

**Ralph Godesman of Dummer, husbandman 1578**

**Ref: Hants. RO 1578B/040**

**In the name of God Amen**, the 30th day of December in the year of Our Lord God 1578 I Raffe Godesman of Dummer in the diocese of Winton husbandman sick of body but of perfect remembrance (thanks be given therefore to God), do make my last will and testament in manner and form as follows. **First** I bequeath my soul to Almighty God my Saviour and Redeemer Jesus Christ by whom I hope to be saved, and my body to buried in the church yard of Dummer. **Item** for the discharge of my conscience whereas my uncle Mr Gylbert Burton late parson of North Waltham deceased, committed to my fidelity and trust in his lifetime the sum of £30 to be employed unto the uses of my three daughters Cecilye, Ales and Jone, at my discretion. **And whereas** in the discharge of the same my conscience, I the said Raff being seized and possessed of certain lands of the Bishopric in Bishops Waltham of [purpster] land and [bourde] land all the which I surrendered unto the use of my said daughter Cecilye towards her marriage the which all far surmounts above the value of her portion due out of the £30. **And besides** in so doing discharge all the fines and heriots belonging to the same immediately upon my surrender in consideration of the premises for the more quietness to be performed and maintained amongst all my daughters being moved with fatherly affection towards them in full discharge as well of the said sum of £30 as in full disposing of all the residue of my goods to them my other two daughters Ales and Jone being as yet unprovided for which shall be left after all such legacies and bequests as shall be given by me in this my last will and testament. **I give** to my daughter Cecilye a feather bed, 1 bolster and 2 pillows with the tester of velvet and the taffeta hanging there unto appertaining and one young cow all now being at Bishops Waltham. **Item** I give and bequeath to Jone Cawte the daughter of Cicelye 2 ewe sheep. **Item** I give and bequeath to my daughters Ales and Jone the lease of my house in Dummer and all the commodities belonging to the same to be divided between them equally at the discretion of Wylliam White parson of Dummer and Jhon Twyne of Woodmancott. **Item** I give to Jhon Soper my bacon charnel now lodging in my house and my garner in the malt house. **Item** I give to the church of Dummer 1 sheep. **Item** I give to the blessed trinity of Winton 4d. **Item** I give to Jhon Adkyns my best hose. **Item** I give to Henrye Smythe my black cow and my old hose. **Item** I give to Gylbert Dygyngs a white russet jerkin and my old canvas doublet. **And I** give to the poor 2 bushels of wheat to be bestowed amongst them of Dummer according to the discretion of my overseers. **The residue** of all my goods not given neither bequeathed I give and bequeath to my two daughters Ales and Jone equally to be divided between them at the discretion of my overseers willing them my said daughters to be loving the one to the other whom I do ordain and make my executors. **And in** case any of my said two daughters Ales and Jone do depart this life before any of them shall come to her marriage then I will the portion of her so deceased to the other sister then surviving. **Item** I desire Mr Wylliam White parson of Dummer and my very friend Jhon Twyne of Woodmancott to be the overseers of this my last will and testament and I will that my 2 daughters be ruled by them and for their great pains that they shall take for me and my two children to see my will performed I give and bequeath to either of them 6s. 8d. the piece. **And in** case my said daughters will not be ruled neither follow the advice and counsel of my said overseers in whom I put all my trust that it shall be lawful for my overseers to take away the one moiety and half the portion of that daughter that will not be advised and counselled and ruled and to give the same to my other daughter that

shall be obedient unto them. **Witnesses** to this my testament and last will Wylliam White parson of Dummer, Jhon Twyne, Jhon Stynte and Wylliam Vyne.

Probate granted 9 March 1578 to the executrix named.

The inventory of all and singular the goods and cattle of Raff Godsman of Dummer husbandman deceased taken and priced by Jhon Mellyngate. Jhon Golde, Jhon Stynte and Rycharde Lover the 18th day of January 1578 as follows.

	£	s	d
<b>Imprimis in the hall</b> 1 folding table with three leaves			
and 2 other single tables, 1 form	0	10	0
<b>Item</b> one cupboard, 1 aumbry	0	3	4
<b>Item</b> 4 chairs, 2 stools	0	3	4
<b>Item</b> 3 broches, 2 andirons, 1 dripping pan with the wheel to turn the broche	0	7	6
<b>Item</b> 1 iron dog, 1 frying pan	0	1	0
<b>Item</b> 4 brass pots, 2 chafers, one old posnet, one brasen mortar with the pestle	2	0	0
<b>Item</b> 2 cauldrons, 3 pans, 3 kettles	3	0	0
<b>Item</b> 2 basins, 2 ewers	0	10	0
<b>Item</b> 4 chargers, 18 platters, 10 pottingers, 7 saucers	1	10	0
<b>Item</b> 6 pewter porridge dishes, 2 thurdendale pots, two tinnen bottles with old pewter	0	6	0
<b>Item</b> 1 gridiron, 2 pairs of pot hooks, 2 pot hangers, one fire fork	0	3	8
<b>Item</b> 8 brasen candlesticks and one chafing dish	0	8	0
 <b>Item in the lower chamber</b> 2 feather beds, one flockbed with their bolsters, 2 pillows	3	0	0
<b>Item</b> three coverlets, 2 testers, 2 blankets with other painted cloths	0	6	0
<b>Item</b> 4 coffers with 2 bedsteads	0	6	0
<b>Item</b> 8 pairs of sheets, 4 pillowberes, one large tablecloth, 3 towels, 8 table napkins	1	13	4
<b>Item</b> one standing bedstead with the tester and curtains	0	12	0
<b>Item</b> one truckle bed with the bedstead	0	2	0
<b>Item</b> 2 old feather beds, 2 bolsters, 7 pillows, one white linen tester	3	6	8
<b>Item</b> 2 coffers with an old painted cloth	0	6	8
 <b>Item in the buttery</b> one bow, 1 sword, one battle axe, 1 forest bill, 1 black bill, 3 prongs, one weighing beam, one iron bar	0	12	0
<b>Item</b> 3 old cushions, 2 powdering tubs, 2 old herring barrels, 1 wicker, 2 baskets and one butter churn	0	3	4
 <b>Item in the bolting houses</b> 1 silting trow, 2 kivers, 4 barrels, 2 firkins with 2 kives, 4 tubs, 2 bowls with			

other treen stuff	1	6	8
<b>Item</b> one bacon charnel	0	6	0
<b>Item</b> five hogs at the roof	1	0	0
<b>Item</b> 13 iron cart strakes, a plough chain, 3 harrows and the plough wheels, irons and other old iron	1	0	0
<b>Item</b> sheep 68	9	0	0
<b>Item</b> one cow, one heifer at Bishops Waltham	1	10	0
<b>Item</b> one sow, 3 yelts, one boar	0	13	4
<b>Item</b> wheat in the barn by estimation 7 quarters	4	13	4
<b>Item</b> in barley five quarters	2	8	0
<b>Item</b> in oats 12 bushels	0	7	6
<b>Item in the malthouse</b> one yoting vat with the trow, 1 garner	0	7	0
<b>Item</b> in peas half a [joule]	0	5	0
<b>Item</b> three old horses	0	15	0
<b>Item</b> in implements be of harness halters belonging to the horses	0	2	6
<b>Item</b> one seedlip	0	0	4
<b>Item</b> one shovel, 2 dung picks, 1 bill	0	1	4
<b>Item</b> wood in the yate	0	8	0
<b>Item</b> one acre of vetches in the field	0	5	0
<b>Item</b> one acre of wheat in the field	0	8	0
<b>Item</b> his apparel, 1 cloak, 1 coat, 1 jerkin, 1 doublet, 2 pairs of hose, 3 shirts, one hat	1	0	0
<b>Item</b> 1 cart with the wheels	0	10	0
<b>Item</b> the lease of the house for 16 years	10	0	0
<b>Item</b> one feather bed, one coverlet, one bolster, 2 pillows at Bishops Waltham	1	10	0
<b>Item</b> one old tester of velvet with taffeta hangings thereunto belonging at Waltham	0	13	4
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