

John Bauldwine of the Hill, Eastnor, yeoman, 1659/60

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In the name of God Amen, the one and twentieth day of March in the year of our Lord God 1659, I John Bauldwine of Eastnor in the county of Hereford, yeoman, being sick in body but of good and perfect memory, thanks be given unto God therefore, do make and ordain this my last will and testament in manner and form following. **First** and principally I do give and commend my soul into the hands of God my creator, hoping assuredly through the only merits of Jesus Christ my saviour to be made partaker of life everlasting, and my body I commend to the earth whereof it was made. **Also** I do give and bequeath unto Alice my loving wife one annuity or yearly rent of £4 of lawful money of England to be issuing and payable unto her or to her assigns for and during the term of her natural life out of all my part moiety and pourparty of all that messuage or tenement called the Hill wherein I now live, and out of all the lands thereunto belonging, and to be paid unto her or to her assigns in and upon the 25th day of March and the 29th day of September by equal portions, the first payment thereof to begin and to be made in and upon such of the said days as shall first happen after the end of six months next after my decease. And for the not payment [sic] thereof, or of any part or parcel thereof, by the space of twenty days next after any one of the said rent days, my will is that my said wife or her assigns shall have power to distrain in and upon my said messuage called the Hill or upon any of the said lands thereunto belonging. **Also** I do give and bequeath unto my eldest son John Bauldwine one annuity or yearly rent of 30s. of lawful money of England, to be issuing, due and payable unto him for and during the term of his natural life out of all my said part and moiety of the said messuage called the Hill and out of all the lands thereunto belonging in and upon the said 25th day of March and the 29th day of September by equal portions, the first payment thereof to begin in and upon such of the said rent days which shall first happen after the end of six months next after my decease, with power to distrain for the not payment thereof or of any part or parcel thereof within 21 days next after the same shall become due as aforesaid. **Also** I do give and bequeath unto Thomas Bauldwine my son and to his heirs forever, all my lands and hereditaments whatsoever, situate and being in the parishes of Ledbury and Eastnor or in either of them which I bought and purchased of my brother Edward Bauldwine and of John Whiller of Mitchel or of either of them. Provided always that my said son Thomas, his executors or assigns in consideration thereof shall and do well and truly pay unto my daughters Alice, Constance, Susanna and Catherine and to every of them severally £16 apiece of lawful money of England within the space of three years next after my decease; and unto my daughter Joan £17 of like money within one year next after my decease (if she shall so long live) in full payment and satisfaction for all her dues and demands whatsoever from me. And my will is that if either or any of my other said daughters shall happen to decease before their portions shall become due, unmarried and without issue, then the portion and portions of her or them so dying shall be and remain unto my said son Thomas. And if my said son Thomas, his heirs or assigns shall make default of payment of all or any of the said sums of £16 to the said Alice, Constance, Susanna and Catherine to them or their assigns when the sums shall become due as aforesaid, or of the said sum of £17 unto my said daughter Joan when the same shall become due, then my will is that my said daughters or so many of them as shall be unpaid their said several portions, their heirs and assigns, shall and may lawfully enter in and upon all my said lands purchased

of my said brother Edward Bauldwine and John Whiller or of either of them, and may lawfully have, hold, occupy and possess the same and receive the whole rents, issues and profits thereof to their proper use and behoof until all and every of their said portions shall be fully and truly paid unto them. **Also** I do give and bequeath the said Alice my wife during her life the use and occupation of the chamber wherein I do now lie, with the bed bedstead and furniture thereunto belonging for her own use only; and after her decease I do give the said bed, bedstead and furniture unto Catherine my daughter. **Also** I do give and bequeath unto my said son Thomas my bed and bedstead in the parlour with all the appurtenances thereunto belonging, together with my second best kettle. **Also** I do give and bequeath unto the said Alice my wife the use and occupation of all the rest of my brass, pewter, bedding and linen during her life, and I give the same afterwards to such of my said children as she shall think fittest. **Also** I do give and bequeath unto my said son Thomas Bauldwin and to his heirs and assigns for ever, all the rest of my lands, tenements and hereditaments whatsoever unbequeathed, situate or being in the parishes of Ledbury and Eastnor in the said county of Hereford, or in either of them, together with all the rest of my goods, cattle and chattels whatsoever unbequeathed, for the true payment of all my debts, legacies and bequests, and the better to enable him to perform this my last will and testament in all things with honesty and integrity **And** I do make, constitute and ordain my said son Thomas Bauldwin the sole executor of this my last will and testament, renouncing all former wills by me made. **In witness** whereof I have hereunto put my hand and seal the day and year first above written.

This will containing one and a half sheets of paper, was signed, subscribed and published by the testator above named in the presence of John Wheeler, Humphrey Morton, John Hall

A true and perfect inventory taken and appraised the tenth day of February Anno Domini 1667/8 by John Gilding, Robert Hall and John Wheeler of all the goods and chattels of that John Bauldwine of The Hill in the parish of Eastnor in the county of Hereford, yeoman, died seized of

Imprimis his wearing apparel and money in his purse, £2

In the hall, one tableboard, form, one cupboard, 4 brass kettles, one pair of andirons, fire shovel and tongs, and one old brass posnet, £2

In the buttry, 2 barrels, one cheese cowl, 1 great skeel, 3 small milk skeels, 2 old churns, 1 dresser, 13s. 4d.

In the parlour, bed and bedstead, 2 cushions, one old chair, 1 joined stool, £1

In the chamber over the parlour, one old bedstead and one skeel, 5s.

In the kitchen, 2 spits, one pair of cobirons [cobbows], 2 old pipes, 6 hogsheads, one little cupboard, £1 10s.

In the chamber over the kitchen, 2 bedsteads, 2 beds and bolsters, 2 coverlets and 2 blankets, 1 pillow, 4 coffers, 1 table board, 1 chair, 4 pewter dishes, 1 flagon, 1 chamber pot, 3 napkins, 1 pillow beer, 3 sheets, £4

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In the millhouse, one old cider mill and stone, £1

Total £12 8s. 4d.

This is a true and perfect inventory taken and appraised by us: Robert Hall, John Wheeler,
John Gilding

Exhibited 28 Feb. 1667/8

Note: no burial entry has been found for Joahn Bauldwine in the Eastnor or Ledbury registers.