

*The Last Will and Testament
Of William Togwell
of Steeple Ashton
Will Proved
1st August 1820*



Probate Court of Keevil
Original reference P2/1820/59
Will Dated – 9th November 1811
Codicil Dated -
Buried at – Steeple Ashton on 6th February 1820 (Ref: Burials 1813-1900 Entry No. 163)

Testator:	Togwell	William	Yeoman
Executors:			
Togwell	Mary	Daughter	Sole
Overseers:			
Trustees:			

Beneficiaries		Relationship to Testator	Other Information
Surname	Given Names		
Moore	Emma	Daughter	Wife of John Moore
Togwell	Alice	Wife	Nee Howell
Togwell	Elizabeth	Sister	
Togwell	George	Son	
Togwell	Jane	Daughter	
Togwell	John	Son	
Togwell	Mary	Daughter	
Togwell	William	Son	
Witnesses			
Ley	Thomas		
Nightingale	William		
Timbrell	Thomas		Signature hard to decipher
Other Names			
Adams	John	Tenant	Occupying property owned by William Togwell
Harvey	John	Gentleman	Deceased former owner of above property. From Bridgwater, Somerset

This is the last Will and Testament of me William Togwell of Steeple Ashton in the County of Wilts Yeoman I give and bequeath unto my Wife Alice Togwell and my Sister Elizabeth Togwell All that my Leasehold Estate situate lying and

being in the Parish of Steeple Ashton aforesaid held by me under the Manor of Steeple Ashton aforesaid for lives and now in my own Occupation consisting of a messuage or Tenement Barn, Stable, Outhouses and several Closes pieces and parcels of Arable Land Meadow and pasture Ground thereto belonging and now occupied therewith To hold the same unto my said Wife Alice and Sister Elizabeth for and during the Term of their Joint natural Lives if my Estate and Interest shall so long Continue therein And from and immediately after the decease of either of them my said Wife Alice and Sister Elizabeth I give and bequeath the same unto the Survivor for and during the Term of her natural life (if my said Estate and Interest shall so long continue therein) And from and immediately after the decease of such survivor I give and bequeath the same unto my five Children (namely) John, George, Jane, Mary and Emma Moore To hold to them my said five Children their several and respective Executors Administrators and Assigns for all my Estate Right Title and Interest therein and thereto equally to be divided between them share and share alike but subject and chargeable with the payment of a Yearly Rent Charge or Annual Sum of Three Pounds unto my son William his Executors Administrators and Assigns for and during so long time as my estate right title and Interest in the above Leasehold Estate shall continue hereby giving unto my said Son William his Executors Administrators and Assigns the like powers of Distress and Entry as in Cases of Rent reserved on Common demises to be paid half Yearly (that is to say) the twenty fifth day of March and the twenty ninth day of September in each year the first payment to begin and be made on such of the said days as shall first and next happen after the decease of the Survivor of my said Wife Alice and Sister Elizabeth

Wm Togwell

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Whereas I am entitled for the remainder of a Term of Ten Thousand Years or for some other Estate and Interest in and to the yearly Sum of Two Pounds payable out of certain Closes Lands and Premises situate lying and being in the parish of Steeple Ashton aforesaid and now in the occupation of John Adams his undertenant or Undertenants late the Estate of John Harvey of Bridgwater in the County of Somerset Gentleman deceased Now I hereby give devise bequeath and dispose of the said Yearly Sum of Two Pounds unto my said son William Togwell his Heirs Executors Administrators and Assigns To hold to him his Heirs Executors Administrators and Assigns for all my Estate and Interest therein and thereto together with such powers of Distress and Entry as may belong and appertain thereto in Case the same shall at any time or times be in arrear and unpaid I give and bequeath the use of all my Household Goods and Furniture Plate Linen and China unto my said Wife Alice Togwell and Sister Elizabeth Togwell for and during the term of their joint natural lives and from and after the Decease of either of them my said Wife Alice and Sister Elizabeth unto the Survivor of them for her natural Life and from and immediately after the Decease of the Survivor of them my said Wife Alice and Sister Elizabeth I give and bequeath the same unto my said three Daughters Jane, Mary and Emma Moore equally to be divided between them share and share alike All the Rest Residue and Remainder of my Goods, Chattels, Stock upon my Farm, Money and Securities for money Rights Credits and personal Estate and Effects whatsoever and wheresoever and of what nature or kind soever after my Just Debts Funeral Expenses and the Expenses of proving this my Will are thereout first paid and discharged I give and bequeath unto my said Wife Alice Togwell, Sister Elizabeth Togwell and my said ~~seven~~ six Children William, John, George, Jane, Mary and Emma Moore equally to be divided between them share and share alike And I do hereby make nominate

Wm Togwell

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Constitute and appoint my said Daughter Mary sole Executrix of this my last Will and Testament hereby revoking all former Wills by me at any time heretofore made In Testimony whereof I the said William Togwell the Testator have to this my Last Will and Testament contained in or written on three sheets of paper, to the two first sheets thereof set my Hand, and to this third and last sheet my Hand and Seal the Ninth day of November in the Year of our Lord One thousand Eight hundred and Eleven

Wm Togwell SEAL

Signed sealed published and declared by the said William Togwell the Testator as and for his last Will and Testament in the presence of us, who at his request in his presence, and in the presence of each other have hereunto set our Names as Witnesses

Thomas Timbrell

Thomas Ley

William Nightingale

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At Keevil on the first Day of August 1820 Mary Togwell the sole Executrix within named was duly sworn before me

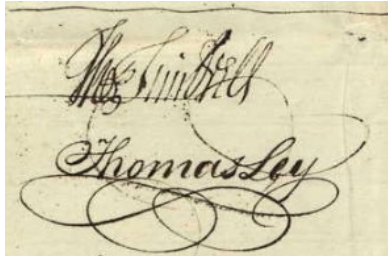
Thomas Spencer

Vale of effects Under £20

OPC Notes:

Connections to other wills: Grandson of Emme Togwell (will of 1726) and John Togwell (will of 1704), nephew of John Togwell (will of 1724) and Mary Ballard (nee Togwell, will of 1761), and brother of Emm Lancaster (nee Togwell, will of 1797) and Elizabeth Togwell (will of 1822)

The name of the first witness is hard to decipher – he and the second witness had very elaborate signatures.



There are notes written in pencil in the margin of page 2 of the Will:

This sum of £2 per annum must now be divided between (5) all the residuary Legatees who are now living (see below *)

*Elizabeth Togwell, John Togwell, George Togwell, Jane Togwell, Mary Togwell, Emma Moore

According to the Bank of England Inflation Calculator

Rental income: £2 in 1820 = £161 in 2024

Rental income: £3 in 1820 = £242 in 2024

Value of Effects: £20 in 1820 = £1,610 in 2024