

Richard Bache, husbandman, of Eastnor, 1591

Ref: Herefs RO 6/5/64

In the name of God Amen, the 23rd day of the month of October in the year of our Lord God 1591, I Richard Bache of Eastnor in the county of Hereford, husbandman, being sick in body but of good and perfect remembrance, laud and praise be unto Almighty God, do make this my present testament and last will in manner and form following. **First** and above all things, I give and bequeath my soul into the hands of Almighty God, my maker and redeemer, and my body to be buried in Eastnor churchyard. And as concerning my worldly goods: **First** I give unto my son-in-law Humphrey Collins one cow colour red to remain among his children to their profit, a sucking colt, the bed in the cellar, a board cloth, a three-strike bag, the best brass cauldron except one, the best pewter dish except two, two potingers, a chafing dish, one saucer, one salt cellar, a 'broach', my best coffer, two half pipes, a barrel of cider, a 'meel', the best pail except one, a skeel the meat is salted in, the little skeel, a strike of wheat, an auger, a mattock, a hatchet, an iron wedge. **Item** I give to my son-in-law Robert Hoverd one cow, the bed that I now lie on, a hempen board cloth, one towel, a four-strike bag, the two best pewter dishes except three, two potingers, one salt cellar, one saucer, a dripping pan, a 'brandard' [brandreth], one old coffer, two half pipes, a barrel of cider, a skeel, the best pail, the two best stools of beans, a little firkin, an axe, one iron wedge, one hand saw. **Item** I give to my son Thomas Bache one mare, one calf, one sheep, a 'barrowed' sow, two store pigs, the bed in the chamber, the best brass pot, the best pewter dish, a pair of cobirons, one potinger, one old pewter dish, one saucer, a pipe, a barrel of cider, an 'uting' vat, the must mill, the best stool of beans except two, all my corn (except a strike of wheat to Humphrey Collins, and one strike of rye to be sold to help to pay my debts), a little firkin, the rack of hay, a strike of apples, an auger. **Item.** I give to Humphrey Collins and Robert Hoverd three hogs and a sow that is with pig, hemp yarn and wool, half a strike of salt, two little vessels, the hay in the house, all my 'whore' apples (paying the tithe, and a strike of apples to Thomas Bache), all my 'acons', all my poultry equally to be divided betwixt the said Robert Hoverd and Humphrey Collins. **Item** The pasture that I do give to be divided betwixt Robert Hoverd, Humphrey Collins and my son Thomas. **Item** I will that all the clothes of the bed to be equally divided betwixt Robert Hoverd, Humphrey Collins and my son Thomas. **Item** I give to every bed a pair of sheets and to the worst bed three sheets. **Item** I give to the four children of Robert Hoverd and to his wife five sheep equally to be parted betwixt them. **Item** I give to Joan the daughter of Robert Hoverd a pair of pot hooks, one old cauldron, one little cauldron, the best candlestick, my best brass pot, a cupboard. **Item** I give to the four children of Humphrey Collins and to his wife five sheep equally to be parted betwixt them. **Item** I give to Joyce Collins one sheet, the least candlestick, a coffer. **Item** I give to Mary Collins a towel, a saucer, the best pewter dish except one. **Item** I give to Margery Grey one sheep. **Item** I give to the son of Thomas Bache one sheep, a salt cellar, an adze. **Item** I give to Joyce the daughter of Thomas Bache one sheep, a towel, the worst stool of beans. **Item** To Ann the daughter of Thomas Bache a sheep. **Item** I give to Ann the daughter of Humphrey Collins the lesser of the two cauldrons. **Item** I give to the wife of Robert Hoverd all my honey in the house, paying half a pint to tithing. **Item** To my maid Margery Moorrell, one sheep, a potinger. **Item** To my brother, John Bache my best coat, a pair of stockings, a pair of breeches, a pair of shoes. **Item** I give to my goddaughter Ann Burnell 12d. **Item** I give to my

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goddaughter Susan Gwatin 12d. **And** of this my present testament I make and ordain my son-in-law Robert Hoverd mine executor, and of the execution of this same will I make and ordain Robert Danford overseer. And I utterly revoke and annul all and every other former testaments, wills, legacies, bequests, executors and overseers by me in any wise before this time made named willed and bequested. These witnesses at the making of the will: Richard Grey, Robert Danford, Richard Gwatin, clerk.

Debts that Richard Bache did owe which he confesses upon his death bed

Imprimis to my maid Margery Moorrell 5s.

Item. To my cousin Thomas Bache 2s. 6d.

Item. To Alice Peert 12d.

Item. To Richard Grey 12d.

Item. For tithing wax 1 ½ d.

Sum 9s. 7 ½ d.

Probate: 5th December 1591

Note: the parish register records no burials for the autumn of 1591, but under 1592 has Richard Bache buried on 6 Nov. 1592, John Bache on 8 Nov. 1592 and Robert Bache on 13 Nov. 1592. Was this a slip of the pen as the clerk wrote up the register? [Herefs RO B093/1]