

## **Gilbert Collins of Eastnor, labourer, 1595**

**Ref: Herefs. RO 12/4/21**

**In the name of God Amen**, the 18<sup>th</sup> day of October in the year of our lord God 1595, I Gilbert Collins of Eastnor in the county of Hereford, labourer, being sick in body but (thanked be God ) of perfect memory, do make and ordain this my last will and testament in manner and form following. **First** I bequeath my soul to Almighty God my maker and redeemer by whom only I hope to be saved, and my body to be buried in the churchyard of Eastnor. **Next** as concerning my worldly goods, I bequeath them as followeth, that is to say: **First** I bequeath unto Joan my daughter one little coffer with lock and key. **Item** I bequeath unto the child which Eleanor my wife now beareth in her body, whether it be male or female the ('proffe' being towardly) my best brass pot and one pair of hurden sheets after the decease of the said Eleanor my wife. **Item** I bequeath to Giles the son of Francis Turner 12d. **All the rest** of my goods, movable or immovable, my debts and funeral discharged, I give and bequeath unto Eleanor my wife, whom I make my sole and only executrix. **Also** I do appoint Richard Careles and Francis Turner to be overseers of this my last will and testament.

**Witnesses** hereof: Edward Wilsher, Richard Careles, Francis Turner

Probate 19 October 1596

**Note:** Gilbert Collins was buried on 29 October 1595 [Herefs. RO B093/1]