Richard Taylor of Mapledurwell, 1518

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In the name of God Amen. The 20th day of the month of August 1518 AD, I Richard Taylar of the parish of the church of Saint Mary of Mapledurwell, compus mentis and of good memory, although being sick of body and labouring to make my testament in this way. Firstly I give and bequeath my soul to Almighty God and the most blessed Virgin Mother Mary and to all the saints of God. I give my body to be buried in the churchyard of the church of St Mary of Mapledurwell etc. Item I give and begueath to the high altar of the church of Saint Swithun at Winchester 2d. Item I give and bequeath to the church of Saint Mary at Mapledurwell 2 sheep. I give and bequeath to my son John one carriage [bigam], one horse, seven sheep and a cow. **Item** I give and bequeath to each of my godchildren 2d. Item I give and bequeath to each of the sons and daughters of William [Coke] 4d. Item I give and bequeath to each of the sons and daughters of William Nache 4d. Item I give and begueath to each of the sons and daughters of Thomas Adam 4d. Item I give and bequeath to William Nache one sheep. The residue of my true goods not above bequeathed I give and begueath to Joan my wife and Richard my son to dispose thereof as it seems best to them in front of the highest judge on judgement day, whom I ordain and make my true executors. Witnesses Sir John Loncaster, at the time curate of Mapledurwell, and Robert Wylde armiger – esq. [benedicte Banilo], William Kynge and William Nache and others.

Probate granted at the chapel in Basingstoke