

**Francis Steele of Upton Grey, 1618**

**Ref: Hants. RO 1618B/52**

**Note that** upon Thursday before Midsummer's Day AD 1617 Francis Steele of Upton Grey being then sick and weak in body yet, God be praised, of good and perfect memory, uttered, spoke and declared his last will and testament nuncupative in manner and form following. **First** he gave and bequeathed unto Alice Steele, daughter unto Thomas Steele his brother, three ewes and three lambs to be kept by her brother in law Richard Wear until her age of eighteen years, and the wool of them to be allowed for the keeping of those ewes and lamb and the increase of them to the use of the said Alice Steele until she should accomplish the age of eighteen years also as aforesaid. **Provided** that if the said Alice should die before she should be eighteen years old that then the said sheep with the increase of them should be equally divided between Joane Steele, her mother, and Robert Ware and Richard Ware children of the aforesaid Richard Ware, sons. **Item** the rest of all his sheep he gave and bequeathed unto the said Robert Ware and Richard Ware the younger, sons of the said Richard Ware. **Also he** gave to the poor and to defray for charges of his burial 20s. **All the** rest of his goods and chattels he gave and bequeathed unto the said Richard Weare the elder and to Margaret Weare his wife, being his natural sister. **Also he** gave unto Sibill King and Rose King, daughters of Thomas King, money to buy each of them one ewe sheep out of 40s which was then in his daughter Bridgett King for keeping. **All which** was done in the presence and caring of.

Thomas King son and  
Richard Ware son

Probate granted 15 June 1618 to Margaret Steele alias Ware and Richard Ware of Mapledurwell. Obligation to Richard Ware of Mapledurwell husbandman and Robert Leigh [...] Winton.