

John Morse of Eastnor, dyer, 1612

Ref: Herefs. RO 17/1/16

In the name of God Amen. The 18th day of September in the year of the reign of our Sovereign

Lord James, by the grace of God King of England, Scotland, France and Ireland, defender of the faith etc., and that is to say of England France and Ireland the tenth and of Scotland the forty sixth, I John Morse of the parish of Eastnor in the county and diocese of Hereford, dyer, being sick in body but of good and perfect remembrance, laud and praise be to Almighty God, do make and ordain this my last will and testament in manner and form following, that is to say: first I bequeath my soul to Almighty God my maker and redeemer, assuredly trusting through his infinite goodness and mercy and the passion and death of our saviour Jesus Christ to be saved; and my body to be buried in Christian burial. **Item** I do give and bequeath unto John Morse my eldest son, out of my goods, the best furnace, my best pair of shears, two sheep and my must mill and stone, to be delivered unto him when he shall accomplish the full age of 21 years. **Item** I give and bequeath unto Martin Morse my son my other furnace, my second pair of shears, two sheep and one brown yearling heifer, to be delivered likewise unto him when he shall accomplish the full age of 21 years. **Item** I give and bequeath unto Richard Morse my son my third pair of shears, two sheep, a black yearling heifer and my bay mare with her colt and my greatest brass pan, to be delivered unto him when he shall accomplish the full age of 16 years, and he to pay unto Mary Morse his sister at the receiving thereof the sum of 40s. **Item** I give unto Mary Morse my daughter one tagged cow, two sheep, one featherbed, one bolster, two pairs of sheets, two blankets, one pillow, one cauldron, one brass pot and one coffer. **Item** all my goods, cattle, chattels and debts movable and unmovable whatsoever unbequeathed, I do give and bequeath unto Margaret Morse my wife. **Item** I do make Margaret my said wife my sole executrix of this my last will and testament to see all things performed as is before given and bequeathed. **In witness** whereof to this my last will and testament I have set my hand and seal the day and year above written in the presence of the persons subscribed: William Corveth (?), Thomas Lucie, Humphrey Johns, Johan Restell.

Probate 9 November 1612

Note: John Morce [*sic*], householder, was buried 20 September 1612. [Herefs. RO BO93/1]