

William Clapshaw/Clapshew of Mapledurwell, yeoman, 1658

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In the name of God Amen. The sixth day of June in the year of our Lord God one thousand six hundred fifty and seven, I William Clapshaw of Mapledurwell in the county of Southampton, yeoman, 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**, I commend my soul into the hands of Almighty God my creator and redeemer, hoping and steadfastly believing in and through the merits of Jesus Christ my only Lord and saviour to be made partaker of life everlasting. **Item**, I give to the reparation of the church of Mapledurwell aforesaid twelve pence, and to the poor of the same place three shillings to be bestowed amongst them in bread. **Item**, I give to my son John Clapshaw the sum of five pounds of current English money and to William his son ten shillings of like money and to Joane, Anne and Elizabeth his daughters five shillings apiece of like money. **Item**, I give to my daughter Mary Fry, the wife of John Fry, five pounds of current English money and to Anne, Anice and Elizabeth her daughters, five shillings apiece of like money. **Item**, I give to my daughter Anne Scott, widow, ten pounds of current English money, and to Thomas, John and William her sons, five shillings apiece of current English money, and to Rebecca her daughter five shillings of like money. **Item**, I give to my daughter Elizabeth Wake, the wife of Thomas Wake, five shillings of current English money. **And** to Rebecca my daughter I give five pounds of current English money. **All** which said legacies before by me bequeathed to my said children and grandchildren I will shall be paid to them and the parents of the grandchildren within twelve months next after my decease. **Item**, I give all the residue of my goods, cattle, chattels, implements of household and household stuff unto Margaret my beloved wife whom I make the sole executrix of this my last will and testament; and overseers of the same I make and ordain my said son John Clapshaw and my said son in law John Fry unto oath of which for their pains to be therein taken I give and bequeath ten shillings apiece of current English money and I do hereby revoke and disanull all former wills by me made and I will that none of them shall stand in force but this my said will. **In witness** hereof I have hereunto set my hand and seal the day and year first above written. **The mark** of the said William Clapshawe signed, sealed, published and declared to be the last will and testament of the said William Clapshawe in the presence of the mark of John Hooker, John Barne.

This will was proved at London the sixth day of October, one thousand six hundred fifty eight, before the judges for probate of wills etc by the oath of Margaret Clapshaw the relict sole executrix etc to whom administration was committed she being first by commission sworn truly to administer.