

James Fielder of Dummer, husbandman 1677

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In the name of God Amen the eighth day of June AD 1670 and in the two and twentieth year of the reign of our Sovereign Lord Charles the Second by the grace of God King of England, Scotland, France and Ireland, Defender of the Faith etc., I James Fielder of the parish of Dummer in the county of Southampton husbandman being of good and perfect mind and memory (thanks be therefore given to Almighty God), do make and ordain this my last will and testament in manner and form following. **First** and principally I commit my soul into the hands of Almighty God my Maker and Creator hoping and assuredly trusting that after this life ended I shall be received into His everlasting kingdom through the only merits death and passion of Jesus Christ my Saviour and Redeemer and by none other merits or means whatsoever. **And my** body being earthly I commit the same to the earth again to be interred and buried by the discretion of my executors and overseers hereafter named. **And for** such temporal means I have of the Lord of His bounty has bestowed on me in this life I will, devise and bequeath the same in form following. **First** I will that all such debts as I duly or truly owe unto any man shall be truly paid in as convenient time as may be after my decease, which being done and performed [*deleted*] to John Fielder my brother, John Fielder his son I give and bequeath the sum of twenty pounds of lawful money of England. **Item** I give and bequeath to every one of my brother in law Thomas Fielder his children eight pounds apiece of lawful money of England, and to Anne Wilmot my sister Wilmot's daughter I give and bequeath the sum of twenty pounds of lawful money of England, and to my sister Wilmot's other three children I give and bequeath eight pounds apiece of lawful money of England. **And moreover** to Ann Wilmot one of the said three children I give and bequeath the bed whereon she now lies on and all that to the said bed belongs, a middle brass kettle, a brass skillet and a barrel. **And to** the said Anne Wilmot I give and bequeath all the rest of my household goods. **Item** I give and bequeath unto William Harwood and Thomas Harwood my brother in law Harwood's children eight pounds apiece of lawful money of England. **All such** said legacies before by me given and bequeathed I will shall be paid and delivered to the legatees before named according to this my will respectively within nine months next after my decease. **The rest** and residue of all and singular my goods and chattels, my debts being first paid, legacies in this my will performed and funeral expenses discharged I wholly give and bequeath unto William Silver and Nicholas Silver my brother in law, Nicholas Silver his children whom I make and ordain to be executors of this my last will and testament. **And overseers** of this my said will I do make my cousins William Wilmot and Nicholas Silver the younger desiring them to be aiding and assisting to my said executors to see this my said will performed unto whom for their pains to be herein taken I give and bequeath two shillings and six pence apiece of current English money. **And I** do hereby revoke and disannul all former wills by me made and I will that none of them shall stand in law but this my said will. **In witness** whereof I have hereunto set my hand and seal the day and year first above written.

Item I give and bequeath unto Nicholas Silver son of Nicholas Silver being my godson the sum of forty shillings and to William Wilmott son of William Wilmott another of my godchildren the sum of forty shillings and likewise to James Wilmott son of Robert Wilmott another of my godchildren the sum of forty shillings. **Witness** my hand this 10th day of March 1670.

The mark of James Fielder

Witness
the mark of William Wilmott
William Complin

I acknowledge that I have paid to my kinsman Edward Forder four pounds above mentioned and that he is to receive after my death four pounds and no more.

(NB – there is no mention of Edward Forder above.)

Witness
William Complin

Sealed, published and declared to be the last will and testament of the said James Fielder in the presence of William Willmott

The mark of John Borne Snr

Probate granted 31 March 1677 to the executor nominated.

A true and perfect inventory of all and singular the goods and chattels of James Fielder late of Dummer deceased taken and appraised the 15th day of February 1676.

	£	s	d
Imprimis all the wearing apparel, linen and woollen and other small things appraised at	5	0	0
Item of debts due to the deceased both good and desperate in all about	265	0	0
Sum total	270	0	0

William Complin }
William Wilmott } appraisers