

Thomas Kent, Bosbury, Yeoman, 1604

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**In the name of God** amen the 6<sup>th</sup> day of September in the year of Our Lord Christ 1604 I Thomas Kent of Bosbury in the County of Hereford Yeoman being sick in body yet nevertheless of good and perfect memory thanks be given to Almighty God do make and ordain this my testament concerning herein my last will in manner and form following **First** I bequeath and commend my soul to Almighty God my creator and maker and my body to be buried and interred in the parish church of Bosbury aforesaid **And** my full trust and confidence is that I shall be saved both in body & soul by the merits and death of Jesus Christ my only saviour and redeemer **Item** I give and bequeath to the said church wherein I intend to be interred 10s. And to the poor there at the discretion of my executor hereafter named. **Item** I give & bequeath to Margaret my daughter £3 6s 8d of lawful English money to be employed and set out to be increased unto the best benefit of the said Margaret by the overseers of this my last [will] and testament within one year after my decease until the said Margaret shall come to the age of 21 years or be married And to be paid unto the said Margaret with the increase and benefit thereof at the former of the said times that first shall happen **Item** I give and bequeath unto Joan my daughter £13 6s 8d of lawful money of England to be employed as set forth by my overseers within two years after my decease in manner as the legacy of the said Margaret my daughter **And** to be paid with the increase thereof as the legacy of the said Margaret is to be paid **Item** I give and bequeath unto Sibyl my daughter £10 of lawful money of England to be paid in manner as the former legacies of the said Margaret and Joan and in the meantime to be employed by my overseers to her best benefit and profit within three years after my decease **Item** I give and bequeath unto Elizabeth my daughter £10 of like lawful English money to be set forth & employed in manner as the former legacies given to my other daughters within four years after my decease **And** to be paid as the former legacies of Margaret, Joan and Sibyl. **And** my will and intent it is that the said Margaret Joan Sibyl and Elizabeth and every either of them shall bestow themselves or either of them shall bestow herself with the consent of my executor or overseers in their or her marriage that then my executor shall pay or cause to be paid unto them or her of them in so many of them that shall so bestow her or themselves in marriage ten pounds of lawful English money over and above the former legacies which I unto them have formerly given and bequeathed provided always that if either of my said daughters shall happen to decease before she comes to the age of 21 years or be married (whether it be one or two of them) that then the portion or legacy of them or her so deceased shall be paid and divided amongst the survivors of them **And** be paid in manner as the other legacies are to be paid viz: at the age of 21 years or at the day of their marriage at which of them shall formally happen. **Item** I give and bequeath to my godchildren viz: unto them for whom I have undertaken at the f[hol in paper]te[=?font] in the time of baptism 2s. apiece. **Item** I give and bequeath unto Edmond To[hole in paper] my servant one of my best sheep and to my servant maid Anne in money 12d and after my debts paid and my funeral expenses performed I give and bequeath Joan my wife all my goods and cattalls movable and unmoveable whatsoever unbequeathed or wheresoever **And** I do make and ordain the said Joan my wife my sole executrix of this my last will and testament. **And** I do make and ordain James Kent my brother and Thomas Symans my brother-in-law overseers of this my last will and testament to see it done and performed in all points **And** I utterly revoke and annul all and every former will and wills legacies bequests executors overseers by me in anywise before this time made willed bequeathed named and appointed. **In witness whereof** I have hereunto put my hand these being witnesses./ Anthony Hawfield William Symans William Browne and Francis Dowell

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Debts owing by the testator

**Imprimis** to John Turner of the Slach £10 to be paid at Michaelmas next  
and to be same John £5 to be paid at Michaelmas come twelve months without specialty

Debts owing to the testator by specialty

**Imprimis** Richard Brooking £4

**Item** John Wilcox 30s

**Item** Thomas Hawkins and Richard Brookine 53s 4d

**Item** William Goodman £10 which is to be paid me in trust for where as the bond hereof  
?sheweth

**Item** There is due unto me upon a bond made to Mathew Brookine £7 16s 8d

**Item** William Bullock of Cradley 36s 8d

Debts owing to the testator without specialty

**Imprimis** Edward Brinsley £3 10s

**Item** William Browne 40s due at Michaelmas next

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**Item** John Hall 36s due at Michaelmas tiden ext

**Item** Edward Wood 6s due at Michaelmas next

**Probate** granted 16<sup>th</sup> November 1604