

William Prince of Cliddesden, 1544

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In the name of God Amen *in* the year of our Lord 1544 the 10th April I William Prince of the parish of Cliddesden with whole and perfect mind do make my testament and last will after this form and manner following, that is to understand **first** I give and bequeath my soul unto Almighty God and my body to be buried in the churchyard of Cliddesden. **Item** my debts paid I give to the trinity church in Winchester 4d. **Item** I bequeath to the parish church of Cliddesden 6s 8d. **Item** to the parish church of Farleigh *Wallop* a good wether sheep. **Item** to the parish church of Basingstoke a ewe sheep. **Item** to the parish church of Winslade one ewe sheep. **Item** I bequeath to Roberte my son the elder as many sheep as shall make up the number of 70 with his own that he had before. **Item** I bequeath to Robert my son the younger 60 sheep, that is to say wethers and ewes with 20 lambs. **Item** I bequeath to Thomas Prince my son 20 sheep, that is to say 10 ewes and ten wethers, and when the said Thomas my son shall come to his age of 20 years I will my executors to make him worth 20 nobles, the said 20 sheep with the increase *in* the meantime accounted. **In the** same I bequeath to Julian my daughter 20 sheep to be made in like values as is specified before of my said son Thomas and to delivered unto her when she shall be marriageable. **Item** I give and bequeath to Frances my son all the horses with their apparel belonging to the same, one chain with a coulter received to Robert my son the elder. **Item** I bequeath to my 2 sons Roberte and Robert 2 acres of barley lying in Basingstoke field indifferently to be parted betwixt them both. **Item** besides I will each of them to have a quarter of barley. **Item** more I give to Robert the elder one featherbed without any bolster. **Item** I bequeath to Robert the younger my best gabardine. **Item** I bequeath to Alice my daughter 2 bullocks of one year old in case she escapes the sickness which she is now in. **The residue** of my goods, my debts paid and legacies paid, I give and bequeath unto Elizabeth my wife and to Frances my son whom I make and ordain my whole executors. **And** John Woodson and Thomas Prince I will and desire to be the overseers of this my last will and testament and the said John Wodson to have for his labour 3s 4d. **This is** my very last will and testament. **In witness** hereof Thomas Lodge parson of Cliddesden, John Woodson and others provided always that certain implements be not removed, that is to say the table in the hall, the knives in the kitchen and the vat in the ..alting house.

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