

William Alderne of Eastnor, yeoman, 1666

Ref: Herefs. RO 12/4/14

In the name of God Amen the seventh day of February 1666 I William Alderne of Eastnor in the County of Hereford, yeoman, being sick in body, but of good and perfect memory, God be thanked therefore, do ordain and make this my last will and testament in manner and form following.

First I give and bequeath my soul to Almighty God my maker and to Jesus Christ my redeemer trusting to be saved by his death and merits.

Next of my earthly affairs I give and bequeath to Elinor my now wife, my meadow or close of pasture called by the name of Hickwalls with all and singular the appurtenances during her life, and after the life of my said wife Elinor, I give and bequeath my aforesaid meadow called Hickwalls with all every and singular the appurtenances with all profits and commodities whatsoever to my son William and his heirs forever. **Provided** always, and my will is, that if my son John or his heirs shall give and pay to my son William his brother within the space of one year next after the decease of Elinor my wife the sum of £20 of lawful English money, that then my said meadow or close called Hickwalls with all and singular the appurtenances to remain to my son John his heirs and assigns forever.

Item I give and bequeath to Elinor my wife all my goods cattle and chattels towards the paying and satisfying of my debts, and the residue after her decease to remain to my two sons according as they shall think fit.

Item I do ordain and appoint Elinor my wife to be executor of this my last will and testament to see it performed according to the true intent and meaning thereof.

These being witnesses: Anthony Lawrence, Thomas Godfrey, Sara Taylor

Probate 17 January 1666/7

A true and perfect inventory taken the 10th day of April in the year of our Lord God 1666, of all the goods, cattle and chattels of William Alderne of Eastnor in the county of Hereford, husbandman deceased, and indifferently appraised by John South and William Nurbury as followeth:

Imprimis the decedent's apparel & money in his purse, £1

Item in the Outer Chamber

Two beds and all that thereunto them belongeth, £2 10s.

Item in the Chamber over the Hall

All the 'trumplments' there, £1 1s. 6d.

Item in the Cider House

The cider and the bushels appraised at £2 1s.

Item two joined presses and one table board, £2 10s.

Item brass and pewter and one table board, £1 10s. 6d.

Item one old must mill or cider mill, 13s. 4d.

Item Corn on the ground, £1 10s.

Item two heifer beasts, £4

Item one mare, £2 6s. 8d.

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Item 12 small sheep, £2 6s.

Sum total: £21 9s.

Exhibited 17 January 1666/7

Note: there is a gap in the burial registers from March 1641 until July 1666. [Herefs. RO BO93/1]