

**Roger Ayres of Mapledurwell, yeoman, 1661**

**Ref: Hants. RO 1661A/004**

**In the name of God Amen.** The twenty four day of September in the year of our Lord God one thousand six hundred sixty and one, I Roger Ayres of Mapledurwell in the county of Southampton yeoman weak of body but of perfect memory God be praised do make and ordain this my last will and testament in writing in manner and form following. **First** I give and bequeath my soul into the hands of Almighty God my creator hoping only by the merits of Jesus Christ my saviour to be partakers of life everlasting. **And** I commend my body to the earth whereof it was made. **Item** I give and bequeath to my son Bartholomus Eares nine pounds twelve months after the death of his mother. **Item** I give unto my son Roger five and thirty shillings a year for three score years if he live so long and the shop and the loft over him, and free egress and regress to the fire when he please. **Item** I give unto my daughter Susane Ayres nine pounds twelve months after the death of her mother. **Item** I give unto my daughter Ann Pits five pounds to be paid twelve months after the decease of her father. **All** this which is given is to be paid out of the land according as it is due. **Item** I give unto Roase my wife all my goods within doors and without doors. **Item** I leave all this for my son William Ayre to pay out of the land. **Item** I make William my son and Roase my wife executors of this my last will and testament.

The mark of Roger Ayres

Henry Smith  
Benjamen Mathue  
Witness

An inventory of the goods and chattels of Roger Ayres late of Mapledurwell in the county of Southampton yeoman deceased, taken and appraised the 5th day of November Anno Domini 1661 by us whose names are under written.

	£	s	d
<b>Imprimis in the chamber</b> wherein he died his wearing apparel and money in his purse	2	0	0
<b>Item</b> a bedstead, a bed and the appurtenances thereunto	2	0	0
<b>Item</b> a bed and all that belongs to him	0	10	0
<b>Item</b> two pots, two kettles, two skillets	1	0	0
<b>Item</b> a dozen of pewter	1	0	0
<b>Item</b> a chest, two coffers	0	10	0
<b>Item in the hall</b> a table, a chair, a form two joined stools	0	12	0
<b>Item</b> in oats	1	0	0
<b>Item in the barn</b>			
Wheat, barley, peas, vetches	6	0	0
<b>Item</b> a mare and colt	2	10	0

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<b>Item</b> two bullocks	2	10	0
<b>Item</b> two hogs and four pigs	1	10	0
<b>Item</b> thirteen sheep	4	0	0

The sum is	25	2	0
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Henry Smith appraisers