

Henry Edwards of Mapledurwell, husbandman, 1583

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In the name of God Amen. The 18th day of November Anno Domini 1581 and in the year of the reign of our sovereign lady Elizabeth, by the grace of God of England France and Ireland Queen defender of the faith etc I Henrye Edwardes of Mapledurwell in the county of Southampton husbandman, being sick in body and of good and perfect memory, laud and praise be therefore given to Almighty God, do ordain and make this my last will and testament in the manner and form following. **First** I commend my soul to Almighty God my maker and creator and to Jesus Christ *his* only son my redeemer and saviour, faithfully believing to be saved by the shedding of his most precious blood. **Also** I commend my body to the earth to be buried in the church yard of Mapledurwell. **Also** I give to the Trinity Church in Winchester 2 pence and to the chapel of Mapledurwell aforesaid 6 pence. **Also** I will, give and bequeath unto Alice my wife my two cottages or tenements, curtilages and backsides thereunto belonging called Woodwardes and all my arable lands and tenements, meadows, pastures and leasows with the appurtenances situate, lying and being in the town, parish and fields of Mapledurwell aforesaid, of which two tenements one of them is in the tenure of Hilary Eire or of his assigns and the other is in the tenure of Agnes Lucye widow, to have and to hold the said two cottages or tenements and all other the premises with all and singular the appurtenances to the said Alice during the term of her natural life. **And** after her decease I will and give to John Edwardes my son the cottage or tenement now in the tenure of Agnes Lucye widow, with the backside thereunto belonging and three half acres of arable land and a land lying in the common fields of Mapledurwell as hereafter follows (that is to say), the south half of one acre lying in Arborwe field in the tenure of Agnes Lucye, the south side whereof lies by the land of the New College in Winchester now in the tenure of Hugh Stubbes. **And** the said lands lie in the same field on the south side of the said acre, by the land of John Canner towards the south one half acre lying in Thatchingham, and is in the tenure of Agnes Lucye, and bounds upon the land of John Canner on the south side and upon the land of Corpus Christi College, now in the tenure of Roger Justice on the north side. **And** one other half acre lies in Musdell field and is now in the tenure of Agnes Lucye and bounds upon the land of the said New College of Winchester, in the tenure of Hugh Stubbes, on both sides with free coming and going at all times hereafter, for and to and from the well standing in my ground now or late in the tenure of Hilarye Eire, to have use and take the commodity thereof. **To have** and to hold the said cottage or tenement and backside and the said three and a half acres of land, and one land with free coming and going to and from the well as aforesaid with all and singular the appurtenances, to the said John my son and to the heirs of his body lawfully begotten. **Also** I give to the said John my son 4 sheep, a brass pot, my great broche and a Christening sheet. **Also** I will and bequeath to William Edwardes my son the cottage or tenement now or late in the tenure of Hilarie Eire with the backside thereunto belonging and yard meal lying in Arborow field aforesaid, now or late in the tenure of the said Hilarye Eire, lying by the land of Corpus Christi College in Oxford, in the tenure of Roger Justice towards the south, and the land of the said College in the tenure of John Naysh towards the north. **And** also one half acre of land lying in the common field of Mapledurwell called Thechingham by the land of John Canner of the west side and the same of Corpus Christi College in the tenure of Agnes Frye on the east side. **And** also the

south half of half an acre lying in Musdell field, now or late in the tenure of the said Hilarye Eire, lying by the land of Corpus Christi College in the tenure of John Nayshe on the south side. **To have** and to hold the said cottage or tenement, backside late before rehearsed and the said yard meal in Arborow field, the said one half acre of land lying in Thatchingham and the said south half of half an acre lying in Musdell with the appurtenances last before rehearsed to the said William Edwards my son and to the heirs of his body lawfully begotten. **And** if it shall happen *that* each of my said sons John and William do die without heirs of his body lawfully begotten, then I will that the cottage or tenement and lands of them so deceasing shall remain to the other of them surviving and to his heirs forever. **Also** I will and give to the said William my son 4 sheep, a brass pot and a Christening sheet. **The residue** of all my goods and chattels, movable and unmovable, my debts and legacies and the legacy of Richard Frye's children paid and discharged I will and give to the said Alice my wife whom I do ordain and make my sole executrix of this my last will and testament. **My** overseers thereof I do make Florentine Eiles and Gregorie Mathew and to either of them I give 3 shillings 4 pence being witness hereunto Florentine Eiles and Roger Justice

Probate was granted 4th April 1583

The representative was Florentyne Ayles of Basingstoke

The inventory of all the goods and chattels, movable and unmovable, of Henry Edwardes of Mapledurwell in the county of Southampton husbandman late deceased, taken, made and appraised by Gregorie Mathew, John Canner, Thomas Swayne and Roger Justice the 19th day of November in the 25th year of the reign of our Sovereign Lady Queen Elizabeth.

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The hall			
Imprimis a plank table with a bench, a form	0	1	0
Item a cupboard	0	1	8
Item a pair of andirons, a pot hanger and 2 small broches	0	2	0
Item a spinning wheel, a pair of spinning cards	0	0	6
Sum	0	5	2

The chamber within the house

Item a flock bed, a feather bed, 2 feather bolsters, a coverlet, a blanket and a feather pillow	0	13	4
Item 3 coffers and 4 pair of old sheets	0	6	0
Item a coat, a jerkin, a doublet, a cloak, a pair of hose, 3 old shirts and a hat	0	6	8
Sum	1	6	0

The pewter and brass

Item 4 platters, 9 pottingers, 4 saucers and 3 salt cellars	0	6	0
Item 6 candlesticks, a chafing dish, a brasen mortar	0	3	0
Item 4 brass pots	0	6	0
Item 3 kettles, a cauldron, a little pan and a little skillet	0	5	0
Sum	1	0	0

The house within the buttry

Item 4 tubs, 2 kivers, 1 little vat and 2 little forms	0	2	6
Sum the same			

The loft and the Chamber

Item 1 flock bed, 2 old helings, a table, a coffer, 2 bedsteads, a sword and dagger	0	5	0
Item of lead, 12 pounds	0	0	6
Sum	0	5	6

The kitchen

Item the yoting vat, a cheese press, a bucking tub, 2 old tubs, a shovel, a salting trough, 2 shelves, a plank, a ladder and other old tubs	0	4	0
Sum the same			

The barn

Item of wheat by estimation 6 bushels	0	10	0
Item of barley 5 quarters	1	13	4
Item of oats 2 quarters	0	6	8
Item of hay and vetches	0	10	0
Sum	4	0	0

The cattle

Item 1 bullock of 2 years old	0	10	0
Item 2 mares and a colt	2	0	0
Item of sheep, 4 wethers, 2 tegs and 10 ewes	1	12	0
Item a sow and 5 shoots	0	10	0
Item a cock and hens and 7 chicken	0	3	4
Sum	4	15	5

Item one harrow, half a plough, one plough chain, half a cart, 2 pair of horse harnesses and 2 plough harnesses	0	6	8
Item 6 treen dishes, a ladle, 8 trenchers and 6 pewter spoons	0	0	4
Item 4 wedges, a bill, a hatchet, a well bucket and a chain	0	1	0
Sum	0	8	0

Item of wood in the backside by estimation, 4 loads	0	5	4
Item of timber, 2 loads	0	4	0
Sum	0	9	4

The corn in the field

Item 4 acres of wheat	1	6	8
Item 1 acre of vetches	0	3	4
Sum	1	10	0

Total sum	13	5	10
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Debts which the said Henry Edwardes did owe at the
time of his decease

Item to Peter Turner	1	0	0
Item to William Frye and Richard Frye	4	0	9
Item to William Frye for a steer	1	13	4
Item to Agnes Tailor	0	11	8
Item to Alexander Lucye	0	18	0
Item to William Wakefild the elder of Basing	0	3	4
Item to Agnes Frye	1	0	0
Item to William Pettie of Basingstoke	0	10	0
Item to Turner of Odiham	0	5	0
Sum	10	2	5
So when debts paid only	3	3	5