

Ano Demi 1555

(In no_ie Dei Amen) In the name of God. I Hu Hodgys,
beyng seke in Body but hole of mynd & remembrance make thys
my testament & last wyll in forme & maner folowyng. First
I bequeth my soll to all myhty god to o^{ur} lady seynt mary & to
be in the co^mpany of all holy seynts in heven. And my body to be
berged in the cherche yard at twyford. I bequeth to my mother
churche of Lyncolne iiid & to the hygh alter at twyford iiid for
tythyt forgotton. I bequeth to the yonger John my son &
Deanes my daght(er) ii styeres of iii yeres old_ a shere betweene
them. It^{em} I bequeth to the older John & Thomas my sons a
sthood cart betwene them by equal portyon. It^{em} the same older
John to have the therd part of the crop w^{ith} hys mother he to
sowe yt & to helpe yt in. I bequeth to Robert my son a styere
of ii yeres old & i (ven_tag?) & to sthepe. I bequeth to
Margery my dawhter a heyfer & to Blyn my dawhter to sthepe
& to Jone my dawhter iii sthepe. It^{em} to the older John the
best colt yf the lord chose hym not for harvest. I bequeth to
Maryon & Ami my dawhter x sthepe betwene them equally
devydyd. All my other goodes unbequethed I put to the
dysposyssyon of my executryx whome I make Anne my wyfe
only. All so I wyll that my wyfe sthall have the cart at her nede
as long as she ys wyddow^{ed}.

Wyttnes^{ed} unto thys by Thom^as Brabant curat. Thom^as bonam
of Twyford

Transcript of the last will and testament of

Hugh/Hu/Hugo HODGYS

14 March 1555

In the name of God. I Hu Hodgys, being sick in body but whole of mind and remembrance make this my testament and last will in form and manner following.

First, I bequeath my soul to Almighty God, to our Lady, Saint Mary and to be in the company of all holy saints in heaven. And my body to be buried in the church yard at Twyford. I bequeath to my mother church of Lincoln 3d and to the high altar at Twyford 3d for tithes forgotten.

I bequeath to the younger John, my son, and Deanes (?) my daughter 2 steers of 3 years old to share between them. Item I bequeath to the older John and Thomas, my sons, a sthood (*stud cart – a cart with studded metal wheels later banned due to the damage caused to tracks & roads*) cart between them by equal portion. Item the same older John to have the third part of the crop with his mother, he to sow and to help it in.

I bequeath to Robert, my son, a steer of 2 years old and 1 ? (Ven_tag) and 2 sheep. I bequeath to Margery, my daughter, a heifer and to Blyn, my daughter, 2 sheep and to Jone, my daughter, 3 sheep. Item to the older John the best colt of the lord (*of the manor*) chose it not for harvest. I bequeath to Maryon And Ami my daughters 10 sheep between them, equally divided.

All my other goods unbequeathed I put to the dispossession of my executive whom I make Anne, my wife, only. Also I will that my wife shall have the cart at her need as long as she is widowed.

Witness unto this by Thomas Brabant, Curate, Thomas Bonam of Twyford.