

A Transcription of the Last Will and Testament of

John Elkington

Dated 24th November 1693

Prepared by members of Deddington and District History Society

Elkington John of Dadington

In the name of God Amen the twenty fourth day of November in the year of God 1693 and in the fifth year of the reign of our Sovereign Lord and Lady William and Mary by grace of God of England and Ireland King and Queen Defender of the faith I John Elkington of Dadington in the county of Oxfordshire, (cordwainer?) being weak of body but of perfect memory thanks be to God for the same do make this my last will and testament in manner and form following that is to say I first bequeath my soul and spirit into the hands of Almighty God my heavenly father by whom of his mercy and only grace I trust to be saved and received into eternal rest through the death of my saviour and redeemer Jesus Christ in whose (precious?) blood I set the whole and only hope of my salvation my body I commit to the earth to be buried at the discretion of my executors hereafter named and as for and concerning such worldly estate wherewith it hath pleased God to bless me I dispose of hereafter followeth And first I give and bequeath unto my brother William Elkington the sum of two shillings and six pence Item I give to my sister (Elizabeth ?) Lyne the sum of one pound Item I give Elizabeth Wing the wife of Joseph Wing the sum of two pounds Item I give to Rebecca Maynard the wife of Edward Maynard the sum of ten pounds Item I give to my (godson? Cousin?) Robert Mathews the sum of ten pounds Item I give to Mary Elkington the daughter of William Elkington the sum of twenty pounds Item I give to Rebecca daughter of William Elkington the sum of ten shillings Item I give to Richard King The sum of five pounds if he (becomes?) fitting if not then to his wife and children that are now alive Item I give unto my kinswoman Rebecca Elkington the sum of ten pounds Item I give unto my brother Thomas (Sturch?) the sum of one pound Item I give unto my cousin Richard White the sum of two shillings and six pence Item I give unto my cousin Nicholas White the sum of two shillings and six pence Item I give unto my cousin Mary Wilkins the sum of two shillings and six pence Item I give unto (B-----?) Churchill the sum of two pounds Item I give unto my man Henry (Capell?) the sum of two shillings and six pence Item I give unto my cousin George Elkington the son of George Elkington the sum of ten pounds of lawful money of England to be paid unto him when he shall come to the age of twenty one years so at the mean time my will is that the ten pounds shall be paid unto my overseers of this my will to improve the same for him at their discretion All the rest of my goods, leased lands and chattels and personal estate I give and bequeath unto my (-----) wife Grace whom I make full and sole executrix of this my last will and testament revoking all former wills by me at any time hereto before

made And I do (therefore?) declare my loving friends Zach Stilgoe Simon Rymell and John Kempster to be overseers of this my alst will and testament and to be aiding and assisting thereof according to my true intent and meaning And I give to each of them twenty shillings apiece In witness whereof I have set m y hand and seal the day and year above written

John Elkington signed sealed and published in the presence of us Zach Stilgoe Simon Rymell Henry (Caswell?) Jo Kempster.

