

Thomas Withers/Wither of Dummer, yeoman 1687

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In the name of God Amen the third day of March one thousand six hundred eighty one according to the computation of the Church of England, I Thomas Wither of Dummer in the county of Southampton yeoman being of perfect memory and remembrance (praised be God), do make and ordain this my last will and testament in manner and form following. **First** I bequeath my soul into the hands of Almighty God my Maker, hoeing that through the meritorious death and passion of Jesus Christ my only Saviour and Redeemer to receive free pardon and forgiveness of all my sins. **And as** for my body to be buried in Christian burial in the churchyard of Overton by my mother and to have a rail over my grave.

Item I give unto Will Knight of Reading twelve pence

Item I give unto John Wells of St Mary Bourne thirty pounds

Item I give unto my kinsman Thomas Pinke of Kempshott fifteen pounds, five pounds whereof is in his hands already.

Item I give unto the poor of Overton thirteen shillings and four pence.

Item I give unto the poor of Dummer six shillings and eight pence out of which sum Mary Pitcher is to have one shilling eight pence.

Item I give to the ringers of Overton five shillings and to the ringers of Dummer four shillings, it being my will that all the bells of both parishes shall be rung the day of my funeral.

Item I give unto Bennet Wither my wife the use of all my household goods and chattels for *the* term of her natural life, and after her decease to my kinsmen Thomas Pincke and John Wells forever. **I make** and ordain Bennett Wither my wife sole executrix of this my last will and testament revoking all other wills and testaments upon condition that she shall pay all my debts, legacies, funeral expenses which my will is shall be paid within one month after my decease. **In witness** whereof I have hereunto set my hand and seal the day and year first above written.

Sealed, published and declared to be my
last will and testament in the presence of
Ann Stocker, Eizabeth Pinke, Anne Seale.

The mark of Thomas Wither

Probate granted 30 July 1687 to the nominated executor.

A true and perfect inventory of all and singular the goods, chattels and credits of Thomas Wither late of Dummer in the county of Southampto] yeoman last deceased, taken, valued and appraised by Robert Garrett, Stephen Minchin this second day of August AD 1687 and in the third year of the reign of our Sovereign Lord James the Second by the grace of God King of England, Scotland, France and Ireland, Defender of the Faith etc., as follows.

Imprimis his wearing apparel and money in his purse

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Item in the hall one side cupboard	0	5	0
One brass pan, one brass kettle	0	3	0
Two other brass kettles, three brass pots, two skillets, one bell skillet, one bell metal posnet	0	16	6
One pewter flagon, three pewter candlesticks	0	2	6
Two brass candlesticks and one pewter salt cellar	0	2	6
One brass warming pan, one brass mortar and pestle	0	2	0
Item one cleaver, three spits, two tinnen dripping pans, one pair of pothooks	0	3	0
One pair of andirons, one firepan and tongs, three pairs of cotterells, one gridiron, one peel, one toasting iron, one iron back	0	3	0
One old pair of bellows, one brush one other old sideboard, one board settle for pewter	0	2	6
One old flag chair, two small flag chairs, one joined stool	0	1	6
Three other small stools, one bucking tub, one water tub, three buckets	0	2	9
Item four wooden dishes, 1 dozen pewter spoons, one other small tinnen dripping pan, one bowl, one bell dish, one gallon measure, 3 knives, one dozen of old trenchers, one other tinnen candlestick, 1 pewter bowl, one skimmer	0	2	6
	3	4	3
Item one rolling pin, one tundish, one lantern, five pewter pots and cups, one old leather bottle, one old iron candlestick, 1 hatchet one sieve	0	1	8
Item one pitch kettle	0	0	3
Item one iron foot, one smoothing iron, one other old cleaver and one pair of flesh hooks	0	0	8
One hammer and 1 wooden salt cellar	0	0	2
Item one flitch of bacon and half a flitch more	0	15	0
In the chamber			
One old bedstead, one hull bed, one coverlet, one sheet, one hull pillow, one flock bolster, one mat and cord	0	16	4
One other board bedstead and one mat, one old round table, one old coffer	0	3	4
Item one old bill hook	0	0	2
In the buttry			
Item 1 old side cupboard, one dresser board, two trestles, one kiver, two hanging shelves	0	3	6
One small powdering tub, one small butter churn, one wooden bottle, 3 leather bottles, one basket, 3 earthen pans, two earthen pots, 1 earthen chafingdish, 3 other earth pans	0	4	0

Item two old cutting knives, two old augers and a hand saw	0	0	6
One pair of shears, one old mousetrap, one old pair of little wool scales	0	0	6
One other old tub for ashes	0	0	2
	2	6	6

In the mealhouse

One meal kiver, one brewing tub, one old useless quern	0	9	0
Item one old stool, one dust basket, 1 bushel measure, one half bushel, 1 old basket, one old tub	0	2	6
Item one old spinning wheel for woollen, the mill trough, one short ladder, one form, two old broken forks and 2 racks with other lumber	0	1	0
	0	12	6

Item three prongs, one dung fork, 3 old bills, one gun barrel bar, one spade, one shovel, three old hack hooks	0	2	0
Item one old grist bag, one old cast scythe and snead, one ranger	0	0	8
One furnace, a very small one	0	2	6

In the cellar

Four small barrels	0	5	0
One salting trough and 2 small stands	0	2	0

In the chamber

Item one bedstead, mat and cord	0	3	6
Item one feather bed, one flock bed, one flock bolster, one feather bolster	1	10	0
Item one rug, one sheet, one blanket	0	8	6
Item one truckle bedstead and cord	0	4	0
Item one pair of canvas sheets, half a dozen of coarse napkins and two other napkins	0	8	0
Two coarse pillow cases	0	0	9
Item one great chest, two coffers, one other small coffer	0	10	0
One peel of old iron	0	1	0

In the chamber of the hall

Item one old chest, one coverlet, one blanket, one pillow of feathers and flocks	0	7	0
Item one cheese rack and 2 cheeses and four sacks	0	4	0
Item one stockcard board and other ;umber	0	0	10

In the backside

Item two hundred of faggots, a parcel of other			
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wood, one grindstone trough and chock, one ladder	1	0	0
Two cocks, 3 hens and 4 chickens	0	4	6
Item 4 pewter platters one pewter bowl	0	6	0
Item 1 pair of flaxen sheets	0	4	0
Item one pillow case	0	0	6
	6	4	3
 Item one coarse new blanket	 0	 3	 0
Item on set of curtains and valance	0	10	0
One coverlet	0	10	0
Item two feather pillows	0	6	0
 Item due to the testator in his lifetime for rent of the copyhold	 30	 12	 6
 The mark of Stephen Minchin John Smith Robert Garret			
 Item due by bond and bill	 30	 0	 0
 Sum total	 74	 9	 0