

Margaret Mathew of Upton Grey, widow, 1568

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In the name of God Amen the 19th day of March in the year of our Lord God 1567, I Margaret Mathew of the parish of Upton Grey in the county of Southampton widow, do make this my testament and last will in manner and form following. **First** I bequeath my soul to Almighty God the maker and redeemer thereof and my body to be buried in the churchyard of Upton Grey aforesaid. **Secondly** I give and bequeath the lease of Wastes ground to Thomas Mathew my son and I will that the said Thomas do suffer his brethren James Mathew and Ambrose Mathew my sons, to have each of them a close, they paying rent therefore if so be they stand in need. **Item** I give my sheep to the children of Thomas Mathew my son indifferently to be divided amongst them. **Item** I give to Ambrose Mathew my son a brass pot of 4 gallons. **Item** I give to James Ambrose and Thomas my sons, to each of them £2 of the rent of Wastes which rent is in the hands of John Lee of Herriard gentleman. **Item** I will that Thomas my son do give to the poor people of the parish of Upton Grey aforesaid 2 bushels of wheat to be baked in bread and given them once every year for the space of 14 years. **Item** I give to the mother church of Winchester 4d. **Item** I give to Nycholas Mathew a ewe and a lamb. **Item** I will my son Thomas Mathew to be my sole executor. **Item** I will John Grene and Thomas Ranger to be my overseers to see my will performed, and they to have for the pains taking 2s apiece. **All the** rest of my goods movable and unmovable unbequeathed I give to Thomas Mathew my son my executor aforesaid. Witnesses John Barr clerk and Richard Lee.