

## Edmund Underwood of Eastnor, 1589

Ref: Herefs.RO 42/3/19

**In the name of God** Amen the 31<sup>st</sup> day of October Anno Domini 1589 I Edmund Underwood of the parish of Eastnor being of whole mind and in good and perfect remembrance laud and praise be unto Almighty God, made [sic] and ordain this my present testament concerning [sic] here in my last will in manner and form following, that is to say: **First** I commend my soul unto Almighty God, my maker and redeemer and my body to be buried in the parish churchyard of Eastnor. **And** as touching my worldly goods, first I bequeath unto my son Richard my black cow, the bed I do lie in at this present time, a pair of sheets, a canvas, a covering, my cupboard, the best towel that doth belong to him, my table board, the best cloth that do belong unto him, all my working tools, saving one axe and one hatchet. I do also bequeath to my son Richard, my best coat my best breeches, cloth to make him a pair of breeches, three of my best shirts, a new pair of sheets, all my corn, that is in the house and in the field with all my other provision in the house toward the keeping of his sisters; my hay and all any other fodder towards the keeping of my cattle this winter. **Item** I bequeath unto my daughter Joan a brass pot, a say [fine cloth] and two pair of sheets. **Item** I bequeath unto my daughter Alice 20s., and unto her husband my black jerkin, my flaxen doublet, my black breeches, my best stockings, and a hempen shirt. **Item** I bequeath unto my daughter Ann my red cow, an axe, a hatchet, a half pipe, one of my bigger cauldrons, the bed that was bought of Margery Bache, two pairs of sheets, the covering that was bought last at Ledbury, and my coffer that I had first. **Item** I bequeath to my daughter Catherine the black cow's calf that is young at this time, and if it be not to be reared, for to be sold, and her to have the money to buy her another, a new coffer, two pairs of sheets and a canvas that was bought of Margery Bache. **Item** I bequeath unto my daughter Elinor the newest coffer saving one, my best hat, two pairs of sheets, a covering that is woollen and hempen and a towel. **Item** I bequeath unto my daughter Joyce my best coffer saving two, two pairs of sheets, one board cloth, a brass pot, her brother Richard having the use of him [it] until she have occasion to accept it herself and then the said Richard her brother to make the brass pot as good as when he received him [it]. **Item** I bequeath unto the four children of my daughter-in-law Alice 10s. equally to be divided among them. **Item** I bequeath unto my godson John Parsons 12d. **Item** I bequeath all the rest of my goods being not bequeathed before, my funeral expenses discharged, unto my son Richard, and to the rest of my children, as my said son Richard shall think best. And of this my present testament I make and ordain my son Richard my executor. These being witnesses: Hugh Parsons, Lawrence Gwatkyn and Richard Gwatkyn

**Here followeth** the debts that are owing unto Edmund Underwood which he confessed upon his death bed:

**Item** Frances Bache, 12d

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Richard Gatley, a peck of muncorn

**Item** William Turner, 6d

and the sum is 18d besides the muncorn

**Note:** there is a gap in the Eastnor burial registers 1577-1591 [Herefs. RO BO93/1]