

**Nicholas Mathew of Mapledurwell, yeoman, 1646**

**Ref: Hants. RO 1646A/53**

**In the name of God Amen.** The three and twentieth days of February in the year of our Lord God one thousand six hundred forty and four I Nicholas Mathew of Mapledurwell in the county of Southampton, yeoman, weak of body but of perfect memory, God be praised, do make and ordain this my last will and testament in writing and in manner and form following: **First** I commend my soul into the hands of Almighty God my creator hoping and steadfastly believing by and through the only merits of Jesus Christ my Saviour to be partaker of life everlasting. **And** I commend my body to the earth whereof it was made. **Item** I give to the parish church of Mapledurwell aforesaid twenty shillings. **Item** to the poor of the said parish twenty shillings. **Item** I give and bequeath to my son John Mathew the two beds, bedsteads and the other furniture belonging to them now standing in my now dwelling house in the loft over the buttery. **And** I give and bequeath to John my said son three hundred pounds. **Item** I give and bequeath unto him the lease with the estate and interest of my land lying and being in Swarraton in the county of Southampton that I hold by lease from Mr Cobb. **Item** I give and bequeath to my daughter Alice Mathew three hundred pounds. **And** my will and meaning is that my executors hereafter named shall have the custody and keeping of my three children Gregory, John and Alice. **And** my said executor shall take the rents, issues and profits of all my lands and tenements yearly and therewith to pay such legacies as is in this my last will before given, and the said portion or legacies to be paid unto them when they shall accomplish the age of one and twenty years. **And** if any of my said children do die before he or she shall have survived their said legacy, that then I will the portion of him or her to die shall be paid unto the rest surviving. **And** also my will is that my executors and overseers hereafter named to have that care and to have the estates of the copyholds renewed and filled up at such times as occasion shall serve for the same for the best benefit of my said children. **Item** all the rest and residue of my goods and debts, chattels, corn, household stuff movable and unmovable not before given in this my last will and testament I give and bequeath unto my sons Gregorie Mathew, John Mathew and Alice Mathew my daughter to be equally divided among them. **And** upon the great hope I have and trust to find in my loving friends John Hacke and William Archer my brother in law, I do make and ordain them my executors of this my last will and testament and Edward Goodyer and John Clapshoo my overseers, desiring them to see this my last will truly and faithfully in every gift and legacy herein given performed, fulfilled and paid according to this my true meaning. **In witness** whereof I have to this my present last will and testament subscribed my name the day and year above written

Nicholas Mathew

Published the day and year above written to be the last will and testament of me the said Nicholas Mathew in the presence of

James Upton  
Henry Smith, his mark

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Daniell Scott, his mark

An Inventory of the goods and chattels of Nicholas Mathew late of Mapledurwell deceased the third day of June in the year of our Lord 1645

	£	s	d
<b>Imprimis</b> his wearing clothes	8	0	0
<b>In the parlour</b>			
Two tables, one cupboard, one chair, nine joined stools	1	10	0
<b>In the hall</b>			
A table and cupboard and form and two chairs and a stool	0	10	0
<b>Item in the loft over the parlour</b>			
One bed and bedstead with the furniture one table board, a chair and a side cupboard	6	0	0
<b>Item in the loft over the kitchen</b>			
Two beds and bedsteads with their furniture with other things	4	0	0
<b>Item in the loft over the hall</b>			
One bed with furniture and two bedsteads with other things	4	10	0
<b>Item in the loft over the buttery</b>			
One bed with the furniture and three bedsteads	2	0	0
<b>Item in the buttery</b>			
Six barrels, one silte with other things	2	10	0
<b>Item in the brewhouse</b>			
Two tubs with other things	0	10	0
<b>Item in the backouse</b>			
Two ..... with other things	0	11	0
<b>Item in the kitchen</b>			
Brass and pewter, angers, spits and a dresser, dishes and spoons with other things	10	0	0
<b>Item</b> five quarters of wheat	6	13	4
<b>Item</b> three quarters of malt	3	0	0
<b>Item</b> two pair of sheets, 23 napkins, three table clothes and a carpet	1	10	0
<b>Item</b> for gowns and petticoats and aprons	7	0	0
<b>Item</b> cheese and bacon	3	0	0
<b>Item</b> eighteen acres of wheat	12	12	0
<b>Item</b> seven acres of vetches, 5 acres of peas	7	0	0
<b>Item</b> thirty acres of barley	20	0	0
<b>Item</b> ten acres of oats	4	10	0

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<b>Item</b> twenty two beasts and calves	40	0	0
<b>Item</b> twenty eight sheep	7	0	0
<b>Item</b> to pair of angles, one lade, two dungpots, three pair of harrows, one roller, two ploughs and plough gear for one plough	6	0	0
<b>Item</b> a wimsheet a hare and eight sacks	10	0	0
<b>Item</b> twelve hogs, sixteen pigs	8	0	0
<b>Item</b> for cow racks, wood and timber	2	6	8
<b>Item</b> for harness, cornline, ropes and chain	1	6	8
<b>Item</b> in ready money	196	0	0
Sum total	366	19	0

An addition made to the inventory the fifth day of December Anno Domini 1646 as follows:

<b>Item</b> a chattle lease of certain meadow ground and arable land lying in Northington for about 80 years to come if Gregory Mathew shall long live of the yearly value of 15 pounds ten shillings besides the Lord's rent appraised at	100	0	0
<b>Item</b> in ready money	8	18	0
Sum additional	108	18	0