WILLIAM AMBREY 1689 - 1753

William Ambrey, born in the year 1689, in the very pretty countryside area of Gloucester, called English Bicknor. He was the son of **Thomas**, who died in 1727. At this stage very little is known of Thomas. **William** was christened on the 18 April 1689 at the "Church of St Mary the Virgin" at English Bicknor. #1

William was to grow up and become a Yeoman Farmer in the County of Gloucester, in the Country of England, and from all accounts a very respected member of the area. At the time of his death on the 15 May 1753, aged 62 years, he was an Elder of the Parich of English Bicknor. Although not rich by todays standards, in his will, dated 10 May 1753, just 5 days before he died, he left Forty pound s of good money item to his wife Anne, sons James, and Thomas, he also left forty pounds. Alice, his daughter received one hundred pounds, son William one shilling, Joseph and John ten pounds each, and the balance of his properties, both freehold and leased, along with household goods, animals and other chattels to his son Anothony.

Anthony was **William's** youngest son of his first marriage to Alice, and one would wonder why he inherited the bulk of his fathers worldly goods, when he was only aged 20. William would have been raising a young teenage family when he married Ann (Jane) Howell? on the 9 October 1744, in English Bicknor, and had two more sons. Thomas, born 1746, and James, in 1749, these two boys would barely have remembered their father as he died very early in their young lives.
Perhaps this was the reason Anthony inherited his fathers properties, and was the Sole Executrics of the will, was he committed to provide a home for his step mother and his younger brothers??
One would also wonder what William died of. His will was dated only 5 days before he died. Did he know he was dying?
William was buried 20 May 1753 in the English Bicknor Church yard, and a Monumental Inscription as follows, is in the Chancel under the floor covering in the English Bicknor Church.

> **Alice, wife of William Ambery, died June 13, 1737 aged 43 years. William Ambery died 15 May 1753 aged 62 years. Anthony their son died 20 March 1771 aged 37 years. Jane wife of Anthony Ambery died March 15 1756, aged 24"**

William's family:

First marriage

William 1723 - 13 June 1791 aged 68 years - buried St Marys English Bicknor Chruch yard.

Joseph 1725/6
John 1727/8
Alice 1730
Anthony 1733 - 20 March 1771 - Buired English Bicknor Churchyard

Second marriage

Thomas 1746 - 1813 - Buried English Bicknor churchyard
James 1749 - 1824