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Ref.: Herefs. RO 12/2/20

In the name of God amen the tenth day of April AD 1565, I William Clifton of the parish of Eastnor the improfitable servant of God, weak in body and not withstanding, whole and strong in mind, make this my testament and last will in manner and form following: **First** and above all things I do render up and bequeath my soul unto our lord God, my maker and redeemer, nothing doubting, but that this my lord God for his mercies sake, set forth in the precious blood of his dearly beloved son Christ Jesu our alone saviour and redeemer, will forgive me all mine offences, and receive my soul into his glory. **And** as concerning my body, even with a good will and free heart, I give it over, commending it unto the earth, whereof it came. **And** touching all my worldly goods, (my debts chiefly paid and contented) and my funeral expenses discharged, I do give and bequeath unto my wife, to apply and to bestow it to the help, succour and bringing up of her children and mine. **And** her only I make mine sole executrix of this my last will and testament dated the day and year above written.

These being witness Christopher Wallwen parson of Eastnor Thomas Bradeley gentleman Walter Sandy with divers other

These are the debts that William Clifton did owe which he confessed upon his deathbed as followeth

First I do owe unto John Hopley of Eastnor, 20s.
Item to William Nurthen of Ledbury, 15s. 10d.
Item to Edward Farmer of Ledbury, 5s. 4d.
Item to John Oky of Ledbury, 17d.
Item to Thomas Mors of Eastnor, 14d.
Item to Mr Bradeley, 5s.
Item to Mr Bradeley for half a strike of peas, 6d.
Item to Lawrence Gwatkin, 3s.
Item to Robert Cox of Eastnor, 2s.
Item to Richard Hewstar, 10s.
Sum £3 4s. 3d.

Here followeth the debts that are owing unto him which he confessed upon his death bed

Item John Clifton my brother oweth me 11s.
Item William Webley, 21 ½ d.
Item Peter Lawrence for a pair of shoes, 6d.
Item Harry Coke, 4d.
Item Walter Bache, 9d.
Sum 14s. 5d.

An inventory of all the goods of William Clifton of Eastnor, shoemaker, late deceased, appraised by Thomas Danford and Richard Grey 10 October 1565

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In the shop

Item cutting knives and lasts, 3s.

In the chamber

2 flock beds, 2 bolsters, 2 coverings and one canvas, 20s.

Napery and linen

5 pairs of sheets, 2 boardcloths and 1 towel, 13s. 4d.

In the kitchen

1 frying pan and 'brandard', 1 pot, 4 cauldrons, 1 skillet, 10s.

Pewter

Fourteen pieces of pewter, 3 pewter pots, 3 candlesticks, 10s.

In the hall

1 cupboard, 1 tableboard, 1 chair, 1 'save' [safe?], 1 form, 2 coffer, 3s. 4d.

Item 4 standes, 1 cowle, 1 skeele 2 pails, 3s. 4d.

Item 1 mare price 16s.

Item 6 swine, 8s.

Sum £4 9s.

Note: William Clyfton was buried on 15 April 1565. [Herefs RO BO93/1]