

**Edward Bucknell of Eastnor, yeoman, 1693**

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28<sup>th</sup> March 1693

In the name of God, Amen, I Edward Bucknell of the parish of Eastnor in the county of [Hereford], yeoman, being weak and sick in body, but of sound and perfect memory and understanding, praised be God, but calling to mind the certainty of death and the uncertainty of the hour [thereof], do make and declare my last will and testament in manner and form following, hoping for salvation through the meritorious death and passion of my Lord and Saviour Jesus [Christ]. **Imprimis** I give, devise and bequeath unto my youngest daughter Mary, her heirs and assigns forever all that meadow ground called Cockwells Meadow lying near W[ey] Street in Eastnor aforesaid. heretofore lying in 2 parts or closes, and which I bought and purchased from Anthony Morton and William Bach, to have and to hold the same unto my said daughter Mary, her heirs and assigns forever. **Item** I give and devise unto my loving wife Mary a toft and certain parcels or [closes] of pasture and coppice or woodground called Martins, lying near to [Rowick] Green in Eastnor aforesaid, having the land of Thomas Cocks Esq. on the one [side] and the land of John Bacun on the other side, and which I bought and purchased of George Notteford, to have and to hold the same unto my said wife for and during her natural life. And immediately from and after the death and decease of my said wife, I give the same unto my said daughter Mary her heirs and assigns for ever. **Item** I give and devise unto my said wife the house wherein I now live with the appurtenances and all the [land] and tenements thereunto belonging and which I bought for lives, of and from [lost] Reed Esq and others, to have and to hold the same unto my said wife for and [during] her natural life. And immediately from and after her decease I give the same unto my eldest daughter Margaret for and during the term of her natural life. And I do hereby declare my will and meaning is that my said wife shall have the use of all my goods, household stuff, implements of household, stock, cattle and implements of husbandry during her natural life. And after her decease I give and bequeath unto my said daughter Mary 2 feather beds in the chamber over the parlour where I now lie, with all things thereunto belonging, and 2 cows or £8 at the election of my [said] daughter Mary to be paid after the decease of my said wife. And also the [residue of my] goods and household stuff and implements of household, stock, cattle and implements of husbandry, I give and bequeath unto my said daughter Margaret after the decease of my said wife. And my will and meaning is that my said wife shall within the space of [lost] months next after my decease give security to Anthony Morton and Humphrey Morton, whom I declare to be overseers of this my will, to pay the legacies and bequests of my personal estate hereby given unto my said daughters when they shall become due, or the value of my personal estate, at the election of my said overseers. And I do hereby make, constitute and appoint my said loving wife and my said daughter Margaret executors of this my last will and testament hereby revoking, annulling and making void all former and other wills and testaments by [me] made. In witness whereof to this my last will and testament I have put my hand and seal, the 28<sup>th</sup> day of March in the year of our Lord 1693. Edward Bucknell, his mark

Signed, sealed, published and declared to be the last will and testament of the testator and attested in his presence Anthony Morton, Humphrey Morton, Richard [illegible], Edward Bucknell

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