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Will of John Bourne, Knight of Sarsden, 1575

In the name of God Amen And the xviijth daye of May in the yere

of ou[r] Lord God 1563 I S[i]r John Bourne Knight being sicke of bodie but of parfect mynde and memory God be praysed doe make my last Will and testament in manner and forme following First I bequeath my Sowle to almightie God my Savio[u]r redemer and Lorde Jesus Christe by the merritts of whom

and his bitter passion I verely trust and beleve to be partaker of the blisse of heaven My bodie I render to

the yerth from whence yt cam. And as towching my goodes worderly goodes; First I give Will and bequeath all my manors Landes tenements and hereditaments in manner and forme following. Viz I give and bequeath to Dorathee my Wiefe towards the payment of my debts the performance of this my last Will and their rease augmenacon of her living all that my manors of Batenhall with the app[er]teances sett lying and being in the Countie of Worcester ? and soe muche of the residue of my saide

Manners Landes tenents and hereditaments over and besides the saide manor of Batenhall as with the saide man[n]ers shall extend and amounte to the value of twoe partes of all my saide man[n]ers Landes &

tenementes and hereditamentes in three partes equally devided and apointed. And the residue of all my other manne[r]s Landes tenementes and hereditamentes not above devised I Will to disende and come to a

Anthony my sonne and heire And to his heires according to the lawes and statute of the Realme Item I will that the saide Dorothye my wief shall yerely give and paye to the poore people of St Jones in Bedwardin

for and during the space of tenne yeres fortie shillinges of currant money of Englande Item I Will that Will[ia]m Poseyer my ser[v]ant shall have one coppieholde lyeng in Odingley Late in the terme of one

ploughmakers deceased according to the custom of the saide mannor. Item I give unto Richarde Northe my

S[er]vant fortie shillinges over and beside his midsom[m]er wages Item I give unto S[i]r Edward Braye knight tenn yardes of right Satten. Item I give to M[istress] Doro[th]y Marten other tenne yardes of right

satten. Item I give unto John Porter the young[e]r the some of twentie nobles of currant money of England. Item I give and bequeath to Anthony Bourne my sonne all that my Lease of the moyche of the manor of Holte Whiche I holde of the demise of graunde of Marten Croft gent for terme of yeres. Item I give to M^{rs} Frances Allen A ring of golde of the price and value of five markes. The residue of all my goodes and cattelles my funeralles and debts and Legaci[es] payed according to the forme

and effect of this my present last will and testament. I doe give will and bequeath to the sayde Dorathee S[i]r Edwarde Braye ^{knight} and Thomas Marten dorte of the will Lawes which saide dorathee S[i]r Edwarde Braye and Thomas Marten I doe ordaine constitute and make my full and whole executors of this my saide last will and testament. And I will the same to have the tuition and gov[ern]ment of my saide children during their minorities. In Witness Whereof I the saide S[i]r John

Bourne to this my last will have putte my hande and Seale the day and yere above written. John Bourne Witnesses to the saide will and testament Richarde Litchmes gent Thomas Searle gent. John Porter gent Will[ia]m Symons Richarde Aynesworth and John Jones

[In right hand margin] xxj July 1576 Dorothy [widow and executrix] Anthony Bourne

Probate granted 1st July 1575 to Thomas Marten and Edwarde Braye on behalf of Dorothy Bourne widow by George Harrison [?]

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