

Anthony Bache the elder of Eastnor, tailor, 1665

Ref: Herefs. RO 10/2/2

In the name of God, Amen. 8th April 1665 I Anthony Bache the elder of the parish of Eastnor in the county of Hereford, tailor, being sick in body but in good and perfect memory, God be thanked therefore, do ordain and make this my last will and testament in manner and form following: **First** and principally I give and bequeath my soul to Almighty God my maker and to Jesus Christ my redeemer trusting to be saved by his death and merits. **Item** I give and bequeath unto Anthony Bache my son all my houses and ground with the appurtenances, meaning my free land, and to Joan his wife during her life, and to the heirs of their two bodies begotten or to be begotten for ever, paying to Joan my wife the sum of £10 within one year next after my decease, provided always that my wife Joan do relinquish her dower of the same land, which £10 he owed me. **Item** I give and bequeath unto Joan my wife 2 of my best cow beasts which she will choose, and 6 good suety store sheep and 2 lambs, my old mare, one sow. I bequeath more to Joan my wife one chest which is in the barn, 2 parcels of white wool, one parcel of woollen yarn, one parcel of hemp, the wheels and cards, 2 bushels of maslin corn, the best flitch of bacon, 4 of my best "cleeses", [cheeses?] 2 dishes, 2 spoons and 2 trenchers, one little new kettle, the best frying pan, links to hang on the fire, one hogshead with the cider which is in him, one new bed and bedstead which I now lieth [sic] on, one bolster and one new bed healing, a blanket and a pair of sheets, one pewter dish. **Item** I give and bequeath to Milberow my daughter and the children of James Ledington my son-in-law one bond of £20 to be divided, £10 of the said bond to remain to Milberow and the interest of the same, the other £10 to be equally portioned to the children of the said James, and he the said father to have the interest whilst he liveth. **Item** I give and bequeath to Thomas my son another bond of £10. I give and bequeath to Robert my son 20s. **Item** I give and bequeath to my son Anthony his 4 children, 4 nobles. I give and bequeath to my daughter Anne's children 20s. **Item** I give and bequeath more to my daughter Elizabeth's children 20s equally to be divided. Which said 10 nobles given to my grandchildren is to be paid by my son Anthony within half a year next after my decease with money he owed me before. **Item** I give and bequeath to my daughter Anne one grey mare colt. **Item** I give and bequeath to my daughter Elizabeth one bay mare colt, my dung pot and one pack saddle. **Item** I give more to Joan my wife 2 milk skeels, 4 milk pans, my biggest churn, a milk pail and a 'boule'. **Item** I give and bequeath to my son Anthony 5 acres of arable land lying in Barracre and Rudgway and one close of pasture in the possession of Thomas Cocks Esq., paying to Mr Cocks 6s by the year during the life of Martin Perry. **Item** I give and bequeath to James Ledington one close of pasture called by the name of Perry Meadow during the life of the said Martin Perry. I give more to the said James 2 milch goats and one acre of corn on the ground to be equally divided betwixt James Ledington and my wife Joan. **Item** I give to my son Anthony my best doublet and my son-in-law Rowland my best hat. I give and bequeath to James Ledington my best breeches and all my worst apparel. **Item** all the rest of my goods and cattle, my debts paid and my funeral discharged, I give to Robert, Thomas and Millberow, my children. I do nominate and appoint Robert and Thomas, my two sons to be executors of this my last will, these being witnesses: Anthony Lawrence, Robert Sanford

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Endorsed: I Anthony Bache the elder do here request my executors to suffer my son Anthony to have and enjoy my pulse which is now growing in Barracre and in like manner I request James Leddington to suffer my son Anthony to have and enjoy my meadow called Perrys Meadow at the rent of £1 1s by the year, whereupon I Anthony Bache the younger am contented to allow James Leddington 6 bushels of the same pulse. Witnesseth Anthony Lawrence, Robert Sanford [who makes a very elaborate mark]

A true and perfect inventory taken of all the goods, cattle and chattels of the late deceased Anthony Bache the elder, of the parish of Eastnor in the county of Hereford, tailor, who died 15th April 1665.

Imprimis his wearing apparel and money in his purse, £1
30 sheep, price £4
1 mare and 3 colts, £4
5 cow beasts, £3
1 parcel [sic] of goats, £1
1 sow and 2 pigs, 16s.
Corn on the ground and corn in the barn, £2 10s.
1 little cider mill, £1 10s.
1 parcel of small vessels, £1 10s.
A little tablet of hay, £1
4 beds with the furniture and 1 tick, £6
Brass and pewter, £1 10s.
Provision in the house , £1
The rest of the goods and chattels, £30
Total, £63 16s.

Appraised by us: Humphrey Morton, Thomas Baker, Anthony Lawrence
Exhibited 3 April 1666, but wrongly dated 13 April 1664 on the oath of Robert Bache, one of the executors.

Note: There is a gap in the parish burial registers from March 1641 to July 1666. [Herefs. RO BO 93/1]

Another Anthony Bache, presumably the son mentioned in this will, died in 1671 –see the probate inventory and accounts (Herefs. RO 33/1/14)