John Webley of Eastnor, 1579

Ref: Herefs. RO 44/2/46

1579. In the name of God Amen the 23rd day of August I John Webley of Eastnor in the county of Hereford do make and ordain this my last will and testament in manner and form following, that is to say: First I bequeath my soul unto Almighty God my maker and redeemer, and my body to be buried in the parish churchyard of Eastnor aforesaid. Item I give and bequeath unto the poor men's box there 4d. Item I give and bequeath unto my six daughters £5 of current English money, to be paid unto them by equal portions within 3 years next after my decease; and if either of my said daughters do depart before the time above specified, that part to remain among the rest. Item I give unto Alice my wife the one half of all my household stuff, the best canvas and 20 s. of money, to be paid her within a year and a half after my decease. Item I give unto Thomas my son 20 s. to be paid him within one year after my decease. **Item** I do appoint continually to remain stander[d]s as cupboards ['cubberd boards'], two 'styles', forms and painted clothes. Item I give unto John my son the second best canvas. Item all my other goods ungiven and bequeathed I give unto John my son whom I make my whole executor, and I do appoint Richard Grey my overseer and I do give him for his pains 3s. 4d. on the condition that he shall see this my will executed accordingly; and I utterly revoke and annul all other wills, legacies, bequests, executors and overseers by me in any wise before this time made, named, willed or bequeathed.

In witness at the making hereof: William Clinton parson there, Richard Grey, William Pyford, John Leythe with others.

Proved 19th October 1579

Note: the parish registers contain no burial entries 1579-1591. [Herefs. RO BO93/1]