

## DESCENDANTS OF JOSEPH AND ELIZABETH FRANKLIN

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From preceding information, this compiler is accepting that GRT-GRANDMOTHER MALINDA was a **FIFTH COUSIN OF THE 'BENJAMIN FRANKLIN'**. This would make his early ancestors, also, our early ancestors. Copied from "VOL. II APPLETON'S CYCLOPEDIA OF AMERICAN BIOGRAPHY - page 56" was the following information; "Benjamin Franklin was born in Boston, Mass, 17 Jan 1706; died Philadelphia, PA, 17 Apr 1790. His family had lived for at least three centuries in the parish of Ecton, Northamptonshire, England, on a freehold of about thirty acres. For several generations the head of the family seems to have been the village blacksmith, the eldest son always bred to that business. Benjamin's grandfather, Thomas, born in 1598, removed late in life to Sandbury in Oxfordshire, while his eldest son, THOMAS, remained on the estate at Ecton. This Thomas received a good education, and became a scrivener. He came to be one of the most prominent men in his county, and formed a friendship with the Earl of Halifax. In mental characteristics, he is said to have borne a strong likeness to his immortal nephew. The second son, JOHN, was a dyer of woollens, and lived in Banbury. The third son, **BENJAMIN**, for some time a silk-dyer in London, **emigrated to Boston at an advanced age, and left descendants there.** He took great interest in politics, was fond of writing verses, and invented a system of short-hand. [To fit in as to be a fifth cousin of the BENJAMIN FRANKLIN, this is the most likely ancestor of our MALINDA]. The fourth son, JOSIAH, born in 1655, served an apprenticeship with his brother JOHN in Banbury, but removed to New England in 1682. Among the dispossessed clergymen in Northamptonshire were friends of BENJAMIN and JOSIAH. The persecution of these non-conformists led to a small migration to New England in which Josiah took part and later brother Benjamin joined him in Boston. Josiah lost his first wife after the birth of seven children. He married second to Abiah FOLGER, the daughter of one of the earliest settlers of New England, Peter FOLGER. This marriage produced ten children, the youngest

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## Appendix B

## JOSEPH FRANKLIN's Last Will

I Joseph Franklin of Tippecanoe County in the State of Indiana do make and publish this last will and testament revoking and making void all former wills by me at any time heretofore made first I direct that my body be decently interred and that my funeral be conducted in a manner corresponding with my estate and situation in life and as to such wordly estate as it has pleased god to intrust me with I dispose of the same in following manner to wit I direct first that all my debts and funeral expenses be paid as soon after my decease as possible out of the first monies that shall come to the hands of my executors from any portion of my person estate. In as much as my oldest children have married and left me and I gave them what I had to spare then at the time they left me and to effectuate this intention, I bequeath to my beloved wife Elizabeth Franklin a comfortable support during life or so long as she remains my widow off the plantation with the household goods and farming utentials to remain on the place and all the stock of horses, cattle, hogs and sheep except such as shall hereafter be mentioned and I also will and bequeath that Preston Franklin my son shall have the eighty acres of land whereon I now live at the death of his mother for which he is to take care of us as long as we both shall live and pay the funeral expenses out of the proceeds of the farm on said land if it should so happen that Preston should die before his mother that the land shall go to his son Jesse Franklin. I also will to my son Jacob Franklin one two year old heifer and to my son James Franklin and Ollart Sheagly and Nancy Lewis and Rebecca Freway my daughters I will bequeath one dollar to each of them and hereby make and ordain my son James Franklin and Samuel Black executors of this my last will and testament in witness whereof Joseph Franklin testator have hereunto set my hand seal this twenty ninth day of March 1833.

Joseph [his X mark] Franklin

Signed sealed published and declared by his the above named Joseph Franklin as his last will and testament in the presence of us who have hereunto subscribed our names as witnesses thereto in the presence of the said testator and in the presence of each other.

Samuel Black                      William Burk                      Jeremiah V Black

State of Indiana Tippecanoe County: Be it known that before me the undersigned Samuel Hoover clerk of the Probate court of said county personally on this fourth day of August eithteen hundred and thirty four came William Burk and Jeremiah V Black two of the subscribing witnesses to the above annexed last will and testament of Joseph Franklin late of said county deceased who being by me duly sworn upon their oaths say that they saw Joseph Franklin in his lifetime sign seal publish and declare the same as his last will and testament that they believe that the said testator at the time of its

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execution was in sound mind and memory and that they subscribed their names thereto as witnesses in his presence.

Jeremiah V Black

William Burk

Sworn to and subscribed before me on the date above written.  
Test: Sam'l Hoover clerk of the Probate court of Tippecanoe County, Indiana.

NOTE: Copied from Will Book I Tippecanoe County pages 29-31.

NOTE: Thanks must be given to the many people that held this family in high regard and retained the available records. Included among this group is the second wife of #251. James Smyth FRANKLIN - Mildred 'Milly' [QUICK]; her daughter - #273. Malinda Jane [FRANKLIN] SPENCER; Malinda's granddaughter - #559. Ilah Malinda [SPENCER] ELLIOTT [My mother]; Mark S. ELLIOTT [this compiler's son] who has researched Indiana records; #420. Ann MALLETT, 1156 East 58th St., Indianapolis, IN 46220, [gt-gr-daughter of #255. Rebecca (FRANKLIN) TRENARY]. Ann may have been researching this family longer than anyone living as she just celebrated her 78th birthday 24 Dec 1984. The most recent contributor, a descendant of #272. Henry H. FRANKLIN, is Roberta Jo HAWK, MD, 6048 Chandler Dr., Baton Rouge, LA 70808 (1996).

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Dear Mark,

I'll jot you a quick note and get this in the mail to update you on your findings. I still haven't mastered the word processing to my complete satisfaction. There are things I like about it. The indexing, foot noting, and page numbering are great! To index a name, all one needs to do is type @INDEX(name) and it will be alphebatized in the index with the page number. The page numbering is alwo automatic as well as adding the notes in upper corners of each page. Things I haven't mastered yet is talking to printer to make it boldface, italicize, and underline as we as justify the right margins. I also havn't figured out how to change divisiions on page so you don't leave one line of a paragraph (or one family member) dangling on the next page. Program automatically splits after 50 lines (66 lines on a page). Program is supposed to allow varying this up to 54 lines but I haven't mastered the command.

Your mother and I went to Omaha over weekend for sectional bridge tournament with the Dr. Gustafson's and Pete Wytik. We didn't fare too well. We got off to good start in flighted open. I played with Helen G. and were in second after first session by folded in second. Doc and Pete were 4th and wound up 6th o'all. ACBL bulletin came yesterday and I made the McKenny list in 1983 for the first time - 485th in the list of the top 500 in all the ACBL--would include at least US, Canada, and Mexico. There are five others from Des Moines, in cluding Dr. Gus about 185, and Mrs. Helen Gus. about 308 and big Fred Benedicg about 320.

We talked to Jim about a week ago--was on a new job selling for Frito Lay's Potato Chips, etc. He was to be on a salary of about 12 or 14 thousand while in training. We are making plans to go to San Antonio, Texas, about March 9, spend weekend of 17 & 18 in Houston with Jim, then to Greenwood, Miss., to visit the Harder's (dist. cousins here for reunion), next to Ralph Rose's in Florence, Alabama, (Friend I hitchhiked to Jackson Hole in 1947), and back to Fayette, Arkansas, to visit the John Wurster's (remember then from Sioux City). We'll be gone about 2½ weeks.

Katie's big small wedding is here next Saturday. The 35 is now up to 75 and I am expecting it to surpass 100.

I must close and get this to mailbox. I hope everything is going well with you. I note your former stock is now down \$4 from what you sold it for. Thanks again for the information--the will of Joseph was a big find! We had no information on James' brothers and sisters and knew his wife as Mrs. "E." (bible records). Additional information on this family would be great--brothers and sisters.

Love

Dad