

John Webley the elder of Eastnor, yeoman, carpenter, 1665

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In the name of God, Amen. 1st August 1665 I John Webley of Eastnor in the county of Hereford, yeoman, being of perfect memory and remembrance, praised be God, do make and ordain this my last will and testament, in manner and form following viz. **First** I bequeath my soul into the hands of Almighty God my maker and redeemer, hoping that through the meritorious death and passion of Jesus Christ my only saviour, to receive free pardon for my sins, and as for my body to be buried in Christian burial. **Item** I give to my son John one joined bedstead in the chamber over the hall. And also one table board in the hall and a side table, and a chest in the room over the entry and one vessel and a pipe, and all the shelves that are fastened to the house. **Item** I give to Elizabeth Welland my grandchild all the timber that is down in the meadow by William Baches and all the timber in Goldhills Green to build her a house, and I give to her 19s 6d which John Coats oweth me. And also I give to her all the money which Richard Dicks oweth me, and I give to the said Elizabeth Welland one box (let her take her choice, and all within the box). And as for all the rest of my goods whatsoever and household stuff remaining in the house wherein I now live, I give to my daughter Elizabeth Welland and to my daughter Joan Bridge and to my grandchild Elizabeth Welland to be equally divided amongst them three. **Item** I give to my said daughters Elizabeth and Joan all my corn on the ground now growing, to be equally divided between them. **Item** all the rest of my goods, chattels and cattle, unbequeathed, I do give and bequeath unto John Webley, my son, whom I do make my sole executor of this my last will and testament, my debts and legacies paid and discharged out of the same, and my funeral expenses. **In witness** whereof I have set my hand and seal to this will, the day and year above written.

Signed, published and declared by the testator above named in the presence of John Hall, William Bach, Humphrey Morton, Richard Tomkins.

Probate 7 September 1665

An inventory indented of all the goods cattle, chattels, debts and credits of John Webley the elder, late of Eastnor in the county of Hereford, carpenter, deceased, truly and indifferently taken, rated and appraised, the 11th August in the 17th year of the reign of our sovereign Lord Charles 2nd by the grace of God of England, Scotland, France and Ireland, king, defender of the faith, by John Hall, Humphrey Morton, John Dugmore and Richard Tomkin as followeth viz.

In the chamber over the buttry:

Imprimis the deceased's wearing apparel and money in his purse, £2

Item 1 joined bedstead, corded and matted, 1 chest, 1 coffer and 1 box, £1

Item 1 old flock bed, 1 feather bolster, 2 old rugs, 1 old blanket, £1

In the chamber over the hall:

Item 1 joined bedstead, corded and matted, 1 low bedstead matted, 1 coffer, 1 chair and 1 low stool, £1 6s. 8d.

Item 1 feather bed and 1 feather bolster and 1 coverlet, £1 5s.

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Item 1 other feather bed, 1 bolster and 1 coverlet pawned for 20s., £2 5s. 4d.

In the chamber over the kitchen:

Item 1 old frame bed with other trumpery and 1 old coffer, 5s.

In the buttery:

Item 1 joined press, 1 meal trowe [trough], 1 powdering tub [tub in which meat or fish is salted or pickled], a pair of garden shears, 1 "towle", 1 skeel and 1 barrel, 2 frying pans, 1 search [or searce – a sieve or strainer made of bristles, used in dairy] 1 little "male", 1 tin watering pot with other trumpery there, £1 7s.

In the little buttery:

Item 1 spinning wheel, 1 bucking cowl, 3 axes, 1 hedge bill, 1 beetle [hammer used in hedging], 2 iron wedges, 1 whip saw [frame-saw with a narrow blade, used esp. for curved work], 1 mustard mill, 1 handsaw, 1 adze, 1 old scythe, 1 hatchet and other trumpery, £1

In the hall:

Item 1 joined table, 1 old table, 2 chairs, 1 still for roses, 2 chairs, £1 10s.

Item 3 brass pots, £1 10s.

Item 3 brass kettles and 1 warming pan, 16s.

Item 5 pewter dishes, 1 brass sconce, 1 smoothing iron, 1 peel [baker's ladle], 1 corne [a musical instrument, a horn or cornet?] and 1 ribb [flat iron tool used for cleaning flax after the breaking process], 14s.

Item 1 pair of tongs, 1 pair of cobirons, 1 gridiron, 1 spit, 2 wire candlesticks, 2s.

Item 1 little joined box with divers small things therein, £1

Linen

Item 3 pair of hempen and hurden sheets, 1 pillow beere, 1 hempen table cloth, 3 table napkins, 16s.

Item 1 old bag and pair of weights, 1s.

Item 1 spittle [small spade], 1s.

In the outhouses:

Item 3 hogsheads, 1 'pike' and 1 barrel, £1

1 beer barrel and 1 grindstone, 2s.

Item corn in the barn newly housed, £1

Item 3 ladders and the head of a bedstead, 6s.

Item 1 lease of certain lands in Eastnor for divers years yet to come, £40

Debts owing unto the testator:

William Turner, a couple of capons and 3s. 4d.

Thomas Stone, 6s.

Richard Abrahall, £3

Richard Careles, 4s. 6d.

John Dugmore, for rent arrears, 6s. 8d.

John Webley of the brook, 6s.

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Richard Maddocks, 5s. 2d.

John Fishpool, 6s. 9d.

Total £35 9s 9d

Debts owing by the testatator at the time of his decease

Item Owing unto Mr. John Hall of Bullen by speciality, £11 1s.

Item More to the said John Hall upon account, 11s.

John Hall, Humphrey Morton, John Dugmore, Richard Tomkins. Richard Cornewall.

Note: there is a gap in the burial registers from March 1641 until July 1666