

**A RECORD OF OLD TRANSCRIBED WILLS,
ESTATE ADMINISTRATION OBLIGATION
DOCUMENTS, GRANTS OF ADMINISTRATION,
AND INVENTORIES APPLICABLE TO
GRIFFYDAM**

This is the contents of Comert Joram

<i>his pots and apparel</i>	<i>0 - 13 - 4</i>
<i>his fine irons</i>	<i>0 - 4 - 0</i>
<i>his bed and his bedding</i>	<i>0 - 10 - 0</i>
<i>one box one ^{more} one wedding tub</i>	<i>0 - 4 - 0</i>
<i>sum wool and other adthings in the chamber</i>	<i>0 - 8 - 0</i>
<i>one table</i>	<i>0 - 4 - 0</i>
<i>one lath table and a form</i>	<i>0 - 3 - 0</i>
<i>a lath brass pot and a lath</i>	<i>0 - 7 - 0</i>
<i>herd thross</i>	<i>0 - 2 - 0</i>
<i>sum other od things in the house</i>	<i>0 - 2 - 6</i>
<i>one you and one lam</i>	<i>0 - 4 - 6</i>
<i>his loomss and gearss that belongs to the trade</i>	<i>1 - 3 - 4</i>
<i>the whole sum 4 - 5 - 8</i>	

proved by Joseph Boulter and Thomas Boulter

Joseph Boulter † *his mark* *Edm or 24 Auguste*
1689 of Mariam Joram
Legator gild of St Martin

Thomas Boulter † *his mark* *Chapman and Co of vtro or sub*
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ONGOING PROJECT

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PREFACE

Old wills, estate obligation documents, and inventories often prove invaluable when carrying out research, and this has proved to be the case in five of those included in this publication. An attempt has been made to transcribe them exactly as written in the original document. This is an open publication and the intention is to add more as they become available.

The majority of the documents included at this stage were not signed in the testator's or witnesses hand but were marked with a cross and comments have been added where appropriate. In some cases, a basic thumbprint was added as the seal, and examples of this have been included.

From the "Dictionary of Words, Facts and Phrases by Eliezer Edwards (1882):-

Signing with an X – Persons who cannot write their names are required to use as a substitute the sign of the cross (x). Anciently, Kings and Nobles used the same sign but not ignorantly, as it was used by those who could not write, as a symbol that the person making it pledged himself by his Christian faith to the truth of the matter to which he affixed it. Hence although people now write or subscribe their names, they are still said to sign.

Any **mark** made by the testator on the document validates the **will**, provided that they intended it to be their **signature**, and that this **signature** is meant to execute the **will**. So, by way of example, if the testator is illiterate and uses their thumb print as their **signature** to execute the **will**, the **will** is valid.

The Wills Act of 1837 is 184 years old this year and yet it serves as the foundation for all wills made since that date, in England and Wales. Strangely it is often ignored in the context of will dispute claims and yet it provides critical rules that govern whether a will is actually valid.

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Where applicable, a note has been made at the top of the page on certain wills / administration documents etc in red, referring to publications on the author's website which will provide the reader with some background information.

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WILLIAM WARDEN OF GRIFFYDAM - 1614

This is the earliest reference found of a will made by a resident of Griffydam. The following is recorded in the well respected book entitled "Ticknall Pots and Potters" by Janet Spavold and Sue Brown. Copyright Janet Spavold and Sue Brown 2005.

".....The earliest known specialist seller was Edward Warden of Griffydam, a carpenter by trade. When his will was made in 1614, he listed a large number of debtors, many of whom can be identified from Ticknall.....The Warden family continued to be involved in selling pots after Edward's death. His son John, also of Griffydam witnessed the will of the Ticknall pot maker Richard Gardener of Scaddows in 1614 and owed him a debt of 26s 8d in the inventory....."

TRANSCRIPT OF THE OBLIGATION ADMINISTRATION DOCUMENT FOR THE ESTATE OF ANDREW SHARPE OF GRIFFYDAM WHO DIED INTESTATE IN 1676

PREAMBLE

Although further research is required, it is thought that this Andrew Sharpe and his wife Mary could have been the grandparents of Andrew Sharpe whose will is featured on page 15.

THIS PARAGRAPH WAS WRITTEN IN LATIN AND IS THE AUTHORS INTERPRETATION BASED ON HIS KNOWLEDGE OF OTHER SUCH DOCUMENTS

Know all men by their presence that Mariam Sharpe of Griffydam in this parish of Breedon in the county of Leicester, widow, Thomas Boulton of Griffydam, (son of Thomas Boulton of Osgathorpe ?) are held and firmly bound unto (????) an official of the Archdeaconry of Leicester, lawfully constituted in the sum of two hundred pounds (??) of good and lawful money of Great Britain to be paid unto the said official or to his certain Attorney, his executors, administrators or assigns to which payment will and truly to be made, we oblige ourselves and everyone of us by herself and himself the whole and everyone of our heirs executors and administrators firmly by these persons present sealed with our seals dated October 1676 in the sixteenth year of the reign of our sovereign King Charles II, 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 six hundred and seventy six.

THE CHRISTIAN NAMES FOR THE WIDOW OF ANDREW SHARPE APPEAR AS MARIAM, MARY AND MARIA IN THE DOCUMENT.

The condition of this obligation is such that if the above bound Mary Sharpe, the relict and administrator in all and singular the goods, chattels' and credits of Andrew Sharpe late of Griffydam aforesaid to make or causes 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 of her the said Mary Sharpe or into the hands, possession of any persons for her and the same so made to exhibit or cause to be exhibited into the Registry of this Court in Leicester at or before the last day of January 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 Mary Sharpe or possession of any other person or persons for her to well and truly administer according to law: and further make or cause to be made a true and just attempt of her said administration before the last day of October 1677 and all the rest and residue of the said goods, chattels and credits which shall be found remaining upon the said administrators attempt the same being first examined and allowed by the judge or judges for the time being of the said court shall deliver and pay unto such person or persons respectively as the said judge or judges by his or their decree or sentence pursuant to the true intent and meaning of a last act of Parliament made in the two and twentieth and three and twentieth years of the reign of our last sovereign Lord King Charles the Second institutes an act for the better settling of intestate 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 to exhibit the same into the said court making request to have it allowed and approved accordingly if the said Mary Sharpe above bounden thereunto requires to

render 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, and of none effect, or else to remain in full force and virtue.

Sealed and delivered
in the presence of
? Stephens

Date
20th March 1677

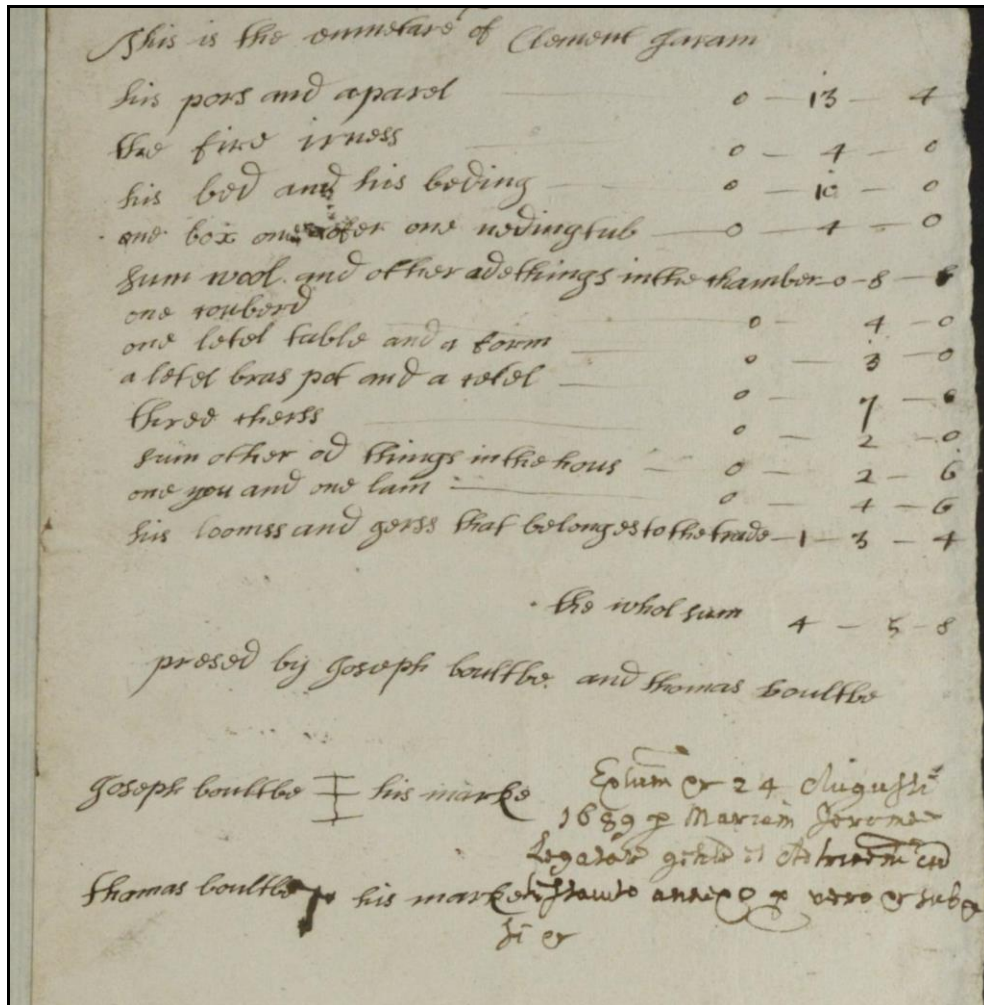
Signed
Maria Sharpe (with mark)
Signed
Tho. Boulton (with mark)

A COPY OF THE ORIGINAL DOCUMENT APPEARS ON THE NEXT PAGE

CLEMENT JARRAM – AN INVENTORY OF GOODS FOLLOWING HIS DEATH – DATED 24TH AUGUST 1689

Clement Jarram , Wayner, thought to be of Griffydam married Elizabeth Boultsby on 26th April 1640 (Breedon Registers)

The following is an inventory of his goods and apparel taken following his death.



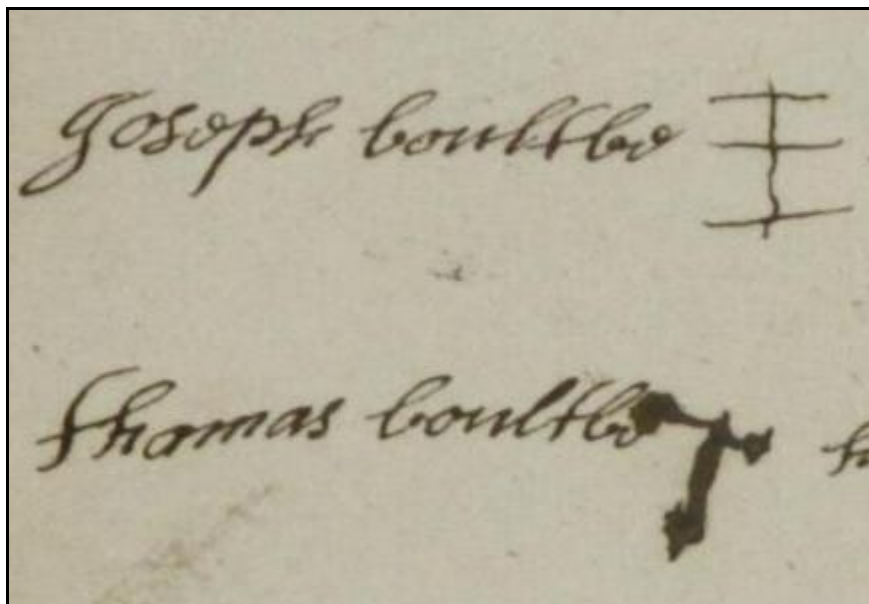
In the registry of his wedding Clement was given as a wayner. This was an old English word describing a Waggoner / cart or wagon maker.

BEST ATTEMPT AT TRANSCRIPTION OF INVENTORY

	£	s.	d.
His pors?? and apparel	0	13	4
The fire irons	0	4	0
His bed and his bedding	0	10	0
One box and cover, one feeding ?? tub	0	4	0
Some wool and other ?? things in the chamber	0	8	0
One cupboard	0	4	0
One little table and a form	0	3	0
A little brass pot and a kettle	0	7	0
Three chairs	0	2	0
Sum of other things in the house	0	2	6
One Ewe and one lamb	0	4	6
His looms and Goods ?? that belong as to the trade	1	3	4
 The whole sum	 4	 5	 8

The inventory was signed and proved by Joseph Boultee and Thomas Boultee of Griffydham who made their mark. This Joseph Boultee would have been the one who took out the lease on Storden Grange and died in 1719 and Thomas would have been his brother who died in 1698 (Breedon registers).

As was the case with their wills, they both attested the preceding inventory with a mark, albeit not the usual cross :-



Does this signing with a mark suggest they could not write. It is hard to believe that they were not belonging to the gentleman middle classes. Maybe they were too infirm to write their full name or wrote too badly for it to be legible. It is well documented that the peasantry of those days could not read or write. How far this extended to the classes above them in remote country districts is for the experienced antiquary to say.

WILLIAM DEXTER AND HIS WIFE MARY OF GRIFFITH DAM LEASE AND RELEASE AGREEMENT 1701/1702

For further related information please see the following publications on the author's website entitled:-

William Dexter and his Wife Mary of Griffydham 9under sub section PEOPLE)

This was a species of conveyance much used in England, consisting theoretically of two instruments, but which are practically united in the same instrument. It was invented by Sergeant Moore, soon after the enactment of the statute of uses. It is thus contrived: A lease, or rather bargain and sale upon some pecuniary consideration for one year, is made by the tenant of the freehold to the lessee or bargainee. This, without any enroliement, makes the bargainor stand seised to the use of the bargainee, and vests in the bargainee the use of the term for one year, and then the statute immediately annexes the possession. Being thus in possession, he is capable of receiving a release of the freehold and reversion, which must be made to the tenant in possession, and accordingly the next day a release is granted to him. The lease and release, when used as a conveyance of the fee, have the joint operation of a single conveyance.

The lease and release was the most popular and widespread way to record simple sales of property from the seventeenth century up to 1845. Releases were themselves abolished in 1845 and replaced by a simple 'grant', later known as a "conveyance."

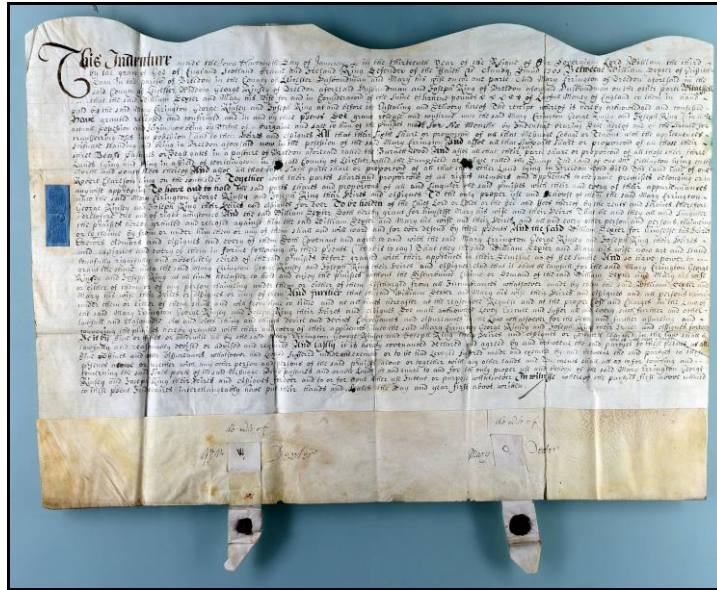
This release document refers to William Dexter and his wife Mary being resident in **Griffith Dam** which appears to be the name commonly used around this time for the village now known as Griffydham.

William Dexter is a gentleman of interest when it comes to the history of Griffydham.

The earliest reference found to William Dexter is in this "release" indenture held at the L&RRO (ref DE1536/77), dated 24th January 1701/2 The lease part, usually a small document, is not available, although that is unlikely to provide us with any further useful information as usually this only reflected the release document.

William Dexter (b.1662) married Mary Jones (b.1664) and they had 10 children - William, Francis, Thomas, Anne, Gregory, John, George, Mary, Edward and Richard. It basically deals with release of the land, messuage, tenements and their appurtenances by William Dexter and his wife Mary (Jones). It is extremely complicated to the uninitiated, not helped by the fact that no punctuation was used.

Lawyers in the eighteenth and early nineteenth centuries were paid by the line. Therefore the longer and wordier a deed was, the more they got paid. There can be a lot of words in a lease and release (particularly in a release) which are not really necessary to read in order to get the gist of the transaction. Luckily, legal clerks usually marked the beginning of new and important phrases by highlighting or increasing the size of the initial word. This makes the lengthy deed easier to follow. This was not the case here unfortunately.



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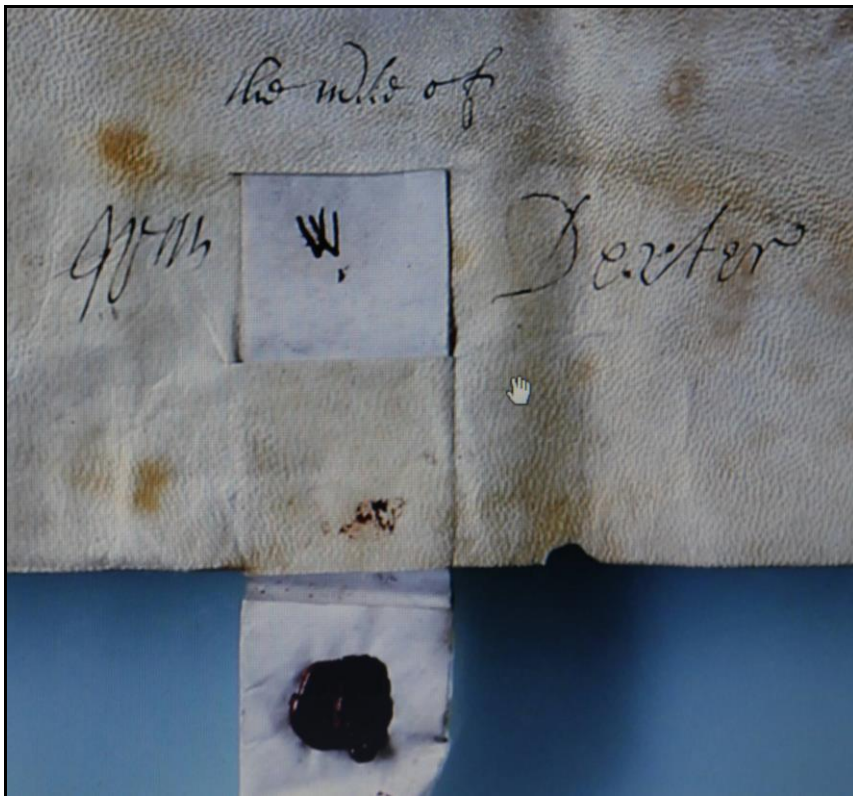
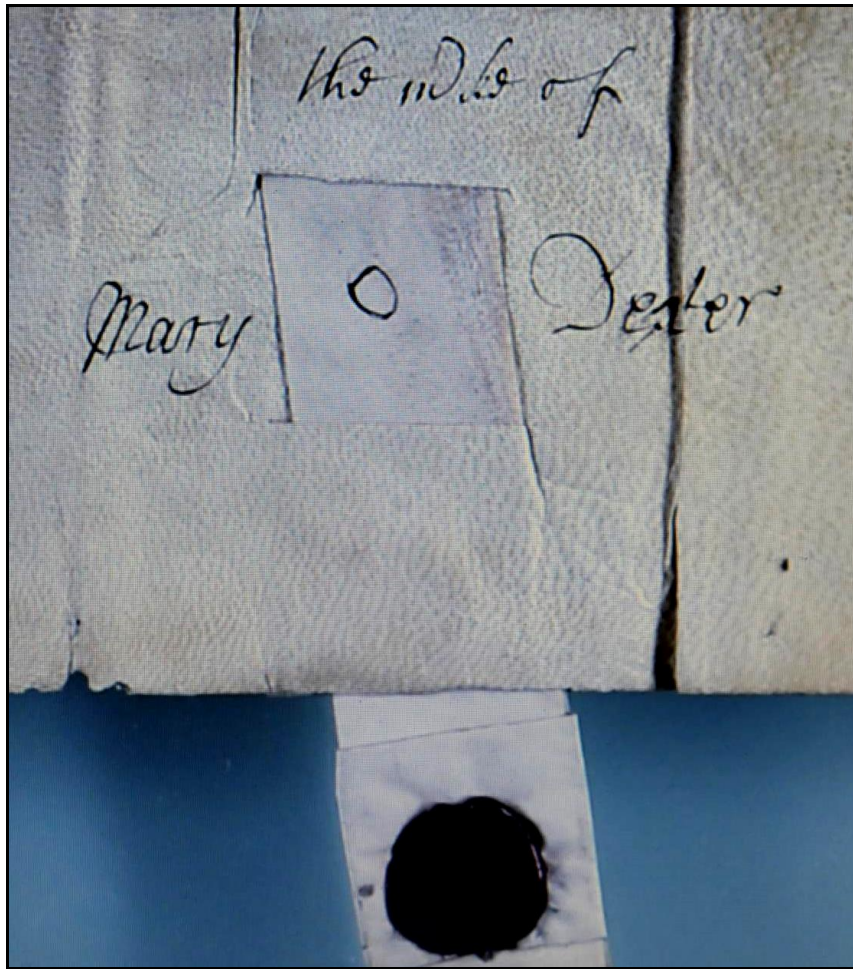
THIS INDENTURE made in the fourth and twentieth day of January and in the thirteenth year of the reign of our sovereign Lord, William the Third by the Grace of god in England, Scotland, France and Ireland, King, defender of the faith Anno Domini 1701 between William Dexter of Griffith Dam in the parish of Breedon, in the County of Leicester, Husbandman, and Mary his wife on the one part, and Mary Errington of Breedon aforesaid in the said county of Leicester, Widow, George Kinsey of Breedon aforesaid, Husbandman, and Joshua King of Breedon aforesaid Husbandman on the other part, witnesseth that the said William Dexter and Mary his wife for and in consideration of the sum of sixteen ponds of lawfull money of England to them in hand paid by the said Mary Errington, George Kinsey and Joseph King at and before the ensealing and delivery first of the receipt whereof, and is hereby acknowledged and confessed have granted released and confirmed and in and by these present do grant release and confirm unto the said Mary Errington, George Kinsey and Joseph King in their actual profession and seisin now being by virtue of a bargain and sale to him of the premises made for 6 months by indenture bearing does hereof and of the statute transferring uses into possession and to their heirs and assigns all that their sixth share or proportion of all that messuage or tenement and of appurtenances situate standing and being in Breedon aforesaid now in possession of the said Mary Errington and also all that sixth part share or proportion of all those their three beast pastures or beast gates in a pasture of Breedon aforesaid called the Burnett Wood and also all that their sixth part share or proportion of all those their lands lying and being in a field of Worthington in the said county of Leicester called the Dumpfield at a place called the Dump, the land of one called Mr. Pillington, lying on the north and south sides thereof and all that their sixth part share or proportion of all that their other land lying in Breedon Wood Field, the land late of one Robert Clarkson lying on the south side together with their parts shares and proportions of all rights and messuages and appurtenances to the same premises belonging or in any wise applying to have and to hold the said parts shared and proportions of all and singular the said premises with their and every of their appurtenances unto the said Mary Errington, George Kinsey and Joseph King their heirs and assigns to the only proper use and choice of them the said Mary Errington, George Kinsey and Joseph King their heirs and assigns forever to be holden of the chief Lord or Lords of the Fee and Fees thereof by the rents and services therefore, heretofore one and of right accustomed and the said William Dexter doth hereby

grant for himself, Mary his wife, and their heirs that he and they all and singular the premises hereby granted and released against him the said William Dexter and Mary his wife and their heirs and all and every other person and persons claiming by or to claims under him, them or any of them shall and will ward and forever defend by these present, and the said William Dexter for himself, his heirs, his executors, donors and assigns and every of them doth covenant and agree to and with the said Mary Errington, George Kinsey and Joseph King their heirs and assigns and every of them in form following by their presence (that is to say) that they the said William Dexter and Mary his wife now are and stand rightfully and absolutely seised of the said premises before granted with their appurtenances in their demesne as of fee simple and so have power to grant the same unto the said Mary Errington, George Kinsey and Joseph King, their heirs and assigns and that it shall be lawful for the said Mary Errington, George Kinsey and Joseph King at all times hereafter to hold and enjoy the premises without the disturbance, claims or demands of the said William Dexter and Mary his wife or either of them discharged from all incumbencies whatsoever made by them the said William Dexter and Mary his wife their heirs and assigns or any of them. And further that the said William Dexter and Mary his wife their heirs and assigns and all persons claiming under them or either of them shall and will from time to time and at all times hereafter at the reasonable request and at the proper costs and charges in the law of the said Mary Errington, George King and Joseph Kinsey their heirs and assigns do make acknowledge, levey, execute and suffer all and every such further and offer lawful and reasonable act and acts, things and things, desire and desires, conveyances and assurances in the law whatsoever for the better and further assuring and conveying the premises hereby granted with their and every of their appurtenances into the said Mary Errington, George King and Joseph Kinsey and their heirs and assigns forever be it by hand or hands or otherwise as by the said Mary Errington, George Kinsey and Joseph King forever lawfully and reasonably devised or advised and required, and lastly it is hereby covenanted, declared and agreed by and convened the said parties to these present as all hint and hints and other assurances whatsoever have levied, suffered made and executed by and between the said parties to they present alone or together with any other person and persons of the said premises alone or together with any other lands and tenements shall all as to for....? and concerning the said sixth part of the said message, beef pastures and arable lands be and ensure to and for the only proper use and behalf of the said Mary Errington, George King and Joseph Kinsey and their heirs and assigns forever and to or for none other use, intent or purpose whatsoever. In witness where of the parties first about inclined to these present indentures interchangeably have put their hands and seals the day and year first about written.

RECEIPT STATEMENT ON BACK OF DOCUMENT

Received the day and year within written and from the within named Mary Errington, George Kinsey and Joseph King, the within mentioned sum of sixteen pounds in full of the consideration within specified by me

See the following page for photographs of the marks made by William and Mary who evidently could not write their names, or to a sufficient standard for the agreement.



THE LAST WILL AND TESTAMENT OF JOSEPH BOULTBEE OF GRIFFYDAM - 1717

For further related information please see the following publications on the author's website entitled:-

Joseph Boulton the First of Griffydham (under sub section PEOPLE)

A History of Stordon Grange (under sub section HOUSES & GARDENS)

In the name of God, Amen. I, Joseph Boulton of Griffydham in ye liberty of Worthington, in ye Parish of Breedon in ye county of Leicester, calling to mind ye uncertainty of life, and certainty of death and being of sound mind and memory, praised be God, do make this my last Will and testament in manner following. First, I commend my Soul into the hands of Almighty God who gave it me, and my Body to ye earth of which it was made, to be decently buried by ye discretion of my Executors in hopes of a joyful Resurrection into Eternal Life through the alone Merits of Jesus Christ, my Saviour and Redeemer, and as for my Worldly Estate wherewith it has pleased God to bless me, I dispose thereof as followeth, Imprimis I give unto my son Thomas Boulton ye sume of five pound at my decease. Item, I give unto my son William Boulton ye sume of five pound. Item, I give to my daughter Mary Draper ye sume of fivety shillings. Item, I give my daughter Ann Shaxper ye sume of five pound. Item, I give to my daughter Hannah Shaxper ye sume of five pound. Item I give to my daughter Elizabeth Ellicock ye sume of five pound. Item, I give to my Grandson Richard Baly ye sume of three pound to be put to him to Prentice, but if he does not go to a trade, then to be paid to him when he comes of ye age of eighteen years. And ye rest of my goods and cattle quick and dead, I give to my son Thomas Boulton and my son Joseph Boulton in trust for my dear and loving wife during her life and all ye remainder at her decease to be equally devided amongst all my grandchildren that are living, and this I make to be my last Will and testament

Witness my hand and seale ye 7th day of October 1717.

The mark X of Joseph Boulton (seal plain)

Witness Will Boulton. Jo Boulton.

Proved on the 26th February 1718 by the oaths of Thomas Boulton and Joseph Boulton. (In modern style this would be written 26 February, 1719. The legal year at that time ended March 25th)

**THE LAST WILL AND TESTAMENT OF ANDREW
SHARPE OF GRIFFITH DAMM
DATED SEPTEMBER 8th 1733**

*For further related information please see the following publication on the author's website entitled:-
"Research into the Trade of Woollen Cloth Weaving in Griffydam" (under sub section OTHER INDUSTRIES)*

PREAMBLE

Andrew Sharpe resided in the property which subsequently became occupied by John Haywood which is shown on pages 29 and 30.

TRANSCRIPT

In the name of God Amen, I Andrew Sharpe of Griffy Dam in the parish of Breedon and the County of Leicester, **Shearman Dyer**, being weak in body but of sound memory, blessed by God, do this 8th day of September in this year of our Lord one thousand seven hundred and thirty three make and publish this last Will and Testament in the manner following, that is to say, first I give and bequeath to my son John Sharpe all my **coppers and furnaces in the Dye House and all other my tools and implements belonging to my trade of Shearing and Dyeing cloth** on condition he pay to my two sons Andrew Sharpe and William Sharpe or their assigns the sum of ten pounds of lawful money of Great Britain, that is to say to each of them five pounds in twelve months after my demise, but if my son John Sharpe shall default or refuse to pay the said sum of five pounds of lawful money of Great Britain to my son Andrew Sharpe and the sum of like lawful money to my son William Sharpe monthly, my express will is that I give to my son John Sharpe only one shilling of lawful coins of Great Britain, and all my said **copper furnace in the Dye House and all other tools and implements belonging to my trade of shearing and dyeing of cloth**, that I therefore gave to my son John Sharpe, I give and bequeath them to my son Andrew Sharpe and my son William Sharpe and to there assigns to be equally divided between them, also, I further give to my son William Sharpe all books of debts due to me and one copper and one long table in the house and one bedstead ?? and mat, one bed bolster and pillows with the blankets thereto belonging. Also, one set of curtains and two pairs of sheets. I also give to my two daughters, that is to say to my daughter Ann Sharpe and to my daughter Sarah Sharpe and to their assigns all the rest and residue of my household stuff, goods and chattels and personal estate whatsoever on condition they pay all my debts and defray my funeral expenses. And I make and ordain my daughter Anne Sharpe and my daughter Sarah Sharpe executrixes of this my last Will and Testament hereby revoking, disannulling and making void all former Wills and bequests by me made and believing this to be my last Will and Testament. – In witness whereof I have here unto set my hand and seal the day and year above written.

Signed, sealed and delivered, published, pronounced and declared
By the said Andrew Sharpe on and for his last Will and Testament Andrew Sharpe
In the presence of us who were present at the signing and sealing thereof (own Signature)

And saw the interlinement? of and one copper and long table in the house
Being interlined betwixt the ?? and four with lines ? before the
Signing and sealing hereof.

Eliza Doleman Francis Doleman

THE LAST WILL AND TESTAMENT OF GEORGE RAWLISON OF GRIFFYDAM - DATED 10TH SEPT 1747

PREAMBLE

Although George Rawlinson is recorded in his will as a "Victuler" (Victualler) of an Ale House. Records are not available for Ale Houses pre 1753, so no further information can be offered as to the location. As George is recorded as having a bridle and saddle (and presumably a horse), and two "sutes" (best and second), plus a great coat, this suggests he was financially well off for those times

TRANSCRIPTION OF WILL

In the name of God amen. I George Rawlison of **Griffydam** in the parish of Breedon in the County of Leicester, "**Victuler**", being weak in body but of sound and perfect mind and memory, thanks be to Almighty God for it do here make and ordain this to be my last Will and Testament in manor and form following:-

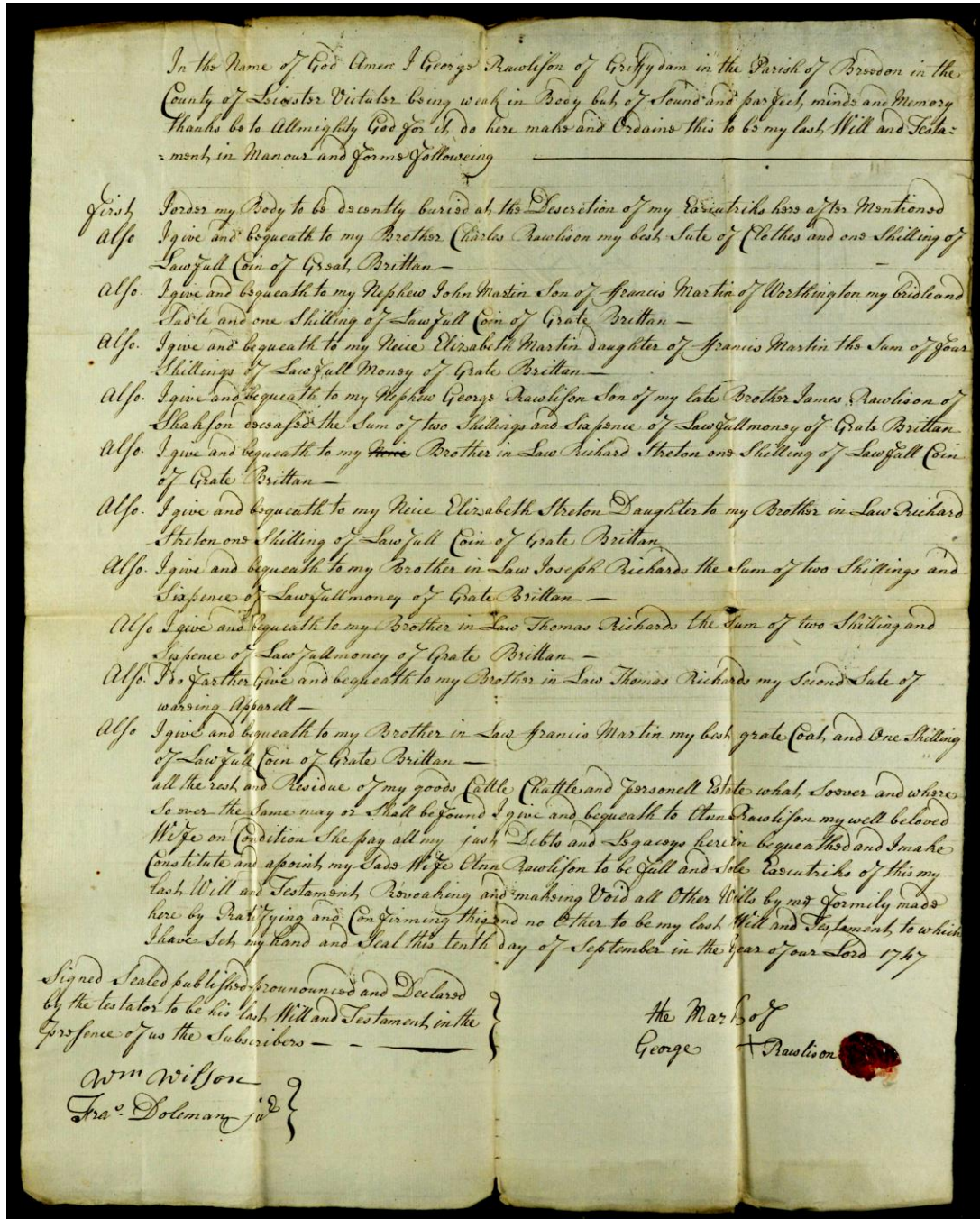
- First - I order my body to be decently buried at the Discretion of my Executriks here after mentioned
- Also - I give and bequeath to my Brother Charles Rawlison my best Sute of Clothes and one shilling of Lawfull coin of Great Brittan
- Also - I give and bequeath to my nephew John Martin son of Francis Martin of Worthington my bridle and Saddle and one shilling of Lawfull Coin of Grate Brittan.
- Also - I give and bequeath o my Niece Elizabeth Martin daughter of Francis Martin the Sum of One Shilling of Lawfull money of Grate Brittan
- Also - I give and bequeath to my nephew George Rawlison Son of my late Brother James Rawlison of Shakson (**Shackerstone?**) deceased the sum of two shillings and sixpence of Lawfull money of Grate Brittan
- Also - I give and bequeath to my Brother in Law Richard Streton one shilling of Lawfull Coin of Grate Brittan
- Also - I give and bequeath to my niece Elizabeth Streton Daughter of my Brother in Law Richard Streton one shilling of Lawfull Coin of Grate brittan
- Also - I give and bequeath to my Brother in Law Joseph Richards the sum of two shillings and sixpence of Lawfull moner of Grate Brittan
- Also - I give and bequeath to my Brother in Law Thomas Richards the sum of two shillings and sixpence of Lawfull money of Grate Brittan
- Also - I do father give and bequeath to my Brother in Law Thomas Richards my second sute of wareing apparell
- Also - I give and bequeath to my Brother in Law Francis Martin my best grate Coat and one shilling of Lawfull Coin of Grate Brittan -

All the rest and residue of my goods Cattle Chattell and personal estate what So ever and where So ever the same may or Shall be found I give and bequeath to Ann Rawlison my well beloved Wife on Condition She pay all my just Debts and ?? herein bequeathed and I make Constitute and appoint my sade wife Ann Rawlinson to be my full and Sole executriks of this my last Will and Testament revoaking and making Void all Other Wills by me formerly made here by Ratifying and Confirming this and no other to be my last Will and Testament to which I have Set my hand and seal this 10th day of September in the year of our Lord 1747.

Signed sealed published pronounced and Declared the Mark of
by the testator to be his last Will and Testament
in the presence of us the subscribers
William Wilson
Francis Doleman junior

George X Rawlison
"Seal"

COPY OF THE ORIGINAL DOCUMENT



TRANSCRIPT OF THE OBLIGATION ADMINISTRATION DOCUMENT FOR THE ESTATE OF SAMUEL ASHER OF GRIFFYDAM WHO DIED INTESTATE - 1762

PREAMBLE

Having studied the "Ale House" recognizance licensing records which only go back to 1753, they confirm that Samuel Asher was licensee of an Ale House from 1753 till 1761, the year prior to his death, although he is described as being black of sight.. His wife Ann is recorded as holding the license in 1762, but not in future years. Samuel is also recorded as standing surety for several other licensees. It is not possible to say where the Ale House was located.

Ann Asher's Will made in 1762 follows. She died in 1769.

TRANSCRIPTION OF WILL

Know all men by their presence that me Ann Asher of Griffydam in this parish of Breedon in the county of Leicester, widow, James Mugglestone of Tong in the County of Hasmore and William Hayes of Griffydam, aforesaid labourer are held and firmly bound unto Richard Grey, Clerk, Doctor of Divinity, official of the Archdeaconry of Leicester, lawfully constituted in the sum of two hundred pounds of good and lawful money of Great Britain to be paid unto the said official or to his certain Attorney, his executors, administrators or assigns to which payment will and truly to be made, we oblige ourselves and everyone of us by herself and himself the whole and everyone of our heirs executors and administrators firmly by these persons present sealed with our seals dated the eighteenth day of May in the second year of the reign of our sovereign Lord George the Third 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 sixty two.

The condition of this obligation is such that if the above bound Ann Asher, widow and administrator in all and singular the goods, chattels' and credits of Samuel Asher late of Griffydam aforesaid and black of site (blind) agrees to make or causes 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 of her the said Ann Asher or into the hands, possession of any persons for her and the same so made to exhibit or cause to be exhibited into the Registry of this Court at or before the last day of July 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 Ann Asher or possession of any other person or persons for her to well and truly administer according to law: and further make or cause to be made a true and just attempt of her said administration before the last day of April 1763 and all the rest and residue of the said goods, chattels and credits which shall be found remaining upon the said administrators attempt the same being first examined and allowed by the judge or judges for the time being of the said court shall deliver and pay unto such person or persons respectively as the said judge or judges by his or their decree or sentence pursuant to the true intent and meaning of a last act of Parliament made in the two and twentieth and three and twentieth years of the reign of our last sovereign Lord King Charles the Second instituted an act for the better settling of intestate 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 to exhibit the same into the said court making request to have it allowed and approved

accordingly if the said Ann Asher above bounden thereunto requires to render 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 virtue

Sealed and delivered
in the presence of us -
John Stockdale
Samuel Stockdale

Signatories:-
The mark of Ann Asher
James Mugglestone (own hand)
The mark of William Hayes

A COPY OF THE ORIGINAL DOCUMENTS FOLLOW



Know

all Men by these Presents that We Anne
Author of Grafton in the parish of Abaddon, in
the County of Lincoln Wives, James Maggostons
Junr in the County of Dorset, and our Mayors of
Grafton aforesaid Labourer
are fully and firmly bound unto Richard Gray Esq, Doctor
in Divinity Official of the Arch Bishopricke of
Lancaster full constituted in the sum of
Two hundred pounds

of good and lawfull Monety of Great Britain, to
be paid unto the said Official or to
his Assignes, Administrators or Assignes
To which Payment well and truly to be made We oblige ourselves
and wayans of us by his self and himself for
the whole our and every one of our Executors,
and Administrators firmly by these Presents Sealed with our Seals
Said the Eighth of the Day of May in the
second Year of the Reign of our Sovereign Lord
George the Third by the Grant of God of Great
Britain, France and Ireland King Defender of the Faith and
soforth, And in the Year of our Lord One Thousand Seven
hundred and Sixty Two.

The Condition

of this Obligation is such, That if the above named
Ann Author Wives and Administrators of all and singular the Goods, Chattels
and Credits of Samuel Author of Grafton aforesaid 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 Knowledge of her the said Ann Author
or into the Hands and Possession of any Person or Persons for her and
the same so made do exhibit or cause to be exhibited into the Registry of the Court
at or before the last Day of July
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 Ann Author
or into the Hands and Possession of any other Person or Persons for her do will and
truly administer according to Law. And further do make or cause to be made a true and
just Account of her said Administration at or before the last Day of
April 1768 and all the Rest and Residue of the said Goods, Chattels and Credits
which shall be found remaining upon the said Administrator's Account 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 Persons respectively as the said Judge or Judges
by his or their Verdict or 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, intituled an Act for the
better settling of Intestate 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 Ann Author
above bounden being therunto required do tender and deliver the said Letters of Admini-
stration (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 Vir

Sealed and delivered
in the Presence of us
John Stockdale
Samuel Stockdale.

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Ann Ashor
James Maggoston
his
Wm X Mayors
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The 18. day of May 1762. Ann Asher widow
(within: bound) doth Sworn Administratrix to
Samuel Asher her Husband Deceased.

Before me

Gen: Andrew
Gurogt:

THE LAST WILL AND TESTAMENT OF ANNE ASHER - DATED AUGUST 17th 1762

In the name of God Amen. I Anne Asher of Griffydam in the parish of Breedon and County of Leicester widow being weak in body but of sound memory blessed be to God do this seventeenth day of August in the year of our Lord one thousand seven hundred and sixty two : make and publish this my last will and testament in manner following that is to say first I give and bequesth to my sister Elizabeth Underwood of Shakerstone in the County of Leicester the sum of one shilling of lawful money of Great Brittain to be paid to her within twelve months after my decease also I give and bequeath unto my sister Mary Kendrick the sum of one shilling of lawfull money of Great Brittain to be paid to her within twelve months of my decease. I also give and bequeath to Elizabeth Beadman of Bostol (Birstall?) in the County of Leicester the sum of ten shillings of lawfull money of Great Brittain to paid to her within twelvemonths of my decease I also give and bequeath to Marey Richards widow of Thomas Richards late of Griffydam deceased the sum of one shilling of lawfull money of Great Brittain to be paid within twelve months of my decease I also give and bequesth all the rest and residue of my chattles cattle money and personal estate whatsoever unto my neice Mary Cluff daughter of George and Judyth Cluff late of London deceased on condition she pay all my debts and legacy and defray all my funeral expenses : and it is my humble request the right honourable Washington Earl Ferrers will be pleased in his great goodness to continue her tenancy and so make my said neice Mary Cluff full sole executrix of this my last Will and Testament hereby revoking all former Wills and Testaments by me at any time made : hereby ratifying and confirming this and no other to be my last Will and Testament : to which I have set my hand and seale the day and year above Written.

Signed Sealed Published Pronounced and Declared
by Anne Asher the testator to be her last Will and Testament
in the presence of us
William Frearson
Dorothy Frearson

The Mark **+** and seal of
Anne Asher

DECLARATION OF VALUE OF GOODS CHATTLES AND CREDITS BY MARY CLUFF

This 13th day of April 1769 Mary Cluff the within named sole executrix made oath that the Goods and Chattles and Credits of Anne Asher late of Griffydam in the County of Leicester widow and her late aunt deceased at the time of her oath was not worth twenty pounds and was sworn to the ?? execution hereof before me

P. Cowper - Surrogate

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In the Name of God Amen. I Anne After of Gribydam in the
 Parish of Becon and County of Leicester. Widow. being weak in Body but of Sound
 Memory Blessed be God. do this seventeenth day of August in the Year of our Lord One Thousand
 Seven hundred Sixty Two: make & publish this my last Will & Testament in manner following
 that is to say First I give & Bequeath to my Sister Elizabeth Underwood of Shakerstons in the
 County of Leicester the sum of One Shilling of Lawfull money of Great Brittain to be paid to her
 within Twelve months after my Decease: Also I give & Bequeath unto my Sister Mary Kenderish
 the sum of One Shilling of Lawfull money of Great Brittain to be paid to her within Twelve months
 after my Decease: I Also give & Bequeath to Elizabeth Beardman of Wostal in the County
 of Leicester the sum of Ten Shillings of Lawfull money of Great Brittain to be paid to her
 within Twelve months after my Decease: I Also give & Bequeath to Mary Richards
 wid. of Jo. Richards late of Gribydam Deceased. the sum of One Shilling of Lawfull money
 of Great Brittain to be paid to her within Twelve months after my Decease: I Also give
 and Bequeath all the rest & Residue of my Chattle. Cattle. Money & Personal Estate whatsoever
 unto my Niece Mary Cluff Daughter of George and Judith Cluff late of London Deceased.
 on Condition she pay all my Debts & Legacy: & Defray all my Funerall Expences: and it is
 my humble Request the Right Honourable Washington Carter Treasurer will be pleased
 in his great Goodness to Continue her Tenant: and I do make my said Niece
 Mary Cluff full Sole Executrix of this my last Will & Testament hereby Revoking
 all former Wills & Testaments by me at any time made: hereby Certifying & Confirming
 this & no Other to be my last Will & Testament: to which I have set to my hand & Seal
 the day Year above written

Signed Sealed published pronounced & Declared
 by Anne After the Testator to be her last
 Will & Testament in presence of us
 Wm Pearson
 Dorothy Pearson

the Mark and
 Seal of
 Anne After

The 17th day of August 1762
 The within named the said Anne After
 doth hereby certify that the said Charles of
 County of Leicester late of Gribydam in the County
 of Leicester before her late husband deceased at the time
 of her death was and hath been a free born
 man to the use of the said Anne After
 Charles Pearson

TRANSCRIPT OF THE LAST WILL AND TESTAMENT OF REBECCA SHARP - 1780

In the name of God Amen, I Rebecca Sharp of Griffydam in the Liberty of Worthington, in the Parish of Breedon, and in the County of Leicester, widow, being very weak of body, but of perfect mind and memory. Thanks be to God for it: calling unto mind the mortality of my body and knowing that it is anointed for all men once to die, do make and ordain this my last Will and Testament, that is to say principally and first of all, I give and recommend my soul into the hand of almighty God that gave it, and my body I recommend to the earth, to be buried in decent Christian burial, at the discretion of my executors. Nothing doubting that but at the general Resurrection, I shall receive the same again, by the almighty power of God. And as touching such worldly estate wherewith it has pleased God to bless me in this life, I give, devise, and dispose of the same in the following manner and form.

First I give and bequeath to my well beloved son, James Sharp, my whole bed and bolster, two blankets and a cover, a pair of course sheets and also two squab cushions, and a coffer (*a strongbox or small chest for holding valuables*) that is at my beds head, a round table and a square table without a drawer and a little bell metal (*an alloy of copper and tin for making bells, with a higher tin content than in bronze*) kettle.

I also give unto my well beloved daughter Frances Fletcher all my wearing apparel and all the linens except two pairs of sheets which I have and shall otherways dispose of and also the "Landon & Slut" grate, the fire shovel and tongues, and a little square table with a drawer in it.

I also give unto my well beloved daughter Rebecca Brewin, and to my beloved grandson Joseph Sharp, son of Thomas Sharp deceased, one shilling each and no more, they being other ways provided for.

I also give unto my beloved grandson Joseph Sharp, son of Thomas and Frances Fletcher the further bed and red bolster with three pillows and two blankets and a cover with the curtains, curtain and valances. With the head cloth and the papers over the bed and a book called the "Christians Pattern".

I also give to my beloved grandson Richard Fletcher, son of the aforesaid Thomas and Frances Fletcher, the little Pewter dish and pudding tin and the testament.

I also give to my beloved grand daughter Hannah Fletcher, daughter of Thomas and Frances Fletcher, my great Bible and a pair of Flaxon sheets, and all my chains and all the white wares and my box that I put my clothes in, and a copper pot and copper cover to the same.

And also I give to my well beloved son Richard Sharp whom I likewise constitute, make and ordain the sole executor of this my last Will and Testament and also all the rest of my goods and chattels by him to be possessed and enjoyed, and I do hereby utterly disallow, revoke and disannul all and every other testaments, Wills, Bequests and executors by me in any ways before named, Willed or Bequeathed. Ratifying and confirming this, and no other, to be my last will and testament.

In witness whereof I have here unto set my hand and seal this fifteenth day of July in the year of the Lord one thousand seven hundred and eighty.

Signed, sealed, published pronounced and declared, by the said Rebecca Sharp, as her last Will and Testament, in the presence of us, who in her presence, and in the presence of each other, have hereto subscribed our names.

John Smith

Joshua Kidger

Rebecca Sharp her mark.....X

P.S.

It is also the desire of the above Rebecca Sharp that the above James Sharp, her son, should have more over the above named goods, viz., The bedsteads that the wool beds lie on, an iron pot, a chair and candlestick.

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In The Name of God Amen. - I Rebecca Sharp of Griffy^m
 In the Liberty of Worthington in the Parrish of Dresden & In the County of Leicesters
 Widdow Being Very Weak of Body but of Perfect Mind & Memory. Thanks be to
 God for it: Calling unto mind the Mortality of my body, and Knowing that it is...
 Appointed for all men Once to Die. Do make and Ordain this my Last Will and...
 Testament, that is to say principally and first of all, I Give and Recommend my...
 Soul Into the Hand of allmighty God that Gave it, and my Body I Recommend to...
 The Earth, To be Buried in Decent Christian Burial, at the Discretion of my...
 Executors. Nothing Doubting but at the General Resurrection I Shall Receive the...
 Same Again, by the Mighty power of God. And as touching such Worldly Estate
 Wherewith it Has pleased God to Bless me In This Life, I Give, Devise, and...
 Dispose of The same in the following Manner and form:.....
 First, I Give & Bequeath to my well Beloved Son, James Sharp my...
 Good Bed & Bolster two Blankets & a Coverlid a Pair of Green Sheets as also...
 Two Squob Cushins & a Coffin that is at my beds Head a Round Table & a square
 Table Without a Drawer & a Little bellmottts Cettle, I also Give unto my
 Well Beloved Daughter Frances Fletcher all my warring apparisell and all...
 The Linins except two ypair of sheets which I Have and shall other ways...
 Dispose off & also the Landon & Nut great the firs Shools & Tongues a little...
 Squair Table With a Drawer in it, I also Give unto my well Beloved Daughter
 Hannah Eldrige the Tea Cettle & a silk & musling Blanketchiff & two Jarroy &
 Linnin Apporns & no more, I also Give unto my well Beloved Son William
 Sharps two Large Pater Dishes & the Brass Copper and no more, I also Give
 unto my Well beloved Daughter Rebecca Brownin, and to my Beloved Grand
 Son Joseph Sharp Son of Thomas Sharps Deviced one Shilling Each and no
 More, they being Other Ways Provided for, I also Give unto my Beloved
 Grand Son Joseph Fletcher Son of Tho: & Frances Fletcher, The fother bed and
 Bolster with three Pillows & two Blankits & a Coverlid with the Curtins ^{Red} Curtin
 And Valances with the Head Cloth and the ypaper over the bed & a book...
 Called the Crestions ypattern, I also Give to my beloved Grand Son Richard
 Fletcher Son of the afor said Tho: & Frances Fletcher.....

... The Little Peter Dish & yuding tin & the Testament, & I also Give to
My beloved Grand Daughter Hannah Fletcher Daughter of Tho: & Frances
Fletcher my Great Bible & a pair of Flaxon Sheets & all my Cheane & all
The White waier & my Box that I put my Coes in & a Capor spot and Capor.
Capor to the same, Also I Give unto my Well Beloved son Richard Sharp
Whom I likewise Constitute, Make, and Ordain the sole Excutrix of this
my Last will & Testament, all The Rest & Residue of my Goods & Chattels
By Him freely to be possessed & Enjoyed, and I Do Heareby Utterly Disallow,
Revoke & Disannull all & Every Other Former Testaments, Wills, Legacies, bequest
And Excutors by me in any ways before made, Willed or Bequathod,
Ratifying & Confirming this, and no Other, to be my Last will & Testament,
In Witnes whereof I Have Hereunto set my Hand & Seal This.....
Fifteenth Day of July, in the Year of our Lord one thousand seven Hun
dred and eighty, ————— Rebecca Sharp Her Mark.....

Signed, Sealed, published, pronounced &
Declared, by the said Rebecca Sharp, as Her
Last will and Testament, in the presence of us,
Who in Her presence, and in the presence of
Each Other, have Hereunto subscribed our names,

John Smith
Joshua Widgeor

P. S. It is also the Desire of the above Rebecca Sharp that the above
James Sharp Her son should have more Over the above named
Goods viz. the Bedstead that the wood Bed Lys on an Iron pot, a Chair
and a Land Stick

TRANSCRIPT OF THE OBLIGATION ADMINISTRATION DOCUMENT FOR THE ESTATE OF JOSHUA KIDGER OF GRIFFYDAM (SHOPKEEPER) WHO DIED INTESTATE IN 1789

For further related information please see the following publications on the author's website entitled:-

"The Kidger's and Richard's Families of Pegg's Green"(under sub section PEOPLE)

"A History of Griffydam Wesleyan Methodist and Wesleyan Reform Chapels"(under sub section RELIGION)

Know all men by these presents that we Mary Kidger of Griffydam in the Liberty of Worthington in the County and Archdeaconry of Leicester widow, James Hall of the same liberty, shopkeeper, and Samuel Gilbert of the Liberty aforesaid, shopkeeper, are held and firmly bound unto Edward Taylor Esquire, Bachelor of Law, official of the Archdeaconry of Leicester, lawfully constituted in the sum of two hundred and sixty pounds of good and lawful money of Great Britain to be paid unto the said official or to her certain Attorney, his executors, administrators or assigns to which payment will and truly to be made, we oblige ourselves and everyone of us by herself and himself the whole and everyone of our heirs executors and administrators firmly by these presents sealed with our seals dated this thirty first day of December in the thirtieth year of the reign of our sovereign Lord George the Third 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 eighty nine.

The condition of this obligation is such that if the above bound Mary Kidger, Relict administrator of all and singular the goods, chattels' and credits of the said deceased which have or shall cause to the hands possession or knowledge of help, the said Mary Kidger or into the hands possession of any person or persons for her and the same so made to exhibit or cause to be exhibited into the registry of the Archdeaconry Court of Leicester at or before the last day of March next ensuing and the same goods, chattels' and credits at the time of his death which at any time after shall come into the hand and possession of any other person or persons for her to well and truly administer according to law and further make or cause to be made a true and just attempt of her said administration at or before the last day of December 1790 and all the rest and residue of the said goods, chattels' and credits which shall be found remaining upon the said administrators, the same being first examined and allowed by the Judge or Judges for the time being of the said court shall deliver and pay unto the such person or persons respectively as the said Judge or Judges by his or their decree or 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 instituted an act for the better settling for intestate estates shall limit and appoint and if it shall later 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 Mary Kidger above bounden being thereunto required do render 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 virtue.

Sealed and delivered
in the presence of
Eliza Beer
Thomas Beer
Surrogates

Signed by
Mary Kidgar - Seal
James Hall - Seal
Samuel Gilbert- Seal
Signed in own handwriting
Mary Kidger spelt Kidgar

TRANSCRIPT OF THE GRANT OF ADMINISTRATION OF THE ESTATE OF JOSHUA KIDGER TO MARY KIDGER

December 31st 1789

Let administration be granted and committed under seal to the within bound Mary Kidger, widow and relict of the within named Joshua Kidger who died intestate upwards of fourteen days ago.

She being duly sworn as well to the faithful admission of all and singular the goods, chattels' and credits do not amount in value to the sum of three hundred pounds.

Before me
Thomas Beer
Surrogate.

THE FOLLOWING NOTES ARE TAKEN FROM A GENEALOGY WEBSITE RESEARCHING THIS JOSHUA KIDGER

Joshua was born about 1734 and baptised on the 21st July 1734 at Coleorton, Leicestershire, England, the son of William Kidger and Elizabeth Kidger.

On the 1st December 1770, a marriage bond of £200 was issued to Joshua Kidger, aged 35 years, bachelor, a coal miner of the parish of Whitwick and Henry Bonser, Victualler of the parish of Coleorton, with the intention that Joshua Kidger was to marry Mary Bonser, aged 21 years, spinster of Coleorton

On the 3rd December 1770, Joshua, of the parish of Whitwick in the County of Leicestershire, coal miner, married Mary Bonser, spinster of Coleorton, at Coleorton, Leicestershire, England

Joshua appears to have become a shopkeeper by 1789 when he died at Griffydam, Leicestershire, England. Administration of his estate was granted to his widow Mary on the 31st December 1789

CHILDREN OF JOSHUA AND MARY

1. Joshua Kiddiar b. at Whitwick, Leicestershire, England bapt. 2nd August 1772 at Coleorton, Leicestershire, England
2. Hannah Kiger bapt. 1774 at Worthington, Leicestershire, England
3. Hannah Kiger bapt. 1775 at Worthington, Leicestershire, England
4. James Kiger bapt. 1777 at Worthington, Leicestershire, England

5. Mary Kidger bapt. 1783 at Worthington, Leicestershire, England
6. Samuel Kidger bapt. 1787 at Worthington, Leicestershire, England
7. William Kidger bapt. 1789 at Worthington, Leicestershire, England

It is interesting to note that William Kidger fathered a child at the age of 55 in the year of his death 1789. As their first child was baptised at Worthington it is not unreasonable to assume that they had moved to Griffydam by this time.

RESEARCH NOTES

Joshua was the father of either Joshua Kiddiar aka Kidger (coal dealer & House agent) who married Alice Robinson and died 1861 at Lichfield, Staffordshire or Joshua Kiddiar aka Kidger (horse dealer) who married Mary March and died 1831 at Griffydam, Leicestershire.

**TRANSCRIPT OF THE OBLIGATION ADMINISTRATION
DOCUMENT FOR THE ESTATE OF JOHN HAYWOOD
OF GRIFFYDAM WHO DIED INTESTATE ON
AUGUST 22nd 1812**

For further information, please see the following publication on the author's website entitled:-

"A Social and Industrial History of Griffydam and Pegg's Green" (under sub section MULTI TOPIC BOOKS)

Know all men by these presents that we John Haywood of Griffydam in the liberty of Worthington and parish of Breedon and County of Leicester - coal carrier, William Haywood of the same place - coal carrier, and Richard Hutsby of Worthington liberty aforesaid - coal carrier are held and firmly bound unto Thomas Parkinson, Clerk, Doctor of Divinity, Archdeacon of the Archdeaconry of Leicester lawfully constituted in the sum of five hundred pounds of good and lawful money of Great Britain to be paid unto the said official or to her certain Attorney, his executors, administrators or assigns to which payment will and truly to be made, we oblige ourselves and everyone of us by herself and himself the whole and everyone of our heirs executors and administrators firmly by these presents sealed with our seals dated this fourth day of February in the fifty third year of the reign of our sovereign Lord George the Third 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 eight hundred and thirteen.

The condition of this obligation is such that if the above bound John Haywood the son, one of the next of kin and administrator of all and singular the goods, chattels' and credits of John Haywood late of Griffydam, aforesaid coal carrier do make or cause to be made a true and perfect inventory of all and singular goods, chattels and credits of the said deceased which have or shall come into the hands and possession of any person or persons for her and the same so made to exhibit or cause to be exhibited into the registry of the Archdeaconry Court of Leicester at or before the last day of May next ensuing and the same goods, chattels' and credits at the time of his death which at any time after shall come into the hand and possession of any other person or persons for him to well and truly administer according to law and further make or cause to be made a true and just attempt of his said administration at or before the last day of February 1814 and all the rest and residue of the said goods, chattels' and credits which shall be found remaining upon the said administrators, the same being first examined and allowed by the Judge or Judges for the time being of the said court shall deliver and pay unto the such person or persons respectively as the said Judge or Judges by his or their decree or 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 instituted an act for the better settling for intestate estates shall limit and appoint and if it shall later 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 John Haywood above bounden being thereunto required do render 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 virtue.

Sealed and delivered
in the presence of
William Harrison

Signed by
John Haywood - **Seal**
(Signed in own handwriting)
William X Haywood - **Seal**
Richard X Hutsby - **Seal**

TRANSCRIPT OF THE GRANT OF ADMINISTRATION FOR THE ESTATE OF JOHN HAYWOOD TO HIS WIFE MARY

February 4th 1813

Let administration be granted and committed under seal to the within bound John Haywood, the natural and lawful son and one of the next of kin of the within named John Haywood who died intestate on the 22nd August 1812. Mary Haywood, the relict of the deceased being superannuated and incapable of taking out letters of administration to the effects of the said deceased or renouncing the same.

He being duly sworn as well to the faithful admission of all and singular the goods, chattels' and credits as that the said goods, chattels as they were at his death without deducting any debts owing by the deceased therefore do not amount in value to the sum of three hundred pounds.

Before me
Thomas Beer
Surrogate.

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Know all Men by these Presents that We **John Haywood** of **Giffy Dam** in the Liberty of **Worthington** and parish of **Brederen** and County of **Leicester** Coal **Parson**, **William Haywood** of the same place Coal **Parson** and **Richard Hutsby** of **Worthington** Liberty a **foreaid Coal Parson** are hold and firmly bound unto **Thomas Parkinson** Clerk, Doctor in Divinity Archdeacon of the Archdeaconry of **Leicester** lawfully constituted in the sum of **Five hundred pound** in good and lawful Money of Great Britain to be paid unto the said Archdeacon or to his certain Attorney his Executors Administrators or Assigns To which Payment well and truly to be made We oblige ourselves and every of us by ourselves for the whole our and every of our Heirs Executors and Administrators firmly by these Presents Sealed with our Seals dated the **fourth** day of **February** in the **fifty third** Year of the Reign of our Sovereign Lord **George the Third** by the Grace of God of the United Kingdom of **Great Britain** and **Ireland** King Defender of the Faith &c And in the Year of our Lord **One Thousand Eight Hundred and thirteen** /

The Condition of this Obligation is such That if the above bound **John Haywood** the son, one of the next of kin and Administrator of all and singular the Goods Chattles and Credits of **John Haywood** late of **Giffy Dam** of **Coal Parson** deceased do make or cause to be made a true and perfect Inventory of all and singular the Goods Chattles and Credits of the said deceased which have or shall come to the Hands Possession or Knowledge of him the said **John Haywood** or into the Hands 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 Court of **Leicester** at or before the **last** day of **May** next ensuing and the same Goods Chattles and Credits and all other the Goods Chattles and Credits of the said deceased at the time of his death which at any time after shall come to the hands or Possession and Possession of any other Person or Persons for him do well and truly administer according to Law And further do make or cause to be made a true and just Account of his said Administration at or before the **last** day of **February** 1814 and all the Rest and Residue of the said Goods Chattles and Credits which shall be found remaining upon the said Administrators Account 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 Persons respectively as the said Judge or Judges by his or their Decree or 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** intituled an Act for the better settling of Intestates 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 **John Haywood** above bounden being thereunto required do render 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 Virtue

Sealed and delivered in the Presence of
W. Harrison, **John Haywood**
 The mark of **William Haywood**
 The mark of **Richard Hutsby**

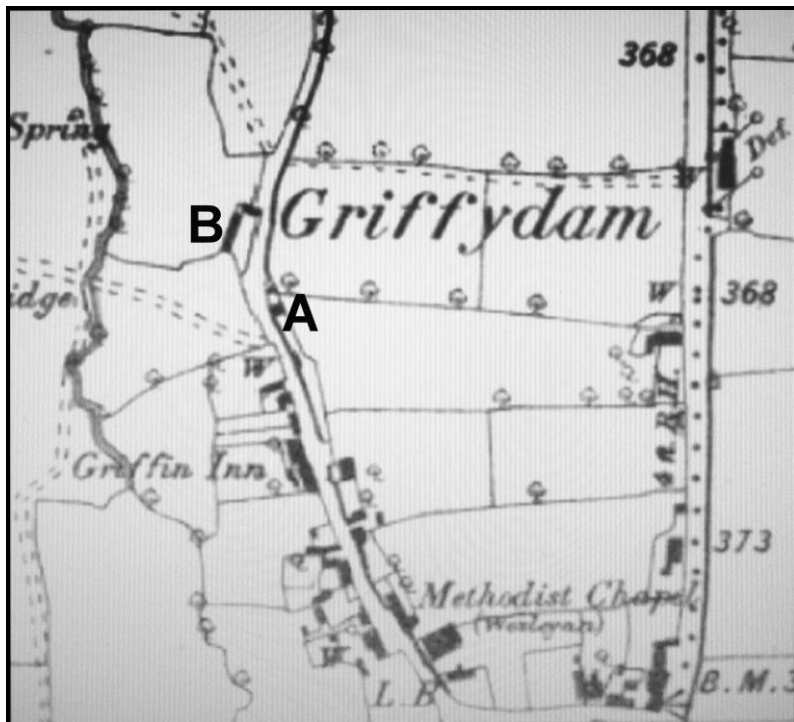


4th February 1813.

Let Administration be granted and committed under seal to the within board John Haywood the natural and lawful son and one of the next of kin of the within named John Haywood, who died Intestate, on the 22^d August 1812. Mary Haywood Widow, the relict of the deceased being incapacitated and incapable of taking out Letters of Administration to the Effects of the said deceased or of renouncing the same

He being duly sworn as well to the faithful Administration of all and singular the Goods Chattels and Credits of the said deceased, as that the said Goods Chattels as they were at his death, without deducting any debts owing by the deceased therefrom do not amount in value to the sum of three hundred pounds

Before me Tho Boer
Sergeant



Location of John Haywood's cottage on Elder Lane is marked B on the above 1850 O/S map



This photograph of John Haywood's former house was taken in 1996 prior to the property being demolished

This John Haywood who died intestate on 22nd August 1812 was a coal carrier / yeoman. His aforesaid son John was also given as a coal carrier. The location of John Haywood's house is shown on the preceding map. The house and out-buildings were demolished in 1996 and a new house built on the site. John Haywood married Mary Hodges on December 29th 1755 and they had six children. John Haywood died intestate on 22nd August 1812, and Mary died in 1818 aged 86. They were both buried at Breedon. At the time of the 1806 Enclosure Act, John Haywood acquired other enclosures and property in the village as shown below, indicating that they were a relatively affluent family at that time.

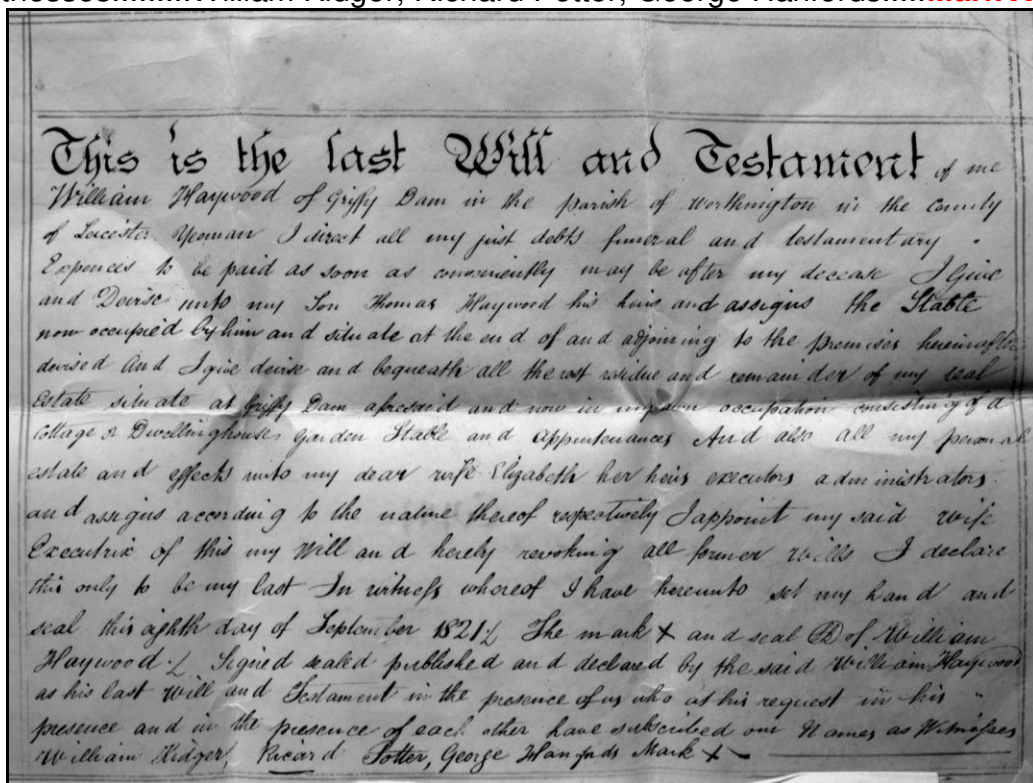
**From the 1806 inclosure schedule:-
To John Haywood –**

- An intake called Silvester House Close
- No.212 on Griffy Dam containing 2 roods 2 perch
- An intake called Swan's Meadow No.213 on Griffy Dam containing 1 acre 36 perch
- An intake called Dye House Close No.214 on Griffy Dam containing 1 acre 20 perch
- An intake called Crabtree Close No.211 on Griffy Dam containing 1 acre
- 3 acres 1 rood 20 perch No.110 on Breedon Brand (**not in Griffydam at that time**)

TRANSCRIPTION OF WILLIAM HAYWOOD'S WILL AND PROBATE 8TH OF SEPTEMBER 1821 & 5th AUGUST 1826

For further information, please see the following publication on the author's website entitled:- 27 Top road, Griffydam (subsection Houses & Gardens)

THIS IS THE LAST WILL AND TESTAMENT of one William Haywood of Griffy Dam in the parish of Worthington, in the County of Leicester, Yeoman. I direct all my just debts, funeral and testamentary expenses to be paid as soon as conveniently may be after my decease. I give and devise unto my son Thomas his heirs and assigns the stable now occupied by him and situate at the end of and adjoining to the premises hereinafter devised, and I give, devise, and bequeath all the cost of residue and remainder of my real estate situate at Griffy Dam aforesaid, and now in my own occupation, of a cottage or dwelling house, garden, stable and appurtenances', and also all my personal estate and effects unto my dear wife Elizabeth, her heirs, executors and administrators, and assigned according to the nature thereof respectively, I appoint my said wife Executrix of this my Will and hereby revoking all former Wills, I declare this only to be my last will in witness whereof I have hereunto set my hand and seal, this eighth day of September 1821. **The mark X and seal of William Haywood.** Signed, Sealed and Published and declared by the said William Haywood as his last Will and Testament in the presence of us who at his request in his presence and in the presence of each other have subscribed our names as witnesses.....William Kidger, Richard Potter, George Hanfords.....**Mark X**



This is the last Will and Testament of me William Haywood of Griffy Dam in the parish of Worthington in the County of Leicester Yeoman I direct all my just debts funeral and testamentary Expenses to be paid as soon as conveniently may be after my decease I give and Devise unto my Son Thomas Haywood his heirs and assigns the Stable now occupied by him and situate at the end of and adjoining to the premises hereinafter devised and I give devise and bequeath all the cost residue and remainder of my real Estate situate at Griffy Dam aforesaid and now in my own occupation consisting of a Cottage or Dwellinghouse Garden Stable and Appurtenances And also all my personal estate and effects unto my dear wife Elizabeth her heirs executors administrators and assigns according to the nature thereof respectively I appoint my said wife Executrix of this my Will and hereby revoking all former Wills I declare this only to be my last In witness whereof I have hereunto set my hand and seal this eighth day of September 1821 The mark X and seal of William Haywood Signed sealed published and declared by the said William Haywood as his last Will and Testament in the presence of us who at his request in his presence and in the presence of each other have subscribed our Names as Witnesses William Kidger Richard Potter George Hanfords Mark X

We Edward Thomas March Phillipps Clerk Master of Arts Office
of the Archdeaconry of Leicester lawfully constituted
Do by these presents make known unto all men that on the twenty fifth day of August
in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and twenty six before the Reverend George
Berkeley Marshall Clerk Master of Arts our Jurisprate lawfully appointed
The last will and Testament of William Haywood late of Guffy Dam within the
said Archdeaconry of our deceased (a copy whereof is hereunto annexed)
was proved approved and registered and Administration of all and singular the Goods Chattels and
Credits of the said deceased and any way concerning his said will was
granted to Elizabeth Haywood the sole Executrix
named in the said will being first sworn upon the holy Evangelists well and faithfully to administer
the same and to make a true and perfect Inventory of all and singular the said Goods Chattels and Credits
and to exhibit the same into the Registry of the said Archdeaconry
~~on or before the last day of~~ next ensuing and also to render a just and true
account thereof when thereunto lawfully required. Dated at Leicester in the
Seal of our Office the day and year above written
Sworn in the
Twenty Pounds &
John Stockdale Hardy
Clerk

COPY OF PROBATE ATTACHED TO WILL



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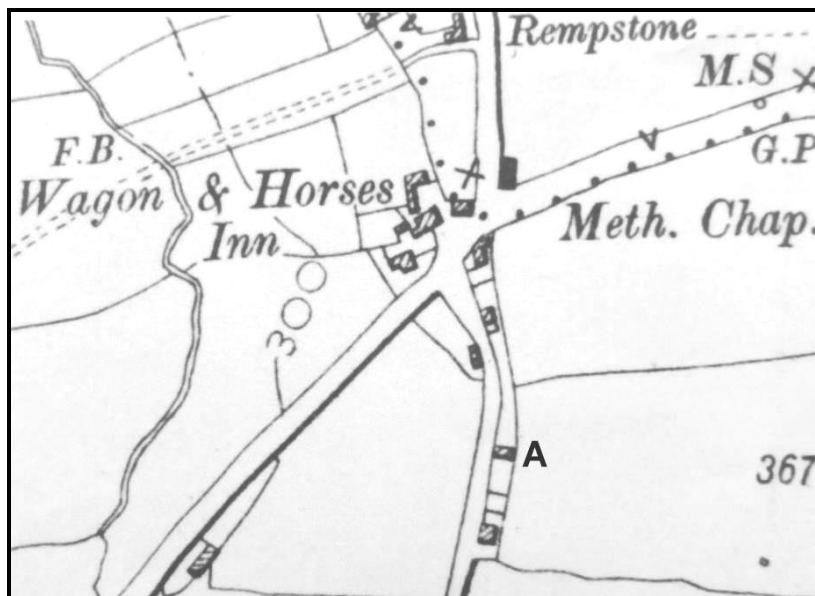
THE LAST WILL AND TESTAMENT OF ROBERT ARTLESS OF GRIFFYDAM - 1831

For further related information please see the following publication on the author's website entitled:-

"Research into the Trade of Woollen Cloth Weaving in Griffydam" (under sub section OTHER INDUSTRIES)

An indenture for a cottage on Elder Lane, Griffydam, dated 1830, refers to the sale of the 'piece, plot, parcel of land with messuage or tenement buildings' by Joseph, William and Thomas Kidger to **Robert Artless**.

In Robert Artless's Will, he is referred to as a Woolcomber and also in an 1831 indenture as a 'Jersey Woolcomber'. Presumably, Jersey refers to the now extinct breed of Jersey Sheep which were probably being used in the locality to provide a good grade of wool at the time. Leicestershire sheep provided a good supply of long stapled wool which was ideally suitable for worsted spinning and knitting as preferred by the framework knitters. The woven woollen cloth weavers did not demand or need such high quality wool.



Location of Robert Artless's cottage on Elder Lane marked A on the 1903 O/S map. The footprint of the original cottage still exists today but it is much extended now.

TRANSCRIPTION OF WILL

This is the last Will and Testament of me Robert Artless of Griffydam in the parish of Breedon on the Hill in the county of Leicester **Woolcomber** I give desire and bequeath all my real and personal estate whatsoever and wheresoever to my Son in Laws Richard Dolman and Joseph Wardle in trust to permit and suffer my wife Mary to receive and take during her life (or so long as she may remain a widow) for her own use all the rents and profits of my said real estate and to have and enjoy the use

of my personal property and after the decease or second marriage of my said wife in trust to pay in trust to pay and discharge all my just debts and particularly those hereafter mentioned that is to say a debt of twelve pounds due to Joseph Kidger, a debt of ten pounds due to my daughter Sarah if she shall be then living or being dead shall have left any child or children, and a debt of three pounds due to my daughter Elizabeth if she shall be then living or being dead shall have left any child or children - and my will further is that the said Richard Dolman and Joseph Wardle shall as soon or conveniently may be after the decease or second marriage of my wife sell dispose of and convert into money all my real and personal estate and after payment of my just debts funeral expenses and the expenses attending the proving and executing of this my will pay and apply the residue of the money to arise from such sale of my said personal and real estate in equal parts shares and proportions amongst my seven children hereinafter mentioned or amongst such of them as may be then living - the child or children of such of them as may be then dead taking the share that would have been payable to his her or their parent if then living - ? my daughter Mary Dolman, Elizabeth Dolman, Sarah Wardle and Ellenor Harper - my sons Robert, Thomas and George. - I hereby appoint my said Son in Laws Richard Dolman and Joseph Wardle executors of this will and hereby revoking all former wills by me made I declare this to be my last. In witness whereof I have hereunto set my hand and seal this fourteenth day of July in the year of our lord one thousand eight hundred and thirty one.

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This is the last will and Testament of me Robert
Artless of Griffydaw in the parish of Breedon on the
Will in the County of Leicester Woolcomber. I give devise
and bequeath all my real and personal Estate whatsoever
and wheresoever to my Sons in Law Richard Dolman
and Joseph Wardle In Trust to permit and suffer my
wife Mary to receive and take during her life (or so
long as she may remain a Widow) for her own use
all the rents and profits of my said real Estate and to
have and enjoy the use of my personal property - and
after the decease or second marriage of my said wife
In Trust to pay and discharge all my just debts and
particularly those hereafter mentioned that is to say a
debt of Twelve pounds due to Joseph Kidger, a debt of
Ten pounds due to my Daughter Sarah if she shall be
then living or being dead shall have left any child or
children and a debt of Three pounds due to my Daughter
Elizabeth if she shall be then living or being dead shall
have left any child or children - And my will further
is that the said Richard Dolman and Joseph Wardle
shall as soon as conveniently may be after the decease
or second marriage
of my said wife sell dispose of and convert into
money all my real and personal Estate ^{after} payment of
all my just debts funeral expenses and the expenses
attending the proving and executing of this my will
pay and apply the residue of the money to arise
from such sale of my said personal and real Estate
in equal parts shares and proportions amongst my
seven children hereinafter mentioned or amongst such
of them as may be then living - the child or children

Robert Atteys

Signed sealed published and declared by the said Robert Atteys as and for his last will and Testament in the presence of us who in his presence at his request and in the presence of each other have hereunto subscribed our names as Witnesses hereto.

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John Nicklinson

William Johnson

16 June 1836

Benjamin Smallwood

Sole Executor hereunto Richard Debrau of the Parish of St. Andrew in the County of Sussex Sabourne and Chapel Ward of the same in the Parish of St. Andrew in the same County Sabourne the said Executors named in the will of the deceased

They having been first duly sworn as well to the faithful execution of the will as that the Testator's goods chattels and credits without deducting any debts due and owing by them therefrom do not amount in value to the

Sum of Five Pounds and that the deceased died *Before me*
in the Month of December 1836
Signed by them
Richard Davies
Sole Executor to the Will of the deceased

THE WILL OF JOHN KENDRICK OF GRIFFYDAM AND COLEORTON 1828 - 1900

For further related information please see the following publication on the author's website entitled:-

"John Kendrick, A Respected and Local Businessman and his Family" (under sub section PEOPLE)

DEATH ON OR AFTER 1st JANUARY, 1898. *456*

BE IT KNOWN that *John Kendrick of Griffydam*
in the County of *Leicester* Grocer formerly of
Coleorton in the said County of *Leicester*, Grocer
and Provision Dealer and Postmaster
died on the *25th* day of *July* 1900
at *Griffydam* aforesaid
and at the time of *his* death had a fixed place of abode
at *Griffydam* aforesaid within the District
of the Counties of *Leicester and Rutland*

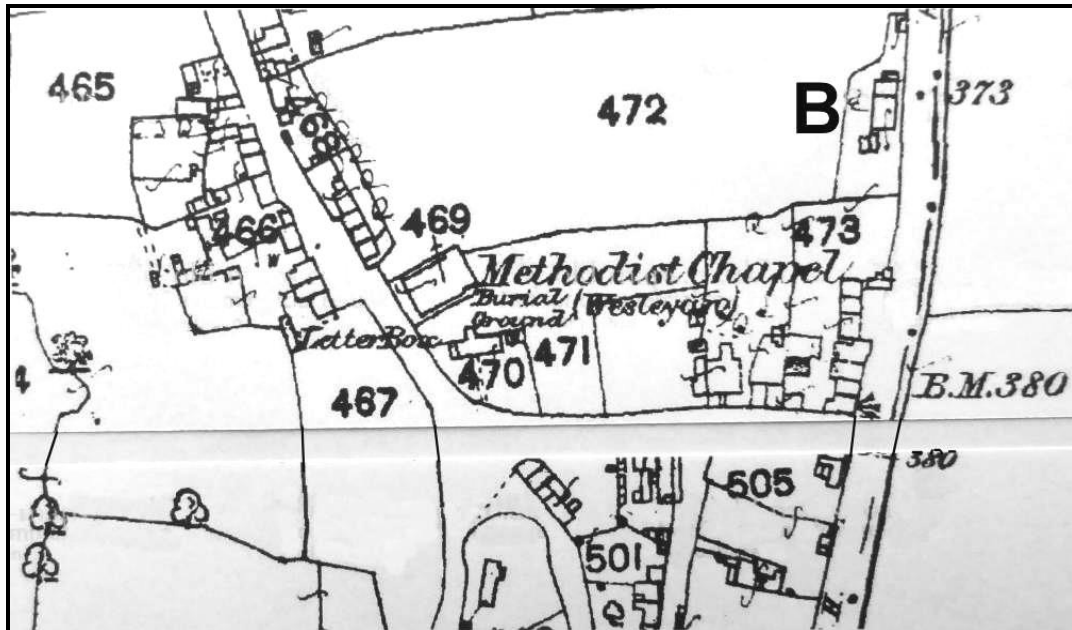
AND BE IT FURTHER KNOWN that at the date hereunder written
the last will and Testament
of the said deceased was proved and registered in the District Probate Registry
of Her Majesty's High Court of Justice at *Leicester*
and that administration of all the estate which by law devolves to and vests
in the personal representative of the said deceased was granted by the aforesaid
Court to *Geary Kendrick of Market Bosworth* in
the said County of *Leicester* Baker and *Ernest*
William Kendrick of Coleorton aforesaid Grocer,
the sons of the said deceased, the Executors
named in the said *Will*.

Dated the *17th* day of *November* 1900.

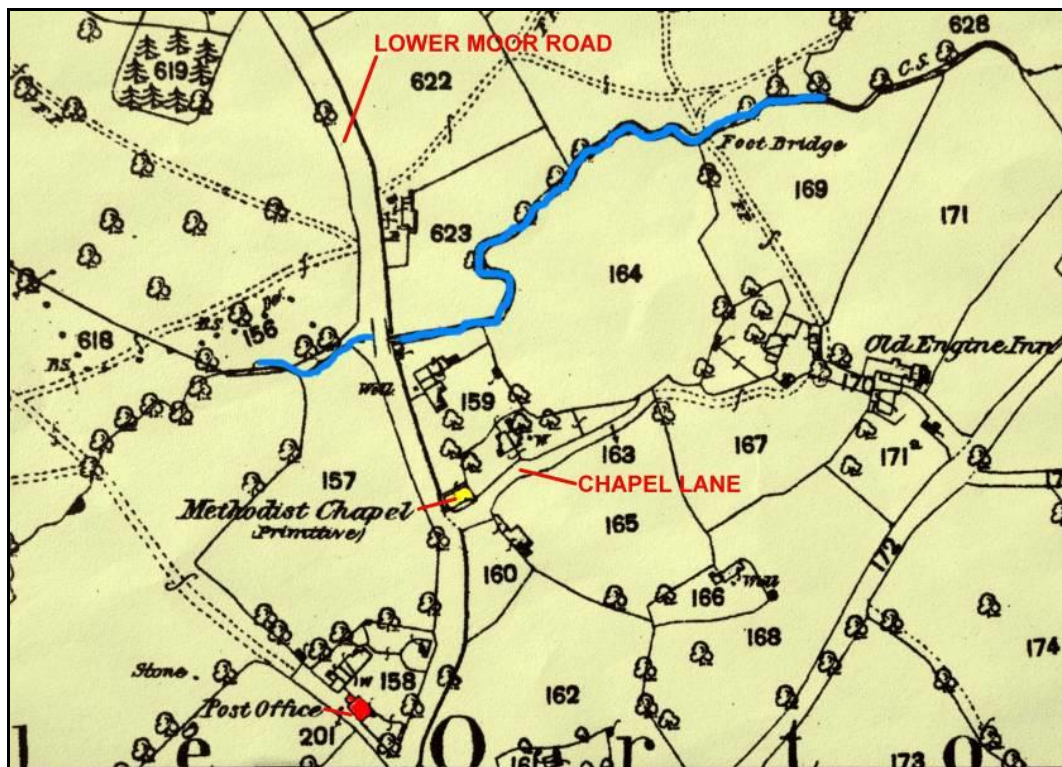
Gross value of Estate ... £540: 9: 0.
Net value of Personal Estate £121: 7: 2.

Extracted by *Fisher, Jenson & Wilkins, Solicitors,*
Ashby-de-la-Zouch.
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An extract from the 1881/1882 surveyed / 1885 published O/S map which shows a 7 perch plot of land with a property on it marked B. This is the shop / house that John Kendrick and his family lived in at one time.



An extract from the 1885 published O/S map The Post Office which John Kendrick ran in Coleorton is coloured red in the bottom LH corner