A Transcription of the Last Will and Testament of

Henry Bignell

Dated February 2 nd 1690

(Translated into modern spelling, and keeping the spelling of names consistent, not always the case with the original).

THE WILL OF HENRY BIGNELL OF DADINGTON. MALSTER

Second of February 1690

In the name of God Amen. I Henry Bignell of Dadinton in the county of Oxon, Malster, being in perfect mind and memory praised be to God therefore do make and ordain this my last Will and Testament in manner and form following (that is to say) First and Principally I commend my soul into the hands of Almighty God my Creator hoping through the merits death and passion of Jesus Christ my Redeemer to have full and free pardon and forgiveness of all my sins and my body I bequeath to the earth to be decently buried at the discretion of my Executrix herein after named and as for my temporal and personal estate I give and bequeath the same as followeth .. Imprimis I give and bequeath unto my loving wife Joan all my own half yard land of arable meadow and pasture ground lying and being in the fields and precincts of Hempton in the parish of Dadington aforesaid with the appurtences for ever for her to sell assign and dispose of the same at any time after my decease or to give the same away to any person or persons whatsoever by her Last Will and Testament. Item more I give unto my wife all my own half yard land of arable meadow and pasture ground situate lying and being within the ..liberties and precints of Dadington aforesaid with the appurtences thereunto belonging and all my now dwelling house and homestall and malthouse barns stables orchards gardens yards and backsides with the appurtances thereunto belonging and two cows commons being commonable in all commonable places in the precints of Dadington aforesaid and two yards of meadow ground lying and being in Clifton Great meadow in the parish of Dadington aforesaid one yard lying on Upper Honey and the other yard on Lower Honey for ever and her

my wife to sell for ever to any person or persons whatsoever also or to dispose of all or any of the same aforesaid at any time or times after my decease or give the same away or any part thereof to any person or persons whatsoever by her Last Will and Testament giving out of all my lands and houses aforesaid unto my daughter Ann the sum of one hundred pounds of good and lawful money of England When she shall come unto the full age of one and twenty years But if it should happen That my said daughter Ann should marry with any person without my said wife's consent then my will is and desire is that my daughter Ann shall have but the sum of one shilling out of all my lands and houses aforesaid when she shall come to the full age of one and twenty years as aforesaid all the rest of my Goods and Chattles whatsoever I give and bequeath unto my loving wife Joan whom I make whole and sole executrix of this my Last Will and Testament. She paying all my debts and legacies and discharge my funeral expenses. In witness whereof I have hereunto set my hand and seal the second day of February in the tenth year of the reign of our Sovereign Lord William the Third of England Scotland France and Ireland King Defender of the Faith in Anno Domini 1690.

Henry Bignell his mark.

Signed sealed and published and declared in the presence of John Busby Mary French Jo Kempster

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