

**Transcription & Translation of****The Last Will and Testament of John Dawson, otherwise Bedford****Dated 07 February 1577[/78]; Probate 08 April 1578****[National Archives Catalogue Reference: prob/11/60  
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1. **In the name of god Amen** I John Dawson al[ia]s Bedford sicke in bodye but hole Ⓞ Johis Dawson  
als Bedford
2. in mynd thanck[es] be to god make my last will and testament in mann[er] and forme as followeth ffirst I com[m]itte
3. my soule into the handes of allmightie god my Redemer and my bodye to be buryed in the Church or
4. Church yard of S<sup>t</sup> Laurence Pountney at the discrec[i]on of my executors for my goodes and landes
5. ffirst I give to my eldest sonne Jeromye the lease of my house lying in Temmes strete in the p[ar]ishe of
6. S<sup>t</sup> Laurence Pountney Item I give to my daughter Margaret my two tenement[es] at Lambeth Item
7. I give to my brother Gyles Dawson al[ia]s Bedford my litle garded gowne The Rest of my goodes and
8. Chattells unbequeathed I give to Anne my wief whome I make Executrix of this my will to whome
9. also I com[m]itt the tuic[i]on of my two children with their legacyes unto such tyme as they shall
10. come to lawfull age And if yt shall please god to take ether of my children afore they come to age
11. then I will that the other shall have his bequest. And I make Overseers M<sup>r</sup> Dabbes and M<sup>r</sup>
12. East. Anno D[omi]ni 1577.ffebruary.vij<sup>th</sup>. Witnesse hereof Nicholas Grocer Robert Garrett

**13. Probatum** fuit suprascriptum Testamentu[m] Coram mag[ist]ro Will[iel]mo Mowse legu[m] doctore Surrogat[o]

The above-written testament was **Proved** Before master William Mowse, Doctor of Laws, Surrogate

**14.** venerabilis viri m[agist]ri Will[iel]mi Drewry legu[m] etiam doctoris Curie prerogative Cant[uariensis] Com[m]issarij apud

of the Worshipful master William Drewry, likewise Doctor of Laws, Commissary of the Prerogative Court of Canterbury, at

**15.** London Octano die mensis Aprilis Anno D[omi]ni Mill[es]imo Quingentesimo Septuagesimo Octano Juramento

London, (on) the Eighth day of the month of April (in) the Year of (our) Lord the One Thousandth, Five Hundredth, Seventieth (&) Eighth. By the Oath

**16.** Anne relicte et executric[is] in h[uius]mo[d]i testamento no[m]i[n]at[e] Cui com[m]issa fuit Admi[ni]strac[i]o bonoru[m] &c De

of Anne, relict and executrix named in this testament, (To) Whom Administration was granted of the goods, etc. For

**17.** bene &c iurat[us].

well, etc., sworn under oath.

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