

**English & Welsh gunmakers & gunsmiths from the mid 16th century
to about 1850
EXCLUDING LONDON**

A record of names, dates and places compiled from free on-line sources - Winter 2017 Version 1

DATE	NAME	EVENT	LOCATION City/Town	SOURCE Record Office Reference Number
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BEDFORDSHIRE

Bedfordshire Record Office

1651	John Adames	Conveyance (Feoffment): John Butler, labourer, to John Adames, gunsmith, both of Lidlington -- 1 ac. in Windmill Fd	Lidlington	CH609
20 Jun 1664	Thomas Peobody	Marriage Settlement (Feoffment): £30. (i) Maurice Sharley of Loddington, tailor.(ii) Thomas Peobody of Bailden parva, gunsmith	Bailden	HI98

1684	Samuel Browne	PRESENTMENTS OF RECUSANTS - includes Samuel Browne of Salford, gunsmith	Salford	HSA1684/W/61-62
11 Jun 1695	Francis Reynardson	Assignment of Mortgage Parties: mortgage by demise for 60 years of 8 Dec 1656 in which Richard Loton, Abraham Jeson of Whitechapel, gentleman, Francis Reynardson of Whitechapel, gunsmith and John Wells of Whitechapel, brewer	London	WB/WF5/1/2
1695	Humphrey Pickfatt	Settlement on marriage of Edward Turvey, gunmaker, & Mabel Howell (widow of John Howell) all of London	London	WG129
1698	Christopher Watford	Christopher Watford's receipted bill to the Earl of Bolingbroke for gunsmith's work and clock cleaning.	??	J428
22 Jun 1698	John Gillam	Feoffment Parties: (i) Sarah Gillam of Luton, widow; (ii) John Gillam of Luton, gunsmith, son of Sarah Gillam	Luton	Z660/D/3/2/3
12 Dec 1717	John Gillam	Covenant Parties: (i) John Ewer of Luton, gentleman and Sarah, his wife; Edward Ewer of Luton, gentleman, father of John Ewer; John Gillam of Luton, gunsmith, and Sarah, his wife	Luton	Z660/D/3/1/4

Bedfordshire - Wills available for download from National Archives, London

12 December 1853	John Drage	Will of John Drage, Gunsmith of Leighton Buzzard , Bedfordshire	Leighton Buzzard	PROB 11/2182
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BERKSHIRE

Berkshire - Wills available for download from National Archives, London

19 May 1653	James Wallace	Will of James Wallace, Gunsmith of Wantage, Berkshire	Wantage	PROB 11/226
30 May 1771	Robert Bennett	Will of Robert Bennett, Gunmaker of Cookham, Berkshire	Cookham	PROB 11/967
09 May 1834	William Abnett	Will of William Abnett, Gunmaker of New Windsor, Berkshire	New Windsor	PROB 11/1831
29 January 1857	Edward Woodham	Will of Edward Woodham, Gunsmith of Hungerford, Berkshire	Hungerford	PROB 11/2245

BIRMINGHAM & THE WEST MIDLANDS

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6 September 1672	William Aston	Abstract of grant of letters of administration of the estate of William Aston of Comets End in the parish of Berkswell, co. War., gunsmith, to Anne Aston of Cometts End, Comets End, his widow.	Comets End, Berkswell	Birmingham City Archives MS 3615/Acc 1937-039/468853
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30 September (11 Will. III) 1699	John Greene	Indenture between John Greene of Solihull, co. War., gunsmith, and Thomas Greene, the younger of Coleshill, co. War., yeoman, and Richard Bates of Solihull, yeoman, concerning land in Yardley.	Solihull	Birmingham City Archives MS 3197/ACC 1919-025/280367
26 December 1699	William Eachell	Indenture between 1 Mary Cooke of Sheldon, widow and executrix of John Cooke late of Sheldon, yeoman, deceased, and Ralph Cooke of Sheldon, yeoman, their son, 2 John Cooke of Moseley, yeoman, and Margaret Eachell of Birmingham, spinster, and 3 William Eachell of Birmingham, gunsmith, and Robert Whatcock of Marston Culey Marston Green in the parish of Church Bickenhill Bickenhill, co. War., gent., being a settlement previous to the marriage of the said John and Margaret, of a messuage and land with appurtenances in Sheldon. Consideration: £140.	Birmingham	Birmingham City Archives MS 3888/A 1717
1710	Samuel Vaughton	Leases of Pinfold Leasow, the Upper and Lower Hinckleys, Clempson's Croft and Bettridge's Croft, adjoining Edgbaston Street, Birmingham; (Samuel Smalbroke of Birmingham, gent.; Robert Mansell of Birmingham, cutler; Samuel Vaughton of Birmingham, gunsmith). Old Style year: 1676/77-1709/10	Birmingham	Birmingham Record Office MS 1098/2/1/12
1710	John Mucklow	Deeds relating to West Riddings farm in Warley - 1710 lease and release, Richard Mucklow of Halesowen, Salop, yeoman and John Mucklow the younger of Birmingham, gunsmith to John Mucklow the elder of Halesowen, Worcestershire, blacksmith.	Birmingham	Birmingham Record Office MS 3101/A/B/7/6

13 October 1718	Jacob Pemberton	Lease for six months from John Groves of Bosall Balsall Heath, blacksmith, Eleanor, his wife, and Benjamin Dolphin of Deretend Deritend, to Sarah Dolphin of Deretend, spinster, and Jacob Pemberton of Deretend, gunsmith, of messuages with appurtenances in Deretend. Consideration: 5s.	Deritend	Birmingham City Archives MS 3449/Acc 1947-025/5
14 October 1718	Jacob Pemberton	Release from John Groves of Bosall Balsall Heath, blacksmith, Eleanor, his wife, and Benjamin Dolphin, son of the said Eleanor, to Sarah Dolphin, of Deretend Deritend, spinster, and Jacob Pemberton of Deretend, gunsmith, of messuages with appurtenances in Deretend. Consideration: £25.	Deritend	Birmingham City Archives MS 3449/Acc 1947-025/6
28 September 1733	William Moor	Feoffment - William Moor the younger of Handsworth, gunsmith	Handsworth	Birmingham Record Office MS 5/5
1 January 1735/6	John Whately	Indenture between 1; John Whately the elder of Birmingham, gunsmith, 2; Joseph Porter of Birmingham, toymaker, and Edmund Scotton of Shustock Shustoke co. War., gent., and 3; John Whately the younger of Birmingham, gunsmith, Henry Croxall the younger of Shustock, gent., and Mary Croxall, his daughter, being a settlement previous to the marriage of the said John Whately the younger and the said Mary Croxall of messuages with appurtenances in Smalbroke Street Smallbrook Street Birmingham.	Birmingham	Birmingham City Archives MS 3602/434

3 June 1740	Thomas Oughton	Bond from John Henn of Birmingham, ironmonger, to Thomas Oughton of the same, gunsmith.	Birmingham	Birmingham City Archives MS 3069/Acc1926-021/329428
25 January 1743[4]	John Whately	Lease from Judd Harding of Birmingham, gent., to John Whately the younger of Birmingham, gunsmith, of garden land with appurtenances lying behind houses in Smallbrooke Street, Birmingham, to hold from 25 December [1743] for a term of sixty three years and then from 25 March [1807] for a further term of nineteen years. Rent: £1.	Birmingham	Birmingham City Archives MS 3602/242
4 June 1745	William Moor	Feoffment - William Moor the younger of Handsworth, gunsmith	Handsworth	Birmingham Record Office MS 5/5
1 August 1747	Thomas Welch	Counterpart of lease for one hundred and twenty years from Ann Colmore of Colney Hatch, co. Middx., widow, to Thomas Welch of Birmingham, gun lock maker, of land and premises in Colmore Row.	Birmingham	Birmingham City Archives MS 3375/409135
2 April 1748	Thomas Welch	Counterpart of lease for one hundred and nineteen years from Ann Colmore of Colney Hatch, co. Middx., to Thomas Welch of Birmingham, gun lock maker, of land in Little Charles Street afterwards Edmund Street.	Birmingham	Birmingham City Archives MS 3375/409313
17 April 1752	Samuel Whitehouse	Indenture of mortgage from Samuel Whitehouse of Birmingham, gun stocker, and John Clay Hallen of the same place, gent., trustee for the said Samuel Whitehouse, to David Hallen of the same place, frying pann maker, of lands and appurtenances in Yardley.	Birmingham	Birmingham City Archives MS 3375/571813

1754	Rich. Heely	Leases, assignments and mortgages of two houses in Hill Street, Birmingham; Rich. Heely of Birmingham, gunsmith	Birmingham	Birmingham Record Office MS 28/1007
13 August 1755	Richard Healey	Lease for a term of 112 years - 1. Ann Colmore of Colney Hatch, Midds., widow 2. Richard Healey of Birmingham, Warws., gunmaker Reciting Act of Parliament of 1746 20 George II Empowering 1 and assignees to make building leases of lands in Birmingham during the life of Thomas Colmore, merchant Property in Holloway Head Lane, Birmingham described Consideration: Annual Rent of £3 6s. 2 covenants to spend at least £400 on improvement of property.	Birmingham	Birmingham Record Office MS 28/439
17 June 1756	Richard Heeley	Agreement between Thomas Davis of Duddeston, forgerman, and Richard Heeley of Birmingham, gunsmith, concerning weekly wages, etc.	Birmingham	Birmingham City Archives MS 3069/Acc1926-021/329446
5 May 1759	William Bache	Lease and counterpart lease for 11 years - 2. William Bache of Birmingham, master of the workhouse and gunmaker; Property: Two pieces of land in Birmingham in Walmer Lane otherwise Lancaster Street.	Birmingham	Birmingham Record Office MS 464/1-2
20 October 1761	Richard Perry	Lease, from John Hunter of Birmingham whitesmith, Richard Perry of the same, gunsmith, John Constantine of Bonsall County Derby, woolcomber, to Spencer Perry of Birmingham victualler, of premises in Bull Street, Birmingham.	Birmingham	Birmingham Record Office MS 85/1/3

26 April 1763	John Whately	Grant from John Whately, son of John Whately the younger, of Birmingham, gunsmith, to John Whatley the younger of Birmingham, gunsmith, and Mary, his wife, of an annuity of twenty pounds issuing from a leasehold messuage with appurtenances in Smallbrooke Street, Birmingham.	Birmingham	Birmingham City Archives MS 3602/251
20 July 1763	John Whately Joseph Oughton William Walsingham	Indenture between 1 Joseph Oughton of Birmingham, gunsmith; 2 Joseph Oughton the younger of Birmingham, gunsmith, his son; 3 John Whateley of Birmingham, gunsmith, and Dorothy Whateley of Birmingham, spinster his daughter; and 4 William Walsingham the younger of Birmingham, gunsmith, and John Whateley the younger of Birmingham, gunsmith, being a settlement previous to the marriage of the said Joseph Oughton the younger and Dorothy Whateley, of land called the Stone Bed meadow with appurtenances, and a mill, messuage and land, all in Sutton Coldfield, Warwickshire.	Birmingham	Birmingham City Archives MS 3602/438
13 August 1763	W.Bates	Bond by J.Wright and J.Turner, brass-founders, F.Miles, victualler, and W.Bates, gunsmith, all of Birmingham, to appear at Warwickshire Quarter Sessions.	Birmingham	Birmingham City Archives MS 3008/Acc 1883-006/63186

1 May 1766	John Whately	Lease for twenty one years from Judd Harding of Solihull, co. War., esq., to John Whately the younger of Birmingham, gunsmith, of a messuage with appurtenances in Smallbrooke Street, Birmingham, to hold from 25 March, last 1766. Rent: £6; and, lease from the said Judd Harding and Richard Jervace of Birmingham, toymaker, to the said John Whately, of a parcel of garden ground lying behind the said messuage. Rent: 3s. 4d. to the said Richard Jervace during his term of years and then to the said Judd Harding for the residue of the term.	Birmingham	Birmingham City Archives MS 3602/254
8 May 1766	John Whately	Indenture between John Whately the elder of Birmingham, gun barrell maker and John Whately the younger of Birmingham, gun barrell maker, his son, being a settlement previous to the marriage of the said John Whately the younger, and Mary Piddock, daughter of Joseph Piddock, of the parish of Handsworth, gent., of the share of the said John Whately the elder in the stock and profits in the gun trade carried on by him and John Whately the younger in partnership and of twelve hundred pounds to be paid to John Whately the younger on the death of John Whately the elder.	Birmingham	Birmingham City Archives MS 3602/257
9 August 1769	Richard Hawkes	Bond from Thomas Wood Hawkes, malster, Richard Hawkes, gunsmith, Sarah Warr, widow, all of Deritend, and James Hadley of Bordsley Bordesley, malt mill maker, to John Ruston of the parish of Northfield, gent., to secure the sum of £200.		Birmingham City Archives MS 3449/Acc 1947-025/24

9 August 1769	Richard Hawkes	Assignment of mortgage from Edward Audley of Birmingham, surgeon, and John Nuttall, of Fradley in the parish of Alrewas, co. Staff., gent., by the direction of Sarah Hawkes of Deritend, widow of John Hawkes the younger, late of Bordsley Bordesley near Deritend, brickmaker, deceased, Thomas Wood Hawkes, malster, Richard Hawkes, gunsmith, John Hawkes, toymaker, Sarah Warr, widow, all of Deritend, and James Hadley of Bordsley, maltmillmaker, and Mary his wife, to John Ruston of Northfield, gent., of messuages with appurtenances in Deritend.	Birmingham	Birmingham City Archives MS 3449/Acc 1947-025/23
2 December 1769	Thomas Walker	Bond from Thomas Walker of Birmingham, gun barrel filer, to Richard Heeley of Birmingham, gunsmith.	Birmingham	Birmingham City Archives MS 3069/Acc1926-021/329462

1767	Thomas Juman	Assignment of lease of property at Whitehalls Lane/Steelhouse Lane - Property comprises dwelling house with shop, courts, yards, gardens and outbuildings. Parties: Samuel Galton of Birmingham, merchant and William John Banner of Birmingham, merchant. This property was leased by William Tittensor of Birmingham, blacksmith to Thomas Juman of Birmingham, gunsmith by indenture dated 20 Jan 1735/6. Thomas Juman assigned the property to James Farmer by indenture dated 2 Feb 1744/5. By commission of bankruptcy issued against James Farmer, his estate and effects were transferred to Alexander Champion, George Hayley, Joseph Penham, James Johnson and Charles Pumbleton. These assignees transferred the property to Samuel Galton by assignment 31 Dec 1755.	Birmingham	Birmingham Record Office MS 3101/A/A/1/2
1767	James Farmer Samuel Galton	These consist of the formal articles of agreement made between James Farmer and Samuel Galton of Birmingham, merchants and co-partners and William Bird of Birmingham, gunmaker by which Bird is to enter the employment of Farmer & Galton as clerk and assistant; two draft copies of this agreement; bond for the performance of the articles of agreement between William Bird and James Farmer and Samuel Galton.	Birmingham	Birmingham Record Office MS 3101/D/2/1
31 May 1768	John Whately	Probate copy of the will of John Whately the younger of Birmingham, gunsmith. Will dated 22 July, 1763. Codicil dated 25 November, 1766. Probate granted 4 July, 1768. Note: 408 Another copy, Paper. Attested 31 May, 1768.	Birmingham	Birmingham City Archives MS 3602/262

24 August 1768	John Whately	Lease for a year from Joseph Piddock of the parish of Handsworth, gent., John Whately of Birmingham, gun barrel maker, and Mary, his wife, daughter of the said Joseph Piddock, to Josiah Smallwood of the parish of Birmingham, gent., and Thomas Moore of the parish of Handsworth, stamper, of messuages, lands and appurtenances in the parish of Handsworth.	Birmingham	Birmingham City Archives MS 3602/263
1770s	Francis Field	Pocket notebook of Francis Field of Birmingham, gunsmith; Contains lists of gunmakers' requisites purchased and includes references to the Highhams Hill Estate and Camp Haws Estate.	Birmingham	Birmingham Record Office MS 195/2
3 February 1770	John Whately	Lease for twenty one years from Joseph Piddock of Handsworth, gent., Hannah, his wife, John Whately of Birmingham, gunsmith, and Mary, his wife, daughter of the said Joseph Piddock, to John Lee of Birmingham, merchant, of a messuage and land in Handsworth, to hold from 25 March next. Rent: £30 and £5 for every additional acre tilled	Birmingham	Birmingham City Archives MS 3602/325
30 April 1771	Richard Hawkes	Lease for a year from Richard Hawkes of Birmingham, gunsmith and victualler, to James Hadley of Bordesley, maltmillmaker, of an undivided third part of messuages with appurtenances in Deretend Deritend and Bordesley.	Birmingham	Birmingham City Archives MS 3449/Acc 1947-025/25

1 May 1771	Richard Hawkes	Release from Richard Hawkes of Birmingham, gunsmith and victualler, and Mary his wife, to James Hadley of Bordesley, malt mill maker, of an undivided third part of messuages with appurtenances in Deretend Deritend and Bordesley, subject to various mortgages and encumbrances. Consideration: £70.	Birmingham	Birmingham City Archives MS 3449/Acc 1947-025/26
17 July 1772	Joseph Oughton	Mortgage. Parties: Joseph Horton, carpenter, and Joseph Oughton, gunsmith, both of Birmingham. Property: Land in Church St. Birmingham.	Birmingham	Birmingham City Archives
17 Oct 1772	Joseph Oughton	Assignment. Parties: Joseph Horton, carpenter, and Joseph Oughton, gunsmith, both of Birmingham. Property: Land in Church St.	Birmingham	Birmingham City Archives MS 3882/1/5
7 June 1774	John Whately	Quitclaim from John Wyrley of Hamstead Hall in the parish of Handsworth, esq., Lord of the Manor of Handsworth, to Hannah Piddock of the parish of Handsworth, widow of Joseph Piddock of the same place gent., deceased, John Whateley of Birmingham, gunsmith, and Mary, his wife, daughter and heir at law of the said Joseph Piddock, of all manner of reliefs and heriots payable on messuages, lands and appurtenances in the parish and Manor of Handsworth. Consideration: £60.	Birmingham	Birmingham City Archives MS 3602/327

7 March 1775	John Whately Joseph Oughton	Copy of acknowledgement from Joseph Oughton the younger of Birmingham, gunsmith to John Whately the younger of Birmingham, gunsmith for five hundred pounds due upon the death of John Whately the elder of Birmingham, gunsmith under an indenture of 20 July, 1763.	Birmingham	Birmingham City Archives MS 3602/439
10 May, 1775	Thomas Lane	Bond from William Boswell of Birmingham, button maker, to Samuel Colmore of Birmingham, plater, and Thomas Lane of Birmingham, gun maker, to secure the sum of £150.	Birmingham	Birmingham City Archives MS 3375/409475
6 July 1776	Joseph Oughton	Assignment. Parties: Joseph Oughton of Birmingham, gunsmith, and William Wood of the Close, Lichfield, co. Staff., gent. Property: Land in Church St.	Birmingham	Birmingham City Archives MS 3882/1/8
4 September 1776	William Newey	Counterpart of lease for one hundred and sixteen years from Charles Colmore of Birmingham, esq., to William Newey of Birmingham, gunsmith, of land in Great Charles Street.	Birmingham	Birmingham City Archives MS 3375/410151
1776	Samuel Galton	Papers relating to the employment of James Forshaw - Articles of agreement drawn up between Samuel Galton of Birmingham, gunmaker and his son Samuel Galton jnr and James Forshaw of Liverpool, gunmaker by which Forshaw is employed by the Galtons as clerk and warehouseman in Liverpool.	Birmingham	Birmingham Record Office MS 3101/D/2/2
7 April 1777	William Court	Counterpart of lease for one hundred and fifteen years from Charles Colmore of Birmingham esq., to William Court of Birmingham, gunsmith, of land in Livery Street.	Birmingham	Birmingham City Archives MS 3375/410635

26 March 1779	John Whately	Release from John Hawkesford of Birmingham, gunfinisher, Mary Hawkesford of Birmingham, spinster, and Catherine Hawkesford of Birmingham, spinster, to John Whately of Birmingham, gun maker, of a messuage and lands called Witton Fields in Handsworth.	Birmingham	Birmingham City Archives MS 3375/447014
6 April 1779	John Welch	Lease for one hundred and thirteen years from Charles Colmore of Birmingham, esq., to John Welch of Birmingham, gun maker, of land in Lionel Street. Endorsed with surrender, dated 28 November, 1891, from Joseph Cooper of Birmingham, edge tool manufacturer, to Charles Augustus North, and Henry Charles Benyon Barton, both of London esqs., of the said land, together with premises afterwards erected thereon.	Birmingham	Birmingham City Archives MS 3375/410172
15 January 1782	Thomas Hadley	Agreement between Joseph Amphlett, ironmonger, and Richard Bolton, grocer, both of Dudley, and Thomas Carless of Birmingham, assigness of the estate of Thomas Hadley of Birmingham, gunsmith, and Robert Minors of Birmingham, surgeon, for the sale of premises in Snow Hill, Birmingham.	Birmingham	Birmingham City Archives MS 3069/Acc1926-021/329472

1 April 1788	Henry Arthur Ward	Lease for one hundred and four years from Charles Colmore of Birmingham, esq., to Samuel Grigg of Birmingham, yeoman, of land in Hospital Street. Endorsed with surrender dated 8 August, 1890, from Arthur Heaton, metal roller and wire drawer, Henry Arthur Ward, gun maker and William Albert Upton, printer, all of Birmingham, to Charles Augustus North, esq., and Henry Charles Benyon Barton, esq., both of London, of the said land, together with premises afterwards erected thereon.	Birmingham	Birmingham City Archives MS 3375/407690
18 June 1794	Francis Field	Indenture between Sarah Pass of Bridgnorth, Salop, widow of Thomas Pass, late of Bridgnorth, cheese factor, John Rawley of Stourbridge, co. Worc., butcher, executor of the will of Thomas Ellis late of Birmingham, peruke maker, deceased, William Robbins of Birmingham, button maker, Ann, his wife, daughter of the said Thomas Ellis, Francis Field of Birmingham, gunsmith, and George Calley of Birmingham, toy-maker, being an assignment of messuages and appurt enances in Weaman Street and Slaney Street in trust to attend the inheritance.	Birmingham	Birmingham City Archives MS 28/Acc1944-029/575338
29 September 1796	Francis Field	Bond in the penal sum of £300; Francis Field of Birmingham, gunsmith	Birmingham	Birmingham Record Office MS 195/3
9 August 1797	Joseph Grice	Rt. Hon. Edward, Earl of Digby, William Penn of Haselwell mill in Kings Norton, gun barrell borer, and Joseph Grice of Birmingham, gunsmith. A message called the mill house, lands and appurtenances in Coleshill, co. Warwick.	Birmingham	Birmingham Record Office MS 917/11/14/19/1

10 August 1797	Joseph Grice	Bond of indemnity. Edward, Earl of Digby, William Penn of Hazelwell Mill in Kings Norton, gun barrell borer and Joseph Grice of Birmingham, gunsmith. Lands in Coleshill.	Birmingham	Birmingham City Archives MS 917/1832
4 July 1800	Joseph Grice	Release - William Penn of Hazelwell Mill in King's Norton, gun-barrell-borer, Joseph Grice of Birmingham, gunmaker, and John Dale of Coleshill, co. War., mercer. A messuage called the Mill house with land and appurtenances in Coleshill. (With plan.). MS 917/1831 10 August 1797 Release. Rt. Hon. Edward, Earl of Digby, William Penn of Hazelwell Mill in Kings Norton, gun barrel borer, and Joseph Grice of Birmingham, gunsmith. A messuage called the mill house, lands and appurtenances in Coleshill, co. Warwick.	Birmingham	Birmingham Record Office MS 917/11/14/19/6
2 September 1805	Henry Morris	Indenture between Thomas Russell, merchant, Henry Morris, gun maker, James Alston, button maker, all of Birmingham, trustees for the sale of the estates of William Turner late of Shenstone Moss in the parish of Shenstone, co. Staff., esq., the said William Turner, William Green, a Captain in His Majesty's Royal Navy, Sarah, his wife, and William Smith of Birmingham, banker, being an assignment to the said William Smith of leasehold tenements, premises and lands at Birmingham Townsend adjoining Coleshill Street, Drury Lane, and Leek Street, to hold for trusts recited.	Birmingham	Birmingham City Archives MS 3375/455576

3 September, 1804	William Ketland	Copy of the will of William Ketland of Small Heath, gun and pistol maker. 3 September, 1804. Codicil dated 15 October, 1804.	Small Heath	Birmingham City Archives MS 3069/Acc1930-022/373956
August - September 1807	Jeremiah Chaplin	Jeremiah Chaplin of Birmingham, gunmaker, and John Highfield of Standon, famer, for keeping and using dogs (setting dogs, a lurcher) for the destruction of game.	Birmingham	Staffordshire Record OfficeQ/SB 1807 M/365-271
6 October 1807	James Mayland	James Mayland of Darlaston, gunlocksmith, for getting drunk [on a Sunday].	Darlaston	Staffordshire Record OfficeQ/SB 1807 M/365-271
12 December 1807	Giles Richard Priory Bolton	Affadavit - Of Netlam Giles of New Inn, Midds., Civil engineer Alexander Comrie of the same place, assistant to Giles Richard Priory Bolton of Birmingham, gunmaker Concerning survey made August 1807 of River Rea between Lawley Road, Ashtead & Duddeston Boring and Grinding mills and Saltley Bridge and Feeder to Duddeston mills in employment of Samuel Galton, recommending construction of weir.	Birmingham	Birmingham Record Office MS 28/50

23 June 1808	John Dunderdale John Mabson James Augustus Labron	<p>Deed of co-partnership - Contents:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. John Dunderdale of Birmingham, gun maker and factor 2. John Mabson of Birmingham, gun maker and factor 3. James Augustus Labron of Birmingham, gun maker and factor <p>Business: gun makers and factors Period: 21 years Terms: John Dunderdale and John Mabson each agree to pay £7,500 for stock by 3 Dec. 1808. All profits are divided by six, James Augustus Labron taking 1/6 and John Dunderdale and John Mabson dividing the other 5/6 between them. If by 3 Dec. 1813 James Augustus Labron pays £5,000 he will become a full partner and profits will be divided equally John Dunderdale and John Mabson may withdraw £500 per annum from the profits. James Augustus Labron may withdraw £200 per annum until he becomes a full partner, then he may withdraw £500. Trading name: Dunderdale, Mabson and Labron.</p>	Birmingham	MS 3375/306/8
1810		<p>Deeds relating to Coates Leasow (8 acres) near Newbolds Farm, Wednesfield (Staffordshire) - abstract of title of Mary Buffery with related legal opinion, 1810 John Bingham of Birmingham, gunmaker, and Ann his wife; Thomas Williamson of Birmingham, gunfinisher, and Ann his wife</p>	Birmingham	MS 13/2/19

10 December 1814	Thomas Archer	Counterpart of lease for ninety nine years from Richard Spooner, banker, William Bullock, factor, William Price, gent., Thomas Archer, the younger, gun maker, Edward Piercy, bookseller, trustees of the New Union Flour and Bread Company, by the direction of Isaac Spooner and Matthias Attwood of Birmingham, bankers and from the said Isaac Spooner and Matthias Attwood, to John Green of Birmingham, joiner and cabinet maker, of land near Nelson Street afterwards Sheepcote Street and Essington Street.	Birmingham	Birmingham City Archives MS 3375/411081
20 June 1815	John Lorton	Lease for 196 years. Parties: John Lorton of Aston, gun finisher, and Stephen Hill of Birmingham, bayonet maker. Property: Land in Pritchett St. Aston.	Aston	Birmingham City Archives MS 831/152

26 January 1816	John Whately	Indenture between 1: Edward Moore Noble of Chelsea London, gent.; 2: Mary Whately of the parish of Handsworth, widow of John Whately of the same parish gun barrel maker, deceased; 3: Henry Piddock Whately late of the parish of Handsworth, but now of Alphington, Devon, esq., her son; 4: Edward Croxall the younger of Sutton Coldfield, co. War., gent.; 5: Thomas Attwood of Birmingham, banker; 6: John Wilkes Unett of Birmingham, gent.; and 7: William Tooke of Grays Inn London gent., being a deed to create a tenant for a recovery of messuages, lands and appurtenances in the parish of Handsworth, and lands with appurtenances in the Manor of Handsworth, except those appointed to the use of Henry Piddock Whately in a deed of 22 May, 1794.	Handsworth	Birmingham City Archives MS 3602/302
25 January 1816	John Whately	Lease for a year from Edward Moore Noble of Chelsea London, gent., and Mary Whately of the parish of Handsworth, widow of John Whately of the same parish, gun barrel maker, deceased, to William Tooke of Grays Inn London, gent., of messuages, lands and appurtenances in the parish of Handsworth, and lands with appurtenances in the Manor of Handsworth.	Handsworth	Birmingham City Archives MS 3602/301
31 December 1816	Joseph Priest	Will of Joseph Priest of Birmingham, gun-barrel-maker. With Instructions for drafting appended.	Birmingham	Birmingham City Archives MS 3069/Acc1930-022/374151

22 January 1817	Thomas Archer	Counterpart of lease for ninety nine years from William Bullock, merchant, William Price, gent., Thomas Archer, gun maker, Thomas Atkins, brassfounder and Richard Harborne, ironmonger, all of Birmingham, trustees of the New Union Mill Flour and Bread Company to Joseph Twist of Birmingham, victualler, of mortgaged land in Mill Street afterwards Grosvenor Street West.	Birmingham	Birmingham City Archives MS 3375/411083
14 July 1817	John Lorton	Assignment. Parties: John Lorton of Aston, gun finisher, and Stephen Hill of Aston bayonet maker. Property: Land in Pritchett St. Aston.		Birmingham City Archives MS 831/154
17 July 1817	John Jones Joseph Turton Benjamin Parsons	Release from Joseph Turton of Aston, gun barrel maker, and Benjamin Parsons of Birmingham, gun barrel maker, to John Jones of Birmingham, gun maker, of all right and title to certain messuages and lands at or near Stourport, co. Worcs.	Birmingham	Birmingham City Archives MS 3375/452144
14 February 1818	Thomas Izon John Oughton	Grant from Arthur Male, esq., George Barker and John Arnold, gent., commissioners appointed under a commission of bankruptcy awarded against Henry Van Wart of Birmingham, to Thomas Izon, gunmaker, Joseph Shore, merchant, and John Oughton, gunbarrel maker, all of Birmingham, of all the property of the said Henry Van Wart.	Birmingham	Birmingham City Archives MS 3375/452018
1818	John Turner	Miscellaneous papers of William Mackenzie - Includes notice from John Turner of Birmingham, gunmaker, that he intends to apply for discharge from Warwick gaol as an insolvent debtor, 1818.	Birmingham	Birmingham Record Office MS 2/1/10

1819	Samuel Parsons	Draft copy of the will of Samuel Parsons of Birmingham, gun-barrel-maker.	Birmingham	Birmingham City Archives MS 3069/Acc1930-022/374123
31 October 1821	John Oughton	Indenture between Roger Williams Gem and John Meredith, both of Birmingham, gent., Thomas Izon, gun maker, Joseph Shore, merchant, and John Oughton, gun barrel maker, all of Birmingham Henry Van Wart of Birmingham, merchant, a bankrupt, John Morris of Lawton, co. Chester, gent., and John Henzey Pidcock of the Platts in the parish of Amblecote, co. Staff., gent., concerning a capital messuage called Springfield, and land near the Sand Pits adjoining Monument Road.	Birmingham	Birmingham City Archives MS 3375/450589
3 May 1824	Charles Foster	Probate copy of the will of Charles Foster of Birmingham, gun maker and victualler. Will dated 26 September, 1821. Probate granted 3 May, 1824.	Birmingham	Birmingham City Archives MS 3375/459323

2 October 1824	George Goodwin	<p>Assignment from Richard Peyton of Birmingham, chemist, to Thomas Lowe, gent., John Angear, ironfounder, John Butler, brassfounder, William Brunton, engineer, Isaac Carter, plumber, Thomas Fiddian, merchant, William Gammon, watchmaker, George Goodwin, gun maker, Rice Harris, glass manufacturer, Edward Jones, brassfounder, John Lilley, plater, William Leonard, the younger,</p> <p>Assignment from Richard Peyton of Birmingham, chemist, etc. cont'd.</p> <p>Sword cutler, Samuel Munslow, gilder, and William Robbins, grocer, all of Birmingham, of land in Steelhouse Lane and the meeting house, called the Ebenezer Chapel, erected on part of the said land, for the residue of a term of one thousand years.</p>	Birmingham	Birmingham City Archives MS 1094/ACC 1935-023/435569
29 September 1825	Thomas Ketland John Adams	<p>Assignment of Leases for £2,000</p> <p>Contents:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Thomas Ketland and John Adams, both merchants and gun-makers of Birmingham surviving trustees and executors of the Will of Thomas Ketland, decd. 2. John Arnold, gent., Benjamin Sutton, gun manufacturer and Francis Deakin, timber merchant, all of Birmingham assignees in bankruptcy of Thomas Ketland and John Adams 3. John Rotton, David Lloyd, Alfred Lloyd and Michael Goodall, bankers. <p>Property: in Weamans Row and Whitall Street as in 48 above.</p>	Birmingham	Birmingham City Archives MS 58/49

1 January 1830	James Woolley Elizabeth Sargant Charles Fairfax	Assignment from Samuel Peter Marindin of Chesterton, co. Salop, gent., and Richard Jukes of Stourport, co. Worc., surgeon, and from James Woolley of Birmingham, esq., to William Chance, Elizabeth Sargant and Charles Fairfax, all of Birmingham, sword and gun makers, of leasehold land and premises in Edmund Street.	Birmingham	Birmingham City Archives MS 3375/409327
22 June 1830	Richard Hollis	Indenture of mortgage from Thomas Baker of Birmingham, gent., by the direction of John Britten of Birmingham, button burnisher, to Richard Hollis of Birmingham, gun maker, of leasehold land and premises in Church Street.	Birmingham	Birmingham City Archives MS 3375/408469
5 July 1830	John Jones	Fire insurance policy of John Jones of Birmingham, gun maker, upon a cottage near Stourport, co. Worc.	Birmingham	Birmingham City Archives MS 3375/452147
12 August 1830	John Jones	Indenture between John Jones of Birmingham, gun maker, Richard Jones of the same place, gent., Thomas Jones of the same place, gun maker, and John Freer Proud of Wolverhampton, co. Staff., surgeon, being a mortgage of messuages, lands and premises at Stourport, co. Worc., and an assignment of a policy of insurance upon the life of the said John Jones.	Birmingham	Birmingham City Archives MS 3375/452148
18 August 1831	William Howell	Lease for a year from William Howell of Aston, gun maker, to Richard Sadler of Sutton Coldfield, co. War., gent., of the reversion expectant upon the death of Mary Howell, widow of Joseph Howell, late of Great Barr, co. Staff., gent., in messuages and lands in Great Barr.	Aston	Birmingham City Archives MS 3375/445654

19 August 1831	William Howell	Bond from William Howell of Aston, gun maker, to Dorothea Wilson and Emma Wilson of Sutton Coldfield, co. War., spinster, to secure the sum of £600.	Aston	Birmingham City Archives MS 3375/445656
19 August 1831	William Howell	Indenture between William Howell of Aston, gun maker, Dorothea Wilson and Emma Wilson of Sutton Coldfield, co. War., spinster, and Richard Sadler of Sutton Coldfield, co. War., gent., a trustee on behalf of the said Dorothea Wilson and Emma Wilson, being a release to the said Richard Sadler of the reversion expectant upon the death of Mary Howell, widow of Joseph Howell, late of Great Barr, co. Staff., gent., in messuages and lands in Great Barr in trust for sale, for securing the repayment of the sum of £600 to the said Dorothea Wilson and Emma Wilson.	Aston	Birmingham City Archives MS 3375/445656
9 July 1834	William Howell	Probate copy of the will of William Howell of Aston, gun maker. Will dated 23 July, 1833. Probate granted 9 July, 1834. MS 3375/445658	Aston	Birmingham City Archives MS 3375/445658
9 July 1834	William Howell	Lease for a year from Joseph Howell of Aston, gent., son of William Howell, late of Aston, gun maker, deceased, to Elizabeth Howell, widow of the said William Howell, and Richard Sadler of Sutton Coldfield, co. War., gent., of messuages and lands in Great Barr, co. Staff.	Aston	Birmingham City Archives MS 3375/445659

10 July 1834	William Howell	Release from Joseph Howell of Aston, gent., son of William Howell, late of Aston, gun maker, deceased, to Elizabeth Howell, widow of the said William Howell, and Richard Sadler of Sutton Coldfield, co. War., gent., of messuages and lands in Great Barr, co. Staff., being the real estate of the said William Howell, to hold for the trusts of his will.	Aston	Birmingham City Archives MS 3375/445659
30 January 1835	John Jones	Minute by William Berry of Tayfield, co. Fife, one of His Majesty's Justices of the Peace, on the death of John Jones of Birmingham, gun maker, at an inn in Newport, co. Fife; with incidental papers annexed.	Birmingham	Birmingham City Archives MS 3375/452150
16 September 1835	John Adams Abraham Clive	Deed pool whereby Thomas White, brassfounder, Thomas Palmer, silversmith, Sarah, his wife, Abraham Clive, gun barrel borer, and Hannah his wife, all of Birmingham, William White of Aston, brassfounder, Samuel Johnson of Birmingham, brush maker, Elizabeth, his wife, John Adams of Aston, gun maker, Ann, his wife, and James White of Dudley, co. Worc., brassfounder, release to Thomas Higginbotham of Birmingham, button stamper, and the said William White, all manner of actions in respect of legacies under the will of Hannah Tovey, late of Birmingham, widow, deceased.	Birmingham	Birmingham City Archives MS 3375/452294

23 January 1836	James Woolley Elizabeth Sargant Charles Fairfax	Smythe Etches and Co, later Lee Crowder and Co, solicitors of Birmingham Assignment from Thomas Dowler of Birmingham, brass candlestick maker, John Henney of Portsmouth, co. Hants., banker's clerk and Thomas Bowyer Fiddian of Birmingham, merchant, executors of the will of Charles Fairfax, late of Birmingham, sword and gun maker, deceased, to Elizabeth Sargant and William Lucas Sargant, both of Birmingham, sword and gun makers, of a share in leasehold land and premises in Edmund Street.	Birmingham	Birmingham City Archives MS 3375/409328
8 March 1836	Stephen Hill	Assginment. Parties: Stephen Hill of Aston, gun bayonet maker, and others, and Edwin Foster of Birmingham, artist. Property: Land in Pritchett St. Aston	Aston	Birmingham City Archives MS 831/156
15 April 1836	John Adams	Deed poll whereby Thomas White, brassfounder, Thomas Palmer, silversmith, Sarah, his wife, Abraham Clive, gun barrel borer, Hannah, his wife, Samuel Johnson, brushmaker, Elizabeth, his wife, John Adams, gun maker, and Ann, his wife, all of Birmingham, and James White of Dudley, co. Worc., brassfounder, acknowledge the receipt from William White of Aston, brassfounder, of their respective shares of the personal estate of Ann White, late of Birmingham, widow, deceased.	Birmingham	Birmingham City Archives MS 3375/452298

25 October 1837	John Wheeler Richard Southall	Order to execute mortgage - 1. John Wheeler of Birmingham, Warws., gunmaker, Charles Ashford of Shadwell Street, Birmingham, pack case maker, William Pratt of Pershore Road near Birmingham, farmer, William James Millward of Pritchett Street, Birmingham, japanner, Edward Rudge of Wheeler Street, Birmingham, portrait painter and Felix Luckcock of Cambridge Street, Birmingham, lime merchant committee of The Wheeler Street Building Club; 2. John Wheeler and Richard Southall the younger of Birmingham, gun maker and Edward Evans of Birmingham, gentleman Trustees of Estates and property of The Wheeler Street Building Club.	Birmingham	Birmingham Record Office MS 28/256
27 March 1838	Joseph Richards	Indenture between Isaac Lea, gent., Matthew Dixon, plater, William Richards Marston, plumber, all of Birmingham, trustees of the will of Joseph Richards, late of Birmingham, gun maker, deceased, Mary Maria Richards of Birmingham, widow of the said Joseph Richards, Edward Wright of Edgbaston, gent., and Thomas Wright of London, tallow chandler, being a release of a messuage, land and premises in Whitehall, alias Whittal Whittall Street. With lease for a year, dated 26 March, 1838, from the said Isaac Lea, Matthew Dixon, William Richards Marston, and Mary Maria Richards to the said Edward Wright, of the said property, annexed.	Birmingham	Birmingham City Archives MS 3375/453359

10 January 1839	John Standley	Appointment by Ottiwell Wood of Edg Hill, co.Lancs., esq., John Wood of Liverpool, co.Lancs., gent., Samuel Duckworth of Lincoln's Inn, London, gent., and William Duckworth of Manchester, co.Lancs., gent., trustees of William Hawkes, late of Charleton Row, co.Lancs., clerk, deceased, of George Unett of Birmingham, gent., as attorney to surrender to the lord of the Manor of Yardley lands and premises within the Manor to the use of John Standley of Birmingham, gun maker.	Birmingham	Birmingham City Archives MS 3375/427821
30 January 1840	Edward Hale	Indenture between Samuel Chandler Ottley of the parish of Handsworth, victualler, Edward Hale of the same place, gun-maker; John Passand Litchfield of Birmingham, clothier and Thomas Colmore of Birmingham, gent., being a release from the said Edward Hale by the direction of the said Samuel Chandler Ottley and the said John Passand Litchfield, to the said Thomas Colmore of two messuages. lands and appurtenances in Handsworth to hold to the use of the said John Passand Litchfield. With lease for year dated 29 January, 1840. annexed.	Handsworth	Birmingham City Archives MS 1587/Acc 1943-027/589184
1842		Deeds and related papers concerning freeholds at the corner of Steelhouse Lane and Russell Street 01 August 1791 - 25 March 1892 includes reference to the marriage settlement of Joseph Skeet of Birmingham, gunmaker, and Mary Wasdell of Birmingham, widow of Richard Wasdell, gunmaker, in 1842.	Birmingham	HC GH/3/1/11

3 June 1845	James Griffiths	Indenture between Charles Adams of Darlaston, co. Staff., gent., Joseph Barrows of Birmingham, wine and spirit merchant. Obadiah Howe, formerly of Darlaston, patten-ring maker, then of Wednesbury, co. Staff., victualler, John Griffiths of Lea Brook in Wednesbury, huckster, William Bourn of Wednesbury, screw maker, John Bruerton of Darlaston, bridle bit maker, and James Griffiths of Darlaston, gun lock forger, concerning land, mines and appurtenances in Darlaston. Plan.	Darlaston	Birmingham City Archives MS 3449/Acc 1939-023/565267
7 August 1848	William Thompson	Indenture of apprenticeship of John Johnson, son of William Johnson of Nottingham, lace maker, to William Thompson of Birmingham, burden gun stocker.	Birmingham	Birmingham City Archives MS 3375/460985
28 October 1848	John Standley	Copy of the Will of John Standley of Yardley, gun and pistol maker, 17 June, 1843. With renunciation by John Clive of Birmingham, gun barrel maker, of the trusteeship and executorship of the said Will, dated 1848	Birmingham	Birmingham City Archives MS 3375/428225

21 March 1850	William Deakin	<p>Conveyance Re Avenants Charity</p> <p>Contents:</p> <p>1. William Deakin of Kings Heath, Worcs., gun barrel maker, Samuel Rawlins of Moseley, Worcs., merchant, James Baldwin of Cotteridge Farm, Worcs., farmer, Charles Richards of Tessall, Worcs., farmer, John Foster of Tanners Green, Worcs., farmer and Henry Chinn of Kings Heath, farmer, Churchwardens and Overseers of the Poor of the Parish of Kings Norton</p> <p>2. The Guardians of the Poor of the Kings Norton Union, Worcs., Warws. and Staffs</p> <p>Reciting Agreement of 20 January 1837, Agreement of 24 March 1846</p> <p>Property 3012 sq. yds. of land at the upper end of the village of Kings Norton with the workhouse and other buildings</p> <p>Consideration: £1500</p> <p>Signatures of 1. Note of registration 29 August 1850</p> <p>Note "In the matter of Avenants Charity" of approval of conveyance. Signed by W.H. Finney.</p> <p>Endorsed: notes of receipt of consideration of sealing and delivery.</p>	Kings Heath, Worcs	Birmingham City Archives MS 28/296
19 April 1853	Samuel Breedon	<p>Indenture of apprenticeship of Thomas Spencer, the younger, of Washwood Heath, son of Thomas Spencer the elder, of Washwood Heath, farmer, to Samuel Breedon of Washwood Heath, gun furniture and revolving pistol maker.</p>	Washwood Heath	Birmingham City Archives MS 3375/460986

1 December 1855	William Westley Richards	Abstract of indenture between James Arthur Taylor of Strensham Court, co. Worc., esq., Harry Hunt of Edgbaston, gent., John Wilkes Unett of Birmingham, gent., William Westley Richards of Birmingham, gun maker, Avarilla Willoughby of Leamington, co. War., widow, the Rev. Thomas Burnet of London, D.D., John Yate Lee of Fulwood Park, co. Lancs., esq., barrister at law, Ann Jemima Lee of Alvechurch, co. Worc., spinster, Bedell Stanford of Cheltenham, co. Glouc., esq., Henry Eyres Landor of Tachbrook, co. War., esq., Walter Henry Bracebridge of Moreville House near Warwick esq., Mary Holte Bracebridge, his wife, John Unett of Birmingham, gent., and George Page of Birmingham, gent., being a grant to the said John Wilkes Unett and John Unett of the Royal Hotel, in Temple Row, Birmingham, in trust for sale.	Birmingham	Birmingham City Archives MS 3375/429193
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Birmingham - Wills available for download from National Archives, London				
18 February 1710	Jacob Austin	Will of Jacob Austin, Gunsmith of Aston juxta Birmingham, Warwickshire	Birmingham	PROB 11/514
19 June 1710	Richard Weston	Will of Richard Weston, Gunsmith of Birmingham, Warwickshire	Birmingham	PROB 11/515
28 January 1729	Samuel Vaughton	Will of Samuel Vaughton, Gunsmith of Birmingham, Warwickshire	Birmingham	PROB 11/627
11 May 1731	Weston Tyler	Will of Weston Tyler, Gunsmith of Birmingham, Warwickshire	Birmingham	PROB 11/644

18 April 1739	Robert Farmer	Will of Robert Farmer, Gunsmith of Birmingham, Warwickshire	Birmingham	PROB 11/695
01 November 1746	John Grice	Will of John Grice, Gunmaker and Gun Barrell Forger of Handsworth , Staffordshire	Birmingham	PROB 11/750/351
16 May 1757	Thomas Pocock	Will of Thomas Pocock, Gunmaker of Birmingham, Warwickshire	Birmingham	PROB 11/830
21 July 1759	Richard Caldwell	Will of Richard Caldwell, Gun Barrel Maker of Birmingham , Warwickshire	Birmingham	PROB 11/847/427
28 April 1760	Robert Willoughby	Will of Robert Willoughby, Gunsmith of Birmingham , Warwickshire	Birmingham	PROB 11/855
17 April 1762	Thomas Jordan	Will of Thomas Jordan, Gunsmith of Birmingham , Warwickshire	Birmingham	PROB 11/875
18 July 1764	Joshua Horton	Will of Joshua Horton, Gunmaker of Birmingham , Warwickshire	Birmingham	PROB 11/900
21 April 1766	George Markbee	Will of George Markbee, Gunmaker of Birmingham , Warwickshire	Birmingham	PROB 11/918
04 July 1768	John Wately	Will of John Whately, Gunsmith of Birmingham , Warwickshire	Birmingham	PROB 11/941
06 April 1770	Joseph Harris	Will of Joseph Harris, Gun Maker of Birmingham , Warwickshire	Birmingham	PROB 11/956
22 March 1770	Richard Heely	Will of Richard Heely, Gunsmith of Birmingham , Warwickshire	Birmingham	PROB 11/956
24 January 1771	William Staples	Will of William Staples, Gun Smith of Birmingham , Warwickshire	Birmingham	PROB 11/963

05 December 1774	Joseph Adams	Will of Joseph Adams, Gunmaker of Birmingham , Warwickshire	Birmingham	PROB 11/1003
21 May 1777	Thomas Palmer	Will of Thomas Palmer, Gunmaker of Birmingham , Warwickshire	Birmingham	PROB 11/1031
13 January 1780	John Hidson	Will of John Hidson, Gunsmith and Candlestick maker of Birmingham , Warwickshire	Birmingham	PROB 11/1060
09 September 1790	William Grice	Will of William Grice, Gunmaker of Birmingham , Warwickshire	Birmingham	PROB 11/1196
24 October 1793	William Mewis	Will of William Mewis, Gunmaker and Factor of Birmingham , Warwickshire	Birmingham	PROB 11/1238
15 May 1798	Thomas Oughton Heely	Will of Thomas Oughton Heely, Gunsmith of Birmingham , Warwickshire	Birmingham	PROB 11/1306
2 August 1800	John Probin	Will of John Probin, Gun Maker of Birmingham, Warwickshire	Birmingham	PROB 11/1346
07 July 1802	Thomas Cranmer	Will of Thomas Cranmer, Gunmaker of Birmingham, Warwickshire	Birmingham	IR 26/354
20 August 1806	John Portlock	Will of John Portlock, Gun barrel maker of Birmingham, Warwickshire	Birmingham	IR 26/356/343
12 January 1807	William Blakemore	Abstract of Administration of William Blakemore, Gun Finisher of Birmingham, Warwickshire	Birmingham	IR 26/357/500
18 May 1808	James Gill	Abstract of Administration of James Gill, Gun barrel maker of Aston near Birmingham, Warwickshire	Birmingham	IR 26/307/397

18 June 1808	Samuel Heeley	Will of Samuel Heeley, Gun barrel maker of Birmingham, Warwickshire.	Birmingham	IR 26/358/178
10 May 1810	Thomas Portlock	Will of Thomas Portlock, Gun Barrel Maker of Aston , Warwickshire	Birmingham	PROB 11/1511/181
28 May 1810	Henry Morris	Will of Henry Morris, Gunmaker of Birmingham , Warwickshire	Birmingham	PROB 11/1511
8 November 1810	Thomas Shelding	Will of Thomas Shelding, Gunmaker of Birmingham, Warwickshire. Proved in the Court of Lichfield.	Birmingham	IR 26/360
31 May 1811	Thomas Osborn	Abstract of Will of Thomas Osborn, Gun maker of Birmingham, Warwickshire	Birmingham	IR 26/361
28 August 1811	William Deakin	Will of William Deakin, Gun barrel maker of Birmingham, Warwickshire	Birmingham	IR 26/361/288
14 October 1811	Edward Hines	Will of Edward Hines, Gunmaker of Birmingham, Warwickshire	Birmingham	PROB 11/1526
26 November 1812	Joseph Bunney	Will of Joseph Bunney, Gunmaker of Birmingham, Warwickshire	Birmingham	PROB 11/1538
21 July 1814	Thomas Aston	Will of Thomas Aston, Gun Lock Maker of Birmingham, Warwickshire	Birmingham	PROB 11/1558/340
22 March 1815	David Blair	Will of David Blair, Gunmaker of Birmingham, Warwickshire	Birmingham	PROB 11/1566

20 April 1815	William Walker	Will of William Walker, Merchant of Birmingham , Warwickshire - Partener of Thomas Ketland, gunmaker	Birmingham	PROB 11/1607
13 August 1816	Clement Tibbatts	Will of Clement Tibbatts, Gunmaker of Birmingham, Warwickshire	Birmingham	PROB 11/1583
6 June 1817	Thomas Ketland	Will of Thomas Ketland, Gun Maker of Birmingham, Warwickshire	Birmingham	PROB 11/1593
29 October 1817	Joseph Priest	Will of Joseph Priest, Gun Barrel Maker of Aston near Birmingham, Warwickshire	Birmingham	PROB 11/1597/384
8 July 1819	John Heely	Will of John Heely, Gun Barrel Maker of Birmingham, Warwickshire	Birmingham	PROB 11/1618/111
22 September 1823	Gad Parsons	Will of Gad Parsons, Gun Barrel Maker of Birmingham, Warwickshire	Birmingham	PROB 11/1675/338
28 February 1824	William Allport	Will of William Allport, Gunmaker of Birmingham, Warwickshire	Birmingham	PROB 11/1681
6 September 1824	Benjamin Williams	Will of Benjamin Williams, Gunmaker of Birmingham, Warwickshire	Birmingham	PROB 11/1690
19 March 1825	Thomas Hampton	Will of Thomas Hampton, Gun Maker of Aston near Birmingham, Warwickshire	Birmingham	PROB 11/1696
19 November 1828	William Jones	Will of William Jones, Gun Maker of Birmingham, Warwickshire	Birmingham	PROB 11/1748

27 May 1834	John Clive	Will of John Clive, Gun Barrel Maker of Birmingham, Warwickshire	Birmingham	PROB 11/1831/134
20 May 1837	Robert Wheeler	Will of Robert Wheeler, Gun Maker of Birmingham, Warwickshire	Birmingham	PROB 11/1879
30 November 1837	Thomas Moxham	Will of Thomas Moxham, Gunmaker of Birmingham, Warwickshire	Birmingham	PROB 11/1886
12 September 1840	William Smith Murcott	Will of William Smith Murcott, Gun Maker of Moor Street Birmingham, Warwickshire	Birmingham	PROB 11/1934
28 January 1843	John Smith	Will of John Smith, Gun Maker of Birmingham, Warwickshire	Birmingham	PROB 11/1974
25 July 1844	Thomas Oram	Will of Thomas Oram, Gun Barrel Maker of Erdington, Warwickshire	Birmingham	PROB 11/2002/168
05 May 1847	William Brown	Will of William Brown, Gun Maker of Birmingham, Warwickshire	Birmingham	PROB 11/2055
11 November 1848	William Ellis	Will of William Ellis, Gun Maker of Birmingham, Warwickshire	Birmingham	PROB 11/2083
18 September 1850	Joseph March	Will of Joseph March, Gun Barrel Maker of Birmingham, Warwickshire	Birmingham	PROB 11/2119/324
03 April 1851	Thomas Slater	Will of Thomas Slater, Gun Lock Maker of Handsworth, Staffordshire	Birmingham	PROB 11/2131/209

28 May 1851	Benjamin Beasley	Will of Benjamin Beasley, Gun barrel Maker and Iron Manufacturer of Smethwick, Staffordshire.	Birmingham	PROB 11/2132/49
06 April 1853	John Clive	Will of John Clive, Gun Barrell Maker of Birmingham, Warwickshire	Birmingham	PROB 11/2170/66
13 March 1856	William Bott	Will of William Bott, Gun Finisher of Weaman Street Birmingham, Warwickshire	Birmingham	PROB 11/2228/285
13 May 1857	Richard Cutler	Will of Richard Cutler, Gunmaker of Weaman Street Birmingham, Warwickshire	Birmingham	PROB 11/2251

Wolverhampton History - Parish Records online				
31 Mar 1810	John Davis	John Davis & Sigunda, gunsmith - baptism of daughter Mary	Bilston	Bilston St. Leonard's Parish Registers 1684-1837
31 Mar 1810	John Davis	John Davis & Sigunda, gunsmith - burial of son James	Bilston	Bilston St. Leonard's Parish Registers 1684-1837
2 Jan 1814	Edward Charles Homer	Edward Charles Homer & Mary, Gunlock filer, Catchems Corner, Sedgley - baptism of son Benjamin	Bilston	Bilston St. Leonard's Parish Registers 1684-1837
4 Apr 1813	John Shale	John Shale & Mary, Gunlocksmith, Bilston - baptism of son Joseph	Bilston	Bilston St. Leonard's Parish Registers 1684-1837

31 May 1813	John Huges	John Huges & Mary, par Gunlock filer, Catchems Corner,Sedgley - baptism of son Isaiah	Bilston	Bilston St. Leonard's Parish Registers 1684-1837
20 Jun 1813	John Tanner	John Tanner & Hannah, Gunlock filer, Bilston - baptism of daughter Phebe	Bilston	Bilston St. Leonard's Parish Registers 1684-1837
4 Jul 1813	Isaac Parker	Isaac Parker & Mary, Gunlock filer, Bilston - baptism of son William	Bilston	Bilston St. Leonard's Parish Registers 1684-1837
20 Oct 1813	Joseph Badger	Joseph Badger & Mary, Gunlocksmith, Bilston - baptism of son James	Bilston	Bilston St. Leonard's Parish Registers 1684-1837
5 Apr 1814	James Parker	James Parker & Mary, Gunlock filer, Bilston - baptism of daughter Sarah	Bilston	Bilston St. Leonard's Parish Registers 1684-1837
5 Apr 1814	James Parker	James Parker & Mary, Gunlock filer, Bilston - baptism of his daughter Sarah	Bilston	Bilston St. Leonard's Parish Registers 1684-1837
11 Apr 1814	James Badger	James Badger & Charlotte, Gunlocksmith, Bilston - baptism of son James	Bilston	Bilston St. Leonard's Parish Registers 1684-1837
16 Oct 1815	Joseph Badger	Joseph Badger & Mary, Gunlock filer, Bilston - baptism of son Henry	Bilston	Bilston St. Leonard's Parish Registers 1684-1837
16 Mar 1817	John Hughes	John Hughes & Mary, Gunlock smith, Ettingshall, Sedgley - baptism of daughter Amelia	Bilston	Bilston St. Leonard's Parish Registers 1684-1837

2 May 1819	William Betteridge	William Betteridge & Mary, Gun furniture forger, Birmingham - baptism of son Charles	Bilston	Bilston St. Leonard's Parish Registers 1684-1837
15 Aug 1819	William Dawes	William Dawes & Sarah, Gunlocksmith, Bilston - baptism of daughter Mary	Bilston	Bilston St. Leonard's Parish Registers 1684-1837
2 Jan 1820	Benjamin Hughes	Benjamin Hughes & Hannah, Gun locksmith, Catchems Corner, Sedgley - baptism of daughter Matilda	Bilston	Bilston St. Leonard's Parish Registers 1684-1837
2 Apr 1820	John Huges	John Huges & Mary, Gunlock filer, Ettingshall Lane, Sedgley - baptism of son Wright Whitehouse	Bilston	Bilston St. Leonard's Parish Registers 1684-1837
2 Aug 1821	Benjamin Hughes	Benjamin Hughes & Hannah, Gunlock filer, Catchems Corner, Sedgley - baptism of daughter Louisa	Bilston	Bilston St. Leonard's Parish Registers 1684-1837
28 Apr 1822	Charles Gandy	Charles Gandy & Elizabeth, Gunlock smith, Bilston Mill, Bilston - baptism of son Edward	Bilston	Bilston St. Leonard's Parish Registers 1684-1837
18 May 1824	Joseph Guest	Joseph Guest & Hannah, Gunlock smith, Bilston - baptism of son Thomas	Bilston	Bilston St. Leonard's Parish Registers 1684-1837
23 Jan 1825	Charles Gandy	Charles Gandy & Elizabeth, Gun locksmith, Bilston - baptism of their daughter Elizabeth	Bilston	Bilston St. Leonard's Parish Registers 1684-1837
23 Jan 1825	John Hughes	John Hughes & Mary, Gun locksmith, Catchems Corner, Sedgley - baptism of son Thomas	Bilston	Bilston St. Leonard's Parish Registers 1684-1837

6 Dec 1829	Richard Homer	Richard & Mary Homer, gunsmith of Wolverhampton - baptism of their son James	Wolverhampton	Wolverhampton St. Peter's Parish Registers 1538-1875
24 Apr 1830	Thomas Westwood	Thomas & Elizabeth Westwood, gunsmith of Wolverhampton - baptism of their daughter Ann	Wolverhampton	Wolverhampton St. Peter's Parish Registers 1538-1875
22 May 1830	Joseph Bowers	Joseph & Alice Bowers, gunsmith of Wolverhampton - baptism of their son John	Wolverhampton	Wolverhampton St. Peter's Parish Registers 1538-1875
23 Nov 1830	William Hand	William & Ann Hand, gunsmith of Wolverhampton - baptism of their daughter Ellen	Wolverhampton	Wolverhampton St. Peter's Parish Registers 1538-1875
23 Dec 1832	John Hughes	John Hughes & Anne, Gun-locksmith, Bilston - baptism of their daughter Elizabeth	Bilston	Bilston St. Leonard's Parish Registers 1684-1837
25 Jun 1833	Benjamin Harnett	Benjamin Harnett & Sarah , gunsmith of Wolverhampton - baptism of their daughter Mary	Wolverhampton	Wolverhampton St. Peter's Parish Registers 1538-1875
19 May 1826	Benjamin Hughes	Benjamin Hughes & Hannah, Gun locksmith, Catchems Corner, Sedgley - baptism of son Isaiah	Bilston	Bilston St. Leonard's Parish Registers 1684-1837
18 May 1834	John Hughes	John Hughes & Anne, Gun lockmaker, Bilston - baptism of son Thomas	Bilston	Bilston St. Leonard's Parish Registers 1684-1837
14 Dec 1834	Joseph Bate	Joseph Bate & Eliza, Gunborer, Bilston - baptism of son Joseph	Bilston	Bilston St. Leonard's Parish Registers 1684-1837

13 Jan 1838	Thomas Brazer	Thomas & Mary Brazer [sic], gunsmith of Wolverhampton - baptism of their daughter Emma	Wolverhampton	Wolverhampton St. Peter's Parish Registers 1538-1875
8 Oct 1838	Joseph Turner	Marriage of Joseph Turner, Gun lock filer, St.Georges district - son of Joseph Turner, Gun lock filer	Wolverhampton	Wolverhampton & District Churches: Baptisms 1751-1903
20 May 1839	William Horton	Marriage of William Horton, Forgerman, St.Georges district - son of Joseph Horton, Gunsmith	Wolverhampton	Wolverhampton & District Churches: Baptisms 1751-1903
29 Jul 1839	Joseph Steatham	Marriage of Joseph Steatham, Gun lock maker, Wolverhampton - son of Robert Steatham, Gun lock maker	Wolverhampton	Wolverhampton & District Churches: Baptisms 1751-1903
25 Aug 1839	Jonathan Woodward	Marriage of Jonathan Woodward, Gun lock filer, Darlaston - son of Joseph Woodward, Gun lock filer	Wolverhampton	Wolverhampton & District Churches: Baptisms 1751-1903
10 Feb 1840	John Lloyd	John Lloyd, gunsmith, Wolverhampton - marriage of his daughter Teresa	Wolverhampton	Wolverhampton & District Churches: Baptisms 1751-1903
1 Mar 1841	Isaac Riley	Marriage of Isaac Riley, Puddler Wolverhampton - son of Josiah Riley, Gun locksmith	Wolverhampton	Wolverhampton & District Churches: Baptisms 1751-1903
21 Nov 1842	Joseph Standley	Joseph Standley, gun locksmith, Bilston Street, Wolverhampton - marriage of his daughter Harriett	Wolverhampton	Wolverhampton & District Churches: Baptisms 1751-1903
9 Apr 1843	Charles Sutton	Marriage of Charles Sutton, Gun lock finisher, Willenhall - son of J.Sutton, smith	Wolverhampton	Wolverhampton & District Churches: Baptisms 1751-1903

11 Feb 1844	Thomas Ward	Thomas & Caroline Ward, Brickiln Street, Wolverhampton, lock gunsmith - baptism of their daughter Emma	Wolverhampton	Wolverhampton St. Peter's Parish Registers 1538-1875
6 May 1844	John Stokes	Marriage of John Stokes, Gun lock fitter, Wolverhampton - son of S.Stokes, Gun lock fitter	Wolverhampton	Wolverhampton & District Churches: Baptisms 1751-1903
7 Oct 1844	Samuel Sanders	Marriage of Samuel Sanders, Gun lock filer, Willenhall - son of W.Sanders, Harness maker	Wolverhampton	Wolverhampton & District Churches: Baptisms 1751-1903
24 Mar 1845	J.Foster	J.Foster, Gun locksmith, Wolverhampton - marriage of his daughter Elizabeth	Wolverhampton	Wolverhampton & District Churches: Baptisms 1751-1903
11 May 1845	John Wilson	John & Sarah Wilson, gun locksmith, Graislely Street, Woverhampton - baptism of their son George	Wolverhampton	Wolverhampton & District Churches: Baptisms 1751-1903
3 Nov 1845	J.Whitehouse	J.Whitehouse, Gun Lockmaker, Bilston - marriage of his daughter Mary	Wolverhampton	Wolverhampton & District Churches: Baptisms 1751-1903
23 Feb 1846	M.Hadley	M.Hadley, Gunsmith, Wolverhampton - marriage of his daughter Esther	Wolverhampton	Wolverhampton & District Churches: Baptisms 1751-1903
8 Mar 1846	Henry Dakin	Marriage of Henry DAKIN, Gunsmith, Wolverhampton - son of J.Dakin, Jeweller	Wolverhampton	Wolverhampton & District Churches: Baptisms 1751-1903
12 Apr 1846	William Wilkes	Marriage of William Wilkes, Gun lock filer, Wolverhampton - son of T.Wilkes, Screwmaker	Wolverhampton	Wolverhampton & District Churches: Baptisms 1751-1903

9 May 1846	John Morris	John & Anne Morris, Merridale Fields, Wolverhampton gunsmith - baptism of their son John	Wolverhampton	Wolverhampton St. Peter's Parish Registers 1538-1875
18 May 1846	John Wilson	John & Sarah Wilson, gun locksmith, Graisle Street, Wolverhampton - baptism of their daughter Sarah WILSON Sarah	Wolverhampton	Wolverhampton & District Churches: Baptisms 1751-1903
30 Jul 1846	G.Ashmore	G.Ashmore, gun lock filer, Wolverhampton - marriage of his daughter Sarah	Wolverhampton	Wolverhampton & District Churches: Baptisms 1751-1903
7 Dec 1846	Ezekiel Riley	Marriage of Ezekiel Riley, Gunsmith, Wolverhampton - son of B.Riley, Gunsmith	Wolverhampton	Wolverhampton & District Churches: Baptisms 1751-1903
11 Jun 1848	Richard Mills	Richard & Harriet Mills, Graisle Street, Wolverhampton, gunsmith - baptism of their daughter Mary	Wolverhampton	Wolverhampton St. Peter's Parish Registers 1538-1875
11 Sep 1848	Samuel Wilkes	Marriage of Samuel Wilkes, Gun lock filer, Walsall Street - son of John Wilkes, Gun lock filer	Wolverhampton	Wolverhampton & District Churches: Baptisms 1751-1903
25 Dec 1848	Joseph Wiles	Marriage of Joseph Wiles, Gun lock maker, Portobello - son of Thomas Wiles, Deceased	Wolverhampton	Wolverhampton & District Churches: Baptisms 1751-1903
8 Jan 1849	William Winsper	William Winsper, Gun lock maker, Darlaston - marriage of his daughter Ellen	Wolverhampton	Wolverhampton & District Churches: Baptisms 1751-1903
1 Apr 1849	James Boulton	Marriage of James BOULTON, Gun lock filer, Horsley Fields - son of Samuel Boulton, Gun lock filer	Wolverhampton	Wolverhampton & District Churches: Baptisms 1751-1903

BUCKINGHAMSHIRE

Centre for Buckinghamshire Studies				
15 Apr 1741	Edward Wright	Settlement examination and warrant for removal of Edward Wright Apprehended in Chepping Wycombe and returned to Dudley in Worcestershire He was born in Dudley and 48 years ago he was an apprentice for 7 years to John House, gunsmith. He lived in Dudley until last Christmas, renting land and tenements to the value of £45 p.a., he also served as churchwarden, overseer and constable. There are 2 copies of the warrant, the second (dated 23 April) has a note that they must be careful not to let Edward Wright get hold of it or he will try to destroy it, as he as already done once.	Dudley, Worcestershire	Q/RSv/4/41
16 Oct 1821	Joseph Hart	Copy admission (manor of Langley Marish) of Andrew Northcroft of Chancery Lane, London, gentleman, to copyhold cottage in Westmoor Green, on surrender of Joseph Hart of Henley, gunmaker, and Susanna Hart his wife	Henley	D-X 1862/45
19 June 1856	William Abbey	Probate copy of will of William Abbey of Newport Pagnell, gunsmith, made 19 June 1856, proved 12 February 1862 Witnesses: W.B. Bull, W. Rogers Bull	Newport Pagnell	Centre for Buckinghamshire Studies Ref W/1122

Buckinghamshire - Wills available for download from National Archives, London

15 January 1816	15 January 1816	Will of Philip John Joseph Bond, Gun Maker of Great Marlow, Buckinghamshire	Great Marlow	PROB 11/1576
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CAMBRIDGESHIRE

Cambridgeshire & Huntingdonshire Archives				
1686	Edwards, Wulstan or Wollstan	Edwards, Wulstan or Wollstan - Gunsmith of St Ives: will	St Ives	Huntingdonshire Archives KAH/16/2/26/31
18 Aug 1699	John Wardell	Lease, for 21 years between the Corporation and John Wardell, gunsmith, of booths known as Munseys Booths in the Cheese Row at Stourbridge Fair late in occupation of John Hignell, between booths of alderman Watson and John Cotton Kt.	Cambridge	Cambridgeshire Archives KCB/2/CL/17/2/Page 541
11 Jan 1708/9	John Wardell	Lease, for 21 years between the Corporation and John Wardell, gunsmith, of booths known as Munseys Booths in Cheese Row at Stourbridge Fair between booths of alderman Watson and John Cotton Kt.	Cambridge	Cambridgeshire Archives KCB/2/CL/17/2/Page 826
11 Jan 1717/18	Thomas Pheasant	St Neots. Intimation for faculty to erect a seat for Richard Swebston, baker, Thomas Pheasant, gunsmith, and their families	St Neots	Huntingdonshire Archives AH10/269/55

11 Jan 1716/1717	John Wardell	Lease, for 21 years between the Corporation and John Wardell, gunsmith, of the booth grounds called Munsey Booths in Cheese Row, Stourbridge Fair, between the booths of alderman Watson and Sir John Hind Cotton, on surrender of his lease of 11 Jan 1708/09	Cambridge	Cambridgeshire Archives KCB/2/CL/17/3/Page 68
2 January 1786.	William Gallyon	Dry Drayton: Mortgage of freehold messuage, for securing £20 and interest. 1. William Gallyon of Cambridge, gunsmith. 2. John Cooper of same, gent. 2 January 1786.	Cambridge	Cambridgeshire Archives 132/T384
8 January 1795.	William Gallyon	Cambridge St Michael: Lease for 31 years of property in 132/T210-1, rent £9 p.a. 1. John Mee. 2. William Gallyon of Cambridge, gunmaker. 8 January 1795.	Cambridge	Cambridgeshire Archives K132/T/216
20/21 June 1808	William Gallyon	Deed of land in Cambridge Indenture in 4 parts: 1. James Mackie of Deptford, Richard Best junior of Greenwich, and Robert Hill of Deptford, devisees in trust and executors of Will of Christopher Dobson late of Greenwich deceased. 2. William Gallyon of Cambridge, gunmaker. 3. Lucy Hart of Cambridge, widow, sister and executrix of Will of John Blackman late of Cambridge deceased. 4. Charles Ellington of Parish of St James, Middlesex, trustee of William Gallyon. Lease and Release of messuage with appurtenances in Green Street, and Assignment of Mortgage	Cambridge	Cambridgeshire Archives KAR54/3/1-2
22 January 1813	William Gallyon	Apprenticeship indenture of Thomas Armstead to William Gallyon of Cambridge, gunsmith	Cambridge	Cambridgeshire Archives KP32/14/1/50

10 May 1833	Henry Marshall Foster	Thomas James Batterbee to Henry Marshall Foster of Wisbech, gunsmith and bell-hanger	Wisbech	Cambridgeshire Archives L56/31
23 April 1838	William Gallyon	Cambridge: Probate of will, 20 March 1834, of William Gallyon, gunmaker. 23 April 1838.	Cambridge	Cambridgeshire Archives K132/T/376
1841	George Byatt	Byatt, George - Gunsmith of Whittlesey, Cambs and Huntingdon: will	Whittlesey	Huntingdonshire Archives KAH/16/2/179/6

Cambridgeshire - Wills available for download from National Archives, London				
22 December 1773	Thomas Balley	Will of Thomas Bayley, Gunsmith of Saint Andrew the Great Cambridge , Cambridgeshire	Great Cambridge	PROB 11/993
29 December 1791	Robert Wilkins	Will of Robert Wilkins, Gun Maker of Eton , Buckinghamshire	Eton	PROB 11/1212
August 11 1809	John Beddow	Abstract of Will of John Beddow, Gunsmith of Cambridge, Cambridgeshire	Cambridge	IR 26/332

CANTERBURY (Kent)

Canterbury Cathedral Archives

1568	John Clerke	Bond Bonder: includes Clerke, John, gunsmith, of Southwark, Surrey Bondee: Canterbury, cathedral, Dean and Chapter 25 Nov. In £20. Condition: fulfillment by Percey of terms of indenture.	Southwark, Surrey	CCA-DCc-Bond/165
1571	Godfrey Clawson	Bond Bondee: Cure, Dyrkye, joiner, of Southwark, Surrey & Clawson, Godfrey, gunmaker, of Southwark, Surrey & Derickson, Francis, furrier, of Southwark, Surrey For £40. 29 Sep.	Southwark, Surrey	CCA-DCc-BB/81/73a
1581	Godfrey Clawson	Lease Lessee: Clawson, Godfrey, gunmaker, of Southwark, Surrey	Southwark, Surrey	CCA-DCc-BB/81/74
1581	Godfrey Clawson	Bond Bonder: Clawson, Godfrey, gunsmith, of St Olave's pa, Southwark, Surrey & Leydam, William, butcher, of St Olave's pa, Southwark, Surrey & Goad, John, taylor, of St Olave's pa, Southwark, Surrey	Southwark, Surrey	CCA-DCc-Bond/186
1583	Clawson, Godfrey	Lease Lessee: Clawson, Godfrey, gunmaker, of Southwark, Surrey For £40. 3 Oct	Southwark, Surrey	CCA-DCc-BB/81/75

1608	Godfrey Clawson	Bond Bonder: Clawson, Godfrey, gunsmith, of Southwark, Surrey & Stevens, Henry, clothworker, of London & Goade, John, tailor ('scissor'), of Southwark, Surrey	Southwark, Surrey	CCA-DCc-Bond/272
1608	Godfrey Clawson	Bond Bondee: Goade, John, tailor, of Southwark, Surrey & King, John, baker, of Southwark, Surrey & Clawson, Godfrey, gunmaker, of Southwark, Surrey	Southwark, Surrey	CCA-DCc-BB/81/48a
1608	Godfrey Clawson	Lease Lessee: Clawson, Godfrey, gunmaker, of Southwark, Surrey	Southwark, Surrey	CCA-DCc-BB/81/77
1617	Henry Champney	Henry Champney - gunsmith - seeks Freedom by apprenticeship	Canterbury	CCA-CC-A/P/B/1617/2
1623	William Clauson	Bond Bonder: Clauson, William, gunsmith, of St Olave's pa in Southwark, Surrey & Clauson, Paul	Southwark, Surrey	CCA-DCc-Bond/327
1623	Godfrey Clawson	Lease Lessee: Clawson, Godfrey, gunmaker, of Southwark, Surrey	Southwark, Surrey	CCA-DCc-BB/81/77
20 Nov 1647	Mathew Hickman	Mathew Hickman - gunmaker Seeks lease of waste land	Canterbury	CCA-CC-A/P/B/1647/64
31 Jul 1655	Martin Archer	Martin Archer - gunsmith- seeks Freedom by apprenticeship	Canterbury	CCA-CC-A/P/B/1655/17
1655	William Nutbrown	William Nutbrown - gunsmith- seeks Freedom by apprenticeship	Canterbury	CCA-CC-A/P/B/1655/77

28 Jul 1657	William Nutbrown	William Nutbrown - gunsmith - seeks loan of £10	Canterbury	CCA-CC-A/P/B/1657/43
8 Sep 1657	William Nutbrown	William Nutbrown - gunsmith - names surities for loan	Canterbury	CCA-CC-A/P/B/1657/53
9 Jul 1659	Richard Fowle	Bond. Richard Fowle, gunsmith; Edward Hirst, gentleman; and Robert Monday, barber	Canterbury	CCA-CC-WOODRUFFS/17/24
1661	Richard Ginder	Richard Ginder - gunsmith- seeks Freedom by apprenticeship	Canterbury	CCA-CC-A/P/B/1661/2
10 Oct 1674	Giles Smith	Settlement indemnity bond with the churchwardens and overseers of Deal parish. Giles Smith, gunsmith, wife and family from Littlebourne	Littlebourne	CCA-U3-95/13A/13
1660-1700	Thomas Hilderson	Petition Petitioner: Hilderson, Thomas, gunsmith, of Canterbury, Kent During the Commonwealth he was made an almsman of the church. Deprived of this position by the dean and chapter, he asks for payment arrears.	Canterbury	CCA-DCc-PET/12
17 Jul 1718	Thos Walker	Archdeaconry Court Miscellaneous Plaintiff: Off per Phil MANNEKE & Matt BROWNE St Peters & num;c; Defendant: Chas BLOGG same psh; Documents: Deps; Case: InconDeponents: Jn SOMES, All Saints Cant, gunsmith; Thos WALKER, St Peters, barber; My VARLEE, St Pet; Thos BEVERTON, St Peters	Canterbury	CCA-DCb-PRC/18/46/42

22 Jul 1718	Thos Walker	Archdeaconry Court Miscellaneous Plaintiff: Off per Phil MANNEKE & Matt BROWNE St Peters & num;c; Defendant: Chas BLOGG same parish; Deponents: Jn SOMES, All Saints Cant, gunsmith; Thos WALKER, St Peters, barber; My VARLEE, St Peters; Thos BEVERTON, St Peters	Canterbury	CCA-DCb- PRC/18/46/43
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The Roll of Freemen of the City of Canterbury from A.D. 1392-to 1800 by JOSEPH MEADOWS COWPER, F.S.A., pub. 1903				
1618	Henry Champney	Champney, Henry, gunsmith, app. to John Jusley. 1618.	Canterbury	
1634	Edward Barret	Richardes, David, gunsmith, app. to Edward Barrett. 1634	Canterbury	
1644	Matthew Hickman	gunmaker. Freedom 1644.	Canterbury	
1655	Edward Barret	Nutbrowne, William, gunsmith, app. to Edward Barret. 1655.	Canterbury	
1664	Edward Barret	Barret, Edward, gunsmith, son of Edward Barret, gunsmith. 1664.	Canterbury	
1672	John Barret	Hunt, Nicholas, gunsmith, app. to John Barrett. 1672.	Canterbury	

1675	John Barret	Barrett, Thomas, clockmaker, app. to John Barrett, gunsmith. 1675.	Canterbury
1680	Thomas Tuck	Tuck, Thomas, gunsmith, app. to Edward Barrett. 1680.	Canterbury
1683	John Barret	Simpson, Richard, clerk: married Jane, daughter of John Barret, gunsmith. 1683.	Canterbury
1700	Nicholas Hunt	Hunt, Stephen, gent., son of Nicholas Hunt, gunsmith. 1700	Canterbury
1763	Thomas Lott	gunmaker. Freedom 1763.	Canterbury

CHESHIRE

Cheshire Record Office

1 May 1709	Philip Dane (Deane?)	Apprenticeship Indenture and Bond The apprentice William Coleman (son of John Coleman of Nantwich) is bound to Philip Dane (Deane?) as a Gunsmith for 7 years	Nantwich	DSW/2116/53/8
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1719	William Daxon	ARTICLES of AGREEMENT (Copy) between (1) William Daxon of Malpas, gunsmith, and John Charsley of Amersham, Bucks., gentleman, on behalf of Madam Drake, and Montagu Garrard Drake for son, and (2) John Leech of Carden, esq.,	Malpas	DTD/29/9
23 Nov 1739	Michael Hutchinson	Chester Quarter Sessions - Coroners' Inquests. Thomas Duke and Peter Parry, on Patrick Rowney, gardiner, accidentally shot when John Leche, clerk to Nathaniel Barber, attorney at law, was trying out his gun which had just been repaired by Michael Hutchinson, gunsmith.	Chester	ZQCI/20/60a

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1682	Humphrey Cherry	Gunsmith	Macclesfield
1698	James Goulden	Gunsmith	Northenden
1700	Richard Goulden	Gunsmith	Northenden
1707	William Bennett	Gunsmith	Neston
1715	Thomas Tomlinson	Gunsmith	Calveley
1723	Nathaniel Hollyday	Gunsmith	Congleton
1730	John Golden	Gunsmith	Northenden
1730	Samuel Tomlinson	Gunsmith	Flookersbrook
1735	Richard Chrimes	Gunsmith	Warrington
1738	Peter Wilkinson	Gunsmith	Liverpool
1768	William Bradley	Gunsmith	Liverpool
1786	Griffith Malborne	Gunsmith	Chester

1796	Richard Crawford	Gunsmith	Liverpool
1805	William Meredith	Gunsmith	Chester
1808	James Maddock	Gunsmith	Aston, Birmingham
1815	William Turton	Gunsmith	Liverpool
1818	Samuel Mottershead	Gunsmith	Northen, Shadow Moss
1823	Willian Meredith	Gunsmith	Chester
1830	James Richardson	Gunsmith	Manchester
1832	Ann Patrick	Gunsmith	Liverpool
1832	Jeremiah Patrick	Gunsmith	Liverpool
1832	Thomas Patrick	Gunsmith	Liverpool
1832	William Williams	Gunsmith	Liverpool
1833	John Lovart (als Lovat)	Gunsmith	Willaston, Wybunbury
1864	James Worrall	Gunsmith	Chester

CORNWALL

Cornwall Record Office

1619	Edmund Player	Will & Inventory of Edmund Player, gunmaker, of St Ives	St Ives	AP/P/372
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10 Apr 1682	John Phineas	Lease and counterpart; decayed house, Fowey Parties 1) John Treffry of Place, esquire, to 2) John Phineas junior of Fowey, gunsmith. Decayed house, court and garden late in occupation of Joan Gyll widow, on west of street to passage. Lease for 99 years.	Fowey	TF/331
20 Nov 1655	Edward Westcott	Conveyance; St Andrew's Street, St Ives Parties: 1) John Hele, esquire, of Easton in Gordon otherwise St Georges, Somerset 2) Edward Westcott, gunmaker, of St Ives. 1) to 2) of messuages, dwelling house, smiths shopp and cellars in St Andrewes Street in St Ives.	St Ives	CH/37/78
8 Feb 1668	Edward Westcott	Quitclaim - St Andrew's Street, St Ives Parties: 1) Edward Westcott, gunmaker, of St Ives 2) Richard Hichens of St Ives. 1) to 2) of title and interest in four chambers with two cellars under the same, situate in St Andrews Street. Consideration: £70 from 2) to 1).	St Ives	CH/37/79
13 Feb 1668	Edward Westcott	Quitclaim - St Andrew's Street, St Ives Parties: 1) Edward Westcott, gunmaker, of St Ives 2) Richard Hichens, merchant, of St Ives. 1) to 2) of title and interest in all those messuages, dwelling house, smyths shop and sellars together with the long chamber and ground roome.	St Ives	CH/37/80
1 Apr 1673	Bernard Pennington	Lease; fields called the Stepps, Bodmin Parties: 1) Jonathan Rashleigh of Menabilly, esquire, 2) Bernard Pennington of Bodmin, gunsmith. Lease for 99 years.	Bodmin	R/108

1682	Daniel Yole	Will of Daniel Yole, gunsmith, of Lanteglos by Camelford Will and inventory, court papers	Lanteglos	AP/Y/41
6 Nov. 1696	Nicholas Werry	Acknowledgement of bond, to secure payment, Wadebridge Parties include 1) Mary Werry of St Breock, widow, and Nicholas Werry of St Breock, gunsmith Acknowledgement of bond, of 5th November 1695; £13.	St Breock	X450/164
20 Jul 1706	Richard Arnold	Pre-nuptial settlement, property in Fore Street, Bodmin Parties include 1) Richard Arnold, gunsmith, Bodmin & Richard Arnold junior, gunsmith, St Columb Major, son of 1) and Ursula, daughter of Thomas Trevethan, baker, Padstow. Pre-nuptial settlement, on marriage between Richard Arnold and Ursula Trevethan, by bargain and sale by 1) to 3) of property in Fore Street, now in occupation of Richard Arnold, being the eastern shop, the room behind it, as far as the beam next to the hall and from the partition of boards in this room as far as the corner of the wall of Richard Ley's house; room over the two shops and room adjacent this room; room over the entry; kitchen and room over it; stable with hayloft over it; dryhouse adjacent stable and room over it, from corner of the hall wall to the back door; western half of upper plot of the courtelage from the eastern corner of the back door to the hedge, which is allowed for a way and the hither garden, allowing John Binnick a way to the higher garden; also moiety of courtelage and backside, 20 July 1706. Consideration: £100. security.	Bodmin	AD103/147

15 May 1731	Richard Arnold	Mortgage, property in Fore Street, Bodmin Parties: 1) Richard Arnold, gunsmith, Bodmin 2) William Gredwen, gentleman, Bodmin. Mortgage by lease and release (lease for a year missing) by 1) to 2) of property in Fore Street, now in occupation of Richard Arnold, being the eastern shop, the room behind it, as far as the beam next to the hall and from the partition of boards in this room as far as the corner of the wall of Richard Ley's house; room over the 2 shops and room adjacent this room; room over the entry; kitchen and room over it; stable with hayloft over it; dryhouse adjacent stable and room over it, from corner of the hall wall to the back door; western half of upper plot of the courtelage from the eastern corner of the back door to the hedge, which is allowed for a way and the hither garden, allowing John Binnick a way to the higher garden; also moiety of courtelage and backside, purchased by Richard Arnold's father from John Binnick, 15 May 1731. Consideration: £45.	Bodmin	AD103/148
1755	Richard Arnold	Will of Richard Arnold, gunsmith, of Bodmin Borough	Bodmin	AP/A/864
1690	John Williams	Will of John Williams, gunsmith, of East Looe, St Martin by Looe	East Looe	AP/W/1409
1743	Edmond Wills	Will of Edmond Wills, gunsmith, of Truro Administration and inventory	Truro	AP/W/2396
1750	William Wallis	Will of William Wallis, gunsmith and watch maker, of St Austell	St Austell	AP/W/2522
5 Nov 1748	John Dale	Indemnity bond John Dale, gunsmith of Constantine	Constantine	BMZ/11/8/16

11 Feb 1703	Nicholas Werry	Pre nuptial settlement by way of bargain and sale, properties in St Breock and Kilkhampton Parties: 1) Nicholas Werry of St Breock, gunsmith, and Elizabeth Hooper of Milton Abbot, Devon, spinster, daughter of John Hooper, yeoman 2) Richard Hooper of St Gennys, yeoman and John Werry of St Breock, yeoman 1) to 2): Treneage in St Breock, and part of Darracott in Kilkhampton, being the mens' chamber, the loft adjoining, commonly called the ship, and fields. On marriage between Nicholas Werry and Elizabeth Hooper.	St Breock	CF/1/914
7 Mar 1710	William Calenso	Pre-nuptial settlement, property in Plymouth Messuage or tenement, courtelage and pallace in Plymouth, between Lawrence Reed's land on east, lands in occupation of William Calenso, gunsmith.	Bodmin	RD/1342
25 Mar 1717	John Popplestone	Assignment of remainder of term, garden in Fowey Parties: 1) John Popplestone of Fowey, gunsmith to 2) Alexander Wollcott of Fowey, gentleman. Garden in Fowey. Assignment of remainder of term of 99 years.	Fowey	R/2487
1739	Richard Arnold	Recipt for work done for John Hoblyn by Richard Arnold, gunsmith, mainly repairs to guns	Bodmin	T/1423
8 Jul 1741	William Rowse	Assignment of remainder of term, fields with dwelling-house and garden. part of Landreath, St Blazey Parties 1) William Rowse of St Blazey, gunsmith, to 2) Thomas Libby of St Austell, blacksmith. Assignment of remainder of term of 99 years	St Blazey	TF/217

25 Sep 1772	William Bass	Bargain and sale, property in Plymouth, Devon To the east Week's Street, lands of Elizabeth Netherton, widow and William Bass, gunsmith and wife Mary Bass,	Plymouth	PH/181
26 Sep 1772	William Bass	Marriage Settlement and assignment. All part of house of 3 dwellings and malthouse in Treville Street alias Butchers Lane. Mentions; - to the east and west lands of Elizabeth Netherton, widow and William Bass, gunsmith and wife Mary Bass.	Plymouth	PH/258

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05 December 1659	Robert Tison	Will of Robert Tison or Tyson, Gunsmith and now bound out into the parts beyond the Seas in the Good Ship Canton Frigate of Penryn, Cornwall		PROB 11/296
16 March 1705	William Morrish	Will of William Morrish, Gunsmith and now belonging to Her Majesty's Ship Association of Saint Breock, Cornwall		PROB 11/481

COVENTRY Archives & Research Centre

8 Jan 1655 - 15 May 1655	Fulke Waldrum	<p>Probate Copy (15 May 1655) of the Will (8 Jan 1655) of William [I] "Haukes" (of Coventry, corvisor)</p> <p>The testator bequeaths his Palmer Lane stable to his wife Mary for life, then to his son William [II], but, if he predecease his mother, she shall dispose of it as she think fit, being executrix and recipient of the testator's dwelling; personalty is entrusted to Mary until William [II] be of age, then half of it will pass to him but overseers shall see to that if Mary remarry meanwhile; William [II]'s apprenticeship money must be paid out of his moiety; as overseers, Richard Davis (of Corley, Warwickshire, blacksmith) and Fulke Waldrum (of Coventry, gunsmith) will receive 2/6 each for gloves.</p>	Coventry	Coventry Archives & Research Centre PA56/66/8
25 Jun 1701	John Whadcocke	<p>Mortgage by Demise for 99 Years: Whereby, in consideration of £25 paid to John Whadcock (of Arley, Warwickshire, gunsmith) and 5/- to Martin Whadcock (of Birmingham, Warwickshire, apothecary), they charge to Richard Walker (of Fillongley, Warwickshire, gentleman) a new cottage (occupied by Martin Shawe) with malt kiln and malt house, etc. which are John's under the terms of his father's will: to be held from [26 Jun 1701] for 99 years at a peppercorn rent and repayment of £25 on 27 Jun 1703 but meanwhile 25/- per annum.</p>	Arley	Coventry Archives & Research Centre PA1484/33/3

25 Jul 1703	John Whadcocke	<p>Assignment of Mortgage by Demise for 99 Years in Trust to Attend the Inheritance: Whereby, having recited: firstly and secondly, PA1484/33/3,4; thirdly, that on 20 Jul 1702, in consideration of £25 paid to Thomas Walker (of Fillongley, Warwickshire, gentleman) and £45 to John Whadcocke (in 1703 described as of Arley, Warwickshire, gunsmith), his wife Mary and Martin Whadcocke (in 1703 of Birmingham, Warwickshire, apothecary), they transferred the premises to Elizabeth Whadcocke (in 1703 of Fillongley, spinster); fourthly, that the principals are due so that Elizabeth Whadcocke is owed £73/10/- for principal and interest; and fifthly, that John, Mary and Martin Whadcocke have agreed that Humphrey Whadcocke (of Corley, Warwickshire, gentleman) should buy the property: therefore, in consideration of the £73/10/- aforesaid, E. Whadcocke consigns the estate to William Green (of Corley, clerk [in Holy Orders) on Humphrey's behalf.</p>	Arley	Coventry Archives & Research Centre PA1484/33/8
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25 Jul 1703 - 26 Jul 1703	John Whadcocke	Lease and Release: Whereby, in consideration of £6/15/- paid to John Whadcocke (of Arley, Warwickshire, gunsmith) and 5/- to Martin Whadcocke (of Birmingham, Warwickshire, apothecary), John Whadcocke, his wife Mary and Martin Whadcocke convey to Humphrey Whadcocke (of Corley, Warwickshire, gentleman) a cottage (lately inhabited by Martin Shaw, now by -) with garden, malt kiln, malt house and yard with a hovel thereon, subject to mortgage; covenants to levy final concord by end of the following Michaelmas Term and for further assurance within ten years and as many miles.	Arley	Coventry Archives & Research Centre PA1484/33/9-10
8 Jun 1747	John Probin	Letters of Special Administration: Delivered to John Probin (of Birmingham, Warwickshire, gunsmith) because his son Thomas, next heir to the late Mary [II] Scotton (of Coventry, spinster), is under age.	Birmingham	Coventry Archives & Research Centre PA2398/6/2/4/8
15 Nov 1751	John Probin	Bond: Whereby John Probin (of Birmingham, Warwickshire, gunsmith; administrator of his wife Elizabeth, lately Scotton) and Thomas Probin (of Birmingham, gunsmith; son of John and Elizabeth, grandson of John [I] and Mary [I] and nephew of Mary [II] Scotton, all of Coventry, deceased) are bound to William Wright (of Shilton, Warwickshire, weaver) in £320 to pay him £160 on 15 May [1752] as per mortgage of even date [PA2398/6/2/4/2.XI].	Birmingham	Coventry Archives & Research Centre PA2398/6/2/4/10

19 Nov 1753 20 Nov 1753	John Probyn	<p>Lease and Release with Assignment of Mortgage by Demise for 1,000 Years in Trust to Attend the Inheritance: Whereby, having recited: firstly, as PA2398/6/2/4/2.XI; secondly, that the principal remains unpaid; thirdly, that William Wright (of Shilton, Warwickshire, weaver) is owed altogether £166/8/-; fourthly, as PA2398/6/2/4/2.XIII; fifthly, that that principal likewise remains due; sixthly, that Mary Bell (of Birmingham, Warwickshire, widow) is owed £51/14/6; and seventhly, that Joseph [II] Freeth (of Coventry, maltster) has contracted to buy the premises from John Probin (of Birmingham, gunsmith) and his son Thomas (gunsmith; by John's late wife Elizabeth who was the daughter of John [I] and Mary [I] Scotton (of Coventry, deceased), himself being the nephew of Mary [II] Scotton (of Coventry, spinster, deceased) the daughter of John [I] and Mary [I]) for £340 whence the debts would be discharged: therefore (in consideration of £166/8/- paid to William Wright,</p>	Birmingham	Coventry Archives & Research Centre PA2398/6/2/4/11-12
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		<p>£51/14/6 to Mary Bell and £121/17/6 balance to John Probin and Thomas Probin, all by Joseph [II] Freeth, and of 5/- by that man's trustee John Wills (of Coventry, woolcomber) to each of M. Bell and the Probins [only]) Bell and the Probins convey to J. [II] Freeth and John Wills the premises; moreover, for 5/- paid by J. Freeth to him, W. Wright transfers the term's residue to Richard Goodall (of Coventry, tallowchandler); the Probins covenant for further assurance within ten years; Freeth promises to produce writings (as listed on an attached paper) for the Probins or J. Probin's daughter Mary the wife of - Hurley.</p> <p>List of fourteen documents (169[8] - 1751).</p>		
3 Feb 1789 - 19 Sep 1790	John Collis	HEWITT FAMILY PAPERS - RECEIPT: John Collis (gunsmith)	Oxford	Coventry Archives & Research Centre: PA1484/12/2/3
3 Apr 1794	Samuel Pearce	Mortgage by Demise for 1,000 Years: By Samuel [II] Pearce (of Birmingham, Warwickshire, button-solderer; eldest son and heir of Samuel [I] Pearce (of Birmingham, gunsmith, deceased) by his late wife Mary, who was a daughter of Thomas [I] Goodall (of Coventry, worstead weaver, deceased) and a devisee under CCA/2/3/19/10) to Jeremiah [II] Goodall (of Coventry, cordwainer) of (a) the Spon Bridge messuage formerly occupied by John Hollins but now by - Owen and (b) Richard Waters, Well Street dwelling, for redemption of £25 and lawful interest on 3 Oct [1794].	Birmingham	Coventry Archives & Research Centre CCA/2/3/19/19

21 Jan 1795 - 22 Jan 1795	John Probyn	<p>Lease and Release: Whereby, having recited: firstly, Bridget Southern's 25 Dec 1731 will; secondly, her death and probate; thirdly, PA2398/6/2/4/11-12; fourthly, PA2398/6/2/4/18-19; fifthly, that those deeds' moiety of the Smithford Street three-tenement messuage is vested in Joseph [II] Freeth (maltster), John Seymour (fellmonger), John Cash (stuff-manufacturer) and William Cash (stuff-manufacturer), all of Coventry, Bridget Southern's Charity estate trustees; sixthly, that Joseph Hurley senior (of Aston Junction, Aston-juxta-Birmingham parish, Warwickshire, gentleman; husband of the late Mary nee Probyn who was one of the two children of John Probyn (of Birmingham, gunsmith) upon his wife Elizabeth (nee Scotton), both deceased) is entitled to the other moiety; and seventhly, that Joseph [II] Freeth et al have agreed with that man and Joseph Hurley junior (of Aston parish, brassfounder; nephew of John Probyn's other child Thomas (of Birmingham, gunsmith, deceased) who was the nephew of Mary [II] Scotton of Coventry, spinster, deceased)</p>	Birmingham	Coventry Archives & Research Centre PA2398/6/2/4/25-26
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		to buy that moiety for £105 so that it might be held upon the same trusts as the purchasers already control: therefore for £105 Joseph Hurley senior, Joseph Hurley junior and the latter's wife Martha convey to J. [II] Freeth et al their moiety of the three tenements (now occupied by William Nickson and John Farren) upon the same trusts as in PA2398/6/2/4/19; the Hurleys covenant as of last Michaelmas or next Hilary term to levy a final concord, along with William Bright with his wife Sarah and William Hewitt with his wife Martha, of the one part and William Greenway (of [Baginton, Warwickshire, attorney]) of the other for three messuages, one cottage, two curtilages, three gardens, two orchards, 4a. land, 4a. meadow and 4a. pasture, and for a moiety of one messuage, in Foleshill, [Walsgrave-on-]Sow[e] and Saint Michael's parish, Coventry so that the moiety might enure to J. Freeth et al; moreover, any mortgage term currently for the Hurleys' benefit should become for the trustees'		
11 Nov 1822	Thomas Noon	Attested Copy (24 Feb 1834) of Conveyance: Includes - (eleventhly), 17 Jan [1822] articles of agreement whereby (having rehearsed: first, that T. Pidcock owed his creditors and John Stayley, Thomas Hodson and Thomas Noon (in the main deed described as all of Burton; respectively gentleman, draper and gunsmith) money which he could not repay	Burton	Coventry Archives & Research Centre CCA/2/3/441/19

CUMBRIA

1691	George Turner	Extracts from deeds to Carleton Hall (manor and estate) dated 1652-1697, extracted c. 1700 Bargain and sale for £14 (George Turner of Boltongate gunsmith, to John Pattenson of Penrith gent.) - freehold barn and byre or cowhouse by him lately erected, in Boltongate; its northwest side abuts on a close called "the Low Gaurds" (part of the Duke of Somerset's Demesne there), and its south-east abuts on "the High way Called Bolton Gate".	Boltongate	DCC/2/44
1793	William Graham	Lease for one year of two houses and five closes of ground in Cummersdale, between 1. Mary Armstrong of Carlisle, spinster, Thomas Sewell of Newlands, William Graham of Carlisle, gunsmith, and Richard Sewell of Hawksdale Bridge End and 2. John Sowerby of London	Carlisle	DX 1704/6
1767	Robert Loy	Probate Administration of Robert Loy, gunsmith, of Dufton, Westmorland	Dufton	PROB/1767/A(13)
1768	Jonathan Allen	Will of Jonathan Allen, gunsmith, of Penrith, Cumberland	Penrith	PROB/1768/W254
1804	John Ritson	Will of John Ritson, gunsmith, of Maryport, Crosscannonby, Cumberland	Maryport	PROB/1804/W892
1781	Thomas Bulman	Will of Thomas Bulman, gunmaker, formerly of Carnarvon now of Caldewgate, Carlisle, Cumberland	Carlisle	PROB/1781/W522

1647	John Goulding	Goulding, John (Male), gunsmith, Culgath, Cumbria Event Details Drapers' Company	Culgath	Records of London's Livery Companies Online - Drapers' Company
1654	John Goulding	Goulding, John (Male) gunsmith, Culgath, Cumbria Event Details Drapers' Company	Culgath	Records of London's Livery Companies Online - Drapers' Company

DERBYSHIRE

Derbyshire Record Office				
1661	Edmond Robinson	Locksmith/gunsmith's account Detailed account from Edmond Robinson to Mr Gell	Derby	D3287/46/16
16 Jan 1702	Thomas ?Headnis	Bond in £6 of Thomas ?Headnis of Ashbourne gunsmith to William Lee of Ladyhole, Yeldersley, gent	Ashbourne	D77/4/24/276

1 November 1764	Samuel Newton	1 November 1764. Lease for one year for possession in order to take a release of the premises (release missing). 1. Samuel Newton of Nottingham gunsmith and Elizabeth his wife, Alice Flint of Derby spinster and Dorothy Oates of Bingham, co Nottingham (Elizabeth, Alice and Dorothy being three surviving sisters and coheirs of William Flint late of Crich gent deceased). 2. John Toplis of Wirksworth mercer. For 5s Party 1 leased to 2 messuage near to the Swine Market, Wirksworth with stable adjoining and garden on the backside thereof formerly in the occupation of William Johnson and now of Grace Johnson widow.	Nottingham	D3217/G/3/1
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Derbyshire - Wills available for download from National Archives, London				
10 September 1646	John Frearson	Will of John Frearson, Gunsmith of Derby, Derbyshire	Derby	PROB 11/197
17 May 1844	John Court	Will of John Court, Gunsmith of Stapenhill, Derbyshire	Stapenhill	PROB 11/1998

DEVONSHIRE

Devonshire Record Office & SOUTH WEST HERITAGE TRUST

11 May 1660	John Norman	Plymouth Borough records - Description: The tradesmen of Plymouth to the Mayor, Magistrates and Common Council - praying that John Norman, a stranger and recent newcomer, (who has served his apprenticeship in the town but has nevertheless presumed to follow divers trades therein), may be ordered to desist from impoverishing the proper inhabitants by exercising the art of a gunsmith and other callings.	Plymouth	1/359/80
1672	Robert Zelly	Barnstaple Borough Council Presentment Robert Zelly of Barnstaple, gunsmith Assault against Phillip Atkey of S. Molton, gent. 1672	Barnstable	B1/0/1078
1682	Richard Every	Dodbrooke Parish CHARITIES ...1. Feoffees of the parish of Dodbrooke 2. Richard Every of Kingsbridge, gunsmith Parcel of ground, room adjoining, now used as a stable, and two chambers over, with a curtilage adjoining now used as a hog court, in Kingsbridge Rent: 10s	Kingsbridge	5721A/PF/38
1704	Richard Eales	Dodbrooke Parish CHARITIES Lease for 99 yrs or 3 lives, 1704 ...1. Feoffees of the parish of Dodbrooke 2. Richard Eales the elder of Kingsbridge, gunsmith Part of ground and room now used as a stable, two chambers over, and curtilage adjoining now used...	Kingsbridge	5721A/PF/53

11 Jul 1709	Daniel Cory	Plymouth Borough records: Southside Street - Deed Description: Lease for 21 years 1) Mayor and Commonalty of the Borough of Plymouth 2) Daniel Cory of Plymouth, gunsmith Plot of land on the south side of Southside Street, Plymouth Rent: 8s per annum.	Plymouth	1/720/189
1711	David Alquier	COUNTY OF DEVON - QUARTER SESSIONS SACRAMENT CERTIFICATES David Alquier of Stoke Damerel, gunsmith; French Reformed church near Frankfort St Andrews, Plymouth	Plymouth	QS/21/1711/12
10 Jan 1721	John Hill	Lease for 99 years or 3 lives 1) Exebridge feoffees. 2) John Hill of Tiverton, gunsmith. King's Arms at lower end of Bampton Street, and house adjoining. For lives of John Hill, wife Mary and daughter Mary	Tiverton	257M/T/97
1727	Peter Coysgarne	Release Premises: one messuage in Kingsbridge formerly in the tenure of Peter Coysgarne gunsmith deceased, late of Andrew Pope deceased and now of Robert Bastard Consideration: £56 3s: 92 Fore Street Kingsbridge	Kingsbridge	4009M/T/1
1728	John Coale	Barnstaple Borough Council Information Thos. Hawkins of Chittlehampton, gent. Assault by John Coale of Barnstaple, gunsmith, 1728	Barnstable	B1/0/2268

25 February 1734	John Morrifield John Longbridge	QUARTER SESSIONS BUNDLES 1734 EASTER: RECOGNISANCES John Langbridge gunsmith, Frances Ford, husbandman, and John Morrifield, gunsmith, all of Dalton. John Langbridge bound to appear at the next sessions to answer for assault on one Leonard Bowman.	Dolton	QS/4/1734/Easter/RE/1
1 June 1734	John Townsend	QUARTER SESSIONS BUNDLES MIDSUMMER 1734 RECOGNISANCES, 1 June 1734 ...Nicholas Stooke of Chudleigh, yeoman, Stephen Fathers of the same parish, maltster, and John Townsend of the same, gunsmith. Nicholas Stooke is bound to appear at the next sessions to abide an order...	Chudleigh	QS/4/1734/Midsummer/RE/6
1 June 1734	John Morrifield John Langbridge	QUARTER SESSIONS BUNDLES 1734 EASTER: RECOGNISANCES John Morrifield of Dolton gunsmith and John Langbridge of Dolton gunsmith. Morrifield is to appear at the next session to answer for assault and beating of William Parker	Dolton	QS/4/1734/Midsummer/RE/6
26 Sep 1734	John Beare	Title: Giles family of Penquit Copy of assignment - includes; two closes called Culver Park and Court Gardens and a meadow called Court Meadow (6 acres) in Dodbrooke, in trust for John Beare of Kingsbridge, gunsmith , (her son) and others. Copy made 14 Feb 1746/7.	Kingsbridge	Plymouth Record Office 176/19

1735	Jeremiah Smith	Dodbrooke Parish CHARITIES Lease for 99 yrs or 3 lives, 1735 ...1. Feoffees of the parish of Dodbrooke 2. Jeremiah Smith of Kingsbridge, gunsmith Part of stable, two chambers over and a curtilage used as a swine court in Kingsbridge Rent: 10s...	Kingsbridge	5721A/PF/60
c. Easter 1737	Henry Hawkings	QUARTER SESSIONS BUNDLES: MIDSUMMER 1747 PROCESS FILE: INDICTMENTS Indictment found against Richard Heath of Totnes Blacksmith, John Laggard of the same blacksmith, Hugh Downing the younger of the same butcher, Henry Hawkings of the same gunsmith, Bernard Hannaford the younger of the same heelmaker and John Gibbs of Berry Pomeroy ropemaker, for riotous assembly and setting dogs to a bull belonging to John Morrell, driving the bull up and down the streets of Totnes. Offence committed c. Easter 1737 and initially tried Easter 1738. The latest date attested in this document correlates to Easter 1738.. This document may pertain to the Sessions bundles for the years 1737 and 1738 and supporting material may be present within them	Totnes	QS/4/1747/Middsummer Process/PR/91
20 March 1738	Thomas Walters	QUARTER SESSIONS BUNDLES, 1738: EASTER: RECOGNISANCES Joseph Skinner of Colaton Raleigh, cooper, Thomas Walters of the same, gunsmith. Joseph Skinner is bound to appear at the next Quarter Sessions to answer charges	Colaton Raleigh	QS/4/1738/Easter/RE/5

7 April 1738	John Merryfield	QUARTER SESSIONS BUNDLES: 1739: RECOGNISANCES John Merryfield of Hatherleigh gunsmith, Joseph Bayell of the same cooper and James Savery of Exeter yeoman. John Merryfield is bound to appear at the next Quarter Sessions to answer charges of assault and battery on Hannibal Ditchett and to be of good behaviour and to keep the peace towards him	Hatherleigh	QS/4/1738/Easter/RE/59
1738	Henry Hawkins	QUARTER SESSIONS BUNDLES, EASTER: RECOGNISANCES, 7 April 1738 Henry Hawkins of Totnes, gunsmith, William Efford of the same, shoemaker and Anne Oliver of the same, spinster. Henry Hawkins is bound to appear at the next Quarter Sessions to answer charges...	Toynes	QS/4/1738/EASTER/RE/59
1739	John Merryfield	QUARTER SESSIONS BUNDLES: 1739: RECOGNISANCES, 3 August 1739 John Merryfield of Hatherleigh, gunsmith, Joseph Bayell of the same cooper and James Savery of Exeter yeoman. John Merryfield is bound to appear at the next Quarter Sessions to answer charges...	Hatherleigh	QS/4/1739/Michaelmas/RE/14
1739	David May	Cullompton Parish OVERSEERS OF THE POOR Settlement Certificates David May, gunsmith, Tiverton, 1739	Tiverton	2404A/PO/197/15

Midsummer 1740	Thomas Walters	QUARTER SESSIONS BUNDLES: MIDSUMMER: PRESENTMENTS AND INDICTMENTS Presentment against Thomas Walters of Honiton, gunsmith for theft of one silver tankard of the value of fifty shillings, property of Andrew Norton gentleman. True bill	Honiton	QS/4/1740/Midsummer/ PR/4
1742	John Norman	Conveyance, Uffculmeham 1. William Culleford and Martha Bird, executrix of Lawrence Palmer 2. John Norman of Uffculme, gunsmith	Uffculme	1926B/W/T/26/19-22
1743	William Blackmore	Ottery St Mary Church Corporation OVERSEERS Settlement certificates Stephen Shower wanting to live in Littleham with William Blackmore, gunsmith in Topsham, 1743	Ottery St Mary	3327A/PO/79/8
10 April 1749	Lawrence Norman	QUARTER SESSIONS BUNDLES: 1749: MIDSUMMER: RECOGNISANCES Lawrence Norman of Uffculme, gunsmith, is bound to appear at the next Sessions, to be assessed for maintenance of a male bastard child lately born to Mary Patch of Broadhembury, singlewoman. Surety: John Westbear of Culmstock, yeoman, and George Russell of Burlescombe, barber	Uffculme	QS/4/1749/Midsummer/ RE/38

Midsummer 1751	Humphry Hooper	<p>QUARTER SESSIONS BUNDLES: 1751: MIDSUMMER: ENROLLED DEEDS? Enrolment [fragment, perhaps used only as wrapper] of: 24 November 1747 ? Mortgage</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. William Karlake of Northlew, yeoman 2. Mary Peeters of Exeter, widow <p>Recites: 3 November 1724 Lease for 99 years, or three lives, from Henry Luxmoore of Okehampton, gentleman, to Humphry Hooper of Okehampton, gunsmith (the lives being Sarah and Susannah Hooper, daughters of said Humphry), of messuage and tenement called Shool Park alias Shool Parks in Northlew</p> <p>Endorsed with receipt of consideration money of £54 from 2.</p>	Okehampton	QS/4/1751/Midsummer/DE/1
16 October 1752	David May	<p>QUARTER SESSIONS BUNDLES: 1753: EPIPHANY: RECOGNISANCES</p> <p>Thomas Rossiter of Cullompton, taylor, is bound to appear at the next Sessions, accused of assaulting Robert Seaman and Mary, his wife. Sureties: William Trump of Cullompton, glazier, and David May of Cullompton, gunsmith</p>	Cullompton	QS/4/1753/Epiphany/RE/36
1756	Jonah Furseacot	<p>QUARTER SESSIONS BUNDLES: PRESENTMENTS AND INDICTMENTS, Epiphany 1756</p> <p>...Presentment against Jonah Furseacot of Tiverton, gunsmith, for pulling down and destroying the walls of the cottage of Matthew Crocker at Tiverton</p>	Tiverton	QS/4/1756/Epiphany/PR/44

1757	William Rigsby	<p>QUARTER SESSIONS BUNDLES: 1757: EASTER: RECOGNISANCES, 7 March 1757</p> <p>...William Rigsby of Chulmleigh, gunsmith, is bound to appear at the next Session, accused of assaulting and beating the Revd. Lewis Greenslade. Surety: William Pridham of Chulmleigh, husbandman...</p>	Chudleigh	QS/4/1757/Easter/RE/21
1760	Lawrence Norman	<p>Mortgage, Southey Barton.</p> <p>1. William Thomas of West Buckland, Somerset, gent. 2. John Westbear of Culmstock, yeoman 3. Lawrence Norman of Uffculme, gunsmith</p> <p>Principal: £50</p> <p>Premises: ¼ part of Henniker's Meadow, part Southey Barton</p> <p>Term: 1000 years</p> <p>Premises: other ¾ parts of Henniker's Meadow</p> <p>Term: 99 years or 2 lives</p>	Uffculme	4243M/T/296
13 February- 14 February 1761	William Wood; John Crocombe; John Barnett	<p>Releases by Thomas Cople of Befordshire, gentleman</p> <p>Voters & Parties: includes;</p> <p>William Wood - Tavistock, gunsmith - Taylor's Meadow one 12th part - occupied by Ben Warren</p> <p>John Crocombe - Tavistock, gunsmith - Burgage Meadow - one 12th part - occupied by Ben Warren</p> <p>John Barnett - Tavistock, gunsmith - House and garden - one 12th part - occupied by Mary Scawen</p>	Tavistock	L1258M/0/SS/E/1/3a

1761	John Crocombe	Releases to Thomas Butcher Voters & Parties: 10. William Wood - Tavistock, gunsmith - Taylor's Meadow - one 12th part - occupied by Ben Warren 11. John Crocombe - Tavistock, gunsmith - Burgage Meadow - one 12th part - occupied by Ben Warren	Tavistock	L1258M/0/SS/E/1/3b
1762	John Anderson	Lease and Release 1. Thomas Power of Badgeworth, Ware, Somerset, esquire 2. John Anderson of Stoke Damerell, gunsmith Premises: messuage, garden, stable and plot outside East Gate adjoining lane on west leading from Fore Street towards the south Consideration: £100 Date: 21/22 September 2 Geo III	Stoke Damerell	4628M/T/3
1 January 1767	John Pollard	Crediton Assignment of Lease) Jane Tregenna late of Crediton but now of London, spinster (2) John Pollard of Crediton, gunsmith Glanfields Tenement, in the West Town of Crediton Consideration: £36. Recites earlier Lease dated 5 July 1746.	Crediton	Z1/10/776
1768	John Norman	Marriage settlement John Norman of Uffculme, gunsmith and Mary Gillard of Culmstock, spinster Premises: Uffculmeham and houses near Coldharbour,	Uffculme	1926B/W/FS/10/1-2

18 August 1769	John Pollard	Crediton Surrender (1) John Pollard of Crediton, gunsmith (2) Henry Tuckfield of Fulford, esq. Plot or toft of ground in the West Town of Crediton whereon Glanfields Tenement formerly stood till burnt down in the fire of 1 May 1769; these premises were assigned to Pollard by deed dated 1 January 1767. Consideration: 5/-.	Crediton	Z1/10/776
1771	John Anderson	Lease and Release 1. John Anderson of Totnes, gunsmith 2. John Scobell of Totnes, gent. Premises: as 4628M/T/3-4 Consideration: £130 Date: 3/4 April 11 Geo III	Totnes	4628M/T/5
1778	John Jutsum	Peter & Peter Solicitors of Launceston OFFICIAL Appointment of Keeper of the Prison, 18th February 1778 ...1) Humphry Hall of Manadon esquire, Sheriff of Devon 2) John Jutsum junior of the parish of Exeter St. Thomas, gunsmith; John Jutsum senior of Halberton, yeoman; Ralph Jutsum of Dulverton, Somerset...	Exeter	531M/O/S/15
3 March 1783	William Blackmore	Littleham Parish, Exmouth John Blackmore apprenticed to William Blackmore, Gunsmith	Littleham Parish, Exmouth	2932A/PO/3/b/127

28 Sep 1790	Richard Cock	Plymouth Borough records: tenements near St Andrew's Church stile - Deed Description: Lease for 99 years 1) Mayor and Commonalty of the Borough of Plymouth 2) Richard Cock of Plymouth, gunsmith , executor of John Giles, merchant Two messuages or tenements next to St Andrew's Church stile Rent: 40s per annum	Plymouth	1/720/358
1804	Nicholas Peek	Devon: Marriage Bonds and Allegations for the year 1804 Marriage of Nicholas Peek of Saint Mary Major in Exeter, gunsmith to Ann Garland of Saint Mary Major in Exeter, spinster, 26th July 1804	Exeter	DEX/7/b/1/1804/288
1808	Thos Butler	Barnstaple APPRENTICESHIP John Connibear, age 7 (son of Elizabeth Oram) apprenticed to Philip Bremridge, gent: (Re-assigned to Thos Butler, gunsmith,1810), 1808	Barnstable	B28Z/2/79
1812	John Tacknell	DIOCESE OF EXETER REGISTRATION Marriage Bonds & Allegations Marriage of William Sutton Williams, late carpenter's clerk on HMS Gibraltar, a bachelor to Sarah Davies Tanton of Stoke Damerel, spinster, 25th May 1812 ...Witness: John Tacknell of Plymouth Dock, gunsmith, who produced a document, signed by Mary Tanton (Sarah's mother), confirming that Sarah was over the age of 21.	Plymouth	DEX/7/b/1/1812/207

1832	Robert Heard	Lease and release for the purpose of making a partition, Beaford, 1832 ...1) Anthony and William Snell 2) Robert Heard of Beaford, gunsmith Premises: two water grist mills, Beaford Wood (coppice), a house and other property in Beaford	Beaford	4222M/22
1842	James Bridle	Julia Bale apprenticed to James Bridle, gunsmith, 1842 Barnstaple	Barnstable	B28Z/2/468
1842	John Harvey	St Mary Major Parish, Exeter Release in Fee: Exeter [Holy Trinity, St Lawrence, St Mary Steps, St Leonard, St Petrock and St Mary Major], 6 September, 1842 ...(1) John Harvey of Exeter, gunsmith, John Upjohn of Exeter, watchmaker, both surviving Trustees of the parish of St. Mary Major (2) Rev. John Fisher Turner, rector of St. Mary Major (3) The new...	Exeter	51/1/8/7

Devonshire - Wills available for download from National Archives, London				
06 October 1691	James Hamblin	Will of James Hamblin, Gunsmith and now belonging to Their Majesty's Ship Royal Sovereign of Barnstaple, Devon		PROB 11/406
29 November 1770	Robert Bennett	Will of Robert Bennett, Gunsmith and Cuttler but now Armours Mate of His Majesty's Ship Resolution of Plymouth , Devon		PROB 11/961

08 March 1782	John Norman	Will of John Norman, Gunsmith of Uffculme, Devon	Uffculme	PROB 11/1088
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DORSET

Dorset Record Office

2 Jan 1634	Richard Bolte	Bargain and sale of dwelling in High Street, Weymouth. (1) John Mounsell, salter and citizen of London (2) Richard Bolte of Weymouth and Melcombe Regis, gunsmith and Joan his wife.	Weymouth and Melcombe Regis	D-RGB/KF/55
22 Aug 1637	Robert George John Porter	Recognizance for Robert George of Dorchester, gunsmith, to appear charged with theft by John Porter, gunsmith of Wombstone, Blackmore	Dorchester Wombstone, Blackmore	DC-PL/C/B/9/16
29 Feb 1656	William Burgis	Recognizance for William Burgis, gunsmith, to answer charges	Poole	DC-PL/C/B/9/19
09 Apr 1705	Ambrose Speed	Blandford Forum: A Bond between Ambrose Speed of Blandford, gunsmith is obligated to John Cotterell of the same place, gunsmith, for £300. A marriage is intended between John Cotterel & Alice Speed, daughter of Ambrose Speed; John Cotterell is not yet 21	Blandford Forum	D-BOC/889/Box17/C10
12 May 1714	Daniel Byles	Blandford Forum Parish Apprenticeship Indenture of Ann Dunbavell - Apprenticed to Daniel Byles, gun smith	Blandford Forum	PE-BF/OV/6/1/9

29 Jun 1750	Richard Allen	(1) Richard Allen of Poole, gunsmith, Elizabeth his wife and Sarah Nicholson spinster (2) Nicholas Pain of Poole, Newfoundland planter. Mentioned: William Phippard, William Keepen and widow Mullens.	Poole	D1/8290
18 May 1753	Joseph Bishop	Blandford Forum Parish Removal Order made against Joseph Bishop, cutler and gunsmith - Removed to Shepton Mallett, Somerset	Blandford Forum	PE-BF/OV/5/2/59
19 Jul 1778	William Tucker	John Skinner vs William Tucker of Poole, gunsmith Indictment: theft of two deal boards to the value of £0.0.10	Poole	DC-PL/C/B/2/1/185
23 Jul 1778	William Tucker	Recognizance for John Skinner, merchant, to put up surety for William Tucker, gunsmith, on a charge of theft	Poole	DC-PL/C/B/9/408
24 Jul 1778	William Tucker	Recognizance for bail for William Tucker, gunsmith, to answer a charge of theft. Sureties: Thomas Tucker, labourer, and James Allen, gunsmith.	Poole	DC-PL/C/B/9/408
23 Feb 1813	William Symonds	Deed. 1. William Symonds the elder of Blandford Forum, gunsmith. 2. Stephen Prince of Blandford Forum, bricklayer.	Blandford Forum	D-2743/T/1/36
24 Feb 1813	William Symonds	Deed. 1. William Symonds the elder of Blandford Forum, gunsmith. 2. Stephen Prince of Blandford Forum, bricklayer.	Blandford Forum	D-2743/T/1/37
23 Jun 1813	William Symonds	Bargain and Sale. 1. William Symonds the elder of Blandford Forum, gunsmith. 2. Henry Snook of Blandford Forum, waiter.	Blandford Forum	D-2743/T/1/38
24 Jun 1813	William Symonds	Release. 1. William Symonds the younger of Blandford Forum, gunsmith. 2. Henry Snook of Blandford Forum, waiter.	Blandford Forum	D-2743/T/1/39

24 Jan 1822	William Symonds	Feoffment. 1. William Symonds of Blandford Forum, gunsmith. 2. Sarah Symonds of Blandford Forum.	Blandford Forum	D-2743/T/1/46
4 Apr 1822	Painter Dancaster	1 Painter Dancaster of Southampton, Hampshire, gunsmith, eldest son and heir of Painter Dancaster, deceased Property: a four acre close of land called 'Brithlands' in the tithing of Chidden, late part of a parcel of four acres and three closes of nine acres called 'Tillonger' in the tithing of Chidden [which came to the court on the death of Painter Dancaster]	Southampton	D-CDN/A/2/24
1826	William Denning	The Return of the Church wardens and Overseers of the parish of Sherborne in the hundred of Sherborne. Men qualified to serve on juries: DENNING, William (Gunsmith),	Sherborne	Q/S/J/5/1826/211
20 Dec 1836	John Painter Dancaster	Letters of Administration granted to Jane Dancaster in the estate of her husband, John Painter Dancaster of Castle Street, Exeter, Devon, gunsmith.	Exeter	D-CDN/A/2/33
1855	Henry Pulman	The Return of the Churchwardens and Overseers of the Parish of St Peter, Dorchester. Men qualified to serve on juries: PULMAN, Henry (Gunsmith),	Dorchester	Q/S/J/5/1855/58
1856	Francis King	The Return of the Churchwardens and Overseers of the parish of Blandford Forum in the said County of men qualified to serve on juries: KING, Francis (Gunsmith),	Blandford Forum	Q/S/J/5/1856/31

Dorset - Wills available for download from National Archives, London

25 July 1840	Edmund Hallson	Will of Edmund Hallson, Gunsmith of Allington, Dorset	Allington	PROB 11/1931
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DUDLEY Archives - West Midlands

29 Sep 1650	Henry Wollaston	<p>Lease</p> <p>i) Thomas Parkes of Willingsworth, Staffs., Esq. ii) Henry Wollaston of Enfield, Staffs., Gunsmith</p> <p>Land called Balbreach meadow, Sedgley. Consideration: £10 Rent: 15s Signed, sealed [wrapped in paper] and witnessed.</p>	Enfield, Staffs	Number DE/1/14/75
5 Jun 1754	Dudley Bagley	<p>Lease</p> <p>i) Jevon Bagley of Sedgley, Staffs., Yeoman; and Dudley Bagley of Wednesbury, Staffs., Gunsmith ii) John Southall of Dudley, Worcs., Yeoman</p> <p>A small plot of land on which ii) has built a smithy, part of Dunton's Hill, Dudley. Consideration: 12s Rent: 2d Signed, sealed and witnessed.</p>	Wednesbury	Number DE/1/3/462

1-2 Dec. 1807	Joseph Richards	Lease and release (1-2 Dec. 1807) by Joseph Grove of the parish of Halesowen, Salop, farmer (mortgagee) and Richard Mee of Lutley, Worcs., gentleman and Mary his wife (sole devisee of his mother, Patience Mee, widow of Richard Mee of Himley), to Isaac Marston of Birmingham, Warwickshire, gentleman and Joseph Richards of Birmingham, gunmaker (his trustee to uses), of 4a. 2r. of land in Nether Woefield, with tithes, but subject to a chief rent of 2.5d p.a., to the use of Marston, with power of appointment, as specified; consideration of £200 to Grove and £145 to Mee; recites previous deeds.	Birmingham	DSCAM/2/3/8/7
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DURHAM

Durham Record Office				
17 August 1774	John Swainston	The Churchwardens and Overseers of the Poor of the Parish of Bowes Bond of (1) to (2) in £50 to indemnify the parish of Bowes in respect of the bastard child with which Hannah Newton of Bowes is pregnant (1) John Bellwood of Ingleton, yeoman and John Swainston the younger of Barnard Castle, gunsmith (2) John Aislabie of Bowes, yeoman; Thomas Stephenson of Stoney Keld, yeoman; Thomas Sayer of Stoney Keld, yeoman; Francis Thompson of Hunderthwaite, Bowes, yeoman	Barnard Castle	Ref: D/MOB 7/21

8 May 1801	Carter Nixon	Agreement for the sale by (1) to (2) of a messuage in Gilligate, Durham City [see also D/HH 3/5/1 -County Durham Deeds above] (1) Carter Nixon of Durham, gunsmith (2) George Wheldon of Durham, cheesemonger Consideration: £195	Durham	Ref: D/HH 3/8/13
1804	Carter Nixon	Draft release by (1) and (2) to (4) of a messuage in Gilligate, Durham. Covenant to levy a fine and to produce title deeds (1) Mary Proud, widow and Ann Laing, spinster, both of Durham (the only children of Jonathan Laing of Sherburn, deceased) (2) Carter Nixon of Durham, gunsmith and Jane, his wife (formerly the wife of Jonathan Laing) (3) George Wheldon of Durham, gentleman (4) Thomas Wheldon (son of (3))	Durham	Ref: D/HH 3/1/6/4
12 July 1809	Joseph Richardson	(1) The Churchwardens and the Guardians of the Poor of Darlington Apprenticeship indenture of (2), aged 15 years, to (3) until the age of 21 years (2) John Richardson, a poor child (3) Joseph Richardson of Darlington, gunsmith and shuttle maker (brother of (2)) Consideration: 30s.	Darlington	Ref: D/X 666/34
May 1821 - November 1830	Harland	Account book of Mr. Harland, gunsmith of Kirby Malzard near Ripon, Yorks.	Kirby Malzard	Ref: D/HH 11/147

EAST RIDING - YORKSHIRE

1732	William Johnson	Petition of William Johnson of Beverley, gunsmith: - for relief being impoverished by cost of prosecuting Thomas Newton, bailiff of Howdenshire and his servant John Milner who had defrauded him	Beverley	QSF/98/D/5
16 Jul 1807	Owen Probin	Bastardy examination of Ann Linwood, singlewoman Parish: Hedon Sex of child: male Date of birth: 28 Jun 1807 Father: Owen Probin Abode/occupation: Hull, gunsmith	Hull	DDHE/17/10/95
1 May 1810	William Taylor	Indictment of William Taylor of Kingston upon Hull, gunsmith:- passing counterfeit money to Cecily Rickatson at Sculcoates House of Correction - 6 months Witness: William Rickatson	Kingston upon Hull	QSF/407/B/5
27 Mar 1816	William Taylor	Apprenticeship indenture entry relating to William Constable Son of John Constable of Beverley, bellman and apprenticed to William Taylor of Beverley, gunsmith	Beverley	BC/IV/7/2 Number 1777
30 Apr 1821	William Taylor	Apprenticeship indenture entry relating to Esau Akrill Son of Mary Akrill of Beverley, widow and apprenticed to William Taylor of Beverley, gunmaker	Beverley	BC/IV/7/2 Number 1920

8 Jul 1823	Henry Wallis	Recognizance of Henry Wallis of Kingston upon Hull gunsmith and Henry Lee keeper of the house of correction in Hull :- Recognizance of £20 each to prefer a bill of indictment against Thomas Binnington for a larceny	Kingston upon Hull	QSR/1/94/32
11 Sep 1826	William Taylor	Apprenticeship indenture entry relating to Henry Taylor Son of William Taylor of Beverley and apprenticed to Henry Taylor of Beverley, gunsmith	Beverley	BC/IV/7/2 Number 2181
24 Sep 1830	Thomas Rosindale	Conviction of Thomas Rosindale of Kingston upon Hull, gunsmith:-vagrancy, found in the kitchen of the dwelling house of Charles Frost of Albion Street Sculcoates House of Correction = one month hard labour Oath: Samuel Moor, servant to Charles Frost	Kingston upon Hull	QSF/489/F/12
21 Mar 1834	William Taylor	Apprenticeship indenture entry relating to William Needler Son of Elizabeth Needler of Beverley, widow and apprenticed to William Taylor of Beverley, gunmaker	Beverley	BC/IV/7/2 Number 2266 (duplicated)
1836	Edward Withers	Bastardy order of Edward Withers Session: 1836 Epiphany Father: Edward Withers Father's residence: Glanford Brigg, Lincoln Father's job: gunsmith Mother: Elizabeth Roantree Mother's residence: Bilton	Glanford Brigg, Lincoln	QSU/1/37/14
27 Mar 1837	Esau Ackrill	Apprenticeship indenture entry relating to John Hutton Son of Henry Hutton of Beverley, innkeeper and apprenticed to Esau Ackrill of Beverley, gunmaker	Beverley	BC/IV/7/2 Number 2354

ESSEX

Essex Record Office

25 March 1645	William Thomson	Conveyance: (Feoffment): for £33. Thomas (Lord of Hoath, executor of Thomas Williamson of Little Horkesley (county Essex), gentleman), William Thomson, GUNSMITH, William Garrett, cooper (son of Ann G., deceased.), both of Kingston upon Hull (county York), to Robert Boucheir, tailor, & Thomas Gladwyn, miller, both of Nayland, Suffolk.	Kingston upon Hull	D/DXi 11
10 April 1647	Robert Fuller	Recognizance of William Salmon husbandman, John Manning Cordwainer and Robert Fuller gunsmith, all of Prittlewell; Salmon to answer his several offences of being a "badger, leder and carrier of corn, butter, cheese and oterh deed victual" without licence and also of his offence of forestalling, regreting and ingrossing	Prittlewell	Reference: Q/SR 332/56
10 Oct 1662.	Edward Wade	Recognizance of John Radley of Shenfield yeoman and Richard Reive of Brentwood innkeeper; Radley to keep the peace to Edward Wade of Shenfield gunsmith; "Radley hath not payd for his recog:"	Shenfield	Reference: Q/SR 395/40

28 October 1686	Ralph Aires	Recognizance for the appearance of James Austin of Little Ilford joiner and Ralph Aires of West Ham gunsmith; Austin to answer Edmund Woodhouse for stealing his poultry.	West Ham	Reference: Q/SR 453/113
30 September 1699	Ralph Ayres	Recognizance for the appearance of John White grasier, Ralph Ayres gunsmith and John Hodgkins gent., all of West Ham; White of answer John Marlowe gentleman for not obeying two Orders of Quarter Sessions made 10 January and 12 July. Owes 2s	West Ham	Reference: Q/SR 502/20
12 July 1701	Ralph Ayres	Recognizance of Arthur Young innholder, Ralph Ayres gunsmith, both of Stratford Langthorne, and William Wood of Low Leyton joiner; Young to answer Sir Nicholas Gerrard bart. for speaking scandalous and reflecting words of him in the execution of his office of justice	Stratford Langthorne	Reference: Q/SR 508/8
17 December 1718	Robert Farr	Will of Judith Farr, wife of Robert Farr of Harwich, gunsmith	Harwich	D/ABW 82/295
1765	Thomas Lawrence	COURT OF QUARTER SESSIONS includes Thomas Lawrence of Colchester, GUNSMITH - details not recorded	Colchester	D/B 5 SBb1/4

21 November 1772	Joshua Paveley	Deed: Release of Right, for £40 and £26 Joshua Paveley of Moulsham, Chelmsford, gunsmith, eldest son and heir of Isaac Paveley of Rochford, carpenter and innholder, deceased, to brother, John Paveley	Chelmsford	Reference: D/DCh T33/5
24 January 1775	Joshua Paveley	Deed: Conveyance (Release) for £550, and Assignment of Mortgage term in trust to attend the inheritance (i) John Wright, maltster, and John Skitter, victualler, both of Rochford, devisees in trust under will of John Paveley, victualler of Rochford, deceased; (ii) Joshua Paveley of Chelmsford, gunsmith, only brother and heir of John Paveley; (iv) Daniel Weld of Rochford, gentleman; (v) John Harriott of Great Stambridge, gentleman; (vi) James Vanderzee of Billericay gentleman	Chelmsford	Reference: D/DCh T33/10
17 July 1824	Samuel Clark	Will of Samuel Clark of Bishops Stortford, Hertfordshire, whitesmith and gunsmith	Bishops Stortford, Hertfordshire	Reference: D/ABW 125/1/59
23 April 1842	Philip Hast	Will of Philip Hast of Colchester, gunmaker	Colchester	Reference: D/ABW 135/2/39
27 May 1843	John Cock	Will of John Cock senior of Great Dunmow, gunsmith	Great Dunmow	Reference: D/AMW 23/8/7
28 November 1848	David Pilkington	Will of David Pilkington of Great Coggeshall, gunmaker	Great Coggeshall	Reference: D/ACW 44/6/32
20 March 1856	James William Leech	Will of James William Leech of Chelmsford, gunsmith	Chelmsford	Reference: D/ABW 141/3/25

Essex - Wills available for download from National Archives, London				
03 April 1843	James Starnes	Will of James Starnes, Gunsmith of Romford , Essex	Romford	PROB 11/1978
14 September 1844	Thomas Homer	Will of Thomas Homer, Gunmaker of Westham , Essex	Westham	PROB 11/2005

Records of London's Livery Companies Online				
1727	William Heasler	Heasler, William (Male) gun maker, All Hallows Barking Event Details Drapers'	All Hallows, Barking	London Livery Companies - Drapers Company

GLOUCESTERSHIRE

Gloucestershire Record Office

20 June 1644	Richard Smyth	Eastington/Northleach leases (2) - includes; Counterpart lease (20 June 1644) by John Dutton, to Richard Smyth of Northlach, gunsmith and Richard his son (also of Northlach, gunsmith), of a burgage and appurtenances in which Thomas James the younger dwells, in about the middle of the town of Northlach, formerly in the occupation of Thomas Batman, weaver, between burgages occupied by George Loveringe and Christopher Wadlye, and a beast pasture upon a down called Northlach Thornes, for the term of their lives successively; consideration of 10/-; rent 20/- p.a.; appointment of Thomas Page and William Dutton as attorneys to deliver seisin.	Northlach	D678/1 T1/11/161-182
10 November 1692	Richard Smith	Eastington/Northleach leases (6) includes; Counterpart lease in reversion by Dutton, to Richard Smith the younger of Northlach, gunsmith, of a burgage in Northleach, in about the middle of the town, between the houses of John Harding and Thomas Wadley, and now in the possession of Richard Smith the elder (father) under a lease of 20 June 1643, from the termination of the interest of Richard the elder, for a term of 99 years, determining on the deaths of Richard the younger and Jane Smith, his sister; consideration of 50/-; rent 20/- p.a.	Northlach	D678/1 T1/11/249-271

1 March 1704/5	John Smyth	Northleach leases (16): by the Whitmore family, lords of the manor of Northleach includes; Lease in reversion by Whitmore, to Benjamin Wright of Northleach, glover, of a tenement in the possession of John Smyth the elder, gunsmith, with a shop and part of a garden (the Old Saw Pit), for a term of 99 years from the death of Alice Smith, determining on the deaths of Benjamin (aged 30) and Elizabeth his wife (aged 40).	Northlach	D678/1 T1/11/399-416
18 May 1742	Robert Bolster	Will of Mary Jones of Swansea, Glamorgan, widow bequeathing £600 to Robert Bolster of Bristol, gunsmith (recorded 1725-68 - B.Godwin, <i>Bristol Gunmakers From the 16th to 20th Century</i> , Bath 2012).	Bristol	West Glamorgan Archives RISW/Co 272
16 April 1746	John Harris	Assignment: Two messuages and gardens in the parish of St. Nicholas, Westgate Street (1) Jeremiah JENNINGS of Gloucester city, tailor (2) John HARRIS, of Gloucester city, gunsmith, Sarah his wife (3) James WALKER, senior, of Gloucester city, blacksmith Terms: remainder of terms of 30 and 40 years Consideration: 5 shillings Witnesses: Charles BARROW, Francis STRATFORD	Gloucester	D2957/160/203

24 June 1758	William Ashley	Assignment of mortgage concerning a messuage in Hailes Street, Winchcombe Main parties to deeds: Richard Hancock, miller of Toddington; Richard Bell the younger, cordwainer of Winchcombe and Hannah, his wife; William Ashley, gunsmith of Winchcombe	Winchcombe	D2202/9/2 (part)
20 November 1761	Thomas Packer	Lease for a year - messuage and lands in Alstone and Arle, Cheltenham. Parties: Thomas Packer, gunsmith of Cheltenham; John Whithorne gentleman of Charlton Kings.	Cheltenham	D3554/2/49
1837	Samuel Davis	Appentice records 1837 Charles Hopkins, Wotton-under-Edge, to Samuel Davis, of Thornbury, clock and watch maker and gunsmith	Thornbury	D892/Z12
18 & 19 November 1840	Samuel Matthews	Minutes of proceedings in cases of insolvent debtors under Acts of 5 George IV, c.61, and 7 George IV, c.57 Samuel Matthews, of Cheltenham, journeyman gunsmith	Cheltenham	Q/RID/2
1842	Thomas Fletcher	Conveyance 31 October 1842: Messuage in Southgate Street 1) Thomas COOK of Gloucester City, maltster. Reuben COOK of Gloucester City, maltster. (2) Thomas FLETCHER of Glouc. City, gunsmith Consideration: £330	Gloucester	D3117/3837

1851- 1980	Thomas Fletcher	The records of Fletchers of Gloucester, gunsmiths and sports dealers The firm's founder, Thomas Fletcher, had gunsmith's premises in Westgate Street, Gloucester, by 1829. His father, William, may have been one of the two gunsmiths by that name recorded in Tewkesbury in 1820 (Thomas was baptised at Tewkesbury on 3 January 1808); his younger brother, also named William, worked with him at Gloucester but later set up his own business. By 1842, a Gloucester trade directory lists Thomas Fletcher at 161 Westgate Street and William Fletcher at Cross Keys Lane - full entry at Gloucester Archives	Gloucester	D4490
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Gloucestershire - Wills available for download from National Archives, London				
08 June 1655	William Jones	Will of William Jones, Gunsmith of Bristol, Gloucestershire	Bristol	PROB 11/248
25 February 1718	John Lamb	Will of John Lamb, Gunsmith of Bristol, Gloucestershire	Bristol	PROB 11/562
16 February 1725	Lazarus Brain	Will of Lazarus Brain, Gun Smith of Bristol, Gloucestershire	Bristol	PROB 11/601
21 February 1732	Francis Hill	Will of Francis Hill, Gun Smith of Bristol, Gloucestershire	Bristol	PROB 11/649
10 October 1777	Joseph Callaway	Will of Joseph Callaway, Gunsmith of Bristol, Gloucestershire	Bristol	PROB 11/1035

July 17 1804	Francis Inman	Abstract of Administration of Francis Inman, Gunsmith of Bristol, Gloucestershire. Proved in the Court of Bristol.	Bristol	IR 26/294
10 September 1832	Joseph Fisher	Will of Joseph Fisher, Gun Maker of Bristol , Somerset	Bristol	PROB 11/1805

Records of London's Livery Companies Online

1656	Thomas Harris	Harris, Thomas (Male) Gunsmith, The Citie of Gloucester	Gloucester	London Livery Companies - Clothworkers' Company
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Bristol City Archives

14 July 1655	Henry Jones	Lease for 13 years of a house in Christmas Street, standing between the tenements of Henry Jones, gunsmith, and the widow Taylor, and extending to the town wall. John Locke and feoffees of St. John the Baptist's church to James Wathen, shoemaker, who is to spend £50 in rebuilding. Fine: £30. Rent: 40 shillings.	Bristol	P.St JB/D/2/313
14 Jul. 1655	Thomas Jones	Lease for thirteen years of premises in Knifesmiths, otherwise Christmas Street between a house formerly occupied by Mary Bowcher, widow, and now by Thomas Jones, gunsmith, on one side and Widow Tyler on the other side, extending from the street to the common wall of the city	Bristol	P.St JB/D/2/630

25 March 1684	John Smith	Title Lease for five years 1) Samuel Rollstone of Stoney-Hill, Bristol, gent. 2) John Smith of Farley, Backwell, Som. gunsmith Allen's tenement and closes as above. Annual rent: £48 Date [1684] March 25, 36 Charles II	Backwell	AC/WO/6/4
22 October 1707	Robert Goning	Title Lease and Surrender Lease for 99 years or 3 lives, and counterpart. 1. Feoffees 2. James Baskerville gent. Premises: a messuage in Corne Street formerly in the tenure of Martin Nelmes and now of Robert Goning, Gunsmith Consideration : £17 Rent : £3 p.a. 1732 December 20	Bristol	P.Xch/D/11/a i-iii
10 September 1735	Robert Goning	Title Lease and Surrender Lease for 99 years or 3 lives; and counterpart 1. Feoffees 2. Robert Maundrell, gent Premises: a messuage on Corn Street pa. St.Werbergh formerly in the tenure of Martin Nelmes, gent, and then of Robert Goning gunsmith and lately rebuilt and occupied by James Baskerville and now in the tenure of the said Robert Maundrell. Abuttals given Consideration: £44 Rent : £3 p.a. 1742 September 22	Bristol	P.Xch/D/11/c i-iii

23 Sept 1742	Robert Goning	<p>Title Lease for 99 years or 3 lives</p> <p>Description 1. Feoffees</p> <p>2. Robert Maundrell, gent</p> <p>Premises: A messuage in Corn Street pa. St. Werburgh, formerly in the tenure of Martin Nelmes gent and then of Robert Gonning, gunsmith then of James Baskerville the elder and rebuilt by him, and now in the tenure of the said Robert Maundrell.</p> <p>Abuttals given:</p> <p>Consideration : £44</p> <p>Rent : £3 pa</p>	Bristol	P.Xch/D/11/di
1 October 1748	Thomas Annely	<p>Title Counterpart lease for lives</p> <p>Description (1) Feoffees of the Free Grammar School (named)</p> <p>(2) Thomas Annely of Bristol, gunsmith Windmill House, and garden and orchard</p> <p>Consideration: £8</p> <p>Rent: 1 shilling p.a.</p>	Bristol	35749/107 a

28 July 1760	Thomas Badger	<p>Lease and Surrender 1760 July 28</p> <p>Surrender</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Thomas Badger, gunsmith, son and devisee of Thomas Badger, soapmaker dec. 2. Mary Wilcox, widow, late Mary Wilkins widow, daughter and executrix of Thomas Badger decd. 3. Feoffees <p>Premises: a messuage in the Pithay pa. Christ Church, late in the tenure of Richard Standfast, clerk and then of Samuel Winny. Abuttals given</p> <p>ii 1694 August 29</p> <p>Lease : as in P/Xch/D/30a</p>	Bristol	P.Xch/D/30/ci-ii
27 Dec. 1760	Charles Fisher	<p>Lease for 21 years of an estate in Christmas Street, lying between the house of Charles Fisher, gunsmith, and void ground, leading towards the newly erected St. John's Bridge</p>	Bristol	P.St JB/D/2/497
24 June 1768	William Gabbitas	<p>Title Assignment of a lease</p> <p>Description 1. Edward Nicholas, merchant Jeremiah Hill, malster John Dowell, hatter assignees of the estate of Abraham Parsons, merchant, bankrupt.</p> <p>2. William Gabbitas, gunsmith.</p> <p>Premises: as in P/Xch/D/51a</p> <p>Consideration: £98</p> <p>Rent: 15s.</p>	Bristol	P.Xch/D/51/b

29 Sept 1768	Thomas Annely	Title Counterpart lease for lives Description (1) Feoffees of Free Grammar School (2) Thomas Annely of Bristol, gunsmith Dwelling house called Windmill House, with garden and orchard Consideration: £5.55 Rent: 1 shilling p.a.	Bristol	35749/107 b
1778	Thomas Annely	Title Unexecuted lease Description (1) Feoffees of Free Grammar School (2) Thomas Annely of Bristol, gunsmith Windmill House with garden and orchard Rent: 5 shillings p.a.	Bristol	35749/107 c
1778	Thomas Annely	Title Unsigned indenture of lease of lands of Edmonds' Charity Description (1) Feoffees of Edmonds' Lands (named) (2) Thomas Annely of Bristol, gunsmith	Bristol	35749/119 a
22 Apr 1779	John Smith	Release (attested copy) 1 James Emerson, spelter maker, and Mary his wife 2 William Webley, gentleman 3 Clement Leman, accountant, and John Smith, gunsmith premises in Somerset and Gloucestershire Consideration: 5/-	Somerset and Gloucestershire	41214/Box 20/2/3
2 Oct. 1793	Matthais Wilkinson	Lease for three lives of a house in Redcliff Street occupied by Matthias Wilkinson, gunsmith, bounded by the warehouses of Cross, Cole and Co., distillers, and by the house of David Davis, tea dealer	Bristol	P.St JB/D/2/547

24th November 1797	Williain Heard	Deed House fronting Bristol - Bedminster Road. Award John Wilcox, merchant, Wintour Harris gent., and Joseph Smith, barrister of Bristol to Thomas Wiltshire brazier, Williain Heard, gunmaker	Bristol	
24 Jun 1824	George Clough	Title Assignment Description 1 Theodore Tickell, esquire, Elizabeth Tickell, spinster and Maria Tickell, spinster 2 William Crook, gentleman 3 George Clough, gunsmith house in Lyncombe and Widcombe (Bath), Somerset Consideration: £650 (with Assignment dated 24 June 1824 endorsed 1 Elizabeth Tickell, widow and Elizabeth spinster 2 Theodore Tickell, Elizabeth Tickell and Maria Tickell 3 George Clough relating to a one quarter share in the same house)	Bath	41214/Box 5/17/2

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HAMPSHIRE

Hampshire Record Office				
1640 - 1664	Thomas Goslinge	Leases of tenement and garden formerly held by Thomas Pottinger and now George Clement (1640) on the south side of the lane between Wongar Street and Tanner Street (called Silver Hill by 1664) and on the north side of the High Street (Silver Hill, Winchester) 1) George Clement of Winchester, locksmith, 16 Sep 1640 2) Thomas Goslinge of Winchester, gunsmith, 5 May 1664	Winchester	W/F3/321
1648-1649	Thomas Goslinge	Apprenticeship indenture of Andrew Cooke, aged 15, son of Anthony Cooke of Winchester, blacksmith. Apprneticed to Thomas Gosling of Winchester, gunsmith	Winchester	W/D3/325/3
1654	Richard Powell	Winchester deed Feoffment of messuage with garden adjacent, near High Street, Winchester, Margaret Mompesson and her son George, to Richard Powell of Winchester, gunsmith	Winchester	5M56
1670	John Martell (Martill)	Inventory of John Martell (Martill) of Newport, Isle of Wight, gunsmith	Newport	1670AD/110
1687	John Patten	Inventory of John Patten of Portsmouth, Hampshire, gunsmith	Portsmouth	1687AD/65
1688	Richard Neave	Will and inventory of Anna Neave of Southwick, Hampshire, widow of Richard, gunsmith	Southwick	1688A/085
1692	Henry Stone	Will and inventory of Henry Stone of Basingstoke, Hampshire, gunsmith, husband of Hannah	Basingstoke	1692A/095

28 Apr 1698	Jethro Coles	Lease for 99 years of a messuage and garden in Botley Street, Botley (i) Catherine, dowager duchess of Gainsborough (ii) Jethro Coles of Botley, gunsmith	Botley	5M53/1489
1700	Joseph Whitehorne	Covenants to levy a fine: (i) agrees together with James and Elizabeth Goodeve, William and Sarah Ledell, Samuel and Hannah Bevis to levy a fine on the messuage of (i) with barn, stable, outhouses, orchard and 5 other messuages, 5 curtilages, one barn, one orchard, one garden and 80 acres of land in Gosport and Alverstoke (i) William Patten of Brockhurst, Alverstoke, yeoman, and Mary, his wife (ii) Joseph Whitehorne of Portsmouth, gunsmith	Portsmouth	45M69/8

1685 - 1702	Rowland Wilkes	<p>Leases of houses, edifices, curtilages and gardens, lately part of a corner tenement in Fleshmonger Street; and (B) buildings etc being part of a corner tenement in Fleshmonger Street comprising the following: room formerly used as a stable with little room adjoining and a parlour in the corner; corner chamber and little closet adjoining; two lofts formerly used as haylofts; cellar under the parlour; and as much of the curtilage as is fenced out and late occupied by John Beare (1663) then (1685) Richard Beare his son then (1715) Rowland Wilks.</p> <p>Includes;</p> <p>3) Rowland Wilkes of Winchester, gunsmith, 17 Aug 1685 (A and B)</p> <p>4) Rowland Wilkes of Winchester, gunsmith, 10 Mar 1701-02 (A and B)</p> <p>5) Rowland Wilkes of Winchester, gunsmith, 17 Nov 1715 (A and B)</p> <p>6) John Wilks the elder of Winchester, ironmonger, son and sole executor of the will of Rowland Wilks late of Winchester, ironmonger, decd, 25 Mar 1731 (A and B)</p>	Winchester	W/F3/288
1704	Thomas Crew	Will of Thomas Crew, son, of Lymington, Hampshire, gunsmith - Has plantation, Newfoundland	Lymington	1704A/030
1704	Jethro Coles	Will of Jethro Coles of Botley, Hampshire, gunsmith Husband of Jane	Botley	1704B/10

13 May 1709	James Mooreing	Lease for a year of a messuage in Christchurch (i) James Mooreing of Christchurch, gunsmith (ii) Samuel Hookey of Christchurch, yeoman, Richard Elliott of Holdenhurst, yeoman, John Edwards of Holdenhurst, yeoman, John Edwards of Holdenhurst, yeoman, Henry Rookes of Holdenhurst, yeoman, Joshua Stevens of Christchurch, shopkeeper (iii) James Mooreing, junior of Christchurch	Christchurch	27A01/C10/1
19 Jan 1711	Richard Hogman	Mortgage: messuage and two cottages and gardens in Wongar Street) Edward Knapp the elder of Winchester, wheelwright, and Elizabeth his wife. i) Edward Knapp the younger of Winchester, wheelwright ii) Richard Hogman of Winchester, gunsmith	Winchester	49M95/597
1714	William Harrison	Will of William Harrison of Newport, Isle of Wight, gunsmith	Newport,	1714A/056
1718	Richard Smith	Leases of tenement and garden on south side of the High Street, Winchester, land held by Richard Smith, gunsmith (1718), then Richard Smith, sadler .	Winchester	W/F3/155
19 Dec 1719	Richard Heyman	Messuage and two cottages and two gardens in Wongar Street, Winchester (i) Edmund Knapp of Winchester, maltster (ii) Richard Heyman of Winchester, gunsmith	Winchester	25M76/A11/15
1719	Richard Heyman	Will of Richard Heyman of Winchester, Hampshire, gunsmith	Winchester	1719A/058

20 May 1721	Thomas Bye	Bond for the administration of the estate of Joane Barling Administration granted to Thomas Bye, senior of St Michaels in Winchester, gunsmith	Winchester	21M65/D4/1721/1
1721	Antony Yeoman	Sacrament certificate for Thomas White of Winchester, gent, of St Maurice, Winchester parish Officiating clergy: Daniel Wavell Churchwarden: William Prior Witnesses: Henry Read, gent; Antony Yeoman, gunsmith of Winchester	Winchester	Q25/2/23/33
1724	Cornelius Savidge	Memorandum of agreement relating to lands in Litton, Somerset John Paine junior of Wells, gent on behalf of Mr Cheyney, prebendary of Litton, gent on behalf of Mr Cheyney, prebendary of Litton, gent in consideration of 380 agrees to convey to Cornelius Savidge of Litton, gunsmith: messuage at Greendon in the manor or prebend of Litton, three closes adjoining (7a), three closes under the way called Junks (6a), New Close (5a), 2 and a half acres called Splotts. 2a land at Hunters, 3 a at the Quarrs and 1 and a half acres called The Grove	Litton, Somerset	111M94W/P62
1726	Joshua Coombs	Will of Joshua Coombs of Newport, Isle of Wight, gunsmith	Newport	1726A/027
1729	Henry Kettlewell (Kettelwell)	Will of Henry Kettlewell (Kettelwell) of Bishops Waltham, Hampshire, gunsmith	Bishops Waltham	1729P/042

1730	Richard Smith	Leases of a tenement with appurtenances under the Guildhall on the south side of the High Street, Winchester Between a Hospital tenement held by Matthew Imber, gent 1730-1907 (1730) then Luke Imber, clerk (1765) on the west and a City tenement and garden late held by Charles Aldredge, then Richard Smith, gunsmith (1730) then Richard Smith, sadler (1765) on the east and south	Winchester	34M91W/497
1732	Richard Smith	Sacrament certificate for Thomas Barefoot, Esq of St Thomas parish. Winchester Officiating clergy: William Jefferies Churchwarden: George Stockings Witnesses: Henry Hutchins, tailor, Richard Smith, gunsmith	Winchester	Q25/2/35/18
1734	William Sparshott (Spashat)	Will of William Sparshott (Spashat) of Portsea, Hampshire, gunsmith Land in Prince George Street	Portsea	1734A/112
1736	Robert Head	Probate administration of Robert Head of Southampton, Hampshire, an infant Son of Robert, gunsmith	Southampton	1736AD/059

18 Nov 1739	Thomas Hawkins	Lease and mortgage for 1 and 1,000 years: land in Bentley, namely one acre in common meadow called The Mere (or More); a purrock called Wildmore; 1/2 acre in Turnbrooke Maad; a purrock called The Trundle (1/2 acre). i) George Rutter of Shawford, Surrey, butcher, and Hannah his wife ii) Thomas Hawkins of Bentley, gunsmith, and Elizabeth his wife iii) Thomas Eggar of Bentley, yeoman Final concord (2 copies) in eight days of St Martin, parties as above with Thomas Eggar being the plaintiff.	Bentley	74M75/E/T30
1740	William Coombs	Will of William Coombs of Newport, Isle of Wight, gunsmith, son of Jonathan	Newport	1740A/040
1741	John Hewitt (Hewit)	Administration, renunciation and bond of John Hewitt (Hewit) of Havant, Hampshire, gunsmith	Havant	1741AD/105
1742	Richard Smith	Bounded by W: St John's hospital tenement held by Mathew Imber, gent (1742) then Luke Imber, clerk City tenement late held by Charles Aldredge and now by Richard Smith, gunsmith (1742) then Richard Smith, sadler (1765)		W/F3/157
1743	Henry Pouncey	Will of Henry Pouncey of Portsmouth, Hampshire, gunsmith	Portsmouth	1743A/078
1743	Thomas Shepherd (Shepard)	Will of Thomas Shepherd (Shepard) of Lymington, Hampshire, gunsmith	Lymington	1743A/086
1754	Thomas Crew	Will of Thomas Crew of Lymington, Hampshire, gunsmith	Lymington	1754A/025

1757	Robert Head	Deeds relating to the messuages, cottages and pieces of land at Pond Head, Lyndhurst In 1757, Robert Head of Southampton, gunsmith, released certain trusts in one and a half acres of land at Pond Head Corner, to John Godfrey of Southampton, gent, and assigned the same to Robert Godfrey of Romsey, gent.	Southampton	25M55/122-143
1787	Terrance O'Brien (O'Bryon)	Probate administration of Terrance O'Brien (O'Bryon) of St Michael, Southampton, Hampshire, gunsmith	Southampton	1787AD/41
1790	Charles Elkins	Bundle of deeds and papers relating to a tenement, orchard and blacksmith's shop in Wrecclesham, Surrey Bundle includes: will of Charles Elkins, 16 Apr 1785; copy of will of Charles Elkins, 14 Jun 1792; abstract of title of William Elkins, recites from 1754 Owners and occupiers include: John Robinson of Binsted, yeoman, 1754; Charles Elkins of Wrecclesham, blacksmith, 1754; Charles Elkins of Farnham, gunsmith, 1790	Farnham	120A03/41/16
1793	Thomas Palser	Will of Thomas Palser of Ringwood, Hampshire, gunsmith	Ringwood	1793P/12
1799	Charles Elkins	Title deeds to property in Wrecclesham, Farnham, Surrey 1: release of a messuage, blacksmith's shop, etc, by Mary Elkins (widow of Charles Elkins of Farnham, gunsmith, who was son of Charles Elkins of Wrecclesham, blacksmith)	Farnham	21M92/33/2
1818	Thomas North	Will, administration and bond of Thomas North of Winchester, Hampshire, gunsmith	Winchester	1842A/017

14 Nov 1818	Charles Moore	Declaration of the justices of the peace as to the suitability of Charles Moore of Lymington, gunsmith, to apprentice Henry Young, aged 13 years	Lymington	42M75/PO1/165
1837	Caleb Butler	Will of Caleb Butler of Purewell, Christchurch, Hampshire, gunsmith and clockmaker/watchmaker	Christchurch	1837A/020
1842	William Cantelo	Will of William Cantelo of Newport, Isle of Wight, gunsmith	Newport	1842A/017
18 Feb 1854	Isaac Hammond	Winchester Corn Exchange Company Agreement concerning the two windows in the north wall of Isaac Hammond's workshop overlooking the Corn Exchange yard i) Shareholders of the Winchester Corn Exchange Company ii) Isaac Hammond of Winchester, gunsmith	Winchester	W/J2/45

Hampshire - Wills available for download from National Archives, London				
04 September 1739	Thomas Hawkins	Will of Thomas Hawkins, Gunsmith of Bentley, Hampshire	Bentley	PROB 11/698
13 August 1782	John Rawlinson	Will of John Rawlinson, Gun Maker belonging to His Majesty's Ship Dunkirk of Portsea, Hampshire		PROB 11/1094
19 July 1794	John Lellyett	Will of John Lellyett, Gunsmith and Silver Smith of Havant, Hampshire	Havant	PROB 11/1248

LONDON METROPOLITAN ARCHIVES

1792 Jul 18	JOHN LELLYETT	ROYAL AND SUN ALLIANCE INSURANCE GROUP Records INSURED: JOHN LELLYETT, HAVANT, HAMPSHIRE, GUNSMITH	HAVANT	LONDON METROPOLITAN ARCHIVES CLC/B/192/F/001/MS11 936/387/603222
1792 Sep 25	THOMAS NORTH	ROYAL AND SUN ALLIANCE INSURANCE GROUP Records INSURED: THOMAS NORTH, PARISH OF ST THOMAS, WINCHESTER, GUNSMITH AND DEALER IN SHOOTING AND FISHING TACKLE	WINCHESTER	LONDON METROPOLITAN ARCHIVES CLC/B/192/F/001/MS11 936/387/605174

HEREFORDSHIRE

Herefordshire Record Office				
1700 - 1709	Nathaniel Barthe	Biddulph Family Papers. Deeds Related Documents. Bonds. Bond for £50 between Nathaniel Barthe of Ledbury, gunsmith and his wife Sible and Edmond Reecs of Ledbury, mason and his sons Edward and Richard.	Ledbury	MSS.512
1731	Luke Matthews	Apprenticeship Indentures. Year 1731. Henry Matthews to Luke Matthews, Gunsmith	Hereford	Hereford City Records BG11/11/130

1779	Abraham Jennings	Records of Hill Court Estate. Bundle of bills and vouchers of Mrs Jane Clarke. Tradesmen include: Abraham Jennings, gunsmith, John Dod, shoemaker, Jermyn Street, London, Catherine Knapp, dressmaker, George Street, Pall Mall, James	Herefordshire	F8/III/239
1789	Jennings	Bundle of papers including letters about a dispute over land of Mr Jowling, 1749. Records of Hill Court Estate. dressing buckskins "for servants use", 1788. Bill for tea, 1795. Bill for parts for a new gun supplied by Jennings the gunsmith, 1789.	Herefordshire	F8/III/233

HERTFORDSHIRE

Hertfordshire Record Office				
11 Mar 1679/80	Godfrey Taylor	Bond [relating to an indenture now missing] Richard Dyer of St Botolph's, Aldgate, London, gunmaker, to Godfrey Taylor of the same, gunmaker	Aldgate, London	DE/Hx/Z48
27 Dec 1740 - 19 Jan 1741	John Rotherham	Bill from John Rotherham, gunsmith - Mending guns	????	DE/R/F115/2
19 Sep 1780 - 30 Apr 1782	John Clark	Bill from John Clark, gunsmith For repairs and engraving [address 133 near Furnivals Inn, Holborn]	Holborn, London	DE/R/F226/27
14 December 1719	Edward Bolton	Charles Stillditch, son of Richard Stillditch, apprenticed to Edward Bolton, gunsmith of St Albans, Herts	St Albans	Off Acc 1162/287

Hertfordshire - Wills available for download from National Archives, London

22 June 1846	William Moore	Will of William Moore, late Gun Maker but now Gentleman of Cheshunt , Hertfordshire	Cheshunt	PROB 11/2037
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HULL City Archives

5 Feb 1590	William Holmes	Conveyance: John Salmon of Thorpe on the Wold, farmer, to Christopher Dixon of Scarbrugh, glazier 2 tenements on S. of Sepulcregate: Power to attorney to Richard Dixon of Scardbrughe Castle and William Holmes of Scardbrugh gunsmith.	Scardbrugh	U DDHO/57/10
11 Nov 1709	Timothy Marshall	Apprenticeship agreement between John Bryan, son of John Bryan, yeoman of Gilberdike in the parish of Eastington and Timothy Marshall, gunsmith of Kingston upon Hull, for a term of 7 years	Kingston upon Hull	U DQR/x2/34/4

1 Apr 1753	Benjamin Burgess	Freemen and apprentices in Kingston upon Hull Registration of persons bound apprentice to freemen Description Apprentice: Francis Burgess, Parent: Benjamin Burgess, Parent's profession: Gunsmith, Parent's address: Hull, Master's name: George Edmonds, Master's profession: Corkcutter, Witnesses: Carleton Monckton & Edward Codd	Kingston upon Hull	C BRG/7/1467
11 Feb 1828	Robert Williamson	Registration of persons bound apprentice to freemen Description: James Rawlings, son of John Rawlings, of Drypool in Holderness. Cordwainer to Robert Williamson, Gunsmith. Witness: G.Rushby.	Kingston upon Hull	C BRG/12/971
17 Dec 1816	Robert Williamson	Indentures of apprenticeship cancelled or discharged before the magistrates Thomas Mason, grandson of Jane Bean to Robert Williamson, gunsmith	Hull	C CPA/123

Records of London's Livery Companies Online				
1683	Mathew Napper	Napper, Mathew (Male) gunsmith, Hull, Yorks Event Details Drapers'	Hull	Records of London's Livery Companies Online - Drapers' Company

KENT**Kent Record Office**

19 Dec 1662	Barret	KENT QUARTER SESSIONS Depositions a) David Castle of Betteshanger, servant. Stole a pistol from George Duke's house and sold it to a certain Barret of Sandwich, gunsmith, for 13d. Admits to further theft of a book from Mr. Dod, the minister of Betteshanger b) Geoffrey Boys of Betteshanger. Knows the pistol to be that of Mr. Watton.	Sandwich	Q/SB/8/51
26 Oct 1836	David William Lawrence	Insolvency of David William Lawrence Name: David William Lawrence Place or area: Hadlow, Staplehurst, Farleigh, Cranbrook, Hunton, Headcorn, Loose Trade: Gunsmith Filing or case date: 26 Oct 1836 Solicitor: Morgan of Maidstone Case no: 43257	various	Q/C/I/145
1825-1830	Thomas Simmons	KENT QUARTER SESSIONS Insolvency of Thomas Simmons: account book Name: Thomas Simmons Prison: Maidstone Trade: Gunsmith Solicitor: John Monckton Case No. 28239	??	Q/C/I/58

1834-1836	E.W. Lamsins	Insolvency of E W Lamsins: account book Description Name: E.W. Lamsins, formerly of Lamsins and Lacey Place or area: Ashford Customers from Chart, Brabourne, Smeeth, Kenardington. Trade: Gunsmith Date 1834-1836	Ashford	Q/C/I/431
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Kent - Wills available for download from National Archives, London				
13 December 1683	Thomas Kent	Will of Thomas Kent, Gunsmith now belonging to His Majesty's Ship Swallow of Benenden, Kent	Benenden	PROB 11/374
18 September 1690	Roger Greenbridge	Will of Roger Greenbridge, Gunsmith and Armourer of Canterbury, Kent	Canterbury	PROB 11/401
08 January 1753	Solomon Spittle	Will of Solomon Spittle, Gun Maker of Woolwich, Kent	Woolwich	PROB 11/799
15 February 1790	Thomas Rouse	Will of Thomas Rouse, Gunsmith of Margate, Isle of Thanet, Kent	Margate	PROB 11/1188
28 August 1807	Daniel Green	Will of Daniel Green, Sergeant in His Majesty's West Kent Regiment of Militia Gunsmith of Maidstone , Kent	Maidstone	PROB 11/1466
03 March 1843	Richard Fishenden	Will of Richard Fishenden, Gunmaker of Tonbridge, Kent	Tonbridge	PROB 11/1976

18 August 1854	John Kither	Will of John Kither, Gun Maker and Bell Hanger of Dartford, Kent	Dartford	PROB 11/2196
07 September 1857	Henry Manton	Will of Henry Manton, Gentleman, formerly Gunmaker of Gravesend, Kent	Gravesend	PROB 11/2257

LANCASHIRE

Lancashire Record Office

12 Jan 1633	Richard Charnley	Bond (1) Richard Charnley of Haighton in Broughton, bowmaker and gunsmith, Henry Charnley of Haighton, husbandman and Edwin Bradley Bond in £40 for Richard Charnley, bowmaker (7 years)	Haighton	CNP/2/3/1/no. 26
1636	Thomas Ley	BOLD & SUTTON -- Thomas Ley, gunsmith, to keep the peace to Richard Eltonhead of Eltonhead, esq	Bold & Sutton	QSB/1/174/43
1636	John Birch	GREAT SANKEY -- John Birch, gunsmith, to keep the peace to Thomas Ireland of Beausy, esq GREAT SANKEY & PENKETH Warrant against John Birch, gunsmith, for slandering Thomas Ireland, esq	Great Sankey Sankey & Penketh	QSB/1/166/15 & QSB/1/166/54
1641	William Rowland	MANCHESTER -- Susan wife of George Potter, glazier, to keep the peace to Sarah wife of William Rowland, gunsmith	Manchester	QSB/1/247/21

1642	Richard Charnley	<p>Guild roll entry First name: Henry Preston Occupation/status if given: apprentice with Richard Charnley, Gunsmith. Admitted if he serve out his apprenticeship Burgess type: Fined Burgesses Entrance fee if given: ijli/2li</p>	Haighton	CNP/2/1/7
1642	Richard Charnley	<p>Guild roll entry First name: Richard Charneley Occupation/status if given: gunsmith Proposer/relationship if given: Burgess type: In Burgess Entrance fee if given: Not given</p>	Haighton	CNP/2/1/7
1646 - 1650	Charles Duckett	<p>ROLL 49 Robert Smaley of ----, gent., & Charles Duckett of Nithome, Co. Westmorland, gunsmith, second son of Ann Duckett, widow, to Raphe Livesay of Livesay, esq., & Edward Smaley of the same, chapman, -- Balderstone (in Blackburn) 23 August 1649</p>	Nithome, Co. Westmorland	QDD/49
10 Mar 1653-1654	Stephen Shallcrosse	<p>Bond given by Edmund Knott, of Knott Laine, in the parish of Ashton-under-Lyne, yeoman, to Stephen Shallcrosse, gunsmith to his Highness the Lord Protector's regiment of foot, for the sum of 1000li., upon security of the accounts of seventy-five auxiliary soldiers and nineteen supernumeraries. Attached is a list of the same soldiers, with the amounts of their accounts. Seal of arms.</p>	??	DDKE/HMC/202

1659	William Bannester	ROLL 54 William Bannester of Fishwick, gunsmith, to J James Ashton of Preston, gent. -- Brockhall 29 April 1659	Fishwick	QDD/54
Manchester, Midsummer c. 1662	Raph Fletcher	Lancashire Courts of Quarter Sessions Little Lever -- Raph Fletcher to trade as gunsmith.		QSP/228/1
1662	William Banaster	Guild roll entry First name: William Banaster Occupation/status if given: gunsmith Proposer/relationship if given: Burgess type: In Burgess Entrance fee if given:	Fishwick	CNP/2/1/11
13 Jan. 1672/3	William Toppinge	Demise for 100 years at peppercorn rent: William Toppinge the Elder of Goosnargh, gunsmith, to John, Thomas, and William Toppinge, Margret, now wife of Thomas Adamson of Catterall, yeoman, and Elizabeth Toppinge, sons and daughters of W.T. Messuage wherein W.T. now lives, 1 barn and closes called the further Blackfield, higher Parrocke, Lower Parrocke, High field, and penny croft, and also 2 moss rooms in the White Mosses and Eccles mosse, 9 ac., in Goosnargh -- but this is void if James Toppinge, son and heir of W.T. pays to J,T,and W.T. each £24, and to M.A. £20, and E.T. £30. Witn. Leo. Waringe, James Turner, Robte. Barton.	Goosnargh	DDX 2/25
c1675-1676	Thomas Parr	Halewood -- apprenticeship of Gyles, son of Edward Gill to Thomas Parr of Farnworth, gunsmith.	Farnworth	QSP/444/20

1682	Edward Charnley	Records of the Borough of Preston - Guild roll entry First name: Edward Charnley Occupation/status if given: Gunsmith	Preston	CNP/2/1/11
1682	William Bannester	Records of the Borough of Preston - Guild roll entry First name: William Bannester Occupation/status if given: gunsmith Entrance fee if given	Preston	CNP/2/1/11
1682	Robert Turneley	Records of the Borough of Preston - Guild roll entry First name: Robert Turneley Occupation/status if given: gunsmith	Preston	CNP/2/1/11
01 Apr 1685	Christopher Wilkinson	Probate records Testator's name: CHRISTOPHER WILKINSON Occupation/status: GUNSMITH Place: LANCASTER County: Lancashire	Lancaster	W/RW/A/R89D/24
1702	Benjamin Horrobin	Records of the Borough of Preston - Guild roll entry First name: Benjamin Horrobin Occupation/status if given: gunsmith	Preston	CNP/2/1/12
6 Jun – 19 Jun 1738	John Tinsley	Visitation Entry book for the Archdeaconry of Chester, with a note that John Hallworth is sidesman for Nosbury in Stockport, nd, citation against John Tinsley of Liverpool, gunsmith, for "Words" at the promotion of Ellen, wife of Martin Croft, 16 Jun 1738, dismissal of Hamlett Okell and Sarah his wife, for anternuptial fornication, 19 Jun 1738	Liverpool	ARCH/1/1/56

May 1743	Robert Livesay	Insolvent Debtors Papers - Summonses to creditors On behalf of Robert Livesay of Chorley, gunsmith	Chorley	QJB/22/7
21 Feb 1745	William Townson	Probate records Testator's name: WILLIAM TOWNSON Occupation/status: GUNSMITH Place: BRIDGE LANE, LANCASTER County: Lancashire	BRIDGE LANE LANCASTER	W/RW/A/R85B/43
25 Dec. 1752	John Parr	Lease John Parr, gunsmith, and Thomas Aspinwall, gent. of Liverpool	Liverpool	DDM/50/166
31 May 1756	Thomas Peele	Marriage Bond Groom surname: Peele, Thomas Groom age: 24 Groom occupation/status: Gunsmith Groom domicile: Whitehaven, St. Bees, Cumberland Bride surname: Tyson, Dinah Bride age: 21 Bride marital status/occupation: Spinster Bride domicile: Eskdale, St. Bees, Cumberland Place of marriage: Eskdale Chapel, Eskdale, St. Bees, Cumberland	Whitehaven, St. Bees, Cumberland	ARR 11

05 June 1756	Terence O'Bryan	<p>Marriage Bond</p> <p>Groom surname: O'Bryan, Terence</p> <p>Groom age: 26</p> <p>Groom occupation: Gunsmith</p> <p>Groom domicile: Whitehaven, St. Bees, Cumberland</p> <p>Bride surname: Baxter, Dorothy</p> <p>Bride age: 25</p> <p>Bride marital statu: Spinster</p> <p>Bride domicile: Whitehaven, St. Bees, Cumberland</p> <p>Place of marriage: St. James Chapel, Whitehaven, St. Bees, Cumberland</p>	Whitehaven, St. Bees, Cumberland	ARR 11
1761	Morris	<p>First name of deceased: MORRIS</p> <p>Surname of deceased: GUNSMITH</p> <p>Place: LIVERPOOL</p> <p>Comments: none</p>	Liverpool	QSP/ 1825/20
26 January 1761	Joseph Matthews	<p>Marriage Bond</p> <p>Groom surname: Beck, William</p> <p>Groom occupation/status: Mariner</p> <p>Bride surname: Dixon, Isabel</p> <p>Notes: Bondsman Joseph Matthews of Whitehaven, Gunsmith.</p>	Whitehaven	ARR 11

21 January 1763	Miles Dodgson	Marriage Bond Groom surname: Dodgson, Miles Groom age: 23 Groom occupation/status: Gunmaker Groom domicile: Lancaster Bride surname: Bethell, Betty Bride age: 22 Bride marital status/occupation: Spinster Bride domicile: Wigan, Lancashire Notes: Bondsman Thomas Wilson of Lancaster, Block-maker	Lancaster	ARR 11
12 Apr 1763	John Cottam	Lancaster. Petition of John Cottam, gunsmith, now prisoner, that he receive the county allowance	Lancaster	QSP/1839/13
15 March 1766	William Fisher	Marriage Bond Groom surname: Fisher, William Groom age: 27 Groom occupation/status: Gunsmith Groom domicile: Whitehaven, St. Bees, Cumberland Bride surname: Richardson, Elizabeth Bride age: 23 Bride domicile: Whitehaven, St. Bees, Cumberland	Whitehaven	ARR 11

07 May 1770	James Jackson	<p>Marriage Bond</p> <p>Groom surname: Jackson, James</p> <p>Groom age: 21</p> <p>Groom occupation/status: Gunsmith</p> <p>Groom domicile: Low Park, Hawkshead,Lancashire</p> <p>Bride surname: Birkett, Mary</p> <p>Bride age: 21</p> <p>Bride marital status/occupation: Spinster</p> <p>Bride domicile: Hawkshead, Lancashire</p> <p>Place of marriage: Hawkshead, Lancashire</p>	Hawkshead	ARR 11
29 September 1773	William Valentine	<p>Marriage Bond</p> <p>Groom surname: Valentine, William</p> <p>Groom age: 21</p> <p>Groom occupation/status: Gunsmith</p> <p>Groom domicile: Whitehaven, St. Bees, Cumberland</p> <p>Bride surname: Moordale, Ruth</p> <p>Bride age: 23</p> <p>Bride marital status/occupation: Spinster</p> <p>Bride domicile: Workington, Cumberland</p> <p>Place of marriage: Workington, Cumberland</p>	Whitehaven	ARR 11
29 Jan 1774	John Grimshaw	<p>John Grimshaw of Ormskirk, gunsmith to appear as reputed father of the bastard child of Jane Standish of Ormskirk, single woman</p> <p>Sureties: John Fairclough of Ormskirk, Glazier</p> <p>Justices of the Peace and court officials: None</p>	Ormskirk	QSB1/1774/Apr/part1/6 3

9 Oct 1776	Thomas Atkinson	Recognizance that Thomas Atkinson of Ormskirk, clockmaker shall answer a Bill of Indictment against him and others for rescuing by force a clock from the custody of John Gregory of Ormskirk, labourer Sureties: John Grimshaw of Ormskirk, gunsmith	Ormskirk	QSB/1/1776/Oct/pt 5/ 68
9 Oct 1776	William Cooper	Recognizance that William Cooper of Ormskirk, yeoman shall answer a Bill of Indictment against him and others for rescuing by force a clock from the custody of John Gregory of Ormskirk, labourer Sureties: John Grimshaw of Ormskirk, gunsmith	Ormskirk	QSB/1/1776/Oct/pt 5/ 69
9 Oct 1776	Richard Ashurst	Recognizance that Richard Ashurst late of Ormskirk, chapman, shall answer a Bill of Indictment against him and others for rescuing a clock from the custody of John Gregory of Ormskirk, labourer and to keep the peace Sureties: John Grimshaw of Ormskirk, gunsmith	Ormskirk	QSB/1/1776/Oct/pt 5/ 71
1 Jun. 1778	John Parr	Lease John Parr of Liverpool, gunsmith (Park Coffee-house.)	Liverpool	DDM/50/186

23 July 1792	Joseph Fell	Marriage Bond Groom surname: Fell, Joseph Groom age: 25 Groom occupation/status: Gunmaker Groom domicile: Cockermouth, Brigham, Cumberland Bride surname: Carter, Hannah Bride age: 25 Bride marital status/occupation: Spinster Bride domicile:Place: Brigham, Cumberland	Cockermouth	ARR 11
05 October 1795	Jackson, James	Marriage Bond Groom surname: Jackson, James Groom age: 21 Groom occupation/status: Gunsmith Groom domicile: Cartmel, Lancashire Bride surname: Farrer, Agnes Bride age: 21 Bride marital status/occupation: Spinster Bride domicile: Cartmel, Lancashire Place of marriage: Chapel of Cartmel Fell, Cartmel, Lancashire	Cartmel	ARR 11

05 Decembe 1803	Charles Turner	Marriage Bond Groom surname: Turner, Charles Groom occupation/status: Gunsmith Groom marital status: Widower Groom domicile: Preston, Lancashire Bride surname: Worsick, Jane Bride marital status/occupation: Widow Bride domicile: Preston, Lancashire Place of marriage: Preston, Lancashire	Preston	ARR 11
7 Mar 1804	Miles Tubman	Warrington. Order of filiation and maintenance of Ann, bastard child of Miles Tubman, gunsmith, and Ann Birtles, singlewoman	Warrington	QSP/2502/24
30 March 1805	John Fell	Marriage Bond Groom: Fell, John Groom age: 30 Groom occupation/status: Gunsmith Bride surname: Johnson, Agnes Bride age: 29 Bride marital status/occupation: Widow Bride domicile: Stockbridge, Tatham	Preston	ARR 11
4 October 1809	Thomas Stockley	Probate records Testator's name: THOMAS STOCKLEY Occupation/status: GUNSMITH Parish: PRESTON, LANCASHIRE	Preston	W/RW/A/R126/76
3 Jul 1811	James Wadkin	Warrington. Order of filiation and maintenance of bastard son of James Wadkin, gunsmith, and Mary Bailey, singlewoman	Warrington	QSP/2618/69

26 May 1812	John Foster	Probate records Testator's name: JOHN FOSTER Occupation/status: GUNMAKER Parish: PRESTON, LANCASHIRE	Preston	W/RW/A/R131/94
26 August 1812	Bolton, John	Marriage Bond Groom: Bolton, John Groom age: 22 Groom occupation/status: Gunsmith Groom domicile: Preston, Lancashire Bride surname: Harrison, Ellen Bride age: 21 Bride marital status/occupation: Spinster Bride domicile: Preston, Lancashire	Preston	ARR 11
24 July 1816	Robert Fell	Warrant from W. Housman, J.P. to Constables of Lancaster and Keeper of Lancaster Castle Gaol to detain through lack of surities Robert Fell of Lancaster, gunsmith, until next General Quarter Sessions at Lancaster. Charge is causing bodily harm to Ann, his wife.	Lancaster	DDX 2743/MS6068
29 July 1816	Robert Fell	Memorandum initialled by W. Housman that Robert Fell of Lancaster, gunsmith, is bound to keep the peace for 12 months especially towards Ann his wife.	Lancaster	DDX 2743/MS6069

01 February 1817	Christopher Townley	Marriage Bond Groom surname: Townley, Christopher Groom age: 21 Groom occupation/status: Gunsmith Groom domicile: Lancaster Bride surname: Hawthornthwaite, Ann Bride age: 21 Bride marital status/occupation: Spinster	Lancaster	ARR 11
26 Nov 1822	William Griffiths	Neman Carter of Manchester, Smith, to keep the peace Sureties: William Griffiths, of Manchester, Gunsmith Justices of the Peace and court officials: None	Manchester	QSB1/1823/Jan/pt5/37
30 Dec 1822	William Griffiths	Recognizance for John Sparks of Manchester, Machine Maker, to keep the peace Sureties: William Griffith of Manchester, Gunsmith and Thomas Booth of Manchester, Turner	Manchester	QSB/1/1823/Jan/Pt6/9
26 May 1823	William Brooks	Recognizance for Cornelius Brooks of Manchester, Smith, to answer a bill of indictment Sureties: William Brooks of Manchester, Gunmaker and Thomas Burrow of Manchester, Engineer	Manchester	QSB1/1823/Jul/pt5/46
13 Nov 1823	Timothy Fisher	Recognizance for Thomas Sephton of Halsall, innkeeper, to keep the peace towards Richard Harrison of Halsall, farmer Sureties: Timothy Fisher of Ormskirk, gunsmith	Ormskirk	QSB/1/1824/Jan/pt 9/59

30 Jun 1826	John Hughes	Recognizance for Catherine Hughes, wife of John Hughes of Toxteth Park, gunsmith, to give evidence against Margaret Fagan for felony Sureties: None	Toxteth Park	QSB1/1826/Jul/pt 16/26
23 Mar 1827	David Simkin	Recognizance for John Jackson of Haigh, labourer, to answer a Bill of Indictment against him for an assault upon Matthew Shepherd of Aspull, labourer Sureties: David Simkin of Wigan, gunsmith, John Senior of Haigh, labourer.	Wigan	QSB/1/1827/APR/pt11/66
19 Apr 1828	William Gregory	Recognizance for Sydney Morton of Manchester, Gunsmith, to keep the peace Sureties: William Gregory of Manchester, Gunsmith and Thomas Morton of Manchester, Filer	Manchester	QSB 1/1828/Apr/pt5/63
24 Jun 1829	Robert Bolton	Recognizance for James Roscow of Ince in Mackerfield, collier, to appear and abide by such orders as shall be made respecting the bastard child of Ann Grimes of Orrell, singlewoman Sureties: Robert Bolton of Wigan, Gunsmith and Thomas Roscow of Wigan, Weaver	Wigan	QSB/1/1829/Jul/pt 8/53
2 Apr 1830	William Burlingham	Lancashire Courts of Quarter Sessions. Recognizance for Thomas Poole of Hulme, Labourer, to keep the peace. Thomas Kilvert of Salford, Butcher and William Burlingham of Salford, Gunmaker	Salford	QSB/1/1830/Apr/pt5/31

30 Jul. 1830	Henry Blakeborough	Lancashire Courts of Quarter Sessions. Henry Blakeborough, a gunsmith, to prefer or cause to be preferred a Bill of Indictment against Thomas Tallentire for felony and to give evidence upon a trial. Sureties: None. Justices of the Peace: Laurence Halsted.	??	QSB/1/1830/Oct/Pt2/12
8 Nov 1830	William Burtenshaw William Henshaw	Recognizance for Edward Evans of Salford, Stonemason to keep the peace for three months Sureties: William Burtenshaw of Salford, Gunsmith and William Henshaw of Salford, Gunsmith Justices of the Peace and court officials: None	Salford	QSB1/1831/Jan/pt4/83
4 Apr 1831	James Burrowes	Recognizance for Henry Garratt of 12 Union Street, Preston, to appear at Preston and prefer a Bill of Indictment against George Dixon for felony and also for James Burrowes of Pedders Court, Preston, Gunsmith, and James Nuttall of Preston, Constable, to give evidence before the Jurors Sureties: None	Preston	QSB1/1831/Apr/Pt1/52
21 Apr 1831	John Wignall	Recognizance for Nathan Kenyon of Scarisbrick, blacksmith, to appear at Kirkdale as reputed father to a child to be born to Mary Gill, singlewoman, and likely to be chargeable to the Township of Scarisbrick Sureties: John Wignall of Ormskirk, gunsmith	Ormskirk	QSB/1/1831/Apr/P6/17

4 Feb 1833	James Ward	Recognizance for Ellen Halliwell of Warrington, James Ward of Warrington, Gunsmith and John Bethell of Warrington, Watchmaker to give evidence against John Bradbury for Felony Sureties: None Justices of the Peace and other Court Officials: None	Warrington	QSB/1/1833/Apr/pt4/12 2
23 Jul 1833	James Pollard	Recognizance for Joseph Wearden of 2 Back Leeming Street, Preston, Labourer, to keep the peace towards John McGowan and Thomas Ascroft, both of Preston, Labourers Sureties: James Pollard of 19 Back Leeming Street, Preston, Gunmaker, and Francis Parkinson of 78 Church Street, Preston, Weaver	Preston	QSB/1/1833/Oct/pt2/80
21 Aug 1833	Philip Hazlehurst	Great Sankey. Order of filiation and maintenance of bastard daughter of Philip Hazlehurst of Warrington, gunsmith, and Katharine Warburton, singlewoman	Warrington	QSP/2991/36
1 Jul 1833	Thomas Stirling	Lancashire Courts of Quarter Sessions. Richard Eccles, Weaver, Thomas Stirling, Gunsmith, James Fielding, Clogger, all of Blackburn, to prefer a Bill of Indictment against Robert Thompson for Felony Sureties: Richard Eccles, Thomas Stirling, James Fielding and John Kay Constable, JPs and Court Officials: John Hopwood Comments: None	Blackburn	QSB1/1833/Jul/pt2/21

19 Feb 1834	William Burtenshaw	Order for Thomas Robinson of Greengate [Salford], [upholder], to answer for an assault Sureties: Edward Makin of Dawsons Croft [Salford], weaver. William Burtenshaw of Greengate [Salford], gunsmith Justices of the Peace and court officials: John Frederic Foster	Greengate [Salford]	QSB/1/1834/Jan/pt5/59
21 Feb 1852	Thomas Conway	Archdeaconry of Chester Probate Records Testator: Thomas Conway of Manchester Occupation: gunmaker	Manchester	WCW/1235/28
18 Jun 1853	John James Stirling	Archdeaconry of Chester Probate Records Testator: John James Stirling of Bromley Sharples Occupation: Gunmaker	Bromley Sharples	WCW1258B/25

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20 September 1792	Thomas Barker	Will of Thomas Barker, Gunsmith of Warrington , Lancashire	Warrington	PROB 11/1222
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LONDON METROPOLITAN ARCHIVES

23 Apr 1791	JOHN PARR	ROYAL AND SUN ALLIANCE INSURANCE GROUP Records INSURED: JOHN PARR, OF LIVERPOOL, GUNSMITH	LIVERPOOL	LONDON METROPOLITAN ARCHIVES CLC/B/192/F/001/MS11
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7 Jul 1791	THOMAS NEVETT	ROYAL AND SUN ALLIANCE INSURANCE GROUP Records INSURED: THOMAS NEVETT, LIVERPOOL, GUNSMITH	LIVERPOOL	LONDON METROPOLITAN ARCHIVES CLC/B/192/F/001/MS11
31 Mar 1792	JOHN PARR	ROYAL AND SUN ALLIANCE INSURANCE GROUP Records INSURED: JOHN PARR, GILBERT STREET, LIVERPOOL, GUNSMITH	LIVERPOOL	LONDON METROPOLITAN ARCHIVES CLC/B/192/F/001/MS11

LEICESTERSHIRE

Leicester Record Office

2 June 1675	Henry Pickard	Inventory and Bond of Henry Pickard of Mountsorrel, gunsmith.	Mountsorrel	44'28/1322/167b
19 May 1676	Henry Pickard	Inventory and Bond of Henry Pickard of Mountsorrel, gunsmith.	Mountsorrel	44'28/1322/167a
1811 - 1816	John Edgson	Bills owed to John Edgson of Stamford, gunsmith	Stamford	DE3214/6711/1-
1834	T. Monck	Letter to R. W. Baker from J. Clapton of T. H. Jackson, Solicitor, Stamford, enclosing bills owed by Sir Gerard Noel Noel to the estates of O. G. Gilchrist, grocer and T. Monck, gunsmith and mentioning the Priest case	Stamford	DE3214/7084/1-

Leicestershire - Wills available for download from National Archives, London

16 April 1811	John Dixon	Abstract of Will of John Dixon, Gunsmith of Leicester, Leicestershire. Proved in the Court of Leicester.	Leicester	IR 26/377
10 December 1828	Samuel Dixon	Will of Samuel Dixon, Gunsmith of Leicester , Leicestershire	Leicester	PROB 11/1748

LONDON METROPOLITAN ARCHIVES

18 Nov 1791	THOMAS HALLICK	ROYAL AND SUN ALLIANCE INSURANCE GROUP Records INSURED: THOMAS HALLICK, HARBOROUGH, LEICESTERSHIRE, GUNSMITH REFERENCE CODE:	HARBOROUGH	LONDON METROPOLITAN ARCHIVES CLC/B/192/F/001/MS11 936/381/592395
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LINCOLNSHIRE

Lincolnshire Record Office

14 Oct 1759	Edward Newton	<p>Mortgage of Tolls</p> <p>1. Edmund Turnor, esq, William Welby, esq, John Middlemore, esq, Weston John Smith, esq, John Key, esq, Revd Francis Bacon, William Annis, gent, Isaac Garnar, gent, Wildbore Garnar, gent, and Thomas Stanser junior, gent (Trustees of the Grantham - Nottingham Turnpike Road),</p> <p>to</p> <p>2. Edward Newton of Grantham, gunsmith.</p> <p>Half of a Share No. 39 of the Tolls.</p> <p>Mortgaged for £50, paid to James Garnar, Treasurer.</p> <p>Endorsed: Assignment of the half share to Thomas Tye of Nottingham, gent. 17 March 1766.</p>	Grantham	FL/MISC/9/4
1764 Oct 24	Peter Barber	<p>Probate of Will</p> <p>Peter Barber of Newark, Nottinghamshire, gunsmith (Inter alia) names Robert Foster and Samuel Brooksby as his trustees.</p>	Newark	MISC DON 417/1/9
1777 Apr 11	William Newton	<p>Attested copy of Will of Thomas Goodacre of Rawlston, Lincolnshire, gent</p> <p>Beneficiaries:</p> <p>1. Wildbore Garnar of Grantham, draper, and William Newton of Grantham, gunsmith: messuages, cottages, closes in Barkston.</p> <p>2. wife Mary Goodacre: goods, cattle, chattels and ready money.</p> <p>Executrix: Mary Goodacre.</p>	Grantham	THOR/1/2/AL37/14

13 Oct 1789	John Dixon	<p>Indenture of conveyance (counterpart)</p> <p>John Dixon gunsmith of Leicester, F.B.M. of Dagenham consenting to William Watts, common brewer, Elizabeth his wife and Thomas Peach, gent., and Elizabeth his wife, daughter of Watts, and their trustee John Edward Carter, gent., all of Leicester.</p> <p>Property: (part of a total property conveyed by F.B.M. to Dixon for £820) messuage in Gallowtree gate formerly the Princes Arms and lately the Magpie and Crown.</p> <p>Consideration: £560.</p>	Leicester	MASS/15/12
1790	Isaac Barber	<p>Deeds Mortgages etc Includes;</p> <p>Settlement of the 2 Coleby closes on Mary daughter of Isaac Barber of Newark, Nottinghamshire, gunsmith, on her marriage to Isaac Marfleet of Somerton Castle, gent, 1790</p>	Newark	9-NOTT/2/14
1805 Jan 1/2	Isaac Barber	<p>Recites conveyance to ES Godfrey (GROSS/1/11-14 above) on behalf of himself and Marfleet, and sale by Godfrey of a messuage, 8 cottages and the cottage Plotts (25a.).The manor, 2 messuages and 394a. conveyed to fourth party to hold in trust for term of 1,000 years to third party to indemnify first party against bonds issued jointly by himself and Marfleet; when these are fully paid off, third party agree to transfer their interest to Marfleet's nominee. Includes; Isaac Barber of Newark, gunmaker</p>	Newark	GROSS/1/16-17

26 Feb 1819	Bryan Tate	Apprenticeship Indenture Wolley Jolland Fields (with the consent of his father Elias Fields of Louth, farmer) apprenticed to Bryan Tate of Louth, whitesmith and gunsmith, for 7 years from 1 Jan 1818. Endorsed with wages to be paid.	Louth	LM/PRIVATE PAPERS/13
11 Sept 1812	John Brocksop	Alehouse Recognizance Licensee: Joshua Gresham. Alehouse: In the parish of Fiskerton. Sureties: Joshua Gresham of Fiskerton, & John Brocksop, gunsmith, of the City of Lincoln.	Lincoln	LQS/D/9/1/2/633
17 Sept 1824	Peter Claborough	Alehouse Recognizance Licensee: William Lowther. Alehouse: The Prince of Wales, in the Bail of Lincoln. Sureties: William Lowther & Peter Claborough, gunsmith, of the City of Lincoln.	Lincoln	LQS/D/9/1/2/1136

29 Sept 1842	William Gifford Thomas	<p>Depositions and recognizance</p> <p>Prosecutor: William Gifford Thomas of 4 Clasketgate, gunsmith.</p> <p>Witnesses: Ann, wife of William Gifford Thomas; Jane Powell of 6 Clasketgate, widow; Ann, wife of William Binley, keeper of a shop for the sale of second hand goods at 30 Strait; William Anderson of 22 Flaxengate, police constable.</p> <p>Accused: Mary Ann, wife of John Harcourt, labourer. She had previously lodged at Thomas' house.</p> <p>Crime: stealing a pair of shoes in the parish of St Swithin, Lincoln.</p>	Lincoln	BROG/1/4/3/4/8
Oct 21 & Oct 28 1848	Edward Lanes	<p>Depositions and recognizance</p> <p>Prosecutor: Charles Rumble of the Magpies public house, cattle dealer.</p> <p>Witnesses: Lavinia Lanes of the Lock Tavern, wife of Edward Lanes, gunsmith; Robert Hoff Bryan of the High Street, silversmith; George Morris, police constable; Martha Dixon of Waterside South, singlewoman, servant at the Globe public house.</p> <p>Accused: John Walker and William Frost, labourers.</p> <p>Crime: uttering 2 counterfeit shillings, knowing them to be false, in the parish of St Swithin, Lincoln.</p>	Lincoln	BROG/1/4/3/16/3
19th Century	Thomas Monck	<p>Leaflet advertisement by Thomas Monck, gunsmith of Stamford to say that he has engaged his brother Edmund Monck (late apprenticed to James Wilson) as a clock and watchmaker to carry on with a clockmaking business</p>	Stamford	LCNST : 5538

1850 June 13	William Thomas	Depositions and recognizance Prosecutor: William Thomas of the Strait, gunsmith. Witnesses: George Pegg, corkcutter; Mary Barber, singlewoman, occasionally employed to clean the theatre; William, son of William Clarkson, dealer in rags and bones; Thomas Roberts, police constable. Accused: Major Glenn Reynolds, labourer. Crime: stealing a broken bell from the theatre, the parish of St Martin, Lincoln.	Strait	BROG/1/4/3/21/9
1854 Dec 23	Jane Seels	Jo Depositions and recognizance Prosecutor: Jane Seels of 244 High Street, gunsmith and widow. Witnesses: John Hanson of Park Lane, gunmaker employed by Seels; Naaman Clapham of 1 St Botolph's Terrace, police constable. Accused: Michael Atkinson, labourer. Crime: stealing a gun in the parish of St Martin, Lincoln.	Lincoln?????	BROG/1/4/3/39/2
19 Nov 1864	Kew, Jonathon	Will Kew, Jonathon; Gunsmith Louth, Lincolnshire	Louth	WILLS/1867/540
31 Dec 1864	Liversidge, John	Will Liversidge, John; Gunsmith Gainsborough, Lincolnshire	Gainsborough	WILLS/1865/71
22 May 1865	Lofley, John	Will Lofley, John; Gunsmith Brigg, Lincolnshire	Brigg	WILLS/1865/662

26 Feb 1869	Joseph Towl	Will Towl, Joseph; Gunsmith Boston, Lincolnshire	Boston	WILLS/1870/933
9 Apr 1869	Jackson, Henry George	Will Jackson, Henry George; Gunsmith Gainsborough, Lincolnshire	Gainsborough	WILLS/1869/534

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19 December 1765	Edward Newton	Will of Edward Newton, Gunsmith of Grantham, Lincolnshire	Grantham	PROB 11/914

LONDON METROPOLITAN ARCHIVES				
1 Jul 1791	John Wilkins	ROYAL AND SUN ALLIANCE INSURANCE GROUP Records INSURED: THE SOCIETY OF KEY BEARERS, GRANTHAM, LINCOLNSHIRE, IN TRUST CONTENT; Other Property / Occupiers Mentioned: The Market Place, Grantham (John Wilkins gunsmith); Walker Gate, Grantham (Elizabeth Rawlinson shopkeeper); Grantham (Thomas Wilson watchmaker; Mrs Woodford tea dealer)	Grantham	LONDON METROPOLITAN ARCHIVES CLC/B/192/F/001/MS11 936/378/585295

MANCHESTER (GREATER)

Greater Manchester Archives

24 Jul 1807	William Aston	Item Access and Rights - Description: 1) George Shawcross of Levenshulme, Whitsler 2) William Aston of Manchester, Gunsmith Premises: Two closes and premises in Levenshulme called the Crabtree acre and the Nook Field (3 acres), and two closes in in Levenshulme known as the Butty Field (2acres) Term: 500 years	Manchester	GB124.D25/12
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MIDDLESEX**Middlesex - Wills available for download from National Archives, London**

28 June 1799	John Furlong	Will of John Furlong, Gunsmith and Victualler of Kings Arms, High Street, Middlesex		PROB 11/1325
06 July 1839	Thomas Devey	Will of Thomas Devey, Gunmaker in the Royal Manufactory of small Arms of Enfield , Middlesex		PROB 11/1913

NORFOLK

Norfolk Record Office

1627	James Carre	Norwich Consistory Court Probate Records Will of Carre, James, gunsmith, of Norwich	Norwich	original will 1627 no. 341A
1649	Edward Woolfe	Bond obliging John Quashe, clerk, and Edward Woolfe, gunsmith, to keep Nicholas Bacon harmless as tenant at Quashe's request of lands and woods in Gillingham.	Gillingham	GIL 4/10, 718X1
29 Sep 1663	John Woolfe	Indenture: Assignment. Abigail Mackerell of Norwich, widow, to John Woolfe of Norwich, gunmaker.	Norwich	NRS 5887, 18D5
25 Jan 1672	Thomas Tue	Conveyance, Benjamin Newman of King's Lynn, master mariner, and wife Susan, to Thomas Tue of King's Lynn, gunsmith, and wife Bridget: tenements in King's Lynn next grounds belonging to the Grammer School House in Baxter Row.	King's Lynn	BL/O/O/96
19 Feb 1672	Richard Swann	Settlement Bond. Thomas, mason, of Holborn (Middx.), gent., Robert Blyth of Great Yarmouth, beer brewer, and Richard Swann of same, gunsmith, in £60. Maintenance of Mason, wife and children.	Great Yarmouth	Y/C 35/75
26 Dec 1678	Thomas Tue	Feoffment by Thomas Tue of King's Lynn, gunsmith, and Walter Poulter of King's Lynn, merchant, executors of the will of Edward Acob late of King's Lynn, innholder, to Peter Meadows	King's Lynn	KL/C 50/376
19 Apr 1680	James Money	Settlement Bond. John Place of Upwell (Cambs.), tailor, Thomas Briggs of Great Yarmouth, tailor and James Money of same, gunsmith, in £100. Maintenance of Place, wife and children.	Great Yarmouth	Y/C 35/127

20 Feb 1689	Thomas Tue	Lease for 6 months [part of lease and release] by Thomas Robinson, alderman, and Thomas Tue of King's Lynn, gunsmith, to the Mayor and four of the Common Council	King's Lynn	KL/C 50/258
19 Apr 1702	John Cozens	Indenture: Release of Recognisance. (1) John Cozens of St Clement's Danes (Midd.), gunsmith, and John Thomas of Marlas (Glamorgan), esq.	London	NRS 9483, 22C5
17 Nov 1710	Thomas Tue	Will of Thomas Tue of King's Lynn, Norfolk, gunsmith	King's Lynn	West Glamorgan Archives NAS/JP 2/1
1718-1721	Henry Green	Probate inventory Henry Green, senior, gunsmith, of Elmswell (Suffolk)	Elmswell (Suffolk)	DN/INV 74A/9
21 Sep 1722	Thomas Tue	Mortgage for £160, John Custande of King's Lynn, gent., and wife Anne, to Lawrence Turner of King's Lynn, gent: messuage in Mercer Rowe, King's Lynn (abuttals), and 2 tenements, part of 4 tenements, and messuage adjoining lately built in Baxter Rowe (abuttals), of the inheritance of Anne Custande from her uncle Thomas Tue of King's Lynn, gunsmith	King's Lynn	NNAS G2/5/24
1723	William Barlow	Norwich Consistory Court Probate Records Barlow, William, gunsmith, of King's Lynn	King's Lynn	NCC will register Megoe 108
1729	Thomas Gager	Norwich Consistory Court Probate Records Gager, Thomas, gunsmith, of Bury St Edmunds, Suffolk	Bury St Edmunds	NCC will register Rudd 110
1738	Roger Bates	Norwich Consistory Court Probate Records Bates, Roger, gunsmith, of Norwich	Norwich	NCC will register Brereton 165

6 Mar 1819	Isaac Walker	Assignment of mortgage. Mary Sudbury of Norwich, widow, and Isaac Walker of Norwich, gunsmith, Thomas Sudbury of Norwich, dyer, and James Goodwin of Norwich gent.	Norwich	N/TC/D1/535/14
1830	James Jaye	Norwich Consistory Court Probate Records Jaye, James, gunsmith, of Ipswich, Suffolk	Ipswich, Suffolk	NCC will register Pettingill 165
nd [1831-1834]	J. Walker	Parish Records of St John Timberhill with All Saints and St Michael at Thorn, Norwich Political lampoon concerning the church, written on a letter relating to a bill to Mr J. Walker, gunmaker.	Norwich	PD 74/76
1841	Isaac Walker	Norwich Consistory Court Probate Records Walker, Ann, wife of Isaac Walker, gunsmith, of Norwich	Norwich	NCC will register Traxton 187
1841	William Thornton	Peculiar of the Dean and Chapter Probate Records Thornton, William, gunmaker, of Lakenham	Lakenham	PRDC 2/2/3/122
1846	Francis Nicholson	Norwich Consistory Court Probate Records Nicholson, Francis, gunsmith, of East Dereham	East Dereham	NCC will register Baret 488

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28 August 1841	Isaac Walker	Will of Isaac Walker, late Gun Maker but now Retired from Business of Heigham Norwich , Norfolk	Norwich	PROB 11/1950
24 August 1850	Charles Mayes	Will of Charles Mayes, Gunmaker of Lakenham , Norfolk	Lakenham	PROB 11/2118

NORTHAMPTONSHIRE

Northamptonshire Record Office				
1687	Thomas Hanson	Lease and Release: messuage with all shops etc. on west side and towards upper end of the Drapery Lease and Release 17 and 18 January 1686/7 1. Thomas Sargeant of Northampton gent. and Dorcas his wife 2. Thomas Hanson of Northampton, gunsmith, conveyance of a messuage with all shops etc. being on the west side and towards the upper end of the Drapery heretofore in the tenure of Obadiah Lord Goldsmith deceased since burnt down by a late dreadful fire and rebuilt now in the tenure of Thomas Hanson between a tenement of Daniel Singleton on the north side and Robert Ivory on the south side consideration	Northampton	ZB0514/37a-b
1772	Edward Heath	Removal Order- Edward Heath, gunsmith, wife Grace and James (10) Richard (4) and Joseph (2) to Walton Le Dale, Lancs.	Northampton	350P/199/18

NORTHUMBERLAND

Northumberland - Wills available for download from National Archives, London

12 December 1724	Gilbert Challoner	Will of Gilbert Challoner, Gun Smith and Mariner of Morpeth, Northumberland	Morpeth	PROB 11/600
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NORTH YORKSHIRE

North Yorkshire County Record Office				
26 Sep 1822	John Denham	Recognizance to appear and answer: Recognizance made by John Peacock of Startforth shoemaker and Jane Peacock his wife, and John Denham of Barnard Castle in county Durham gunsmith, for the appearance of John and Jane Peacock at the next Quarter Sessions to answer matters objected against them by John and Mary Collier of Startforth	Barnard Castle	QSB 1822 4/7/21
11 Apr 1844	Robert Bateman	Summary conviction of Robert Bateman of Thirsk gun maker for assaulting Daniel Smith of the township of Northallerton police constable. Offence committed at the township of Northallerton on 11 April 1844. Case heard at Northallerton	Thirsk	QSB 1845 1/10/1

24 Mar 1869	William Gale	<p>Recognizance made by William Crosby of the township of Great Smeaton police constable for his appearance at the next Quarter Sessions to prefer a bill of indictment against Thomas Kay for fraudulent conversion to his own use of a gun, a powder flask and a shot pouch, the property of William Gale.</p> <p>Recognizance made by William Gale of the township of Northallerton gunsmith, the said William Gale on behalf of his wife Isabella Gale, and William Crosby of the township of Great Smeaton police constable, and the said William Crosby on behalf of Christopher Binks of the township of Birkby farm servant, for their appearance at the next Quarter Sessions to give evidence in the case against Thomas Kay</p>	Northallerton	QSB 1869 2/7/25
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NOTTINGHAMSHIRE

Nottinghamshire Record Office

1759	John Dakeyne	Mortgage by J and R Tomlin and John Dakeyne, gunsmith, to Rev Thomas Lovett of two newly erected messuages in the Backside; and declaration of the uses of a fine.	Nottingham	PR/NW 7245
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nd [c 1766]	Robert Wogden	Indentures, lease and release, settlement Robert Wogden of Westminster, Middlesex, gunsmith, son and heir of John Wogden of Grantham, Lincolnshire, whittower, deceased, who was son and heir of Robert Wogden, deceased, above3) Jane Holmes of Newark, spinster, daughter of John Holmes of Newark, hatter, and Elizabeth, his wife, deceased, who was daughter of Robert Wogden, deceased.	London	DD/472/4/1-2
25/08/1767	John KIRK	Will (dated 04/03/1767), Bond of John KIRK of Warsop, Gunsmith Proved 25/08/1767	Warsop	PR/NW 7245
06 November 1767	Peter Barber	Deanery of Nottingham Probate Records: Will dated 24 October 1764, Bond of Peter BARBER of Newark, Gunsmith.	Nottingham	PR/NW 7245
10 Jun 1802	Sam Leah	Receipted bill of Sam Leah (gunsmith) for £30 With 3 guns and a patent razor strap sold to late Henry Swan, in full of all debts due from late Henry Swan at his death, of John Swan. Bill when first submitted totalled £60 18s 4d. Detailed - rammer worm and tip, new powder flask, a new steel mounted gun £4 4s, a new double barrel gun, £14 14s, powder and shot, new swivel main spring, new shot belt, etc. Bill covers 1796 - 1801.	Nottingham	DD/1461/152
26/08/1771	Samuel NEWTON	Will (dated 16/07/1733), Bond of Samuel NEWTON of Nottingham, Gunsmith Proved 26/08/1771	Nottingham	PR/NW 7245

nd [c 1802]	Robert Wogden	Indentures, lease and release Robert Wogden of the Haymarket, St Martin in the Fields, Middlesex, gunsmith. Jane, his wife.	London	DD/472/8/1-2
21/06/1802	John GREEN	Will (dated 13/07/1801) of John GREEN of Newark, Gunsmith Proved 21/06/1802	Newark	PR/NW 7245
25/11/1805	Robert POOLE	Will (dated 12/04/1800) of Robert POOLE of Gamston, Gunsmith Proved 25/11/1805	Gamston	PR/NW 7245
20 October 1806	John Dakeyne	Deanery of Nottingham Probate Records: Will dated 27 November 1805 of Robert DAKEYNE of Nottingham, Gunsmith.	Nottingham	PR/NW 7245
02 May 1809	George Brummitt	Deanery of Nottingham Probate Records: Will dated 07 September 1808 of George BRUMMITT of Nottingham, Gunsmith.	Nottingham	PR/NW 7245
4 - 5 Jun 1828	John Simpson	Indenture, lease and release John Simpson of Southwell, gunsmith. Hannah, his wife.	Southwell	DD/479/22/1-2
1829	John Simpson	Right hand indenture of fine John Simpson of Southwell, gunsmith, and Hannah, his wife, with Francis Jenkinson and Mary, his wife, deforciant3 messuages, 3 gardens, 1 acre land and common of pasture, in Southwell.	Southwell	DD/479/22/3
10 Jan 1838	Joseph Boaler	Voucher of Joseph Boaler, [gunmaker of Market Place, Newark]	Newark	DD/TL/2/7/1/17

1840	John Jackson	Received bills with illustrated bill heads Includes John Jackson, gunmaker 1840		DD/822/3/1-12
29 May 1844	David Nixon	Marriage allegation of David Nixon of Newark, gunsmith, widower, aged 21 and upwards, and Elizabeth Weddall of North Muskham, aged 21 and upwards - To be married at North Muskham	Newark	SC/8/5/2542
29 Feb 1848	Thomas Slingsby	Indenture of apprenticeship of Thomas P Slingsby, Retford to R Wilson, Lincoln, butcher 1 Thomas Peter Slingsby, son of Thomas Slingsby of Retford, gunmaker 2 Richard Wilson of Lincoln, butcher Indenture of apprenticeship; 5 years from 12 Jan last Consideration: £20 (£10 now and £10 on 28 Feb 1850) plus services of 1 Witness: Gent Huddleston, solicitor, Lincoln Signed: 1, 2, Thomas Slingsby Endorsed with 2's receipt for the first £10 of the consideration money, witnessed by Huddleston; printed and manuscript, parchment 29 Feb 11 Victoria 1848	Retford	M/1195
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25 November 1805	Robert Poole	Abstract of Will of Robert Poole, Gunsmith of Gamston, Nottinghamshire. Proved in the Court of York.	Gamston	IR 26/426

20 October 1806	Robert Dakeyne	Abstract of Will of Robert Dakeyne, Gunsmith of Nottingham, Nottinghamshire	Nottingham	IR 26/427
2 May 1809	George Brummitt	Abstract of Will of George Brummitt, Gunsmith of Nottingham, Nottinghamshire. Proved in the Court of York.	Nottingham	IR 26/431

OXFORDSHIRE

Oxfordshire Record Office				
05 Feb 1620	Richard Meller	Bond PARTIES: 1. Richard Spurre of Oxford, Tailor. 2. a) Richard Gemmings of Oxford, Baker. b) Richard Meller, of Oxford, Gunsmith	Oxford	PAR211/4/L3/1
16 Feb 1662	Edward Wise	Assignment of term of 10,000 years Description Property: Cottage near the bridge of Bicester, with Tanne house, yard and closes Parties : (1) Benjamin Clements of Edmonton, Middlesex, gent, Henry Fawler of Chipping Norton, mercer and Edward Wise of Oxford, gunsmith (2) Richard Grantham of Bicester, miller and John Gibbs of Merton miller	Oxford	SL1/2D/1

10 December 1726	John Smith	John Smith Apprentice to John Nicholes, gunsmith.	Oxford	Oxford Freemen Index 1663–1997 Reference OPI-60625
27 Sep 1744	John Nicholas	Mortgage PARTIES: 1. a) Edmund Ayliscomb of Oxford, Tallow Chandler. b) Elizabeth, Wife of 1a, and Daughter and heir of Joan Richardson, Widow of Matthew Richardson. 2. John Nicholas the Younger of Oxford, Gunsmith. CONSIDERATION: £30. COMMENTS: 1 mortgage their leasehold on the above property to 2.	Oxford	PAR211/13/7D/21
23 Mar 1750	William Fidler	Assignment of Mortgage for £40, Parties: 1) William Hurst 2) Thomas Mace 3) Peter Spiers of Oxford University, manciple, and William Fidler of Oxford, gunsmith	Oxford	B5/26/D/11
16 February 1767	John Davis	Oxford Freemen Index 1663–1997 John Davis, gunsmith.	Oxford	Oxford Freemen Index 1663–1997, Reference OPI-56723
29 Mar 1774	Thomas Sayer	Bond Parties include; 1) Thomas Sayer, parish of St Thomas, city of Oxford, gunsmith	Oxford	B25/4/167/D1/11

29 Mar 1774	Thomas Sayer	Deed of revocation and Mortgage for £25 and interest, Parties include; 1) Richard Tawney, parish of St Thomas, city of Oxford, gent. 2) Thomas Sayer, St Thomas, city of Oxford, gunsmith, and Dianna his wife	Oxford	B25/4/167/D1/10
25 Mar 1775	Thomas Sayer	Assignment of mortgage Parties include; 1) Edward Tawney, parish of St Thomas, city of Oxford, gent. 2) Thomas Sayer, parish of St Thomas, city of Oxford, gunsmith	Oxford	B25/4/167/D1/12
23/Dec/1776	Thomas Sawyer	Deed of Partition PARTIES: 1. a) Thomas Hicke of Oxford St. Thomas, Mason. b) Anne, Wife of 1a and daughter of John Buckingham above. 2. a) Thomas Sawyer of Oxford St. Thomas, Gunsmith.	Oxford	B15/2/29D/1
7 Sep 1805	John Ariss	Bond 1a) John Ariss of Banbury, gunsmith; 1b) William Millward of Banbury, ironmonger; 2) Mayor, aldermen and capital burgesses of Banbury 1 is bound to 2 in £50	Banbury	BOR2/XVIII/viii/3

06 Jan 1807- 07 Jan 1807	James Sykes	Lease & release Parties: 1. Richard Smith of Oxford, vintner 2. Richard Cox of Oxford, banker 3. Thomas Roberson of Oxford, gent. 4. James Sykes of Oxford, gunsmith	Oxford	SL38/3/8/D/1-2
10 February 1817	James Sykes	James Sykes Apprentice to James Sykes, gunmaker.	Oxford	Oxford Freeman Index 1663–1997, Reference OPI-60807
01 Dec 1817	James Sykes	Transfer of Mortgage Parties: 1) John Broadwater 2) Stephen Molineux 3) James Sykes of Oxford, gunmaker Property: see document B5/19/D/1-2. Consideration: £100	Oxford	B5/19/D/5
28/Aug/1821	James Sykes	Deed of covenant to produce title deeds Parties: 1. James Sykes the elder of Oxford, gunmaker 2. Daniel Taunton of Oxford, gent. Includes schedule of deeds dated 16/Aug/1733- 24/Apr/1817	Oxford	SL38/3/3/D/22

27 Aug 1821- 28 Aug 1821	James Sykes	Lease & release with assignment of term of 1,000 years Parties include; 1. Edward Hunt of Botley, Berks., miller 2. William Holmes of Great James St., Bedford Row, Middx, gent. 3. Daniel Taunton of Oxford, gent., & Maria, his wife 4. James Sykes the elder of Oxford, gunmaker 5. William Taylor of Oxford, tailor 6. Loder Prickett the younger of Oxford, gent. 7. Crews Dudley of Oxford, gent. Property: 2 messuages or tenements and use of pump in yard in parish of Oxford St Aldate otherwise St Tolls	Oxford	?????
01 Jun 1833	Thomas Beckley	Recognizance of Thomas Beckley of St. Peter's in the East, gunmaker Defendant: James Davison, felony	Oxford	QS1833/3/L2/16
22/Jun/1833	James Edwards	Recognizance of James Edwards of St. Clement's, gunmaker Defendant: James Davison, felony.	Oxford	QS1833/3/L2/18
17 February 1834	William Field	Oxford Freemen Index 1663–1997 William Field, gunmaker.	Oxford	Reference OPI-56799
11/Feb/1839- 12/Feb/1839	James Sykes	Lease & release Parties: 1. John Archer of Oxford, brewer, & John Parker of Botley, Berks., timber merchant 2. James Sykes of Oxford, gunsmith Property: 2 messuages, tenements...	Oxford	SL38/3/9/D/3-4

29/Jul/1846	Henry Annell	Recognizance of William Accrington Peel of Cuxham, gent, and Alfred Hoar of Cuxham, groom, and Henry Annell of Uxbridge, Middlesex, gunsmith, and Joseph Moods of Cuxham, constable, defendant: David King and Thomas King	Uxbridge, Middlesex	QS1846/4/L2/6
9/Oct/1847	Henry Holland	Recognizance of Luke Forest of Burford, labourer; George Bayliss of Burford, labourer; Henry Holland of Burford, gunsmith defendant: Josiah Hinton	Burford	QS1847/4/L2/69
18 May 1850	Henry Holland	Recognizance of Richard Dossett, carpenter, William Dossett, son of Richard, and Henry Holland, gunsmith, all of Burford defendant: Angelina Cook	Burford	QS1850/3/L2/53

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02 April 1657	William Marshall	Will of William Marshall, Gunsmith of Charlbury, Oxfordshire	Charlbury	PROB 11/263
16 March 1824	James Sykes	Will of James Sykes, Gun Maker of Oxford, Oxfordshire	Oxford	PROB 11/1683
24 May 1854	Jabez Bloxham Welch	Will of Jabez Bloxham Welch, Gunmaker of Banbury, Oxfordshire	Banbury	PROB 11/2192
16 December 1857	William Holland	Will of William Holland, Gunmaker of Banbury, Oxfordshire	Banbury	PROB 11/2261

SHROPSHIRE

Shropshire Record Office

1664	Edward Oldbury	Indemnity bond: John Oldbury of Westwood yeo., Edward Oldbury, gunsmith, John Walker of Quatford and Richard Malpas, glover	Bridgenorth	XBB/G/1/1/57
9 June 1691	Robert Bond	Lease of a garden in Mill Street, Ludlow 1. Thomas Powys and Thomas Lea, Bailiffs of the Corporation of Ludlow 2. Robert Bond, Ludlow, Gunsmith Consideration : 1 Term : 31 years Rent : 4s	Ludlow	XLB/4/1/734
25 June 1691	Henry Sheppard	Alienation license for a messuage and shop in Broad Street, Ludlow 1. Thomas Powys and Thomas Lea, Bailiffs of the Corporation of Ludlow 2. Henry Sheppard, Ludlow, Gunsmith and Anne, his wife 1-2 'All that messuage or tenement, shop and garden...' (boundaries given)	Ludlow	XLB/4/1/736
1 Oct 1701	Richard Powell	Assignment of lease of a house called 'The Pheasant' in the High Street 1. Susan Powell of Bridgnorth, widow of Richard Powell the elder, blacksmith and Richard Powell the younger of Bridgnorth, gunsmith 2. Samuel Walton of Bridgnorth, corvisor 1-2 for remainder of the term, house and land at the south end of the High Street.	Bridgnorth	XBB/E/1/2/101

1 Jun 1704	Richard Powell	Lease and counterpart for 99 years of a shop in Listley Street 1. Joseph Mason and William Hamond, Bailiffs and the Burgesses of Bridgnorth 2. Richard Powell of Bridgnorth, gunsmith 1-2 Shop in possession of 2 in Listley Street between two of the Corporation's tenements occupied by Margaret Baker, spinster.	Bridgnorth	XBB/E/1/2/108
1 Aug 1721	Richard Powell	Lease and counterpart for 99 years of a gunsmiths shop in Listley Street 1. Thomas Mason and John Corser, gents. Bailiffs and the Burgesses of Bridgnorth 2. Richard Powell of Bridgnorth, gunsmith 1-2 messuage and gunsmiths shop with void ground between in the possession of 2 on the south side of Listley Street	Bridgnorth	XBB/E/1/2/160
12 Feb 1722	John Hunt	Agreement to supply water in Corve Street 1. John Hunt, gunsmith, from Ross, Hereford. 2. Francis Dee, surgeon, from Ludlow. Hunt, will maintain waterworks & pipes, and lay pipes in Corve St	Ross, Hereford	XLB/7/4/1/7
8 Oct 1726	Richard Powell	Assignment of lease for 99 years of a shop in Listley Street 1. Susannah Powell of Bridgnorth, spinster, executrix of her brother Richard Powell of Bridgnorth, gunsmith 2. William Phillips of Bridgnorth, mason 1-2 messuage and gunsmiths shop, void ground etc. on the south side of Listley Street leased by the Corporation.	Bridgnorth	XBB/E/1/2/178

10 Jan 1729	Richard Powell Joseph Oldbury	Assignment of lease for 99 years of a shop in Listley Street 1. Susannah Powell of Bridgnorth, spinster, executrix of the will of Richard Powell, gunsmith 2. Joseph Oldbury of Bridgnorth, gunsmith 1-2 shop at the upper end of Listley Street leased by the Corporation to Richard Powell decd. (boundary given).	Bridgnorth	XBB/E/1/2/191
10 Jan 1739	Richard Powell Joseph Oldbury	Assignment of lease for 99 years of a shop in Listley Street 1. Susannah Powell of Bridgnorth, spinster, executor of [her brother] the late Richard Powell of Bridgnorth, gunsmith 2. Joseph Oldbury of Bridgnorth, gunsmith 1-2 for remainder of term, a shop in Listley Street leased by The Corporation	Bridgnorth	XBB/E/1/2/240
7 and 8 March 1745	Richard Willding	Abstract of title of the Rev A.R.Lloyd to property in Whittington Schedule of deeds from September 1740; 7 and 8 March 1745 1. James Turner 2. Richard Powell, Henry Forrest, John Spencer 3. Thomas Evans 4. Edward Elisha and Richard Willding of Shrewsbury gunsmith	Shrewsbury	X2216/2/1/R322975

14-15 September 1750	John Corfield	Deed of Partition (Lease and Release) the 3 further pieces and the meadow; ms. tmts., or dw. houses and warehouse in the Wild Cop, Shrewsbury, contiguous to one another, of Thomas Cooper, Mr. Maurice Price, Bolas Hughes, John Harper, Mary Wood, John Jones, John Corfield, gunsmith, to 4.	Shrewsbury	X103/1/3/1/1/14
6 Jan 1753	William Harding	Leases relating to a property in Corve Street, Ludlow Lease and counterpart 1. Corporation of Ludlow 2. William Harding, Bromfield, Gunsmith 1-2 '...Messuages or tenement with the appurtenances situate in...Corve Street...' Consideration : 3.8s.7d. Term : 31 years Rent : 7s	Bromfield	XLB/4/1/766
9 Feb 1763	9 Feb 1763	Joseph Hickin of Birmingham, gunsmith, Indemnity Bond - Elizabeth Sishton of Wrockwardine, pregnant, Joseph Hickin reputed father. Amount: £40 Indemnity Bond: Joseph Hickin of Birmingham, gunsmith, Mark Kemson of Birmingham, buttonmaker, and Joseph Ashford of Birmingham, gunsmith		Shropshire Archives P316/L/11/48
1765	Robert Harding	Admission certificate: John Harding (gunsmith)	?????	XLB/16/128
22 July 1772	John Harding	Copy release and settlement 1. Mary Heath of Ludlow, widow of Samuel Heath late of Ludlow, innkeeper decd, one of the devisees in his will 2. John Harding of Ludlow, gunsmith and Margaret his wife, only daughter and heir at law of Samuel Heath and devisee in his will.	Ludlow	XSAL/2/14/7/R313767

27 Nov 1788	William Stanton	Articles for sale of walnut trees 1. William Owen of Woodhouse, Esq. 2. William Stanton of Shrewsbury, gunsmith William Owen sells to William Stanton 8 walnut trees growing at Woodhouse, and all walnut trees growing on the estates of William Owen at Shelvocke and Brongwin, Montgom.	Shrewsbury	X3890/3/2/5/2
1791	Robert Harding	RECORDS OF LUDLOW HAMMERMENS SOCIETY Admission certificate: Robert Harding, gunsmith	Ludlow	XLB/16/200

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05 April 1837	Richard Clemson	Will of Richard Clemson, Gunsmith of Shrewsbury , Shropshire	Shrewsbury	PROB 11/1876
1673	John Tomley	Bond in £20. Poor and Charities. Indemnity Bonds. (1) William Thomas late of Braniarth, co. Montgomery, scrivener, and John Tomley of Oswestry, gunsmith. (2) Richard Jones and John Glover, esq., Bailiffs of Oswestry. William Thomas indemnifies (2)	Oswestry	Oswestry Town Council OB/A61/3

SOMERSET

Somerset Record Office

22 Dec 1635	Henry Geiles	<p>Minehead quay area lease</p> <p>Description: 1 Thomas Luttrell 2 Henry Geiles of Minehead, gunsmith.</p> <p>Indented counterpart lease for 99 years on three lives of 20 ft of waste near the Weare Pool, Minehead on west side of highway against the hill between ground promised to Robert Seager on SW end and ground promised to William Hatsell on NW on which Henry will build a cellar or shop for 12d rent.</p>	Minehead	DD\L/P30/78
22 Dec 1635	Henry Geiles	<p>Minehead quay area lease</p> <p>Description</p> <p>1 Thomas Luttrell 2 Robert Seagar of Minehead husbandman.</p> <p>Indented counterpart lease for 99 years on three lives of 20 ft of waste near the Weare Pool west of highway against hill between rock adjoining new house of Thomas Harwood SW and plot granted to Henry Geiles gunsmith NW on which to build a house or cellar; rent 12d.</p>	Minehead	DD\L/P30/81

1 Aug 1636	Henry Geiles	Minehead quay area lease Description 1 Thomas Luttrell 2 William Hatsell, of Minehead clothier. Indented counterpart lease for 99 years on three lives of 40 ft of waste west of highway to the Weare pool near Minehead quay on which William has begun to build a house between ground granted to Henry Geiles, gunsmith and that bounded out for Robert Smith with liberty to improve ground back to Minehead hill. Rent 2s	Minehead	DD\L/P30/84
9 Jul 1649	Simon Basse	QUARTER SESSIONS RECORDS FOR THE COUNTY OF SOMERSET Sessions rolls Examination of Antony Appleby of North Curry concerning a report made by Simon Basse, gunsmith of Bridgwater, concerning a fight between the Scotts and the Lord General [Thomas Fairfax]. JP: John Pym....	Bridgwater	D\N\tau.mst/1/1/7
12 May 1657	Walter Slocombe	Articles of good behaviour. Articles against Lewis Sweeting of Dunster, innkeeper, brought by Walter Slocombe of Dunster, gunsmith concerning sending a man for the night watch of Dunster borough. JP: Thomas Siderfin.	Dunster	Q/SR/95/200

23 Nov 1676	James Merricke	Description: Evidences given by Edmund Banwell of Wedmore, Labourer, John Hellyer of West Harptree, Butcher, and Richard Porch of East Horrington, Wells St Cuthbert, concerning the theft of 36 sheep belonging to Anne Hicks of Wells [Wells St Cuthbert?], Widow, and charging James Merricke of Wedmore, Gunsmith, with the said theft. Also evidences given by James Merricke firstly that the 36 sheep in question are his own sheep and then confessing that he stole the sheep from a close in Ashcott belonging to Anne Hicks.	Wedmore	Q/SR/131/13
1676	Walter Slocombe	Probate inventory for Walter Slocombe, gunsmith, of Dunster.	Dunster	DD\SP/1676/52
22 Jun 1683	Hugh Moore	Nettlecombe and Beggarnhuish - Leases 1674-1717, Mortgages, Recovery, Miscellaneous Papers Counterpart lease of close called Putnoller, in Beggearn Huish. Description: 1 Francis Luttrell Esq. 2 Hugh Moore gunsmith. Autograph: Moore. Seal: a rose, slipped	Nettlecombe?	DD\L/2/11/59/8
1689	William Apsey	BICKNOLLER PARISH RECORDS Title: Section of Bond to 'cast repaire and make good all waste lead and timber and iron worke in ye middle gutter.' Description: William Apsey of Nettlecombe, gunsmith.	Nettlecombe	D\P\bic/8/1/2

1690	Walter Slowcomb (Slocombe)	MARY STREET CHAPEL, TAUNTON - Title Jane Prowse's donation. Description - Jane Prowse's deed of gift of £250 of 8 Apr. 1690. Jane Prowse, Croydon, Old Cleeve: Thomas Whinnell of the towne and parish of Taunton St.Marline, clerk, Andrew Everard, Dunster, weaver, Walter Slowcomb, Dunster, gunsmith Christopher Hawkins, senior, Stogumber, yeoman.	Dunster	Ref No DN\tau.mst/1/1/7
12 June 1703	Walter Slocombe	LUTTRELL FAMILY OF DUNSTER MANUSCRIPTS Conveyance. [The High House] Description: 1 Elizabeth Collard of Spaxton widow 2 Robert Copp blacksmith 3 Walter Slocombe gunsmith and Thomas Stadden cooper.	Dunster	DD\L/1/29/25a/2
1703	Joseph Moon	Various families wills. Description: Probates of wills - includes; Joseph Moon, senior, of Somerton, gunsmith, 1703, proved 1710	Somerton	DD\DN/147
30 Aug 1709	Joseph Moone	PAPERS OF THE DICKINSON FAMILY OF KINGWESTON Bundle of deeds for lands in various Somerset parishes. 1 May 1655-30 Aug 1742 Mortgage by Susan Moone of Somerton, widow and Joseph Moone of Somerton, gunsmith to Graffin Prankard of Somerton, maltster, of a close of meadow known as Land Mead, containing an acre at Somerton, 30 Aug 1709;	Somerton	DD\DN/2/19/1

30 Dec 1710	Joseph Moone	PAPERS OF THE DICKINSON FAMILY OF KINGWESTON Wills for various Somerset families. 26 Jan 1685-[7 May 1779] probate of the will of Joseph Moone the elder of Somerton, gunsmith, proved: 30 Dec 1710	Somerton	DD\CM/248
2 Feb 1712/13	Joseph Moone	PAPERS OF THE DICKINSON FAMILY OF KINGWESTON Mortgage of a dwelling house and garden, etc., [in Somerton] by Susan Moone of Somerton, widow of the late Joseph Moone, gunsmith, to Graffin Prankard of Somerton, malster, for £12, 2 Feb 1712/13. Recites earlier lease of the property for 99 years or lives to Joseph Moone by the Honourable Robert Cecill, brother to the Right Honourable James Earl of Salisbury, and others [date missing], with reference to Joseph Moone the younger, Elianor Moone and Thomas Moone, children of Joseph.	Somerton	DD\DN/7/5/1
1717	James Savidge	High Littleton deeds. Description: Leases of coal mines and veins in the Long Hills and other lands belonging to Hallatrow Farm, Joseph Langton to James Savidge of Litton, gunsmith, and others (2 documents) 1717	Litton	Ref No DD\GL/132

1717	Richard Webb	QUARTER SESSIONS RECORDS FOR THE COUNTY OF SOMERSET Papists' Estates John Taunton of Bristol, shipwright. 1717 ...Message in East Street, Bedminster formerly occupied by Richard Webb, gunsmith, later John Stephens then John Roberts, both weavers (freehold); annuity on lands in Charlton Mackrell....	Bristol	Q/SR/314/139
7 Feb 1720	John Bishop	Conveyance. [Loxhole Meadow] Description: 1 Susannah Turner of Minehead widow 2 William Blackford of Holnicote in Selworthy Esq.; John Alloway, Heman Ball and Morgan Price of Minehead merchants; Francis Bradley gent; William Withcombe and Thomas Stadden yeomen; John Bishop gunsmith. 3 Nathaniel Pool surgeon.	Minehead	DD\L/1/29/26/1
25 Mar 1721	Robert Moore	Lease. Description: 1. Sir John Trevelyan, bt of Nettlecombe. 2. Robert Moore of Nettlecombe, gunsmith. Lease for 3 lives of Slade, Nettlecombe. Fine £336, rent 10s 6d.	Nettlecombe	DD\WO/12/6/2
17 Feb 1728	David Wimpen	Removal Order. Description: Evidence of Amos Jenkins of Vallis, Frome Selwood, yeoman, in a case concerning the alleged theft of some plough chains belonging to Amos Jenkins by David Wimpen, gunsmith, and William Edwards, blacksmith, both of Frome Selwood. JP: Joseph Browne.	Frome Selwood	Q/SR/318/4/27

1729	Walter Slocombe	MARY STREET CHAPEL, TAUNTON Trusts, endowments, income Deeds of lands and other properties Jane Prowse's donation. [1729] ..., Walter Slowcomb, Dunster, gunsmith; Christopher Hawkins, senior, Stogumber, yeoman....	Dunster	Q/SR/295/10
8 Oct 1746	Richard Baker	Certificate of discharge. Description: Richard Baker of Bruton, gunsmith, presented as a common disturber of the peace for abusing John Dampier, a member of the grand jury at Bruton Quarter Sessions, in compassion to his wife and family, is forgiven by Dampier.	Bruton	Q/SR/314/139
5 Jan 1751	John Bird	QUARTER SESSIONS RECORDS FOR THE COUNTY OF SOMERSET Sessions roll for Epiphany 1751. Removal Order. 5 Jan 1751 Order that Mary Bird, Singlewoman and daughter of John Bird, Gunsmith, deceased, be removed from Wells St Cuthbert to Bruton, this being her last place of legal settlement.	Bruton	Q/SR/318/4/27
24 Mar 1753	Robert Bolster	Deeds of Chesterblade in the Parish of Evercreech Assignment and confirmation of property as DD\WOA/5. 24 Mar 1753 ...The Rev. Samuel Whitchurch, Nunney, clerk: John Gane, Chesterblade, yeoman; Robert Bolster, Bristol, gunsmith....	Bristol	DDL/2/11/59/8

1764	Jerome Clapp	Ilminster deeds. Description: Deeds relating to various properties including Jerome Clapp, gunsmith, and wife Rebecca of Chard, 1764	Chard	DD\CM/248
15 Mar 1775	Samuel Evans	DEEDS TO VARIOUS BATH PROPERTIES No. 28 The Circus, Bath. Assignment. 15 Mar 1775 ...1. Samuel Evans of Bristol, gunsmith son of Dorcas Evans, wife of Thomas Evans of Bath, plush weaver, deceased, sister of Samuel Dancey of Bath, gent., deceased; Samuel Evans being a legatee...	Bristol	DD\L/2/11/59/8
30 May 1808	John Cook	PAPERS OF THE SOMERVILLE FAMILY OF DINDER Bundle of deeds for a messuage and fulling mill at Croscombe. 10 Oct 1745-1854 Assignment by John Exley of London, gent to John Cook of Shepton Mallet, gunsmith, of a messuage and lands at Croscombe, 30 May 1808	Shepton Mallet	DD\SVL/2/4/13
1 Jun 1809	Thomas Yolsworthy	RECORDS OF TAUNTON TOWN CHARITY (NOW THE TAUNTON HERITAGE TRUST) Lease of a messuage on High Street, Taunton St Mary. 1 Jun 1809 to; Others including Thomas Yolsworthy of Taunton, gunsmith	Taunton	DD\TAC/5/5/16

23-24 Jun 1819	John Cook	Enclosed abstract of deeds 1780-95. Lease and release. 23-24 Jun 1819 Cook of Shepton Mallett, gunmaker. Lease and release of Tadhill manor.	Lease John	Shepton Mallet	DD\PM/2/2/21-23
26 May 1830	Thomas Goldsworthy	Bundle of deeds relating to 153 East Reach, Taunton. 10 Jun 1714-31 May 1950 On 26 May 1830 Mary Knot surrendered the property to Thomas Goldsworthy of Taunton St Mary, gunsmith.		Taunton	DD\SVL/2/4/13
1843	Edwin Lauder	Depositions and charge. Nov-Dec 1843 Examination of Charles Morgan, farmer, John Bengelfield, his servant, both of Cucklington, Somerset, Edwin Lauder, gunmaker, of Mere, Wiltshire, Joseph Millard, policeman, Shadrack Long, bone and rag gatherer.		Mere, Wiltshire	Q/SR/533/57-62
26 Sep 1843	William Hole	BATH CORPORATION DEEDS Regent Terrace, Bath. Assignment. 26 Sep 1843 1. Hinton East Drake of Bath, gent. 2. William Hole of Bristol, gunsmith and Mary Ann his wife. 3. Richard Eckley of the parish of Bathwick Somerset, gent.		Bristol	DD\L/2/11/59/8
6 Apr 1875	James Scorse	RECORDS OF WARDS SOLICITORS, WESTON SUPER MARE Deeds relating to a messuage known as the Bakehouse, Box Court, Cheddar. 1822-1875 On 6 Apr 1875 James Scorse of Cheddar, yeoman and Henry Hudson junior of Rowbarton, blacksmith conveyed the house to Jesse Scorse of Cheddar, gunsmith.		Cheddar	A\CEG/1/10/16

13 Sep 1877	George Sheppard	Leases for properties in East Street, Taunton St Mary, as owned by the Taunton Town Lands Charity. 1815-1877. Others including George Sheppard, gunsmith, all of Taunton, to John Clode of Taunton, fishmonger, of a messuage, number 17 East Street, Taunton St Mary, for the term of 14 years, 13 Sep 1877.	Taunton	DD\TAC/5/5/26
1885	Jesse Scorse	Deeds relating to Cheddar A dwelling in Cheddar. Consideration: £120 ...i) John Edwards of Taunton, manufacturer ii) Samuel Jefferies of Cheddar, yeoman iii) Jesse Scorse of Cheddar, gunsmith	Cheddar	A\CEG/1/10/52

Georgian Newspaper Project - Bath Chronicle 1770 - 1800 Bath Library online searchable database				
6 Dec 1770	Joseph Thwaites	Notices: Joseph Thwaites, gun-maker of Bath appeals for details of orders taken in his name by a dishonest journeyman employee, James Templeman & now has new staff to amend mistakes.	Bath	Bath Chronicle 1270/1770 article:3 c
4 Apr 1771	Joseph Thwaites	Crime: various clothes [detailed] marked H.B. of a gentleman were stolen from his lodgings last month. 3 guineas reward for information from Mr Thwaites, gunmaker of Stall St, Bath	Bath	Bath Chronicle 363/1771 article:2,b

22 Aug 1771	Joseph Thwaites	Goods: auction - all household furniture [listed] of Mr Thwaites [sic] at his house 2 doors below the Tuns in Stall St, Bath on 28 Aug et seq. by Wm. Cross. Mr Cross has also taken premises & all exhibition rooms in Bond Street for receipt of furniture, stock in trade, etc.	Bath	Bath Chronicle 899/1771 article:3 a
12 Dec 1782	William. Smith	Goods: Wm. Smith, gunmaker, at his shop in New Market Row nr the New Bridge, Bath. Makes & sells all sorts of guns & pistols, double barrel do, sells all sorts of gunpowder, patent & common short flints, etc.	Bath	Bath Chronicle 1574/1782 article:3 b
24 Apr 1783	Joseph Atkins	Crime: executed at Ivelchester last Wed - Joseph Atkins, buckle-maker & gunsmith, (a native of Birmingham) for coining; & John Turner, (native of Warwickshire, who formerly carried on a buckle-making business with Henry Crane in the Cross Bath in 1778) for robbery. Records of both men given, inc crimes in Bristol & Bath	???	Bath Chronicle 653/1783 article:3 b
23 Jul 1789	Cook	Goods: for sale - complete gun with 3 barrels (2'9", 3'3" & 3'6" long), reduced from 15 to 10 guineas, at Mr Cook's, gunmaker, Kingsmead St. Also double-barrelled gun of a new construction, 10 guineas.	Bath	Bath Chronicle 1118/1789 article:1 c
11 Oct 1792	William Cook James Cook	Livestock: stolen or strayed horse - Wed 3 Oct from field of Wm Cook, gunsmith at in Anclift, Westwood parish, nr Bradford on Avon, bay chestnut/ stallion 12½ hands. Information to Wm Cook or Mr James Cook, gunsmith, Kingsmead St. Reward offered.	Bath	Bath Chronicle 1811/1792 article:3 d
25 Jul 1799	Cook	Marriages: Mr Cook, gunsmith of Bath to Miss Bachelor of Weston	Bath	Bath Chronicle 1626/1799 article:3,c

4 Jul 1799	Samuel Galton	Deaths: Samuel Galton, esq, gunmaker of Birmingham, in Henrietta St, Bath, aged 79 on Sunday See Warwickshire 1797	Bath	Bath Chronicle 1475/1799 article:3,b
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05 August 1653	Henry Giles	Will of Henry Giles, Gunsmith of Minehead, Somerset	Minehead	PROB 11/228
27 April 1804	James Cook	Will of James Cook, Gunsmith of Walcot (Bath), Somerset	Bath	PROB 11/1407
10 September 1832	Joseph Fisher	Will of Joseph Fisher, Gun Maker of Bristol , Somerset	Bristol	PROB 11/1805
01 January 1851	Thomas Golsworthy	Will of Thomas Golsworthy, Gunsmith of Taunton, Saint Mary Magdalene, Somerset	Taunton	PROB 11/2125
30 September 1840	George Clough	Will of George Clough, Gunmaker of Tiverton (TWERTON, BATH)	Bath	PROB 11/1933

SOUTH YORKSHIRE - SHEFFIELD

South Yorkshire Record Office

5 Jul 1738	Joshua Fox	Mortgage on a dwelling house in Hartshead, Sheffield John Scratchard, of Sheffield, cutler, to Joshua Fox, of Sheffield, gunsmith. To secure a principal of £30 with interest.	Sheffield	TT/101/6
1 Jan 1741	Joshua Fox	Assignment of a mortgage Joshua Fox, of Sheffield, gunsmith, as mortgagee, with the mortgagor, John Scratchard, of Sheffield, cutler, to John Wait, of Sheffield, linen draper. For £30 paid to Fox, being the principal of TT/10/43/6 still outstanding, and £3 paid to Scratchard.	Sheffield	TT/101/8
1 Dec 1825	William Higgs Hawksworth	[Under] lease of a messuage, workshop and premises in Fargate or Barker Pool, Sheffield, now in the occupation of Daniel Primrose, William Higgs Hawksworth, of Market Harborough, Leicestershire, gunmaker and cutler, to Daniel Primrose, of Sheffield, ivory cutter and furniture broker. For a term of 14 years. Annual rent of £21	Market Harborough	TT/77/6

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Staffordshire & Lichfield Record Offices

1634	Richard Wittell	Will of Richard Wittell, gunsmith of Over Whitacre, Warwickshire	Over Whitacre, Warwickshire	Index of Wills - Diocese of Lichfield and Coventry, 1630-1780
1639	Thomas Jervis	Will of Thomas Jervis, gunsmith of Stoneleigh, Warwickshire	Stoneleigh, Warwickshire	Index of Wills - Diocese of Lichfield and Coventry, 1630-1781
1640	Richard Handes	Will of Richard Handes, gunsmith of Birmingham	Birmingham	Index of Wills - Diocese of Lichfield and Coventry, 1630-1782
1642	Humphrey Houlden	Will of Humphrey Houlden, gunsmith of Erdington, Aston, Warwickshire	Erdington, Aston	Index of Wills - Diocese of Lichfield and Coventry, 1630-1783
1642	Peter Oulton	Bond to repair and maintain the little bell belonging to Leigh Parish Church Peter Oulton of Uttoxeter, gunsmith/church warden of Leigh	Uttoxeter	Staffordshire Record Office D896/2
30 October 1667	Edward Wittel,	Edward Wittel, gunmakers apprentice, Hampton in Arden - Will	Hampton in Arden	Lichfield B/C/11
1676	Thomas Clempson	Will of Thomas Clempson, gunsmith of Shrewsbury, Shropshire	Shrewsbury	Index of Wills - Diocese of Lichfield and Coventry, 1630-1779
1678	Richard Haughton	Will of Richard Haughton, gunsmith of Wellington, Shropshire	Wellington, Shropshire	Index of Wills - Diocese of Lichfield and Coventry, 1630-1780

1688	William Smith	Will of William Smith, gunsmith of Leek Wootton, Warwickshire	Leek Wootton	Index of Wills - Diocese of Lichfield and Coventry, 1630-1780
1694	George Smith	Will of George Smith, gunsmith of Corley, Warwickshire	Corley, Warwickshire	Index of Wills - Diocese of Lichfield and Coventry, 1630-1780
1695	John West	Will of John West, gunsmith of Birmingham	Birmingham	Index of Wills - Diocese of Lichfield and Coventry, 1630-1780
1698	Richard Clarke	Will of Richard Clarke, gunsmith of Aldridge, Shrewsbury, Shropshire	Shrewsbury	Index of Wills - Diocese of Lichfield and Coventry, 1630-1781
1701	Thomas Hadley	Will of Thomas Hadley, gunsmith of Birmingham	Birmingham	Index of Wills - Diocese of Lichfield and Coventry, 1630-1780
1707	John Ditcher	Will of John Ditcher, gunsmith of Wilbrighton, Gnosall, Staffordshire	Wilbrighton, Gnosall	Index of Wills - Diocese of Lichfield and Coventry, 1630-1781
July 1707	William Goodwin	Records of the Staffordshire County Quarter Sessions William Dickinson to appear at the next Quarter Sessions in the case of William Goodwin of Uttoxeter, gunsmith charged with stealing a piece of silver plate and selling it to Richard Stubbings of Uttoxeter, linen draper, deceased.	Uttoxeter	Staffordshire Record Office Q/SR/469/1

1712	John Hadley	Will of John Hadley, gunsmith of Birmingham	Birmingham	Index of Wills - Diocese of Lichfield and Coventry, 1630-1779
1712	John Lea	Will of John Lea, gunsmith of Birmingham	Birmingham	Index of Wills - Diocese of Lichfield and Coventry, 1630-1780
1713	Thomas Baley	Will of Thomas Baley, gunsmith of Uttoxeter	Uttoxeter	Index of Wills - Diocese of Lichfield and Coventry, 1630-1781
1718	William Boorne	Abstract of the will of William Boorne of Birmingham, gunsmith. Will dated 1 June, 1715. Probate granted 3 April, 1718.	Birmingham	Index of Wills - Diocese of Lichfield and Coventry, 1630-1782
1720	William Smith	Will of William Smith, gunsmith of Leek Wootton, Warwickshire	Leek Wootton	Index of Wills - Diocese of Lichfield and Coventry, 1630-1783 Birmingham City Archives MS 3615/Acc 1937-039/468550
1721	John Pagett	Will of John Pagett, gunsmith of Bridgenorth, Shropshire	Bridgenorth	Index of Wills - Diocese of Lichfield and Coventry, 1630-1780
1724	Richard Powell	Will of Richard Powell, gunsmith of Bridgenorth, Shropshire	Bridgenorth	Index of Wills - Diocese of Lichfield and Coventry, 1630-1781

1724	William White	Will of William White, gunsmith of Cubbington, Warwickshire	Cubbington	Index of Wills - Diocese of Lichfield and Coventry, 1630-1780
1724	Edward Weston	Will of Edward Weston, gunsmith of Birmingham	Birmingham	Index of Wills - Diocese of Lichfield and Coventry, 1630-1781
1724	Richard Powell	Will of Richard Powell, gunsmith of Bridgenorth, Shropshire	Bridgenorth	Index of Wills - Diocese of Lichfield and Coventry, 1630-1782
1728	William Hill	Will of William Hill, gunmaker of Handsworth, Warwickshire	Handsworth	Index of Wills - Diocese of Lichfield and Coventry, 1630-1783
1730	Joshua Lane	Will of Joshua Lane, gunsmith of Birmingham	Birmingham	Index of Wills - Diocese of Lichfield and Coventry, 1630-1784
1731	Samuel Henshall	Will of Samuel Henshall, gunmaker of Newcastle under Lyme	Newcastle under Lyme	Index of Wills - Diocese of Lichfield and Coventry, 1630-1785
1732	John Clemson	Will of John Clemson, gunsmith of Wolverhampton, Staffordshire	Wolverhampton	Index of Wills - Diocese of Lichfield and Coventry, 1630-1786

1732	Thomas Clark	Will of Thomas Clark, gunbarrel borer of Millbrook, Aston, Birmingham	Millbrook, Aston	Index of Wills - Diocese of Lichfield and Coventry, 1630-1787
1732	Thomas Probin	Will of Thomas Probin, gunsmith of Birmingham	Birmingham	Index of Wills - Diocese of Lichfield and Coventry, 1630-1786
1733	Edward Blakemore	Will of Edward Blakemore, gunlock maker of Darlaston, Staffordshire	Darlaston	Index of Wills - Diocese of Lichfield and Coventry, 1630-1787
1741	John Holyoak	Will of John Holyoak, gunmaker of Deritend, Aston, Birmingham	Deritend, Aston	Index of Wills - Diocese of Lichfield and Coventry, 1630-1787
1743	Joseph Simcox	Will of Joseph Simcox, gunsmith of West Bromwich	West Bromwich	Index of Wills - Diocese of Lichfield and Coventry, 1630-1788
1744	Thomas Oughton	Will of Thomas Oughton, gunsmith of Birmingham	Birmingham	Index of Wills - Diocese of Lichfield and Coventry, 1630-1789
1744	Michael Byrne	Will of Michael Byrne, gunsmith of Birmingham	Birmingham	Index of Wills - Diocese of Lichfield and Coventry, 1630-1790

1744	William Moor	Will of William Moor, gunmaker of Handsworth, Warwickshire	Handsworth	Index of Wills - Diocese of Lichfield and Coventry, 1630-1790
1744	Richard Baddiley	Will of Richard Baddeley, gunsmith of Wednesbury, Staffordshire	Wednesbury	Index of Wills - Diocese of Lichfield and Coventry, 1630-1792
2 Jul 1744	Richard Baddiley	Case type: Testamentary/ Inventory Principal people: Baddiley, Richard, gunsmith Principal places: Birmingham, Warwickshire Further details: Baddiley described as toymaker in B/C/5/1774/164; laths and other tools grouped; Perrcy Mill and Rushall Furnace	Birmingham	Staffordshire Record Office B/C/5/1744/166
1746	Henry Gunn	Will of Henry Gunn, gunsmith of Birmingham	Birmingham	Index of Wills - Diocese of Lichfield and Coventry, 1630-1792
1747	Robert Taylor	Will of Robert Taylor, gunlock filer of Bilston, Staffordshire	Bilston	Index of Wills - Diocese of Lichfield and Coventry, 1630-1793
25 Dec 1747	Thomas Vyger	Lease by Thomas Gisborne of Birmingham, dyer, to Thomas Vyger of Birmingham, gunsmith, of a messuage or tenement at the Hincklys, Birmingham	Birmingham	Staffordshire Record Office D6107/5/43

27 Nov 1750	Farmer	Defamation/ Deposition Principal people: Hegg, Ann, wife of Joseph; Hegg, John, carpenter and joiner; Lane, Sarah; Collitt, Mary; Farmer, Mr. Principal places: Birmingham, Warwickshire; St. John's Street, Birmingham, Warwickshire Further details: Mr. Farmer Quaker gunsmith, moved from B'ham to London; John Banner; Doctor Higgs, physician	Birmingham	Staffordshire Record Office B/C/5/1750/25
9 Nov 1751	Richard Baker	Depositions and related warrant Examination and confession of Richard Baker of Sedgley, gunsmith: he and Thomas Evans of Ettingshall [ettingshall], brickmaker, stole polyanthus plants and carnation layers from the garden of William Perry of Wednesbury, and they were shared out between Thomas Evans, Hugh Evans of Ettingshall and William Evans of Goldthorn Hill; also Baker and William Evans had stolen from the garden of Thomas Law of Penn 100 polyanthus plants and a few auricula plants and set them in the ground in Hugh Evans' garden in Ettingshall, 9 Nov 1751	Sedgley	Q/SBe/19/1-9
1752	Edward Page	Will of Edward Page, gunsmith of Derby, Derbyshire	Derby	Index of Wills - Diocese of Lichfield and Coventry, 1630-1793
1752	Joseph Maddocks	Will of Joseph Maddocks, gun locksmith of Wednesbury, Staffordshire	Wednesbury	Index of Wills - Diocese of Lichfield and Coventry, 1630-1794

1753	John Eaton	Will of John Eaton, gun lock maker of Wednesbury, Staffordshire	Wednesbury	Index of Wills - Diocese of Lichfield and Coventry, 1630-1795
16 Sep 1755	Owen Probin	Case type: Defamation/ Citation Principal people: Probin, Mary, wife of Owen; Probin, Owen, gunsmith; Turbit, Mary; Turbit, John Principal places: Birmingham, Warwickshire Further details: John Turbit, stamper	Birmingham	B/C/5/1755/16
1756	Gilbert Docker	Will of Gilbert Docker, gunlockmaker of Birmingham	Birmingham	Index of Wills - Diocese of Lichfield and Coventry, 1630-1794
1756	Thomas Aldritt	Will of Thomas Aldritt, gunlocksmith of Wednesbury, Staffordshire	Wednesbury	Index of Wills - Diocese of Lichfield and Coventry, 1630-1795
1758	Joseph Oldbury	Will of Joseph Oldbury, gunsmith of Bridgenorth, Shropshire	Bridgenorth	Index of Wills - Diocese of Lichfield and Coventry, 1630-1796
1758	William Adams	Will of William Adams, gunlock filer of Birmingham	Birmingham	Index of Wills - Diocese of Lichfield and Coventry, 1630-1797
1759	Thomas Probin	Will of Thomas Probin, gunsmith of Birmingham	Birmingham	Index of Wills - Diocese of Lichfield and Coventry, 1630-1798
1760	James Robins	Will of James Robins, gunlocksmith of Essington, Bushbury, Staffordshire	Essington, Bushbury	Index of Wills - Diocese of Lichfield and Coventry, 1630-1799

1760	John Probin	Will of John Probin, gunsmith of Birmingham	Birmingham	Index of Wills - Diocese of Lichfield and Coventry, 1630-1800
1760	John Hawe	Will of John Hawe, gunlock maker of Wednesbury, Staffordshire	Wednesbury	Index of Wills - Diocese of Lichfield and Coventry, 1630-1801
1761	Henry Fisher	Will of Henry Fisher, gunlock filer of Wednesbury, Staffordshire	Wednesbury	Index of Wills - Diocese of Lichfield and Coventry, 1630-1802
1762	Thomas Martin	Will of Thomas Martin, gunsmith of Birmingham	Birmingham	Index of Wills - Diocese of Lichfield and Coventry, 1630-1803
23 Sep 1762	William Tibbitts	Case type: Testamentary/ Deposition Principal people: Tibbitts, William, gunsmith; Russell, Henry, gun barrel mkr deceased; Russell, Sarah; Russell, James Principal places: Wednesbury, Staffordshire Further details: William worked for Henry in gunsmith shop; Henry previously worked for other masters	Wednesbury	B/C/5/1762/89
23 Sep 1762	John Henshall	Case type: Testamentary/ Deposition Principal people: Henshall, John, gunlock maker; Russell, Henry, gunsmith deceased; Russell, Sarah; Russell, James Principal places: Wednesbury, Staffordshire Further details: bellows and anvil in shop property of deceased gunsmith	Wednesbury	B/C/5/1762/91

23 September 1762	Henry Russell	Testamentary/ Interrogatories - Principal people: Russell, Henry, gunsmith deceased; Russell, Sarah, widow executrix; Principal places: Wednesbury, Staffordshire; Further details: questions relate to items omitted from inventory - silver tankard, hops, guns, horses, linen, money		Lichfield Record Office B/C/5/1762/92
1763	Joseph Hodgetts	Will of Joseph Hodgetts, gunlock forger of Wednesbury, Staffordshire	Wednesbury	Index of Wills - Diocese of Lichfield and Coventry, 1630-1802
Apr 1763	Benjamin Willetts	Benjamin Willetts of Wednesbury, gunsmith to appear as witness in the case of Joseph Gibbons of [illegible] labourer, charged with feloniously entering a shop belonging to Benjamin Willetts and stealing a quantity of iron	Wednesbury	Q/SR/635/12
Apr 1763	Thomas Stokes	Bond to appear at the next Quarter sessions Thomas Stokes of Wednesbury, gunsmith to appear in the case of Joseph Gibbon charged with felony.	Wednesbury	Q/SR/635/1
1764	John Whateley	Will of John Whateley, gunsmith of Birmingham	Birmingham	Index of Wills - Diocese of Lichfield and Coventry, 1630-1802
1764	Thomas Probin	Will of Thomas Probin, gunsmith of Birmingham	Birmingham	Index of Wills - Diocese of Lichfield and Coventry, 1630-1803
1764	Henry Burkott	Will of Henry Burkott, gunlock maker of Birmingham	Birmingham	Index of Wills - Diocese of Lichfield and Coventry, 1630-1804

1766	Richard Welch	Will of Richard Welch, gunlock smith of Bentley, Wolverhampton, Staffordshire	Bentley, Wolverhampton	Index of Wills - Diocese of Lichfield and Coventry, 1630-1805
1766	Thomas Welch	Will of Thomas Welch, gunlock maker of Birmingham	Birmingham	Index of Wills - Diocese of Lichfield and Coventry, 1630-1806
1766	Samuel Spittle	Will of Samuel Spittle, gunlock filer of Wednesbury, Staffordshire	Wednesbury	Index of Wills - Diocese of Lichfield and Coventry, 1630-1807
1766	Thomas Hewitt	Will of Thomas Hewitt, gunlock maker of Birmingham	Birmingham	Index of Wills - Diocese of Lichfield and Coventry, 1630-1808
Jan 1766	Benjamin Willetts	Bond to appear at the next Quarter Sessions Benjamin Willetts of Wednesbury, gunsmith, in the case of William Parsons charged with breaking down the rails on a bridge on the property of Benjamin Willetts.	Wednesbury	Q/SR/644/43
10 Jun 1766	John Whateley	Case type: Testamentary/ Acts of court Principal people: Eades, Mary, wife John daughter John; Whateley, John, gunsmith deceased; Eades, John; Whateley, Thomas Principal places: Birmingham, Warwickshire Further details: will in possession of Thomas Whateley, secreted and suppressed	Birmingham	B/C/5/1766/145
1767	John Whateley	Will of John Whateley, gunsmith of Birmingham	Birmingham	Index of Wills - Diocese of Lichfield and Coventry, 1630-1808

1767	John Whateley	Will of John Whateley, gun barrel maker of Handsworth, Staffordshire	Handsworth	Index of Wills - Diocese of Lichfield and Coventry, 1630-1809
1767	William Webb	Will of William Webb, gunlock filer of Wednesbury, Staffordshire	Wednesbury	Index of Wills - Diocese of Lichfield and Coventry, 1630-1810
1767	William Spittle	Will of William Spittle, gunfinisher of Wednesbury, Staffordshire	Wednesbury	Index of Wills - Diocese of Lichfield and Coventry, 1630-1811
1767	Richard Homer	Will of Richard Homer, gunlock smith of Ettinsall Lane, Bilston, Staffordshire	Bilston	Index of Wills - Diocese of Lichfield and Coventry, 1630-1812
1768	Joseph Smith	Will of Joseph Smith, gunlock maker of Darlaston, Staffordshire	Darlaston	Index of Wills - Diocese of Lichfield and Coventry, 1630-1813
1768	Thomas Butler	Will of Thomas Butler, gunlock filer of Darlaston, Staffordshire	Darlaston	Index of Wills - Diocese of Lichfield and Coventry, 1630-1814
1769	Moses Haughton	Will of Moses Haughton, gunlocksmith of Wednesbury, Staffordshire	Wednesbury	Index of Wills - Diocese of Lichfield and Coventry, 1630-1815
1770	Joseph Woodward	Will of Joseph Woodward, gunlock smith of West Bromwich, Staffordshire	West Bromwich	Index of Wills - Diocese of Lichfield and Coventry, 1630-1816

1770	Joseph Pendrill	Will of Joseph Pendrill, gunsmith of Birmingham	Birmingham	Index of Wills - Diocese of Lichfield and Coventry, 1630-1817
1770	William Haughton	Will of William Haughton, gunlock filer of Wednesbury, Staffordshire	Wednesbury	Index of Wills - Diocese of Lichfield and Coventry, 1630-1818
1770	Thomas Hopkins	Defamation Principal people: Thomas Hopkins, gunsmith; Sarah Hopkins, spinster Principal place: Wednesbury, Staffordshire	Wednesbury	B/C/5/1770/80
1770	Thomas Hopkins	Defamation - Principal people: Thomas Hopkins, gunsmith; Sarah Hopkins, spinster; Principal place: Wednesbury, Staffordshire	Wednesbury	Lichfield Record Office B/C/5/1770/80
14 Mar 1770	Robert Wilson John Heely Thomas Oughton Heely Richard Heely	Testamentary/affidavit Principal people: John Heely, gunsmith executor; Thomas Oughton Heely, gunsmith executor; Robert Wilson Principal place: Birmingham St Martin, Warwickshire Further details: Robert Wilson, gunsmith, also executor Richard Heely, gunsmith	Birmingham	B/C/5/1770/200
6 Jun 1770	Joseph Pendrill	Testamentary/citation with intimation Principal people: Joseph Pendrill, gunsmith deceased; Anne Fox, widow; William Boden; Michael Broome Principal place: Birmingham St Philip, Warwickshire	Birmingham	B/C/5/1770/180

1 Nov 1770	Robert Wilson John Heely Richard Heely	Testamentary/affidavit Principal people: John Heely, gunsmith brother of Ann; Ann Wayman, widow deceased; Richard Heely; William Wayman Principal place: Birmingham St Martin, Warwickshire Further details: Richard Heeley deceased gunsmith; William Wayman grocer late husband	Birmingham	B/C/5/1770/197
1 Nov 1770	Joseph Pendrill	Testamentary/citation with intimation Principal people: Joseph Pendrill, gunsmith deceased; Anne Fox, widow; William Boden; Michael Broome Principal place: Birmingham St Philip, Warwickshire	Birmingham	B/C/5/1770/180
1771	William Bate	Will of William Bate, gun barrel filer of Wednesbury, Staffordshire	Wednesbury	Index of Wills - Diocese of Lichfield and Coventry, 1630-1818
1772	William Smith	Will of William Smith, gunstock maker of Birmingham	Birmingham	Index of Wills - Diocese of Lichfield and Coventry, 1630-1819
1772	John Corbitt	Will of John Corbitt, gun barrel grinder of Hansworth, Staffordshire	Handsworth	Index of Wills - Diocese of Lichfield and Coventry, 1630-1820
7 May 1772	John Jefferies	Case type: Testamentary/ Assigning guardianship Principal people: Jefferies, Richard, minor son John; Jefferies, John, gunsmith; Jefferies, Mary alias Dronfield Principal places: Chesterfield, Derbyshire Further details: Sign of the Angel, Chesterfield before Thomas White; Mary administratrix John Dronfield taylor deceased	Chesterfield, Derbyshire	B/C/5/1772/39

1773	John Rathbone	Will of John Rathbone, gunsmith of Birmingham	Birmingham	Index of Wills - Diocese of Lichfield and Coventry, 1630-1820
1773	Joseph Hunt	Will of Joseph Hunt, gunsmith of Birmingham	Birmingham	Index of Wills - Diocese of Lichfield and Coventry, 1630-1821
1774	Joseph Grice	Will of Joseph Grice, gun barrel maker of Hansworth, Warwickshire	Hansworth	Index of Wills - Diocese of Lichfield and Coventry, 1630-1822
1774	John Freeth	Will of John Freeth, gunsmith of Walsall, Staffordshire	Walsall	Index of Wills - Diocese of Lichfield and Coventry, 1630-1823
1775	Richard Hawkes	Will of Richard Hawkes, gunsmith of Deritend, Aston, Birmingham	Deritend, Aston	Index of Wills - Diocese of Lichfield and Coventry, 1630-1824
1776	Joseph Dudley	Will of Joseph Dudley, gun lock filer of Darlaston	Darlaston	Index of Wills - Diocese of Lichfield and Coventry, 1630-1825
1776	John Cash	Will of John Cash, gun polisher of Birmingham	Birmingham	Index of Wills - Diocese of Lichfield and Coventry, 1630-1826
1776	Thomas Evans	Will of Thomas Evans, gunlock maker of Darlaston, Staffordshire	Darlaston	Index of Wills - Diocese of Lichfield and Coventry, 1630-1827
1776	John Boole	Will of John Boole, gunsmith of Birmingham	Birmingham	Index of Wills - Diocese of Lichfield and Coventry, 1630-1828

1777	Richard Stockton	Will of Richard Stockton, gun finisher of Birmingham	Birmingham	Index of Wills - Diocese of Lichfield and Coventry, 1630-1829
1778	Jonathan Woodward	Will of Jonathan Woodward, gunlock maker of Darlaston, Staffordshire	Darlaston	Index of Wills - Diocese of Lichfield and Coventry, 1630-1830
1778	Edward Homer	Will of Edward Homer, gunlock maker of Ettingshall, Wolverhampton, Staffordshire	Ettingshall, Wolverhampton	Index of Wills - Diocese of Lichfield and Coventry, 1630-1831
1778	Owen Probin	Defamation Principal people: Joseph Motteram, broker; Owen Probin, gunsmith Principal place: Birmingham, Warwickshire	Birmingham	B/C/5/1778/291
1779	Thomas Richards	Will of Thomas Richards, gunsmith of Birmingham	Birmingham	Index of Wills - Diocese of Lichfield and Coventry, 1630-1831
1779	Humpfrey Powell	Will of Humpfrey Powell, gun polisher of Birmingham	Birmingham	Index of Wills - Diocese of Lichfield and Coventry, 1630-1832
1779	John Bate	Will of John Bate, gun barrel grinder of Wednesbury, Staffordshire	Wednesbury	Index of Wills - Diocese of Lichfield and Coventry, 1630-1833
1780	Benjamin Williams	Indictments: not true bills /141 Indictment against Benjamin Williams of Handsworth, gunmaker, and others for riotously assembling, disturbing the peace and assaulting John Tibbetts, [July 1780]	Handsworth	Q/SB 1780 T/141

1787	Jas. Spittle	Title deeds re 2 closes called Goody als. Goldy Crofts and meadow adjoining in Wednesbury Includes: (D1376/A/49/3) copy will of Jas. Spittle of Wednesbury, gunsmith, 1787	Wednesbury	D1376/A/49/1-10
1787	Jas. Spittle	Copy will of Jas. Spittle of Wednesbury, gunsmith, 1787;(D1376/A/49/3)	Wednesbury	Staffordshire Record Office D1376/A/49/1-10
1790	Joseph Banskin or Benskin	Defamation Principal people: Martha Doody, spinster; Ann wife of Joseph Banskin or Benskin, gunsmith Principal place: Birmingham, Warwickshire	Birmingham	B/C/5/1790/158
1791	Robert Wilson John Heely Thomas Oughton	Testamentary Principal people: John Heely, Thomas Oughton, Robert Wilson, executors named in the will and thus creditors, Richard Heely gunsmith, creditor; William Wayman, only son of the deceased, now in the East Indies Principal place: St Martin Birmingham, Warwickshire Deceased person: Ann Wayman, widow	Birmingham	B/C/5/1791/78
1793	William Brighton	Depositions Information of William Brighton the younger of Wednesbury, gunsmith, and others, about the theft of wet clothes from gooseberry bushes in garden, suspecting Thomas Rotham of the theft, 28 Mar 1793	Wednesbury	Q/SB 1793 E/62 - 97

1799	John Probin	Defamation Principal people: Ann Roden, widow; John Probin, gunmaker Principal place: Birmingham, Warwickshire	Birmingham	B/C/5/1799/74
1807	Jeremiah Chaplin	Convictions before individual justices; 366 James Mayland of Darlaston, gunlocksmith, for getting drunk [on a Sunday], 6 Oct 1807 367-368 Jeremiah Chaplin of Birmingham, gunmaker, and John Highfield of Standon, farmer, for keeping and using dogs (setting dogs, a lurcher) for the destruction of game, Aug, Sep 1807	Birmingham	Q/SB 1807 M/365-271

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07 May 1728	John Welsh	Will of John Welsh, Gunsmith of Aldridge, Staffordshire	Aldridge	PROB 11/622
01 November 1746	John Grice	Will of John Grice, Gunmaker and Gun Barrell Forger of Handsworth, Staffordshire	Handsworth	PROB 11/750
15 June 1757	John Willets	Will of John Willets, Gun Maker of Wednesbury, Staffordshire	Wednesbury	PROB 11/831
19 September 1769	Richard Edge	Will of Richard Edge, Gunmaker of Wednesbury, Staffordshire	Wednesbury	PROB 11/951

Staffordshire - Black Country History website

29 Sep 1650	Henry Wollaston	Lease for 99 Years i) Thomas Parkes of Willingsworth, Staffs., Esq. ii) Henry Wollaston of Enfield, Staffs., Gunsmith Land called Balbreach meadow, Sedgley. Consideration: 10 Rent: 15s Signed, sealed [wrapped in paper] and witnessed.	Enfield, Staffs	Dudley Archives DE/1/14/75
1699	John Perry	Site Of Customary Tenement (perrys); Bilston One of customary tenements of Bilston, held by John Perry, gunsmith, in 1699. Hall surrounded by gardens & meadows, belonging in more modern times to Mr Joseph or Jokey Perry. Square in form. Joseph Perry died c1820 & it became a public house.	Bilston	Dudley Archives
5 Jun 1754	Dudley Bagley	Lease for 999 years i) Jevon Bagley of Sedgley, Staffs., Yeoman; and Dudley Bagley of Wednesbury, Staffs., Gunsmith ii) John Southall of Dudley, Worcs., Yeoman A small plot of land on which ii) has built a smithy, part of Dunton's Hill, Dudley. Consideration: 12s Rent	Wednesbury	Dudley Archives DE/1/3/462

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Suffolk Record Office

21 Oct 1684	Stephen Parker	Bond Stephen Parker, jun., of Ipswich, gunsmith, to churchwardens for £10 Description: To keep agreement to set up a clock over the Barr gates of the parish	Ipswich	FB95/G1/4
18 Nov 1705	Henry Scrivener	Apprenticeship indenture in respect of Henry Warden to Henry Scrivener, St. Johns, Wapping, Middlesex, gunmaker	St. Johns, Wapping	FC101/A/3/5/7
20 Aug 1798	John Wells	Bastardy maintenance order; for male child of Sarah Bird, widow, by John Wells of Ipswich, gunsmith	Ipswich	FB101/G2/23
23 Sep 1816	Benjamin Herron	Copy of an examination of Benjamin Herron, a gunmaker, Royal Artillery, residing in Westgate, Co Northumberland Description: Concerning his last legal settlement	??	FC189/G3/48
14 Oct 1843	Henry Robinson	Apprenticeship indenture Description: Walter, son of Thomas Scott, to Henry Robinson, gunmaker and cutler	Ipswich	GA2/C6/1/60

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14 May 1657	Hermon Garrett	Will of Hermon Garrett, Gunsmith of Wickham Market, Suffolk	Wickham Market	PROB 11/264
29 July 1822	William Sikes	Will of William Sikes, Gunsmith of Melford, Suffolk	Melford	PROB 11/1660

SURREY**Surrey Record Office**

24 Jul 1588	William Barnes	Petition [?to Sir William More] on behalf of William Barnes, a gunmaker of Farnham, that he remain in that parish, despite malicious complaints against him	Farnham	LM/1042/3
18 Dec 1691	Thomas Eversed	Bargain and sale 1) Thomas Eversed of Horsham, Sussex, gunsmith, son of John Eversed the elder, late of Warneham, Sussex, yeoman 2) Edward Eversed of Ewhurst, Surrey, yeoman, brother of Thomas. Moiety of a tenement and 15a called Southlands, and New Tymberpond in Wotton	Horsham, Sussex	222/9/4
4 Jul 1745	William Green	Bargain and sale 1) Richard Smith of Tongham, Seale, yeoman 2) John Barnes of Farnham, butcher 3) William Green of Farnham, gunmaker, and William Cootes of Farnham, collarmaker. Messuage, garden and orchard in Dunsfold.	Farnham	G66/29

7 Nov 1789	Thomas Cook	<p>Deed leading to the uses of a fine.</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Edward Fawkes and wife Ann. 2. Abel Jenkins of New Inn, London. <p>Messuages and gardens in St Mary's, Guildford, now occupied by (blank) Cowper; House in Swan Gate late occupied by Thomas Cook, gunsmith, (boundaries given as in 2220/6); The Sign of the Sun [public house]. Copy of note of fine. Abel Jenkins, plaintiff. E and A Fawkes, deforciant. 3 messuages and garden.</p>	Guildford	BR/T/2220/9
1821	John Hood	<p>Charles Southcote to John Hood of Isleworth, Middlesex, gunsmith, with letter from Hood about cancellation of apprenticeship indenture</p>	Isleworth	K36/1/277
14-15 Jan 1825	Henry Piper	<p>Lease and release.</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. William Newland and J Stedman, trustees of the will of Ann Gabb, widow. 2. William Mansell the elder of St Mary's, Guildford, bricklayer. 3. Henry Piper of St Mary's, gunmaker (Mansell's trustee). <p>Two houses in Castle Street, Guildford, one adjoining the former Sun alehouse, formerly occupied by Thomas Hildersley and now by Thomas Hargrave, the other on the east side of it formerly occupied by William Woods,</p>	Guildford	BR/T/2220/25/1-2

27-28 Jun 1828	Henry Piper	<p>Lease and release.</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. George Loveland of Guildford, innkeeper, and John Loveland of Guildford, tailor. 2. Charles B Wall esq, of Titherley, [Hampshire]. 3. Henry Piper of Guildford, gunmaker. 4. William Mansell of Guildford, bricklayer (Piper's trustee). <p>Messuage divided into 2 dwelling houses (now occupied by William Foster and William Butcher), also the 2 cottages adjoining at the back (now occupied by Charles Powell and Mrs Longfield), also about 4 rods of garden, for £950 (£500 paid to the mortgagee, Charles Wall, and £450 to the Lovelands).</p>	Guildford	BR/T/965/13
25 Mar 1833	Henry Piper	<p>Assignment of remainder of 7 year lease</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1) Cassteels Cooper of Guildford, oil and colour man 2) Henry Colquhoun of Guildford, gent 3) Henry Piper of Guildford, gunmaker. <p>Messuage on the south side of the High Street, in St Mary's, Guildford. Consideration: £35 and £35 per year</p>	Guildford	G96/1/40

18-19 Feb 1835	Henry Piper	Lease and release for £930. 1. Henry Piper of Guildford, gunmaker. 2. James Steer of Guildford, watchmaker. 3. William Sparkes of Guildford, banker (trustee). Sales of premises as described in previous conveyance, but tenant's names different.	Guildford	BR/T/965/14
31 Aug 1843	Henry Piper	Conveyance with 15 enclosures 1) Robert Puzey of Regents Park, Middlesex, gent and Harriet Onslow his wife (nee Morris) 2) Sarah Davis of Yoxford, Suffolk, widow 3) Henry Piper of Guildford, gunsmith 4) William Haydon Smallpeice of Guildford, gent, (trustee of 3)	Guildford	1465/11/2
30 Sep 1846	Henry Piper	Conveyance 1) Henry Piper of Guildford, gunsmith to 2) Rt Hon Arthur George Earl of Onslow Property as in 1465/11/2. Consideration: £850	Guildford	1465/11/3

Surrey - Wills available for download from National Archives, London				
24 July 1744	James Collyer	Will of James Collyer, Gunsmith of Holy Trinity, Guildford, Surrey	Guildford	PROB 11/734
22 July 1746	George Reed	Will of George Reed, Gunsmith of Rotherhithe, Surrey	Rotherhithe	PROB 11/748

07 December 1791	John Sheppard	Will of John Sheppard, Gun Maker of Saint Mary Rotherhithe, Surrey	Rotherhithe	PROB 11/1212
October 1792	Charles Elkins	Will of Charles Elkins, Gunsmith of Farnham, Surrey	Farnham	PROB 11/1223
24 April 1841	Thomas Goldring	Will of Thomas Goldring, Gunsmith of Kingston upon Thames, Surrey	Kingston upon Thames	PROB 11/1944

SUSSEX

Sussex Record Office

20 Jan 1668	William Weekes	<p>Conveyance for £28 George Shoulder of Cliffe, mason, to William Weekes of Warbleton, gunsmith</p> <p>Tenement and garden occupied by GS, in Cliffe (N: messuage of [blank] Swane, formerly of GS, called The Lyme Howse; E: Cliffe Hill; S: garden belonging to the church of Cliffe; W: road)</p> <p>the deed is also executed by Elizabeth Shoulder W: John James, Edmund Goldham, Edward Whitebread, John Scotson</p>	Warbleton	AMS6433/2
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24 Jun 1709	Thomas Filtnesse	Assignment of lease William Fowler the elder of East Hoathly, carpenter to Thomas Filtnesse of Chiddingly, gunsmith Cottage as in AMS6182/2, together with 20 perches of the 1/2a of land Recites AMS6182/2 and that the cottage and 20 perches has since devolved to WF who now sells the remainder of the 2000 year term to TF	Chiddingly	AMS6182/3
23 Sep 1721	Richard Paign (Payne)	Richard PAIGN otherwise PAYNE of Rye, gunsmith; probate inventory Value of inventory: 19 2s 10d Names of appraisers: Edward Wilson, Morgan Warner Type of act (from Act Book): administration with will attached	Rye	PBT/1/10/1402
1721	Richard Paine	Richard PAINE of Rye, gunsmith; registered will with grant of probate	Rye	PBT 1/1/51/52B
23 Sep 1725	John Jackson	Apprenticeship indenture Jane Jackson of Wadhurst to John Jackson of Cranbrook, Kent, gunsmith	Cranbrook, Kent	PAR498/33/24
1729	Thomas Fitness	Registered will with grant of probate Thomas FITNESS of Chiddingly, gunsmith Date of will: 8 Jun 1809 Value: under £3500	Chiddingly	PBT 1/1/52/637

15 Jan 1803	Thomas Reed	Bond Thomas Reed of Chiddingly, gunsmith in 40 to Richard Phillips, overseer, to acquit the parish of any charges for an illegitimate child to be born to Elizabeth Harmer of Ashburnham, single woman	Chiddingly	PAR233/34/3/16
24 Apr 1804	Abraham Weston	Lease for a year By JAMES MITCHELL of Brighthelmeston, lathe-cleaver, and JOHN ATTREE of the same place, gent., to ABRAHAM WESTON the younger of Lewes, gunsmith, of the piece of land in the Butts next the Cliffe in Brighthelmeston, with the messuage thereon erected described in deed of 5 Oct., 1802 Witnesses:- Thomas Dewly, John Hattrell, John Harper, Stephen Brane	Lewes	SAS-N/15/632
15 Mar 1806	Edward Reed	Warrant to apprehend putative father Edward Reed of Chiddingly, gunsmith; father of child to be born to Lydia Finch	Chiddingly	PAR462/34/1/3
14 Feb 1810	Abraham Weston	Abraham WESTON of Lewes, gunsmith; registered will with grant of probate Date of will: 8 Jun 1809 Value: under £3500	Lewes	PBT 1/1/70/698PBT/1/1/70/6 98

13 Jun 1816	Abraham Weston	<p>Probate of the Will of this date of ANN MILLER of Eastbourne, widow Specific bequests of husband's watch to Abraham Weston of Lewes, gunsmith; her bible to Edward Miller her husband's nephew; and her Common Prayer Book to Mrs. Martha Pink of Lewes To Francis Filder of Eastbourne, yeoman, and Francis Harding Gell of Lewes, gent., all her household furniture and personall estate Upon Trust for the use of her sister Deborah Harmes other wise Sawyer for life, and at her death to be divided amongst the then living children of her brother John Ticehurst on their attaining 21. Executors: Francis Hilder and Francis Harding Gell.</p> <p>Witnesses:- Hariet Francisco and Lucy Sutton Proved at Lewes, 4 March, 1845</p>	Lewes	SAS-D/DD/616
21 May 1830	Thomas Lloyd	<p>Thomas LLOYD of Southover, gunsmith registered will with grant of probate Date of will: 2 Jun 1824 Value: under £20</p>	Southover	PBT/1/1/77/116
9 May 1848	Henry Longley	<p>Frederick Edward, 1, son of Henry Longley of Battle, gunsmith; drowning</p>	Battle	SHE/2/7/14

1848-1922	Thomas Austin	Deeds of a cottage at Upper Horsebridge, Hellingly In 1848, William Tanner of Lewes, silversmith sold this property to Thomas Austin of Hellingly, gunsmith: in June 1859 Austin sold it to David Austin of Hellingly, gunsmith (AMS 5681/68/1). In November 1896 the cottage was leased for 14 years to Jane Ann Austin, Emma Rebecca Austin and Nelson Edward Austin, gunsmith, all of Upper Horsebridge (AMS 5681/68/5). A 1922 abstract of title survives, to part of Horselunges Farm in Hellingly, for Jabez Samuel Ford (AMS 5681/68/7).	Hellingly	AMS 5681/68
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Sussex - Wills available for download from National Archives, London				
02 September 1645	George Payne	Will of George Payne, Gunsmith of Arundel, Sussex	Arundel	PROB 11/194
March 21 1809	Samuel Chatfield	Abstract of Will of Samuel Chatfield, Gunsmith of Horsham, Sussex. Proved in the Court of Chichester.	Horsham	IR 26/316
14 November 1823	John Oakes	Will of John Oakes, Gunmaker of Horsham, Sussex	Horsham	PROB 11/1677
26 June 1856	George Waller	Will of George Waller, Gunmaker of Horsham, Sussex	Horsham	PROB 11/2235

WARWICKSHIRE

Warwickshire County Record Office				
31 December 1679	Joseph Palmer	Settlement made upon the intended marriage of Rebecca the daughter of Thomas Smith alias Court of Earlswood, yeoman, to Joseph Palmer of Birmingham, gunsmith. The property affected by this settlement is a moiety of a messuage near Wareings Green and a cottage adjoining called Sponland, all in the parish of Tanworth.	Birmingham	CR1700/2
9-10 Jun 1703	Richard Weston	Settlement of house & land at Maney Settlement: lease & release, fine (c) & counterpart release (d). John Veysey of Maney, Sutton Coldfield, yeoman, brother of Thomas Veysey, decd, who was son & heir of Thomas Veysey, yeoman, decd (1); Isaac Welch, whitesmith & Richard Weston, gunsmith, of Birmingham. Conveys messuage in Maney where John Veysey lives; High Croft, Little Croft, other fields; cottage occupied by William Jefferies, to use of his sister, Mary Snell, wife of Thomas Snell of Arley.	Birmingham	D15/13/1a-d
1-2 Jun 1713	Edward Weston	Settlement of house & land at Maney Marriage settlement by lease & release. Mary Snell of Maney (1); Edward Weston of Birmingham, gunsmith (2); Richard Clay of Aston, Birmingham, forgerman (3). Mary is to marry Richard & settles her 1/3 of the Maney property to their use.	Birmingham	D15/13/3a-b

14-15 Jan 1711 [1712]	Edward Weston	Settlement of house & land at Maney Settlement: lease & release & counterpart release (c) with indentures of fine attached to each release. Thomas Snell, late of Arley, now of London, yeoman & Mary his wife; William Hall of Wishaw & Susanna his wife; Mary Snell & Rebecca Snell of Maney, spinsters (Susanna, Mary & Rebecca are daughters of Thomas & Mary); Isaac Welch of Birmingham, whitesmith (1); Benjamin Cash of Birmingham, shoemaker & Edward Weston of Birmingham, gunsmith (2). Recites settlement of 9-10 Jun 1703. Now (2) are trustees for further uses	Birmingham	D15/13/2a-c
13-14 Feb 1722 [1723]	Edward Weston	Settlement of house & land at Maney Marriage settlement by lease & release. Rebecca Snell, late of Maney, now of Wishaw (1); Edward Weston of Birmingham, gunsmith & William Hall of Wishaw, yeoman (2); John Orton of Wishaw, yeoman (3). Rebecca is to marry John & settles her 1/3 of the Maney property to their use	Birmingham	D15/13/4a-b
20 September 1716	Nicholas Peris	Will of Nicholas Peris, the elder, gunsmith, of Warwick With detailed inventory, 16 October 1716 and renunciation of executorship by his widow and son, 11 March 1716/17	Warwick	Z0226/1(L)
10 November 1721	Samuel Paris	Will of Samuel Paris, gunsmith, of Warwick With inventory December 1722	Warwick	Z0226/2(L)

13-14 February 1722 [1723]	Edward Weston	Settlement of house & land at Maney - Marriage settlement by lease & release. Mary Snell of Maney (1); Edward Weston of Birmingham, gunsmith (2); Richard Clay of Aston, Birmingham, forgerman (3). Mary is to marry Richard & settles her 1/3 of the Maney property to their use.	Birmingham	Warwickshire Record Office D15/13/3a-b
13-14 February 1722 [1723]	Edward Weston	Marriage settlement by lease & release. Rebecca Snell, late of Maney, now of Wishaw (1); Edward Weston of Birmingham, gunsmith & William Hall of Wishaw, yeoman (2); John Orton of Wishaw, yeoman (3). Rebecca is to marry John & settles her 1/3 of the Maney property to their use.	Birmingham	Warwickshire Record Office D15/13/4a-b
1780	John Dixon	Release by George Weale of Warwick, surgeon, (eldest son and heir of Fulk Weale of Warwick, woollen draper, deceased) and Fulk Weale (at GW's request) to George, Earl of Warwick, following the payment of £400 by Thomas Webb of Lillington, gent., mortgagee of a toft, meese place, garden, summer house and messuage, stable, etc., namely 4. A messuage in the High St heretofore of John Dixon, gunsmith, deceased, and John Carter, which was in June 1765 conveyed by JD to GW and FW, 20th June 1780	Warwick	CR3176/17
1797	Samuel Galton	Deed of dissolution of partnership between Samuel Galton the Elder of Birmingham and Samuel Galton the younger of the same place, Gunmaker See Somerset 1799	Birmingham	CR1198/4

Warwickshire - Wills available for download from National Archives, London				
27 August 1657	John Larke	Will of John Larke or Lark, Gunsmith of Coventry, Warwickshire	Coventry	PROB 11/266
26 January 1781	Robert Atterbury	Will of Robert Atterbury, Gunsmith of Warwick, Warwickshire	Warwick	PROB 11/1073
14 July 1853	James Negus	Will of James Negus, Gun Maker of Aston Manor, Warwickshire	Aston Manor	PROB 11/2176
05 December 1818	Thomas Archer	Will of Thomas Archer, Gunmaker of New Cottage, Perry Barr, Warwickshire	Perry Barr	PROB 11/1611

WEST SUSSEX

West Sussex Record Office				
18 Nov. 1687	Thomas Russell	Marriage licence register marriage licences 1692-1721; Thomas Russell of Cliffe, gunsmith. 10 years at Cliffe, born at Withiam. Age 30	Cliffe	Ep/V/1/5
5 Dec 1702	Thomas Ellis	Removal order: Thomas ELLIS Subject: Thomas ELLIS, apprentice gunsmith; Findon Removal orders from Billingshurst	Findon	Par 21/32/2

1710 - 1740	William Lassitter	TITLE DEEDS, SETTLEMENTS, WILLS AND MANORIAL DOCUMENTS - The Wiston Archives Anne Lancaster of Henfield, widow, quitclaimed her interest in the properties (now merged), 29 Sept. 1710, to her son Thomas Lancaster of Steyning, gent. (WISTON/1097), who mortgaged it, 9 Nov. 1714 (with bond), to William Lassitter of Findon, gunsmith, for ?250 (WISTON/1098, 1099)	Findon	WISTON MSS 1097-1110
1 July 1728	Edward Sanden	Release (a) Edward Sanden of Chichester, gunsmith;	Chichester	The Goodwood Estate Archives GOODWOOD Mss E2068
21 Apr 1750	Caleb Hackman	Bastardy order/bond: Ann MOORE Subject: Ann MOORE, single woman; Pulborough, Henfield; Godalming, Surrey. Child: Ann MOORE Other: Caleb Hackman, gunsmith, surety		Par 416/34/1
23 Oct 1750	Joseph Mason	Settlement examination: Benjamin JEVENS Subject: Benjamin JEVENS, soldier; married: Mary JEVENS; Rugely, Staffs; Bilston, Staffs. Other: Alice MARYAM deceased, former wife Other: Joseph MASON of Bilston, gunsmith, master Child: JEVENS infant	Bilston, Staffs	Par 8/32/4/1/206

WEST YORKSHIRE**West Yorkshire Record Office**

28 Aug 1713	Edward Moor	Mortgage 1. William Powell of Horsforth, clothier 2. Edward Moor of Leeds, gunsmith Property: a close called the Bowling Alley, in Horsforth	Leeds	SpSt/4/11/66/505
22 Sep 1729	William Mawd	Copy indenture 1 Michael Gibson of Sleadhall in Hipperholme-cum-Brighouse, gentleman 2 William Mawd of Otley, gunsmith, and Robert Gibson of Gawbert Hall in Hipperholme, yeoman Property: messuage at Bradshaw in Ovenden, in tenure of William Bates Also includes settlement on marriage of said Michael Gibson and Martha Dade of Otley, widow (23 Sep 1729) With two related notes to Samuel Hemingway, attorney	Otley	BRA:6/2/4/1

13 Jul 1848	William Seels	<p>Conveyance of property at Stainforth</p> <p>1. William Marsdin, gentleman of Stainforth in the parish of Hatfield</p> <p>2. Mary, wife of Joseph Rogerson, printer of Camden Cottages, Middlesex, Ann, wife of John Walliss, gentleman of Cleathorpes, Lincolnshire, Jane, wife of William Seels, gunsmith, of the City of Lincoln, Martha, wife of Samuel Brown, upholsterer of Kingston upon Hull and Hannah Gray and Septima Gray, spinsters both of Kingston upon Hull</p> <p>3. William Benson Beckitt, gentleman of Thorne</p> <p>Property: All messuage or dwellinghouse situated at the west end of Stainforth with a barn now converted into two dwellinghouses</p>	Lincoln	C299/55/4/3/4
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WILTSHIRE

Wiltshire Record Office				
1631	John Wansey	Inventory, will 1631 John Wansey, senior - Gunsmith - Maiden Bradley	Maiden Bradley	P2/W/341
1656	Jn May	Jn May, gunsmith, accused of defamatory speech	Devizes	A1/110/1656E/191
1662	John Wallis	Administration bond, inventory, will 1662 Wallis, John - Gunsmith - Blewbury	Blewbury	P5/1662/108
1669	William Corr	Commission, inventory, will 1669 Corr, William - Gunsmith - Aldbourne	Aldbourn	P3/C/331

1677	Richard Hewes	Administration bond, inventory 1677 Hewes, Richard - Gunsmith - Wootton Bassett	Wootton Bassett	P1/H/443
1683	John Gray	Inventory, will 1683 Gray, John - Gunsmith - Wilton	Wilton	P2/G/470
1683	Henry Eilot	Inventory, will 1683 Eilot or Elliott, Henry - Gunsmith- Calne	Calne	P26/301
1685	Richard Hewes	Administration bond, inventory 1685 Hewes, Richard - Gunsmith - Malmesbury	Malmesbury	P3/H/612
1693	John Minterne	Inventory, will 1693 Minterne, John - Gunsmith - Beaminster	Beaminster	P17/336
1696	John Wallis	Inventory, will 1696 Wallis, John - Gunsmith - Wantage	Wantage	P5/1696/53
16 Feb 1712/13	William Fullick	George Amor, son of Edward, late of Little Wishford, to William Fullick, gunsmith of Salisbury; £13	Salisbury	Wiltshire Apprentices published by Wiltshire Archaeological and Natural History Society 1961
1715	Richard Parratt	Will 1715 Parratt, Richard, senior - Gunsmith - Mere	Mere	P5/15Reg/322A
1716	Henry Caslake	Will 1716 Caslake, Henry - Gunsmith - Corsham	Corsham	P29/2Reg/21
16 March 1716/7	William Fullick	Robert Head, son of Elizabeth of Whaddon, to William Fullick, gunsmith of Salisbury; £15	Salisbury	Wiltshire Apprentices published by Wiltshire Archaeological and Natural History Society 1961
1719	John Wansbrough	Will 1719 Wansbrough, John - Gunsmith - Sutton Veny	Sutton Veny	P2/W/888

1724	Elias Stevens	Will 1724 Stevens, Elias - Gunsmith - Hindon	Hindon	P1/7Reg/40B
1727	John Rundell	Will 1727 Rundell, John, senior - Gunsmith - Trowbridge	Trowbridge	P1/7Reg/181
1728	William Newman	Will 1728 Newman, William - Gunsmith - Marlborough	Marlborough	P1/7Reg/187A
1731	John Sellman	Administration bond, inventory 1731 Sellman, John - Gunsmith - Christian Malford	Christian Malford	P3/S/1167
1740	John Lamb	Will 1740 Lamb, John, senior - Gunsmith - Salisbury	Salisbury	P4/1740/13
29 April 1746	Richard Parrott	William Morton, to Richard Parrott, gunsmith of Salisbury, for 6 years; £15	Salisbury	Wiltshire Apprentices published by Wiltshire Archaeological and Natural History Society 1961
1749	John Norman	Will, wrapper 1749 Norman, John - Gunsmith - Uffculme	Uffculme	P5/1749/36
1750	John Harding	Will 1750 Harding, John - Gunsmith - Abingdon	Abingdon	P1/10Reg/363
1 November 1753	Richard Parrott	Abraham Lye, son of Abraham, to Richard Parrott, gunsmith of Salisbury, for 6 years; £12.12	Salisbury	Wiltshire Apprentices published by Wiltshire Archaeological and Natural History Society 1961
1759	Thomas Morse	Will 1759 Morse, Thomas, senior - Gunsmith - Ramsbury	Ramsbury	P5/1759/21
1765	Parrett	Will 1765 Parrett, Lucy - Gunsmith's wife - Salisbury	Salisbury	P2/P/1036

1773	John Lamb	Will 1773 Lambe, John - Gunsmith - Salisbury	Salisbury	P4/1773/2
1775	Richard Parrett	Will 1775 Parrett, Richard - Gunsmith - Salisbury	Salisbury	P4/1775/5
1783	James Morse	Will 1783 Morse, James - Gunsmith - Ramsbury	Ramsbury	P5/1783/11
1784	Oliver Carter	Commission, will 1784 Carter, Oliver - Gunsmith - Wootton Bassett	Wootton Bassett	P3/C/1079
1787	Lawrence Norman	Will 1787 Norman, Lawrence - Gunsmith - Uffculme	Uffculme	P20/1/270
1794	Thomas Stevens Gastrell	Affidavit, commission, will 1794 Gastrell, Thomas Stevens - Gunsmith - Malmesbury	Malmesbury	P3/G/761
1801-2	T Turner	T Turner, gunsmith - voucher	Marlborough	1124/2/2
1820	James Rhodes	Will, wrapper 1820 Rhodes, James - Gunsmith - Salisbury	Salisbury	P1/1820/50
1835	John Cole	Oath, will 1835 Cole, John - Gunsmith - Devizes	Devizes	P1/1835/119
1838	Richard Noyes	Commission, will, wrapper 1838 Noyes, Richard - Gunsmith - Warminster	Warminster	P2/1838/18
1843	Thomas Turner	Will, wrapper 1843 Turner, Thomas - Gunsmith - Marlborough	Marlborough	P1/1843/14

Wiltshire - Wills available for download from National Archives, London				
15 October 1642	William Fox	Will of William Fox, Gunsmith of Salisbury, Wiltshire	Salisbury	PROB 11/190
17 May 1648	John Cooke	Will of John Cooke, Gunsmith of Wilton, Wiltshire	Wilton	PROB 11/204

11 November 1671	John May	Will of John May, Gunsmith of Devizes, Wiltshire	Devizes	PROB 11/337
08 July 1813	John Innes	Will of John Innes, Gun Maker and Engraver of Trowbridge, Wiltshire	Trowbridge	PROB 11/1546
22 February 1843	Thomas Parsons	Will of Thomas Parsons, Gun Maker of Salisbury, Wiltshire	Salisbury	PROB 11/1975

WORCESTERSHIRE

Worcester Record Office

7 September 1699	John Grice	Counterpart of mortgage from John Grice of Handsworth [Birmingham], gunsmith, to Morris Piddocke of Winson Green, Birmingham, yeoman, of land in Oldbury.	Handsworth, Birmingham	Worcester Record Office 705:233/4406/1
17 March 1707[/08]	John Grice	Counterpart of mortgage from John Grice of Handsworth [Birmingham], gunsmith, to Sampson Lloyd of Birmingham, ironmonger, of a messuage, land and appurtenances in Oldbury.	Handsworth, Birmingham	Worcester Record Office 705:233/4406/1
24 Feb 1723	Richard Munkland	Freemen of Worcester Admissions Joshua [or Josiah] Brace Admitted and sworn a Citizen of this City as the Apprentice of Richard Munkland, Clockmaker and Gunsmith.	Worcester	b496.5 BA9360/A15/Box 1/1 6

1758	Geo Brabbery	Apprentice List John Tune of Oldswinford to Geo. Brabbery of Darlaston to age 24 years Gun locksmith maker	Darlaston	9150/23 395
1769	Adie Simon	Apprentice List Porter William of Worcester St. Nicholas to Adie Simon of Birmingham for 7 years Gun-finisher	Birmingham	3696/19 687
1770	Thomas Smith	Apprentice List Johnson Henry of St. Nicholas, Worcester to Smith Thomas of Worcester St. Martin for 7 years, Gunsmith	Worcester	3696/19 708
1792	Joseph Smith	Apprentice List James Harrison of Droitwich to Smith Joseph of Wednesbury to age 21 Gunlock forger	Wednesbury	839/4 18
1799	Benjamin Pittaway	Apprentice List Bourne James of Droitwich 1799 to Pittaway Benjamin of Wedgbarrow for 6 years Gun barrell maker	Wedgbarrow	5476/15 109
12 Oct 1812	William Smith	Freemen of Worcester Admissions Smith William, Admitted and sworn a Citizen of this City as the first born son of William Smith, Gunsmith, after he was made free.	Worcester	b496.5 BA9360/A15/Box 2/1 74

13 Jul 1835	Joshua Wood William Wood	Freemen of Worcester Admissions Wood Joshua, Admitted and sworn a Citizen of this City as the Apprentice of his Father, William Wood, Worcester, Gunsmith.	Worcester	b496.5 BA9360/A15/Box 2/2 127
Worcestershire - Wills available for download from National Archives, London				
26 March 1729	Thomas Foley	Will of Thomas Foley or Fowley, Gunsmith of Bewdley, Worcestershire	Bewdley	PROB 11/628
26 August 1784	Isaac Bissell	Will of Isaac Bissell, Gunsmith of Halesowen, Worcestershire	Halesowen	PROB 11/1120
19 November 1804	John Southall	Will of John Southall, Gun Maker of Bromsgrove, Worcestershire	Bromsgrove	PROB 11/1417

YORKSHIRE - see East Riding; North Yorkshire; West Yorkshire

WALES in chronological order (limited access to Welsh Record Offices online records 2016)

1656	Thomas Hawkins	MEMORANDA OF RECOGNIZANCES; Thomas Hawkins , gunsmith of Caernarvon Caernarfonshire Quarter Sessions, records. Sessions, 1657. EASTER SESSIONS. Taken by Gruffith Jones and Edmund Glynne 1. Of William Latham, gent., and Thomas Hawkins, gunsmith, both of pa. Caernarvon, for the appearance at the next sessions of Elizabeth, wife of William	Caernarvon	Gwynedd Archives, Caernarfon Record Office - XQS/1657/6
22 Sept.1663	Symon Williams	Grant of parcels of land called Perth y Gardde and Kay rhwng y ddwy ffordd in Spethid, p. Llandyrnog; 1. Thomas ap Symond William of Spethid, co. Denb., gent., Symon Williams of Spethid, gunsmith and Thomas Roberts of Llandyrnog, gent. 2. Humphrey Wynn of Poole Parke, gent. Grant of parcels of land called Perth y Gardde and Kay rhwng y ddwy ffordd in Spethid, p. Llandyrnog	Spethid	National Library of Wales - Gunsmith Records - Ref: LIGC/NLW
1664	Richard Sexton	Will of Richard Sexton , Gunsmith of Llandisilio, Carmarthenshire Prerogative Court of Canterbury and related Probate Jurisdictions: Will Registers - Will of Richard Sexton, Gunsmith of Llandisilio, Carmarthenshire.	Llandisilio	The National Archives - Prerogative Court of Canterbury PROB 11/315/178 - Wills and probate Merchant seaman
1666	Roger Hughes	Diocese of St Asaph. Roger Hughes , Gunsmith - Will made in 1655. Diocese: St Asaph Parish: Wrexham County: Denbighshire	Wrexham	National Library of Wales - Welsh Probate Records SA/1666/147

24 Apr 1673	John Tomley	John Tomley, Gunsmith of Oswestry, Bond in £20. Oswestry Borough Records. Poor and Charities. Indemnity Bonds. (1) William Thomas late of Braniarth, co. Montgomery, scrivener, and John Tomley of Oswestry, gunsmith. (2) Richard Jones and John Glover, esq., Bailiffs of Oswestry. William Thomas indemnifies (2).	Oswestry	Oswestry Town Council OB/A61/3
1 May 1673	David Jones	Lease for 99 years of two messuages in the fee of the manor of Mounckstowne in the suburbs of the ..., 1. Jane Stubbs of the town of Bergevenny, co. Monmouth, widow;. 2. David Jones of the same, gunsmith. Lease for 99 years of two messuages in the fee of the manor of Mounckstowne in the suburbs of the town of Bergevenny.	Bergevenny	National Library of Wales - Gunsmith Records - Ref: LIGC/NLW
1674	William Cox	St. Asaph Probate Records, 1521-1858 William Cox , Gunsmith of Gungrog Fawr, Welshpool, Montgomery	Welshpool	National Library of Wales - Gunsmith Records - Ref:(WIAbNL) 3650003

14 Oct 1675	Thomas Piers	<p>Grant from Roger Jones of Coedonn, co. Flint, gent., to Humfrey Jones, eldest son and heir apparent of the said Roger Jones by Elizabeth, his late wife (dau. of Robert Vaughan of Ludlow, [Shropshire], gent., dec.), of his estate for life in a burgage in Flint in the tenure of Mary Parry, widow, and other m's in Flint in the tenures of Thomas Piers, gunsmith, Edward Lewis, Thomas Millington the younger, tailor, Thomas Spicer, Thomas Venables, John Morris, Thomas Piers, Thomas Jones, and John Piers, also in several m's in Flint and Bolls, co. Flint, in the tenures of Thomas Piers, yeoman, and Jenet, his wife, and in all other lands which, by an indenture dated 4 Dec. 1646 and made between the said Roger Jones of the first part, Symon Vaughan of Ludlow, Shropshire, gent., of the second part, David Jones of Oakenhoul, co. Flint, gent., John Jones of Llanverres, co. Denb., gent., and Cadwallader Wynne of Garthmeilio, co. Denb., gent., of the third part, were granted (subject to a life estate for the said Roger Jones) to the said Humphrey Jones of Coedonn, gent., and his he</p>	Flint	National Library of Wales - Gunsmith Records - Ref: LIGC/NLW
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06 July 1676	Joanas Mountford	Lease and Counterpart 1. Richard More of Linley, Esq. 2. Joanas Mountford of Seaven Wales, gunsmith. Papers of Richard More. Leases. More Parish. More - Hagars Land or Cayhager. Lease and Counterpart 1. Richard More of Linley, Esq. 2. Joanas Mountford of Seaven Wales (Seven Wells), Bishop's Castle, gunsmith - Consideration: £12 House or cottage (Thomas Roberts) and land	Seaven Wales	Shropshire Archives 4134/2/29-30
27 Mar 1687	Rees (Richard) Williams	Bond in £240 for observance of covenants in an indenture of equal date between 1 of the first part, 2 ..., 1687, March 27. 1. Margaret Williams of Brynbwa, co. Mont., widow, and Rees (Richard) Williams of Brynbwa, gunsmith. 2. Lewis Jones of Melyniogvechan, co. Mont., gent., and David Lloyd of Llangyniw, co. Mont., gent. Bond in £240 for observance of covenants in an indenture of equal date between 1 of the first part, 2 of the second, and John Williams [son of Margaret] of the third.		National Library of Wales - Gunsmith Records - Ref: LIGC/NLW
1694	Morgan Wroth	Diocese of Llandaf; Bond & Inventory of Morgan Wroth , gunsmith; Diocese: Llandaf Parish: Abergavenny County: Monmouthshire	Abergavenny	National Library of Wales - Welsh Probate Records LL/1694/10
1696	David Jones	Llandaff Probate Records, 1568-1857 - Will of David Jones , gunsmith of Abergavenny, Monmouth	Abergavenny	National Library of Wales - Gunsmith Records - Ref:(WIAbNL) 3650005

1696	David Richard John	Llandaff Probate Records, 1568-1857 (WIAbNL)3650005 1696 - David Richard John , Gunsmith of Abergavenny, Monmouth	Abergavenny	National Library of Wales - Gunsmith Records - Ref:(WIAbNL) 3650005
10 Jun 1697	David Jones	Assignment of the lease contained in No. 561, 1697, June 10. 1. Eliza[b]eth Jones of the town of Abergavenny, co. Monmouth, widow, executrix of David Jones late of the same, gunsmith, deceased; 2. Robert Gunter of the Priory in the said town, esq. Assignment of the lease contained in No. 561.	Abergavenny	National Library of Wales - Gunsmith Records - Ref: LIGC/NLW
9 Dec1701	Thomas Cox	Lease for ninety-nine years or for the lives of the said Francis Jones, Cecill, his wife, and Leykey Cox, wife ..., 9 Dec. 1701 1. John Morgan of Tredegar, co. Mon., esq. 2. Francis Jones of the town of Cardiff, mercer. Lease for ninety-nine years or for the lives of the said Francis Jones, Cecill, his wife, and Leykey Cox, wife of Thomas Cox of Cardiff, gunsmith, in consideration of fourteen pounds and the surrender of a former lease, of several parcels of land in one close in p. St Johns in Cardiff called Kae Pen y Wall, excepting timber trees and mineral ores. Rent: three pounds annually, a pair of capons, the work of one man at harvest-time or two shillings in lieu thereof, suit of mill to Roath Mill, and a heriot of five shillings.	Cardiff	National Library of Wales - Gunsmith Records - Ref: LIGC/NLW

11 Dec 1701	Phillip Lawrence	<p>Lease - 11 Dec.1701</p> <p>1. John Morgan of Tredegar, co. Mon., esq.</p> <p>2. Phillip Lawrence of Newport, co. Mon., gunsmith.</p> <p>Lease for ninety-nine years, determinable on the lives of the lessee, Ann, his wife, and Elizabeth, their daughter, of a m. containing a dwelling-house, smith's forge, brewhouse, stable, and two gardens called the Black Griffin, as defined, in Newport; also three a. of land in p. St Woollos, as defined. Rent: £6.16s., two fat capons, and one man's work for one day at harvest-time annually, suit of mill, and 5s. as a heriot when due. Counterpart.</p>	Newport	National Library of Wales - Gunsmith Records - Ref: LIGC/NLW
1716	Richard Willoughby	Diocese of St Asaph. Will of Richard Willoughby : Oswestry County: Salop	Oswestry	National Library of Wales: Department of Collection Services; Welsh Probate Records - SA/1716/140

9 Sep 1726	William Wicksteed	Lease Description: (i) Thomas Jones of Wrexham, co. Denbigh, gent. (ii) Thomas Beech of Wrexham gent. (ii) agrees to build vault under messuage to be built by (i) in the Abbot Street, Wrexham where messuage previously stood in holding of William Wicksteed, gunsmith. Consideration: lease of vault to (ii) for 21 years at 10s. yearly	Wrexham	Denbighshire Archive Service DD/CP/542
1728	John Price	Diocese of St Davids. Will of John Price , gunsmith - Haverfordwest (St Thomas) Township: Haverfordwest County: Pembrokeshire	Haverfordwest	National Library of Wales: Department of Collection Services;
1732	William Thomas	St. David's Probate Records, 1556-1858 - William Thomas , gunsmith, Priory Street, Carmarthen, Carmarthen,	Carmarthen	National Library of Wales - Gunsmith Records -
1753	Samuel Williams	Welsh Probate Records, Diocese of Llandaff Will & Bond of Samuel Williams , Gunsmith - Llandaff Parish, Aberfan County, Glamorgan	Llandaff	National Library of Wales: Department of Collection Services; Welsh Probate Records - LL/1753/1
1755	Thomas Griffiths	Married Montgomeryshire - see other entries - Died 1789	Pool	BDM Parish records

11 May 1770	Thomas Griffiths	<p>Assignment of mortgage</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Elizabeth Caruther of Mardu, p. Llandrinio, co. Mont, widow and Administratrix of Williams Caruther, her late husband, deceased 2. Elizabeth Jones of Pool, co. Mont, widow and Executrix of Edward Jones, late of Pool, watchmaker, her late husband, deceased; Thomas Griffiths of Pool, gunsmith, son in law of said Elizabeth Jones, and Elizabeth his wife, eldest daughter of Edward Jones; and Mary Jones, p. St James, Bristol, spinster, and Joyce Jones of Pool, spinster, also daughters of Edward Jones 3. John Crosse of Pool, baker <p>for £60 of messuages with appurtenances in High Street in the town of Pool adjoining with a messuage in the possession of Arthur Ryder, butcher, since deceased, and then of Esther Ryder, his widow, and a messuage in the possession of Henry Parry, tanner, called Lower Sun and since in the possession of Matthew Williams, sadler, and Joseph Morris, innholder</p>	Pool	Powys Archives M/X/242/2
1771	Thomas Rees	<p>Diocese of St Davids. Will of Thomas Rees, gunsmith - Carmarthen County: Carmarthenshire</p>	Carmarthen	National Library of Wales: Department of Collection Services;

26 July 1773	John Evans	<p>Lease (i) Swansea Corporation; (ii) John Evans of Swansea, gunsmith. Counterpart lease for 99 years from (i) to (ii) of a piece of waste ground at the lower end of Wassail Street in the Borough of Swansea, behind the turnpike house, measuring 27 ft by 22 ft, with liberty to enclose and build a dwelling house and workshop</p>	Swansea	West Glamorgan Archives - EA 1/156
30 Sep 1778	Thomas Griffiths	<p>Assignment of mortgage 1. Thomas Griffiths of Pool, co. Mont, gunsmith 2. Joyce Jones of Pool, spinster; Evan Davies and Anne his wife, of the same place; Edward Wittingham of Forden, co. Mont, parish clerk, and Dorothy his wife; Mary Jones, late of p. St James, Bristol, spinster [Joyce Jones, Anne, Dorothy and Mary Jones were all daughters of Edward Jones, late of Pool, watchmaker, deceased] 3. John Crosse of Pool, confectioner 4. John Williames of Pool, gent for £108 14s 3d of messuages with appurtenances in the High Street of the town of Pool, adjoining with a messuage in the possession of Arthur Ryder, butcher, since deceased, and then of Esther Ryder, his widow, and a messuage in the possession of Henry Parry, tanner, called Lower Sun and since in the possession of Matthew Williams, sadler, and Joseph Morris, innholder Endorsement: Receipt for £108 14s 3d</p>	Pool	Powys Archives M/X/242/4

16 April 1779	Thomas Bullman	MEMORANDUM OF RECOGNIZANCE; Thomas Bullman , gunsmith Caernarfonshire Quarter Sessions records, 1779. EASTER. Of Michael Joyce of Carnarvon, yeoman, in the sum of £5 to appear at the next Quarter Sessions and meanwhile to keep the peace especially towards Thomas Bullman of Carnarvon, gunsmith.	Carnarvon	Gwynedd Archives, Caernarfon Record Office - XQS/1779/47
16 April 1779	Thomas Bullman	MEMORANDUM OF RECOGNIZANCE; Thomas Bullman , gunsmith Caernarfonshire Quarter Sessions, records. Sessions, 1779. EASTER. Of Thomas Bullman of Carnarvon, gunsmith, in the sum of £10 to appear at the next Quarter Sessions and meanwhile to keep the peace especially towards Humphrey Edward of Carnarvon, surgeon. Sureties	Carnarvon	Gwynedd Archives, Caernarfon Record Office - XQS/1779/49
16 July 1779	Thomas Bullman	MEMORANDUM OF RECOGNIZANCE; Caernarfonshire Quarter Sessions, records. Sessions, 1779. TRINITY. Of Thomas Bullman of Carnarvon, gunsmith, in the sum of £5 to appear at the next Quarter Sessions and in the meantime to keep the peace especially towards Herbert Jones of Llynon in co. Anglesey, esq	Carnarvon	Gwynedd Archives, Caernarfon Record Office - XQS/1779/75

14 Sep 1780	Jeremiah Farmer	Bastardy bond in £100 for Mary James, p Battle, pregnant by Theophilus Jones [presumably the historian of Brecknockshire?] 1. Theophilus Jones, town of Brecon, gent, attorney at law, and Jeremiah Farmer , of same, gunsmith 2. Walter Parry, Henry Parry, Thomas Parry and David Jones, churchwardens and overseers.	Brecon	Powys Archives B/X/15/16
1783 June	Thomas Teston	Defamation. Libel - June 1783 Parties: Ann, wife of William Seabrook of Holyhead, co. Angl., gent., against Thomas Teston of the same, gunsmith.	Holyhead	National Library of Wales - Gunsmith Records - Ref: LIGC/NLW
1789	Thomas Griffiths	Gunsmith - Burial	Pool	BDM Parish records

28/29 Sept 1809	Thomas Farmer	<p>Lease and Release</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Robert Williams of town of Brecon, esq. 2. William North of county of borough of Carmarthen, gent. 3. George North of Brecon, gent. 4. William Mainwaring of same, banker. 5. Martha Griffiths of same, spinster. <p>Of m. etc. with the coach house or show shop and works shop (James Sims, coachmaker) and the double necessary house and part of 2 gardens now marked out with stakes (the partition between said premises and the m. etc. sold by George North to Thomas Farmer, gunsmith, to be considered a joint partition and also a partition between said coachhouse and m. etc. sold to James Sims) - all at the upper end of the Watton.</p> <p>Consideration: £200 and interest paid to 1.; £585 to 3. from 5.</p> <p>Other terms.</p>	Cardiff	Powys Archives B/D/JPO/17/228
30 Dec 1811	Thomas Farmer	<p>Marriage bonds, ca. 1690-1837 (WIAbNL) 004420301</p> <p>Title: Thomas Farmer, gunmaker, Brecon, Breconshire to Probert, Anne, sp., Llanspyddid, Breconshire : Marriage at Pool</p>	Brecon	National Library of Wales - Gunsmith Records - Ref: LIGC/NLW

24 Mar 1812	Thomas Griffiths	<p>Lease to vest possession</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none">1. John Williames of Pool, co. mont, Esq., and Thomas Morris, late of Pool, now of Knaresborough, co. York, labourer, and Mary his wife, one of the daughters of Elizabeth Griffiths, wife of Thomas Griffiths, late of Pool, gunsmith, deceased, and the daughter of Edward Jones, late of Pool, watchmaker, both deceased, and Devisee in Fee of moiety of hereditaments and premises described2. William Dax of Pool, architect <p>of 2 messuages with appurtenances in High Street in the town of Pool</p>	Pool	Powys Archives M/X/242/6
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8 July 1813	Thomas Griffiths	<p>Feoffment</p> <p>1. Margaret Davies of the town of Pool, co. Mont, spinster, daughter and heir of Elizabeth Davies (née Griffiths), late wife of David Davies of Pool, shoemaker, and one of the daughters of Elizabeth Griffiths, wife of Thomas Griffiths, late of Pool, gunsmith, deceased, and the daughter of Edward Jones, late of Pool, watchmaker, deceased, and Devisee in Fee of moiety of hereditaments and premises described</p> <p>2. William Dax of Pool, architect</p> <p>3. Richard Dax of Llanerchidol, co. Mont, house carpenter and Trustee of (2) of 2 messuages with appurtenances in High Street in the town of Pool</p> <p>Consideration: £32 10s 0d</p> <p>Endorsements: Receipt for £32 10s 0d</p>	Pool	Powys Archives M/X/242/9
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17 Nov 1814	Thomas Griffiths	<p>Feoffment</p> <p>1. Martha Davies of the town of Pool, co. Mont, spinster, daughter and heir of Elizabeth Davies (né Griffiths), late wife of David Davies of Pool, shoemaker, and one of the daughters of Elizabeth Griffiths, wife of Thomas Griffiths, late of Pool, gunsmith, deceased, and the daughter of Edward Jones, late of Pool, watchmaker, deceased, and Devisee in Fee of moiety of hereditaments and premises described</p> <p>2. William Dax of Pool, architect</p> <p>3. Richard Dax of Llanerchydol, co. Mont, house carpenter and Trustee of (2)</p> <p>of 2 messuages with appurtenances in High Street, in the town of Pool</p> <p>Consideration: £32 10s 0d</p> <p>Endorsed: Receipt for £32 10s 0d</p>	Pool	Powys Archives M/X/242/10
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23/24 Dec 1823	Thomas Farmer	<p>Appointment and Release (Lease and Release)</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. James Sims of town of Brecon, coachmaker 2. Samuel Church of same, gent. 3. William Powell of same, coal merchant 4. William Watkins of same, road surveyor. <p>Of m., tmt. or dwelling house (late of Llewelin Williams, whitesmith, and used as a smith's shop, now of 1.) and part of a coach-house (late of Major Price, now marked out to be walled off, adjoining smith's shop) and part of a malt house (late of William Llewelin, cooper, now marked out etc., adjoining to premises in occupations of William Price, flour merchant, and Thomas Farmer, gunmaker, and tenants) with a way or passage now marked out leading from the Watton St into Heolrhydd.</p> <p>Declaration of uses and trust.</p> <p>Consideration: £198 13s. 9d. to 1. from 3.</p> <p>Schedule of deeds (1800-1823)</p>	Cardiff	Powys Archives B/D/JPO/17/54
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<p>10/11 Aug 1833</p>	<p>John Morris</p>	<p>Conveyance (Lease and Release) in Trust 1. Richard Edwards, Newtown, co. Mont., brazier; Elizabeth, his wife; Samuel Rider, Welchpool, clockmaker; Sarah Rider, Worthen, co. Salop, spinster 2. Richard Rider, Welchpool, innkeeper 3. Thomas Bowen, Hendrehen, co. Mont., esq. Of 3/4ths of m. or dwellinghouse with the shop and premises in high street, Town of Pool (Thomas Williams, shoemaker); m. etc. with shop in high street (John Morris, gunsmith); ms. etc. in the Rookery Passage, Pool (Thomas Walker, Samuel Maunde, Richard Collier, John Archer, William Lewis, Jane Rider, Edward Griffiths, Richard Jones, Edward Theodore) Declaration of trusts Recital of will of William Rider of Welchpool, clock and watchmaker, 1 August 1829 and codicil - August 1829. Died 8 September 1829 Witnesses : Thomas Harley Kough; W. Yearsley, clerk to Messrs. Griffiths and Jones, solicitors, Welsh Pool</p>	<p>Pool</p>	<p>Powys Archives MX/49/8</p>
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30 July 1839	William Brookes	Conveyance by lease and release (release missing) dated 30 July 1839: Thomas Daniel Doddrell of Bristol, grocer, Ann Taylor Perrott of the same place, widow, Thomas Doddrell Perrott of the same place, coachmaker, David Perrott of Swansea, grocer, Henry Haythorn Owen Perrott of Bristol, draper, Daniel Taylor Perrott of the same place, grocer, James Perrott of the same place, watchmaker and Sarah Ann Perrott of the same place, spinster, to David Jenkins of Swansea, victualler: Messuage or dwelling house, garden, stable, coach house and premises in High Street, Swansea, currently in the occupation of William Brooks , gunmaker	Swansea	West Glamorgan Archives -D/D Z 325/39
1848	William Brookes	St. David's Probate Records, 1556-1858 - William Brookes , Gunsmith, Castle Street, Swansea, Glamorgan	Swansea	National Library of Wales - Gunsmith Records -
1849	Edward Savage	Bangor Probate Records, 1576-1858 - Edward Savage , Gunsmith of Pen rhos, Llangurig, Montgomery	Pen rhos	National Library of Wales - Gunsmith Records -

Wales - Wills available for download from National Archives, London				
27 October 1664	Richard Sexton	Will of Richard Sexton, Gunsmith of Llandisilio, Carmarthenshire	Llandisilio	PROB 11/315
18 January 1825	Thomas Farmer	Will of Thomas Farmer, Gunmaker of Brecon , Breconshire	Brecon	PROB 11/1694

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Feoffment, (or **Enfeoffment**) in English law was a transfer of land or property that gave the new holder the right to sell it as well as the right to pass it on to his heirs as an inheritance

Defamation—also called **calumny, vilification, traducement, slander** (for transitory statements), and **libel** (for written, broadcast, or otherwise published words)— government, religion, or nation a negative or is the communication of a statement that makes a claim, expressly stated or implied to be factual, that may give an individual, business, product, group, or inferior image. This can be also any disparaging statement made by one person about another, which is communicated or published, whether true or false, depending on legal state. In common law it is usually a requirement that this claim be false and that the publication is communicated to someone other than the person defamed (the claimant).

Covenant (law), a promise to engage in or refrain from a specified action (including restrictive covenant, a restriction on the use of **property**)

A **Quitclaim** deed is a legal instrument by which the owner of a piece of real property, called the grantor, transfers any interest to a recipient, called the grantee. The owner/grantor terminates (“quits”) any right and claim to the property, thereby allowing claim to transfer to the recipient/grantee.

Deposition is the out-of-court oral testimony of a witness that is reduced to writing for later use in court

Recusant - an English Roman Catholic of the time from about 1570 to 1791 who refused to attend services of the Church of England and thereby committed a statutory offense

An **Assignment** (Latin *cessio*) is a term used with similar meanings in the law of contracts and in the law of real estate. In both instances, it encompasses the transfer of rights held by one party—the assignor—to another party—the assignee.[1] The details of the assignment determines some additional rights and liabilities (or duties).

In law, a **messuage** is an archaic term used in conveyancing, and is nearly synonymous with dwelling house.

Demise, in its original meaning, is an Anglo-Norman legal term (from French *démètre*, from Latin *dimittere*, to send away) for a transfer of an estate, especially by lease.

Sacaement Certificate - Among the provisions of the Test Act 1673, which excluded from civil or military employment all except members of the Church of England, was the requirement that a certificate, signed by a minister, churchwarden, and two witnesses, should be presented to quarter sessions by the holder of a civil or public office to acknowledge that he had received communion in the Church of England.

The **Alienation Office** (1576 - 1835) was a British Government body charged with regulating the '**alienation**' or transfer of certain feudal lands by use of a licence to alienate granted by the king, during the feudal era, and by the government thereafter.

Removal Order The Poor Relief Act 1662 is known as the Settlement Act or, more honestly, the Settlement and Removal Act. The purpose of the Act was to establish the parish to which a person belonged (i.e. his/her place of "settlement") and hence clarify which parish was responsible for him should he become in need of Poor Relief (or "chargeable" to the parish poor rates). This was the first occasion when a document proving domicile became statutory: these were called "settlement certificates". After 1662, if a man left his settled parish to move elsewhere, he had to take his Settlement Certificate, which guaranteed that his home parish would pay for his "removal" costs (from the host parish) back to his home if he needed poor relief. As parishes were often unwilling to issue such certificates people often stayed where they were – knowing that in an emergency they would be entitled to their parish's poor rate.

Lease and release is literally the lease (tenancy) of non-tenanted property by its owner followed by a release (relinquishment) of the landlord's interest in the property.

This sequence of transactions was commonly used to transfer full title to real estate under real property law. Lease and release was a interest in the property.mode of conveyance of freehold estates formerly common in England and in New York for tax avoidance and speed. Between its parties it achieves the same outcome as a deed of grant/transfer/conveyance.

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