

Thomas Terry of Dummer, clerk, 1723
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In the name of God Amen, I Thomas Terry of Dummer in the County of Southampton clerk, being now in health but considering the uncertainty of life do this twentieth day of June in the year of our Lord Christ one thousand seven hundred and fifteen make and ordain my last will and testament in manner following. **First** my will is that my body be decently buried in the church yard of the parish of Dummer aforesaid as near to my late deceased wife Amy as the same may be conveniently done. **And as** to my temporal estate I dispose thereof as follows. **Imprimis** I give to my four younger children Elizabeth, Mary, Richard and Anne the sum of five hundred pounds apiece of lawful money of Great Britain. **And if** any or either of my said four children shall happen to die without issue before his, her or their respective ages of one and twenty years or days of marriage, then my will is that the portion of such of them so dying shall be equally divided among the survivors of them share and share alike. **And I** do hereby charge, subject and make liable all my lands, tenements and hereditaments with the payment of the said sum of five hundred pounds apiece to my said four children. **Item** I give, devise and bequeath unto my eldest son Thomas and to his heirs all my lands, tenements and hereditaments paying thereout the said sum of five hundred pounds apiece to my said four younger children making in the whole two thousand pounds. **And my** will further is, and I do hereby give and bequeath unto and among all my children viz., the said Thomas, Elizabeth, Mary, Michael, Anne all my household goods, money, plate and other my goods and chattels whatsoever, my just debts funeral expenses and the legacies hereafter given to my brother Steven Terry being paid thereout. **And I** do hereby constitute and appoint my said son Thomas sole executor of this my said will. **And in** regard my said children are at present under age I do devise the guardianship of all and every of them unto my loving brother Steven Terry gent., desiring that my said children may be educated and bred up in the Church of England as the same is now by law established, and hoping and requiring my said children to be governed and ruled by their uncle, the said Steven Terry, in their education and marriage to whom I give the sum of ten pounds as a small acknowledgement for his trouble desiring him to accept the thereof. **In witness** whereof I, the said Thomas Terry have hereunto set my hand and seal the day and year first above written Thomas Terry.

Signed, sealed, published and declared by the above named Thomas Terry the testator as and for his last will and testament in the presence of us who have subscribed our names as witnesses in his, the said Testator's, presence.

Richard Widmore, Thomas Burston, Rebecca Taylor, Judith Clapshew.

Probate granted 19 November 1723 to Stephen Terry, brother of the deceased to be the guardian of Elizabeth, Mary, Michael and Anne during their minority.