

Thomas Hopley of Eastnor, 1588

Ref. Herefs RO 23/1/84

In the name of God Amen, I Thomas Hopley of Eastnor in the county of Hereford, being sick in body but of perfect memory (thanks be to God therefore), revoking all former wills, do make this my last will and testament in manner and form following, that is to say: **First** I give and bequeath my soul to Almighty God my saviour and redeemer by whose precious death and blood-shedding I trust to be saved; and my body to be buried in the churchyard of Eastnor. **Item** whereas my father John Hopley demandeth of me 20s. in full satisfaction of all debts and duties that by any kind of ways or means are or should be due unto him, which said sum my will and meaning is that my executrix shall pay at such time as my said father and executrix between them agree upon. **All the rest** of my goods and chattels, moveable and immoveable, seeing my body honestly and decently brought on earth, my debts and legacies paid, I give unto Joan my wife whom I do make my full and whole executrix. I[n] witness whereof I have to this my last will put my hand the 28th day of December in the 31st year of the reign of our sovereign lady Elizabeth, by the grace of God queen of England, France and Ireland, defender of the faith, AD 1588.

Debts owing unto me: Henry Hornett of Wayend oweth me 12d.

Witnesses of this last will and testament: James Parry, Richard Grey, Lawrence Gwatkin, Christopher Hopley, Thomas Alderne, John Hatton

Probate 27 January 1588/9

Note: Eastnor parish registers have no burial entries from the end of 1578-1591. [Herefs. RO BO93/1]