

## Christopher Hopley of Eastnor, 1596/7

Ref. Herefs. RO 23/1/102

AD 1596 and the 39<sup>th</sup> year of Queen Elizabeth, 6 February

**In the name of God** the Father, the Son and the Holy Ghost, I Christopher Hopley of the parish of Eastnor, being of perfect memory and sound of mind but feeble of body, do bequeath: **First** of all unto almighty God my soul, and my body to be buried in the churchyard of Eastnor. **And** as concerning my earthly goods, I do give unto Joan my daughter my best flock bed, a flock bolster, a rug coverlet, a canvas and the upper coverlet, my best chest, a great skeel, a great pail, a little stand, a little brass pot, a little cauldron without the hangings, a pottinger, a platter, a saucer, a hogshead, a yearling heifer, a cradle, with the whole tack of my team. **Item** I give to John Hopley of Bromyard, my brother's son, for the term of his life, the shop at Ledbury, the rent being divided into three equal portions: 3s. 4d. to Joan my daughter, 3s. 4d. to Margaret his eldest sister and to Eleanor Hopley his youngest sister 3s. 4d. **Item** my wish is that my daughter Joan shall seal a lease of my lower house in Woddietst end, with the land and pasture belonging thereto being by estimation 2 acres, to Leonard Branch. **Item** I do give the rest of my goods moveable and unmoveable to my wife and make her sole executrix of this my last will and testament. **And** that this is my last will and testament I do acknowledge, which I did make any the presence of: Richard Stephens, William Saint Barbe, Giles Stephens, Richard Hartland, Leonard Branch

**Note:** Christopher Hopley was buried 1 May 1597 [Herefs. RO BO93/1]