

Will of Hester Gore, 1722

Hester was the sister of Thomas Speke of Hazelbury and close friend of Rev George Millard.

In The Name of God Amen I Hester Gore of Barrow in the County of Somerset but now of Hazelbury in the County of Wilts Spinster being weak in body but thanks be to God of a sound mind and memory do the nine and twentieth day of January in the year of our Lord one thousand seven hundred twenty one make and ordain this my last Will and Testament revoking all other wills by me made

First I give and bequeath unto **my brother Mr Edward Gore** seven hundred pounds
Item I give and bequeath unto **my sister Mrs Ann Speke wife of Thomas Speke of Hazelbury** aforesaid Esquire six hundred pounds I give and bequeath unto **my brother Mr William Gore** six hundred pounds item **I give to the poor of Box in the said county of Wilts ten pounds to be distributed amongst them by Mr Millard Minister of Box according to his discretion** Item I give to the poor of Barrow aforesaid the like sum of ten pounds to be distributed by my said brother Edward Gore as he shall think fit. Item I give to my servant maid Sarah Kaye twenty pounds and all my wearing apparel of linen and woollen except my wool suit and a pair of silver salvers I give to **my said sister Ann Speke** Item I give to **my niece Mrs Jane Blagrave** my gold watch chain seal and all that belong to it Item I give to **my godson Edward Moody** twenty pounds to be paid to his father for him in twelve months after my death Item I will that forty pounds be expended in my funeral and no more and that the same be done with as much privacy and decency as she think will admit of and **be buried by the vault my father lies in at Barrow** Item I will out of the interest money that is due to me on account of my fortune the several debts that I owe to my brother in law be punctually paid Item all the rest and residue of my good and chattels rights and credits I give and bequeath to my brother Edward Gore whom I make whole and sole executor of this my Will

IN WITNESS whereof I have to this my said last Will and Testament contained in this side of paper set my hand and seal the day and year above said Hester Gore signed sealed published and declared by the said Testatrix Hester Gore as her last Will and Testament in the presence of us who have subscribed our names in her sight
George Millard Wm James Lewis

Proved 26 October 1722