

*The Last Will and Testament  
Of Emme Togwell  
of Steeple Ashton  
Will Proved  
29th October 1726*



Probate Court of Market Lavington  
Original reference P2/T/496  
Will Dated - 19th September 1724  
Codicil Dated -  
Buried at - Steeple Ashton on 28th June 1726

<b>Testator:</b>	Togwell	Emme	Widow, of Steeple Ashton
<b>Executors:</b>			
Ballard	Mary	Daughter	Joint
Gilbert	Katherine	Daughter	Joint
Palmer	Sarah	Daughter	Joint
<b>Overseers:</b>			
<b>Trustees:</b>			
Palmer	Stephen	Yeoman of Steeple Ashton, Son in Law	
Seale	Thomas	Yeoman of Keevil	

Beneficiaries		Relationship to Testator	Other Information
Surname	Given Names		
Ballard	Mary	Daughter	Wife of James Ballard
Gilbert	Katherine	Daughter	Wife of George Gilbert
Palmer	Sarah	Daughter	Wife of Stephen Palmer
Togwell		Grandchild	Unborn child of George Togwell at time of writing the will
Togwell	George	Son	
Togwell	John	Grandson	Son of George Togwell
<b>Witnesses</b>			
Jordan	Mary		
Seale	Thomas		
Whatly	John		
<b>Other Names</b>			
Ballard	James	Son in Law	
Gilbert	George	Son in Law	
Palmer	Stephen	Son in Law	
Togwell	Elizabeth	Daughter in Law	Nee Dunsdon. Wife of George m. 1722. Expecting their 2nd child

Togwell	Mary	Granddaughter	Unborn legatee. Born November/December 1724d.
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In the Name of God amen I Emme Togwell of Steeple Ashton in the County of Wilts Widow being sick and weake in body but of sound and perfect mind and memory thanks be unto All mighty God for the same do make and ordain this my last will and testament in writing in manner and forme following First I bequeath my soul into the hands of All mighty God my Creator hoping through the merritts and mediation of my Blessed Saviour and Redeemer Jesus Christ to have full pardon and free Remission of all my sins and my body I Commit to the earth to be decently Interred at the Discretion of my Executives herein after named and as touching and concerning that worldly estate which God of his Great mercy and Goodness hath been pleased to bestow upon me I give and dispose thereof as followeth Imprimis I give and devise unto my son in law Stephen Palmer of the parish of Steeple Ashton aforesaid yeoman and Thomas Seale Of Keevil yeoman and to their heirs and assigns forever all and singular my messuages lands tenements and hereditaments situated lyeing and being within the parish of Steeple Ashton or else where within the said County of Wilts to hold unto them the said Stephen Palmer and Thomas Seale and their heirs during the naturall life of my son George Togwell upon trust to support the contingent remainder herein after metioned limited and expressed upon confidence That they the said Stephen Palmer and Thomas Seale and their heirs do and shall permit my said son George Togwell and his assigns to receive and take the rents and profits thereof during his natural life without impeachment Of or for any manner of ? in ? and in full satisfaction of all and every sum and sums of money which was due to my said son George Togwell and I desire my son George Togwell not to molest vex or trouble my Executives herein after named touching or concerning the same and from and after the decease of my said son George Togwell in case my grandson John Togwell shall not then attain his age of one and twenty years upon further confidence that they the said Stephen Palmer and Thomas Seale and their heirs do shall permit and suffer my three daughters Katherine Gilbert Mary Ballard and Sarah Palmer and the rents issues and profits thereof to receive and take to their own Also benefitt and advantage equally between them untill my said grandson John Togwell shall attain his age of one and twenty years and from and after those two several formes as touching and concerning all and singular my messuages lands tenements and hereditaments aforesaid except my freehold message or tenement and all Closes lands meadowes and pasture ground situated at Snarleton within the said parish of Steeple Ashton to the use .....and behoove of my Grand Son John Togwell his heirs and Assignes forever and whereas my daughter in law Elizabeth Togwell is now with child and if it shall happen to be a male child then from and after the forms aforesaid as touching and concerning my last mentioned free hold lands within the appurtenances situate in Snarleton aforesaid within the said parish of Steeple Ashton to them also and behoov of such male child his heirs and assigns forever But if such child shall happen to be a female then I give to such female child the sum of one hundred pounds to be paid unto her at the age of one and twenty years and I charge my lands with the payment of the same and then as touching and concerning my free hold message or tenement lands and premises with appurtenances situate at Snarleton or else where in the said County of Wilts to them also and behoov of my said grandson John Togwell his heirs and assigns forever But if my aforesaid freehold estates shall happen to come into the possession of my three daughters

Emme Her X Mark Togwell SEAL

Katherine Gilbert Mary Ballard and Sarah Palmer or any or either of them before my said Grandson John Togwell shall attain his age of one and twenty years as aforesaid then my will is my Executives herein after named shall allow and pay out of my freehold estate five pounds per Anno untill my said Grandson shall attain his age of one and twenty years towards the schooling and education of such Grand Children as my said son George shall happen to have Also I give unto my said son George my horses wagons and all other my plow tackling whatsoever Also my will is that my daughter Mary Ballard shall have the use ? And possession of the house garden backside and orchard she now dwells therein until next Lady Day come twelve months without paying of any rent for the same Also my will is my three daughters Katherine Golbert Mary Ballard and Sarah Palmer or any of them shall hold and enjoy my freehold estate at Snarleton until Lady Day next after date hereof without paying any rent for the same Also I give unto my daughter Mary Ballard my two feather beds with curtains and vallence and all bedding thereunto belonging Also I give unto my daughter Sarah Palmer my best bed and bedsteed with curtains and vallence and all bedding thereunto belonging situate at East Town within the said parish of Steeple Ashton All the rest of my good chattels and personal estate not herein before given and bequeathed my debts legacies and funeral expenses being first paid and discharged I give and bequeath unto my said three daughters Katherine Gilbert Mary Ballard and Sarah Palmer whom I do nominate joynt Executives of this my last will and testament and I desire my said executives will lay out and expend about my funeral expenses the sum of twenty pounds or thereabouts In witness whereof I have to this my last will and testament containing two sheets of paper sett my hand and seale to each sheet the nineteenth day of September Annoq Dui 1724

Emme Her X Togwell SEAL

Signed sealed published and declared by the testatrix Emme Togwell in the presence of with these words during his naturall life being first interlined in the first sheet between the ninth and tenth lines from the preamble before the executors hereof

*Mary Jordan*  
*John Whatly*  
*Thomas Seale*

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**OPC Notes:**

Connections to other wills: Emme Togwell was the widow of John Togwell Will of 1704, mother of John Togwell Will of 1724 and Mary Ballard nee Togwell, will of 1761, and grandmother of Emm Lancaster nee Togwell, will of 1797, William Togwell will of 1820 and Elizabeth Togwell Will of 1822

Value of bequests according to the Bank of England Inflation Calculator

Money for unborn female grandchild: £100 in 1726 = £16,494 in 2024

Money for Funeral Expenses: £20 in 1726 = £3,299 in 2024

Annual Rental Income: £5 in 1726 = £825 in 2024

Snarleton sometimes known as Snardleton, Snarlton, or Snarlton was a small hamlet to the northwest of the village of Steeple Ashton

What was the relationship between George and his mother and sisters? The line "I desire my son George Togwell not to molest vex or trouble my Executrixes" implies a strained relationship between him and his sisters. Emm is also quite adamant that her estate eventually goes to her grandson John, rather than to her son George.