

Thomas Lodge, rector of Cliddesden, 1552

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In the name of God Amen, the 17th day of July in the year of our Lord God 1551 Witness that I Thomas Lodge parson of Cliddesden being perfect, whole as well in body as in mind, advisedly do make my testament, and last will, in manner and form as here follows, that is to say, **First** I bequeath my soul to Almighty God, and my body to be buried in the chancel at Cliddsden, **Also** I give and bequeath to the poor mens box of Cliddsden three shillings and four pence to be distributed according to the king's majesties injunctions and by the advice of Frances Prync and Rychard Lodge **Item** I bequeath to Robart Boxe in ready money two shillings and freely I forgive him three shillings that he owes me which I lent him out of my purse **Item** I give to the parish poor box my tawny worsted doublet **Item** I give to Wylliam Osborne, in ready money three shillings and four pence my black doublet of worsted, a shirt, and a pair of shoes, **Item** I bequeath to John Wylfe in money three shillings and four pence, my doublet of black fustian, a shirt, and a pair of shoes **Item** I give and bequeath to Thomas Blundell and to Frances Prync each of them twenty pence **Item** to Thomas Prync I bequeath twelve pence and I forgive him five shillings that he owes me **Item** I bequeath to Widowson twenty pence remaining to him also for all such money as he owes me which shall be by my accounts at Michaelmas next coming three shillings and four pence **Item** I give to John Kyng two shillings **Item** to Rychard Austen I do forgive him all such money as he owes me which is as it appears by my book eleven shillings and two pence **Furthermore** I give and bequeath to every single man and woman of the parish of Cliddsden, that shall be a mere parishioner there at the hour of my death, being marriageable, that is to understand the man at the age of twenty years and upward, the woman at eighteen years and upward (so that they continue in the said parish) each of them twelve pence not to be paid unto them until such time as God shall call them to the holy degree and estate of wedlock, and then to be paid received at the hands of John Hannyngton, Thomas Ryve, Rychard Lodge, or of the deputies **Item** to everyone of the younglings of both kinds that shall be dwelling in Cliddesden or shall dwell there at the hour of my death I bequeath four pence to be paid within the space of one year after my death **Item** I give and bequeath

to poor people of Basingstoke twenty shillings to be disposed by the hands of Gylbart Stocker, Rychard Hack and Rychard Gate **Item** to the poor people of Worting twenty pence to be disposed by the hands of sir parson and John Wythorne **Item** I give to the poor people of Dummer two shillings to be paid them by the hands of sir parson there and George Wyther, over and besides that I bequeath to Thomas Cowdary one ewe sheep **Item** I give to George Wyther six shillings and eight pence desiring him to be good friend unto Rychard Lodge my kinsman as touching the renewing of his years at Ellisfield **Item** I give to the poor folks at Farley twenty pence to be delivered to them by the hands of Thomas Ryve **Item** I give to the poor people of Ellisfield twenty pence to be paid them by the hands of sir parson there and James Ewen **Item** to Winslade twelve pence to be paid by the hands of sir parson there **my mind and last will is** that this my devotion and charity towards the people should be delivered unto the afore named persons in the time of my extreme sickness, or at the uttermost before my burial to the intent the said poor people of the above named [parishes] should not take the pains to repair to my burial but to accept this my devotion without any farther pain **Item** I give to sir parson of Aldyngton my black nag or else the bald gelding at his election and a silver [server] going with a [furniture], **Item** to sir parson of Worting I give twenty old groats, **Item** to the parson of Ellisfield I give six shillings and eight pence in old pennies of two pence **Item** ~~to~~ my brother John Lodge of Bowerchalk hath the use of a gown of mine furred with fychows for the which I might have had three pounds six shillings and eight pence the which gown I give unto him upon this condition that is to say that he shall give to the poor people of Bowerchalk where he dwells three shillings and four pence and also **I will** him to deliver to my brother John Lodge of Stour Provost six shillings and eight pence to be disposed amongst the people of his parish Stour my native country, after the discretion of my said brother John Lodge over and beyond this **I will** ~~to~~ my said brother of Bowerchalk to give towards the marriage of Elyn Lodge thirteen shillings and four pence **Item** I give to my brother John Lodge of Stour [Provost], a trussing bed to be made by Edward Metyar or some other artificer there about at the cost and charge of Rychard Lodge his son, and besides this **I will** him to have an old Angel **Item** I give to my sister [Mayow] a sovereign of ten shillings **Item** I give to everyone of my brothers' and sisters'

children unmarried a crown of gold, or the value of the same in current money (Elyn Lodge excepted because she is appointed her part before) **Item** I give and bequeath to Walter Lodge the son of Rychard Lodge my nephew one cow and six ewes and the same to be kept by the space of seven years at the proper costs and charges of Rychard Lodge his father, the increase of the same to be employed to the use and profit of the said Walter the stock always to remain whole **Also** I give to Amey Lodge sister to the said Walter a blewed heifer and three ewes to be kept in the like manner as is before specified, and after seven years the father of the said two children to be allowed for the keeping of the said cattle accordingly **Item** I give to Sir Olyver Wallop a Angelatt **Item** to John Hannyngton's wife of Wield a trussing bed to be made at the costs and charges of Rychard Lodge **Item** to every godchild four pence **Item** I give to Humfrey Hunt, Rychard Lodges servant, a black heifer that he hath now in his custody and to Julya his servant I give twelve pence, to Thomas Fryr twelve pence, to George Hunt [being alive] a ewe **All the residue** of my goods I give and bequeath to Rychard Lodge whom I do ordain, and make my sole executor, John Hannyngton, and Thomas Ryve I will and suffer to have the oversight of this my last will, and testament, that it may be performed accordingly, each of them having for their labour and pains twenty shillings and in case the said Rychard Lodge be slack and negligent in accomplishing this my last will, then I will and desire the said John Hannyngton and Thomas Ryve to take, remove, carry away, and sell any such goods, cattle or implements that was mine at the hour of my decease as they shall think meet and sufficient for the full contentation and payment of my debts and legacies the said Rychard Lodge by no title force or strength of executorship the contrary notwithstanding **And** to intent that no variance debate or contention after my decease out of this present life should happen, or chance (as often to such it doeth) upon the right and understanding and meaning of this my last will, and testament, I have plainly, sincerely and advisedly, declared the right understanding of the same to John Hannyngton and to Thomas Ryve, with perfect memory, whole mind and with lively voice **Wherefore** my whole mind and last will is that no man should disturb, vex or unquiet them for the accomplishing of this my testament and last will, but every man to receive his part that ought to have any thing by my last will, quietly to

receive it at their hands, or else to have nothing at all This is [unsured] unsuredly my very last will and testament, written with my own hand the day and the year above said and have subscribed my name, the parson of Ellisfield Thomas Ryve and John Hannynghon being witnesses to the same.

Proved 26th day of October 1552.

A Indenture made the 3rd day of March in the 6th year of the reign of King Edward VI, of the goods of Thomas Lodge clerk, parson of Cliddsden, appraised by Francys Prync, Thomas Chedell, and George Wythers

	£	s	d
Imprimis in the hall a folding board, a joined form with a carpet to the board price	0	5	0
Item a cupboard, a chair and a stool price	0	6	0
Item in the chimney a pair of little andirons, with a fire pick price	0	3	4
Item 2 old cushions price	0	1	0
Item in the parlour a joined bedstead, 2 feather beds a bolster and a pillow price	1	10	0
Item a coverlet, a pair of blankets with a painted testar price	0	7	0
Item a round table and a chair price	0	3	4
Item old hangings in the parlour price	0	2	8
Item an old pair of andirons price	0	0	8
Item a gown of black cotton faced with fychows price	0	16	0
Item a gown of black pewk faced with worsted price	1	6	8
Item an old black gown furred with lamb price	0	5	0
Item an old gown of pewk faced with russells worsted price	0	7	0
Item 3 old cloaks price	0	15	0
Item an old satin doublet with a jacket of chamlett price	0	13	4

Item a jacket of black cotton faced with black coney price	0	6	8
Item 2 old doublets of worsted and an old jacket price	0	5	0
Item 2 pairs of hose price	0	3	4
Item 2 caps, a velvet night cap and a cap case price	0	6	8
Item in the chamber over the parlour a feather bed with a bolster and 2 pillows price	0	16	0
Item an old coverlet, an old pair of blankets and a pair of sheets price	0	8	0
Item old painted hangings in the chamber price	0	1	0
Item a coffer and a close stool price	0	1	4
Item in the buttery 2 diaper table cloths, 5 diaper napkins and a diaper towel price	0	8	0
Item 2 table cloths of canvas, 6 napkins price	0	3	4
Item 2 cups, and 2 salts price	0	1	0
Item 8 candlesticks price	0	4	0
Item 8 firkins and 2 barrels price	0	4	0
Item 3 bottles price	0	2	0
Item a salt of silver, a goblet, a dozen silver spoons price	2	13	4
Item in the kitchen, 2 brass pots price	0	5	0
Item 2 old kettles and 2 posnets price	0	3	0
Item 2 catherons price	0	15	4
Item 2 pot hangers, and a pair of pot hooks price	0	1	0
Item 2 old andirons and 2 little pots price	0	2	0
Item a chafing dish price	0	0	8
Item a garnish of pewter vessels price	1	0	0
Item a dozen of other pewter vessels price	0	6	8
Item 3 barrels and a powdering tub price	0	0	8

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Item an old silting trough price	0	1	4
Item 2 vats in the brew house price	0	3	4
Item 2 kives and a kiver with a covered vat price	0	5	0
Item 3 horses price	5	0	0
Item 6 cows and a bullock price	5	0	0
Item 3 score of ewes price	6	0	0
Totals	32	7	10

Debts to be paid by Rychard Lodge executor

In the first place to Thomas Ryve of Farley	15	6	8
Item to the parson of Ellisfield	6	6	8
Item to William Nevell	2	0	0
Item to the church of Cliddsden	0	17	8
Item to John Runnynger taylor	0	13	4
Total	26	8	7

Glossary

Angel - a gold coin, worth about ten old shillings in 1550

Angellat - 'angelot', a French coin issued from 1340, on which the Angel was based.
value ?

broche – a large pot in which to carry liquids

catherons - ?

chafing dish – a dish in which to keep food warm placed over a chafer

chafer – a small closed brazier containing hot coals

chair borded – a chair whose bck could be turned over to make a table

cham(b)lett – a fine material for clothes

coney – rabbit

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diaper – linen with a diamond pattern in the weave

fustian – thick twilled cotton cloth with a short nap, usually dyed in dark colours.

fychows – ?

groats - a silver coin worth four old pence.

keve - ?

kever - cover

passenatts – ?

pewk(e) – a superior kind of woollen cloth

tawn(e)y – brown coloured cloth

testar/tester –the ceiling of a bedstead

trussing bed –probably a trusse bed that is a framed bed

all in red taken from Claire Cross, *York Clergy Wills 1520-1600*, vols 1 &. Borthwick Institute