

Richard Careless of Eastnor, 1613

Ref: Herefs. RO 19/3/18

In the name of God Amen, the third day of February in the 10th year of the reign of our sovereign Lord James, by the grace of God, king of England, Scotland, France and Ireland, defender of the faith etc. and of Scotland the 45th [1613], I Richard Careless of the parish of Eastnor in the diocese of Hereford, being sick in body nevertheless of good and perfect memory thanks be given to Almighty God, do make my last will and testament in manner and form following viz. **First** and above all other things I give and bequeath my soul to Almighty God my maker and saviour, by the merits of whose bloody death and passion I only trust to be saved; and my body to the earth from whence it came, to be buried in the churchyard in Eastnor as near unto my mother's as conveniently may be. **Item** I give and bequeath unto Sybil Jauncie widow a cramp ring. **Item** I give and bequeath unto Elizabeth Webley my goddaughter one chilver sheep of mine. **Item** I give and bequeath to my godson, the son of Anthony Somber, one chilver sheep of mine. **Item** I give and bequeath to Margaret Mayfield one chilver sheep of mine. **Item** I give and bequeath unto Joan Man one basin of pewter, one brass pot, the best cauldron [cothern] or kettle, one candlestick, one featherbed, one bolster, one pillow, two canvasses, the second bedstead, two skeels, one great and one less, 3 pairs of sheets, 2 hurden tablecloths, 2 hogsheads, 2 table napkins, one sheet coffer, one tableboard, one beer barrel, four [blank]. **Item** I give and bequeath unto William Careless my son one little flock bed, one pair of sheets, one kettle, one brass pot, one candlestick, one coverlet of hair and linen, one skeel, the two lowermost hogsheads in the chamber and all his ironware, one chair, one board on the press, one riding [red] saddle, one pack saddle, one bridle and my wearing apparel, one piece of pewter. **Item** I give and bequeath unto John Cootts my auger and a posnet, four pieces of pewter, one leather bottle, one pair of pothooks and links. **Item** I give and bequeath unto my cousin Miles Collas's four children one ewe, also unto the same Miles for his pains one lamb. **Item** I give and bequeath unto William Williams wife's children one lamb. **Item** I give and bequeath unto Thomas my son one coffer and one chair. **Item** I give and bequeath unto Elizabeth my daughter my best bedstead with the featherbed and the appurtenances or furniture to the same, 4 pairs of sheets, 4 table napkins, one great brass pot, the second brass pan or kettle and the fourth kettle, one cupboard, the best tableboard, one candlestick, one salt, two hogsheads, 2 skeels, one great coffer, 2 tablecloths by Thomas my son. **Item** I give and bequeath to the said Elizabeth £4 to be paid within three years after my decease; also I give unto Elizabeth five small pieces of pewter, a pair of pothooks and links. **The residue** of all my goods, cattle, chattels and debts unbequeathed I wholly give and bequeath unto my son William, whom I do make mine executor to see this my will performed and done, my funeral performed and done as my trust is in him.

[I will and my mind is that I give and bequeath unto Thomas All such dues and debts that he doth owe unto me – crossed out]

Probate: 29. September 1614

Note: Richard Careless, widower, was buried 13 June 1614. [Herefs. RO BO93/1]