

*The Last Will and Testament
Of John Maton
of Tidworth
Will Proved
21st October 1590*



Prerogative Court of Canterbury
PROB11/76
Will Dated 17th July 1590

Testator:	Maton	John	Yeoman of Tidworth
Executors:	Leonard	Son	Sole Executor

Beneficiaries		Relationship to testator	Other Information
Surname	Given Names		
			Salisbury Cathedral
			North Tidworth Parish Church
			The Poor of Tidworth
Maton	Elizabeth	Daughter	
Maton	Francis	Son	
Maton	Jane	Wife	
Maton	Joane	Daughter	
Maton	Leonard	Son	
Maton	Susan	Daughter	
Witnesses			
Evans	Robert		Clerk, Guardian of Executor
Jefferay	John		
Jones	Edward		Yeoman, Guardian of Executor
Maton	John	Brother	Guardian of Executor
Staples	William		Gent Guardian of Executor
Other Names			

In the name of God Amen I John Maton the younger of Tidworthe in the Coutie of Wiltes Yeoman being sicke of bodie but in perfect mynde and memorie thanks be to God The seventeenth day of July Anno Dni one thousand fyve hundred ninetie do make my last will and testament in manner and forme followinge First I bequeath my soule unto Almightye God my redeemer and saviour and my bodie to be buried in the Parish Church of Tidworth aforesaid Item I give and bequeath to the Cathedrall Church of Sarum three shillings four pence Item I give to my Parish Church of Tidworth aforesaid six shillings eight pence Item I give to the poore folk of Tidworth aforesaid to be delivered equally amongst them by the

discrecion of my overseers six shillings eight pence Item I give unto every one of my godchildren foure pence Item I give and bequeath unto Francis Maton my sonne fyve hundred pounds of lawfull monie to be paid unto him at eighteen years of age if my overseers shall think it good that he is then of sufficient capacitie to guide and governe the farme or otherwise to be paid unto him at twentie and one yeares of age and not before Also two hundred of sheepe running at the leat two feather beddes with all manner of furniture thereunto belonginge one bedstede one silver salt parcel guilt (sic) and six silver spoones all to be delyvered at aforesaid Item I give to Elizabeth Maton my daughter one hundred markes of lawfull monie of England one cowe and twentie sheepe at the runne of the leate Item I give unto Joane Maton my daughter one hundred markes of lawfull monie of England one cowe and twentie sheepe at the run of the leate Item I give unto Susan my daughter one hundred markes of lawfull monie of England one cowe and twentie sheepe at the runne of the leate all which said legacies given and bequeathed to my said daughters shall be delyvered to either of them by my executor or his assignes at such time as anie of my said daughters shall attaine come and be of the age of eighteen yeares And if it happen that anie of my said daughters doe decease or depart out of this transitorie life before they or anie of them shall attaine or come to the said age of eighteene yeares then my will is that the legacies given unto them shall be equally devided between my two sonnes And if it happen anie of my sonnes Leonard Maton or Francis Maton to decease or depart out of this transitorie life before they or anie of them doe or shall atteyne and come to the age of twentie and one yeares then my will is that the survivor of them shall have possess and enjoye all parte purporte and portion of the deceased sonne which by anie meanes might or ought to come to the same deceased sonne by this my last will and testament And if it happen that both my said sonnes should departe out of this life not being of the age of twentie and one yeares then my will is that all my goodes and cattells (sic) moveable and unmoveable given in this my last will and testament shall wholly remaine equally to be devided by my overseers amongst my said daughters then lyvinge Item I give to Jane my wife two hundered markes of lawfull money of England if she happen to marry after my decease and if Jane my said wife doe not happen to marry but keepe herself sole and unmarried during her life naturall then my will is that my said wife shall possess and enjoye the moietie and one half of all my farme windmill and tenements in Ludgershall and Tidworth in the Countie of Wiltes and all things thereunto belonginge which I now dwell in in Tidworth aforesaid together with the one half and moitie of all such stocke and store as I holde at the time of my decease in and upon the said farme and windmill and tenements jointlie with my sonne Leonard Maton to be devided between them at the discretion of my overseers Further my will is that if jane my wife happen to depart this transitorie life possessinge and enjoying the said moietie of the said fearme windmill tenements and the moietie of the said stocke and store given unto her as aforesaid in consideration thereof the comodities profits and increase thereof by all meanes which she shall be possessed of at the tyme of her death shall remaine and come to the use and possession of Leonard Maton my sonne savinge only that it shall be lawfull and for the said Jane my wife to give two hundred markes of lawfull monie of England to my children and hers as she thinketh good provided further that my said wife according to the time that she shall or maye hereafter have possesse and enjoye the said moietie of the said fearme windmill tenements stockes and store shall paie and discharge her parte and portion of such legacies and bequests conytayned in my last will and testament together with my executor hereafter mencioned as my overseers of this my last will and testament shall judge and think it convenient and necessarie Item All the rest of my goodes and cattells (sic) in(sic) moveable and unmoveable not given or bequeathed my debts and funerall discharged and paid and my said legacies given to my said wife as aforesaid performed I doe give and bequeathe unto Leonard Maton my sonne whom I do make constitute and ordaine my whole and sole executor of this my last will and testament alwaies provided that all my said children shall be brought up honestly and vertuously with sufficient maintenance at the only costs and charges of my said executor and the occupiers of my said fearme and other livings And if it happen that my said wife do depart out of this transitorie life before my said executor shall come and attayne to the age of twenty and one years then my will is that John Maton my brother William Staples Gent Edward Jones Yeoman and Robert Evans Clearke shall have the use of my executor the gardenshipp (sic) and guydinge of my said children fearme and other things before recyted until my said executor shall come and attaine to the age of twentie and one yeares And for that intent that this my last will and testament may be better executed and performed in all things according to my good meaning therein I do make ordaine constitute and appoint my well beloved in Christ John Maton my said brother William Staples Gent Edward Jones Yeoman and Robert Evans Clarke my overseers

Signum Dict Johis Maton Junior

Witness hereunto:

John Jefferay William Staples John Maton Edward Jones Robert Evans Clerk

Probate

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21st October 1590, John Maton, William Staples, Edward Jones and Robert Evans, Clerk, appeared by commission

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