

Alice Bache, wife of John Bache of Eastnor, 1579

Ref: Herefs. RO 6/4/19

In the name of God Amen. I Alice Bache, the wife of John Bache the elder of Eastnor in the county of Herefordshire, being sick in body but of good and perfect remembrance, thanks be to God, do make this my last will and testament in manner and form following: **First** I bequeath my soul to Almighty God, my only saviour and redeemer, and my body to be buried in Christian burial. **Item** I give unto Anne, my daughter, 1 red heifer of 3 years old. **Item** I give Alice Burford 1 red heifer of 2 years old. **Item** I give to Sybil, my daughter, 1 cow called Lilly. **Item** I give to Mary, my daughter, 1 cow called Filpail, and betwixt her and Sybil, my daughter, 1 cow called Mullins **Item** I give unto Henry my son, 1 black ox with a white face. **Item** I give unto William, my son, 1 bullock of 3 years old and to him 1 red [= riding?] horse. **Item** I give to my son John, his three sons, 2 yearling calves. **Item** I give to the daughter of Anne Rodge 1 sheep. **Item** I give to Mary, my daughter, 2 score [40] swine; more to her, my biggest brass pot and my biggest cauldrom. **Item** I give to Sybil, my daughter, my great brass pan and my second pot. **Item** to Mary, my daughter, a broach, a frying pan and a gridiron. **Item** I give to Mary and Sybil, my daughters, 7 pieces of pewter, 1 salt, 2 candlesticks of brass, 2 beds with all their furniture, and all the rest of my linen and napery ware, equally to be divided betwixt them two. **Item** I give to Margaret Burford, my goddaughter a little cauldron. **Item** I give to John Bache, my husband, 1 acre of white corn in Wedicroft. **Item** I give to John, my son, all my white corn upon the ground and pulse in like manner and all my corn in my barn and in the house, and all the rest of my goods unbequeathed, upon condition that he do pay all my debts, and discharge my funeral of his cost and charges. **Nevertheless** my will is where the said John hath bought my corn on the ground for the sum of £3 3s. 4d., that the said John my son shall take off the said sum of £3 3s. 4d. to discharge my funeral expenses and that the said John shall render account of all the overplus of the said sum to Mary and Sybil, my daughters, to whom I give the same. **Item** my will is that the said John shall sustain his brother and sister which be unmarried for the space of 1 month next after my decease. **Item** I give to Margaret my daughter 4 sheep. **Witnesses** hereof: Thomas Holder, Thomas Turner, Thomas Careles and Richard Careles.

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I can make no probation upon this testament for that there is no executor named in the same. If my master hath granted an administration you must send me word to whom and what is named, and whether I shall take [illegible] or no; also send this withall

Note: There is a gap in the burial register from 1579 to 1591 [Herefs. RO BO93/1]