



Submitting a Will Transcript

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Submitting a Will for the Database

- Submit to Wills@qfhs.co.uk
- Document should be in Word (.doc or .docx)
- Text should be in Arial 11pt font.
- Single-spaced with no additional formatted space between paragraphs.
- Request a format sheet from Wills@qfhs.co.uk
- If you plan to submit multiple wills, we can provide you with a **template**.



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Will of William BANKS, of Chelmsford, Essex, Ironmonger

Will 14 January 1741/2 Probate 15 February 1741/2

Collection

Reference Number

Source Archive

Source:	Archdeaconry Records, Commissary of the Bishop of London, D/ABW 94/1/22 held at the Essex Record Office
Link to the original Will:	https://www.essexarchivesonline.co.uk (subscription required)
Image also available from:	
Will submitted by:	Christopher Farrand
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Source Information

Summary.

<u>Name</u>	<u>Relationship</u>	<u>Comments</u>
William BANKS	Testator	
John BANKS	Son	
Sarah BANKS	Wife	Sole Executrix
Sam'l TABOR	Witness	
Ann KING	Witness	
John FAUNTLEROY	Witness	

Summary

Biographical Notes.

- Parents: John Banks (1637-1710) and Anne Littledale (1638-1692) of Cumberland
- Date of Birth: 20 August 1680 at Moore-Yeat, Cumberland
- Profession: grocer, iron monger
- Marriage: to Sarah Tabraham 2 February 1703/4 at Waltham Abbey, Essex
- Meeting(s): Pardshaw, Waltham Abbey, Chelmsford
- Date of Death: 1741/42 at Chelmsford, Essex
- Burial: 4 April 1741/42 at Chelmsford Friends Burying Ground

Biographical Notes

Page Structure

- Each will transcript page has the following:
 - Source information
 - Summary
 - Biographical Notes
 - Highlights of the Will
 - Transcriber's/Editor's Notes
 - Will and Probate Transcription

Source Information

- Please include the following information:
 - The name of the **Archive** which holds the original will. (ie “The National Archives”)
 - The name of the **Collection** and **Reference** information for the specific will.
 - The web link for the archive.
 - Name of other sites where the document can be found (Ancestry, Findmypast, The Genealogist).
 - Your Name and email link (optional)

Summary Page

- This is where you will list the names found in the will.
- Surnames should all be in UPPERCASE
- Spelling of names should reflect the spelling found in the will.
- **Relationship** should reflect information provided by the will.
- **Comments** should also reflect information in the will.

Biographical Notes

- This is information that you are providing in addition to the information in the will;
 - Name of parents, father's profession, location
 - Date of birth of testator, location
 - Education/Apprenticeship, where/to whom, when
 - Profession, where
 - Marriage(s): to whom, when, where
 - Meeting(s) testator is known to have belonged to
 - Date of Death
 - Burial place

Highlights

Highlights of Will

- One shilling to Son John Banks.
- All other property to his wife Sarah, whom he appoints as Executrix.

Transcriber's and Editor's Notes

- William Banks was the son of John Banks of Cumberland and later of Meare, Somerset, one of the so-called 'Valiant Sixty'. He probably was apprenticed to his brother-in-law John Warner a grocer of Waltham Abbey, who had married his sister Sarah Banks in 1691.
- Son John Banks married Grace Pennystone at Saffron Walden, Essex in 1739. His sister Sarah was unmarried and died at Chelmsford in 1789. Another sister Anne must have died prior to 1742.

Will as transcribed from a copy of the original document (Original line and page breaks preserved as far as possible)

In the Name of God, Amen, I William Banks of Chelmsford in the County of Essex, Iron Monger being Aged and Infirm in Body but blessed be God of Sound and disposing Mind and Memory doe make and declare this my last Will and Testament hereby revoking making Null and Void all former and other Wills by me at any time heretofore made either by words or in writing And as to Such Worldly Estate as God hath been pleased to bless me with I give and Dispose thereof as follows (that is to say) First I give and Bequeath unto my son John Banks one shilling to be paid to him by my Executrix herein after named within one Month next after my Decease All the rest and residue of my Goods Chattells plates ready money Trading Stock Debts owing to me and personall Estate whatsoever and wheresoever my Debts and Funerall Expenses being first Satisfied and paid I give and bequeath unto my Dear and loving wife Sarah Banks whom I doe make nominate constitute and appoint Sole Executrix of this my last will and Testament In Witness whereof I have hereunto sett my hand and Seale the Fourteenth day of January in the fifteenth Yeare of the reigne of our Sovereigne Lord Georges the Second by the grace of God of Great Britaine France and Ireland King Defender of the Faith and soforth and in the year of our Lord one Thousand Seven Hundred and Forty one.

Signed Sealed published and declared by the Testator to be his last Will and Testament in the presence of us who Subscribed our Names altogether in the Testators presence

Will^m Banks (Seal)

Sam^{el} Tabor
The _____ Marke of
Ann King
John Fauntleroy

I Sarah Banks do seriously solemnly and sincerely Declare and affirm that I am one of the Dissenters from the Church of England commonly called Quakers that I believe this Paper contains the last Will and Testament of my late Husband William Banks deceased that I am the only Executrix herein named that I will faithfully execute this will by paying first the Debts and the Legacies as far as the Estate will extend and I am bound by aw that I will bring in an Inventory and pass an Accompt of my Executorship when lawfully required. Witness my hand
Sarah Banks

This Will of William Banks decsēd was proved the fifteenth Day of Feb.^y in the Year of our Lord 1741 /English Style/ Before the Reverend Edward Griffith Clerk A. M. Surrogate to the Wor^d John Andrew LLD Commissary etc in the Parts of Essex and Hertfordshire lawfully appointed By the solemn and sincere Declaration and Affirmation of Sarah Banks Widow the Relict of the said Decēd and sole Executrix named in the said Will To Whom Adm̄ etc was committed she having first solemnly and sincerely declared and affirmed according to the Statute in that Behalf made and provided well and faithfully to admⁿ the same.

Additional Notes

Body of Will

Transcript

Affirmation

Probate

Highlights of the Will

- Briefly indicate the names and legacies of the individuals appearing in the will.
- Names of entities (schools, charities, etc) to which legacies were left.
- Names of Executors/Executrixes, Trustees

The purpose of the section is to be able to quickly glance over the highlights to see what information is available in the will.

Transcriber's/Editors Notes

- This section is to provide additional biographical information, such as clarification of relationships.
- Explain or clarify provisions in the will.
- Other relevant information about the will or persons appearing in the will.

Transcription

- The transcribed will should follow the line breaks of the original will.
- [page break] should appear to indicate additional pages in the original document.
- Maintain the original spelling and punctuation
- Do not use superscript for abbreviations (ie. y^t). Use an ' to indicate an abbreviation (ie. y't)
- Include probate, unless in Latin (*unless you are comfortable transcribing Latin*), but indicate whether Executor “declared and affirmed” or “swore an oath”
- Submit a copy of the original will for cross reference.