

Richard Dalley of Bosbury, yeoman, 1676

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**In the name of God Amen**, the tenth day of October anno domini 1676, I Richard Dalley of the parish of Bosbury in the county of Hereford, yeoman, being sick and weak in body but of sound and perfect memory thanks be given to the Almighty God for the same, do make and ordain this my present testament concerning herein my last will in manner and form **following viz.** **First** and principally I surrender my soul into the hands of Almighty God my Creator trusting in Jesus Christ my redeemer to be by his merits death and passion numbered with the Elect in glory everlasting, my body I bequeath unto the earth from whence the original of it was taken, to be decently interred in the parish churchyard of Bosbury aforesaid in hope of a joyful resurrection at the day of judgement. **And** as for all the worldly estate, chattels and cattles which God of his great mercy hath undeservedly blessed me with, I do give and bequeath as followeth - **Item** My will, intent and meaning is that Ann my now wife shall have and hold all my estate of land peaceably and quietly for the term of six years next after my decease except the copyhold which William my son standeth [e.led] with and in by copy of court roll and at the expiration of the six years if Henry my son shall pay unto Richard my son the sum of five pounds of good and lawful money of England and the like sum of five pounds unto Elizabeth my youngest daughter and the sum of ten pounds of good and lawful money of England unto Marie my eldest daughter all which said sums so given and bequeathed shall be paid by Henry my son at the expiration of the six years aforesaid or give unto them sufficient security for payment of the same if in case the said Henry shall depart this life before that time, that then the next heir shall pay or secure that the said legacies to be paid in manner aforesaid and the legacy for him ordained shall be by proportion decided amongst rest remaining then alive. **And** at the expiration of the six years aforesaid the said Henry or such heir as then shall be, shall have the one moiety or half part of all the premises except the copyhold afore mentioned concerning William afore mentioned. **And** Ann my now wife shall have and hold the other moiety during the term of her natural life but if Henry my son or such heir as then shall be found, shall refuse to perform the promises in order aforesaid that then the land shall be equally divided betwixt all my children remaining then alive. **And** after the decease of Ann my wife my said son Henry or what heir as then shall be found shall pay unto my son William the sum of five pounds of good and lawful money of England within the space of one year next after her decease. **And** the like sum of five pounds of like lawful money unto Richard my son within the space of two years next after her decease. **And** five pounds of lawful English money unto Elizabeth my daughter within the space of three years next after her decease and after my debts and funeral expenses discharged all my goods chattels and debts I give and bequeath unto Ann my now wife whom I do make my sole executrix. **And** I do utterly revoke and annul all and any other former and other will or wills, legacies or bequests by me at any [time] heretofore had made willed or bequested in the name of God Amen

Signed sealed and ~~de~~ by his own hand the day and year aforesaid.

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Sealed and delivered in the presence of these:

Richard Knight: the mark of his hand

Katherine [?Knight] the mark of her hand

Elizabeth Knight: the mark of her hand

Richard Young [signature]

**Proved:** 24 February 1676 [1677 NS]

**A true and perfect inventory** of all and singular the goods, chattels and cattles of Richard Dalley late of the parish of Bosbury in the county of Hereford, yeoman deceased, taken and appraised the sixteenth day of November anno 1676 by James Coules and Richard Young as followeth

**Imprimis:** The testators wearing apparel *4s. od.* **Item:** two small kine and the fodder All appraised at *£4 os. od.* **Item:** Corn in the house and upon the ground all appraised at *£1 os. od.* **Item:** Four old vessels and all other coopery ware and lumber in and about the house and all other things if any forgotten or that hereafter may happen to come to our hands, possession or knowledge all appraised at *5s. od.*

Total *£5 9s. od.*

Richard Young: James Coules

**Exhibited:** 24<sup>th</sup> February 1676 [1677 NS]