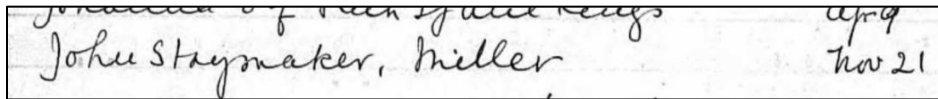


## FAMILY GROUP RECORD OF JOHN AND MARY STAYMAKER/SLAYMAKER

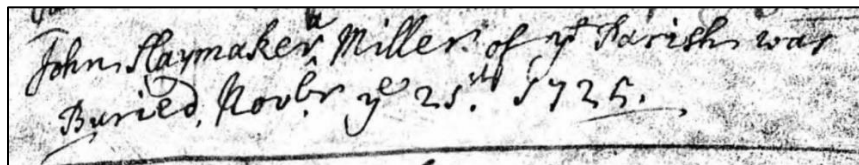
John Staymaker or Slaymaker was a miller of Honington, Warwickshire. He was christened 29 July 1666 in the nearby parish of Tadmerton, Oxfordshire, the son of William Slaymaker and Elizabeth Gilkes. John married Mary. They were the only Staymaker family having children in the right time period on Honington, so are likely the parents of Frances. The name was extracted as Staymaker in the Honington Bishop's Transcripts, but also appears as Slaymaker in the original parish register.

John died and was buried 21 November 1725, as "*John Staymaker, miller*" in the Honington Bishop's Transcript.



John Staymaker, miller  
Nov 21

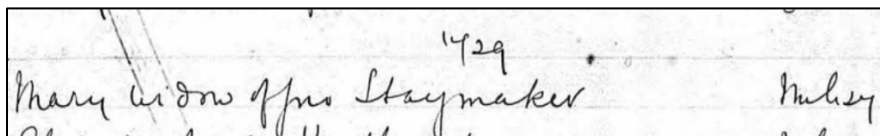
*Burial record for John Staymaker in the Honington Bishop's Transcript:  
"John Staymaker, miller Nov 21"*



John Slaymaker, miller of ye parish was  
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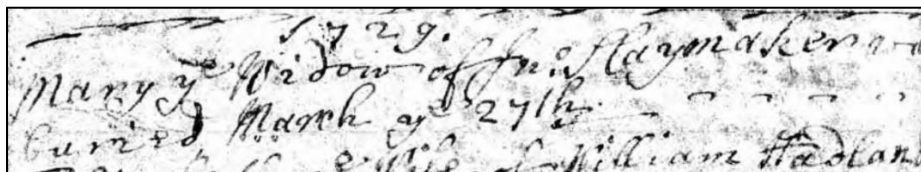
*Burial record for John Slaymaker in the original Honington parish register:  
"John Slaymaker, miller of ye parish was buried, Novbr ye 21st 1725"*

Mary died and was buried 27 March 1729 in Honington as "*Mary widow of Jno. Staymaker*".



Mary widow of Jno Staymaker  
1729  
March

*Burial record for Mary Staymaker in the Honington Bishop's Transcript:  
"Mary widow of Jno Staymaker March 27"*



Mary widow of Jno Staymaker  
buried March ye 27<sup>th</sup> 1729.

*Burial record for Mary Slaymaker in the original Honington parish register:  
"Mary ye widow of Jno. Slaymaker buried March ye 27th"*

John and Mary had the following children:

- \*1. **Frances**, born about 1692; married John Banks 26 December 1714 in Honington.
2. **Martha**, christened 26 September 1698 in Honington.
3. **Rachell**, christened 27 December 1699 in Honington; married Francis Shuffield 12 July 1733 in Barcheston, Warwickshire.
4. **Joseph**, buried 29 August 1701 in Honington.
5. **Joseph**, christened 16 September 1703 in Honington; married Mary; occupation - miller.
6. **John**, buried 25 February 1704 in Honington.

*SOURCES: Honington parish register; [www.familysearch.org](http://www.familysearch.org).*

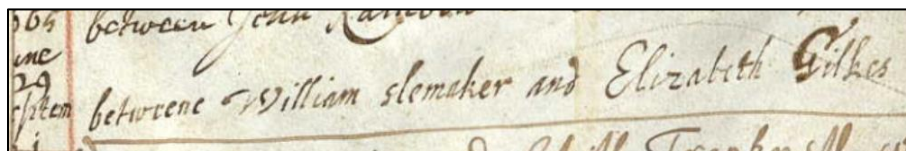


#### *Honington*

Honington is described: *"The tiny village is mostly set about a triangular green, southeast of the church at the junction of three roads, that leading to the north finishing at the church. The River Stour flows west of the village and the road to the south crosses it by a bridge of c. 1685, built of ashlar stone with four very small arches and with ball-ornaments on the parapets...There were in 1086 in Honington 4 mills worth 54s. 4d. In 1291 the prior had 2 mills here valued at £1, and in 1540 the mills were farmed for £3 5s. 4d. Three watermills are mentioned in 1578, and two in 1597, and these two were leased by Henry Gibbes in 1620 to Sir Thomas Temple and Thomas Gibbes for 30 years at a peppercorn rent. In 1741 and 1809 the appurtenances of the manor included 4 water cornmills, 4 fulling-mills, and 3 dove-houses."* From: *'Parishes: Honington', A History of the County of Warwick: Volume 5: Kington hundred (1949)*, pp. 92-95. URL: <http://www.british-history.ac.uk/>

## FAMILY GROUP RECORD OF WILLIAM SLAYMAKER AND ELIZABETH GILKES

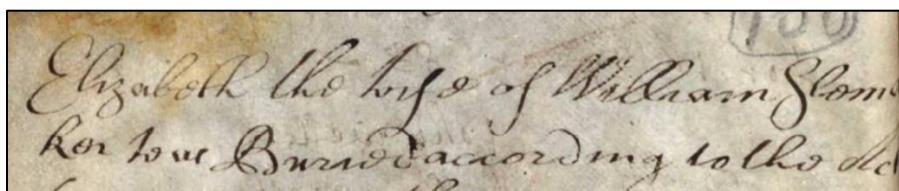
William Slaymaker was christened 13 October 1633 in Tadmarton, the son of William Slaymaker and Margaret Pittom. He married Elizabeth Gilkes 29 September 1665 in Drayton, Oxfordshire. Drayton is a parish about three miles northeast of Tadmarton. William was a carpenter.



*Marriage record for William Slaymaker and Elizabeth Gilkes in Drayton:  
"29 Septem betweene William Slemaker and Elizabeth Gilkes"*

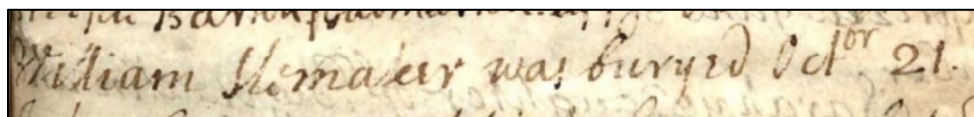
Elizabeth was christened 30 April 1642 in Swalcliffe, Oxfordshire, the daughter of Jeffry and Ann Gilkes.

Elizabeth died and was buried 30 January 1684 in Tadmarton. Swalcliffe is a parish about a mile west of Tadmarton.



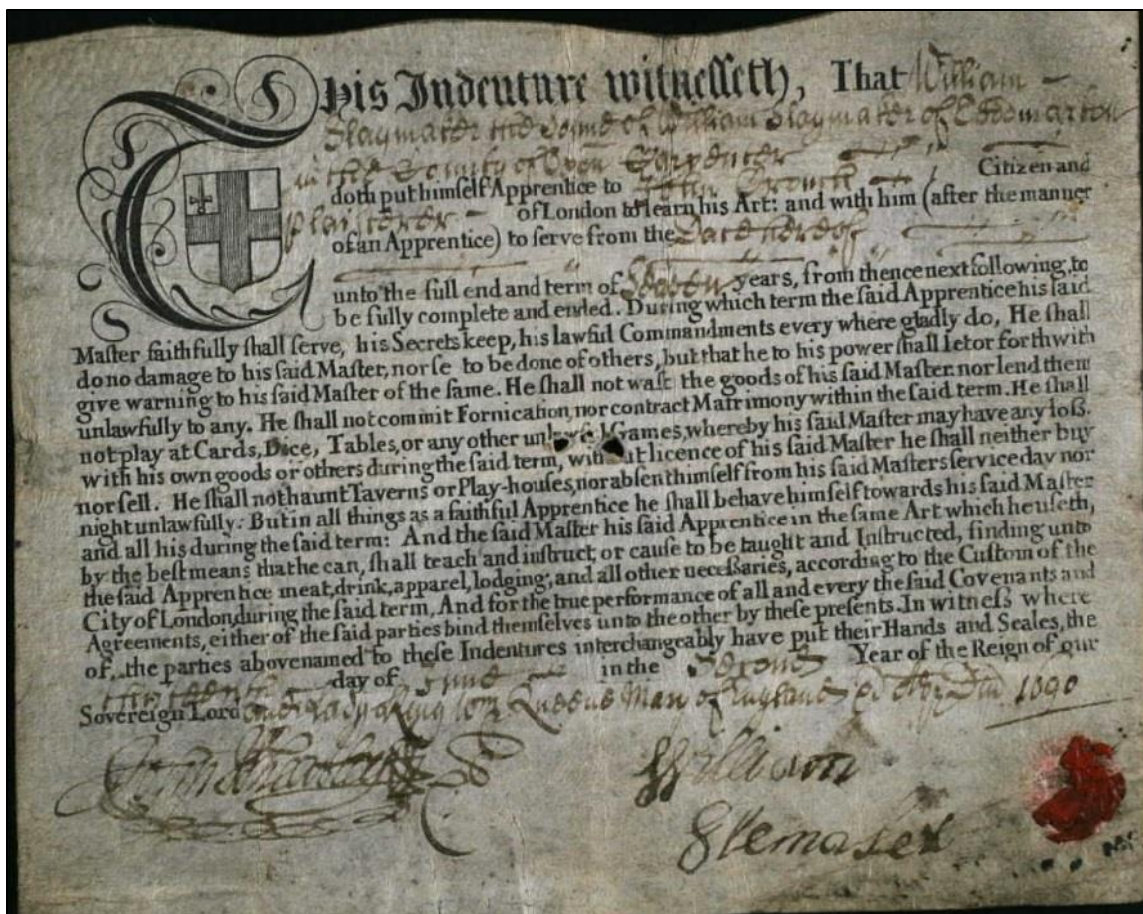
*Burial record for Elizabeth Slaymaker in Tadmarton:  
"Elizabeth the wife of William Slamaker was buried according to the Act"*

William died later the same year, and was buried 21 October 1684 in Tadmarton.



*Burial record for William Slaymaker in Tadmarton:  
"William Slemaker was buryed October 21"*

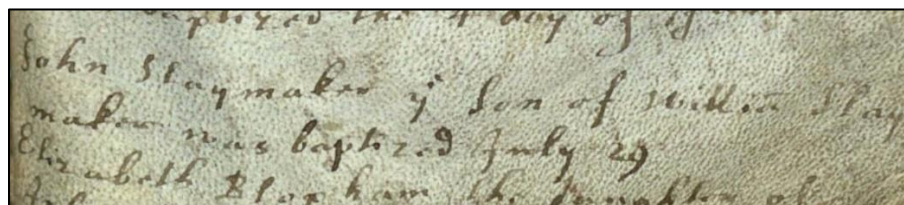
William's son, also named William was apprenticed after William died. He was only eleven years old at the time of his father's death. In 1690 he was apprenticed to John Crouch as a "plaisterer" or plasterer for seven years. His father was listed as "*William Slaymaker of Toddmaron in the County of Oxon carpenter*".



*Apprenticeship indenture for William Slaymaker*

William and Elizabeth had the following children:

\*1. **John**, christened 29 July 1666 in Tadmarton; married Mary; buried 21 November 1725 in Honington.



*Baptism record for John Slaymaker in Tadmarton:*

*"John Slaymaker ye son of William Slaymaker was baptized July 29"*

2. **Thomas**, christened 2 August 1668 in Tadmarton.

3. **Edward**, christened 24 April 1671 in Tadmarton.

4. **William**, christened 20 October 1673 in Tadmarton; apprenticed as a plasterer in 1690.

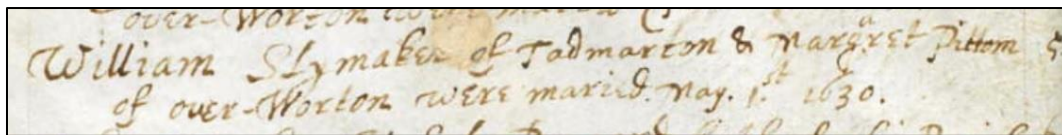
5. **Edward**, christened 30 December 1675 in Tadmarton.

6. **Henry**, christened 23 February 1678 in Tadmarton.

*SOURCES: Tadmarton parish register; Honington parish register; Drayton parish register; www.ancestry.co.uk.*

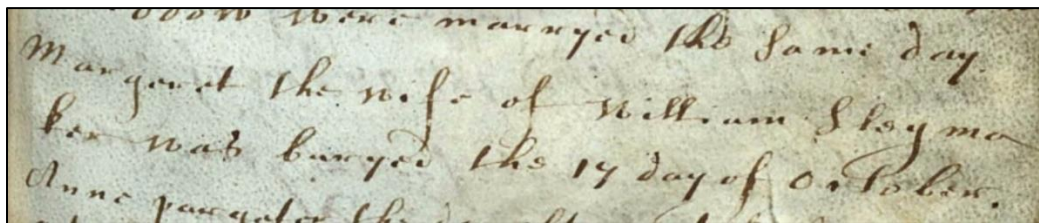
### FAMILY GROUP RECORD OF WILLIAM SLAYMAKER AND MARGARET PITTOM

William Slaymaker was born in about 1600 of Tadmarton. He married Margaret Pittom (Pitham) 1 May 1630 in Over Worton, Oxfordshire. Margaret was christened 15 February 1608 in Bodicote, Oxfordshire, the daughter of Edward and Alice Pitham.



*Marriage record for William Slaymaker and Margaret Pittom in Over Worton:  
"William Slaymaker of Tadmarton & Margaret Pittom of Over-Worton were married May 1st 1630"*

Margaret died and was buried 17 October 1665 in Tadmarton.



*Burial record for Margaret Slaymaker in Tadmarton:  
"Margaret the wife of William Slaymaker was buried the 17 day of October"*

William and Margaret had the following children:

1. **Edward**, christened 3 April 1632 in Tadmarton.

\*2. **William**, christened 13 October 1633 in Tadmarton; married Elizabeth Gilkes 29 September 1665 in Drayton.

3. **Elizabeth**, christened 1 October 1637 in Tadmarton.

4. **Mary**, christened 19 February 1639 in Tadmarton.

5. **Jane**, christened 19 January 1639/40 in Tadmarton.
6. **Henderry** (Henry), christened 24 October 1641 in Tadmarton.
7. **Marye**, christened 9 July 1642 in Tadmarton.
8. **John**, christened 1 October 1644 in Tadmarton.
9. **Hendrie**, christened 21 May 1648 in Tadmarton.
10. **Thomas**, christened 10 August 1651 in Tadmarton.

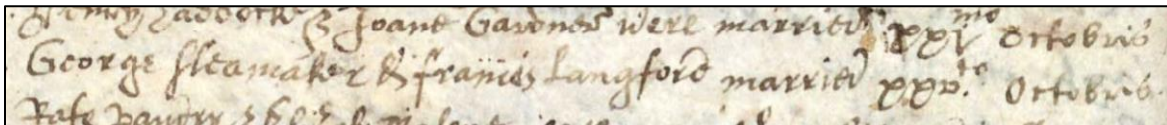
*SOURCES: Tadmarton parish register; www.ancestry.co.uk.*

No christening record is found for William Sleamaker in Tadmarton, and there are no Sleamaker christenings in Tadmarton before 1632, but there are several Sleamaker families found in nearby parishes. There are several possibilities for our William Sleamaker:

- **William**, christened 1592, the son of William and Joyce of Enstone - this William was mentioned in the will of his father in 1628, but a bequest was left to William's daughter Katherine. Edward Sleamaker also left a will, dated 1637, leaving bequests to his brother William, William's daughter Cate, son Edward, and "*five of his other children*". Our William did not have a daughter Catherine/Cate. He did have a son Edward, but did not have five other children until 1641, after Edward's will in 1637.
- **William** christened 1618, the son of William and Joyce of Enstone - too young to be married in 1630.
- **William**, christened 1601, the son of Robert of Kiddington - not living at the time of his father's death and subsequent administration in 1607.
- **William**, born about 1599, the son of George and Frances of Great Tew. This is most likely our William's father.

### FAMILY GROUP RECORD OF GEORGE SLEAMAKER AND FRANCES LANGFORD

George Sleamaker was born in about 1570 of Enstone, Oxfordshire. He married Frances Langford 25 October 1596 in Enstone. His occupation was carpenter.



*Marriage record for George Sleamaker and Frances Langford in Enstone:  
"George Sleamaker & Frances Langford married xxvth Octobris"*

Frances was christened 1 February 1567 in the nearby parish of Spelsbury, the daughter of Christofer Langford and Joanna Payne.

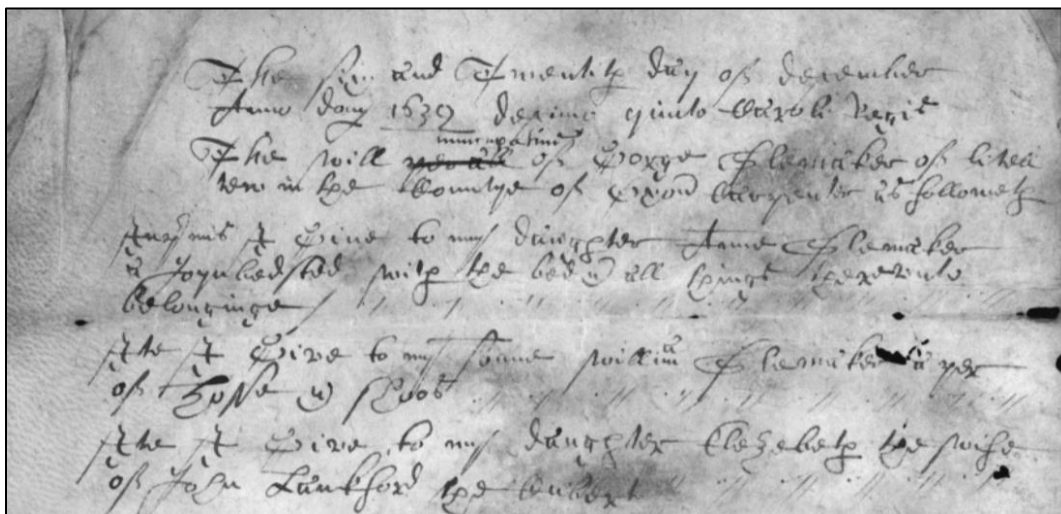
George and Frances had children christened in the village of Great Tew, Oxfordshire.



*Great Tew*

George was mentioned in the will of Robert Sleamaker of Near Enstone in 1612, but their relationship was not specified: "I bequeath to Robte Sleamaker the sonne of Thomas Sleamaker of Northly xxs. Item I bequeath to my brother Stephen Slemaker xs. Item I bequeath to **George Sleamaker** xxs. Item I bequeath to Robte Sleamaker the sonne of Henry Sleamaker xs."

George died, leaving a will in 1639.



*Will of George Sleamaker of Little Tew, carpenter, 1639*

*The six and twentieth day of December Anno Domj 1639 decimo quinto Caroli Regis*

*The will of **Gorge Sleamaker of litell tew** in the Countye of Oxon carpenter as followeth*

*Imprimis I give to **my dawghter Anne Slemaker** a joybedsted with the bed & all things thereunto belonging.*

*Item I give to **my sonne William Sleamaker** a per of howse & shoos*

*Item I give to **my daughter Elezebeth the wife of John Lankford** the cubbert.*

*Item I give unto **William Hedges my grandchild** twentye shillings and all my working tooles & my cootte a per of howse with gerkyne. And dublate and wascott.*

*All the reste of my goodes unbequethed my debtes payed and funeral giftes discharged I give unto my wellbeloved wife **Frannces Slemaker** whom I make my full and whole executrix of this my last will and testament.*

*Wittness hereunto Edward Cotts his marke John Lankford his marke*

George and Frances had the following children:

1. **Anne**, christened 30 October 1597 in Great Tew, Oxfordshire. Great Tew is a parish about six miles south of Tadmarton.

\*2. **William**, born in about 1599 of Great Tew; married Margaret Pittom (Pitham) 1 May 1630 in Over Worton, Oxfordshire; buried 17 October 1665 in Tadmarton.

3. **Jane**, married Thomas Hedges 19 November 1621 in Great Tew.

4. **Elizabeth**, married John Langford 19 October 1635 in Great Tew.

*SOURCES: Will of George Sleamaker, carpenter of Little Tew, 1639; Great Tew parish register; will of Robert Sleamaker of Near Enstone, 1612.*

## **Earlier Sleamakers**

Several generations of Sleamakers in Enstone left wills. Enstone is about eight miles south of Tadmarton.

- **William Sleamaker**, senior of Cleveley in Enstone (born about 1513) left a will dated 1613, mentioning daughter Ann James, son William Sleamaker, and William junior's children William, John, Edward, Katheren, Margaret, and Joice, William senior was buried in Enstone in 1612 at the age of 100. This fact is mentioned in *A Parochial History of Enstone in the County of Oxford*: "*The name of Sleamaker is a very ancient one indeed in the parish, as it occurs in some of the deeds belonging to the charity lands long before the time of the Registers, and as they were an ancient family so one of their members attained to the great and venerable age of a century, the fact being thus recorded in the register of his burial: - "1613, William Sleamaker was buried in*



*the vth of March - Centenarius." This Latin Word is used in English as Centenarian, and means a person who lived 100 years."*

- **William Sleamaker**, senior of Cleveley in Enstone (born about 1550) left a will dated 1628, mentioning his sons William, John, and Edward, and daughter Joyce Soden, and granddaughter Kathren (William junior's daughter).
- **William Sleamaker** of Cleveley in Enstone (born about 1580) left a will dated 1660, mentioning wife Joyce, sons William and Robert, daughters Kathern, Anne, Esabellah, and Sarah.
- **Edward Sleamaker** of Cleveley in Enstone left a will dated 1637, mentioning his brother William, William's son Edward, William's daughter Cate, a bequest of ten shillings each to "*five of his other children*", and John Sleamaker's daughter Marie.

The Enstone parish register lists:

- **William Sleamaker** married Edith Hartly in 1580, and had children Anne (1582), Thomas (1583), and Urselie (1585).
- **William Sleamaker** married Joyse Vandrie in 1587, and had children Katherine (1588), Margaret (1591), William (1592), Joyse (1595), Marie (1597), John (1599), and Edward (1602).
- **William** and Joyce Sleamaker had children William (1618) and Anne (1623). Are these the children of William Sleamaker and Joyse Vandrie, or a different couple? There was a 16-year gap in births. The will of William Sleamaker in 1660 only mentions one son named William. If he was the William christened in 1618, then he was too young to be our William Sleamaker.
- **Henry Sleamaker** married Elizabeth Lucas (1596)
- **George Sleamaker** married Frances Langford in 1596.

*"The earliest deed which is cited in evidence of the title is dated in 1588. The estate had been vested in Richard Comyn and others by the gift and feoffment of William Sleamaker, and was at that date conveyed by them to John Child and others for the uses assigned, the above-named William Sleamaker being possibly the original legal donor of the estate for the charitable use assigned."*

*"1562. Sleamaker. For a long time a notion seems to have prevailed in the parish, that a person of the name Sleamaker was the donor of the Church estate; and this idea seems to have arisen from the fact, that this was the name at various times of the tenant or occupier of the lands, particularly at the time when the Banbury decree was made by the Charity Commissioners, in which the lands are described as in the tenure of one Sleymaker, and are continually afterwards so described in all our deeds of feoffment. In fact persons of that name, and presumedly therefore the same family, were the tenants of these lands from before the time of the Banbury decree in 1602 until the year 1703...The name appears very early in the Registers, for in the year 1563 William James married Annie Sleamaker...so that already before this time the family was settled and resident here, and so continued until the year 1713 and later, but are now entirely unknown here." (A Parochial History of Enstone in the County of Oxford)*

**William Sleamaker** of Hanborough left a will dated 1597, mentioning father Thomas, wife Edye, sons Edward and William, and daughters Elizabeth, Annes, Usselie, and Margaret. Hanborough is a parish about eighteen miles south of Tadmarton. The Hanborough parish register lists William, son of John (1593), Margaret, daughter of William (1595), and William, son of Thomas (1618). Thomas Sleamaker married Dorathe Braby 1610 in Hanborough.

**John Slaymaker** of North Aston left a will dated 1663, mentioning wife Elenor (daughter of Joane

Steevens, will 1635), and son John. John senior was a miller in North Aston. The Sleamaker family is mentioned in *British History Online - North Aston*: "*The other mill was held by the Sleamaker family in the 17th and early 18th centuries, and may have been more valuable for a time, John Sleamaker's estate being worth 105 at his death in 1663.*" Thomas Sleamaker died and was buried here in 1604.

Kiddington is a parish about ten miles south of Tadmarton. **Robert Slemaker** had children Henry (1592), Elyzabeth (1594), Nicolas (1796), Francis (1599), William (1601), and Robert (1605). Robert the father was buried in 1607, leaving an administration which mentioned his brother John Sleamaker of Hanborough, and children Elizabeth, Nicholas, Francis, and Thomas. William was born at the right time, but must have died before 1607, as he is not mentioned.

