

John Jauncey of Eastnor, yeoman, 1685

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In the name of God amen, I John Jauncey of Eastnor in the county of Hereford, yeoman, being sick and weak in body but of sound and perfect memory and understanding, thanks be to God for the same, do make and ordain this my last will and testament in manner following (that is to say): **First** I bequeath my soul into the hands of almighty God, hoping to receive remission of my sins through the merits of my blessed saviour Jesus Christ, and my body I commit to the earth to be decently interred at the discretion of my executrix hereinafter named. And as to the wordly estate it hath pleased almighty God to bestow on me, I dispose thereof as followeth. **Imprimis** I give devise and bequeath unto Daniel my son the sum of £50 of lawful English money to be paid unto him by my executrix hereinafter named when he shall attain the age of 21 years. And my will is that my said executrix shall within one month next after my decease seal and as her act [sic] and deliver unto Richard Brasier and Richard Careless my good friends, whom I make trustees of this my present will, a bond of the penalty of £100 of lawful money of England conditioned for the payment of the said sum of £50 unto my said son Daniel at his said age of 21 years, and for the maintenance of my said son during his minority. **All the rest** of my goods, cattle, stock and personal estate whatsoever and wheresoever, my debts and funeral expenses being first discharged, I give and bequeath unto Alice my wife whom I make sole executrix of this my last will and testament, revoking all former wills by me made.

In witness whereof I have hereunto set my hand and seal this 25th day of May in the first year of the reign of our sovereign lord James II now King of England, AD 1685.

Sealed delivered published and declared in the presence of William Stone, Margery [illegible], Giles Sparkes

Proved 12 June 1685

The true and perfect inventory made and taken 9 June in the first year of the reign of our sovereign lord King James II AD 1685 of all the goods, cattle and chattels of the late deceased John Jauncey of the parish of Eastnor in the county and diocese of Hereford as followeth

Imprimis his wearing apparel, £2 10s.

Item 10 kine and 1 bull, £27

Item 6 two-year old beasts, £9

Item 5 year-old beasts, £5

Item 5 calves, £2 10s.

Item 3 mares and 2 colts, £12

Item 12 sheep and some lambs, £2 10s.

Item 5 swine, £2 10s.

Item 5 acres of sheaf corn, £5

Item 5 acres of pulse and barley, £2 10s.

Item the tack of the team and implements of husbandry, £2 10s.

Item 12 hogsheads and some cider, £4 10s.

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Item 3 beds with the furniture, £6

Item brass and pewter in the hall, £2

Item furniture in the dairy house and some other things omitted, £1

[Total] £86 10s.

Appraised by us: Anthony Lawrence, Richard Careles, Richard Brasher, Richard Cornwall

12 June 1685

Note: there is a gap in the burial registers from 1678 to 1734.