

Estate of Robert Keam 1742

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Robert Keame died intestate. His estate file contains the bond of his widow Frances Keame (and John Hodge and John Wells) and the inventory of his estate. Handwritten entries in the printed bond form are indicated by underlining. Uncertain words are highlighted in red.

Note that while the person who filled out the form spelled the surname as KEAME, Frances actually signed her name as KEAM so that the family used the spelling KEAM and not KEAME.

Bond of Frances Keame and of John Hodge and of John Wells

Know all men by these presents that Wee, Frances Keame of the parish of Luxullyan in the County of Cornwall widow, John Hodge of Lanlivery yeoman & John Wells of St Neath yeoman are held and firmly bound unto the Wors[hipfu]ll John Sleek Clerk Master of Acts Archdeacon of the Archdeaconry of Cornwall lawfully Constituted in the Sum of Two Hundred pounds of Good and lawfull Money of Great Britain to be paid unto the said John Sleek or to his certain Attorney his Executors Administrators of Assigns To which payment well and truly to be made Wee Oblige our Selves and Each of us by him self & herself for the whole our and Each & every of our Heirs Executors and Administrators firmly by these presents Sealed with our Seals dated the fifteenth day of November in the Sixteenth Year of the Reign of our Sovereign Lord Geo. ye. 2d. by the Grace of God of Great Britain France and Ireland King Defender of the Faith and So forth and in the year of our Lord One thousand seven hundred and Forty two.

Condition of this Obligation is such that if the Above bounden Frances Keame ye widow Administrat^{res} of all and Singular the goods Chattels and credits of one Robt Keame late of the parish of Luxullyan Deceased do make or cause to be made a true and perfect Inventory of all and Singular the Goods Chattels and Credits of the Said deceased which have or Shall come to the hands possession or her the Said, Frances Keam or into the hand and possession of any person or persons for ___ and the Same so made do exhibit or cause to be Exhibited into the Registry of the Archdeaconry of Cornwall at or before the Last day of February next ensuing and the same goods chattels and credits and all other the goods Chattels and credits of the Said Deceased at the time of his death which at any time after shall come to the hands or possession of the Said Frances Keame or into the hands of and possession of any other person or persons for her do well and and truly administer according to law And further do make or cause to be made a true and Just accompt of her Said administration at or before the Last day of July next and all the rest and residue of the said Goods Chattels and Credits which Shall be found remaining upon the said Administrators accompt the same being first Examined and allowed of by the Judge or Judges for the time being of the said Court Shall deliver and pay unto such person or person respectively as the said Judge or Judges by his or their decree of Sentence pursuant to the true intent and meaning of a late Act of Parliament made in the two and twentieth and three and twentieth years of the reign of our late Sovereign Lord King Charles the Second entitled An Act for the better settling of Instestates Estates Shall limit and appoint And if it Shall hereafter appear that any last Will and Testament was made by the Said deceased and the Executor or Executors therein named do exhibit the same into the Said Court making request to have it allowed and approved accordingly if the Said Frances Keame above bounden being thereunto required do rend and deliver the Said Letters of Administration approbation of such Testament being first had and made in the said Court then this Obligation to be Void or Else to remain in full force and Vertue

Sealed and delivered being first duly Stamped in the presence of Geo Browne J.I.

[signed] Frances Keam / Jno Hodge / John Wells