

In the name of God, amen. James Franklin of the county of
Will. I am sick of body being at this present of sound mind, though weak in body
do here make my last will and Testament, in manner and form following.
I give and bequeath my soul to God in full hope of his mercy through
Jesus Christ and my body to the earth.

Item, I give and bequeath to my beloved wife Agnes Franklin all that
Tract or parcel of land, whereon I now live, with the houses and outwards
upon it, during her life or widowhood.

Item, I give and bequeath all that tract or parcel of land, known by the name
of Sandy ford, to my sons John and James Franklin to be equally divided
between them; The lower part of the said land, with the houses upon it, to my son John
and the other part to my son James Franklin.

Item, I give and bequeath all that Tract of land, whereon I now live, after
my wife's death or marriage, to my sons John and James Franklin, to be equally
divided between them; the lower part to John and the other to James Franklin.

my wife's death or marriage, to my sons Joel and Josiah Franklin, to be equally divided between them; the one part to Joel, and the other to Josiah Franklin.

Item, I give and bequeath that if my son Josiah should die without issue, then in that case, the land bequeathed to him should go to my son Joel Franklin.
Item, I give and bequeath to my wife Agnes Franklin one negro woman named Betsy, during her life or widowhood.

Item, I give and bequeath to my said wife one feather bed and Trussing.

Item, I give and bequeath to my wife all the money that shall be due to me at my death.

Item, I give and bequeath the negro woman, named Betsy, to my son Josiah Franklin, after the death or marriage of his mother, but in case my son Josiah should die without issue then I give the said negro woman to my son Joel Franklin.

Item, I give and bequeath to my son Josiah, one mare, bullock, and saddle.

Item, I give and bequeath to the said Sarah one cow and calf

Item, I give and bequeath to the said Sarah one sow and pig

Item, I give and bequeath to my wife Agnes Franklin, all the rest and residue of my stock of horses, cattle, sheep, and hogs, to dispose of as she please

Item, I give and bequeath to my son Josiah one feather bed and furniture

Item, I bequeath to my Daughter Elizabeth Franklin one feather bed and furniture

Item, I bequeath to my Daughter Judith one feather bed and furniture

Item, I give and bequeath all the rest and residue of my household and kitchen furniture to my wife Agnes, to dispose of as she thinks proper, among my children

Item, I give to my Daughter Ann Kinnally, one shilling sterling

Item, I give to my Daughter Mary Puckett, one shilling sterling

Item, I give to my Daughter Patsy Allan, one shilling sterling

Item, I give to my Daughter Agnes Miller one shilling sterling

Item, my will and desire is that my Daughters Elizabeth and Judith Franklin

Item, I give to my Daughter Agnes Piles, one Shilling Sterling

Item, my will and desire is, that my Daughters Elizabeth and Judith Franklin should have full Liberty to reside in the house, wherein I now live, so long as they continue single.

and I appoint my son John Franklin, and my wife Agnes Franklin, my Executors and Executrix. In Witness whereof I have hereunto set my hand and seal, and declared this to be my last will and Testament this

Twenty ninth Day of May 1776.

Signed, sealed, and declared to be his

last will by the above named James

James ^{his} Franklin 

Franklin, in the presence of

William Leigh

Charles C. Burton

Richard Burton