

Roger Smith of Mapledurwell, yeoman, 1607

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In the name of God Amen. The eighteenth day of June in the fortieth year of the reign of our Sovereign Lady the Queen Majesty that now is, I Roger Smith of Mapledurwell in the county of Southampton yeoman, sick in body but of good and perfect memory (thanks be given to Almighty God), do make and ordain this my last will and testament in manner and form following. **First** I give and bequeath my soul to Almighty God my maker and redeemer and my body to be buried in the church yard of Mapledurwell. **Item** I give to the mother church of Winchester 4d. **Item** to Mapledurwell church 6s 4d. **Item** my will is that at my burial there be distributed amongst the poor (especially of this parish) 20s. **Item** I give to my servant Margaret Harwoode 6s 8d. and to my three sisters three pounds to be equally divided between them. **Item** I give to Richard Swayne one cow bullock of one year's age, with a white tail. **Item** I give to my two younger sons Nicholas and Benjamin the sum of one hundred pounds current English money which is now in the hands of divers persons as appears by their specialties, which said sum of one hundred pounds shall be employed to the best profit and commodity for my said two younger sons by the good discretion of mine overseers named in this my present will and testament, shall be truly delivered to them with the whole profit thereof when they shall accomplish their several ages of twenty three years. **And** if it shall please God that either of them do depart this life before they accomplish their said age or ages, then the part or parts of either or both of them so dying shall be equally divided between their brethren surviving. **Item** I give to Daniell Scott my son in law twenty pounds to be paid unto him within four years after my decease, if my daughter, his wife, be then living. **Item** whereas I have laid out twenty pounds to John Lee of Wootton upon a bargain of his father's copyhold, my will is that if the said bargain go not forward then the said twenty pounds shall be also employed to the best commodity for my son Roger and be delivered unto him when he shall accomplish the age of 22 years with all profits grown thereby. **But if** the bargain go forward, then my will is that my wife and executrix shall disburse so much more money as shall be sufficient for the perfecting of one estate for his part by the advice of my cousin Richard Freemantill. **Item** I give to my servant William Lynwoode four ewe sheep and to my servant William Goodyer two ewes. **And** my will and intent is that Alice my wife, whom I make and appoint sole executrix of this my last will and testament (my debts, legacies and funeral *expenses* being discharged), shall have the use of all the residue of my goods moveable and unmovable during her natural life, if she keep herself widowed. **And** whatsoever she shall be possessed of at the day of her death (being widowed), two parts thereof shall be equally divided between my two elder sons William and Roger. **And** the third part shall be at her own disposition. **But** if it please God that she do marry, then my will is that my said goods so left with her shall be equally divided between her and my last named two sons or one of them then living within one month next after her marriage by the help and advice of mine overseers, by whom their parts also shall be likewise employed to their best profits if they be not of the age of 22 years at the day of their mother's marriage. **And** where my meaning is that

the said hundred pounds for my two younger sons and the twenty pounds for my son Roger (if it so fall out,) shall be put to use for their best profits by my overseers, my will is that my overseers shall have for their care and pains to be taken therein every year 20s to be equally divided if they do put it to use and not bestow it upon some living for my said children's best behoof. **And** I appoint overseers of this my last will my well beloved friends Richard Freemantill, Nicholas Matthew, Benjamin Turner and Richard Deane of Basing. The testator's mark. Witnesses to this present will Benjamin Turner and Richard Deane.

Debts due by the Testator as follows:

Imprimis to my brother's children for the price of a nag £3.

Item I have of theirs one cow of the price of 33s. 4d.

Item I have put one other cow of theirs to one John Fielder of Heriatt (Herriard?) to hire and price the price being 40s and hire 40s by the year which will be out about Alhollontide next 44s.

Debts due to the testator without specialties:

Imprimis owing by Richard Goodchilde of Rotherwwick £3.

By the same Richard for one steer 40s.

Lent to the same Richard one yoke of steers, one black and one red for two years beginning the 13th day of May 1598. But if the said steers shall not be well kept and used, then it shall be lawful for the said Roger or his assigns to take the said steers into his or their hands at the end of one year or at any time before being [evill] used.

Item due by (*missing*) Maton of Pennes at Cliddesden for certain boards 18s.

Item by Luke Collye of Basing for certain timber.

Item by Edward Payce of Rotherwick to be due at the Feast of All Saints this present year 1598 for five loads of lathes at 16s the load and five loads [di] of timber at 6s the load £5 13s.

Item by James Lee of Upton, tailor 6s.

By Christopher Michener of Basingstoke for certain timber 45s 8d.

To Nicholas Purdue of Heckfield for four bushels of malt 12s.

Item by Mr. Francis Shrimpton of Basing for malt lent to John Parr 36s.

By the same John Parr for four bushels of malt at 24s the quarter 12s.

Item by the same John Parr other malt not fully paid for 5s.

Item by Christopher Tayler of Basing for certain malt 6s.

Probate was given in the prerogative court of Canterbury in front of William Bird, 3rd day of June 1607 to Alice widow and executrix.