

Thomas Baulden of Eastnor, yeoman, 1617

Ref: Herefs. RO 33/3/9

In the name of God amen, the 27th day of September 1617 I Thomas Baulden of the parish of Eastnor in the diocese and county of Hereford, yeoman, being sick in body nevertheless of good and perfect remembrance, do make this my testament containing my last will in manner and form as hereafter followeth. **First** and above all other things I commend my soul to Almighty God my maker, saviour and redeemer, by the merits of whose death and passion I trust to be saved; and my body to be buried in Christian burial where my executor hereafter named shall think fit and convenient. **Item** I give and bequeath unto Edward Baulden my eldest son all that my 4 acres of land called and known by the name of Barrets Croft, and also 2 acres of land lying and being in a field called Brankes Field, all which lands lyeth in the parish of Eastnor. And it is my will and mind that Alice my wife shall have the profits of all these my said lands for and during her natural life, and after her decease to remain unto the said Edward my said son and his heirs for ever. **And** also that whereas I stand indebted unto one Mr. Alberforte of Bromsberrow in the sum of £20 for the payment of £10, and 10s., I have delivered goods unto John Baulden my son to discharge the said sum of money, in regard that he standeth bound with me for the said money. **And** also for one other bond that he standeth bound for me unto the said Mr. Alberforte in the sum of £10 for the payment of £5. 5s. and I have left unto this John my son all my barley and peas to discharge the same. And the overplus, if any, be to remain unto Alice my wife. **Item** I give and bequeath unto Richard Baulden my son all that my parcel of land containing by estimation 1 acre lying and being in the Conygree in the parish of Ledbury, and now or late in the occupation of Mr. Ambrose Elton and Mr. John Skippe or their assigns. And it is my will and mind that the said land shall remain unto this Richard Baulden my son for and during his natural life only, and after his decease to remain unto John Baulden his son and his heirs for ever. **Item** I give and bequeath unto Richard King and Jane King to each and every of them a ewe and a lamb. **Item** also I give and bequeath unto Ambrose Bydle, my daughter's son, a ewe and a lamb. And also I give and bequeath unto John Bydle his said brother a ewe sheep. **And** I do ordain and appoint Alice my wife to be my executrix. **In witness** hereunto I have put my hand and seal in the presence of John Skippe, John Nurthen, John Baulden the elder, John Baulden, and others

Probate 7 February, 1623/4, to his son John Baulden

Note: there is a gap in the burial register from April 1617 to January 1626 [Herefs. RO B093/1]