

Anthony Lawrence of Eastnor, yeoman, 1620

Ref: TNA, PROB/11/137

In the name of God Amen. The sixteenth day of May 1620 , and in the years of the reign of our sovereign lord James, by the grace of God of England, Scotland, France and Ireland king, defender of the faith, viz. of England, France and Ireland the eighteenth and of Scotland the three and fiftieth, I Anthony Lawrence of Eastnor in the county of Hereford, yeoman, feeling myself not well but of good and perfect memory, I thank my lord God, do make this my testament containing herein my last will in manner and form following, viz. **First** and principally I bequeath my soul unto the Lord of heaven my maker, and unto Jesus Christ his only son, my redeemer, by whose precious death and passion I trust my soul shall be saved, and I bequeath my body to the earth to be buried in the church of Eastnor where my executor shall think convenient. **Item** I give and bequeath unto Mary my wife the use and occupation of all my goods within my house whatsoever, keeping herself sole and unmarried during her natural life. And after my wife's decease, to remain unto my son Simon and to his assigns. And if it shall happen my son to decease before his mother, then my will is that my wife and my son shall, with consent, together give and bequeath the goods before mentioned to whom they shall think best worthiest. **Item** I give and bequeath unto Mary my said wife the one half of all my corn and grain in the house and barn, and the one half of all the corn growing in the field; and three kine, two heifers of two years old and twenty sheep, the one half of my swine and my dun mare Coll. And if it shall happen my son to depart this mortal life before his mother, then in the like manner my will is that they shall, with consent, together bestow and give all these sorts of goods and cattle at their will and pleasure. **Item** I give and bequeath unto my said wife all my messuages, lands and tenements, commodities and profits belonging unto the same messuages at the Wayend, and the tenement late Thomas Kent, for and during her natural life keeping herself sole and unmarried, and after her decease to my son Simon and to his heirs and assigns. And if it shall happen my said son to depart this mortal life before his mother, then my will is that he shall neither sell, give, assign or set over the said messuages without consent of his mother and overseers hereafter named. **Item** I give and bequeath further unto Mary my said wife 20s. a year during her natural life and £10 at her decease, to give and bequeath at her will and pleasure, to be paid unto her by my executor. **Item** I give and bequeath unto John Beauchamp's seven children £7 in money, to be paid unto them within one year next after my decease. **Item** I give and bequeath unto Richard Bean's two daughters 20s. apiece to be paid unto them within one year next after my decease. **Item** I give and bequeath unto Walter Manloe and Margaret his wife 22s. in gold, and unto their two daughters 20s. apiece, to be paid within one year next after my decease. **Item** I give and bequeath unto three children of William Jauncy £6, viz. to John Jauncy, Mary Jauncy and Sarah Jauncy, to be paid unto them by their father of debts which he oweth unto me. And if he doth deny for to pay the said money unto the children as aforesaid, then it shall be lawful for my executor to take the said debt unto his own use. **Item** I give and bequeath unto Joyce the wife of Thomas Wade half a piece in gold, to be paid within one year after my decease. **Item** I give and bequeath unto Willliam Cox half a piece in gold. **Item** I give and bequeath unto Milbrowe Cox my daughter 40s. a year during her natural life, to be paid unto her by my executor at two feasts in the year, viz. at the Feast of St. Michael the Archangel, and the Annunciation of our blessed Virgin Mary by even portions, the first payment to begin next after either of the

Anthony Lawrence of Eastnor, yeoman, 1620

feasts that happen after my decease and Mary my said wife [sic], and not before. **Item** I give unto Mary Jauncy aforesaid one year-old heifer. **Item** I give and bequeath all the rest of my goods both movable and unmovable, chattels, debts, bills and bonds, my debts paid and my funeral discharged, unto Simon my son whom I make my sole and only executor of this my last will and testament, to see it performed according to the true intent and meaning thereof. **Also** I do nominate and appoint John Beauchamp and Richard Bean to be overseers of this my last will and testament. Anthony Lawrence
[No witnesses' names]

Probate, 2nd May 1621

Note: There is a gap in the Eastnor burial registers from April 1617 to January 1626 (Herefs. RO BO93/1)