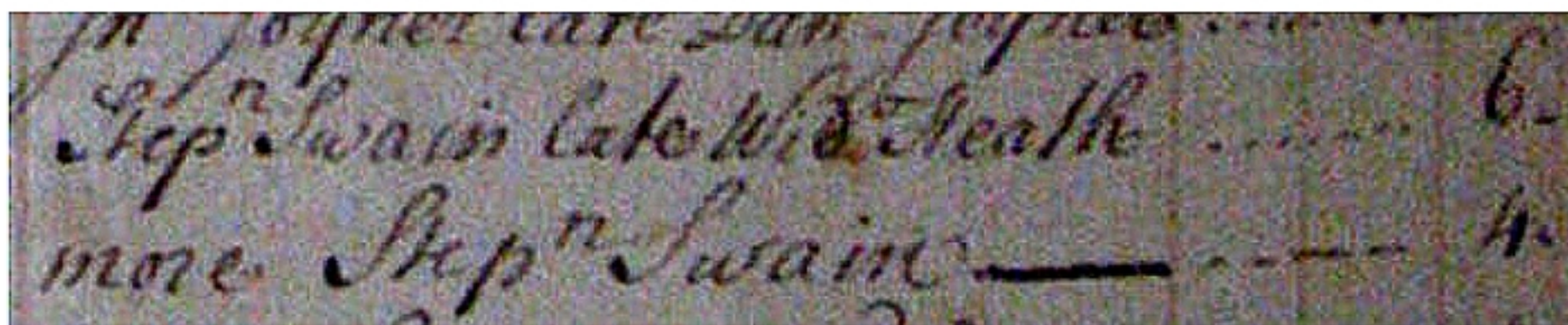


Widow Heath owned a cottage at Preston. It was then owned by Stephen Swain.

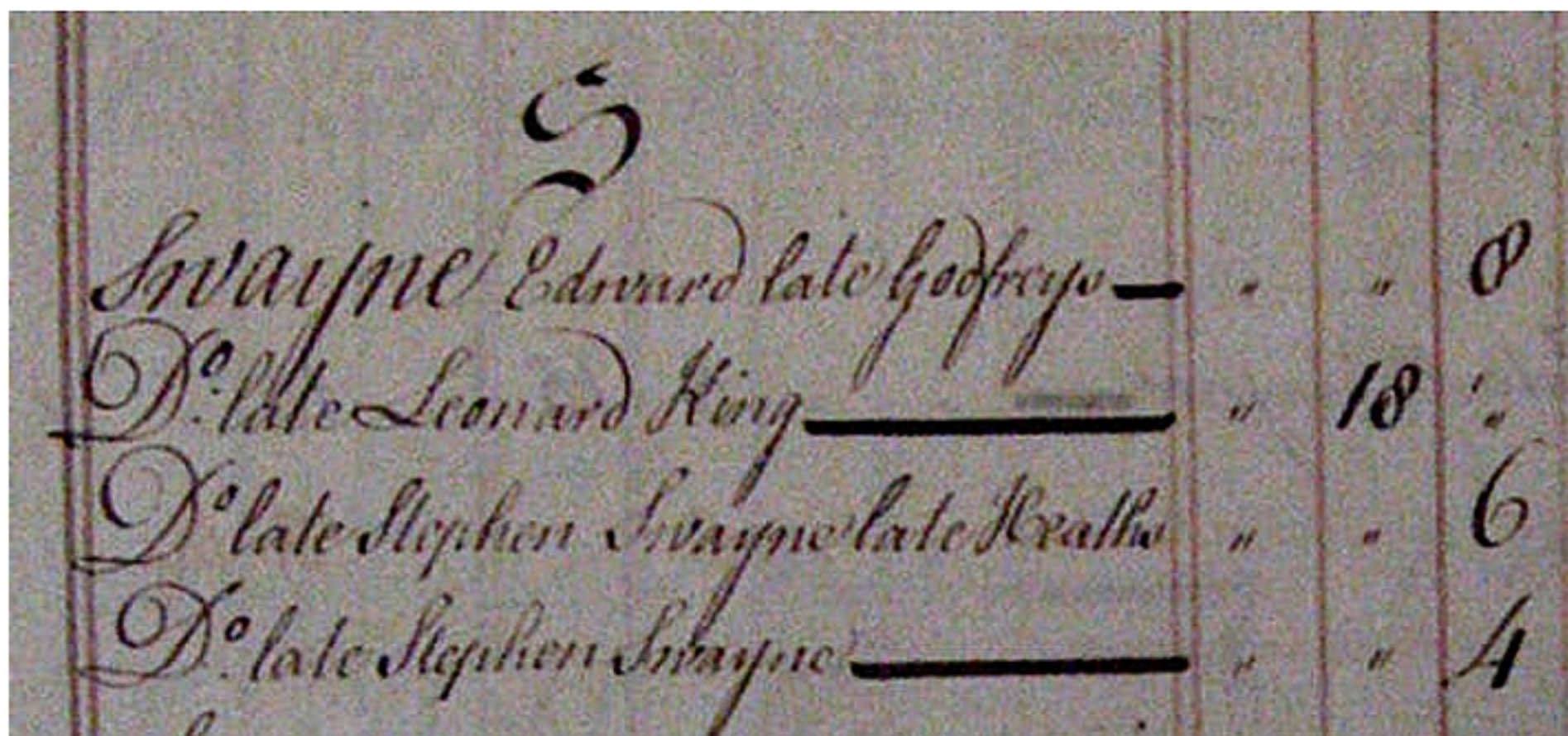
As recorded in the Temple Dinsley Summary of Fees (1718), Stephen Swain owned what was later known as *Spindle Cottage* (with a manorial rent of 6d). It was 'late Widow Heath'.



Reference: 1. Temple Dinsley Summary of Fees (1718) DE/X169 Hertfordshire Archives and Local Studies (HALS), Hertford.

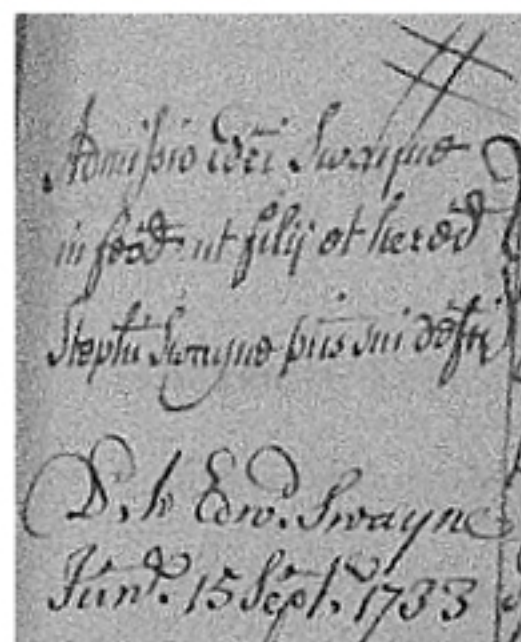
The owner of Spindle Cottage after Stephen Swain was Edward Swain/Swayne.

The manorial record of Temple Dinsley Rental of 1761 provides details of the owners of *Spindle Cottage* (manorial rent of 6d). It was then owned by Edward Swain; formerly owned by Stephen Swain and before him by 'Heath'.



That Edward Swayne was Stephen Swayne's son is established by the marginal note in the manorial record of Maydencroft, Herts. (which is shown right). Translated it reads: "in sept filii et heredis Steph Swain pro suo poss." = "in September, the son and heir of Stephen Swain, for his possession" — noting that Edward was recognized as heir to his father Stephen's property.

"D. h. Edr. Swain Jun. 25 Sept. 1733" — likely shorthand for "Dictus huius Edwardus Swain" (the said Edward Swain) with the dates June 25 and September 1733, recording when this entry or transaction occurred (perhaps between the date of death of Stephen and the homage by Edward).



References: 1. Temple Dinsley Rental 1761 DE/X169 Hertfordshire Archives and Local Studies (HALS), Hertford. 2. Court book, Manor of Maydencroft, Hitchin 1697 - 1723 Document Reference: 64354 Hertfordshire Archives and Local Studies (HALS), Hertford.