

In the Name of God Amen I **ROBERT GARDNER** of Ship Yard in the Parish of St. Clement Danes in the County of Middlesex Victualler being weak of body but of sound mind and memory do make give and ordain this my last Will and Testament in manner following first I recommend my Soul into the hands of Almighty God who gave it hoping for salvation through the merits of my Blessed Saviour Jesus Christ my body I commit to the earth to be decently buried in such manner as to my executrix hereinafter named shall think meet. As to the temporal estate wherewith God hath been pleased to bless me, I so (after my debts and funeral expenses be paid) Give devise and bequeath the same of what nature or findsoever to my Dear and loving wife **MARY GARDNER** putting sure trust and confidence in my said wife that she will take the greatest care in in the maintenance and education of our dear and only child **MARY GARDNER**. And I do hereby nominate and appoint my said wife sole executrix of this my last Will and Testament. In Witness whereof I have hereto set my hand and seal this Sixteenth day of January of the year of our Lord One Thousand Seven Hundred and Fifty three. **RObt. GARDNER.** (his signature) Signed sealed and published and declared by the said Testator as and for his last Will in the presence of us who in his presence and at his request have hereto subscribed our names ~ **J SHILDITCH** ~ **CLIFFORDS (IAN?)** ~ **JM FARRER** ~ **Edwd. ATKINSON**

On the Twenty sixth day of May in the year of Our Lord One Thousand seven hundred and fifty three. Administration (with the Will annexed) of the Goods chattels and credits of **ROBERT GARDNER** late of the Parish of St. Clement Danes in the county of Middlesex deceased was granted to **MARY GARDNER** widow the relict of the said deceased sole executrix and universal Legatee named in the said Will hath renounced the execution thereof being first sworn only to administer.