

Will of Henry Gadfield (1707 – 1747)
Witney, Oxfordshire

In the Name of God Amen I Henry Gadfield of Witney in the county of oxford carpenter being weak in Body but of sound and perfect mind and understanding thanks be to God for it do make and ordain this my Last Will and Testament in manner and form Following. Imprimus my soul to God I give my Body to the Earth from whence it was taken to be Decently Interr'd at the discretion of my Executor hereafter named and as to my worldly Goods and effects both Real and personal I give and bequeath as Following first I will that all my just debts be paid my Funeral Expenses discharged Also I give and bequeath to my Loving Wife Hannah Gadfield all that my house at Witney aforesaid wherein I now dwell called by the name of the blue Bore together with all my back sides Garden Stables and all other the appurtenances thereunto belonging during the Time of her natural Life and after her death to my sone Henry and his heirs for ever desiring and ordering my said Wife for the same that shee do Educate Clothe and keep in a seemly manner and also apprentice him to my Trade if he thinks it proper and after his apprenticeship do give him all my working Tools what soever at his ariving to the age of Twenty one years being then able to take care of himself Nevertheless my will is that in case my said son Henry should die before my said wife the I give all thas my said house to my Loving Wife and her heirs forever All the Rest of my goods and chattles and estates both Real and personal I give to my loving Wife whom I make whole Executor of this my Last Will and Testament Revoking all other wills by me heretofore made In Witness whereof I have set my hand and seal this nineteenth day of July one Thousand seven hundred forty and four and in the seventeenth year of the Reign of our Soverigne Lord George the Second.

Signed Sealed and declared as the
Las will and testement of the afores'd
Henry Gadfield in the presence of

Henry Gadfield

Charles Fisher
Sam^u. Spier
Nath: Eeles Tho: Webb

Proved at Oxford Oct 12 1748 Before the Revd Edward Towersey Clerk M.A. Surrogate of the Revd. Daniel Burton DD. Vicar General and official principal of the Right Revd Thomas Lord Bishop of Oxford lawfully constituted by the Oath of Hannah Gadfield sole Executrix named therein To whom first duly sworn. Administration [cr?] was granted saving [cr] Pursuant Hubert Beaver Reg. Dep.