

Humphrey Collins of Eastnor, husbandman, 1610

Ref: Herefs. RO 61A/2/78

In the name of God amen. The 19th of September in the year of our Lord God after the computation of the church of England 1610, I Humphrey Collins of Eastnor in the county of Hereford, being sick in body but of perfect memory, thanks be to God, having in mind the uncertainty of this life, knowing that nothing is more certain than death, and yet nothing more uncertain than the hour of death, do this said day, make and ordain this my last will and testament in manner and form following. **And first** I commend and bequeath my soul to almighty God my creator and to Jesus Christ my redeemer assuredly trusting through his infinite mercy and goodness and the merits of his passion and death of our saviour Jesus Christ to be saved and made partaker with him of his everlasting kingdom in heaven, and my body to be buried in the parish churchyard of Eastnor aforesaid.

Item I give and bequeath unto Thomas Collins my son my second best brass pot, my best cauldron. **Item** I give and bequeath unto my daughter Anne one flock bed in the cellar, one bolster one canvas and one bed-healing commonly used unto the same, two pairs of sheets hempen and hurden, one brass pot with a piece upon the brim, one kettle I say the least, two platters, one saucer and one saltcellar, one candlestick, and one old chest. **Item** I give and bequeath unto my daughter Joyce my best brass pot, one kettle of a gallon, two pewter platters, one saucer, one little candlestick and one chafing dish, one flock bed which I always lie upon, one bolster, one canvas, one bed-healing, two pairs of sheets hempen and hurden, one chest by my bedside, and one little 'brooche' [probably a spit].

The rest of my goods, cattle, and chattels whatsoever unbequeathed, that I do give and bequeath unto my said son Thomas whom I do make, constitute and ordain my only and sole executor of this my last will and testament. All former will or wills testaments, gifts or bequests I utterly renounce. **In witness** whereof I have hereunto put my hand the day and year first above written, in the presence of the witnesses subscribed.

Item provided always, I do constitute and appoint my son Thomas whom I make my sole executor to satisfy and pay only [illegible word] unto those whose names ensue viz:

Unto Anthony Reddyn 33s.

Item unto Thomas Stone, tanner, 20s.

Item unto John South 20s.

Item unto Richard Steward 9s. 4d.

Item unto Thomas Horne 20s.

Item unto Thomas Danford 10s.

Thomas Stone, Thomas Bache, Edwar[d] Radford

Probate 4 August 1614

Note: Humphrey Collins, widower, was buried 26 April 1614. [Herefs. RO BO93/1]