

Margaret Smythe of Mapledurwell, widow, 1545

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In the name of God Amen. The year of our Lord God 1545 the 8th day of October, I Margaret Smythe widow, in the parish of Mapledurwell sick of body and good of memory, make my last will and testament in writing in this manner and form following. **First** I bequeath my soul to Almighty God, to our Blessed Lady Saint Mary and to all saints in heaven, my body to be buried in the churchyard before rehearsed. **Also** I will to the mother church of Winchester 2d. **Also** I will to Ales Fox my daughter, the wife of Nycolas fox 2 kyne. **Also** I will to Roger Smythe the younger, my son, a sheep. **Also** I will to John Fox my son in law, a sheep. **Furthermore** the residue of all my goods movable and unmovable not bequeathed I will and give to John Smythe my son, and to Ales Fox my daughter, the wife of Nycolas Fox which persons I make my only executors and none other for to distribute at their discretion for my soul health, my husband's soul and all Christians' souls. **And** for the oversight so to be done I make my overseer John Fox of Basing. **Witness** here of Sir William Drake curate of Newnham, Rychard Smythe [...sey] in the year of our Lord God the day of the month above written.