

John Sumner of Mapledurwell, yeoman, 1656

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In the name of God Amen. I John Sumner of Mapledurwell in the county of Southampton, yeoman, being sick in body but of sound and perfect memory, for which I heartily thank my God, do this five and twentieth day of August one six hundred and fifty and six make, constitute and ordain this my last will and testament in manner and form following: **first** of all I bequeath my soul into the hands of Almighty God my creator with an assurance that in and through the merits and mediation of his dearly beloved son Jesus Christ, my blessed Lord and Saviour, and for that bitter death and bloody passion which I believe he suffered on the cross for my sins, I shall obtain everlasting life in the kingdom of heaven. **Also** I desire my body to be decently buried in the earth from whence it was taken in such place as my executors shall think fit. **Also** I give to my sons Nicolas, William, Daniell and Christopher Sumner three score pounds apiece of current English money to be paid to them when they shall attain severally to one and twenty years of age, or when they shall be out of the apprenticeships. **Also** I give to my daughters Anne, Olive, Sarah and Elizabeth Sumner three score pounds apiece of current English money to be paid to them severally when they shall attain to the severally two and twentieth years of ages. **And** if either of my said children shall happen to die before the time above expressed for the payment of the same, then the legacy so given to that child shall descend to my son John Sumner. **Also** I do make my dear wife Anne and my son John, executors jointly together of all my lands and goods and chattels for the term of ten years, to manage the same together for the bringing up and maintenance of them and the rest of my children at the end of which term my son John Sumner shall have all my lands, goods and chattels, he paying to my dear wife ten pounds of good and current English money a year yearly during her natural life, or the thirds of my lands at her own choice and my best bed and bedstead, and other things thereunto belonging **Also** I doe hereby enjoin my son John Sumner to pay all my just debts, and those legacies herein given by me until which time they and do shall be satisfied, and paid according to this last will and testament, all my lands shall stand engaged for the satisfying of the same. **Lastly** I appoint my kinsman Joshuah Perrior, and my brother in law John Porter and my brother Daniell Sumner overseers of this my last will and testament, all which was the desire of the above named John Sumner deceased and delivered by his own mouth in the presence of us whose names are subscribed John Porter Daniell Sumner.

This will was proved at London the tenth day of November one thousand six hundred fifty six before the Judges for probate of wills and granting Administrations lawfully authorised by the oaths of Anne Sumner the relict and John Sumner the son joint Executors [insined] in the good will to whom administration of all and singular the goods, chattels and debts of the said deceased was committed they being first by commission sworn truly to administer the same.