

Jane Asston of Eastnor, widow, 1691

Ref: Herefs. RO 114/4/6

In the name of God Amen. Upon the 26th day of December in the 3rd year of the reign of our lord and lady William and Mary, now king and queen over England, and in the year of our Lord God 1691, I Jane Asston of the parish of Eastnor in the county of Hereford, widow, being weak and aged but being in sound and perfect mind and memory, praise be therefore given to Almighty God, do make and ordain this my last will and testament in manner and form following that is to say: **First** and principally I commend my soul into the hands of Almighty God, hoping through the merits, death and passion of my saviour Jesus Christ to have full and free pardon and forgiveness of all my sins and to inherit everlasting life. And my body I commit to the earth to be decently buried at the discretion of my executor hereafter named. And as touching the disposition of all such temporal estate as it hath pleased Almighty God to bestow upon me, I give and dispose thereof as followeth: **First** I will have £7 laid out for my funeral and to the poor, and I will that my debts and funeral charges be paid and shall be paid and discharged. **Item** I give unto my kinsman Humphrey Cooper 40s., and unto Hannah Cooper 40s.; and unto my kinsman William Cooper of London £5, and unto my kinswoman Anne Paine 40s. and unto my kinsman John Cooper son of Humphrey Cooper £20, and 1s. apiece to all my kindred that lawfully demand it. **All the rest** and residue of my personal estate, goods, leases and chattels whatsoever, I do give and bequeath unto my loving kinsman James Cooper, son of Humphrey Cooper, my full and sole executor of this my last will and testament. **And** I desire that my body may be buried at Eastnor. And I do hereby revoke, disanull and make void all former wills and testaments by me heretofore made.

In witness whereof I the said Jane Alston to this my last will and testament, being containing [sic] in one sheet of paper, set my mark and my seal to it the day and year above written.

Witness: Richard Careles, Elinor Dix

Probate: 11 February 1692/3

A true and perfect inventory of all singular the goods, cattle and chattels, rights and credits of Jane Asston of Eastnor, widow, lately deceased, taken valued and appraised 10 September 1692 by we whose names are here unto subscribed.

Imprimis Her wearing apparel, £3

Item Brass and pewter, £4 10s.

Item Three beds with blankets, coverlets, and sheets, and other linens, £7

Item One cupboard, two table boards, three bedsteads, with other implements of husbandry [sic], £3

Item Corn in the house, 10s.

Item Vessels and other wooden ware, £3

Item Two swine, £1 1s.

Item A mustmill or cider mill, £2

Item Chests, coffer and boxes, £1

Item One lease or chattel, £18

Item Money upon bond, £60

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[Total] £103 11s.

Appraisers: Richard Careles, Richard Burford

Note: there is a gap in the burial registers 1678-1734.

Note: Jane Aston may be the widow of Henry Aston d. 1680 [will Herefs. RO 97/1/9]