

**Transcription of the Last Will & Testament**  
**of John Bedford of Broughton, Hampshire**

**Dated 31 January 1587[/88]; Probate 20 April 1587**

**[Hampshire Record Office Reference: 1587 A009]**

1. In the name of god amen The xxxj<sup>th</sup> day of Janvary in the yeare of o[u]<sup>r</sup> lord god 1587 I John bedford of the p[ar]ishe of
2. broughton beinge in perfecte Remembravnce lavd and prayse be vnto almightie god, nevertheles sicke in my bod[ye – cut off at margin]
3. do orden and make this my laste will and testament in maner and fourme herfolowinge that is to saye ffirste I
4. geve and com[m]end my sovlv vnto almyghtye god my maker and Redemer, and to Jesus Christe his onelye sone by the
5. meritt[es] of whose passion I trvste to be an enheritour of the kingdome of heavene and my bodye to the
6. earthe to be buryed in the churcheyarde of our blessed ladye in broughtone beinge my p[ar]ishe churche. It[e]m
7. I geve and bequeathe to the cathederall churche of the blessid trinitie in Winchester ij d Ittem I geve
8. and bequeathe to the pore menes boxe of my p[ar]ishe iij d It[e]m I geve and bequeathe to my sone John bedford
9. one acare of wheate lyinge in the filde by Bosingtonegate It[e]m I geve and bequeathe to my sone John my
10. great cawdrone which my father gave me It[e]m I geve my sonne John one standinge cvbberd and one
11. table boarde in the havle It[e]m I do will that my wiffe shall have the yovse of my sonne John beford[es]
12. goodes as longe as my over seeres doth see that my wiffe dothe bringe vp my sonne in good ordere
13. or othere wayes I will that my overe seeres for to have it, and to have the yovse of the goodes for

14. my sonnes yovse It[e]m I geve to my sonne a horse and tow yowe shepe, and the Residue of all my goodes
15. and catteles not before geven nor bequeathed moveable and vnmmoveable my dettes paid and thes my
16. lagacies conteyned in this my present testament fulfilled, I wholye geve and bequeathe to my wiffe
17. Elizabeth bedford whome I do make my execvtor of this my laste will and testamente, and I do ordene
18. and appoynt to be my overseeres Robert Reayves and edward actone of bacongstone, wittnesses there
19. to avstine ogborne with others
20. Probat[um] fuit test[amentu]m pred[ictum] p[er] Offi[cia]lem D[omi]ni  
The testament aforesaid was Proved by the Official of the Lord
21. Archi[diaco]ni Winton[iensis] ~~1587~~ Co xx<sup>o</sup> die  
Archdeacon of Winchester ~~1587~~ Gr (on) the 20<sup>th</sup> day
22. ~~Maij~~ ^Ap[ri]lis^ Anno D[omi]ni 1587 Com[m]issaq[ue] fuit  
~~of May~~ ^of April^ (in) the Year of (our) Lord 1587. And was Granted
23. Admi[nistraci]o<sup>o</sup> bonoru[m] &c Execut[o]ri suprano[m]i[n]ate  
Administration of the goods, etc., (to) the Executor above-named,
24. de[monstrati]o<sup>o</sup> b[e]n[e] &c iurat[e] p[er]solu[tio] saluo iure cuiuscumq[ue].  
showing well, etc., under oath, payment in full, saving the right of whomsoever.
25. cuiuscumq[ue] . /  
of whomsoever.

**N.B.:** There is a dating discrepancy with regard to the will having been made 31 January 1587[/88] and probated 20 April 1587. The Inventory, which took place on 29 February, must refer to 1587/88, as 1586/87 was a leap year.