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In the name of God amen the 30th day of November the 22nd year of the reign of our sovereign lord Charles II, by the grace of God of England, Scotland, France and Ireland king, defender of the faith, in the year of Our Lord 1670, I Humphrey Morton of Eastnor in the county of Hereford, gentleman, being weak in body but in good and perfect mind and memory thanks be given to God therefore, do make, constitute, ordain and appoint this my last will and testament, revoking and renouncing all former will or wills by me heretofore made either by word or writing, and this only is to be taken for my last will and none other. **And first** and principally I give and commit my soul unto Almighty God my maker, assuredly trusting through the merits and precious death of Christ Jesus the same shall be saved; and my body to be buried in such Christian and sacred manner as shall seem most meet to my executors hereafter named. **And** as touching the worldly estate as it hath pleased God in his mercy to bestow upon me, I firstly give and bequeath the same to the world again in manner and form following, viz: **First** I devise and do give unto Margaret my loving wife all that my farm, messuage, houses, lands, woods and tenements known or called by the name Dugmores, with their and every of their appurtenances, set, lying and being in the parishes of Ledbury and Eastnor, to be and remain unto the said Margaret for and during the term of her natural life. And after her decease I do devise and give the said farm, messuage, houses, lands, woods and tenements with every of their appurtenances unto Humphrey Morton my son, his heirs and assigns for ever. The said Humphrey my son therefore paying within six months next after the decease of the said Margaret my wife the sum of £200 of good and lawful money of England to be paid out and disposed of for the use, benefit, behoof and best advantage of the children of Thomas Perkes of Donnington in the said county upon the body of Margaret his now wife begotten or to be begotten, and the same to be equally divided and paid unto them and either of them with the benefit and use thereof accordingly as he, she or they shall accomplish the full age of 21 years. And if the said Humphrey shall refuse or neglect to pay the said sum as aforesaid, then I devise and give unto the said children of said Thomas and Margaret Perkes all those lands, meadows, leasowes and pastures belonging unto the said messuage and premises and are known or called by the name of Orley Leasow the High Wood Leasow, Oaks Leasow and Harland meadow or by what other names the same are called, to be equally divided between the said children of the said Thomas and Margaret his now wife. **Item** I do devise and give unto Francis my eldest son all that my messuage, farm and tenement, lands and premises known or called by the name of the Pales (or by what other name the same is known or called) lying and being in the parish of Leigh in the county of Worcester, to be and remain unto the said Francis my son, his heirs and assigns for ever. **Item** I do devise and give unto Anthony my son all that my meadow or pasture ground lying in Mitchell in the parish of Ledbury, and also I do devise and give unto the said Anthony all those my lands, tenements, woods, coppice woods and premises whatsoever, lying and being in the said parish of Eastnor and county of Hereford and not herein before devised or given, to be and remain unto the said Anthony my son his heirs and assigns for ever. And I do also give and bequeath unto the said Anthony my son £100 of good and lawful money of England to be paid unto him by my executors hereafter named within one year next after my decease. **Item** I do give and bequeath unto my daughter Elizabeth, the wife of William Berrow, the sum of 40s.; and I do give and bequeath

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unto Sarah her daughter the sum of 40s.; and I do give and bequeath unto William her son the sum of 20s., to be paid unto them or to be disposed of for their benefit and advantage within six months next after my decease. **Item** I do give and bequeath unto John my son my two best beds lying and being at Callow Hills in the parish of Munsley, with the furniture to them belonging; and I do give unto the said John the iron jack there, and the two dung wains there. **And** I do hereby nominate and appoint my beloved sons Francis Morton, John Morton, and Anthony Morton trustees and overseers of this my said will and for the settling placing and ordering of the legacies and sums of money given and bequeathed unto the children of the said Thomas Perkes and Margaret his wife. **All other** my goods, cattle and chattels whatsoever not hereinbefore devised given or bequeathed, I do give and bequeath unto Margaret my wife and unto Humphrey my son, whom I do make my full and sole executors of this my last will and testament.

In witness whereof I have hereunto put my hand and seal the day and year first above written.

Signed, published and declared in the presence of: [Witnesses names in fold of parchment?]

A true and perfect Inventory taken of all and singular the cattle, chattels, debts and credits of Humphrey Morton late of Eastnor in the county of Hereford, now deceased, appraised at Eastnor the 15th day of March AD 1670 as followeth viz

Imprimis the decedent's wearing apparel, £10

Item money in his purse, £150

Item debts due by specialty, £144

Item desperate debts and debts due without specialty, £20

Item one other debt due from John Morton without specialty, £200

Item *In the hall chamber* 3 feather beds and bedsteads with the furniture, £8

Item 1 joined cupboard, 1 little table, 3 little chairs, 6 joined stools, 1 pair andirons and fire tools, £1

Item *In the little chamber* 1 bed and bedstead with the furniture, 1 warming pan and close stool, £4

Item *In the servants' chamber* 1 bed and bedstead with furniture, £2

Item *In the middle chamber* 2 coffers, 1 box, with drawing boxes and trumpery, £1

Item *In the parlour* 1 bed and joined bedstead with the curtains, valances and furniture, 1 table board and carpet and 1 joined chest, £5

Item *In the larder house* 1 cheese ring and other trumpery, and meat cheese and other provisions in the house, £5

Item *In the hall* 1 joined table and frame 1 joined form, 5 joined stools and 4 chairs, £1

Item *In the kitchen* 6 brass pans, 3 brass pots, 3 cauldrons, 4 skillets, 24 pewter dishes, 4 candlesticks, £10

Item *In the corn chamber* 1 joined press, 1 iron fire-grate, 1 old vat pair of scales and weights, 2 iron saws one half bushel, and corn, £2

Item *In the toplofts* one old bed and bedstead, plough timber, hoops and other trumpery, £2

Item *In the cellar and chamber over the cellar* vessels containing 30 hogsheads, 18 with cider, £13 10s.

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Item 2 males of leather with meal 1 kneading trough, 1 stool, 2 cowls and other trumpery there, £1 6s. 8d.

Item *In the chambers* 12 pairs of sheets, 6 table cloths, 6 dozen table napkins, 3 pairs pillow bears and towels, £6

Item *In the sheep cot*, 24 ewes and lambs, 44 old sheep, £16

Item *In the corn barns* – corn and pulse appraised at £28

Item 2 mares, £7

Item 9 plough oxen, £31

Item 3 feeding [cattle], £18

Item 8 cows & 1 bull, £23 6s. 8d.

Item 7 two-year old beasts, £10

Item hay and fodder, £3

Item 2 sows and 5 store pigs, £2 10s.

Item 1 cider mill, £2 10s.

Item *At Dugmores*, 78 sheep, £13 13s.

Item 8 cows, £27

Item 7 yearling beasts, £7

Item 2 store pigs, 10s.

Item corn and pulse in the barn and hay and fodder, £6

Item 1 cow and a bull, £6

Item wains, ploughs, harrows, tack of team, tools and implements of husbandry, £5

Item corn growing upon the ground and Lent grain growing on the ground, £42

Item *At Callow Hills farm* 48 sheep, £9 12s.

Item 5 store pigs, £1 13s. 4d.

Item *At Callow Hills* 4 hogsheads, £1

Item all timber boards, utensils and trumpery not before mentioned or appraised, £1

The total sum appraised, £850 11s. 8d.

Debts and legacies, £545 0s. 4d.

William Vobe, Edward Buckenhill, Francis Morton, John Morton, William Brown, appraisers

Exhibited 5 May 1671 by Margaret Morton

Note: Humphrey Morten [*sic*] was buried on 10 March 1671[Herefs. RO BO93/2]