

249. KITCHING

1. **George^B Kitching** was born about 1732, and died on 14 February 1820, testate.^[1] He was buried at Freiston, Lincolnshire, England, on 22 February 1820, aged 88 years.^[2] He was married first, at Freiston on 5 January 1757, to **Mary Doughty**, a single woman of the same parish.^[3] She was the mother of all of his known children. When she died is not of record; nor is his marriage to a second wife, **Ann** _____, who was born about 1736 and buried in Freiston on 4 November 1794, aged 58 years.^[4] Although he had several children baptized in the same parish, all of the heirs recognized in his will consisted of his son George and the latter's children:

In the Name of God Amen; I George Kitching of Freiston in the County of Lincoln Farmer being very weak of Body but of a sound Mind Memory and Understanding (thanks be to God do make and appoint this to be my last Will and Testament in Manner and form following. that is to say: First I desire to be buried by the Side of my deceased Wives and Children in Freiston Church Yard in a decent but not expensive Manner. My temporal Estate and Effects I give and dispose of in the following Manner, Item, I give and bequeath to my Granddaughter Mary Kitching by my son George Kitching the Sum of three hundred Pounds of good and lawful Money of this Realm to be paid to her by my Trustees herein- aftermentioned when she arrives at the Age of twenty one; and also her [*interlined: late*] Grandmothers Tea Chest and six silver Tea Spoons and one pair of Silver Sugar Bows_ I also give and bequeath to Elizabeth the Wife of John Quipp, & Baker of ~~near~~ Glanford Brigg, whose Maiden Name was Elizabeth Evison, two [*interlined: silver*] Table Spoons and six silver Teaspoons or thereabout and a Looking Glass. I also make constitute and appoint my Brother Francis Kitching of Stickney Farmer, and M^r. William Holmes of Boston in this County Gentleman my two Trustees in order to act, do, and perform all and several of the Conditions of this my last Will and Testament as are hereinafter mentioned. Secondly The remainder of my Plate including my Silver Tankard, Household Furniture Linen &c_ Cows, Sheep Beasts Horsts, Implements of Husbandry together with all my Goods and Chattels of every Description, shall be sold within six Months after my Decease, or at any Tim when it may be convenient to the said Trustees—I desire and my Will is, that all my just Debts and funeral Expences shall be paid and the Writings of my Land which have Money upon [*interlined: them*] be redeemed and the remainder of the Money arising from the aforesaid Sale (if any), shall be placed out at Interest by my Trustees both acting upon such Securities as they may think proper. And in case there should not be sufficient Money to pay all my just Debts and redeem the Writings the Deficiency shall be made up out of the first Year's Rent. I also desire and my Will is, that my House and Land all situate lying and being in the Parishes of Freiston and Fishtoft in the said County of Lincoln shall be let to the best Advantage from Year to Year by the said Trustees, untill such Time as my said Grand Daughter [*interlined: Mary*] arrive at the Age of twenty one. and the Rent to be equally divided amongst and between my son George Kitching and my Grandsons William Kitching and Francis Kitching, and my Grand Daughters Ann, Phebe and Mary Kitching _ And at the Time when my said Grand Daughter Mary Kitching shall arrive at the Age of twenty one Yars, the Trustees shall casue to be sold the House and the whole of the Land and after paying the aforesaid Sum of three hundred Pounds to my said Grand Daughter Mary Kitching the Remainder shall be equally divided between my said Son George Kitching _ and my said Grand Children William Kitching, Francis Kitching, ~~Phebe~~ Ann Kitching & Phebe Kitching share and share alike. And whatever Money or Monies shall remain out at Interest shall also by equally divided between my son George and my Grand Children William, Francis, Ann and Phebe Kitching And in case of the Death of my Son George his share of the Rent if he die before my said Grand daughter Mary come to Age shall be divided amongst his said Children, and his Share of the Estate if he live to that Kind only shall be divided among them, or if any of

¹ George Kitching will (1818), Wills 1820/154, Wills and Administrations of the Episcopal Consistory Court of Lincoln, England, 1506–1857, FHL microfilm 199,133.

² Freiston Burials, 1813–1851, Par/1/11, p. 17, no. 129, Lincolnshire Archives, *Lincs to the Past* <<http://www.lincstothepast.com>> (Lincoln: Lincolnshire Archives, 2012–5), accessed 5 Sept. 2015. Lincolnshire parish register entries are generally accessed here unless otherwise stated.

³ Freiston Marriages with Banns, 1754–1793, Par/1/8, p. 5.

⁴ Freiston General Register, 1719–1812, Par/1/3, p. 272.

my said Grand Children should die without Issue then in that Case the Share of him or her shall be equally divided amongst the surviving Grand Children but if he or she should leave a Child or Children, then such Child or Children shall have its Father's or Mother's Share. I also desire and my will is that the Writings of my Estate shall be placed in the Hands of my said Trustees and that they shall have full, free, whole and sole Power to recover any Sum or Sums of Money that may be due to me at my Decease in trust for the Benefit of my Son George and my said Grand Children. And in Case either of the above Trustees should die before my Youngest Grand Daughter Mary should come to Age the Survivor shall be at Liberty to appoint some other proper Person to act in his Stead, so as to do and perform and see done and performed the Conditions of this my last Will and Testament_ And my Will and desire is, that the Trustees shall allow my said Grand Daughter Mary Kitching over and above the equal Share of the Rents and Profits &c as before mentioned the Sum of Five Pounds per Annum until she arrive at the Age of sixteen Years in order to fund her Clothes and bring her up

And I do hereby utterly revoke disallow & disannul all former bequests Wills and Legacies by me heretofore in any will left or made, declaring ratifying and confirming this and no other to be my last Will and Testament. In Witness whereof I have hereunto set my Hand and Seal this thirteenth Day of September One Thousand eight hundred and eighteen

George signed his will by mark. The witnesses were W^m Hinds, Daniel Wise, and Elizabeth Wise. It was sworn by the executors on 22 April 1820.^[5]

In addition to naming his heirs, it is noteworthy that George appointed his *brother*, Francis Kitching of Stickney, as one of his trustees and executors. Francis was born about 1749, and was buried at Stickney on 8 November 1833, aged 84 years.^[6] Unfortunately, no Kitching, Kitchin, or Kitchin family in Lincolnshire at this period is known to have had two sons who both bore the correct names. Contemporaries in Freiston and Stickney, besides Francis, include Richard Kitchin, who married at Freiston in 1738,^[7] and apparently was buried there in 1747;^[8] and William Kitchin, who was buried at Stickney in 1811, aged 74 years.^[9] These men perhaps were brothers of George and Francis. There apparently was another William Kitchin at Stickney; his wife Elizabeth, buried there in 1791, age 79 years, was born early enough potentially to be identified as George and Francis's mother or stepmother.^[10]

Children of George and Mary (Doughty) Kitching, baptized in Freiston, are:

- i. THOMAS KITCHING, bp. 31 May 1757.^[11]
- ii. ELIZABETH KITCHING, bp. 30 June 1758,^[12] bur. Freiston 3 April 1759.^[13]
2. iii. GEORGE^A KITCHING, bp. 15 May 1761, bur. 25 Dec. 1821, m. PHEBE TOWL.
- iv. ANN KITCHING, bp. 16 Sept. 1764.^[14]
- v. FRANCIS KITCHING, bp. 15 Feb. 1771.^[15]

2. **George^A Kitching** (*George^B*) was baptized at Freiston on 15 May 1761,^[16] and is evidently the Georg Kitching whose abode was at Boston, aged 61 years, who was buried on 25 December

⁵ George Kitching will (1818).

⁶ Stickney Burials, 1813–1856, Par/1/9, p. 49, no. 389.

⁷ Freiston General Register, 1719–1812, p. 408.

⁸ *Ibid.*, 237.

⁹ Stickney General Register, 1775–1812, Par/1/3, unpagged, image 25.

¹⁰ *Ibid.*, image 12.

¹¹ Freiston General Register, 1719–1812, p. 50.

¹² *Ibid.*, p. 51,

¹³ *Ibid.*, p. 246.

¹⁴ *Ibid.*, p. 54.

¹⁵ *Ibid.*, p. 58.

¹⁶ *Ibid.*, p. 52.

1821 at Freiston.^[17] He married **Phebe Towl**, a single woman of Freiston, in that parish on 9 February 1786, after publication of banns.^[18] Her parents have not been identified. She was born about 1767, and was buried at Stickney, Lincolnshire, on 24 December 1807, aged 40 years.^[19]

Children of George^A and Phebe (Towl) Kitching, all named on 13 September 1818 as legatees of their grandfather George Kitching, are:

- i. WILLIAM KITCHING, bp. Sibsey, Lincs., 9 Dec. 1787.^[20]
- + ii. ANN¹ KITCHING, bp. Sibsey 11 Mar. 1792, d. Algarkirk, Lincs., 15 Feb. 1846,^[21] m. Freiston 25 May 1820 HOBSON SINCLAIR,^[22] b. ca. 1793,^[23] d. Jackson, Jackson Co., Mich., 23 Aug. 1859.^[24]
- iii. FRANCIS KITCHING, bp. Stickney 5 Dec. 1799.
- iv. PHEBE KITCHING, bp. 1 Jan. 1804.
- v. MARY KITCHING, bp. 8 Nov. 1807.^[25]

¹⁷ Freiston Burials, 1813–1851, p. 21, no. 165.

¹⁸ Freiston Marriages with Banns, 1754–1793, p. 62.

¹⁹ Stickney General Register, 1775–1812, image 21.

²⁰ Sibsey Baptisms and Burials, 1773–1813, Par/1/5, p. 28.

²¹ *Lincoln, Rutland, and Stamford Mercury*, Stamford, Eng., 20 Feb. 1846, p. 3, cols. 1, 2.

²² Freiston Marriages, 1813–1837, Par/1/10, p. 19, no. 57.

²³ Hobson Sinclair and George Kitching, marriage license no. 446, 447 (1820), Diocese of Lincoln, Church of England, FHL microfilm 2,246,045.

²⁴ Hobson Sinclair, Jackson County, Michigan, Probate Court, case no. 2039, FHL microfilm 961,654, in *Michigan, Probate Records, 1797–1973*, online <<http://familysearch.org>>, accessed 4 Sept. 2015.

²⁵ Stickney General Register, 1775–1812, images 17, 19, 21.