

*The Last Will and Testament
Of Emme Lancaster (nee Togwell)
of Steeple Ashton
Will Proved
24th May 1797*



Probate Court of Sarum (Salisbury)
Original reference P2/L/812
Will Dated – 22nd February 1781
Codicil Dated -
Buried at – Steeple Ashton on 14th May 1797

Testator:	Lancaster (nee Togwell)	Emme	Widow
Executors:			
Lancaster	John		Sole
Overseers:			
Trustees:			

Beneficiaries		Relationship to Testator	Other Information
Surname	Given Names		
Lancaster	Elizabeth	Daughter	
Lancaster	John	Son	
Lancaster	Robert	Son	
Lancaster	William	Son	
Witnesses			
Hilliar	William		
Rose	William, Jnr.		
Woodman	Thomas, Snr.		
Other Names			
Ball	Mr.		Deceased. Former owner of a bequeathed Chest and Drawers
Grant	Robert	Tenant	

In the Name of God Amen I Emme Lancaster of Steeple Ashton in the County of Wilts, Widow being of perfect Mind and Memory make this my last Will and Testament in manner and form following 1st Item To my son Robert I bequeath that Tenement which Robert Grant now Live in with that part of Garden &c thereunto belonging to have possession the next Quarter Day after my Decease also one Bed and Bedstead that he Sleep on and a Chest to put his Clothes in only he

shall pay the sum of ten pounds of lawfull Money of Great Britain to his Brother William when he arrive to the age of twenty one years, he shall not Sell or Mortgage the above Tenement and premises nor do any damage to any part thereof and if he Die without any Child the above House and premises shall return to my Executor hereafter mentioned if he shall survive him and my Son Robert shall have free liberty to use my Furnace and Brewing Utensils to Brew in at any time provided he give Notice of the same and do no harm to any part thereof if he do to repair it again 2nd Item To my daughter Elizabeth I bequeath that Chest and Drawers that was the late Mr Balls with my Stone Ring and all my Wearing Apparel of what kind soever to be delivered to her one whole year after my decease if she then survive 3rd Item To my son William, I bequeath one Bed, Bedstead, one Bolster one pair of sheets a pair of blankets and a Rug belonging to the same to be Delivered to him when out of his time if he serve his lawful apprenticeship All this Tenement and Houses Garden &c and the use of the Well In Robert Garden with all my Household Goods in what kind soever except what is above excepted and all arrears of Rent with all other properties of what kind soever unto my Son John whom I constitute and appoint my whole and Sole Executor of this my last Will and Testament only he shall buy and give unto my Son William all his Clothes and mending the same during the whole time of his Apprenticeship and when he arrive to the Age of twenty one years to pay him the sum of ten pounds of lawfull money of great Britain out of the above House or Tenement &c if he then survive and that my Son John shall not Sell nor Mortgage the above House or Tenement or any part thereof and my Son William shall have free liberty while unmarried to live with my Son John provided he live peaceable and quiet And I do hereby utterly revoke, disallow and disannul all former Bequests Wills and Legacies by me heretofore in an any wise left or made, declaring, ratifying, and confirming this, and no other, to be my last Will and Testament: In witness whereof, I have hereunto set my Hand and Seal this twenty second day of February, in the year of our Lord one Thousand seven Hundred and Eighty one

Emm Lancaster SEAL

Signed, Sealed, published and declared, by the within named Testatrix Emme Lancaster to be her last Will and Testament, in the presence of each of us who subscribed our Names, in presence of the said Testatrix and of each other.

William Hilliar
The X of William Rose Junior
The X of Thomas Woodman Senior

At Sarum [Salisbury] on the 24th day of May 1797 John Lancaster lawful son of the deceased the sole Executor above named and duly sworn before me.

OPC Notes:

The will contains a blank line after the first and third itemized bequests

Connections to other wills: Granddaughter of Emme Togwell (will of 1726) and John Togwell (will of 1704), niece of John Togwell (will of 1724) and Mary Ballard (nee Togwell, will of 1761), and sister of William Togwell (will of 1820) and Elizabeth Togwell (will of 1822)

Emm Lancaster (nee Togwell) appears to have learnt to write since the death of her husband Robert Lancaster in 1776, when she signed the letters of administration for his estate with a mark not a full signature.

According to the Bank of England Inflation calculator
Value of bequests: £10 in 1797 = £1,046 in 2024