

*The Last Will and Testament
Of Mary Ballard (nee Togwell)
of Steeple Ashton
Will Proved
20th October 1761*



Probate Court of Market Lavington
Original reference P2/B/1777
Will Dated - 6th March 1760
Codicil Dated -
Buried at - Steeple Ashton on 17th March 1760

Testator:	Ballard	Mary	Widow, Nee Togwell
Executors:			
Palmer	Jane		Sole
Overseers:			
Trustees:			

Beneficiaries		Relationship to Testator	Other Information
Surname	Given Names		
Ball	Mary	Niece	Nee Gilbert. Wife of George Ball.
Lancaster	Emm	Niece	Nee Togwell. Wife of Robert Lancaster
Palmer	Jane	Niece	Spinster
Togwell	Elizabeth	Niece	Spinster
Togwell	Jane	Niece	Spinster
Togwell	Sarah	Niece	Spinster
Witnesses			
Cotterill	Ann		
Hicks	John		Written Jno.
Samuel	J,		
Other Names			
Ball	George		Husband of Mary Ball, Niece
Lancaster	Robert		Husband of Emm Lancaster, Niece

I Mary Ballard of Steeple Ashton in the County of Wilts widow being of sound and disposing mind and memory (though weak in body) and calling to mind the uncertainty of the time of this mortal life do therefore make and ordain this to be my Last Will and Testament in Writing in manner and form following that is to say after my Debts and funeral expenses paid and discharged I give all my estate of what nature or kind whatsoever unto my six nieces Mary the Wife of George Ball Jane Palmer spinster Emm the wife of Robert Lancaster Jane Togwell Spinster Elizabeth Togwell spinster and Sarah

Togwell spinster to be equally divided between them share and share alike and I do nominate and appoint my said niece Jane Palmer to be Sole Executrix of this my Last Will In witness whereof I have to this my Last Will set my hand and Seal this sixth day of March in the year of our Lord One Thousand seven hundred and sixty.

The mark of X Mary Ballard SEAL

Signed sealed published and declared by the said Mary Ballard to be her Last Will and Testament in the presence of us

Jno. Hicks J. Samuel Ann her X mark Cotterill

Attestation Clause

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OPC Notes:

Connections to other wills: Mary is the daughter of John Togwell (Will of 1704) and Emme Togwell (Will of 1726), brother of John Togwell (Will of 1724), and aunt of Emm Lancaster (nee Togwell, will of 1797), William Togwell (Will of 1820), and Elizabeth Togwell (Will of 1822)

Mary Ballard (nee Togwell) had three children with her husband James Ballard. Mary (1714 -?), Jean (1716-?), and James (1718-19). Mary was widowed shortly before the birth of James, who died in infancy, and it is assumed that her daughters Mary and Jean had also died by the time of this will as they are not mentioned.

Mary's Six Nieces:

Mary Ball (nee Gilbert) - Wife of George Ball. Daughter of Mary's sister Katherine Gilbert (nee Togwell) & George Gilbert

Jane Palmer - Daughter of Mary's sister Sarah Palmer (nee Togwell) & Stephen Palmer

Emm Lancaster (nee Togwell) - Wife of Robert Lancaster. Daughter of Mary's brother George Togwell & Elizabeth Dunsdon

Jane Togwell - Daughter of Mary's brother George Togwell & Elizabeth Dunsdon. Jane married John Brown in May 1760, just after this will was written

Elizabeth Togwell - Daughter of Mary's brother George Togwell & Elizabeth Dunsdon

Sarah Togwell - Daughter of Mary's brother George Togwell & Elizabeth Dunsdon