

Agnes Motte of Herstmonceux 1580

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In the name of God Amen the first Daye of Februarii in the yere of our lord god a thousand five hundredth threescore and nyntene and the xxijth yere of the Raigne of our Sovereigne Lady Elizabeth by the grace of god of England Franncce and Ireland quene defendor of the fayth etc I Agnes Motte of the parishe of Herstmounsex in the Diocese of Chichester beinge sicke in bodye yet god be thanked of good and perfect memorie Doe make and ordayne this my last will and Testament in manner and forme followinge that is to saye First and principallie I will my sowle unto Almightye god my maker and redeemer trustinge assuredly to be saved by the merits of Christ his passion and this I doe protest to be my fayth and my bodie to be buried in the Church yard of Herstmounsex aforesaid or els where as it shall please god Item I will unto everie of my godchildren xijd apece Item I will unto the poore mens boxe of herstmounsex aforesaid iij s iiijd Item I will unto Ann Motte my Daughter xli of lawfull money of England to be paid unto her within ij yeres after my decease Item I will more unto the said **Anne Motte** my daughter my best gold ringe beinge my weddinge Ringe ij featherbeds and all that doth belonge thereunto one flockbed ij payre of fyne sheets and one newe payre of sheets iij long table clothes ij fine and one corse and one towell a christninge sheete ij white seamed pillowbeeres one white hanginge one bestedde standing in the Gesten Chamber All myne app[ar]ell both linen and wollen savinge that I shall geve away with myne owne hands one cawdron one brasse pot one kettle one payre of bakinge irons one newe basson iij pewter platters iij pewter dishes iij Sawcers & iij candlesticks one dossen of Ty... spoones vj ewes ij kyne one in the kepinge of **Thomas Afforde** and the other in the kepinge of **John Marten** also one chest which I laide my linen in two nayle of white woll and my great mare stagge Item I will unto **Samuell Motte** my sonne xxli of good and lawfull money of England to be paid unto him within iij yeres after my decease Item I will unto the said Samuell foure markes of lawfull money of England yerely during the tyme that I ought to receave the same which I have out of Pevensey marshe Item I will unto the said Samuel my great Caldron my greatest brasse pot my Joyned chest standinge by the bedside in the p[ar]lor iij pewter platters iij pewter Dishes iij sawcers iij candlesticks one salt and a dozen of spoones Item I will more unto the said Samuell one of my best fetherbeds and all things thereunto apperteyning iij payre of sheets ij blackr seamed pillowbeeres one cove collored fallowed now in the keepinge of **Thomas Motte** and vj sheepe in myne owne kepinge Also my blackstone colt one of my longe table clothes one white hanginge one chaiee one gold ringe that I have nowe on my finger Item I will that there be equallye devided betweene my iij children **Beniamin** Samuel and **Anne** one pece of newe clothe which is now reddye to be put to weavinge everie one bearinge his part by equall porcons for the weavinge of the same All the residewe of my goods by me not willed nor bequethed I will unto Beniamin Motte my sonne whome I make constitute and ordaine my sole executor of this my last will and Testament And if the said Beniamin refusse to prove this my said will & Testament within xj weeks after my decease Then I will that Samuell Motte my sonne shalbe my sole executor of this my last will and Testament payinge my debts and discharging my legaces Also I will & desyer **Robt Richards** of herstmounsex & **Thomas Clifton** of Herstmounsex aforesaid to be my supervisors of this my last will & Testament & for their paines I will unto them iij s iiijd apece In witness whereof Robt Richards Robt Colbran Jhon Marten Thomas Afford Thomas Clifton Thomas Stile the writer & others

Probatum fuit hoc testamentum coram magistro Thome Underdowne Surrogato etc xxiiij^{to} februarii
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nayle = a measure of length of cloth

pillowbeeres = pillow cases

fallowed = coloured reddish yellow or pale brown