

Prerogative Court of Canterbury Wills, 1384-1858, PROB 11/356/347.

The Will of George Franke of the Parish of Worth in the County of Sussex, Yeoman, written 22 Apr 1676, proved 4 Apr 1678.

In the Name of God Amen The Two and Twentyth day of of Aprill Anno Dni 1676 I George Franke of Worth in the County of Sussex yeoman being sick of Body but of good and perfect Memory doe make and ordeine this my last Will and Testament in manner and forme following That is to say First and principally I Commend my Soule into the hands of Almighty God my Maker etc... and my Body to the Earth from whence it first came.

Imprimis I give and bequeath unto my daughter Catherin Weller the wife of William Weller the summe of Fyve Pounds to be paid unto her within One yeare after my decease.

Item. I give and bequeath unto my sonn William Franke the summe of Fyve Pounds to be paid unto him within One yeare after my decease and all the bedd and steddle in the bedd Chamber with the Curtaines and all the bedding thereto belonging And allso all that my Messuage or Tenement in Walten in the County of Surrey with all the buildings and Lands thereto belonging with th'appurtenances.

Item. I give and bequeath unto my daughter Jane Franke the summe of Threescore Pounds To be paid unto her when she shall accomplish the age of One and Twenty yeares or els at the day of her Marriage That is to say at which of them shall first happen.

Item. I give and bequeath unto my grandchild Mary Weller the daughter of William Weller the summe of Fyve shillings To be paid unto her within One yeare after my decease.

Item. I give and bequeath unto my servant Susanna Burges One of the best Ewe sheepe that I have in my flock.

Item. I give and bequeath unto my Cosen Michael Banister the sonn of Edward Banister* deceased One of my Ewe sheepe.

All the rest of my Goods Chattels and Debts whatsoever unbequeathed I give and bequeath unto my sonn John Franke whome I doe make sole Executor of this my last Will and Testament upon Condition that he shall see this my Will performed and all my debts and Legacyes duely and truly paid and also that he shall keepe and mainteine my said daughter Jane Franke with sufficient meat drinck and apparrell untill such time as her said Legacy shall grow due if shee shall dwell so long with him Provided that if it shall happen that my said daughter Jane Franke should dye or decease before her said Legacy shall come to be due Then my Will and Testament is That her said Legacy be devided betweene my sonn John Franke and my said sonn William Franke and my said daughter Catherin Weller to every one of them an equall part.

And I doe nominate and ordeine my brother in Law Benedict Martin of Charlwood in the County of Surrey Gent and my brother in Law William Halcombe of Worth aforesaid yeoman Overseers of this my last Will and Testament desiring them to see this my Will performed and my Legacyes duely and truly paid.

In Witness whereof I have hereunto sett my hand the day and yeare first above written.

The marke and seale of George Franke in the presence of George Jupp and Walter Arnold.

* George's "cousin" Michael Bannister son of Edward Bannister deceased was his wife's nephew. Edward Bannister married Frances Holcomb on 11 May 1659 in Worth Sussex.