

**Transcription of The Last Will and Testament of**  
**Anthony Bedford of Dorchester**

**Undated; Probate 07 March 1615[/16]**

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1. **In the name of God Amen** I Anthony Bedford
2. sicke of body but perfect in memory Doe make my last Will and Testament in
3. manner and forme followinge, ffirst I bequeath my soule to Allmightie God  
And my
4. body to be buried in the Church yarde of Dorchister. Item I give to my Brother
5. Richard all the good[es] that I haue in his handes and all my Wearinge  
Clothes And
6. I forgive that he oweth to me. Item to my three Godchildren xs apeece. I give  
to
7. the poore of Clifton xs. I give to my men that be nowe in the barge v<sup>th</sup>, I give  
to my
8. Cosen Thomas xijd I give to my Cosen Joan xls. Item I make my Brother  
Nicholas
9. Bedford of Ockingham [i.e. Wokingham, Berks.] ~ ~ my Whole Executor in  
the behalf of my sonne.
10. **Probatum** fuit Testamentum suprascriptum apud London coram  
venerabili[s]

**Proved** was the Testament above-written at London, before the Worship-

11. viro Mag[ist]ro Will[iel]mo Byrde legum Doctore Curie prerogative  
Cantuariens[is] Mag[ist]ro  
ful Master William Byrde, Doctor of laws, of the prerogative Court of  
Canterbury the Master

T Anthonij  
Bedford.

- 12.** Custode siue Com[m]issario legitime constituto Septimo Die mensis Martij Anno Domini

Keeper or Commissary, lawfully constituted, (on) the Seventh Day of the month of March (in) the Year of (our) Lord,

- 13.** iuxta cursum et Computac[i]o[n]em Eccl[es]ie Anglicane millesimo sexcentesimo Decimo quinto

according to the course and Reckoning of the English Church, the one thousandth six hundredth (&) fifteenth,

- 14.** Iuramento Nicholai Bedford Executoris in eodem Testamento nominat[i] Cui com[m]issa fuit

(By) the Oath of Nicholas Bedford, the Executor in the same Testament named; (To) Whom was granted

- 15.** Administrac[i]o bonorum Iurium et Creditorum dicti defuncti De bene et fideliter Administr[ando]

Administration of the goods, Rights, and Credits of the said deceased; For well and faithfully Administering,

- 16.** &c ad sancta Dei Evangelia Iurat[e]. / ex[aminatus]  
etc.; Sworn on the holy Gospels of God. / Examined.

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