

Edmund SWORDER

Born	c1679	
Married	17 or 27 Sep 1709 Little Hadham, Hertfordshire, England	Martha NICHOLLS
Died	11 Aug 1751 aged 72yrs	
Buried	Little Hadham	

<i>Martha NICHOLS</i>		
Born	c1689	
Died	07 Jun 1759 aged 70yrs	
Buried	Little Hadham	

<i>Children</i>			
Edmund	bp 28 Jul 1710 Little Hadham	m 1736 Mary SCOTT	d 28 Mar 1782 Little Hadham aged 72
Mary	bp 02 May 1712 Little Hadham	m 1733 John CHAPMAN	
William	bp 30 Mar 1716 Little Hadham		d 21 Jan 1804 Little Hadham
John	bp 08 Jan 1719 Little Hadham	m 1749 Ann MICKLEY	d 27 Dec 1800 Little Hadham
Nicholls or Nicholas	bp 14 Oct 1726 Little Hadham	m 1754 Sarah MARDELL	d 31 May 1762 Little Hadham aged 32

National Archives Prerogative Court of Canterbury Will – Reference PROB 11/790

In the name of God Amen I Edmund Sworder of Little Hadham in the County of Hertford Gentleman being aged and infirm in body but of sound and disposing mind memory and understanding praised be Almighty God for the same and being desirous that no disputes or controversys may arise or happen after my decease... my temporal estate which it hath pleased Almighty God to bestow upon me do hereby make and ordain this my last Will and Testament in manner and form following (that is to say) first I will and direct that all just debts by me owing at the time of my decease shall be fully paid and satisfied also I give and devise unto **my eldest son Edmund Sworder** and his heirs all that my Copyhold Cottage or Tenement (wherein **Mary Gillett** now dwells) with the Barns Stables Yard Orchard and other appurtenances thereunto belonging situate and being at Bury Green in the parish of Little Hadham aforesaid and which I purchased of **Thomas Greenwood** to hold the same cottage or tenement with the appurtenances unto the use of my said son Edmund Sworder his heirs and assigns for ever. Also I give and devise unto **my third son John Sworder** all that my messuage or tenement (wherein **Daniel Thorn** and **John Way** so now dwell) with the Barns Stables Outhouses Buildings Yards Gardens Orchards and Appurtenances and also all and every the freehold and copyhold lands to the said messuage or tenement belonging or in any wise appertaining containing together by estimation eighty acres more or less as the said messuage or tenement lands and premises situate lying and being in the parish of Little Hadham aforesaid and were by me purchased of **William Gatshell and Barbara his wife, Nathaniel Fowler and Ann his wife, Elizabeth Eaglefield widow and Sarah Bromley widow** and all which said lands are now in my own occupation to hold the said messuage or tenement and all and every the said lands and premises...mentioned with their and every of their appurtenances unto and to the use of my said son John Sworder his heirs and assigns forever. Also I give and bequeath unto **my said wife Martha Sworder** the sum of fifty pounds of lawful money of Great Britain to be paid her within one month after my decease but in case my said wife shall choose or desire to have the like value in my household goods and furniture rather than the said fifty pounds then and in such case I give and bequeath unto the said Martha my wife such part and so much of my said household goods and furniture as she shall like best and think fit to take to the like value of fifty pounds and to be valued and appraised by two indifferent persons and delivered to my said wife within one month after my decease it being my will and meaning that my said wife shall not have both the said fifty pounds and goods to the like value but only one and at her own election. Also I give and bequeath unto my said wife Martha Sworder one annuity or yearly sum of sixteen pounds of like lawful money for and during the term of her natural life to be paid her in such manner as hereinafter is mentioned free from all charges and incumbrances whatsoever and to the end that the same may be duly paid her according to the intend and meaning of this my Will. I do hereby given and bequeath unto **my two younger sons John Sworder and Nicholls Sworder** and to the survivor of them his Executors or Administrators the sum of five hundred pounds of like lawful money upon the several trusts to and for the several uses Intents and purposes hereinafter mentioned (that is to say) Upon Trust that they the said John Sworder and Nicholls Sworder and the survivor of them His Executors or Administrators shall and do within three months after my decease put and place out at Interest the said Sum of five hundred pounds (by and with the priority and consent of my Executors hereinafter named) upon Land Government or such other securities as they and my said Executors shall think fit and approve of and shall and do out of the Interest Dividends or produce thereof in the first place pay and satisfy the said annuity or yearly sum of sixteen pounds unto my said Wife Martha Sworder or her assigns for and during the term of her natural life by two equal half yearly payments and the first payment thereof to begin and be made at or upon the first day or time on which the first half years interest or Dividends for the said five hundred pounds shall be due and payable next after my decease and from and immediately after the decease of my said wife Martha Sworder then upon further trust that they the said John Sworder and Nicholls Sworder and the survivor of them his Executors or Administrators shall and do pay and divide the sum of five hundred pounds and all Interest Dividends and profits then due for the same unto and amongst **my four sons the said Edmund Sworder, William Sworder, John Sworder and Nicholls Sworder and my daughter Mary Chapman wife of**

John Chapman of Bishop Stortford in the County of Hertford Grocer equally share and share alike and it is my mind and will and I do hereby direct that the said John Sworder and Nicholls Sworder my sons or either of them their or either of their Executors or Administrators shall not be charged or chargeable or any ways responsible for any more or other moneys in relation to the said Trust Moneys or Securities than shall be by them respectively or by their respective Executors or Administrators or by their or some or one of their order or orders respectively actually received and not one of them for the receipts acts defaults or miscarriage of the other of them but each for his own acts only and it is further my mind and will and I do hereby direct that it shall and may be lawful to and for the said Trustees of this my Will respectively and their respective Executors and Administrators from time to time in the first place to receive and take or default and deduct out of the said trust moneys or the profits thereof to his and their own use and uses all such moneys costs damages charges and expenses whatsoever as they or either of them shall pay expend and be put unto or be damnified by... by any suit or suits in law or equity travelling charges or otherwise however for or in respect of or by reason or means of this my Will or the Trusts hereby reposed in them or either of them and further it is my mind and I do hereby will and direct that whenever my person or persons (to whom the said Trust moneys or any part thereof shall be sent) their respective heirs executors or administrators shall pay in any of the said trust moneys that then and in every such case the receipt or receipts discharge or discharges of the said John Sworder and Nicholls Sworder or the survivor of them his Executors or Administrators so from time to time so paying in the said Trust Moneys or any part thereof. Also I give and bequeath unto my said son Nicholls Sworder the sum of eight hundred pounds of like lawful money to be paid him within three months next after my decease. Also I give and bequeath the sum of three pounds of the money to be laid out in Bread and be divided amongst the poor of the said parish of Little Hadham by the Minister and Church Wardens of the same parish within one week after my decease and all the rest and residue of my ready money securities for money mortgages bonds stock household goods furniture and other goods and chattels and all other my personal estate whatsoever and wheresoever (after my debts legacys and funeral expenses and all other charges relating to the execution of this my Will are paid and satisfied) I give and bequeath the same unto and amongst my said four sons Edmund Sworder, William Sworder, John Sworder and Nicholls Sworder and my said daughter Mary Chapman their executors and administrators equally to be divided between them share and share alike and I do hereby nominate and appoint my said two sons Edmund Sworder and William Sworder joint executors of this my last Will and Testament and I do hereby revoke all former Wills by me at any time made and do declare this to be my last Will and Testament in witness whereof I the said Edmund Sworder the Testator have to this my last Will and Testament contained in four sheets of paper set my hand to the three first sheets thereof and my hand and seal to the last sheet thereof this fifteenth day of December in the two and twentieth year of the Reign of our Sovereign Lord George the Second by the Grace of God of Great Britain France and Ireland King Defender of the Faith... and in the year of our Lord one thousand seven hundred and forty eight Edmund Sworder signed sealed published and declared by the said Edmund Sworder the Testator as and for his last Will and Testament in the presence of us who in his presence and at his request have subscribed our names as witnesses to the same **John Scott, Js Walkley, Phil, Martin.**

This Will was proved at London on the fourth day of October in the year of our Lord one thousand seven hundred and fifty one be the Right Worshipful John Bettsworth Doctor of Laws Master Keeper or Commissary of the Prerogative Court of Canterbury lawfully constituted by the Oaths of Edmund Sworder and William Sworder the sons of the deceased and the executors named in the said Will to whom administration was granted of all and singular the Goods Chattels and credits of the said deceased being first sworn by Commission duly to administer.

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Martha Sworder, died 07 June 1759 aged 70yrs, wife of Edmund Sworder of Bury Green.