William Houlder of Eastnor, husbandman, 1613/14

Ref: Herefs. RO 62A/1/79

In the name of God, Amen. I William Houlder of the parish of Eastnor in the county of Hereford, husbandman, being sick in body and of good and perfect mind and remembrance, thanks be to God therefore, do make and declare this my present will containing herein my last will and testament in manner and form following, that is to say: First and above all other things I give and bequeath my soul to Almighty God my creator and redeemer and, assuredly believing by the death and passion of my lord and saviour Jesus Christ, to have full pardon and remission of all my sins and offences and to be one of the elect children of God; and my body to be buried in Christian burial all in such manner and decent order as to my executor hereafter named shall be thought fit and convenient. And as touching such worldly portions and goods which I have received at God's most merciful hand, I do with good will and hearty thanks unto God for the same, yield them unto the world again to be employed and bestowed as followeth. Item I give and bequeath unto the cathedral church of Hereford 4d. Item I give unto my daughter Margaret the wife of Francis Rogge one yoke of oxen which are in keeping with Henry Green of Muchall; more I give unto her son John Rogge a yearling heifer. Item I give unto her daughter Elizabeth one black cow which is at hire with Richard Burnell. All the rest of my goods and cattle, movable and immovable I give unto Alice my wife, and also I make her my whole executor. And this I finish my last will, this 3rd day of March in the year of our Lord God 1613.

Witnesses hereunto Richard Barrett, John Barrett, Jane Weaver

Probate 4 August 1614

Note: William Holder [sic] was buried 8 June 1614 [Herefs. RO BBO93/1]