

**William White of Dummer, cleric, 1588**  
**Ref: Hants. RO 1588B/73**

AD 1588 15 December

**In the name** and honour of the most high and indivisible Trinity the Father, the Son and the Holy Ghost Amen, by cause every issue which is made in time is corrupted, and every mortal thing living by little and little slides and wears away until it comes unto the last desire which is death, and I know not how long I have my being and when my Maker will call away for by cause I do expect and look for all the time while I live when my change shall come, being careful and provoked by this weight and continual meditation, I Wylliam White clerk and most humble minister and priest of the parish church of Dummer by God's especial grace make me thereunto not putting my hope in the fortunes of life which is but evaporating but a while and soon passing away (as St James says), and knowing it I shall and must depart of necessity out of this vale of misery, but of the day and hour of my end utterly ignorant and desirous to prevent and foresee the latter thing before I go unto them which sent me, to the honour of my Maker and Lord Jesus Christ the Son of God and for the health off my soul and forgiveness of all my sins do make and ordain this my testament and last will being in perfect mind and with a pure heart in manner and form as follows. **First** I bequeath and commend my soul to Almighty God my Maker and my Saviour who created the same of nothing, praise, make and beseeching most humbly that he will vouchsafe to set and plant it in the society of His elect and chosen in His kingdom. **Item** I bequeath my body when I shall depart this life to be committed and buried in Christian burial in the south side in the chancel of my parish church of Dummer near to the wall above the [graces] where I do attend (by God's sufferance), to make my burial place and a little tomb there.

Memorandum that the 15th day of December 1588 the above named William White being sick in body but of good and perfect memory in the presence of Gilbert Withers of Dummer and Robert Ayliffe clerk, vicar of Nutley and John Blake of Dummer and use these speeches or the like in effect minding thereby to perfect his last will and testament viz., I have in manner made my will already and I do now appoint my cousin William White to be my lawful deputy and executor to take all my goods and pay all my debts.

Robert Ayliffe vicar of Nutley  
Gilbert Wither  
John Blake's mark

Probate granted 17th day of January AD 1588 to William White executor.

An Inventory of all the goods and chattels of William White clerk, parson of Dummer taken by Gilbert Wythers, Peter Godwit and Richard Lacey the 18 of December 1588

**The chamber over the buttery**

**Item** 1 boarded bedstead, 2 flock bolsters, 1 flock bed  
1 quilt, 1 rug, 2 chairs, 1 truckle bedstead

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**The chamber over the hall**

**Item** 2 bedsteads, 2 chests 0 15 0

**In the hall**

**Item** 2 tables, 1 form 0 8 0

**The chamber over the parlour**

**Item** 2 bedsteads, 2 featherbeds, 2 feather bolsters,  
2 feather pillows, 4 blankets, 2 coverlets, 1 cupboard,  
2 square tables, 3 boxes, 1 chest, 3 tinnen bottles,  
5 leather bottles, 1 ewer, 2 dozen trenchers, 1  
warming pan 6 18 0

**In the study**

**Item** 1 featherbed, 2 feather pillows, 2 blankets, 1  
coverlet 1 0 0

**In the gallery**

**Item** books and chests 10 0 0

**In the parlour**

**Item** 7 cushions, 2 tables, 6 joined stools, 1 chair,  
1 cupboard 2 6 8

**Item** timber 12 [tunne] 2 3 4

**Item** faggots 1 10 0

**Item** wood 0 16 0

**Item** 4 sacks 0 4 0

**Item** 10 pairs of sheets 2 13 4

**Item** 4 pillows 0 6 0

**Item** 2 towels 0 1 6

**Item** 4 table napkins 0 1 6

**Item** 5 tablecloths 1 0 0

**Item** shirts and bands 0 10 0

**Item** his apparel 5 0 0

**The chamber over the kitchen**

**Item** 1 bedstead, 1 flock bed, 2 bolsters, 2 blankets,  
1 coverlet, 1 rug, 1 table, 2 trestles, 1 chair, 1 press,  
2 little stools, 1 form, 1 chest 5 15 0

**Item** wainscot 2 0 0

**Item** 13 platters, 5 pottingers, plates, candlesticks 2 0 0

**Item** 1 basin 0 1 0

**Item** 3 dripping pans, 4 broches, 1 brasen ladle,  
1 skimmer 0 13 8

**Item** 4 brass pots, 3 kettles, 2 stone mortars, 1 brass  
mortar and pestle, 1 chafingdish and 16 spoons, 1 frying

pan	2	1	0
<b>Item</b> 1 furnace, 2 chopping knives, 1 charger, 1 chafer, 2 racks, 4 andirons, 1 mashing vat, 3 stools, 1 toasting fork	2	1	2
<b>Item</b> 1 chamber pot, 3 cleavers, 1 kive, 2 bellows, 3 tubs	0	10	0
<b>Item</b> 8 barrels, 2 bushels, 1 meathook, 1 bowl, 1 bolting which	1	6	8
<b>Item</b> 1 brewing [tongs], 3 kives in the loft, 1 malt sieve, 1 well bucket	0	6	8
<b>Item</b> 5 [cople] of [fishes], 2 salts, 2 jugs, 1 oatmeal tub, 1 powdering tub	0	8	8
<b>Item</b> 2 barrels of butter, 8 cheeses, 2 butter churns, 2 augers	0	16	4
<b>Item</b> 1 bread great, 3 trays, 3 quarters <i>of</i> barley	1	6	0
<b>Item</b> 1 iron bar, 2 pairs of pot hangers, 2 pairs of pot hooks, 1 iron strake, 1 bill, 1 axe, 1 fire prong, 1 coal rake	0	10	0
<b>Item</b> beam and scales, tod weight, [demitoll], small weight	0	10	0
<b>Item</b> 1 well bucket with rope	1	0	0
<b>Item</b> 1 malt querne	0	3	4
<b>Item</b> 1 limbeck. <b>Item</b> 2 stills, 2 saws, 2 quarters <i>of</i> malt	1	13	0
<b>In the kitchen</b>			
<b>Item</b> 1 chair, 1 folding table, 1 plank	0	2	6
<b>Item</b> 1 light horse with his furniture	6	13	4
<b>Item</b> 1 other horse	2	0	0
<b>Item</b> 8 live hogs and 4 flitches of bacon	1	6	8
<b>Item</b> necessary tools	0	5	0
<b>Item</b> in corn	15	0	0