

Last Will and Testament – Stephen Milbank

**Steven Melbanke of Masheburie, County Essex, Yeoman.
Will 22 June 1596; Proved 7 February 1597.**

I bequeath to Rose, my now wife, my term of years in a messuage called Old Evered, with land in Mashburye, Goodester and Chignall Smealye, in my own occupation; also four horses and all the implements that are on my said farm. Also four cows from my farm called Mashburie Hall, and all the household stuff that I had with her at the day of our marriage, to the intent that she shall bring up my two youngest sons William and Abraham Melbanke, the first till Michaelmas 1598, the latter till his age of 17. To my eldest son Richard £40. To my godson Josias Kerne, my daughter's son, £ 30 to be paid into the hands of his father Josias Kerne, till his age of 21. To my son Henry, £150 at 21; and the like to my sons Thomas, Steven and William. To my son Abraham, my customary tenements in Sparrowe and in Mashburie, and 22 acres of land which I lately purchased of one Henry Monke, immediately after my wife's decease. To my daughter Dennys, my joined bedstead. All the residue of my household stuff, equally among all my sons. To the reparations of the parish church 10s. To ten of the poorest persons of Goodester, 10s. To Mother Pynchin of Writtle, 10s. I bequeath all my messuage in Clare, County Suffolk, to my son Abraham, and will that John Brewer, my brother in law shall receive the issues to his use till his age of 21. I make my brother Thomas Tukyn my executor, to whom I give 20s for his pains; and I desire my trusty friend Mr Durden, parson of Mashbury, and the said John Brewer, to be my overseers.

**Witnesses: Richard Read, Thomas Evered, John Lukyn.
Proved by definitive sentence.**