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Ref: Herefs. RO 60/3/27

In the name of God Amen, the 10th day of October in the year of our Lord God 1678 according to the computation of the church of England, I John Collinges of Eastnor in the county of Hereford, yeoman, being in perfect memory and remembrance, praised be God, do make and ordain this my last will and testament, in manner and form following. **First** I bequeath my soul into the hands of almighty God my maker, hoping that through the meritorious death and passion of Jesus Christ, my only saviour and redeemer, to receive full pardon and forgiveness of all my sins, and as for my body to be buried in Christian burial at the discretion of my executrix hereafter named. **Item** I give and bequeath unto my two daughters Joyce and Margaret all that meadow which I bought and purchased of Edward Knotesford, called Hillfield, with all the appurtenances thereunto belonging. To have and to hold the said meadow called Hillfield with the appurtenances unto my said two daughters Joyce and Margaret and to the heirs, executors, administrators, or assigns for ever from and after the death and decease of I [sic] and my wife. **Item** I give unto my daughter Mary the cider mill and the best bedstead in the cellar [or perhaps 'solar', an upper room] and the table board in the hall and the cupboard in the hall. **Item** I give unto my daughter Joyce the bedstead in the chamber. **Item** I give unto my daughter Margaret one brass pan. **Item** as for all the rest of all our goods, cattle, corn money or any other thing which is not here mentioned and disp[o]sed of after the decease of I [sic] and my wife shall be equally divided unto my three daughters Mary, Joyce and Margaret. **And** here I make my wife sole executrix of this my last will and testament.

In witness whereof I the said John Collings have thereunto put to my hand and seal the day and year firstabove written.

Sealed in the presence of Richard Tomkins, Ann Danford

Probate 28 April 1679

Note: There is a gap in the burial register between June 1678 and April 1734 [Herefs. RO B093/2 and 3]