

**Robert Kyfthull/Kiftell of Farleigh Wallop, yeoman, 1588**  
**Ref: Hants. RO 1588A/044**

The 17th day of December AD 1588

**In the name of God, Amen** I Robart Kyfthull of the parish of Farleigh in the county of Southampton, yeoman, being sick and weak of body, but of a perfect mind and memory, thanks be unto God, do make this my last will and testament in manner and form following. **Imprimis** I give and bequeath my soul into the hands of Almighty God my Creator and Maker, and my body to be buried in the church yard of Farleigh Dummer. **Item** I give unto Dummer church 6s 8d. **Item** unto the poor of Dummer parish 20d to be bestowed at the discretion of the overseers of this my will and testament. **Item** my will is that my brother W[illia]m Kifthull of Nortington shall enjoy all my lands at the said Nortington and also Swarraton under this condition: that he shall quietly suffer my brother in law Richard Weston and his wife to enjoy his living at Dummer, so long as my brother W[illia]m Kyfthull shall live, and also to pay unto Joane Webbe my daughter being now a widow dwelling in Newbury the sum of 20s yearly unto the end and term of six years next after my decease. **Then** these six years being ended, this land aforesaid to remain unto my brother W[illia]m and to his heirs forever. **Item** my will is that my son in law Robart Reignard and my daughter Agnes Reignard his wife, shall immediately after my decease, enter and quietly enjoy that whole living wherein they now dwell, as at that present time they shall find it during their or either of their natural lives. **And also** I give unto W[illia]m Reignard their son, a lease of that tenement in the parish of Dummer for the term and space of twenty one years next after ensuing their decease, and further if it chance by the providence of God that the said W[illia]m Reignard decease before the term of 21 years be fully expired, that the said lease shall remain and be distributed among the rest of his brethren and sisters and to the longest liver of either of them, yielding and paying unto my brother Philipp Kyfthull or to his heirs 12d by the year and afterwards the tenement of Dummer abovesaid with the appurtenance thereof to remain to my brother Philipp Kyfthull and to his heirs forever. **Item** my will is that Elizabeth Edmundes shall quietly have her chamber wherein now she dwells and abides during her life. **Item** I leave and give unto my wife Alice Kyfthull my living wholly at Farleigh during her natural life under this condition that she, the said Elizabeth, shall not molest nor trouble my brother William Kyfthull and my son in law Robart Reignard with any of their parcel of [...] lands at Nortington and of my tenement in Dummer above specified and that she keep, maintain, repair and sustain all manner of houses making no spoil or waste in woods or underwoods, growing and being upon the said living at Farleigh, and after her decease it shall remain unto my brother Phillippe and to his heirs forever, she yielding and paying unto my brother Phillippe and to his heirs 10s yearly during her life. **Item** Alice Kyfthull my wife shall give and pay unto Alice Kyfthull my daughter forty pounds of current English money when she shall be eighteen years of age, or at the day of her marriage, but if it chance that Alice my wife decease and die before the child come to be of the age of eighteen years, that then my brother Phillippe and his heirs shall have the overseeing and looking unto of Alice my daughter and also of her legacy. **Also if** my daughter Alice chance to die before she be of eighteen years of age, or day of her marriage, then my wife Alice Kyfthull shall bestow 20 pounds of English money of the said legacy among my kindred as my brother Phillippe or his heirs shall see good, my wife receiving the other 20 pounds unto her own use. **Item** I will that my wife do restore

and give unto Ollaffe Ryder of Newbury a cow within one month after my decease and death, the which cow was given unto her by Olyver Kyfthull my son. **Item** I will my wife to give unto W[illia]m Webbe my daughter's son a cow bullock at the age of three years and also unto the rest of my daughter Joanne Webbe her children each of them a sheep. **Item** I leave my wife Alice Kyfthull my full, whole executor discharging all my debts and charges. **Item** my will is that all the deeds of my lands be delivered unto my brother Philip Kyfthull after my decease. **Last of all** I request and appoint overseers of this my last will and testament Philipp Grant and John Gould and for their pains I give them 13s 4d. **In witness** whereof I set hereunto my hand the day and year above written.

In the presence and sight of  
Thomas Lloyd curate of Cliddesden  
W[illia]m Grant his mark  
John Collier his mark  
John Kyftell

the mark of Rob[er]t Kifthull

Probate granted 9 April 1589 to John Cooper of Dummer, husbandman, John Collier of Micheldever

Disputed 23 March 1593

### **Summary of Court paper in Latin accompanying the will**

Testamentary business on behalf of Alice Kiftell alias Cooper executrix of the will of Robert Kiftell of Farleigh deceased and John Kiftell son of Philip Kiftell and heir of Robert, against Robert Rain(ard?) and his wife Agnes, daughter of Robert Kiftell

John Bonde produced his authority (presumably as overseer) to act on behalf of Alice Kiftell and John Kiftell, and alleged that Robert Kiftell made his will while of sound mind and memory, appointed his wife Alice as executrix and disposed of his goods, lands and chattels as in the attached paper. The will was written out and read to Robert Kiftell, who approved and signed it with his own hand. John Bonde asked for his allegation to be admitted and for justice for himself, Alice and John.