

**Nicholas Mathewe senior of Hoddington, Upton Grey, 1581**  
**Ref: Hants. RO 1581A/37**

The 9th of February AD 1580, *the* reign of Elizabeth 22nd

**In the name of God so be it**, I Nicholas Mathewe of Upton Grey in the county of Southampton being of body sick yet I thank God of perfect remembrance, do make this my last will and testament as follows. **First** I bequeath my soul to the [tuition] of Almighty God through whose blood shedding for me and all mankind I trust to be saved. **Item** I command my earthly body to be buried in my parish church earth of Upton Grey. **Now to** distribute that which God has lent unto me, I begin, that is I bequeath to the church of my parish a sheep. **Item** to Nicolas Tirrye a ewe and a lamb. **Item** to Elizabeth Turner a ewe. **Item** to Philip Tirrye a ewe. **Item** to Andrew Mathew a ewe sheep. **Item** to Joan Herryson a bushel of wheat and a bushel of malt. **Item** to every of my godchildren 2d. **Item** a bushel of wheat to be distributed amongst the poor of my parish. **Item** I will that if my wife will or do marry and couple her to another that then my son Thomas shall have the ploughs and cart. **All the** rest of my earthly goods my debts paid and my funeral discharged, I commit, give and bequeath unto Agnes my wife and to Tomas my son who I make my whole executors. Witnesse Richard Salkele, Roger Haule

Probate granted 29 February 1581.

The inventory of Nicholas Mathew the elder of Hoddington in the county of Southampton was taken and his goods appraised the first of June AD 1581 Regna Elizabeth 23rd. The appraisers names follow: James Mathewse, Sir Thomas Mathewe, Sir William Lee

	£	s	d
<b>Implements situating in the hall</b>			
<b>Item</b> a cupboard	0	5	0
<b>Item</b> a table with a frame	0	1	8
<b>Item</b> a form		<i>missing</i>	
<b>Item</b> a chair	0	0	4
<b>Item</b> a featherbed )			
<b>Item</b> a flockbed with all things thereto belonging )	0	13	4
<b>Item</b> 2 bedsteads the both bottom boarded	0	2	0
<b>Item</b> 2 pairs of sheets	0	4	0
<b>Item</b> 2 coffers	0	2	0
<b>Item</b> 2 tablecloths	0	2	0
<b>Item</b> a coverlet	0	0	2
<b>Item</b> all his apparel	0	10	0
	2	0	6
<b>Implements in the kitchen</b>			
<b>Item</b> all brass	1	0	0
<b>Item</b> 6 broches, an andiron, a trivet, pothooks	0	5	0
<b>Item</b> pot-hangers	0	1	0

<b>Item</b> pewter	0	13	0
<b>Item</b> a candlestick	0	0	3
<b>Item</b> barrels, tubs, kivers	0	10	0
<b>Item</b> 2 chests, a silting trough, a bolting which	0	10	0
	2	19	3

**Husbandry gear and corn**

<b>Item</b> a cart	1	6	0
<b>Item</b> ploughs and plough gear	0	10	0
<b>Item</b> one horse and cart harness	1	0	0
<b>Item</b> a cow	1	0	0
<b>Item</b> a calf	0	3	4
<b>Item</b> hogs and pigs	0	13	4
<b>Item</b> all poultry as hens and cocks	0	1	4
<b>Item</b> geese and ducks	0	2	6
<b>Item</b> 2 bills, a hatchet, one axe	0	1	4
<b>Item</b> 5 sheep	0	10	0
<b>Item</b> 3 lambs	0	3	0
<b>Item</b> 2 loads of wood	0	2	0
<b>Item</b> wheat upon the ground	4	0	0
<b>Item</b> vetches upon the ground	0	15	0
<b>Item</b> barley upon the ground	3	0	0
<b>Item</b> oats upon the ground	0	12	0
<b>Item</b> peas upon the ground	0	13	4
	14	14	2
Sum total	19	12	11