

## John Danford of Bosbury, husbandman, 1572

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In the name of God, Amen. The 24<sup>th</sup> day of November in the year of Our Lord God, 1572. I John Danford of the parish of Bosbury in the county of Hereford, husbandman, whole in mind and of good memory, laud be to God, but sick in my body, do make this my last will and testament in manner and form following. **First** I bequeath my soul unto the Almighty God trusting to be saved by the merits of his death and passion and my body to be buried in the churchyard of Bosbury. **Also** I bequeath to the cathedral church in Hereford 6d. **Also** to the poor men's box in Bosbury 12d. **Also** I give and bequeath to John my son 2 oxen, 2 yokes and one ?chair, my best corn wain and my second dung wain, to be delivered to the [paper torn] at Michaelmas next after my decease. **Also** I give and bequeath to Hugh my son one [paper torn] of my best oxen, my second corn wain and my best dung wain, **Also** to Richard and to William, my 2 sons, 5 oxen and a bull calf, equally to be divided between them both by the discretion of my executors and overseers. **Also** I give and bequeath to Richard my son my pony mare. **Also** I give and bequeath to William my son one old bed of mine and a pair of old wheels bound with iron. **Also** I give and bequeath to James my brother 20s. **Also** I give and bequeath to Rich Hooper my daughter's son 40s, and to his 2 sisters 6s. 8d. apiece and to be employed to their use immediately after my death by the discretion of my executors. **Also** I give and bequeath to John, my brother, a bull calf, to John my brother's son a yearling calf. **Also** I give to Margery, my maidservant one ewe. **Also** I give to David, my man servant one yearling sheep. **Also** I give to my 5 godchildren one with Richard Turner, one with John Dowding, one with Harry Kynyatt[?] one with John Mutlow and 1 with William, my son, to every one of them a sheep apiece. **Also** I give to my other godchildren within my parish 4d. apiece. **Also** I bequeath 1d. dole to my burial and a whope of [?mun]corn to the poor [?housen] within my parish to be delivered by the discretion of my overseers, provided that the fore named legacies to my 4 sons be not removed nor none to know his or their part until the harvest be fully ended and Mr Harford to be fully satisfied of his ?p[ro]mise and the residue of all my goods, not given nor bequeathed, my funeral legacies/expenses and debts paid, I give and bequeath, the one half to Elizabeth my wife paying half the charge of the husbandry and honestly keeping it until the harvest be in, and the other half equally to be divided between my three sons Hugh, Richard and William, doing half the charge as the mother does in husbandry and house keeping. **Also** I do make Elizabeth my wife and Hugh my son, my executors of this my last will and testament. **Also** I do put in trust Sir James Apressse, vicar of Bosbury, and James Danford, my brother to see this my last will and testament performed and done. **And** Sir James to have 3s. 4d. for his pains. These being witnesses:- John Allen, Thomas Farley of The Whitehouse, James Danford, my brother, Harry Kynyatt[?] with others.