

**George Withers of Dummer, husbandman 1584**

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**In the name of God Amen** the 25th of February AD 1584 according to the account of the Church of England I George Withers of Dummer in the county of Southampton husbandman being sick of body but of perfect remembrance thanks be given to God do make this my last will and testament in manner and *form* following. **First** I bequeath my soul in to the hands of Almighty God my Saviour and Redeemer Jesus Christ by whose blessed passion and blood shedding my hope is to be saved and my body to be buried in the church yard of Dummer near unto my wife's burial. **Item** I give to my son Thomas Wethers £40. **Item** I give to my son Jhon Wethers £40. **Item** I give and bequeath to Edward Lyllyewhite £20 and 20 sheep in the custody of Gylbert Wethers my son. **All the** which sums of money before bequeathed I will that my executor hereafter named shall discharge and pay unto the said parties within two years after my decease. **Item** I give to the cathedral church of Winchester 6d. **Item** I give to Avelyne Wethers and Jone Wethers daughters of my son Gylbert Wethers each of them a sheep. **Item** I give and bequeath to Rychard Weston and Jone Coxe each of them a sheep. **Item** I give to my well beloved landlord Mr Wylliam Dummer one old angel of 10s. **Item** I give to every servant now dwelling in the house 12d. apiece. **Item** I give to my son Jhon Wethers one feather bed with the bolster, 1 coverlet, one pair of sheets and one blanket. **Item** I give to him two coffers and all things therein contained now being in the upper loft. **Item** I give to every one my godchildren 4d. a peece **Item** I give to Jhon Bayly, mother Shephard, Gylbert Dygyne, Henry Smythe, Edward Wayte and to mother Bolchyld 6d. apiece. **Item** I give and bequeath all my lands lying in Wotton St Lawrence and East Oakley and my land called Staples alias Gold Crosse lying in Kempshott in the parish of Winslade in the county of Southampton unto Gylbert Wethers my son and to the heirs of his body lawfully begotten. **Item** I give to the church of Dummer one sheep. **Item** I give to Raynold Wether my son one malt mill quern and one parch met mill with the case thereby to appertaining to try grain. **The residue** of all my goods not given nether bequeathed I give and bequeth to my son Gylbert Wethers whom I do ordain and make my sole executor of this my last will and testament. **And I** desire my cousin Rychard Alyff and my cousin Jhon Withers of Manydown and Mr Wylliam Whyte parson of Dummer to take the pains to be my overseers of this my last will and I give to each of them for their pains 6s. 8d. apiece. **In witness** to this my last will and testament I have put to my hand and seal in the presence of Wylliam Whyte parson of Dummer, Rychard Alyff of Ewhurst and Jhon *missing*

Signed, sealed, declared and  
read in the presence of us  
Wylliam Whyte parson of Dummer  
Rychard Alyff  
John Wyther

by me George Wether

Probate granted 16 January 1584 to Gilbert Wethers, son and executor.

**An inventory** of all and singular goods and chattels of George Wethers late of Dummer deceased left as a stock in the hands of Gylbert Wethers his son and executor and priced by the said testers as follows

	£	s	d
<b>Imprimis</b> 25 acres of wheat	25	0	0
<b>Item</b> 25 acres of barley	16	13	4
<b>Item</b> 5 acres of oat	1	10	4
<b>Item</b> six acres of peas	1	10	0
<b>Item</b> 4 acres of vetches	1	0	0
<b>Item</b> a hundred sheep	20	0	0
<b>Item</b> six horses with all their apparel meet for the ploughing and the cart	20	0	0
<b>Item</b> six kine	10	0	0
<b>Item</b> 2 heckferths of three years age	2	0	0
<b>Item</b> 10 hogs	2	0	0
<b>Item</b> two iron bound carts with two long lades, one whip lade and a dung pot	4	0	0
<b>Item</b> one plough with all necessities thereunto belonging and one small spare plough	1	6	8
<b>Item</b> two cauldrons	1	6	8
<b>Item</b> a brass pan	0	5	0
<b>Item</b> three little kettles	0	6	8
<b>Item</b> two bowls	0	2	6
<b>Item</b> 2 flock beds and 2 bolsters	1	0	0
<b>Item</b> 2 coverlets of list	0	10	0
<b>Item</b> a pair of canvas sheets	0	4	0
<b>Item</b> 2 brass pots	0	13	4
<b>Item</b> two broches a great and a lesser	0	3	0
<b>Item</b> one broche in the kitchen chimney with 2 pot- hangers	0	6	8
<b>Item</b> 2 old candlesticks	0	0	6
<b>Item</b> one real barrel	0	1	0
<b>Item</b> one firkin	0	1	0
<b>Item</b> two kivers	0	2	0
<b>Item</b> a bolting which	0	1	0
<b>Item</b> a kneading trow	0	1	0
<b>Item</b> 4 cold tubs	0	8	0
<b>Item</b> a salting trow with a cover	0	6	0
<b>Item</b> a dripping pan	0	1	0
<b>Item</b> 3 platters and 3 pottingers	0	4	0
<b>Item</b> a press	1	0	0
<b>Item</b> a close cupboard	0	4	0
A trivet	0	1	4
<b>Item</b> a beam and scales	0	6	8
<b>Item</b> three acres of oats	1	0	0
<b>Item</b> a folding table with a little square table with a frame	0	6	8
Sum total	114	5	3

An inventory of other goods priced since his death by Walter Madgeweeke and Richard Weston the 3 day of January AD 1586 after the computation of the Church of England.

<b>Imprimis</b> a feather bed, 1 bolster, 2 pillows of feathers, 2 blankets, 1 coverlet and one joined bedstead	2	0	0
<b>Item</b> one chair of wicker and three other chairs of timber	0	5	0
<b>Item</b> two joined stools and two joined forms, one round table	0	5	0
<b>Item</b> one little coffer	0	1	0
<b>Item in the upper loft</b> in the lesser chest 4 pairs of sheets	1	0	0
<b>Item</b> five table napkins and a hand towel	0	2	0
<b>Item</b> one tablecloth	0	2	0
<b>Item</b> two pairs of pillow beres	0	5	0
<b>Item</b> five Holland kerchiefs, 2 pieces of new canvas with other linen in the lesser chest	0	13	0
<b>Item</b> in the greater coffer two pairs of breeches, 1 doublet, one jerkin, two pairs of stockings	1	0	0
<b>Item</b> 2 platters, 3 pottingers, 2 porringers of pewter, 1 salt, 7 spoons, 2 pewter candlesticks, one brassen candlestick	0	10	0
<b>Item</b> one leather bottle	0	1	0
<b>Item</b> in treen dishes and trenchers 3 dozen and a half square and round and 1 treen cup and a stone pot	0	2	0
<b>Item</b> the price of the two chests	0	3	0
<b>Item</b> one long frieze gown lined	0	13	4
<b>Item</b> 2 cloaks, one coat and one hat	1	1	0
<b>Item</b> two iron dogs for the chimney	0	1	0
<b>Item</b> in the hall 1 cupboard and the cradle	0	6	8
<b>Item</b> a stained cloth <b>in the hall</b>	0	1	0
<b>Item</b> a caliver furnished, 1 long bow furnished	1	6	8
<b>Item</b> one trivet	0	0	8
<b>Item</b> a well rope bucket and chain	0	13	4
<b>Item</b> 24 wethers	4	16	0
<b>Item</b> 4 fleeces of wool	0	3	4
Sum	15	11	8
The sum of the whole is	129	17	4