

Margery Parry, of Eastnor, 1655

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In the name of God the six and twentieth day of November in the year of our Lord God 1655 I Margery Parry of Eastnor in the County of Herefordshire being aged but of good and perfect mind and memory, thanks to God therefore, considering the frailty of this mortal life and the uncertainty of my departure here do make this my last will and testament in manner and form following, recanting all former wills by me heretofore made. **And first** and above all things I commit and commend my soul to Almighty God who gave it me, trusting for mercy and salvation by the death and merits of Jesus Christ my redeemer, and my body I commit to the earth to be buried in Christian burial. **And** as concerning such worldly goods and estate as God has blessed me with, I give and dispose thereof as here after followeth: **And first** I give and devise to my loving brother Valentine Parry of Ewyas Harold in the county of Herefordshire gent. all that messuage or tenement commonly called or known by the name Grigelloyne wherein one Thomas Quarrell doth or lately did dwell or inhabit, and one cottage thereunto adjoining, and all houses and outhouses, buildings, barns, stables, yards, folds, backsides, orchards, gardens, lands, tenements, meadows, leasowes, pastures, feedings, woods, underwoods, ways, waters, watercourses, easements, commons, commodities, freedoms, liberties, privileges, advantages, hereditaments, and appurtenances to the said messuage or tenement, cottage, lands and premises or any of them belonging, incident or in any wise appertaining, or to or with the same premises or any of them at any time heretofore usually had, used, devised, occupied or enjoyed, reputed, accepted or known to be any part or parcel thereof And the reversion and reversions, remainder and remainders of the premisses and all rents and yearly profits reserved, due or payable by virtue of any devise or grant, devises or grants heretofore had or made of the premises or of any part thereof. All which said messuages lands and premises are situate, lying or being in the parish of Michaelchurch Escley in the said county of Hereford, and which I heretofore had had [sic] of the gift and grant of my loving mother Blanch Parry, widow, late of the city of Hereford; to have and to hold the said messuage or tenement, cottage, and all and singular other the forementioned houses, outhouses, buildings, gardens, orchards, lands, tenements, meadows, leasowes, pastures and premises with their and every of their appurtenances to the said Valentine Parry and his heirs and assigns for ever. **Also** I give and devise to my nephew Robert Dauncer gent. son of Peter Dauncer gent. deceased, all of those several parcels of arable land, meadow, woods, pasture grounds with their appurtenances hereafter mentioned (that is to say): one parcel of pasture called or known by the name the middle leasowe containing by estimation six acres more or less, one parcel of pasture commonly called or known by the name of Y Cay at lan dore containing by estimation four acres more or less; one other parcel commonly called or known by the name of Y Garne Slowogg containing by estimation three acres more or less; one other parcel commonly called or known by the name of the Y Beddowe containing by estimation half an acre more or less; one other parcel of meadow ground containing by estimation two acres more or less. All which said several parcels of arable land meadow and pasture lastly mentioned are situate and lying and being together in the said parish of Michaelchurch Escley in the said county of Hereford, between the land of Rees William David, deceased, and the river there called Escley, the lane there leading from Michaelchurch Escley aforesaid toward Maescoed Y Cha, the land late in the possession of

Richard Morgan deceased and the land of the late William David Bevan on all respective parts and sides there which are or lately were in the 'manureance' [tenure], possession or occupation of Elizabeth Rees William, widow, or of her tenants or assigns. And all ways, waters, watercourses, easements, profits, commons, commodities, advantages, hereditaments and appurtenances to the said several parcels of arable land, meadows, leasowes and pasture or any of them incident, belonging or any wise appertaining to or with the same or any of them heretofore had, used occupied or enjoyed, reputed, known or taken as part, parcel or member thereof. And the reversion and reversions of all and singular the said premises and all rents and yearly profits reserved, due or payable by virtue of any demise or grant, demises or grants, heretofore made of the premises or any part thereof, one indenture of lease bearing date the twentieth of April in the fourteenth year of the reign of the late king James 1616] for the term of three lives made by one John James Powell unto one Rees William David, deceased only excepted, upon which said lease is reserved the yearly rent of forty shillings payable for the same which shall from henceforth become due and payable to the said Robert Dauncer his heirs and assigns. Which said premises the said Margery had and purchased to me and my heirs of the said James John Powell to have and to hold all and singular the said parcels of arable land, meadows, leasowes and pastures before mentioned to be given or devised, with their and every of their hereditaments and appurtenances to the said Robert Dauncer his heirs and assigns for ever, to the only use, purpose and behoof of the said Robert Dauncer his heirs and assigns for ever. **Also** I give and bequeath to my niece Blanche, daughter of my brother Stephen Parry, the wife of Richard Wotton, £20. **And** I give and bequeath to my niece Jane, daughter of George Skippe, the wife of Andrew Smith £10. I give and bequeath to my niece Margaret, daughter of the said George Skippe, the wife of Thomas Savage, £10. To my nephew George Skippe, the son of the said George Skippe, £10. **Also** I give and bequeath to my cousin Thomas Higgins, son of Robert Higgins gent. the elder, £20. **And** to my cousin Elizabeth Higgins, daughter of the said Robert Higgins, £20. **And** to my cousin Robert Higgins, son of the said Robert Higgins, £20. **And** I give and bequeath unto my niece Joan, the wife of the said Robert Higgins the elder, £20. **And my will is** if either or any of the said children of the said Robert Higgins the elder before named shall die and depart this life before such time as the legacy before mentioned shall be paid, that then the said legacy or sum of money hereby given or bequeathed to such children of the said Robert Higgins shall remain and be paid to the survivor and or survivors of the said children. **Also** I give and bequeath to my nephew John Parry, son of my brother Stephen Parry, my biggest brass pan. **Also** I give and bequeath to my nephew John Parry, son of my brother Robert Parry, one silver bowl gilt with a cover for the same. **And** I give and bequeath to my nephew Thomas Parry, son of my said brother Robert Parry, one silver bowl. **Also** I give and bequeath to my niece Katherine, daughter of my said brother Robert Parry, one gilt salt wanting a cover. **And** I give and bequeath to my said nephew Robert Dauncer one feather bed and bolster. **All the rest** of my goods, cattle and chattels not herein or hereby not given or bequeathed, my debts paid my funeral expenses discharged, I give and bequeath to the said Robert Higgins the elder whom I make and appoint my sole executor to this my last will and testament, not doubting that he will see the same duly performed. **And my will is** and I do order and appoint that my said executor shall defray and disburse £10 at and about my funeral, as to him in his discretion shall be thought fit. **In witness** whereof I have caused this my last will and testament to be written and have here unto put my hand and seal the day and year first above written 1655. Margery Parry

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Signed, sealed and published in the presence of Eleanor Higgins. Richard Kelsham. John Kelsham. Richard Lewis, George Webley

This will was proved at London before the judges for probate of wills and granting administrations lawfully authorised the twentieth day of may in the year of Our Lord God according to the computation of the Church of England one thousand six hundred fifty and eight by the oath of Robert Higgins the elder, the cousin and sole executor of the deceased, to whom administration of all the goods and chattels of the said deceased was committed being first legally sworn truly to administer the same.

Note: There is a gap in the Eastnor burial registers from April 1641 to July 1666 (Herefs. RO BO 93/1)