

Lich 19<sup>th</sup> Oct  
1857

Ad  
Steph<sup>n</sup>. Eaton

de Snelstone

Reu 6 Inf 1000f

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As Cur

W. P. Sherrin



*Friends and Executors and Benefactors assigned of the natural and lawful children and next of kin of the said deceased Stephen Caton of the Bishopric of Lichfield, being duly removed*

### JAMES THOMAS LAW, Clerk, Master

of Arts, Vicar General of the Right Reverend Father in God, JOHN, by Divine Permission, Bishop of LICHFIELD: To *George Edward Gopp & John Richard Ingleton* Clerks,

jointly and severally Greeting: WHEREAS we have decreed Letters of Administration of the Goods and Personal Estate of *Stephen Caton late of Mides Well Snelstone* in the County of *Derby* and Diocese of *Lichfield* *Thomas and Milled* deceased, who died intestate

as is alledged) to be granted to *John David Caton and Samuel Sims* the lawful Nieces and next of the said deceased; We therefore Commit and Grant to you jointly and severally, full Power and Authority, as well to administer the Oath under-written, to the said *John David Caton and Samuel Sims*

as to see the Bond hereto annexed Signed Sealed and delivered by *us* and two sufficient Sureties, and also to Swear the Persons whose Names are Subscribed to the Affidavit annexed to the truth thereof; And what you shall do in the Premises you are to certify to us, or our Surrogate, within three Months from the date hereof, Provided nevertheless that this Commission shall be of no Effect, unless certified and transmitted to Us within that time; Dated at *Lichfield* the *twenty fourth* Day of *August* in the Year of our Lord 1857

*Fell* *Wm. Fall D. Reg.*

Extracted by Proctor Lichfield.

### THE OATH.

YOUR oath is, that you believe *Stephen Caton* deceased died without a Will, *the lawful Nieces and next friends and Executors assigned of John Sims Caton and Samuel Sims* and *Benjamin Caton* lawfully assigned of *John Sims Caton* and will faithfully administer his Goods and personal Estate, that you will pay his Debts, as far as his Goods and personal Estate will extend, and the law charge you; that you will make a true inventory thereof, and a just account of your Administration, and exhibit the same into the Bishop's Registry at Lichfield, when you are thereunto lawfully required; and that the Goods Chattels and Credits of the said Deceased without deducting any Debts owing by the said deceased therefrom, do not amount in Value to the Sum of *One thousand* Pounds, and that the Contents of the Affidavit hereto annexed to which you have subscribed your name *S* were and are true.

So help you God, &c.

Q<sup>RY</sup>. When he died?  
A<sup>NS</sup>. *24 June 1857*

On the *twelfth* day of *September* 1857  
This Commission and bond were duly executed and the said

*John David Caton*  
and *Samuel Sims* was  
sworn according to the above Oath before me *duly*

*George Edward Gopp* Commissioner.

*The natural and lawful children and next of kin of the said deceased*



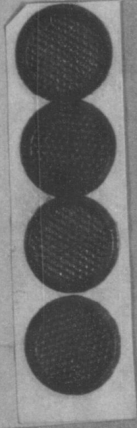
**Know all Men** by these Presents that We John David Eaton of Compton Street Ashborne in the County of Derby Merchant and Samuel Sims of Spildersley in the said County Farmer Joseph Eaton of Compton Street Ashborne aforesaid Farmer and George Sims of Spildersley aforesaid Farmer are held and firmly bound unto James the mas Law Clerk



in a Near General of the Diocese of Lichfield in the sum of Two thousand pounds of good and lawful Money of Great Britain to be paid unto the said James Thomas Law or to his certain Attorney his Executors, Administrators or Assigns. To which Payment well and truly to be made We oblige ourselves and each of us by ourselves and ourselves for the whole our and each of our Heirs Executors and Administrators firmly by these Presents Sealed with our seals dated the September in the Twenty first Year of the Reign of our Sovereign Sady Victoria by the Grace of God of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Ireland Queen Defender of the Faith &c. And in the Year of our Lord One Thousand Eight Hundred and fifty seven.

**The Condition** of this Obligation is such That if the above bounden John David Eaton and Samuel Sims Administrators of all and singular the Goods Chattles and Credits of Stephen Eaton deceased do make or cause to be made a true and perfect Inventory of all and singular the Goods Chattles and Credits of the said deceased which have or shall come to the Hands Possession or Knowledge of them the said John David Eaton and Samuel Sims or into the Hands and Possession of any Person or Persons for them and the same so made do exhibit or cause to be exhibited into the Registry of the Bishop of Lichfield at or before the last day of November next ensuing and the same Goods Chattles and Credits and all other the Goods Chattles and Credits of the said deceased at the time of his death which at any time after shall come to the hands or Possession of the said John David Eaton and Samuel Sims or into the hands and Possession of any other Person or Persons for them do well and truly administer according to Law And further do make or cause to be made a true and just Account of their said Administration at or before the last day of August 1858 and all the Rest and Residue of the said Goods Chattles and Credits which shall be found remaining upon the said Administrators Accounts the same being first examined and allowed of by the Judge or Judges for the time being of the said Court shall deliver and pay unto such Person or Persons respectively as the said Judge or Judges by his or their Decree or Sentence pursuant to the true Intent and Meaning of a late Act of Parliament made in the two and twentieth and three and twentieth Years of the Reign of our late Sovereign Lord King Charles the Second entitled an Act for the better settling of Intestates Estates shall limit and appoint. And if it shall hereafter appear that any last Will and Testament was made by the said deceased and the Executor or Executors therein named do exhibit the same into the said Court making Request to have it allowed and approved accordingly if the said John David Eaton and Samuel Sims above bounden being thereunto required do render and deliver the said Letter of Administration Approval of such Testament being first had and made in the said Court then this Obligation to be void or else to remain in full Force and Virtue.

Sealed and delivered in the Presence of  
John David Eaton  
George Edward Gapp Commissioner  
Samuel Sims  
Joseph Eaton  
George Sims



Whereas *Stephen Eaton* late of  
*Ades Hill in Snelstone* in the County  
of *Derby Parishes and Butler*  
deceased, departed this life, on or about  
the *twenty fourth* day of *June* One Thousand  
Eight Hundred and *fifty seven* Intestate  
leaving *Mary Anne Eaton his widow* *relict*  
*surviving*

Now know all Men, by these Presents, that *I* the said *Mary Anne*  
*Eaton*

for divers good Causes and Considerations *me* hereunto moving have  
Renounced, and by these Presents do Renounce all *my* Right, Title, and  
Interest, in and to the Letters of Administration of the goods and personal Estate  
of the said *Stephen Eaton deceased and also the*  
~~deceased~~, and in order that this *my* Renunciation may have its due effect  
in Law *I* do hereby nominate, constitute, and appoint *William*  
*Felle* Notary Public, and one of the Procurators  
General of the Lord Bishop's Consistory Court of Lichfield, or in his absence,  
any other Proctor of the said Court, to be *my* true and lawful Proctor  
for *me* and in *my* Name to appear before the Worshipful JAMES  
THOMAS LAW, Clerk, Master of Arts, and Chancellor of the Diocese of Lichfield,  
his Surrogate, or any other competent Judge in this behalf, and to exhibit this  
*my* Renunciation, and to pray and procure the same, to be admitted  
and enacted hereby, promising to ratify and confirm all and whatsoever *my*  
said Proctor shall do or lawfully cause to be done for *me* and in *my*  
Name, in and about the Premises.

In witness whereof *I* have hereunto set *my* Hand and Seal  
the *twenty second* day of *August* in the year of our Lord,  
One Thousand Eight Hundred and *fifty seven*

*Execution of Power of Attorney of John Anne Eaton - Farmer and  
Ann Anne Eaton - Spinster and Theresia Eaton - Spinster the  
Natural and lawful Children and only and 1/4 part of the said  
deceased -*

Signed, Sealed, and Delivered }  
in the presence of

*Wm. Felle* M A *Eaton*  
*Solicitor*  
*Ashbourne.*



Whereas Stephen Eaton late of Lides Mill in Shelston  
in the County of Derby Farmer and Miller deceased  
departed this life on or about the twenty fourth  
day of June One thousand eight hundred  
and fifty seven intestate leaving Mary Ann Eaton  
his Widow relict surviving And also leaving John  
Sims <sup>Eaton</sup> Ann Sims Eaton Spinster and Brooke Eaton his  
natural and lawful Children in their Minority to wit  
the said John Sims Eaton of the age of seven years and upwards  
Anne Sims Eaton Spinster an Infant of the age of four  
years and upwards and Brooke Eaton an Infant of the  
age of Three years and upwards but under the age of  
Twenty one years And therefore by Law incapable of  
taking out Letters of Administration of the goods and  
personal Estate of their late Father deceased in their  
own Names

Now know all Men by these presents that I the said John  
Sims Eaton the Minor aforesaid for divers good causes and  
Considerations me hereunto moving have nominated constituted  
and appointed and by these presents do nominate constitute  
and appoint John David Eaton of Compton Street Ashborne  
in the County of Derby ~~My~~ lawful Uncle and next friend and  
~~Son~~ <sup>Son</sup> of Gieldersley in the said County of Derby  
~~Farmer~~ <sup>his lawful Uncle and next friend</sup> to be my Curators or Guardians to all intents  
and purposes in the Law but more especially for the purpose of  
taking out Letters of Administration of the goods and personal  
Estate of my late father deceased for my use and behoof and for  
the use and benefit of the said Ann Sims Eaton <sup>Spinster</sup> and Brooke Eaton  
the infants aforesaid and during our Minority And to the ends  
that this my Proxy of Election may have its due effect in Law I  
do hereby nominate constitute and appoint William Beech Notary  
Public and one of the Procurators General of the Lord Bishops  
Consistory Court of Lichfield or in his absence any other Proctor



of the said Court to be my true and lawful Proctor for me  
and in my Name to appear before The Reverend and Most Excellent  
James Thomas Law Clerk Master of Arts Chancellor of the  
Diocese of Lichfield his Surrogate or any other competent Judge  
in this behalf to exhibit this my proxy and pray the same  
and the nomination herein contained to be admitted and  
enacted And also praye the said John David Eaton and  
~~Samuel~~ Lewis to be assigned my Curators or Guardians  
for kids but more especially for the purpose of taking out  
Letters of Administration of the goods and personal Estate of  
the said Stephen Eaton deceased for my use and behoof and  
the use and benefit of the said Anne Lewis Eaton and Brooke  
Eaton the infants aforesaid and during our minority And  
what my said Proctor shall do or lawfully cause to be done in the  
premises I do hereby promise to ratify and confirm In  
Witness whereof I have hereunto set my hand and seal this  
twenty second day of August in the year of our  
Lord One thousand eight hundred and fifty seven.

Signed sealed and  
delivered in the presence of

J. W. Ashbourn  
Solicitor Ashbourn.

The Mark and Seal of

John Lewis Eaton

Whereas Stephen Eaton late of Sides Mill in  
Snelston in the County of Derby Farmer and Miller  
deceased departed this life on or about the twenty fourth  
day of June One thousand eight hundred and  
fifty seven intestate leaving Mary Anne Eaton his  
Widow <sup>relict</sup> surviving And also leaving John Suis  
<sup>Amesbury Eaton</sup>  
Eaton Sprister and Brooke Eaton his natural and  
lawful Children in their minority to-wit, the said John  
Suis Eaton of the age of seven years and upwards. Ann  
Suis Eaton Sprister an Infant of the age of Four years  
and upwards and Brooke Eaton an infant of the age of  
Three years and upwards but under the age of Twenty  
one year And therefore by Law incapable of taking  
out Letters of Administration of the Goods and personal  
Estate of their late father deceased in their own Names  
And Whereas the said Mary Anne Eaton Widow hath  
in and by a Proxy under her hand and seal duly  
renounced her right to Letters of Administration of his  
goods and personal Estate and also the Tutelage and  
Guardianship of the Minor and infants aforesaid And  
Whereas the said John Suis Eaton the Minor aforesaid  
hath under his hand and seal duly nominated and  
appointed John David Eaton of Compton Street Ashburn  
in the County of Derby Maltster his lawful  
Uncle and next friend and Samuel Suis  
of Hildersley in the County of Derby Farmer  
<sup>his lawful Uncle and next friend</sup>  
to be his Curators or Guardians for the purpose of  
taking out Letters of Administration of the goods and  
personal Estate of the said Stephen Eaton deceased for  
his use and behoof and the use and benefit of the said  
Ann Suis <sup>Eaton</sup> Sprister and Brooke Eaton the infants aforesaid  
and during their minority. / -

Now Know all Men by these presents that We the said  
John David Eaton and Samuel Suis for divers good  
Causes and Considerations us herunto moving are willing to

accept and do hereby accept the Curation or Guardianship  
of the said John Lewis Eaton Anne Lewis Eaton Spinster and Brooke  
Eaton the Minor and infants aforesaid in case the should be thereto  
lawfully assigned and to the end that this our proxy of acceptation may  
have its due effect in law We do hereby nominate constitute and  
appoint William Cole Notary Public and one of the Procurators General  
of the Lord Bishops Consistory Court of Lichfield to be our true and  
lawful Proctor for us and in our names to appear before the Reverend  
and Worshipful James Thomas Law Clerk Master of Arts Chancellor  
of the Diocese of Lichfield his Surrogate or any other competent Judge in  
this behalf to exhibit this our proxy to be admitted and enacted And also  
pray and procure Letters of Administration of the goods and personal  
Estate of the said Stephen Eaton deceased to be granted to us for the  
use and behoof of the said John Lewis Eaton and Anne Lewis Eaton Spinster  
and Brooke Eaton the Minor and Infants aforesaid or until they or one of  
them shall attain the age of Twenty one years and the Guardianship  
assigned accordingly And what our said proctor shall lawfully do  
or cause to be done in the premises We do hereby promise to ratify  
and confirm In Witness whereof We have hereunto set our hands  
and seals the twenty second day of August in the  
year of our Lords one thousand eight hundred and fifty seven

Signed Sealed and delivered  
in the presence of

*John B. Eaton*



*Wm. G. Smith*

Solicitor

Ashbourne.

*Samuel Sims*





Administration.

In the *Bishops*

Court of *Lichfield*

In the Goods of *Stephen Eaton*

Deceased,

Appeared Personally *John David Eaton of Compton Street  
Ashborne in the County of Derby, Walter and  
Samuel Sims of Yelderley in the County of Derby  
Kamer*

*Insert the Name,  
Residences, and  
Professions of the  
Persons making  
the Affidavit.*

the party applying for Letters of Administration of the Estate and Effects of the said  
*Stephen Eaton* late of *Sides Mill in*  
*Snelstone* in the County of *Derby Kamer*

*and Miller*

Deceased, who died on or about

*Insert date of* the *twenty fourth* day of *June* *One*  
*death.* *Thousand Eight Hundred and fifty seven* and made Oath, that the Estate

and Effects of the said Deceased, for, or in respect of which, the said Letters of  
Administration are to be granted exclusive of what the said Deceased may have been  
possessed of, or entitled to, as a Trustee for any other person or persons, and not  
beneficially but including the Leasehold Estate or Estates for years of the  
Deceased, if any, whether absolute or determinable on Lives, and without deducting  
anything on account of the Debts, due and owing from the said Deceased, are under  
the value of *One thousand*

Pounds, to the best of the Deponent's knowledge, information and belief.

*John David Eaton  
Samuel Sims*

*Sworn on the 12th*  
day of *September* 1857  
before me

*George Edward Gepp  
Commissioner*

W. P. S. 1857

At Seckford the 24<sup>th</sup> day of August  
1857 Before Edmund Christian  
Law Clerk M. A. Surrogate &c  
Present the subscribed Not public

a binding of renouncing the  
Letters of Administration of the  
Estate of Stephen Eaton late of Seckford  
in the County of  
Derby Farmer and Miller deceased  
done by Mary Ann Eaton the Widow  
Relict and of acting and choosing  
John David Eaton and Samuel Sims  
the lawful Uncle and next friends  
Guardians and Curators of John  
Sims Eaton Anne Sims Eaton  
Spiriter and Brooke Eaton Minors  
the natural and lawful children  
and only next of kin of the said  
Stephen Eaton deceased and of  
granting Letters of Administration  
of the effects of the said Stephen  
Eaton to the said John David Eaton  
and Samuel Sims for the use  
and behoof of the said Minors  
or until they or one of them  
should attain the age of twenty  
one years.

On which  
day Hell  
exhibited a  
special proxy  
under the  
hand and  
seal of the  
said Mary  
Ann Eaton  
and made  
himself party  
for her and  
alleges that  
the said  
Stephen Eaton  
deceased departed  
this life on  
or about the  
twenty fourth  
day of June  
last past  
Intestate  
leaving his  
said party  
his lawful  
Widow Relict  
surviving  
who had

under and by  
virtue of the said  
special proxy so by him  
exhibited duly renounced all her  
right title and interest in and to the  
Letters of Administration of his goods and  
personal Estate wherefore the said Hell  
prayed and the Surrogate at his petition  
admitted the said special proxy as far  
as by Law the same is admissible decreed



the same to be enacted and Letters  
Testimonial thereof to be made The said  
Hill then exhibited another special proxy  
under the hand and seal of the said John  
Serris Eaton the Minor aforesaid whereby  
he elected and made choice of his Lawfull  
uncles and next friends the said John  
David Eaton and Samuel Serris to be his  
Curators or Guardians for suits but more  
especially for the purpose of taking out Letters  
of Administration of the effects of the said  
Stephen Eaton deceased for his use and  
 behoof and for the use and benefit of the  
said Ann Serris Eaton and Brooke Eaton  
the Infants aforesaid or until they or one  
of them should attain the age of twenty  
one years The said Hill also exhibited a  
another special proxy under the hands  
and seals of the said John David Eaton  
and Samuel Serris accepting the office  
of Curators or Guardians of the said  
Minor and Infants for the purposes before  
set forth Wherefore the said Hill prayed  
and the Surrogate aforesaid at his petition  
admitted the said two special proxies  
as far as by Law the same are admissible  
and assigned them the said John David  
Eaton and Samuel Serris Guardians  
and Curators of the said John Serris  
Eaton Ann Serris Eaton Spinsters and  
Brooke Eaton and decreed Letters of  
Administration of the Goods and  
personal Estate of the said Stephen



Eaton deceased to be granted to them  
for the use and benefit of the said  
Mammoth and Infants or until they or  
one of them shall attain the age of  
twenty one years and at the petition  
of the said Hall further deceased a  
commission for swearing them and  
taking the usual bond directed  
to J. R. Harrington and  
Clerks jointly & severally  
Which I attest

Amelia Harrington  
Not. Pub.;