

John Bache of Eastnor, 1545/6

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In the name of God amen on the first day of March in the year 1545, I John Bache of the parish of Eastnor in the county of Hereford being sick in body and of perfect remembrance make this my testament in manner and form following. First and above all things I bequeath my soul unto almighty God my maker and redeemer and my body to be buried in the parish church of Eastnor. **Item** I do bequeath unto the high altar of the parish church of Eastnor for forgotten tithe, 6d. **Item** I give to Walter my son one bullock of two years of age, over and above the cattle that he hath in keeping now with me. **Item** I give to William my son one heifer with calf and two other heifers of two years old apiece. **Item** I give to Joan my daughter two bullocks of three years old apiece and above, four heifers of three years old apiece or above, my best bed with the appurtenances belonging thereto after the decease of Alice my wife, two pairs of sheets brazen pot, a brazen pan, with two pieces of pewter. **Item** I give to Margery my daughter one bullock of four year old, one heifer of four year old, three heifers of three year old apiece, my second bed with the appurtenances belonging thereto after the decease of Alice my wife, a brazen pot, a brazen pan, with one pewter dish. **Item** I give to Richard Collins my servant one heifer of a year old or more. **Item** I give to Robert my eldest son my best coat, my best doublet, my best hose, with one bullock of two year old. **Item** I give to Agnes Farr my sister one bushel of muncorn with a bushel of malt. **Item** I give to Thomas Bache my brother my second best coat, my second doublet, my second hose, with half a bushel of breadcorn. **The rest** of all my goods not gone given neither bequeathed my debts chiefly paid and my funeral expenses discharged, I give unto Alice my wife whom I make [my] whole executrix, she to bestow it as God shall [paper tear] fit in [paper tear] her mind for the wealth of [paper tear] ? [paper tear] **In witness** whereof to this [paper tear] put my seal this day and year above written. These being witness Sir Christopher Wallwen of Eastnor, Robert Bache, Richard Bache with divers others

These are the debts due unto John Bache:

Item John Barnard of Pendock £3 10s 2d

Item James Slyde of Ledbury oweth 7s.

Probate: 19 April 1547. Inventory £178 18s. [*Calendar of Hereford Probate Acts*, p. 348]