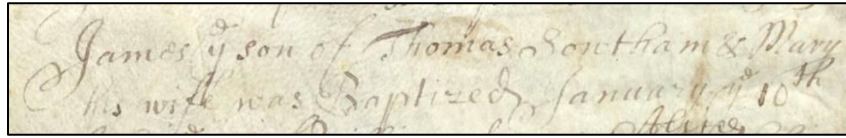


## FAMILY GROUP RECORD OF JAMES SOUTHAM AND ELIZABETH WYATT

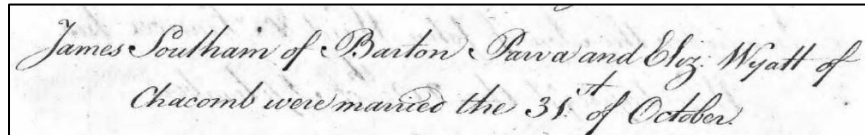
James Southam was christened 10 January 1679 in Wardington, Oxfordshire, the son of Thomas Southam, a labourer, and Mary Paxton. The parish of Wardington is very near Cropredy, about 1 1/2 miles away.



*Baptism record for James Southam in Wardington:*

*"James ye son of Thomas Sowtham & Mary his wife was baptized January ye 10th"*

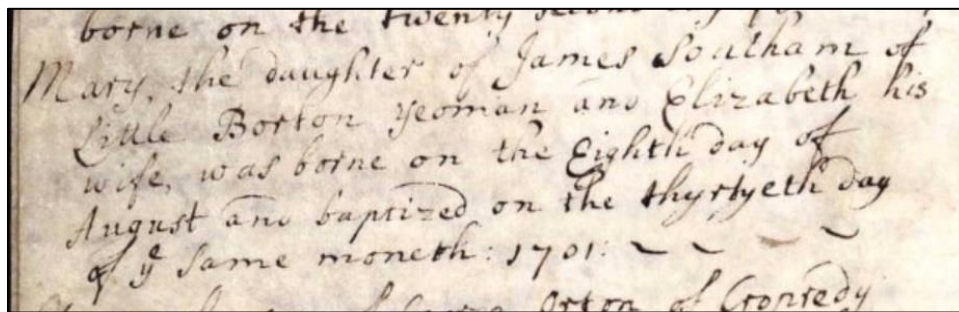
James married Elizabeth Wyatt 31 October 1700 in Chacombe, Northamptonshire. Chacombe is about two and a half miles from Cropredy. James is shown as being of Barton Parva (Little Bourton), and Elizabeth is of Chacombe. Elizabeth was christened in Cropredy 25 January 1678, the daughter of Job and Mary Wyatt.



*Marriage record for James Southam and Elizabeth Wyatt:*

*"James Southam of Barton Parva and Eliz. Wyatt of Chacomb were married the 31st of October"*

James is first found in Cropredy records when he and his wife Elizabeth were found having children in Cropredy parish, beginning in 1701. James and Elizabeth Southam appeared in the Cropredy parish records in 1701, when their daughter, Mary is christened. They stayed in the parish and had eight children. James was listed as being of Great Bourton in Cropredy parish.

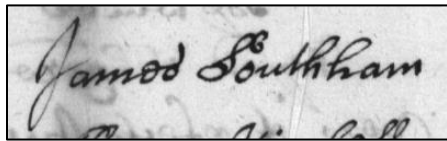


*The first appearance of the Southams in the Cropredy parish register was in 1701, when Mary Southam, the daughter of James and Elizabeth Southam was christened.*

In 1703 Thomas Southam was buried in the Cropredy churchyard, followed by his wife Mary in 1711.

A will filed by James Southam of Neithrop (William Southam's brother) provides the best clues to James' origin - this James Southam was a prosperous, but childless, yeoman farmer in Banbury. He left his property to his nieces and cousins. The two principle heirs were William Sotham "*sonn of my Uncle Rowland Southam*", and James Southam "*sonn of my Cozen Thomas Southam*". The will, written in 1695, mentioned that the heir, James was not yet 21 years old, and as a result, some property was left in trust for him. "*Cousin*" James Southam left to "*James Southam, sonn of my Cozen Thomas Southam*" farm land, houses, and property in Neithrop, 3 ewes, lambs and 3 barren sheep, and £100 "*of lawfull English money*". He left Thomas Southam, James's father, one shilling. "*Cousin*" James Southam died in 1699. The complete text of the will is included below.

It seems likely that the James Southam mentioned in the will of 1695, the son of Thomas Southam, was the same James Southam, son of Thomas, who appears in the Cropredy records in 1701. At the death of his wealthy relative, James became a young man of property, able to marry and begin a family. He is found farming land in Great Bourton, only about two miles from Wardington where James was christened.



*James Southam's signature on Richard Gill's inventory, 1711*

James appeared in the Vicar's Tithe Books in Great Bourton:

<i>Nov 1703</i>	<i>Tithe</i>
<i>James Southam 1/4 yd land and odd commons</i>	<i>1s - 0d</i>

*James Southam*

<i>Nov 1705 - May 1707 1/4 ydland</i>	<i>0 - 9</i>
<i>Nov 1707 - May 1712 1 ydland</i>	<i>3 - 0</i>
<i>Nov 1712 - 1716 2 yd lands</i>	<i>6 - 0</i>
<i>Nov 1716 - May 1725 2 1/2 yd lands</i>	<i>7 - 6</i>
<i>Nov 1725 - Nov 1727 3 1/2 yd lands</i>	<i>10 - 6</i>
<i>May 1728 - Nov 1741 4 yd lands</i>	<i>12 - 0</i>

*to William Hunt*

*James Southam Snr. from Jm. Boucher*

<i>May 1740 - 1743 1/4 ydland</i>	<i>0 - 9</i>
<i>Nov 1743 - Nov 1750 1/4 + 3d</i>	<i>1 - 0</i>
<i>May 1751 - Nov 1759 1/4</i>	<i>0 - 9</i>

*\* Craftsman amount of land*

*James Southam of Gt Bourton appears in the Victuallers Record from 1758-1761, as the owner of a pub (possibly pub now known as the Bell Inn?)*

Both James and his son James appeared in the 1753 Assessment:

*Bourton Gt & Lt.*

*Southam James Snr.*

2s - 9 1/4 d

*Southam James Junr.*

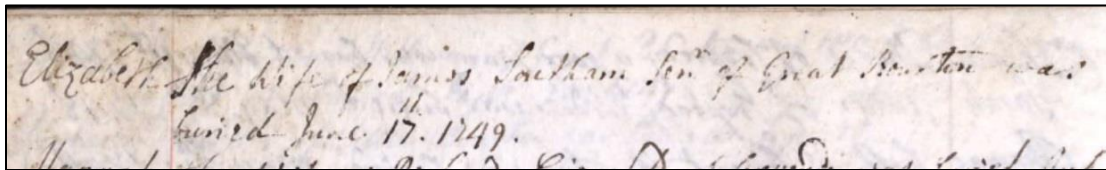
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f.	Southam James jun.	Bourton	Little Bourton	house	himself			
f.	Southam James sen.	Great Bourton	Great Bourton	land	himself			
f.	Sharp Thomas	Neithrop		house and land	himself			

In the parliamentary elections of 1754, both James, senior and James, junior were recorded as voting for the Tory, or Old Interest candidates, Viscount Wenman and Sir James Dashwood.

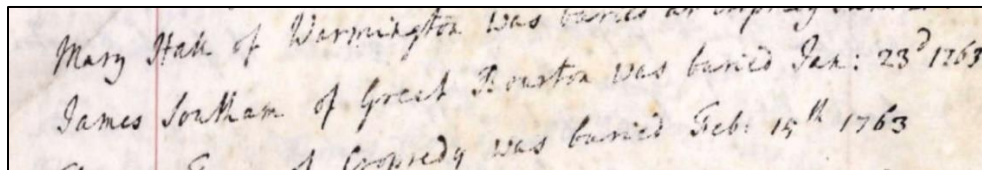
<i>Freeholders' Names</i>	<i>Abode</i>	<i>Vote</i>
<i>Southam, James, Senr.</i>	<i>Bourtons</i>	<i>W D</i>
<i>Southam, James, Junr.</i>	<i>do.</i>	<i>W D</i>

Elizabeth was buried in Cropredy 20 October 1749.



*Burial record of Elizabeth Southam in Cropredy:  
"Elizabeth the wife of James Southam Senr of Great Bourton was buried June 17th 1749"*

James then married Mary Holloway 8 October 1750 in Cropredy. She died and was buried 1 April 1757 in Cropredy. James died and was buried 23 January 1763 in Cropredy.



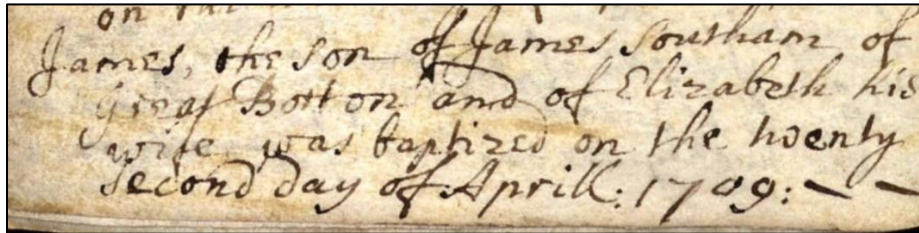
*Burial record for James Southam in Cropredy:  
"James Southam of Great Bourton was buried Jan: 23d 1763"*

James "of Great Bourton" and Elizabeth had the following children:

1. **Mary**, born 8 August 1701 in Cropredy, christened 30 August 1701 in Cropredy, buried 21 October 1701 in Cropredy.
2. **Sarah**, born 18 November 1702 in Cropredy, christened 11 December 1702 in Cropredy.

3. **Elizabeth**, born 30 May 1706 in Cropredy, christened 11 December 1706 in Cropredy.

\*4. **James**, christened 22 April 1709 in Cropredy. He married 1) Hannah How on 20 June 1739 in Cropredy, Oxfordshire, England. James married 2) Ann Giles 12 August 1750 in Banbury, Oxford, England. James died and was buried 26 April 1780 in Cropredy.



*Baptism record for James Southam in Cropredy: "James, the son of James Southam of Great Borton and of Elizabeth his wife was baptized on the twenty second day of April: 1709:"*

5. **Anne**, christened 17 December 1714 in Cropredy, buried 26 January 1743 in Cropredy.

6. **Kezia**, christened 14 June 1718 in Cropredy, buried 28 September 1718 in Cropredy.

7. **Thomas**, christened 21 November 1724 in Cropredy.

8. **John**, of Great Bourton, who listed James Southam of Great Bourton as "my brother James" in his will of 1789. He married Esther Bourton, and had five children: Hesther (1774), Thomas, John, William (1779), and Mary.

*SOURCE: Bishop's Transcripts, Cropredy Parish, FHS# 95235; Original parish register, Cropredy, at CRO; Cropredy parish register on CD; IGI; www.ancestry.co.uk.*

The will of James Southam, yeoman, of Neithrop, who died 1696. Will filed 1695 in the Prerogative Court of Canterbury. This will mentioned his cousin Thomas Southam, and Thomas's son, James.

*In Submission to the will of God Amen the eight and twentieth day of December in the seventh year of the Reign of William the third, King of England, Scotland, France and Ireland, Anno Domini one thousand six hundred ninety five, I **James Southam** of Nethrop in the parish of Banbury in the County of Oxon, yeoman, being in health of God and of sound and perfect mind and memory, thanks be unto God for the same, do make and ordaine this my last Will and Testament in manner and form following, First I bequeath my Soul into the hands of Almighty God my Creator, and my body to be decently buried. And as for my worldly Estate which it hath pleased God to bestow upon me, I dispose of the same as followeth, First I give, devise, and bequeath unto my loving wife **Sarah Southam**, All my two messuages and their Yard Lands with the appurtenances in Nethrop aforesaid, and in the Libertyes thereof, to have and to hold to her and her Assigns during her naturall life. And from and after my said wifes decease I give, devise, and bequeath unto **William Southam**, Sonn of my Uncle **Rowland Southam**, my said two messuages and two yard Lands and one half yard Land of my said three Yard Lands being in the tenure of the said **William Southam** with the appurtenances To have and to hold to him and his Assigns for one whole Year from thence next ensuing. And from and immediately after the end and expiraton of the said one year*

next after my said wifes decease, I give, devise, and bequeath my said two messuages and two yard Lands and one half yard Land with the appurtenances unto **Richard Southam**, eldest sonn of the said **William Southam** and to the heirs male of his body lawfully to be begotten forever. And for want of such issue male of his body, my will and meaning further is I doe hereby give, devise, and bequeath my said two messuages and two yard Lands and one half yard Lands with the appurtenances unto **William** the second sonn of the said **William Southam** and the issue male of his body lawfully to be begotten forever. And for want of such issue male of such second sonn, then to the next heires male of the body of the said **William Southam** lawfully begotten or to be begotten forever. And for want of such issue male of the offspring and Family of the said **William Southam**, Then to the next heires male of my name, kindred and Family forever upon conditon nevertheless. And my will and meaning further is, And I doe hereby make know and declare that the said **William Southam**, his Executors, Administrators, or Assignes shall within six monthes next after my said wifes decease pay or cause to be paid into the hands of **William Hatten** and **John Litle**, Trustees for the Joynture of **Mary** the wife of the said **William Southam** or to the survivors of them, or the Executors of the survivor of them the full summe of tenn pounds of lawfull money of England to be by them employed to and for the use and benefit of the said **William Southam** and **Mary** his wife and the issue of their two bodyes according to the purport and true meaning of one pair of Indentures beareing date the first day of August Anno Domini one thousand six hundred and eighty nine made or expressed to be made between me, the said **James Southam** of the one part and the said **William Hatten** and **John Litle** of the other part, for the payment of which said summe of tenn pounds as aforesaid I charge the issues and profits of my said two messuages and two yard Lands and one half yard Land with the appurtenances for and during the said one yeare next of be ensuing after my said wifes decease, And also upon this further condition. And my further will and meaning is that the said **William Southam** and his Assignes shall or may lawfully peaceably and quietly have hold and enjoy my said two messuages and two yard Lands and one half Yard Land with the appurtenances from and after the end and expiraton of the said one yeare next after my said wifes decease untill such time that the said **Richard Southam** shall attain the full age of one and twenty yeares finding, allowing and furnishing the said **Richard** with all things suitable and necessary for his maintenance, schooling, and books provided alwayes that this present Devise shall not way in whole or in part, impair or lessen the marriage settlement of the said **William Southam** with **Mary** his wife nor be turned away to impair the same anything herein contained in any wise notwithstanding. Also from and after my said wifes decease I give, devise, and bequeath All my other half yard Land with the appurtenances of my said three yard Lands which is now in my owne occupaton unto **James Southam** sonn of my Cozen **Thomas Southam**, and to the heires male of his body lawfully to be begotten forever. And for want of such issue male, Then to the next issue male of my name, kindred, and Family. Also I give and bequeath unto **Anne**, the daughter of my Uncle **Rowland Southam** the summe of tenn pounds of lawfull money of England to be paid one half thereof within six months and the other half thereof within twelve monthes next after my decease by my Executrix herein after named. Also I give unto **Katherine** the daughter of my said Uncle **Rowland** one shilling. Also I give and bequeath unto **Rebecca** the daughter of my said Uncle **Rowland** the Interest or yearly proceeds of five pounds of lawfull money of England for and during her naturall life. And from and after her decease I give and bequeath the said five pounds unto **Rebecca Rogers** her daughter. And my will and meaning is that the said five pounds shall be paid by my Executrix hereafter named within one yeare next after my decease unto the said **Rebecca Rogers**, or to some friend in trust for her, who shall give sufficient security for the paying to the Interest thereof yearly unto her said mother during her naturall life, And also upon this conditon. And my will is that my said wife nor her Assigns shall not cut downe nor fall any wood or Timber in or upon the Close beside or appurtenances belonging to my said two messuages and the buildings thereunto belonging. Also I give and bequeath unto **Hannah** the daughter of my brother **William Southam** the summe of forty pounds of lawfull money of England to be

paid one half thereof within six monthes and the other half thereof within twelve monthes next after my decease by my Executrix herein after named. And if the said **Hannah** shall happen to dye before the said Legacy shall become payable as aforesaid, Then I give and bequeath her said Legacy equally unto her two sisters **Dorothy** and **Mary**. Also I give and bequeath unto the said **Dorothy** and **Mary** the two elder daughters of my brother **William Southam** the summe of fifty pounds apiece of lawfull money of England to be paid one half thereof within six monthes, and the other half thereof within twelve monthes next after my decease by my Executrix herein after named. Also I give and bequeath unto my kinsman **William Taylor** of Borton the summe of tenn pounds of lawfull money of England to be paid and half thereof within six monthes and the other half thereof within twelve monthes next after my decease. Also I give and bequeath unto **Hannah** the daughter of my Uncle **Thomas Southam** the summe of tenn pounds of lawfull money of England to be paid one half thereof within six monthes and the other half thereof within twelve monthes next after my decease by my Executrix herein after named. Also I give and bequeath unto my said wife **Sarah** and her Assignes my two Tenements in Nethrop aforesaid, wherein **John Charles** and **Richard Charles** now dwell, and also my Close in Nethrop aforesaid, which I bought of **Charles Wolselly** Bart. for one half year now and immediately after my decease. And my will is that my said wife nor her Assignes shall not cut downe, lopp, or fall any wood or Timber in, upon, or belonging unto my said last mentioned Close during the said one half year. And from and immediately after the end and expiraton of the said one half year next after my decease I doe hereby give, devise, and bequeath unto **James Southam**, sonn of my Cozen **Thomas Southam** and his heires forever All that one of my said two Tenements with the appurtenances wherein **Richard Charles** now dwelleth. Also from and after the end and expiraton of the said one half year next after my decease I doe hereby give, devise, and bequeath unto my kinsman **William Rogers** all that other of my said two Tenements wherein **John Charles** now dwelleth with the appurtenances untill such time that the said **James Southam** shall attain the age of one and twenty yeares. And from and after that time I give, devise, and bequeath my said last mentoned Tenement with the appurtenances and passage thereunto belonging unto the said **James Southam** and his heires for ever upon conditon nevertheless. And my will and meaning is that the said **James Southam** shall pay unto the said **William Rogers** the summe of twenty pounds of lawfull money of England within the space of one yeare next after that he, the said **James Southam** shall attaine the said age of one and twenty yeares. And if the said **James Southam** shall chuse rather to acquit the said Tenement with the appurtenances then to pay the said twenty pounds as aforesaid or shall refuse or neglect to pay unto the said **William Rogers** the said twenty pounds as aforesaid, Then and in such case my will and meaning is, And I soe hereby give, devise, and bequeath my said Tenement wherein **John Charles** now dwelleth and the Barne with the appurtenances and passage thereunto belonging together with the passage to and from the Well in my said last mentoned close along the foot path there and all appurtenances thereunto belonging unto the said **William Rogers** and his heires forever. Also from and after the end and expiraton of the said one half yeare next after my decease I give and bequeath unto my said cozen **William Southam** and his Assignes my said last mentoned Close with the appurtenances for and during my said wifes naturall life, Upon conditon that he, the said **William Southam** or his Assignes shall pay yearely in consideraton thereof the summe of six pounds of lawfull English money a yeare unto the said **James Southam** during the naturall life of my said wife. And from and immediately after my said wifes decease I doe hereby give devise and bequeath my said last mentoned Close with the appurtenances together with the assignment, Lease, and terms of yeares that attends the Fee Simple thereof unto the said **James Southam** and his heires forever. And my will and meaning is that the said **William Southam** nor his Assignes shall not cut downe any Trees or Lopp above three trees in a yeare in, upon, or belonging unto my said last mentioned Close untill such time that the said **James Southam** shall be in possession of the same. Also I give and bequeath unto the said **William Southam** and his Assignes all my Estate, and right of, in, and to, one messuage and a Close thereto belonging with the appurtenances in

*Nethrop aforesaid now in the tenure and possession of him, the said **William Southam** from and after my decease, for and during the naturall life of my said wife. And my will is that all my goods which are now standing and being in and about the said last mentoned messuage shall there remaine and be as standes. And from and after my said wifes decease I doe hereby give devise and bequeath unto the said **James Southam**, his Executors, and Administrators, and Assignes, All my estate, right, title, interest, and terms of yeares which shall be then to come and unexpired of in and to the said last mentoned messuage and Close with the appurtenances there unto belonging. Also I give and bequeath unto the said **William Southam** two Eables now standing and being in my hall house, one bedstead in my chamber over the parlour; my Mash Vatt, my great Furnace in my kitchen, my cistern, horse trough, and hog troughs, and hogg tubbs, my hovelling, my Karts and mangers in the Stable, and implements about my Chaffe house, my Mault Mill, Salting trough, boulding which, my Spit, karts, and all my garners which stand over my kitchens, and my Buttery, and all my goods that are in my messuage wherein **John Litle** now dwelleth, and one great chair, and two Stooles covered with Green, and two plaine Coffers, and a Box being in my Chamber over the hall, All with my said goods I order and will shall remaine and continue as Standes and that my said wife shall have the use of them dureing her naturall life. Also I give and I bequeath unto **Katherine**, the daughter of my Cozen **Rebecca Rice**, the summe of tenn pounds of lawfull money of England to be paid one half thereof within Six monthes and the other half thereof within twelve monthes next after my decease. Aslo I give and bequeath unto **Rebecca Rogers**, the daughter of my said cozen **Rebecca Rice** the summe of five pounds of lawfull English money to be paid one half thereof within six monthes and the other half thereof within twelve monthes next after my decease by my Executrix herein after named. Also I give and bequeath unto my Cozen **Thomas Southam** one shilling. Also I give and bequeath unto **Elizabeth**, the daughter of **Thomas Lambert**, the elder, late of Grimsbury deceased the summe of five pounds of lawfull English money to be paid unto her within one yeare next after my decease if she shall so long live by my Executrix herein after named. Also I give and bequeath unto my maid servant **Sarah Drake** the summe of five pounds of lawfull money of England to be paid one half within six monthes and the other half thereof within twelve monthes next after my decease. Also I give and bequeath unto **Alice Pinfold** of Banbury five shillings. And to **Richard Pettipher** of Nethrop aforesaid and his wife and his sonn and his two daughters one shilling apeice. And to my Cozen **Thomas Yowick**, the elder, of Nethrop aforesaid one shilling. Also I doehereby give and bequeath unto my said wife **Sarah** the Interest or proceeds of two hundred pounds which I have laid downe upon a mortgage of severall Closes or parcell of inclosed grounds in Bewdsert alias Befsert in the County of Warwick now in the possession of **Samuell Claridge**, Tanner, his Assignee or Assignes for one half year next after my decease. And from and after the said one half yeare next after my decease I give and bequeath the Interest and proceed of the said two hundred pounds equally to be devided between by said wife and the said **James Southam**, sonn of my Cozen **Thomas** for one half yeare more from thence to be ensuing. And from and after the end and expiraton of one whole yeare next after my decease I doe hereby give, devise, and bequeath all my estate, right, title, interest, and terms of yeares which shall be then to come and unexpired of in and to the said last mentoned Closes of inclosed ground with the appurtenances unto the said **James Southam** his Executors, Administrators, and Assignes. And my will is that the said **Samuell Claridge** shall or may hold the money which I have laid downe upon the said mortgage for long as he shall have ocassion to hold the same, paying the same Interest according as he and I at first agreed. And if the said two hundred pounds shall be paid in within the said one yeare next aftermy decease, Then and in such case I doe hereby give, devise, and bequeath the said two hundred pounds unnto the said **James Southam**. Also I give and bequeath unto the said **James Southam**, three Ewes and Lambs and three barren sheep, if I shall be possessed of soe many sheep at the time of my decease, Upon conditon and nevertheless. And my will and meaning further is that **John Litle** of Nethrop aforesaid Schoolmaster and his Assignes shall and may peaceably and quietly have hold and enjoy my messuage with the appurtenances wherein he now dwelleth*

and all priviledges thereunto which he now useth and enjoyeth Rent Free and clear from all charge of Rent for the same for two whole yeares next after my decease if he shall please to live there himself. And if my said wife **Sarah** shall afterwise dispose, or shall deny or refuse the same unto the said **John Little** aforesaid, Then my will and meaning is, And I doe hereby give and bequeath unto the said **John Little** the summe of four pounds of lawfull money of England to be paid one half therof within one yeare and the other half therof within two yeares next after my decease by my Executrix herein after named. Also I give and bequeath unto **Phillip Colemans wife** of Banbury, my kinswoman, five shillings provided nevertheless. And my will and meaning is that all my said Legatees to whom I have hereby give and moneyes to be paid by my Executrix shall be content to receive and shall take in pay of their respective Legatyes aforesaid such money as now is current. And if any of my said Legatees shall refuse to take such current money in payment of such Legacy or Legacies as aforesaid, Then my will is that such person or persons so refusing as aforesaid shall forfeit his, her, or their said respective Legacy or Legacies to my Executrix herein after named upon conditon aforesaid. And my will and meaning is that for what moveable goods I have hereby given unto the said **William Southam** standing and being in my messuage wherein I now dwell he, the said **William Southam**, at and after the decease of my said wife shall leave the life vallue of his household goods in the messuage wherein he now dwelleth unto and for the use and benefit of the said **James Southam**, his Executors, Administrators, and Assignes, All the rest and residue of my goods, chattels, and cattell, jewells, gold, and silver, bills, bonds, and money oweing and due unto me, my Debts, Legacies and Funerall expenses being discharged and paid, I give and bequeath unto my said wife **Sarah** whom I make and appoint sole Executrix of this my last Will and Testament, And I doe hereby revoke, disanull, and make voyd all other and former Wills by me at any time heretofore made. In witness whereof to this my last Will and Testament I have sett my hand and seale the day and yeare first above written. **James Southam**

*Signed, sealed, published, and delivered being written on sixpenny Stamp parchment*

**Timothy Gibbard   John Webstar   The mark of Richard Charles**

Notes:

**Boulting Which** - a bin into which flour or meal was sifted.

**Cistern** - a large vessel used in brewing.

**Close** - a farmyard, an enclosed yard for cattle, or an enclosed yard of a house.

**Furnace** - a brewing vat or boiler.

**Garner** - a store for grain.

**Hovelling** - outbuildings or styes.

**Messuages** - dwellings with their adjacent buildings and the lands appropriated to the use of the household.

**Mesh Vat** - a vat used in brewing for the infusion of malt and boiling water.

**Spit** - a thin iron bar which stood in front of the open fire and was revolved; it was used for roasting.

**Yard Land** - a bundle of strips of arable land scattered in different furlongs in the open fields. The acreage varied much. In the Banbury area it averaged 22 customary acres.