

*The Last Will and Testament of  
John Drewett  
8<sup>th</sup> April 1762*



I **John Drewett** of Bratton the in the Parish of Westbury in the County of Wilts being of sound mind and memory do make this my last Will and Testament in manner following (that is to say) I give to my Son in Law Thomas Whitaker my interest in a lease of Bratton Farm I give him all my stock of sheep my horses ...cows and young beast all my pigs and fowls I give my Son in Law Thomas Whitaker all my store of corn standing growing all in ....and in barn threshed and not threshed all my stock of hay in.....I give him all my wagons carts dung carts ploughs .....harrows with all other implements of husbandry whatsoever I give my Son in Law Thomas Whitaker in leasehold estate held under the Earl of Abingdon called.....I give him my leasehold estate held under the Earl of Abingdon called Row..... I give him my leasehold estate held under the Lord Viscount Weymouth called B..... I give him forty acres of ploughed land held under Richard Houlton Esq I give him three acres of ploughed land bought of John Hooper I give him four acres and half of ... and ploughed and that my Son in Law shall pay to my Sister Lucy ..... her annuity of six pounds a year for her life or give security that it may be paid and that my Son in Law Thomas Whitaker shall pay to my brother Philip Drewett his annuity of ten pounds a year or give security that must be paid I give my Son in Law Thomas Whitaker part of these household goods as his mother and he shall agree upon if his mother be living at my death and if she be not living at my death for my Son in Law to have the whole I give my Daughter Mary Drewett one thousand pounds to be paid her at the age of twenty one years or at her marriage and the interest of the money to be paid her to maintain her if she should not be of age at my death by her Mother or her order at four pounds for hundred interest The rest and remainder of my goods chattels and personal estate that is not already given I give and bequeath unto my loving Wife whom I constitute and appoint my sole Executrix hereof witness my hand and seal this eight day of April in the year of Our Lord One Thousand Seven Hundred and Sixty Two **[Signed – John Drewett]** Signed sealed by the Testator as his last Will and Testament in the presence of

**M Whitcker William Hearn William Callaway** *[each signed their own name]*

This Will was proved in London the twentieth day of September in the year of Our Lord One Thousand Seven Hundred and Sixty Three before the Right Worshipful Sir Edward Simpson Knight Doctor of Laws Master Keeper or Commissary of the Prerogative Court of Canterbury lawfully constituted by the Oath of Mary Drewett Widow the ....of the deceased and sole Executrix named in the said Will to whom administration was granted of all and singular the goods chattels and credits of the said deceased she having been first sworn by commission duly to administer