

**Thomas Frye of Cliddesden, husbandman, 1596**

**Ref: Hants. RO 1596A/046**

**In the name of God Amen**, the fifth day of February 1595 and in the eight and thirtieth 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 Thomas Frye of Cliddesden in the county of Southampton husbandman, being sick in body but of good and perfect memory thanks be therefore given to Almighty God, do ordain and make this my last will and testament in manner and form following that is to say, **first** I commend my soul into the hands of Almighty God my maker and creator and of Jesus Christ his only son my saviour and redeemer faithfully believing to be saved by the shedding of his most precious blood, and I commit my body to the earth. **Item** I will and give unto the trinity church in Winchester 4d. **Item** I will and give unto the parish church of Cliddesden aforesaid 4s. **Item** I will and give unto Christopher Frye six ewe sheep. **Item** I will and give unto Thomas Frye son of James Frye two sheep. **Item** I will, give and bequeath unto Thomas Frye my son twenty three pounds and fifteen shillings of good and lawful English money and twenty ewe sheep. **Item** I will, give and bequeath unto my son James Frye twenty three pounds and fifteen shillings of good and lawful English money and ten ewe sheep. **Item** I will and give unto my son John Frye twenty three pounds and fifteen shillings of good and lawful English money, ten ewe sheep and ten wether sheep. **Item** I will, give and bequeath unto the said John Frye my son my messuage or tenement with the appurtenances situate, lying and being in Wokingham in the county of Berks<sup>hire</sup> in a street there called Shootend Street, to have and to hold the said messuage or tenement with the appurtenances unto the said John Frye, his heirs and assigns forever. **Item** I will, give and bequeath unto my son Richard Frye, twenty three pounds and fifteen shillings of good and lawful English money, ten ewe sheep and ten wether sheep. **Item** I will, give and bequeath unto the said Richard Frye my son my messuage or tenement with the appurtenance situate, lying and being in Wokingham aforesaid in a street there called the Church Street, to have and to hold the said messuage or tenement with the appurtenance unto the said Richard Frye, his heirs and assigns forever. **Item** I will and give unto John Woodesonne, son of Richard Woodesonne, one teg. **Item** I will and give unto Jane Woodesonne, daughter of the said Richard, one teg. **The residue** of all my goods and chattels, my debts being paid and funeral expenses discharged I give and bequeath unto Edith my wife and William my son whom I make my executors of this my last will and testament and my overseers thereof I do ordain and make John Cooke, James Dyar and William Frye my brother. **In witness** whereof I have herein to put my hand and seal, bearing witness thereunto the persons whose names are underwritten. **Item** I will and give unto Richard Woodesonne half a bushel of wheat and half a bushel of barley. **Item** I will and give unto widow Hayman half a bushel of barley. **Item** I will and give unto old Wylse half a bushel of wheat.

John Cooke

James Dyar his mark

William Frye his mark

Nicholas Osborne

Tho Frye his mark

Probate granted 27 April 1596.

The inventory of the goods and chattels moveable and unmoveable of Thomas Frye of Cliddesden in the county of Southampton deceased taken made and appraised by John Cooke, James Dyar, William Frye and John Kinge the four and twentieth day of February in the eight and thirtieth 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 1595 viz.

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| <b>The hall</b>  |   |    |   |
| <b>Imprimis</b> one table, one form, one cupboard and one chair  | 0 | 4  | 0 |
| <b>Item</b> two pots and four kettles  | 0 | 10 | 0 |
| <b>Item</b> four candlesticks, one chafing dish and a skillet  | 0 | 2  | 6 |
| <b>Item</b> one dozen of vessels and a salt cellar   | 0 | 5  | 0 |
| <b>Item</b> two hangers, a gridiron, one pair of pot-hooks and one andiron   | 0 | 2  | 6 |
| <b>Item</b> three bills, one axe, two mattocks, one hatchet, two augers, one hand saw, one hammer, a pair of pincers, one drawing knife one shredding knife and one wimble | 0 | 5  | 0 |
| <b>Item</b> one lantern and two pairs of shears  | 0 | 1  | 4 |
| <b>Item</b> six riphooks   | 0 | 1  | 0 |
| Sum  | 1 | 11 | 4 |

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| <b>The kitchen</b>   |   |    |   |
| <b>Item</b> one salting trow, one kneading kiver, one bolting which and a bushel | 0 | 5  | 0 |
| <b>Item</b> one spinning wheel, two tubs, two bowls, one dry vat and one bucket  | 0 | 5  | 0 |
| <b>Item</b> four old tubs, three shovels and two earthen pots                    | 0 | 2  | 0 |
| <b>Item</b> 13 flitches of bacon and five pieces of beef                         | 2 | 10 | 0 |
| <b>Item</b> two prongs, one frying pan, one broche and one old [squire]          | 0 | 2  | 0 |
| Sum  | 3 | 4  | 0 |

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| <b>The cellar</b>  |   |   |   |
| <b>Item</b> one barrel, one firkin, one pipkin, one old vat, three kivers, two tubs, four cheese vats, two stone jugs, one tankard and a clensieve | 0 | 8 | 8 |
| Sum as is  |   |   |   |

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| <b>The loft over the cellar</b>                                      |   |   |   |
| <b>Item</b> two pots with butter and two earthen pots                | 0 | 6 | 8 |
| <b>Item</b> one panel, one piece of clowt leather and one old hamper | 0 | 1 | 8 |
| <b>Item</b> one butter churn, one little cake of tallow and          |   |   |   |

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| one dozen of trenchers                              | 0 | 1  | 6  |
| <b>Item</b> sixteen cheeses                         | 0 | 1  | 4  |
| <b>Item</b> three old leather bottles               | 0 | 0  | 6  |
| <b>Item</b> five quarters and six bushels of barley | 4 | 12 | 0  |
| <b>Item</b> four quarters and 6 bushels of oats     | 1 | 18 | 0  |
| <b>Item</b> one quarter of wheat                    | 1 | 4  | 0  |
| <b>Item</b> three bushels of rye                    | 0 | 7  | 6  |
| Sum   | 9 | 7  | 10 |

### The chamber

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| <b>Item</b> one bedstead, one feather bed and all things belonging to the same | 1 | 0  | 0  |
| <b>Item</b> three flock beds and all things pertaining to them                 | 1 | 10 | 0  |
| <b>Item</b> four chests  | 0 | 8  | 0  |
| <b>Item</b> twenty pounds of lamb's wool                                       | 0 | 10 | 0  |
| <b>Item</b> his wearing apparel  | 0 | 13 | 4  |
| <b>Item</b> one flasket and a tinnen bottle                                    | 0 | 0  | 6  |
| <b>Item</b> a sword and a brown bill   | 0 | 2  | 0  |
| Sum  | 4 | 4  | 10 |

### The barn

|                         |    |    |   |
|-------------------------|----|----|---|
| <b>Item</b> wheat there | 11 | 0  | 0 |
| <b>Item</b> barley      | 8  | 0  | 0 |
| <b>Item</b> oats        | 1  | 12 | 0 |
| <b>Item</b> hay         | 0  | 6  | 8 |
| <b>Item</b> peas        | 1  | 0  | 0 |
| Sum                     | 21 | 18 | 8 |

### The stable

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|---|----|----|---|
| <b>Item</b> four cart horses, their harness, ploughs and chains   | 9  | 0  | 0 |
| <b>Item</b> vetches   | 0  | 10 | 0 |
| <b>Item</b> one iron bound cart, a whip lade, one old cart bond, two pairs of old harrows, two wood ropes and one corn line | 2  | 0  | 0 |
| Sum   | 11 | 10 | 0 |

### The malthouse

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| <b>Item</b> one yoting vat | 0 | 1 | 0 |
| Sum as is                  |   |   |   |

### The cattle

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| <b>Item</b> five hogs and six shoots  | 1  | 17 | 0 |
| <b>Item</b> ten hens and a cock   | 0  | 4  | 0 |
| <b>Item</b> eight kine  | 13 | 6  | 8 |
| <b>Item</b> three yearlings and one little bullock  | 2  | 0  | 0 |
| <b>Item</b> four score and fourteen wether sheep, three score ewes, three score and five tegs | 55 | 0  | 0 |
| Sum   | 72 | 7  | 8 |

**Corn in the field**

|                                  |    |   |   |
|----------------------------------|----|---|---|
| <b>Item</b> wheat 21 acres )     |    |   |   |
| Rye two acres )                  | 18 | 0 | 0 |
| <b>Item</b> vetches five acres ) |    |   |   |

Sum as is

**Debts owing** unto the said Thomas Frye at the time of his death

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| Thomas Styffe of Bramley                                       | 23  | 10 | 0 |
| John Cooke of Winslade   | 6   | 14 | 0 |
| James Dyar of Ellisfield                                       | 2   | 0  | 0 |
| Mr Knight of Froyle, vicar                                     | 6   | 0  | 0 |
| Richard Bacheller  | 3   | 0  | 0 |
| Thomas Maye of Wokingham                                       | 1   | 15 | 6 |
| Leach of Wokingham   | 0   | 8  | 8 |
| Edward Turner of Swallowfield                                  | 11  | 0  | 0 |
| Mr Meades of Barkham   | 4   | 10 | 0 |
| Thomas Styane of Silchester                                    | 2   | 4  | 0 |
| Thomas Edwardes the elder and William Warner<br>of Basingstoke | 7   | 0  | 0 |
| George Bell of Basingstoke                                     | 0   | 5  | 0 |
| Mr Parry of Winslade   | 5   | 0  | 0 |
| Mrs Richardson   | 5   | 0  | 0 |
| John Belchamber  | 7   | 5  | 0 |
| Sir Richard Paulet   | 10  | 0  | 0 |
| William Trew of Worting  | 1   | 15 | 0 |
| Sum debts  | 97  | 7  | 2 |
| Sum total of this inventory                                    | 240 | 0  | 2 |