

Robert Danford of Eastnor, 1593

Reference: Herefs RO: 3/5/8 and 14/1/32 (a copy of the will):

In the name of God Amen the 20th day of February in the year of our Lord God 1593 I Robert Danford of Eastnor in the County of Hereford being sick in body but of good and perfect remembrance laud and praise be unto Almighty God therefore make and ordain this my testament, concerning [sic] herein my last will, in manner and form following that is to say first I commend my soul to Almighty God my maker and redeemer Jesus Christ by whose precious blood shedding I trust to be saved and my body to be buried in Christian burial. **Item** I give and bequeath unto my oldest son Thomas 20 shillings a gray mare one 'rod' saddle, two 'Ax' round pins, one chisel, one adze, one auger, one block saw or skull, one hogshead and 6 sheep to be delivered unto him at midsummer next after my decease. **Item** I give and bequeath unto William my son £10, one tagged bullock, one chisel, one auger, one barrel and 4 sheep. **Item** I give and bequeath unto Joyce my daughter £10, one red heifer and 6 sheep. **Item** I give and bequeath unto Anne my daughter £10, one black yearling and 4 sheep, which sheep to be delivered unto them on the day above written. **Also** the sums of money above to be paid unto my children within three years after my decease. **And** [if it happen] that any of my children predecease before they come to their lawful ages, and before that time be not married, their portions to be equally divided among the rest of them. **And** if it happen my executrix to marry within three years after my decease, it shall be lawful for my overseer to receive it before her marriage. **Item** I give and bequeath unto Rowland Turner 2 sheep. **Item** I give and bequeath unto Joan Green one sheep. **Item** I give and bequeath unto Hatton one bushel of malt. **Item** I give and bequeath unto Harry Hill 12d. **All the residue** of my goods and cattles movable and unmovable, my debts paid, my legacies performed and my funeral expenses discharged, I wholly give and bequeath to Sibyl my wife whom I do make my full and sole executrix of this my last will and testament. I make and ordain my well beloved in Christ John Hill, Thomas Danford, William Danford, Peter Hill, Richard Hill overseers of this my last will and testament. **Item** my will is these my overseers should have my children's portions within three years after my decease to be employed to the only use of my children. These being witnesses whose names subscribed (viz) John Hill, Thomas Danford, William Danford, Peter Hill, Richard Hill with others

Debts owing unto me:

Item Mr. Stephens, 10s. 8d.
Item Martin Bracye, 45s. 8d
Item William Danford, £5 6s. 10d.
Item Richard Watts, 35s. 8d
Item William Reese, £3
Item John Hill, 20s.
Item Richard Hill 10s.
Item John Bradlad, 12s. 9d
Item Isabell Danford, 20s.
Item William Bache, 10s. 10d.
Item Humphrey Collins, 40s.
Item William Turner, 23s.
Item Henry Best, 9s.

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Item John Treharne, 8s

Item Thomas Clifton, 20s.

Item Giles Lye, 2s. 11d

Item Isabell Melley, 5s. 8d.

Item Edmund Winnyat, 7s. 4d.

Item Richard Baylis, 3s. 4d.

Widow Bache, 3s. 7d.

Francis Bache, 8½d.

Probate 3 May 1593

Note: Robert Danford was buried on 8 March 1593 (OS) [Herefs RO BO93/1]