

## William Bache of Eastnor, weaver, 1688

**Ref: Herefs. RO 112/3/26:**

**In the name of God** Amen this 16<sup>th</sup> day of November 1688, I William Bache of the parish of Eastnor in the county of Hereford, weaver, do ordain and make this my last will and testament in manner and form following: **First** and principally I bequeath my soul to almighty God my maker and Jesus Christ my redeemer. **Next**, of my earthly affairs, I give and bequeath to Anne Williams daughter to Anne Williams my niece the sum of £10 of lawful money of England to be paid to her by my executor when she shall accomplish the age of 21 years, and to her sister Elizabeth Williams the like sum of £10 to be paid to her as to her sister aforesaid; and each of them one bed and bolster, and each them a pair of sheets, and also each of them one pewter dish, one kettle, one boiler. **Item** I give and bequeath to Thomas Williams, a brother to the aforementioned Anne and Elizabeth, the sum of £10 of lawful English money, to be paid by my executor when he shall accomplish the age of 21 years. **Item** I give and bequeath to Edward Tomkins my house and orchard and 3 acres of arable land or thereabouts, lying in three fields viz: Barracre, Rudgway and Branksfield. And after the decease of my nephew Edward Tomkins, I give and bequeath this my said house and orchard with the same 3 acres of arable land to the abovenamed Thomas Williams his heirs and assigns during the time of mine own lease. **Item** I give and bequeath to Edward Barkley and Susanna Barkley, a son and daughter to Elizabeth Barkley my niece, to each of them £10 to be paid to them by my executor of lawful English money when they shall accomplish the age of 21 years. And if it shall happen that either of the said children happen to die before they come to the age of 21 years, that then the legacy so given to be equally divided amongst the rest. **Item** I give and bequeath to Sarah Webley my servant £5 of lawful English money to be paid by my executor within the space of six months next after my decease. **Item** I do nominate and appoint Edward Tomkins my nephew to be my executor of this my last will and testament.

**Witnesseth** Anthony Lawrence senior, Anthony Lawrence junior

**Item** I give more to my servant Sarah Webley £5 of lawful English money or to the value of £5 in goods, to be paid within the space of six months next after my decease by my executor beforenamed.

**Witnesseth** Anthony Lawrence, Anthony Lawrence Jun

**The inventory** made and taken the 20<sup>th</sup> day of April AD 1692 of all the goods, cattle, chattels and debts of the late deceased William Bache, valued and prized by Richard Careles and Anthony Lawrence

**Imprimis** his wearing apparel, £2

**Item** his money, £60

**Item** two beds and two bolsters, 16s.

**Item** one coverlet, two blankets and three pair of sheets, 16s.

**Item** one cow and 14 sheep, £3 10s.

**Item** his brass and pewter, £1 5s.

**Item** three bedsteads, 10s.

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**Item** three hogsheads, one skeele and one cupboard and other trumpery goods, 16s. **Item** four elms and other wood, £1

**Item** two narrow weaving looms with their materials, £2

**Sum**, £70 3s.

Richard Careles, Anthony Lawrence

Probate 26 April 1692

**Note:** There is a gap in the burial registers 1678 to 1734. There is a copy of this will in Eastnor Castle Muniments, Case 2, bundle 1B