

A Transcription of the Last Will and Testament of

Henry Bignell

Dated February 2nd 1690

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(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 appurtenances 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 appurtenances thereunto belonging and all my now dwelling house and homestall and malthouse barns stables orchards gardens yards and backsides with the appurtenances 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

one half yard land & part of y^e messuage or tenement
 unto my son Richard & his heirs shall be void & I give
 and devise y^e same unto all my sons & daughters (except
 Elizabeth) & to their heirs & assigns to be equally divided
 amongst them. All the rest and residue of my goods (chattels
 Cattle & personall estate unbequeathed) I give & bequeath unto
 my son Richard Morrey y^e better to enable him to pay my
 debts & legacies and I do make ordain & appoint my son
 Richard Morrey sole Executor of this my last Will & Testament
 and I do hereby revoke all former Wills by me at any time
 heretofore made in writing whereof he is this my last Will and
 Testament. I have set my hand & seal y^e day & year first above
 written. (Alexander Morrey his marke) Signed sealed published
 & declared by y^e Testator in y^e presence of us and our names
 subscribed at witnesses in y^e sight and presence of y^e Testator
 William Haions John [unclear] Will Councellor.

Probatum est coram Venti Viris Tho. Hy. Coffe
 & ceteris in Curia Vicaria de iurisdictione Ricardi Morrey
 filij & legitimi ac Curie Conuicta fuit et est Henrico Oxon. ac
 ad hoc dei iuramentum in forma iuris iurat ac salvo ac

Geo Cooper Reg^{is} deput

Signet Hen. de Vadinton

In the Name of God Amen. I Henry Bignell of Vadinton
 in y^e County of Oxon Master being in perfect mind & memory
 praised be God therefore do make & ordain this my last Will
 & Testament in maner & forme following (y^t is to say) first
 & Principally I comend my soul unto y^e hands of Almighty
 God my Creator hoping through y^e merits death & passion of
 Jesus Christ my Redeemer to receive have full & free pardon
 & forgiveness of all my sins and my body I bequeath to the
 earth to be decently buried at y^e discretion of my Executrix
 herein after named & as for my temporall & personall estate I
 give and bequeath y^e same as followeth & I give and
 bequeath unto my loving wife Jone all my own half yard &

land of arable meadow & pasture ground lying and
being in y^e fields & precincts of Kempton in y^e parish
of Dadington aforesaid with y^e appurtenances for ever for her
to sell assigne & dispose of y^e same at any time after
my decease or to give y^e same away to any person or
persons whatsoever by her last Will & Testament Item
more I give unto my^d wife all y^e my own half yard
land of arable meadow & pasture ground situate lying
& being within y^e liberties & precincts of Dadington
aforesaid with y^e appurtenances thereunto belonging & all
my now dwelling house & barn & mault house barnes
stables orchards gardens yards & back sides with the
appurtenances thereunto belonging & two cowes portions
being comonable in all comonable places in y^e parishes
of Dadington aforesaid & two parts of meadow ground lying
& being in Clifton Great meadow in y^e parish of Dadington
aforesaid one yard lying in the upper Roney & y^e other yard
one lower Roney for ever & her my^d wife to sell for ever
to any person or persons whatsoever all or to dispose of
all or any of y^e same aforesaid at any time or times after
my decease or give y^e same away or any part thereof to
any person or persons whatsoever by her last Will and
Testament giving out of all my^d lands & houses aforesaid unto
my daughter Ann y^e summe of one hundred pounds of good
& lawfull money of England when she shall come unto y^e
full age of one & twenty years But if it should happen
y^e my^d daughter Ann should marry with any person
without my^d wife's consent then my will is & desire is
y^e my^d daughter Ann shall have but y^e summe of one
shilling out of all my^d lands & houses aforesaid when she
shall come unto y^e full age of one & twenty years as aforesaid
all the rest of my goods & chattles whatsoever I give and
bequeath unto my loving wife Jane whom I make whole
& sole executrix of this my last Will & Testament she
paying all my debts & legacies & discharge my funeral
expences for which wherewith I have hereunto set my

