

**Martha Wells of Dummer, widow 1687**

**Ref: Hants. RO 1687A/106**

**In the name of God Amen** the twenty second day of April in the year of Our Lord one thousand six hundred eighty and six I Martha Wells of Dummer in the county of Southampton widow being of sound and perfect memory praised be to God do make and ordain this my last will and testament in manner and form following. **First** of all I bequeath my soul into the hands of Almighty God my Maker hoping and assuredly trusting that in and through the merits and mediation of His Blessed Son and my alone Saviour to obtain everlasting life and my body to the earth to be decently buried at the charge of my executor herein after named. **And as** for that estate wherewith it has pleased God to endue me with in this world I do dispose of it as follows. **Imprimis** I do give to my kinsman George Burden senior one shilling of lawful English money to be paid unto him within five months after my decease. **All the** rest of my goods and chattels, rights and credits and all my worldly estate whatsoever I do give and bequeath unto my loving friend Mr William Oads, clerk whom I do make and appoint to be sole and whole executor of this my last will and testament and I do hereby disannul and make void all former wills by me heretofore made. **In witness** whereof I have hereunto set my hand and seal the day and year first above written.

Signed, sealed and declared to be the  
last will and testament of the above

named Martha Wells in the presence of us  
Will Penton the younger

Stephen Minchin

Peter Phillips

William Penton

The mark and seal of Martha Wells

Probate granted 13 December 1687 to the nominated executor.

An inventory of the goods of Martha Wells, widow of Dummer in the county of Southampton taken this twelfth day of December 1687 by us John Littlefield, Stephen Hampton and John Fry.

	£	s	d
<b>Imprimis</b> her wearing apparel and money in her purse	1	10	0
<b>Item</b> one old flock bed with a coverlet and blanket	1	0	0
<b>Item</b> pewter and brass	0	18	0
<b>Item</b> old lumber	1	14	0
In all	5	2	0

Taken by us the day and year aforesaid.

John Littlefield. The mark of Stephen Hampton, John Fry