

THE SNOWSHILL GODDARDS

The evidence for the Snowshill origin of the Eckington Goddards is based largely on wills, the earliest being that of William Goddard of Snowshill made in 1635 and proved in 1643. In it he names his wife, Margaret, two daughters, both married, one Elizabeth Lowbie and the other, unnamed but possibly deceased, who was married to a William Workman (by whom she had three children) and three sons, William (the eldest) Robert (the second) and Richard (the youngest). William junior has a daughter Mary and Robert a daughter Valentine. All these including the Workman children received legacies, and five shillings went to the poor of Snowshill. The executors were his wife Margaret and Richard who was the main legatee, getting the "tenement, appurtenances and land thereunto belonging" after Margaret's decease. When the will came to probate after William's death in Nov 1643 Margaret was already dead but the will was not altered and remained as written on 15 Dec 1635. Three witnesses signed to say that they had been present at the making of the will and on the reverse of the document William's brother John "of the city of Worcester" made a statement validating it signed on 30 Nov 1643.

The parish records for Snowshill are extremely patchy for this period¹ but there are two female baptisms (Alice Sep 1574 and Margaret 15 Dec 1579) to a Robert Goddard who is probably the Robert buried in 1583: there is also the baptism of Mary Goddard in Oct 1596 to William Goddard who must be the William of the will, in which case she would be the future wife of Wm. Workman (their first child was also Mary). Very few Bishops transcripts survive and they contain no further information, though those around 1620 are in the same inimitable hand as William's will.

The only other reference is a marriage on 25 Dec 1686 of an Ann Goddard of Gt Washbourne to Edward Drinkwater of Alderton which does not seem relevant to the matter in hand.

The two older sons of William, William junior and Robert, next appear in the parish of Overbury in Worcestershire on the southern slope of Bredon Hill and both were married there, William junior to Joyce Pulley on 13 Jun 1622 and Robert to Alice Little on 14 Feb 1633. William junior's first (and apparently only) child Mary was bapt. in 1633 and Robert's first, Valentine, on 14 Feb 1634, hence the only appearance of this name in the family record so far. As these two daughters are named in the 1635 will there can be no doubt as to the identity of this William and Robert. Mary eventually married a Giles Malin (or Mealing) and produced children in Overbury from 1655 on and they were mentioned in William junior's will when he eventually died in the parish in 1677. Robert does not appear in Overbury after 1638 when his third child, another Robert, was baptized, nor has his subsequent whereabouts been found.

The third son of William senior of Snowshill, Richard, does not seem to have married or had children, but his will exists dated 1673 and he left land and property in the parish of Eckington and the adjoining parish of Defford² to William junior, Robert and their offspring, with Richard's freehold property in both parishes going to John, one of Robert's sons and his leasehold property providing income for William, his daughter Mary Mealings and her son. This will seems to provide the basis for the numerous and apparently successful Goddard family in Eckington which was still in situ in the late nineteenth century and who make occasional appearances in

¹ The parish register has disappeared but a printed transcript made by the Soc. of Genealogists survives, though it is not possible to know how good the original was

² The will of Robert Godard (bur. in Eckington 1810) disposes of what is probably the Defford freehold.

neighbouring parishes where they can be confused with the Stanway Goddards to whom they may be distantly related.

The Eckington parish register does not survive before 1678 and the B. Ts are unsatisfactory for the relevant period and the first recorded Goddard events in the 1690s probably involve Robert's grandchildren who may well not have been born in the parish³. Another reference attests to the presence of Richard in Eckington in the 1650s; this is a deposition made to the Quarter Sessions⁴ in 1659 in which he is accused of growing "400 rods" of tobacco in "Eckington field" thus infringing the monopoly granted to the American colonies. How seriously this was taken may be judged by the fact that he was supposed to be fined the then enormous sum of four hundred pounds. His accuser one William Harrison, claimed that he was entitled under the law to receive half of this sum!⁵ If Richard ever payed up it did not impoverish him judging by his will. He also appears in the Hearth Tax record for 1662⁶.

Richard is described as a Freemason in the above document and also in his will; his elder brother William who died in 1677 at Overbury seems also to have been a Mason as he left his axe and hammer to a man who was not a family member, as Richard had to his apprentice. Most of William's other bequests were to his daughter Mary and her children, but he did not enjoy anything like the same degree of affluence as Richard. His wife was made executrix but not named; she died in 1674 and it seems unlikely that he married again; the only date on the will is 17 Jan 1677 which on the dating system then in use would be after his death (he was buried 20 Dec 1677) and so must be the date of probate. No will has been found for Robert, nor is it known where he went after his last appearance in the register at Overbury. He may have been in Worcester where his uncle John was living in 1643, though as this brings us to the period of the civil war and the Commonwealth when records often lapsed, it may be difficult to find out.

At this point it becomes necessary to address the questions raised by the 1608 muster rolls for Gloucestershire. This military survey has been preserved complete except for the city of Gloucester and its liberties; it was subsequently published in book form with index and contains "The Names and Surnames of all the Able and Sufficient men in Body fit for His Majestys Service in the Wars within the County of Gloucestershire". The age limits were sixteen and sixty, broken down into three categories; (1) "about twenty", (2) "about forty" and (3) "between fifty and threescore": there are 19,402 names listed, including four Goddards and two of these are in Snowhill, William and Robert. William and Robert are both in category (1) though this might mean anything between sixteen and thirty something and they are both described as "mason"; William also has (Tr) against his name indicating that he was a trained soldier. It seems obvious at first sight that we are looking at William junior and Robert with younger brother Richard under age and not listed and William senior either unfit or over age. This however raises problems; William would then have to be at least about twenty to have become a trained soldier, with

³ The name Robert recurs in nearly every generation in Eckington but never in the Stanway Goddards so far as is known

⁴ Wor C.R.O.Q. Session Index 96/21

⁵ As Harrison accused six other men of the same offence at the same time he stood to make a pretty penny out of his informing business in which his wife was also involved

⁶ Wor C.R.O. 900:4001

Robert not much younger, making William around ninety when he died and Robert also very old. Both were certainly alive and active when Richard made his will in 1667. The alternative would be for William senior to be the one on the Muster Rolls and stretch the "about twenty" of 1608 to the maximum, say 33, which would mean a date of birth c1575 giving him just about time to father Mary in 1596, followed by William and Robert by say, 1601, then Elizabeth and Richard by around 1605. This would give them all time to do what they had done by 1635 when William senior's will was made, but it is a bit tight and it requires William senior to be a mason and to have a brother called Robert, also a mason; not impossible but there is no evidence to support the last two assumptions. On the accompanying family tree alternative dates of birth are given to allow for both possibilities.

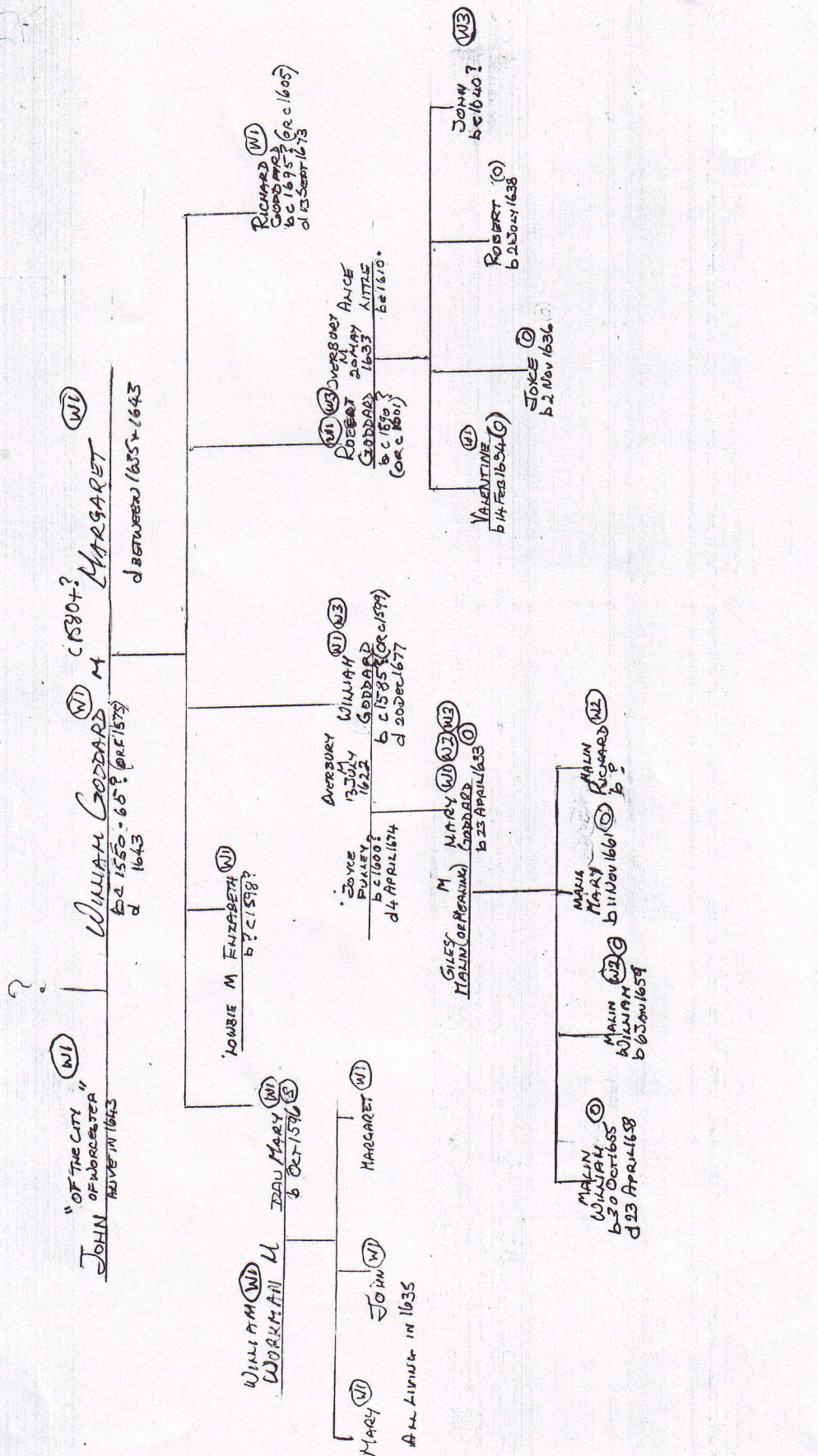
The Snowhill Goddards look like members of the yeoman class. A tithe rent book⁷ names William Goddard as paying rent for "my close" (ie the incumbent's) and some rights in the meadow. The book covers about ten years from 1624 and William appears in it from 1627 to 1631. In the first entry he is called "Goddard of Littleworth" which confirms a link with the well established Goddard family of the neighbouring parish of Buckland, where another William Goddard made a will in 1616 Naming his "Godson Goddard of Littleworth"⁸

The connection between these Goddards and those of Eckington seems certain enough but lacks some vital links, notably a baptism for Francis the progenitor of the latter. There is a possibility of a continuing connection in Worcester where a Robert and a John baptize children with the right sort of names in various city parishes in the 1670s and 80s. This connection would presumably go back to John Goddard "of the city of Worcester" of the 1635 will of William and there are hints of it later with the Eckington Godards some of whom marry there.

⁷ Glo C.R.O. P307 in 3/1

⁸ Littleworth was a hamlet of Snowhill now marked by Littleworth Wood, which is in the care of the National Trust at present.

THE SNOWSHILL/OVERBURY GODDARDS



ALTERNATIVE AGES ARE GIVEN FOR THE SNOWSHILL BAPTISM TO
 ALLOW EITHER WILLIAM SENIOR OR JUNIOR TO BE CAST IN THE
 ROLE OF THE ONE ON THE 1608 MUSTER ROLLS. SEE THE
 TEXT FOR DISCUSSION ON THIS. THOUGH SOME DATES ARE
 UNCERTAIN THE RELATIONSHIPS SHOWN ARE CERTAIN

SOURCES FOR INFORMATION ON INDIVIDUALS
 (W1) Will of Wm Goddard made 1635 PROB. 1643
 (W2) " " Wm Goddard made 1677 PROB. 1677
 (W3) " " Richard Goddard made 1673

(W) OVERBURY PR
 (S) SNOWSHILL PR
 b = BAPTISM
 d = BURIAL
 M = MARRIAGE

GODDARDS IN THE 1608 MUSTER ROLLS
FOR GLOUCESTERSHIRE

Compiled by John Smyth of North Nibley who appears on the roll for that parish. Preserved at Berkeley Castle and Published in 1902 as "Men and Armour in Gloucestershire 1608". Reprinted with index in 1980 by Alan Sutton, Gloucester, in a limited edition of 400. Copy on open shelves at Glos. CRO.

Smyth's subtitle reads:-

"The names of all the Able and Sufficient men in Body fit for His Majesty's Service in the Wars within the County of Gloucester" then "Viewed by the Right Hon. Henry Lord Berkeley Lord Lieutenant of the said County by direction of His Majesty in the month of August 1608 in the sixth year of the reign of James the First". There are 19,402 names listed including four Goddards on the rolls and one other alluded to*.

There is a key as follows:-

The figure (1) Sheweth that the age of the man bee about Twenty
The figure (2) Sheweth that the age of the man bee about Forty
The figure (3) Sheweth that the age of the man bee between Fifty and Threescore

The L'r (P) Sheweth the man bee of the tallest stature fit to make a Pikeman
The L'r M) Sheweth the man bee of middle stature fit to make a Musketeer
The L'rs (Ca) Sheweth the man bee of lower stature fit to serve with a Caliver
The L'rs (Py) Sheweth the man bee of meanest stature fit for a Pyoner or little other use
The L'rs (Tr) Sheweth that at the taking of this view hee was then a Trained Soldier
The L'rs(Sub) Sheweth that the said man was then a Subsidy man

The Goddards listed are, by parish, as follows:-

Buckland & "Laberton". Forty nine names are given including

William Goddard Jun. (1) (M) (Sub)

Richard Batte Servant to

William Goddard Sen*. (1) (M)

Snowshill. 24 names given including

William Goddard, mason (1) (Tr) Also his apprentice Thos. Bromley (1) (P)

Robert Goddard, mason (1) (Ca)

Leckhampton. 27 names including

William Goddard, husbandman (1) (P)

These are all the Goddards listed. There are none at Stanway, though Nathaniel Goddard should be either there or at Leckhampton where he baptized a child in 1610.

IN THE NAME OF GOD AMEN: THE XV(?) DAIE OF DECEMBER [-] ANNO D^M 1635.
 I WILLIAM GODDARD THEWDER: [-] OF GOOD & AFECT MEMORIE [-] MY LAST
 WILL: [3rd] IMPRIMIS I GIVE TO THE POORE OF SNOWSHILL PARISH VS TO BEE
 PRESENTLIE PAIDE UNTO THEM ITEM I GIVE UNTO MY SONNE RICHARD MY TENEMENT
 AND ALL [-] MY APPURTANCES AND LAND THEREUNTO BELONGING AND ALL
 OTHER PASTURE AFTER THE DECEASE OF MARGARETT MY WIFE, IN CONSIDERATION
 WHEREOF I GIVE UNTO WILLIAM GODDARD MY ELDEST SONNE V^{li} IN MONIEY TO BEE
 PAID UNTO HIM WITHIN ONE YERE AFTER MY DECEASE BY MY EXEC ITEM I
 GIVE UNTO MARIE GODDARD THE DAUGHTER OF WILLIAM GODDARD THE YOUNGER
 XXS TO BE PAID UNTO HER WITHIN ONE YERE AFTER THE DECEASE OF
 MARGARETT MY WIFE. ITEM I GIVE UNTO ROBERT GODDARD MY SECONDE SONNE
 XLS IN HONEY TO BE PAID UNTO HIM WITHIN ONE YERE AFTER THE DECEASE
 OF MARGARETT MY WIFE, ITEM VALENTINE GODDARD THE DAUGHTER OF THE
 SAID ROBERT GODDARD XXS ^{TO BEE PAID} WITHIN ONE YERE AFTER THE DECEASE OF MY WIFE.
 ITEM I GIVE UNTO MARIE WORKMAN THE DAUGHTER OF WILLIAM WORKMAN MY
 SONNE IN LAW XXS IN HONEY TO BE PAID UNTO HER IN FORME AFORESAID. ITEM I
 GIVE UNTO JOHN WORKMAN THE ELDEST SONNE OF WILLIAM WORKMAN XS [-] TO BE
 PAID IN FORME AFORESAID ITEM I GIVE UNTO MARGARET WORKMAN THE DAUGHTER OF
 WILLIAM WORKMAN XS TO BE PAID IN MANNER AFORESAID I GIVE UNTO ELIZABETH
 LOWBIE MY DAUGHTER XXS TO BEE PAIDE IN MANNER AFORESAID. ITEM I GIVE UNTO
 THOMAS CARPENTER THE SONNE OF THOMAS CARPENTER XLS TO BEE PAIDE IN MANNER
 AFORESAID. ITEM I GIVE TO THOMAS LOWBIE MY SONNE IN LAW [VS] TO BEE PAIDE
 IN FORME AFORESAID ITEM I GIVE UNTO RICHARD WELLS VS IN HONEY TO BEE PAIDE
 UNTO HIM PRESENTLIE AFTER MY DECEASE

I MAKE MARGARETT MY WIFE AND RICHARD MY SONNE JOYNT EXECUTORS
 OF THIS MY LAST WILL AND TESTAMENT

THREE WINGS DELETED. THEN:—

WEE WHOSE NAMES ARE SUBSCRIBED WERE PRESENT AT THE MAKINGE OF THIS WILL
 AND SHALL BE REDIE TO IUSTIFIE THE TRUTH THERE OF UP ON OATHE BEING LAWFULLY
 REQUIRED

ANNE WINSTON X HER MARK

[] DORDWELL X HER MARK

MARGARET CLARKE X HER MARK

4^o DECEMBER 1643

THE WITHIN NAMED WILLIAM GODDARD THE TESTATOR DID SEND FOR
HIS BROTHER JOHN GODDARD OF THE CITY OF WORCESTER AND TOLD HIM
THAT HEE HADD MADE HIS WILL IN WRITINGE AND THAT HEE HADD
SETLED HIS ESTATE ACCORDINGE TO HIS MYNDE IN ALL RESPECTES
IN WITTNES WHEREOF THE SAID JOHN GODDARD HATH HEREUNTO
PUT HIS HAND THE LAST DAY OF NOVEMBER ANNO DM 1643

16 November 1643

Margaret Currier, the witness

[] Deacon, the witness

Anne Winton, the witness

Required

AND SHALL BE BOUND TO JUSTIFY THE TRUTH THEREOF UPON OATH TAKEN UNLESS
THESE UNDE SIGNATURES ARE SUBSCRIBED WHERE PRESENT AT THE MAKINGE OF THIS WILL

These lines deleted

OF THIS MY LAST WILL AND TESTAMENT

I HAVE MARGARET MY WIFE AND RICHARD MY SONNE JOINT EXECUTORS

RECORDED THAT AT THE GENERAL SESSIONS OF THE PUBLICK PEACE FOR THE COUNTY OF WORCESTER AFORESAID HOLDEN AT WORC^R IN THE

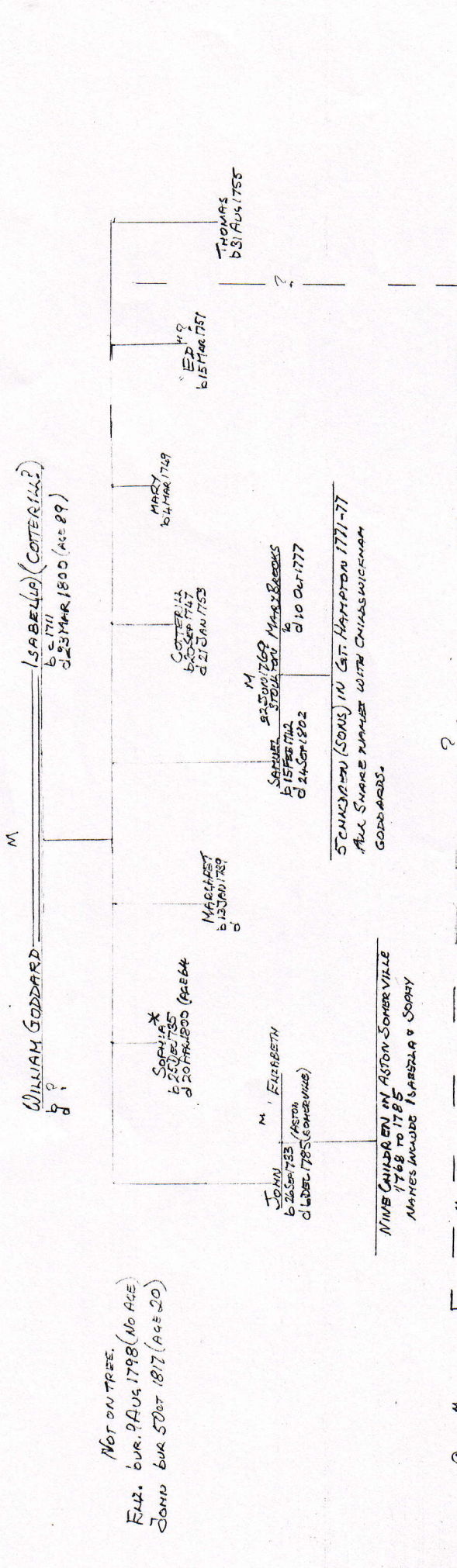
COUNTY OF WORC^R AFORESAID UPON THE XIIITH DAY OF APRILL IN THE YEARE OF O^R LORD 1659 WILLIAM HARRISON OF FARSHORE IN THE COUNTY OF WORCESTER WHO AS WELL FOR HIS HIGHNES THE LORD PROTECTOR OF THE COMMONWEALTH OF ENGLAND SCOTLAND AND IRELAND AND THE DOMINIONS AND TERRITORIES THERETO BELONGING AS FOR HIMSELF IN THIS BEHALF BOTH PRESENTE IN HIS OWN PERSON CANE HERE UNTO THE CORT BEFORE S^R THOMAS ROUS BARONET, GERVAISE BIRK ESQ, NICHOLAS AXTON ESQ, X X X AND OTHERS THERE FELLOVE JUSTICE ASSIGNED TO KEEPE THE PUBLICK PEACE IN THE COUNTY AFORESAID AND ALSO TO HEARE AND DETERMINE DIVERS FELLOWES TRESPASSES AND OTHER MISDEMEANORS COMMITTED IN THE SAID COUNTY AND AS WELL FOR THE SAID LORD PROTECTOR AS FOR HIMSELF HEE PRAYS THE CORT HERE TO UNDERSTAND AND TO BEE INFORMED THAT RICHARD GODDARD OF ECKINGTON IN THE COUNTY OF WORC^R FREEBASON ^{PAST} AFTER THE FIRST DAY OF MAY IN THE YEARE OF OUR LORD 1652 (THAT IS TO SAY) BETWEEN THE FIRST DAY OF MAY LAST IN THE YEARE OF OUR LORD 1658 AND THE DAY OF THE EXHIBITING OF THIS INFORMACION AT ECKINGTON AFORESAID IN THE SAID COUNTY OF WORC^R DID PLANT SETT GROWE MAKE AND CURE TOBACCO IN SEED PLANT AND OTHERWISE UPON 400 POLES OR RODDS OF GROUND IN THE GROUND AND FIELDE OF ECKINGTON AFORESAID AND DID WITHIN THE TIME AFORESAID AT ECKINGTON AFORESAID USE AND EMPLOY THE 400 POLES OR RODDS OF GROUND IN PLOWING SETTING GROWING AND CURING TOBACCO CONTRARY TO THE STATUTE IN SUCH CASE MADE AND FADVIDED WHEREBY THE SAID RICHARD GODDARD HATH FORFEITED FFLOWER HUNDRER POUNDS OF LANFULL MONEY OF ENGLAND (THAT IS TO SAY) TWENTY SHILLINGS FOR EVERY POLE OR RODD OF GROUND SO USED AND EMPLOYED AS AFORESAID WHERE UPON THE SAID WILLIAM HARRISON AS WELL FOR THE SAID LORD PROTECTOR AS FOR HIMSELF PRAYETH THE ADVISE OF THE CORT IN THE PREMISES AND THAT HEE THE SAID WILLIAM HARRISON WHO AS WELL BOTH DESIER TO HAVE ONE MOETIEY OF THE FORFEITURE AFORESAID ACCORDING TO THE FORME OF THE STATUTE AFORESAID AND THAT THE SAID RICHARD GODDARD MAY COME HEREINTO THE CORT TO AUSWER OF AND UPON THE PREMISES

Will of Richard Goddard of ECKINGTON 13 SEPT 1673

IN THE NAME OF GOD AMEN ETC. I RICHARD GODDARD . . . FREEMASON . . . BUT FOR MY WORKDAY GOODS . . .
 . . . I DISPOSE OF IN MANNER FOLLOWING. FIRST I GIVE AND BEQUEATH TO JOHN GODDARD
 THE SON OF MY BROTHER ROBERT GODDARD ALL AND SINGULAR MY FREHOLD LAND AND
 TENEMENTS IN ECKINGTON AND DEFFORD DURING HIS LIFE AND AFTERWARDS TO HIS ELDEST
 SON & HIS HEIRS FOR EVER TO ENTER [HEREBY ON] WITHIN HALF A YEARE AFTER MY
 DECEASE & I GIVE TO THE REST OF THE CHILDREN OF MY BROTHER ROBERT THREE POUNDS
 A PIECE TO BE PAID WITHIN ONE YEAR OF MY DECEASE. ITEM I GIVE AND DISPOSE
 TO THE SAID ROBERT GODDARD TWENTY POUNDS OF LAWFUL MONEY OF ENGLAND [TO BE PAID BY]
 FORTY SHILLINGS A YEARE IN [TENNE] YEARS AFTER MY DEATH AND IF HE DIE BEFORE THE
 RECEIPT OF THE SAID XX POUNDS THEN THE REMAINDER TO BE PAID TO HIS WIFE & IN CASE
 SHE DIE THEN THE RESIDUE TO BE PAID AMONGST HIS CHILDREN EQUALLY THE SAID JOHN
 EXCEPTED. ITEM I GIVE AND DISPOSE THE YEARELY ISSUES AND PROFITS OF MY LEASE LANDS
 IN ECKINGTON TO MY BROTHER WILLIAM AND HIS CHILDREN IN MANNER FOLLOWING THAT IS
 I GIVE TO MARY MEAKINGS DAUGHTER OF THE SAID WM. XLS TO BE PAID OUT OF THE SAID
 LEASE LANDS & TWENTY SHILLINGS YEARELY TO THE SON OF THE SAID MARY OUT OF THE
 SAID LEASE AND FOR THE RESIDUE OF THE SAID ISSUES I BEQUEATH TO THE SAID WILLIAM
 TO BE YEARELY PAID TO HIM AND HIS ASSIGNS EACH HALF YEARE BY EQUAL [PARTS?] AND
 IF HE DIE BEFORE THE EXPIRATION OF THE LEASE THEN I GIVE THE SAID WILLIAM HIS
 PART TO HIS WIFE AND IF SHE DIE THEN TO HIS SAID DAUGHTER & HER CHILD TO BE
 EQUALLY DIVIDED BETWIXT THEM. ITEM I GIVE AND BEQUEATH TO SUSANNA TOMASON
 THE SOME OF TEN POUNDS OF GOOD AND LAWFUL MONEY OF ENGLAND TO BE PAID WITHIN ONE
 YEARE AFTER MY DECEASE. ITEM I GIVE TO MY SERVANT ANNE MARTON THE SOME OF FOUR
 POUNDS TO BE PAID WITHIN ONE YEARE AFTER MY DECEASE. ITEM I GIVE AND DISPOSE SIX POUNDS
 TO THOMAS RICH [LATE AT] WHITTINGTON IN THE COUNTY OF GLOUCR. IF HE BE NOW LIVING TO
 BE PAID WITHIN ONE YEARE AFTER MY DECEASE AND MY WILL IS THAT MY EXECUTORS HERE
 AFTER NAMED & OF THEM SHALL HAVE THE LETTING AND SETTING OF MY SAID LEASE
 LANDS FOR THE RAISING OF THE SAID MONEYS SO BEQUEATHED AND [. . .] WILLE & [. . .]
 AND THE SAID WILLE AND [. . .] THROUGH. ITEM I GIVE AND BEQUEATH TO MY APPRENTICE
 RICHARD TWO AXES FOR A HASON AND HIS CHOICE OF THE HOARDS AS [MAY AS WILL . . .]
 TURNE.] ITEM I GIVE TO ABRAHAM COYNE(?) ONE SHEEP AT THE DYSCRECTION OF
 MY EXECUTORS ITEM I GIVE TO THE SON OF THOMAS BISHOP THE [BEST] [. . .]
 ITEM I GIVE AND BEQUEATH TO EVERY ONE OF EDWARD WILSON THREE POUNDS TO BE PAID
 WITHIN ONE YEARE AFTER MY DECEASE. ITEM I GIVE THE SAID JOHN GODDARD ONE TABLE
 BOARD IN THE HALL A [. . .] CHAIR & THE BED THERE IN THE LOWER CHAMBER. AND FOR
 ALL THE REST (OF) MY [. . .] GOODS AND HOUSEHOLD STUFF I GIVE AND BEQUEATH TO MY SAID
 TWO BROTHERS AND THEIR CHILDREN, JOHN BEING EXCEPTED TO BE EQUALLY DIVIDED BETWIXT
 THEM AT THE DISCRETION OF MY EXECUTORS AND FOR THE REST OF MY MONEYS AND [PERSONAL]
 ESTATE I GIVE UNTO MY SAID BROTHERS AND THEIR CHILDREN JOHN BEING EXCEPTED TO BE
 EQUALLY PARTED BETWIXT THEM & I NOMINATE THOMAS THORNBURY AND EDWARD WILSON THE
 YOUNGER EXECUTORS OF THIS MY LAST WILL AND I GIVE THEM THREE POUNDS A PIECE
 IN WITNESS WHERE OF I HAVE HERUNTO SET MY HAND AND SEAL THE 7 DAY OF
 AUGUST 1673

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GODDARD IN CHILDS WICKHAM c 1730 TO 1816

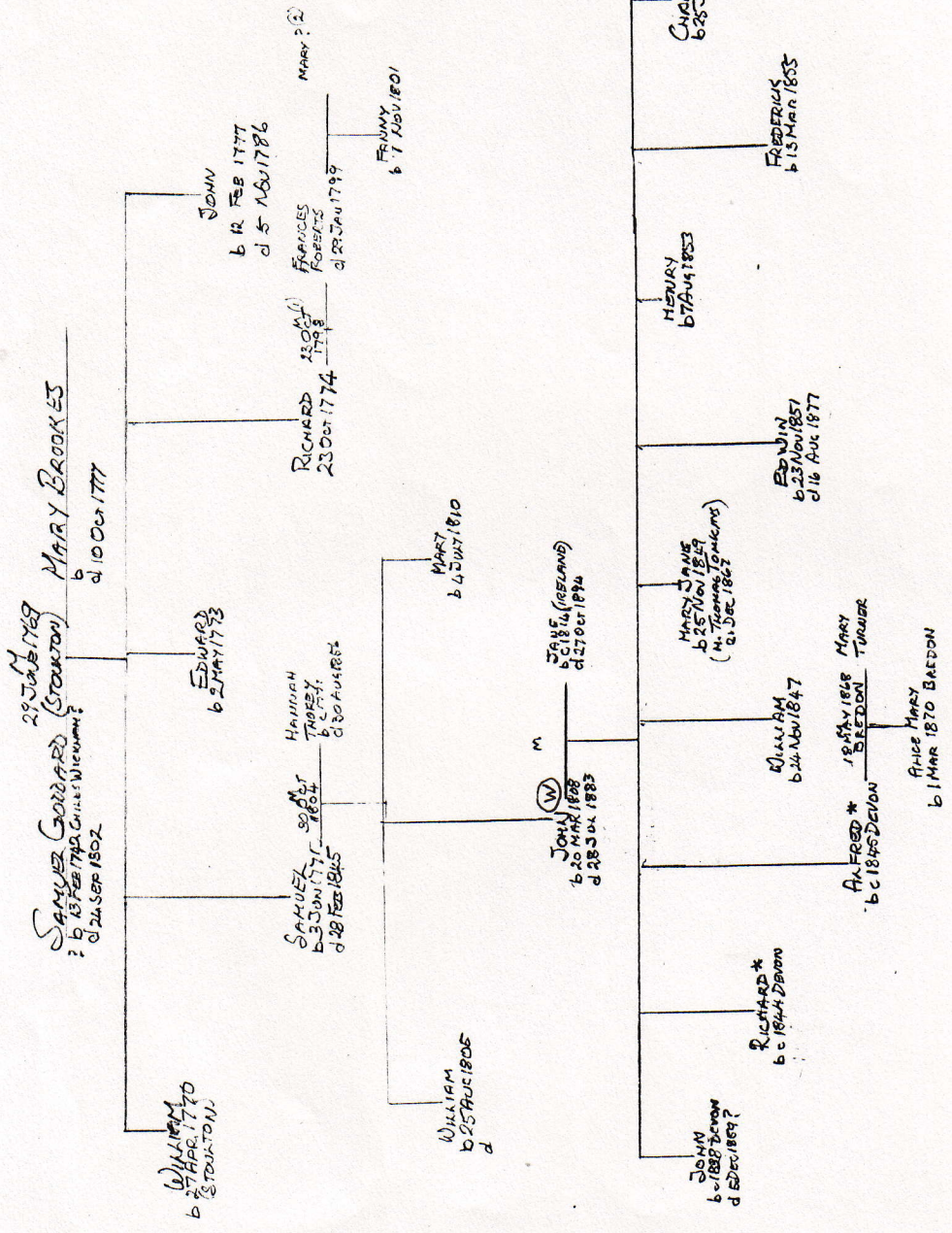


NOT ON TREE.
 FLIZ. bur. 9 AUG 1798 (NO AGE)
 JOHN bur 5 OCT 1817 (AGE 20)

NINE CHILDREN IN ASTON SOMERVILLE
 1768 TO 1785
 NAMES INCLUDE BARBARA & SOPHY

* SOPHIA GODDARD
 HER AGE AT MARRIAGE IS GIVEN AS 64, WHICH WOULD BE EXACTLY RIGHT.
 BUT THERE IS A MARRIAGE IN THE PR. ON 11 OCT 1762 BETWEEN
 JOHN TROTHAN & SOPHIA GODDARD, COMPLETE WITH Banns AND
 A WITNES. UMERS WIMAM (VENOR) AND A SISTER CALLED
 SOPHIA, SHE MUST HAVE RESUMED HER MAIDEN NAME
 FOR SOME REASON

THESE GODDARDS POSE SOME PROBLEMS, APART FROM THAT OF
 SOPHIA (SEE L.). THE FIRST IS THE IDENTITY OF WILLIAM SENK
 WHO SHOULD HAVE BEEN BORN c 1700-10. THE POSITION OF
 THE PARISH, APPROXIMATE BROADWAY & BUCKLAND AND WITHIN PARISH
 FIVE MILES OF CHIPPING CAMPDEN ONE WAY & CROFTONVILLE THE OTHER
 MEANS THAT THERE ought TO BE A CONNECTION WITH THE
 GODDARDS NEAR ABOUTS, BUT THE ONLY SPARE WILLIAM AROUND
 THE RIGHT TIME IS 6 1713 IN CH. CAMPDEN AND HE SEEMS TOO
 YOUNG. THE PR IS DIFFICULT 1730-40 AND VIRTUALLY
 IMPOSSIBLE 1700-1730 SO THAT THERE COULD BE AN EARLIER
 GENERATION. THE LINK BETWEEN WILLIAM SENIOR AND JUNIOR
 REMAINS UNDOCUMENTED. CHILDS WICKHAM FORMERLY GOS NOW
 WORC



OF THE FAMILY OF JOHNNY JANE ONLY TRAVELLED
 AND ALFRED APPEAR IN THE 1881 CENSUS INDEX. NONE
 OF THE OTHER FIVE EVER ARE IN WOR CS. OR WAR
 AND IT MAY BE THAT SOME FOLLOWED JOHN INTO
 THE NAVY. IN HIS WILL MADE 1883 BUT NOT
 DATED UNTIL 1895 JOHN MENTIONS RICHARD, ALFRED,
 WILLIAM, MARY JANE, HENRY, AND CHARLES AS WELL AS
 HIS WIFE JANE

* RICHARD & ALFRED BAPT 12 JUL 1846 AT HAMPTON.
 FATHER JOHN IS GREENWICH PASSENGER IN CENSUS
 MOTHER JANE b. 1845