

The following Will was obtained from the Huntingdon Archives (KAH/16/2/4/8) on the 06th of August 2021. And belongs to James Bankes, it is dated from 20th Oct 1664. With it being proved on the 10th of March 1665

The proved section was in Latin what you see here is a translation

In the Name of God Amen. The twentieth day of October 1664 in the sixteenth year of the reign of our sovereign Lord Charles the second by the grace of God of England, Scotland, France and Ireland. King defender of the faith

I James Bankes of Chetelstan alias Keyston in the county of Huntingdon, Cordwinder (**shoemaker**), being very sick of body but of perfect remembrance, praised be God. Therefore, do make and ordain my last will and testament in manner and form following, that is so to say

First. I commend my soul into the hands of God my creator hoping assuredly through the only merits of Jesus Christ my saviour to be made partaker of eternal life, and my body I commend to the earth whereof it is made, in sure and steadfast hope of its resurrection to eternal life

Item I give and bequeath to my well-beloved daughter Ann Bankes the sum ten pounds to be paid to her either at the day of her marriage or when she shall accomplish the age of eighteen years, which of whom should first happen.

Item I give and bequeath well beloved daughter Mary Bankes the sum ten pounds to be paid to her either at the day of her marriage or when she shall accomplish the age of eighteen years, which of them should first happen.

Further my will is that if these my daughters shall depart this natural life before this money be payable, then the survivor shall have her part and portion which shall so decease

And my will further is, that if both those my daughters shall depart this natural life, before their money be payable then my executor to have both their parts and portions.

Item for the affection I bare to my brother Edward Bankes of Thorpe Waterville in the county of Northampton. I give to my said brother one great chest.

Item for the love I have for my kinsman Richard Bankes, I give to the said Richard all my lasts which are in my shop.

Item, for the great love I bear to Elizabeth my now wife, I give to my said wife all my goods, Cattel, chattels, household stuff except before excepted and unbequeathed as bills and bonds, dues, debts, demands whatsoever to me owing or in any wise appertaining or which I might claim in any part within the domain of England and I do hereby make constitute and ordain my said wife to be my sole executor, also I do hereby make void and null all wills formerly by me made

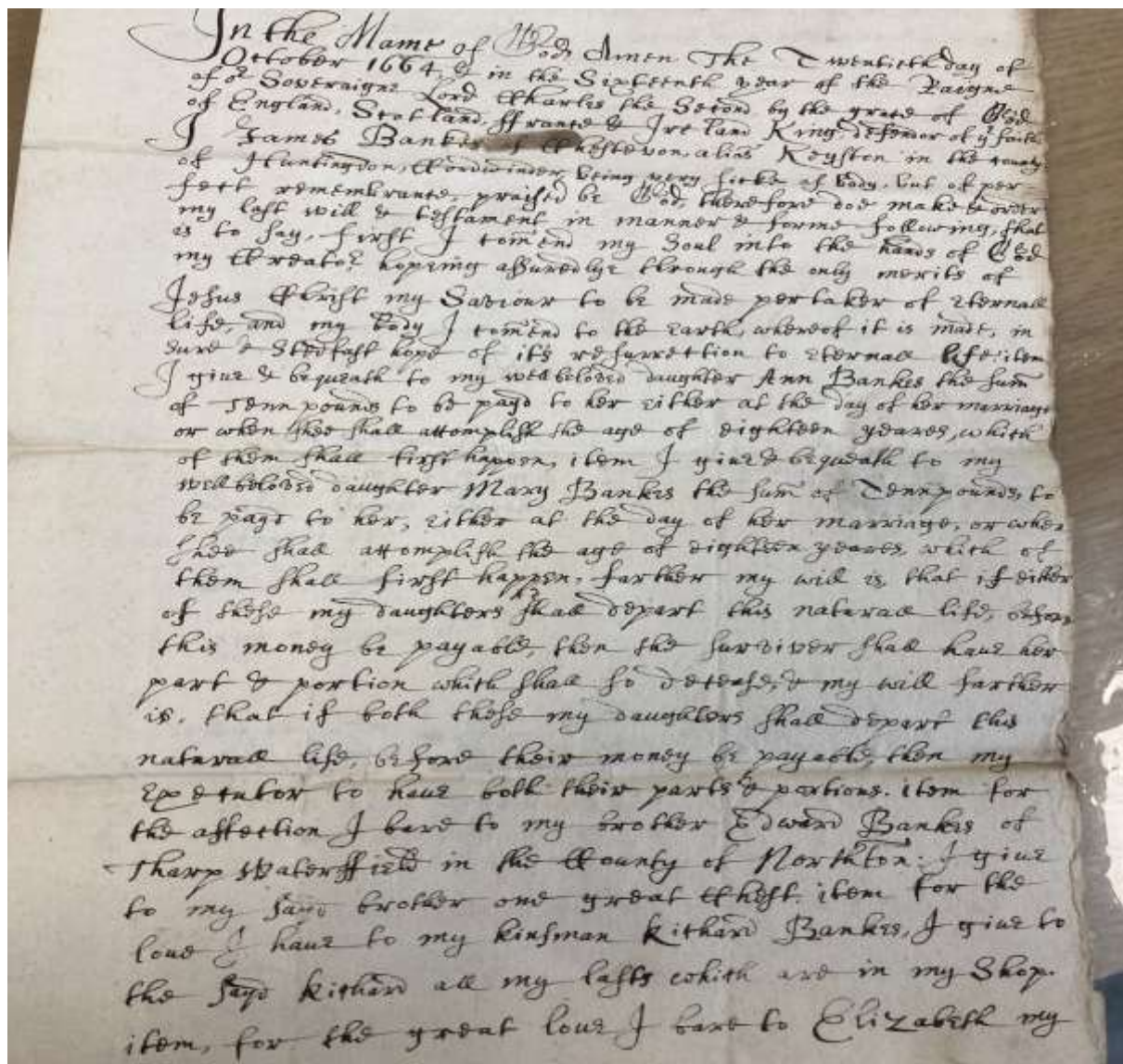
and further I appoint my well-beloved brethren Thomas Browning of Keyston, husbandman and Edward Bankes of Thorpe Waterville to be the observers of this my last will and testament. In witness where I have set my hand & seal the day and year first above written.

Signed sealed and delivered and published as the last will of the said James Bankes

James Bankes

In front of John Braynton and Henry Pheasant

This will was proved at Burton before me, Robert Rowell, Doctor of Laws, Surrogate, etc., on the tenth of March in the year of our Lord 1665, and administration of the goods etc. was committed, with rights reserved of the said deceased named in the extraordinary testament, sworn in due form of law. Saving the right of anyone whomsoever before me, the aforesaid Robert Rowell, Doctor of Laws, Surrogate.



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