

NAME		John Hardwicke			LOCATION		Wiltshire	
DATE OF BIRTH (ESTIMATED)		1756 (est)			TIME PERIOD		1756 - c1820	
RESEARCH START DATE		03/04/2026			RESEARCH OBJECTIVE		Identify more about John - birth, marriages, occupation, death	
EVIDENCE ID	DATE OF RECORD When was the record created?	SOURCE Where did you find this record?	WHAT THE RECORD SAYS Transcribe key information exactly as it appears	TYPE OF RECORD (e.g. parish register, census, newspaper, will, tax record)	EVIDENCE STRENGTH High / Medium / Low	QUESTIONS RAISED What does this record make you wonder?	LINKS TO OTHER EVIDENCE Ref no(s)	NEXT ACTION What will you do next?
1	5 Feb 1799	England Select Marriages 1538-1973 Ancestry	Honor Harris married Jno. Hardwicke in Hampshire 5 Feb 1799	Select marriage list	Medium - official record but is not the original parish register	What were John and Honor's parents' names? Where in Hampshire did they marry?	2, 3, 4	Identify the original parish marriage record
2	5 Feb 1799	England Select Marriages 1538-1973 Ancestry	Honor Harris married John Hardwicke in Wroughton, Wiltshire 5 Feb 1799	Select marriage list	Medium - official record but is not the original parish register	Is this the same John and Honor? Why are there 2 very similar entries in different counties?	1, 3, 4	Identify why there seems to be 2 marriages with identical details other than the location. Find the original parish record
3	5 Feb 1799	Wiltshire, England, Church of England Marriages and Banns 1754-1924 - Wroughton 1791-1812 Ancestry	John Hardwicke of the parish of Swindon in the county of Wilts and Honor Harris of this parish were married in this church by Licence this fifth day of Feby in the year one thousand seven hundred and ninety nine by me Rev John Charleton Minister. This	Original parish marriage record	High - original parish register entry	There is no information on the parents of the couple. Why have they married by licence?	1, 2, 4	Identify whether marriage licences in Wiltshire are available online to review

			marriage was solemnised by us John Hardwicke (own signature) and Honor Harris (own signature) in the presence of Sam G. Austin and Martha Harris					
4	5 Feb 1799	Sarum Marriage Licence Bonds,, FindMyPast	John Hardwicke from Swindon. Age not recorded. Widower. Exciseman. Bride's name Honor Harris spinster aged 40 from Wroughton in Wiltshire. Bondsman Richard Noad, innkeeper from Swindon. Jurisdiction, the Bishop of Salisbury in Wiltshire and Berkshire	Marriage licence - transcript	Medium - transcript of record	What is an exciseman? If John was a widower, who was he married to before? Why marry a 40 year old spinster? What is the connection with Richard Noad?	1, 2, 3	Identify who John was married to before.
5	15 Sep 1777	Wiltshire, England, Church of England Marriages and Banns 1754-1924 - Swindon, Christchurch with St Mary 1754-1806. Ancestry	John Hardwicke of the Parish of Calne and Mary Herring of the Parish of Swindon were married in this Church by Licence this fifteenth day of September in the year one thousand seven hundred and seventy seven by me John ?Roope Minister. This marriage was solemnised by us John Hardwicke (signed in own hand, signature identical to parish register to Honor) and Mary Herring (her mark) in the presence of William Scotford and Seymour Tarrant	Original parish marriage record	High - original parish register entry	There is no information on the parents of the couple. Why have they married by licence? John is listed as residing in Calne rather than Swindon	6, 7, 8, 9, 10, 11, 12	Is there a marriage licence bond in the records as before?
6	13 Sep 1777	Sarum Marriage Licence Bonds.	John Hardwick [sic] born in 1756. Bond day 13 Sep	Marriage licence - transcript	Medium - transcript of record	Is John Scotford related to William	5, 7, 8, 9, 10, 11, 12	Identify whether John and Mary had

		<i>FindMyPast</i>	<i>1777 in Calne. Groom is 21 years old and is a bachelor. No occupation noted. Bride is Mary Herring aged 21 from Swindon. Bondsman 1 is John Scotford from Swindon in the jurisdiction of the Bishop of Salisbury in Wiltshire and Berkshire</i>			<i>Scotford (witness in the marriage)? Did John and Mary have any children? When did Mary die?</i>		<i>children, and when Mary died.</i>
7	1 Feb 1789	<i>Wiltshire Burials Index 1538-1990. Calne, Wilts. Find My Past</i>	<i>Mary Hardwick, unknown age, buried on 1 Feb 1789 in Calne, St Mary, Wiltshire. Wife of John Hardwick</i>	<i>Burial record - transcript</i>	<i>Medium - transcript of record</i>	<i>Is this the right Mary - any other Mary Hardwick/es buried around the same time? Why did Mary die? Is there an original parish record available?</i>	5, 6, 8, 9, 10, 12	<i>Is there an original parish record available?</i>
8	1 Feb 1789	<i>Wiltshire, England, Church of England Baptisms, Marriages and Burials, 1538-1812, Calne Parish registers. Ancestry</i>	<i>Mary wife of John Hardwick, exciseman. Paid.</i>	<i>Burial record - parish register original</i>	<i>High - original parish register entry</i>	<i>Confirms this is the right Mary due to the combination of John and his occupation in the record. What did John do between Mary dying and marrying Honor - 10 years</i>	5, 6, 7, 9, 10, 12	<i>Identify whether John and Mary had children</i>
9	21 Oct 1777	<i>Wiltshire Baptisms Index 1530-1917. Hilmarton, Wiltshire. FindMyPast</i>	<i>Ellinor Hardwick. Baptised 21 Oct 1777 father's name John Hardwick. Mother's name Mary. Baptised in Hilmarton, Wiltshire</i>	<i>Bishop's transcript of Baptism</i>	<i>Medium - transcript of record</i>	<i>Is this our couple? Is there an original record available? Mary was pregnant when they married - therefore were both the bride and groom actually 21 (legal marriage age) or younger? (Common to be untruthful - 21 is</i>	5, 6, 10, 11	<i>Identify an original record for the birth to see if there is any supporting information</i>

						the age of consent to marriage without parents' consent)		
10	26 Oct 1777	England, Select Deaths and Burials, 1538-1991. Ancestry	Ellinor Hardwick. Burial date 26 October 1777. Hilmarton, Wiltshire	Burial register	Medium - transcript of record	This is very sad.	5, 6, 9, 11	Identify an original record for baptism and burial
11	26 Oct 1777	Wiltshire, England Church of England Baptisms, Marriages and Burials 1538-1812. Hilmarton Parish Registers, 1770-1806. Ancestry	? Goat (?Goatacre?): Elinor Hardwick was buried October 26 1777	Burial register	Medium - Bishop's copy of the original register	Original transcript record, but Bishop's transcript. Why did Ellinor die? Did John and Mary have other children?	5, 6, 9, 10	Identify if other children
12	15 Nov 1782	Wiltshire, England, Church of England Baptisms, Marriages and Burials 1538-1812 Clane Parish registers 1756-1792. Ancestry	John son of John Hardwick Exciseman - Burial at Calne	Burial record	High - original copy of the parish burial register	Likely to refer to the right family due to occupation of John Sr.	5, 6	When was John Jr born? Are there any other children in the family? What happened between 1789 and 1799 - is there any evidence of other marriages?
13	1 Jul 1792	Wiltshire, England, Church of England Baptisms, Marriages and Burials 1538-1812. Calne 1785-1798. Ancestry	John Hardwicke of the parish of Overton and Phebe Ettry of this Parish [Calne] were married in this church by licence this first day of July in one thousand seven hundred and ninety two by me Thomas Greenwood Vicar. This marriage was solemnised by us John Hardwicke (own signature, identical to other 2 parish registers) and	Parish marriage register	High - original copy of the parish register	Another marriage for John following the death of Mary. Is there a marriage licence bond available?	14	Look for the licence bond for more information on ages and occupation. What happened to Phebe - did she die?

			<i>Phebe Ettry (own signature) in the presence of Mary ?Stretch and S.P. Halfyard</i>					
14	26 Feb 1798	<i>Wiltshire, England, Church of England Baptisms, Marriages and Burials, 1538-1812 Swindon, Christchurch With St Mary Parish Registers 1765-1812. Ancestry</i>	<i>Phoebe Hardwick. Affidavit 27 Feb 1798 [??Affidavit could refer to the swearing of the family that the deceased was buried in wool, in line with the burying in woollen act, which means the family were not destitute and Phoebe did not die of a contagious illness]</i>	<i>Burial record</i>	<i>High - original copy of the parish register</i>	<i>Is this our Phebe? If so, another sad record. Phebe has passed away. Was it known that she was not well when they married? What was the cause of death?</i>	13	<i>Find out more information about John's occupation as an exciseman - this may provide detail on changes of address</i>

NOTES AND OBSERVATIONS Patterns, connections, timelines, address changes, family movements, contradictions, and anything else to consider

Why would a marriage be recorded in two different countries - further information suggests that at this time Winchester was the administrative district of Wiltshire for the Church. This is not a case of the couple registering their licence in their home town to marry in a different location. This is an administrative "echo".

John Hardwicke may be recorded as "John Hardwick" in records

Unable to find an entry for a baptism for John Hardwicke Jr. - this may indicate that John unfortunately died as a neonate

Unable to find a marriage licence bond for John and Phebe Ettry - different spellings/name variant search used.

<i>Residence timeline:</i> 1777 Calne 1777 Hilmarton / Goatacre 1782 Calne 1789 Calne 1792 Overton 1798 Swindon 1799 Swindon 1799 Wroughton	<i>Event timeline:</i> 1756 (est) Birth 1777 Marries Mary Herring 1777 Daughter Ellinor born and dies 1782 Son John born and dies, noted as an exciseman 1789 Mary dies 1792 Marries Phebe Ettry 1798 Phebe dies 1799 Marries Honor Harris, noted as an exciseman	
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