

Alice Madgweke of Dummer, widow, 1591

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In the name of God Amen I Alice Madgweke widow of Dummer sometime the wife of Nicholas Madgweke deceased being in good health and perfect remembrance (thanks be to God therefore), the third day of August in the year of Our Lord a thousand five hundred eighty nine do make and ordain this my last will and testament in manner and form following. **First** I bequeath and commend my soul into the hands of Almighty God my Maker desiring Him to pardon and forgive me all my sins for His son Jesus Christ's sake my Saviour and Redeemer by whose merits and death only I trust to be saved and by no other means, and my body to be buried in the church of Dummer. **Item** I give and bequeath to the church of Dummer six shillings eight pence. **Item** I give to the cathedral church of Winchester twelve pence. **Item** I give to Micheldever church two shillings. **Item** I give to the church of North Waltham twelve pence. **Item** I give to the church of Overton two shillings. **Item** I give to three ringers of my knell and burial twelve pence. **Item** I give and bequeath twelve bushels of wheat and twelve bushels of malt and three pounds of money to be bestowed and given at my burial and at the month day after and at the year's end and at other times within the year as my executors shall think best at their discretion amongst the poor people at Dummer. **Item** I give thirty sheep to be put out to rent and price for ever and the rent of them to amount to the value of ten shillings of good and lawful English money by the year. **And** the said sheep with the rent of them to remain either with my executors or else with some such person or persons as they shall appoint for to distribute it. **And** this said rent I will to be given in alms and faithfully distributed among the poor people of Dummer yearly on Good Friday for ever. **Item** I give to the common well in Dummer five shillings. **Item** I give to Roger Lovers his wife one petticoat and one smock. **Item** I give to Margaret Diggins a lockeram kerchief an inset and a work day apron. **Item** I give to Jone Fist one lockeram kerchief and an inset. **Item** I give to every household in Dummer of needful people keeping no plough six pence apiece. **Item** I give to every one of my godchildren twelve pence apiece. **Item** I give to Amye Morley the wife of Bennet Morley three shillings four pence. **Item** I give to John Floyde which was sometimes dwelling in my house three shillings four pence. **Item** I give to Jane Guye six pounds of good and lawful money of England. **Item** I give to every one of James Guye and David Taylor their children six shillings eight pence apiece. **Item** I give to every child of John Madgweke and of Robert Madgweke my sons and to the children of Mary Fulwell as many as shall be alive at my death six shillings eight pence apiece. **Item** I give to every one of my daughters in law that is to John Madgweke his wife two Holland kerchiefs. **To Robert** Madgweke his wife two Holland kerchiefs. **To William** Madgweke his wife two Holland kerchiefs. **To Walter** Madgweke his wife two Holland kerchiefs. **Item** I give and bequeath to my daughter Amye twenty pounds of good and lawful money of England, my second best cassock, two kerchiefs next the best, one white holidays apron and one pair of sheets. **Item** I give to Mary Madgweke my daughter twenty pounds of good and lawful money of England, my best cassock, my best worsted kirtle, a gold ring, one pair of the best sheets, my best felt hat, two Holland kerchiefs of the best, two of my best insets, two of my best cornered napkins and my best apron. **Item** I give to William Madgweke my son twenty pounds of good and lawful money of England. **Item** I give to my son Robert Madgweke two silver spoons and twenty pounds of good and lawful money of England. **Item** I give and bequeath to Roger Madgweke my son four score pounds of good and lawful money

of England, two pairs of sheets and two silver spoons. **Item** I give to Walter Madgweke the standing bedstead in the loft with all the hangings and painted cloths in the house. **Item** my will is that all my evidences, deeds and writings which concern my free land in Dummer be delivered quietly after my death unto Walter Madgweke my son that he may have the use of them according to the true meaning of the deed of enfeoffment by me made before. **The residue** of all my goods and cattle moveable and unmoveable not given nor bequeathed, my funeral expenses, legacies and bequests discharged I do give and bequeath to John Madgweke and Walter Madgweke my sons whom I constitute, ordain and make executors of this my last will and testament. **And I** desire Henry Pinke of Kempshott and John Millingate the elder to take the pains to be my overseers of this my last will and testament. **And I** give to each of them for their pains three shillings four pence apiece. **In witness** hereof I have set to my hand the day and year above written in the presence of Philippe Kisthull, Gilbert Wither, William Graunte his mark, John Woodison his mark.
Alice Madgweke

Probate granted in London 24 March 1591 to John Madgweke and Walter Madgweke sons, executors.