

**Thomas Lodge, rector of Cliddesden, 1552**

**Ref: Hants. RO 1552B/057**

**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 Cliddesden. **Also** I give and bequeath to the poor men's box of Cliddesden 3 shillings and 4 pence to be distributed according to the king majesty's injunctions, and by the advice of Frances Prync and Rychard Lodge. **Item** I bequeath to Robart Boxe in ready money 2 shillings and freely I forgive him 3 shillings that he owes me which I lent him out of my purse. **Item** I give to the said Robart Boxe my tawny worsted doublet. **Item** I give to Wylliam Osborne, in ready money 3 shillings and 4 pence, my black doublet of worsted, a shirt, and a pair of shoes. **Item** I bequeath to John Wylse in money 3 shillings and 4 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 20 pence. **Item** to Thomas Prync I bequeath 12 pence and I forgive him 5 shillings that he owes me. **Item** I bequeath to Widowson 20 pence remaining to him also for all such money as he owes me which shall be by my accounts at Michaelmas next coming 3 shillings and 4 pence. **Item** I give to John Kyng 2 shillings. **Item** to Rychard Austen I do forgive him all such money as he owes me which is as it appears by my book 11 shillings and 2 pence.

**Furthermore** I give and bequeath to every single man and woman of the parish of Cliddesden, 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 21 years and upward, the woman at 18 years and so upward (so that they continue in the said parish), each of them 12 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 their 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 4 pence to be paid within the space of one year after my death. **Item** I give and bequeath to poor people of Basingstoke 20 shillings to be disposed by the hands of Gylbart Stocker, Rychard Hall and Rychard Gale. **Item** to the poor people of Worting 20 pence to be disposed by the hands of Sir parson and John Wythorne. **Item** I give to the poor people of Dummer 2 shillings to be paid them by the hands of Sir parson there and George Wether. **Over and** besides this I bequeath to Thomas Cowdary one ewe sheep. **Item** I give to George Wyther 6 shillings and 8 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 Farleigh *Wallop* 20 pence to be delivered to them by the hands of Thomas Ryve. **Item** I give to the poor people of Ellisfield 20 pence to be paid them by the hands of Sir parson there and James Ewen. **Item** to Winslade 12 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 further pain. **Item** I give to Sir parson of Aldington my black nag or else the bald gelding at his

election and a silver spoon going with a [lenetue]. **Item** to Sir parson of Worting I give 20 old groats. **Item** to the parson of Ellisfield I give 6 shillings and 8 pence in old pennies of 2 pence. **Item** to my brother John Lodge of Bowerchalk has the use of a gown of mine furred with fitchews for the which I might have had 3 pounds 6 shillings and 8 pence, the which gown I give unto him upon this condition, that is to say, that he shall give to the poor people in Bowerchalk where he dwells 3 shillings and 4 pence. **And also** I will him to deliver to my brother John Lodge of Stour Provost 6 shillings and 8 pence to be disposed amongst the people of the said Stour *Provost* my native county, after the discretion of my said brother John Lodge. **Over and** besides this I will my said brother of Bowerchalk to give towards the marriage of Elyn Lodge 13 shillings and 4 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 thereabout 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 [Maryon] a sovereign of 10 shillings. **Item** I give to everyone of my brother's and sister's 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 Water Lodge the son of Rychard Lodge my nephew one cow and 6 ewes and the same to be kept by the space of 7 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 Water, the stock always to remain whole. **Also** I give to Amey Lodge sister to the said Water a blue heifer and three ewes to be kept in the like manner as is before specified, and after 7 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 an angelot. **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 4 pence. **Item** I give to Humfrey Hunt, Rychard Lodge's servant, a black heifer that he has now in his custody and to Julya his servant I give 12 pence; to Thomas Frye 12 pence, to George his servant 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 desire 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 20 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 death as they shall think meet and sufficient for the full contention 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 times it does), 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] assuredly 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 Hannyngton being witnesses to the same.

Proved 26th day of October 1552.

**An inventory** 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 Cliddesden, appraised by Francys Prync, Thomas Chedell, and George Wythers.

	£	s	d
<b>Imprimis in the hall</b> a folding board, a joined form with a carpet to the board price	0	5	0
<b>Item</b> a cupboard, a chair and a stool price	0	6	0
<b>Item in the chimney</b> a pair of little andirons, with a fire pick price	0	3	4
<b>Item</b> 2 old cushions price	0	1	0
<b>Item in the parlour</b> a joined bedstead, 2 feather beds a bolster and a pillow price	1	10	0
<b>Item</b> a coverlet, a pair of blankets with a painted tester price	0	7	0
<b>Item</b> a round table and a chair price	0	3	4
<b>Item</b> old hangings in the parlour price	0	2	8
<b>Item</b> an old pair of andirons price	0	0	8
<b>Item</b> a gown of black cotton faced with fitchews price	0	16	0
<b>Item</b> a gown of black puke faced with worsted price	1	6	8
<b>Item</b> an old black gown furred with lamb price	0	5	0
<b>Item</b> an old gown of puke faced with russells worsted price	0	7	0
<b>Item</b> 3 old cloaks price	0	15	0
<b>Item</b> an old satin doublet with a jacket of camlet price	0	13	4
<b>Item</b> a jacket of black cotton faced with black coney price	0	6	8
<b>Item</b> 2 old doublets of worsted and an old jacket price	0	5	0
<b>Item</b> 2 pairs of hose price	0	3	4
<b>Item</b> 2 caps, a velvet night cap and a cap case price	0	6	8
<b>Item in the chamber over the parlour</b> a feather bed with a bolster and 2 pillows price	0	16	0
<b>Item</b> an old coverlet, an old pair of blankets and a pair of sheets price	0	8	0
<b>Item</b> old painted hangings in the chamber price	0	1	0
<b>Item</b> a coffer and a close stool price	0	1	4
<b>Item</b> in the buttery 2 diaper table cloths, 5 diaper napkins and a diaper towel price	0	8	0
<b>Item</b> 2 table cloths of canvas, 6 napkins price	0	3	4
<b>Item</b> 2 cups, and 2 salts price	0	1	0
<b>Item</b> 8 candlesticks price	0	4	0
<b>Item</b> 8 firkins and 2 barrels price	0	4	0
<b>Item</b> 3 bottles price	0	2	0
<b>Item</b> a salt of silver, a goblet, a dozen silver spoons price	2	13	4

<b>Item</b> in the kitchen, 2 brass pots   price	0	5	0
<b>Item</b> 2 old kettles and 2 posnets   price	0	3	0
<b>Item</b> 2 catherns   price	0	15	4
<b>Item</b> 2 pot hangers, and a pair of pot hooks   price	0	1	0
<b>Item</b> 2 old andirons and 2 little broches   price	0	2	0
<b>Item</b> a chafing dish   price	0	0	8
<b>Item</b> a garner of pewter vessels   price	1	0	0
<b>Item</b> a dozen of other pewter vessels   price	0	6	8
<b>Item</b> 3 barrels and a powdering tub   price	0	0	8
<b>Item</b> an old silting trough   price	0	1	4
 <b>Item</b> 2 vats in the brew house   price	 0	 3	 4
<b>Item</b> 2 kives and a kiver with a covered vat   price	0	5	0
 <b>Item</b> 3 horses   price	 5	 0	 0
<b>Item</b> 6 kine and a bullock   price	5	0	0
<b>Item</b> 3 score of ewes   price	6	0	0
<b>Totals</b>	<b>32</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>10</b>

**Debts** to be paid by Rychard Lodge, executor  
to Thomas Lodge, Clerk

<b>In the first place</b> to Thomas Ryve of Farleigh	15	6	8
<b>Item</b> to the parson of Ellisfield	6	6	8
<b>Item</b> to William Nevell	2	0	0
<b>Item</b> to the church of Cliddesden	2	2	0
<b>Item</b> to John Runnynger, tailor	0	13	4
<b>Total</b>	<b>26</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>8</b>