

John Frost of Dummer, husbandman 1580

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In the name of God AD the third day of September in the year of Our Lord God 1580 I Jhon Froste of Dummer in the county of Southampton husbandman being sick of body but of perfect remembrance thanks be given to Almighty God do make this my last will and testament (revoking all other former wills), in manner and form following. **First** I bequeath my soul to Almighty God my Creator and Jesus Christ His only Son my redeemer and saviour and my body to be buried in the church yard of Dummer. **Item** I give to the cathedral church of Winchester 4*d*. **Item** I give to James Smythe and Robert Smythe my sister Amye's two children my two horses which be in stock and price with Thomas Smythe of Dummer or else the value of them which is 40*s* apiece at their choice. **Item** whereas I must have by covenant and bargain for years yet to come yearly 2 acres of wheat and 2 acres of barley of the said Thomas Smythe I give one acre of wheat and one acre of barley of the same unto James Smythe and Robert Smythe aforesaid equally to be divided between them. **Item** I give to Elizabeth Smythe my sister's daughter 1 heifer. **Item** I give to Marye Smythe 1 cow. **Item** I give to Robert Smythe one cow. **Item** I give to James Smythe and Robert Smythe 3 sheep apiece. **Item** I give 1 sheep to the church of Dummer. **Item** I will my executrix to have and keep all these my bequests and cattle and sheep until her said children be of full age or at their marriage paying yearly unto them for every sheep 4*d*. as a rent for them and them to deliver them as they shall stand sheared or unsheared immediately after the time of my death. **I give** to Mary Smythe and Elizabeth Smythe 3 other sheep apiece. **Item** I give to Elisabeth Smythe 1 pan of a bushel. **Item** I give to Mary and Elisabeth each of them 2 platters. **Item** I give to James and Robert Smythe each of them a coffer with locks and keys. **Item** I give to Gylbert Neale my godson 12*d*. **Item** I give out of the 2 acres of wheat aforesaid 2 bushels of wheat unto each of my sisters that be married which is Christian and Mawde at such time as it may best be spared. **Item** I will that my executrix shall distribute amongst the poor of the parish the [tyre] of a bushel of wheat at the day of my burial. **The residue** of all my goods not given nor bequeathed I give and bequeath to Amye Smythe widow my sister whom I do ordain and make my executrix of this my last will and testament. **And I** desire Thomas Neale and Walter Madgweke to be my overseers of this my will and I give to every one of them 12*d*. apiece. **Item** I will that James Smythe shall not enter upon my land until such time as he shall be of discretion to use the same until he be full 21 years of age. **Witnesses** to this my last will and testament Wylliam Whyte parson of Dummer, Walter Madgweke, Thomas Neale and Rychard Weston.

Probate granted 7 December 1580 to the executor named. Obligation on the same and Thomas Neale of Dummer, husbandman.

The inventory of all and singular the goods and cattle of Jhon Frost late of Dummer deceased priced by Jhon Myllyngate, Wylliam Grante, Walter Madgweke, Thomas Neale, Henrye Turner the 3rd of October in the year of Our Lord 1580.

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First with Thomas Smythe of Dummer in stock			
2 horses	4	0	0
Item three rother beasts	2	13	4

Item 20 sheep	3	6	8
Item 2 acres of wheat in the field	1	0	0
Item 1 hog	0	5	0
Item 1 brass pan and platters	0	7	0
Item 2 coffers	0	2	0
Item 2 acres of barley in the barn	1	0	0
Item his apparel: 2 shirts, 1 doublet, 2 pairs of hose, 2 jerkins, 1 pair of shoes	0	12	0
Item in money	0	10	0
Item 1 hat	0	1	0
Sum total	13	5	0