

Thomas Richards of Eastnor, 1687

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In the name of God Amen. I Thomas Richards of the parish of Eastnor in the County of Hereford, being not very well in body but of perfect and sound memory all praise and thanks be given to Almighty God for it, I do make and declare this my last will and testament in manner and form following. **First** and principally I commit my soul into the hands of Almighty God my maker and unto Jesus Christ my only saviour and redeemer, and through him alone I hope to be saved; and for my worldly estate I dispose of as is herein declared.

Imprimis I will and devise all my goods and chattels in manner as followeth: **Imprimis** I give to my 'Gaftar' (?) [possibly a godchild] Joan Vergo, the now wife of William Vergo of the parish of Linton in the County of Hereford, the sum of 40s. and one heifer which is three years old past. **Imprimis** I give to my five grandchildren the sum of £5 to be equally to be divided between them when every[one] of them shall accomplish the age of 21; and if either of them shall die before either of them shall accomplish the age of 21, to the survivors; and the use of the said £5 to run to a stock till they do accomplish the age of 21. And to be equally divided between them, I do appoint Richard Burfut [Burford] and John Webly to be my overseers of this £5 given to my five grandchildren, and for their pains I give them 6d. a year. I do make and appoint my dear and loving wife Elizabeth Richards to be my sole executrix of this my last will and testament.

Sealed and delivered in the presence of John James, Morgan Richard, John Bacon

Probate 23 November 1687

A true inventory of what goods and chattels Thomas Richards, died possessed of, of the parish of Eastnor in the county of Hereford

Imprimis, 3 cow beasts, £5

1 calf, 10s.

The hay, £1 10s.

3 pigs, £1

1 bed and bolster and all furniture belonging to it, £1 10s.

4 pewter dishes, 4s.

4 brass kettles, 4s.

1 iron pot, 4s.

5 bushels of rye corn, 10s.

Half a hundred of cheese, 8s.

His wearing clothes, £1 10s.

1 bed more, 10s.

All other trumpery in the house, 10s.

2 bedsteads, 1 table board, 6s.

1 cupboard, 5s.

2 pairs of sheets, 5s.

1 tablecloth, 5s.

[Total], £14 11s.

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Exhibited 23 November 1687

A note written below:

These are to certify whom it may concern that Elizabeth the widow of Thomas Richards, lately deceased, by reason of her age is not able to appear at the court to prove her husband's will.

Testified by William Stone, rector of Eastnor

Note: there is a gap in the burial registers 1678 to 1734.