

Henry Eastice

(1549-1590)

Last Will & Testament

In the name of God Amen, I Henry Eastice of the parish of Deale in the County of Kent, fisherman, being in perfect mind and memory thanks be to almighty God so makde this my last will and testament this XXXth daye of Aprile in the year of our Lord 1590 in for and manner as follows. First, I commit my body to be furied in tthe parish churchyard fo Deale hoping to have my sines pardoned by the death of Jesus Chirst. First, my will is that my pinase with appurtenances belonging thereto and one hempe pot lying before by gat shall remyn unto my three sons Rychard, Henry and Aron equally to be divided and if any of them or they shall happen to dye, then tthe one shall be the others heire and moreover my mind is that as as long as my wife shall keep herself a widow that she shall have the house, keping to wind tite and water tite neither skipping nor wasting, but if she shall happen to mary then my mind is that she shall have nothing to do with my house and household but presently to retorne unto my sonnes.

Item I give unto my wife my bort, and my best feather bed with one bolster an one coverlet, and the bedsteddel wherin it nowe standeth.

Item I give unto Rychard, one raper, and unto my sonne Henry one sword.

Item I give to my youngest sone Aron, a great chest with a flat lid and to my sone Henry, one great ship chest.

Item I give my sylver (silver) whistle unto my sonne Henry.

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Item I will that my wife shall sell one caliber, one handyoorne, and one crossbowe, for the bringing up of my children, and also all such planks, boards and timbers is about my place, my wife shall sell for the behaulf of my children.

Item I give unto Aron, my sonne a payr of diaper chests.

Item I give unto Henry my sone my clocke.

Item I give unto Aron my black breches.

Item I give my worst featherbed unto Aron my sonne.

Item I give unto Rychard my sonne, (one) diaper chest and one diaper tablecloth.

Item I give unto my wife firesheet and one small table with two lockes and syx (six) putere platters.

Item I give my beast (best) candlestick unto Aron, my sonne and the beast saving one unto Henry my sonne and the other unto Rychard.

Item I give my great table unto Aron my youngest sonne.

Item I will that my wife shall keep every year one tree as long as the ground shall aforde it, for fire.

Item I give to my sone Rychard, one sprat net and to my wife another and to eche (each) of my sonnes, a herryng net.

Item I give haufle (half) a barrel of tarr unto my wife.

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Item my will is that my sones shall come to ther part of the house when they come to the age of XIXth yeares.

Item I will that none of my sones shall sell ther part of my house to any man. I make my brother Robert Eastice my whole executore and my whole overseer.

A note of such debts as I owe I owne unto Myles ffuler (Miles Fuller) Xs (10 shillings) formost, which sum of money my house rent which I am to receyve (receive) of Thomas Swayne shall discharge.

Item Bryant Gibbons oweth me xviijs (17 shillings)