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Frances, wife of David the miller

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All Saints, Lubenham

Chapter 1 David and Frances Patrick of Lubenham in the County of Leicester and their descendants

FRANCES, WIFE OF DAVID THE MILLER

In a work where, lest too lengthy and complicated a web should be spun, the distaff has perforce been subordinated to the spear, it may at first seem strange to begin with the wife of our first traceable ancestor. But not only does she possess the deepest detectable roots and bear a name with at least the possibility of romantic associations with the 1605 Gunpowder Plot, but it was through her that we gained important further information concerning David. Busily engaged in the perusal and extraction of a mass of detail from the various parish records held in L.R.O., Geoff was no nearer, after some ten visits, to supplementing the information given in L, register that David died on 1 Nov 1755 that Frances, wife of David died on 3 July 1750 and that the first of three children born to them had been William, son of David (a miller) and Frances, born 19 Dec 1697. The thought finally struck home that one at least of them would have been born in Lubenham. Since there was no David Patrick in the records, it must be someone bearing the name Frances, and born about 1670. Frances is not a common name, so there seemed to be two possible candidates .

Frances Catesby, d. of William and Mary Catesby, born 1 Oct 1668 bap. 29 Oct 1668.

or

Frances, d. of Wm. Waters & Elizabeth bap. 13 March 1672.

The next piece of luck was to spot on the shelves of L.R.O. two dozen volumes of summaries of wills proved from 1563 to 1800 called "Leicester District Probate Registry Abstracts ". The magnum opus of a very industrious A.W.Read, the volumes have indexes not only of makers of wills but of recipients of legacies and witnesses and: an absolutely invaluable work, which unfortunately does not exist for Northamptonshire wills. The index revealed that Frances Patrick was a legatee of the will of Richard Catesby of M.H., 'dated 21 May 1700 along with others, including several Catesbys, viz William, Elizabeth, Mary and Ann .Reference to Lubenham. register showed that these were younger sisters and brother of Frances: Elizabeth b 3 May 1674, Mary b 22 Dec 1676; Anna b 28 Sep 1681 1 ; Willaim b 2 April 1684 . Richard very soon proved to be the uncle and not the father of Frances.

Checking in the previous volume for 1699 , for the name Catesby revealed the administration of an intestate William Catesby of Lubenham brother to Richard above. The same William, Elizabeth, Mary and Ann were named . No mention of Frances Patrick but, who should there be for joint surety for £130 for the children during their minorities but a David Gillpatreck called "agricolam" , the Latin term for husbandman! Clearly William was the father of Frances her mother was dead; and her uncle Richard was to be executor of the will; while Frances, being married, would be regarded as provided for by her husband. Richard sadly died the next year, but left money to all the children including Frances.

Although an inventory of William's goods was made, in the week following his death, it was apparently not registered properly, since there is another legal document of 1705 requiring son William now come of age, to produce a "true and perfect inventory" within three months. He is one surety, along with David Patrick, miller. David Gillpatreck and David Patrick are obviously the same person, as will be discussed in the next chapter .

The documents are as follows:

1. Administration of Frances' father William, 29 June 1699 .

A scruffily written document (see appendix 1): the first part in Latin , committing the two sureties to forfeiture of the huge sum of £130 if they fail to fulfil the conditions given in English in the second paragraph .

Noverint Universi per presentes nos Richard Catesby de Harborough in Comitatu Leics Inkeeper et Davidem Gillpatreck de Lubbenham in Comitatu Leics agricolam teneri et firme obligari... in Centum et triginti libris.

The Condicion of this Obligacion is That if the above bound Richard Catesby the naturall & lawfull brother of Wm Catesby late of Lubnam in the County of Leicester decd. Intestate do well and truly administer of all & Singular the Goods credetts and chattels of the said Intestate to & for the only Use benefitte and behoofe of Elizabeth Catesby, Mary Catesby , Anne Cattsesby & Wm Cattsesby by the children of the decd. So farr forth as the Goods credetts & chattels will extend and the law shall charge him. And doe exhibit a true Inventory of the same . And pass a just & true account of his Administracion herein when lawfully called or warned. Then this pledge and Obligacion to be voyd & and of none effect, or else in full force and virtue.

Sealed & Delivered in the presence of Richard Stephens Notarius publicus.

Signed Ricd + Catesby

William was aged 63 when he died. Richard is designated innkeeper of Harborough. There were quite a few inns there and regrettably no name is given to the inn. Richard was illiterate and made his mark. By 1699. the sises of Frances were aged 25, 22 , 18 and William was 15. We assume that, in the case of females, minority meant until marriage. David and Frances did not have a batch of young children to look after, apart from their own. Strangely, David does not sign or mark the document at all.

2. Inventory of the goods of Frances' father William, 28 June 1699.

A inventory of ye goods & Chattels of Willm. Catesby of Lubbenham deceased & taken by us this 28th day of June 1699.

	£	s	d
Imprimis in ye parlor one Bed with Bedding & other smale goods	2	0	6
Item in ye Chamber 2 beds with Bedding	0	18	4
Item in ye House 3 tables & 4 puter disis & one pott one pan & 4 cheres with other lumber	0	16	6
Item one horse one Cow	2	11	0
his wearing Apparill	0	10	0
Sume is	6	16	4

Prised by us

William Neal. Tho. Shipely. Samill. Sprigge.

The appraisers would be neighbours, who had to assess the value of the moveable goods of the deceased. Inventories tell us nothing of the value of anyone's land or house, which, had he made a will and if not rented, would have passed to the designated heir. William was certainly not well off, though in those days seven pounds would represent at least half the yearly income of a poor person. Regrettably we do not know his occupation.

3. Will of Frances' uncle Richard, 21 May 1700

In the Name of God Amen the 21 day of May 1700 according to the Computation of the Church of England, I Richard Cathbey of Market Harborow in the County of Lesester- being of perfect

memory and remembrance, praised bee God, do make and ordaine this my last will and testament in manner and forme following viz. First I bequeath my soule into the hands of almighty God my maker hoping that through the meritorious death and passion of Jesus Christ my only Savior and redeemer to receive free pardon and an forgiveness of all my Sins and as for my body to bee buried in Christian buryall at the discretion of my Executrix hereafter nominated. Item I give to Elizabeth Pain the summe of five pounds. I give to Frances Churchman the summe of five pounds. Item I give to William Caseby the summe of Twenty pounds. Item I give to Frances Patrick the summe of ten pounds. Item I give to George Howard the summe of five pounds to see that my will may bee done according to my mind. Item all the rest of houses, Leases, lands, tenements and goods whatsoever I giv to Ellin my wife forever upon Condicion that shee shall pay all my debts and Legacyes, and I make here sole Executrix of this my last will and testament revoaking all other wills and testaments. In witnes whereof I have hereunto sett my hand and seale the day and yeare first above written.

Richard Catesbee

Witnesses

Will. Normanton

John Normanton

Thomas Riddington

This will was proved in the prerogative.

A will neatly written in large handwriting (see appendix 2), but the signature is puzzling, since we know that Richard only marked the administration of 1699. Possibly he has too ill even to make a mark.

The legacies add up to £75, and the wording suggests that there was quite a lot of property to pass on to his widow. Richard was obviously a wealthy innkeeper, as the keepers of the bigger inns in Market Harborough often were, and his success may be compared with that of his impoverished father Francis or his brother William.

Apart from his brother's administration, Richard, victualler of Harbourough, was also surety for the administration of Miles Parsons in 1672, an executor of the will of Francis Reeves in 1692, and a witness to the will of Smith, a cordwainer of Market Harborough, also in 1692. In 1671 he had lived in a cottage owned by a gentleman called John Blisse: he seems to have risen in the world.

4. Further administration of Frances' father William, 9 June 1705

A very elegantly written document (appendix 3) which I suspect was engraved, leaving blanks to be filled in with handwriting: an early example, perhaps, of the now ubiquitous official form.

Noverint universi per presentes nos Guilielmum Catesby de Lubenam In Comitatu Leics. Baker & Davidem Patrick de Lubenam praedicti Miller teneri et firmiter obligari... in Triginti [£30] libris...

The Condicton of this Obligacion is such that if the abovesd. Wm. Catesby the naturall and lawfull Son and Administrator of all and singular the goods chattels and credits of Wm. Catesby Senr. of Lubnam (not as yet adminstrated of) deceased doe make or cause to be maid a true and perfect Inventory of all and singular the goods.. of the said deceased, which have or shall come to the hands possession or knowledge of him the said Wm. Catesby... and the same soe mde deo exhibit...into th Registry of this Court at or before the Ninth day of September next ensuing. And the same goods...doe well and truly administer according to law. And further doe make...a true and just accompt of the said Administration at or before the Ninth day of June 1706... and all the rest ... of the said... goods ...which shall be found remaining upon the said Administrators' accompt, the same being first examined and allowed of by the Judge...shall deliver and pay unto such person or persons respectively as th said Judge... by his ... decree...pursuant to...[the] Act for the better settling of Intestates...shall...appoint. And if it shall hereafter appeare that any last will and Testament was made by the said deceased, and the Executortherein named doe exhibit the same into the said court makeing request to have it allowed and approved, ... if the said Wm.

Catesby above bounden...doe render and deliver the said Lettres of Administration ...in the said Court. Then this Obligation to be void and of none effect, or else to remaine in full force and vertue.

Sealed and delivered in the presence of Richard Stephens.

William Catesby Signed

Davidis Patrick [his mark]

William signed with an extremely shaky signature, David marked. William had three months to make an inventory, and a year in which to produce satisfactory proof of his administration. He would then pay outstanding legacies. If a written will turned up in the mean time, he was required to produce it. We do not know why the inventory made at the time of William's death in 1699 had not been produced long ago. Nor do we know how much of the £6/16/4, and of the land and house, if any, Frances received: if William and 3 sisters all shared equally with her, the legacy was very small. Her uncle Richard's legacy of £10 was more substantial, but it is possible that this too caused problems before it was settled. There are two relevant documents (appendix 4 and 5).

5. Indenture concerning the remarriage of Frances' aunt, Ellinor, 4 June 1701

This is an enormous document of 102 very long lines, from which we see that uncle Richard's widow, who had received the major residue of Richard's presumably extensive estate, had gone to live in Great Glen. It is certainly her, since line 87 mentions the creditors and legatees of Richard Catesby deceased, late husband of the said Elianor Catesby. The gist of the indenture is that out of "Naturall Love & Affection" for a certain William Palmer of Great Glen, and for a 5s payment and for certain obligations he undertook, she surrendered to him all her farm animals and implements, all her money and investments, and all her personal estate, for his "use & behoofe for ever without any manner of reclaime, Challenge or demand whatsoever". For this he took over all her affairs, all collection of rents and debts "in her Name but to his own Use", and in all this she agreed to give him her unconditional backing. He would provide her with "meet, convenient, suitable & Necessary Meat drink washing & lodging and all manner of Apparell of what kind, sort or quality soever" for live "if she... shal so long think fitt and for so long time as she shall think fit to cohabite & dwell with the said William Palmer... But in case the said Elianor Catesby shall be minded to remove from and not cohabite", William undertakes to pay her £5 yearly, in four instalments on the feast days of the Virgin Mary, John the Baptist, St. Michael and St. Thomas [i.e. 25 March, 24 June, 29 September, 21 December]. William also promises to pay what is due to all Elianor's creditors and legatees.

Hopefully Frances would get her £10 legacy, but it was certainly goodbye to any hopes she might well have harboured or receiving further money at the death of her aunt. One certainly suspects that William Palmer was a typical con man, battenning on the wealth of and battering with this overwhelming legalistic barrage of jargon and infatuated or senile widow.

The document is remarkable for its inability to state anything other than in triplicate, and is in its way a real gem to read. It also seems rather unusual for an age where marriage was considered an indissoluble bond (at least officially) to countenance an arrangement of cohabitation with separation by mutual consent.

6. Inventory of the goods of Frances' aunt Elianor

This undated inventory shows that, by the time she died, Elianor's wealth had been reduced to the size of that of Frances' father William. Sucked dry one imagines.

A true and perfect Inventory of all the Goods and Chattells of Elener Catesby of Great Glen Lately Deceased.

	£	s	d
Imprimis her purse and Apparell	01	15	4
one Bed and Bedding Belonging to itt	02	00	0

	£	s	d
one Table Three stooles	00	08	0
Two Coffers and one Chaire	00	08	0
Six pare of Sheettes	01	03	4
halfe a Dozen of Napkins	00	04	6
2 Table Clothes	00	03	0
one Cubbard	00	03	0
	06	5	8

Appraised by William Wade. Thomas Hewson

We now move on to the descent of Frances Catesby. The name of course conjured up the possibility of descent from the family of Robert Catesby, the Gunpowder Plot conspirator, who was killed in a fierce fight (so sparing him execution) after the discovery of the plot. Robert's mother lived at Ashby St. Ledgers in Northants, only some 20 miles from Lubenham. Although Robert had no grandchildren, there was a chance of connection with his unnamed brothers, shown in the Catesby tree in Dugdale's *Antiquities of Warwickshire*. Research in the N.R.O failed to find any: a previous researcher had in his rough notes picked up the marriage of David and Frances, but they did not appear in his final account of the Catesby family. This was disappointing, especially since a look in the Mormon index soon revealed that Frances' grandfather, who left a will in 1665 and was probably born about 1600, lived in South Kilworth, which is only about 10 miles from Lubenham. He also called himself a gentleman, though the 1636 baptism entry for William, the father of Frances, South Kilworth, describes grandfather Francis as a victualler. Evidently a gentleman victualler! The introduction to the South Kilworth register (ed by W.T. Hall in 1938) lists the 1665 Hearth Tax returns, showing that Francis had one hearth and was among the richer half of the inhabitants. His will (appendix 6) does not suggest great affluence! And he could not sign his name, in spite of his delusions of grandeur.



Fig 1: South Kilworth Church in 1994

7. Will of Frances' grandfather, Francis Catesby, 28 March 1665

In the name of God Amen I Francis Catesby of South Kilworth in the county of Leicester gentle[man] doe make this my last will and testament in manner and forme followeing: first I bequeath my soule to Almighty God truesting in the merrits of Jesus Chris my redeemer to obtaine soulvation [a nice spelling], next my body to bee buried in the churchyard of South Killworth aforesaid. Item I give and bequeath to my sonne Thomas Catesby the sume of foure peence to be paid by my executrixes within one mounth next after my decease. Item I give to my sonns Richard Catesby and William Catesby foure peence a peece. Item I give to my daughters to Lucie to Frances to Ann and to Mary foure peence a peece to bee paid by executrixes within one mounth next after my decease. Item I make my wife Frances Catesby and my daughter Elizabeth Catesby my whole executrixes of all my goods and chattels and my will is that my daughter Elizabeth shall have the house and all her goods after my wifes decease and I desire Richard Banbury and William Gurford to bee overseers of this will, in wittnes hereof I have set my hand and seale the twenty eight day of March in the yeare of our Lord one thousand six hundred sixty and five 1665.

Francis Catesby

his F marke

Richard Banbury

William Gurford

Francis left a total of 2s4d i.e 4 pence, not 4 shillings or 4 pounds, each to 7 of his eight children. Perhaps he could afford no more, but possibly too he thought they were able to look after themselves, for their ages ranged from 28 (William) to 51 (Lucia). One child had died young, but to have 8 out of 9 children surviving into adulthood was remarkable for the seventeenth century. The will also shows that he had a house to pass on, and that he destined his youngest daughter Elizabeth, age 24, to live with and eventually look after his widow Frances. It is possible that Elizabeth married, very late in life, to Henry Paine, at Claybrook Magna on 10 Feb 1699, since an Elizabeth Paine gets £5 in Richard Catesby's will of 1700. If so, it would be a typical fate for a youngest daughter.

The Catesby descent of Frances is as follows. The children of her grandfather Francis and his wife Frances were all baptized at South Kilworth, though none seems to be buried there. All William's children were born at Lubenham.

Franciscus (will 8 March 1665) married Francisca about 1622. Their children were:

- ▶ Lucia. Born 17 May 1623
- ▶ Thomas. Born 16 May 1625
- ▶ Francisca . Born 15 Nov 1628. Perhaps married a Mr Churchman and so got £5 in Richard's will
- ▶ William. Born 14 Feb 1629, but presumably died young and was replaced in 1636 by Frances' father William
- ▶ Anna. Born 5 Feb 1632. Married Joseph Williams on 1 Nov 1663 at South Kilworth. Probably dead by 1700
- ▶ Maria. Born 21 Sep 1633. Probably dead by 1700
- ▶ Richard . Birth date unknown. Will 1700
- ▶ William. Born 17 April 1636
- ▶ Elizabeth. Born 14 April 1640

William married Mary Boddyle at Foxton on 21 Nov 1667. Their children were:

- ▶ Frances. Born 1 Oct 1668. m. David Patrick 1693. d 3 July 1750.
- ▶ Elizabeth. Born 3 June 1674
- ▶ Mary. Born 2 Feb 1677
- ▶ Anna. Born 5 Oct 1681. m. John Smith 24 Dec 1704
- ▶ William. Born 18 April 1684. Baker.

Frances' maternal grandfather also left a will (appendix 7).

8. Will of Frances' grandfather Richard Bodele, 9 Oct 1681

In the name of God Amen I Richard Boddily of Lubnam in the County of Leicester Sheeheard being sicke & weake of body but of good sound and disposing mynde and memory, the Lord be praised, but calling to mynde the mortality of all men liveing and that the tyme of death is onely known to God, doe make this my last will & Testament in manner and forme following - First and principally I bequeath my soul into the hands of God Almighty my Creator and of Jesus Christ my only savior & redeemer by whose alone meritts through God's mercy I trust to enjoy eternall happines. And as concerning such temporall estate as the Lord in mercy lent me, I give devise and

bequeath as herein after followeth, that is to say, I give to my sonne Richard Boddily five shillings of lawful money of England in lieu of what he shall or might claim either as heire or as a Child's porcion. Also I give & bequeath to my daughter Anne one shilling of like lawfull money. Also I give & bequeath unto my daughter Mary my little close I purchased of Jill & should to her & her heires assign for ever. Also I give & bequeath unto my three children of my daughter Catesby [i.e. Frances, Elizabeth and Mary. Anna had been born four days before on 5 October, but news might not have reached the aged grandfather] five pounds to be equally parted among them. And if any of these happen to dye before six monethes after my death then to be payed to the survivor or survivors of them. Item I give & bequeath unto my sonne Richard's children Two shillings & six pence apeece. And also to my daughter Anns children Two shillings & six pence apeece.

All the rest of my Lands Estates goods Cattle and Chattells, my debts legacies & funerall expences being fully payd, I give and bequeath unto my son Joseph Boddily his heires & executors, whom I make Executor of this my last will & Testament. In witness whereof I have hereto sett my hand & Seale th nynth day of October in Two & Thirtieth year of the raigne of our soveraigne Lord King Charles the second of England.

Recd Sealed & published in the presence of John Payne R Mayes his marke Wm Brice

Rich Bodele.

Richard the shepherd in fact lived a further two years and died 7 July 1683, aged "above 84 years", an exceptional age for thos times and specially noted in the parish register. His wife Elizabeth had died on 27 May 1677. their children, born at Lubenham were:

- ▶ William. Born 13 Sep 1630 and presumably dead by 1681.
- ▶ Anne. Born 30 Sep 1632 and still alive with children in 1681
- ▶ Elizabeth. Born 12 June 1635 and presumably dead by 1681.
- ▶ Richard. Born 28 Feb 1639. Alive with children.
- ▶ Mary. Born 23 July 1644. Mother to Frances.
- ▶ Joseph. Birth unknown. Heir.

Richard had his favourites, leaving the main inheritance to the younger son, and the close to the younger daughter. The children of Mary got £1/13/4 each, those of Richard and Anne only 2s6d.

Frances was neither poor nor rich on either side of the family, apart from an uncle, whose wealth ws lost to a trickster. Healthwise a good inheritance: grandpa Richard died at 84, Francis had 8 out of 9 children reach adulthood. She herself reached 81, dying 3 July 1750. Husband David about the same. For their descendants, both health and wealth were to prove somewhat elusive.

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Fig 2: Administration of Frances' father William; 29th June 1699

APPENDIX 2

In the Name of God AMEN the 21 day of May 1700 according to the computation
 of the Church of England I Richard Darbey of Marbot Leabroze in the County of Leicestershire
 being of perfect memory and reasonable understanding (vizt) first I bequeath my
 this my last will and testament in manner and form following (vizt) first I bequeath my
 souls into the hands of almighty God my maker hoping that through his meritorious death
 and passion of Jesus Christ my only savior and redeemer to receive free pardon and an
 forgiveness of all my sins and as for my body to be buried in Christian buriall at the
 discretion of my executor hereafter appointed. I give to Elizabeth pain the sum of five
 pounds I give to Francis Thurstman the sum of five pounds I give to William Darbey
 the sum of twenty pounds I give to Frances Patrick the sum of ten pounds I have
 given to Elizabeth Darbey the sum of ten pounds I give to Mary Darbey the sum of
 ten pounds I give to Ann Darbey the sum of ten pounds I give to George
 Edward the sum of five pounds to see that my will may be done according to my mind
 I have all the rest of my lands tenement and goods whatsoever I give to Eliza my wife
 for ever upon condition that she shall pay all my debts and Legacies and I make her sole
 executrix of this my last will and testament ^{residing} in Leicestershire all other wills and testaments
 in whatels wheresoever I have heretofore ^{sett} left my hand and seal the day and yeare first above
 written.
 Witness
 Will Thurstman
 John Thurstman
 Thomas Reddingham
 Richard Coker be
 They were my friends in the presence

Fig 3: Will of Frances' Uncle Richard; 21st May 1700

APPENDIX 3

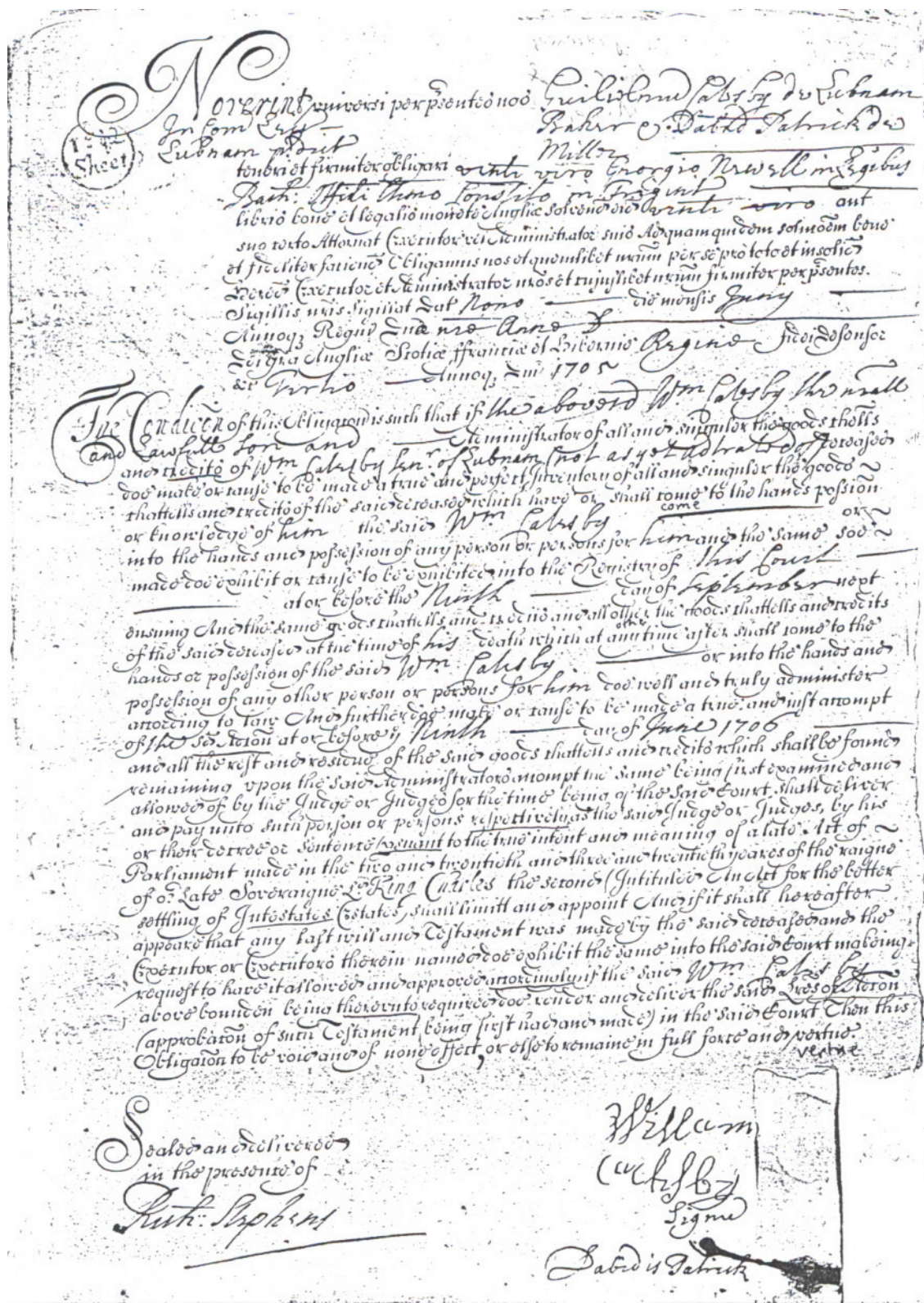


Fig 4: Further administration of Frances' father William; 9th June 1705

APPENDIX 4

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This Indenture made the fourth day of June in the Thirteenth Year of the
 Reigne of our Sovereigne Lord William the Third by the grace of God of England
 Scotland France and Ireland King Defender of the Faith - Anno [q]uo [Dom]ine 1701
 Between Ellenor Catesby of Great Glen in the County of Leic[ester]r Widdow of the one * i.e. tenant
 - part and William Palmer of Great Glen aforesaid Tinholder of the other part

Witnesseth that for & in consideration as well of the M[utual] Love & Affection wh[ic]h
 she the said Ellenor Catesby hath & beareth towards the said William Palmer and
 of the Summe of five Shillings of good & lawfull money of England to the said Ellenor
 Catesby in hand paid by the said Wm Palmer before the Sealing & Deliver[ing] hereof as
 also in consideration of the Coven[ants] & Agreement hereon after Men[tion]ed and consigned
 on the part & behalf of the said Wm Palmer his Ex[ecutors] Adm[inistrators] & Assignes to be paid
 observed & performed And for other valuable Consider[ati]on thereunto moving she the
 said Ellenor Catesby hath bargained sold assigned & sett over And by these p[re]sents doth
 bargain sell assigne and sett over unto the said Wm Palmer his Ex[ecutors] Adm[inistrators] & Assignes
 15 All her the said Ellenor Catesbyes Horses Mares Geldings Colts Foales beasts sheep hogs
 Waggones Carls Geares plows Harrowes & Implem[en]ts of ~~household goods whatsoever~~
 Household Stuffs goods plate Chattells - Cattle & Implem[en]ts of ~~household goods whatsoever~~
 20 ~~Household~~ Households and Household Timber whatsoever standing & being in Great Glen aforesaid And also
 all her ~~said~~ Ellenor Catesbyes Bills Bonds Mortgage Judgment Statutes & other securities
 whatsoever And also all other personall Estate of the said Ellenor Catesby of what
 nature sort or kind soever in Great Glen aforesaid or elsewhere in ye said County of Leics
 To have and to hold all & singl[ar] ye said personall Estate of what kind soever & premisses
 with the Appurtenances & ever[ing] part thereof unto the said Wm Palmer his Ex[ecutors] Adm[inistrators] & Assignes
 in his and their own proper Use & behoofe for ever without any manner of reclaim[ati]on Challenge
 25 or demand whatsoever And ye said Ellenor Catesby for the Consider[ati]on aforesaid hath made
 constituted appointed & in her place & Stead put and by these p[re]sents doth make
 constitute & appoint & in her place & Stead put ye said Wm Palmer to be her lawfull
 Attorney for her & in her name & place but to and for his own proper Use and
 benefit to ask sue for levy recover ~~repay~~ ^{previous} all & all manner of Debt Rent & Rents
 due unto her ye said

Fig 5: Indenture concerning the remarriage of Frances' aunt, Ellinor; 4th June 1701. Lines 1 to 29

35 Eleanor Cately upon all or any Security or Securities of what quality Sort or kind
 soever by any person or person whatsoever for any matter or thing whatsoever & upon receipt
 thereof in her name to give one or more discharge or discharges for the same And
 also to make any Entry or Entries into any the Lands Tenement[s] or Hereditament[s] of her
 40 the said Eleanor Cately or out of which any Rent or other Duty or thing shall be due
 unto her or into any Lands Tenement[s] or Hereditament[s] that doe or may belong to her by
 reason of the Prepayment of any Sum[s] or Sum[s]es of Money due or to be due unto
 any Mortgages Lease or Leases Estate or Estates or otherwise howsoever And in her
 Name but to his own Use to receive & take ye Rents & profits of such Lands Tenement[s]
 45 or Hereditament[s] & to sell & dispose of all such Lands Tenement[s] or Hereditament[s] in such
 sort & manner as to ye said Wm. Palmer shall seem good And also in her Name but to
 his own Use to make distress & distresses And also in her Name to Comence and
 prosecute any Acc[ti]on or Acc[ti]ons for recover[ie] of any Debts matter or thing whatsoever due
 or that shall come due to her ye said Eleanor Cately in any Court or Courts whatsoever giving
 50 and by these presents granting unto her sd. Attorney the full power & Auth[or]ity in the
 And one Attorney or clerk or more under him to substitute & at his own pleasure to
 revoke And all & every other Act & Acts thing & things whatsoever needfull or Necessary
 to be done in the process for her and in her Name but to his own Use to doe
 55 execute & performe as fully & largely in every respect as she her self might or could
 have done if she were personally present ratifying & confirming whatsoever her said
 Attorney shall lawfully doe or cause to be done in the process by these presents And ye said
 Eleanor Cately for herself her Executors & Administrators doth covenant promise & agree
 to & with ye said Wm. Palmer his Heirs Executors & Administrators by these presents that she ye said
 Eleanor Cately her Executors & Administrators shall & will legally & duly maintain justify and
 60 answer any Acc[ti]on or Acc[ti]ons Writ or Writts pleas & process whatsoever which he
 the said Wm. Palmer shall & will bring in his or their Name or Name for ye recover[ie] of
 of any Sum[s] or Sum[s]es of Money now due & owing unto her the said Eleanor Cately
 by her Executors & Administrators And further that she ye said Eleanor Cately doth not make

Fig 6: Indenture concerning the remarriage of Frances' aunt, Ellinor; 4th June 1701. Lines 30 to 58

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Done or committed or Suffered to be made done or committed any Act matter or thing
 60 whereby or by reason whereof the said premisses with the Appurtenant[s] or any parte
 thereof shall or may be burthened or Incumbent in any wise, now
 shall not nor will REVOAKE nor make void the power & Authority hereby
 given & granted to the said Wm. Palmer his Executors Administrators or Assignes And ye said William
 Palmer for the Considerations aforesaid for himself his Heires Executors Administrators doth covenant
 65 promise & agree to & with the said Ellinor Catesby he Executors & Administrators by these presents
 that he the said Wm. Palmer his Heires Executors Administrators shall & will from time to time
 and at all times for & during the Life of the said Ellinor Catesby (if she think fitt so
 long to cohabit & dwell with the said Wm. Palmer his Heires Executors or Administrators) well and
 sufficiently find & provide for give and allow unto the said Ellinor Catesby not only ye
 70 meet convenient Suitable & Necessary Meat drink Washing & Lodging and all and of
 manner of Apparell of what kind Sort or quality soever to and for ye said Ellinor Catesby
 for and during her Nat[ur]all Life, if she the said Ellinor Catesby shall so long think fitt any
 for so long time as she shall think fitt to cohabit & dwell with the said William Palmer
 his Heires Executors & Administrators, But in case the said Ellinor Catesby shall be minded to remove
 from & not to cohabit & dwell with ye said Wm. Palmer his Heires Executors & Administrators
 then & in such case ye said Wm. Palmer his Executors or Administrators shall & will in Lieu &
 recompence of Such meat drink Washing Lodging & Apparell well & truly pay or cause
 to be paid unto the said Ellinor Catesby or his Assignes for & during the termes of her
 80 Nat[ur]all Life the Yearly Summe of five pounds of good & lawfull Money of England at
 four payment[s] in the year (that is to say) at the feast Day of the Annunciat[i]on of the
 blessed Virgin Mary, St. John Baptist, St. Michaele the Archangel & St. Thomas ye Apostle
 the first payment thereof to begin & be made on the first of the aforesaid feasts whiche
 shall next happen after the said Ellinor Catesby shall thinke fitt to remove from and
 not to cohabit & dwell with the said Wm. Palmer his Heires Executors or Administrators And -

Fig 7: Indenture concerning the remarriage of Frances' aunt, Ellinor; 4th June 1701. Lines 59 to 84

85 further that he the said Wm. Palmer his Executors or Administrators shall & will well & truly
 pay or cause to be paid unto all & every the Creditor and Creditors Legatee & Legatee
 of Richard Catesby deceased late Husband of the said Ellinor Catesby all such Debt &
 and Debts Legacy & Legacies as he the said Richard Catesby did in his life time owe
 and bequeath and all such Debts as she the said Ellinor Catesby now stands
 90 indebted to any person or persons whatsoever] & safe harmless & keep indemnified
 the said Ellinor Catesby the Executors Administrators & Assignors & her & their Lands Tenements goods
 and Chattells of from & against all such Action & Actions Suits Costs Damages & Expenses
 whatsoever] ~~that~~ ^{that} contemned or prosecuted or to be had contemned or prosecuted
 against her or him or her or their Lands Tenements goods or Chattells for or by
 95 reason of such Debt or Debts Legacy or Legacies as aforesaid In witness
 whereof of the parties first above named to these present Indentures Inter-
 changeably have set their Hands & Seals the Day & year first above written
 Ellinor Catesby her Marke [] Sealed & delivered & peaceable quiet & possession
 by the Delivery of one pewter quart parcell of the goods Chattells & personall ^{was had} estate
 100 intended to be bargained & sold by the Indentures within written by the within
 named Ellinor Catesby to the within named William Palmer in the presence of
 Joseph Marsh Robert Chamberlyne William Holyoake Junior.

[Enshort, Wm. Palmer, for 5s, takes over all her possessions & deals with all her money
 matters, and they agree to live together - if she later decides not to remain with
 him, he will pay her £5 per year instead]

Fig 8: Indenture concerning the remarriage of Frances' aunt, Ellinor; 4th June 1701. Lines 85 to end

APPENDIX 5

*A true and exact Inventory of all the Goods and Chattels
of ~~Ellenor~~ ^{Ellenor} ~~Ellenor~~ ^{Ellenor} of Great Glenn Lale, Deceased*

<i>Impr. Ropes and Apparels</i>	<i>£</i>	<i>s</i>	
<i>one Bed and Bedding Belonging to it</i>	01	15	4
<i>one Table Three Stools</i>	02	00	0
<i>Two Coffers and one Chair</i>	00	08	6
<i>Six pair of Shirts</i>	01	03	4
<i>Half a dozen of Napkins</i>	00	04	6
<i>2 Table Cloths</i>	00	03	0
<i>one Cushion</i>	00	03	0
	06	5	8

Appraised by
M^r W. Wade
Thomas, Thos. Fow

Fig 9: Inventory of Frances' aunt Ellinor

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Fig 10: Will of Francis Catesby; 28th March 1665

APPENDIX 7

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In the name of God Amen I Richard Woddyly of Lubenham in the County of
 Northampton Shropshire being ^{deane} of body but of good ^{sound} memory and disposing
 my ^{merits} & memory the Lord be ^{praises} but ^{calling} to mind the mortality of
 all men ^{living} and that the time of death is only known to God I do
 make this my last will & testament in manner & form following
 first principally I bequeath my soul into the hands of God Almighty my
 Creator and of Jesus Christ my only ^{save} & redeemer by whose
 alone ^{merits} through Gods ^{mercy} I trust to come to ^{eternall} happiness
 concerning such ^{temporall} estates
 touching such ^{temporall} estates the Lord in mercy lent me
 I give devise & bequeath as herein after followeth that is to say I give to my
 sonne Richard Woddyly the first shilling of lawfull money of England
 how of what he shall or might claim either as a ^{heir} or as a
^{part} Also I give & bequeath to my daughter Anne the first shilling
 of lawfull money Also I give & bequeath unto my daughter
 Mary my little ^{close} I purchased of ^{her} I should to her ^{heir} & after for ever
 Also I give & bequeath unto my three children of my daughter the first shilling

Francis
 Elizabeth

[Anna & William
not yet born.] five pounds to be equally ^{parted} among them the day of their hap-
 py death before six months after my death then to be paid to the survivor
 or survivors of them from I give & bequeath unto my son ^{apiece} Richard the sum
 two shillings & six pence & also to my daughter ^{apiece} Ann & the sum
 shillings & six pence ^{apiece} All the rest of my lands & debts goods
 fables and chattels my debts legacies & funeral expenses being fully payd
 I give and bequeath unto my son ^{legacies} Joseph Bodeley his lands & debts
 whom I make executor of this my last will & testament In witness whereof
 I have here set my hand & Seal the ^{thirtieth} day of October in the
 two & thirtieth year of the reign of our said august Lord King Charles the second
 of England

Read & published
 in the presence of
 John P. Taylor
 R. Mayes
 & others
 Wm. B. 2112

i.e. the 32nd year as
 it is dated from the
 execution of Charles I
 in 1649
 A.D. 1681 Oct. 9

Rich Bodeley

Probatum est Janu. arij 1683 coram
 To Kingham Secre & notula present.

Fig 11: Will of Frances' grandfather Richard Bodeley; 9th October 1681