

Will of Richard Caple of Bosbury, esquire 1600

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In the name of God amen the 24th day of October Anno Domini one thousand six hundred, **And** in the two and fortieth year of the reign of our Sovereign Lady Elizabeth by the grace of God of England France and Ireland Queen defender of the faith & etc. I Richard Caple the elder of Bosbury in the Diocese and County of Hereford Esquire being sick in body but thanks be to Almighty God of good and perfect mind and memory calling to remembrance the frailty of this transitory life fearing further sickness whereby death in short time enough ensue, and minding to set my worldly things in some state in my life time rather than to prolong the same to the hour of my death do hereby make and declare my last will and testament in writing in manner and form following **That** is to say above all things I give and bequeath my soul to Almighty God my maker and redeemer trusting by the merits and passion of our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ to have forgiveness of all my sins and offences and to be one of the elect people of God my body I will to be buried in the earth from whence it came in such place where it shall please God. **And** the charges of my funeral and gift or allowances to the poor people I leave that to the consideration and discretion of my executor. **And** as touching such worldly goods as I have received at God's merciful hands I do render and yield them to the world again to be employed and bestowed as hereafter in this my last will is expressed that is to say I give and bequeath towards the reparations of the Cathedral Church of Hereford two shillings and six pence. **And** towards the reparations of the church of Bosbury twenty shillings to be distributed according to the discretion of my said executor Item I give to my son Anthony Caple twenty pounds **Item** I give and bequeath to my son Roger Caple and to his heirs forever, all my messuages lands tenements meadows leasowes pastures rents reversions and services situate lying and being coming rising or happening in Watten in the parish of Kingspenone [?King's Pyon] in the said County of Hereford or elsewhere in the said parish of Kingspenone [?King's Pyon] **Item** I give and bequeath to my said son Roger one hundred pounds of lawful money of England and one good featherbed with his furniture and also all my bedsteads table boards benches and wainscot which were brought from Sollers Hope to be paid and delivered unto him within one year after my decease **Item** I give and bequeath to Marie Caple my daughter the sum of two hundred marks of good and lawful money of England whereof the twenty pounds her grandfather Mr Anthony Washebourne did give unto her by his will be therein included **And** to be parcel of the said two hundred marks by me to her bequeathed to be paid and delivered to her the said Marie Caple at the time of her full age of twenty and one years if she be not married before that time then to be paid to her at the time of her marriage **Also** I give and bequeath to my brother John Caple the sum of ten pounds of good and lawful money of England to be paid to him within one quarter of a year next after my decease. **Item** I give to my brother William Caple five pounds. **Item** I give to my servant William Birch one cow. **Also** I will that the legacies or bequests which I have herein before bequeathed and given to my brothers John Caple and William Caple and to Anthony my son and to my said daughter Marie Caple shall be raised and paid out of my farm of Temple Court as far as the profits of the said farm will extend to perform and satisfy the same. **Item** my will is that if Milborough my wife at any time after my death shall put in good security

to Richard Caple my son for the safe keeping and redelivering again to him my said son at the time of her marriage or decease which shall first happen such household goods as shall be reasonably agreed upon between them the said Milborough and Richard Caple to save her necessary use then my will is that she shall have the use of such and the same goods so shall be by them agreed upon during the time she shall remain sole and unmarried. **And** if she do not marry at all then my will is that she shall have the same goods to her use during her life. **Item** my will is that my said son Richard Caple from time to time after my decease shall well and sufficiently maintain keep and bring up my said daughter Marie Caple with meat drink clothing and lodging according to her estate degree and calling until she shall be of full age or married. **Item** my will is further that whosoever shall practise go about move stir or procure to have to be done or executed any art or arts thing or cause whatsoever to infringe alter make frustrate or void this my last will and testament in part or in all that then, at all times from thenceforth all such legacy or legacies devise or devices hereby given bequeathed or devised to such person or persons and all such executorship and trusts as so shall practise go about move stir procure any such art or arts thing or things to be frustrate and void as though the same legacy or legacies devise or devices executorship or trust had never been given bequeathed devised or named **Item** my will is that all other wills theretofore by me made and devised shall be utterly void and of none effect. **And** that this shall stand remain and be my sole and last will and testament **All other** my goods and cattles my debts and legacies being paid I will and bequeath to Richard Caple my son whom I make my sole executor of this my last will and testament **And** if my son Richard Caple shall deny or refuse to be my executor of this my last will **Then** I will and make my said son Roger Caple my sole executor of this my last will and testament **In witness** whereof I the said Richard Caple the elder have hereunto put my hand and seal the day and year above said Mr Richard Caple his mark Sealed and delivered in the presence of Christopher Caple Walter Young William Caple the mark of Bartholomew Browning

Probate granted in London by John Gibson 14th day of May 1601 on the oath of Thomas Ward notary public on behalf of Richard Caple the executor named in the will.