

William Eyres/Eayers of Mapledurwell, yeoman, 1670

In the name of God Amen. The six day of October in the year of our Lord God one thousand six hundred sixty and nine and in *the* twenty one year of the reign of our sovereign Lord King Charles by the grace of God King of England, Scotland, France and Ireland, King, defender of the faith and so forth I William Eayres of Mapledurwell in the county of Southampton yeoman, weak of body but of perfect memory, God be praised, I do make and ordain this my last will and testament in writing in manner and form following. **First** I give and bequeath my soul into the hands of Almighty God my creator, hoping only by the merits of Jesus Christ my saviour to be partaker of life everlasting, and I commend my body to the earth where of it was made. **I do** ordain all my debts to be paid as soon as maybe. **Item** I give and bequeath to my daughter Joan Eares ten pounds of lawful money to be paid out of the land when she shall come the age of one and twenty year old. **Item** I give and bequeath to my daughter Rose Eayers the sum of ten pounds of lawful money of England to be paid to her when she shall come to the age of one and twenty years. **And** if either of them shall die the other Joan or Rose, both the sums which in the whole is twenty pounds, shall be paid to her that outlives the other, and this I leave for my son to pay out of the land. **Item** I give to my wife Joan all my goods and cattle within doors and without and my land I leave with my wife till the heir be of age. **Item** I make my son and my wife Joan executors of this my last will and testament and I do appoint overseers of this my last will and testament and do give them for their pains twelve pence apiece Hinery Cooper and Robert Pitts.

Signed, sealed and [d] in the presence of us Robert Pitts
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the mark of William Eayres

An inventory of the goods and chattels of William Eayres late of Mapledurwell in the county of Southampton yeoman deceased, taken and appraised November the twenty ninth 1669 by us whose names are underwritten.

	£	s	d
Imprimis in the chamber where he died, his wearing apparel and money in his purse	2	10	0
Item a bedstead and the appurtenances thereunto	1	10	0
Item one pot, one skillet, two kettles	0	8	0
Item in nine dishes of pewter	0	12	0
Item in the hall a table, a cupboard, a form and a pair of andirons	1	0	0
Item in the barn wheat, barley, peas, vetches	5	0	0
Item a mare and two colts	4	0	0
Item in two cows	3	0	0
Item in two hogs and two pigs	2	0	0

The sum in all is 20 0 0

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John Marlen his mark
the mark of Hinerey Cooper
appraisers John Marlen
Hinery Cooper