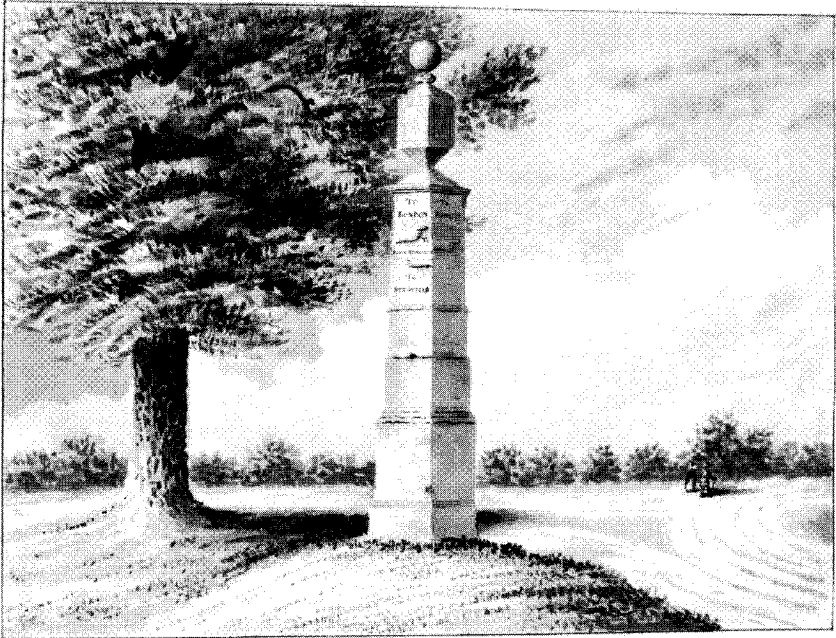


In The National Archives, at Kew, there is an Inventory of Francis White's goods for Probate purposes [PROB4 15663]. He died on the 24th January 1696, leaving the Inventory, now difficult to read, but including "wearing apparel & three hatts.... looking glasses.... press and cupboard... Large chest of drawers". Francis White was clearly an upright local citizen, maybe the Neighbourhood Watch man of his day.



PILLAR NEAR WROXTON.

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A C19 drawing of the Guide Post (above) rather exaggerates the size of the post or pillar in relation to its surroundings. It shows the smoothly tapering profile of the post before the later restoration, and the lines of the sundial on the top stone, but no sundial gnomons are in evidence.

A drawing of the Post (front cover) from a book of curiosities, again pre-1974 restoration, curiously refers to the Post as "Dick Turpin's Cross", the only such reference I know of, presumably dreamed up by romantics in the Victorian era.

The Wroxton, Balscote and Drayton Preservation Society in 1974 carried out a major restoration of the Post. It had become necessary