

John Clinton of Eastnor, 1502

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In the name of God Amen. The 24th of September 1502, I John Clinton of Eastnor in the county of Hereford, being of sound mind and healthy memory make my testament in this manner. **First** I bequeath my soul to Almighty God, to blessed Mary and to all the saints, and my body to be buried in the chancel of Eastnor [church]. **Item** I leave to the cathedral church of the diocese of Hereford 12d. **Item** I leave to the parish church of Eastnor aforesaid 6s. 8d. and two torches [large candles]. **Item** I leave to the rector of Eastnor aforesaid, for tithe forgotten or owed, 20d. **Item** I leave to the Carmelite friars of Gloucester 2s. **Item** I will that there be held for my soul in the house of the said friars one trental of masses of St. Gregory. **Item** I will that Richard Clinton my younger son shall have and receive an annual rent of 5 marks arising out of my manor of Barton in Henmarsh in Worcestershire, having and receiving the said annual rent after my decease to the said Richard Clinton for the term of his natural life. **But the residue** of all my goods, after my debts paid and this my testament carried out, I give and leave to William Clinton my elder son and my executor, that he may dispose of them for the health of my soul and of the souls of the faithful departed, to their greatest benefit as shall seem best to him and pleasing to God, and to the greater profit of my soul and the souls aforesaid. **Moreover** of this my testament I make and constitute the said William Clinton my sole executor. Given the day and year abovesaid. **These being witnesses:** John Carewe, Thomas Langley rector of Pendock, Robert Wright rector of Eastnor church and many others.

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