



Calthorpe House in 1823

William Wagstaffe had probably retired to Calthorpe House. The Calthorpe estate (effectively part of Banbury, but beyond the borough boundary) had been sold in 1680, but the new owners never appeared to have lived there.¹⁷ William Wagstaffe's will shows that he had earlier lived in a "mansion house" at Farnborough, again quite close but in Warwickshire. In 1670 he had paid tax on eight hearths (George Rawleigh esq. at what is now Farnborough Hall had eleven), and there is an inscription in the church there to his wife Mary (d. 1666/7).¹⁸ The presence of her uncle at Calthorpe might have been a reason for the presumably newly-widowed Mary Cheetham to buy a house near-by in Banbury.¹⁹

The Eighteenth Century and the Rymill family

The final document is a bond from Walter Patteshall of Shrewsbury, woollendraper, to Richard Rymill of Banbury, baker, dated 18 October 1701. It is signed by Walter Pateshall, with a seal showing a shield with a fesse and beneath it a chevron, with birds on either side. This also appeared on a 1689 Covenant. Perhaps it belonged to Anthony Newlove.

The witnesses are Thos. Goode, Joseph Austin and Anth. Newlove.

It is not surprising that the Shrewsbury woollendraper rapidly rid himself of his distant Banbury property. **Richard Rymill**, Banbury baker, probably recently married, had five surviving children between 1707 and 1722. His

¹⁷ *Victoria County History: Oxfordshire*, v.10, *Banbury Hd.*: Banbury, p.44.

¹⁸ *Victoria County History: Warwickshire*, v.5, *Kington Hd.*: Farnborough, p.87.

¹⁹ It is hoped to write further about the Wagstaffe family and their Farnborough connections, and also Presbyterianism, in a future issue.