

Robert Webley of Eastnor, 1549

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In the name of God Amen the 18th day of July in the year of Our Lord God 1549 And in the 3rd year of the reign of our sovereign lord Edward VI by the grace of God king of England, France and Ireland defender of the faith, and in earth of the Church of England and Ireland supreme head, I Robert Webley of Eastnor in the diocese of Hereford sick in my body and, lauded be God, of good and whole mind and perfect remembrance make my testament and last will in form following: **First** and above all things I commend my soul to Almighty God the father of heaven, trusting through his great mercy and by the merits of the passion and blood shedding of his only son my saviour and redeemer Jesus Christ to have remission and forgiveness of all my sins; my body to be buried where shall it please God to call for me, by the discretion of mine executors. **And** as touching my worldly goods, I give and bequeath to the poor men's box of Eastnor 12d. **Also** I give to Alice, the daughter of William Webley, a cow. **Item** I give to John, the son of the said William, one heifer. **Item** I give to Robert Webley, the son of Thomas Webley my son, one heifer. **Item** I give to Thomas Coke, my servant, one heifer in consideration of his service. **The rest** of all my goods and cattle not given nor bequeathed, my debts and funerals chiefly paid and discharged, I give to William, John and Thomas, my three sons, and to Alice, my daughter, between them to be equally distributed, whom I make and constitute my executors.

These persons being witnesses: Thomas Clinton esquire, Thomas Caroe, yeoman, Thomas Hyde, with others more.