

Thomas Frye of Cliddesden, 1659

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Upon the one and thirtieth day of March, one thousand six hundred fifty nine, I Thomas Frye of Cliddesden, being of good mind and memory (thanks be to God), do make, constitute and ordain this my last will and testament in manner and form following. **First** I give and bequeath my soul into the hands of Almighty God my Maker and Jesus Christ my Saviour and Redeemer by whom only I hope to be saved, and my body to be committed to the earth to be decently buried according to the will of my executor. **I give** William Frye my son four score sheep and half the kine and bullocks with my house in Yateley. **I give** also to him the lease which I have of Mr House, his land with the close of oats at Pens called Bottome Close, with one bed, one pair of sheets, two blankets and one coverlet and the cupboard in the hall with one pot and one kettle. **I give** also to him the horse called Wag of a black colour enjoining him to lay out five pounds upon Edward Frye my grandchild to make him an apprentice when he shall be fit for a trade. **I give** to Robert Kew and Grace his wife, ten ewes. **I give** to Winifred Eeles my maid servant six lambs. **And** to Thomas Payse one ewe sheep. **I give** to Thomas Frye the son of Henry Frye one calf to be weaned and kept for him. **I give** to Thomas Frye my son if he be living twenty shillings. All the rest of my goods, chattels, cattle, household stuff within and without I give to Henry Frye my son whom I leave sole executor of this my ~~last~~ will and testament. **And I** appoint William Becke and Henry Barrett my overseers, and to this I have put my hand and seal the day and year above written. **The mark** of Thomas Frye. **Witnesses** Robert Merriatt, William Becke.

Memorandum That is my will that William my son shall have only two kine, and is inserted before the sealing hereof.

Proved 20 April 1659.