

Ralph Couper of Dummer, 1558

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In the name of God Amen the 19th day of August in the year of our Lord God a thousand five hundred fifty and eight, I Rave Couper of the parish of Dummer within the diocese of Winchester being of good mind and memory make my testament and last will in manner and form following. **First** I bequeath my soul to Almighty God, to Our Lady Saint Mary and to the Blessed Company in Heaven and also to the suffrages of All Holy church and my body to be buried in the church yard of Dummer. **Item** I give and bequeath to the church of Dummer four ewe sheep. **Item** I give and bequeath to Agnes, Margret, Jone and Jane my daughters each of them 10 wether sheep and 15 ewe sheep and also to each of them one cow, one bullock and one pair of sheets, half a quarter of wheat and half a quarter of malt at their marriage and if any of them die, that then their part remain to them that live. **Item** I give and bequeath to Thomas Couper my servant and kinsman four ewe sheep and one bullock. **Item** give and bequeath to every one of my godchildren 8d. **Item** I give and bequeath to Jhon Dummer and Hary Turner each of them two bushels of wheat. **Item** I give and bequeath to Stephyn Styntt two bushels of malt. **And all** other my goods not given nor bequeathed, my debts paid and will performed, I give and bequeath to Jone Couper my wife and to Jhon and Jhon my two sons whom I do constitute and make my executors, and if any of them die that then his or their part to remain to them that live. **Item** I do constitute and make Jhon Couper my brother and Jeorgh Wythers the supervisors and overseers of the same to see everything well performed accordingly and each of them to have for their labour 6s. 8d. they being present and bearing witness to all the promises Jhon Dummer, Hary Turner and Stephyn Stynte with others more.

Probate granted 11 September 1558 to the executor named. Obligation on John Coper and John Crasse husbandman of Heckfield and George Wether of Dummer husbandman and John Cowper of Wield, husbandman.

The inventory of all the goods and cattle of Rave Cowper of Dummer deceased praised by Jhon Dummer, Rycharde Dummer, Jhon Gowlde the 4th day of September in the year of our Lord God a thousand five hundred fifty and eight.

	£	s	d
First in all manner of his wearing gear as gowns, coats with others price	1	6	8
Item in all bedding and that to belonging and all linen as sheets and others price	1	13	4
Item in bedsteads, coffer, cupboards with other boards and chairs with others price	0	12	0
Item in all manner of pewter and brass, iron and other tools price	2	2	0
Item in all wood vessels as vats, tubs, dishes and trenchers with others	0	10	0
Item in horses 6 and horse harness as belongs to them	6	0	0
Item in oxen 4, kine 8, with bullocks and calves price	10	0	0
Item two iron bound carts, two ploughs and all belonging			

thereto price	2	6	8
Item in sheep 14, with other tegs price	20	0	0
Item in hogs and pigs with other as poultry price	1	1	8
Item in wheat, barley and oats price	22	0	0
Item in peas, vetches and hay price	2	0	0
Item in malt, wool and wood price	8	5	0
Sum total	46	17	4