***Mary Swindells Will written 1768, probate 1769***

This is the last Will and Testament of me **Mary Swindells** of Romeley in the parish

of Stockport in the County of Chester Widow, who being in reasonable health of Body and of sound and

disposing Mind and Memory praised be Almighty God for the same do make publish and Ordain

this my said last Will and Testament in manner and form following (That is to say) First it is my

Will and Mind and I do hereby Order and Direct that all my just due and honest Debts together

with my Funeral Expenses and the Charges of proveing this my last Will and Testament be all

paid and Discharged out of the Yearly Rents issues and profits ariseing from my Freehold Mes-

suage Lands and Tenement lying and being in Romeley in the parish of Stockport in the County of

Chester aforesaid and also out of the Yearly Rents issues and profits ariseing from my Copyhold

Lands or premisses lying and being in the parish of Ambery in the mannor of Wakefield in the

County of York and now in the possession of **Mary Wimpenny** Widow, so long and until such

time as all just due and honest Debts shall be all paid and discharged. And then it is

my Will and Mind and I do hereby Order Direct and Appoint my Executors hereafter named to receive

the yearly Rents issues and profits ariseing from that my said Copyhold Lands premisses or Apurt-

enances lying and being in the parish of Ambery in the County of York aforesaid for and until such

time as my Grandaughter **Sally Swindells** shall attain to the age of Twenty one Years or until

She might attain to that Age if She live so long. And it is my Will and Mind and I do hereby Order

Direct and Appoint my Executors hereafter named to Divide the said Yearly Rents or profits arise

-ing from that my said Copyhold Lands into Three equal parts or shares and to distribute the

same as follows (that is) It is my Will and Mind and I do hereby Direct and Appoint my Executors

to pay and give every Year Yearly dureing the Time aforesaid one Third part or Share of the said

yearly Rents or profits to my daughter **Mary** the Wife of **Charles Lowe** another Third part or

Share thereof to my Grandaughter **Penelope Swindells** the Daughter of **Jasper Swindells**, ano-

-ther Third part or Share thereof to my Grandaughter **Sally Swindells** the Daughter of **Davis**

**Swindells** equal amongst them Three Share and Share alike. And Then I hereby Give Devise and

bequeath those my said Copyhold Lands and premisses Buildings and Outbuildings thereon erected with

all my right Title property and interest therein of what nature or kind soever lying and being in the

County of York aforesaid with their and every of their Apurtenances as follows (That is) One Fifth

part of Share of the Said Copyhold Lands or premisses with their Appurtenances I Give Devise and

bequeath to my daughter **Mary** the Wife of **Charles Lowe** and her Heirs for ever. Another Fifth part

or Share of the Said Copyhold Lands and premisses I Give and bequeath to my Grandaughter **Penelope**

**Swindells** the Daughter of **Jasper Swindells**. Another Fifth part or Share of the said Copyhold Lands

and premisses I Give and bequeath to my Grandaughter **Sally Swindells** the Daughter of **Davis Swin**

**-dells**, Another Fifth part or Share of my said Copyhold Lands and premisses I give and bequeath to

my Grandson **William Swindells**, Another Fifth part of Share of those my Said Copyhold Lands and pre

-misses I Give and bequeath to my Grandson **William Swindells** the son of **Samuel Swindells** equal

amongst them Five Share and Share alike. It is my Will and Mind and I do hereby Order Direct and

Appoint That if any of my said Grandchildren happen to Die without Children before they receive their

Said Legacy or Legacys then their part or Share shall return and be paid and given to my Own Children

that are then living equally amongst them. And as to my Messuage, houses, buildings Lands Tenements

and Hereditaments whatsoever with their and every of their Appurtenances of Freehold Estate lying and

being in Romeley in the parish of Stockport in the County of Chester aforesaid (so soon as all my just Debts

shall be all paid and discharged) Then I give Devise and bequeath the same as follows (That is to

say) I hereby Give Devise and bequeath One Fifth part or Share of these my said Lands Houses and

premises of Freehold with all my right Title property and interest therein to my **Son William** if then

Living at my decease and to his Heirs for ever. Another Fifth part or Share of the said Lands Houses

and premisses I hereby Give Devise and bequeath to my **Son Humfrey** and his Heirs for ever. An-

other Fifth part or Share of the said Lands Houses and premisses I hereby Give Devise and bequeath

to my **son Thomas** and his Heirs for ever. Another Fifth part or Share of these my said Lands Houses

and premisses I hereby Give Devise and bequeath to my **Son Jasper** and his Heirs forever. Ano-

-ther Fifth part or Share of these my Said Lands Houses and premisses I Give Devise and bequeath

to my **Son Benjamin** and his Heirs forever equally amongst them five Share and Share alike. And

as to my Personal Estate which it hath pleased Almighty God to bstow upon me I Give and bequeath the same

as follows (That is) To my granddaughter **Penelope Swindells** the Daughter of **Jasper Swindells** I Give

Devise and bequeath the half of my wearing Apparel both Linnens and Woolens, One Oak Chest stand-

-ing in the little parlor, One pair of Bed stocks standing in the Chamber over the House and one half

of my Spinning wheels and Reels. To my Grandaughter **Sally Swindells** the Daughter of **Davis Swin-**

**-dells** I Give and bequeath One Seeled pair of Bedstocks standing in the Parlor, One large Box stand-

-ing in the same room, Three rush botham’d Chairs standing in the House also One half of my Spinning

wheels and reels together with One half of my wearing Apparel both Linnens and woollens. Also I Give

and bequeath to my Said Grandaughters **Penelope Swindells** and **Sally Swindells** Two iron pots all

my Ticknalware together with all my Beding and Bedclothes equally betwixt them two Share and

Share alike. Item I Give Devise and bequeath to my Granddaughter **Sarah Swindells** the Daughter of

**Benjamin Swindells** The great Cupboard standing in the House and One pair of Bedstocks not standing up

It is my Will and Mind and I do hereby Order Direct and Appoint my Executors hereafter Named to Bury

me in a Coffin all made of English Oak both the Top, bottom and the sides and to put on or wrap up my Body

in a Suit or Shroud made of fine Linnen. And lastley I do hereby Nominate Constitute and appoint

my **Son Humfrey**, my **Son Thomas**, my **Son Jasper** and my **Son Benjamin** joint Executors of this my last

Will and Testament, hopeing my Executors will perform and fulfil the same as my Trust is in them

reposed. In Witness whereof I the said **Mary Swindells** the Testator to this my last Will and Testament

have set my Hand and Seal the Nineteenth Day of March in the Year of Our Lord One Thousand Seven

hundred and Sixty eight.

Signed Sealed published and Declared

by the Said **Mary Swindells** the Te- **Mary Swindells**

stator as and for her last Will and

Testament in the presence of us who

in her presence and at her request

and in the Sight and presence of each

other have Subscribed our Names

as Witnesses hereto

**William Bancroft**

**Benjamin Brereton**

**John Lees**

*Footnote: Ticknalware refers to pottery made in Ticknall, Derbyshire*

***Summary of names from the above will***

***Mary’s children and grandchildren:***

Mary, married to Charles Lowe

William

Humphrey

Thomas

Jasper with daughter Penelope

Benjamin with daughter Sarah

Davis with daughter Sally

Samuel with son William

and another grandson William of unknown parentage

***Mary’s tenant in Ambery (Almondbury)***

Mary Wimpenny

JAD

March 2014