

Supporting Documents to 5 May 2024 DAC Faculty Application: 210460-0524B
CHANCEL-FLOOR SUBSIDENCE - St Dunstan's Church, BOLNHURST

SURNAME	CHRISTIAN NAME(S)	DATE of DEATH	NUMBER
Francklin	Sir John. (Large marble memorial on south wall of Nave) {**Also listed on Memorial: His parents George and Dorothy. NO Reg.-entry for George at Bolnhurst... And Sir John and Sir William.}	7 Aug 1707 ** Dorothy RIP1671. George RIP 16??. Sir John RIP 1685. Sir Wm RIP 1691.	137 {**Presume all buried in Chancel..?}
Francklin	John of Mavorn, Knight. Black marble floor-slab, near 137.	7 Aug 1707	138

Churchyard Survey - Alpha-List updated 17 Sept 2023: Extra names from Memorial No 137.

Other Probable FRANCKLIN Chancel-Burials at St Dunstan's Church, Bolnhurst
[listed in Emmison 1935, Vol XI for Bedfordshire]: {also see my note at end of this submission}**

Geo Francklyn, esq. Sept 7th 1618.
Edmd Francklyn, esq. April 13th 1639.

Regarding these two Gentlemen, see following extracts from Nov 2023 emails with Middle Temple Archives:

FS Email to Middle Temple Archives, on Wed 15 Nov 2023

To <archive@middletemple.org.uk>

Subject: George FRANCKLIN - of Mavourn Farm, BOLNHURST, Bedfordshire: 1572

Dear Sir/ Madam, I am seeking further information on George Francklin who in 1572 purchased Mavourn Farm, Bolnhurst, Beds. I have the following information from Bedfordshire Archives website: "It was in 1572 that the Frankleyn/Francklin family came into ownership of Mavourn, when Kenverick Davies, Roger Grendon and Thomas Grendon, heirs of Roger Grendon conveyed it to George Francklin of Middle Temple in London, gentleman [FN85]." As shown in this information, said George Francklin was "of Middle Temple in London". Can I obtain online-access to The Bench Book, which I have read about on your excellent website? Or, can you reply with further information on George Francklin / Francklyn? I would especially like to know when and where George Francklin died. And where he was buried. Bolnhurst burial records are available from 1602, but do not specify which burials took place in the Church Chancel. The first Francklin burial-record is of "George Francklyn, esq." who was buried on 7 Sept 1618 = is this "my man" ?

REPLY 1: Hi Florence, Thank you for your enquiry. Our Bench Book and admissions registers are both digitised and accessible through our website here:

<https://www.middletemple.org.uk/archive/archive-information-access/sources-resources/digitised-records>

As for the George Francklin you are enquiring about, he was admitted to the Middle Temple on 26 November 1567 and Called to the Bar on 10 February 1581, under the name of 'George Frankleyn'. Here is his entry in our admissions register:

GEORGE FRANKLEYN, third son of John F., of Thurly, Beds., gent. Called 10 Feb., 1580-81.

We cannot find any entries relating to him in our Bench Book, but in our Parliament minutes dated 1607 it is noted that a member was admitted to his chamber, so he must still be alive and practising as a barrister by then. There is no further mention of

him in our records after this. I'm sorry that we don't hold any records relating to his death and burial. For your information, his son, Edmund Francklyn, was also a member of Middle Temple and admitted on 19 April 1605. I hope the above is helpful. All the best, **JAMES KIN PONG LIU**

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REPLY 2: I have to correct myself that the chamber George Frankleyn rented would have served as both residence and as workplace, so we cannot be absolutely sure that he was still practising as a barrister in 1607. And for your additional information that shortly after that time George might have passed it on to his son, because in 1610 there's a reference to another tenant joining the chamber of Edmund Francklyn and Thomas Style, who George shared the chamber with.

**** Further Note from Florence Shipsey, Bolnhurst PCC Secretary:**

In the Emmison 1935, Vol XI for Bedfordshire, Bolnhurst Burial Records, there is no indication as to whether burial took place in the Chancel. I carried out the Church & Churchyard Survey in 1978-79, and found no Francklin headstone or memorial outside the Church. However, I have not viewed the original Burial Registers for relevant timespan, in Bedfordshire Archives. If these original Burial Records do specify Chancel-burial, this would certainly be useful to us now !

F SHIPSEY Bolnhurst PCC Secretary. 15 May 2024.