

*The Last Will and Testament of
James Francklin
of East Kennett
Will dated 19th April 1623*



Probate Court of: N/A
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Testator:	Franklin	James	Miller of East Kennett
Executors:			
Francklin	Edward	Brother	
Francklin	Francis	Brother	

Beneficiaries		Relationship to testator	Other Information
Surname	Given Names		
Deston	Cycily		
Francklin		Sister	
Francklin	Edward	Brother	
Francklin	Elizabeth	Mother	
Francklin	Frances	Brother	
Francklyn	Cycily	Cousin	
Francklyn	Edward	Cousin	
Francklyn	John	Father	
Francklyn	Joyce	Cousin	
Francklyn	Katherine	Cousin	
Hitchcooke	Anne	Cousin	
Hytchcooke	Suzan	Cousin	
Witnesses			
Francklin			
Freebins	Robert		
Truman	John		His mark
Other Names			
Francklin	Richard	Uncle	Overseer of Will
Kingsman	Robert, junior		of Overton. Overseer of Will

The last Will and Testament of James Francklyn very sick in Body but of perfect sense and memory made in the year of our Lord God 1623 in the name of God amen. Imprimis, I bequeath my body to the Burial and my Soul to Everlasting life

Item, I give and bequeath unto my father John Francklyn 40 shillings to be paid at my day of burial. Item, I give and bequeath unto my cousin Katherine¹ Francklyn, Cycily Francklyn, Joyce Francklyn, Edward Francklyn², Anne Hitchcooke³ and Suzan Hytchcooke each of them one ewe and lamb and to Cycily *Deston* one lamb. Item, I give and bequeath unto Francis Francklin and Edward Francklin my Brothers the demanding *working* keeping and disposing of all other my Goods and Chattle whatsoever to make the most of it and what sum it doeth amount unto the same to keep in their hands and custody until the death of John Francklin my father and Elizabeth my mother and the interest and use of the said sum to remain to go [unto] the benefit of my said father and mother to be paid yearly from my said death during the natural lives of the said John my father and Elizabeth my mother and the longest liver of either of them and afterwards the sum be valued appraised or made to be equally divided amongst my said Brothers in general and my sister as shall be living at the death of my said father and mother.

And for the performance and operating of this my last Will and Testament I constitute and ordain my two Brothers Francis Francklin and Edward Francklin to be my joint faithful and lawful Executors and for their ability and power to perform the same as aforesaid I leave and bequeath unto them all those goods and Chattle in such places and from such persons as followeth here annexed in the back side of my last Will and Testament and to my said Executors I give and bequeath six pence apiece wishing and desiring them to be performed the same according to my intent and meaning as they shall affirm the Accuracy at the last Day.

In witness hereof I have ***** set my hand [and] seal the 19th day of April in the said year of our Lord God 1623. I do constitute and make my Uncle⁴ Mr Richard Franklin and Robert Kingsman of *** Overton junior ** is married⁵ to be my overseers in token hereof I give each of them 12 pence.

Signed
Edwardus Franklin

Witnesses
**** Franklin
John Truman (mark)
Robert *Feebins*

¹ No previous knowledge of a Katherine in this family

² Cicely, Joyce and Edward are all named as children of Richard Franklin in his will dated 1629

³ Are these two cousins via a second sibling of Richard? Richard's daughter Ann married Tobias Cokes (Visitation of Somerset) and his daughter Mary married John Hitchcock (Visitation of Wiltshire) in 1613 (date from Sue ex SoG records)

⁴ Confirms John Franklin as brother to Richard

⁵ What does this mean?