

Christopher Lester of Mapledurwell, yeoman, 1637

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In the name of God Amen. The third day of May in the year of our Lord God one thousand six hundred thirty and six and in the twelfth year of the reign of our sovereign Lord Charles by the grace of God, King of England, Scotland, France and Ireland, King, defender of the faith, I Christopher Lester of Mapledurwell in the county of Southampton, yeoman, being sick in body but of perfect mind and good remembrance, thanks be unto God, do ordain, make and declare this my last will and testament in manner and form following. **First** and principally I bequeath my soul unto Almighty God my maker and redeemer in hoping that I shall have free pardon and forgiveness for all my sins through the merits of my only saviour and redeemer and my body to be decently buried in the parish church yard in Mapledurwell aforesaid. **Item** I give and bequeath unto the cathedral church in Winchester twelve pence. **Item** I give unto the parish church of Mapledurwell two shillings. **Item** I give unto the poor of Mapledurwell of Mapledurwell five shillings. **Item** I give unto the poor of Newnham five shillings. I give unto the parish church of Newnham two shillings. **Item** I do appoint that my sister's two children Mathalide and Ealce Lide, her sister, wife unto Thomas [Kery] now dwelling at [Okey] in the county of Somersetshire to be jointly executors of all my goods. **Item** I give unto all my godchildren twelve pence apiece. **Item** I give and bequeath unto Nicholas Mathew a sword, a pistol and a horseman's piece and all the goods which I have in possession at Hockland (*Hookland*) House. **Item** I will that all charges and expenses for my funeral shall be paid out of my goods. **Item** I give unto the preacher who does preach at my funeral 6 shillings and 8 pence. **Item** I give unto Georg Herriat, his two children, five shillings a piece. **Item** I give unto John Justice one of my best wearing coats. **I do** appoint that Hugh Mathew and Alexander Serle shall be my overseers to this my last will and testament and they to have for their pains 20 shillings a piece be performed accordingly. **In witness** whereof the said Christopher Lester have set my hand the day and year above written.

Nicholas Mathew

John Justice, his mark, as witness hereunto

The mark of Christopher Lester

Probate was granted 10 June 1637 to Alicia Lide sole executrix as Mathia Keils, the other executrix, was dead.

A true inventory of all such goods and chattels which late were of Christopher Lester of Mapledurwell in the county of Southampton, yeoman, deceased taken and praised eight day of June in the thirteenth year of the reign of our sovereign Lord Charles by the grace of God, King of England, Scotland, France and Ireland defender of the faith etc 1637 by John Canner and William Smith praised.

Imprimis in the Chamber over the hall

His wearing apparel

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Item one bedstead with a fringing valance of silk and two other plain bedsteads	1	0	0
Item one feather bed, two feather bolsters for feather pillows	3	0	0
Item two flock beds, one flock bolster	1	0	0
Item rug, three coverlets	2	10	4
Item two pair of blankets	0	13	4
Item one pair of Holland sheets, three pair of canvas sheets, five pillow beres, one sheet, two table cloths	3	3	4
Item half a dozen of napkins and a hanging for a bedstead	0	10	0
Six bands and three shirts with other linen	1	0	0
Item one carpet, five cushions	1	3	4
Item one joined chair, one joined chest, five coffers, one trunk, one table, one chair, a [glassen] cupboard, two joined stools	1	15	0
Item one drum	0	10	0
Item one basin, a ewer, half a dozen of great platters and small pewter platters, three pewter dishes, four saucers, two saltcellars, one drinking bowl, two chamber pots, a pewter candlestick	2	0	6
Item one great brass pot, another little pot, one brasen posnet, one great kettle, three small kettles, two brass pans and three skillets five brasen candlesticks, one mortar and pestle, a chafing dish and a warming pan	4	0	0
Item a dozen of maple trenchers	0	1	0
Item a birding piece, a caliver, a half [pick] and a halberd	1	6	0
Item three spits, two great andirons, two small andirons, one iron trivet, one fire shovel, one fork and a pair of tongs two pair of pot hangers, one cleaver and dripping pan, one gridiron	1	10	0
Item one mattock and two axes with other lumber	0	5	10
Item one pair of boots, a saddle and a bridle	0	10	0
Item for the expenses laid out for his burial	5	18	10
Sum total	35	10	0
Item in money	51	1	0
His funeral and every thing discharged			

William Smith, his mark, John Canner, his mark