

*The Last Will and Testament
Of John Togwell
of Steeple Ashton
Will Proved
22nd May 1704*



Probate Court of Market Lavington
Original reference P2/T/415
Will Dated – 15th December 1703
Codicil Dated -
Buried at – Steeple Ashton on 25th February 1703/4

Testator:	Togwell	John	Yeoman of Steeple Ashton
Executors:			
Togwell	Emm		Sole
Overseers:			
Trustees:			
Martin	John	Steeple Ashton	
Purhill	Thomas	Keevil	

Beneficiaries		Relationship to Testator	Other Information
Surname	Given Names		
Togwell	Emm	Wife	Also known as Emme or Emma. Maiden name unknown
Togwell	George	Son	Aged 3
Togwell	John	Son	Aged 14
Togwell	Katherine	Daughter	Aged 18
Togwell	Mary	Daughter	Aged 12
Togwell	Sara	Daughter	Also known as Sarah, aged
Witnesses			
Harvest	Sarah		
Purchell	Mary		
Sims	Jeffory		
Other Names			
Nirholm alias Goodarer	John	Possibly a tenant	
Pearse	John		Completed inventory of estate
Silverthorne	William		Completed inventory of estate

In the Name of God Amen I John Togwell of the pish of Steeple Ashton in the County of Wilts yeoman being of a sound and perfect mind and memory doe make and ordain this my last will and testament in manner and form following Inprimis I give to my son John Togwell fifty pounds Item I give to my son George Togwell thirty pounds and I give alsoe to my said son George all that my Leasehold in Steeple Ashton La[?] John Nirholm called or known by the name Goodarer further my will is that the said legacies of fifty pounds and thirty pounds given to my said two sons be paid into the hands of my trustees herein afternamed for their [?] Breeding them up and to have the remainder as they shall com of the age of one and twenty years but if my son John dy before he com of age as aforeso my will is that the fifty pounds by me herein given shall remain to his said brother George and if my said son George happen to dy before he shall com to the age of one and twenty years that then the said thirty pounds and the leasehold by me herein to him given shall remain to his said brother Item I give to my Daughter Katherine one hundred and sixty pounds Item I give to my daughter Mary one hundred and forty pounds Item I give to my daughter Sara one hundred and forty pounds which said Legacies of a hundred and sixty and a hundred and forty and a hundred and forty given to my said three daughters my will is shall be paid into the hands of my trustees herein after named for the Breeding up my said daughters and they to have the remainder of their said severall Legacy as they shall com to the age of one and twenty years and further my will is that if either of my said daughters dy before she shall attain to the age of one and twenty years that the Legacy by me herein given to her shall remain to her two sisters to be equally divided between them share and share alike and further my will is that the said legacies of fifty pounds and thirty pounds and one hundred and sixty pounds and one hundred and forty pounds and one hundred and forty pounds be all paid into the hands of my trustees for the aforeso within one years next after my decease All my goods chattels and Creditts whatsoever I give to my Loving wife to pay my debts funeral expenses and legacies by me herein above given and I do make her sole executrix of this my last will and testament And I do nominate constitute and appoint Mr John Martin of the parish above so and Thomas Purthill of Keevil my trustees of this my last will and testament revoking all former and other wills by me heretofore made by this my last will and testament In witness whereof I have hereunto set my hand and seal this fifteenth day of December in the second year of the reign of our sovereign lady Queen Ann of England Anno Dm 1703

John His X Togwell SEAL

Signed sealed published and declared by the above named John Togwell to be his last will and testament in the presence of us

Jeffory Sims
Mary Purchell
Sarah Harvest

Approved at Market Lavington 22nd May 1704
Per Exer *Geo. Woodford* Reg.

OPC Notes:

Connections to other wills: John Togwell was the husband of Emme Togwell (Will of 1726), father of John Togwell (will of 1724) and Mary Ballard (nee Togwell, will of 1761), and grandfather of Emm Lancaster (nee Togwell, will of 1797), William Togwell (will of 1820), and Elizabeth Togwell (Will of 1822)

According to the Bank of England Inflation calculator

Total money bequeathed in the will: £520 in 1704 = £104,629 in 2024
Individual bequests' value in 2024: £160 = £32,193; £140 = £28,169; £50 = £10,060; £30 = £6,036

Total value on inventory of John Togwell's estate: \$1007 10s 0d in 1704 = £202,618 in 2024