

## John Elcox, Eastnor, yeoman, 1587

**Ref: Herefs RO 16/2/60**

**In the name of God** Amen, the 14<sup>th</sup> day of March in the year of our Lord God 1587. I John Elcox of Eastnor in the county of Hereford, yeoman, being sick in body but of perfect remembrance, thanks be unto God, do make this my last will and testament in manner and form following. **First** I bequeath my soul to Almighty God my Saviour and Redeemer and my body to be buried in Christian burial. **Item** I bequeath to my son Thomas Elcox £10 to be paid at the age of 21 years, and 4 years schooling, and the best brass pot. **Item** I give unto Mary my daughter £10 of good and lawful money of England at the day of her marriage or else at 21 years of her age, and the best cauldron. **Item** I give to my daughter Anne £10 at the day of her marriage and the second best cauldron. **Item** I give to my two brothers Humphrey and Thomas all my wearing apparel, my cloak only excepted. **Item** I give to my two godchildren Nicolas Tinker and John Butler 12d. apiece. **Item** I give to Thomas Elcox 5s., to John Tinker 5s., to Margaret Tinker 5s. **Item** I give to Thomas, Mary and Anne my children three kine at the day of their marriage, and then to be paid at my wife's day of marriage. **Item** Debts due unto me for a yoke of bullocks 40s. and 10 groats, to be set down at St. Mary day upon my rent. **Item** my master Thomas Murton doth owe me £3 3s. 4d., to be paid at St. Michael next ensuing. Also he doth owe me £5, which I am bound to John Wheeler to be set down on St. Mary day rent and then due unto me 3s. 4d. Florishe Bastarn of Dymock doth owe me 39s. due to me at St. Matthew's day last past was 12 month. William Turner of Eastnor oweth me £3 or else the use of the meadow called Kydley meadow for three years about [sic]. Hugh Roper of Little Marcle oweth me £4 to be paid at Holy Rood day ensuing. Thomas Wilton gentleman oweth me 48s. due at St. Mary's day next. Richard Gatley 20d. George Sitte 1 ½ bu. of muncorn. John Gwillium of Murton 22d. Thomas Seabourn for a cheese 18d. William Coxes of Murton 12s. 2d. due at Christmas last Turner's widow of Mitchel owes me 16s. Humphrey Elcox 20s. **Item** I owe to Wheeler 30s. **All** my goods unbequeathed and not given, I give unto Joan my [wife] to pay my debts, to bring up my children and to see me decently buried. And Joan my wife and Humphrey Elcox to be my executors, and my cousin Thomas Elcox, overseer.

**Witnesses** to this my last will and testament the day and year above written: William Clintorn, Humphrey Elcox, John Tinker

**Debts** now owing unto me John Elcox,  
Thomas Mavild 13s. 4d., to be paid at St. Mary day next.  
Francis Bache 13s. 4d., to be paid at St. Mary Day and Holy Rood day by equal portions.  
Roger Stone of Mitchel 10s. to be paid out of hand.  
William Holder, at St. Mary day next 13s.4d.,  
Peter Bucknell 9d.

No record of probate

**Note:** the parish registers contain no burial records 1578-1591. [Herefs. RO BO93/1]