

William Saintbarbe, prebendary of Hereford and parson of Eastnor, 1618/19

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In the name of the Father, the Son and the Holy Ghost, I William Saintbarbe, prebendary of the cathedral church of Hereford and parson of Eastnor, being diseased in body but whole in mind, do ordain and make this my last will and testament. **And** first I do bequeath my soul unto almighty God from whom I received the same beseeching him in mercy to receive it; and my body to be buried in the chancel of the church of Eastnor. **And** of my worldly goods I do thus dispose:

Imprimis to my brother Henry Saintbarbe, knight, I bequeath £40. **To** my nephew Edward Saintbarbe, £3. **To** my nephew George Saintbarbe, £4. **To** my niece Mistress Mary Payne, £3. **To** my cousin the Lord Yelverton, a ring of gold wherein my arms are engraven. **To** my niece Jane Hidden, £5. **To** my niece Anne Williamson, £3.

To my cousin Edward Hide, a grogeran and a damask cassock, a cloth gown faced with velvet, a cloth cloak faced with velvet, the works of [St.] Augustine, Stella his Commentaries upon Luke, Zanchin's [Girolamo Zanchi?] works in three volumes, Gwalter upon the Epistles and Gospels and the Centuries.

To the library of the church of Hereford I do give: *Theatrum Vitæ Humanæ* in three volumes, *Opera Gersonis* in four volumes, *Opera Ruperti* in three volumes, *Opera Gregorei Nazianzeni*, *Philonis Judæ Hillarii*, *Gregorei magni*, *Basilii*, *Irenæi*, *Epiphanii* and *Leonis magni*, *Cirilli*, Thomas Aquinas 'sumes' and his books *Contra Gentes* and the Turkes aliaron Remmisii *Opera contra Concilium Tridentium*, Heydon, *De Situ Urbis Jerusalem*.

To Dr. Thornton a book entitled *Dives and Pauper* in English. **To** my cousin Sadler the Spanish and French histories. **To** my cousin Nathaniel Stephens of Easton in Gloucestershire, Livy's *Decades* in English and the History of the Netherlands. **To** Mr. Westphaling, Plutarch's Lives and Morals in English. **To** Mr. Richard Cocks, the Venetian history and Stow's *Chronicle* augmented by Howes. **To** Mr. Dr. Griffiths, Vega *De Iustificatione*, Camsius *Catechism* and Thomas Aquinas his *Catena Aurea*.

To the lord bishop of Hereford, my bay mare, being of the age of six years. **To** Dr. Richardson, Platina *de Vitis Pontificum*.

To Mr. Gabriel Walwyn, a stuff gown faced with velvet and a cloak of stuff faced with satin.

To Mistress Elizabeth Walwyn of Newland, my best cow. **To** my godson Humfrey Walwyn, 22s. **To** my godson William Combie, 22s. **To** my goddaughter Ann Elton, 22s.

To my servant Anne Bach, my best flock bed, two pair of hurden sheets, a bolster, a pair of blankets, a blue rug and a wainscot chest. **To** John Sherman, 20s. **To** Francis Brannche, 20s.

To William Danford, three great chargers. **To** Margery the daughter of William Danford, 20s.

To Mistress Webley, three of my best cushions, four joined stools and a Bible with gilded leaves

To the poor of Ross, 30s. **To** the poor of Wellington above Hereford, 30s. **To** the poor of Eastnor, 30s.

Item all the tables, forms, cupboards, bedsteads, chairs locks, keys, the shelves, irons fastened to the walls about the chimney, and all the glass in the parsonage house of Eastnor, I do bequeath to my successor there for ever to remain in the said house.

The oversight whereof I do heartily commend to the chancellor of Hereford for the time being.

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And I will that at my funeral £5 be distributed unto the poor and £12 to be defrayed for other necessary charges of my burial.

And I do constitute and appoint Mr. John Webley and William Danford overseers of this my last will and testament. And in recompense of their pains I do bequeath to either of them 20s. **The rest** of all my goods, cattle and chattels, my debts being discharged and my funeral expenses defrayed, I do wholly give unto my brother George Saintbarbe, whom I do ordain sole executor of this my last will and testament. In witness whereof I have hereunto put my hand and seal. By me William Saintbarbe. Sealed and subscribed the aforesaid 19th day of March in the presence of Richard Cocks, Judith Cocks, George Saintbarbe, William Danford .

Probate 11 June 1619

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