

Richard Aclowe, or Taylor, of Mapledurwell, husbandman, 1551

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In the name of God Amen. The year of our Lord God 1551 and of the 5th year of the reign of King Edward the VI the supreme God of England, Ireland both of the spirituality and [cofensse?] and the 3rd day of April I Richard Aclowe, otherwise known as Richard Tayler of Mapledurwell in the county of Southampton husbandman, do make this my last will and testament. **First** and chiefly I bequeath my soul to Almighty God my creator and redeemer and my body to the earth. **I bequeath** to Elesebeth my wife my best bed, a pair of sheets, a [blackbere], a coverlet, my best brass pot, one cow, 12 sheep, 2 lambs, one coffer, one mare. **Item** I will that my wife shall enjoy all such cattle and household stuff as she gave to me at the time of our marriage. **Item** she shall have all my corn in the field accept that which is bequeathed. **Item** I will to my daughter Agnes a bed, a pair of sheets, a coverlet, a cow with her calf, 10 sheep, one brass pan, 4 pieces of pewter, one coffe, 2 lambs, ten? acres of wheat with my best harness. **Item** I will to Thomas Whyte 4 sheep with my plough chains, scales and [.....] and 2 pairs of harrows. **Item** I will Thomas Whyte to have my corn and him to give to the other 3 there parted in money by the disposition of Thomas Whyte and John Kynge. **Item** I will to either of Thomas Whyte Tayler a lamb if it will [.....]. **Item** will to my daughter [Ratsy] 2 pieces of pewter with a bed heling. **Item** I will to the poor one bushel of wheat to be taken and distributed where need is. **Item** I will to John my son? 10 sheep, a brass pot, 3 pieces of pewter, one coffer, one acre of wheat, one acre of dredge, one colt with the old implements of the [.....] to remain to his use with a [.....]. **Item** I will to Thomas Andrewe? one lamb? **Item** I will to Jese my son 2 sheep to be divided betwixt his 2 children. **Item** I will to Richard Sawyer? 12d to his [.....]. **Item** I will to [.....] a pair of heifers, a cupboard, my [....] petticoat. **Item** I will to either of my godchildren 2s the piece. **Item** I will Thomas Whyte and John Kinge to be the overseers of this my last will and testament and John Kinge to have for his pains 10d? [....] a [....], a pair of scales which he has in his possession. **Being** the witness to this my will Sir John my curate, Sir Edward Motts clerk, Thomas Andrewe?, John Kynge, Thomas Whyte with others.