

1777 Agreement for Church Pew Transcription

Whereas a Pew is intended to be Erected & Built  
for ^the use of^ Edward Witts Esq[uir]e at the upper end of Swerford  
Church immediately under the Pulpit which will  
enclose a Seat hitherto used and Occupied by Elizabeth  
Humphres or her Tennant or Tennants the said  
Elizabeth Humphres and Robert Harbidge Trustee to Elizab[e]th  
Humphres's Daughters likewise Richard West & Henry Carter  
Churchwardens hereby agrees to the said Enclosure and to  
relinquish the said Seat to Edward Witts Esq[uir]e upon Condition  
that the Seat hitherto used and Occupied by John Franklin  
and William Franklin the next seat behind be for the future  
Appropriated to the sole use of the said Elizabeth Humphres's  
Farm. And the said John Franklin and William Franklin  
DO hereby declare for themselves and their Heirs and Assigns  
that they never will on any Occasion Whatsoever molest or  
disturb the said Elizabeth Humphres or her Tennant or  
Tennants in the full possession of the seat so given up And  
they the said John Franklin and William Franklin Do hereby  
fully and wholly relinquish with all the Rights they possess in  
the said Seat And the said Edward Witts Esq[uir]e Doth  
hereby Covenant promise and agree to Erect & Build a Seat  
{ } Convenient pr{ } of the Church for the use of the  
said John Franklin and William Franklin or their Tennant  
or Tennants in lieu of their Seat relinquished and given up  
for the use of Elizabeth Humphres's Farm In Witness  
whereof we have interchangably sett our Hands and Seals  
this Second day of August one Thousand Seven Hundred  
and Seventy Seven  
Edward Witts  
John Franklin  
William Franklin