

Thomas Barkley, 1572/3

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In the name of God Amen , the 16th day of January in the year of our lord God 1572 [1573], I Thomas Barkley of the parish of Bosbury and being sick in body and of good remembrance thanks be to almighty God, do make my last will and testament in form following. **First** I bequeath my soul unto almighty God the most blessed and glorious trinity trusting to be saved by the merits of Jesu Christ my redeemer, and my body to be buried in the churchyard of Bosbury after the custom of Christian burial. **Item** I give unto my daughter Martha my best cupboard. **Item** I give to my daughter Ann my best cauthern [cauldren?] and 12 spoons and my best stand. **Item** I give to my son Thomas a brass pot, my iron 'cobbards' [cob irons i.e. andirons] and 4 iron wedges and one stand. **Item** I give to my son Richard a pair of andirons. **Item** I give to James my son my house at Barcham after the decease of James Barkley and Elinor my father and mother upon the condition that I may have licence of the officers to take him away or all my heir[s] shall pay him five pounds at the day of his marriage and if the said James do decease before he be married my heir[s] shall pay the £5 to his brothers or sisters that be alive by equal portions at the day of their marriage **Item** I give the one half of my goods unto my younger children equally to be divided, my heirs only excepted. **Item** I give unto Thomas my son and heir my must mill, my quern mill, my kneading trough my black pewter dish, the body of my wain, my [plough?]share and my 'contyern' [?] and 2 ladders, 2 yokes and tewes that I should have had, after the death of the survivor of my father and mother, to be as standards of the house upon this condition that my heirs whomsoever it shall please God of my three sons to be, shall pay to Ann my daughter 20s., & to Martha my daughter 20s. and to Richard my son 10s. to be paid at the day of their marriage orderly as the time shall hereafter happen to be done accordingly. **Item** I give to the poor money box 4d.

All the rest of my goods unbequeathed I give unto Joan my wife whom I do make my only executrix my debts paid, my body honestly brought to the earth, my funeral expenses discharged.

The debts of the testator. **Item** I owe to Alice Baker 20s. **Item** to Roger Vynche [Finch] 20s. **Item** to Robert Cocks of Castlemorton 20s.

Witnesses John Woddyat, John Barkley, Richard Sylvester, Henry Kynet