

# EAST STOKE

## The Will of Samuel SKINNER

### Gentleman of Woollbridge 1712/13

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*Please note the Will is one long, continuous text with no paragraph breaks or punctuation.  
I have broken it into clauses for ease of reading.*

This is the last Will and Testament of me **Samuel SKINNER** of Woolbridge in the County of Dorsett Esq.

Imprimis. I give to **my Brother Joshua SKINNER** the interest and profit of my sum of two and twenty hundred pounds in the Chamber of the City of London during his natural Life

Item. I give **my Nephew Nicholas JACKSON Son of my late Sister Katherine JACKSON** deceased twenty pounds and to his Brother Joseph JACKSON I give half of my moneys in the Bank of England (being about one thousand pounds in all) and the other half thereof I give amongst all the other younger Children of my said late Sister JACKSON share and share alike

Item. I give **my Cousin John MARTIN** living in Covent Garden fifty pounds

Item. I give **my Lanlady Madam Mary TURBEVILLE widow** fifty pounds to be laid out in plate to remain as an heirloom to **her Daughter Mary** and her heirs

Item. I give **my Brother Thomas SKINNER and his Son and Daughter** twenty pounds apiece. Also I give my said Brother Thomas the fifty pounds which my Mother gave me which he ought to have paid me in two or three months after her decease but never paid it

Item. I give and appoint one hundred pounds to be laid out in Bibles and other good Books to be distributed amongst the poor people in the Neighbourhood of this place and in and about Dulish and Dorchester at the discretion of my Executor and Trustees

Item. I give and appoint one hundred pounds more to be laid out for the Instruction of poor Children binding poor Children Apprentices and other like charitable uses at the discretion of my Executors and Trustees

Item. I give unto the said **Madam Mary TURBEVILLE** and **her Cousin George TRENCHARD of Lychett Esq.** one hundred pounds to be by them laid out in the purchase of Lands or put into the Bank of England and the profits and income to be from time and at all times paid to such godly Minister of the word of God as they the said Madam TURBEVILLE and George TRENCHARD and his heirs shall appoint for to preach

Sermons monthly or otherwise at such place of places in the County of Dorsett as they shall appoint

Item. I give **my Nephew John SKINNER** living in Austin Friars London fifty pounds and to **his Brother Nicholas SKINNER** twenty pounds

Item. I give **my Nephew Nicholas SKINNER son of my Brother Matthew SKINNER** twenty pounds and to **his Brother Matthew SKINNER** twenty pounds

Item. I give five pounds apiece to each of the **four Children now living of Farmer William BURDEN** of Woolbridge aforesaid and **Mary his now Wife**

Item. I give **Sarah BRIGGS alias SKINNER naturall daughter of my said Brother Joshua SKINNER** one hundred pounds and to **her two Brothers John and William** fifty pounds apiece

Item. I give to each of **my Servants** that shall live with me at my decease and shall have been in my Service three full years or more next before my decease so much money as their Wages shall amount to during all the continued time of their Service with me next before my Death and to such Manservant all my wearing Apparell also

Item. I give **my Servant Mary MUSSELWHITE** ten pounds and I doe appoint all the Legacies above mentioned (except the fifty pounds to **my Brother Thomas**) to be paid within one year after my decease and if all or any of **Farmer BURDEN's Children** shall be then under age and unmarried then his her or heir legacy or legacies to be paid to the said Farmer or his said Wife for the use of such Child or Children under age

Item. I give **Mrs Jane COOPER** of St Giles in the Fields widow one hundred pounds to be paid in a year after my decease

Item. I give  
**my Sister BOURN**  
**my Sister WHIDDELL**  
**my Nephew George DUCKET Esq.**  
**my Nephews Bennett SWAYNE and Thomas SWAYNE**  
**the Wife of my Nephew John SKINNER** living in Austin Friars and **his Sister the Lady Collett my Sister FREEMAN and her two Children**  
**Mr Michael DUNWELL** of Bettersey  
**my Cousin Charles MARTIN Son John MARTIN** living at Covent Garden  
**my Cousin Charles HOOPER** Draper in Covent Garden  
**Edward HOOPER** of Bowridge and  
**Thomas HOOPER Son of Edward HOOPER** of Hern Court Esq.  
twenty shillings apiece to buy them mourning rings

Item. I give to the Ministers of the parishes of Woollstoke and Dulish twenty shillings apiece Also I give to the poor of each of the said parishes forty shillings to be distributed by my Executor

Item. I give **Sarah YOUNG daughter of George YOUNG** of Beere Rs forty shillings and to **Andrew HANN** of Coven Garden a ring of twenty shillings

Item. In case **my Brother Joshua SKINNER** marries and has any heir of his body begotten then in that case I give the said two and twenty hundred pounds in the Chamber of London to **my said Brother Joshua** and the heirs of his body provided he his Executors or Administrators doe truly perform this my Will

All the rest of my Estate I give unto **my Brother Joshua SKINNER** whom I doe nominate and constitute to be sold Executor of this my last Will and Testament

And if it shall happen that he dye leaving no heir of his body lawfully begotten then in that case I give the said two and twenty hundred pounds to **my Nephew Thomas SKINNER Son of my Brother Thomas SKINNER** and his heirs he or they truly paying two hundred pounds to the said **Sarah BRIGGS alias SKINNER** within six months after the decease of my said Brother Joshua and if **my said Nephew Thomas SKINNER** shall dye leaving no heir of his body whereby the residue of the said two and twenty hundred pounds shall come to **my Niece DUCKETT** or her heirs then I appoint that **my said Niece DUCKETT** or her husband or heirs within six months the decease of **my said Nephew Thomas SKINNER** shall pay **my Nephews Joseph JACKSON Thomas JACKSON and Philip JACKSON** two hundred pounds apiece and to **my Nephews Robert JACKSON and William JACKSON** one hundred pounds apiece thereof and also fifty pounds thereof to **my Niece Ann JACKSON**

Item. I doe desire and authorize **George TRENCHARD of Lychett Esq.** to be Overseer of this my last Will and Testament to see the same performed and I doe give him twenty pounds as a token of my Love and Respect to him And I doe hereby revoke all former Wills and Testaments by me heretofore declare these presents to be my last Will and Testament

In Witness whereof I have hereunto set my hand and seal this ninth day of December in the year of our Lord one thousand seven hundred and twelve.

**Samuel SKINNER**

Signed sealed and published in the presence of

**George YOUNG**  
**William FENNELL**  
**William SARGJOHN**

Whereas I **Samuel SKINNER** of Woolbridge in the County of Dorsett Gent now residing in Redlyon Street in the parish of St Andrew Holbourn in the County of Middlesex have sometime since made and executed my last Will and Testament in Writing to which said Will I do hereby confirm except what is herein after ... in this present Writing ... which I doe order and appoint ... taken as a Codicill and as part of my said last Will anything ... contained to the contrary notwithstanding as followeth (viz) Imprimis. I give and bequeath unto **my Nephew and Niece Philip and Mary JACKSON** (Son and Daughter of **my Brother in Law Joseph JACKSON Esq.**) the sum of two hundred and fifty pounds

apiece to be paid to them respectively by my Brother and **Executor Mr Joshua SKINNER** within twelve months next after my decease And I also give unto **my said Nephew and Niece Philip and Mary JACKSON** all such moneys as shall appear to be due to me on account of the stock in the Bank of England left me in the last Will of my **late Mother Mrs Katherine MARSHALL** to be equally divided between them

Item. I give and bequeath unto **my said Niece Mary JACKSON** my diamond ring in the hands of **my Servant William WOOD**

Item. I give and bequeath unto **my said Niece Mary JACKSON** and to **her two Sisters Katherine and Ann JACKSON** my four silver Candlesticks four silver Salvers three silver Casters two silver Clips a pair of silver Snuffers and Stand twelve silver Spoons two silver Salts and all my China ware and pictures whatsoever to be equally divided between them share and share alike according to the discretion of **my Cousin John MARTYN Esq.**

Item. I give unto **my said Cousin John MARTYN** the sum of one hundred pounds to be paid to him within one month next after my decease whom I doe hereby desire and appoint to take care of my funerall according to his discretion and have given him the said sum to reimburse the charges thereof without giving any account for the same and desire to be interred in the same vault wherein **my said Mother Mrs Katherine MARSHALL** is interred

In Witness whereof I have hereunto set my hand and seal the two and twentieth day of January Anno Domini 1712 and in the Eleventh Year of the Reign of our Sovereign Lady Queen Ann

**Samuel SKINNER**

Signed sealed and published by the Testator **Samuel SKINNER** as a Codicill to his last Will in the presence of us who have attested the same as Witnesses thereto in his presence

**Edward HOOPER junior**  
**Andrew HANN**  
**Robert HODSON ser.**

Proved in London the 6<sup>th</sup> day of February in the year of our Lord (English Style) 1712 in the court of the venerable **Charles PINFOLD** Doctor of Law Prebendary surrogate by **Joshua SKINNER**

There is a note in Latin in the margin to the effect that on 26 Jan 1732/3 **Thomas SKINNER** of Dewlish was sworn in as Executor, **Joshua SKINNER** having died.