

John Mutlow of Bosbury, yeoman, 22 April 1607

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In the name of God amen the 22nd day of April in the years of the reign of our sovereign Lord James by the grace of God of England Scotland France and Ireland king Defender of the faith etc *videlicet* of England France and Ireland the fifth and of Scotland the fortieth I John Mutlow of Bosbury in the county of Hereford being sick in body yet nevertheless of good and perfect memory, thanks be given to Almighty God do make and ordain this my last testament, containing herein my last will in manner and form as followeth: **First** I bequeath my soul into the hands of Almighty God my maker trusting to be saved by the merits of Jesus Christ my saviour And my body I bequeath to Christian burial. And my worldly goods I dispose as followeth **First** I give to the poor of Bosbury 20s of money to be dealt and distributed to them by the discretion of my executrix and overseers herein named at the time of my burial. **Item** I give and bequeath to Adoniah my son all the tack of my team a table board in my hall with a frame whereon it standeth and a cupboard there a joined bedstead in my chamber my maltmill and mustard mill. **Item** I give and bequeath to my daughter Mercy 20 marks in money to be paid by my executrix unto her when she shall come to the age of 18 years And also I give unto her the said Mercy a feather bed which I had in part of my marriage portion with her mother **Item** I give and bequeath unto my other 2 daughters Truth and Comfort 20 marks apiece to be paid likewise unto them by my executrix when they shall come to the age of 18 years. And my will and intent it is that whereas Thomas Gyles my father in law do owe unto me, by several writings obligatory the sum of forty pounds of money, the said 40^{li} or so much of the said 40^{li} as may be recovered had or received of the said Thomas Giles by my executrix or her attorney shall be disposed distributed divided between my three daughters Mercy Truth and Comfort to be paid unto them when they shall come to the age of 18 years as aforesaid. And after my debts paid and my funeral expenses performed, I give and bequeath all the rest of my goods and cattles whatsoever unbequeathed unto Anne my wife my sole executrix of this my last will and testament by me hereby made ordered and constituted and my uncle James Cowper and my bother in law Richard Hodges overseers hereof to whom I do give for their pains herein to be taken 12d. apiece And I utterly revoke and annul all and every former will legacy bequests executors and overseers by me in anywise before his time made willed bequeathed and appointed, these being witnesses Anthonie Collins c[lerk] Richard Hodges James Cowper and Thomas Stevens. Provided always anything before set down notwithstanding that if my executrix or her attorney shall receive the whole and entire sum of £40 of the said Thomas Giles that then my daughter Mercy her portion and legacy by me given and bequeathed shall be made by my executrix the sum of £40 and the portions of my other 2 daughters Truth and Comfort £20 apiece witness the parties aforenamed.

The testator confesseth himself to owe and stand indebted to the poor of Bosbury 22s. to be paid about midsummer next.

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