

husband's burial. There are no other Che(e)tham wills for this period in PCC or amongst Oxfordshire courts. Her trustees, both described as "clerke", were Anglican clergy.

may/ The final group has two deeds dated ~~August~~ 1698, by which time the late Mrs Cheetham's son John has evidently come of age.

The first is between, on the one part, her trustees Edward Draper of Sibson, John Smith of Ladbroke "and John Cheetham of Westcote, Warws., Gent." (so much for the apprenticeship!); and, on the other part, Walter Pateshall of Shrewsbury, Salop., woollendrapier.

By it Pateshall acquires the property in "the Horse Faire now or late in tenure... of one Philip Tyler". It is signed by Edward Draper, John Smith and John [what is clearly meant to be] Cheetham. All three signatures are witnessed by Anth. Newlove, but otherwise separately, Smith by Abra. Murcott; Draper by Wm. Style and Edward Pettipher; and Cheetham by Tho. Cross. When presented with a "John Smith" one tends to despair, but the Ladbroke Hearth Tax return does show that in 1670 "Mr Smith, rector" had five hearths. Abraham Murcott witnessed his signature in 1698. In 1670 "Jo. Murcott, gent." and "Mr Andrew Murcott" lived at Cubbington, only five miles away. **William Style** was an early AOL signatory, an attorney who became town clerk in 1706. He died in 1716.

The wrongly numbered "**5** Mr Pateshall's Purchase Deed. 10th May 1698" (the following day) is a tripartite deed. For the first part, Edward Draper of Sibson, John Smith of Ladbroke and "John Cheetham of Westcote, Gentleman, son of Mary Cheetham late of Banbury, widow, deceased"; for the second, Edward Phillips of Shrewsbury, clothier; and for the third, Walter Pateshall of Shrewsbury, woollendrapier.

The gist of Mary Cheetham's will is given. It explains that her executrix Elizabeth Pettipher "sometime after intermarried with the said Edward Phillips" (Richard Hartley's addition to one of the 1689 deeds implies that this took place in 1693); that Mr Phillips took out a mortgage on the property; and that "the said Mary Cheetham [the daughter] is since dead" before 21 or marriage. The trustees refer to the deed signed the previous day and confirm the purchase of the lease of the property by Walter Pateshall. It is signed by Edward Draper, John Smith, John Cheetham and Edward Phillips.

Philip Tyler, a carpenter who lived in the house after Mrs Cheetham's death, was probably (as mentioned above) the son, born in 1657, of Richard Tyler, also a carpenter, who'd lived there before 1684. He also signed the 1696 AOR, and was buried in January 1728/9.