

*The Last Will and Testament of  
William Morse  
of Rodbourne Cheney  
Will proved 6 October 1578*



Probate Court of Canterbury  
Original reference: 11/60/493  
Court Copy reference:

<b>Testator:</b>	Morse	William the elder	Yeoman of Rodbourne Cheney
<b>Executors:</b>			
Morse	(Edward	Sole	son
<b>Supervisors</b>			
Cusse	Henry		
Cusse	Nicholas		
Morse	Thomas		brother

Beneficiaries		Relationship to testator	Other Information
Surname	Given Names		
Morse	Anthony	son	Under 21
Morse	Edmund	son	
Morse	John	son	
Morse	Roger	son	
Morse	William		Little boy
Morse	William	Son	
Wake	James		
Weston	Christian		Wife of Thomas Weston
Weston	Thomas		
<b>WITNESSES</b>			
<b>OTHER NAMES</b>			

William Morse the elder of Radbourn Cheney, yeoman, will dated August 25, 1578, proved at London October 16, 1578.

To the poor of Radbourn Cheney 13 shillings 4 pence;

to the reparation of the Cathedral church of Salisbury 6 pence;

to the reparation of Radbourn church 12 pence;

to son John, sheep and cattle;

to son William and his heirs the house now in his occupancy called Edwards House, with lands in Heydon-Weeke, Moredon and Pyton and cattle and sheep;

to son Roger one third of his farm in Weeke and Goulding, oxen, sheep etc.

to son Anthony, 10 pounds; his young roan mare and sufficient meat and drink for him and his horse until he is twenty one years of age and afterwards during his life, at the charge of his son Roger and if Anthony should not be satisfied with his finding then son Roger to pay him 40 shillings a year during his life;

to son Anthony his third bed with all the things belonging to it;  
to James Wake 3 pounds 6 shillings, 8 pence;  
to William Morse, a little boy, 20 shillings when he becomes twenty one years of age;  
to son Edmund, his house and lands in Redbourne for 41 years, paying unto the heir of the testator 40 shillings at the usual feast days;  
to Thomas Weston and Christian his wife the house and lands where he now dwells;  
if his son William dies without male heirs, then his son Roger is to succeed, next his son Edward, whom he appoints executor and his brother Thomas Morse, Nicholas and Henry Cusse supervisors.