

*The Last Will and Testament
Of Robert Maton
of North Tidworth
Will Proved
23rd February 1588*



Prerogative Court of Canterbury
Prob 11/72
Will dated:

Testator:	Maton	Robert	Of North Tidworth
Executors:			
Maton	Jeffery	Son	Sole Executor (a Minor)

Beneficiaries		Relationship to testator	Other Information
Surname	Given Names		
			Cathedral Church of Sarum
			North Tidworth Parish Church
			The Poor of North Tidworth
			The Poor of Berwick St. James
Glyde	John		
Hemsworth	Guy	Father in Law	
Maton	Jeffery	Son	
Maton	John	Brother	
Maton	Robert	Godson	
Poll	Thomas		
Witnesses			
Baliss	Robert		
Flower	Richard		
Grove	John		
Watts	Thomas		
Other Names			
Amis	Harrie		Creditor to the Testator
Biggs	John		To pay Wife of Testator
Bungey	Stephen		Debtor to the Testator
Carpenter	Thomas		Of Newton - To pay wife of Testator
Curington	Richard		To pay Wife of Testator
Lawes	Robert		Creditor to the Testator
Maton	John, Snr		Debtor to the Testator
Maton	Richard		Of Lavington - To pay Wife of Testator
Myles	John		To pay Wife of Testator
Myles	John		Of Urshante - To pay Wife of Testator

In the name of God Amen. I Robert Maton of North Tidworthe being sick of bodye butt in perfecte memory thankes be given to God doe make and ordeine this my last will and testament in manner and forme followinge. First I bequeathe my soule to almightie God and my bodie to be buried in the church yarde at Northe Tidworthe. Item I give to the Cathedrall Church of Sarum twelve pence. Item I give to the Parish Church at North Tidworthe twelve pence. Item I give to Cibell my wife three score pounds whiche shall be paid within one monthe after my decease. Item more I give to Cibell my wife fourtie pounds whiche she shall receyve of those persons hereafter named that is to saie of Thomas Carpenter of Newton two and twentie pounds and four five quarters of barley twentie shillings, Item of Richard Currington twelve pounds. Item of John Biggs of Stapleford three pounds. Item of John Myles of Urshante eighte shillings. Item of Richard Maton of Lavington twelve shillings of Ranger six shillings eight pence Item of Thomas Alyn of Bradford five shillings. Item I give more to Cibell my wife all her napery and beddinge that she brought unto mee at our marriage. Item I give to my sonne Jeffery Maton the rent of my farme in Tidworthe during the reme of years which I holde by Mr Dauntsey which is fortie pounds a yeare to him. Item I give to my Godson Robert Maton one yeow ((ewe). Item I give to John Glyde a canvas cut Dublett and a payer of cutt hoses. Item I give to Thomas Poll a cut canvas dublett a graye frist coate a black payer of hoses, a grene hatt, a payer of stockings and a payer of shoes. Item I give to my sonne Jeffery all the rest of my goodes moveable and unmoveable whom I make my wholl executor of this my last will and testament. Item I will that if my sonne Jeffery Maton doe decease before he comes of age then all my foresaid rents and goods shall be devided amongst my brothers and sisters children by equall portions. Item I will that my Father in Law, Guy Hemsworthe and my two brothers be my overseers and that they have the rest of all my further goods being given to my sonne to the keeping and maynteyninge of him at schoole until he come to the age of eighteen years and then to have the use of it if my said overseers think him to have sufficient discretion or otherwise to remaine in my overseers hands until he come to one and twenty years. And to the intent that this my last will and testament be well observed and fulfilled I give to every one of tem fore shillings a peece. Item my brother John Maton the older oweth me five pounds five shillings eight pence. Item Stephen Bungey oweth me five shillings. Item I owe to Harrie Amis for a sack of seede wheat nine shillings four pence. Item I owe Robert Lawes five shillings. Item I give to the poore of North Tidworth five shillings eight pence. Item I give to the poore people of St James Berwick five shillings eight pence to be distributed at the discretion of my overseers their being witnesses.

Richard Flower, Thomas Watts, John Grove, Robert Baliss.

Probate:

Vicesimo Tertio die mensis Februarii Anno Domini juxta computatem ecclii Anglicane millimus quingentissimo octogesimo septimo emanant Johanni Maton et Guidem Hemsworthe supervisoribus nominatis in testamento ad administrand eiusdem duran minori Galfridi Maton executoris in testamento nominat.. In persona Thomas Warde Procuratoris.

23rd February 1588 (calculated in accordance with the Anglican Church) John Maton and Guy Hemsworth appeared as supervisors nominated in the will to adminster the same during the minority of Jeffery Maton, the executor nominated in the will. In the presence of Thomas Warde, Procurator.

OPC Note:

The date could be regarded as 23rd February 1587/88.