

## Benedict Filmer

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Born: 1427 East Sutton, England

Married: 1467 Joan Pepere

Died: 1508 Otterden, England

Parents: John Filmer & Joanne May

Benedict (Benete) Filmer and Joan PEPERE, the daughter of Simon Pepere of Otringden. They married in 1467. In a series of papers at Maidstone (U120 T124) are also mentioned John and Henry Pepere. Apart from, James they also had issue, two daughters, Izoote (Isode) and Margaret. Margaret married Nicholas CLARKE of Stalisfield in 1509. A son, Thomas, predeceased them without issue. He is referred to in his mother Joan's will of 1512. Benedict died in 1508 and was buried in the churchyard of St. Lawrence the Martyr at Otterden.

Deed November 3rd, 1467.

I, Bennet Filmer of the parish of Otrynden in the county of Kent give etc. to Simon Pepere of Otrynden, William Wrethe de Wychelynge and Richard Fylkys of Doddington all my tenements etc. lying in the parish of Otrynden and held of the court of Sutton Valence in a place called Filmer which contains in all forty acres of land etc. Given 3 November 7 Edward IV. These being witnesses - John Pepere, Thomas Berne, Simon Filmer, John Pakynham, John Sharpe, Nicholas Terry and others.

Deed October 31st, 1473

Know ye etc. that I Simon Peper of Otringden demise to Richard Godyn of Stallisfield and William Edmer of Newynham two parcels of land in Otrynden aforesaid called Southfeld and Godsondescroft as the metes and bounds etc which same - I, the aforesaid Simon Peper together with William Wrethe and Richard Fylkys, now deceased, lately had by gift of feoffment to Bennet Fylmer between the other tenement and the tenement. To have and to hold etc. Given at Otryngden the 30th day of October 13 Edward IV. The intention of this feoffment is that if the aforesaid Bennet Fylmer his heirs executors and assigns do not pay or cause to be paid to Joan the wife of the said Bennet Fylmer or her assigns within two years next after the death of the said Bennet Fylmer £10 of good and lawful money of England that then the aforesaid Joan shall have and hold the aforesaid two pieces of land and appurtenances for the term of her life, and after her decease, the aforesaid two pieces of land and appurtenances shall remain to the heirs and assigns of the same Bennet

Fylmer for ever by these presents. Witnesses: John ....., Simon Joclyn, Thomas Barnys, John Foxe, junior, Henry Peper.

Benedict and his wife Joan continued to live in the old family residence called Filmers after his mother's death. This property was still an appendage of the Court of Sutton Valence and on the 1st May 1487 he was appointed Beadle for the manor after the office was quitclaimed by Richard Lambe, a farmer of Alexander Clyfford, the lord of the manor. (K.A.O. U120 T124).

'Richard Lambe farmer of Alexander Clifford Esquire Lord of the Manor of Sutton Valence quit - claimed to Benet Fylmer one of the tenants of the manor aforesaid the office of Beadle to which he is elected 1st May 2 Henry VII.'

He was also Warden at Otterden Church in 1502 according to the Archidiaconal Visitation that year:

Ottreden

Sir John Bene R.

War Benedict Filmer. Richard Lorman.

Par Tho Wever, Jas Dunstone, Hugh Packman, Tho Badnolt, Joh Atlese.

('R' stands for Rector, 'War' for Warden and 'Par' for Parishioners.

Benedict died in 1508 and his will, proved 15th November, 1508, is reproduced below:

WILL of BENEDICT FILMER, of Ottrinden

Dated 16/9/1508 Proved 15/11/1508

'In the name of God Amen the xvj daye of the moneth of September the yere of our Lord Jhu Criste 1508 I BENNETT FILMER of the pisse of Ottrynden in hole mynde and good remembrance make my Testament and last Will in forme folowyng: First I. bequeith my soule to Almyghty God oure lady saynt Marye and to the holye company of hevyn my bodie to be buried in the church yard of saynt Laurence the Martyr in the pisse of Ottrinden aforesaid. Also I bequeith to the high Auter ther for my tithes and oblations forgotten and necligenthye paide xij-d. Also I bequeith to the repations of the pisse Church of saynt laurence foresaid xij-s, iij-d. Also I bequeith to the mendyng of a broke chalis longyng to the said Church vj-s. viij-d. Also I wull that ther be att my buryng to pray for my soule and all cristen soules vj prests and att my moneth mynde vj prests and att yeres mynd iij prests and yerly for the space of iij yeres next folowyng my discease. Also I bequeith to JOHN BERNE my godchilde to be paid to hym when he comyth to the age of xx years vj-s. viij-d. and if it fortune the foresaid JOHN to discease or he come to the age foresaid then I wull the foresaid money shall remayn to JAMES my son. Also I bequeith to evy of my other godchildren iijd. Also I bequeith to JOHANNE my wiff a cove xij ewes a seme of whet a seme of barley and half my instuff of howsold. Also I wull that the foresaid JOHANNE my wiff shall have mete and drynke and fre comyng and going to chamber and to fire for space of a hole yere next folowyng afre my discease. The Residue of all my moveable goods unbequeith, my detts and bequeithis beyng paied, I give and bequeith to JAMES my son whome I make and ordeyn my sole executore to dispose for my soule and all Cristen soules as he shall thynke best to the pleasur of God.

This is the last Will of me the said BENET Filmer made the day and yere abovesaid of all my lands and tenements sett lyeng and byeng in the pisse of Ottrinden or enywher else in the Countie of Kent. In the which tenements and lands HENRY FRENDE RICHARD LORMER and others be enfeoffed as it apperith in a deade to them made to the use of me the said BENET of myn levies and assigneis. First I wull that my feoffs or their assigneis in cotinent afre my discease or when they shalbe required shall deliver to JAMES my son a statement of all my lands and tenements foresaid to have and to holde all the said tenements and bonds to the foresaid JAMES to his heires and assigneis for ever more payeng yerlye to JOHANNE my wiff for terme of her liff at iij termes in the

yere by equall portions xiiij-s. iiiiij-d. of lafull money of England and if nede should require a clause of distresse for none payment. Also I wull that JAMES my sonne shall paye within the space of vij yeres next folowyng to my daughter MARGARETT V marks and likewise to ISODE my daughter V marks of lafull money of England. And if it fortune the foresaid MARGARETT or ISODE to be wedded a fore the foresaid then I wull the foresaid JAMES shall paye them the foresaid money att their weddyng. Also I wull that if MARGARETT or ISODE my daughters discease afore they be wedded and within the space of vij yeres then I wull the foresaid money shall remayn to the said JAMES my son by these witnesses -  
Sir JOHN BEYNE.  
HENRE PAKNAME.  
JAMES FILMER and others.'

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Notes: A 'seme' was a sack of 8 bushels, a horse-load.  
His daughter, MARGARET, married NICHOLAS CLARKE of Stalisfield in 1509.

It would seem that the only person with any lasting heirs was Benedict through his son James, who in due course inherited most of the Filmer property.