**Extract from Will of John Creswick 1722**

John Creswick c1684-1722 was the grandson of John Dearneley 1632-1706, from whom he inherited the Padfield property.

*"I give and bequeath unto my Elder sone* ***John Creswicke*** *all my Estate att*

*Overthong & Whitegate & Woodhouse in Holmfirth to enter upon it at age of one & twenty until*

*which time for to bring up <the> Younger Children \<and\> towards raising Two hundred*

*pounds for my Daughter* ***Elizabeth Creswick*** *to --- at <the> age of one & twenty years*

*And likewise all my Goods & Chattells*

*except my Tenement in Little Padfield which I bequeath unto* ***William Cresswick*** *my*

*younger son to be improved for him by my Executor to <the> End & Expiration of \<the\> Term*

*mentioned in \<the\> Lease and then what property I have then to my Son* ***John Creswick****"*

The sole executor is George Hadfield c1683, who was brother of John Creswick's wife (Anna). George Hadfield was married to Martha Dearnelie c1683, daughter of Samuel 1643 and granddaughter of William 'IV' i.e. Martha was first cousin once removed to John Creswick c1684 as well as being married to John's brother-in-law.

The leased property of Little Padfield appears in the inventory. It is a long inventory and towards the end it has a line:

*It(em) his tenement in Little Padfield 120-00-00*

The inventory total is £322-17-01.

Also, there is a final page which is partly in latin that appears to be the official document from the ecclesiastical court of Lichfield giving the executor George Hadfield custody of the 3 children.

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