

Bennet Morley of Dummer, husbandman 1609

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In the name of God Amen. I Bennet Moorlie of Dummer in the county of Southampton husbandman being of a weak and sickly body but of a good and perfect memory thanks be given to Almighty God do ordain and make this my last will and testament on the thirteenth day of February in the year of Our Lord one thousand six hundred and seven in manner and form as follows. **First** I give and bequeath my soul into the hands of Almighty God my Creator and of Jesus Christ my Saviour hoping to be saved by a lively faith in His death and passion which He sustained on the cross for me and all mankind and my body to be buried in the churchyard of Dummer. **Item** I give to the cathedral church of Winchester four pence. **Item** I give to the parish church of Dummer two shillings. **Item** I give to my son and heir John Moorlie my great brass pan, my best bras pot, my best brass candlestick, my best bell skillet of brass, two of my best platters, two of my best pottingers, two pewter dishes, one saucer, my best cupboard standing in the hall, my best coffer, my best table with a joined frame standing at the house of Nicholas Hack in Dummer, my best bed, my best bolster my best coverlet. **Item** I give moreover to my son and heir John Moorlie five pounds of current money of England to be paid by my executor within six months after my decease at the furthest, which sum of five pounds, my will is that it shall be paid and delivered at the time before set down by my executor in to the hands of my overseers and that by them it shall be put to use or uses for the best profit and advantage of my said son John during the time of his minority. **And then** when he shall come to the age of twenty and one years, my will is that it shall be redelivered again by my overseers with all the use and profit thereof into the hands of my said son and his portion and legacy of money that I have left unto him for a stock. **Item** whereas my wife Jone Moorelie is now with child and I know not whether she shall bring me a son or a daughter into the world or whether I shall live till the time of the birth thereof or not, my will is that whether it be a son or a daughter, if it live first I give unto it a bed and a bolster, one coffer, my second brass pot, one fair platter, one pottinger and one brass candlestick. **Item** I give moreover to the said child whether it be a boy or a wench the sum of five pounds of current English money if it live, which sum of five pounds of money my will is that it should be delivered within six months after my decease to my overseers either to be put to use or to be employed to the best advantage thereof be it. **And then** when it shall be of twenties and one years of age to be redelivered by my overseers to the hands of him or her whether it be a son or a daughter as his or her portion and legacy of money that I have left him or her for his or her stock. **And whereas** my wife is to bring up my children at her charge and expense, my will is that the use and benefit of both these sums of ten pounds given and bequeathed to my children for their legacies shall be paid by my said overseers yearly to my said wife Jone Moorlie or to her executors or assigns for the duration and bringing up of the said children till the time they come to be of the full and perfect age of twenty and one years, provided always that if it please God to take away either of my said children, my will is that the portion that I have given to him or to her shall be distributed and given to the survivor and longest liver of them. **And if it** please God to take them away both, my will is that both their portions shall then come and remain to my said wife Jone Moorelie and to her use and benefit and to her executors or assigns. **Item** I give to William Maker which dwells with me one ewe teg to be delivered to him or his assigns within one month after my decease. **Item** all the rest of my goods moveable and

unmoveable, my debts being paid, my legacies discharged and my funeral expenses defrayed I give and bequeath to my wife Jone Moorelie whom I do ordain and make the sole executrix of this my last will and testament. **And I do** request my good neighbours John Soper of Dummer and John Stynt of Dummer to be overseers of this my last will and testament and to see that all things which I have given and bequeathed therein be discharged and performed according to my will, meaning in them and for their pains to be taken therein I give them two shillings apiece to either of them. **In witness** whereof I have put to my hand and seal the day and year first above written.

The mark of Bennet Moorlye

Signed and sealed in the presence of us whose names are underwritten

Richard Marriatt Rector de Dummer
John Masus his mark

Probate granted 5 October 1609 to the sole executrix above named. Obligation on the same and supervisor.

Southampton

The inventory of the goods and chattels of Bennet Moorelie late of Dummer in the county of Southampton aforesaid deceased which inventory was taken by Richard Marriatt clerk and parson of Dummer, by John Soper of Dummer yeoman and by John Stynt of Dummer in the county of Southampton husbandmen the 18th day of April in the year of Our Lord God 1669 according to the computation of the Church of England.

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In the chamber			
Item for his apparel which he used to wear and for 2 yards of home made russet	2	4	0
Item for 2 flock beds and 2 flock bolsters and 2 coverlets, one good the other bad	2	4	0
Item for 3 pairs of sheets good and bad	0	10	0
Item for 2 bolsters good and bad	0	6	8
Item for 2 coffers good and bad	0	6	8
Item for 1 old flock bed and a flock bolster and a coverlet in the loft	0	6	8
Item for 3 pillow beres	0	3	0
Item for 2 old tablecloths	0	1	0
In the hall			
Item for 2 old cupboards	0	6	8
Item for 5 platters and 4 pottingers of pewter	0	13	4
Item for 4 pewter dishes, 4 saucers, 3 salts and half a dozen of spoons	0	3	0

Item for 1 brass pan and 4 kettles of brass good and bad	1	0	0
Item for 1 old cauldron of brass	0	6	8
Item for 3 brass pots old and worn out	0	9	0
Item for 2 skillets of brass	0	6	8
Item for 4 brass candlesticks and a chafing dish of brass	0	3	4
Item for 1 spit and 1 pot hanger	0	1	8
Item for a pair of andirons	0	2	6
Item for a trivet, 2 gridirons a pair of pot hooks and a pair of flesh hooks	0	3	0
Item for 3 old cushions	0	0	8
Item for a joined table and a frame and one form	0	6	8
Item for a pair of bellows and a dozen of trenchers	0	0	4
Item for an old chair and an old stool	0	0	10

In the buttery

Item for a salting trough	0	3	4
Item for a kiver great and small and for a bowl	0	13	4
Item for 5 old tubs great and small	0	3	4
Item for 3 leather bottles and one of wood	0	3	0
Item for a butter churn and 2 little bowls	0	1	0
Item for a powdering tub	0	1	0
Item for 2 tubs, a bushel and 2 buckets	0	2	6
Item for an old frying pan and a basket	0	0	10
Item for a bill, an axe, a mattock and a peel	0	2	0
Item for an iron bar, a pan and other small tools	0	3	4
Item for 2 hogs of bacon and a flitch	0	12	0

In the hayse or backside and in the field

Item for an old cheese press, a little plank table and other lumber	0	2	0
Item for a trough to put mash in	0	1	0
Item for wood and timber and fagots about the house	1	0	0
Item for an old cart, 2 old cartwheels and a dungpot	1	3	4
Item for cow rack, horse rack and manger	0	4	0
Item for 2 ladders, a prong and a shovel	0	12	0
Item for 1 plough and 1 harrow and all things belonging to the plough	0	13	4
Item for 2 old horses and their harness	1	10	0
Item for 2 kine and a calf	1	6	8
Item for 20 sheep and 5 lambs	6	0	0
Item for 7 acres of wheat and, 3 halves of vetches in the ground	7	0	0
Item for 7 acres of barley in the ground	4	13	4
Item for 5 acres of oats and peas	2	10	0
Item for 3 shoots alias young hogs and a sow	0	13	4
Item for 3 hens and a cock	0	2	0

Debts that the said Bennet Moorelie owed when he deceased

Item to John Stynt of Dummer	1	0	0
Item to William Buy of Dummer	1	0	0

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By me Richard Marriatt rector of Dummer

John Soper his mark

John Stynt his mark

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without any deductions of the debts
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