

Christopher Fry/Frye of Mapledurwell, husbandman, 1664

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In the name of God Amen. The thirteenth day of November Anno Domini 1663 and in the fifteenth year of the reign of our most gracious sovereign Lord Charles the Second by the grace of God King of England, Scotland, France and Ireland – defender of the faith etc, I Christopher Frye of the parish of Mapledurwell in the county of Southampton husbandman, being of good and perfect mind and memory (thanks be therefore given to Almighty God), do make and ordain this my last will and testament in manner and form following. **First** and principally I commend my soul into the hands of Almighty God my maker and creator hoping and assuredly trusting that after this life ended I shall be received into his everlasting kingdom through the only merits, death and passion of Jesus Christ my saviour and redeemer and by no other merits or means whatsoever. **And** my body being earthly I commit the same to the earth again to be interred and buried by the discretion of my executrix and overseers hereafter named. **And** for such temporal goods whereof the Lord of his bounty has bestowed on me in this life I will, devise and bequeath the same in form following. **First** I will that all such debts as I duly or truly unto any man shall be truly paid in as convenient time as may be after my decease, which being done and performed then I give and bequeath unto the poor people of the parish of Mapledurwell aforesaid ten shillings of current English money to be paid and distributed amongst them by the discretion of my executrix hereafter named at the time of my burial. **Item** I give to the church of Mapledurwell aforesaid five shillings of like money. **Item** I give and bequeath unto my son William Frye one cupboard and a table now being in the hall of my dwelling house at Mapledurwell aforesaid, one furnace and yoting vat, one quern to grind malt, my best bedstead, bed, bolster and all things thereto belonging; only my will is that my wife shall have the use of all the same goods during her natural life, she continuing sole and unmarried. **And** if my said son shall fortune to die or depart this life before my said wife then I will that she, my said wife, shall have the full disposing and giving away of the said goods so by me given and bequeathed to my said son. **The rest** and residue of all and singular my good, corn, cattle, monies and other things whatsoever I give and bequeath unto Elizabeth my wife whom I make and ordain to be the full and sole executrix of this my said last will and testament. **And** overseers of this my said will I do make my well beloved friends my brother in law Thomas Rabbats and my cousin William Rabbats desiring them to be aiding and assisting to my said executors to see this my said will performed unto each of which for their pains to be therein taken I give and bequeath 2 shillings and 6 pence apiece of current English money. **And** I do hereby revoke and distance all former wills by me made and I will that none of them shall stand in force but only this my said will.

In witness whereof I have hereunto set my hand and seal the day and year first above written.

Published and declared to be the will of the said Christopher Frye. That if his son die before his wife and leave any child that the four goods mentioned to be given his said son shall be *given* to the same child.

Witness John Borne senior

Proved in the Archdeacon's court at Winchester

The mark of Christopher Frye

Witnesses Thomas Robarts

William Robarts his mark

John Borne senior

In this inventory or writing indented is contained all and singular the goods and chattels of Christopher Frye late of Mapledurwell in the county of Southampton husbandman deceased, as the same were seen, taken, valued and appraised the fourth day of February Anno Domini 1664 and in the seventeenth year of the reign of our most gracious sovereign Lord Charles the Second by the grace of God King of England, Scotland, France and Ireland defender of the faith by John Plot of Andwell near Mapledurwell aforesaid yeoman, Roger Smith of Mapledurwell aforesaid yeoman, Thomas Rabbats of Deane in the county aforesaid husbandman and William Rabbats of Winslade in the county above husbandman as follows.

	£	s	d
In his lodging chamber			
Imprimis his wearing apparel and money in his purse	18	0	0
Item a feather bed, two flock bolsters, five feather pillows, a pair of blankets, a coverlet, a pair of sheets, bedstead and mat	3	0	0
A little truckle flock bed, two pillows, a sheet, a blanket, a coverlet and some lumbar	0	11	0
Item two table cloths, a dozen of napkins, a pair of lockoram sheets and a canvas sheet	1	4	0
Sum	£22.15.00		

In the chamber over his lodging chamber			
Item a feather bed, a feather bolster, two blankets, a pair of sheets, a coverlet, bedstead, mat and cord	3	10	0
Item eleven pieces of pewter great and small, a pewter flagon, a candlestick, a salt, six pewter spoons, and three brass spoons, three pewter saucers, two pewter porringers and a pewter chamber pot	1	10	0
Item a chest, three coffer, a box, two tables and a table board and some lumbar	1	0	0
Item his cheese and about twelve pounds of hops with some books	1	10	0
Sum	£07.10.00		

In the buttery and room going into it

Item five barrels, two of them with beer, two stands, a salting trough and a tub with some salt in it	0	19	0
Item a beam with scales, two weights, Two wedges with some lumbar	0	10	0
Item eight flitches of bacon	6	0	0
Sum	£07.09.00		

In the hall

Item a round table and frame, and five joined stools	2	5	0
Item three chairs, a cupboard, two spits, a fire shovel and tongs, four brass skillets, a brass mortar and pestle, a brass pan, four brass kettles, a brass pot, a warming pan and two brass candlesticks	1	10	0
Item a skimmer and basting ladle, two pair of cotterells a [fender], a pair of andirons, a gridiron with other lumbar	0	10	0
Sum	£04.05.00		

In the milkhouse, malthouse and roome over the malt house

Item a meal, kiver, a butter churn, two trays], three bowls three tubs, three buckets and other lumber	1	2	0
Item two tubs, a [hog] tub and other lumber	0	6	0
Item a flock ed and bolster and sheets a coverlet, two [...erdrapes] and a curtain			
Sum	£12.19.00		

In the kitchen and east loft

Item a quern, a yoting vat, a brass furnace, a cheese press a brewing tub and other Lumbar	3	5	0
Item three quarters of peas a linen wheel and a woollen wheel, a pair of stock cards and other lumber	3	5	0
Sum	£06.05.00		

In the loft over the hall

Item about three quarters of wheat, three quarters of barley, six bushels of oats, and eleven sacks	7	16	0
Sum	as shown		

In the stable and backside

Item three mares, harness for them and other lumbar	10	0	0
Item a long cart, two pairs of chairs, a dung cart, a plough, four harrows and iron gear to them belonging	6	0	0
Item five young shoots, three cows and three bullocks	13	0	0
Item the wood in his house and backside	1	10	0
Item his well bucket, rope and chain	0	3	0
Item his hay and vetches in two ricks	4	0	0
Sum	£34.14.00		

In the barn

Item his wheat, barley and oats there	14	0	0
Sum as shown			

In the fields

Item four score and one sheep	20	0	0
Item twelve acres of wheat and an acre of vetches	12	0	0
Sum £32.00.00			
Sum total	139	11	0

John Platt, the mark of the said

Roger Smithe signature

Marks of Thomas Rabbats and William Rabbats