

## Thomas Mott of Ninfield, husbandman 1595

Will made 22 May 1595 , probate 25 November 1595

In the name of god amen: The two and twentiethe daye of Maye in the yeare of our lord god a thowsand fyve hundrethe fowre score and fyfteene. I Thomas Motte of Nendfielde in the countie of Sussex husbandman beinge sicke in bodye, yet god be thanked of good and perfecte memorie doe make and ordeyne this my last will and Testament in manner and forme followinge: Firste and principallye I Commende my soule to Allmightie god my maker and redeemer trustinge assuredlye to be saved by the meritts of Christe his passion, and this I protest to be my faithe, And my Bodye to be buried in the Churchyarde of Nendfielde or els where as it shall please god. Item I will to the poore mens boxe of the parishe of Nendfielde xiid Item I will unto **Beniamyn and Marye my Brothers Children** xijd a peece. Item I will unto everie one of my godchildren xijd a peece. Item I will unto **Susan my Daughter** my greatest Chestre that was her mothers. All the residue of my moveable goodes Creditts and Chattles I will unto **Margaret my Wife** whome I make my sole Executrix of this my last will and testament payinge my debts and legacies and to bring upp my Children: Item I will and desire **Symon Cowper of Nendfielde, Samuell Motte my Brother** and **Thomas Baker of Herstmonsex** to be the supervisors of this my laste will and Testament, and I will unto them for there paynes fyve shillings a peece that they shall take about the execution of this my laste will and testamente.

This is the last will and Testament of me the saide Thomas Motte made and declared the daye and yeare first above sayde, touching the disposition of all my Landes and tenementes and one barne sette lyeinge and beinge in the parishes of Ashborneham and Nendfielde in the countie of Sussex. Item I will unto Margaret my wife and her assignes all my said landes tenements and barne unto the full ende and terme of Tenne yeares nexte ensuinge after my Decease fullye to be accomplished and ended for the better payinge of my Debts and bringinge upp of my sayde Children. I will unto Susanna my Daughter aforesaid out of my landes and tenements sett lyeinge and beinge in the parishe of Nendfielde called Waneholde xiijs iiijd halfe yearelye to be paide unto her duringe the saide terme of Tenne yeares. And for default of paymente thereof it shalbe lawfull unto the saide Susanna my Daughter soe often to distreyne of and in the saide Landes and Tenement called Waneholde and the distresse to witholde till she be thereof fullye satisfied and payde. I will all the saide landes and tenement called the Waneholde sett lyeinge and beinge in the parishe of Nendfielde aforesaide unto the saide Susanna my Daughter and to theires of her bodye lawfullye begotten, when the saide Tenne yeares shalbe expired and ended. Item I will all my landes and barne thereupon builded sett lyeinge and beinge in the parishe of Ashborneham aforesaide unto the **other of my Children , that is to saye, Marye, Sara, and Judithe**, equallie betwene them to be devided and to there heires for ever when the saide tenne yeares shalbe ended, or to them of my saide three daughters Marye Sara and Judithe that then shalbe lyvinge: Provyded alwayes and my verie will is that Margaret my wyfe nor her Assignes shall not fell anye woodes nor underwoodes of and in my Landes called the Waneholde lyeinge and beinge in Nendfielde aforesaide duringe the terme aforesaide, but onelye for the enclosinge of the same as often as neede shall require. In witnesse whereof I the said Thomas Motte have to this my presente last will and Testament sett my hande and seale the daye and yeare firste above saide, in presence of Samuell Mott, Thomas Baker & Thomas Stile the writer.

Samuell Mott : signum dicti Thomas Baker: Thomas Mott

Probate 25th November 1595 to Margaret the relict of the deceased and Executor, represented by  
Edward Cooke her procurator  
Inventory £34 9 8d.