

James Mathewe of Hoddington, Upton Grey, yeoman, 1604.

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The 28th [missing] of December in the second year of his majesty's reign 1604. A note of the distribution of the estate and goods of James Mathewe of Hoddington in the parish of Upton Grey to be in manner following vizt.

First in deed of gift of [...] his goods (~~except his beasts~~) to his son Bryan.

Then as assignment of the lease of the farm to the said Bryan.

The said Bryan in consideration hereof to be bound to Thomas Kinge of Upton yeoman and to Thomas Hobbs the younger of Beworth in the parish of Cheriton yeoman to pay unto

1 bond	James Mathew	£20)	and 10 ewe sheep to be delivered forthwith and
	Thos Mathew	£20)	the money to be paid at their several ages
	Nicholas Mathew	£20)	of 21 years
	and 4 ewe sheep)	
	presently)	

2 bond	Agnes Mathew	£10)	and 4 ewe sheep presently payable at the age
	Izard Mathew	£10)	of 18 years or at their day of marriage first
	Joan Mathew	£10)	happening

~~To the wife of Roger Nowel of [omitted] 4 sheep.~~

To Marye the wife of John Vicarye of Weston aforesaid 10 ewe sheep.

The said Bryan yearly to yield unto James Mathew his father during his natural life, sufficient and convenient meat, drink, lodging and apparel and 40s a year to be paid quarterly and also his bees for himself to dispose of at his pleasure. **And upon** his dislike hereof to have £12 a year and his bees at his own election during his natural life.

The said Bryan is also to yield unto Thomas. Mathew, Nicholas Mathew and unto the three sisters aforesaid meat, drink and apparel until their several ages as aforesaid and he the said Bryan to have [missing] benefit of their several labours until the [missing] of their ages aforesaid.

To this agreement the said James Mathew and others have subscribed their names.

The mark of James Mathew

In the presence of us

Thomas Harris

Thomas King

Thomas Hobbs

Probate granted 9 January 1604 to Brian Mathew, son.

An inventory of all and singular the goods, chattels and debts of James Mathewe late of Hoddington in the parish of Upton Grey in the county of Southampton yeoman deceased, taken, valued and appraised the third day of January AD 1604 according to the computation of the Church of England and in the second year of the reign of our most gracious sovereign Lord James by the grace of God King of England, France and Ireland defender of the faith and of Scotland the eighth and thirtieth by Thomas Kinge, Gyles Kember, Ambrose Bickner, Thomas Mathewe the elder and James Lyall as follows:

	£	s	d
Imprimis his apparel	1	13	4
Item two bedsteads, two feather beds, two pairs of sheets, two coverlets with the blankets, pillows and bolsters thereunto belonging	3	0	0
Item three flock beds with the bedstead and all other the things thereunto appertaining	2	0	0
Item one chest and five small coffers	0	7	0
Item five pairs of sheets	0	13	8
Item four tablecloths and fifteen table napkins	0	12	6
Item three cupboards	1	0	0
Item one table, six joined stools, two forms and two table planks	0	12	0
Item three chairs and six cushions	0	5	0
Item one kiver, three barrels and five firkins	1	5	0
Item one furnace, two vats and one powdering trough	1	1	0
Item three tubs, three buckets, one cheese press, one butter churn and all other old things in the same place	0	11	0
Item one quern and a bolting which	1	1	0
Item two pots, two skillets and one pan	1	1	0
Item five brass kettles	0	8	8
Item four spits, one pair of andirons, one gridiron, one dripping pan, one pair of pot-hangers and one pair of pothooks	1	0	0
Item two mattocks, two axes, three bills, three shovels, five wedges, one scythe and a prong	0	9	0
Item four brazen candlesticks and one brass mortar and pestle	0	3	4
Item pewter platters, dishes and salts of all sorts, 14 pieces	0	19	0
Item one skimmer, one ladle, trenchers, dishes and spoons and two leather bottles	0	4	0
Item one corslet and a caliver	0	17	0
Item bacon, cheese and butter	5	0	0
Item the bee stalls in the garden	1	1	0
Item seven cart horses, their cart harness and plough harness with all other furniture thereunto belonging and 5 colts	21	0	0

Item three ironbound carts with corn lines and wood ropes	3	6	8
Item two ploughs with all furniture to them belonging and two pairs of harrows	1	2	0
Item five oxen	10	0	0
Item thirteen kine and a bull	18	0	0
Item seven small bullocks	4	17	0
Item eight calves	2	13	4
Item eighteen hogs and pigs	2	0	0
Item nine score wethers	40	0	0
Item one hundred and sixteen ewes	24	0	0
Item three score tegs and four rams	9	10	0
Item seven geese, ducks, hens and other poultry	0	14	0
Item the wheat in the barn	24	0	0
Item all the barley and malt	21	0	0
Item the oats and dredge	5	10	0
Item all the vetches, peas, tills and hay	5	0	0
Item all the wheat and vetches growing upon the ground	31	0	0
Item six sacks, one hair and one screen	0	13	4
Item one lease of the farm of Hoddington aforesaid held of Sir Richard White for certain years to come	40	0	0
Item for old books, cups, glasses, dishes, spoons and for all other things whatsoever in the same house being things of small value and herein not particularly mentioned	0	13	4
Sum total	290	5	2

Wednesday 9th January 1604 in the lodging house called the White Horse in the City of Winchester in front of Thomas Ridley lawyer, and in the presence of Lancelot Thorpe, notary public, Brian Mathew, the son of the deceased. **This** writing is the ultimate wishes of the deceased and swore that his father disposed his goods in all respects as in this writing is contained and caused the same to be written and subscribed the same with his own hand and further said that he was of very good and perfect memory at the doing of the [p..unsses]. **Thomas** Harris gent., Thomas King and Thomas Hobbes swore that this was said by the said James. **They** said moreover that on the 28th day of December they were entreated to go to the said Jeames then lying sick, and they went to him and he then declared his will and meaning for the disposing of his goods in all respects as in this writing aforesaid is contained, and caused the same to be written in such sort as it is by his own discretion and appointment, and did subscribe his mark thereunto and desired that all things might be done in all respects as in the said writing is contained. **And** further they say that he was then of very good and perfect memory and that the said writing was read to him deliberately, and that they all persuaded him to be well advised thereabouts, and the said Jeames then told them that he would not alter it and

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desired that he might not be further troubled for that it was his full intent and meaning to have it so as it is in the said writing contained.

Thomas Ridley Thomas Harris Thomas King

Thomas Hobbes his mark

Probate granted the 9 day month of January 1604-5 to Brian Mathew, son of the deceased to execute all the goods and chattels of James Mathew according to the wishes expressed in the note.