

John CHAMBERS (c1767-1852)

Hertfordshire Militia Ballot Lists – Tring – Militia Series No. 87

CHAMBERS also spelt Chambers

1772 John Chambers, Gardener; 1781 John Chambers, Gardener, 'drawn', servant to John SEAR Esquire.

SEAR also spelt Seare

1758-1760 John Sear Esquire, Grove Place; 1761-1764 John Sear Esquire, Tring; 1765 John Sear Esquire, Grove Place; 1768-1769 John Sear, Grove Place, Justice; 1772, 1775 John Sear Esquire, Tring; 1781 John Sear Esquire, Tring [deleted]

Hertfordshire Militia Ballot Lists – Much Hadham – Militia Series No.72

CHAMBERS also spelt Charmbrs, Charmbus

1780 Mr Chambers, Doctor; 1781 Mr Chambers, Surgeon; 1782 Mr Chambers, Doctor; 1783 Mr Chambers, Doctor

Valuation of Property in the Parish of Tring made by the Commissioners under the Inclosure Act (1797)

<http://www.hertfordshire-genealogy.co.uk/tring-local-history/brown-ac-book/notes/brown-tring-grove.htm>

Property: Land at Grove & Bulbourne – owner: Mrs Harriett Seare, occupier Rt Honbl Trevor & J Chambers

Marriage Register, Much Hadham, HRT, ENG: LDS Film 991376

Banns of marriage between John Chambers & Martha Hillyard were published the 12th, 19th & the 26th of August 1798 by me... John Chambers of the parish of Great Hadham, bachelor and Martha Hillyard of this parish, spinster, were married in this church by Banns this third day of September 1798 by me..., curate In the presence of Harriott Gordon, John Tasker, Mary Holland, Elizabeth Cooper?

Marriage Register, Much Hadham, HRT, ENG: LDS Film 991376

Thomas Pegrum of this parish, bachelor and Jenny Mardle of this parish, spinster were married in this church by licence this fifth day of July 1801 by me William Wallan? Officiating minister. Both parties signed by making their mark. In the presence of John Chambers and Devereaux Borrett.

Banns of marriage between Henry Redhouse of the parish of St Andrews Hertford, bachelor and Elizabeth Giffen, spinster of this parish were published August 25th, September 1st and the 8th, 1805 Henry Redhouse of the united parish of all Saints and St Johns in the town and county of Hertford and Elizabeth Giffen of this parish married in this church by Banns this 23rd day of September 1805 by me W. Wright M.A., curate of Hadham parish. In the presence of Harriot Gordon, E.W. S...? John Chambers and Devereaux Borrett.

Banns of marriage between Benjamin Randell, bachelor and Sarah Rowley, spinster, both of this parish, were published August 25th, Sept 1st and 8th 1805. Married in this church by Banns this 23rd day of September 1805 by me W. Wright M. A. curate of Hadham parish. Both parties signed by leaving their mark. In the presence of Harriet Gordon E.W. S...? John Chambers and Devereaux Borrett.

Charles Richard Parker of this parish, bachelor, and Maria Orgar, likewise of this parish, spinster were married in this church by Licence this 12th day of May 1819 in the presence of John Chambers and Mary Green.

Much Hadham Highway Surveyor Accounts for John Chambers

FamilySearch Film Number1593528

Year	Rate	Teams duty (days)	Teams duty done (days)	Composition for Teams	Surplus Pence	Cash Received
1806, 1808	£165 15s	18		£2 14s	7s 10½d	£3 1s 10½d
1810	£165 15s	13	12	£1 16s	7s 10½d	-
1811	£165 15s	-	-	-	-	-
1812	£165 15s	18	-	-	-	-
1814	£175 15s	18	12	£3 12s	14s 10½d	£4 6s 10½d
1815	£175 14s	18	-	-	-	-
1816-1818	£186	18	12	£3 12s	£1 16s	£5 8s
1820	£186	-	-	-	-	-
1821	£186	18	9	£5 8s	£1 16s	£7 4s
1822	£186	-	-	-	-	-
1823	£186	18	9	£4 1s	£1 16s	£5 17s
1823	£186	18	11	£3 3s	£1 16s	£4 19s
1824-1828	£186	18	9	£4 1s	£1 16s	£5 17s
1829-1832	£186	18	6	£5 8s	£1 16s	£7 4s

<i>1841 Census Exnells Farm, Much Hadham, Hertfordshire</i>			
John CHAMBERS	74yrs	Farmer	born in the county
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Martha CHAMBERS	74yrs		not born in the county
James CHAMBERS	35yrs	Malster	born in the county
Harriett CHAMBERS	30yrs		born in the county
George WARRUK	16yrs	Male servant	born in the county
Levi GOODSON	16yrs	Male servant	born in the county
Elizah CHAPPLE	20yrs	Female servant	born in the county

Hertford Mercury and Reformer 25 May 1850 Egg Stealing, at Hadham

Henry Cane, aged 17, labourer, was charged with stealing thirty hen's eggs, the property of John Chambers, his master, at Much Hadham. Mr Hawkins conducted the prosecution. The prosecutor stated that the prisoner was employed by him, on the 5th of May, to take care of the horses, and look the eggs, &c. Prisoner was in the habit of visiting his father's house, but had no permission to take anything home. Prosecutor entertained some suspicions, which induced him to direct a police-constable to watch the prisoner. Cross-examined by Mr Rodwell: My daughter sometimes brings eggs in and takes them out. Police-constable Robert Clarke stated that on Sunday, the 5th of May, he saw the prisoner come off his master's premises and go towards Bury-green, on his way home, with a basket in his possession; asked him what he had got in his basket. He said, "That's my business." Witness then searched the basket, and found thirty eggs, which he said he had bought of his young missus for a shilling. He afterwards voluntarily stated, while passing along, that he had taken the eggs out of the cow-house; that he had saved them up during the week; that it was the first time he had done so, and it would be the last. Mr Rodwell said the case was very different from the last. In the last the eggs were marked, but in the present case the jury were required to jump at the identity without any such evidence. He put it to the jury whether it was not possible that the prosecutor's daughter had sold them to the prisoner. There might be an understanding between the boy and her, and if so there was an end of this case. Miss Chambers was not here, and the prisoner's first statement might be a true one; in that case, although he might be guilty of improper conduct in taking the eggs without the cognizance of his master, he would not be guilty of a felony. The Chairman recapitulated the evidence, and the Jury returned a verdict of Guilty. Sentenced to be imprisoned for one month with hard labour and to be whipped.

1851 Census Much Hadham, Hertfordshire

John CHAMBERS Senn	Head	84yrs	Retired farmer	b Tring, Hertfordshire
Martha CHAMBERS	Wife	83yrs		b Sutton Courtney, Berkshire
James CHAMBERS	Son	48yrs	[unmarried]	b Much Hadham, Hertfordshire
Harriett Mary Ann CHAMBERS	Dau	45yrs	[unmarried]	b Much Hadham, Hertfordshire

Prerogative Court of Canterbury Will Transcript for John CHAMBERS

Will dated 18 Jun 1826; Codicil dated 26 May 1829; Codicil dated 19 April 1831; Codicil dated 7 Nov 1838 confirmed 19 Feb 1840; Affidavit 8 Nov 1854; Proved 19 Nov 1854

This is the last will and testament of me John Chambers of Much Hadham in the County of Hertford farmer which I being of sound and disposing mind ___ and understanding praised be Almighty God for the same so make publish and declare in manner following that is to say I give and devise all that my freehold messuage or tenement lands and hereditaments situate lying and being at ___ Cross in the said Parish of Much Hadham and also all other my messuages cottages lands tenements hereditaments and real estate whatsoever and wheresoever and of what nature or ___ with their and every of their rights ___ and appurtenances unto my dear wife Martha Chambers and her assigns for and during the term of her natural life and from and immediately after my decease. I give and devise the same messuages lands tenements and hereditaments with their respective appurtenances unto all my children as ___ sons as daughters who shall be living at the time of my decease to ___ the same messuages lands tenements and hereditaments with their respective appurtenances unto and to the use of all my said children equally as tenants in common and not as joint tenants and to their respective heirs and assigns forever and in case any one or more of my said children shall die in my lifetime leaving issue lawfully begotten then I give and devise the part or ___ parts or shares of a ___ or ___ so dying equally unto ___ issue their issue their heirs and assigns forever as tenants in common and not as joint tenants ___ issue taking only the part or share his her or their respective parents would have been entitled to if living or in case any one or more of my said children shall die after my decease before they shall have attained their respective ages of one and twenty years and without having lawful issue then I give and devise the part or share or respective parts or share of him her or them so dying unto and to the use of the survivors or survivor of them my said children equally as tenants in common and their heirs and assigns forever.

And I give to my said wife the sum of fifty pounds of lawful money of Great Britain to be paid to or retained by her for her own use out of the ___ monies which shall come to her hands as Executrix of this my will and as to all my ready money and securities for money monies in the public funds debts arrears or rent ___ in the ___ both alive and ___ goods chattels ___ and personal estate whatsoever and wheresoever (after and subject to the payment of all my just ___ funeral and testamentary expenses and the legacy bequeathed by this my Will

I give and bequeath the same and every part thereof to my said wife and my son John Chambers their executors and administrators ___ the trusts following that is to say In trust to convert all my personal estate (not consisting of ___ or monies in the funds or out at interest upon ___ into money as soon as ___ may be after my decease and to lay out the same together with all my ready money in their names in or upon some one or more of the public or parliamentary stocks or funds yielding an annual dividend or on real securities or both and I declare that my said trustees and the survivors and survivors of them and the executors or administrators of ___ shall stand and be possessed of all monies in the funds or upon real securities which shall belong to me at my decease and also of ___ stocks funds and securities so to be purchased or invested with the monies arising from my said personal estate as before ___ in trust to pay the interest and dividends of my said trust property to my said wife (or permit her to retrieve the same for and during the ___ of her natural life if she shall so long continue my widow and unmarried and upon condition that she do maintain and educate my two daughters Harriet Mary Ann Chambers and Martha Chambers during their respective minorities or until their respective marriages And in case my said wife shall marry again the I ___ her the sum of two hundred pounds of lawful money of Great Britain for her own proper use and from and immediately after the decease or second marriage of my said wife which ever of those events shall first happen then in trust to pay retain transfer assign and dispose of all my said residuary personal estate ___

trust money into and equally amongst themselves the said John Chambers and my said two daughters Harriet Mary Ann Chambers and Martha Chambers share and share alike and in case my said two daughters Harriet Mary Ann Chambers and Martha Chambers or either of them shall be under the age of twenty one years and unmarried at the time of my said wifes decease or second marriage whichever shall first happen then I direct the said John Chambers and to lay out in their names the part or share parts or shares of her or them being under the age of twenty one years and unmarried at the time aforesaid of and my said residuary personal estate in or upon ____ or more of the public or parliamentary stocks or funds yielding an annual dividend or on real securities or both and stand possessed of the same in trust to pay and apply the interest and dividends therefrom ____ or ____ for and towards the maintenance education ____ and ____ of them my said two daughters or other of them until they attain their said respective ages of twenty one years or day or days of marriage and on their respectively attaining that age or marriage I direct the said trustees to transfer and assign the stocks funds and securities ____ their said respective shares shall be invested to them my said daughters ____ But if any one or more of my said children shall depart this life in my lifetime leaving issue lawfully begotten then such issue shall take the share as ____ or ____ original of my residuary personal estate and property which ____ or live parent would if living ____ entitled to provided always the my will is that notwithstanding the directions herein before contained it shall be lawful for my said wife if she shall continue my widow but not otherwise if she think proper to carry on the business of a Farmer at Much Hadham aforesaid as ____ as I now carry on the same or any part of such business and to continue my farming stocks therein and also so much of my said personal estate as she and my said other Executors shall ____ necessary for and during the term of her natural life or widowhood or for any shorter period and for her own benefit but upon condition that she maintains and educates my two daughters as aforesaid during their minorities and if my said wife shall choose to continue my said business or any part thereof then I direct her to deliver to my said other executors within six calendar months after my decease all inventory and valuation of such of my farming stock and property as shall be retained in ____ lands for that purpose which Inventory shall be signed by my said Wife and two valuers to be indifferently chosen out by her and the other of my said other executors but in case the carrying on my said farming business shall be attended with any loss or ____ in value of the personal property employed therein (from whatever cause such loss shall arise then I hereby declare that my said executors or any of them shall not be answerable or accountable for such loss and I nominate and appoint my said wife (during her widowhood but ____ and my said son John Chambers Executor and Executor of this my Will and Guardians of my said daughters during their respective minorities and I give and grant to my said trustees and executors full power and authority to alter change and transpose from time to time at their discretion all or any of the stocks funds or securities ____ any trust monies under this my Will shall be from time to time invested so that the same be not ____ or ____ on any personal security whatever and I declare that every receipt of the trustee or trustees for the time being under this my Will for any monies to be payable in the execution thereof shall be a valid discharge for the monies therein acknowledged to be received and ____ the person or persons paying the same from all obligation of seeing to the application thereof provided always and my will and meaning are that it shall and may be lawful for my said trustees and executors respectively and their respective executors and administrators to ____ and retain out of any moneys which by virtue of this my Will shall come to their ____ or ____ of their lands all such reasonable costs charges ____ and expenses as they any or either of them shall pay ____ sustain suffer or be put unto in or about the execution management or ____ of this my Will or the trusts hereby in them reposed and every or any transaction matter or thing in any ____ thereto and that matter of my said trustees shall be charges or chargeable with or accountable for are more monies that what shall ____ come to his or her lands nor for any loss which may happen by depositing the trust monies or any part thereof in the lands of my ____ or other person of apparent responsibility for safe custody nor for the rise or fall in the price or value of funded property nor the ____ in title or value of any securities in or upon which the said trust monies or any part thereof shall or may be laid out or invested nor for any other loss or damage whatever which may happen thereto or to any other part of my said personal or trust estate without their respective wilful default nor either of them with or for the ____ receipts or payments of the others or other of them ____ of them with and for ____ own arts deeds receipts and payments ____ nor ____ any or other of them be answerable or accountable for any loss which may happen by reason on one of them ____ in trusting the others or other of them with any sum of money or other part of my said personal or trust estate nor for joining in any receipt or receipts for

the sake of ___ only And further that they my said executors and trustees respectively or their respective executors and administrators shall be respectively entitled to ___ and retain out of my monies which shall come to their respective hands by virtue of this my will ___ their travelling and such like incidental expenses without ___ vouchers for the same And I give and grant to them full power and authority to sell any part of my farming stock upon reasonable credit and to refer any matters or things relating to my personal estate to arbitration or arbitration if ___ they shall in their discretion think fit from time to time so to do and lastly hereby revoking all former and other wills and testamentary ___ positions by me at any time heretofore made I do declare this and this only to be my last will and testament in witness whereof I the said John Chambers the testator have to this my last will and testament contained and written on four sheets of paper set my hand and seal that is to say to the first three sheets thereof my hand only and to this fourth and last sheet thereof my hand and seal this nineteenth day of June in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and twenty six - John Chambers - signed sealed and published and declared by the said John Chambers the testator as and for his last will and testament in the presence of us who have hereunto at his request in his presence and in the presence of one another subscribed our names as witnesses to the due execution thereof - Wm. G. Jones of Much Hadham Herts Atty at Law - Mr F. Borr? Mr M. Richardson Junr his clerks.

My Son George having received his full proportion of my effects I hereby declare that he has no right to share with my four children in my remaining property in witness of which I ___ set my hand this 26 day of May 1829 - John Chambers

My Son James having received the stock and trade with some other monies ___ with the ___ at ___ Cross I hereby declare that he has no right to share with my other three children in disposing of my remaining property or receiving any part thereof in ___ of which I hereby set my hand this nineteenth day of April 1831

My Oldest Son John having given himself up to immoderate drinking and my son James being subject to abberation of mind I hereby appoint my son George to be my sole Executor 7th of November 1838 – John Chambers Senn

Confirmed this 19th day of February 1840 John Chambers Witnesses Geo. Chambers, John Moginie

In the prerogative court of Canterbury in the Goods of John Chambers deceased. Appeared personally George Chambers of Bishops Stortford in the County of Hertford Gentleman and John Moginie of No. 28 ___ Street Pimlico in the County of Middlesex the subscribed witnesses to the said Codicil to the last will and testament with the codicils thereto of John Chambers late of Much Hadham in the said County of Hertford Farmer deceased which will and three codicils are hereunto annexed bearing date to wit the said Will on the nineteenth of June one thousand eight hundred and twenty six the first Codicil on the second of May one thousand eight hundred and twenty nine the second codicil on the nineteenth of April one thousand eight hundred and thirty one and the third Codicil bearing two dates to wit the seventh of November one thousand eight hundred and thirty eight and the nineteenth day of February one thousand eight hundred and forty and made oath that on the said nineteenth day of February one thousand eight hundred and forty the said Testator duly executed the said Codicil by signing his name at the foot or and thereof to wit immediately under the date nineteenth of February one thousand eight hundred and forty in the presence of those appearers both being present at the same time when upon these appearers in the presence of the said Testator and of each other respectively subscribed their names as witnesses to the due execution thereof - Geo. Chambers, Jno. Moginie - on the eight day of November 1854 the said George Chambers and John Moginie were duly sworn to the truth of this affidavit before me - W. C. Curtees ___ - Prest Douglas Du Bois Noty Public

Proved at London with three Codicils the 29th Novr 1854 before the Worshipful William ____ ____ Doctor of Laws and Surrogate by the oath of George Chambers the Son Executor named in the third Codicil to whom admon was granted having been first sworn to administer. Martha Chambers widow the Relict the Executrix named in the Will being dead.

Monumental Inscriptions Much Hadham, HRT, ENG LDS Film number 91733
CHAMBERS, Ann, d March 10 1823 a 91 (w of John Chambers of Tring)
CHAMBERS, John, d March 15 1861 a 60 (Veterinary surgeon of Much Hadham)
CHAMBERS, John, d July 12 1824 a 82 (of Tring)
CHAMBERS, John, d Oct 16 1853 a 86 (of Lynells in Much Hadham)
CHAMBERS, Martha, d Sept 28 1852 a 85 (w of John Chambers)