

Nicholas Smith of Mapledurwell, yeoman, 1639

Ref: Hants. RO 1639A/207

In the name of God Amen. The tenth day of March in the year of our Lord God 1639, I Nicholas Smith of Mapledurwell in the county of Southampton yeoman being sick in body but of whole mind and in good and perfect remembrance laud and praise be unto Almighty God, make and ordain this my perfect testament concerning herein my last will in manner and form following. **First** I commend my soul unto Almighty God my maker and redeemer and my body to be buried in the churchyard of Mapledurwell. **And** I bequeath toward the reparation of the mother church there five shillings. **Item** I give to my mother church of Winchester 4 pence. **Item** I will that all such debts and duties as I owe of right or conscience to any person or persons, be well and truly satisfied and paid by my executors hereafter named. **And** after my debts paid and my funeral expenses performed, I will that all my goods and cattles and debts be honestly and conscionably valued and appraised. **And** thereof I will that my seven children, that is to say my three sons, Roger, William and Richard and my four daughters Barbara, Elizabeth, Agnes and Martha shall have forty pounds apiece each of them, the said portions to be paid unto my said sons when they accomplish the age of one and twenty years and to my daughters when they shall accomplish the like age of 21 years or else when they shall be married if before that time they shall be bestowed. **Item** I give to my servants Henry Edwards, Henry Cooper and Mary White to each of them 5 shillings. **Item** I give to every of my godchildren which bear my name 18 pence. **Item** I give unto every other of my godchildren 12 pence. **Item** I give to the poor of Mapledurwell 10 shillings in money and 2 bushels of wheat in bread to be distributed amongst them according as my executors in their discretion shall think fit. **Item** I will that if any of my aforesaid sons and daughters shall depart out of this life before they accomplish the age of 21 years that then their portion or portions shall be distributed equally amongst those my children which shall survive. **The** residue of all my goods, cattles and debts, after my debts paid, my funeral expenses performed and those my legacies contained in this my present testament fulfilled, I wholly give unto Elizabeth my wife and Roger my son whom jointly I make and ordain my executors. **Item** I will that Elizabeth my wife shall have the tuition of all my said children during their minority, together with the one half of their portions. **And** I will that the other moiety or half of their portions shall be employed and put forth in their benefit until they shall accomplish the aforesaid age of 21 years. **And** of the execution of this my last will and testament I make and ordain my well beloved brother William Smith and my loving friend John Canner overseers, desiring them to assist my executors in these things which concern my will and the welfare of my children and to either of them for their pains and as a remembrance of my love I bequeath 10 shillings. **In witness** of these said premises I have unto this my last will and testament put my hand the day and year above written.

Probate was granted 16 May 1639

The inventory of the goods and chattels of Nicholas Smith deceased not administered by Elizabeth Smith* widow one of the executors of the said of Mapledurwell deceased taken the 21 day of January 1638 as they were appraised by William Smith, John Canner and Richard Scott.

	£	s	d
In the chamber over the parlour			
One feather bed, one bolster, coverlet, one table and all in the chamber	5	10	0
In the upper chamber over the lower chamber	2	0	0
In the old loft over the hall three score and 18 pound of fleece wool and in lambs wool 30 pounds and in locks 10 pound	4	2	0
And in oats 10 bushels	0	13	4
One linen wheel	0	2	0
And other lumber stuff	0	2	0
Two half tods	0	2	0
And in linen, four pair of sheets and a table cloth with other linen	1	10	0
And in pewter	2	10	0
Item in the parlour one cupboard, one table and joined stools and four cushions	2	0	0
Item in the lower chamber one bed and two bedsteads one cupboard with other lumber	1	10	0
Item in the hall one table, one cupboard, three spits, one bible and other lumber in hall	1	9	0
Item four barrels and four bottles	0	10	0
Item in the kitchen one furnace, two pots, one kettle, three skillets and other lumber stuff	3	10	0
Item in the bake house one bushel, three sacks and other lumber stuff	0	10	0
Item in bacon and beef	4	10	0
Item in the barn in wheat and barley in the barn	16	0	0
Item in sheep	12	0	0
Item in oats, hay and vetches	1	0	0
Item five beasts	12	0	0
Item four horses and harness	14	0	0
Item in carts and ploughs	2	10	0
Item in bees	1	0	0
Item one sow and pigs	1	0	0
Item in wood	1	0	0
Item in wheat and vetches upon the ground	12	0	0

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Item in dung		2	0	0
	Sum	110	0	0

*No will survives for Elizabeth Smith, widow. Her death is recorded on the parish register (HRO 49M67/PR1, microfilm no 374).