

Wheras Thomas Boxall late of  
Aldershott in the county of Southampton deceased  
Whilst he lived made and declared his last -  
will and testament in writing and therein -  
and thereof hath made nominated and -  
constituted us John Boxall and Thomas -  
Boxall his natural and lawful sons his -  
executors. Now Know all men by these -  
presente that we the said John Boxall and -  
Thomas Boxall being in our respective -  
minorities viz the said John Boxall of the -  
age of fourteen years or thereabouts and the  
said Thomas Boxall of the age of ten years  
or thereabouts at least above the age of -  
seven years and under the age of -  
seventeen years and so not capable to -  
take upon us the execution of the said -  
will of the said Thomas Boxall our said -  
father deceased in our own names -  
do hereby nominate, elect and make -  
choice of Sarah Boxall our natural and  
lawful mother to be our curatrix and -  
guardian to all intents and purposes in -  
law whatsoever especially to take upon  
her letters of administration of all and -  
singular the goods, chattels, and debts of -  
the said Thomas Boxall our Father deced  
with his said will annexed during our  
respective minorities and for our use -  
and benefit, and we do hereby nominate  
constitute and appoint Mr Robert Chapman,  
Mr Everard Exton and Mr Francis Nixon  
Notaryer Publique and Proctors general of -  
the Archer Court of Canterbury our true and  
lawful procurators joyntly and severally -  
for us in our names and on our behalf  
to appear before the worshipfull Charles Morley  
Batchelor of Laws Vicar General and -  
Principal Official of the right reverend Father

Father in God Peter Lord Bishop of  
Winchester, or his surrogate or any –  
other competent Judge in thy behalf to –  
exhibite this our proxy of curation and –  
pray and procure the same to be –  
admitted and the said Sarah Boxall –  
to be assigned curatrix and guardian  
to the intents and purposes before mentioned  
and to doe whatsoever else shall be –  
requisite and necessary in and about –  
the premises, And we do hereby promise  
to ratify and confirm whatsoever –  
our said procurators or either of them  
shall doe in or about the same. In –  
Witness whereof we have hereunto –  
set our hands and seals the Eleventh  
Day of March - - in the year of –  
Our Lord one Thousand Six Hundred  
Eighty Eight.

Signed sealed and delivered by the said Thomas Boxall

In the presence of :

John Farnham

William Car[v]on

Thomas Boxall

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Notes –

- 1) George Morley was bishop of Winchester from 1662 – 1684, was he related to Charles Morley mentioned in the will?.
- 2) Peter Mews was bishop of Winchester from 1684 – 1706.
- 3) The reign of James II 1685 – 1688 covers this document.
- 4) A Vicar General is the principal deputy of the bishop of a diocese for the exercise of administrative authority.