

Thomas Kent of Mapledurwell, yeoman, 1638

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In the name of God Amen. The nine and twentieth day of August in the fourteenth year of the reign of our most gracious sovereign Lord Charles, by the grace of God King of England, Scotland, France and Ireland, defender of the faith etc., I Thomas Kent of Mapledurwell in the county of Southampton, yeoman, being weak in body but God be praised of good and perfect mind and memory do make and ordain this my last will and testament in writing in manner and form following. **First** I commend my soul unto the hands of Almighty God my creator hoping and steadfastly believing in and through the only merits of my blessed Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ to be made partaker of everlasting life and to remain with him in eternal bliss and happiness. **And** I commit my body to the earth whereof it was made to be decently buried at the discretion of my executors hereafter named. **Item** I give unto the cathedral church of Winton two shillings and six pence. **Item** I give unto the poor of Vernams Deane* in the county of Southampton five pounds. **Item** I give unto the poor of the parish of Mapledurwell aforesaid fifty shillings. **Item** in regard I have settled upon Margaret my wife one annuity or yearly rent of twenty pounds per annum issuing out of my lands and tenements, I do only give and bequeath unto my said wife one hundred pounds of lawful English money to be paid unto her upon two years after my decease. **And** I also give unto her my best bedstead and feather bed with the bolsters, coverlet, blankets, two pair of sheets and all the furniture thereunto belonging. **Item** I give and bequeath to Edward Kent my youngest brother one hundred pounds of lawful English money to be paid upon one year after my decease. **Item** I give and bequeath to John Kent my eldest brother one hundred pounds of lawful English money to be paid upon four years after my decease. **Item** I give and bequeath to my sister Mary Blandy, the wife of William Blandy, fifty pounds of lawful English money to be paid within five years after my decease. **Item** I give to my sister Susan Bristow, wife of William Bristow, four pounds per annum to be paid unto her during her natural life. **And** after her decease my will is that her three children shall have fifty pounds to be equally divided between them, every child's portion to be paid up when ~~either~~ each of them shall accomplish the age of one and twenty years. **Item** I give and bequeath unto my sister Hester the wife of James Haskeard fifty pounds of lawful English money to be paid within eight years after my decease. **Item** I give and bequeath unto Martha Kent, daughter of my late brother Francis Kent deceased, twenty pounds of lawful English money to be paid unto her at her age of one and twenty years. **Item** I give and bequeath to Richard Kent, Mary Kent, Sarah Kent, Hester Kent and Jane Kent son and daughters of the said Francis Kent, five pounds apiece to be paid unto them at their several ages of one and twenty years. **Item** I give and bequeath unto John Canner my father in law, forty shillings to be paid within a fortnight after my decease. **Item** I give and bequeath unto Anne Canner my mother in law, forty shillings to be pay unto her within a fortnight after my decease. **Item** I give and bequeath unto William Cape, clerk, twenty shillings. **Item** I give and bequeath unto Joseph Collier, gent, forty shillings. **Item** I give and bequeath unto my brother William Kent all and singular my lands and tenement, goods and chattels whatsoever not formerly given and bequeathed by this my last will and testament. **And** I do make and ordain the said William Kent my brother soul executor of this my last will and testament upon condition that if the said William do not pay my debts and legacies and discharge my funeral expenses, that then he

shall not benefit at all of this my last will for I do give him my lands and tenements, goods and chattels to the end and only providing he shall thereby pay my said debts and legacies and discharge my funeral expenses. **And** I do make and ordain the said John Canner and William Blandy overseers of this my last will and testament provided always, and my will and meaning is, that if the said Margaret my wife do happen to be with child at the time of my decease, then the said John Canner and William Blandy shall hold my said lands and tenements, goods and chattels to the use of such child until it shall accomplish the age of one and twenty years of age [payenge] my debts and legacies and funeral expenses. **And** my said brother William to have [*illegible*] to do thereof. **And** after such child shall accomplish the age of one and twenty years then my said lands and tenements I do hereby give and bequeath to that child and the heirs for ever. **In witness** whereof I have hereunto set my hand and seal the day and year first above written Anno Domini 1638.

Signed sealed and published to be
the last will and testament of the said
Thomas Kent in the presence of

William Cape
John Canner, his mark
William Blandie
Joseph Collier

*Vernham Dean

An inventory of the goods, chattels and credits of Thomas Kent lately of
Mapledurwell in the county of Southampton deceased, taken on the 12th day of
September Anno Domini 1638 by us whose names are subscribed

	£	s	d
Imprimis his wearing apparel and money in his purse	4	6	0
Item a small chattle lease	16	0	0
Item two feather beds, two feather bolsters, two feather pillows, three coverlets, three blankets, three pair of sheets and one odd sheet	5	14	0
Item one old bible and three other small books	0	6	0
Item two swords and three belts	0	10	0
Item one cart wheel with some old iron and other lumber	0	10	0
Item one cow and two bullocks	5	0	0
Item one mare and one colt	5	0	0
Item four score and seven sheep and lambs	19	10	0
Item in boards and wainscot quarters about six hundred and an half	2	13	4
Sum	58	19	4

William Smith
Nicholas Milton
Hughe Mathewe

Item in goods and chattels left at Vernams Deane
by the said Thomas Kent at the time of decease

	£	s	d
Imprimis all the brass and pewter	4	10	0
Item all the bedding	2	0	0
Item all the wooden vessel	1	0	0
Item all the plough [boote]	0	2	0
Item all the iron gear	2	0	0
Item all the chests and cofferes	1	2	6
Item two bedsteads	1	0	0
Item a cupboard	0	13	4
Item one table board and joined stools	0	13	4
Item the furnace	0	5	0
Item the quern and moulding board	0	10	0
Item all the wood and lumber in the house	0	13	0
Sum total	12	3	2

Eleazer Bray
Thomas King
Edward Earle