereupon with their and every of their appurtenances. To have and to hold the same to him and his heirs for ever, immediately after the decease of my said wife. But in case the said Humphrey Farley my grandchild shall make default of payment of the said several sums of £40 in manner and form aforesaid, that then my will is, and I give and bequeath, all the said lands, tenements and hereditaments unto William Skynner of Burtons and Francis Skynner of The Withers and their heirs, to be by them sold to the best value they can: and the money that shall be raised, or given for the farm, to be equally divided amongst the said Joan Powell, Alice Farley and Sara Farley. **Also** I give and bequeath unto the said Joan Powell, Alice Farley and Sara Farley to be equally divided amongst them, all such sums of money, household stuff and implement of household as are due and belonging unto me and remaining in the hands and custody of John Farley my son in law their father. **Item** my will and meaning is that my cider or must mill my malt mill, and all my bedsteads, table boards, forms, cupboards, presses and stools, shall be, remain, and continue as standard in the house wherein I

now dwell and inhabit to the use and behoof of my wife during her life. And after to such of my name or blood at the same house, shall in right belong unto, by virtue of that my present will and testament. Also my will and meaning, that if any of my grandchildren shall die before such time as the legacies before by me given unto them by this my will shall be due and payable unto them, that then her, or their part and portions thereof, shall remain to and amongst the survivor and survivors of them. **Item** I give and bequeath to John Bennett, my sister's son 1 ewe and 1 lamb. And to Joan Lynton, 1 lamb. To Edward Cowper Ursula Edward and Francis Cowper my sister's children, to each of them, 1 lamb, to Richard Gundy, 1 Lamb. To Giles Allen and William Allen 1 lamb apiece. To Francis Tyler my servant, 1 ewe and a lamb. **Item** I give to every one of my godchildren 12d. All the residue of my goods, cattles and chattels as well movable as immovable not before bequeathed My debts, legacies and funeral expense paid performed and discharged I give and bequeath to the said Joan my wife, whom I make and ordain my sole executrix, of this my last will and testament. And I do appoint to be overseers of the same the afore[said] William Skynner and Francis Skynner. In witness whereof I have hereunto set my hand and seal the day and year first above written in the presence of the present whose names are here underwritten (viz) Stephen Skynner Henry Mutlow and Henry Hooper.

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