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afterwards of Sir William Tendring K^t D^d L. H. 4th
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P R E F A C E.

THE earliest known *Visitation of the County of Suffolk*, is that made by William Hervey or Harvey, Clarencieux King of Arms, by virtue of a commission to visit his province, dated 5 and 6 Philip and Mary, and is now for the first time printed.

A folio volume, in the library of the College of Arms, marked G. 7. has been considered by the best authorities to be the original Visitation. The descents in this volume are given narratively, that is, as they would be taken down from the mouth of informants, but not reduced to the form of genealogical tables; and the arms tricked in a very bold style. It bears the following title:—

“The Visitacon off Suffolke, made by Wyllyam Heruye, esquyre, otherwyse called Clarenciulx, principall herald and Kinge of Armes of the South, East, and West Parties of Englund, from the ryver of Trent sowthwarde, begon the xvijth daye of July, An^o 1561, and the third yere of Queene Elizabethh.”

But little is known of Hervey, no pedigree of his family having been recorded in the College of Arms. He was, it is believed, a native of Suffolk, and was made Bluemantle Pursuivant by patent, dated 18 June, 1544; and thence promoted to the office of Somerset Herald, by patent, 19 Dec. 1545; afterwards became Norroy King of Arms, by patent, 4 Feb., 1550; and ultimately, Clarencieux King of Arms, by patent, 6 Sept., 1557. He died 27 February, 1566, leaving behind him the reputation of a learned and laborious genealogist.

The next Visitation was that by Robert Cooke, Clarencieux, in 1577, of which the original is in the library of the College of Arms, and copies in the British Museum (*Harl. MSS.*, 891, 1560).

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In 1611, William Camden, Clarendieux, by his deputy, John Raven, also visited Suffolk. Copies of this, the last Visitation, are in the College of Arms and British Museum (*Harl. MSS.*, 1560, 1820, f. 11).

Besides the copies of the Visitation of 1561 in the College of Arms, marked MSS. G. 14, H. 13, H. 14, and *Vincent MS.*, No. 144, the following are to be found in the British Museum, and have all been collated for the present edition.

The earliest, and perhaps the best of these copies is numbered 1103 in the Harleian Catalogue. Throughout this book the descents are given narratively: and the pedigrees have additions made to them, in some cases as late as 1683.

In the year 1618, Sampson Lennard, Bluemantle Pursuivant, made with his own hand the copy now marked *Harl.* 1177. The pedigrees follow pretty exactly the consecutive arrangement of the first mentioned copy, No. 1103. Some few additional families are given (on what authority does not appear), and as in MS. 1103, the descents occasionally brought down. This copy being very legibly written, and the work of a professional herald, has been employed conjointly with MS. 1103, as the basis of the present text, the various readings from the other copies being noted when important.

Closely agreeing with Lennard's Book, and if not a transcript from it, still from the same source, is the *MS. Lansdowne*, 876.

A fourth copy of this Visitation exists in a volume (*Harl.* 1560), which differs from the foregoing copies in the arrangement of the pedigrees. In several instances this copy (and the next), gives information as to dates in early descents, not to be found in the other MSS.

Harl. 1449, contains a large collection of Suffolk pedigrees, including most (if not the whole) of the present Visitation. The text appears to be that of the last article.

Lastly, a carefully written copy will be found also in the Harleian Collection, numbered 155. The arrangement of the pedigrees in this book, does not exactly agree with that of any of the others.

The wills of the Prerogative Court of Canterbury, which have recently been thrown open to literary enquirers, from their commencement in the latter part of the fourteenth century, to the year 1700, will be examined for the purpose of illustrating the pedigrees contained in this Visitation; Mr. W. H. Hart, F.S.A., having undertaken to supply from this source copies of all the Suffolk wills which were proved in that Court, as well as other documents of a kindred nature, which will lend additional value to the Visitation now published.

The Editor has derived much assistance from the valuable *Suffolk Collections* formed by the late D. E. Davy, Esq., of Ufford, which are now preserved among the Additional MSS., British Museum. His thanks are especially due to Richard Almack, Esq., F.S.A.; the Rev. G. H. Dashwood, F.S.A.; Thomas W. King, Esq., F.S.A., York Herald; John Nicholl, Esq., F.S.A.; and to Charles Spencer Perceval, Esq., LL.D., F.S.A., for much valuable information relating to many of the pedigrees, &c.

J. J. H.

* * * *The Pedigrees as given in the Visitation of 1561 are printed in Italic, and the additions in Roman type.*

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Eden.

NOTES.

These arms were granted temp. Henry the Eighth ; there is, however, no record in the College of Arms of the exact date.

The Eden arms, as tricked in the *Visitation of Essex*, are as follows :—Quarterly 1 and 4, *Eden* ; 2, Azure, a sun in splendour Or, *St. Clere* ; 3, Gules, a fess Ermine, between three lions' heads erased Or. These quarterings were brought in by the marriage of Sir Thomas Eden, of Sudbury, Knt., with Elizabeth, daughter and heiress of Sir John St. Clere, of St. Clere Hall, Essex.

On the East wall of All Saints church, Sudbury, is painted a pedigree of the Eden family, which is now nearly defaced. The shields of arms can in some cases be made out, but the names are entirely illegible. The shields are arranged in four rows. The first row consists of three shields, with the crests of *Eden*, *St. Clere*, and *Darcy*, arranged alternately ; described as follows :—

Crest of *Eden*.—On a wreath Sable and Gules, a demi-dragon Vert, holding a slip of rose bush in flower Proper.



1 shield.—*Eden* and *St. Clere* (Azure, a sun Or,) quarterly.

Crest of *St. Clere*.—A Saracen's head in profile Proper, bound round the temples with a fillet Or.

2. *Eden* impaling *Waldegrave*.—Per pale Argent and Gules.

3. *Eden* and *St. Clere* quarterly, impaling Argent, three cinquefoils Gules—*Darcy*.

Crest of *Darcy*.—A demi-*virgin* habited Or, holding in right hand a branch of cinquefoils all Proper, charged on breast with a crescent Sable.

In the 2nd, 3rd, and 4th rows, the shields are as follows :—

1. *Eden*, impaling Argent, a lion rampant Gules, debruised by a bend raguly Or,—*Steward*.

2. *Eden*, impaling Sable, a cross engrailed Or, in the first quarter a mullet of the last.—*Peyton*.

3. Blank, impaling *Peyton*.

4. *Eden*, impaling *St. Clere*.

5. *Eden*, impaling Sable, a bend between six escallops Or,—*Foljamb*.

6. Or, on a bend Azure, cotted Sable, three cinquefoils of the field—*Harris* impaling *Foljamb*.

7. Quarterly ; Or and Vert—*Berners* impaling *Eden*.

8. Argent, a chevron Gules, between three (pheons reversed Sable)—*Sulyard* impaling *Eden*.

9. *Eden* impaling *Steward*.

10. *Eden* and *St. Clere* quarterly ; impaling Argent, 2 bars Sable in chief, three pellets—*Grey*.

11. Sable, three estoiles Or, (a bordure of the first,) impaling *Eden* and *St. Clere*, quarterly.

12. *Eden* and *St. Clere* quarterly, impaling *Darcy*.

13. (Azure) on a fesse (Or.) between three swans' heads (erased of the second) as many cinquefoils (Gules) impaling *Berners*.
 14. *Harris* impaling *Sulyard*.
 15 and 16. *Sulyard* impaling blank.
 17 and 18. Blank impaling *Sulyard*.
 19. *Stoddard* impaling blank.
 20, 21, and 22. Blank impaling *Stoddard*.
 23. *Eden* and *St. Clere* quarterly, impaling blank.
 24 and 25. *Eden* and *St. Clere* quarterly, with label of 3 points Gules, impaling blank.
 26 to 35. Blank impaling *Eden* and *St. Clere* quarterly.

EXTRACTS FROM SUDBURY (ALL SAINTS) REGISTERS.

BAPTISMS.

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|---|---|
| 1572. Elizabeth, the daughter of Mr. Thomas Eden, was baptized the 18 of Marche. | Thomas Eden, Knight, was baptized 28 daye of November. |
| 1594. Elizabeth, da. of Mr. Thomas Eden, was bapt. ye 2nd of Feby. | 1615. Mr. William, the sonne of Sr. Thomas Eden, Knight, was baptized 9 daye of December. |
| 1595. Mary, da. of Mr. Thomas Eden, was bapt. ye 19 of January. | 1617. Mrs. Elizabeth, the daughter of Mr. Roger Wentworth, baptizd ye 18 September. |
| 1601. Dorothy, da. of Mr. Thomas Eden, was bapt. ye 8 daye of April. | 1631. Mary, daughter of Mr. John Eden, baptized 2 of February. |
| 1607. John, the sonne of Sr. Thomas Eden, Knight, baptized the 5 of August. | 1633. John, son of Mr. John Eden, Esq., viz. his heyre, baptized 6 of February. |
| 1609. Robert, the sonne of Sr. Thomas Eden, Knight, was baptized. | 1635. Thomas, son of Mr. John Eden, Esq., bapt. 27 of August. |
| 1611. Mrs. Anne, the daughter of Sr. Thomas Eden, Knight, was baptized the 9th daye of October. | 1637. Richard, son of John and Anne Eden, babt. on ye 2nd of Maye. |
| 1613. Mrs. Penelope, the daughter of Sr. | |

MARRIAGES.

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| 1574. Mr. Richard Eden, and Mrs. Margaret Peyton, were maryed the 3rd of Januarye. | Elizabeth Eden, were maryed the 9th of September. |
| 1589. Mr. Nicholas Stoddar, and Mrs. | 1619. Mr. Roger Thornton, and Mrs. Mary Eden, were maryed the 15th daie of Decr. |

BURIALS.

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| 1568. Mr. Eden was buried the 8th day of August. | 1631. Mary, daughter to Mr. John Eden, Esquire, buried 11 of February. |
| 1574. Mrs. Elizabeth Eden was buried the 2nd of Dec. | 1634. John, sonne of Mr. John Eden, buried 4 of June. |
| 1600. Thomas, the sonne of Mr. Thomas Eden was buried ye 20 of Maye. | 1637. Richard Eden was buried on ye 11th of January. |
| 1604. William, the son of Mr. Wentworth of Gosfield, Esquire, was buried the 20th day of November. | 1638. Mrs. Anne Eden was buried on ye 22 of August. |
| 1607. The Ladye Mary, wiffe of Sr. Thos. Eden, Knight, was bur. the 28 daie of October. | 1656. Mary the Lady Eden was buried Feb. 10. |
| 1614. Sir Thomas Eden, Knt., was burd. the 1st daie of July. | 1663. Mrs. wife of Mr. John Eden, was buried the 19th of November. |
| 1619. Mr. Robert Eden, the sonne of Sir Thomas Eden, Knt., was bur. the 3 day of Decr. | 1672. Mr. Thomas Eden was buried the 22 day of February. |
| 1624. Mr. Saint Clere Eden, buried 22 of May. | 1675. Mrs. Anne, wife of John Eden, Esquire, was buried the 18th day of April. |

WILL OF HENRY EDONE.—1518.

In Dei nomine Amen, I Henry Edone, marchaunt of the Staple at Caleis, beinge hole and parfite of mynde, thanked be God, make, ordeyn, and declare my testament and last wille of all my goodes, catalles, dettes that I have, or herafter shalhave, and of my londes and tenementes wherof any persone or persones bene or herafter shalbe seased or ought to be seased to myue use, or wherof I am or shalbe sole seased in my demeane as of fee within the citeie of London, orelleswhere, etc.

First, I bequethe my soule to the mercy of Almighty Jhesu my maker, and my body to be buried at Criste's Church in Londone, nere my brother Assheby, where myne executours shal thinke moost convenient.

Item, I woll have a preest to singe for my soule, and my frendes soules, by the space of v yeres next after my decesse, and the same preest to have for his stipende every yere x mares.

Item, I wolle that my dettes whiche I owe to any persone or persones in any maner of wise be fully content and paid according to righte and conscience. And, in caase I owe to make any restitution to any persone for any injury, wrong, or trespasse by me doone, and that lafully proved, I woll that they be recompensed and satisfied therfor of my moveable goodes. And that doone, I woll, ordeyne, declare, and it is my full, complete, and parfite wille and mynde, that aswell the residue of my goodes, catalles, and dettes, after my dettes beforsaid paid and restitution made, if any shalbe requisite, as also all and singuler my said landes and tenementes be disposed, bequethed, and ordeyned, as it shall please myne executours herin named, orelles the executours of my brother Maister Richard Edone to ordre geve and dispoase, and such ordre, gyfte, and disposicion as my said executours or the executours of my said brother from tyme to tyme shall make of the said residue of my said goodes, catalles, and dettes, and of every parcell therof, as of all and every parcell of my said londes and tenementes, shalbe my bequest, declaracion, gifte, and ordenaunce, and so to be taken and accepted as yf I my self by expresse wordes in this my present testament and last will had soo plenary and parfitye willed, declared, biquethed and ordeyned.

Item, if I have any other testament then this that I have made in wryting or declared by mouthe at any tyme hertofore I nowe revoke the same. And yf any suche be, I wolle and declare it to be voide and of noone effect.

Item, of this my testament and last wille I name and ordeyne to be myne executours my brother Maister Richard Edone, Archidiacone of Middlesex, and my speciall goode Maister Robert Tonys. And I require my speciall good lorde my lorde of Armachane and Maister Thomas Larke to be my supervisours.

In witness wherof I have subscribed my name, and set to my seall the xxviii day of July, in the yere of our Lord God ml. vc. and xviii.

Probatum fuit testamentum suprascripti defuncti coram domino apud Lamehithe, nono die mensis Decembris anno Domini millesimo quingentesimo decimo octavo, juramento magistri Ricardi Edone, executoris in hujusmodi testamento nominati, ac approbatum et insumatum. Et commissa fuit administratio omnium et singulorum bonorum et debitorum dicti defuncti prefato executori de bene et fideliter administrando, ac de pleno et fideli inventario citra festum Purificationis Beatæ Mariæ Virginis proximo futurum exhibendo, necnon de plano et vero compoto reddendo ad Sancta Dei Evangelia jurat' reservata potestate, etc., alteri executori, etc., cum venerit, etc.

(From the Registry of the Prerogative Court of Canterbury. *Ayliffe* 12.)

WILL OF THOMAS EDONE.—1543.

In the name of God, Amen, the thirde day of May, in the yere of our Lord God, a thousande fyve hundredth fourty and thre, and in the xxxv yere of the reigne of our Sovereigne Lord King Henry the VIIIth. I, Thomas Edone, Citezein and Salter of London, being sicke in body, but nevertheles of good and parfite mynde and remembrance, lawde and praise be unto Almighty God, make and dispoase this my testament and last will in fourme folowing—that is to sey ;

First, I geve and recomende my soule unto Almighty Jesu my Saviour and Redemer, in whom and by the merites of whose blisshed deathe, passion, and resurrectione I trust and beleve to be savid, and to have full and clere remission and forgyvenes of my synnes. And I woll that my body be buried in the Churcheyarde of Saint Mighell, at Quene Hithe, in Londone, where I am a parissioner, with as litle charge as may be. And after my body buried, than I will that all and singuler suche debtis, and ducties as I owe to any parson or parsones shalbe truely paid, and after my dettes paid, than I woll that all and singuler my goodes, catalles, housholde stuffe, and redy money, shalbe divided into thre partes, according to the custume of Londone, wherof one righte parte therof I geve and bequethe to Isaad my wife, to hir owne propre use, oon other parte therof to Anne Edone my daughter, to be delivered hir at hir lafull age of xxiiij yeres or mariage, whiche shall first happen, and if the said Anne fortune to decesse before she come to hir lafull age or mariage, that than I woll that hir parte and porcione shall remayne to my wife, and the thirde parte I reserve to myselfe towards the performauce of my wille.

Item, I geve and bequethe to the high awter for tithes by me forgotten *iiij*d. The residue of all and singuler my goodes, catalles, housholde stuffe, and redy money, after my dettes paid, the costes of my buriall doone, and this my testament fulfilled, I woll shall remayne to myn executours, they to bestowe the same in deades of charitie, at their discrecions.

And of this my present testament and last will I make and ordeyn Isaad my wife, and William Flecton, myne executours. And I geve and bequethe to the said William for his labour and paynes, therin to be taken twenty shillings.

In witnesse wherof herunto I have sett my seall the day and yere above written, per me Thomas Edone, per me James Ketill, Robert Platt, per me Thomam Piersone.

Probatum fuit testamentum suprascripti defuncti habentis etc, vicesimo secundo die mensis Maii anno Domini millesimo quingentesimo quadragesimo tertio coram domino apud Londoniam auctoritate domini nostri regis, etc., juramento relictae et executricis in hujusmodi testamento nominatae, ac approbatum et insumatum. Commissaque fuit administratio omnium et singulorum bonorum jurium et creditorum dicti defuncti profate executrici de bene et fideliter administrando, ac de pleno et fidei inventario secundo die post festum Sanctae Fidis virginis proximo futurum exhibendo, necnon de plano et vero computo reddendo ad Sancta Dei Evangelia juratae, reservata potestate alteri executori in hujusmodi testamento nominato cum venerit, etc.

(From the Registry of the Prerogative Court of Canterbury. *Spert* 20.)

WILL OF HARRY EDON OF BARNYNGHAM.—1545.

In the name of God, Amen, the xxiiith day of Decembr, in the yere of our Lorde God a thowsaunde fyve hundreth fourtie and fyve, and in the xxxviith yere of the reigne of our soveraigne Lorde King Henry the VIIIth etc, I Harry Edon of Barnyngham within the dyocese of Norwiche, hole of mynde and of goodd remembraunce, thanckes being unto Almighty Jhesu, make and ordeyne this my testament and last will in manner and fourme following,

First and principalie before all thinges I geve commende and bequeth my soule to Almighty God my Maker Creator and Redemer, by meritte of whose passion I wholie trust to be saved, and to attayne and come to his glory in heaven.

Item I geve and bequeth my karkase and body to the earthe, therein in some holie place whereas it shalbe thought mete by myne executours to be buried soone aftre my decease.

Item I will that myne executours shall dispende abowte my funeralles the day of my buriall, and to suche pore people being within the towne, as my executours shall thincke moste charritable, the some of three poundes.

Item I will that myne executours shall doo one dirige and masse to be saide and kepte for me uppon my seventh day, and there to be expended abowte the same, the some of fourtie shillings.

Item I geve and bequeth unto the highe sulter within the churche of Barnyngham, for my tithes and offeringes by me negligently paide the some of fyve shillings.

Item I will myne executors shall finde ymmediatly aftre my decease by the space and

terme of one hole yere, one honnest priste to sing and pray for my soule, my father and mother soules, and all cristen soules, he receyving for his sallary and waiges for the saide yere the some of eight marcs, and that to be payde unto hym by myne executours quarterly, that is to say, foure termes of the yere.

Item I will myne executours as shortly as they convenyently may aftre my decease shall kepe within the church of Barnyngham one dirige and masse for my soule and all cristen soules, and thereto be expended abowte the same and to the pore people thereabout, the somme of tenne shillings.

Item I will there be expended amonges the pore prysonners within the gaile of Bury, the some of fyve shillings.

Item I geve and bequeth to Anne my daughter the some of fourtie poundes, if so yt be that the childe the whiche my wiffe is nowe withall be a sonne. And if it shall fortune to be a daughter, and to lyve till she shalbe of the age of xviii yeres, or elles till she shalbe marryed, that then my saide daughter Anne to have of the saide legacie of fourtie poundes the some of fourtie marcs, and thoder xxii marcs I geve and bequeth to the saide daughter that shall so fortune to be borne by my saide wiffe and to lyve the tyme above expressed, and the saide legacies and bequestes as well to my saide daughter Anne and to the saide daughter the whiche my wiffe shulde so fortune to bring fourthe to be delyvered to either of theyme at their severall aiges of xviii yeres, or elles at their severall marriages.

Item I geve and bequeth unto my saide daughter Anne twoo peces of silver, thone of theyme being all gilte, and thoder parcell gilte with a cover, six silver spones, three fetherbeddes with the boulsters, three coverlettes, three peare of blankettes, three paire of sheetes, twoo dyaper table clothes, and twoo towelles, and all the legacie to be delyvered unto her at her age of xviii yeres, or elles the day of her marriage.

Item I bequeth unto Joan my daughter the some of fourtie poundes uppon suche condicion as I have expressed in the legacye of Anne my daughter, or elles she to receive but fourtie marcs, and that to be payde unto her at her age of xviii yeres, or elles at the day of her marriage, that is to meane whiche of theyme shall fortune to be firste. And if it shall fortune my wiffe to have a daughter and to lyve the tyme as is above expressed in the legacye of the saide Anne my daughter, then I will the saide Joan have of the saide fourtie poundes the some of fourtie marcs. And the twenty marcs residue of the saide fourtie poundes I geve and bequeth unto the saide daughter that my saide wiffe shall so fortune to bring fourthe, and that to be delyvered unto the saide daughter that my saide wiffe shall so fortune to bring fourthe the day of her marriage or elles at her age of xviii yeres. I geve and bequeth unto the saide Jone my daughter twoo peces of silver, and one dosen of silver spones, three fetherbeddes, three boulsters, iii coverlettes, three paire of blankettes, iii paire of sheates, ii dyaper table clothes, and twoo towelles, and all this to be delyvered unto the saide Jone my daughter at her marriage, or elles at her age of xviii yeres, that is to meane whiche of bothe the saide tymes shall fortune to be firste.

And if it shall fortune that the saide Anne and Johane or either of theyme to dye before they be severly maryed, or elles have atteyned to their severall aiges of xviii yeres, that then all the bequestes of her that shall so fortune to decease I geve and bequeth unto the childe that my wiffe is nowe with whether it shall fortune to be sonne or daughter. And if the saide Anne and Joane fortune bothe to decease before they have received their severall legacies, that then I geve and bequeth all the legacies to theym bothe bequethed unto the childe the whiche my wiffe is nowe with. And if my saide wiffe shall fortune to bring fourthe twoo childerne at this one tyme, then I will all the legacies of the saide Anne and Johane so dying as is abovesaide shalbe evinly devyded betwene the saide twoo childerne that my saide wiffe shall so fortune to bring fourthe.

Item if it shall fortune my wiffe to have a sonne, I geve and bequeth unto hym my best coverlett of tapstery worke with the pictures of Adam and Eve, one fetherbedd with all things thereunto belonging, one paire of sheates, one paire of blankettes. And if she shall fortune to have a daughter then I will the saide daughter to have thole legacie bequethed by this my last will unto the saide sonne, and the somme of fourtie marcs as is above affirmed owte of the partes of my said daughters Anne and Joane.

Item I geve and bequeth unto Christofer Muriell my nephewe the some of fourtie shillings, to be delyvered unto hym at the age of xviii yeres.

Item I geve and bequeth unto Alice Sponer my sarvaunte yerely during her liffe the some of twentie shillings, and that to be payde unto her yerely by myne executours at twoo termes of the yere, that is to say at the feaste of Ester and Saint Michael tharchaungell by evin porcions.

Item I bequeth unto my brother John Heigham my godsonne a cupp called a nootte, being bounde with silver and gilte, and the cover being silver and gilte.

Item I bequeth unto my brother Thomas Heigham my flatt pece of silver.

Item I geve and bequeth unto my father in lawe Clement Heigham, a saulte of silver with the cover, upon the whiche cover standith a bucke of silver.

All the residue of my gooddes, cattalles, plate stuffe of housholde corne monye and all my dettes with all other my gooddes and cattalles, movables and unmoveables whatsoever they be, my debtes payde, and this my present testament and last will fulfilled, I wholie geve and bequeth theyme unto Elizabeth my wiffe, she to have theyme to her owen use without anny accompte making for theyme to anny parson or parsonnes, requiering her to bring fourthe as her poure shall extende my saide childerne.

Item I geve and bequeth unto Elizabeth my wiffe all my howses, landes, tenementes, gardeynes and orchardes whatsoever they be sett lying and being within the towne of Bury Saint Edmound, to have and to holde all the saide howses, landes, tenementes, gardeynes and orchardes to the said Elyzabeth her executours and assignes during her naturall liffe, and afre her decease to remayne to the heires of me the saide Harry Edou for ever.

Item, I also geve and bequeth unto the saide Elizabeth my wiffe all my customary and copie holde landes and tenementes, medowes and pastures, whatsoever they be, sett lying and being within the townes and feldes of Bury Saint Edmounde aforsaide, Forneham Marten, aswell all those whiche I holde of the king our Sovereigne Lorde as of his graces mannor of Estegeetebernys as those the whiche I holde of Sir Richarde Long and Dame Margaret his wiffe; to have and to holde allthe saide customaie and copieholde landes and tenementes, meddowes, pastures, to the saide Elizabeth my wiffe her executours and assigneis during her naturall liffe, and afre her decease to remayne to the heires of me the saide Harry Edon for ever.

The residue of all my gooddes and cattalles here in this my present testament and last will not bequethed I geve and bequeth to myne executours, whome I doo make Elyzabeth my wiffe and Mr. Clement Heigham my father in lawe.

In wittnes wherof I the saide Harry Edon have subscribed my name and sett my seale in the presence of Harry Hudson, Clark, William Deynes and other.

Probatum fuit hujusmodi testamentum coram domino archiepiscopo Cantuariensi apud Londoniam, octavo die mensis Novembris anno Domini millesimo quingentesimo quadragesimo sexto, juramento Willielmi Walker nominati publici procuratoris executorum in hujusmodi testamento nominatorum, quibus commissa fuit administratio, ac approbatum et insumatum. Et commissa fuit administratio omnium bonorum, etc., præfatis executoribus de bene et fideliter administrando eodem, ac de pleno et fideli inventario exhibendo, necnon de plano et vero compoto reddendo ad Sancta Dei Evangelia in persona dicti procuratoris jurat'.

(From the Registry of the Prerogative Court of Canterbury. *Alen* 19.)

WILL OF RICHARD EDONE, ARCHDEACON OF MIDDLESEX.—1549.

In Dei nomine Amen, This is the last will and testament of me Richerd Edone, Archdeacon of Middelsex, made the sixth day of Decembre anno Domini millesimo quingentesimo quadragesimo nono.

First, I beseche my mercifull Lord Jhesu to take my soule unto his mercye. And I will that my wretchid bodye be buryed on the southeside of the quere of Saint Gregories Church in Sudbury, nere unto the sumtyme Lorde Bisshope Jane. And I will that the prestes and clerkes being present at my buryall be honestly rewarded according to the discrecion of my executour.

Item, I will that the honest poure people of Sudbury, aforsaid, and other townes nere adjoynnyng, discretely knowen and considered, be relevid assone after my deathe, as conveniently may be asferre as the summe of tenne poundes will extende. Also, I will that immediatly after my decease there be distributed to the honest poure people of the towne of Burye Saint Edmunde, where I was borne, the summe of tenne poundes.

Item, I will that during the space of fyve yres immediatly after my deccas, there be yerely distributed and gevyn to the honest poure people of the towne of Sudbury, tenne markes.

Item, I geve unto Trinitie Halle, in Cambridge, tenne poundes.

Item, I geve and bequeth unto the churche of Paules, towardes the reparacions there called the olde workes, tenne poundes.

Item, I geve and bequeth unto the parishe churche of Cranefelde xls.

Item, I bequeth unto the parishe churche of Moche Waldingfelde other xls.

Item, I bequeth to the parishe churche of Dyckleborough, xls.

Item, I bequeth to the parishe churche of Saint Gregories in Sudbury, xls.

Item, I remitte and forgeve unto Richard Edone the hundreth poundes whiche he hath allredy receyved and had of me. And in like maner I remitte and forgeve to George Edone all suche money as he hath receyved of me and that he owith me.

Item, I geve unto Thomas Edone, sonne and heire unto my newewe Thomas Edone, one hundreth poundes.

Item, I geve unto yonge Richard Edone my godsonne, the sonne of George Edone, twentie poundes.

Item, I geve unto my suster Bone, xx*li*.

Item, I geve to George Asshebye, sonne and heire of Thomas Asshebye, tenne poundes.

Item, I geve unto my nece Anne Spryng, suche parcell of my plate as she shall chose herselfe to the value of tenne poundes at the lest.

Item, I geve unto my nece Elizabeth Chamberleyn and to her husbonde, xx*ti* markes.

Item, I geve unto my nece Margaret Maynard, xx*li*.

Item, I remitte and forgeve unto her husbonde Thomas Maynard the dett that he oweth me.

Item, I geve unto William Foster of Yppeswiche, one standing cuppe with a cover.

Item, I geve unto Nicholas Taverner one other cuppe.

Item, I geve unto my servautes, that is to sey, Thomas Payne, John Manwode, and Anthony Hubberstye, eche of them foure poundes, and that they my servautes shall have their accustomed wagis for one yere after my deceas.

Item, I geve unto Thomas Paynes foure childerne eche of them fyve markes, and eche of theym to be eche others heire yf any of them dye before the receipte therof.

Item, I revoke all other testamentes and willes that I have made before the date herof, and of this my present testament and last will I ordeyne and make my newewe Thomas Edone to be my sole executour, trusting bothe in his discrecion and kyndnes in every behalfe

Item, I will that my said executour cause the highe waye from Balydone upwarde to Bulmer Tye or thereaboutes, to be amended where as most nede is as shall be thought moost expedient. Other small gytes and thinges to be doone to Goddes pleasure I remytte to the ordre and discrecion of my said executour.

In witesse hereof I have subscribed this my present last will and testament with myne owne hande the day yere and moneth above written.

Per me Ricardum Edone.

Item, I geve and bequeth unto the thre daughters of Henry Edone, late of Bury, deceased, twenty poundes, and eche of theym to be others heire, and to be paid unto theym and either of theym at the day of mariage, or at the age of xx*ti* yeres, that is to witt, either of theym twentie nobles.

Item, I will and geve unto my newewe Thomas Edone, of Sudbury, the thre acres of lande which I lately purchased of Thomas Fullour, to have and to holde the said thre acres of lande unto the said Thomas Edone, and to his heires for ever. And in like maner I will and geve unto the said Thomas Edone my newewe and to his heires, a certeyne gardeyn callid Skalders gardeyne, adjoyning unto the orteyarde or gardeyne of the late College of Sudbury.

This is the verey true cotype written by me Nicholas Taverner, and conferred by me John Good.

Per me Ricardum Edone.

Probatum fuit testamentum suprascripti defuncti habentis, etc., secundo die mensis Maii anno Domini millesimo quingentesimo quinquagesimo primo, coram domino apud Londoniam, auctoritate domini nostri regis, etc., juramento Thomæ Edone executoris in hujusmodi testamento nominati, ac approbatum et insumatum. Commissaque fuit administratio omnium et singulorum bonorum jurium et creditorum dicti defuncti prefato executori de bene et fideliter administrando, ac de pleno et fideli inventario secundo die post festum Sanctæ Fidis proximo futurum exhibendo, necnon de plano et vero compoto reddendo ad Sancta Dei Evangelia jurat'.

(From the Registry of the Prerogative Court of Canterbury, *Bucks* 14.)

WILL OF GEORGE EDEN, OF SUDBURY.—1558.

In the name of God Amen, the twentythe daye of Decembre, in the yeare of our Lorde God a thowsand fyve hundred fyfthe and eighte, and in the yeare of the raignes of our soveraigne Ladye Elizabeth, by the grace of God of England, Fraunce, and Ierland, Quene Defendor of the Faythe, etc.: the fyrste, I, George Eden, of Sudbury, wythein the countye of Suffolke, gentylman, beinge of hole mynde and perfecte remembraunce, thankes be to God, make thys my presente testament and laste wyll, in maner and fourme followinge:—

Fyrste, I bequeath my sowle into the handes and mercye of Allmyghtye God; my bodye to be huried wheare yt shall please myne executor.

Item secondlye, I wyll all my debtes be trulye and justelye payde, and recompences to be made wheare yt shall justelye appeare that I have don any injurie.

Item, I gyve unto my fower sonnes Rychard, Charles, Edward, and Wyllyam, all my landes, tenementes, and leases, in Wickhambroke, wythein the countye of Suffolke, excepte that peace of lande called the Lampeland; to have and to houlde from the feaste of Seincte Mychaell, tharchaugell, whiche shalbe in the yeare of our Lorde God a thousand fyve hundred fyfthe and nyne, to them and to there heyres for ever; wythe these two condicions followeing, that ys to saye, that they and every of them paye yearlye, or cause to be payde unto myne executor, or thexecutors [of] myne executor, the somme of fyve poundes yearlye, for the space of twentye yeares, whiche I wyll shalbe yearlye bestowed amongst ye poreste inhabitauntes of Bury Saincte Edmond, Sudbury, and Wyckhambroke, in maner and fourme followeing, that ys to saye: to the poorest inhabitauntes of Bury, fourty shyllinges; of Sudbury, fortye shillinges; and Wickhambroke, twenty shillinges, at Easter, yearlye: and also that they and every of them permytte my sayd executor, yf he shall thinke so good, to cutt downe, fell, sell, and carrye awaye quyetye, at any tyme, wythein the space of thre yeares nexte after my decease, all the woode and tymbre nowe groweing upon the too groves adjoyninge to my howse, in Wyckhambroke, conteyninge nyne acres and on roode, and allso all that the woode and timber groweing in that parte of the Pryor's ground whiche Wyllyam Ponde nowe occupyeth.

Item, I wyll that my sonne Rychard be payde the twenty ponde whiche my uncle Archedeacon bequeathed hym, and I receyved to hys use.

Item, I gyve to my two daughters Brydgett and Anne, to eyther of them, on hundred poundes, and the stocke whiche I have in Muscovia, and the proffetes thereof, to be delyvered unto eyther of them, at there severall adges of xvii^{ten} yeares, or dayes of maryadge. And yf eyther of my seyde daughters happen to decease before the seyde adges, or dayes of maryadge, than then I wyll that the survyvor have the others parte; and [if] yt fortune bothe to decease before there seyde adges, or dayes of maryadge, that then I wyll the seyde two hundred poundes, and the seyde stocke in Muscovia, be equallye devyded amongst my seyde children then survyvinge.

Item, I gyve unto Robarte Smythe, of Wyckhambroke, and to hys heyres for ever, all that my peace of lande called the Lampeland, in Wickhambroke aforesayd, payeing to myne executor at Seincte Margarettes daye nexte, fyften poundes of lawefull monnye of England.

Item I gyve unto Stephan Leyer fortye shillinges.

Item I gyve unto Rychard Johnson fyve markes.

Item I gyve unto John Jegon, to be payde to a master to trade hym upp in the course of the chauncery for three yeares, after liii s. iiiid. a yeare, eyghte poundes.

Item I gyve unto Thomas Raynouldes fourtye shillinges.

Item I gyve unto Wyllyam Reynes syxe and twentye shillinges eyghte pence, or a ringe of that value.

Item I gyve to George Eden my godson fortye shillinges.

Item I gyve to George Olyff my godson twentye shyllinges.

Item I gyve to mother Bettes xxs.

Item I gyve to mother Johane twenty shillinges.

Item I gyve to John Ballard fortye shillinges and my staweking mare.

Item to Maister Servington a ringe of fourtye shillinges.

Item I gyve unto John Croyley fourtye shillinges, and unto hys wyeff syxe and twentye shillinges eyghte pence.

Item I wyll there be bestowed the daye of my buryall fyve poundes, and at my monethe daye other fyve poundes.

Item I gyve and bequeath unto Wyllyam Humberston, gentylman, my cosyne, fortye poundes.

The resydewe of all and singuler my landes, tenementes, and heredytamentes before not bequeathed I wyll be soule by myne executor, and the monney thereof comminge to goe to the performacyon of thys my presente testament and laste wyll.

And I constytute, ordaine, and make the seyd Wyllyam Humberston my soole executor of thys my presente testament and laste wyll, and he to have over and besydes hys legacye before remembred all hys reasonable chardges to be susteyned in and aboute thys my presente testamente and laste wyll.

George Eden.

Probatum fuit hujusmodi testamentum quarto die mensis Aprilis anno Domini millesimo quingentesimo quinquagesimo nono, apud London, coram Decano et Capitulo ecclesie metropolitanae Christi Cantuariensis, juramento Justitiani Kydd procuratoris Willielmi Humberston executoris in hujusmodi testamento nominati, cui commissa fuit administratio omnium et singulorum honorum de bene et fideliter administrando, ac de pleno et fideli inventario conficiendo, illudque exhibendo et introduendo, secundo die post festum Johannis, etc.

(From the Registry of the Prerogative Court of Canterbury, *Cheyney*, 1).

WILL OF GRISSELL EDEN, OF SUDBURY.—1572.

In the name of God Amen, the xxiith daye of the monnoth of October, in the yere of oure Lorde God 1572, and in the fourteeneth yere of the raigne of our soveraigne Lady Elizabeth, by the grace of God Quene of England, Fraunce, and Ireland, defendor of the faith, etc., I, Grissell Eden, thelder, of Sudbury, in the countie of Suffolke, widowe, the late wife of Thomas Eden, Esquier, deceased, hole of mynde and in my good and perfecte remembraunce being, praised be God for all his benefites, do ordayne and make this my present testament and last will, utterlie revoking and adnulling all other former willes and testaments by me at any tyme heretofore made, devised, or declared, either by worde or writing, and confirmyng this onelie to stande and be taken as my hole true and last will, as foloweth:—

First and principallie, I give and bequeth my soule into thandes of Almightye God, Maker and Redeamer, and I will my body to be buried in the chappell of the parishe church of All Saintes, in Sudbury, where the body of my good husband lieth buried, in suche sorte as shall seame best to myne executor.

Item, I give to the pore people dwelling in Sudbury, eight poundes, whereof I will that iiiii be gyven and distributed upon the day of my buriall, and thother iiiii to be gyven and distributed within one yere next folowing, when my executor shall thincke the same most nedefull.

Item, I give and bequeth unto Charles Ceasar, my godsonne, tenne poundes, to be paied at his aige of xviii yeres, if he lyve so longe.

Item, I give unto Mr. Senter fortie shillings, to be paied unto hym within one moneth nexte after my decease.

Item, I give unto the widowe of Heywarde a morning gowne, one of my best part-lettes and a paire of ruffes to it, and one of my fyne smockes.

Item, I give unto Robert Sharpe, her sonne, one bed furnisshed, standing in the litle chamber within the parlour chamber, that is to say, a felde bedstede, with a testor of red and yellowe satten of bridges, iii curteyns of red and yellowe say, thre curteyn rodde, one good fetherbed, a paire of new blanckettes, one bolster, and one counter-pointe, or covering of tapistrie, which I will shalbe delivered unto hym within viii daies next after my decease.

Item, I give unto suche of my servauntes as hath dwelte with me sithens the death of my husband, and shall fortune to dwell with me at the tyme of my death, to eche of them fortie shillings.

Item, I will that my executor shall give and rewarde every one of my other servauntes, aswell maide servauntes as men servauntes, that shall happen to dwell with me at the tyme of my death, according to his discretion.

Item, I give unto Edward Wistowe, the boy in my kitchen, if he dwell with me at

the tyme of my death, xiii. iiiid., to be paied unto hym within one moneth next after my decease.

Item, I give unto Margery, my litle maide, xxs., to be paied her within one moneth after my decease, so that the said Margery shall serve my daughter Sularde during the terme which she is bounde to serve me, yf my daughter Sularde be content to kepe her.

Item, I give unto my said daughter Sularde one paire of fyne shetes of thre bredethes, one damaske table cloth, stitched at both endes, a dozen of damaske napkyns belonging to it, wrought with blacke silke, and a damaske towell likewise wrought with blacke silke.

Item, I give unto my daughter Grissell Eden, a damaske table cloth, a damaske cupborde cloth, and a damaske towell, a paire of fyne shetes of ii bredethes and a half, two fyne playne table clothes, one fyne playne cupborde cloth, and a dozen of playne table napkyns.

Item, I give and bequeath to the said Grissell Eden my daughter, all the apparell belonging to myne owen person, as silke, velvet, wollen, cloth, lynnens, furrer, or whatsoever other sorte or condicion the same shalbe, all which napery and apparell I will shalbe delyvered to the said Grissell my daughter, within one moneth next after my decease.

All the residue of my goodes and cattelles, redy money, plate, jewelles, debtes, impleamentes, and housholde stuffe, for the true and faithfull execucion of this my present testament and last will, I give and bequeth them holly to Richard Eden, my sonne, whome I do ordeyn and make thonelie and sole executor of this my said last will and testament. Theis being witnesses, Martyn Coole, Charles Eden, Robert Sharpe, with other.

Post Scriptum. Item, I give and bequeath to my nephewe Charles Eden, fortie shillings, to be paied unto hym within one moneth next after my decease.

Probatum fuit testamentum suprascriptum coram magistro Willielmo Drury legum doctore, Curie Prerogative Cantuariensis commissario, apud Londoniam, nono die mensis Februarii, anno Domini millesimo quingentesimo septuagesimo secundo, juramento magistri Georgii Harryson notarii publici procuratoris executoris in testamento hujusmodi nominati, cui commissa fuit administratio omnium et singulorum bonorum, etc., de bene, etc., ad Sancta Dei Evangelia jurati.

(From the Registry of the Prerogative Court of Canterbury. *Peter 6.*)

WILL OF SIR THOMAS EDEN, THE ELDER, KNIGHT, OF SUDBURY.—1613.

In the name of God the Father, the Sonne, and the Holy Ghost, the nyneth daye of July, in the yeere of our Lord God One thowsand six hundred and thirteene, and in the eleaventh yeere of the raigne of our soveraigne Lord Kinge James of England, Fraunce, and Ireland, and of Scotland the sixe and fortith; I, Thomas Eden, of Sudbury, in [the Countie of Suffolke, the elder, Knight, aged threescore and nyneteene yeeres or thereabouts, as I doe suppose, beinge of good and perfect mynde and remembrance, thankes be to God, doe ordaine and make this my last will and testament, in manner and forme followinge, revokinge all other wills and testamentes whatsoever, by me formerly made before the date of these presentes.

First, I commend and bequeath my soule to the mercy of Allmightie God, my body to be buried in the chappell where I have accustomed to heere devine service, where my father, my mother, and two of my wyves lye buried, in the parish of All Sainctes, in the towne of Sudbury aforesaid, and I will my buriall to be done as it shall seeme best to my executor.

Also, I give towards the reparacions of the said parrish church twentie shillings.

Also, I geve towards the releife of the poore people dwellinge within the three parrishes (that is to say), of All Sainctes, St. Gregories, and St. Peters, in Sudbury aforesaid, nyne poundes, to be distributed by my executor within five weekes after my death, vizt to the poore of every of the said parrishes three poundes.

Also, I will that my executor shall make, or cause to be made, in the chappell aforesaid, a tombe for a memoriall of my father, my mother, my two wives aforesaid, and myselfe, accordinge to his discretion, within one yeere after my death, if I doe not myselfe make the same before I dye.

Item, I give to the Lady Eden, my daughter in lawe, one hundreth poundes, to be paid her within halfe a yeare after my death.

Item, I geve to every one of the children of my sonne and her the said Lady Eden, nowe livinge, twentie poundes a peece.

Item, I geve to my nephew Thomas Eden, of Cambridge, twentie nobles.

Item, I geve to my cozen, William Springe, five markes.

Item, I geve to my servant, Robert Boram, fortie shillings, and to his wyfe, twentie shillings.

Also, the residue of my goodes and chattells, plate, money, stuffe, and furniture of house, and other thinges whatsoever, I geve unto Sir Thomas Eden, Knight, my onely sonne and heire, whome I doe make and ordayne my sole executor of this my last will and testament.

In wittnes whereof I have hereunto sett my hande and scale, the daye and yeere first afore written.

The marke of Sir Thomas Eden, the testator.

Read over in the presence and hearinge of the testator, and by him sealed and subscribed, and delivered to the custodie of the executor herein named, the day and yeare aforesaid, in the presence of us, Elizabeth Stoddard, Thomas Eden, Canteb'r, Thomas Darcy, Thomas Smith, Edward Newman.

Probatum fuit testamentum suprascriptum apud Loudon, coram venerabili viro magistro Willielmo Byrde legum doctore, Curie Prerogative Cantuariensis magistro custode sive commissario legitime constituto, octavo die mensis Julii anno Domini millesimo sexcentesimo decimo quarto, juramento domini Thomæ Eden militis, filii naturalis et legitimi et natu maximi ejusdem defuncti et executoris in eodem testamento nominati, cui commissa fuit administratio bonorum jurium et creditorum dicti defuncti de bene et fideliter administrando, etc., ad Sancta Dei Evangelia jurati.

(From the Registry of the Prerogative Court of Canterbury, *Laroe* 74.)

WILL OF SIR THOMAS EDEN, OF BALLIDON, KNIGHT.—1615.

In the name of God Amen, I Sir Thomas Eden, of Ballidon, in the Countie of Essex, Knight, beinge of perfect memorie, doe ordayne and make this my last will and testament, revokinge all other former wills.

First I bequeath my soule into the handes of Allmightie God, hopinge that through the merittes of my Saviour Jhesus Christ to have pardon of all my synnes and to inheritt everlastinge life.

I doe hereby will that all the rentes, profittes, and commoditie whatsoever, aswell underwoodes or otherwise (timber trees and bowlinges excepted), of all those the houses, landes, tenementes, and hereditamentes whatsoever, which I have either in possession or reversion scituate lyeing and beinge in the parishes of Bumsted at the Tower, Bumsted Helion, Samford, Hempsted, Finchingfeild, Stamborne, and Birdbroke, in the said County of Essex, and now in the occupation of Josua Barners, gentleman, his assigne or assignes, shalbe employed and goe from and immediatelie after my decease for and duringe the space of twentie and one yeares, for and towards the raysinge of porcions for my daughters Elizabeth, Marie, Dorothe, Bridget, Grysell, An, Fenelopie, and to the child my wyfe is now with child with, if it be a daughter, the profittes of which foresaid landes, tenementes, and woodes, I will shalbe received by my lovinge wife Dame Marie Eden, to be employed as aforesaid, and my said severall daughters to have one thousand merkes a peice at the day of their mariages, or the ages of xxi yeares, which happen first, marieinge with the consent and likinge of their mother.

I doe hereby also will and devise that all those my landes, tenementes, woodes and hereditamentes whatsoever, which I have in St. Oseth, and Much Bentlie, or elsewhere, within the hundreth of Tendering, in the countie of Essex, shalbe solde by my said wife for the redeeminge of these landes, now in morgage to Sir Thomas Bendishe, Baronet, scituate, lyeing, and beinge within the parishes of Bumstedd ad turrim, alias Steple Bumstedde, Bumsted Helion, and Hempstedd, in the said county of Essex, which said landes, so morgaged and redeemed I will shalbe solde for and towards the payment of my debtes and the legacies of my said daughters by my nowe wife Dame Marie Eden. And if it should happen that the said morgaged landes should not be redeemed yet my

meaninge is that the said landes within the hundred of Tendering, aforesaid, shalhe sould by my said wyfe for and towards my daughters portions and payment of my debtes. Alsoe, I will that these particullarre houses, landes, tenementes, and hereditamentes, hereafter mencioned shalbe by my said wife sould for the payment of my debtes, my daughters porcions, and legacies given to my daughters, or other legacies herein mencioned, videlicet, the house called the Friers in Sudburie, with the outhouses, gardeins, orchards and ground within the river theareunto nere adjoyninge, conteynninge by estimation, xxx acres; alsoe tenn acres of meadowe called the Friers meadowe, nowe in my occupacion, in the parish of St. Gregorie, in Sudburie, in the countie of Suffolke; alsoe two acres of gronde next the wall of my said house called the Fryers, nowe in the occupacion of Charles Abbott, nowe Maior of Sudburie; alsoe foure acres of meadowe in Middleton, in the said countie of Essex, nowe in my owne occupacion; alsoe nyne acres of lande in Bulmer, in the said countie of Essex, adjoyninge to Abries, in the occupacion of John Emes of Bulmer, aforesaid; alsoe thirtie acres of lande called Churchfeild, in Bulmer, in the said countie of Essex, in the possession of the said John Emes; alsoe twentie acres of lande called Gowldinge feild, in the occupacion of Edmond Marche, in the parish of Bulmer, in the said countie of Essex; alsoe my litle meadowe and feild called Melfeild, in the possession of the said Edmond March, in Essex; alsoe certaine landes called Rice Fenne, in the parish of litle Hennie, in the said countie of Essex, nowe in the occupacion of Thomas Paine; alsoe nyne acres of lande in old feild, nowe in the occupacion of Thomas Coe, in Bulmer, in the said county of Essex; alsoe two acres of meadowe in Middleton, nowe letten to the said John Emes, in the said countie of Essex; alsoe one croft called Busheroft, in Bulmer or elsewhere, in the occupacion of Robert Boram, in the said countie of Essex; alsoe certaine landes called Mabrum hilles, in Bulmer, in the said countie of Essex, now or late in the occupacion of one ——— French; alsoe one acre in the glebe of greate Heine, in the occupacion of Edward Turner, in the saide countie of Essex.

And for my two younger sonnes John Eden and Robert Eden, I doe hereby will and devise to every of them and their heires one rent charge of fortie poundes a peice yeerely, to be paid at the feastes of St. Michael the Archangell, and the Anunciation of our Ladie the virgin Marie by even and equall portions, issueinge and goeing out of all and every of those my landes, tenementes, or hereditamentes, whatsoever called or knowne by the name or names of the Ries, great Tyballes, litle Tihalles, and Redinges, or by what other name or names soever, nowe or late in the occupacion of Edward Turner and John Digbye, their assigne or assignes, scituate, lyinge, and being in Middleton, litle Hennie, in the said countie of Essex, and out of all my landes in Bulmer, in Essex, not formerly devised, the first payment to begynne at or upon the next and immediate of either the said feastes that shall first happen after my decease. And if it shall happen the said severall sommes or any parte therof to be behinde and unpaide in parte or in all after anie of the saide feastes by the space of thirtie dayes that, then it shall and maye be lawfull to and for them the said John Eden or Robert Eden, or ether of them, or for the heires or assignes of them and everie of them to enter into the said landes called the Ries, great Tiballes, and litle Tyballes, and Redinges, and the last rented landes in Bulmer, and into every parte of them, and everie of them to distraine for the said rent or rentes, and the distres or distresses so taken to detaine and keepe untill they the said John Eden and Robert Eden, or either of them, or the heires, executors, or assignes of them, or either of them shalbe from tyme to tyme fullie satisfied and paid; and my will and meaninge is that my said wife shall receive to her use the said severall yearly sommes of 40*li.* a peice, graunted as aforesaid to my said sonnes hn and Robrt, untill they and everie of them shall severallie attaine to the age of xviiij yeare a peice, for and towards the bringinge upp of them and my other children.

And if it shall fortune the child my wife is nowe withall to be a sonne, I will to him at his age of xviiij yeres, the summe of five hundred markes, to be paid by my executor out of the landes to be sould, and my goodes.

And whereas I am by bond bounde to make upp the jointure of my said wife, to the yearlie somme of two hundred poundes, for and during her naturall life, and alsoe whereas my said wife at my request hath sould parte of her joynture, I doe hereby will and devise so much yearely rent out of all those landes as I leave to discend to my eldest sonne St. Clere Eden, as shall amount unto to make upp my said wives jointure, two hundred poundes a yere, with that she hath already assured for and during her naturall life, and that it shall and maye be lawfull to and for the saide Dame Marie Eden, or her assignes, during her said life, to enter into all or anie of the landes soe discended or to be discended



Arms of Thomas Eden LL.D. Master of Trinity Hall from a Brass in Trinity Hall Chapel, Can.

to my said sonne St. Clere Eden, and yearly to distreine for soe much as shall amount to make up my said wive's joynter the full summe of two hundred poundes, and the distres or distresses soe taken to detaine and keepe untill shee shalbe fully satisfied, and payed soe much yearelie as shall amount unto the said summe of two hundreth poundes per annum.

Alsoe my will is that if my said sonne St. Clere Eden, or anie of my other sonnes, if they or any of them fortune to be my heire, shall not at their age or ages of twentie and one yeares confirme the sale or sales of the severall parcells of landes lymitted by my will to be sold as aforesaid, either by waye of joyninge in the grant, release, fine, or other reasonable assurance, or if he or anie that shalbe my heire shall make voyde my said will for or concerninge anie the gifte or giftes given to my said yonger children, or to my said wife, then I will that my wife shall make an absolute sale of all those my foresaid landes, tenementes, and hereditamentes whatsoever, in Bumstedd at the tower, Bumstedd Helion, Stamborne, Hempstedd, Finchingfeild, Samforde, and Birdbroke, in the said county of Essex, for the performance of my will.

Also I give to every servaunt over and above that is due unto them halfe yeares wages.

The residue of all my goodes and chattles whatsoever, I give to my lovinge wife, whome I make my sole executor, and for my funerall I leave to her discretion.

Alsoe I give unto my said wife the parsonage tithes, yearlye reneuinge during her life of all those landes which she hath in joyature, and fiftie loads of wood yearlye to be taken in anie of my woodes.

Alsoe I give unto my sister my bason and ewer, the lesser like a boate.

Alsoe I give to my sonne, St. Clere Eden, my bason and ewer which I bought of my cosen Thomas Suliarde.

Alsoe I will that my kinsman Charles Eden shall have his diett and 5*l.* per annum, or 10*l.* per annum at his choyse duringe his life.

In witnes whereof I have hereunto sett my hande and seale this xxi daye of September, in the xiiiith yeare of the reigne of our soveraigne Lord James, by the grace of God Kinge of England, Fraunce, and Irelande, and of Scotland the nyne and fortith, Anno Domini, 1615.

THOMAS EDEN.

Sealed, published, and subscribed in the presence of us, John Darcey, Richard Reve, Conyers Southwell.

Probatum fuit testamentum suprascriptum apud London coram venerabili viro domino Johanne Benet milite legum doctore Curie Prerogative Cantuariensis magistro Custode sive commissario legitime constituto, secundo die mensis Februarii, anno Domini juxta cursum et computationem Ecclesie Anglicane millesimo sexcentesimo decimo quinto, juramento dominæ Mariæ Eden relicte dicti defuncti et executricis in eodem testamento nominate, cui commisa fuit administratio bonorum jurium et creditorum dicti defuncti de bene et fideliter administrando, &c., ad Sancta Dei Evangelia vigore commissionis in ea parte alias emanatæ jurate.

(From the Registry of the Prerogative Court of Canterbury, *Cope*, 15.)

WILL OF THOMAS EDEN, DOCTOR OF LAWE.—1643.

In the name of God Amen, this xxiiiith of January, anno Domini 1643, I Thomas Eden, Doctor of Lawe, Master of Trinity Hall, in Cambridge, being [God be thanked] in usuall health of bodie, doe make this my last will and testament, revoking hereby all former wills by me made whatsoever.

First, I commend my soule into the mercie of God, hoping, though I be a most sinfull, wicked man, yet thorough the mercie of God and the merrites of my deare Saviour Jesus Christ, yt shalbe receaved into everlasting blisse in heaven. My body I committ to the earth, desireing earnestly and without faile to be buried in ye chappell in Trinity Hall, in Cambridge, before the Treasure howse dore there. And I desire that in the windowe above that place, a little monument or memoriall of me may be placed, not curious or costly, but lasting, of marble or such like, whereupon may be engraven my name and family, the tyme of my death and that I was a benefactor to that poore colledge.

And whereas I have heretofore about ten yeares since, settled upon the Colledge by feoffees in trust eight and twentie poundes a yeare for ever by landes to that value, and with the consent of all the then Fellowes of that Colledge by an ordinance appointed how that money should yearly be devided amongst the Master, Fellowes, and Schollers there, and what should be yearly by them performed, I doe nowe by this my will give unto the said Colledge five hundred and foure poundes (soe much the land formerly bought for this purpose cost me) more to purchase soe much more lande, videlicet to the yearly value of eight and twenty poundes, and to settle it to the use of the Master, Fellowes, and Schollers of the said Colledge by feoffees or otherwise.

And I will that every man's part or allowance sett downe in the former ordinance be doubled by this my guift, and the same thinges performed that are sett downe in that former ordinance and nothing else.

And whereas by the said ordinance some odd money of the said former 28*li.* per annum, is appointed for wax candles in the chappell, I doe appoint that the odd money of this latter 28*li.* per annum shalbe employed upon some provision of wyne and dyet, to be spent yearly upon the Master, Fellowes, and Schollers at supper the night of that day on which the commemoracion shalbe made.

Item, I give to the said Master, Fellowes, and Schollers, fortie poundes to buy them a faire arras hanging for the upper end of their hall, and x*li.* to be bestowed on a peece of plate on which I desire my name and armes to be sett.*

And I pray God preserve and prosper that poore societie.

Item, I give to the poore of the towne of Cambridge xx*li.* to be distributed on the day of my buriall there; and xx*li.* to the poore of the towne of Sudbury, in Suffolke, and twenty markes to the poore of the towne of St. Edmondeshury, in Suffolke. And twentie markes to the poore of the cittie of Elie, and twenty markes to the poore of the cittie of Westminster: all which summes I desire my executor to take care they be soe distributed as that they be in addicion of releife to the poore, and not an ease to the rich.

Item, I give to my two neeces, videlicet, Phillippa Eden, and Nan Eden, to each of them foure thousand poundes, to be payed to either of them at their severall ages of twenty yeares, or day of marriage, which shall first happen. And if either of them dye before the day of payment of their severall legacies shall come, I will that her part soe dyeing shalbe equally devided betweene the survivor and my nephue Thomas Eden. And I desire my executor soe to dispose of the said moneys presently as that the two legatees may have such profit of their severall legacies as may well be made for their maintenance before the dayes of payment come. And yf both my said neeces dye before the severall dayes of payment of their severall legacies, then my nephue Thomas Eden to have both the said legacies of foure thousand poundes a peece.

Item, I give to Robert Richardson, my servant, a rent charge of fortie poundes per annum dureing his life, upon all my lands in Trumpington, neere Cambridge, with clause of distresse as is usuall in such cases: the said xl*li.* to be paid yearly at two payments, videlicet, xx*li.* at the feast of Thannunciacion yearly, and xx*li.* at the feast of St. Michael yearly, with the power of distreyning as I said before, the first payment to begin att that feast of the said feastes which shalbe first next after the day of my death.

Item, I give to the said Robert Richardson, three hundred poundes in money, videlicet, one hundred poundes which his wive's uncle, Mr. Parrot, of Shoe Lane, London, oweth me by bonde, and twenty poundes which B—— Botewright, of Cambridge, oweth me upon bond (which bond is made to the said Robert Richardson, but the debt is due to me), the other hundred and eighty poundes to be payed out of my other estate.

Item, I give to Mr. Benjamine Thorneton, of Trinity Hall, all the money he oweth me; also I give to him that C*li.* which he hath appointed unto me, out of the 300*li.* bond which Mr. Gibbon, and the Lord Gerge, and Mr. Bampfild, are engaged in to him.

Also, I give to the said Mr. Benjamin Thorneton, the 200*li.* which the said Mr. Gibbon oweth me by bonde, wherein three other men are alsoe bound with the said Mr. Gibbon.

Item, I give to my godsonne William Eden, sonne of Thomas Eden long since deceased, an hundreth poundes.

I give to Mrs. Causabone, of Canterbury, sister unto Mr. William Harrison, late Fellowe of Trinitie Hall, aforesaid, the diamond ring which I did usually weare in

* This piece of plate is still in the possession of Trinity Hall.

memorie of her said brother, and for the buying of which ring he gave me tenn poundes in his will.

I give to my godson, the sonne of Mr. Robert Felton, late parson of Gransden Parva in the dioces of Ely, fyftie poundes; yf my said godson be dead I give it to his brother whoe is now, or was lately Fellowe of Pembroke Hall, in Cambridge.

Item, I give unto my worthy frend Mr. James Bunce, Alderman, and nowe Sheriff of London, all the money which I lately sent over by his advice and direccion by bills of exchange to Rotherdam, in London,* which comes to about sixteene hundred poundes sterling, desiringe he will accept of it as a recompence for the great burthen which by this will I shall impose upon him in committing unto his care the managing and calling in of my wholle estate. I have, since my acquaintance with him allwayes observed, and in some particulers seene by experience, his true care and fidelitie in discharging and really performing trustes of this kinde. I doe, therefore, by these presentes, make him my sole executor, and doe most earnestly intreate him to undertake yt, and performe it, and to devide equally among the three poore orphantes, my nephue Thomas, and my neeces Phillippa and Anne; the remainder of my personall estate, after my debtes and legacies payed, or after soe much defalked as is sufficient to pay my said debtes and legacies.

My reall estate in houses and land I doe leave to descend upon my said nephue Thomas.

And I doe most humbly beseech the right honourable the Master of the Court of Wards, and all that honourable Court that the wardship of my said nephue may be committed unto my executor aforesaid, videlicet, Mr. Alderman Bunce, now sheriff of London.

In witnes of all the premisses I have written all this my will with my owne hand, the daye first above mencioned; and I have alsoe acknowledged soe much, and that it is my will, in the presence and hearing of all the witnesses whose names are hereunder written; and I have alsoe therewithall in their presence sett my name, with my owne handwritting to both pages of it, and my seale at thend of it. THOMAS EDEN; the marke of Richard Knighbridge, John Kelloway, Richard Lanham, Sara Pigott.

26^o Maii, 1645.

A codicill to be annexed to my last will heretofore by me formerly made and written with myne owne hand.

Imprimis, I give my hatband of diamondes to my nephue Thomas, to be delivered to him at his age of xxi yeares, but I would have perfect note of the number and distinct quantitie of the diamondes delivered presently to him by my executor, to keepe by my said nephue.

Item, I give my great diamond ring sett in a greene roundell, to my neece Phillippa Eden, to be delivered her presently after my death.

Item, I give one other of my two jewells of diamondes, the lesser in bulke of the two, to my neece Anne Eden, to be delivered to her at her age of eighteene yeares or day of marriage which comes first.

Item, I give the other of the sayd two jewells of diamondes, the bigger in bulke of the said two, with ten tables about it, to my worthie frend Mrs. Bunce, wife to my executor.

Item, whereas I have given to Robert Richardson, a rent charge upon all my landes in Trumpington of fortie poundes per annum, I will now yt shalbe five and fortie poundes per annum. And whereas yt is in my will given onely for himselfe dureing his life, I will hereby that he shall have power to make a joynture of it to his next wife, to endure alsoe to her life.

And whereas I did limitt one of the hundred poundes I gave him in my said will to be paid out of my Uneke Parrote's debtes, I doe acknowledge that debt to be payed to me, and therefore I will the said hundreth poundes be payed to him out of my other estate.

I give to John Brotherton, tenn poundes.

To-Mr. Calandrine, twenty markes.

THOMAS EDEN.

Signed and acknowledged to be all written with the testator's owne hand the day and yeare first above written, in the presence of us, William Weeley, Thomas Lancaster.

* Sic in MS.

† Honorable in the MS.

Probatum fuit testamentum supradictum unacum codicillo eidem annexo apud London, coram dilecto subdito nostro Willielmo Sames, legum doctore surrogato dilecti subditi nostri Nathanielis Brent militis legum etiam doctoris Curie nostre Prerogative Cantuariensis magistris custodis legitime constituti, vicesimo primo die mensis Julii anno Domini millesimo sexcentesimo quadragésimo quinto, juramento Jacobi Bunce unius Aldermanorum civitatis London et executoris in hujusmodi testamento nominati, cui commissa fuit administratio omnium et singulorum honorum, jurium, et creditorum dicti defuncti de bene et fideliter administrando eadem ad Sancta Dei Evangelia jurati.*

(From the Registry of the Prerogative Court of Canterbury, *Rivers*, 96.)

[Dr Eden was buried at the north east corner of Trinity Hall chapel, in front of what formerly was the Treasury door, the spot which he selected for himself, as mentioned in his will, under a black marble stone, on which are his arms, on a brass plate (*see Plate*), and this inscription:—

“Hic spe certa resurgendi in christo sepultus est, Thomas Edenus, L.L.Dr., peritissimus et hvjus collegii olim dignissimus prefectus.”

Against the wall is a mural monument with this inscription:—

Suspice Lector, ac venerare, Hoc enim sub Marmore condite jacent Reliquie Thomæ Eden, L.L.D., Richardi Eden et Margaritæ uxoris, de Anningfield Australi in Agro Essexiensi, Filij natū minimi, Dioceseos Eliensis Cancellarij, Westmonasteriensis, et Sancti Edmundi de Burgo Commissarij, unius etiam ex Magistris Almæ Curie Cancellariæ ordinarij, nec non hujusce Aulæ Custodis olim dignissimi, pariter ac munificentissimi: Quo nemo tum Morum eximiâ Suavitate, et Probitate, tum singulari etiam Legum Civilium, atque Ecclesiasticarum Scientiâ majorē consecutus est laudem, unde Spartam, quam apud nos, honorum omnium Consensu, merito nactus est, strenuè ornavit; nostrumque Collegium tot, tantisque Beneficijs vivus moriensque devinxit, ut Parentis potius nomen, quam Custodis mereatur nos itaque Custos et Socij, nè pereat Beneficiorum memoria, quæ tūm aliis, tūm nobis præstitit, hoc sepulchrale marmor in æternum tanti Patroni Testimonium poni curavimus. ob. Londin, Jul: 18, & fuit Hic sepult: Aug: 2, 1645.

The following arms are in windows of Master's Lodge, Trinity Hall.

1. *Eden* arms and crest, a crescent Gules, for difference.
2. Sable, a crescent Ermine, a bordure Argent (*Trinity Hall*), impaling *Eden*.
3. *Eden*, impaling Sable, a cross engrailed, in dexter quarter a mullet Or, *Peyton*.
4. *Eden*, impaling, per pale Argent and Gules, a crescent for difference, *Waldegrave*.
5. Quarterly of six.
 1. *Peyton*.
 2. Gules, three piles wavy meeting in base Argent.
 3. Or, a fess Gules.
 4. Or, a chevron Gules, on a chief Azure, three mullets Or.
 5. Gules, a chevron engrailed Ermine, between three falcons' Argent.
 6. As 1. Over all, a crescent for difference.

Impaling Argent, three lions' rampant Azure, armed and langued Gules, *Mildmay*.]

NOTES TO EDEN WILLS.

[These brief notes are by no means to be considered as exhaustive of the subject; they are the result of an examination of the Patent Rolls from Henry VIII downwards, and will perhaps be interesting as illustrations, in some slight degree, of the preceding wills.—*W. H. H.*]

On the 17th December, 1 Henry VIII (1509) Thomas Seymer, John Alen, and Henry Eden, of London, merchants, had licence to export wools†

On the 21st October, 4 Henry VIII (1512) Richard Eden, clerk, was appointed clerk of the King's Council, with forty marks a year‡

* It appears from a marginal note here in the Register Book, that some administration proceedings were taken under this will, in the year 1672.

† Brewer's Catalogue of Letters and Papers of Henry VIII, vol. 1., p. 106.

‡ *Ibid*, p. 428.

By letters patent dated October 14, 8 Henry VIII (1516) the custody of the person and lands of William Stenele was granted to Rose Assheby, widow of George Assheby, clerk of the Signet, and Henry Eden, merchant of the Staple of Calais (1). This George Assheby is doubtless the "brother Assheby" mentioned in Henry Eden's will, ante p. 3.

By letters patent, dated May 26, 37 Henry VIII (1545) Richard Eden, Archdeacon of Middlesex, had a dispensation from residence (2)

By letters patent, dated February 26, 1 Edward VI (1547), licence was granted to William Harreys to alienate the rectory and church of All Saints, Sudbury, to Thomas Eden of Sudbury, esquire, his heirs and assigns for ever. (3)

By letters patent, dated August 15, 1 and 2 Philip and Mary (1554) licence was granted to Gilbert Potter, of London, Vintner, to alienate lands and possessions in South Lynn, and Wygenhall, and the manor of Downehamhall, in Norfolk, to George Eden, of London, esquire, and Thomas Eden, of Sudbury, esquire, their heirs and assigns for ever. (4)

By letters patent, dated August 31, 1 and 2 Philip and Mary (1554), licence was granted "unto oure welbelovyd subjecte George Eden, to appoynte at his wyll and pleasure, any one of his servauntes to shote in a crosbowe or handgone att all manner of dere, heron, shullard, wildeswane, mallerd, teale, crane, bustard, and all other lande fowle or waterfowle whatsoever, and also to use, carrye, occupie, and kepe his said crosbowe, or hand gonne for the purpose afore saide, within the counties of Suffolk and Cambridge, and the lymyttes of the same." (5)

By letters patent, dated January 10, 1 and 2 Philip and Mary (1555), the office of Surveyor of all crown lands and manors, &c., in the county of Suffolk, was granted to George Eden, esquire, for life, together with an annuity of £13. 6s. 8d. (6)

By letters patent, dated January 2, 2 and 3 Philip and Mary (1556), licence was granted to George Eden, of London, esquire, and Thomas Eden, of Sudbury, co. Suffolk, esquire, and Gilbert Potter, of London, Vintner, to alienate Downehamhall to John Druerye, gentleman, and Robert Egeley, to the use of Egeley, his heirs and assigns for ever. (7)

By letters patent, dated March 2, 35 Elizabeth (1593), licence was granted to Thomas Eden the elder, esquire, to alienate the manor of Ballidon, in Essex, to Thomas Eden the younger, gentleman, and Mary Darcey, daughter of Brian Darcey, esquire, deceased. (8)

By letters patent, dated 2 December, 36 Elizabeth (1593), licence was granted to Thomas Grimwade, to alienate lands in Brenteleye, co. Suffolk, to Charles Eden, gentleman, his heirs and assigns for ever. (9)

By letters patent, dated March 2, 37 Elizabeth (1595), licence was granted to Edmund Felton, gentleman, and Elizabeth his wife, to alienate certain lands in Brunden, Bulmer, and Ballingdon, co. Essex, to Thomas Eden the younger, gentleman, his heirs and assigns for ever. (10)

By letters patent, dated 26 November, 12 James I (1614), licence of entry was granted to Sir Thomas Eden, knight, son and heir of Sir Thomas Eden the elder, late of Sudbury, co. Suffolk, knight, deceased. (11)

By letters patent, dated April 1, 13 James I (1615), licence was granted to Sir Thomas Eden, knight, and Mary his wife to alienate certain lands in the parish of All Saints, Sudbury, to Sir Robert Crane, knight, his heirs and assigns for ever. (12)

By letters patent, dated November 4, 21 James I (1623), licence of entry was granted to Sinckleer Eden, esquire, son and heir of Sir Thomas Eden, knight, deceased. (13)

(1) Pat. Roll, 8 Henry VIII, part 2.

(2) Ibid. 37 Henry VIII, part 2.

(3) Ibid. 1 Edward VI, part 7.

(4) Ibid. 1 and 2 Philip and Mary, part 11.

(5) Pat. Roll, 1 and 2 Philip and Mary, part 5.

(6) Same Roll.

(7) Ibid. 2 and 3 Philip and Mary, part 4.

(8) Ibid. 35 Elizabeth, part 2.

(9) Ibid. 36 Elizabeth, part 4.

(10) Pat. Roll, 37 Elizabeth, part 8.

(11) Ibid. 12 James I, part 29 No. 1.

(12) Ibid. 13 James I, part 34, No. 98.

(13) Ibid. 21 James I, part 27, No. 12.

Sir Thomas Eden, of = Mary, dau. of Bryan
 Sudbury, Kt., son
 and heir, died 12
 Jan. 1616, and
 lyeth buried by
 his father in All
 Saints Church,
 Sudbury: buried
 20th Jan. 1616.
 Knighted 1604.

Elizabeth = Sir Nicholas
 Stoddard, of
 Lewisham,
 Kent., Kt., [of
 Motingham,
 in Kent. *Vincens' s Suffolk.*]
 Sep., 1589.

Philip Eden, = Sarah, dau. of Francis
 son and heir
 of Lincoln's
 Inn, 1634.

2 Anne.
 3 Judith.

Thomas
 died at 20
 weeks old
 1627.

Richard
 —
 3 John

Philip, aged
 half a year in May,
 1627.

Anne,
 2nd
 dau.

William, Nicholas
 son & heir
 appar. 1602.

Thomas, Robert
 son, ob. at
 aged 4,
 1611,
 Laven-
 ham,
 heir to his
 father.
 1621.

John,
 aged 4,
 1611,
 heir to his
 father.
 Buried in
 Sudbury
 Church
 (All
 Saints).
 May, 1610.
 Married there
 2nd Sept. 1629.

William, of Lincoln's Inn,
 s.p.

St. Clere Eden,
 Esq., son and heir.
 Born 1596, ob.
 1624, at
 Ballantyne
 (Ballington) Hall:
 buried 22 May,
 with his father.
 s.p.

2 Mary,
 aged 14,
 Mar-
 ried 15 Dec.
 1619, Roger
 Thornton, of
 Bluntshull,
 Suffolk. 1st
 wife Susan
 Turner, of
 Parva
 Wrattling.

2 Mary,
 aged 6,
 1617,
 married
 15 Dec.
 1619, Roger
 Adryan bert
 Barring-
 ton, of
 Hatfield
 Broadoak, 2nd
 son of Sir
 Francis Bar-
 rington, Kt.
 and Bart.

3 Dorothy,
 aged 10. Mar-
 ried 1st. — Bar-
 rett, 2nd, Ro-
 bert Barring-
 ton, of
 Hatfield
 Broadoak, 2nd
 son of Sir
 Francis Bar-
 rington, Kt.
 and Bart.

6 Anne.
 —
 7 Penelope.
 1617,
 wife of
 John
 Drury.

1 Elizabeth,
 aged 15.
 Married
 Roger
 Went-
 worth, of
 Becking,
 Essex, Esq.

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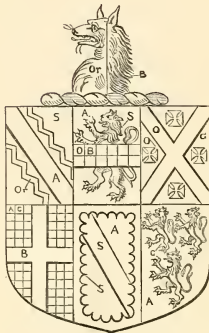
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 Francis Bar-
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 and Bart.

6 Anne.
 —
 7 Penelope.
 1617,
 wife of
 John
 Drury.

John, eldest = Anne, dau. of Oliver Raymond,
 of Belchamp Walter, ob. 16th
 April, 1675.

Anne = Geoffrey Littel, of Halsted, Gent., second
 Edon son of John Littel, of Parlebiens.

Clopton.



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| 1, Clopton. | 2, Mylde. | 3, Francis. |
| 4, Roydon. | 5, Knevitt. | 6, Belhus. |

NOTES.

In the original visitation three shields are tricked at the commencement of the pedigree.

1st shield, *Clopton* impaling *Jermyn*, Sable, a crescent between two mullets in pale Argent.

2nd, *Clopton* quartering *Mylde*, *Francis*, *Roydon*, *Knevitt*, and *Belhus*. Above this shield the motto *DOR EN AVANT*.

3rd *Clopton* impaling *Peryent*, Gules, three crescents Or.

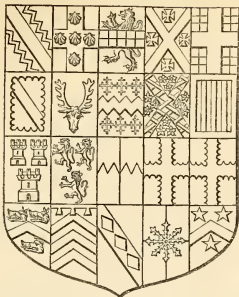
The crest is usually borne as represented in the woodcut, but on the monument of Poley Clopton, the last heir male, in Lyston Church, Essex, in painted glass Clare Church (1617), and on the monument of Sir William Clopton, in the Kentwell chapel, Melford church (1615), the wolf's head is represented issuing out of a ducal coronet Or. There is no record of a grant of this crest so differenced.

THE NAMES OF ALL SUCH FAMILIES AS CLOPTON HATH MATCHED WITHALL.

(Extracted from the Chitting MS.)

- Clopton*.—Sable, a bend Argent, between two cottices Or.
Workington.—Azure, a fess between six lyons rampant Or.
Tendering.—Azure, a fess between two chevrons Argent.
Weyland.—Argent, on a cross Gules, five escallops Or.
Grey (of Bokenham).—Azure, a fess between two chevrons Or, a label of three points Gules
Ivett.—Argent, on a cross Gules, five flower-de-lis Or.
Cockrell.—Ermine, on a fess Azure, three lions rampant Or.
Trussell.—Argent, a fret Gules, bezanted upon every knot.
 ———— Azure, a bend between six cross crosslets fitched Argent.
Piggott.—Gules, three pickaxes Argent (in some places Or).
Myldre.—Argent, a lyon rampant Sable, under a fess chequy Or and Azure.
Drury.—Argent, on a chief Vert, a letter tau between two mullets Or, pierced Gules.
Francis.—Gules, a saltire between four crosses pattee Or.
Darcy.—Argent, three cinquefoils Gules.
Marrow.—Azure, a fess engrailed between three maids' heads couped, the faces proper, the heads garnished Or.
Lunsford.—Azure, a chevron between three boars' heads couped Or.
Knevet.—Argent, a bend Sable, a bordure engrailed of the same.
Royden.—Chequy, Argent and Gules, a cross Azure (*aliter* a bend Azure).
Jermyn.—Sable, a crescent in pale between two mullets Argent.
Peryent.—Gules, three crescents Or.
Barley.—Ermine, two bars nebulee, Sable.
Crane.—Argent, a fess between three crosses crosslet fitchy Gules.
Elmes.—Ermine, two bars Sable, on each five elm leaves transposed Or.
Wanton.—Argent, on a chevron Sable, a cross crosslet Argent.
Cressnor.—Argent, on a bend engrailed Sable, three crosses crosslet fitched Or.
Tyrell.—Argent, two chevrons Azure, within a bordure engrailed Gules.
Saye.—Parted per pale Azure and Gules, a chevron Argent, voided and counterchanged of the field.
Everard.—Gules, a fess nebulee between three stars of six points Argent.
Blenerhasset.—Gules, a chevron Ermine, entre three dolphins hauriant Argent.
Bozun.—Argent, three burbolts (birdbolts) in pale Gules.
Plater.—Argent, three bands wavy Azure.
Wentworth.—Sable, a chevron between three leopards' faces Or.
Walsingham.—Paly of six Or and Sable, a fess Gules.
Brookesby.—Barry of six nebulee Argent and Sable, a canton Gules.
Peacock.—Gules, on a fess Argent, three lozenges Sable, between three plates, every plate charged with a peacock's head erased Azure.
Dives.—Gules, a fess dancette Or, between three crescents Ermine.
Downs.—Argent, three pales undee Gules.
Barnardiston.—Azure, a fess dauncette Ermine, between six cross crosslets fitched Argent (not used fitched, but they are so on lady Clopton's monument).
Waldegrave.—Per pale Argent and Gules.
Haunfield.—Or, a chevron Sable.
Gerberge.—Sable, a fess between two chevrons Or.
Gebynge.—Azure, an inescoccheon within an orle of eight martlets Or.
Tending.—Argent, a fess between two chevrons Azure.
Bardwell.—Gules, a goat saliant in pale Argent, altired Or.
Erpingham.—Vert, an inescoccheon within an orle of martlets Argent.
Beauchamp.—Gules, on a fess between six martlets Or, a mullet Sable.
Walcot.—Azure, an inescoccheon and an orle of martlets Argent.
Broughton.—Argent, a chevron between three mullets Gules.
Jerningham.—Argent, three buckles lozengy Gules, two and one.
Harleston.—Argent, a fess Sable, voided Ermine.

- Bendish*.—Argent, a chevron Sable [between] three rams' heads Azure.
- Badwell*.—Sable, a chevron between three mullets Or.
- Frewkesmore*.—Sable, a griffin segreant between three cross crosslets fitched Argent.
- Cavendish*.—Sable, [three] bucks' heads cabossed Argent, attired Or.
- Gedney*.—Argent, on a fess Azure, between three leopards' faces Gules, three eaglets displayed Or.
- Lewes*.—Sable, a chevron between three trefoils slipped Argent.
- Rokewood*.—Argent, six chesrooks Sable.
- Skerhill*.—Ermine, a saltire Gules.
- Gates*.—Per pale Gules and Azure, three lions rampant guardant Or.
- Joseline*.—Azure, on a round wreath Argent and Sable, four hawks bells Or.
- Poley*.—Or, a lion rampant Sable.
- Robert*.—Sable, two flaunches Ermine, over all comet of seven points Or.
- Smith*.—Argent, a chevron Gules, between three cross crosslets Sable (quartered by all the early Cavendishes).
- Cordell*.—Gules, a chevron Ermine, between three griffins' heads erased Argent.
- Aldham*.—On two flaunches Sable, two hounds in pale passant Or.
- Vavasar*.—Or, a fess dancette Sable.
- Appleyard*.—Azure, a chevron Or, between three owls Argent.
- Bishop*.—Argent, on a bend between two cottices Gules, three bezants.
- Ashfield*.—Sable, a fess enrailed between three flower-de-luces Argent.
- Brewster*.—Sable, a chevron between three estoiles Argent.
- White*.—Gules, a chevron between three boars' heads coupéd Argent.
- Stafford*.—Or, a chevron Gules, a canton Ermine.
- Claxton*.—Gules, a fess between three hedgehogs Argent.
- Martin*.—Argent, a chevron between three mascles a border enrailed Or.
- Cleve*.—Argent, three mullets Or upon a fess Sable, between three wolves' heads erased Sable.
- Smyth*.—Ermine, three torteaux.
- Reeve*.—Argent, on a fess enrailed Sable, between three escallops Azure, three eagles displayed Or.
- Strangeman*.—Per bend Azure and Sable, a staff ragulee counterchanged.
- Tyndall*.—Argent, a fess dancette Gules, two crescents in chief of the same.
- Wright*.—Argent, on a chevron Azure, between three greyhounds courant Sable, three trefoils Argent (another has the field Or).
- Thwaytes*.—Argent, on a fess Sable, three bezants between three fleurs-de-lis Gules.
- Vaughan*.—Gules, three bezants, two and one, on each a lion's head erased Azure.
- Baynard*.—Sable, a fess between two chevrons Or.
- Fitz-Langley*.—Argent, a fess between six oak leaves Gules.
- Wm. Clopton*.—Or, on a bend Azure, three crosses bottone Or.
- Dewes*.—Or, a fess vaire between three quatrefoils Gules (*aliter* Or, three quatrefoils Gules).



SHIELD OF CLOPTON QUARTERING, FROM THE MONUMENT OF SIR WM. CLOPTON,
AND HIS FIRST WIFE ANNE BARNARDISTON.

- 1, *Clopton*.—Sable, a bend Argent, between two cottices dancettée Or.
- 2, *Weyland*.—Argent, on a cross Gules, five escallops [fleur-de-lis—*Tillotson MS.*] Or.
- 3, *Myldre*.—Argent, a lion rampant Sable, over all a fess counter-compony Or and Azure.
- 4, *Francis*.—Gules, a saltire between four crosses pattée Or.
- 5, *Roydon*.—Chequy Argent and Gules, a cross Azure.
- 6, *Knevett*.—Argent, a bend within a bordure engrailed Sable.
- 7, *Horton*.—Argent, a stag's head cabossed Sable, attired Or.
- 8, *Engayne*.—Gules, a fesse dancettée between six crosses crosslet Or.
- 9, *Worth*.—Gules, a saltire Argent, fretty Sable, between twelve cinquefoils Or.
- 10, *Basset*.—Or, three pallets Gules, a bordure Azure, bezantée.
- 11, *Castelyn*.—Or, three towers Sable.
- 12, *Belhouse*.—Argent, three lions rampant Gules.
- 13, *Fitzwarren*.—Quarterly, per fesse indented, Argent and Gules.
- 14, ————Or, a cross engrailed Azure [a martlet in dexter quarter.—*Tillotson MS.*]
- 15, *Dalingrigge*.—Argent, a cross engrailed Gules.
- 16, *Lunsford*.—Azure, a chevron between three boars' heads coupéd Or.
- 17, *Barrington*.—Argent, three chevrons Gules, in chief a label of three points Azure.
- 18, *Mercy*.—Argent, on a bend Gules, three lozenges of the field.
- 19, *Mandeville*.—Quarterly, Or and Gules, an escarbuncle Sable.
- 20, *Chetwynd*.—Azure, a chevron between three mullets Or.

CLOPTON PORTRAITS.—MELFORD CHURCH.

Of the painted glass put up in Melford church, by John Clopton, about 1485, the following portraits of Cloptons, or of their affinity, now remain. The figures are kneeling, most of them in their surcoat of arms. They were repaired and arranged in three windows, about 1831 and 1862, by Richard Almack, Esq. :—

Sir Thomas Clopton, Kt.

Katherine Mylde, his wife, and afterwards of Sir William Tendring, Kt., by whom she had Alice Tendring, grandmother of the first Howard, Duke of Norfolk.

"*William Howard, Chef Justis of England, and Richard Pigot and John Haugh, Justis of the Lawce.*"—(See Dugdale's *Juridiciales*, and Foss's *Judges*.)

Elizabeth, Countess of Oxford, daughter of Sir John Howard, Kt.

Robert Crane.

Anne, his wife, daughter of Sir Andrew Ogard, Kt.

Sir Thomas Montgomery, K.G. (John Clopton was his executor.)

Dame Anne Montgomery. Arms :—*Montgomery* impaling *Darey*.

John Denston, husband of Catherine, sister of John Clopton. Arms :—*Denston* quartering *Wanton*.

Anne, their daughter and heiress, wife of *John Broughton*.

Thomas Rokewode.

The Lady Howard?

Dame Annes Fray, born Danvers, widow of Sir John Fray; and lastly, wife of Sir John Say, Kt. (John Clopton was her executor.)

Also her daughters by Fray, *Dame Elizabeth Waldegrave*, wife of Sir Thomas, who was knighted on Towton field, and *Dame Margaret Leynham*.

Thomas Peyton.

Margaret, his wife, daughter and heiress of Sir John Barnard, Kt. Arms :—*Peyton* impaling *Barnard*, quartering *Lilling*.

Ralph Josselin, Lord Mayor of London 1462 and 1476.

Elizabeth (Barley), his wife.

Sir Robert Clifford, her second husband.

The wife of *Walter Clopton*, daughter of John Peecot,* Kt.

Dorothy, daughter of John Clopton, wife of *Thomas Curson*.

John Gedney, Lord Mayor of London, 1427. A shield of arms :—*Gedney* impaling *Clopton*.

Elizabeth, wife of *John, Lord Dynham*, daughter of the Lord Fitzwalter.

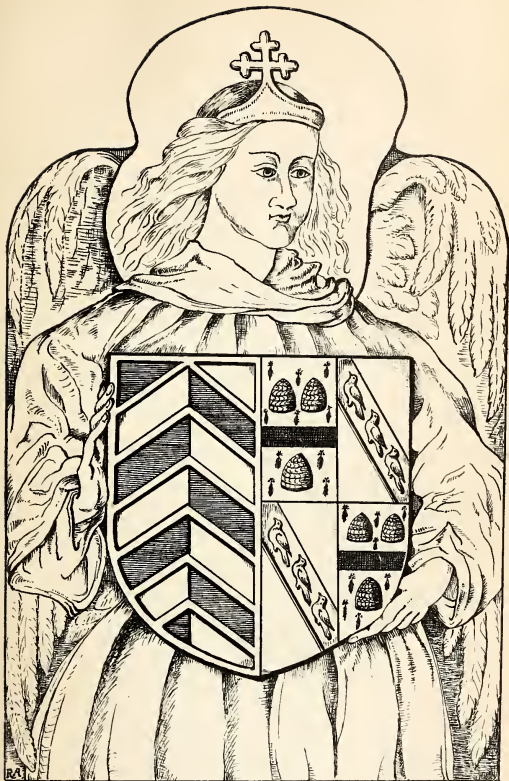
Dame Eleanor Tyrell. Arms :—*Tyrell* (with a label), impaling *Darcy*.

The Lady Anne Percy, widow of Sir Thomas Hungerford, and wife of Sir Laurence Reynesforth, Kt. She was daughter of the Earl of Northumberland, who was slain at the battle of St. Alban's, and sister to the Earl who was slain at Towton. She lived to have a third husband, Sir Hugh Vaughan, Kt. Arms on her dress :—*Reynesforth* quartering *Brokesbowne*, and impaling *Percy* (Brabant) quartering *Lucey*.

Elizabeth (Talbot), widow of the last *Mowbray, Duke of Norfolk*. Arms :—*Brotherton* only, impaling *Talbot*. This Duchess has generally been taken for Elizabeth Fitzallan, on account of the similarity of the arms.

Elizabeth Tilney, wife of Thomas Howard, afterwards Duke of Norfolk. Arms :—*Howard* quartering *Brotherton* and *Mowbray*, and impaling *Tilney*.

* So named in the old inscription.



POWELL ANASTASIO PRESS, TOWERS

Liston, Essex.
 Painted Glass. Say, impaling Fray quart & Danvers.

EXTRACTS FROM MELFORD REGISTERS.—(*Commencing 1559.*)

CHRISTENINGS.

1591. June. Elizab., dau. of Thos. Clopton, Esqre., the 21st.
 1592. March. Wm. Cloptō, sonn to Thomas Cloptō, Esq., was bap. the 13th of this month, and borne the 27th of February.
 1594. December. Ma. da. to Thos. Cloptō, Esq., the 4th.
 1596. Aprill. Walter Cloptō, son to Thos. Clopton, Esq., was bap. ye 14th.
 1618. August. Richard, son to Mr. Francis Clopton.
 1618. August. Edward, son to the Rt. worshipful Sr Wm. Clopton, Knt., was baptized ye 25th.
 1619. September. William, son to Sir Wm. Clopton, Knt., was bap. the first day.
 [This son was born after his father's death. The widow being his 2nd wife, Elizabeth, da. of Sir Giles Allington, of Horseheath, Knt., and widow of Sir Henry Pallavicine, by whom he had two sons who died infants. She marr. a 3rd husband, Sir John Tracy, Knt.]

MARRIAGES.

1581. Febyr. Charles Stowers and Eliz. Clopton, married ye 24th.
 1615. April. Mr. Jerom Bayliff and Mrs. Eliz. Clopton, marr. the 18th.

BURIALS.

1561. August. Townsend Clopton, the 24th.
 1562. August. William Clopton, Esqre., the 17th.
 1578. Franc Clopton, Esqre., ye 22nd.
 1584. August. Mr. Thomas Clopton, burd. the 10th.
 1587. July. George Cloptō, bur. ye 17th.
 1588. December. Mr. Wm. Clopton, bur. the 18th.
 1597. February. Thomas Cloptō, Esqre., bur. the 16th.
 1615. February. The Lady wiffe of Sir Wm. Clopto' Knt., was bur.
 [Anne, da. of Sir Thomas Barnardiston, Knt., and mother to the first wiffe of Sir Symonds D'Ewes.]
 1618. September. Edward, the sonn to the right wors'p. Sir Will. Clopton, Knt., was bur. ye 12th day.
 1618. March. Sir Wm. Clopton, Knt., was bur. the 12th.
 [Inscription on monument in the Clopton chapel—Here lyeth interred the bodies of Sr. William Clopton, Knight, who died the — day of March, in the yeare of our Lord, 1618, and of his age 27; And of Dame Anne his first wife, the daughter of Sir Thomas Barnardiston, of Clare, Knt., who had by ye said Sr. William one daughter, and died the 4th day of February, the 20th year of her age, 1615.]
 1619. November. John, son to Mr. Franc. Clopton, ye 16th.
 1661. June. The Honored Lady Cicilla, and wiffe to Sir Thomas Darcey, Knt. and Barronett, bur. ye first.
 [O' child of Sir Symonds D'Ewes and Anne Clopton. In the Clopton chapel, Melford church, on a black marble slab (with the arms of *Darcey*, impaling *D'Ewes* quartering *Clopton*) is the following inscription :—This preserves the memory of Dame Sissillia, wiffe of Sr. Thos. Darcey, Bart., whom he had by Anne, ye sole daughter and heire of Sir William Clopton, Knt., who deceased the 29th day of May, MDCLXI.]

FROM LAVENHAM REGISTERS.—(*Commencing 1558.*)

CHRISTENINGS.

1593. March 29. Anne, da. of Ric. Clopton, gent.
 1595. November 23. Marie, da. of Ricd. Clopton, gent.
 1597. June 29. Ric'e, son of Ricē Clopton, gent.
 1599. July 5. Robert, son of Ricē Clopton, gent.

1600. February 15. Frances, da. of Ricē Clopton, gent.
 1612. February 14. Margaret, da. of William Clopton.
 1614. July 19. Wm., sonne of William Clopton.
 1615. January 1. Anne, da. of William Clopton, gent.
 1617. October 28. Robert, son of William Clopton.
 1618. April 5. John, son of Frances Clopton.
 1620. June 8. William, the son of Mr. Francis Clopton.
 1625. July 27. Thomas, son of Mr. Francis Clopton.
 1628. April 1. Elizabeth, daughter of Francis Cloppon (*sic*)
 1631. July 5. Clopton D'Ewes, sonne of Sr. Simonds D'Ewes, baptized.

MARRIAGE.

1600. March 25. Tymothe Gridlie and Susan Clopton.

BURIALS.

1595. March 27. Thomas, son of Ricē Clopton, gen :
 1605. June 15. Ursulie Clopton Wd.
 1621. Oct. 8. Robert, the son of Mr. William Clopton.
 1624. Aug. 26. William Clopton.
 1631. July 10. Clopton, son of Sr. Simonds D'Ewes, Bart.
 1632. March. Gearardt D'Ewes being the younger of two twinns, and the thirde sonne of Sr. Simonds D'Ewes, and Dame Anne D'Ewes, his wife, was buried March 12. Adrian D'Ewes, the elder twinne, and second sonne of the same Sr. Simonds and Dame Anne, was buried March 14.
 1641. July 19. Grace, wife of Mr. Francis Clopton.
 1651. Aug. 7. Francis Clopton, gent.

EXTRACTS FROM THE PARISH REGISTERS OF GROTON, SUFFOLK.

(Commencing 1562.)

1580. Anna Clopton, the daughter of Mr. Willm., gent., and of Mrs. Margery, was baptized the 29th day of January.
 1581. Bridget Clopton, the daughter of Mr. Willm. Clopton, gent., and Mrs. Margery, was baptised the 29th day of January.
 1582. Teomasing Clopton, the daughter of Mr. Willm. Clopton, gent., and of Mistress Margery his wife, was baptized the 18th day of February. [She was married to John Winthrop, and died in childbed, 1616.]
 1584. The 9th day of April, William Clopton, the sonne of William Clopton, Esq., and Mrs. Margery his wife, was baptized the
 1585. Walter Clopton, the sonne of Willm. Clopton, Esquire, and of Mrs. Margery his wife, was baptized the last day of June.
 1587. Waldgrave Clopton, the sonne of Willm. Clopton, Esquire, and Mrs. Margery, was baptized the 18th May.
 John Winthrop, the sonne of Adam Winthropp, and Anna his wife, was baptized the 16th of January. [First Govr. of Massachusettes].
 1588. Marye Cloptonn, the daughter of Willm. Clopton, gent., and of Mrs. Margery, was baptised the 15th of January.
 1590. Margery Clopton, the daughter of Mr. Willm. Clopton, Esquire, and Mistress Margery, was baptised the 18th June.
 1593. Thomas Cloptonn, the sonne of Willm. Clopton, Esquire, and Mrs. Margery, was bapt. the 18th September.
 1601. Elizabeth Cloptonn, the daughter of Willm. Cloptonn, Esquire, and of Mrs. Margery his wife, was baptised the 9th day of Julye.
 1620. Edmond Clopton, the sonne of William Clopton, gent., was baptized the 5th of November.
 1621. Marie Clopton was baptised the 10th of February.
 1634. Richard Clopton, sonne of William Clopton, Esquire, and Alice his wife, baptised March the first.

1636. Thomas Clopton, son of Willm. Clopton, Esqre., and Alice his wife, baptised December 26th.
 1638. Alice Clopton, daughter of Willm. Clopton, Esqre., and Alice, 22nd April.
 1663. Jamima Clopton, daughter of Wilyam, and Brigget his wife, was baptized Sept. 22nd.
 1661. A—— Clopton, the daughter of Willam Clopton, Esquire, and of Bridgett his wife, baptized December the 12th.

MARRIAGES.

1598. John Samsone, gent., and Bridget Cloptonne were married the 27th day of June.
 1615. John Winthrop, Esqre., and Thomasinge Clopton was married the 6th day of Decr.
 1617. Thomas Doggetrent, and Mrs. Margery Clopton were married the 22nd day of April.

BURIALS.

1616. William Clopton, Esqre., was buried the 19th day of August.
 Mistres Thomasin Winthrope the 2nd wife of John Winthrop, Esq., was buried the 11th day of December.
 1617. A yonge child of George Clopton was born and buried the 5 April.
 1620. Thomas Clopton, the sonne of George Clopton, was buried 28th September.
 1622. Elizabeth Clopton, gentn., was buried the 6th of November.
 1623. Marie Clopton was buried the 19th May.
 1626. George Cloptone was buried the seconde day of Maye.
 1633. Margret Clopton, wid. buried Octr. 30th.
 1639. Sept. 14th, Mr. Richard Clopton.
 1640. Nov. 7th, William Clopton, Esqre.
 1666. William Clopton, Esqre., was buried the 25th of April.
 1666. Mr. Thomas Clopton, son of Mr. Clopton, was buried July 4th.
 1674. Mrs. Bridget Clopton, buried March 20th.

EXTRACTS FROM CLARE REGISTERS.—(*Commencing 1558*).

- Mistres Ann Barnardiston, filia to the right worshipfull Sir Thos. Barnardiston, kn., baptized the seventh day of November, in the year of our Lord 1605.
 A.D. 1610. Januarii. Master William Clopton, sone and heire to the right worshipfull Master Thos. Clopton et Mistress Ann Barnardiston, daughter to the right worshipful Sir Thomas Barnardiston, kn., was married in Clare church, the first day of January, in the year of our Lord one thousand six hundred and ten.
 Mystres Ann Clopton, daughter to Master William Clopton, Esquire, was baptized in Clare Church, the 2nd day of March, A.D. 1612. [Married Sir Symonds D'Ewes.]
 That verteous and righte worshipfull Lady An Cloptone, wyffe and Lady to the righte worshipfull Sir William Cloptone, whiche Lade deceased the fourth day of February, A.D. 1615, and lieth buried in Melford Chapel.

FROM THE REGISTER BOOKS, LISTON, ESSEX.—(*Commencing 1599*).

1611. May. Thomas, the sonne of Mr. William Clopton, was baptized by Mr. Holland, the 28th of May, beinge Tuesday, Mr. Bates should have preached.
 1612. William, the sonne of Mr. William Clopton, was baptized by Mr. Firmyn, the 10th day of March.
 1614. John the sonne of Mr. William Clopton, was baptized the 23rd day of October.
 1633. Elizabeth, the daughter of Mr. Thomas Clopton, and Elizabeth his wife, was baptized the eight day of October.
 1634. William, the sonne of Mr. Thomas Clopton, and Elizabeth his wife, was baptized the 23rd of October.
 1635. Anne, the daughter of Thomas Clopton, Esq., and Elizabeth his wife, was baptized the 30th day of December.
 1636. Martin and Thomas, ye sonnes of Mr. Thomas Clopton, Esqre., and Elizabeth his wife, was baptized January ye 13th.

1637. Thomas, the sonne of Thos. Clopton, Esqre., and Elizabeth his wife, was baptized March the 15th.
1638. Jane, ye daughter of Thos. Clopton, Esq., and Elizabeth his wife, was baptized February the 21st.
1640. Mary, the daughter of Thomas Clopton, Esq., and Elizabeth his wife, was baptized December ye 15th.
1642. Lucy, the daughter of Thomas Clopton, Esq., and Elizabeth his wife, was baptized August ye second.
1644. John the sonne of Thomas Clopton, Esq., and Elizabeth his wife, was baptized March the 31st.
1645. Frances, the daughter of Mr. Thomas Clopton, and Elizabeth his wife, was baptized January ye 18th.
1647. Matthew, the sonne of Mr. Thomas Clopton, Esq., and Elizabeth his wife, was baptized November ye 14th.
1649. Frances, the daughter of Thomas Clopton, Esq., and Elizabeth his wife, was baptized February ye 17th.
1651. Waulter, the sonne of Thomas Clopton, Esqre., and Elizabeth his wife, was baptized Octr. ye 12th.
1654. Barnardiston, the sonne of Thomas Clopton, Esqre., and Elizabeth his wife, was haptized December the 15th.
1656. Wiseman, the sonne of Mr. Thomas Clopton, Esqre., and Elizabeth his wife, was baptized April ye 19th.
1659. Margaret, the daughter of Thomas Clopton. Esqre., and Elizabeth his wife, was baptized February the 12th.
1665. Clopton Thomas, sonn of William Clopton, Esqre., and Elizabeth his wife, was baptized Novr. 27th.
1667. Clopton William, the sonne of William Clopton, Esqre., and Elizabeth his wife, was bapt. Aug. 25th.
1668. Clopton Elizabeth, the daughter of William Clopton, Esqre., and Elizabeth his wife, was bapt. November 8th. [Married Edward Crisp, of Bury, 1698.]
1670. Clopton Jane, ye daughter of William Clopton, Esqre., and Elizab. his wife, was baptiz. Nov. 25.
1671. Clopton Poley, ye soun of Will. Clopton, Esqre., and Elizabeth his wife, was baptized Febru. 16th,
1673. Clopton Poley, ye sonn of Willm. Clopton, Esqre., and Elizabeth his wife, was bapt. February 13.
1677. Thomas Clopton, son of William Clopton, Esq., and Elizabeth his wife, was baptized December 27th.
1679. Cecilia Clopton, daughter of William Clopton, Esqre., and Elizabeth his wife, was borne Dec. 25th, and baptised Jany. 5, 1680.

MARRIAGES.

1654. Robert Dalloson, of Aey, in Suffolk, gent., and Mrs. Anne Clopton, the daughter of Thomas Clopton, Esq., were married February ye 27, being Shrove Tuesday yt year.
1658. John Bacon, of Colchester, gent., and Mrs. Jane Clopton, the daughter of Thomas Clopton, of Lyston, Esq., were married May the 25th.
1661. Mr. Thomas Cheyney, of Eye, and Mrs. Elizabeth Clopton, of Liston, were married by license upon Tuesday, June 11.
1662. Mr. Philip Goodwin, of Moulton, Cleric, and Mrs. Lucy Clopton, were married Oct. 21.
1671. Mr. James Coker, of Brayntre, and Mrs. Mary Clopton, were married May ye 9th.
1698. Edward Crisp, gentleman, of Bury Saint Edmund's, and Elizabeth Clopton, daughter of William Clopton, Esqre., were married May 22.

BURIALS.

1607. Mrs. An Clopton, the wife of Mr. Willm. Clopton, of Lyston, Esqre., and sister of Sir Thomas Barnardiston, was buried in the chancel, on the 21 of November.

1623. Mr. William Clopton, widower, having three sons, Tho., William, and John, was buried in the chancel of Liston, the last day of Nov., beinge the Sabboathe, and St. Andrewes day falling yat day.
1625. Mistrees Anne Clopton, the wife of Mr. Frances Clopton, of Liston, was buried in the chancell, the 30th day of October.
1667. Thomas ye sonne of Thomas Clopton, Esqre., was buryed Aprill the 30th.
1647. Francis, ye daughter of Thomas Clopton, Esqre., and Elizabeth his wife, being drowned, was buried November ye 7th.
1667. Thomas Clopton, ye son of Thomas Clopton, Esq., was buryed Sepr. 22, 1667,
1694. Thomas Clopton, Esq., was buryed Oct. 22.
1670. Clopton Jane, the daughter of Willm. Clopton, Esqre., and Elizab. his wife, was buried Novr. 27.
1672. Poley Clopton, the infant son of William Clopton, Esqre., and Elizab. his wife was buried April 23.
1675. Clopton Thomas, the sonne of William Clopton, Esqre., and Elizabeth his wife, was buried June 18th.
1679. Martin Clopton, the sonne of Thomas Clopton, Esqre., was buried September 15.
1680. Wiseman Clopton, the sonne of Thomas Clopton, Esqre., was buried Nov. 20.
1682. Cecilia Clopton, daughter of William Clopton, Esqre., was buried Nov. 20.
1696. Mrs. Elizabeth Clopton, the relict of Thomas Clopton, Esq., was buried 23rd day of October.
1698. William Clopton, Esq., was buried the 7th day of March.
1704. Elizabeth, ye daughter of William Clopton, Esq., and Ann his wife, was buried July 24th.
1705. William, the sonne of William Clopton, Esq., and Ann his wife, was buried March 17.
- 1715 Mrs. Elizabeth Clopton, the relict of the late William Clopton, Esqre., was buried 7th Decr., 1715.
1730. Poley Clopton, M.D., was buried Nov. 7. [Founded the Alms Houses at Bury St. Edmunds. Last male.]

WILL OF SIR THOMAS DE CLOPTONE.—1383.

In Dei nomine Amen, octavo die Martii, anno Domini millesimo trecentesimo octogesimo secundo, ego Thomas de Cloptone, miles, in sana memoria mea existens, condo testamentum meum in hunc modum.

Inprimis lego animam meam Deo Omnipotenti et Beatæ Mariæ, et omnibus Sanctis ejus, et corpus meum ad sepeliendum in ecclesia Beatæ Mariæ prioratus de Chippeleye, videlicet, in choro inter tumulum matris meæ et uxoris meæ.

Item, lego xxxliis. iiiid. pro cera emenda pro hercia mea, et pro albo panno laneo emendo ad ponendum super corpus meum, et postea dandum pauperibus.

Item, lego priori de Chippeleye qui pro tempore fuerit xliis. iiiid.

Item, lego fratribus et conventui de Babbewell, ad celebrandum pro anima mea et pro animabus quibus teneor, xxs.

Item, lego domino Johanni capellano parochiæ de Melford vis. viiid.

Item, lego priorissæ de Ridelyngfeld quæ pro tempore fuerit vis. viiid.

Item, lego conventui ejusdem loci xliis. iiiid.

Totum vero residuum bonorum et cattalorum meorum lego Katerinæ uxori meæ pro sustentatione sua et liberorum suorum.

Hujus autem testamenti mei executores constituo, Katerinam uxorem meam, Laurentium Porteroze, et Willielmum Scott de Wykhambrook, qui circa præmissa et in præmissis faciendis Deum præ oculis habentes celeriter procedant.

In cujus rei testimonium huic præsentis testamento meo sigillum meum apposui.

Datum apud Melford die et anno supradictis.

Probatum fuit istud testamentum apud Gipwicum coram nobis officiali etc. xii. die mensis Octobris anno Domini millesimo trecentesimo octogesimo tertio, et commissæ est administratio omnium bonorum, etc. Willielmo Scott de Wykhambrook, et Laurentio Porteroze executoribus, etc., reservata potestate committendi alii* executrici, &c.

* So in MS.

[From Harleian Charter, Brit. Mus., 58. H. 22. This document is a sheet of foolscap, containing a copy of the foregoing will, taken from a book in the Norwich Registry, entitled *Haydon* (fol. 177. a). This copy was compared with the original book by Sir Simond Dewes, as appears by the following note, in his handwriting, at the foot of the page. "I compared this faithfullie with the Register, on Saturday, the 20th day of the May, 1637; Simonds Dewes."

In Harleian MS. No. 10, which is a volume of transcripts made by Sir Simond Dewes, from the wills proved at Norwich, there is another copy of this will, with the following note by Dewes:—"Fuerunt iste Thomas de Cloptone miles, et domina Katherina filia Willielmi Mylde armigeri, antecessores dominæ Annæ D'Ewes, charissimæ uxoris meæ, in linea directa. Fuit enim illa filia unica et hæres Willielmi Clopton militis defuncti anno 16^o Jacobi regis, filii et hæredis Thomæ Clopton armigeri defuncti anno 40 reginæ Elizabethæ, filii et hæredis Willielmi Clopton armigeri defuncti anno 4^o reginæ Elizabethæ, filii et hæredis Johannis Clopton armigeri defuncti anno 33^o Henrici 8, filii et hæredis Willielmi Clopton militis defuncti anno 22^o Henrici 8, filii et hæredis Johannis Clopton armigeri defuncti anno 13^o Henrici 7, filii et hæredis Willielmi Clopton armigeri defuncti anno 25^o Henrici 6, filii et hæredis supra memoratorum Thomæ Clopton militis defuncti anno 6^o Ricardi 2 et dominæ Katherinæ ultimæ suæ conjugis defunctæ anno 4^o Henrici 4, dictus dominus Thomas fratrem habuit seniore Willielmum de Clopton militem, cujus testamentum unde patet quod pater eorum fuit Walterus de Cloptone de Wichambrook qui obiit anno 20^o Edwardi 2, qui quidem Walterus filius fuit Willielmi de Cloptone de Wichambroke qui obiit tempore Edwardi 1 et filius fuit Walteri de Cloptone filii Willielmi de Cloptone in vivis, uti colligo, tempore Henrici 2 et Ricardi 1 filii Walteri de Cloptone filii Willielmi de Cloptonne qui vixit, uti colligo, ex antiquissima carta Walteri filii sui tempore Willielmi Rufi et Henrici 1; et hucusque hoc stemma indubitate vindicavi ex ipsis originalibus chartis Cloptonorum, cujus illustris familiæ historicam et amplam genealogiam inserere heic potui cum omnibus eorum consortibus usque ad tempora Henrici 3. Opinor istum Willielmum de Cloptonne filium juniorem fuisse Willielmi Peccatum (cujus posterii cognominati Pecche), et a patre sibi donatam terram in Cloptuna in hundredo de Risbridg in comitatu Suffolke a dicto patre suo tentam in Domesday, tomo 2^{do} Suffolke tit. xxv., et inde ipsum primo assumpsisse nomen de Cloptonne sive de Cloptone quod mutatum est circa tempora regis Johannis o in ultima syllaba supposito pro u, in Cloptone."]

WILL OF KATHERINE DE TENDRYNGGE.—1404.

In Dei nomine, Amen. Ego Katerina de Tendryngge, vicesimo quarto die Februarii, anno Domini millesimo quadragesimo tertio, condo testamentum meum in hunc modum.

In primis lego animam meam Deo, et Beatæ Mariæ Virgini, et omnibus Sanctis, et corpus meum ad sepeliendum in capella ecclesiæ de Stokeneylond ex parte australi ejusdem ecclesiæ coram altari dictæ capellæ.

Item, lego summo altari prædictæ ecclesiæ *xl*s.

Item, summo altari de Melford *xiii*s. *iiii*d.

Item, summo altari de Chippelegh *xx*s.

Item, summo altari de Wykhambrook *vis*. *viii*d.

Item, summo altari de Shymplyngge *vis*. *viii*d.

Item, lego viginti pauperibus majus egenis in villa de Stokeneylond *xx*s. cuilibet eorum *xiii*d. statim post obitum meum distribuendos.

Item, Thomæ capellano domini mei *vis*. *viii*d.

Item, Margaretæ ancillæ meæ *xiii*s. *iiii*d.

Item, duabus camerariis utriusque eorum *xl*d.

Item, Johanni coco domini mei *xl*d.

Item, Thomæ Bakere *xl*d.

Item, lego ad reparationem ecclesiæ de Boxford *iiii*li.

Item, ad reparationem ecclesiæ de Polstede *xx*s.

Et residuum omnium bonorum et cattallorum meorum do et lego domino Johanni Lyncolne personæ ecclesiæ de Hadleye, magistro Henrico Tompstone vicario ecclesiæ de Stoke, magistro Johanni Dix clerico, et Willielmo Brook de Holtone, quos instituo executores meos ad disponendum pro anima mea, ut melius viderint expedire, per visum domini Johannis Howard militis, et Willielmi Cloptone filii mei, quos constituo supervisores dictorum executorum meorum.

In cujus rei testimonium huic testamento meo sigillum meum apposui.

Datum apud Stoke prædict' die et anno supradictis.

Hæc est ultima voluntas mei Katerinæ de Tendryngge memorata et scripta vicesimo quarto die Februarii, anno regni regis Henrici quarti post conquestum quarto.

In primis volo quod omnia legata in testamento meo fideliter perficiant secundum formam ibidem contentam.

Item, volo quod Willielmus Clopton filius meus, statim post festum Sancti Michaelis Archangeli proxime post diem meum extremum habeat manerium vocatum Kentewell-halle, cum omnibus pertinentiis suis, sibi hæredibus et assignatis suis, sub hac conditione, quod idem Willielmus non impediatur præsentem meam voluntatem nec ejusdem seu meum testamentum.

Item, volo quod idem Willielmus, statim post dictum festum Sancti Michaelis habeat omnia illa terras et tenementa quæ vocant Latones cum pertinentiis, sibi et hæredibus suis, cum toto stauro meo dicto festo Sancti Michaelis ibidem existente, et cum toto bosco ibidem, sub conditione prædicta, et salvo et reservato executoribus meis quodam annuo reddito decem marcarum inde percipiendarum ad terminum decem annorum proximo post prædictum festum Sancti Michaelis annuatim solvendarum fratri Edmundo Cavenham et fratri Johanni Byntre æqualiter, videlicet, utrique eorum per annum quinque marcas durante termino dictorum decem annorum ad celebrandum pro anima mea, anima Thomæ Clopton nuper viri mei, et animabus parentum meorum et omnium quibus teneo habere in memoriam et orationes; et si prædictus Edmundus et Johannes vel eorum alter infra eundem terminum obierint vel obierit, quod tunc solvantur aliis duobus ydoneis fratribus quorum unus de Sudbury et alter de Clare celebraturus, ut prædictum est, hac conditione addita, quod si prædictus Willielmus filius meus meam voluntatem in aliquo perturbaverit vel impedierit, quod tunc bene liceat feoffatis in eisdem prædictis terris et tenementis vocatis Latones cum pertinentiis, et cum toto prædicto stauro existente ibidem mediante consensu et voluntate executorum meorum vendere ut melius viderint expedire, et quod moneta inde percepta per eosdem executores expendatur pro anima mea et animabus prædictis ut salubrius eisdem executoribus videatur.

Item, volo quod Willielmus de Tendryngge maritus meus habeat de bonis meis xl. marcas ad usum suum proprium, ita quod non impediatur atornatos vel executores meos de aliquo in testamento meo vel in mea ultima voluntate perficiendo.

Item, volo quod mater mea habeat ad terminum vite sue illas terras quas tenet ad firmam jacentes in Poselyngforthe sine aliquo inde reddendo, et post decessum suum remaneant prædicto Willielmo Clopton et hæredibus suis imperpetuum.

Item, quod prædicta mater mea habeat decem libras pro sustentatione sua una vice solvendas citius quo solvi poterint.

Item, volo quod omnes exitus et proventus terrarum et tenementorum vocatorum Spottislond et Bourhous remaneant domino meo Willielmo de Tendryngge ad terminum vite sue, et post decessum suum remaneant executoribus meis ad terminum decem annorum tunc proximo sequentium et plenarie completorum expendendi pro animabus dicti domini Willielmi de Tendryngge et mei Katerinæ uxoris ejus et antecessorum nostrorum, et post terminum dictorum decem annorum omnia prædicta terre et tenementa vocata Spottislond et Bourhous cum eorum pertinentiis remaneant Aliciæ Howard filie meæ de prædicto Willielmo de Tendryngge et hæredibus de corpore ejusdem Aliciæ legitime procreatis; et si contingat prædicta Alicia sine hærede de corpore suo, etc., obire, quod tunc omnia prædicta terre et tenementa vocata Spottislond et Bourhous maneat Willielmo Cloptone filio meo et hæredibus de corpore suo legitime procreatis, et si idem Willielmus obierit sine hærede de corpore suo, etc., tunc prædicta terre et tenementa vocata Spottislond et Bourhous revertantur feoffatis, et per eos vendantur, et moneta inde recepta et executoribus supradictis tradita in pios usus expendatur pro animabus ut supra.

Item, volo quod omnia terre et tenementa vocata Bachonns cum pertinentiis remaneant in manibus feoffatorum eorum ad terminum viginti annorum, quorum proventus et exitus per idem tempus inde provenientes, per executores meos integre percipiantur et expendantur quolibet anno durante eodem termino in stipendium unius capellani celebraturi pro animabus prædictis, et si quid superfuerit distribuatur in elemosinam pauperum per discretionem executorum meorum, et post terminum prædictorum viginti annorum prædicta terre et tenementa vocata Bachonns remaneant præfatæ Aliciæ filie meæ et hæredibus de corpore suo legitime procreatis. Et si eadem Alicia obierit sine hærede

de corpore suo, etc., quod tunc maneant prædicto Willielmo Clopton filio meo et hæredibus de corpore suo legitime procreatis. Et si idem Willielmus Clopton obierit sine hærede de corpore suo legitime procreato quod tunc prædicta terræ et tenementa vocata Bachonns prædictis feoffatis hæredibus et assignatis eorum integre revertantur, et per eosdem vendantur, et moneta inde percepta per executores meos vel eorundem attornatos in missis celebrandis et aliis elemosinis distribuatur.

Item, volo quod prædicta Alicia filia mea habeat totum apparatus pro capite meo, exceptis duobus filettis de perle minoris valoris quæ assigno et volo quod uxor Petri de Boxsted habeat, et exceptis omnibus keverchefs, quorum quatuor par de Parys lego matri meæ, et residuum dictorum keverchefs lego Margaretæ Peyntor.

Item, domino Johanni Howard unam peciam argenti vocatam flatpec et deauratam cum uno covercle pro eadem, et quod condonetur eidem domino Johanni totum debitum de eo mihi contingens, si benevolus fuerit non impediendo testamentum meum nec ultimam meam voluntatem.

Item, Willielmo filio meo unam peciam argenti sive covercle cum sex coclearibus argenti, unum lectum de albo worsted steyned cum viris et fæminis, unum lectum viridem videlicet coverlyt et tester, unum matras bluet, unam mappam de Parys cum uno longo towayle de eodem artificio, unum vestimentum viride pro capellano cum uno calice et cum missali libro, et unam librum vocatum Byble.

Item, eidem Willielmo unam peciam argenti vocatam stondynggepec cum uno covercle ejusdem cum capite leopardi, et unam cistam vocatam grectcofre pro lect' imponend'.

Item, volo quod prædicta Alicia filia mea habeat unam longam cistam in qua pellur' meæ solent jacere, et omnia alia lecti, naperiæ, et cistæ remaneant prædicto domino Willielmo de Tendrynge.

Item, quod prædicta Alicia filia mea habeat duas furr' de optimo eligendas et cloke furratum, et quod mater mea duo optim' gounes quorum furrar' assignantur Aliciæ filiæ meæ ut supra.

Item, matri meæ duo alia gounes furrata.

Item, volo quod decem libri liberentur ad reparationem ecclesiæ de Stokeneylond, et pro una petra pro sepultura mea cooperienda quinque marcæ.

Item, volo quod triginta pauperes homines in villa de Stokeneylond prædicta, Melford, et aliis villis habeant die sepulturæ meæ, quilibet eorum quatuor virg' panni pro gounes dicto die inde habend', et quilibet eorum habeat pro factura earundem sex denarios.

Item, volo quod Margareta Peyntor habeat ii gounes furrat' cum pellur', et unum par orac' de geet.

Item, quod distribuantur cuilibet pauperi mendicanti et adveniendi ad diem sepulturæ meæ duos denarios.

Item, quod executores mei habeant et disponant pro exequiis meis et pro mea sepultura faciendi viginti libras.

Item, quod quilibet capellanus apud Stoke prædict' habeat vis. viii*d.*, et quilibet clericus ministrans in ecclesia ibidem xii*d.*, et quod Johannes Onewyne nuper serviens domini mei Willielmi de Tendrynge habeat vis. viii*d.*

Item, supplico executoribus et attornatis meis quod statim post obitum meum fiat proclamatio in Stoke prædicta et in Melfortbe si aliquod debitum vel injuria per dominum Thomam Clopton, dominum Willielmum de Tendrynge vel per me acta fuerint aliquo tempore præterito et inde prius non competens restitutio quod tunc inde fiat plena satisfactio secundum discretionem dictorum executorum et attornatorum meorum.

In cujus rei testimonium præsentibus sigillum meum apposui.

Datum apud Stoke prædictam die et anno supradictis.

Item, quod Thomas Bakere habeat tenementum vocatum Reddes sibi et hæredibus imperpetuum.

Probatum fuit præsens testamentum una cum codicillo eidem annexo apud Norwicum coram nobis officiali domini Norwicensis episcopi xviii die mensis Junii anno Domini millesimo quadringesimo tertio. Et commissa est administratio omnium bonorum, etc., magistro Henrico Thompson et Willielmo Brook executoribus in eodem testamento

nominatis una cum supervisione domitorum Johannis Howard et Willielmi Clopton* militum in forma juris juratis. In cujus rei testimonium, etc.

(From Harleian MS. 10, fol. 158.)

Omnibus Christi fidelibus, etc., Johannes dominus de Cobham miles, Rogerus Asshebornham, Thomas Brokhull, Thomas Preston, rector ecclesie de Tunstall, salutem in Domino.

Noveritis nos remisisse Katerinæ uxori Thomæ de Clopton militis, Roberto de Bockyng, rectori de Stonham, Thomæ rectori ecclesie de Hawkedon, Roberto Clerk capellano, et Willielmo Scott, totum jus, &c., in manerio de Kentewell, in comitatu Suff, &c.

Hiis testibus Ricardo Waldegrave, Johanne Shardelowe, Willielmo Asshebrok militibus, Johanne Rookwode, Willielmo atte Lee, et aliis.

Datum apud Melford decimo die februarij anno regni regis Ricardi secundi post conquestum tertio.

(Harleian Charter, Brit. Mus. 48, E. 35.)

ADMINISTRATION OF FELICIA CLOPTON.—1409.

Johannes Perche clericus, curie Cantuariensis Registrarius reverendissimi in Christo patris et domini domini Thomæ, Dei gratia Cantuariensis archiepiscopi totius Angliæ primatis et apostolicæ sedis legati commissarius generalis ad infra scripta sufficienter et legitime deputatus, discretis viris domino Roberto Brythlem capellano, et Johanni Wawe civi et pannario Londoniæ, salutem in Domino.

Cum nuper Felicia Clopton, alias Skete, dum vixerat mulier et vidua Londoniæ, ut nobis suggeritur, abintestato decesserit, quæ dum superstes erat, et tempore quo diem suum clausit extremum, quamplura et diversa bona notabilia in diversis diocesisibus provincie Cantuariensis notor' obtinuit, cujus occasione et prætextu, dispositio sive administrationis bonorum quorumcunque ipsius Feliciæ, ut præfertur, abintestato decedentis ubicunque infra dictam provinciam Cantuariensis existentium commissio ac compoti sive calculi administrationis hujus auditio, discussio, et finalis liberatio ab eodem, ad dictum reverendum patrem dominum Cantuariensem Archiepiscopum, etc., usque pertinere; volentes prout nobis incumbit ex officio prospicere ut bona hujus debite administrantur ad plene et fideliter administrandum bona hujus dietæ defunctæ omnia et omnimoda de eis quæ disponenda, prout ad animæ suæ salutem melius videritis expedire, de quo vestras in Domino firmiter oneramus conscientias ac debita quæcunque ipsius defunctæ petenda, colligenda, et recipienda, quæ ad eam mortis suæ tempore pertinuerunt, necnon ad solvendum æs alienum in quo dicta Felicia, tempore quo ab hac luce migravit, extitit obligata. Vobis conjunctim de quorum fidelitate et industria confidimus auctoritate dicti reverendissimi patris qua fungimur in hac parte, committimus plenam potestatem prestito primitus per vos coram nobis ad Sancta Dei Evangelia corporaliter tacta jurato corporali de pleno et fidei inventario omnium et singulorum bonorum præfatæ defunctæ et ipsam qualitercunque concernentium ubicunque infra dictam provinciam Cantuariensis existentium conficiendo, ac nobis realiter exhibendo, necnon de vero compoto nobis reddendo cum in ea parte congrue fueritis requisiti, ac vos bonorum hujus administratores præficiamus et deputamus per præsentem datos Londoniæ sub sigillo officii nostri octavo die mensis Martii anno domini millesimo quadringesimo octavo. Ac idem commissarius assignavit eisdem administratoribus quindenam Sancti Michaelis ad exhibendum inventarium, etc. Ac subsequenter, videlicet, vicesimo secundo die mensis Aprilis, anno Domini millesimo quadringesimo decimo, præfatus commissarius acquietavit dietos administratores in forma communi, etc.

(From the Registry of the Prerogative Court of Canterbury, *Marche* 144.)

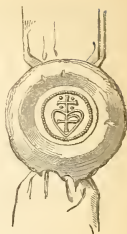
* Willielmus Cloptone heic vitio librarii appellatur miles, istum enim gradum nunquam suscepit. (Note by Dewes.)

Sciant presentes et futuri quod ego Robertus Clopton, civis et pannarius Londoniæ dedi, &c., Galfrido Clopton, Johanni Clopton filio et hæredi dicti Galfridi, domino Willielmo Bullok capellano, et Thomæ Odyham, manerium meum vocatum Codenhamballe in villa de Boxforde, &c., quod quidem manerium ego predictus Robertus Clopton nuper habui conjunctim cum Felicia filia Johannis Aleyn olim de Boxforde nuper uxore mea jam defuncta, ex concessione Radulphi Chamberleyn, &c.

Datum apud Boxford decimo octavo die mensis Octobris, anno regni regis Henrici Sexti post conquestum decimo septimo.

To this deed is appended a small seal of red wax, on which is the mark used by Robert Clopton (*see woodcut*).

(Harleian Charter, Brit. Mus. 48, D. 18.)



WILL OF JOHN CLOPTON, OF MELFORD, 1494.

In Dei nomine Amen, by whome all kinges reyne, and all princes have dominaicion, and every creatoure levethe, I John Clopton, knowing my selfe mortall, remembering also and daily havynge in mynde the uncerteyne of this transitory liffe, and that dethe is certeyne to me and to all mankynde, and the houre of it is moost uncerteyne, willing therefore that dethe commyth sodenly as a thife fynde me not unpurveied to die, therefore besheehing the Fader, the Sone, and the Holy Gost, of whome Allmyghty wisdome and grace procedith, at this tyme to geve me grace and wisdome to make my testament to the pleasure of God, and my discharge of the goodes of fourtune that he hathe geven me, and that it may take suche effecte to my merytte, that whan I departe oute of this present pilgremage and the unstabull liffe, that I may come to the heavenly blisse where I may geve laude, honour, worship, and praysing to my Maker and Redemer imperpetuite.

In the name of Allmyghty God, I, John Clopton, esquier, of Melforde, in the Countie of Suffolk, being in helthe of body and in restfull peace in my soule, make my testament the fourth day of the month of November in the xth yere of King Henry the viiith, and in the yere of our Lorde God Ml.cccclxxxiiiiith, touching my lowse goodes, all other by me testaments before made annulled and dampned.

Furst I bequeith my soule to Allmyghty God, oure Lady Saint Mary, and to all the blessed company of heven, and my body to be buried in the lytell chapell in Melforde churche, there my grave is redy made, even by my wif.

And I bequeith to the high awter of the saide churche xls. in recompence of my tithes forgoten, praying my curate to forgeve me if I be indetted any more to hym for my said prevey tithes.

Also I wull that the parson have my best hors at his eleccion for his mortuary according to the lawdabill custome of the toun.

Also I will that all my dettes be trewly content and paide, whiche as ferre as I canne remembre me, I have made of theme a bill, they be not mache; neverthelesse, if it canne be truly proved that I have for yett any of my dettes that it be paid by the discrecion of myne executours, also as ferre as it kanne be trewly and lauffully proved that I have wronged or hurte any person, that it may be restored by the discrecion of my executours; howe be it, as ferr as I canne remembre, I am clere of all wronges done to any person, and forasmuche as I knowe well that prayers is a singuler remedie for the deliverance of soules in purcatory, and specially the offering of the Blessed Sacrement of our Lorde's body, therefore I will that there be disposed for me and Dame Margarete Leynham,* within a month next after my discease l. marcs for ii. thousande masses and diriges under this fourme folowing:—

Furst, I will that the fader of Sion have vis. viiiid., praying hym to remembre in xxti of his masses my soule, the soules of my wif, my fader, and my moder, myne auncet-

* She was one of the daughters of Dame Anne Fray.

ours and my children, and of Sir John Leynham and Dame Margarete his wif, and for all the soules that the saide John Clopton is bonde or indette to pray fore, and all cristen soules; also I will that every prest in Sion, Shene, and the Charterhouse of London, that eche of theme have *xxd.*, praying theme to remember the saide soules in x of ther masses; also I will that the house of Sion have *xiiis. iiiid.*, and that they sey dirige and a masse for me according to there graunte, considering that I am a broder of the place. Also I will that Dame Anne Drury have *vis. viiid.*, and Margarete, daughter to Swayne *vis. viiid.* Also I will that the Chaterhouse of London have *xiiis. iiiid.*, praying theme to sey a dirige and a masse for me, according to there graunte of the broderhode. Also I will that every broder that is not a prest, being within Sion, Shene, and the Chaterhouse of London, have *xiiid.* a pece, praying theme to sey vi. diriges for me and my wif, and for the saide soules. Also that every prest in Hounslowe have *xxd.*, praying theme to remembre the saide soules in v. of there masses; and I bequeith to the saide house *xs.*, praying theme to sey a dirige and a masse for me, according to there graunt of broderhode. Also I will that every fire that is in the Menerys to have *xiiid.*, to remember the saide soules in thre of ther masses, and thabbes of the saide place have *iiis. iiiid.*, and my nece Marye Tirrell* *iiis. iiiid.*; and that every nonne of the saide place have *xxd.*, praying eche of theme to sey x diriges for me. Also I bequeith to the hous *xs.*, praying theme to sey a dirige and masse for me according to there graunte of broderhode. Also I will that every prest in the fires of Sudbury, the fires of Clare, the fires of Babwell,† the Grey fires of Colcestre, the Whight fires of Maldon, the Blake fires of Chelmesford, the Blake fires of Thetforde, and the Austyns there, iche prest have *xiiid.*; and the yong fires that are no prestes, eche of theme *viid.*, praing the prestes to remember me and the saide soules in vi of there masses, and to sey iii. diriges for me and the saide soules, and the yong fires to sey vi. diriges for me. Also I will that Master Goddarde have *vis. viiid.* And I wull that Master Breteyn have *xiiis. iiiid.*, and Master Chapman *vis. viiid.*, praying theme to remembre my soule, and my wifes and Sir John Leynham and Dame Margarete his wif, in there sermones, a yere after my disceace, and that they will remember me and thoe that I am bonde to, in there masses as it pleasith theme.

Also I wull that fire Stoke have *xiiis. iiiid.*, to remember me in his sermones, and my wif, and Sir John Leynham, and Dame Margarete his wif, a yere after my disceace, and in his masse as it pleasith him.

Also I will that every monke in Bury have *xiiid.*, and the abbot, the priour, the sexten, the sellerer, the hospiteller, eche of theme *iiis. iiiid.*, praying theme to sey a dirige and a masse for me. Also I wull that the hous of Sudbury have of me *xxs.*, the house of Clare *xxs.*, the house of Babwell *xiiis. iiiid.*, praying eche of them to sey a dirige and a masse, according to there graunte of broderhode. Also the parson of Weston, *xs.* to sey a trentall for me, and to Sir John Lolatt, Cokettes prest,‡ *xs.* to sey a trentall for me.

Also I will that the nonnes of Thetforde have *xiiis. iiiid.*, the nonnes of Hodington *xs.* Also I will that the anker of Bushoppesgate, and eche of the ancors of Norwiche have *vis. viiid.*

Also I will that Dame Johan Lampett, auncores of Carewe, have *iiis. iiiid.*, to pray for me, and for the saide soules.

Also I will that Master Gutteller and Master Horneby, iche of theme *xiiis. iiiid.*, to remember me a yere after my disceace in there sermones, my soule, and my wif, Sir John Leynham, and Dame Margarete his wife, and also to remember in *xx^{ti}* masses the fore-saide soules.

Also I will have no grete a doo at my burying, nor at my monith day, save every prest that is at my burying and at the masse upon the morowe have *viid.*, and every clerke of the moost stature have *iid.*, and of the least stature *id.*, and every pouer man that comyth at my burying have *id.* And at my monith day, I wull have noone a doo, save only a sermone, and a dynner for this§ men of Melford, and for strangers that comyth, but in recompence I wull that every prest in Melford have *vis. viiid.*, so that there be kepte a dirige and a masse daily during all my monith, till my monith day be

* Probably niece to testator's wife.

† Balwell in MS.

‡ John Cockett founded a chantry for one priest, at Ampton, near Bury St. Edmund's, in 1479.

§ Query.

past be note in Melforde church. And I wull that the sexten, and the parische clerkes, everych of theme have vs., to helpe theme, and that there be chosen other iiij clerkes to helpe theme, everych of them have iiij*s*. And when the sermon shalbe doone on the same day, I wull there shalbe disposed amonges iche of the pouer housholders in Melford, a pece of beffe and a loffe of brede, and in money xls. And I wull that the same day that my month day is, there shalbe a dirige overnyght by note, and upon the morowe a masse in the churches folowing, even as it shalbe, at Melforde, in Lavenham church, Saint Gregories, Saint Peters, and Alhallow, in Sudbury, in Clemesforde church, Cavendishe, Boxsted, Hertoft,* Shimpling, Lawshull, Hawsted, Alphetone, Stansted, Aketone, Waldingfelde the lesse, and the more, Chiltone, Listone, Foxherde, and Clare. And I bequeith to every prest of the same churches that shalbe at the saide diriges and at the saide masse iiij*s*., and everych of the pariche clerkes, and the sexten ii*d*. a pece, and the sexten vi*d*. to ring but oone peece whan the dirige is, and at the masse. And I will that there be disposed to pouer housholders the same day, to Sudbury xls., to Lavenham, xxvi*s*. viii*d*., to Glemesforde, xs., to Cavendishe, xs., to Boxstede, and to Hertist, vi*s*. viii*d*., to Shympling, vi*s*. viii*d*., to Laushull, vs., to Hawsted, xii*s*. iiiii*d*., to Allphetone, vs., to Cokefelde, vs., Aketone, vs., Waldingfeld the more and Chiltone, vi*s*. viii*d*., Waldingfeld the lesse, vs., Listone, and Foxherde, vi*s*. viii*d*., to Clare, xii*s*. iiiii*d*., to Stanifelde, iii*s*. iiiii*d*.

Also I will that there be disposed amonge the pouer housholders Poselingford, Chipley, Stanefelde, Wikehambroke, and Couling, xls., and xls. I will shalbe disposed at Asshedene to pouer people,

Also I will that Shimpling church shall have xls. to pray for Debenham's soule.

I wull that Hawsted church shall have v. marcs, to pray for Sir Gilbard Milde, and for Longe's soule of Laushull, that was slayne with thunder.

Also I will that if the parson of Alphetone wull pray for my fader and me all the Sondays in the yere next after my disceace, I will that there be spente in the same church, xxvi*s*. viii*d*., for some good memoriall.

Also I will that all my servauntes shalbe rewarded as I have made a bill of myne owne hande.

Also I will that my daughter Cursone have my prymer, which was hir moders; also I will that she shal have my grete goblett whiche my fader Darce gave it unto hir moder; also I will that John Cursone hir sone and also my godsone have xl. of my shepe, desiryng his fadre and his modre to put them to encrease as well as fortune will.

Also I will that John Rukwode my godsone have other xl. shepe, desiryng Clement Higham, and Johanne his wife, who is daughter with Goddis grace the saide John shall wed, and that they will put it to encrease to hym as fortune will.

Also I bequeth to Thomas Rukwode, and to his wife, my blak notte of silver and gilt that Dane Willyam Bahyngton yave me.

Also I will that all the residue of my shepe, besides tho that be bequethen and tho that shalbe spent at my buryng day, and at my monethis daye and within the moneth, to kepe the howshold, be egally devydid betwene the yonger sonnes of my sonne Willyam, and Katheryne, Dorothe, and Elizabeth, daughter of the saide Willyam, and their fadre, and to Edwardes sonne, to put it in proument to their profit and use.

And I will that my sonne Willyam's wife have my owche, with the iii perlis, and iii stons, and a gret stone in the myddes, which was my fadres, desiryng her to leve it to Fraunces her sonne, if he live after her day, or to some issue male of my sonne Willyams, so that it may contynewe in the blode of Cloptons.

Also I gife and bequeth my sonne Edwardis wife an owche, with a hert.

Also I bequetha and yefe to Anne Poley, my blew hert of golde, with certeyn perlis.

Also I will that suche clothes of velwet, with all maner braunches, flowres, and all maner oder stuff that I have set abowte the sepulture at Ester, over my grave, as well the grene as the red, I yefe and bequeth it alwaye to the same use of the sepulture, and I will that the blak vestymment, and that longeth to decone and subdecone, that I have at home, be yovene to Melford church, that it may be kepte for obits daies.

Also I will that the monster that I have made to bere in the Sacrament, be yovene to Melford church.

* So in MS.

Also I yefe the red velwet vestyment to Saynt Anne's aulter in Melford church, to pray for my brodre Harlistone and his wife; also a blake vestyment of velwet, with leves of golde whiche Elizabeth hath to kepe, I yefe it to serve at the aulter of my chapell in Melforde church.

Also I will that the iii. heve goblettes that were my Lady Laynham's, be surely kepte and xxv*li*. in money for Margaret, the daughter of Humfrey Stafford, accordyng to the will of my saide Lady Laynham, and she life till she be maried; I will the saide Margaret have the owche of Seynt George that was my saide Ladies, and if the saide Margaret dey or thanne she come to her full age, or to be maried, that thanne the saide goblettis and owche to be solde, and for to be disposed for my saide Lady Laynham's sowle, provyded alwey that if my Lady Latymer her suster, wilhave the saide goblettis for the same xxv*li*., that she sholde have by the will of my saide Lady Laynham, if the saide Margaret her suster died within age, she to have the goblettis, and to make my executours a discharge of the said xxv*li*.

Also I will that the vi. children that my newew Lewis had by my nece Alice, eche of them have x., with a pater noster of my bedis of golde, and the iii. children of my nece Margarete Darce, iche of them have x., with a pater noster of the saide bedis, and that my nece Letis daughter that dwellith with my Master Veer, and another that dwellith my suster Anne Mongomerye, eche of them have odre x., with a pater noster of the saide beedis.

Also I will that the prior of Colne have xx*l*., and everyche monk that is a preeste xii*l*., and eche nonys viii*l*., to saye a diryge and a masse for me, and specially I will and requyre my executours that all redy money that I have at the day of my dethe be delyverid to Sir Willyam Rigtone bi bill endentid bytwene my executours and hym, and the residue of my plate, by me not yeven to my sonnes by my life, nor in my testament assigned, to this entent that it may be solde and go to the execucion of my testament, save I will if any of my sonnes will bey any therof that they shalhave it for xl*l*., an unce to be paid in redy money; it is not moche plate. Also the saide Sir Willyam Rigtone shall receyve up all my dettes, excepte all my dettes that all my tenauntes of Chipley oweth me, I yefe them to Willyam, and all my dettes that my tenauntes owe me in Cowlynge, I yefe them Edwarde, and all the remanent of my dettes I will that Sir Willyam shall receyve them, and kepe it within my place in his chambre, with my redy money, and thenne to execute my will and testament, and the residue that shall remaine over this my will and testament performed shalbe devyded in iii. partis, whereof ii. partis to go to sad prestes and vertuous to syng a trentall for me, and to fynde vertuous scolers to scole, and the third part to bey with frise and lynone clothe for gownes, shirtes, and smokkes, and for pesonne, heryng, and coles, for to help the pouer people hereabowte in Lenton seassone; and the fourthe parte shall goo to the menyding of high waies betwix this towne and Bury, except I will that the friers of Sudbery, the friers of Clare, eche of the howses shalhave a barell of heryng in Lentone, and xl. stokfishes, and the novis of the saide howsis, eche hous a cade of sperlyng.

And I will and charge my executours that within iii. or iii. daies after my moneth day, that they take a clere rekenyng of the saide Sir Willyam what is spente and what remaineth; I doubte not but that he wilbe redie, and thanne my executours to make hym a boke whatte shalbe done in the yere foloyng, and ones in the yere as many tymes as my executours will come and take his accomptes, and that remaineth to assigne what shalbe done with all the next yere after, and that every executour shalhave for his comyng to take accomptes vis. viii*l*., and the said Sir Willyam to have for everych accomptis makyng xiii. iii*l*., and I charge my sonnes upon my blessing that they se this redy money and dette be treuly executed for the welth of my sowle, consideryng that I have kept no more for the welle of my sowle, but that I have yeven them all the residue of my godes over my will and testament performed.

Also I will that the anker of Bury have xx*s*. for ii. trentallis, and Maister Sir Thomas Grene that is with my cosyng Grene, have x*s*. for to syng a trentall for me. Also I will that immediatly after my decease my godson, Sir John Turnour, have xx*s*. for to syng ii. trentallis for me, and for Sir John Laynham, and Dame Margaret his wife, and that Master Cookis' brother, and Sir Willyam Canon, the chanone of Hethengham, eche of them have x*s*. for to syng a trentall for me, and I will that after my accomptis made after the moneth day, and all my servauntes with all other that is in my testament above written be paid, and if there leve any resonable some, that they yefe it to the parsonne

of Westone, Master Thomas with my cosyne Grene, with my master selerer, with the aunsyr* in thabhey, Sir Willyam that was parisshe preest of Melforde, Sir John Thom-
sone, my sonne Willyam's preest, eche of them xs., to syng a trentall for me, and Sir
John Laynham, and for Dame Margaret his wife, and all tho that the saide John is
bounde to pray for.

And all the residue of all my goodes and catallis, over the plate and stuffe of hous-
olde which I have yevene to my sones in my life, and this my testament and will per-
formed, I yeve frely to my sonne Willyam, and to my sonne Edward the thirde parte,
it is of no grete value, alwey provydyng that my sonne Willyam and my sonne Edward
upon my blessing take no profittes of all suche money, plate, and dettis that I have as-
signed in Sir Willyam Rigtone handes, nor that they medle not therewith, save only to
the execution of my testament and will, and the residue to do for the profit of my sowle.
And I make my executours to se this my will and testament performed, and that shalbe
in Sir Willyam Rigtone handes to be treuly disposed, my sonne Willyam Clopton, my
sonne Edward Clopton, my suster Agnes Montgomery, Robert Crane, James Hobert,
Clement Higham the elder, and Thomas Appulton, and I yeve Willyam for his labour
my relik of the peler of oure Lorde, desiryng hym to leve it alwey in the blode. And
I yeve Edwarde for his labour, my Jhesus, with all the relickis therein, and my suster
Anne for her labour, my Agnus Dei, with all the relickis therein, praying her if it may
please her to yeve it after her daye to some of my children, or to my children children,
as it pleser her, for there be many grete relickis therein.

I yeve to my brodre Crane for his labour my rynge with my grete turques, and I
yeve James Hobert for his labour a grete ryng that Seliard gave me whanne he was
made Sergeant, and my rynge with Sayntes that I wore daily, and I yeve Clement
Higham my grete hope of golde that I wore daily, with a shefe of wete graved therein.
And I yeve Thomas Appeltone anodre hope of golde with Seynt Johannes hed graved
therin, lowly besechyng my mooste assured good Lorde my Lorde of Oxenford, and my
especiall gode Maister Willyam Pykenham, that they wilbe supervisours of this my laste
testament, and to se that my executours performe my will, and if any man will wronge
them to help them and comforte them. And I yeve my Lorde of Oxenford for a pore
remembraunce a paire of karvyng knyves, the haftis gilte and enameled, and a rynge of
gold wherein is set a grete counterfet diamant. And I yeve to Master Pikenham my
Bible in Englishshe.

Memorandum this is the laste will and testament of me, John Clopton, subscribed
with my owne hande the vth day of Novembre, the yere above written, and I yeve to
the parsonne of Melford my bedis of ambur of x. Also I pray and beseche my master
the selerer of Bury to say the servise at my moneth day, wherefore I will he shall
have xls.

Memorandum that I, John Clopton, red over this my testament the xxii day of
February, the xii yere of Kyng Henry the vii, whiche I will shall stonde in everye poynte.
Also the saide John Clopton wole that whereas by the jugement of the parsonne of Mel-
ford, and by thassent of the executours of John Hille, the saide John Clopton shalhave c.
marcs for to relese his interest that he and his feoffes have in the maner of Bowre Hall,
in Pentley, the saide John Clopton will that the saide c. marke be spent on the
garnysshyng of oure Lady Chapell, and of the cloister ther abowte that the saide John
Clopton hath done new made in Melford churchyard, and that there bee made a
special remembraunce for to pray for the sowle of the saide John Hill, and for the sowle
of the saide John Clopton, and for the sowles that bothe the saide Hill and John Clop-
ton ar mooste bounde to pray for. Also I will that the chaes with Harlestonnys armes
be yeven to Melford church, and to serve the prestis that shall syng at the autler in my
heele there I sit and there my suster Harlestone lieth, and that the preste that shall
syng at the saide autler pray for the sowles of John Harlestone, and Alis his wife, and
for all there children.

These be the rewardes that I, John Clopton will that my servauntes have after my
decease; first I will that Richard Botiller have xs. in money, beside his annuyte of
xxs. yerely duryng his life owte of my maner of Wodehous, and xiiis. iiid. d. duryng vii
yere owte of Geffrey Gates landis if Geffrey leve so longe in recompense of that which I
owe hym of his hire.

* The scribe was, evidently, in doubt in penning this word; it is exceedingly obscure
in the MS. I believe the "almoner" is the official alluded to.

Item, in like wise I will that Elizabeth Machyn have *xxs.* in money, beside her annuyte of *xxs.* that she hath oute of the manour of Wodehous terme of her life and of Geoffrey Gatis landes duryng vii yere *xiiis. iiii*d.** if she leve so long in recompense for her hire that I owe her.

Item, I will that John Man have *xx*t** quarters of grete mesure of goode malte, and the horne that was Piper's, which he may kepe as a jewell, and *xiiis. iiii*d.** in money.

Item, I will that Coudde and Willyam Audeley eche of them have *xxs.*

Item, I will that More have *xxvis. viii*d.**

Item, I will that Thomas Elice, if he dwell with me when I dey, have *xxs.*

Item, I will that Willyam Hunte have *xxs.*, and Culpeper have *xxs.*, and Thomas Staple *xiiis. iiii*d.**

And as to the residue of my servauntes that dwellith with me the day of my deth, I will that eche of them have *vis. viii*d.**

Written with my owne hande the *iii*th** daye of December, anno decimo Henrici septimi.

This is the declaracion of me John Clopton, esquier, of my will made the *xx*t** day of February, in the *xii* yere of Kyng Henry the vii, for Geoffrey Gates landes, and for his mariage whiche I have of the graunte of the Kyng* duryng his nonage which is a ix yere to come.

Furst, I will that he shall marie with Elizabeth, oon of the daughters of my son Willyam, if she live, and if she dey, if he will marie with any of my saide sonnes daughters, I holde me content, and if he wilnot than my executours to sell his mariage to some good blode, and to geve to the saide Geoffrey of his mariage money a hondreth nobles, and that it may be disposid for his mooste profit to pray for me always, provydyng that my executours to dispose the profittes of the landes as hereafter shall folowe, alwey provyded that if case be that the saide Geoffrey die within age, as God defend, than I will that his suster Anne do marie with Willyam the eldest sonne whosoever he be, or ellis with some of his yongest children, and as for the disposicion of the profittes of his landes, I will that Geoffrey shalbe founde to scole and to courte honestly duryng his nonage, and in case be that he marie with any of my sonnes Willyam daughters, I will that all the profittes of his landes shalbe kepte ii yere afore, or that he come unto his full age, and the reparacions resonable kepte, and over his resonable fyndyng to bey hym therwith stuffe of housold ageynste that he come to his full age, and if it happe the saide Elizabeth die, if he wilnot marye with none of my saide Willyam sonnes daughters, than if he will marie with my sonnes Rokwode's daughter, my daughters daughter, or ellis with any of the daughters of my daughter Dorothe Cursons, I holde me content that he shalhave the saide profittes of the saide ii yeres, and if he wilnot marie with none of theym, than his mariage to be sold as I have declared before the landes always reservyd unto my executours over his resonable fyndyng, and my executours shall take up all the profittes till he come to his lawfull age of the saide landes, and to dispose them yerely as I shall after declare.

Furst, I will that with the parcellis of the saide profittis that Anne Gatis his suster be founde honestly till she be married or come to *xxi* yere of age, so that she be with my sonne Willyam, or with my son Edward, and wilbe rewled by my executours, and if the saide Geoffrey lyve till he come to his full age, I will that she shalhave l. marcs unto her mariage of the saide profittes, and I will that Margery Este shalhave of the saide profittes yerely duryng his nonage if she lyve so long *xls.* in recompense of her annuyte that she sholde have owte of the manour of Hanstede, Weynellis, and Mansers. And if she leve lenger or ellis the landes go owte of handes, she to have the saide *xls.* owte of the saide manour of Hansted as I have made my will thereof. Also I will that of the saide profittes that the nonnes of Sopwell of Seynte Albony's have yerely a sorte of fruyte of figges and resons, and a cade of sprot, and all the residue of the profittes over the resonable fyndyng of the saide Geoffrey and Anne, and the reparacions kepte I will that Margery, the daughter of Homfrey Stafford have *xxvi*ii**. that Dame Margaret Laynham bequethid her, and of the residue of the profittes duryng vii yere, I will yerely that George Polleis have *xiiis. iiii*d.** if he will go to Cambrigge to scole. Also I will that of the saide profittes yerely that yonge Willyam Clopton and Robert Clopton eche

* By letters patent dated May 22, 1 Henry VII (1486) the custody of all the laws, and the marriage of Geoffrey, son and heir of William Gate, esquire, were granted to John Clopton and William Waldegrave, esquires, during the minority of the same Geoffrey. (Patent Roll, 1 Henry VII, part 3, m. 14).

of them *xiii*d. a weke, so that they will go to grammer scole, still for their horde. Also I will that *xxxix*s. yerely duryng vii yere of Geffrey Gatis lyve be spent in Seynt Marie's churche, and Seynt Jamys churche, in Bury, at Hadlegh church, at Laynham church, at Melforde, at Seynt Gregoris in Sudbury, Seynt Peters, Alhallown, and Clare, eche of the curates *ii*s. *iiii*d. to remember in their bedis bidding every Sondey in the yere the sowles of Sir John Laynham, and Dame Margaret his wife, John Clopton, and Alice his wife, and for all the sowles that the saide John Clopton is bounde to prai for. And I will that duryng the saide vii yere if the saide Geffrey lyve, that there be disposed in Shalforde, Highstern, and Longbernes, *x*ls. in Lentone in heryng and pesone to the pore housholders and to bie *xx*s. worth of frice, and to dispose it in gownes and peticoets in the same townes. Also I will that if my sonne Edward will dwell at Garnettes duryng the noneage of the saide Geffrey, that thanne he to have his *v* merke yerely within the price so that he se the reparacions suerly kepte, and to the helpyng asmoch to Geffrey Gates as he can, as I verely deme that he will. Also I will duryng the saide yeres that if Figge will kepe the courtes and receyve all the rentes of the saide landes, and bryng it home to Melforde, and make yerely a trew accomptes to my executours I will that he have his fee of *iiii* mercs still, and I will that Henry Robson have *vi*s. *viii*d. yerely, duryng the saide terme of vii yere, and that Elizabeth Mathon have *xiii*s. *iiii*d. beside her annuyte of *xx*s. that I have graunted her owte of Wodehous, and in like wise duryng the saide terme of vii yeres, that Richard Buttiller have *xiii*s. *iiii*d. besides his annuyte of Wodehous. Also I will that Jane, Elizabeth Mathone's daughter have *v* merke of the saide profittes to her use, and all the residue of the profittes that shall growe in the saide vii yeres, all the premysse aboveaide performed, I will yerely hit shalbe brought to Melforde, to Sir Willyam Rigton, to have the keypyng thereof in his chamber, as he shalhave of my owne, and at thend of vii yere I will it shalbe egally devyded by twixt Willyam Clopton's yonger children, and Edwarde's than alyve, excepte tho that be maried.

(shall kepe the landys duryng the noneage of the seid Geffrey, except his resonable fyndyng, And my seid executours *ut supra*.)*

Probatum fuit suprascriptum testamentum coram domino apud Lamethith decimo sexto die mensis Novembris anno Domini millesimo quadringentesimo nonagesimo septimo, juramento Willielmi Clopton et Thomæ Clopton executorum, ac approbatum et insumatum, etc. Et commissa fuit administratio omnium et singulorum bonorum et debitorum dicti defuncti dictis executoribus in hujusmodi testamento nominatis de bene et fideliter ac sub unanimi consensu et assensu administrando eadem, ac de pleno et fideli inventario, etc., citra festum Sancti Andreæ Apostoli proximo futuri exhibendo necnon de plano et vero compoto, etc. ad Sancta Dei Evangelia, etc. reservata potestate similem commissionem faciendi Agneti Mongomery, Roberto Crane, Jacobo Hobert, et Clementi Higham seniori executoribus etiam in hujusmodi testamento nominatis cum venerint, etc. Edwardo Clopton alio executore, etc. expresse refutante. Datum die mensis, etc. nostræque translationis anno duodecimo.

(From the Registry of the Prerogative Court of Canterbury, *Horne*, 17.)

WILL OF SIR WILLIAM DE CLOPTON.—1376.

Testamentum domini Willielmi de Clopton militis, commorantis in Wychambrooke. In Dei nomine Amen. Die Jovis in festo Sancti Vincentii martiris, anno Domini millesimo trecentesimo septuagesimo sexto, ego Willielmus de Clopton, filius Walteri de Clopton de Wykhambrok, compos mentis et in sanitate constitutus, condo testamentum meum in hunc modum.

In primis lego animam meam Deo Omnipotenti, Beatæ Mariæ, et omnibus Sanctis, et corpus meum ad sepeliendûm in ecclesia fratrum minorum de Babewell.

Item, lego fratribus ibidem ad celebrandum pro anima mea et pro animabus parentum nearum viginti marcas.

Item, lego fratri Johannis Cros quinque marcas.

Item, lego fratri Ricardo de Rougeton duas marcas.

* This fragment has been placed at the end, as if it were an omission in some part of the will.

Item, lego fratribus prædicatoribus in Sudburia ad celebrandum pro anima mea quinque marcas.

Item, lego fratribus prædicatoribus Thefford quinque marcas.

Item, lego fratribus prædicatoribus Cantabrigiæ quinque marcas.

Item, lego fratribus Augustinis de Clare quinque marcas.

Item, lego fratribus minoribus Cantabrigiæ quinque marcas.

Item, lego ad opus fabricæ ecclesiæ de Stratford Atebowe decem libras.

Item, lego ecclesiæ de Wykhambrok ad summum altare unam marcã.

Item, lego ecclesiæ de Dennardistone ad summum altare dimidium marcã.

Item, lego ecclesiæ de Hakedone ad summum altare unam marcã.

Item, lego ecclesiæ de Halsted ad summum altare unam marcã.

Item, lego Roberto camerario meo decem libras.

Item, lego Margeriæ uxori Johannis Godhewe quadraginta solidos.

Item, volo quod Maria uxor mea habeat dimidium omnium bonorum meorum mobilium.

Volo etiam præter hæc quod eadem Maria habeat omnia vasa mea argentea una cum omnibus utensilibus et ornamentis cuiusque officio spectantibus, videlicet capellæ, camera, botillariæ, coquinae et pistrinæ.

Item, lego Willielmo filio meo in mesuagio meo de Haukedone unam carucam cum bestiis et toto apparatu, decem quarteria frumenti, decem quarteria hordei, decem quarteria pisarum, et decem quarteria avenæ.

Item, lego Waltero filio meo in manerio de Toppisfeld in villa de Hadleye unam carucam cum bestiis, et toto apparatu, decem quarteria frumenti, decem quarteria hordei, decem quarteria pisarum, et decem quarteria avenæ.

Item, lego Edwardo filio meo in manerio de Neucham in villa de Aschdone unam carucam cum bestiis et toto apparatu, decem quarteria frumenti, decem quarteria hordei, decem quarteria pisarum, et decem quarteria avenæ.

Item, volo quod Robertus camerarius meus habeat totum tenementum vocatum Gobilions cum omnibus pertinentiis in villa de Boxsted ad terminum vite sicut ei ante fuerat concessum per me.

Item, lego cuilibet executorum meorum subscriptorum quinque libras.

Item, volo et assigno quod si alicui libere tenenti vel nato damnus injuria vel gravamen irrogatum fuerit per me, fiet satisfactio de bonis meis prout evidenter ratione probari potest.

Item, volo quod omnes boni servientes mei sint remunerati et emendati pro mora sua juxta meritum.

Et ad istam meam ultimam voluntatem bene et fideliter complendam et exequendam ordino et constituo hos executores meos Mariam uxorem meam, Robertum de Kedytone, Galfridum Hundene, dominum Thomam rectorem ecclesiæ de Hakedone, dominum Johannem Bedeford rectorem ecclesiæ de Halsted, dominum Johannem Fynch capellanum, ad disponendum et ordinandum de cæteris bonis meis non legatis prout animæ meæ melius viderint expedire.

Probatum fuit istud testamentum apud Norwicum coram nobis officiali domini Norwicensis episcopi die decimo quarto mensis Januarii anno Domini millesimo trecentesimo septuagesimo septimo. Et commissæ est administratio omnium bonorum dictum testamentum contingentium et infra jurisdictionem dicti reverendi patris existentium dominæ Mariæ relicte dicti defuncti et domino Thomæ rectori ecclesiæ de Haukedone executoribus infranominatis, reservata nobis facultate committendi hujusmodi administrationem Roberto de Kedytone, Galfrido de Hundene, et domino Johanni Berford* rectori ecclesiæ de Halstede aliis executoribus in dicto testamento nominatis cum venerint et onus administrationis hujusmodi subire voluerint in forma juris, domino Johanne Fynch capellano alio coexecutori infrascripto subire onus dicti testamenti coram nobis expresse recusante.

In ejus rei testimonium, etc.; et commissæ fuit potestas per officialem per unam commissionem ad recipiendum juramentum dictæ Mariæ relicte dicti defuncti offic' domini archidiaconi Sudburie et domino Thomæ rectori ecclesiæ de Hawkedone conjunctim et divisim.

(From a copy penes W. H. H.)

On the 18th December, 1636, an exemplification of this will was made from the Norwich Registry, at the request of Sir Simonds D'Ewes. This exemplification now remains among the Harleian Charters, British Museum, 43, I. 27.

* *Bedeford* in the will.

NOTE TO THE WILL OF KATHERINE DE TENDRYNGGE.

Since printing this will from Sir Simonds D'Ewes' copy, the original with seal attached has been discovered among the Harleian Charters (56 H. 37); this should have been taken as the text, but as it is now too late to remedy the error, a table of variations is here given. The seal of Katherine de Tendryngge is appended to the will, but the impression is almost obliterated.

Page 30, line	7,	for <i>Melford</i> read <i>Meleforde</i> .
	15,	— <i>camerariis</i> read <i>camerariis meis</i> .
Page 31, —	5,	— <i>perficiant</i> read <i>perficiantur</i> .
	10,	— <i>nec ejusdem</i> read <i>nec aliquam parcelam ejusdem</i> .
	21,	— <i>prædictus</i> read <i>prædicti</i> .
	22,	— <i>ydoneis</i> read <i>idoneis</i> .
	25,	— <i>tenementis</i> read <i>tenementa</i> .
	30,	— <i>quod Willielmus</i> read <i>quod dominus Willielmus</i> .
	31,	dele <i>meos</i> .
	44,	for <i>Bourhous</i> read <i>Burhous</i> .
	—	— <i>remaneant</i> read <i>maneant</i> .
	50,	— <i>Spottisland</i> read <i>Sprottisland</i> .
Page 32, —	9,	— <i>par</i> read <i>paria</i> .
	15,	— <i>sive</i> read <i>sine</i> .
	—	— <i>coclearibus</i> read <i>cocliaribus</i> .
	16,	— <i>worsted</i> read <i>wrsted</i> .
	21,	insert <i>le</i> before <i>gretcofre</i> .
	26,	for <i>et cloke</i> read <i>unum cloke</i> .
	27,	— <i>furrar'</i> read <i>furrur'</i> .
	32,	— <i>Stokeneylond</i> read <i>Stoke</i> .
	51,	— <i>Reddes</i> read <i>Redes</i> .

The probate act also is fuller, but the variations are not worth recording.

Harleian Charter, 56, H. 36, is a document in French, dated at Stokeneylond, the 8th of July, 14 Ric. II, by which the husband of the testatrix, William Tendrynge expresses his assent to her will, and confirms whatever bequests she may make. His seal is attached. (See woodcut.)



WILL OF WILLIAM CLOPTON.—UN-DATED.

Hæc est ultima voluntas mei Willielmi Cloptone, de Melforde.

In primis volo et rogo quod feofati mei in manerio de Kentewelle dimittent Margerie uxori meæ quod habeat proficuum prædicti manerii ad terminum vite sue sub conditione quod vivat sine marito, et si præfata Margeria habeat maritum, tunc volo quod una pensio novem marcarum durante vita ejusdem Margerie habeatur de eodem manerio pro uno idoneo presbitero in ecclesia de Melford prædicta celebrando pro anima mea et animabus parentum meorum, et si præfata Margeria vel maritus suus aut aliquis alius nomine suo contradicant vel impediunt prædictam pensionem vivente præfata Margeria, tunc volo quod prædicti feofati mei disponant totum proficuum ejusdem manerii cum pertinentiis per discretionem executorum meorum pro anima mea et animabus parentum meorum ut melius eisdem videatur disponere.

Item, volo quod præfata Margeria habeat ad terminum vite sue omnia terras et tenementa mea in Chippeleye, Poselyngforde, Stradesylle, Wynkhambrook et Atteltone pro pueris meis bene et honeste inveniendis, et sub conditione quod Alicia filia mea habeat de præfata Margeria unam annuitatem decem marcarum, et Katerina filia mea habeat unam aliam annuitatem sex marcarum tam cito cum maritata fuerint durante vita prædictæ Margerie.

Tamen volo quod si præfata Margeria se solam et sine marito teneat, quod tunc habeat omnia prædicta terras et tenementa in Chippeleye, Poselyngforde, Stradesylle, Wykhambrook et Atteltone prædictis ad terminum vite sue sine aliqua pensione inde impendenda non obstante voluntate mea prædicta.

Item, volo quod prædictum manerium de Kentewelle et tenementum vocatum Lutones cum omnibus eorum pertinentiis post decessum præfate Margerie remaneant præfate Alicie filie meæ* et hæredibus de corpore suo legitime procreatis, et si prædicta Alicia sine hærede de corpore suo legitime procreato obierit, quod tunc prædictum manerium de Kentewelle et tenementum vocatum Lutones cum pertinentiis remaneant Katerinæ filie meæ prædictæ et hæredibus de corpore suo legitime procreatis, et si præfata Katerina sine hærede de corpore suo legitime procreato obierit, tunc volo quod prædictum manerium de Kentewelle et tenementum vocatum Lutones cum omnibus suis pertinentiis vendantur, et moneta inde recepta disponatur pro anima mea, animabus patris et matris meæ et animabus Willielmi de Tendrynge et Walteri Cloptone militum per discretionem executorum et feoffatorum meorum.

Item, volo quod Katerina filia mea habeat omnia terras et tenementa mea in Chyppeleye, Poselyngforde, Stansfelde, Stradesille, Wykhambrook et Atteltone post decessum præfate Margerie uxoris meæ eidem Katerinæ et hæredibus de corpore suo legitime procreatis, et si prædicta Katerina sine hærede de corpore suo legitime procreato obierit, tunc post decessum præfate Katerinæ prædicta terræ et tenementa cum pertinentiis remaneant Alicie filie meæ et hæredibus de corpore suo legitime procreatis, et si contingat prædictam Aliciam sine hærede de corpore suo legitime procreato obire, quod tunc prædicta terræ et tenementa in Chippeleye et Atteltone cum pertinentiis remaneant rectis hæredibus Thomæ Cloptone militis.

Item, volo quod prædicta Margeria uxor mea habeat omnia utensilia mea infra motam domus meæ vocatæ Lutones in Melforde, exceptis duabus peciis deauratis majoris pretii, quarum volo quod Alicia filia mea habeat unam, et Katerina filia mea habeat alteram.

Item, volo quod prædicta Margeria uxor mea habeat de stauro meo, videlicet equis, carectis, et carucar, ovis, et bobus, frumento, brasio, et alio stauro, vivo et mortuo, tam infra motam meam prædictam quam extra in villa de Melforde ad valentiam centum marcarum, et si prædictum staurum meum non extendat ad centum marcas, tunc volo quod præfata Margeria habeat de moneta centum marcas ad electionem suam propriam; proviso tamen quod si eligat centum marcas, non habeat de stauro prædicto, sed disponatur per executores meos ad pios usus.

(Harleian Charter, Brit. Mus. 58, G. 28.)

(This is evidently a portion of an unexecuted or cancelled will of William Clopton, who died in 1446.)

On the back is the following note in the handwriting of D'Ewes: "Pars ultimæ voluntatis Willielmi Clopton armigeri filii Thomæ de Clopton militis confectæ uti * * * ante mortem Margerie Drury primæ uxoris suæ ex qua unum filium sine prole defunctum, et duas filias genuit. Sed hæc voluntas proculdubio revocata nam ex Margeria filia et hærede Elyæ Francis armigeri uxore secunda quam etiam supervixit, prolem habuit magnam.")

WILL OF EDWARD CLOPTON.—1504.

In the name of God Amen, the iiiith day of May, in the yere of our Lord, M^vcciii. I Edward Clopton, of Glensford, in the countie of Suffolk, in the diocese of Norwich, hole beyng in mynde, with good remembraunce, and in restfull peace of my soule, thanked be Jhesu my Saviour, ordeyne and make my testament and last will in maner and forme folowing:—

Furst, I bequeth and† commaunde my soule to Almighty God, our Lady Seynt Mary, and to all the holy company of heven; and my body to be buried in the church of Melsford. And I will that the parson of Glensford be compowned with for myne offerynges that he shuld have had if I had been buried there. And I bequeth to the parson for my tithes and offerynges negligently forgotten and not duely to Almighty God done, vis. vii^{id}., and I praye my wif to burye me honestly and to see my dettes that I owe, the whiche she knoweth, orelles hereafter may knowe, be truely content and paid according to the promesse that she made me the day before the making of this my testament and last will, for the whiche I geve hir all my goodes moevable and unmoevable.

* Me in MS.

† Bequeth and bequeth, MS.

And as touchyng my lond and tenementes with all their appurtenaunces in Glemsford before said, I will that my said wif have theym for terme of hir lif, and after hir deceas, I will, if God fortune that I have any issue male of my body lafully begoten, the eldest to have them; yf I have noon issue male then I will myn yssue generall have theym. And if I have noon yssue of my body lafully begoten, then I will the same londes and tenementes, with all thappurtenaunces be solde for *CH.*, and that to be disposed for me, my wif, John my son, my fader, my moder, my lady Dercy, Jane Grein, Thomas Mildes wif, and for all cristen soules. And I will and requyre all my feoffe and every oon of theym that they and either of theym delivere their astate and possession whiche they have in the saide londes and tenementes to suche persone or persones as they shalbe therto convenyently requyred by my said wif, according unto thuse and perfourmacion of this my testament and last will.

And I ordeyn and make my saide wif myn executrice, and my supervisour Sir William Waldegrave, knyght; and I bequeith unto hym for his labour, the crosse of gold whiche I was wont to were on my cape, praying hym to be goode maister unto my saide wif, to helpe hir when she hath nede about thexecucion of this my last will and testament, and for to call upon hir truely for to pay my dettes. And as for my maner of Sharlowis I will my saide wife have it terme of hir lif, according to my fader's will.

In witnes wherof unto this my testament and last will I have sett my seale, the day and yere abovesaid.

Probatum fuit testamentum supradicti defuncti habentis dum vixit et mortis sue tempore diversa bona et debita in diversis diocesisibus provincie Cantuariensis, etc., decimo die mensis Februarii anno Domini millesimo quingentesimo decimo juramento Ricardi Gyfford procuratoris in hoc parte ac approbatum et insumatum. Et commissa fuit administratio omnium bonorum et debitorum dicti defuncti [] relicte et executrici in hujusmodi testamento nominatae in persona dicti procuratoris de bene et fideliter administrando ac de pleno et fideli inventario citra festum Sancti David episcopi proximo futurum exhibendo, necnon de plano et vero compoto reddendo ad Sancta Dei Evangelia in debita juris forma jurata.

(From the Registry of the Prerogative Court of Canterbury, *Bennett*, 36.)

WILL OF DOROTHY CLOPTON.—1508.

Thies bene the bequestes of me Maistres Dorothee Clopton.

First, I woll the parson of Long Melforde have a peyre of bedys of gette gaudyed with jesperes, and a purse of blake velvet, not fully fynnyshed, lying in a coffer of myne.

Item, I geve unto my fader a serpentyne bede, and a broche of gold with an ymage in it, and a tablet of silver and gilte, beseching hym of his daiely blissyng, and to be so good fader to me to do suche goodes as I have to be delivered unto such persones as I have put in trust, and they to delivere theym that I have geven unto.

Item, I geve to my lady Clopton a ryng, with a daisy and a double frontlet of blew velvet, the which my lady Browghton gave unto me.

Item, I geve unto my suster Poley my best frontlet of crymsyn velvet, and half a dosen yerde kercheres, the which she hath in hir keypyng; also I geve hir a payer of corall bedes, the lenger bedes of the ii. payer, and a bonet of blak velvet.

Item, I geve to my suster Gattes my best bonet of blak velvet, garnyshed with crymsen velvet, and a frontlet of orange colour, and a blake gowne furred with blake, and my best kyrtyll of worsted.

Item, I geve my broder John a payre of bedes and white ambyr, gaudyed with silver and gilt.

Item, I geve unto my suster Kateryn a bonet of blake velvet that is at Nettelsted, with my purled frontlet and my best tawny gowne, the best.

Item, I geve to my cosyn Kateryn Froxmer my bedes of corall, gawdyed with x. bedes of gold, and a derke tawny velvet frontlet, and a gette of mynakes, the which she gave me hir self.

Item, I geve to my broder William, a payre of bedes of blake gette, gawdyed with ivery.

Item, I geve to my broder Robert, my gret bedes of whit yvery, and xx nobles, which myn unkill Marowe gave me.

Item, I geve to my broder Fraunceys my pomandyr of silver.

Item, I geve unto my brother Richard my litell ryng of gold.

Item, I geve unto litell John Poley my ryng, with the visage.

Item, I geve to my broder Poley my golofer, with a saffir.

Item, I geve litell John Gattes a payre of agglettes of silver.

Item, I geve to my suster Anne Darsy, my best medley tawney gowne, lyned with blake velvett, and a payre of hokes of silver and gilte, and a payre of bedes of jasper, gaudyed with amber.

Item, unto Henry Clovyle, a typpet of sarsnett.

Item, I geve to his wif my best tawny gownes, lyned with blake velvett, and a frontlet of violett saten.

The whiche I putt in trust to be myn executor Maister William Skerne, the parson of Long Melford, to fulfill thies my bequestes, and to dispose the residew of my goodes for my soule.

Probatum fuit suprascriptum testamentum coram domino apud Lamehithe xxvito die mensis Septembris anno Domini millesimo quingentesimo octavo juramento executore onus executionis ejusdem testamenti in se assumere refutante. Et commissa fuit administratio omnium honorum dictæ defunctæ magistro Willielmo Skerne, ad viam intestati pro eo quod executionem refutavit, de bene et fideliter administrando, ac de pleno et fideli inventario citra festum Sancti Michaelis archangeli proximo futurum exhibendo, necnon de plano et vero compoto reddendo ad Sancta Dei Evangelia in debita juris forma jurato.

(From the Registry of the Prerogative Court of Canterbury, *Bennett*, 5.)

WILL OF WILLIAM CLOPTON.—1518.

In Dei nomine Amen.

I William Clopton being of good mynd and memory, God be lawded, make my testament and last will the viiith day of Decembre, anno Domini 1518 on this wyse.

In primis I commend my soule to God Almyghty, our Lady Seint Mary my adovery, my body to be buryed in the churchyard of my parish church, to the which high alter I bequeth for my tythes negligently forgotten xx*l*.

Item, for a trentall to be songe in my parishe church xs.

Item, to the high alter of All Seintes xii*l*.

Item, I bequeth to Johane my dowghter xxs.

I woll that Johanne my wyffe whom I straytely charge and require afore God to fulfill my father is last will and testament in the which testament I stond charged and bownd in every poynt therof to fulfill, that is for to say, oone prest secular whan tyme shall require per spatium dimidii anni as more playnly in the said testament is expressyd.

Item, to Johane my moder, thre kene and mete and drinke during her naturall lyfe of the costes and charges of Johane my wyffe, and also the vii mares which all at large more playnly is conteyned in the said testament of my father.

Item, to John Clopton his money.

Item, to Johane Clopton my sister her money.

Also, to Alice my sister the money before to her bequethid.

Item, to Maryon my sister her money, which parcell at large more playnely the testament of my father shewith and declarith, which parcell I charge and require my seid wyffe by the vertue of my testament and last will to fulfill in every condicion as I shold have done yf God had gevyn me tyme to lyve.

Item, to the high alter of Seint Mary, and the high alter of Allesentt, as it is in my father is will expressyd, etc.

Item, I woll and also bequeth to the said Johane my wyffe my message wherin I dwell, with all my londes and tenementes, as well fre as bond, lying in the towne of Multone, or elsewhere; to have and to hold to her and her assignes for ever sub ea condicione yf the said Johane my wyffe may fulfill this my last testament and will, and my father is wyll, and yf the said Johane my wyffe cannot pay my dettes, and my father is dettes, and also fulfilling all those said legaces a fore rehersyd, then I woll that my message, landes, and tenementes, both fre and bownd joyntly and not severally be sold

by myne executrix or feoffers to the good and trewe performauce and fulfilling of this my last testament and will, and also my father is will with thadvyse of Johane my mother, evermore reserved to her her dwelling during her lyff naturall.

The residue of my goodes not bequethed I comyt to the good disposicion of Johane my wyffe whom I make, ordeyn, and constitute myne executrice, etc.

Probatum fuit præscriptum testamentum coram reverendo patre Ricardo Norwicensi episcopo in manerio suo de Hoxne vicesimo primo Januarii anno Domini millesimo quingentesimo decimo octavo, et dicti Ricardi patris anno decimo octavo. Et commissa erat administratio executrici nominatæ in juris forma.

(From a copy penes W. H. H.)

WILL OF WILLIAM CLOPTON.—1523.

In Dei nomine Amen, In the yere of our Lorde M.Vc.xxiii. The xvith day of November, I William Clopton, of a good and parfite memory make this my testament in forme hereafter folowing.

First, I bequeth my soule to Almighty God, and to his moder Our Lady Saint Mary, and to all the company of hevyn, my body to be buried where as it shall please God for to sende for me; and if I dye in London, I will that my body be buried in the parishe church of Saint Margaret in Lothebery, where as it shall seme unto myne executours a place convenient.

Item, I will that all my goodes serve for the performacion and paying of my dettes; and yf that any thinge avaunce I will that it be bestowed in good dedes according unto the mynde of myn executours.

And to the performacion of this my last will I doo make Kateryn Clopton, my mother, my soole executrice, without any overseer or any thinge, for all I doo remitte unto her the day and yere above written.

Probatum fuit testamentum superscripti defuncti coram præfatis commissariis in ecclesia Cathedrali Divi Pauli Londoniæ quinto die mensis Martii anno Domini millesimo quingentesimo vicesimo quinto juramento Katerinæ Clopton executricis in hujusmodi testamento nominatæ, ac approbatum et insumatum. Et commissa fuit administratio auctoritate præfatorum reverendorum patrum omnium et singulorum bonorum jurum et creditorum dicti defuncti præfatæ executrici de bene et fideliter administrando ac de pleno et fideli inventario secundo die post festum Annunciationis Beatæ Mariæ Virginis proximo futurum exhibendo, necnon de plano et vero compoto reddendo ad Sancta Dei Evangelia juratæ.

(From the Registry of the Prerogative Court of Canterbury, *Porche*, 4.)

WILL OF JOHN CLOPTON.—1524.

In the name of God Amen, the vith day of the moneth of July, the yere of our Lord God, a thousande fyve hundred twenty and foure. I John Clopton, merchaunt of London, hole of mynde, and in my good memory being, lawde and praising be unto Almighty God, make and ordeyn this my present testament in this wise.

First, I bequeth and comitte my soule to Almighty God my Maker and Redemer, to our Blissed Lady Saint Mary Virgyn his mother, and to all the blissed company of hevyn; and my body to be buried in the next holy place, where it shall please God to sende for me.

And I bequeth to the church where I am buried, for my burying *vis. viii*d*.*

Also, I bequeth to the high awter of the church of Saint Margaret in Lothbury, in London, in discharging of my conscience for oblacions forgotten *ii*s*. viii*d*.*

Also, I wille an honest prest and habull to singe for my soule, and for the soules of my father, my brethern, and susters, within the parishe church of Saint Margaret in Lothebury, in London, by the space of half a yere next and immediatly folowing after my deceas. And I bequeth to the same preest for his hyer for the halfe yere *iii*l*. xii*s*. iiiii*d*.*

Also, I bequeth to the foure prisons in London, Newgate, Ludgate, and the two compters iis. viii*l.* to eche prison in bred, to be delivered to the pour prisoners.

Also, I bequeth to be delivered amonges pour housholders dwelling in the parishe of Saint Margaret in Lothebery xxs. in money, to pray for my soule by the good discrecion of myn executours.

Also, I will that there be saide for my soule and all Cristen soules, a tringtall of masses in the parishe church of Saint Margaret in Lothebery.

The residue of all my goodes and dettes, after my dettes paid, my funerall expenses, and this my present testament fulfilled, I geve and hequeth freely unto my wife Alices. And of this my present testament I make and ordeyn my executour my mother Kateryne Clopton.

In witnesse wherof the day and yere abovesaid, I, the forsaid John Clopton have affirmed this and all the premisses for my very hole and true will and testament.

Quarto-decimo die mensis Januarii anno Domini millesimo quingentesimo vicesimo octavo coram prefatis commissariis in ecclesia Cathedrali Divi Pauli, Londoniæ, Katerina Clopton executrix nominata in testamento prescripti Joannis Clopton defuncti renunciavit oneri executionis testamenti ipsius defuncti, etc. Et commissaria fuit administratio auctoritate prefatorum reverendorum patrum omnium et singulorum bonorum jurium et creditorum dicti defuncti per viam intestati Aliciæ relicte de bene et fideliter administrando ac de pleno et fideli inventario secundo die post festum Sancti Blasii episcopi proximo futurum exhibendo necnon de plano et vero compoto reddendo ad Sancta Dei Evangelia jurate.

(From the Registry of the Prerogative Court of Canterbury, *Jankyn*, 1.)

WILL OF SIR WILLIAM CLOPTON.—1530.

In Dei nomine Amen.

I William Clopton, knyght, of Longmelforth, in the Countie of Suffolk, the xiiii daie of October, in the xliiith yere of the regne of our soverane Lord King Henry the viiith, and the yere of our Lord God Mccc and xxx, being hole in mynd and of good and perfighte remembrance, thanked be God, make and ordeyne this my present testament in maner and forme insucing, revoking and annulling all other testaments by me heretofore at any time had, made, or spokyne, and this to be my first and last testament concerning my moveable goodes, cornes, cattelles, playte and redy money.

First I geve and bequeth my soule to Allmyghty God my Maker and Redemer, and to his gloriosse mother our Lady Sainct Marie, and to all the holy company of Hevyn, and my body to be buried within the parish church of Melford, nyhte unto the places whereas Jane and Dame Katherine, late my wyffes lieth buried.

Item, I geve to the hye auter of the same parish chiroche, for my tythes and offeringes by me forgotten, or negligently withholden in discharging of my soule xxs.

Item, I gyffe for breking of the crownde for my sepulture and buriall xxs.

Item, I geve and hequeth to John Clopton my sonne all the hanginges within the haule, parlure, and greate chamber, with the bedding, quysschyns, tables, formes, stoles being within the same haule, parlure, and greate chamber.

Item, I geve to the said John Clopton my sonne, the stuffe of my chapell as auter clothes, boke, chalesse, and vestementes, being and servyng on and for the workyndays within the saide chapell; and the halfe of all maner off implementes, as pewter, brasse, and laten, belonging and being within my kechin.

Item, I geve unto the said John Clopton my sonne, six horses going with one of my plowes or plowe, with the teme of yron and colers being to the same, with a cart and a tumbrell.

Item, I geve to the saide Johnne Clopton my sonne, the halfe of all maner of implementes being within my hruehouse and bakhouse or kelers, tubbes, bravelles, trowes, fattes, and hogshedes.

Item, I geve to my doghter Anne Pooley my silver pease, with a rose in the bottom.

Item, I geve unto Dorothe Chamber my woman ii*l.* xiiis. iiiii*l.*, to be paide unto hir by my executors within iiii yeres nexte after my desseasse.

Item, I geve unto John Cordell my servant xls.

Item, I will that every servant in my house being a yoman have off my gyfte vis. viii*l.*, every carter and plowman iis. iiiii*l.*, and every woman servant iis. iiiii*l.*

Item, I will that my executors and other assignes dispose in dedes of charitie for the weale of my sowle and all cristen soules within the towne of Melford, prestes, clarkes, and poore pepill, within a moneth after my decease, xlii. of lawfull money of Englund, yf chifte maie be made therefore by myne executors of suche goodes, cornes, and cattelles, or els as schortly after possible maie: the residue of all my goodes, moveable and unmoveable, household stufte, playte, yewelles, cattelles, tilthe of landes, cornes, as well being within my place as all such as be howing upon my landes, and before unbequethed after my debtes first and principallie payd, my buriall done, and this my present testament fulfilled, I gyve them freely and clerely unto Dame Thomasine Clopton my wyffe she to do therwith [at] hyr freewill and pleasure.

And of this my present testament I make, ordayne, and constitute to be my executors this same Dame Thomsyne my wyffe, Frances Clopton, Richard Clopton my sonnnes, and Sir William Bretener, parson of Haustede; and I gyve to every of the same Frances, Richard, and Sir William Bretener, for ther labors and busynes therin to be had and sustened *xxs.*

And overseer of this my saide testament and last will I hartlye desire and praye Sir Roger Tounhend, Knyght, to be; and I gyve to hym, for his labor and hesynes herin to be hadde and sustened, a hogeshede of wyne.

And whereas I have diverse peses of broderid workes of silke, and gold to fernesch and serve for the hele suete of westymentes as well for a coope vestyment, diacone and subdiacone, I will that my executors de bye cremysyn welwett or cloth of golde, yf my goodes will extende unto it for to accomplissch this same suete of vestmentes in forme before writen, which suete of vestymentes, every parcell thero, I gyve and bequeth to Melford chirch, so that this same coope, vestimentes, and every parcell therof schall be at the commandment of hym that God schall provide to be my heyre male and dwell at my place at Lewtons, and such tyme as schall fortune to be any marige at my saide place, and immediatly after to be delivered unto the chirch wardens ayen.

Item, I gyve unto the above writen John Clopton my sonne, my crosse of gold which I where dayly abowtte my necke after the deasse* of my wyffe; and after the decease of this same John Clopton my sonne, I will this same crosse schall remane unto the heyres males of the body of this same John Clopton lawfully begoten; and for defaute of such usche, to heres males of the body of me the same William Clopton, knyght, lawfully begoten, upon the condicion that they and every of them dow lenne this same crosse unto women of honeste being with child the tyme of ther labour and immediatly to be surely delivered unto howrs ayen.

And forther I will that no clause nor article contening and inspecially in my last will concerning my manners and landes and tenementes with the appurtenances date the daie yerely above writen be hurtfull or in anywyse prejudiciall to any article or clause contenyng and specified in my will concerning my prestes serves in Melford called Jhesus, and our Lady serves, but I will that the same be firme and stabill in every thyng and thinges according to the same purpose and intent as in this same at large is writen and declared.

Thes witnesses Thomas Palmer clarke, William Parson clarke, Edward Tirrell clarke, William Munson, John Cordell, John Marschall, John Clarke, Edward Watson, Roger Hardy, and other.

This is the last will of me William Clopton, knyght, made the xiiiith daie of October, in xxiiith yere of the regne of our soverant lorde Kyng Henry the viiith being of hole mynd and perfight memorie, thanked be God, do ordayne and make this my present testament and last will off, for, and opon, all such my maners, landes and tenementes, rentes and services, with all and singuler ther appurtenances sett and lying within my townnes, fildes and pariches of Loug Melforde, Stansted, Schimpling, Cowling, Asheton, Hensted, Chipley, or els where within the cuntres of Suffolk and Essex or other townnes or counties within the realme of Englund wherof any person or persones stond and be ceased to the use of me the same William Clopton, knyght, in maner and forme hereafter folowing, that is to saye:—

First, I will that Richard Poeley, Francis Clopton, my sonnnes, and other my feoffes of and in my manner of Woodhouse, in Stansted, the medow called Neyles medow, otherwyse called Gyffordes, in Melford, my tenement called Blakes, my manners of

* So in MS.

Wood fowles, and Schardlows in Cowlyng, with all and singuler ther appurtenances in the Countie of Suffolk schall stond and be seased and infeoffed; the thyrd parte therof and off every parcell therof to the use of Dame Thomsine Clopton my wyffe that sche schall have the said thirde parte of all the said manners, landes, tenementes and other the premisses and appurtenances for the terme of hir naturall lyffe, in satisfaccion and allowance of hir dowre which the same Dame Thomasine is intituled to have of the same maners and other the premisses by reason that I myselfe was therof subseased during the espowsselles betwene me and the said Dame Thomasine, and of all the residewe of the said maners, landes, and tenementes, and other the premisses, with appurtenances called Woodhouse, Woodfoles, Schardelows in Cowling, Neles, and Blakes tenement, I will that my said feoffes schall stond and be seased therof to the use of John Clopton, sunne and heyre of me the same William Clopton, knyght, during his naturall lyffe, and after his deceesse, to the use of the heyres males of the body of the same John lawfully begoten; and for defaute of such yschue to remaine to the heyres males of the body of me the same William Clopton, knyght, lawfully begotten.

Item, I will yf my feoffes of and in my mannere of Kentewell, with appurtenances schall stond and be seased therof to the use of the same John Clopton my sonne duryng his naturall lyffe, and after his deceesse, to the use of the heyres males of the body of the same John Clopton lawfully begotten, and for defect of such issue, to remane to the heyres males of the body of me the same William Clopton, knyght, lawfully begoten.

Also, I will that my feoffes of and in my place and manor of Lewtons, with thappurtenances, wherein I dwell, schall stond seased therof to the use of the same Dame Thomasine, my wyffe, during hir naturall lyffe, keping the reparacions sufficiently.

And after her deceasse, I will that my said feoffes and theyr heyres shalbe and stand seased and infeoffed of and in the same manner of Lewtons, with the appurtenaunces, to thuse of the same John Clopton, my sonne, duryng his naturall liffe; and after his deceesse, to the use of heyres males of body of the same John Clopton, lawfully begoten; and for defaute of such issue, to remayne to the heyres males of the body of me, the same William Clopton, knyght, lawfully begoten.

Also, I will that the same Dame Thomasine, my wyffe, schall have my manor of Newinham Halle, in Ashedon, with thappurtenaunces, in the Countye of Essex, for the terme of hir liffe, according to such wryting as to fore thereof his unto hir, and after to hir use maide, and after hir deceesse, I will the saide manor of Newenham Halle, with thappurtenaunces, remane unto the same John Clopton, my sonne, for terme of his lyffe, and after his deceesse, to the heyres males of the body of the same John Clopton, lawfully begoten; and for fawte of such issue to remane to the heyres males of the body of me the same William Clopton, Knyght, lawfully begoten.

Also I will that my feoffes of and in my manor of Henstede, with appurtenaunces, and the advowson of the chireh of the said manor of Henstede, schall stond and be seased and infeoffed of the yerly revenues and profettes of the same maners of xx. markes by yere, and the saide advowson to thuse of the same Dame Thomasine my wyffe, during hir naturall liffe.

And of all the residew of issues and profeghtes of the same manor, during my said wyffes lyffe, and also of the saide xx. markes by yere after hir deceesse, I will that my said feoffees of the same manor of Henstede with appurtenaunce, and ther heyres, shall stand seased and infeoffed therof to thuse of my executors, unto such tyme as my executors have resaved of thissues, revenues, and profettes of the same manor of Henstede, the summe of two hundreth powndes of lawfull money of Englund, to dyspose for me in dedes of charite, for the weale of my soule, and all cristen soules.

And after the deceesse of my said wyffe, and also after the receytc of the same summe of two hundreth powndes to be recyved of the revenues, issues, and profettes, of the same manor of Henstede, item, I will that my saide feoffees and ther heyres schall be stond seased and disposed of and in the same to thuse of the same John Clopton for the terme of his lyffe, and after his deceesse to thuse of the heyres males of the body of the same John Clopton lawfully begoten; and for lacke of such issue, to remayne to the heyres males of the body of me the same William Clopton, knyght, lawfull begoten.

And whereas I have infeoffed Richard Clopton my sonne, Sir Roger Townshend, knyght, Robert Crow, esquier, and other of and in a tenement with thappurtenaunce, sett and lying in Chipley, in the countie of Suffolk, suuntyme Malbornes to thuse of this same Richard Clopton my sone, and also Sir William Bretoner, of Henstede, be infeoffed of the manner of Chipley, with thappurtenaunces, and [at] my commandment, request, and desire, have made an astate of this same manor of Chipley, with thappurtenaunces, unto the same Richard my sonne, Sir Roger Townshend, knyght, Robert Crow, and other,

to thuse of the said Richard my sonne during the naturall lyffe of this same Richard my sonne, I will that he and his assignes during his saide naturall lyffe schall have this same manor of Chipley, with thappurtenances, as this same tenement with thappurtenance sumtyme Milburne, and after the deceesse of this same Richard my sonne, I will that the feoffes of and in this same stond ther heyres schal be and stond seased and dispose to thuse of this same John Clopton my sonne during his naturall lyffe; and after his deceesse to thuse of his heyres males of the body of the said John Clopton lawfully begotten; and for default of such issue to the heyres males of the body of me this same William Clopton, knyght, laulfully begoten.

And where also I have a llesse of the monasterie of Saincte Edmundesbury of and in certen landes, medowes, pastures, woodes, and tythes in the towne of Melford as it apperith by an indenture therof mayd under the convent seale for therme of lxxx yeres, I will that this said same Dame Thomasyne my wyffe, Frances Clopton and Richard Clopton my sonnes; ther executors and assignes schall have of terme of xx. yeres next insueing after my deth parcell of the saide lxxx^{ti} yeres of all the saide landes, medowes, woodes, and tythes, with pastures, paing yerely the rent and ferme reserved upon this same lesse of lxxx^{ti} yeres at such daies as be lymyted, and in the same lease, and also keeping an obett for me and alle Cristen soules in Melford church in such forme as I accustomedly use to kepe for the soule of John Clopton my father, saving I will that the said Richard Clopton my sonne schall have all the thythes being parcell of the saide lease comyng and renyung of all such landes and medows as lieth on the fyrside of the hie waye that ledith from Melford to Bury Sainet Edmunde, from the tenement in Melford called Buchers, unto the untermoost parte of Melford that the same lease will bere, and sue during all such yeres yet to cum of the said lease of lxxx^{ti} yeres, and he to paye yerly for the same during the terme of all such yeres as be yett to cum of the said lease of lxxx^{ti} yeres, xxxiiis. iiiid. parcell of the rent and ferme reserved upon the same lease of lxxx^{ti} yeres as at such daies as be lymited in the saide lease and after the saide terme of xx^{ti} yeres so expire I will that my saide sonc John Clopton schall have the residue of all the yeres than being to cum of the saide lease of lxxx^{ti} yeres, except and reserved unto the same Richard Clopton my sonne and his executors all such tythes as I have before gyven and assigned unto hym, the same John Clopton my sonne paying yerly such rent and ferme reserved upon the same lease of lxxx^{ti} yeres at such daies as be lymyted in the same and also keeping my obete in such maner and forme as I have assignett the same Dame Thomasyne Clopton my wyffe; and I will yf the sayd John Clopton chance to die anytyme before thend of the said terme of lxxx^{ti} yeres then I will the said residew of the said terme after the saide xx. yeres so gyvin to my said wyff, Frances and Richard my sonnes be exspiret schall be to the next heyres males of the body of the said John Clopton my sonne reserving unto the saide Richard my sonne his executors or assignes all such tythes as I have before gyvin and assignett unto hym the heyres males of the saide John Clopton my sonne paing for his parte v powndes of lawful money of England by yere at such daies as he limited in the same lease and the same Richard Clopton my sonne his executors and assignes to pay yerely and by the yere xxxiiis. iiiid. being the residue of the rent reserved upon the saide lease.

Item, I gyve to Richard my sonne and his heyres all my copieholde landes, medows, and pastures, in Melford, with thappurtenances belonging to my tenantie.

I will that John Cordell my servant, and Emme his wyfe schall have the tenemente, with the grounde called the Saffron pane and other thappurtenance which Robert Heudson dwellith in, to them and ther heyres according to the copie of courte rowle unto them theroff mayd, providith always that yf the same John Clopton my sonne, William Clopton sunne of the same John Clopton, or any other person or persons for them, or in ther name or names of any of them or be ther procurement, consent, stering or abetting will, interupt, vere, trouble, disturbe, or lett the same Dame Thomasyne my wyffe, Frances Clopton and Richard Clopton my sonnes or any of them, to have possible, levye, perceyve and enjoye and take all the issues and profettes of the premisses or any parte or percell therof to them and every of them before geven and assigned, or doith interupte or lett my saide will to be performed in any poynt or condicion in maner and forme as is before writen and declared, or that the same John Clopton, or William his sonne, or any other be ther names, doith interupt, or take any of my goodes, cattles, or other thinges other then be my testament maide concerning my moveable goodes be gyven and bequethed be my saide testament unto the same John Clopton my sonne, then I will that my feoffes of and in my manor of Hensted, with appurtenance, and the advouson of the same church of Hensted schalbe and stond and seased and encoffed therof to thuse of the same Dame Thomasyne my wyffe, during hir naturall lyffe; and after

hir deceste to thuse of Frances Clopton and Richard Clopton my sonnes, and to thuse of every of them to scale, and the mony therof cummyng of the same sale, I will schalbe disposed by the same Frances and Richard my sonnes, in dedes of charite for the weale of my soule and all cristen soules by ther discrecions, and the same John Clopton my sonne and his heyres therof to be utterly excluded; and than I will that the tenementes, with all and singular thappurtenaunces sett and being in Chipley and Poslingford, sumtyme Milburnes, before by me geven and assigned unto Richard Clopton my sonne for terme of his lyffe, the feoffes of and in the same I will that they schall stonde and be seased and enfeoffed therin to thuse of the same Richard Clopton my sunne and of his heyres for ever. And also that all the residew of all the yeres, after the said terme of xxii yeres so gyvin to my said wiffe, Frances Clopton and Richard Clopton my sonnes be expired, that then all the same residew of the said yeres and terme of the same lease schall beto thuse of the same Frances and Richard my sonnes, ther executors or assignes; and the same John Clopton and his heyres, males, in maner and forme before saide geven, to be therof clerely excluded, and to have no parte nor parcell therof, nor yet of no moveable goodes gyven by my testament unto the same John Clopton my sonne, but the same to be at the disposicion of my executors whom I ordayne and make the same Dame Thomasyne my wiffe, Frances Clopton, Richard Clopton, and Sir William Breytner.

Thes witnesses, Thomas Palmer clarke, William Peyrson clarke, Edward Tirrell clarke, William Munson, John Cordell, John Marschall, John Clarke, Edward Watson, Roger Hardy, and other.*

(From a copy penes W. H. H.)

WILL OF JOHN CLOPTON.—1541.

In Dei nomine Amen, the vth day of the monnyth of October, yn the yere of our Lorde God, Mccc. xli. I John Clopton, of Long Melford, yn the Countey of Suffolk, esquier, heyng of hole mynd and parfyte remembrance, thankyd be to God, make and ordene this my present testament and last wyll yn manner and forme folowyng, revok- yng and annulling all oder my wylls or testamentes, and this to be my fyrme and last wyll.

Fyrst, I bequeth my soule to Allmyghty God, my Maker and Redemer, and my body to be buryd withyn the parishe church of Long Melford, aforsaid, withyn the northe ylde.

Item, I geve unto the hy autler ther, for tythes and offerynges neglygently forgotton or withholden *iii. s. iiiid.*

Item, I geve unto the same church, for brekyng of the grounde for my sepulter, *vis. viiid.*

Item, I wyll ther be bestowyd at my buryall day to prestes and clerkes, poore pepull, and oder necessarys *iiii. s.*

Item, at my viith day and xxii day *iiii. s.*

Item, I geve unto Elisabeth my wife one C shepe, xxii seayme barley and v. seayme whete.

Item, I geve and bequeth unto the same Elisabeth, the hangynges, beddyng, testores, and all oder the appurtenaunces withyn the grett chamber, and as muche brede corne and ale corne as shall fynd hyr howse oone hole yere after my deceste. And also I geve hyr all my hostylmentes and utenselles of howshold, except the ledes and brasse withyn my hakehowse, whiche shall remayne to my sonne and heyr.

Item, I geve and bequeth unto my son and heyr vi. horses and a carte, and I geve hem xxii seame barley and v. seame whete, or mystelen.

Item, I geve unto my said son William, the hangynges, bede, and testour, with all the appurtenaunces, belongyng to my chamber callyd my Lorde ys chamber; also I geve hem the hangynges of my hall and my parler.

Item, I wyll he have my crose of golde that my lady Clopton hath accordyng to my fathers wyll.

Item, I geve unto my son John Clopton xxii seame barley and v. seame whete or mystelyne, and xxii shepe.

Item, I geve unto my son Anthony, xx seame barley, and v seame whete or mystelene, and xxii shepe.

Item, I geve unto my son George Clopton, xx. seame barley, v seame whete or mystelyne, and xxii sheepe.

* There is no probate act recorded of this will.

Item, I geve to my doghter Dorothe *iiii*l**.

Item, I geve unto my doghters, Gresell and Elisabeth, eche of them *vi* mylche leese, and eche of them *xx* shepe. And I wyll that the *xx*l**. that is dewe unto me by endentour made betwene Sir Thomas Jernyn and me and my son William, shalbe devyded betwene my said too dowghters Gresell and Elisabeth at my wyffes discretion, as sortely as my son William may be hable to pay it to my said wyfe.

Item, I will that my yonge ware yn my pasturs, that is to say, yonge horses and marcs be devydyd* betwene my younger chylderne.

Item, I give and bequeth unto John Clopton and William Clopton my godsonys, *vii*l**, to be devydyd betwene them by equayll portions.

Item, I geve to Magerete White *vii*l**, as it may be sparyd of my goodes at my wyffe's discretion.

Item, I geve unto my godson John Cordell, a merlyg or wevell.

Item, I geve unto my servaunt John Roose, *iii*s*. iiii*d**.

Item, I geve unto my servaunt Thomas Spendlow, *iii*s*. iiii*d**.

Item, I will that my said bequestes be paid as my executours may recover my dettes, and make shyfte therfore of suche cornys and cattellis as I have.

The resydw of all my goodes not before bequethyd, after my dettes fyrst and principally payd, and my buryall and this my presente testamente fullyllyd, I geve them frely and clerely unto my wiffe Elisabeth Clopton, whome I make my executrix, together with my son John Clopton and Edward Tyrell.

And I geve to eche of the same John and Edwarde *x*l*s.* a peese, and to my said wife *iiii*l**, for theyr paynes heryn to be hade.

This be my wytienes, Mathew Leye, Thomas Galaunt, Sir John Geyeton, prestes, and oder.

Notum præsentium nos Thomas permissione divina Cantuariensis archiepiscopus totius Angliæ primas et Metropolitanus illustrissimi in Christo principis et domini nostri domini Henrici octavi Dei gratia Angliæ et Franciæ regis Fidei Defensoris domini Hiberniæ et in terra supremi capitis Anglicanæ ecclesiæ auctoritate legitime fuleitus, notum facimus universis quod quinto die mensis Novembris anno Domini millesimo quingentesimo quadragesimo primo apud Londoniam probatum fuit coram nobis ac per nos auctoritate dicti domini nostri regis approbatum et insumatum testamentum Johannis Clopton Norwicensis diocesis defuncti præsentibus annexum, habentis dum vixit et mortis suæ tempore bona, jura, sive credita in diversis diocesisibus seu jurisdictionibus ejus obtentu ipsius testamenti approbatio et insumatio, ac administrationis bonorum, jurium, et creditorum suorum commissio, necnon compoti, calculi, sive ratiocinii administrationis hujusmodi finalis, quia liberatio sive dimissio ab eadem ad nos solum et insolidum, et non ad alium nobis inferiorem judicem notorie dinoscitur pertinere. Commissaque fuit administratio omnium et singulorum bonorum, jurium, et creditorum dictum defunctum et ejus testamentum qualitercunque concernentium Elizabethæ Clopton relicte et executrici in hujusmodi testamento nominatæ de bene et fideliter administrando eadem, ac de pleno et fideli inventario omnium et singulorum bonorum et creditorum hujusmodi conficiendo, et nobis secundo die post festum Conversionis Sancti Pauli proximo futurum exhibendo, necnon de plano et vero compoto calculo sive ratiocinio nobis aut successoribus nostris in ea parte reddendo ad Sancta Dei Evangelia in persona magistri Johannis Talkerne notarii publici procuratoris sui in hac parte legitime constituti jurati, reservata potestate similem commissionem faciendi Johanni Clopton et Edwardo Tyrell executoribus etiam in hujusmodi testamento nominatis, eos cum venerint in debita juris forma admissur'.

Datum die mense, anno Domini, et loco predictis, et nostræ cons' anno nono.

THO. ARGALL.

(Harleian Charter, 43, G. 41).

On the back of this document is the following note in the handwriting of D'Ewes. "Upon my search in the Prerogative Court for this will or testament of John Clopton, esquire, upon the 12th day of April, 1637, it could not be found: but I was assured by an ancient Clarke ther that the Register in which this will with divers other wills of the same age and time weere entred had perished by fire. And therefore this copie long since taken out under the office Seale is the moore higblie to be valued.—Simonds D'Ewes."

* Be devydyd] rep. in MS.

INQUISITION ON THE DEATH OF JOHN CLOPTON.

Inquisitio indentata capta apud Baberghethe secundo die Maii anno regni domini regis Henrici octavi Dei gratia Angliæ, Franciæ, et Hiberniæ regis, Fidei Defensoris, et in terra, Ecclesiæ Anglicanæ et Hibernicæ supremi capituli tricesimo quarto coram Thoma Halse armigero escaetore dicti domini regis in comitatu prædicto virtute brevis ejusdem domini regis de diem clausit extremum post mortem Johannis Clopton armigeri eidem escaetori directi et huic inquisitioni consuti per sacramentum, etc., qui dicunt super sacramentum suum quod prædictus Johannes Clopton in dicto brevi nominatus fuit seisitus in dominico suo ut de feodo die quo obiit de et in manerio de Kentwell cum pertinentiis in Melford in comitatu prædicto, acetiam de et in manerio de Lutons cum pertinentiis in Melford prædicta, et de et in manerio de Woodfoules cum pertinentiis in Melford prædicta, ac de et in uno mesuagio sive tenemento vocato Blakes cum pertinentiis in Melford prædicta, et idem Johannes sic inde seisitus existens de tali statu obiit inde seisitus, post cujus mortem maneria prædicta et cætera præmissa cum pertinentiis descendebant et de jure descendere debent Willielmo Clopton armigero ut filio et hæredi prædicti Johannis Clopton.

Et ulterius juratores prædicti dicunt super sacramentum suum quod diu ante obitum prædicti Johannis Clopton quidam Willielmus Bretnare et Johannes Petyte capellani fuerunt seisiti in dominico suo ut de feodo de et in manerio de Chyppley cum pertinentiis in comitatu prædicto ad opus et usum cujusdam Willielmi Clopton militis jam defuncti patris prædicti Johannis Clopton et hæredis dicti Willielmi Clopton militis, et prædictus Willielmus Clopton miles per ultimam voluntatem suam juratoribus super captione hujus inquisitionis in evidentiis ostensam dedit et concessit prædictum manerium de Chyppley cum pertinentiis cuidam Ricardo Clopton generoso filio dicti Willielmi Clopton militis; habendum et tenendum sibi pro termino vite ejusdem Ricardi remanere inde post mortem ejusdem Ricardi hæredibus masculis corporis dicti Johannis Clopton, virtute cujus donationis prædicti Willielmus Bretnare et Johannes Petyte fuerunt seisiti de et in prædicto manerio de Chyppley in dominico suo ut de feodo ad usum prædictum quousque quartum diem Februarii anno regni domini regis nunc vicesimo septimo quo die præfatus Ricardus Clopton fuit seisitus et adhuc est seisitus de et in prædicto manerio de Chyppley in dominico suo ut de libero tenemento, remanere inde hæredibus masculis corporis dicti Johannis Clopton.

Et ulterius juratores prædicti dicunt quod prædictus Ricardus Clopton in plena vita existit apud Melford in comitatu prædicto.

Et ulterius juratores dicunt quod prædictum manerium de Kentwell tenetur de domino rege in capite ut de castro Norwici per quartam partem unius feodi militis, et quod manerium illud valet per annum in omnibus exitibus ultra reprisas duodecim libras; et quod prædictum manerium de Lutons tenetur de domino rege ut de hundredo suo de Baburghe, quodquidam hundredum nuper fuit parcella monasterii de Bury Sancti Edmundi per fidelitatem et *xvi*d.** redditum per annum pro omnibus servitiis et redditibus quibuscunque; et valet per annum in omnibus exitibus ultra reprisas decem marcas; et quod prædictum manerium de Woodfoules tenetur de domino Henrico Fytzwater ut de manerio suo de Shymplyng per fidelitatem et redditum duorum solidorum per annum pro omnibus servitiis et redditibus quibuscunque, et valet per annum in omnibus exitibus ultra reprisas tres libras, *vis. viii*d.**, et quod prædictum mesuagium vocatum Blakes tenetur de domino rege ut de prædicto hundredo de Baburghe per fidelitatem et sex denariorum redditum per annum pro omnibus servitiis et redditibus quibuscunque et valet per annum in omnibus exitibus ultra reprisas viginti solidos; et quod prædictum manerium de Chyppley tenetur de domino rege ut de honore de Clare per fidelitatem et redditum decem denariorum per annum pro omnibus redditibus et servitiis quibuscunque et valet per annum ultra reprisas octo libras.

Et insuper juratores prædicti dicunt super sacramentum suum quod prædictus Johannes Clopton nulla alia terras seu tenementa de domino rege, sive de aliquibus aliis dominis tenuit die quo obiit in dominico servitio, seu in reversione; et quod prædictus Johannes Clopton obiit vicesimo primo die Octobris anno regni domini regis nunc tricesimo tertio et quod prædictus Willielmus Clopton armiger est ejus hæres propinquior, et ætatis triginta et duorum annorum et amplius.

In cujus, etc.

(Escheator's Inquisitions, Public Record Office).

WILL OF FRANCIS CLOPTON.—1559.

In Dei nomine Amen, in the seconde day of Februarye, and in the furst yere of the reigne of the moost gracious ladie Elizabeth, queene of Englande, Fraunce, and Irelande, and in the yere of oure Lorde God, a thousande five hundred fiftie and eighte, I Fraunces Clopton thelder, of Melforde, within the countie of Suffolke, gentelman, do make, ordeyne, and declare, this my last will and testamente in maner and fourme followinge.

Furst, I commend my soule to God, there to rest with Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob, in his kyngdome for ever; my bodie to be buryed in holy sepulture where and in suche maner as shall seeme good to myne executours, my state and degre considered.

Item, at my buryall I will have xii poore folkes, whiche shall take payne about my funerall, as shalbe appoynted by myne executours, and to every of theym I give xiii*d.*; and within thirtie dayes after my decease, I will there be distributed within the parishe aforesaid amongst the poore theare thre poundes, sixe shillinges, and eighte pence.

Item, I give towards the reparation of Melforde churche xls.

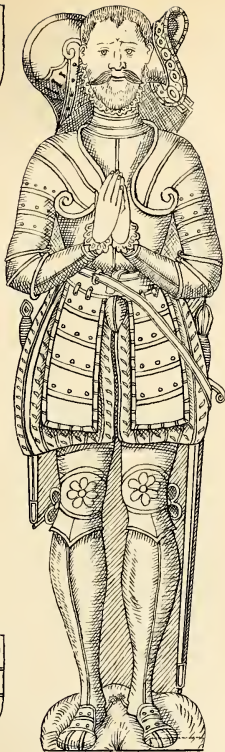
Item, I will and bequeth to every one of my housholde servauntes being in service with me at the daye of my decease, over and besides theire waiges aud lyveries, to any one of theym or to all of theym then due xiiis. iiiii*d.*, excepte John Perke and Anne Rudston, to every of theym I give xls., to be payed to theym severally as ytt may be levied of the yssues and prouffettes of suche landes as I have putt in feoffament for the performauce of my will.

Item, I give to Brygett my wif all that my lease, interest, and terme of yeres within thindenture of the same whiche I have and holde of and in the parke called Melforth parke, in Melforth aforesaide, with all prouffettes, commodities, fees, and advantages, to the same in any wise apperteynyng or belonging; to have and to holde to the saide Brigett, and to her assignes duryng and by all the terme yett not endid nor determyned, in as large and ample maner and wise to all ententes and purposes as I hadd and nowe have, occupie, and enjoye the same.

Item, where at the court holden at the manor of Melforth hall in the yere of oure Lord God, a thousande five hundred fiftie and seven, and in the thirde and fourth yeares of the reignes of Kinge Philipp and queene Marye, I did surrendre all those my copie landes, and tenementes, meadowes, pastures, and feadinges, woodes, and underwoodes, called Cookes house, with thappurtenances, to the use of my wife, nowe I will that all the premysses shalbe in the use and occupation of Brigett my wife, and all the prouffettes of the same duryng and by all the terme of her naturall lif; and after her decease I will that all the premysses with their appurtenances shall remayne to William Clopton, sonne of my brother Richarde Clopton, and his heyres for ever.

Item, I give unto the saide Brigett my wif all the landes and pastures lienge in Bredege streete, and in the feilde there nere, whiche I purchased of John Holyer, of Waldingfelde; and my myll house with the horte yarde and hoppe yard, with all and singuler their appurtenances whiche I purchased of the churchwardens, and certen feoffes of the parishe of Alpheton, with a yerelie reservation of iiiii*d.* by yere for scowringe of the churche there, or els to fynde scowryng for the same; to have and to holde to the said Brigett and her assignes and by all the terme of her lif, and after her decease to remayne to William Clopton afore named and to his heyres for ever.

Item, I will that my manor of Sampfordes, my manor of Castlinges, and my manor of Chipley, sett lieng beinge and extendinge in and to the townes and feildes of Moche Waldingfelde, and Little Waldingfelde, Acton, Groton, Edwardeston, Boxforde, Lyndsey, Chipley, Poslynforde, Standefeld, and Hunden, or els where within the countie of Suffolke, with all landes, meadowes, pastures, fedinges, woodes, underwoodes, rentes, reversions, and services, prouffettes of courte or courtes, with all and singuler their appurtenances, proffettes, commodities and advantages whatsoever to the manors aforesaid, or to any of theym, in any wise apperteynyng or belonging; and also all other my landes and tenementes, meadowes, pastures, feadinges, woodes and underwoodes, rentes, reversions, and services, and all other myne heredytaments, with all and singuler their appurtenances, sett lieng and beinge in the townes and feildes aforesaid, or in any of theym, shall contynue, be, and remayne, in the handes, use, and occupation of Brigett, my said wif, for the terme and by all the terme of thirtie yeres next and ymmediatly ensuenge after my decease, for and to these ententes and purposes followinge; furst I will and my mynde and entent is, that the said Brigett my wif, her executours and assignes, shall during and by all the holle terme of xxx*tie* yeres aforesaide, yerely content and paye oute of thissues and prouffettes that she shall receive of those



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*Francis Clopton.
Arms - Clopton impaling with Crane.
From a Brass in Melford Church, Suff^h.*

thre lasto rehersed manours, landes, and tenementes, to Sir Ambrose Jermyn Knyght, and to Robert Crane, and to Robert Ashefelde, esquyers, the some of thirtie poundes if this my will shalbe by the order of the lawe adjudged to be good, and to take effecte for the holle of the same manours, landes, and tenementes; and if by the reason of the tenure, or any other occasion, this my will shall not be good and effectull for the holle of theym, then she shall paie yerely to theym after the rate, but for so moche as she shall take the proufettes of the said manours, landes, and tenementes; and that with the same revenues that she shall so paie to the saide Sir Ambrose Jermyn Knyght, and to Robert Crane, and to Robert Ashefelde, esquyers, I will that by theym the legacyes and giftes of this my will and testament be truely contentid and paid.

Item, I give unto Elizabeth Clopton my nece, one hundred poundes, to be paid to her so sone as ytt may be levied of the yssues and proufettes aforesaide. And yf ytt fortune the saide Elizabeth to dye before the day of payment, that then ytt shall remayne unto Brygett my wif.

And also if Mr. Hunte do marrye with Thomasyne Clopton my nece, that then she shall have one hundred markes to be paid her so sone as ytt may be levied out of the revenues and proufettes of my said landes; and if the saide Thomasyne do decease or dye before ytt be payed to her, that then ytt shall remayne to Brygett my saide wif.

Item, I gyve unto Emme Clopton my nece, one hundred markes, to be paid unto her so sone as ytt may be levied; and if ytt fortune that she die before ytt be paid unto her, that then ytt shall remayne unto Brygett my wif.

Item, I give unto Juliane Clopton, fourtie poundes, to be paid unto hir so sone as ytt may be levied; and if she die before ytt be paid, that then ytt shall remaine unto Brygett my wif.

Item, I give unto Marye Clopton my nece, fourtie poundes, to be paid unto her so sone as ytt may be levied; and if she dye before ytt be payed, that then ytt shall remayne unto Brygett my wif.

Item, I will that my will fulfilled, and my legacyes payed, that all the overplus and residue of the proufettes that shall come and growe of my saide manours, landes, and tenementes, within the space of thirtie yeres aforesaide, shalbe goode and remayne unto Brygett my wif, to her owne propre usc.

Item, I will that she shalbe bounde in her pure widoweheade to Syr Ambrose Jermyn, Knyght, to Robert Crane, and unto Roberte Ashefelde, Esquyers, to do and accomplishe duely and truely without frawde, craft, or covyne, according to my trust comytted to her, all and every article in this my last will conteyned, whiche on her part and behalf is apoynted and lymytted to be done.

Item, I give unto the same Brygett my wif, all my money, jewels, plate, dettes, stuffe of housholde, ymplementes, with catell, as horse, beastes, sheepe, swyne, with all other thinges belonginge unto husbandry; item, I geve theym unto her for ever.

And after the ende and terme of the saide thirtie yeres, I will that my manours of Sampforde, and Castlynny, with Clopton Hall, and Chapmans in Poslingforde, and Chipley, orelswheare, with all the landes, meadowes, pastures, feadinges, woodes, underwoodes, rentes, reversions, and services, profittes of courte or courtes, with all and singular theire appurtenances, proufettes, comodities, and advantages, and all other my landes and tenementes, meadowes, pastures, feadinges, woodes, and undrewoodes, rentes, reversions, and services, and all other myne heredytamentes with theire appurtenances, sett lienge or beinge within the townes and feldes of Myche Waldingfelde, Litell Waldingfelde, Aeten, Groton, Edwardiston, Boxforde, and Lyndesey, to the heyres of my bodie lauffullie begotten; and for defaulte of suche yssue to remayne to William Clopton, sonne of my brother Richarde, and to the heyres males of his bodie lauffullie begotten; and for defaulte of suche yssue, I will that all the premyssee last remembred shall remayne to his brother Richarde, and to the beyres males of his bodie lauffullie begotten; and for default of suche yssue, and after the ende and terme of the aforesaide thirtie yeares, I will that my manor of Chipley, otherwise called Clopton Hall, and Chapmans, and all other my landes and tenementes, with all and singular theire appurtenances in Chipley, Poslingforde, Stansfelde, and Hunden, shall remayne to the heyres of my bodie lawfullie begotten; and for default of suche yssue, to remayne to William and to the heyres males of his bodie lawfullie begotten; and for defaulte of suche yssue to Richarde Clopton his brother, and to the heyres males of his bodie lawfullie begotten. And where before this tyme I have by good and lawfull conveyance executed estates, and made lyverey and season according of and in my manour of Belhouse, in Ramsden, within the countie of Essex, and if and in the advouson of the same church of Rams-

den, and also of and in the moytie of the manor of Stanwey, within the countie aforesayed, with thadvouson of the churche of Stanwey, alternis vicibus, with all the landes, meadowes, pastures, feadinges, woodes, underwoodes, proufettes, and advantages, to the same manours, or to eyther of them apperteynyng or belonginge, to the use of Brygett my wif for terme of her naturall lif, and after her decease to thuse of my laste will, as by the deades of feoffment thereof made may and dothe more playnly appere; nowe I will, and my entent and mynde is, according to the devise afore saide, the said Brygett my wif shalhave and enjoye the aforesayde manors of Belhouse, in Ramsden, with the advowson of the churche of Ramsden, and the maner of Stanwey, with thadvouson of the churche of Stanwey, alternis vicibus, with all other the last rehersed premysses, with all and singuler theire appurtenances, duryng and by all the terme of her naturall lif, and after her decease, I will that all the same premysses shall remayne to the heyres of my bodie lawfullie begotten; and for defaulte of suche yssue to William Clopton, the sonne of my brother Richarde, and to the heyres males of his bodie lawfullie begotten; and for defaulte of suche yssue, to remayne to Richarde Clopton his brother, and to the heyres males of his bodie lawfullie begotten. And fynallye, I will that if the said Francis Clopton, and also my saide two nephewes, William and Richarde, and every of us shall happen to dye without yssue male of oure bodies, or of the bodie of one of us lawfullie begotten, then I will that all my manours of Stampforde, Castlynnes, Chipley, otherwise called Clopton Hall, and Chapmans, Belhowse, in Ramsden, the moytie of the manor of Stanwey, the advousons of the churches of Stanwey and Ramsden, with all and singuler theyre appurtenances, and all other my landes, and tenementes, meadowes, pastures, feadinges, woodes, and underwoodes, rentes, reversions, and services, and all other myne heredytamentes, sett lieng and beinge within the townes and felde of Muche Waldingfelde, Littell Waldingfelde, Acton, Groton, Boxforde, Lynsey, Chipley, Poslingforde, Stanfelde, and Hundon, within the countie of Suffolk, Ramsden, Stanwey, or els where, within the countie of Essex, shall hollie remayne to Francis Clopton, soune and heyre of my nephewe William Clopton, of Lutons, in Melforde, and to the heyres males of his bodie lawfullie begotten; and for defaulte of suche yssue, to remayne to William Clopton his brother, and to the heyres males of his bodie lawfullie begotten; and for defaulte of suche yssue, to remayne to George Clopton theire brother, and to the heyres males of his bodie lawfullie begotten; and for defaulte of suche yssue, to remayne to Thomas Clopton, and to theyres males of his bodie lawfullie begotten; and for defaulte of suche yssue, to remayne to the right heyres of me the aforesaide Fraunces Clopton thelder for ever. Neverthelesse, if at any tyme hereaftre ytt shall so happen and chaunce that my aforesaide manours, landes, tenementes, and other myne heredytamentes, to come and remayne unto one of the sonnes of my saide nephewe William Clopton by force of this my device, and that William Clopton, the sonne of Richarde Clopton or Richarde Clopton his brother have yssue generall, one or moo whiche otherwise if this device were not, shulde be heyres at the comen lawe, I will that he of my saide nephewe William Clopton his sonne that so shalhave the premysses by force of the aforesaide remaynder, shall paie and give to every of the said daughters, being heyre or heyres generall at the comen lawe, the some of one hundred poundes, to be payed at suche tyme as the saide daughter or daughters, if there shalbe moo then one, shalbe maryed. And otherwise my device for the remaynder to my nephewe, William Clopton's sonnes, to be utterly voyde and of none effecte to all ententes, constructions, and purposes.

Item, I give and bequethe unto myne nephewe Richarde Clopton, so sone as he shall atteyne and come to thage of xxiiii yeares, one yerelie fee or annuytie of vi*li*. xiii*s*. ii*ii*℥. to be taken and receaved of the yssues and proufettes of my manoure of Sampforde with thappurtenances, during and by all the terme of his naturall lif, to be payed at two termes in the yere, that is to saie, at the feastes of the Annuncyacion of oure Ladie, and Seynte Michaell tharchaugell, by even portions; and for none paymente thereof by suche as shalhave thuse or occupation of the same manour with thappurtenances, I will that the saide Richarde or his assignes, in and upon the premysses shall distreyne, and the distresse there so taken to kepe and deteyne, to ymperke and ympounde, till he be of the some aforesaide with tharrerages, if any shall happen to be behynde and unpayde, with his costes and chardges in that behalf susteyned, fullie satisfied, contentid, and paide.

And I do ordeyne Brygett my wif to be my sole executrix of this my last will and testament, willinge and hartely desyringe her alwayes to be advertised by Sir Ambrose Jermyn, her uncle, by Mr. Robert Crane, her father, and by my cosen Robert Ashe-

felde, her assured frende. And I hartelye pray and desyre these thre last before wrytten to be supervisours to this my last will and testament.

Witnesses to this will, Robert Crane, Frauncis Clepton, theldest senne of William Clopton of Lutons, John Hunt of Assham, William Clopton, senne of William Clopton of Lutons, and Thomas Appelton of Assington.

This is the will of me, Frauncis Clopton.

Probatum fuit suprascriptum testamentum coram custode Curie Prerogative Cantuariensis, septimo die mensis Julii, anno Domini millesimo quingentesimo quinquagesimo nono, juramento Johannis Hunt procuratoris Brigittæ relicte et executricis in bujusmodi testamento nominato, ac approbatum et insumatum. Commissaque fuit administratio omnium et singulorum bonorum jurium, creditorum, etc., prefatæ executrici de bene, etc., ac de pleno et fidei inventario, necnon de vero et plano compoto reddendo, etc., juratæ.

(From the Registry of the Prerogative Court of Canterbury, *Cheyney*, 33).

ADMINISTRATION OF WILLIAM CLOPTON.—1562.

1562. Decimo septimo Septembris emanavit commissio Francisco Clepton filio naturali et legitimo Willielmi Clopton armigeri de Kentwell, parochiæ de Longwelford defuncti habentis, etc., ad administrand' bona, jura, et credita ejusdem de bene, etc., in persona Johannis Kirke procuratoris, etc., jurati.

(From the Registry of the Prerogative Court of Canterbury.)

INQUISITION ON THE DEATH OF WILLIAM CLOPTON, ESQUIRE.—1562.

Elizabetha, Dei gratia Angliæ, Franciæ, et Hiberniæ Regina, Fidei Defensor, etc., escaetori sue in comitatu Suffolciæ, salutem.

Quia Willielmus Clopton armiger, qui de nobis tenuit in capite, diem clausit extremum, ut accepimus, tibi præcipimus quod omnia terras et tenementa de quibus idem Willielmus fuit seisitus in dominico suo ut de feodo in balliva tua die quo obiit, sine dilatione capias in manum nostram, et ea salvo custodiri facias donec aliud inde præceperimus, et per sacramentum proborum et legalium hominum de eadem balliva tua, per quos rei veritas melius sciri poterit, diligenter inquiras quantum terrarum et tenementorum idem Willielmus tenuit de nobis in capite tam in dominico quam in servitio in dicta balliva tua dicto die quo obiit, et quantum de aliis et per quod servitium, et quantum terræ et tenementa illa valeant per annum in omnibus exitibus, et quo die idem Willielmus obiit, et quis propinquior hæres ejus sit, et cujus ætatis. Et inquisitionem inde distincte et aperte factam nobis in cancellariam nostram sub sigillo tuo et sigillis eorum per quos facta fuerit sine dilatione mittas et hoc breve.

Teste meipsa apud Westmonasterium xviii die Septembris anno regni nostri quarto.

Inquisitio indentata, capta apud Bury Sancti Edmundi secunde die mensis Novembris anno regni domine nostræ Elizabethæ, Dei gratia Angliæ, Franciæ, et Hiberniæ Reginæ, Fidei Defensoris, etc., quarto, coram Francisco Boltero armigero escaetore dictæ domine Reginæ in comitatu prædicto virtute brevis ejusdem domine reginæ de diem clausit extremum post mortem Willielmi Clopton armigeri in dicto brevi nominati eidem escaetori directi et huic inquisitioni indentatæ consuti per sacramentum, etc., qui dicunt super sacramentum suum quod prædictus Willielmus Clopton in dicto brevi nominatus ante obitum suum fuit seisitus in dominico suo ut de feodo de et in manerio de Kentwell cum pertinentiis in Melforde in comitatu prædicto; æctiam de et in manerio de Lutons cum pertinentiis in Melford prædict'; et de et in manerio de Woodefowles cum pertinentiis in Melforde prædict'; ac de et in uno mesuagio sive tenemento vocato Blakes cum pertinentiis in Melford prædict'; ac de et in dominio sive manerio de Melforde Monacherum vulgariter nuncupato Munces maner in Melforde prædict', nuper monasterio de Bury Sancti Edmundi dudum spectante; ac de et in omnibus illis decimis bladorum garbarum et granorum, et aliis decimis quibuscunque annuatim provenientiibus, crescentibus et renovatis de omnibus terris et tenementis, pratis, pascuis, et pasturis dominicalibus,

dicto manerio de Melforde Monochorum quocunque modo spectantibus; ac de et in omnibus aliis decimis quibuscunque provenientibus sive crescentibus de omnibus illis terris et tenementis dicto manerio de Melforde Monochorum pertinentibus jacentibus in Melforde prædict' a quodam tenemento ibidem vocato Bochers ex parte orientali ejusdem visæ ducentis versus et usque Bury ad extremum finem de Melford Parke ibidem; necnon de et in manerio de Hensted cum pertinentiis in Hensted, Beccles, Coveheth, Rush, Wrentham et Benacre in comitatu prædicto.

Sed prædicti juratores dicunt super sacramentum suum quod prædictus Willielmus Clopton sic de præmissis seisitus existens, in accomplementum et performacionem quarundam conventionum et agreamentorum inter eundem Willielmum ex una parte et quosdam Humfridum Stile militem et Nicholaum Rookewode armigerum ex altera parte confectarum, assignavit cuidam Mariæ Peryent, quam idem Willielmus postea duxit in uxorem, dictum manerium de Hensted; habend' et tenend' eidem Mariæ et assignatis suis pro termino vitæ naturalis ejusdem * * * *, et quod idem Willielmus de præmissis seisitus ut præfertur, ulterius concessit unum annualem redditum quatuordecem librarum per annum cuidam Elizabethæ Wytherbye matri ejusdem Willielmi exentem de prædictis maneriis de Kentwell, Lutons, et Woodefowles in Melford prædict'; habend' et percipiend' eidem Elizabethæ et assignatis suis durante vita ejusdem Elizabethæ; et quod postea prædictus Willielmus seisitus existens de manerio de Melford Monochorum, ut prædicitur, per ultimam voluntatem suam in scriptis prædictis juratoribus prædictis in evidentiis ostensam, voluit et legavit cuidam Willielmo Clopton filio suo juniori unum annualem redditum sex librarum tresdecem solidorum et quatuor denariorum percipiend' annuatim de et in manerio prædicto de Melford Monochorum; habend' eidem Willielmo Clopton filio pro termino vitæ ejusdem Willielmi.

Et juratores prædicti dicunt quod prædictus Willielmus Clopton in dicto brevi nominatus sic seisitus de maneriis de Kentwell, Lutons, et Woodefowles, ac de prædicto mesuagio vocato Blakes, ac de et in prædicto manerio sive dominio de Melford Monochorum, obiit de tali statu suo inde seisitus; ac quod idem Willielmus Clopton pater obiit seisitus de reversione dicti manerii de Hensted ut defeodo post mortem dictæ Mariæ uxoris suæ habend', post ejus mortem reversio [et] dicta maneria de Kentwell, Lutons, Woodefowles, et Melford Monochorum, ac dictum mesuagium vocatum Blakes cum pertinentiis ac reversione dicti manerii de Hensted post mortem dictæ Mariæ habend' descendebant cuidam Francisco Clopton armigero ut filio et hæredi dicti Willielmi patris.

Dicunt etiam juratores prædicti quod prædict' Maria, Elizabetha Wytherbie et dictus Willielmus Clopton filius adhuc superstites sunt, et in plena vita existunt.

Et ulterius prædicti juratores dicunt super sacramentum suum quod prædictum manerium de Kentwell tenetur et tempore mortis dicti Willielmi Clopton tenebatur de domina Regina nunc in capite ut de castro Norwicensi per servitium quartæ partis unius feodi militis, et quod idem manerium valet per annum in omnibus exitibus duodecim libras; et quod prædictum manerium de Lutons tenetur et tempore mortis prædicti Willielmi Clopton patris tenebatur de dicta domina Regina ut de hundredo suo de Baburge, quod quidem hundredum nuper fuit parcella monasterii de Bury Sancti Edmundi per fidelitatem et redditum xvii*d.* redditum per annum pro omnibus servitiis et redditibus quibuscunque, et valet per annum in omnibus exitibus decem marcas; et quod prædictum manerium de Woodefowles tenetur ac tempore mortis dicti Willielmi Clopton patris tenebatur de domino comite Sussexie ut de manerio suo de Shymplinge per fidelitatem et redditum duorum solidorum per annum pro omnibus servitiis et redditibus quibuscunque, et valet per annum in omnibus exitibus tres libras sex solidos et viii*d.*; et quod prædictum mesuagium vocatum Blakes tenetur de domina Regina ut de prædicto hundredo de Baburge per fidelitatem et redditum sex denariorum per annum pro omnibus servitiis et redditibus quibuscunque, et valet per annum in omnibus exitibus viginti solidos; et quod prædictum manerium de Melforde Monochorum et decimæ prædictæ tenetur et tempore mortis dicti Willielmi Clopton tenebatur de domina Regina in capite per servitium quadragesimæ partis unius feodi militis ac per annualem redditum triginta duorum solidorum quatuor denariorum et unius obuli ad festum Sancti Michaelis Archangeli singulis annis solvendorum, et valent per annum sexdecem libras tres solidos quatuor denarios et unum obulum; et quod dictum manerium de Hensted cum pertinentiis valet clare per annum in omnibus exitibus ultra reprisas viginti sex libras tresdecem solidos et quatuor denarios, et tenetur de domino Dakers per fidelitatem et annualem redditum quatuor denariorum per annum.

Et juratores prædicti dicunt super sacramentum suum quod prædictus Willielmus Clopton in dicto brevi nominatus nulla alia terras seu tenementa de dicta domina Regina

sive de aliquibus aliis tenuit in dicto comitatu Suffolciæ die quo obiit in dominico servitio seu in reverencie, et quod prædictus Willielmus Clopton pater obiit decimo septimo die Augusti anno regni dictæ dominæ Regine quarto, et quod dictus Franciscus Clopton est ætatis viginti trium annorum et hæres propinquior dicti Willielmi.

In cujus rei testimonium uni parti hujus inquisitionis indentate, penes præfatum escaetorem remanenti, tam præfatus escaetor quam prædicti juratores sigilla sua separatim apposuerunt; alteri vero parti hujus præsentis inquisitionis indentate, penes præfatos juratores remanenti, præfatus escaetor sigillum suum apposuit die et anno supradietis..

(Inquisition post mortem, Pub. Rec. Office, 4 Eliz., No. 47.)

WILL OF ELIZABETH WYTHERSBEY.—1563.

In the name of God Amen, the firste daie of December, in the yeare of our Lorde God a thowsande fyve hundreth sixtie and three, I, Elizabeth Wythersbey, of Sudburie, in the dioces of Norwiche, widowe, late wife of Roberte Wythersbey, gentleman, and before the wife of John Clopton, esquire, in my good hale and perfect minde and memorie beinge, thaunckes be to God, do make ordaine and declare this my laste will and testament, in manner and forme followinge.

Firste, I bequeath and commende my soule to the infinite mercie of Allmightie God, the verey Creatour, and my Redemour, and my bodie to be honestly buried in Christian buriall, at the discreacion of myne executours, and for the breaking of the grounde for the which my saide buriall I bequeath to the use of the same churche, wherin it shalbe buried, tenne shillinges, and at the which my saide buriall I will that some able and discrete man shall make one godly sermonde, and the same preacher to have for his labour *vi. s. viii. d.*

Item, I will that against the tyme of my saide buriall there shalbe provided and made to be geven to xii. poore folk aswell men as women, xii. blacke coates and cassocks, of meane priced clothe, wherof sixe to be coates for men, and thother sixe to be casaockes for women, to this entent and under condicion that these same xii. folkes so clothed as is aforesaide, shall attende and be helpinge to the cariage of my bodie to the buriall place, and after the saide daie of my buriall, and before the moneth daie, I will there shalbe certaine scutchins painted and gilded with my armes upon them, in a decent and a competent order, for the garnishinge of my hearse accordinge to my degree, and that within a convenient tyme afterwarde, one faire marble stone being all readie provided for a memoriall, shalbe laide upon my grave, with certaine scutchins of my armes, and a scripture wrought and graven in a plate, conteyninge therein my name and the daie and yeare of my deathe, to be well and suerly fixed in and upon this same stone as shall appertaine.

And I will more over that on the saide daie of my buriall my executours shall distribute and dispose in almes in readie money to and emonge certaine poore people, that is to saie, to the povertie of Melforeth, *xxs.*, and to the povertie of Sudbury *xxs.*

And I give to my sonne Fraunces Clopton, esquire, sonne of my sonne William Clopton, late deceased, my best counterpointe of silke and golde to this entent and purpose, that the same shall and maie be alwaies readie and forthe cominge to serve for a herse clothe if it be required, when and as often hereafter as it shall happen any of my sayd children or other of my kинnesfolk to die and be brought to there buriall, and after every suche funerall being passed, the same counterpoint to be broughte home againe to the saide mancione howse of Kentwell, there to remaine and contynue as an heyre lome, in safe kepinge, to the use and intent as aforesaide.

Also, I bequeath to my saide sonne Fraunces Clopton, esquire, my signet of golde.

Item, I give to John Clopton of London, the sonne of my late sonne Anthonie Clopton, deceased, thirtie poundes of lawfull money of Englande, which I have putt and delyvered into the handes and safe kepinge of my saide sonne Fraunces Clopton, esquire, upon his boundes of fourtie poundes, made and put into certaine of my frendes handes, for the trewe paiement of the same.

And I give alsoe unto the same John Clopton, one joyned bedsteade, three steyned courteynes of redde saye, a testorne of silke wroughte with lyons of golde upon the same, seven peces of steyned hanginges, a feather bedde, a boulder, one pellowe, two pellowe beres, three paire of sheates, a cusshein, a chaire, a joyned stole, a rounde table, two shorte table clothes, sixe napkins, one shorte towell, one brasse potte, one paire of pthokes, one candlesticke, and a chamber pott, the whiche all legacies so as before

saide, assigned, and willed to the saide John Clopton, of London, I will that hee the saide John shall have and enjoie of my gifte, only upon this condicion, that he shall fully and clearly release, acquite, and discharge my sonne George Clopton, his ex-ecutors and administrators, for ever, of and for and upon the summe of sixe poundes wherewith the saide George standeth charged, as for the price of certaine stuffe which belonge to the saide Anthonye Clopton, in his life tyme, or elles all and singuler these my saide bequestes, in forme aforesaide, made to the saide John, shall utterly sease and be of none effect, and never any parte therof to be to him paid or delyvered; and upon this same condicion only I have delyvered to his use all the saide legacies and bequestes in money and stuffe, and implementes of howsholde, into the handes of my sonne John Clopton, of Munckes Eley, gentleman, and my forenamed sonne Fraunces Clopton, esquire, to the intente to remaine in the safe custodie of John and Fraunces, untill suche tyme as the saide John Clopton of London, shall attayne and come to the age of xxiii yeares, or elles that the yeares of his prentishode shalbe fully expired; provided neverthelesse and my trewe will, minde, and intent is that if it shall happen the saide John Clopton of London, to die before his age above lymited, or before the determination of the saide yeares of his prenteshode, or elles that after his atteyninge to the saide age or expiration of his tearme of yeares as is aforesaide, he do refuse truly and plainly to accomlishe and performe the condicion above specified, that then and from thensforth all and singuler the saide legacies and bequestes aforesaide shalbe equally parted and devided and distributed as of my gifte, to and amongst all the children of my saide sonnes John and George, or to and amonge so manye of them as shall lyve and attaine to marriage or to thage of xxi. yeares.

Item, I give and bequeath to my sonne John Clopton's wife, of Moncks Elie, my kyrtle of blacke wosted garded with velvet.

Item, I give more over to every of the three daughters of the saide John my sonne, named Margaret, Katherine, and Anne, fyve poundes in readie money, to be to them severally paid as they shall severally attayne and come to marriage, or elles to the severall ages of xxi. yeares. And if it shall happen any of his saide three daughters to die before there marriage, or elles before her age above lymited, and being unmarried, that then the parte or porcion of her or them so deceased, shalbe equally paid to and amongst suche and so many of them as shall survyve and attaine to marriage or ells to the age of xxi yeares, as is aforesaide.

Also, I give to Rice * Clopton the yonger sonne of my saide sonne John Clopton, fyve poundes of lawfull Englishe money, to be paid unto hym at suche tyme or date of yeares as is afore mencioned of his sisters; all the which foure legacies laste mencioned I have paid and delyvered of truste in to the handes and safe kepinge of my saide sonne John Clopton, there naturall father, upon his bonde of xxx*li.*, there upon made to certaine of my frendes for the trewe payment of the same in all thinges, in manner and forme above specified.

Item, I give unto the forenamed three daughters of my sonne John Clopton, fiftene poundes, to be equally devided and parted to either of them, at the daies and terme of there ages or marriage, as is aforesaide, which money is in the handes of my afore named sonne Fraunces Clopton, esquire, upon his bonde delyvered and put into dyverse of my frendes handes, for the payment therof.

Item, I give to Fraunces Clopton, the sonne of my saide sonne John Clopton, a featherbedd which I lie on, one bowlster, two blancketts, one coveringe of tapesterie worke, one pillowe of feathers.

Item, I give and bequeath unto my sonne George Clopton's wife, one gowne of clothe edged with velvet, my kyrtle of blacke damaske, and one paire of sheates.

Item, I give to Marye Clopton, the daughter of the saide George Clopton, one corde, one cawdron of brasse, one trevet, xii peces of pewter, oue table clothe, sixe napkinnes, and tenne pounce of money lawfull of Englande. All which her legacies I have delyvered of truste to her use, into the safe kepinge of her father George Clopton, upon his bonde of fiftene poundes, putt in and made for the trewe payment of the saide summe of tenne poundes at the daie of marriage of the saide Marye, or at the age of xxi yeares, if by God's providence she shall lyve and attaine thereunto, or elles all and

* Evidently meaning Richard.

singuler the legacies and bequestes to her above assigned, I will shall remaine and be equally and indifferent devided for and amongst so maney of the resydue of the children of the saide George my sonne, as shall lyve and attaine to marriage, or to the age of xxi yeares.

Item, I give to the foure sonnes of the same George my sonne, named George, William, Fraunces, and Thomas, tenne poundes in readie money, and my two harnesses called corslettes furnisshed, equally to be devided too and amonge them or so many of them as shall lyve and accomlishe the age of xxi yeares, for thasuerance and trewe paimente of the which summe of tenne poundes the saide George my sonne hathe entered and put in his bonde of the summe of fittenne poundes accordingly.

Item, I give and bequeath to Elizabeth Clopton, the daughter of my saide sonne George Clopton, the summe of tenne poundes, which is put in to the handes of her fore named father, upone like bonde made to my frendes as is aforesaide.

Item, I bequeath to Elizabeth, nowe the wife of Thomas Welles of Hennyne Magna, one flocke hedde, one bolster, and one coverlet.

Item, I give to my verey frende Mrs Daniell, thelder, one cassocke, and one lyttle ringe of golde, which ringe is all readie delyvered.

Item, I give to my daughter Gryssell Weste, tenne shillinges in money.

Also, I give to Elyner Clopton, my daughter in lawe, my gage of *xlvi.s. viii.d.*, that Mrs Sturton oweth me uppon eighte sylver spones.

Item, I give unto Thomas Collins, tenne shillinges of good and lawfull money of Englande.

Item, I give to the three maidens in the howse, tenne shillinges.

Item, I will that all and singuler suche giftes of any parcell or parcells of my goodes whatsoever they be as I have hertofore made to any person or persons aswell of my kynred as other, being all readie delyvered shalbe frome hensforth by them and every of them well and peaceably possessed and enjoyed, and that all suche giftes shalbe of like force and effecte to there benefitte as if they and every of them were hy speciall wordes severally expressed and conteyned, as in this my present testament and laste will.

And, as concerninge the cleare and full resydue or overplus of all and singuler my readie monye, plate, jewelles, and other my goodes and cattells and debtes, whatsoever they be, after my debtes paide, my funerall honestly done, and the charges of the probate of this my testament borne, and all my legacies and bequests in this my present testament specially mencioned and expressed, trewly paide, performed, and allowed, I give and bequeath thone halfe therof to my sonne John Clopton, and the other halfe to my sonne George Clopton, to be at there owne order and discreacion.

And of this my testament and laste will I name, ordeine, and admitte my said two lovinge and naturall sonnes, John Clopton and George Clopton, to be my trewe and faithfull executors, and myne approved, lovinge, trustie, and assuered frende, William Sydnye, thelder, gentleman, to be my supervisor of this my saide testament, with his friendship's helpe to see to the trewe performance of the same, to the which my supervisor I give and bequeath for his paines fourtie shillinges.

These being witnesses of this to be my hoole will and my trewe and laste will and testament, whose names be subscribed with there owne handes, in whose presentes I have setto my hande and seale the daie and yeare aboue written. Henry Cranshewe, bace' artis, Thomas Collyns, Thomas Clowgh.

Probatum fuit hujusmodi testamentum apud Melforeth coram magistro Johanne Muriell in legibus baccalaurio commiss' et offic' infra archidiaconatum Sudhuriæ legitime deputato xxvi^o die mensis Aprilis anno Domini 1564; commissaque fuit administratio honorum, etc., Georgio Clopton uni executorum in dicto testamento nominat' in debita juris forma jurato, Johanne Clopton altero executorum onus executionis ejusdem in se assumpt' sponte et expresse renunciante et refutante.

(From Harleian Charter, Brit. Mus. 58, G. 46. In the upper left hand corner of the document is the following note in the handwriting of D'Ewes. "Registrum Arnold MS. in curia domini archidiaconi Sudhuriensis in comitatu Suff' fol. 79 a," and at the foot in the same hand "Fideliter comparat' die 13^o Apr' a^o D'ni 1637 cum originali Registro per nos, Simonds D'Ewes, Thomam Cooke.")

WILL OF GEORGE CLOPTON.—1565.

In the name of God, Amen. I, George Clopton, of Sudburie, in the countie of Suffolk, Gentilman, and in the Diocese of Norwiche, the foure and twentie day of September, in the yere of our Lorde God a thowsande fyve hundereth threskore and fyve, heinge whole and perfytt of memorie, thanckes be unto Almighty God my Maker and Redemer, doe make and ordaine this my laste will and testament in manner and forme followinge, revokinge and quite adnullinge all other wills or testaments hertofore made.

Firste, I bequeath my sowle to Almighty God, my Maker and Redemer, and my bodie to be buried within the chancell of the churche of Saincte Gregories, in Sudburie aforesaide.

Item, I give and bequeathe unto Martha my wiffe, for and in consideration that she shall discharge and save harmeles my executors of one bonde, wherein I stande bounde unto one Roberte Downes of Norfolke, gentilman, for the assurance of twentie poundes by yere, whiche I promised to make suer unto the saide Martha my wiffe, duringe her naturall lyffe, the hole some of money whiche is due to me from the saide Robert Downes, by the bequeste of her legacie; and also upon the saide consideration aforesaide, I geve unto the saide Martha my wife, tenne poundes every yere, oute of my lease of the parsonage of Estborne, in Sussex, duringe all those yeres yet to come, and also one chamber with a bed and all furniture therunto belonginge, with also all my plate.

Also, I give and bequeath unto George Clopton, my eldest sonne, my peice of lande in London, called the Bricke Close, withoute Criplegate, to him and to his heires male, and for defaulte of suche yssue, to remaine to William my sonne; and also I give unto the saide George my sonne, fourtie poundes, to be paide to him at thage xxxiiijth yeres, or elce fyve poundes every yere duringe his liffe, to be paide from the saide age of xxiiij yeres, at the discrecion of my executors.

Item, I will and bequeath that William Clopton my sonne, shalbe sufficiently founde to schole at Cambridge, or elce where put to some good learninge untill he come to thage of xxiiijth yeres, and then I will that he shalhave fourtie poundes.

Also, I will that Fraunces Clopton my sonne, thelder, be setto scole to write, rede, and caste accompte, and then that my executors do binde him prentice in London, to some good occupier, and I will and bequeath unto the saide Fraunces fourtie poundes, to be delyvered with him unto his maister that shalbe, and to take bondes for the repayment thereof at thende of his appentishode, unto the saide Fraunces.

Item, I give and bequeath unto Thomas Clopton my sonne, my howse in Sudburie, in the North strete, with all the groundes and appurtenaunces thereunto belonginge, whiche I late bowghte of John Bregenes, accordinge to a dede beringe date the xxth daye of the monithe of Awguste, anno quinto Regine Elizabethæ, he payinge and discharginge the reentrey whiche the howse stande bounde to paye for the purchase of the saide howse. And also, I give unto the saide Thomas twentie poundes, to be paide to him at thage of xxiiij yeres.

Item, I give and bequeath unto Fraunces Clopton my sonne, the yonger, all suche money as is due to me from Mr. Lewes Deve, by the mariage of my late wiffe Elenor Deve; and also I will and desier the saide Maister Deve, to dischargde my executors of the kepinge of the same childe. And also I give unto the saide Fraunces twentie poundes, to be paide him at the age of xxiiiij yeres.

Item, I give and bequeath to Marie my dawghter, fortie poundes, to be paide her at the daye of her mariage, or at thage of xxiiiij yeres, whiche of them soneste come.

Item, I give and bequeathe unto Elizabeth Clopton my daughter, fourtie poundes to be paide her at the daie of her mariage, or at the age of twentye yeres, whiche of them sonest come.

Item, I give and bequeathe unto twee hospitalles of London, twentie poundes, to be paide every yere fourtie shillings, that is to saye in tenne yeres, and yf it fortune any of the saide childeren to departe this worlde, there portion not boinge paide as aforesaide, that then I will my executors shall equally devide the porcion of the partie or parties so deceased, amongeste the reste beinge then alyve. All whiche foresaide legacies and bequestes I will my executors to paye accordinge to the forme above saide, yf it may be so borne, whome I doe nominate my neveie Fraunces Clopton, Esquier, and my nephewe William Clopton, his brother, gentilman.

Also, I will that if Martha my wiffe be whith childe, that then I geve and bequeath unto that childe fourtie poundes, to be paide at the age of xxxiiijth yeres.

All the reste of my goodes unbequethed, my debtes paide and my funerall done, I give and bequeath to my saide executors.

GEORGE CLOPTON.

I, William Cole, doe witnes that George Clopton, gentilman, of Sudburie, did set his hande to this the daye and yere above saide, in the presence of me, Thomas Collins.

Probatum fuit hujusmodi testamentum coram magistro Waltero Haddon legum doctore Curie Prerogative Cantuariensis, custode sive commissario apud London vicesimo tertio Novembris anno Domini millesimo quingentesimo sexagesimo quinto, juramento Willielmi Clopton executoris, cui commissa fuit administratio de bene &c., ac de pleno et fideli inventario, necnon de plano et vero computo reddendo ad Sancta Dei Evangelia jurati, Francisco Clopton executore expresse renunciante.

(From the Registry of the Prerogative Court of Canterbury, *Morrison* 31.)

ADMINISTRATION OF WILLIAM CLOPTON.—1569.

1569. Septimo Februarii emanavit commissio Elizabethæ Clopton relicte Willielmi Clopton de Fyncham defuncti habentis etc. ad administrand' bona, jura, et credita ejusdem de bene etc., in persona Edwardi Bigges notarii publici procuratoris etc. jurati.

Quinto Maii 1569 sequen' comparuit personaliter Willielmus Clopton filius dicti defuncti, et renunciavit administrationem bonorum dicti patris sui ut in act' die et anno prædictis liquius apparebit.

ADMINISTRATION OF FRANCIS CLOPTON, ESQUIRE.—1578.

1578, Decimo quarto die [Maii] emanavit commissio Willielmo Clopton fratri naturali et legitimo Francisci Clopton nuper de Kentwell in comitatu Norfolkicæ* armigeri defuncti habentis etc. ad administrand' bona, jura, et credita hujusmodi de bene etc., jurato.

INQUISITION UPON THE DEATH OF FRANCIS CLOPTON, ESQUIRE.—1579.

Suff' Inquisitio indentata capta apud Sudburie in comitatu prædicto, septimo die mensis Aprilis anno regni dominæ nostræ Elizabethæ, Dei gratia Angliæ, Franciæ, et Hiberniæ Reginæ, Fidei Defensoris etc. vicesimo primo, coram Roberto Crane, Thoma Edone, et Thoma Andrewes armigeris feodariis dominæ Reginæ in comitatu prædicto, commissionariis dictæ dominæ Reginæ virtute commissionis in natura brevis ejusdem dominæ Reginæ de diem clausit extremum eisdem commissionariis inter alia directi, et huic inquisitioni annexi, ad inquirendum post mortem Francisci Clopton armigeri in eodem brevi nominati per sacramentum etc., qui dicunt super sacramentum suum quod prædictus Franciscus Clopton in dicto brevi nominatus ante obitum suum fuit seisitus in dominico suo ut de feodo de et in dominiis et maneriis de Kentwell, Lutons, Woodfoules, et Melford Monachorum in Melford in comitatu prædicto cum suis pertinentiis; ac de et in omnibus illis decimis bladorum, garbarum, et granorum, et aliis decimis quibuscunque annuatim provenientibus crescentibus, et renovantibus de omnibus illis terris, tenementis, pratis, pascuis, et pasturis dominicalibus dicto manerio de Melford Monachorum quoquomodo spectantibus; ac de et in omnibus aliis decimis quibuscunque provenientibus sive crescentibus de omnibus illis terris et tenementis dicto manerio de Melford Monachorum pertinentibus; ac de et in uno mesuagio sive tenemento cum pertinentiis in Melford prædicta nuper perquisito per prædictum Franciscum Clopton de quodam Johanne Bixbye; ac de et in uno mesuagio sive tenemento cum pertinentiis in Melford prædicta vocato Blakes.

Et etiam juratores prædicti dicunt super sacramentum suum prædictum quod prædictus Franciscus Clopton in dicto brevi nominatus sic ut præfertur seisitus existens de prædictis dominiis et maneriis de Kentwell, Lutons, Woodfoules, et Melford Monachorum cum suis pertinentiis; ac de et [in] decimis prædictis; ac de et in prædicto

* Should be Suffolciæ.

mesuagio sive tenemento nuper perquisito de prædicto Johanne Bixbye; necnon de et in prædicto mesuagio sive tenemento vocato Blakes in Melford prædicta in prædicto comitatu Suffolciæ obiit inde seisitus sexto die Aprilis anno regni dominæ Reginæ prædictæ vicesimo; et quod Willielmus Clopton armiger est frater et proximus hæres prædicti Francisci Clopton defuncti, et fuit tempore mortis prædicti Francisci Clopton ætatis viginti septem annorum et amplius; et quod quædam Anna domina Heydon modo uxor Christoferi Heydon militis nuper uxor ejusdem Francisci Clopton adhuc superstes est, et in plena vita existit apud Baconsthorpe in comitatu Norfolkciæ.

Et ulterius juratores prædicti dicunt super sacramentum suum prædictum quod prædictum manerium de Kentwell tenetur et tempore mortis prædicti Francisci Clopton tenebatur de dicta domina Regina nunc ut de castro suo Norwici per servitium quartæ partis unius feodi militis; et quod dictum manerium valet clare per annum in omnibus exitibus ultra reprisas duodecem libras; et quod prædictum manerium de Lutons tenetur et tempore mortis prædicti Francisci Clopton tenebatur de dicta domina Regina ut de hundredo suo de [], * quodquidem hundredum nuper fuit parcella monasterii de Burye Sancti Edmundi per fidelitatem et redditum xvi. d. per annum pro omnibus servitiis et demaundis quibuscunque, et valet clare per annum in omnibus exitibus sex libras tresdecem solidos et quatuor denarios; et quod prædictum manerium de Woodfoules tenetur ac tempore mortis prædicti Francisci Clopton tenebatur de Thoma comite Sussexiæ ut de manerio suo de Shimplinge per fidelitatem et redditum duorum solidorum per annum pro omnibus servitiis et redditibus quibuscunque, et valet clare per annum in omnibus exitibus lxi. s. viii. d.; et quod prædictum dominicum et manerium de Melford Monaccorum et decimæ prædictæ cum pertinentiis tenentur et tempore mortis prædicti Francisci Clopton tenebantur de dicta domina Regina in capite per servitium quadragesimæ partis unius feodi militis, et per annualem redditum triginta duorum solidorum quatuor denariorum oboli ad festum Sancti Michaelis Archangeli singulis annis solvend', et valet clare per annum in omnibus exitibus sexdecim libras tres solidos quatuor denarios obolum; et quod prædictum mesuagium sive tenementum cum pertinentiis nuper perquisitum de prædicto Johanne Bixbie valet per annum in omnibus exitibus viginti solidos, sed de quo vel de quibus tenetur penitus ignoratur; et quod prædictum mesuagium sive tenementum vocatum Blakes tenetur et tempore mortis prædicti Francisci Clopton tenebatur de dicta domina Regina ut de prædicto hundredo suo de Baberghæ per fidelitatem et redditum sex denariorum per annum pro omnibus servitiis et redditibus quibuscunque, et valet clare per annum in omnibus exitibus viginti. †

Et juratores prædicti dicunt super sacramentum suum prædictum quod prædictus Franciscus Clopton in dicto brevi nominatus nulla alia sive plura maneria, terras, seu tenementa tenuit de dicta domina Regina sive de aliquibus aliis in dicto comitatu Suffolciæ die quo obiit in dominico, servitio, revercione, seu usu.

In eujus rei etc.

(Inquisition post mortem, Wards and Liveries, vol. xx., Public Rec. Office).

ADMINISTRATION OF GEORGE CLOPTON.—1587.

1587, Vicesimo tertio die Augusti emanavit commissio Thomæ Clopton fratri naturali et legitimo Georgii Clopton nuper de Kentwell in comitatu Suffolciæ defuncti habentis etc. ad administrand' bona, jura, et credita hujusmodi de bene etc. jurato.

WILL OF WILLIAM CLOPTON, ESQUIRE.—1588.

In the name of God Amen, the xth daye of December, in the yere of our Lord God 1588, anno xxxi Elizabethæ Reginæ, etc., I, William Clopton of Kentwell, Esquire, doe revoke and hereby utterly reverse and disavows all former willes by me heretofore made, and doe by these presentes make and declare my last will and testament.

First, I commende my sowle to God, etc.

Item, I ordeyne and appoynte my brother, Thomas Clopton, my lovinge kynesman William Clopton, of Groton, gentleman, and my faythfull and trustie servante John

* Blank in MS.

† Sic in MS.

Bowswell, gentleman, to be my executors, to see my debtes aud legacyes trewlye payde.

Item, I give to the pore people of Melford, Stansted, and Glemsford, fyve poundes.

Item, I doe further ordayne and declare wytnesses, Thomas Bowswell, Roger Macro, Edward Lovell.

Probatum fuit hujusmodi testamentum apud Norwicum coram venerabili viro magistro Willielmo Maister legum doctore vicario in spiritualibus generali et officiali principali reverendi episcopi patris et domini domini Edmundi, providentia divina Norwicensis episcopi legitime deputato ultimo die mensis Decembris anno Domini millesimo quingentesimo octogesimo octavo. Et commissa fuit administratio bonorum etc. executoribus in dicto testamento nominatis de bene etc. in persona magistri Thomæ Peade de Burye Sancti Edmundi in comitatu Suff', notarii publici procuratoris in hac parte legitime constituti jurat' etc.

[From a copy penes W. H. H. This will is also registered in the Prerogative Court of Canterbury (*Leicester*, 57), together with a sententia pro valore testamenti. The probate act runs thus, "Probatum ac per sententiam approbatum et insumatum fuit testamentum suprascriptum apud London' coram venerabili viro magistro Willielmo Drury legum doctore Curie Prerogative Cantuariensis magistro custode aive commessario etc. decimo nono die mensis Junii anno Domini millesimo quingentesimo octogesimo nono, juramento Johannis Burrough notarii publici, procuratoris Thomæ Clopton unius executorum in hujusmodi testamento nominato; cui commissa fuit administratio bonorum, jurium, et creditorum ejusdem defuncti de bene et fideliter administrando etc. ad Sancta Dei Evangelia jurati; reservata potestate similem commissionem faciendam Willielmo Clopton et Johanni Bowswell cæteris executoribus in eodem testamento nominatis, cum venerint eandem petituri in debita juris forma admissuris." The following note is also inserted in the margin, "Decimo quinto die Aprilis anno Domini 1619 emanavit commissio Waltero Clopton proximo consanguineo Willielmi Clopton de Kentwell armigeri defuncti habentis etc. ad administrand' bona, jura, et credita hujusmodi juxta tenorem et effectum testamenti ejusdem defuncti per Thomam Clopton unum executorum jam etiam defunctum non plene administrata de bene etc. jurato, Willielmo Clopton et Johanne Bowswell executoribus in eodem testamento nominatis demortuis." A copy of this will is also preserved at the British Museum, *Harl. Charter*, 43, G. 45.]

ADMINISTRATION OF FRANCIS CLOPTON, ESQUIRE.—1589.

1589 Decimo septimo die [] emanavit commissio Margaretæ Stuteville alias Clopton sorori naturali et legitimo Francisco Clopton nuper de Kentwell in comitatu Suffolciæ armigeri defuncti, necnon Edwardo Stuteville ejus marito ad administrand' bona, jura, et credita dicti defuncti per Willielmum Clopton administratorem jam defunctum non administrata de bene etc. in persona dicti Edwardi jurat'.

WILL OF THOMAS CLOPTON, ESQUIRE.—1598.

In the name of God, Amen. I, Thomas Clopton, of Melford, in the countie of Suffolcke, Esquire, doe make and declare this my last will and testament, the tenth daye of January, in the fourtith yere of the reigne of our soveraigne Ladye Quene Elizabeth, and in the yere of our Lord Christ a thowsand five hundred nynetie seaven, revokinge all other willes or testaments by me made or declared.

Firste, I comend my soule unto Allmightie God, Father, Sonne, and Holy Ghoste, hopinge and faithfully belevinge to be saved and redeemed by and through the merittes and bloud-sheddinge of my Savyour Jesus Christe.

And I comytt my body to the earthe to be decentlie buried by the discretion of my executors, whome I doe name and appointe to be Sir William Waldgrave, the younger, knyghte, and Mary my lovinge wief, his sister.

Item, I geve, will, and devise unto my said wief, the use and occupacion of all my waineskott and glasse in and about my mancion and dwellinge howse in Melford aforesaid, to be and remayne as they nowe are, and by noe meanes to be removed or altered; and alsoe the occupyinge of the hanginges of tapestry whiche serve for my great

chamber of my saide house, for forty yeres, yff the saide Mary shall so longe live: and after that tyme I geve the same waineskott, glasse, and hanginges to the saide William my sonne, his executors and assignes; but yf the sayd William dye within his sayde age, and without yssue male, then I geve and devise the same after the same tyme, whollie to the saide Walter my sonne, at his saide age of one and twentie yeres.

Item, I will that my saide executors shall have and take the rentes, issues, and profittes of all my mannor of Downehall in Rayleygh and elles where, in the county of Essex, and all other my fee symple landes whatsoever and wheresoever they lye, untill William my sonne shall accomplishe his age of twentie twoe yeres, towards the education and bringinge upp of the saide Walter my sonne, and of my twoe daughters, and to the better encrease and levyinge of my daughters porcions; and after that time then I geve and devise my saide mannor of Downehall and my fee symple landes in the county of Essex, unto Walter my sonne and his heires; provyded allwayes and uppon condycon notwithstandinge that yf the saide William my sonne or his heires shall lawfully and by good conveyance assure and convey unto the saide Walter my sonne and his heires, all that myll with the pastures and meadows therewith demysed and letten, called St. Saviors Myll or otherwise, scituate and beinge in Barnesy,* in the county of Surrey, that then the saide guift and devise of the saide mannor of Downehall and other the premisses in the county of Essex to the saide Walter my sonne, shalbe voide; And then the saide William my sonne to have the same mannor and premisses, to him and his heires for ever.

Item, I will that the residue of the yeres yet to come in the mannor landes and tenementes, in the countyes of Essex and Surrey, whiche are the dower of my worshippfull and lovinge sister Dame Agnes, nowe wief of Sir Edward Cleere, Knight, and before wief of Sir Christopher Haydon, Knight, and before that wief of my late brother Mr. Francis Clopton, Esquire, deceased, shalbe employed, procured, and caused to be assured, that of the yssues and profittes thereof my daughters porcion may be the better levied, and my saide three younger children brought upp therewith, as is aforesaide. Also, I will and desire my trustye frend Mr. John Smith of Claye, in the county of Norfolk, to ymploy or assure and convey the lease for yeres whiche he hath of the mannor of Monkes, in Mellford aforesaide, and other the landes and tenementes whiche are and were the joynture of my sister in lawe Dame Anne Norrise, late wief of my brother William Clopton, Esquire, deceased, shall and may be used for the best proffitt to helpe to bringe upp my saide three younger children, and the speedyer levyng of my daughters porcions, untill my next heire shall accomplishe his or their age of one and twentie yeres, and after for the benefytt of my heire, soe accomplishunge thage of one and twentie yeares, and of his heires for ever.

Item, I geve and devise unto my daughters Elizabeth Clopton and Mary Clopton, every of them, fyve hundred poundes of lawfull moneys of England, to be levied of the yssues and profittes of the saide leases for yeeres, and of my said fee symple manners, landes, and tenementes, viz. the fyve hundred poundes for the said Elizabeth my daughter, within tenn yeeres next ensuinge after the date hereof, and then the said fyve hundred poundes to be so ymployed that the sayde Elizabeth shall and maye have and receyve the same with the encrease thereof from thenceforth, at her age of one and twentie yeres, or at the daye of her mariage, which first shall then happen, and the fyve hundred poundes for the said Mary my daughter, within fowrtenn yeres next after the date hereof, and then at the ende of the said fourtenn yeere, the sayd fyve hundred poundes to be soe ymployed that the said Mary my daughter shall and maye have and receave the same with the encrease therof, from thensforth at her age of one and twentie yeeres, or the daye of hir mariage, which then shall first happen. And I will that yf the yssues and profittes of my sayd fee symple manners, landes, and tenementes, and of the said leases, within the saide tymes, will not suffice to make or encrease the saide somes, allowinge therewith convenient porcions and stypendes towards the educacions of the said Walter my sonne and of my said two daughters, then I will that the sayde porcions of fyve hundred poundes for either of my two daughters shalbe at those severall dayes mad upp of my goodes and chattells, and to be ymployed as is aforesaid. And I will that yf eyther of my two daughters dye before their saide ages of one and twentie yeeres unmarried, that then the survivor of them to have the others parte and

* An error for Bermondsey.

porcion, and that yf both dye within their saide ages unmariede, then their porcions to be equallie devided betwene my sonnes, to be paid at their ages of one and twentie yeres.

Item, I give and devise for a stocke, to be employede for the better relief of the poore people inhabitinge in Mellford aforesaid, tenn poundes of good and lawfull money of England.

Item, I will that the said Mary my wief shall have and take the residue of the profittes of my said lease landes and tenementes, and of my fee symple landes and tenementes aforesaide, besides the educacion and bringinge upp of my three younger children, and the porcions of my said daughters in this consideracion, that she shall purchase, obtaine, and gett the wardshipp and marryage of my heire male, and soe from heire male to heire male as the use is, and shall lett my said heires males be free, and not paye anie thinge for the value of his marriage; and in that consideration I doe also geve unto my said lovinge wief, the moytie and one halfe of the residue of all my goodes, chattells, plate, and houshold stuffe, after the payment of my debts, legacies, and funeralls, and the other halfe thereof I geve to the said William my sonne, to be reasonable prised and preserved for him until his age of one and twentie yeres, and then he to have the same; provided alwayes and my mynd and will is that yf the said Mary my wief, after my death shalbe determined to marry againe, that then before her said marriage, she shall cause and procure such parson or parsons as she shall so determine to take to her husband, to be bound with one sufficient suertie, or by other reasonable bondes or assurance unto my said heire male and other my children severally in reasonable penall somes of money or other penalties, with condicions to paye and performe the severall legacies, bequestes, and prefermentes by this my will lymitted, devised, or intended to them, and every of them soe farr as conveniently maye be, or else the giftes of the said moytie of the resydue of the profittes of my sayde leases and fee symple landes, goodes, and chattelles, plate, and houshold, geven and devised to my said wief, as is aforesaide shalbe voyde. And then I will and bequeath the whole resydue of the yssues and profittes of my sayd leases and fee symple landes, and tenementes, and of my said goodes and chattelles, plate and household stuffe, or the value thereof, to my sayd next heire male, to his owne use, to be kept, used, and preserved by my executors, untill his age of one and twentie yeres; in the meane tyme to be used for the best benefytt and comodetye of my saide heire.

Item, I will and bequeath to Roger Marcrow my servante, fyve seame of barley, to be delyvered presently after my decease.

Item, I geve to Willyam Frost my servant, fortie shillings, and to be paid for his wages for the tyme of his beinge in my service foure poundes by yere.

Item, I geve to Thomas Skott, twenty shillings.

Item, I geve to all the rest of my men servantes, which shalbe with me in howsholde att the tyme of my death, whereof the sayd Roger Marcrow, William Frost, and Thomas Skott to be none; the rest to have thirteune shillings fowre pence for every one then remayninge, as is aforesaide.

Item, I geve to Sander Suzans in regard of his paynes, twentie shillings.

Item, I geve every mayde servant which shalbe of my howsholde servantes att the tyme of my death, and hath benn of contynewance with me by the space of one whole yere, tenn shillings.

Item, I gyve unto Christofer Tybolde my man, twentie shillings, which he oweth unto me for woode.

Item, I further geve to the sayde Christopher Tybold, my grey mare and her colt.

Item, whereas Richard Righnum is indebted to me in the some of fyfte syxe shillings, of which I have received a smale parte in worke and other thinges which he werc to challenge of me, theis beinge aunswared to him out of the former some of fyfte sixe shillings, I geve to him the surplusage of the same that is still due to me.

Item, I geve to Robert Ellis all such fines as he doth owe to me.

Item, I geve to my servante John Barnes, tenn shillings.

Item, I geve to William Willowes teenn shillings.

Item, I will and bequeath unto Edmund Rookwood, gent., one yerely annuytie of forty shillings by yeres, yssuinge out of my meadowes at Stansted, the same to be truly aunswared to the said Edmund, for and duringe his naturall lief, and to be paide the one halfe att the feast of Easter, the other halfe att the feast of St. Michaell tharchangell, the same to be geven at the first of the said feastes which shall happen next

after my decease. And yf yt shall happen the said annuytie to be unpayde, that then the sayde Edmund maye have power and authoritie to enter and distreyne for the same, and the arrerages thereof.

Item, I entreat and desyre the right worshipfull my verve lovinge father in lawe Sir Willyam Waldgrave, Knight, that yt would please him to undertake the charge to be supervisor of this my last will and testament.

In witness whereof to this present will I have setto my hande, the same conteyninge in the whole fyve sheetes of paper, to every one of which I have severally sett to my hande, and the same fastaed togeather by a labell, I have thereunto sett my seale the fyve and twentieth day of January, a thousand fyve hundred nynetic seven, in the fortith yere of the reigne of our soveraigne Ladie Elizabeth.

THOMAS CLOPTON.

The last will and testament of Thomas Clopton, Esq. Sealed and signed in the presence of us John Smith, Roberte Asterley.

Probatum fuit testamentum suprascriptum apud London coram venerabili viro magistro Johanne Gibson legum doctore Curie Prerogative Cantuariensis magistro custode sive commissario legitime constituto decimo sexto die mensii Maii anno Domini juxta cursum et computationem Ecclesie Anglicane millesimo quingentesimo nonogesimo octavo, juramento Richardi Gooddall notarii publici procuratoris Mariæ Clopton relicte dicti defuncti et unius executorum etc.; cui commissa fuit administratio etc. de bene et fideliter administrando etc. jurate reservata potestate etc. domino Willielmo Waldgrave militi executori etiam in hujusmodi testamento nominato &c. cum venerit eum admissur'.

Sexto die mensis Martii, anno Domini juxta, etc., 1612, emanavit commissio Margarete Stuteville sorori naturali et legitime Thomæ Clopton de Kentwell in comitatu Suffolcæ defuncti habentis, etc., ad administrandum bona, jura, et credita hujusmodi, juxta tenorem et effectum testamenti dicti defuncti, per Mariam Clopton relictam et executricem, etc., jam etiam defunctam non plene administrata, de bene, etc., ad Sancta Dei Evangelia jurata, ex eo quod dominus Willielmus Walgrave miles executor in dicto testamento nominatus onus executionis dicti testamenti adhuc distulit et differt in se acceptare.

Decimo tertio die mensis Septembris, anno Domini, 1613, emanavit commissio Willielmo Clopton filio naturali et legitimo Thomæ Clopton de Kentwell in comitatu Suffolcæ defuncti habentis, etc., ad administrand' bona, jura, et credita hujusmodi, juxta tenorem et effectum testamenti dicti defuncti per Mariam Clopton relictam unam executricem, etc., jam etiam defunctam non plene administrata, dictaque Margareta Stuteville postquam in bonis, juribus, et creditis dicti defuncti, sese immiscuisset omni oneri administrandi bona ejusdem defuncti expresse renunciavit, de bene, etc., jurata domino Willielmo Walgrave milite altero executorum in dicto testamento nominatorum demortuo.

(From the Registry of the Prerogative Court of Canterbury, *Lewyn*, 39. A copy also exists at the British Museum, Harleian Charter, 53 H 20, 21.)

INQUISITION ON THE DEATH OF THOMAS CLOPTON, ESQUIRE.—1598.

Elizabetha, Dei gratia Angliæ, Franciæ, et Hiberniæ Regina, Fidei Defensor, etc., escaetori suo in comitatu Suffolcæ, salutem.

Quia Thomas Clopton armiger, qui de nobis tenuit in capite, diem clausit extremum, ut accepimus, tibi præcipimus quod omnia terras et tenementa de quibus idem Thomas fuit seisitus in dominico suo ut de feodo in balliva tua die quo obiit, sine dilatione capias in manum nostram, et ea salvo custodiri facias donec aliud inde præceperimus, et per sacramentum proborum et legalium hominum de eadem balliva tua, per quos rei veritas melius sciri poterit, diligenter inquiras quantum terras et tenementa prædicta Thomas tenuit de nobis in capite tam in dominio quam in servitio in dicta balliva tua dicto die quo obiit, et quantum de aliis et per quod servitium, et quantum terræ et tenementa illa valeant per annum in omnibus exitibus, et quo die idem Thomas obiit et quis propinquior hæres ejus sit, et cujus ætatis; et inquisitionem inde distincte et aperte factam nobis in cancellariam nostram sub sigillo tuo et sigillis eorum per quos facta fuerit sine dilatione mittas et hoc breve.

Teste meipsa apud Westmonasterium xviii die Februarii anno regni nostri quadragesimo.

Suff. Inquisitio indentata, capta apud Burye Sancti Edmundi in comitatu prædicto septimo die Martii anno regni dominæ nostræ Elizabethæ, Dei gratia Angliæ, Franciæ, et Hiberniæ Reginæ, Fidei Defensoris, etc., quadragesimo, coram Gilberto Wakeringe armigero eschaetore dictæ dominæ Reginæ comitatus prædicti virtute brevis ejusdem dominæ Reginæ de diem clausit extremum ad inquirendum post mortem Thomæ Clopton * * * * * prædict' eidem eschaetori directi et huic inquisitioni annexi per sacramentum Roberti Asterley generosi, Johannis Mayer, Roberti Crissall, Georgii Boston, Willielmi Kynge, Ricardi Eliot, Thomæ Harvey, Georgii Hiecke, Ambrosii Bigges, Edwardi Scott, Willielmi Kerington, Thomæ Grymwade, Georgii Coppyn, Willielmi Coppyn, Willielmi Hull, Johannis * * * * * qui dicunt super sacramentum suum quod diu ante obitum dicti Thomæ Clopton in breve prædicto nominati quidam Jacobus Hobert miles et Clemens Hiegham senior armiger fuere seisisi in dominico suo ut de feodo de et in maneriis et tenementis vocatis Lutons, Woodhouse, Woodfoles, et Blakes, jacentibus et existentibus in Melford prædicta et alibi in dicto comitatu Suffolciæ et sic inde seisisi existentes iidem Jacobus et Clemens per cartam suam gerentem datum decimo sexto die Martii * * * regis Angliæ Henrici octavi quarto, juratoribus prædictis super captionem hujus inquisitionis in evidentiis ostensam, feofaverunt et deliberaverunt Willielmo Clopton militi maneria et tenementa prædicta cum pertinentiis; habendum et tenendum maneria et tenementa illa cum pertinentiis eidem Willielmo Clopton militi et hæredibus masculis de corpore suo legitime procreatis, et pro defectu talium hæredum masculorum remanere inde hæredibus de corpore dicti Willielmi Clopton militis legitime procreatis, et pro defectu talium hæredum de corpore dicti Willielmi Clopton militis remanere inde rectis hæredibus Johannis Clopton armigeri patris dicti Willielmi Clopton militis, cujus quidem Johannis hæres idem Willielmus Clopton miles tunc erat; virtute cujus idem Willielmus Clopton miles fuit seisisus de maneriis et tenementis prædictis cum pertinentiis in dominico suo ut de feodo talliato, remanere inde in forma prædicta, et sic inde seisisus existens idem Willielmus Clopton miles habuit exitum de corpore suo legitime * * * quendam Johannem Clopton armigerum, et obiit de talibus statibus suis sic inde seisisus, post cujus quidem mortem idem Johannes Clopton filius ejus in maneria et tenementa prædicta cum pertinentiis intravit, et fuit inde seisisus in dominico suo ut de feodo talliato, remanere inde ei spectante in forma prædicta; et sic inde seisisus existens duxit in uxorem quandam Elizabetham Roydon, et inter eos habuerunt exitum Willielmum Clopton armigerum filium suum seniore et postea idem Johannes de terris et tenementis prædictis cum pertinentiis obiit seisisus, post cujus mortem prædictus Willielmus Clopton filius ejus in maneria et tenementa prædicta cum pertinentiis intravit, et fuit inde seisisus in dominico suo ut de feodo talliato, remanere inde spectante in forma prædicta; et idem Willielmus duxit in uxorem quandam Margaretam Jermin filiam Thomæ Jermin militis, et habuit exitum de corpore dictæ Margarietæ quosdam Thomam Clopton, Franciscum Clopton et Willielmum Clopton, et quasdam Elizabetham Clopton, Annam Clopton, et Margaretam Clopton, et postea dicta Margarieta uxor dicti Willielmi obiit, posteaque dictus Willielmus Clopton pater duxit in uxorem quandam Mariam Perient, et habuit exitum de corpore dictæ Mariæ legitime procreatum quendam Georgium Clopton et prædictum Thomam Clopton in breve prædicto nominatum.

Et dicunt insuper juratores prædicti quod idem Willielmus Clopton pater fuit seisisus in dominico suo ut de feodo de et in manerio de Downhall cum pertinentiis in comitatu Essexiæ, ac de revercione diversorum messuagiorum, cotagiorum, terrarum, pratorum, pascuorum, boscorum, jampnorum, bruer, et reddituum cum pertinentiis in Raileigh in dicto comitatu Essexiæ ut de feodo et jure acciden' post mortem prædictæ Elizabethæ matris suæ quæ eadem tenuit pro termino vitæ suæ, et sic de præmissis seisisus existens quidam finis levatus fuit in curia dominorum Philippi et Mariæ nuper Regis et Reginæ Angliæ, etc., de banco apud Westmonasterium termino Michaelis annis regnorum eorundem nuper Regis et Reginæ primo et secundo, coram justiciariis dictorum nuper Regis et Reginæ, inter quosdam Edwardum Gryffyn armigerum, Willielmum Cordell armigerum, Edwardum Brockett armigerum et Georgium Hadeleigh armigerum querentes, et prædictum Willielmum Clopton deforciantem, de prædicto manerio de Downhall cum pertinentiis et cæteris præmissis in comitatu Essexiæ, per quem quidem finem idem Willielmus Clopton recognovit manerium et tenementa prædicta cum pertinentiis esse jus ipsius Willielmi Cordell ut illa quæ iidem Willielmus, Edwardus, Edwardus, et Georgius habuerunt de dono prædicti Willielmi Clopton et illa remisit et quietum clamavit de se et hæredibus suis prædictis Edwardo, Willielmo Cordell, Edwardo et Georgio et hæredibus ipsius Willielmi imperpetuum, et pro eadem recognitione, remissione, fine et concordia iidem Edwardus, Willielmus Cordell, Edwardus et Georgius per

finem prædictum concesserunt prædicto Willielmo Clopton prædictum manerium et tenementa prædicta cum pertinentiis, et illa ei reddiderunt in eadem curia; habendum et tenendum eidem Willielmo Clopton de capitalibus dominis feodi illius tota vita ipsius Willielmi Clopton absque impetitione alicujus vasti, et post ejus decessum remanere inde præfato Thomæ Clopton filio seni dicti Willielmi et Dorotheæ uxori ejus et hæredibus de corpore ipsius Thomæ de corpore ipsius Dorotheæ legitime procreatis, remanere inde hæredibus de corpore prædicti Willielmi Clopton legitime procreatis, remanere inde rectis hæredibus prædictæ Elizabethæ matris ejusdem Willielmi imperpetuum prout per circographum finis prædicti et alias evidentiis juratoribus prædictis super captione hujus inquisitionis* in evidentiis ostensas plenius apparet.

Et postea prædictus Thomas Clopton filius senior et Dorothea uxor ejus obierunt sine exitu de corpore prædictæ Dorotheæ procreato de talibus statibus suis seisiti, et prædicta Elizabetha mater prædicti Willielmi Clopton patris obiit de talibus statibus suis seisita, et postea prædictus Willielmus Clopton pater habens exitum, sicut prædicta est, similiter obiit de manerio tenementis et cæteris præmissis prædictis cum pertinentiis in forma prædicta seisitus, post cujus quidem mortem prædicta manerium, tenementa, et cætera præmissa prædicta cum pertinentiis tam in dicto comitatu Suffolciæ quam in prædicto comitatu Essexiæ descendebant prædicto Francisco Clopton ut filio et hæredi dicti Willielmi et consanguineo et hæredi dictæ Elizabethæ avæ suæ per formam donorum et concessionum prædictorum, virtute cujus idem Franciscus in manerium tenementa et præmissa prædicta cum pertinentiis intravit et fuit inde seisitus in forma prædicta.

Et dicunt ulterius juratores prædicti super sacramentum suum quod prædictus Franciscus Clopton in vita sua fuit seisitus in dominico suo ut de feodo de et in manerio de Kentwell cum pertinentiis jacente in Melford et alibi in dicto comitatu Suffolciæ, ac de et in manerio et dominio de Melford Monachorum cum pertinentiis jacente in Melford prædicta, et de et in decimis garbarum, bladorum, et granorum, et aliis decimis quibuscunque crescentibus et renovantibus de terris dominicalibus dicti manerii et domini de Melford Monachorum, ac de et in aliis decimis in Melford prædicta dicto manerio et dominio de Melford Monachorum pertinentibus aut cum eodem locatis sive usitatis, ac de et in uno messuagio sive tenemento ac certis terris pratis et pasturis eidem pertinentibus aut cum eodem locatis sive dimissis vocato Byxbies jacente in Melford prædicta; ac etiam de et in certis parcellis terræ, prati, pasturæ et bosci cum pertinentiis jacentibus et existentibus in Melford prædicta in dicto comitatu Suffolciæ vocatis Brometons Grove, Lettons Pigtle, Peytewins, Coppins, Deadlond, et Padbrooke; et quod idem Franciscus fuit similiter seisitus in dominico suo ut de feodo de et in manerio de Wheatley cum pertinentiis, et de et in diversis terris et tenementis cum pertinentiis jacentibus et existentibus in Ralleigh, Thundersley, et Hadleigh in dicto comitatu Essexiæ eidem manerio spectantibus, aut cum eodem locatis et usitatis; ac de et in manerio de Newenham Hall cum pertinentiis in Ashedon et Bartlowe in comitatibus Essexiæ et Cantabrigiæ; ac de et in certis terris et tenementis cum pertinentiis vocatis Trippes et Stockmans jacentibus et existentibus in Coggishall in dicto comitatu Essexiæ; ac de et in uno molendino aquatico et certis terris et tenementis eidem molendino pertinentibus sive spectantibus cum pertinentiis vocato Sainte Savior's Mill jacente et existente in Barmondsey in comitatu Surriæ.

Et prædictus Franciscus Clopton sic de omnibus maneriis dominiis tenementis et cæteris præmissis cum pertinentiis in forma prædicta seisitus existens duxit in uxorem quandam Agnetam * * * * Heydon militis modo uxorem Edwardi Cleere militis, et quinto die Aprilis anno regni dictæ dominæ Reginæ nunc etc. vicesimo apud Melford prædictam obiit inde seisitus sine exitu de corpore suo procreato, et prædicta Agneta uxor ejus ipsum supervixit, post cujus quidem Francisci mortem omnia prædicta maneria dominia tenementa et cætera præmissa descendebant præfato Willielmo Clopton armigero fratri ejusdem Francisci ut proximo hæredi ejusdem Francisci et per formam donorum prædictorum, virtute cujus idem Willielmus in omnia maneria dominia et cætera præmissa prædicta cum pertinentiis intravit, et inde fuit seisitus, et idem Willielmus sic inde seisitus existens, assignavit et appunctuavit præfatæ Agnetæ, nuper uxori dicti Francisci Clopton, pro et in nomine dotis suæ omnium maneriorum, dominiorum, terrarum, tenementorum, et hæreditamentorum, que nuper fuerunt prædicti Francisci Clopton nuper viri sui, prædicta maneria de Wheatley et Downhall cum suis pertinentiis in dicto comitatu Essexiæ, et prædictum molendinum aquaticum cum pertinentiis

* Inquisitione, M. S.

in Barmondsey prædicta in dicto comitatu Surrey; tenend' eadem Agnetæ pro termino vite sue nomine dotis sue prædictæ, virtute ejus eadem Agnetæ in maneria, tenementa, et molendinum prædicta cum pertinentiis intravit, et fuit et adhuc est superstes, et inde seisita ut de libero tenemento.

Et prædictus Willielmus Clopton, frater prædicti Francisci sic de * * * * * cum pertinentiis, ut præfertur, seisitus existens, duxit in uxorem suam quandam Annam Elmes, et postea, scilicet undecimo die Januarii anno regni dictæ dominæ Reginæ nunc etc. vicesimo secundo, idem Willielmus, per cartam suam indentatam gerentem datum eisdem die et anno, feofavit quosdam Thomam Elmes et Johannem Elmes generosos de et in omnibus terris, pratis, pasturis, boscis, mariscis, et tenementis dominicalibus, parcellis prædicti manerii et domini de Melford Monachorum, et de decimis prædicto manerio sive dominio spectantibus sive pertinentibus, ac de et in certis terris et tenementis, parcellis prædictorum maneriorum et tenementorum vocatorum Woodhouse, Woodfoules, et Blakes, sive aliter, modo vel nuper in separalibus tenuis sive occupationibus Johannis Jermin et Thomæ Hayward vel assignatorum suorum jacentibus in Melford prædicta et Stansted in dicto comitatu Suffolciæ, ac de et in dicto tenemento cum pertinentiis vocato Byxbyes in Melford prædicta, ac de et in prædictis tenementis vocatis Trippes et Stockmans cum pertinentiis in Coggishall prædicta in dicto comitatu Essexiæ, ac de et in certis terris et tenementis jacentibus et existentibus in Ashedon prædicta, nuper parcellis terrarum customariarum dicti manerii de Newenham Hall nuper in occupatione Thomæ Coote vel assignatorum suorum; habendum et tenendum eisdem Johanni Elmes et Thomæ Elmes et hæredibus suis ad opus tamen et usum dicti Willielmi Clopton et prædictæ Annæ uxoris ejus pro junctura dictæ Annæ pro termino vite eorumdem Willielmi et Annæ et hæredum masculorum de corpore dicti Willielmi legitime procreatorum, et pro defectu talis exitus ad opus et usum præfati Georgii Clopton fratris dicti Willielmi, et hæredum masculorum de corpore dicti Georgii legitime procreatorum, et pro defectu talis exitus tunc ad opus et usum prædicti Thomæ Clopton in breve prædicto nominati et hæredum masculorum de corpore ipsius Thomæ legitime procreatorum, et pro defectu talis exitus ad opus et usum rectorum hæredum prædicti Willielmi Clopton imperpetuum, prout per cartam prædictam etiam apparet; virtute ejus quidem feofamenti, ac vigore ejusdam statuti de usibus in possessionem transferendis, iidem Willielmus Clopton et Anna uxor ejus fuere de maneriis et tenementis prædictis ultimo recitatis cum pertinentiis seisiti eis et hæredibus masculis de corpore prædicti Willielmi legitime procreatis remanere inde in forma prædicta.

Et postea prædictus Georgius Clopton obiit sine exitu de corpore suo procreato in vita dicti Willielmi fratris sui, posteaque prædictus Willielmus Clopton frater sic, ut præfertur, de omnibus prædictis maneriis, dominiis, tenementis, redditibus, et cæteris præmissis prædictis cum pertinentiis seisitus existens, vicesimo secundo die Decembris anno regni dictæ dominæ Reginæ nunc etc. tricesimo, per cartam suam indentatam tripartitam, factam inter ipsum Willielmum ex una parte et quosdam Willielmum Clopton de Groton in dicto comitatu Suffolciæ generosum et Ricardum Eliot seniore de Boxted in dicto comitatu Suffolciæ yeoman ex altera parte, gerentem datum eisdem die et anno, recitantem quod cum ipse idem Willielmus Clopton ad tunc fuit seisitus in possessione, reversione, sive remanere, in feodo simplice, de et in maneriis, dominiis, tenementis, et cæteris præmissis prædictis, tam in comitatu Suffolciæ, quam in comitatu Essexiæ, Cantabrigiæ, et Surriæ, ipse idem Willielmus Clopton de Melford, intendens tam solutionem talium legationum quas ipse per ultimam voluntatem suam daret et devisaret, et præferemento hæredum masculorum de corpore suo procreatorum, ac pro et in consideratione inde quam pro et in consideratione naturalis amoris et affectionis quem ipse idem Willielmus gerebat erga prædictum Thomam Clopton in dicto breve nominatum fratrem suum, et pro meliore præferemento dicti Thomæ et hæredum masculorum de corpore ipsius Thomæ procreandorum, ac etiam pro amore naturali quem prædictus Willielmus Clopton gerebat erga prædictum Willielmum Clopton de Groton consanguineum suum, ac pro et in consideratione melioris præferementi dicti Willielmi Clopton de Groton et hæredum masculorum de corpore ejus procreandorum, ac etiam pro naturali amore et affectione quem prædictus Willielmus Clopton frater gerebat erga alios hæredes masculos tunc procreatos sive procreandos de corpore dicti Willielmi Clopton militis defuncti, et pro meliore præferemento continuatione et * * * hæredum provenientium sive proveniendorum de corpore dicti Willielmi Clopton militis defuncti, et pro defectu talis exitus pro meliore præferemento hæredum feminarum proveniendorum de corpore prædicti Willielmi Clopton fratris, et pro defectu talis exitus, pro et in consideratione præferementi proximorum hæredum generalium dicti Willielmi Clopton militis

defuncti qui in vita existit ad mortem dicti Willielmi Clopton fratris, et pro meliore * * * expressione prædict' et ad assueranda et conuainda dicta maneria, dominia, tenementa, hæreditamenta, et cætera præmissa, fore ad usus et intentiones supramencionatos, prædictus Willielmus Clopton frater convenit et concessit, pro se et hæredibus suis, ad eum cum prædicto Willielmo Clopton de Groton et Ricardo Eliot hæredibus et assignatis suis, per dictam indenturam tripartitam, pro consideratione supradicta, quod ipse idem Willielmus Clopton frater, hæredes et assignati sui, ac omnes alii persona et personæ ad usum suum seisiti de dictis maneriis, dominiis, tenementis, et cæteris præmissis prædictis, cum suis pertinentiis, in dictis comitatibus Suffolciæ, Essexiæ, Cantabrigiæ, et Surrie, ac aliis comitatibus quibuscunque, imediate post et a sigillatione et deliberatione prædictæ indenturæ tripartitæ, starent et forent seisiti de et in prædictis maneriis, dominiis, tenementis, et præmissis prædictis, cum pertinentiis, et de qualibet parte inde ad usum ipsius Willielmi Clopton fratris et hæredum masculorum de corpore suo, et pro defectu talis exitus masculi, tum ad usum executorum dicti Willielmi Clopton fratris pro duobus annis ad performandam ultimam voluntatem suam, et ad solvendas legationes suas, et postea ad usum dicti Thomæ Clopton fratris sui et hæredum masculorum de corpore ejusdem Thomæ legitime procreandorum, et pro defectu talium hæredum tunc ad usum dicti Willielmi Clopton de Groton et hæredum masculorum de corpore prædicti Willielmi Clopton de Groton procreandorum, et pro defectu talium hæredum, tunc ad usum hæredum masculorum qui tunc procreati erant, seu imposterum procreati essent, seu provenientium de corpore dicti Willielmi Clopton militis defuncti, et pro defectu talium hæredum tunc ad usum hæredum feminiorum de corpore dicti Willielmi Clopton fratris, et pro defectu talium hæredum, tunc ad usum talis personæ sive * * que erunt proximi hæredes dicti Willielmi Clopton militis defuncti post decessum dicti Willielmi Clopton fratris et hæredis talium proximorum et rectorum hæredum imperpetuum, et ad nullos alios usus sive intentiones quæcunque, prout per indenturam prædictam juratoribus prædictis super captionem hujus inquisitionis in evidentiis ostensam plenius etiam apparet.

Et postea prædictus Willielmus Clopton frater de omnibus maneriis, dominiis, tenementis, et cæteris præmissis cum pertinentiis * * * * * ut supradictum est, seisitus existens, obiit inde seisitus sine exitu de corpore suo procreato, et prædicta Anna uxor ejus ipsum supervixit, et in tenementa prædicta et cætera præmissa sibi assuerata pro junctura sua, ut supradictum est, intravit, et fuit et adhuc est inde seisita, et adhuc superstes existit.

Et etiam quod prædictus Thomas Clopton, in breve prædicto nominatus, in residuum maneriorum, dominiorum, tenementorum, et cæterorum præmissorum, in possessione et reversione, intravit, et eadem clamavit, tam jure hæreditario quam virtute assuerantæ prædictæ ultimo recitatae, et fuit inde seisitus, prout lex postulat.

Et postea idem Thomas Clopton duxit in uxorem suam quandam Mariam Waldegrave filiam Willielmi Waldegrave senis militis, posteaque in consideratione maritaggi prædicti quidam finis levatus fuit coram justiciariis dictæ domine Regine * * * in octabis Sancti Hillarii, anno regni dictæ domine Regine nunc, etc., tricesimo tertio, inter Willielmum Waldegrave armigerum, et Thomam Waldegrave armigerum, querentes, et prædictum Thomam Clopton, et Willielmum Clopton de Groton, per nomina Thomæ Clopton armigeri, et Willielmi Clopton generosi, deforciantes, de prædictis maneriis et tenementis vocatis Lutons, Kentwell, Woodhouse, et Woodfoles, cum pertinentiis, ac de omnibus aliis terris, tenementis, pratis, pasturis, boscis, redditibus, et serviitiis, cum pertinentiis de quibus prædictus Thomas Clopton tunc fuit seisitus, de aliis statibus hæredit' in feodo simplice, sive feodo talliato, jacentibus, existentibus, sive extendentibus in villis sive parochiis de Melford, Stansted, Glemisford, Shymplinge, Alpheton, et Hartest, et earum aliis in comitatu Suffolciæ, excepto prædicto manerio de Melford Monachorum, et decimis prædictis, et omnibus aliis terris, tenementis, pratis, pasturis, et boscis, antetunc assueratis et conuainatis * * * * * dictæ Annæ nuper uxoris dicti Willielmi, pro junctura dictæ Annæ, sive aliter, pro termino vite suæ, scituatis jacentibus et existentibus in Melford, Stansted, Glemisford, Shymplinge, Alpheton, et Hartest prædictis, ant aliis earum, parcellis dictorum maneriorum de Kentwell, Lutons, Woodhouse, et Woodfoles, et aliter, per nomina maneriorum de Lutons, Kentwell, Woodhouse, et Woodfoles, cum pertinentiis * * mesuagiorum, quatuor toforum, unius columbarii, duorum gardinorum, trescentum acrarum terræ, sexaginta acrarum prati, ducentum acrarum pasturæ, centum et octoginta acrarum bosci, et viginti solidorum redditus cum pertinentiis in Melford, Stansted, Glemisford, Shymplinge, Alpheton, et Hartest, in comitatu Suffolciæ, ac de prædicto manerio vocato Downehall cum

pertinentiis, et prædictis tenementis in Raileigh in dicto comitatu Essexiæ * * * * Downhall cum pertinentiis, ac unius mesuagii, quatuor gardinorum, centum acrarum terræ, viginti acrarum prati, sexaginta acrarum pasturæ, quadraginta acrarum bosci, decem acrarum marisci frisci, et tresdecem solidorum et quatuor denariorum redditus, cum pertinentiis, in Raileigh, Hadleigh, Raureth, et Thundersley, in comitatu Essexiæ, per quem quidem finem prædicti Thomas Clopton et Willielmus Clopton * * * * esse jus ipsius Willielmi Waldegrave ut illa quæ eidem Willielmus et Thomas Waldegrave habent de dono prædictorum Thomæ Clopton et Willielmi Clopton, et illa remiserunt et quietum clamavere, de ipsis Thoma Clopton et Willielmo Clopton et hæredibus suis, prædictis Willielmo Waldegrave et Thomæ Waldegrave, et hæredibus ipsius Willielmi imperpetuum, prout per cirographum finis prædicti, juratoribus prædictis super captionem hujus inquisitionis * * * * plenius apparet, qui quidem finis sic levatus, quoad prædicta maneria de Downhall et tenementa prædicta in Raileigh et alibi in dicto comitatu Essexiæ, fuit ad solum opus et usum dicti Thomæ Clopton et hæredum suorum imperpetuum. Et quoad residuum maneriorum et tenementorum prædictorum, cum pertinentiis, in dicto comitatu Suffolciæ, finis prædictus levatus fuit ad usum prædicti Willielmi Waldegrave armigeri et Thomæ Waldegrave * * * * eadem maneria et tenementa recuperata forent versus eos, aut superviventem eorum, vel hæredes eorum, vel alicujus eorum per Willielmum Waldegrave et Johannem Heigham milites aut eorum unum, aut per aliquam aliam personam, seu aliquas alias personas per eos aut eorum aliquos ap-punctuand' per breve de ingressu super disseisinam in le post prosequendum, secundum * * * * usit' pro assuerantia terrarum et tenementorum cum duplici vocatione ad warrantiam, et postea ad usus hic postea mencionatos. Posteaque prædictus Willielmus Waldegrave miles et Johannes Heigham miles persecuti fuerunt extra curiam Cancellariæ dominæ Reginæ quoddam breve dictæ dominæ Reginæ de ingressu super disseisinam in le post de maneriis et tenementis prædictis cum pertinentiis in comitatu Suffolciæ, versus præfat' Willielmum Waldegrave * * * * ar' return' coram justiciariis dictæ dominæ Reginæ de Banco, termino Sancti Hillarii anno tricesimo tertio suprascripto, et ibidem petierunt versus eisdem Willielmum Waldegrave et Thomam Waldegrave armigeros, maneria et tenementa prædicta cum pertinentiis, per nomina maneriorum de Lutons, Kentwell, Woodhouse, et Woodfoyles, cum pertinentiis, ac duorum mesuagiorum, quatuor toftorum, unius columbarii, duorum gardinorum, trescentum acrarum terræ, sexaginta acrarum prati ducentum acrarum pasturæ, centum et octoginta acrarum bosci, et viginti solidorum redditus cum pertinentiis in Melford, Stansted, Glemisford, Shimplinge, Alpheton, et Hartest, ut jus et hæreditatem suam, et in quæ eidem Willielmus Waldegrave armiger et Thomas Waldegrave non habuerunt ingressum, nisi post disseisinam quam Hugo Hunt inde injuste et sine judicio fecit præfato Willielmo Waldegrave militi et Johanni * * * * et prædictus Willielmus Waldegrave armiger et Thomas Waldegrave tunc in propriis personis suis venerunt in curia prædicta, et defend' jus suum quando, etc., et vocaverunt inde ad warrantiam prædictum Thomam Clopton qui tunc etiam præsens in curia prædicta in propria sua gratis maneria, tenementa, et redditus prædicta, cum pertinentiis, eis warran'. Et prædicti Willielmus Waldegrave et Johannes Heigham milites * * * * Thomam Clopton tenen' per warran', super quo prædictus Thomas Clopton tenens per warrantiam suam defend' jus suum, et vocaverunt inde ad warrantiam quandam David Howell, qui in propria persona sua in curia prædicta gratis maneria et tenementa prædicta cum pertinentiis ei warrantizaverunt, super quo prædicti Willielmus Waldegrave et Johannes Heigham milites similiter warr' versus præfatum David Howell * * * * suam. Et prædictus David Howell defend' jus suum quando, etc., et dixit quod prædictus Hugo non disseisivit præfatos Willielmum Waldegrave militem et Johannem de maneriis, tenementis, et redditibus prædictis, cum pertinentiis, prout eidem Willielmus et Johannes per breve et warrantiam sua prædicta superius supposuerunt, et de hoc posuit se super patriam. Et prædicti Willielmus Waldegrave miles et Johannes petierunt licentiam inde interloquendi * * * * Willielmus et Johannes reven' in curia prædicta eodem termino in propriis personis suis, et prædictus David, licet solempniter exactus, non reven', sed in contemptum curiæ recessit, et defaultum fecit. Ideo concessum fuit per curiam prædictam quod prædicti Willielmus Waldegrave miles et Johannes recuperarent seisinam suam versus præfatos Willielmum Waldegrave armigerum et Thomam Waldegrave de maneriis * * * *. Et quod eidem Willielmus et Thomas haberent de terra prædicti Thomæ Clopton ad valentiam, etc. Et quod idem Thomas ulterius haberet de terra prædicti David ad valentiam, etc. Et idem David in misericordia, etc. Et judicium prædictum executum fuit per breve dictæ dominæ Reginæ de habere facias seisinam, prout per exemplificationem recordi recuper-

ationis prædictæ, juratoribus prædictis super captionem hujus inquisitionis, sub sigillo curiæ prædictæ in evidentiis ostensam, plenius etiam apparet.

Et dicunt juratores prædicti quod recuperatio prædicta, et finis prædictus, in forma prædicta levatus, et habita, post recuperationem prædictam habitam, fuerunt ad usus et intentiones hic ultimo recitatos, videlicet de et in scitu prædictorum maneriorum de Lutons, et Kentwell, existente capitale mesuagio et domo manciali in quo prædictus Thomas Clopton nuper inhabitavit, et de omnibus ædificiis, horreis, stabulis, * * * et pomariis eisdem pertinentibus, sive adjacentibus, usitatis sive occupatis, et de clausis et parcellis terræ, prati, pasturæ, bosci, et subbosci, vocatis sive cognitis per nomina de le Conygree, Dovehouse Meadowe, Mayepolefield, Fiscelins Garden, Dyehouse Marshe, Smalecroftes, Millers Leye, Paylewinfield, Parkepond, Parkepond Laye, Parke Pond Crofte, Milhill, Kentwell Downe, Conyehill, * * * * meadowe, le Newecastupparke, Purlleleye, Cockeshottes, Blakeschyckes, Puttocke Rowe, Kelfield, Blakesley, le grovetto bosci jacente inter quoddam pratum vocatum Bottome Meadowe et le Kell, et uno grovetto bosci * ad * caput de Bottome Meadowe prædict', et uno alio grovetto bosci vocato Blakes Grove, existente parcella terrarum dominicalium prædictorum maneriorum et tenementorum de Lutons, Kentwell, Woodhouse, Woodfoules, et Blakes, ad opus et usus dictorum Thomæ Clopton et * * adtunc uxoris suæ, et hæredum masculinorum de corpore prædicti Thomæ Clopton de corpore dictæ Mariæ procreatorum, et procreandorum, et pro defectu talis exitus, ad usus hæredum masculinorum de corpore dicti Thomæ Clopton procreandorum, et pro defectu talis exitus, ad usum dicti Willielmi Clopton de Groton et hæredum masculinorum de corpore prædicti Willielmi Clopton procreatorum et procreandorum, et pro defectu talis exitus tunc ad usum hæredum masculinorum de corpore prædicti Willielmi Clopton militis defuncti procreatorum et procreandorum, et pro defectu talis exitus, tunc ad usum dicti Thomæ Clopton et hæredum suorum imperpetuum. Ac de certis aliis clausis et parcellis terræ, prati, pasturæ, bosci, et subbosci, parcellis terrarum et tenementorum dominicalium maneriorum et tenementorum prædictorum, vocatis sive cognitis per nomina de le Bottome Meadowe, et le Newstubby-uppmeadowe, * * * meadowe et le Kell Pasture, le boscum et terræ boscales vocata le Thicke, et le tria grovetta bosci adjacentia prædictæ pasturæ vocatæ Kelpasture, ac de prædicto grovetto vocato Brometons Grove, ad opus et usum prædicti Thomæ Clopton et hæredum suorum, tam diu ut prædicta Anna nuper uxor dicti Willielmi Clopton et prædicta domina Agneta Cleere nuper uxor dicti Francisci Clopton conjunctim vixerint, et post decessum prædictæ Agnetæ Cleere vel decessum prædictæ Annæ quæ primo mori contigerit, extunc ad opus et usum prædicti Thomæ Clopton et Mariæ uxoris ejus, et hæredum masculinorum de corpore dicti Thomæ Clopton procreatorum et procreandorum, de corpore prædictæ Mariæ, et pro defectu talis exitus tunc ad usum dicti Thomæ et hæredum masculinorum de corpore dicti Thomæ procreandorum, et pro defectu talis exitus, tunc ad usum prædicti Willielmi Clopton de Groton et hæredum masculinorum de corpore suo procreatorum et procreandorum, et pro defectu talis exitus tunc ad usum hæredum masculinorum de corpore prædicti Willielmi Clopton militis defuncti procreatorum et procreandorum, et pro defectu talis exitus, tunc ad usum dicti Thomæ Clopton et hæredum suorum imperpetuum.

Et quod finis et recuperatio prædicti post recuperationem * * habitam, quoad residuum maneriorum, terrarum, tenementorum, et reddituum prædictorum, in prædicto comitatu Suffolciæ, (excepto præexcepto) sic fuerunt habita et levatus ad opus et usum prædicti Thomæ Clopton et hæredum masculinorum de corpore suo procreatorum et procreandorum, et pro defectu talis exitus, tunc ad usum dicti Willielmi Clopton de Groton et hæredum masculinorum de corpore suo procreatorum et procreandorum, et pro defectu talis exitus, tunc ad usum hæredum masculinorum de corpore dicti Willielmi Clopton militis defuncti procreatorum et procreandorum, et pro defectu talis exitus tunc ad usum dicti Thomæ Clopton et hæredum suorum imperpetuum, prout per quasdam indenturas factas inter prædictos Thomam Clopton et Willielmum Clopton de Groton ex una parte et prædictum Willielmum Waldegrave militem et Johannem * * * Willielmum Waldegrave et Thomam Waldegrave armigeros ex altera parte, gerentes datum vicesimo die Januarii anno regni dictæ domine Regine nunc tricesimo tertio supradicto, sub sigillis prædictorum Thomæ Clopton et Willielmi Clopton sigillatas, et manibus suis propriis signatas, juratoribus prædictis similiter in evidentiis ostensas, plenius apparet virtute quorundam quidem finis, recuperationis, et indenturæ, prætextu et virtute prædicti statuti de usibus in possessionem transferendis, prædicti Thomæ Clopton et Mariæ uxoris ejus fuerunt seisciti de separabilibus parcellis maneriorum et tenementorum prædictorum de talibus separabilibus statibus, prout lex postulat, et habuerunt exitum de corporibus suis legitime

procreatum Willielmum Clopton, Walterum Clopton, Elizabetham Clopton, et Mariam Clopton.

Et pædictus Thomas Clopton, sic de omnibus maneriis, dominiis, tenementis, redditibus, et cæteris præmissis, in dictis comitatibus Suffolciæ, Essexiæ, Cantabrigiæ, et Surriæ, ut præfertur, seisisus existens, condidit et declaravit testamentum * et ultimam voluntatem suam in scriptis, gerentem datum decimo die Januarii jam ultimo præterito ante captionem hujus inquisitionis, et per idem testamentum suum inter alia voluit quod executores sui haberent et perciperent redditus, exitus, et proficua de manerio suo de Downehall in Raileigh, aut alibi in dicto comitatu Essexiæ, et de omnibus aliis terris suis quibuscunque quæ tenuit in feodo simplice, ubicunque jacentibus, quousque dictus Willielmus filius suus perimpleret ætatem suam viginti unius annorum, erga ordinationem dicti Walteri filii sui, et dictarum duarum filiarum suarum, et post dictum tempus tunc dedit et devisavit prædictum manerium de Downehall et terras suas feodi simplicis, Anglice, *his fee simple landes* in dicto comitatu Essexiæ, dicto Waltero filio suo et hæredibus suis, provisoe semper et sub conditione tamen quod si dictus Willielmus filius suus aut hæres sui legitime et per bonas convaiciantias assuerantias, vel assuerantias et convaia' prædicto Waltero filio et hæredibus suis totum prædictum molendinum cum pasturis et pratis eum eodem dimissis vocatum Sainte Saviors Mill aut aliter, scituatum et jacentem in Barmondsey prædicta in dicto comitatu Surriæ, quod tunc donum et devisamentum dicti manerii de Downehall et cæterorum præmissorum in dicto comitatu Essexiæ dicto Waltero filio suo venient, erunt, et extunc dictus Willielmus filius suus haberet dictum manerium et præmissa prædicta sibi et hæredibus suis imperpetuum; et per idem testamentum suum constituit prædictam Mariam uxorem ejus et prædictum Willielmum Waldegrave juniorem modo militem fore executores dicti testamenti sui; et obiit de omnibus maneriis, dominiis, tenementis, et cæteris præmissis prædictis, cum pertinentiis in forma prædicta, seisisus, scilicet apud Melford prædictam, decimo quinto die Februarii jam ultimo præterito.

Et quod prædicta Maria nuper uxor ejus adhuc superstes et in plena vita existit apud Melford prædictum, et quod prædictus Willielmus Clopton filius suus est ejus proximus heres et vicesimo septimo die Februarii ultimo præterito ante captionem hujus inquisitionis fuit ætatis suæ quinque annorum.

Et dicunt iasuper juratores prædicti, super sacramentum suum, quod prædictum manerium et tenementa vocata Lutons tenentur, et tempore mortis dicti Thomæ Clopton, tenebantur de dicta domina Regina nunc ut de hundredo suo de Babergh nuper percell' possessionum dissolutæ abbatiæ sive monasterii de Burye Sancti Edmundi prædicti per fidelitatem et redditum sexdecem denariorum per annum pro omnibus servitiis et redditibus quibuscunque.

Et prædicta maneria et tenementa vocata Woodhouse et Woodfoules tenentur, et tempore mortis dicti Thomæ Clopton tenebantur, de Roberto comite Sussexiæ, ut de manerio suo de Shymplinge, per fidelitatem et redditum duorum solidorum per annum, pro omnibus servitiis quibuscunque.

Et quod prædicta tenementa vocata Blakes tenentur, et tempore mortis dicti Thomæ Clopton, tenebantur de dicta domina Regina nunc ut de dicto hundredo suo de Babergh per fidelitatem et redditum sex denariorum per annum, pro omnibus servitiis et redditibus quibuscunque.

Et quod prædicta maneria et tenementa vocata Kentwell tenentur, et tempore mortis dicti Thomæ Clopton, tenebantur de dicta domina Regina nunc ut de castro suo Norwici per servitium quartæ partis unius feodi militis in capite, ac per redditum sexaginta et quinque solidorum ad wardum castri prædicti annuatim solvendorum.

Et quod prædictus scitus maneriorum de Lutons et Kentwell, existente capitali mesuagio et domo mancionali in quo prædictus Thomas Clopton inhabitavit, et ædificia, horta, gardina, pomaria, eisdem pertinentia, adjacentia, usitata sive occupata, et prædicta clausa et parcellæ terre, prati, pastura, bosci, et subbosci, ut præfertur, assuerata, et convaia ad usum prædicti Thomæ Clopton et Mariæ pro junctura ejusdem Mariæ in possessione pro termino vitæ dictæ Mariæ, remanere inde in forma prædicta, existentia percelle terrarum dominicalium prædictorum maneriorum et tenementorum vocatorum Lutons, Kentwell, Woodhouse, Woodfoules et Blakes, et cætera præmissa prædicta in Melford, Stansted, Glemisford, Shymplinge, Alpheton et Hartest, valent clare per annum in omnibus exitibus ultra reprisas sexdecem libras.

* This will is printed at length, ante p. 65.

Et quod prædicta alia clausa et parcelle terræ, prati, pasturæ, bosci, et subbosci, parcelle terrarum et tenementorum dominicalium maneriorum cum pertinentiis præantea mencionata fore assuerata ad usum prædicti Thomæ Clopton et hæredum suorum, tamdiu ut prædicta Anna nuper uxor prædicti Willielmi Clopton fratris defuncti et prædicta Agneta Cleere conjunctim vixerint, remanere inde in forma prædicta, valent clare per annum in omnibus exitibus ultra reprisas quatuor libras.

Et quod residuum prædictorum maneriorum et tenementorum de Lutons, Kentwell, Woodhouse, Woodfoles, Blakes, et cæterorum præmissorum in Melford, Shimplinge, Glemisford, Stansted, Alpheton et Hartest, in dicto comitatu Suffolciæ, excepto prædicto manerio de Melford Monachorum, et decimis prædictis et omnibus aliis terris, pratis, pasturis, et boscis assueratis et conuatiis ad usum dictæ Annæ nuper uxoris dicti Willielmi Clopton pro junctura dictæ Annæ pro termino vitæ sive aliter, valent clare per annum in omnibus exitibus ultra reprisas tres libras.

Et quod prædictum manerium et dominium de Melford Monachorum, et decimæ prædictæ et tenementa prædicta, vocata Bixbyes tenentur, et tempore mortis dicti Thomæ Clopton, tenebantur. de dicta domina Regina nunc in capite per seruitium quadragesimæ partis unius feodi militis, et per annum redditum triginta duorum solidorum quatuor denariorum et unius oboli, et terræ dominicales manerii prædicti et decimæ prædictæ et tenementa prædicta vocata Byxbyes et cætera prædicta præmissa in Melford assuerata prædictæ Annæ nuper uxori prædicti Willielmi Clopton valent clare per annum in omnibus exitibus ultra reprisas sexdecem libras xiii. iiiid.

Et redditus assise manerii de Melford Monachorum prædicti valent clare per annum decem solidos.

Et quod prædictum manerium de Downehall, et prædicta mesuagia, tenementa, et cætera præmissa, cum pertinentiis in Raileigh, Hadleigh, Raureth, et Thundersley in dicto comitatu Essexiæ, tenentur, et tempore mortis dicti Thomæ Clopton tenebantur, videlicet, unum mesuagium, sexaginta acræ terræ, et sex acræ bosci inde tenentur de prænobili viro Georgio Carye milite domino de Hunsden ut de honore suo de Raileigh in dicto comitatu Essexiæ, per fidelitatem et seruitium inveniendi unum ballivum ad faciendas omnes executiones curiæ suæ honoris de Raileigh prædicta.

Ac quod quadraginta acræ terræ, octo acræ prati, tres acræ bosci, et quinque solidi sex denarii et unus obolus redditus, etiam parcella prædicti manerii de Downehall tenentur, et tempore mortis dicti Thomæ tenebantur, de prædicto domino de Hunsden ut de dicto honore suo de Raileigh, per seruitium sextodecimæ partis unius feodi militis et sectam curiæ hundredo suo de Rocheford de tribus septimanis in tres septimanas.

Et quod residuum prædicti manerii de Downehall, et prædictorum cæterorum tenementorum et præmissorum cum pertinentiis in Raileigh, Hadleigh, Raureth, et Thundersley eidem manerio pertinentium, locatorum, sive usitorum, tenentur, et tempore mortis dicti Thomæ tenebantur, de præfato domino de Hunsden ut de dicto honore suo de Raileigh per fidelitatem et sectam curiæ honoris prædicti pro omnibus seruitiis.

Et quod prædictum manerium de Downehall, et cætera prædicta præmissa eidem pertinentia, sive cum eodem usitata vel locata, valent clare per annum in omnibus exitibus ultra reprisas duodecem libras.

Et quod prædictum manerium de Wheatley, et cætera tenementa prædicta eidem manerio spectantia, sive cum eodem usitata sive locata, tenentur, et tempore mortis dicti Thomæ Clopton tenebantur, de prædicto domino de Hunsden ut de dicto honore suo de Raileigh per fidelitatem, et solvendo ad scutagium, quando venerit per Angliam, sex denarios pro omnibus seruitiis, et valent clare per annum in omnibus exitibus ultra reprisas viginti libras.

Et quod prædictum manerium de Newenham Hall, et cætera præmissa cum pertinentiis in Ashedon, et Bartlowe prædicta, tenentur, et tempore mortis dicti Thomæ tenebantur, de dicta domina Regina nunc de honore suo de Hatfelde Peverell in comitatu Essexiæ per fidelitatem, et per quæ alia seruitia juratores prædicti penitus ignorant, et valent clare per annum (pæter prædicta tenementa customaria nuper in occupatione prædicti Thomæ Coote assuerata præfatæ Annæ pro parte juncturæ suæ) duodecem libras.

Et quod prædicta tenementa customaria nuper in occupatione dicti Thomæ Coote valent clare per annum viginti solidos.

Et quod prædicta terræ et tenementa vocata Trippes et Stockmans, tenentur, et tempore mortis dicti Thomæ Clopton tenebantur, de dicta domina Regina ut de ducato suo Lancastriæ in feodum firmæ, per fidelitatem et redditum quinquaginta tres solidorum et quatuor denariorum per annum, pro omnibus seruitiis et demandis quibuscunque * * [val]et clare per annum quinquaginta tres solidos et quatuor denarios.

Et quod prædictum molendinum aquaticum cum pertinentiis vocatum Sainte Saviors Mill, et cætera præmissa in Barmondsey in dicto comitatu Surrey, tenentur, et tempore mortis dicti Thomæ Clopton, tenebantur de Roberto Trapps armigero ut de manerio suo de Barmondsey, per fidelitatem et redditum sex * * denariorum per annum, et valent clare per annum in omnibus exitibus ultra reprisas sex libras.

Et quod prædictæ percellæ terræ, prati, pasturæ, et bosci, in Melford prædicta, vocatæ Brometons Grove, Lettons Fightis, Peytewins, Coppyns, Deadlond et Padbrooke tenentur et tempore mortis dicti Thomæ tenebantur de præfato Roberto comite Sussexiæ ut de dicto * * de Shymplinge prædicta per fidelitatem, et per quæ alia servitia juratores prædicti penitus ignorant, et valuantur inter cætera terras et tenementa prædicta jacentia in Melford, Glemisford, Stansted, Shimplinge, Alpheton et Hartest prædictis sicut prædictum est.

Et dicunt ulterius juratores prædicti, super sacramentum suum quod prædictus Thomas Clopton in breve prædicto nominatus nulla alia sive plura maneria dominia terras * * hæreditamenta habuit sive tenuit die obitus sui in dominico aut servitio, tenta de dicta domina Regina, aut de aliquibus aliis personis in comitatibus prædictis, aut alibi, ad notitiam juratorum prædictorum.

In cujus rei testimonium uni parti hujus inquisitionis penes eschaetorem prædictum remanenti, tam juratores prædicti quam eschaetor prædictus sigilla sua apposuerunt * * parti ejusdem inquisitionis penes præfatos juratores remanenti, prædictus eschaetor sigillum suum apposuit.

Datum die anno et loco supradictis.

(Inquisition post mortem, Pub. Rec. Office, 40 Eliz., part i., No. 94.)

ADMINISTRATION OF MARY CLOPTON.—1600.

1600. Quinto die Februarii emanavit commissio Willielmo Walgrave militi patri naturali et legitimo Mariæ Clopton nuper de Melforde, in comitatu Suffolciæ viduæ defunctæ habentis etc., ad administrandum bona jura et credita ejusdem de bene etc. minore ætate Elizabethæ Clopton et Mariæ Clopton filiarum naturalium et legitimarum dictæ defunctæ durante in persona magistri Edwardi Barker in legibus Baccalaurici notarii publici procuratoris etc. jurati.*

(From the Registry of the Prerogative Court of Canterbury).

WILL OF ELIZABETH CLOPTON.—1603.

In the name of God Amen. Elizabeth Clopton, late of Boxforde, in the countie of Suffolek, widowe, being of perfect minde and memorie, did make and ordaine her last will and testament nuncupative the five and twentieth daie of October or thereabouts, anno Domini 1603, in manner and forme followinge, or in wordes of the like effect; videlicet, being demanded who should have her goods, and howe she would have them bestowed, she answered, my will and minde is that the poore of Boxforde should have twentie shillings; and that Maister Sandes the preacher should have tenn shillings more.

Item, she did will and give unto John Potter, in whose howse she lodged, fortie shillings, and to Mistres Brande her cosen, fourtie shillings.

* The following inscription was formerly on the south side of the church of St. Martin's in the Fields, London:—

Hic jacet Maria, uxor Tho. Clopton, armig.
Filia Domini Will. Walgrave, militis, utriusque
tam mariti quam patris illustrata Familiis.
Ob. 19 Dec. 1599. De qua sunt superstites
4 liberi Willielmus, Gualterus, Elizabetha et
Maria.

In the vaults under the church there is still remaining a detached lozenge-shaped shield, with the arms of Clopton impaling Waldegrave carved thereon.

Item, she gave unto the widow Brag tenn shillinges, and to the widow Brande tenn shillinges, and unto the widow Clerke five shillinges.

Item, she willed that all the rest of her goodes whatsoever, her debtes being paid, and her legacies discharged, should be devided betwene John Whitinge, Henrie Whiting, Elizabetha Tarver, her grand-children, and Thomas Gates, her greate graund-child.

Witnesses hereof Anne Brande, John Potter, and diverse others.

Decimo octavo die mensis Februarii anno Domini juxta cursum et computationem Ecclesie Anglicane millesimo sexcentesimo tertio, emanavit commissio Johanni Whitinge et Henrico Whitinge, proximis consanguineis Elizabethæ Clopton.* viduæ, nuper de Boxforde in comitatu Suffolciæ defunctæ, habentis etc., ad administrandum bona, jura, et credita dictæ defunctæ, juxta tenorem et effectum testamenti nuncupativi ejusdem defunctæ, † pro eo quod nullum in eodem nominavit executores, de bene et fideliter administrando eadem, in persona Johannis Burrough notarii publici procuratoris eorum in hac parte legitime constituti jurati ad Sancta Dei Evangelia jurati etc.

(From the Registry of the Prerogative Court of Canterbury, *Harte* 16.)

INQUISITION ON THE DEATH OF WILLIAM CLOPTON.—1613.

Essexia. Inquisitio indentata, capta apud Chelmesford in comitatu predicto decimo tertio die Aprilis anno regni domini nostri Jacobi, Dei gratia Angliæ, Scotiæ, Franciæ, et Hiberniæ Regis, fidei Defensoris, etc., scilicet Angliæ, Franciæ, et Hiberniæ undecimo, et Scotiæ quadragesimo sexto, coram Johanne Smyth armigero Escaetore dicti domini Regis comitatus predicti virtute brevis ejusdem domini Regis de diem clausit extremum eidem escaetori directi, et huic inquisitioni annexati, ad inquirendum post mortem Willielmi Clopton senioris nuper de Lyston in comitatu predicto armigeri defuncti, per sacramentum Johannis Hardinge, Thomæ Laurence, Willielmi Noate, Laurentii Poole, Humfridi Dale, Johannis Blancke, Johannis Goosse, Willielmi Clarke, Benjamin Grigges, Laurentii Rotchell, Henrici Hitchcocke, Ricardi Johnson, Willielmi White, Andreæ Brewer, Thomæ Hore, Johannis Sturgion, Johannis Mayhewe, Roberti Pease, Willielmi Pease, Nicolai Thayer, et Johannis Tabor, proborum et legalium hominum comitatus predicti, qui dicunt super sacramentum suum predictum quod predictus Willielmus Clopton senior, in brevi predicto nominatus, diu ante obitum suum fuit seisitus in dominio suo ut de feodo de et in manerio de Lyston Overhall cum pertinentiis in Liston, et Foxyearth, et Pentlowe, in comitatu predicto, ac de et in advocacione ecclesie de Lyston Netherhall, cum suis pertinentiis in comitatu predicto.

Et quod predictus Willielmus Clopton senior, sic inde seisitus existens, decimo die Januarii anno regni domine nostre Elizabethæ, nuper Regine Angliæ tricesimo octavo, per bonam et sufficientem conveiantiam et assurantiam in lege, conveiavit et assuravit omnia et singula præmissa predicta cum pertinentiis ad opus et usum ipsius Willielmi Clopton senioris, pro et durante termino sexaginta annorum si acciderit ipsum Willielmum Clopton seniore tam diu vivere, et post ejus decessum ad usum Willielmi Clopton junioris tunc filii et hæredis apparentis dicti Willielmi Clopton senioris et hæredibus masculis de corpore suo legitime procreatis, et pro defectu talis exitus ad usum Francisci Clopton alterius filiorum predicti Willielmi Clopton senioris et hæredibus masculis de corpore predicti Francisci Clopton legitime procreatis et pro defectu talis exitus, ad usum rectorum hæredum ipsius Willielmi Clopton senioris imperpetuum, prout per eandem conveiantiam, juratoribus super captionem hujus inquisitionis ostensam, plenius liquet et apparet; virtute ejus, et vigore cujusdam actus parlamenti de usibus in possessionem transferendis, predictus Willielmus Clopton senior de omnibus et singulis præmissis predictis in forma predicta possessionatus fuit, remanere inde post finem dicti termini præfato Willielmo Clopton juniore et hæredibus masculis de corpore suo legitime procreatis, remanere inde præfato Francisko Clopton in forma predicta, remanere inde rectis hæredibus ipsius Willielmi Clopton senioris in forma predicta.

Et quod predictus Willielmus Clopton senior, in brevi predicto nominatus, sic de omnibus et singulis præmissis predictis in forma predicta seisitus et possessionatus existens, vicesimo quinto die Octobris ultimo præterito apud Lyston predictam obiit inde in forma predicta seisitus.

* Clapton in MS.

† Defuncti in MS.

Et quod prædictus Willielmus Clopton junior est filius et proximus hæres ipsius Willielmi Clopton senioris in prædicto brevi nominati, et fuit plenæ ætatis tempore mortis prædicti Willielmi Clopton senioris patris sui, videlicet, ætatis quadraginta annorum.

Et juratores prædicti ulterius dicunt super sacramentum euum prædictum quod prædictum manerium de Lyston Overhall cum pertinentiis tenetur, et tempore mortis prædicti Willielmi Clopton senioris in brevi prædicto nominati tenebatur, de dicto domino Rege nunc in capite per servitium faciendi waférias domino Regi, et ei inde deserviendi die coronationis suæ pro omnibus servitiis; et valet clare per annum in omnibus exitibus ultra reprisas decem libras.

Et quod prædicta advocatio ecclesiæ de Liston Netherhall cum pertinentiis tenetur, et tempore mortis prædicti Willielmi Clopton senioris in brevi prædicto nominati tenebatur, de hærede Johannis Bokky per fidelitatem tantum; et valet clare per annum in omnibus exitibus ultra reprisas tres solidos et quatuor denarios.

Et insuper juratores prædicti dicunt super sacramentum suum prædictum quod prædictus Willielmus Clopton senior in brevi prædicto nominatus nulla alia sive plura maneria, messuagia, terras, tenementa, seu hæreditamenta, habuit vel tenuit, tempore mortis suæ, in dominico, feodo, sive servitio, de dicto domino Rege, vel de aliqua alia persona, sive aliquibus aliis personis in comitatu prædicto, nec alibi infra hoc regnum Angliæ, ad notitiam juratorum prædictorum.

In cujus rei testimonium uni parti hujus inquisitionis, penes præfatos juratores remanenti, prædictus escaetor sigillum suum apposuit, alteri vero parti penes præfatum escaetorem remanenti, tam prædictus escaetor quam juratores prædicti sigilla sua apposuerunt.

Data die anno et loco primo supradictis.

(Inquisition post mortem, Public Record Office, 11 James I, n^o 56.)

ADMINISTRATION OF MARY CLOPTON.—1613.

1613, September. Decimo tertio die emanavit commissio Willielmo Clopton filio naturali et legitimo Mariæ Clopton de Kentwell in comitatu Suffolciæ viduæ defunctæ habentis, etc., ad administrand⁷ bona jura et credita dicti defuncti de bene etc. jurato.

(From the Registry of the Prerogative Court of Canterbury.)

WILL OF WILLIAM CLOPTON.—1615.

In the name of God Amen, the fiftē day of September, one thousand six hundredth and fiftē, and the yeres of our soveraigne Lord James, by the grace of God of England, Scotland, Fraunce, and Ireland, Kinge, Defender of the Faith, etc., the thirteenth, and of Scotland the nyne and fortith, I, William Clopton, the elder, of Groton, in the Countie of Suffolke, heinge of good and perfecte memory, thanckes be given to Almighty God, doe make and ordaine this my last will and testamente, revokeinge all other wills and testaments whatsoever heretofore by me made.

First, waightinge pacientlie for the hower which God hat appointed for my departure out of this world, hopinge undoubtedlie, by faith through Jesus Christ, to have forgivenes of my synnes, and to enjoy everlastinge life in the worlde to come, doe comende my sowle to Almighty God, there to rest with Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob, in the kingdom of glory for ever, my bodie to be buried in holie sepulture in such comlie and decēte manner as shall seeme good to my executors, my estate and degree considered.

Item, I give to the poore of the parrish of Groton, fortie shillinges of good and lawfull money of England, to be distributed amonge them by the discreacion of my executors, not to hinder them or any of their weekelie contribution or otherwise allotted, or which ought to be allotted unto them or any of them, by the churchwardens and overseers for the poore of the said parish, accordinge to the statutes in that case made and provided.

I give to Mr. Sandes fortie shillinges, to Mr. Knowstubbes fortie shillinges, to Maister Nicholson fortie shillinges, to Maister Chambers fortie shillinges of lyke money, as a remembraunce of my love to them and every of them.

Item, I give to Maister Peachie of Greate Waldingfeilde, twentie shillinges, all the said severall somme and sommes of money to be payde to them and every of them, within convenient time after my decease.

Item, I give unto John Sampson, my grandechilde, and unto John Maistone, and William Clopton, two other of my grandchildren, the some of fower poundes a peice of lyke money, to be bestowed in plate.

Item, I will and devise all and singuler the customarye landes which I holde of my sonne-in-lawe, John Sampsonn, esquire, as of his mannor of Lylesley with Sampsons Hall in Kersey, in the said countie of Suffolke, and also all those landes which I hold by coppie of courte rooll of the mannor Tewes alias Tenderinge in Mildinge, in the saide countie of Suffolke, unto Margery my wife, for terme of her naturall life, and after her decease I will the same shalbe and remaine to my sonne William, and his heires for ever.

Item, I give unto Richard Bacon my olde servaunte, all such apparrell which I doe usuallie and ordinarilie weare, and I do also give unto him twentie shillinges of good and currente English money, over and besydes his wages and livery coate, due unto him.

Item, I give unto John Mitchell my servaunte, thirteene shillinges and fower pence, over and besydes his wages and livery due unto him.

Item, I give unto Joane Kinge my servaunte, three poundes, and unto Elizabeth Doggett twentie shillinges, and to Margaret Pettit one other of my servauntes, tenne shillinges a pece, over and besydes their and every of there wages.

Item, I give unto my sonne William, all my bookes and armor, excepte such armor as my said wife shalbe compelled and constrayned to use and shewe fourth at the trayninges and musteringes of souldiers duringe her life, the which my meaninge is she shall have and enjoy duringe her life, and after her death I will my said sonne William shall have the same.

I give unto my said sonne William all the board and other sawen stuffe at Ramesden Belhowse their, to be bestowed upon the buildinge at Ramesden Belhowse aforesaide.

Soe I will that all the bord, pales, and other sawen stuffe here at Groton, shalbe employed aboute my mansion howse where I doe now dwell.

Item, I will my mynde and pleasure is that those three peeces and parcells of lande called Sellowes, which were sometimes the coppieholde of one William Dogget, and holden of the mannor of Lindsey, and which I the said William Clopton the elder did purchase free of Sir William Waldgrave, the elder, Knight, the Lord of the said mannor of Lyndsey, whereof the one lyeth nexte to Homefeild, and the other sydeth nexte to the close called Sakers, and the third sydeth nexte to Chastlines Heath, conteyninge in all aboute nyne acres, and also cloase called Greate Bushie Pasture, in Groton aforesaide, byntayninge by estimatione fower acres, which I latelie purchased of Adam Winthropp, gentleman, unto Margery my wife, duringe the terme of her naturall life.

And I doe constitute and appointe Margery my wife, and William Clopton my sonne, to be the executors of this my last will and testamente.

In witness whereof I the saide William Clopton the elder have hereunto put my hande and seale, the day and yere above written.

WILLIAM CLOPTON.

Signed, sealed, and published, in the presentes of us, Adam Winthropp, John Winthrop, Richard Goslin.

A schedule or codicill to be annexed to the last will and testamente of William Clopton the elder, of Groton, made this 30 of June, 1616, anno regni Domini nostri Jacobi Angliæ etc., 14.

Whereas in the desire which I the said William hade of the bestowinge of the porcions allotted to my sonne Thomas, and to my daughter Elizabeth, for their maintenance, which was eight hundreth poundes, that is to say, to either of them fower hundreth poundes apeece, I endeavored to converte the saide moneyes into landes, in the sinister meanes and indirecte carriages whereof used against by the vendor for the recovery of fortie poundes, parcell of the saide 100 li., I was forced by bill to serve in the Highe Courte of Chauncery in my owne name and in the names of the saide Thomas and Elizabeth, by bill of complainte, without anie the charges, assentes, consentes, or agreementes of the said Thomas and Elizabeth, or of either of them, which said suites are yet there dependinge. And I knowe howe unfitt they are, and either of them is to

prosecute the same, and to undergoe the charges thereof, nowe therefore my meaninge and intent is, that the saide fortie poundes, videlicet twentie poundes a peece to either of them, should bee paid and restored to them, and to either of them, by my executor or executors, out of my other moneyes, goodes, and chattells, to make upp againe their saide severall somes of fower hundred poundes a peece, without pressinge of them or of either of them to undergoe or to medle anie further in the saide suites.

Lastlie, I will that my said executor and executors doe pay unto every mann whatsoever I doe owe to anie person or persons whatsoever.

In witnes wherof, the daie and yerres abovesaid, I did write this codecill with my proper hand, and have subscribed my name hereunto, and sealed it with my seale.

WILLIAM CLOPTON.

Probatum fuit testamentum suprascriptum, unacum codicillo eidem apud London, coram magistro Johanne Amy Legum Doctore, surrogato venerabilis viri domini Johannis Benet militis Legum etiam Doctoris Curie Prerogative Cantuariensis magistri custodis sive commissarii legitime constituti, vicesimo octavo die mensis Novembris, anno Domini millesimo sexcentesimo decimo sexto, juramento Willielmi Clopton filii naturalis et legitimi dicti defuncti et unius executorum in hujusmodi testamento nominati, cui commissa fuit administratio bonorum, jurium, et creditorum ejusdem defuncti bene et fideliter administrand' eadem ad Sancta Dei Evangelia jurati, reservata potestate similem commissionem faciendi Margerie Clopton relicte dicti defuncti et alteri executorum etiam in dicto testamento cum venerit eam petitura in debita juris forma admissura.

(From the Registry of the Prerogative Court of Canterbury, *Cope* 83.)

INQUISITION ON THE DEATH OF SIR WILLIAM CLOPTON.—1619.

Jacobus, Dei gratia Angliæ, Scotiæ, Franciæ, et Hiberniæ Rex, Fidei Defensor, etc., escaetori suo in comitatu Suffolciæ, salutem.

Quia Willielmus Clopton miles, qui de nobis tenuit in capite, diem clausit extremum, ut accepimus, tibi precipimus quod omnia terras et tenementa de quibus idem Willielmus fuit seiscitus in dominico suo ut de feodo in balliva tua die quo obiit, sine dilatione capias in manum nostram, et ea salvo custodiri facias donec aliud inde præceperimus, et per sacramentum proborum et legalium hominum de eadem balliva tua, per quos rei veritas melius sciri poterit, diligenter inquiras quantum terras et tenementa prædictus Willielmus tenuit de nobis in capite tam in dominico quam in servitio in dicta balliva tua dicto die quo obiit, et quantum de aliis et per quod servitium, et quantum terræ et tenementa illa valeant per annum in omnibus exitibus, et quo die idem Willielmus obiit, et quis propinquior hæres ejus setatis. Et inquisitionem inde distincte et aperte factam nobis in cancellariam nostram sub sigillo tuo et sigillis eorum per quos facta fuerit sine dilatione mittas et hoc breve.

Teste meipso apud Westmonasterium xvi die Octobris anno regni nostri Angliæ, Franciæ, et Hiberniæ xvii, et Scotiæ Liii.

Suff. Inquisitio indentata, capta apud Gippwicum in comitatu prædicto, quinto die Novembris anno regni domini nostri Jacobi, Dei gratia Angliæ, Scotiæ, Franciæ, et Hiberniæ Regis, Fidei Defensoris etc., scilicet Angliæ, Franciæ, et Hiberniæ, decimo septimo, et Scotiæ, quinquagesimo tertio, coram Johanne Heigham milite, escaetore dicti domini regis comitatus prædicti virtute brevis ejusdem domini Regis de diem clausit extremum eidem escaetori directi, et huic inquisitioni annexi, ad inquirendum post mortem Willielmi Clopton nuper de Melford in comitatu prædicto militis defuncti, per sacramentum Edmundi Bacon, Willielmi Manning, Ragneli Bouge, Johannis Ellet, Thomæ Lewes, Johannis Daynes, Stephani Downening, Willielmi Meadowe, Willielmi Warner, Roberti Manning, Roberti Basse, Lionelli Wythe, et Johannis Mann, qui dicunt super eorum sacramentum quod prædictus Willielmus Clopton miles in brevi prædicto nominatus in vita sua fuit seiscitus in dominico suo ut de feodo de et in manerio de Melford Monachorum alias vocato Monckes Melford in Melford prædicta et alibi cum eorum pertinentiis in dicto comitatu Suffolciæ, et de decimis garbarum, bladorum, et granorum, ac aliis decimis quibuscumque crescentibus et renovantibus de terris dominicalibus dicti manerii de Melford Monachorum, et de et in aliis decimis in Melford

prædicta eidem manerio de Melford Monachorum pertinentibus, aut cum eodem locatis sive usitatis, et de et in uno messuagio sive tenemento, ac certis terris et pasturis eidem pertinentibus, aut cum eodem locatis sive dimissis, vocatis Bixbyes in Melford prædicta, ac de et in manerio de Kentwell cum pertinentiis in Melford prædicta seu alibi in comitatu prædicto, et de et in maneriis et tenementis vocatis Lutons, Woodhowse, Woodfoules, et Blakes scituatis jacentibus et existentibus in Melford prædicta et alibi in eodem comitatu Suffoliciæ, et de et in certis parcellis terræ, prati, pasturæ, et bosci vocatis Bromtons Grove, Lettons Pightles, Petwyns, Coppins, Dedland, et Padbrooke, cum pertinentiis in Melford prædicta in dicto comitatu Suffoliciæ cum omnibus messuagiis, terris, tenementis, pratis, pasturis, redditibus, servitiis, et hæreditamentis prædictis maneriis sive præmissis seu eorum alicui vel aliquibus spectantibus sive pertinentibus, seu acceptis ut pars, parcella, vel membrum alicujus eorum in Melford prædicta, Stansted, Shimpling et Alpheton in dicto comitatu Suffoliciæ, ac de et in manerio de Newenham hall cum juribus, membris et pertinentiis in Ashdon et Bartlowe in comitatibus Essexiæ et Cantabrigiæ, ac fuit seisitus de revercione post mortem dominæ Agnetis Clere adhuc superstitis sibi præfato Willielmo Clopton militi et hæredibus masculis procreatis, remanere inde ulterius in feodo sibi et hæredibus suis spectante de et in manerio de Wheateley cum pertinentiis in Raileigh, Thundersley, et Hadley in dicto comitatu Essexiæ, et de revercione post mortem dictæ Agnetis Clere sibi præfato Willielmo Clopton militi et hæredibus suis de manerio de Downehall cum pertinentiis in Raileigh prædicta in dicto comitatu Essexiæ.

Et prædictus Willielmus Clopton miles in brevi prædicto nominatus de prædictis maneriis, terris, tenementis, et cæteris præmissis respective, ut præfertur, seisitus existens vicesimo octavo die Octobris anno regni dicti domini Jacobi nunc Regis Angliæ, etc., decimo quinto per indenturam suam gerentem datum eisdem die et anno factam inter Ægidium Alington de Horsheath in dicto comitatu Cantabrigiæ militis ex una parte et prædictum Willielmum Clopton ex altera parte declaravit quod cum maritagium, Dei permissione, adtunc intendebatur solemnizandum inter dictum Willielmum et dominam Elizabetham Pallavicino adtunc viduam unam filiarum dicti Ægidi Alington quod in consideratione ejusdem maritagii, et pro competente et sufficiente junctura habenda et fienda de prædictis maneriis et cæteris præmissis in dicto comitatu Suffoliciæ ad et pro dicta domina Elizabetha, et in recompensatione dotis ejus in casu ipsa superviveret dictum Willielmum, et pro meliori advancemento hæredum masculorum de corpore ejusdem Willielmi super corpus dictæ dominæ Elizabethæ procreandorum, ipse idem Willielmus Clopton per indenturam prædictam pro seipso hæredibus, executoribus, administratoribus, et assignatis suis, convenit, concessit, promisit et agreevit ad et cum Ægidio Alington executoribus et administratoribus suis quod ipse prædictus Willielmus Clopton miles et hæredes sui ac omnes et singuli alie personæ adtunc seisiti vel postea seiandi ad ejus vel eorum usum de et in prædictis maneriis de Melford Monachorum, alias vocato Munckes Melford, et Kentwell cum pertinentiis, et de prædictis maneriis sive tenementis vocatis Lutons, Woodhowse, Woodfoules, et Blakes, et prædicto messuagio vocato Bixbies, et præmissis vocatis Bromtons Grove, Lettons Pightle, Petwins, Coppins, Deadland, et Padbrooke, et de prædictis aliis mesuagiis, terris, tenementis, decimis et hæreditamentis quibuscumque in dicto comitatu Suffoliciæ starent et essent de omnibus eisdem maneriis, messuagiis, terris, tenementis, bosci, decimis, hæreditamentis et præmissis prædictis in dicto comitatu Suffoliciæ seisiti ad opus et usum dicti Willielmi Clopton et hæredum suorum quousque maritagium solemnizatum esset inter eundem Willielmum Clopton et dictam dominam Elizabetham, et immediate post talem maritagium habitum et solemnizatum, tunc ad opus et usum dicti Willielmi Clopton militis et dictæ dominæ Elizabethæ et hæredum masculorum de corpore ejusdem Willielmi super corpus dictæ dominæ Elizabethæ procreandorum et pro defectu talium hæredum tunc ad opus et usum dicti Willielmi Clopton militis et hæredum suorum imperpetuum prout per indenturam prædictam juratoribus prædictis super captionem hujus inquisitionis in evidentis ostensam plenius liquet.

Et postea scilicet tricesimo die Octobris anno regni dicti domini Regis nunc Angliæ etc., decimo quinto maritagium apud Horsheath in dicto comitatu Cantabrigiæ habitum et solemnizatum fuit secundum leges ecclesiasticas hujus regni Angliæ inter prædictum Willielmum Clopton militem in breve prædicto nominatum et dictam dominam Elizabetham, virtute quorum quidem præmissorum ac vigore Actus Parlamenti domini Henrici nuper Regis Angliæ anno regni sui vicesimo septimo de usibus in possessionem transferendis prædictus Willielmus Clopton miles et prædicta domina Elizabetha uxor ejus fuerunt seisiti de omnibus prædictis maneriis messuagiis terris tenementis decimis

hæreditamentis et cæteris præmissis in Melford prædicta, et alibi in dicto comitatu Suffolciæ prædictis Willielmo Clopton militi et Elizabethæ et hæredibus de corpore ejusdem Willielmi super corpus dictæ dominæ Elizabethæ uxoris suæ legitime procreandis, remanere inde ulterius in feodo eidem Willielmo et hæredibus suis spectante.

Et juratores prædicti super sacramentum suum prædictum ulterius dicunt quod prædictus Willielmus Clopton in brevi prædicto nominatus de prædicto manerio de Newenhamhall cum pertinentiis, ut præfertur, seisitus existens, per indenturam suam tripartitam gerentem datum quarto die Maii anno regni dicti domini Regis nunc Angliæ quarto decimo feoffavit prædictum Ægidium Alington militem, Nathaniell Barnardiston adtunc armigerum et nunc militem, Ægidium Barnardiston armigerum, et Johannem Bigrave generosum, de prædicto manerio de Newenhamhall cum pertinentiis, habendum et tenendum eisdem Ægidio Alington, Nathanieli Barnardiston, Ægidio Barnardiston, et Johanni Bigrave, hæredibus et assignatis eorum imperpetuum, in fiducia et confidentia tamen, et sub conditione quod si prædictus Willielmus Clopton obiuret ante primum diem Maii proximum post Anna Clopton filia ejus accomplerit ætatem octodecim annorum sine solutione mille et quingenti librarum prædictæ Annæ pro ejus portione matrimoniali quod tunc si hæredes masculi de corpore prædicti Willielmi Clopton, et pro defectu talis hæredis masculi si Walterus Clopton frater prædicti Willielmi vel ejus hæredes masculi, et pro defectu talium hæredum, si recti hæredes dicti Willielmi Clopton bene et veraciter solverent seu solvi facerent prædictæ Annæ Clopton si ipsa tunc foret superstes vel aliter hæredibus de ejus corpore plenam summam duorum mille librarum in, super vel ante dictum primum diem Maii qui erit proximus post tempus quo dicta Anna Clopton accomplerit vel accomplerit dictam ætatem suam octodecim annorum ad solum opus ipsius Annæ si ipsa adtunc erit superstes vel aliter ad et pro usu et profic' hæredum de ejus corpore legitime procreatorum quod tunc et in tali casu licebit ad et pro prædicto Willielmo Clopton et hæredibus masculis de corpore suo, et pro defectu talium hæredum pro prædicto Waltero Clopton et hæredibus masculis de corpore suo, et pro defectu talium hæredum, pro rectis hæredibus dicti Willielmi Clopton in dictum manerium de Newenhamhall cum pertinentiis reintrare et rehabere ut in pristino statu. Et ulterius declaratum fuit per prædictam ultimam indenturam quod si prædictus Willielmus Clopton obiuret antequam dicta Anna filia ejus impleverit ætatem octodecim annorum quod tunc prædicti Ægidius Alington, Nathaniell Barnardiston, Ægidius Barnardiston, et Johannes Bigrave, et eorum hæredes haberent perciperent et reciperent omnia et singula redditus, exitus et proficua dicti manerii de Newenhamhall et præmissorum prædictorum unde, ut præfertur, fuerunt feoffati, et solverent unam medietatem inde, quousque dicta Anna accompleret ætatem quatuordecim annorum ad tales usus, intentiones, et præposita quales ipse dictus Willielmus Clopton miles per ultimam voluntatem suam limitaret et appunctuaret et solveret et computaret et computabiles essent dictæ Annæ Clopton per alteram medietatem dictorum reddituum, exituum et proficuarum quousque dicta Anna accompleret ætatem quatuordecim annorum et pro omnibus integris redditibus, exitibus, et proficuis ejusdem manerii ab et post idem tempus quod ipsa dicta Anna accompleret ætatem quatuordecim annorum quousque perimpleverit dictam ætatem suam octodecim annorum erga manutentionem et virtuosam educationem dictæ Annæ et computarent et solverent remanere et residuum inde quæ forent remanere prædictæ Annæ ad ætatem suam octodecim annorum, et postea quod dicta Anna Clopton accompleret plenam ætatem suam octodecim annorum conditione et agreemento prædictis in indentura prædicta mencionatis non existentibus performatis quod tunc dicti Ægidius Alington, Nathaniell Barnardiston, Ægidius Barnardiston, et Johannes Bigrave et eorum superviventes hæredes et assignati eorum infra sex menses post ipsa Anna Clopton accompleret ætatem octodecim annorum convenirent dictum manerium de Newenhamhall et præmissa ipsis, ut præfertur, assurata dictæ Annæ Clopton hæredibus et assignatis suis ad ejus et eorum opus et usum si ipsa adtunc erit superstes, vel si mortua esset tunc ad usum hæredum de corpore suo legitime procreatorum si ipsa aliquem haberet, alioquin hæredibus masculis de corpore dicti Willielmi Clopton, et pro defectu talium hæredum dicto Waltero Clopton et hæredibus masculis de corpore suo, et pro defectu talium hæredum, rectis hæredibus dicti Willielmi Clopton militis imperpetuum, prout per indenturam prædictam ultimam mencionatam juratoribus prædictis in evidentiis ostensam plenius apparet, virtute cujus iidem Ægidius Alington, Nathaniell Barnardiston, Ægidius Barnardiston et Johannes Bigrave fuerunt et adhuc sunt seisiti de dicto manerio de Newenhamhall et præmissis, ut præfertur, ipsis assuratis in eorum dominico ut de feodo super fiduciam et confidentiam ac sub conditione prædicta in dicta indentura mencionata secundum veram inde intentionem.

Et juratores prædicti super eorum sacramentum insuper dicunt quod prædictus Willielmus Clopton miles in brevi prædicto nominatus per indenturam suam gerentem datum vicesimo quinto die Novembris anno regni dicti domini Regis nunc Angliæ decimo sexto pro quadringentis libris legalis monetæ Angliæ sibi solutis per Mariam Clopton sororem suam dedit et concessit eidem Mariæ unam annuitatem sive annualem redditum sexaginta librarum legalis monetæ Angliæ exeuntem levandam et percipiendam de, in, et super præmissis prædictis vocatis Downehall durante tota vita naturali ipsius Mariæ ad festa Annunciationis Beatæ Mariæ Virginis, et Sancti Michaelis Archangeli per æquales portiones cum clausula distractionis in eadem indentura contenta pro levatione inde super eadem præmissa vocata Downehall super quemlibet defectum solutionis dicti redditus per spatium xxi. dierum post festa prædicta.

Et juratores prædicti super sacramentum suum prædictum similiter dicunt quod prædictus Willielmus Clopton miles in brevi prædicto nominatus de omnibus et singulis maneriis, messuagiis, terris, tenementis, decimis, et cæteris præmissis modo et forma prædictis seisitus existens obiit sic inde seisitus apud Horsheathe prædictam undecimo die Martii anno regni dicti domini Regis nunc Angliæ decimo sexto sine aliqua dispositione medietatis de Newenhamhall prædicta per ultimam voluntatem suam, et quod Willielmus Clopton armiger est ejus filius et hæres masculus de corpore suo super corpus dictæ dominiæ Elizabethæ uxoris suæ legitime procreatus, et tempore captionis hujus inquisitionis est ætatis duorum mensium et undecim dierum.

Et ulterius dicunt juratores super sacramentum suum prædictum quod dicta domina Elizabetha adhuc superstes et in plena vita existit scilicet apud Melford prædicta et tenet se intus in prædictis maneriis, messuagiis, terris, tenementis et cæteris præmissis in dicto comitatu Suffolciæ per jus accrescendi pro junctura sua, ut præfertur, inde facta.

Ac quod prædicta Anna Clopton similiter superstes existit apud Clare in dicto comitatu Suffolciæ, et est ætatis sex annorum octo mensium et trium dierum, et non amplius.

Et quod prædictæ mille et quingenti libræ, nec aliquis inde denarius fuit eidem Annæ solutæ ante mortem dicti Willielmi Clopton militis, nec unquam postea.

Solæ præterea juratores prædicti super sacramentum suum prædictum dicunt quod prædictum manerium de Kentwell cum præmissis acceptis ut pars, parcella vel membrum ejusdem manerii tenetur, et tempore mortis prædicti Willielmi Clopton militis tenebatur de dicto domino Rege ut de castro suo Norwici in comitatu Norfolciæ per servitium quartæ partis feodi militis ac per redditum sexaginta et quinque solidorum ad wardum castri annuatim solvendorum et valet per annum in omnibus exitibus ultra reprisas decem libras.

Et quod prædictum manerium de Melford Monachorum et præmissa accepta ut pars, parcella vel membrum ejusdem et prædictæ decimæ necnon prædict' messuag' et prædictæ terræ, prata et pasturæ cum eodem locatæ cum eorum pertinentiis vocata Bixbyes tenentur et tempore mortis prædicti Willielmi Clopton militis tenebantur de dicto domino Rege in capite per servitium quadragesimæ partis unius feodi militis et per annualem redditum triginta et duorum solidorum quatuor denariorum et unius oboli, et valent per annum in omnibus exitibus ultra reprisas xvii. libras, iiii. solidos, iiii. denarios.

Et quod prædictum manerium et præmissa vocata Lutons cum pertinentiis tenentur et tempore mortis prædicti Willielmi Clopton militis tenebantur de dicto domino Rege ut de hundredo suo de Babergh in comitatu prædicto per fidelitatem et redditum sexdecem denariorum per annum pro omnibus servitiis et valent per annum ultra reprisas quinque libras.

Et quod prædictum manerium et præmissa vocata Woodhowse et Woodfowles cum pertinentiis tenentur et tempore mortis dicti Willielmi Clopton militis tenebantur de []* Duke armigero ut de manerio suo de Shimpling per fidelitatem et redditum duorum solidorum per annum pro omnibus servitiis, et valent per annum in omnibus exitibus ultra reprisas quinque libras.

Et quod præmissa prædicta vocata Blakes tenentur et tempore mortis prædicti Willielmi Clopton militis tenebantur de dicto domino Rege ut de dicto hundredo de Babergh per fidelitatem et redditum sex denariorum per annum pro omnibus servitiis et valent per annum in omnibus exitibus ultra reprisas viginti solidos.

Et quod præmissa vocata Bromptons Grove, Lettons Pightells, Petwyns, Coppins, Deadlond, et Padbroke, prædicta, tenentur et tempore mortis prædicti Willielmi

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Clopton militis tenebantur de dicto [] Duke ut de dicto manerio suo de Shimpling per fidelitatem, et per quæ alia servitia ignorant, et valent per annum in omnibus exitibus ultra reprisas quadraginta solidos.

Ac quod prædictum manerium de Newenhamhall cum suis juribus membris et pertinentiis tenetur et tempore mortis prædicti Willielmi Clopton militis tenebatur de dicto domino Rege ut de honore suo de Hatfield Peverell in dicto comitatu Essexiæ per fidelitatem et per quæ alia servitia juratores prædicti ignorant, et valet per annum in omnibus exitibus ultra reprisas duodecim libras.

Et quod prædictum manerium de Downehall prædictum cum pertinentiis tenentur et tempore mortis prædicti Willielmi Clopton militis tenebantur, videlicet, unum mesuagium, sexaginta acra terre, et sex acra bosci parcell' inde de domino de Hunsden ut de honore suo de Reyleigh in comitatu Essexiæ per fidelitatem et servitium inveniendi unum ballivum ad faciendas omnes executiones curiæ suæ dicti honoris; et quod alia parcellæ dicti manerii de Downehall scilicet quadraginta acra terre, octo acra prati, tres acra bosci et quinque solidi, sex denarii, et unus obulus redditus tenentur et tempore mortis prædicti Willielmi Clopton militis tenebantur de dicto domino Hunsden ut de dicto honore de Reileighe per servitium sextdecimæ partis unius feodi militis, et sectam curiæ hundredi sui de Rochford de tribus septimanis in tres septimanas, et quod residuum manerii de Downehall prædicta tenentur et tempore mortis prædicti Willielmi Clopton patris tenebantur de dicto domino Hunsden ut de dicto honore suo de Reileighe per fidelitatem et sectam curiæ dicti honoris pro omnibus servitiis.

Et quod totum prædictum manerium de Downehall insimul valet in omnibus exitibus ultra reprisas xii. libras.

Et quod prædictum manerium de Wheatley cum pertinentiis tenetur et tempore mortis prædicti Willielmi Clopton militis tenebatur de dicto domino Hunsden ut de dicto honore suo de Reileighe per fidelitatem et per servitium solvendi ad scutagium quando evenerit per Angliam vi. s. pro omnibus servitiis et valent per annum in omnibus exitibus ultra reprisas viginti libras.

Et insuper juratores prædicti super eorum sacramentum prædictum dicunt quod prædictus Willielmus Clopton miles in breve prædicto nominatus nec aliquis alius sive alii ad ejus usum habuit vel tenuit, habuerunt sive tenuerunt aliqua alia sive plura maneria, messuagia, terras, tenementa, decimas seu hæreditamenta in dicto comitatu Suffolciæ seu alibi in dominico, possessione, revercione, servitio, aut usu ad notitiam juratorum prædictorum.

In cujus rei testimonium uni parti hujus inquisitionis penes præfatum escaetorem remanenti tam dictus escaetor quam juratores prædicti sigilla sua apposuerunt alteri vero parti hujus inquisitionis penes juratores remanenti prædictus escaetor sigillum suum apposuit.

Datum die anno et loco primo suprædictis.

J. HEIGHAM, ESCAETOR.

(Inquisition post mortem 17 James I., part 2, No. 112.)

INQUISITION ON THE DEATH OF WILLIAM CLOPTON.—1624.

Essex. Inquisitio indentata, capta apud Chelmsford in comitatu prædicto nono die Aprilis anno regni domini nostri Jacobi, Dei gratia Angliæ, Franciæ, et Hiberniæ, Regis, Fidei Defensoris etc., vicesimo secundo, et Scotiæ quinquagesimo septimo, coram Thoma Freman armigero escaetore dicti domini Regis in comitatu prædicto, virtute brevis ejusdem domini Regis de diem clausit extremum, post mortem Willielmi Clopton armigeri eidem escaetori directi et huic inquisitioni annexati, per sacramentum Benjamin Grigges, Oliveri Higham, Thomæ Horne, Thomæ Hoare, Heurici Feilde, Laurentii Rochell, Willielmi Bradly, Johannis Hardinge, Petri Makyn, Thomæ Vessey, Thomæ Pease, Johannis Norris, et Bartholomæi Chassell, proborum et legalium hominum comitatus prædicti, qui dicunt super sacramentum suum quod prædictus Willielmus Clopton in dicto brevi nominatus in vita sua fuit seisitus in dominico suo ut de feodo de et in manerio de Liston Overhall cum pertinentiis jacente in Liston, Foxearth, et Pentlowe, in comitatu prædicto, ac de et in advocacione ecclesie de Liston Netherhall cum suis pertinentiis in comitatu prædicto. Et sic inde seisitus existens, idem Willielmus Clopton in vita sua, scilicet vicesimo primo die Aprilis anno Domini millesimo sexcentesimo vicesimo et tertio, apud Liston prædictam, condidit testamentum

et ultimam voluntatem suam in scriptis, et per eadem dedit et devisavit Janæ Colville amite ejus quadraginta solidos annuatim, durante vita sua natura'i, exeuntes de terris suis in Lyston prædicta, et solvendo quolibet dimidio anni ad usuales festos, dies Saneti Michaelis Archangeli et Annunciationis Beate Mariæ Virginis per æquales portiones, cum libertate ipsi dictæ Janæ et assignatis suis intrare in omnes vel aliquas terras ipsius Willielmi Clopton in Liston prædicta et distringere, et districtiones et districtiones ibidem captas detinere et custodire quousque prædictæ solutiones quolibet dimidio anni, si aliquæ aretro erunt et insolute, præfatæ Janæ vere fuerint solutæ. Et juratores prædicti ulterius dicunt super sacramentum suum quod prædictus Willielmus Clopton per testamentum et ultimam voluntatem suam prædictam dedit et devisavit suo et patris sui antiquo servo, pro servitio suo præantea facto et in posterum fiendo fratri suo Francisco Clopton generoso uti executorum testamenti sui prædicti postea nominatorum, unam annuatim quatuor librarum annuatim exeuntem de dictis terris suis in Liston prædicta, solvendam durante vita sua naturali quolibet dimidio anni ad festos dies præmentionatos, et cum consimili libertate distringere si eadem annuitas ad aliquod tempus aretro fuerit vel insolutum in terris suis in Liston prædicta, prout in eodem testamento antea limitatum est pro prædicta amita sua Jana.

Et juratores prædicti ulterius dicunt super sacramentum suum prædictum quod prædictus Willielmus Clopton per testamentum et ultimam voluntatem suam prædictam dedit et devisavit Stephano Ellis de Liston prædicta unum tenementum, parcelam manerii prædicti, in quo prædictus Stephanus modo inhabitat cum suis pertinentiis, durante vita sua naturali, ita quod per tempus prædictum manuteneat idem tenementum sufficienter reparatum.

Et ulterius juratores prædicti dicunt super sacramentum suum prædictum quod prædictus Willielmus Clopton per testamentum et ultimam voluntatem suam prædictam constituit et ordinavit Thomam Wiseman tunc de Stisted in comitatu prædicto armigerum, et prædictum Franciscum Clopton executores testamenti et ultimæ voluntatis suæ prædictæ, et quod pro meliori corroboratione eorundem, tam ad performandum legationes suas in testamento suo prædicto præmentionatas, quam ad solvendum et exonerandum debita sua onera funeralia, et alias expensas quæ executores sui prædicti deponerent in et circa executionem testamenti sui prædicti, ædificatione et reparationibus domorum suarum, et procuracione custodiæ filii sui senioris ad usum dicti filii sui, dedit et devisavit executoribus suis prædictis omnia terras, tenementa, et hæreditamenta sua quæcunque infra regnum Angliæ, quæ disponere potuit, quousque unus filiorum suorum in dicto testamento suo prænominato, Dei gratia, viveret quousque perimpleret ætatem viginti et duorum annorum, requirens executores suos prædictos, per testamentum suum prædictum, verum computum reddere talibus filiorum suorum prædictorum quales primo sic attingerent usque ad dictam ætatem viginti et duorum annorum, proficuorum omnium terrarum, tenementorum, et hæreditamentorum suorum per testamentum suum prædictum antea executoribus suis prædictis devisatorum. Et quod surplusagium quod remaneret de proficuis prædictis (debitis suis, legationibus, oneribus funeraliis, et aliis expensis prædictis, prius existentibus deductis) voluntas et intentio prædicti Willielmi Clopton fuit quod executores sui prædicti tunc solverent dicto filio suo, qui prius attinget ad ætatem viginti et duorum annorum, prout per testamentum et ultimam voluntatem suam prædictam juratoribus prædictis super captionem hujus inquisitionis in evidentiis ostensam plenius apparet.

Et ulterius juratores prædicti dicunt super sacramentum suum prædictum quod prædictus Willielmus Clopton in brevi prædicto nominatus, et Willielmus Clopton armiger pater prædicti Willielmi, tam pro intimo amore quem gerebant erga prædictum Franciscum Clopton, quam in consideratione juncturæ fiendæ Annæ tunc et modo uxori ejusdem Francisci, et aliis bonis causis et considerationibus ipsos ad tunc specialiter moventibus, per scriptum suum indentatum, gens datam sexto die Julii anno regni dominæ Elizabethæ nuper Reginæ Angliæ quadragesimo quarto, dederunt et concesserunt præfatis Francisco et Annæ uxori ejus quandam annuitatem sive annualem redditum viginti librarum legalis monetæ Angliæ habendum et percipiendum prædictam annuitatem sive annualem redditum viginti librarum eidem Francisco et Annæ pro et durante vitis suis naturalibus eorum alterius diutius viventis de et ex toto illo mesuagio sive tenemento vocato sive cognito per nomen de Netherhall, aut aliter, tunc in occupatione prædicti Thomæ Wayte, cum atris, gardinis, et pomariis eidem spectantibus, ac omnibus domibus, ædificiis, horreis, stabulis, et domibus exterioribus superinde ædificatis, aut cum eodem usitatis vel occupatis, situata jacente et existente in Liston prædicta, ac de et ex una acra pasturæ et quinque acris prati præmissis adjacentibus sive spectantibus jacente

in Liston prædicta et parcella manerii prædicti, ac de et ex uno alio mesuagio de novo ædificato super parcellam terre devisam a campo vocato Heavendon et gardino eidem adiacente jacentibus in Liston prædicta et parcellis manerii prædicti, ac de et ex uno alio mesuagio tunc vel nuper antea in occupatione ejusdam Francisci Greene cum omnibus domibus, ædificiis, horreis, stabulis, atriis, gardinis, et pomariis eidem spectantibus, et octo acris pasturæ, duodecim acris terræ, et una acra prati jacentibus in communi prato de Liston prædicta, dicto ultimo recitato mesuagio spectantibus vel cum eodem usitatis aut occupatis et parcellis manerii prædicti, ac de et ex toto illo campo terræ vocato Heavendon continente per æstimationem quadraginta acras, et decem acris prati jacentibus insimul ad orientalem finem prædicti campi vocati Heavendon, et una alia petia prati vocati Cokers Mershe continente per æstimationem sex acras, jacentibus et existentibus in Liston prædicta, et parcellis manerii prædicti, ac solvendo eidem Francisco et Annæ ad Festa Sancti Michaelis Archangeli et Annunciationis Beatæ Mariæ Virginis per æquales portiones. Et si contingeret prædictam annuitatem sive annualem redditum viginti librarum aut aliquam partem sive parcellam inde a retro fore et insolutum post aliquod festum prædictorum in quibus solvi limitatum fuit, per spatium quatuordecim dierum, quod tunc et toties bene licitum esset et potuisset præfatis Francisco et Annæ et assignatis suis in messuagia, terras, tenementa, et præmissa prædicta, et quamlibet partem inde intrare et distringere, et distractionem et distractiones ibidem captas abducere, effugare, et asportare, et easdem detinere, et custodire, quousque de prædicta annuitate sive annuali reddito viginti librarum cum arreragiis inde plenarie forent satisfacti, contentati, et persoluti, prout per scriptum prædictum, juratoribus prædictis super captionem hujus inquisitionis in evidentiis ostensum, plenius apparet.

Et juratores prædicti ulterius dicunt super sacramentum suum prædictum, quod prædictus Willielmus Clopton de manerio et advocacione prædictis cum suis pertinentiis in forma prædicta seiscitus existens, obiit apud Liston prædictum vicesimo nono die Novembris ultimo præterito ante diem captionis hujus inquisitionis, et quod Thomas Clopton est, et tempore mortis prædicti Willielmi Clopton patris sui fuit, filius et proximus hæres prædicti Willielmi Clopton, et ætatis duodecim annorum, sex mensium, et novem dierum, et non amplius.

Et insuper juratores prædicti dicunt super sacramentum suum prædictum quod prædictum manerium de Liston Overhall cum pertinentiis tenetur, et tempore mortis prædicti Willielmi Clopton tenebatur, de domino Rege nunc in capite per servitium faciendi waferias domino Regi, et ei inde deserviendi die coronationis sue, pro omnibus servitiis; et valet clare per annum in omnibus exitibus, ultra reprises decem libras.

Et quod advocatio ecclesiæ de Netherhall cum suis pertinentiis in comitatu prædicto tenetur, et tempore mortis prædicti Willielmi Clopton tenebatur, de hærede [] Bokky per fidelitatem tantum; et valet clare per annum in omnibus exitibus, ultra reprises, tres solidos quatuor denarios.

Et ulterius juratores prædicti dicunt super sacramentum suum prædictum quod prædictus Willielmus Clopton nulla alia sive plura maneria, terras, tenementa, aut hæreditamenta habuit, seu tenuit, in possessione, reversione, sive usu, tempore mortis sue in comitatu prædicto, ad notitiam juratorum prædictorum.

In cujus rei testimonium uni parti hujus inquisitionis, penes præfatum escaetorem remanenti, tam prædictus escaetor quam juratores prædicti sigilla sua apposuerunt, alteri vero parti ejusdem inquisitionis, penes primum juratorum prædictorum remanenti, prædictus escaetor sigillum suum apposuit.

Data die et anno primo supradictis.

THOMAS FREMAN, ESCAETOR.

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INQUISITION UPON THE DEATH OF WILLIAM CLOPTON, ESQUIRE.—1625.

Carolus, Dei gratia Angliæ, Scotiæ, Franciæ, et Hiberniæ, Rex, Fidei Defensor etc., escaetori suo in comitatu Suffolciæ salutem.

Quia Willielmus Clopton armiger, filius et hæres Willielmi Clopton militis defuncti, qui de nobis tenuit in capite, nuper, dum infra ætatem et in custodia nostra fuit, diem clausit extremum, ut accepimus, tibi præcipimus quod per sacramentum proborum et legalium hominum de balliva tua, per quos rei veritas melius sciri poterit, diligenter

inquiras quæ terræ et tenementa per mortem prædicti Willielmi Clopton militis, ac ratione minoris ætatis hæredis ejusdem Willielmi Clopton militis, ad manus nostras devenerunt, et sic in manu nostra existunt, et quantum inde de nobis tenetur in capite, et quantum de aliis, et per quod servitium, et quantum terræ et tenementa illa valeant per annum in omnibus exitibus, et quo die idem Willielmus Clopton armiger obiit, et quis propinquior hæres ejus sit et cujus ætatis. Et inquisitionem inde distincte et aperte factam nobis in cancellariam nostram sub sigillo tuo et sigillis eorum per quos facta fuerit sine dilatione mittas et hoc breve.

Teste meipso apud Westmonasterium quarto die Aprilis anno regni nostri primo.

Suff. Inquisitio indentata, capta apud Sudbury in dicto comitatu Suffolciæ nono die Septembris anno regni domini nostri Caroli Dei gratia Angliæ, Scotiæ, Franciæ, et Hiberniæ Regis Fidei Defensoris etc. primo, coram Thoma Talbot armigero escatore dicti domini Regis comitatus prædicti virtute brevis ejusdem domini Regis de devenerunt ad inquirendum post mortem Willielmi Clopton armigeri filii et hæredis Willielmi Clopton militis defuncti eidem escatori directi et huic inquisitioni annexi, per sacramentum Thomæ Langton generosi, Georgii Wyncoll, Lionelli Mylles, Johannis Crosse, Thomæ Plampyn, Samuelis Alston generosi, Edwardi Drewe, Thomæ Sheppard, Johannis Oakeley, Johannis Kingsbury, Roberti Boggas, Georgii Culpeck, et Willielmi Cason, proborum et legalium hominum comitatus prædicti, qui dicunt super sacramentum suum prædictum quod prædictus Willielmus Clopton miles in vita sua fuit seisitus in dominio suo ut de feodo de et in manerio de Mellford Monachorum alias vocato Monkes Mellford in Mellford et alibi cum eorum pertinentiis in dicto comitatu Suffolciæ, ac de et in decimis garbarum, bladorum, et granorum, ac de et in aliis decimis quibuscunque crescentibus et renovantibus de in et super terris dominicalibus dicti manerii de Mellford Monachorum, et de et in aliis decimis in Mellford prædicta eidem manerio de Mellford Monachorum pertinentibus aut cum eodem locatis sive usitatis, ac de et in uno messuagio et certis terris et pasturis eidem pertinentibus et cum eodem locatis sive dimissis vocatis Bixbys in Mellford prædicta, acetiam de et in manerio de Kentwell, cum pertinentiis in Mellford prædicta et alibi in comitatu prædicto, acetiam de et in maneriis et tenementis vocatis Lutons, Woodhouse, Woodfoules. et Blakes cum eorum pertinentiis situatis jacentibus et existentibus in Mellford prædicta et alibi in comitatu prædicto, acetiam de et in certis parcelis terræ, prati, pasturæ, et bosci, vocatis Bromptons Grove, Lettons Pightell, Petwyns, Coppyns, Deadland et Padbrooke cum pertinentiis in Mellford prædicta in comitatu prædicto cum omnibus messuagiis, terris, tenementis, pratis, pasturis, redditibus, servitiis, et hæreditamentis prædictis maneriis et cæteris præmissis supradictis sive eorum alicui vel aliquibus spectantibus aut pertinentibus, seu ut pars, parcella, vel membrum eorum alicujus acceptis in Mellford, Stansted, Shimplynge, et Alpheton in dicto comitatu Suffolciæ, acetiam de et in manerio de Newenham Hall cum suis juribus membris et pertinentiis in Ashdon et Bartlowe in comitatibus Essexiæ et Cantabrigiæ.

Acetiam juratores prædicti dicunt super sacramentum suum quod diu ante obitum Willielmi Clopton armigeri in breve prædicto nominati quidam Willielmus Clopton armiger avunculus dicti Willielmi Clopton militis in brevi prædicto nominati fuit seisitus in dominio suo ut de feodo inter alia de et in manerio de Wheatley cum pertinentiis in dicto comitatu Essexiæ, et de et in diversis messuagiis, terris, tenementis, et hæreditamentis cum eorum pertinentiis in Railegh, Thundersley, et Hadleigh in dicto comitatu Essexiæ, et sic inde seisitus existens per quandam chartam suam tripartitam indentatam gerentem datum vicesimo secundo die Decembris anno regni nuper domine nostræ Elizabethæ Angliæ Reginæ etc. tricesimo, factam inter ipsum præfatum Willielmum Clopton avunculum ex una parte et quosdam Willielmum Clopton tunc de Grotou in dicto comitatu Suffolciæ generosum et Ricardum Elyott de Boxsted in dicto comitatu Suffolciæ yeoman ex altera parte, pro diversis bonis causis et considerationibus in eisdem indenturis expressis et specificatis conveniebat et concessit, pro se et hæredibus suis, ad et cum prædicto Willielmo Clopton de Grotou et Ricardo Elyott, hæredibus et assignatis suis, per prædictam indenturam tripartitam, quod ipse idem Willielmus Clopton avunculus hæres et assignati sui ac omnes alii persona et persone ad usum suum seisiti de et in prædicto manerio de Wheatley cum suis pertinentiis, ac de et in cæteris præmissis cum suis pertinentiis in Railegh, Thundersley, et Hadleigh prædictis, immediate post sigillationem et deliberationem prædictæ indenturæ tripartitæ starent et essent seisiti, inter alia, de et in prædicto manerio de Wheatley cum suis pertinentiis, ac de et in cæteris præmissis cum eorum pertinentiis in Railegh, Thundersley, et Hadleigh, in dicto

comitatu Essexiæ, et de qualibet inde parte ad usum ipsius Willielmi Clopton avunculi et hæredum masculorum de corpore suo, et pro defectu talis exitus masculi tunc ad usum executorum dicti Willielmi Clopton avunculi pro duobus annis ad performandam ultimam voluntatem dicti Willielmi Clopton avunculi, et postea ad usum Thomæ Clopton fratris dicti Willielmi Clopton avunculi et hæredum masculorum de corpore ejusdem Thomæ legitime procreandorum, et pro defectu talium hæredum tunc ad usum dicti Willielmi Clopton de Groton et hæredum masculorum de corpore prædicti Willielmi Clopton de Groton procreandorum, cum diversis remaneribus inde in feodo taliato, sicut per chartam prædictam tripartitam indentatam juratoribus sibi et hæredibus masculis de corpore suo procreandis, remanere in forma prædicta spectante.

Et quod prædictus Willielmus Clopton avunculus de prædicto manerio de Wheatley cum suis pertinentiis et cæteris præmissis in Railegh, Thundersley, et Hadleigh in dicto comitatu Essexiæ, inter alia, obiit inde seisitus sine exitu de corpore suo procreato, post ejus mortem prædictus Thomas Clopton in prædicto manerio de Wheatley cum suis pertinentiis et in cæteris præmissis in Railegh, Thundersley, et Hadleigh in dicto comitatu Essexiæ intravit, et eadem clamavit virtute assurance prædictæ, et fuit inde seisitus in dominico suo ut de feodo taliato, videlicet sibi et hæredibus masculis de corpore suo procreandis, remanere in forma prædicta spectante.

Et prædictus Thomas Clopton, sic inde seisito existente, habuit exitum masculum de corpore suo legitime procreatum, videlicet prædictum Willielmum Clopton militem patrem prædicti Willielmi Clopton armigeri in brevi prædicto nominati, et quendam Walterum Clopton armigerum.

Acetiam juratores prædicti dicunt super sacramentum suum quod prædictus Willielmus Clopton miles seisitus fuit ut de feodo et jure, sibi et hæredibus suis, de et in reverencie post mortem dominæ Agnetis Clere viduæ, manerii de Downehall cum pertinentiis in Railegh prædicta in dicto comitatu Essexiæ.

Et quod prædictus Willielmus Clopton miles de et in omnibus et singulis prædictis maneriis, terris, tenementis, et cæteris præmissis, sic ut præfertur, respective seisitus existens, nullum habens exitum masculum de corpore suo legitime procreatum, idem Willielmus Clopton miles per indenturam suam gerentem datum vicesimo octavo die Octobris, anno regni domini Jacobi nuper Regis Angliæ etc. decimo quinto, inter Ægidium Alington militem ex una parte et præfatum Willielmum Clopton militem ex altera parte, confectam pro et in consideratione ejusdem maritagii inter ipsum Willielmum Clopton militem et dominam Elizabetham Pallavicine adtunc viduam unam filiarum dicti Ægidii Alington solemnizandi, et pro competenti et sufficienti junctura ipsius dominæ Elizabethæ Pallavicine, et pro meliori advaunciamiento hæredum masculorum de corpore ejusdem Willielmi Clopton militis super corpus dictæ dominæ Elizabethæ procreandorum, convenit, concessit promisit et agreevit pro se et hæredibus suis ad et cum præfato Ægidio Alington executoribus et administratoribus suis quod ipse prædictus Willielmus Clopton miles et hæredes sui, ac omnes et singuli aliæ personæ adtunc seisiti vel postea seisiendi ad ejus vel eorum usum, de et in prædictis maneriis de Mellford Monachorum alias vocato Monkes Mellford et Kentwell cum pertinentiis, et de prædictis maneriis et tenementis vocatis Lutons, Woodhouse, Woodfoules, et Blakes, et de prædicto messuagio et terris eidem pertinentibus vocatis Bixbies et de prædictis præmissis vocatis Bromptons Grove, Lettons Pightells, Petwyns, Coppyns, Deadland et Padbrooke, ac de omnibus aliis et singulis prædictis messuagiis, terris, tenementis, decimis, et hæreditamentis in dicto comitatu Suffolciæ, starent et essent seisiti de omnibus et singulis prædictis maneriis, messuagiis, terris, tenementis, boscis, decimis, hæreditamentis et cæteris præmissis supradictis in dicto comitatu Suffolciæ ad opus et usum dicti Willielmi Clopton militis et hæredum suorum quousque maritragium prædictum solemnizatum foret inter eundem Willielmum Clopton militem et dictam dominam Elizabetham Pallavicine, et immediate post tale maritragium habitum et solemnizatum, tunc ad opus et usum Willielmi Clopton militis et dictæ dominæ Elizabethæ et hæredum masculorum de corpore prædicti Willielmi Clopton militis super corpus prædictæ dominæ Elizabethæ procreandorum, et pro defectu talium hæredum procreandorum tunc ad opus et usum dicti Willielmi Clopton militis et hæredum suorum imperpetuum.

Posteaque (scilicet) tricesimo die Octobris anno regni dicti nuper Regis Angliæ etc. decimo quinto maritragium prædictum inter prædictum Willielmum Clopton militem et dictam dominam Elizabetham Pallavicine habitum et solemnizatum fuit, et quoad prædictum manerium de Newenham Hall cum pertinentiis idem Willielmus Clopton miles, sic ut præfertur, inde seisitus existens, per indenturam suam tripartitam gerentem datum quarto die Maii anno regni dicti domini Jacobi nuper regis Angliæ quarto decimo,

inde feofavit prædictum Ægidium Allington militem et quosdam Nathaniëlem Barnardiston tunc armigerum modo militem, Ægidium Barnardiston armigerum, et Johannem Bigrave generosum, et hæredes suos; habendum et tenendum eisdem Ægidio, Nathaniëli, Ægidio, et Johanni hæredibus et assignatis eorum imperpetuum super fiduciam et confidentiam tamen et sub conditione quod si prædictus Willielmus Clopton miles obiret ante primum diem Maii proximum postquam Anna Clopton filia prædicti Willielmi Clopton militis accompleret ætatem suam octodecim annorum sine solutione mille et quingentarum librarum prædictæ Annæ pro portione sua matrimoniali, quod tunc si hæredes masculi de corpore prædicti Willielmi Clopton militis, et pro defectu talis hæredis masculi si prædictus Walterus Clopton frater prædicti Willielmi Clopton militis vel ejus hæredes masculi, et pro defectu talium hæredum si recti hæredes Willielmi Clopton militis bene et veraciter solverent seu solvi facerent prædictæ Annæ Clopton, si ipsa tunc superstes fuit, vel aliter hæredibus de ejus corpore, plenam summam duarum mille librarum in super vel ante prædictum primum diem Maii qui fuit proximus post quo dicta Anna accomplerit ætatem suam octodecim annorum ad solum opus ipsius Annæ si ipsa adtunc foret superstes, aliter ad et pro usu et proficuo hæredum de corpore dictæ Annæ legitime procreatorum, tunc et in tali casu liceret ad et pro prædicto Willielmo Clopton milite et hæredibus masculis de corpore suo, et pro defectu talium hæredum pro prædicto Waltero Clopton et hæredibus masculis de corpore suo, et pro defectu talium hæredum, pro rectis hæredibus dicti Willielmi Clopton militis in prædictum manerium de Newenham Hall cum pertinentiis reintrare et rehabere, ut in pristino statu. Et ulterius declaratum fuit per ultimam prædictam indenturam quod si prædictus Willielmus Clopton miles obiret antequam prædicta Anna accomplerit ætatem suam octodecim annorum tunc prædictus Ægidius Alington, Nathaniël Barnardiston, Ægidius Barnardiston et Johannes Bigrave, et eorum hæredes haberent, perciperent, et reciperent omnia et singula redditus, exitus, et proficua dicti manerii de Newenham Hall cum pertinentiis, et unam medietatem inde quousque dicta Anna accompleret ætatem suam quatuordecim annorum, solverent ad talia usus, intentiones, et proposita qualia ipse dictus Willielmus Clopton miles per ultimam voluntatem suam limitaret et appunctuaret, ac pro altera medietate inde computabiles essent, et solverent et computarent proinde dictæ Annæ Clopton quousque dicta Anna accompleret ætatem suam quatuordecim annorum, prout per dictam indenturam inter alia in eadem contenta plenius liquet.

Ac postea (scilicet) undecimo die Martii anno regni nuper Regis Angliæ etc. decimo sexto, prædictus Willielmus Clopton miles condidit testamentum et ultimam voluntatem suam in scriptis gerentem datum eodem undecimo die Martii anno decimo sexto supradicto, et per eadem voluit et devisavit inter alia, prout sequitur in hiis Anglicanis verbis. *Allsoe I give to my saide brother Walter Clopton, and to his heires, all my fee symple landes in Essex, yf soe be that my wyfe be nowe with a daughter, but yf the childe my wife be withall be a sonne, then I give all my said landes in Essex to my said sonne, and to his heires for ever.*

Posteaque (scilicet) undecimo die Martii anno decimo sexto supradicto prædictus Willielmus Clopton miles obiit de omnibus et singulis prædictis maneriis, messuagiis, terris, tenementis, remaneribus, revercionibus, decimis, et cæteris præmissis supradictis sic ut præfertur seiscitus, prædicta Anna Clopton filia prædicti Willielmi Clopton militis tunc existens ætatis sex annorum et novem dierum et non amplius, dictaque summa mille et quingentarum librarum eidem Annæ ante mortem prædicti Willielmi Clopton militis minime soluta existens.

Et juratores prædicti ulterius dicunt super sacramentum suum prædictum quod prædictus Willielmus Clopton armiger in dicto brevi nominatus fuit unicus filius et hæres masculus prædicti Willielmi Clopton militis de corpore prædicti Willielmi Clopton militis super corpus prædictæ dominæ Elizabethæ uxoris suæ procreatus, et quod prædictus Willielmus Clopton miles tempore mortis sui habuit nullum alium exitum masculum de corpore suo legitime procreatum præterquam dictum Willielmum Clopton armigerum in brevi prædicto nominatum.

Et etiam quod idem Willielmus Clopton filius quinto die Novembris anno regni dicti nuper regis Angliæ etc. decimo septimo fuit ætatis duorum mensium et undecim dierum.

Dicunt etiam juratores prædicti super sacramentum suum prædictum quod per mortem prædicti Willielmi Clopton militis, ac ratione minoris ætatis prædicti Willielmi Clopton armigeri filii et hæredis ejusdem Willielmi Clopton militis, tertia pars omnium et singulorum prædictorum maneriorum, messuagiorum, decimarum, terrarum, et tenementorum supradictorum cum eorum pertinentiis in dicto comitatu Suffolciæ, ac prædicti

manerii de Newenham Hall cum pertinentiis in dicto cemitatibus Essexiæ et Cantabrigiæ ad manus dicti nuper domini Regis devenerunt, et in manibus dicti domini Regis nunc existant, [et] quod prædictus Willielmus Clopton armiger filius et hæres prædicti Willielmi Clopton militis nuper dum infra ætatem et in custodia dicti nuper domini Regis fuit, scilicet undecimo die Decembris anno regni dicti domini Jacobi nuper Regis Angliæ vicesimo secundo, apud Mellford prædictam, obiit, de tali statu suo de et in omnibus et singulis maneriis, messuagiis, decimis, terris, tenementis, et hæreditamentis supradictis quibuscunque cum eorum pertinentiis in dictis Suffolciæ, Essexiæ, et Cantabrigiæ sic ut præfertur, seisisus.

Et juratores prædicti ulterius dicunt super sacramentum suum prædictum quod prædictus Walterus Clopton armiger frater prædicti Willielmi Clopton militis est propinquior hæres prædicti Willielmi Clopton armigeri in dicto brevi nominato et tempore mortis ejusdem Willielmi Clopton armigeri fuit ætatis viginti et sex annorum et amplius.

Ac quod prædictum manerium de Mellford Menachorum alias Monkes Mellford prædicta et decimæ prædictæ ac cætera præmissa eidem pertinentia, ac prædictum messuagium et terra eidem pertinens vocatum Bixbies tenentur de dicto domino Rege nunc et tempore mortis prædicti Willielmi Clopton armigeri tenebantur de dicto domino Jacobo nuper Rege Angliæ in capite per servitium quadragesimæ partis unius feodi militis et per annualem redditum xxxii. s. iiii. d. oboli; et valent per annum in omnibus exitibus ultra reprisas septem decim libras, tres solidos et quatuor denarios.

Ac quod prædictum manerium de Kentwell cum pertinentiis tenetur de dicto domino Rege nunc et tempore mortis prædicti Willielmi Clopton armigeri tenebatur de dicto nuper domino Rege ut de castro Norwici in comitatu Norfolkiciæ per servitium quartæ partis feodi militis ac per redditum lxxv. ad ward' castri prædicti annuatim selvendorum, et valet per annum in omnibus exitibus ultra reprisas decem libras.

Ac quod prædicta maneria et tenementa vocata Lutens et Blakes cum pertinentiis tenentur de dicto domino Rege nunc et tempore mortis prædicti Willielmi Clopton armigeri tenebantur de dicto nuper Rege ut de hundredo de Baberghe in dicto comitatu Suffolciæ per fidelitatem et certos annuales redditus et valent per annum in omnibus exitibus ultra reprisas sex libras.

Ac quod prædictum manerium et tenementa vocata Woodhouse et Woodfoales cum eorum pertinentiis et prædictæ parcelle terræ, prati, pasturæ et bosci vocatæ Bromptens Grove, Lettons Pightells, Pettwyns, Coppyns, Deadlond, et Padbroeke cum pertinentiis tenentur, et tempore mortis prædicti Willielmi Clopton armigeri tenebantur de dicto domino Rege ut de prædicto hundredo de Baberghe in dicto comitatu Suffolciæ per fidelitatem et redditum xviii. d. per annum, et valent per annum in omnibus exitibus ultra reprisas septem libras.

Ac quod prædictum manerium de Newenham Hall cum suis juribus, membris, et pertinentiis supradictis tenetur de dicto domino Rege nunc et tempore mortis prædicti Willielmi armigeri tenebatur de dicto nuper Rege ut de honore de Hatfeild Peverell in dicto comitatu Essexiæ per fidelitatem et alia servitia juratoribus prædictis ignota, et valet per annum in omnibus exitibus ultra reprisas duodecim libras.

Ac quod prædictum manerium de Wheatley cum pertinentiis tenetur et tempore mortis prædicti Willielmi Clopton armigeri tenebatur de domino de Hunsdon ut de honore suo de Railegh in dicto comitatu Essexiæ per fidelitatem et per servitium solvendi ad seutagium, quando evenerit per Angliam, sex denarios pro omnibus aliis servitiis, et valet per annum in omnibus exitibus ultra reprisas viginti libras.

Ac quod prædictum manerium de Downehall cum pertinentiis tenetur et tempore mortis prædicti Willielmi Clopton armigeri tenebatur de dicto domino de Hunsdon ut de prædicto honore suo de Railegh, parcella inde (videlicet) quadragiuta acræ terræ, octo acræ prati, tres acræ bosci, et quinque solidi, sex denarii et unus obolus redditus per servitium sextedecimæ partis unius feodi militis et sectam curiæ hundredo de Rochford in dicto comitatu Essexiæ de tribus septimanis in tres septimanas, et residuo inde in socagio per fidelitatem et sectam curiæ honoris prædicti, et valet per annum in omnibus exitibus ultra reprisas duodecim libras.

Denique juratores dicunt super sacramentum suum quod prædicta domina Elizabetha nuper uxor Willielmi Clopton militis, ac prædicta domina Agnes Clere adhuc superstites et in plena vita existunt apud Mellford prædictam.

In cujus rei testimonium uni parti hujus inquisitionis in cancellariam dicti domini Regis nunc retornandæ tam escaetor prædictus quam juratores prædicti sigilla sua apposuerunt, altero vero parti inde escaetor prædictus sigillum suum apposuit die, anno, et loco primo supradictis.

THOMAS TALBOT, ESCAETOR.

(Inq. post mortem, Pub. Rec. Office, 1 Car. n^o 71.)

INQUISITION ON THE DEATH OF WILLIAM CLOPTON,
ESQUIRE.—1617.

Suffolcia. Inquisitio indentata, capta apud Gippewicum in comitatu prædicto, decimo die Aprilis anno regni domini Jacobi, Dei gratia Angliæ, Franciæ, et Hiberniæ, Regis, Fidei Defensoris etc., quintodecimo, et Scotiæ quinquagesimo, coram Edmundo Hanne armigero, escaetore dicti domini regis in comitatu prædicto, virtute brevis ejusdem domini regis de diem clausit [extremum] post mortem Willielmi Clopton armigeri eidem escaetori directi, et huic inquisitioni annexati, per sacramentum Owini Stisted generosi, Johannis Daynes, Francisci Brooke, Rogeri Raffæ, Thomæ Scott, Gregorii Scrivener, Johannis Smyth, Johannis Rowe, Johannis Ellyott, Ricardi Symonds, Johannis Noble, et Ricardi Goodinge, proborum et legalium hominum comitatus prædicti, qui dicunt super sacramentum suum quod prædictus Willielmus Clopton in brevi prædicto nominatus in vita sua fuit seisitus in dominico suo ut de feodo talliato, videlicet sibi et hæredibus masculis de corpore suo exeuntibus, cum diversis remaneriis (pro defectu talis exitus) ultra diversis personis in feodo talliato; remanere rectis hæredibus ipsius Willielmi Clopton spectante, de et in manerio de Chastlyns alias Castlyns cum pertinentiis in Groton in comitatu prædicto, et in ducentis et duodecim acris terræ, prati, pasturæ, et bosci, eidem manerio spectantibus, aut ut parcella et membra ejusdem manerii reputatis vel acceptis cum pertinentiis in Groton, Magna Waldingfeild, Edwardston, Boxsford, et Lyndsey alias Lylleseey, seu in earum aliqua in comitatu prædicto, ac de et in uno capitali mesuagio vocato Castlyng Hall, ac viginti et octo acris terræ et pasturæ eidem adjacentibus cum pertinentiis in Groton prædicta; ac de et in manerio de Chipley alias Cloptons Mannor cum pertinentiis, ac de tribus mesuagiis, uno cotagio, et ducentis et triginta acris terræ, prati, pascuæ, pasturæ, et bosci, eidem manerio de Chipley spectantibus et pertinentibus, aut ut partes, parcellæ, vel membra ejusdem manerii modo reputatis, usitatis, vel acceptis cum pertinentiis in Chipley, Postlingford, Stanesfeild, et Honedon, seu in earum aliqua in comitatu prædicto; acetiam de et in manerio de Stanfords alias Saunderfords alias Sampfords cum pertinentiis in comitatu prædicto; ac de et in sexaginta acris terræ, prati, pasturæ, et marisci, cum pertinentiis eidem manerio de Stanford spectantibus et pertinentibus, aut ut partes, parcellæ, membra ejusdem, usitatis, reputatis, vel acceptis, cum pertinentiis in Magna Waldingfeild et Parva Waldingfeild in comitatu prædicto; ac de et in uno mesuagio vocato Sampfords, et triginta et una acris et dimidia terræ prati pasturæ et moræ cum pertinentiis in Magna Waldingfeild et Parva Waldingfeild prædictis, vel in earum altera cum eodem manerio de Stanfords occupatis; necnon de et in manerio de Ramesden Belhouse cum pertinentiis, ac duobus mesuagiis, quatuor toftis, centum acris terræ, viginti acris prati, ducentis acris pasturæ, triginta acris bosci, et triginta solidatis redditus cum pertinentiis in Ramesden Belhouse, in comitatu Essexiæ; ac de advocacione ecclesiæ de Ramesden Belhouse prædicta.

Et ulterius juratores prædicti dicunt super sacramentum suum prædictum quod prædictus Willielmus Clopton in brevi prædicto nominatus in vita sua fuit seisitus in dominico suo ut de feodo de et in una petia sive parcella bosci vocati Brooke Woode continente per æstimationem septem acras sive plus sive minus cum pertinentiis in Groton prædicta, nuper parcella manerii de Lynsey alias Lylleseey in prædicto comitatu Suffolciæ; ac de et in uno tofto et tribuscroftis terræ, et pasturæ, vocatis Selous alias Selowys, continentibus insimul per æstimationem decem acras sive plus sive minus cum pertinentiis in Groton prædicta, nuper similiter parcellis prædicti manerii de Lynsey alias Lylleseey, ac nuper perquisitis per præfatum Willielmum Clopton in vita sua de Willielmo Waldegrave milite defuncto, nuper domino prædicti manerii de Lynsey alias Lylleseey; ac de et in uno gardino vocato Emisgarden continente per æstimationem unam rodam terræ, sive plus sive minus, cum pertinentiis in Groton prædicta, nuper perquisito per præfatum Willielmum Clopton in vita sua de Philippo Gostlynge, ac ante perquisitionem ejusdem de præfato Philippo tento per prædictum Philippum Gostlynge de prædicto Willielmo Clopton ut de prædicto manerio suo de Castlyns in Groton, in libero socagio, per fidelitatem et redditum unius denarii per annum; necnon de et in uno clauso terræ et pasturæ vocato Great Bushey Close, continente per æstimationem quatuor acras, sive plus sive minus, cum pertinentiis in Groton prædicta, quondam parcella possessionum nuper liberæ capellæ vocatæ the Chappell of St. James in Lynsey alias Lylleseey prædicta, modo dissolutæ existentis.

Et insuper juratores prædicti dicunt super sacramentum suum quod prædictus Willielmus Clopton sic de prædictis maneriis, terris, tenementis, redditibus, advocacionibus,

et hæreditamentis prædictis, cum pertinentiis in forma prædicta seisitus existens, quidam finis levasset in curia dicti domini regis de Banco apud Westmonasterium, in comitatu Middelsexiæ tunc existente in vita prædicti Willielmi Clopton, scilicet a die Paschæ in quindecim dies, anno regni dicti domini Jacobi nunc Regis Angliæ etc., undecimo, coram tunc justiciariis dicti domini Regie, inter Robertum Maydston, et Walterum Clopton, quærentes, et prædictum Willielmum Clopton, et Margeriam uxorem ejus, et Willielmum Clopton juniorem generosum, tunc filium et hæredem apparentem prædicti Willielmi Clopton in brevi prædicto nominati, deforciantes, de prædicto manerio de Stanfords cum pertinentiis, ac de prædictis sexaginta acris terræ, prati, pasturæ, et mariscis eidem spectantibus, ac de prædicto mesuagio vocato Sampfords, et triginta et una acris, et dimidia terræ prati, pasturæ et moræ, cum pertinentiis in Magna Waldingfeild et Parva Waldingfeild prædictis, per quem quidem finem prædicti Willielmi Clopton in brevi prædicto nominatus, et Margeria uxor ejus, et Willielmus Clopton junior recognoverunt maneria et tenementa prædicta cum pertinentiis fuisse jus ipsius Roberti Maidston, ut illa quæ iidem Robertus et Walterus habuerunt de dono prædictorum Willielmi, Margerie, et Willielmi, quæ quidem finis sic levata, habita, et tenta fuit, ad opus et usus sequentes, videlicet ad opus et usum prædicti Willielmi Clopton senioris, et hæredum suorum quosque iidem Willielmus Clopton senior, et Margeria et Willielmus Clopton junior concessissent et confirmassent Margariæ, uxori prædicti Walteri Clopton, quandam annuitatem sive annualem redditum contingentem et conditionalem quadraginta librarum exeuntem de prædicto manerio de Sampfords, et de terris, tenementis, et redditibus, in prædicto fine contentis, quæ quidem annuitas sive annualis redditus dicti Willielmi Clopton senior, et Margeria et Willielmus Clopton junior, per cartam suam gerentem datum vicesimo nono die Maii anno regni domini Regis nunc Angliæ etc. tertio decimo, eidem Margariæ concesserunt et confirmaverunt; et post concessionem prædicti redditus, tunc ad opus et usum prædicti Willielmi Clopton in brevi prædicto nominati, et prædictæ Margerie uxoris ejus, et eorum alterius diutius viventis. Et post decessum prædictorum Willielmi Clopton in brevi prædicto nominati et Margerie, tunc ad opus et usum prædicti Willielmi Clopton junioris, et hæredum masculorum de corpore prædicti Willielmi Clopton junioris legitime procreatorum, cum diversis remanentiis ultra in feodo taliato pro defectu talis exitus; remanere in feodo simplici ad usum rectorum hæredum prædicti Willielmi Clopton in brevi prædicto nominati imperpetuum, prout per quandam indenturam quadrupartitam, gerentem datum primo die Junii anno regni dicti domini Jacobi nunc Regis Angliæ etc. tertio decimo, factam inter prædictos Willielmum Clopton in brevi prædicto nominatum, et Margeriam uxorem ejus ex prima parte, et prædictos Robertum Maydston et Walterum Clopton filium ejusdem Willielmi ex secunda parte, et Carolum Veysye armigerum, Katerinam uxorem ejus, et Henricum Doyle tunc armigerum nuper militem defunctum ex tertia parte, et prædictum Willielmum Clopton filium prædicti Willielmi Clopton in brevi prædicto nominati ex quarta parte, (in qua indentura prædicti usus et intentiones expressata et declarata existunt); ac per finem prædictum juratoribus prædictis super captionem hujus inquisitionis in evidentiis ostensam plenius apparuit; virtute quorum, ac vigore cujusdam actus in parlamento domini Henrici nuper Regis Angliæ octavi anno regni sui vicesimo septimo, de usibus in possessionem transferendis inde editi et provisi, prædictus Willielmus Clopton in brevi prædicto nominatus, et Margeria (post prædictam concessionem redditus prædicti in forma prædicta factam,) fuerunt seisiti de prædicto manerio de Stanfords prædicta, cum mesuagio de Sampfords, ac omnibus prædictis terris et tenementis in fine prædicta contentis, in dominio suo ut de libero tenemento, pro termino vitarum suarum et eorum alterius diutius viventis, remanere inde post eorum decessum in forma prædicta in indentura prædicta expressatum spectantem. Et iidem Willielmus et Margeria sic inde in forma prædicta seisiti existentes, idem Willielmus postea apud Groton prædictam obiit. Et prædicta Margeria ipsum supervixit, et se tenuit intus in manerio et tenementis prædictis, et fuit et adhuc est inde sola seisita in dominio suo ut de libero tenemento per jus acrescendi. Actiam prædictus Willielmus Clopton in brevi prædicto nominatus de prædictis maneriis de Chaetlyns et Chiple, ac de omnibus prædictis mesuagiis, terris, tenementis, et hæreditamentis quibuscunque in prædicto comitatu Suffolciæ residuis in . . . præmentionatis seisitus existens, quidam alius finis se levasset in curia dicti domini Regis de Banco in vita prædicti [] Clopton in brevi prædicto nominati, scilicet a die Sanctæ Trinitatis in tres septimanas anno regnorum dicti domini Regis Jacobi Angliæ etc. tertio decimo, coram tunc justiciariis ipsius domini Regis de Banco, inter prædictos Henricum Doyle tunc armigerum nuper militem nunc defunctum, et Carolum Veysye

quærentes, et prædictum Willielmum Clopton in brevi prædicto nominatum, et Margeria uxorem ejus deforciantes, de prædictis maneriis de Chastlyns et Chiplye, ac de omnibus prædictis mesuagiis, terris, tenementis, redditibus, et hæreditamentis quibuscumque residuis in prædicto comitatu Suffolciæ (exceptis prædicto manerio de Stanfords, et terris, tenementis, et hæreditamentis eidem pertinentibus), per quem quidem finem prædictus Willielmus Clopton in brevi prædicto nominatus, et Margeria, recognoverunt prædicta maneria, tenementa, et redditus, (in fine isto ultimo mentionata) eum pertinentiis fuisse jus ipsius Henrici, ut illa quæ iidem Henricus et Carolus habuerunt ex dono prædictorum Willielmi et Margerie, qui quidem finis ultimo recitata, habita et levata fuit ad opus et usus sequentes, videlicet ad opus et usum prædictorum Willielmi Clopton in brevi prædicto nominati et Margerie, et eorum alterius diutius viventis, et post decessum prædictorum Willielmi Clopton patris et Margerie, et eorum alterius diutius viventis, tunc ad opus et usum prædicti Willielmi Clopton filii prædicti Willielmi Clopton patris, et hæredum masculorum de corpore prædicti Willielmi Clopton filii exeuntium; et pro defectu talis exitus, remanere inde diversis aliis personis in feodo talliato, remanere inde in feodo simplici rectis hæredibus prædicti Willielmi Clopton patris imperpetuum, prout per chirographum prædicti finis ultimæ mentionatæ, et per quamdam indenturam tripartitam, gerentem datum primo die Junii anno regni dicti domini Regis nunc Angliæ etc. tertio decimo, factam inter prædictum Willielmum Clopton patrem ex prima parte, et prædictos Carolum Veysye, et Katherinam uxorem ejus, et Henricum Doyle, ex secunda parte, et prædictum Willielmum Clopton filium ex tertia parte, juratoribus prædictis super captionem hujus inquisitionis in evidentiis ostensam plenius apparet, virtute quorum, ac vigore prædicti Actus parliamenti prædicti, Willielmus Clopton pater et Margeria fuerunt seisis de prædictis maneriis de Chastlyns et Chypley cum pertinentiis, ac de omnibus prædictis mesuagiis, terris, tenementis, redditibus, et hæreditamentis residuis, cum pertinentiis, in prædicto comitatu Suffolciæ (exceptis præceptis), in dominico suo ut de libero tenemento, remanere inde prædicto Willielmo Clopton filio et hæredibus masculis de corpore suo cum aliis remaneriis ultra in forma prædicta spectantibus. Et sic inde seisis prædictus Willielmus Clopton pater obiit. Et prædicta Margeria ipsum supervixit, et se tenuit intus in maneriis, terris, et tenementis prædictis, cum pertinentiis, et fuit et adhuc est inde sola seisis in dominico suo ut de libero tenemento per jus accrescendi.

Et etiam juratores prædicti dicunt quod prædictus Willielmus Clopton in brevi prædicto nominatus de prædicto manerio de Ramesden Belhowse et de prædictis terris, tenementis, redditibus, et hæreditamentis in Ramesden Belhowse prædicta, cum pertinentiis, ac de prædicta advocacione ecclesiæ de Ramesden Belhouse prædicta in dominico suo ut de feodo talliato in forma prædicta seisis existens, prædicti Henricus Doyle et Carolus Veysye, in vita prædicti Willielmi Clopton in brevi prædicto nominati, scilicet termino Sanctæ Trinitatis anno regni dicti domini Jacobi, nunc Regis Angliæ, etc., tertio decimo, in Curia dicti domini Regis coram tunc justiciariis suis de Banco apud Westmonasterium prædictum tunc existentibus, per considerationem curiæ recuperaverunt seisina u suam versus ipsum Willielmum Clopton patrem de prædicto manerio de Ramesden Belhouse, ac de prædictis terris, tenementis, et hæreditamentis in Ramesden Belhouse prædicta, ac de prædicta advocacione ecclesiæ de Ramesden Belhouse prædicta, per breve dicti domini Regis de ingressu super disseisinam in le post, secundum formam et cursum communium recuperationum et assurantium terræ in eadem curia usitata, super quo quidem judicio seisina de prædictis maneriis, tenementis, et redditibus cum pertinentiis, ac de advocacione prædicta, habita fuisset, quæ quidem recuperatio manerii, tenementorum, reddituum, et advocacionis prædictorum, habita et permissa fuit ad usus et intentiones sequentes. Et prædicti Henricus Doyle et Carolus Veysye et hæredes sui, virtute recuperationis prædictæ, fuerunt seisis de prædictis manerio de Ramesden, terris, tenementis, redditibus, et hæreditamentis cum pertinentiis in Ramesden Belhouse prædicta, ac de prædicta advocacione ad easdem usus et intentiones sequentes, videlicet, ad usum prædicti Willielmi Clopton in brevi prædicto nominati, quousque quoddam maritragium inter prædictum Willielmum Clopton filium suum et quamdam Aliciam Doyle sororem prædicti Henrici Doyle habitum et solemnizatum fuerit; et post talem maritragium habitum et solemnizatum, tunc ad opus et usum prædictorum Willielmi Clopton filii et Aliciæ, durante vita naturali prædictæ Aliciæ, et post decessum prædictæ Aliciæ tunc ad opus et usum prædicti Willielmi Clopton filii et hæredum masculorum de corpore prædicti Willielmi Clopton filii, et pro defectu talis exitus, remanere inde diversis personis in feodo talliato, remanere inde in feodo simplici rectis hæredibus prædicti Willielmi Clopton in brevi prædicto nominati imperpetuum, prout per exemplifica-

tionem recuperationis prædictæ, ac per prædictam indenturam tripartitam gerentem datum prædicto primo die Junii anno regni dicti domini Regis tertidecimo supradicto, in qua indentura prædictos usus et intentiones declarantur juratoribus prædictis, in evidentis modo ostensam plenius apparet; virtute quorum Actus parliamenti prædictus Willielmus Clopton pater fuit seisis de manerio, terris, tenementis, redditibus, advocacione, et hæreditamentis prædictis cum pertinentiis in prædicto comitatu Essexiæ quousque prædictum maritagium habitum et solemnizatam fuit, et postea in vita ejusdem Willielmi patris scilicet tertio die mensis Augusti anno regni dicti domini Regis nunc tertidecimo supradicto, apud feild in prædicto comitatu Suffolciæ, prædictum maritagium inter prædictum Willielmum Clopton filium et prædictam Aliciam Doyle habitum et solemnizatam fuit, post ejus quidem maritagium sic solemnizatam prædicti Willielmus Clopton filius et Alicia de prædictis manerio, tenementis, redditibus et hæreditamentis prædictis, in prædicto comitatu Essexiæ, virtute prædicti Actus parliamenti de usibus in possessionem transferendis, fuerunt et adhuc sunt inde ac de advocacione prædicta seisis, videlicet, prædictus Willielmus Clopton filius in dominico suo ut de feodo talliato, et prædicta Alicia in dominio suo ut de libero tenemento pro termino vite suæ, remanere inde in forma præmentionata spectantem. Et sic inde seisis existens prædictus Willielmus Clopton pater obiit.

Dicunt etiam juratores prædicti quod prædictus Willielmus Clopton in brevi prædicto nominatus apud Groton prædictum obiit nono die Augusti anno regni dicti domini Regis nunc Angliæ, etc., quartodecimo, et quod prædictus Willielmus Clopton filius est, et tempore mortis prædicti Willielmi Clopton patris fuit, filius et proximus hæres ejusdem Willielmi Clopton in brevi prædicto nominati, et tempore mortis ejusdem Willielmi Clopton fuit ætatis triginta unius annorum et amplius.

Et præterea iidem juratores dicunt super sacramentum suum prædictum quod prædictum manerium de Chastlyns alias Castlyns cum pertinentiis, ac ducentum et duodecim acræ terre, prati, pasturæ, et bosci, eidem manerio spectantia cum pertinentiis in Groton, Magna Waldingfeild, Edwardston, Boxford, et Lynley, tenentur et tempore mortis prædicti Willielmi Clopton patris tenebantur de Præposito et Scholaribus Collegii Regalis Beate Mariæ et Sancti Nicholai Cantabrigiæ ut de manerio Prioratus de Kersey in prædicto comitatu Suffolciæ, in libero socagio; et valent clare per annum in omnibus exitibus ultra reprisas quinque libras.

Et quod prædictum capitale mesuagium vocatum Castlynges, et viginti et octo acræ terre et pasturæ eidem pertinentia tenentur et tempore mortis prædicti Willielmi Clopton in brevi prædicto nominati tenebantur de Edmundo Harvy juniori generoso ut de manerio suo de Lynsey alias Lyllsey in prædicto [comitatu] Suffolciæ, in libero socagio, per fidelitatem et annualem redditum septemdecim solidorum et sex denariorum pro omnibus servitiis; et valent clare per annum in omnibus exitibus ultra reprisas viginti solidos.

Et quod prædictum manerium de Chipley cum pertinentiis ac omnia prædicta mesuagia, terræ, tenementa, et hæreditamenta cum pertinentiis in Chipley, Postlingford, et Stanesfeild, et Honedon, prædictis, tenentur et tempore mortis prædicti Willielmi Clopton in brevi prædicto nominati tenebantur de dicto domino Rege ut de honore suo de Clare in dicto comitatu Suffolciæ, in libero et communi socagio, scilicet per fidelitatem et redditum decem denariorum per annum pro omnibus redditibus et servitiis; et valent clare per annum in omnibus exitibus ultra reprisas quatuor libras.

Et quod prædictum manerium de Stanfords, alias Saunderfords, alias Sampfords, cum pertinentiis, ac prædictæ sexaginta acræ terre, prati, pasturæ, et marisci eidem spectantia, cum pertinentiis, tenentur et tempore mortis prædicti Willielmi Clopton in brevi prædicto nominati, tenebantur de domino Rege ut de prædicto honore suo de Clare, sed per quæ servitia ignorant; et valent clare per annum in omnibus exitibus ultra reprisas sexaginta solidos.

Et quod prædictum mesuagium vocatum Sampfords, et triginta et una acræ terre et dimidium cum pertinentiis in Waldingfeild Magna prædicta tenentur et tempore mortis prædicti Willielmi Clopton in brevi prædicto nominati tenebantur de Roberto Colman generoso ut de manerio suo de Badlyes in Magna Waldingfeild in prædicto comitatu Suffolciæ per fidelitatem et redditum trium solidorum et quatuor denariorum per annum; et valent clare per annum in omnibus exitibus ultra reprisas viginti solidos.

Et quod prædictum manerium de Ramesden Belhouse cum pertinentiis, ac prædicta mesuagia, terræ, tenementa, redditus, et hæreditamenta cum pertinentiis in Ramesden Belhouse in prædicto comitatu Essexiæ, ac prædicta advocatio prædictæ ecclesiæ de Ramesden Belhouse tenentur, et tempore mortis prædicti Willielmi Clopton in brevi

prædicto nominati tenebantur de Johanne Episcopo Londoniæ, sed per quod servitium ignorant; et valet clare per annum in omnibus exitibus ultra reprisas quinque marcas.

Et quod prædicta petia bosci vocata Brooke woode, et prædictum toftum et tria crofta terræ et pasturæ vocata Selows alias Selowys cum pertinentiis in Groton prædicta, nuper parcellæ prædicti manerii de Lynsey alias Lyllesej tenentur, et tempore mortis prædicti Willielmi Clopton tenebantur, de dicto domino Rege nunc ut de honore suo de Clare per servitium militare, sed per quam partem feodi militis juratores prædicti ignorant; et valet clare per annum in omnibus exitibus ultra reprisas viginti solidos.

Et quod prædictum gardinum vocatum Emisgarden cum pertinentiis in Groton prædicta tenetur, et tempore mortis prædicti Willielmi Clopton tenebatur de prædictis Præposito et Scholaribus prædicti Collegii Regalis Beatæ Mariæ et Sancti Nicholai Cantabrigiæ ut de prædicto manerio Prioratus de Kersey in libero socagio, per fidelitatem tantum, pro omnibus servitiis; et valet clare per annum in omnibus exitibus ultra reprisas duodecim denarios.

Et quod prædicta clausura terræ et pasturæ vocata Great Bighey Close cum pertinentiis in Groton prædicta tenentur, et tempore mortis prædicti Willielmi Clopton tenebantur, de dicto domino Rege nunc ut de manerio suo de East Greenwich in comitatu Kantiæ in libero socagio per fidelitatem tantum pro omnibus aerviitiis; et valet clare per annum in omnibus exitibus ultra reprisas quatuor solidos.

Quodque prædictus Willielmus Clopton in brevi prædicto nominatus die obitus sui nulla alia vel plura maneria, terras, tenementa, aut hæreditamenta habuit seu tenuit de dicto domino Rege, vel de aliqua alia persona, in dominico, reversione, usu, vel servitio, in prædicto comitatu Suffolciæ ad notitiam juratorum prædictorum.

In ejus rei testimonium uni parti hujus inquisitionis, penes præfatum escaetorem remanenti in cancellariam dicti domini Regis remittenda, tam præfatus escaetor quam juratores prædicti sigilla sua apposuerunt, alteri vero parti ejusdem inquisitionis, penes primum juratorum prædictorum remanenti, escaetor prædictus sigillum suum apposuit die anno et loco prius supradictis etc.

[Inquisition post Mortem, 15 James I, part 1, n^o 203 (a).]

INQUISITION ON THE DEATH OF WILLIAM CLOPTON.—1641.

Suffolk. Inquisitio indentata capta apud Bury Sancti Edmundi in comitatu Suffolciæ decimo quarto die Septembris anno regni domini Caroli, Dei gratia Angliæ, Scotiæ, Franciæ et Hiberniæ Regis, Fidei Defensoris etc. decimo septimo, coram Jacobo Palmer armigero escaetore dicti domini Regis in comitatu prædicto, virtute brevis ejusdem domini Regis de diem clausit extremum post mortem Willielmi Clopton generosi eidem escaetori directi, et huic inquisitioni annexati, per sacramentum Roberti Frost, Roberti Nunne senioris, Johannis Cooke, Lucas Mayhewe, Jacobi Wyard, Henrici Welham, Ricardi Sillett, Roberti Nunn, Johannis Brooke, Willielmi Heard, Johannis Francke, Edmundi Simonds, Johannis Bowser, et Benedicti Clarke, proborum et legalium hominum comitatus prædicti, qui jurati et onerati super sacramentum suum dicunt quod prædictus Willielmus Clopton in brevi prædicto nominatus tempore mortis suæ fuit seisitus in dominico suo ut de feodo talliato, videlicet sibi et hæredibus masculis de corpore suo exeuntibus, cum diversis remanentiis inde rectis hæredibus ipsius Willielmi spectantibus, de et in manerio de Chastlyn alias Castlyns cum pertinentiis in Groton in comitatu prædicto; ac de et in ducentis et duodecim acris terræ, prati, pasturæ, et bosci eidem manerio spectantibus, aut ut parcella et membrum ejusdem manerii reputatis vel acceptis, cum pertinentiis in Groton, Magna Waldingfeld, Edwardston, Boxford, et Lyndsey, alias Lillesey, seu in earum aliqua in comitatu prædicto; ac de et in uno capitali messuagio vocato Castlyng Hall, ac viginti et octo acris terræ et pasturæ eidem adjacentibus cum pertinentiis in Groton prædicta; ac de et in manerio de Chipley alias Cloptons Manor cum pertinentiis, ac de tribus messuagiis, uno cottagio, et ducentis et triginta acris terræ, prati, pascuæ, pasturæ, et bosci, eidem manerio de Chipley spectantibus et pertinentibus, aut ut pars, parcella, vel membrum ejusdem manerii modo reputatis, usitatis vel acceptis, cum pertinentiis in Chipley, Foslingford, Stanesfeild, et Hoveden, seu in earum aliqua in comitatu prædicto, ac etiam de et in manerio de Stanfordes, alias Saunderfordes, alias Sampfordes, cum pertinentiis in comitatu prædicto; ac de et in sexaginta acris terræ, prati, pasturæ, et marisci cum pertinentiis eidem manerio de Stanfordes spectantibus et pertinentibus, aut ut pars,

parcella, vel membrum ejusdem usitatis, reputatis, vel acceptis, cum pertinentiis in Magna Waldingfeild et Parva Waldingfeild in comitatu prædicto; ac de et in uno messuagio vocato Sampfordes, et triginta et una acris et dimidia terræ, prati, pasturæ, et moræ, cum pertinentiis in Magna Waldingfeild et Parva Waldingfeild prædicta, vel in earum altera, cum eodem manerio de Stanfordes occupatis; necnon de et in manerio de Ramesden Belhowse cum pertinentiis, ac duobus messuagiis, quatuor toftis, centum acris terræ, viginti acris prati, ducentum acris pasture, triginta acris bosci, et triginta solidatis redditus cum pertinentiis in Ramesden Belhowse in comitatu Essexiæ; ac de advocacione ecclesiæ de Ramesden Belhowse prædicta.

Et ulterius juratores prædicti dicunt super sacramentum suum prædictum quod prædictus Willielmus Clopton in brevi prædicto nominatus fuit seiscitus in dominico suo ut de feodo de et in una petia sive parcella bosci vocati Brookewode continente per æstimationem septem acras sive plus sive minus cum pertinentiis in Groton prædicta, nuper parcella manerii de Lindsey alias Lillesey in prædicto comitatu Suffolciæ; ac de et in uno tofto et tribuscroftis terræ, et pasturæ, vocatis Selous alias Selowis, continentibus insimul per æstimationem decem acras sive plus sive minus cum pertinentiis in Groton prædicta, nuper similiter parcella dicti manerii de Lindsey alias Lillesey, ac nuper perquisitis per Willielmum Clopton avum de Willielmo Waldegrave milite; ac de et in uno gardino vocato Emisgarden continente per æstimationem unam rodau terræ, sive plus sive minus, cum pertinentiis in Groton prædicta, nuper perquisito de Philippo Gosling; ac etiam de et in uno clauso terræ et pasturæ vocato Greate Bushey Close continente per æstimationem quatuor acras, sive plus sive minus, cum pertinentiis in Groton prædicta, quondam parcella possessionum nuper dissolutæ capellæ vocatæ le Chappell of Saint James in Lindsey alias Lillesey; ac de et in una petia sive parcella bosci, subbosci, et terræ boscalis, cum pertinentiis, continente per æstimationem quatuor acras, sive plus sive minus, communiter vocata sive cognita per nomen de Woodcockes grove jacente in Groton prædicta nuper perquisita per Willielmum Clopton in brevi prædicto nominatum de Adamo et Johanne Wintropp quondam parcella possessionum dissolutæ capellæ vocatæ le Chappell of Saint James in Lindsey alias Lillesey prædicta.

Et juratores prædicti super sacramentum suum prædictum dicunt quod prædictus Willielmus Clopton in brevi prædicto nominatus sic (ut præfertur), de omnibus et singulis prædictis maneriis, messuagiis, terris, tenementis et cæteris hereditamentis prædictis cum suis pertinentiis seiscitus existens, de talibus sepecialibus statutis suis obiit sic inde seiscitus, quinto die Novembris ultimo præterito ante captionem hujus inquisitionis; et quod Willielmus Clopton est filius masculus de corpore prædicti Willielmi Clopton in brevi prædicto nominati, et proximus hæres, et fuit ætatis viginti duorum annorum et amplius tempore mortis patris sui prædicti.

Et ulterius juratores prædicti super sacramentum suum prædictum dicunt quod prædictum manerium de Chastlins alias Castlins cum pertinentiis, ac ducentum et duodecim acræ terræ, prati, pasturæ, et bosci, eidem manerio spectantia cum pertinentiis in Groton, Magna Waldingfeild, Edwardston, Boxford, et Lyusey prædictis, tenentur et tempore mortis prædicti Willielmi Clopton in brevi prædicto nominati tenebantur de Præposito et Scholaribus Collegii Regalis Beatæ Mariæ et Sancti Nicholai Cantabrigiæ ut de manerio Prioratus de Kersey in comitatu Suffolciæ prædicto in libero soccagio, et valent per annum in omnibus exitibus ultra reprisas quinque libras.

Et quod prædictum capitalis messuagium vocatum Castlins, et viginti et octo acræ terræ, et pasturæ, eidem messuagio pertinentes, tenentur et tempore mortis prædicti Willielmi Clopton in brevi prædicto nominati tenebantur de Willielmo Hobart generoso, ut de manerio suo de Lyusey alias Lillesey in prædicto comitatu Suffolciæ, in libero soccagio per fidelitatem et annualem redditum septemdecim solidorum et sex denariorum pro omnibus servitiis, et valent per annum in omnibus exitibus ultra reprisas viginti solidos.

Et quod prædictum manerium de Chipley cum pertinentiis ac omnia prædicta messuagia, terræ, tenementa, et hæreditamenta, cum pertinentiis in Chipley, Poselingford, Stanesfeild, et Hoveden prædictis, tenentur, et tempore mortis prædicti Willielmi Clopton in brevi prædicto nominati tenebantur, de domino Rege ut de Honore suo de Clare in dicto comitatu Suffolciæ, in libero et communi soccagio, per fidelitatem et annualem redditum decem denariorum pro omnibus servitiis, et valent per annum in omnibus exitibus ultra reprisas quatuor libras.

Et quod prædictum manerium de Stanfordes alias Saunderfordes alias Samfordes cum pertinentiis, et prædictæ sexaginta acræ terræ, prati, pasturæ, et marisci eidem manerio spectantia cum pertinentiis tenentur, et tempore mortis prædicti Willielmi Clopton in

brevi prædicto nominati, tenebantur, de dicto domino Rege ut de prædicto honore suo de Clare, sed per quæ servitia ignorant, et valent per annum in omnibus exitibus ultra reprisas sexaginta solidos.

Et quod prædictum messuagium vocatum Samfordes, et triginta et unum acræ terræ et dimidium cum pertinentiis in Waldingfeild Magna prædicta tenentur, et tempore mortis prædicti Willielmi Clopton in brevi prædicto nominati tenebantur, de Johanne Coleman generoso ut de manerio suo de Badleys in Magna Waldingfeild in prædicto comitatu Suffolciæ per fidelitatem et annualem redditum trium solidorum et quatuor denariorum, et valent per annum in omnibus exitibus ultra reprisas viginti solidos.

Et quod prædictum manerium de Ramesden Belhowse cum pertinentiis, ac prædicta messuagium, terræ, tenementa, redditus, et hæreditamenta, cum pertinentiis, in Ramesden Belhowse in prædicto comitatu Essexiæ, ac prædicta advocatio ecclesiæ de Ramesden Belhowse prædicta tenentur, et tempore mortis prædicti Willielmi Clopton in brevi prædicto nominati tenebantur, de Willielmo episcopo Londoniæ, sed per quæ servitia ignorant; et valent per annum in omnibus exitibus ultra reprisas sexaginta sex solidos et octo denarios.

Et quod prædicta petia bosci vocati Brookewood, et prædicta tofta et tria crofta terræ et pasturæ vocatæ Selous alias Selewyn cum pertinentiis in Groton prædicta, nuper parcella dicti manerii de Lynsey alias Lillesey tenentur, et tempore mortis prædicti Willielmi Clopton in brevi prædicto nominati tenebantur, de dicto domino Rege, ut de honore suo de Clare, per servitium militare, sed per quam partem feodi militis juratores prædicti ignorant, et valent per annum in omnibus exitibus ultra reprisas viginti solidos.

Et quod prædictum gardinum vocatum Emisgarden cum pertinentiis in Groton prædicta tenentur, et tempore mortis prædicti Willielmi Clopton in brevi prædicto nominati tenebantur, de prædictis Præposito et Scholaribus prædicti Collegii Regaliæ Beatæ Mariæ et Sancti Nicholai Cantabrigiæ, ut de prædicto manerio Prioratus de Kersey in libero soccagio per fidelitatem tantum pro omnibus servitiis, et valet per annum in omnibus exitibus ultra reprisas duodecim denarios.

Et quod prædictum clausum terræ et pasturæ vocatæ Greate Bushey Close cum pertinentiis in Groton prædicta tenentur, et tempore mortis prædicti Willielmi Clopton in brevi prædicto nominati tenebantur, de dicto domino Rege ut de manerio suo de Eastgreenwich in comitatu Kantiæ in libero soccagio per fidelitatem tantum pro omnibus servitiis, et valet per annum in omnibus exitibus ultra reprisas quatuor solidos.

Et quod prædicta petia sive parcella bosci subbosci et terræ boscalis cum pertinentiis continentes quatuor acras, vocata sive cognita per nomen de Woodcockes Grove in Groton prædicta tenentur, et tempore mortis prædicti Willielmi Clopton in brevi prædicto nominati tenebantur, de dicto domino Rege ut de manerio suo de East Greenwich in comitatu Kantiæ, in libero soccagio per fidelitatem tantum, et valet per annum in omnibus exitibus ultra reprisas duodecim denarios.

Et præterea juratores prædicti, super sacramentum suum prædictum, dicunt quod prædictus Willielmus Clopton in brevi prædicto nominatus, die obitus sui, nulla alia sive plura maneria, messuagia, terras, tenementa, aut hæreditamenta habuit, seu tenuit, de dicto domino Rege, vel de aliqua alia persona, in comitatu prædicto, ad notitiam juratorum prædictorum.

In cujus rei testimonium uni parti hujus inquisitionis, penes eschaetorem remanenti in cancellaria dicti domini regis retornand', tam præfatus escaetor quam juratores prædicti sigilla sua apposuerunt, alteri vero parti, penes primum juratorum remanenti, escaetor prædictus sigillum suum apposuit die anno et loco prius suprædictis.

(Inquisition post mortem, Miscellaneous, James and Charles, part 31, n^o 122.)

INQUISITION ON THE DEATH OF WILLIAM CLOPTON.—1568.

Essex. Inquisitio indentata, capta apud Stratforde Langthorne in comitatu prædicto, vicesimo sexto die Octobris anno regni domine nostræ Elizabethæ, Dei gratia Angliæ, Franciæ, et Hiberniæ Reginæ, Fidei Defensoris etc., decimo, coram Johanne Hunte armigero escaetore prædictæ domine Reginæ nunc in comitatu prædicto, virtute brevis dictæ domine Reginæ de diem clausit extremum post mortem Willielmi Clopton de Lyston armigero eidem escaetori directi et huic inquisitioni consuti per sacramentum etc., qui dicunt super sacramentum suum quod prædictus Willielmus Clopton in eodem breve nominatus ante obitum suum fuit seisisus in dominico suo ut de feodo de et in

manerio de Lyston Overhall cum pertinentiis in comitatu prædicto; ac de et in uno molendino aquatico eidem manerio pertinente; ac de et in maneriis de Lyston Weston, et Lyston Netherhall cum pertinentiis una cum advocacione ecclesie de Lyston Netherhall cum pertinentiis in comitatu prædicto; ac de et in uno mesuagio vocato Bradfeldes, una carucata terræ, quadraginta acris pasturæ, decem acris prati, et sex acris bosci cum pertinentiis in Pentlewe in comitatu prædicto; ac de et in uno alio mesuagio sive tenemento vocato Carbonelles cum quadraginta acris terræ, viginti acris pasturæ cum pertinentiis in Foxierthe in comitatu prædicto; et sic inde de præmissis seisis existens obiit inde seisis.

Et juratores ulterius dicunt quod prædictum manerium vocatum Lyston Overhall cum pertinentiis tenetur de domina Regina in capite per servitium faciendi waferias dominæ Reginæ et ei inde deserviendi die coronationis suæ pro omnibus servitiis; et quod manerium illud cum pertinentiis valet per annum in omnibus exitibus ultra reprisas decem libras.

Et quod dicta maneria de Lyston Weston, et Lyston Netherhall, cum pertinentiis, et advocatio ecclesie prædictæ tenentur in socagio per fidelitatem tantum, sed de quo vel de quibus juratores prædicti penitus ignorant; et quod dictum manerium de Lyston Weston valet per annum in omnibus exitibus ultra reprisas novem libras; et quod dictum manerium de Lyston Netherhall valet per annum in omnibus exitibus ultra reprisas septem libras.

Et quod prædictum mesuagium, terra, pratium, et cætera præmissa cum eorum pertinentiis vocata Bradfeldes in Pentlewe prædicta tenentur de Johanne Felton ut de manerio suo de Pentlewe, sed per quæ servitia ignoratur; et quod valet per annum in omnibus exitibus ultra reprisas tres libras.

Et quod prædictum mesuagium sive tenementum vocatum Carbenelles cum eorum pertinentiis valet per annum in omnibus exitibus ultra reprisas tres libras, sex solidos et octo denarios; sed de quo vel de quibus tenetur vel per quæ servitia juratores prædicti penitus ignorant.

Et quod prædictus Willielmus Clopton obiit sexto die Octobris anno regni dictæ dominæ Reginæ nunc decimo.

Et quod Willielmus Clopton de Lyston armiger est filius et hæres propinquior ejusdem Willielmi Clopton et plenæ ætatis, videlicet viginti et octo annorum et amplius.

Et quod idem Willielmus Clopton in prædicto breve nominatus nulla alia terras sive tenementa habuit sive tenuit die obitus sui in possessione, reversione, sive usu, in comitatu prædicto præter illa quæ * *

In cuius rei testimonium, etc.

(Inquisition post mortem, Wards and Liveries vol. 11.)

NOTE.

The service by which the manor of Liston was held, namely, that of making the wafers wherewith the King is served on the Coronation day, was claimed by the owners of the manor at the successive coronations of the sovereign down to the reign of George the Second, as appears by the Coronation Rolls.

At the coronation of Richard the Second, Richard Lyons, as lord of the manor of Liston, which he held of the King in fee, by that service, made his claim to perform the service, which was allowed.

At the coronation of Edward the Sixth, we find the following claim:—

“Thomas Hussey and William Clopton claim to make wafers the day of the king’s coronation, and claim to have for their fees all the instruments as well of silver and of other metals, appertaining to the making of the same, and also to have the napkins wherein the said wafers shall be borne; and for the proof thereof they shewed an inquisition taken by the escheator anno primo H. 8, proving the manor of Liston in com’ Essex’ to be holden by the said service. And also it doth appear by a certificate made by Mr. Denny, Baron of the Exchequer, that there hath been allowance of the said service and fees.

“Admittitur.

“Upon which matter their said claim was allowed, and they admitted to do the said service, and upon the certificate of Mr. Denny, late Baron of the Exchequer, testifying the having of the napkins, whereupon they be admitted to have the fees due for the same.” *

* *State Papers, Domestic, Edward VI, vol. i.*

For the coronation of Charles the Second and following Sovereigns, we have the following particulars:—

CHARLES II.

Claimant. Thomas Clopton, Esq., son and heir of William Clopton.

Right. As being seized of the manor of Liston, with its appertinents, in the county of Essex, in his demesne as of fee, and holding the same of the King, by doing the said service.

Fees. To have the instruments of silver and other metal, for making the same to his own use, as also all the napkins, and other profits and advantages accustomed.

Answer. The services and fees allowed.

N.B. He afterwards received £30 composition for the fees, and the King's Waferers performed the service in right of the said Thomas.

JAMES II.

Claimant. William Clopton, Esq.

Right, &c. The same as before.

Fees, &c. The same as before; with the further following articles: viz., a pipe of flour, 20 pounds of almonds pur ixiles, 30 sugar loaves, 11 pounds of powdered ginger, half-a-pound of saffron pur bastrons, une pipe d'osey, three gallons of oil, one dozen of Paris towels, one dozen ells of linen for covers, 11 Paris boulders, 40 ells of strainers, 40 ells of canvas, one dozen of basons and towels for making the battre, fuel sufficient, and cloathing for the petitioner and two men.

Answer. It appearing to the Commissioners that the Manor of Liston was held by the service above mentioned, and that the Petitioner was seized thereof, he was admitted to perform the service, and to take the fees of office of right belonging.

Afterwards a composition for the said fees was made with the petitioner for £30., and by his consent, and the service was performed by the King's officers, in the petitioner's right.

N.B. In the minute-book of the proceedings of the Commissioners, on the 28th of March, 1685, it is stated, that on reading the petition of William Clopton, and the proceedings on his last claim, they observed some fees were claimed in particulars now which in the last claim were not so claimed, but that the last claim had general words in it that might comprehend them, and that at the last Coronation the service was performed by the King's officers in right of Mr. Clopton's father, and that there was a composition made for the fees at £30. Wherefore, William Clopton was asked whether he would insist to have other judgment now given than was given at the last Court, because if he would take the same allowance of £30, the particular fees that were claimed would not be material, for there would be a *salvo jure regis* entered. He thereupon desired that he might be admitted to the honourable service of carrying the wafers in person to the King's table, and desired a greater sum to be allowed in lieu of his fees, which he conceived to be much more valuable, but submitted to their Lordships' determination. The Commissioners determined that he should be admitted in person to do that part of the service, according to his desire; that the King's officers should do the rest; and that he should have £30 as composition for the fees.

WILLIAM AND MARY.

Claimant. William Clopton, Esq.

Right, Fees, &c. As before.

Answer. The same as at the last Coronation; whereupon he received the composition of £30, and by his consent the King's officers did the service in the petitioner's name.

GEORGE II.

Claimant. Poley Clopton, Esq., of Bury St. Edmund's, in the county of Suffolk, otherwise Poley Clopton, of Liston, in the county of Essex, Doctor in Physic.

Right, Fees, &c. As before.

Answer. Admitted to do the service, and to receive the fees of right belonging to the service. The appointment of a Deputy was referred to the King's pleasure, and he appointed Maurice Shelter, Esq. to do the service in right of Poley Clopton.*

* Vide Collections relative to claims at the coronations of several of the Kings of England, beginning with King Richard II. London, 1820.

INQUISITION ON THE DEATH OF WILLIAM CLOPTON.—1588-9.

[*This inquisition is exceedingly defaced, and a large portion of the upper right hand corner of the document has been torn off, so that a perfect transcript would be very fragmentary, and somewhat unintelligible; it commences, however, with a recital of what appears to be the deed of December 22, 30 Elizabeth, previously set out (ante p. 71), and then proceeds as follows.*]

Et postea idem Willielmus Clopton in commissione prædicta nominatus * * * * et ultimam voluntatem suam * * * * et per eandem ordinavit et constituit prædictos Thomam Clopton fratrem suum ac prædictum Willielmum Clopton de Groton, et quendam Johannem Bouswell generosum * * * executores * * * et dedit pauperibus de Melford, Stansted et Glemisford quinque libras * * * voluntat' prædict' geren' datum undecimo die Decembris anno regni domine Regine nunc tricesimo primo.

* * * idem Willielmus Clopton in commissione prædicta nominatus de bona et san^a memoria existens decimo tertio die Decembris ultimo præterito ante captionem hujus inquisitionis publicavit et * * * verum testamentum et ultimam voluntatem ipsius Willielmi Clopton, et eandem ut testamentum et ultimam voluntatem suam liberavit et manu sua propria * * * * decimo quarto die Decembris ultimo præterito ante captionem hujus inquisitionis idem Willielmus Clopton armiger in commissione prædicta nominatus de talibus statibus suis * * * obiit seisisus sine exitu de corpore suo procreato; et prædicta Anna uxor ejus ipsum supervixit et adhuc in plena vita existit.

Et præterea dicunt juratores prædicti super sacramentum suum * * * frater dicti Willielmi Clopton, ut præfertur, est proximus hæres masculus dicti Willielmi Clopton, in commissione prædicta nominati de corpore dicti Willielmi Clopton patris * * * * et tempore captionis hujus inquisitionis fuit ætatis triginta annorum et amplius.

Quodque prædicta Anna uxor prædicti Hamonis Claxton et Margareta C * * * * sed quidam Thomas Smythe filius et hæres apparens dicti Johannis Smythe de Hunden et Elizabethæ nuper uxoris ejus modo defunctæ alius * * * ejusdem Willielmi * * * * proximi hæredes dicti Willielmi Clopton in commissione prædicta nominati per communem legem.

Quodque prædicta Anna Claxton tempore captionis hujus inquisitionis est ætatis quadraginta * * * Margareta Clopton est ætatis triginta octo annorum et amplius, et quod prædictus Thomas Smythe tertio die Septembris ultimo præterito ante captionem hujus inquisitionis fuit ætatis * * *

Et ulterius dicunt juratores prædicti super sacramentum suum quod prædictum manerium de Kentwell tenetur et tempore mortis dicti Willielmi Clopton tenebatur de * * * * per servitium quarte partis unius feodi militis, ac per redditum sexaginta quinque solidorum ad wardum castri prædicti annuatim solvendorum; et quod dictum manerium valet clare per annum ultra reprises * * * *

Et quod prædictum manerium et dominium de Melford Monachorum, ac omnes decimæ prædictæ, ac prædictum tenementum vocatum Bixbies teneatur, et tempore mortis præfati Willielmi Clopton tenebantur de dicta domina Regina in capite per servitium quadragesimæ partis unius feodi militis ac per annualem redditum triginta duorum solidorum quatuor denariorum et unius obuli ad festum Sancti Michaelis Archangeli singulis annis solvendorum; et valet clare per annum ultra * * * * libras, tres solidos, quatuor denarios, et unum obulum.

Et quod prædicta maneria et tenementa vocata Woodhous et Woodfoules tenentur, et tempore mortis præfati Willielmi Clopton tenebantur de Henrico comite Sussexiæ ut de manerio suo de Shimplinge per fidelitatem et redditum duorum solidorum per annum pro omnibus servitiis quibuscunque; et valet clare per annum ultra reprises sexaginta sex solidos et octo denarios * * *

Et quod prædict' * voc' Blakes tenetur et tempore mortis dicti Willielmi Clopton tenebatur de dicta domina Regina ut de hundredo suo de Baberghe (quodquidem hundredum nuper fuit parcella monasterii de Burye Sancti Edmundi in prædicto comitatu Suffolciæ) per fidelitatem et redditum sex denariorum per annum pro omnibus servitiis et redditibus quibuscunque; et valet clare per annum ultra reprises viginti solidos.

Et quod prædictum manerium de Lutons tenetur et tempore mortis dicti Willielmi Clopton tenebatur de dicta domina Regina ut de prædicto hundredo suo de Baberghe per fidelitatem et redditum sexdecem denariorum per annum pro omnibus servitiis et redditibus quibuscunque; et valet clare per annum ultra reprises sex libras tresdecem solidos et quatuor denarios.

Et quod prædictum manerium de Downhall, ac prædicta messuagia, terræ, tenementa et cætera præmissa in Raileighe * * in dicto comitatu Essexiæ tenentur, et tempore mortis præfati Willielmi Clopton tenebantur de prænobili Henrico domino Hunsdon ut de honore suo de Raileighe per fidelitatem tantum et sectam curiæ pro omnibus serviitiis et demandis quibuscumque; et valet clare per annum ultra reprisas duodecim libras.

Et quod prædictum manerium de Wheatley ac prædicta terræ, tenementa et cætera præmissa in Raileighe, Thundersley, et Hadleghe prædictis in dicto comitatu Essexiæ tenentur, et tempore mortis dicti Willielmi Clopton tenebantur de præfato Henrico domino Hunsdon ut de prædicto honore suo de Raileighe per fidelitatem tantum pro omnibus serviitiis et redditibus quibuscumque; et valet clare per annum ultra reprisas viginti libras.

Et quod prædictum manerium de Newenhamhall tenetur et tempore mortis præfati Willielmi Clopton tenebatur de dicta domina Regina nunc ut de honore suo de Hatfeld Peverell per fidelitatem tantum pro omnibus serviitiis et demandis; et valet clare per annum ultra reprisas tresdecem libras, sex solidos, et octo denarios.

Et quod prædictæ terræ et tenementa vocata Trippes et Stockmans tenentur et tempore mortis dicti Willielmi Clopton tenebantur de eadem domina Regina ut de Ducatu suo Lancastriæ in feodum firmæ per fidelitatem et redditum lii.s. iiii.d. per annum pro omnibus serviitiis et demandis quibuscumque; et valet clare per annum ultra reprisas quinquaginta tres solidos et quatuor denarios.

Et quod prædictum molendinum aquaticum cum pertinentiis vocatum St. Savior's Myll, et cætera præmissa in Barmonsey prædicta in dicto comitatu Surriæ tenentur, et tempore mortis dicti Willielmi Clopton tenebantur, de Roberto Trappes armigero, ut de manerio suo de Barmonsey per fidelitatem et redditum vi.s. viii.d. per annum; et valet clare per annum ultra reprisas centum et sex solidos, et octo denarios.

Et quod prædictæ parcelle terre, prati, pasture et bosci in Melford prædicta vocatæ Brometons Grove, Lettons Pightell, Petwyns, Coppyns, Deadlond et Padbroke tenentur et tempore mortis præfati Willielmi Clopton tenebantur de præfato Henrico comite Sussexiæ ut de manerio suo de Shimplinge prædicta per fidelitatem, et per quæ alia serviitia juratores prædicti penitus ignorant; et valet clare per annum ultra reprisas viginti solidos.

Et dicunt ulterius juratores prædicti super sacramentum suum quod prædictus Willielmus Clopton in commissione prædicta nominatus nulla alia * * maneria, terras, seu tenementa tenuit die quo obiit de dicta domina Regina sive de aliquibus aliis in dicto comitatu Suffolciæ seu alibi in dominico, serviitio, reversione vel usu ad notitiam juratorum prædictorum.

In cujus rei testimonium uni parti hujus inquisitionis penes commissionarios prædictos remanenti tam juratores quam commissionarii prædicti sigilla sua apposuerunt alteri autem parti ejusdem inquisitionis penes juratores prædictos remanenti * * commissionarii sigilla sua apposuerunt die, mense, anno et loco prædictis.

(Inquisition post mortem 31 Elizabeth, No. 124.)

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Essex. Inquisitio indentata, capta apud Brantre in prædicto comitatu Essexiæ, decimo die Aprilis anno regni regis Henrici Octavi, Dei gratia Angliæ et Franciæ Regis, Fidei Defensoris, Domini Hiberniæ et in terra supremi capitis Anglicanæ ecclesiæ * * * armigero escaetore ipsius domini regis in comitatu prædicto virtute brevis ejusdem domini regis nunc de diem clausit extremum eidem escaetori post mortem Willielmi Clopton armigeri directi et huic inquisitioni annexati per sacramentum Willielmi Walford, Johannis Wol *, Ricardi *, Johannis *, Johannis Bowyer, Alexandri *, Johannis Tenderyng, Mathæi Harlyng, Thomæ Ford, Walteri Broughton, Johannis Swetow junioris, Ricardi Sparow et Willielmi Annes; qui dicunt super sacramentum suum quod diu ante obitum præfati Willielmi Clopton in dicto brevi * * * Clopton clericus, Jacobus Kegyll capellanus fuerunt seisis in dominico suo ut de feodo de medietate maneriorum de Lyston Weston, Lyston Overhall, Lyston Netherhall et Carbonells in comitatu prædicto, necnon de et in medietate decem mesuagiorum unius molendini * * * acr' terre, ducentis acris prati, quadringentis acris pasture, ducentis acris bosci et viginti marcis redditus cum pertinentiis in Lyston prædicta, et Foxyard, et Pentelowe in comitatu prædicto, ac de et in medietate advocacionis ecclesiæ de Lyston,

videlicet de dicta medietate prædictorum maneriorum * * * * * Lyston Netherhall et Carbonells ac cæteris mesuagiis, terris, et tenementis, et cæteris præmissis cum pertinentiis in Lyston, Foxyard, et Pentelowe prædictis, in dominico suo ut de feodo, et de advocacione prædicta ut de feodo et jure, et prædictis Ricardo Poley, Roberto Clopton et Jacobo Kegyll * * *

* * * Poley, Robertus Clopton et Jacobus Kegyll per suas sepeales cartas indentatas, juratoribus prædictis super captionem hujus inquisitionis in evidentiis ostensas, quarum data sunt decimo nono die mensis Augusti anno regni dicti domini Regis nunc Henrici * * * * * secundo tradiderunt, dimiserunt, et confirmaverunt, prænobili principi Thomæ Duci Norfolkicæ, Henrico comiti Surriæ, Henrico comiti Essexiæ, Willielmo domino Howard, Johanni Henyngham militi, Philippo Calthorp militi, Philippo Tylney militi, Johanni Russell militi, Edwardo Br * * * * * seniori, Henrico Heverad juniore, Radulpho Everad, Johanni Everad seniori, Thomæ Barneston, Edmundo Danyell, Thomæ Danyell, Edwardo Calthorpe, Thomæ Thamworthe, Johanni Thamworthe, Henrico Wentworthe, Roberto Applyard, Simoni Toppysfeld, Willielmo Toppysfeld, Johanni Everad juniore, Edwardo Belyngham, Edwardo Eldryngton, Willielmo Parre armigero, Edwardo Waldegrave armigero, Johanni Waldegrave, Ricardo Waldegrave, Willielmo Waldegrave, Francisco Clopton, Johanni Sulyard, Johanni Gattes, Johanni Curston, Roberto Cursyon, Thomæ * * * Johanni Schelderake, Willielmo Coke, et Ricardo Baldri prædictam medietatem dictorum maneriorum de Lyston Weston, Lyston Overhall, Lyston Netherhall, et Carbonells cum eorum pertinentiis, ac de medietate omnium et singulorum terrarum et tenementorum prædictorum, ac cæterorum præmissorum in Lyston * * * * * cum suis pertinentiis; habendam et tenendam prædictam medietatem omnium et singulorum maneriorum et cæterorum præmissorum cum eorum pertinentiis præfatis Thomæ Duci Norfolkicæ, Henrico comiti Surriæ, Henrico comiti Essexiæ, Willielmo domino Howard, Johanni Henyngham, Philippo Calthorpe, Philippo Tylney, Johanni Russell, Edwardo * * Thomæ Tyrrell, Henrico Everad seniori, Henrico Heverad juniore, Radulpho Everad, Johanni Everad seniori, Thomæ Barneston, Edmundo Danyell, Thomæ Danyell, Edwardo Caltheroppe, Thomæ Thamworthe, Johanni Thamworthe, Henrico Wentworthe, Roberto Applyard, Simoni Toppysfeld, Willielmo Toppysfeld, Johanni Everad juniore, Edwardo Belyngham, Edwardo Eldryngton, Willielmo Parre, Edwardo Waldegrave, Johanni Waldegrave, Ricardo Waldegrave, Willielmo Waldegrave, Francisco Clopton, Johanni Sulyard, Johanni Gattes, Johanni Curston, Roberto Curston, Thomæ Darcy, Antonio Darcy, Thomæ Smyth, Johanni Schelderake, Willielmo Coke, et Ricardo Baldery, hæredibus et assignatis suis, ad usum dicti Willielmi Clopton patris in dicto breve nominato pro termino vite ipsius Willielmi; et post ejus decessum ad usum Elizabethæ Clopton filie prædicti Henrici Everad * * * * * Willielmi Clopton filii et hæredis dicti Willielmi Clopton in dicto breve nominato pro termino vite ipsius Elizabethæ Clopton; et post ejus decessum ad usum rectorum hæredum cujusdam Elizabethæ Clopton jam defuncte quondam uxoris prædicti Willielmi Clopton patris * * * * * ipsius Willielmi Clopton filii, et unius filiarum et hæredum Thomæ Saye jam similiter defuncti.

Prætextu cujus præfati Thomas dux Norfolkicæ, Henricus comes Surriæ, Henricus comes Essexiæ, Willielmus dominus Howard, Johannes Henyngham, Philippus Calthorp, Philippus Tylney, Johannes Russell, Edwardus * Thomas Tyrrell, Henricus Everad, Radulphus Everad, Johannes Everad, Thomas Barneston, Edmundus Danyell, Thomas Danyell, Edwardus Calthorpp, Thomas Thamworthe, Johannes Thamworthe, Henricus Wentworthe, Robertus Applyard, Simon Toppysfeld, Willielmus Toppysfeld, Johannes Everad, Edwardus Belyngham, Edwardus Eldryngton, Willielmus Parre, Edwardus Waldegrave, Johannes Waldegrave, Ricardus Waldegrave, Willielmus Waldegrave, Franciscus Clopton, Johannes Sulyard, Johannes Gattes, Johannes Cursyon, Robertus Curston, * * * Darcy, Thomas Smyth, Johannes Schelderake, Willielmus Coke et Ricardus Baldery in prædictis medietatibus maneriorum terrarum et tenementorum et cæterorum præmissorum prædictorum cum suis pertinentiis intraverunt et fuerunt inde seisciti, videlicet de medietate maneriorum terrarum et tenementorum * * * * * cum suis pertinentiis in dominico suo ut de feodo, et de medietate advocacionis prædictæ ut de feodo et jure, ad opus et usum prædictos usque quartum diem Februarii anno regni dicti domini Regis nunc Henrici octavi vicesimo septimo quo die dictus Willielmus Clopton * * * * * fuit de omnibus prædictis medietatibus maneriorum, terrarum, et tenementorum, ac cæterorum præmissorum prædictorum cum suis pertinentiis seiscitus in dominico suo ut de libero tenemento, remanere inde, post mortem ejusdem Willielmi

Clopton patris in dicto breve nominatus, præfate Elizabethæ Clopton modo uxori dicti Willielmi Clopton filii, et filie dicti Henrici Everad senioris pro termino vitæ ipsius Elizabethæ, remanere inde rectis hæredibus prædictæ Elizabethæ matris præfati Willielmi Clopton filii ac unius filiarum et hæredum prædicti Thomæ Saye jam similiter defuncti.

Et dicunt ulterius juratores prædicti quod dictus Willielmus Clopton in dicto breve nominatus sic de prædictis medietatibus omnium prædictorum maneriorum, terrarum, et tenementorum prædictorum pro termino vitæ seisitus existens, idem Willielmus Clopton in dicto breve nominatus vicesimo sexto die Octobris anno regni dicti domini Regis nunc Henrici octavi vicesimo nono obiit * * de tali statu seisitus, et quod dicta Elizabetha Clopton filia prædicti Henrici Everad, et modo uxor præfati Willielmi Clopton filii, ipsum Willielmum Clopton patrem supervixit.

Et quod dictus Willielmus Clopton filius post mortem dicti Willielmi Clopton in dicto breve nominat' in jure ipsius Elizabethæ uxoris sua in * * medietate omnium maneriorum, terrarum, tenementorum et cæterorum præmissorum cum suis pertinentiis virtute remanere prædictæ intravit et fuit et est die captionis hujus inquisitionis inde seisitus in jure ejusdem Elizabethæ uxoris suæ.

Et ulterius dicunt juratores prædicti quod eadem Elizabetha Clopton uxor præfati Willielmi Clopton filii die captionis hujus inquisitionis apud Lyston prædictam in plena vita existit.

Et dicunt ulterius juratores prædicti quod prædictum integrum manerium de Liston Overhall cum suis pertinentiis tenentur de domino rege in capite per servitium faciendi waferias domini regis et ei deserviendi die coronationis suæ.

Et quod dicta medietas ejusdem manerii de Lyston Overhall cum pertinentiis valet per annum cum omnibus exitibus suis ultra reprisas iiii libras.

Et quod dicta medietas dictorum maneriorum de Lyston Weston, et Lyston Netherball et cætera præmissa * * et Lyston Netherball cum suis pertinentiis tenetur de Johanne Bokey in socagio, videlicet, per fidelitatem tantum pro omnibus servitiis, et valet per annum ultra reprisas Cv. solidos.

Et quod dicta medietas dictorum maneriorum de Carbonelles cum pertinentiis tenetur de dicto comite Essexiæ per servitium * * * * et valet per annum ultra reprisas quadraginta solidos.

Et quod dicta medietas omnium prædictorum cæterorum terrarum et tenementorum in Pentelowe prædicta cum pertinentiis tenetur de Edmundo Felton armigero, per quæ servitia juratores penitus ignorant; et quod valet per annum in omnibus exitibus ultra reprisas * * * * .

Et ulterius dicunt juratores prædicti quod dictus dominus rex Henricus octavus, ad parlamentum suum apud Westmonasterium post diversas prorogationes, tertio die Novembria anno regni ejusdem domini regis nunc Henrici octavi vicesimo sexto tento, de gratia sua speciali et mero motu suis * * * spiritualium et temporalium, ac communitatis in eodem parlamento adtunc existent', necnon auctoritate ejusdem parlamenti declaravit, concessit, ordinavit, et mactare fecit suam liberam pardonationem et remissionem, videlicet inter * * * * suorum tam spirituales quam temporales hujus regni Angliæ, successores, hæredes, executores, et administratores essent auctoritate dicti parlamenti acquietati, pardonati, relaxati, et exonerati, erga dictum dominum regem nunc, hæredes et successores et executores suos * * * * omnibus feloniis, offensis, contemptis, transgressionibus, injuriis, deceptionibus, malegesturis, forisfactoris, * * * , penalitatibus, et proficuis, denariis, summis, pœnis mortalibus, corporalibus et pecunialibus et generaliter de omnibus aliis rebus, querelis, sectis, judiciis * * * * pardonari potuissent ante et usque dictum tertium Novembris dicto anno vicesimo sexto dicti domini regis nunc, cuilibet seu alicui subditorum suorum, prout in eodem Actu plenius continetur.

Et dicunt ulterius juratores prædicti quod hujusmodi alienationes * * * de dicta medietate dicti manerii de Lyston Overhall in forma prædicta facta in eodem actu non excipiuntur nec * * sunt.

Et dicunt ulterius juratores prædicti quod prædictus Willielmus Clopton in dicto breve nominatus nulla alia neque plura habuit aut tenuit maneria * * * de domino rege neque de aliquo alio in dominico, in reversione, neque in servitio seu aliter in comitatu prædicto die quo obiit.

Et quod idem Willielmus Clopton obiit supradicto vicesimo sexto die Octobris dicto anno vicesimo nono dicti domini regis nunc.

Et quod dictus Willielmus Clopton * * * * est filius et hæres propinquior dicti

Willielmi Clopton in breve prædicto nominati, et etiam filius et rectus hæres dictæ Elizabethæ Clopton filias et unius hæredum dicti Thomæ Saye defuncti.

Et quod idem Willielmus Clopton filius tempore captionis hujus inquisitionis est ætatis xxviii annorum et amplius, et quod idem Willielmus Clopton filius omnia exitus et proficua dictæ medietatis prædictorum maneriorum, terrarum, et tenementorum, ac omnium cæterorum præmissorum cum suis pertinentiis a dicto tempore mortis prædicti Willielmi patris * * * in jure dictæ Elizabethæ uxoris suæ recepit et habuit.

In cujus rei testimonium tam prædictus escaetor quam juratores prædicti sigilla sua alteraetim apposuerunt die et anno supradictis.

(Inquisition post mortem 29 Henry VIII, No. 27.)

WILL OF JOHN CLOPTON.—1570.

In Nomine Dei Amen, in anno Domini 1569 nono die mensis Martii, I John Clopton of Borwell, in the countie of Cambridge, husbandman; and in the diocese of Norwiche, being whell of minde and memorie, praised be God, althoughe sick in bodie, do make and apointe this to be my verie last will and testamente, in maner and fourme following.

First, I comend my spirit into the handes of Almightye God, and my bodie to be buryed in the churchye yard of Sainte Marie's in Borwell aforesaid, unto the whiche churchye I geve to the reparacions, therof xii.*d.*

Also to the pore mennes boxe there I geve xii.*d.*

Item, I geve and bequeathe unto Margaret my wyffe, all my houses and landes, bothe fre and copie, to her and to her heiers for ever, upon condicion that she bringe up my children in godlines and vertue, and to binde them prentice to some honest art or science whereby they maie lyve trulie and orderlie among ther neighbours. And that she do paie or cause to be paide unto my thre sonnes Richard, Thomas, and John, to eche of them tenne poundes of good and lauffull monie of Englande, at the age of xxi yeres, and also to eche one of them I geve a paier of shetes, or vi.*s.* viii.*d.*, the value of them a paier. And also that she shall paie in like manner unto Annys my daughter, tenne poundes of like monie, at the daie of her marriage, or els at the age of xxi. yeres, if she marrye not before. And also I geve unto my saide daughter Annys, my great brode verged panne. Also I will that if any of them dye before they come to the age of xxi. yeres, that his or their parte shall then be divided by even porcions amonge them that shall survyve.

Item, I geve unto Robart Brantche and Henrye Gryme, my godchildren, to eche of them a bushell of barlie.

Item, I geve to Margaret Tompson my servante, a bushell of barlie.

Item, I geve to Laurance my wyve's sonne, two bushells of barlie.

Furthermore, I geve and bequeathe unto Margaret my said wyfe, all my goodes and cattells, movables and unmovables, whatsoever they be being unbequeathed and not geven, to use them and bestowe them amonge my saide children, according to her good discrecion, to paie my debtes, to perfourme this my last will and testamente, and to bringe my bodie honestlie to the grounde, whome I make and ordeine to be my sole executrix, in whome I put my full truste and confidence to order, paie, and discharge all thes thinges above mentioned, to the glorye of God, and to the comforte of our soules, as she shall answer to the contrarie at the dreadfull daie of doome.

And also I desier Owen Duket my neighbour, to be my supervisour, in whome I put suer hope to aide and assist my saide wyffe and children, and to helpe everye one to his right, according to the true meaning herof, and he to have for his paines besidde his costes and charges, vi.*s.* viii.*d.*

In witnes wherof I have called my neighbours bothe to hear this my said last will and testamente, and also to beare witness and record of my surrender, which I have made accordynglie.

And thus I commytt you to God. Amen.

William Garsun hath the said surrender, Cuthbert Foster, and Richard Edward, in presence Thomas Fook and Robert Vyce.

(Proved at Bury St. Edmund's, April 4, 1571.)

WILL OF JOHN CLOPTON.—1590.

In the name of God, Amen, the xxviith of November, in anno Domini 1590, I, John Clopton, of the towne of Burwell, in the countie of Cambridge, and within the diocese of Norwiche, of good and perfette remembrance, thankes be geven to God for the same, doe ordayne and make this my last will and testament in manner and forme followinge.

First, I bequeath my sowle to God that gave it, and I will that my bodye be buried in the church yarde of St. Marie's, in Burwell.

Item, I geve to John Beale, my father-in-lawe, and to his heires, all my free lande, late Lubsounces, upon condicion that the saide John Beale doe paye^e all my debttes that I owe to anye person or personnes, and that the said John doe geve xx.s. to the poore of Burwell, and v.s. to the ringers, and v.s. to bye bookes into the churche.

Item, I geve to my mother my free house and my copie land, with all the appurtenances, duringe the time of her naturall life, kepinge the same howse in reperacions, and after her decease I geve the same howse and copie lande to Agnis Jarvis, my sister, and to her heires for ever, upon condicion that the saide Agnis paye to Martyn Whitbye fower poundes, and to his sister Anne Whidbye, fortie shillings, and to the ii. children of Lauraunce Whidbye, eyther of them, fortie shillings, the money to be payde within one yere after the death of my mother, and for default of payment of the same money, I geve the same free howse and the appurtenances to Martyn Whidbye, and to his heires, and he to paye the money.

Item, I geve to Elias Jarvis, my best dwblet and my best hossen, all my other movables unbequeathed I geve to John Beale, my father-in-lawe, whom I ordayne and make my whole executor, to paye my debtes and legacies, and to bringe my bodye honestlye to the grounde.

Witnesses, Thomas Banintar and John Chapman.

(Proved at Bury St. Edmund's, December 15, 1590.)

WILL OF GEORGE CLOPTON.—1605.

In the name of God Amen, the eighteenth daie of August, in the yere of our Lord God One thowsand sixe hundred and five, and in the third yere of the raigne of our soveraigne Lord James, by the grace of God Kinge of England, Fraunce, and Ireland, Defender of the Faith, etc., and of Scotland the thirtie nyne, I, George Clopton, of Alpheton, in the Countie of Suffolk, and diocese of Norwich, gentleman, being sicke in bodie, but of good and perfecte remembrance, thanckes be to Almightye God, do orden, constitute, and make this my last will and testament, in manner and forme following, frustrating and revoking all other former willes and testaments heretofore by me declared or made.

And first I comend my soule into the handes of Almightye God, trusting by the merits and death of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ to be an inheritor of his everlasting kingdome.

Item, I geve and bequeath to the poore of the parrishe of Alpheton tenne poundes, to be employed to some good use, and the benefit thereof to remayne to the pore of the said parrishe for ever.

Item, I geve and bequeath to Margaret Hamond and Mary Samford, for their paines taking with me, xl.s.

Item, I geve and bequeath unto my brother William Clopton x.li.

Item, I geve and bequeath to Johan Gouldinge, xl.s.

Item, I geve and bequeath to Suzan Goulding, xl.s.

All the rest of my goodes and moveables, money and bondes, my debtes and legacies paid, and funerall charges borne, I geve them wholie to my sister's children, to be equallie divided betwene them.

And I make aud orden Roger Gouldinge and Randolphe Lister, clerk, my executors.

And I geve them five powndes a peece for their paines takinge.

In witnes whereof hereunto I have subscribed my name, theis being witnesses, Edward Lister, Gilberte Fowler, John Sheppard, William Folker, Barnabie Cowle, and Robert Fylde.

(Proved at Bury St. Edmund's, February 17, 1606.)

WILL OF FRANCIS CLOPTON.—1630.

In the name of God Amen, the eight daie of November, in the sixt yere of the raigne of our soveraigne Lord King Charles, by the grace of God of England, Scotland, France and Ireland, Defender of the Faith, etc., annoque Domini, 1630, I Francis Clopton of Liston, in the Countie of Essex, gentleman, being sick in bodie, but of good and perfect memory, thankes be unto Almighty God therefore, revoking all other testamentes and wills by me at any time heretofore made, doe now make this present wryting to bee and containe my true last will and testament in manner and forme following.

First and principally, I bequeath my soule unto Almighty God, hoping and most steadfastly beleiving to be saved in the day of the generall resurreccion and judgement by the onely merittes of my Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ.

And as concerning my body, I doe committ the same unto theearth whereof it came, to be buried in decent manner at the discrecion of mine executor hereunder named.

Item, I give and bequeath unto Anne my daughter, now wife of John Cooke, ten shillings.

Item, I give and bequeath unto William Clopton my sonne, ten shillings of lawfull money of England, to be paid unto him by mine executor, within six monthes next after the daie of my decease.

Item, I give and bequeath unto Thomas Clopton my son, ten shillings of lawfull money of England, to be paid unto him within one yere next after the daye of my decease.

Item, I give and bequeath unto Richard Clopton my sonne, xv.s. of lawfull money of England, to be paid unto him at his age of one and twenty yeres, or within three monthes then next insueing.

Item, I give and bequeath unto Hanna Clopton my daughter, now the wife of Peter Devoreux, xiii.s. iiiii.d.

Item, I give and bequeath unto Margaret Clopton my daughter, now wife of William Elliston, five shillings, to be paid unto her within one yere next after the day of my decease.

Item, and in sted of all my goodes unbequeathed given to my executor, I doe give to every grandchild xx.s. a peice.

Item, I give and bequeath to Grisell my daughter, the wife of Laurence Write, 4.s.

Item, I will to the poore of Liston xxvi.s. viii.d.; and in the parish where it shall please God to call me from this life, xiii.s. iiiii.d.

And all my money, plate, jewells, bondes, billes, debtes, goodes, chattells, cattell, householdstuff, and utensills, and furniture of household and husbandrie, not otherwise before in this my will given and bequeathed, I give them all wholly unto Francis Clopton my sonne, for and towards the payment of my debtes, performance of my legacies, the charges of my funeralls, and probate of this my last will and testament.

And I doe hereby ordaine, constitute, and appoint him the same Francis my sonne, to be the sole and onely executor of the same.

In witnes whereof I have to every sheete or leafe (being three in number), of this my last will and testament, subscribed my name with mine owne hand, and in the last sheete or leafe, as also in the head or top of this present wryteing, I have sett my seale the day and yere first above written.

FRANCIS CLOPTON.

Sealed and published in the presence of the witness: whose names are hereunder written the sealing and publishing hereof, Ralphe Harwood his marke, Roger Herrington his marke, per me Abrahamum Alston.

(Proved at Bury St. Edmund's, January 21, 1640.)

WILL OF PRISCILLA CLOPTON, WIDOW.—1632.

In the name of God Amen, I Priscilla Clopton, wydowe, in the parishe of Boxted, in Suffolke, beinge, thankes be to God, in perfect memorie, thoughte weake in bodie, doe make this my last will and testament, the fyfte daie of Maie, a thowsaund sixe hundred thirtie twoe, as followeth.

First, I bequeath my sowle unto God, in sure and certeine hope of salvation and eternall life, throughe Jesus Christ my Saviour.

As for my worldie estate, I dispose of it.*

* So in original.

Item, I make my dawter Bridgett Clopton sole executrix of this my last will and testament.

Item, I give unto her in readie money, twentie pounds.

Item, I give unto her all my howsholde stufe and apparell, onlye excepted my stammell pettycoote, which I give unto Bridgett Horman, my neece.

In wytnes of this I have hereunto set my hand and seale, the daie and yeare above wrytten.

The marke of Prescilla Clopton.

In the presence of Theodore Beale, Roger Browne.

(Proved at Groton, June 17, 1632.)

WILL OF THOMAS CLOPTON.—1643.

In the name of God Amen, I, Thomas Clopton, of Hitcham, in the countie of Suffolke, gentleman, being of perfect mind and memorie, doe make my last will and testament, in manner and forme following.

First, I give and bequeath unto Richard Clopton my brotber, all my goods, debtes, and demands, whatsoever or wheresoever they be.

Item, I give and bequeath unto William Clopton my brother, twenty shillings.

Item, I give and bequeath unto my sister Anne Clopton, twenty shillings.

Item, I give and bequeath unto Grissell Clopton my sister, twenty shillings.

Item, I give and bequeath unto Hannah Clopton my sister, twenty shillings.

Item, I give and bequeath unto Margaret Clopton my sister, twenty shillings, and to her foure children, twenty shillings a peice.

Item, I give and bequeath unto William Bugg, of Muncksely, twenty shillings.

Item, I give and bequeath unto Jane Bugg, wife of John Bugg the elder, ten shillings.

Thus revoking all former wills by me heretofore made, I doe ordeine and make my trustie and welbeloved brother Richard Clopton, my sole executor, and doe ordaine him to pay these legacies before mencioned.

In wittnesse whereof I have hereunto sett my hand and seale, this fourteenth day of June, in the nineteenth yeare of the reigne of our Sovereigne Lord Charles, now King of England, etc., annoque Domini, 1643.

THOMAS CLOPTON.

Sealed in the presence of us, John Cutler, Nicholas Osborne, Roberte Clarke, junior.

(Proved at Bury St. Edmund's, January 10, 1645.)

WILL OF WILLIAM CLOPTON.—1671.

In the name of God Amen, I William Clopton,* of Liston, in the county of Essex, gentleman, being at this present, in health and perfect memory (thanks be to God) doe nevertheless, considering the frailty of my life, ordaine this my last will and testament, in manner following.

Inprimis, I bequeath my soule to God my gracious Creator, and my body to the earth, to be buried at the discretion of my executor, hereafter mencioned.

Item, I give unto my loveing sister Elizabeth Clopton, widow, teenn pounds, to be paid within one moneth after my death.

Item, I give to every child of my brother Thomas Clopton, deceased, twenty shillings for each of them to buy a mourning ring.

Item, I give unto the poore of Liston forty shillings.

Item, I give unto my loveing brother John Clopton, and to his heires for ever, all my houses and lands with their appurtenances, which I have in Ireland or elsewhere, with all my moneys, goods, moveables, mortgages, bonds, and debts, which I shall possess or be due unto me at the day of my death.

* In the margin of the Register Book, the following note is inserted:—"William Clopton, nuper de Liston sed deceden apud Edwardstone in Suff."

And I make and ordaine my brother John Clopton aforesaid, sole executor of this my last will and testament, subscribed with my name, and sealed with my seale, this thirtieth of May, in the yeare of our Lord one thousand six hundred seaventy one.

WILLIAM CLOPTON.

Subscribed and sealed in the presence of Richard Sparrow senior, Richard Sparrow junior.

(Proved at Edwardstone, October 23, 1685.)

WILL OF FRANCIS CLOPTON.—1689.

In the name of God Amen, the thirteenth day of June, in the first yeare of the reigne of our gracious sovereigne Lord and Lady William and Mary, now King and Queen over England, etc., anno domini 1689; I Francis Clopton, of Haughley, in the county of Suffolke, gentleman, being of good memory and remembrance, thanks be given unto Almighty God, revoking all other wills and testaments, by me formerly made, doe make and ordaine this my last will and testament, as followeth.

First, I bequeathe my soule unto Almighty God my maker, trusting to obtain remission of my sinns through the meritts of Jesus Christ my Saviour, and my body I committ to the earth to be buried in a decent manner; and for my outward estate in this world I bequeath the same as followeth.

Item, I give and bequeath all my lands and tenements lyeing in Chelsworth, in the county aforesaid, unto Sarah Clopton of Ipswich, my brother's daughter, to hold for the terme of her naturall life, and after her decease to the heirs of her body for ever, and for want of such issue after the decease of the said Sarah, I give the aforesaid lands and tenements to William Warren and John Warren, the two sonnes of Elizabeth Warren of Haughley abovesaid, widow, and their heires for ever.

Item, I give and bequeath all my lands and tenements lying in Woolpitt, in the said county, to be sold by my executor or executors hereafter named, within one yeare after my decease, and the money that shall arise upon the sale thereof, I give to be equally divided and parted by my executors, between my six kinsmen, namely William Warren and John Warren, two of the sonnes of Elizabeth Warren of Haughley abovesaid, widow, and to William Strange and Francis Strange, two of the sonnes of Margaret Strange of Buxhall, my kinswoman, and to Henry More the sonne of Susan More of Rincksell, in the said county, widow, my kinswomen, and to John Cooke of Ipswich, the sonne of John Cooke my kinsman, deceased, to be distributed amongst them by equall porcions, share and share alike, as soone as the money shall be received upon the sale of the said lands.

Item, I give and bequeath one peece of freehold land lyeing in Haughley abovesaid, called Basshanks, to Thomas Clarke of Haughley, my tenant, and his heires for ever.

Item, I give and bequeath all that messuage or tenement lyeing and being in Haughley, wherein the aforesaid Thomas Clarke now dwelleth, with all the lands and other appurtenances belonging, to Elizabeth Warren my sister's daughter, and to her heires for ever.

Item, I give unto Ester the daughter of William Clopton my brother, and to Elizabeth Crane my brother's daughter's daughter, and to the widow Cooke, the late wife of John Cooke of Ipswich, my kinsman, the summe of twenty pounds a peece of lawfull English money.

Item, I give to Hannah Elliston my sister's daughter, the summe of sixty pounds of lawfull money of England.

Item, I give to Margaret Strange, Anne Sowgate, Susan More, and Elizabeth Warren my sister's daughter, the summe of fourscore poundes of lawfull money of England, to be paid to each of them, twenty pounds a peece.

Item, I give to Susan More, Anne Moore, Elizabeth Moore, Mary More, and Hannah More, the five daughters of Susan More, of Rincksell, my kinswoman, the summe of five score poundes of lawfull money of England, to be paid to every one of them, twenty pounds a peece.

Item, I give to Elizabeth Strange, Anne Strange, Susan Strange, the three daughters of Margaret Strange, of Buxhall, my kinswoman, and to Edmund Cooke, one of the sonnes of John Cooke, of Ipswich, deceased, my kinsman, and to John Cocksedge, of Bury St. Edmund's, my sister's sonnes sone, the summe of fivescore poundes of lawfull money of England, to be paid to every one of them, twenty pounds a peece.

Item, I give to John Carter, of Stowmarket, in the county abovesaid, draper, and to his two sisters Anne and Sibbill, the summe of twenty shillings a peice, of lawfull money of England.

Item, I give to the poore people of Haughley, wherein I now dwell, the summe of fifty shillings of lawfull money of England, to be distributed among them by my executor or executors, within one moneth after my decease.

Item, I give to the minister that shall preach my funerall sermon, the summe of thirteen shillings and foure pence.

Item, I give to Mary the wife of Thomas Clarke aforesaid, the sume of tenn pounds.

And further, my mind and will is that all the aforesaid legacies given in this my last will and testament, shall be paid at or within my now dwelling house in Haughley, within one yeare next after my decease.

Item, I give all my lands and tenements lyeing in Weathersett, to be sold by my executor or executors, hereafter nominated and appointed, within one yeare after my decease, towards the performance of this my last will and testament, and all my bills, bonds, debts, and ready money, I give to my executor for the bringing of my body to a decent buriall, and for the performance of this my last will and testament, according to that trust and care I have imposed in them.

And I doe hereby make and ordaine Robert Pryor and Thomas Clarke, of Haughley, my tenant, joint executor of this my last will and testament, giving unto my said executors the sume of tenn pounds a peice for the undertaking thereof.

In witness whereof, I, the abovesaid Francis Clopton, have hereunto sett my hand and seale, the day and yeare first above written.

FRANCIS CLOPTON.

Signed, sealed, and published, in the presence of George Collison, Thomas Woodgate his marke, James Palmer.

(Proved at Bury St. Edmund's, January 7, 1691.)

INQUISITION ON THE DEATH OF JOHN CLOPTON.—1497-8.

Suff.' Inquisitio indentata capta apud Hennowe in comitatu Suffolciæ * * * * * anno regni regis Henrici septimi decimo tertio, coram * * Aylemer armigero escaetore domini regis in comitatu prædicto virtute brevis ejusdem domini regis eidem escaetori directi et huic inquisitioni consuti per sacramentum etc., qui dicunt super sacramentum suum quod Willielmus Clopton senior de Melford armiger pater prædicti Johannis Clopton in dicto brevi nominati, Thomas Milde, Johannes Deunston, et Johannes Mannok fuerunt seisiti de manerio de Kentwell cum suis pertinentiis in comitatu prædicto in dominico suo ut de feodo et sic inde seisiti dederunt et concesserunt manerium prædictum præfato Johanni Clopton in dicto brevi nominato, Johanni Paston, Edmundo Paston, Reginaldo Rowse, Henrico Sutell, Willielmo Pope, Radulpho West, Henrico Turnor, Johanni Smyth, Rogero * * , Johanni Warren, Willielmo Colman, Roberto Sparowe, Simoni Gent, et Johanni Gent; habend' et tenend' * * * * suis imperpetuum ad usum prædicti Johannis Clopton in dicto brevi nominati et hæredum suorum et ad ultimam voluntatem ejusdem Johannis Clopton inde perimplendam; virtute cujus prædicti Johannes Clopton, Johannes Paston, Edmundo Paston, Reginaldus Rowse, Henricus Sutell, Willielmus Pope, Radulphus West, Henricus Turnor, Johannes Smyth, Rogerus * * , Johannes Warren, Willielmus Colman, Robertus Sparowe, Simon Gent, et Johannes Gent, fuerunt inde seisiti in dominico suo ut de feodo.

Et dicunt ulterius quod ostense fuerunt juratoribus supradictis super captione hujus inquisitionis litteræ patentes domini Henrici regis Angliæ sexti per quas idem nuper rex sexto die Julii anno regni sui * * remisit et pardonavit prædicto Johanni Clopton omnimodas alienationes, feoffamenta, perquisitiones prædicti manerii * * * intrusiones in manerium prædictum cum pertinentiis absque licentia regia prout per litteras prædictas plenius apparet.

Et postea prædicti Johannes Paston, Edmundo Paston, Reginaldus Rowse, Henricus Sutell, Willielmus Pope, Radulphus West, Johannes Smyth, Rogerus Meriell, Johannes Waren, Willielmus Colman, Robertus Sparowe, Simon Gent, et Johannes Gent obierunt, et prædicti Henricus Turnor et Johannes Clopton ipsos supervixerunt, et fuerunt seisiti de manerio prædicto in dominico suo ut de feodo die obitus dicti Johannis Clopton in dicto brevi nominati ad usum dicti Johannis Clopton et hæredum suorum et ad ultimam voluntatem ejusdem Johannis Clopton inde perimplendam.

Qui quidem Johannes Clopton declaravit suam ultimam voluntatem de manerio prædicto cum pertinentiis, inter alia, in forma sequenti videlicet quod dictus Henricus Turnor daret et concederet manerium prædictum Willielmo Clopton filio ejusdem Johannis Clopton et hæredibus masculis de corpore suo legitime procreatis, et quod prædictus Willielmus Clopton et hæredes masculi de corpore suo legitime procreati darent septimanatim duodecim denarios duodecim pauperibus durante termino viginti annorum a die obitus prædicti Johannis proximo sequentium.

Et ulterius dicunt juratores prædicti quod dictus Johannes Clopton in dicto brevi nominatus diu ante obitum suum fuit seisitus de et in maneriis de Wodfowles, Leutonys, Halstede, ac de advocacione ecclesie de Halstede * * * * * Blakes et Wodehows, Melford, Shymplyng, * *, Hawstede, Stanstede, et Cokfield in dicto comitatu in dominio suo ut de feodo, et sic iude seisitus * * * * * prædictis cum suis pertinentiis Jacobo Hobert, Thomæ Breton Theologie Doctori, Ricardo Heigham, Roberto Crane, Clementi Heigham, et Willielmo Rigton capellano; habend' et tenend' eis et hæredibus suis imperpetuum ad usum prædicti Johannis Clopton et hæredum suorum, virtute cujus feoffamentum prædicti Jacobus Hobert, Thomas Breton, Ricardus Heigham, Robertus Crane, Clemens Heigham, et Willielmus Rigton, fuerunt et adhuc sunt seisiti de eisdem maneriis terris et tenementis cum suis pertinentiis in dominico suo ut de feodo ad usum prædicti Johannis Clopton et hæredum suorum.

Et ulterius dicunt quod prædictum manerium de Kentwell cum suis pertinentiis tenetur de domino rege in capite ut de castro Norwici per quartam partem unius feodi militis; et quod manerium illud valet per annum ultra reprises decem libras.

Et dicunt quod prædictum manerium de Wodefowles tenetur de domino rege ut de manerio suo de Shymplyng per fidelitatem et redditum duorum solidorum pro omnibus servitiis; et quod manerium illud valet per annum ultra reprises tres libras, sex solidos, octo denarios.

Et dicunt quod manerium de Lwtonys tenetur de abbate de Bury Sancti Edmundi per servitium, fidelitatem et sexdecim denarios per annum pro omnibus servitiis; et quod manerium illud valet per annum ultra reprises decem marcas.

Et dicunt quod prædictum manerium de Halstede cum advocacione ecclesie de Halstede prædict' et aliis suis pertinentiis tenetur de prædicto abbate de Bury Sancti Edmundi per fidelitatem et redditum quadraginta solidorum per annum ad feretrum Sancti Edmundi pro omnibus servitiis; et quod manerium illud valet per annum ultra reprises quadraginta marcas.

Et quod prædictum tenementum de Mausers tenetur de Johanne Reynesford milite per servitium fidelitatis et redditum sex solidorum per annum pro omnibus servitiis; et valet per annum ultra reprises quadraginta solidos.

Et quod dictum tenementum de Blakes tenetur de abbate de Bury Sancti Edmundi per fidelitatem, servitium, et redditum sex denariorum per annum pro omnibus servitiis; et valet per annum ultra reprises * * *.

Et quod tenementum de Wodhouse tenetur de Willielmo Clopton per fidelitatem tantum; et valet per annum quadraginta solidos.

Et dicunt quod Willielmus Clopton filius dicti Johannis Clopton in dicto brevi nominati est hæres proximus ejusdem Johannis * * ætatis quadraginta annorum et amplius.

In cujus rei testimonium tam prædictus escaetor quam prædicti juratores huic inquisitioni sigilla sua apposuerunt.

Datum die anno et loco supradictis.

(Inquisition post mortem, 13 Henry VII, n^o 114.)

WILL OF WILLIAM CLOPTON.—1623.

Vicesimo primo die Aprilis, 1623.

In the name of God Amen. I, William Clopton, of Lyston, in the County of Essex, Esquier, beinge weake of bodie but perfect and whole of memorie (thanckes be to God therefore), doe ordaine and make this my last will and testament, in writinge, in manner and forme followinge.

First, I bequeath my sowle into the handes of Almighty God, my Creator and Redcemer, by whome I trust to be saved, and my body to be buried at the discrecion of myne executors.

Item, I give to William Clopton and John Clopton, my younger sonnes, to each of them one hundred and fiftie powndes, to be payd them at their severall ages of twentie yeares respectively.

Item, I give unto Anne Parris, my neece, twoe hundred and five powndes, to be payd unto her within one yeare next after my decease.

Item, I give unto Jane Colvile, myne Aunte, forty shillinges yearely, during her naturall life, to be issuing out of my landes in Lyston aforesaid, and payable halfe yearely, at the usuall feast dayes of St. Michael the Archangell, and the Annunciacion of the Blessed Virgin Mary, by equall portions, with libertie to her the said Jane and her assignes to enter into all or any my landes at Lyston, and to distreine and the distres and distresses there taken to deteine and keepe untill shee be truely payd the said halfe yearely paymentes yf any of them shalbe unpaid or areare.

Item, I give unto myne owne and my late Father's auntient servaunt, Thomas Wayglit, for his service heretofore done to us, and hereafter to be done to my brother, Francis Clopton, one of my executors hereafter named, one annuytie of fower poundes to be yearly ysuing out of my said landes in Lyston aforesaid, duringe his naturall life, payable halfe yearly, at the feast dayes before mencioned, and with like libertie to distreine, yf the same at any time be areare or unpayde in my landes in Lyston aforesaid, as is hereinbefore lymited for my said Aunt Jane.

Item, I give unto Stephen Ellis of Lyston aforesaid, the tenement wherein he now dwelleth, with the appurtenances, during his naturall life, soe as hee all that tyme keepe the same sufficiently repayred.

Item, I give to the use of the poore of the parishe of Lyston aforesaid, forty shillinges, and to the use of the poore of the parish of Foxearth, within the said county, twenty shillinges, to be distributed by the ministers and overseers of each of the said severall parishes respectively.

Item, I give unto William Eastgate, my servant, twenty shillinges.

Item, I give unto Robert Spyнке, of Lyston aforesaid, my gray coult, which I bought of John Marshall.

Item, I give unto Mary Wheatecrofte, my sister, forty shillinges to make her a ring.

And my will and meaning is that if either of my said younger sonnes shall fortune to depart this life before hee shall accomplishe his age of twenty yeares, then the other of my said yonger sonnes surviving, shall have and enjoye the portion hereby before given unto him that shall soe depart this life, and if both my said sonnes shall depart their lives before their said porcions shalbe payable unto them as aforesaid, then my will and meaning is that the said severall porcions soe given to my saide younger sonnes, shalbe paide to my eldest sonne, Thomas Clopton, at his age of twenty yeares.

And furthermore I ordaine and appoint Thomas Wiseman, nowe of Stysted, in the said countie of Essex, esquire, and my said brother, Francis Clopton, executors of this my last will.

And for the better inhabling of them aswell to performe my legacies before mencioned, as alsoe to paye and dischargd my debtes, funerall charges, and other expences, which they shalbe at in and about the execution of this my last will, the buylding and repayracions of my howses and the procuring of the wardshipp of my eldest sonne to the use of my said sonne, I give unto my said executors all my messuage, landes, tenementes, and hereditamentes, which I have power to dispose of wheresoever within the realme of England, untill one of my said sonnes before named shall by the grace of God live untill hee accomplish the age of twoe and twenty yeares, requiring hereby my said executors to make a true accompte unto such of my said sonnes as shall first soe atteine unto the said age of twoe and twenty yeares, of the profittes of all my landes, tenementes, and hereditamentes, hereinbefore to my said executors devised.

And the surplussage which shall remaine of the said profittes, my debtes, legacies, funerall charges, and other expences aforesaid, being first deducted, my will and meaning is that my said executors shall then pay unto my said sonne that shall first attyne unto the age of twoe and twenty yeares, unto whom alsoe my will and meaninge is that my said executors shall then also deliver and paye my plate and howshould stuffe and soe much of the rest of my personall estate as shall not be by them before that tyme necessarily expended in and about the execution of this my last will and testament.

And lastly, my will and desire is that my said brother Francis would be pleased to dwell in my manor howse in Lyston aforesaid, untill one of my said sonnes shall accomplish his said age of twoe and twenty yeares, to the intent hee may see the better to the reparacions of the said howse.

And I give to either of my said executors tenn powndes a peece, for their paines in the execucion of this my last will, to which I have put my hand and seale this one and twentieth day of Aprill, 1623.

WILLIAM CLOPTON.

'Memorandum, that the day and yeare abovesaid, this present writing was sealed, subscribed, and published by the abovesaid William Clopton, for his last will, in the presence of Osbert Fowler, John Ellis, and John Fitz Geffry.

Proved in London March 12, 1624.

(From the Registry of the Prerogative Court of Canterbury, *Byrde* 26.)

CLOPTON CHARTERS.

Sciant &c., quod ego Clemens filius Willielmi de Clopton dedi &c., Johanni de Shardelowe unam rodam terre in villa de Coulinge &c.

Data apud Coulyng die dominica prox' post festum sancte trinitatis anno regni regis Edwardi fil' regis Edwardi sexto decimo.

(*Harleian Charters*, 48, c. 49.)

Sciant &c., quod ego Johannes filius Willielmi Attebache de Netherattile concessi Anwette quondam ux' Walteri de Clopton, et Johanni filio suo et heredibus predicti Johannis unam peciam terre mee jacent' in campo vocato le Salestretfeld &c.

Hiis testibus Johanne Everard, Henrico Farewel, Ricardo Caldebek, Ricardo Peche, Adam le Whyte, Johanne de Alfrichesfelde et aliis.

Dat' apud Wychambroke die Lune prox' post festum Assencionis Domini anno regni regis Edwardi tertij post conquestum undecimo.

(*Harl. Charters*, 51, A. 48.)

Pateat universis per presentes quod ego Thomas de Cloptone filius Walteri de Cloptone remisi &c., Johanni de Saustone heredibus et assignatis suis &c., totum jus et clamen quod habui &c., in toto manerio de Bek in villis de Isilham et Frakenham cum omnibus pertinenciis suis &c.

Hiis testibus Willielmo Talmache milit' Johanne Dengaine, Johanne Schardelowe, Willielmo Warde de Saustone et aliis.

Dat' Saustone die Jovis prox' ante festum sancti Luce Ewangelist' anno regni regis Edwardi tertij post conquestum vicesimo tertio.

(*Harl. Charters*, 48, D. 9.)

The seal of Thomas de Clopton is appended to this deed. Legend, s. THOME. DE. CLOPTONE.—(See woodcut.)



Sciant presentes et futuri quod ego Willielmus de Cloptone dedi Ricardo Cayli rectori ecclesie de Sampford parva, Philippo rectori ecclesie de Magna Wratingge, Johanni Canedisch, Michaelo Beauchamp manerium meum de Newenham in vill' de Asshedon in com' Essex.

Hiis testibus Johann' ffornewys, Roberto de Wantone, Henrico de Lacy, Johanni le Roo, Jacob' de Waweton et aliis.

Dat' apud Asshedone die Martis in festo sancti Lawrencii martiris anno regni regis Edwardi tertij post conquestum angl' vicesimo quarto.

(*Harl. Charters*, 48, c. 50.)

Pateat universis per presentes quod nos Willielmus de Cloptone miles senior, Ricardus rector ecclesie de Sampford parva, Johannes Bedeford rector ecclesie de Hausted, Johannes fynch capellanus, Rogerus Chamberleyn de Stoke Neyland et Johannes Wiffyn remisimus &c., Thome de Felton militi, Thome de Bersham et Rad'o Swyft sen' totum jus quod habuimus &c., in manerio de Boxsted &c.

Dat' die Jovis prox' post festum Nativitatis sancti Johannis Baptiste anno regni regis Edwardi tertij post conquestum tricesimo octavo.

(Harl. Charters, 48, c. 53.)

To this deed is appended the seal of Sir William de Clopton.—(See woodcut.)



Noverint universi per presentes me Will'm Clopton militem remisisse &c., Alicie filie Will'i Talmage militis ux' Will'i Bokenham her' et assign' suis totum jus et clamen quod habeo &c., in omnibus illis terris &c., que nuper perquisivi de Joh'e Talmage in villis de Halsted, Nouton et Hornyngsferth et Wkepsted cum pertinenciis &c.

Hiis testibus Walt' Clopton, Joh'ne Bures, Joh'e Rookwod, Will'o Rookwood, et aliis.

Dat' apud Bury die dom' prox' post festum Assumptionis Beatæ Mariæ anno regni regis Ricardi secundi post conquestum sexto decimo.

(Cullum Charters.)

Sciant qd' ego Will'us de Clopton miles dedi &c., Thome Smyth de p'va Whelneth'm unam peciam prati vocat' Dokemedowe jacentem in Hausted &c.,

Hiis testibus Johanne de Bury, Henr' Hunte, Johanne Maymoud, Willielmo Bokenham et aliis.

Dat' apud Hausted p'dictam die dominica prox' ante festum anno 22 Henrici quarti a conquestu tercio.

(Cullum Charters.)

To this deed is appended the annexed seal. Legend, SIG: WILLELMI: DE: CLOPTONE.



Sciant &c., quod nos Willielmus Mylde de Clare et Rogerus Reuve de Melford dimisimus Willielmo Clopton filio Thome Clopton milit' et Margerie uxori ejusdem Will'i Clopton omnia illa terras &c., que vocant' Luytones, in villis de Melforde, Schymplyng & Alpheton que habuimus ex dono prefati Willielmi Clopton & que fuer'nt Thome Clopton patris predicti Willielmi &c. Hiis testibus Rogero Drury milit', Joh'e Rookwode, Roberto Cooke, Waltero Glemysford, Joh'e Hoo et aliis. Dat' apud Melforde die Mercurij prox' post festum anno regni regis Henrici quarti post conquestum octavo.

(Harl. Charters, 54, A. 22.)

Noverint universi per presentes me Robertum Fitz Eustas remisisse &c., Will'o Clopton militi totum jus menm &c., quod habeo &c., in manerio de Halsted al' dict' Hausted.

Dat' die Jovis prox' post festum sancti Barthol' ap'li anno regni regis Henrici quarti post conquestum octavo.

(Cullum Charters.)

Sciunt presentes &c., quod nos Walterus de Clopton miles Johas de Rokewode, Dn's Walterus p'sona ecclie de Broklye et Dominus Walterus Weyneld clericus concessimus &c., Willielmo Bokenham de Havstede in com Suff et Alicie uxori ejus omnia illa terras et tenementa que nuper habuimus de dono predictorum Willielmi et Alicie in villis de Havstede, Hornyngeserthe, Nowton et Whepstede in dicto com' Suff' Habend &c.

Hiis testibus Willielmo Clopton milite, Johanne de Bures, Roberto Cressoner, Nicholao Hethe, Thoma Halesworthe, et aliis.

Dat' apud Havstede p'dictam duodecimo die februarii anno 22 Henrici quarti post conquestum sexto.

(*Cullum Charters.*)

Sciunt &c., quod nos Thomas de Erpyngham miles, Johannes le Straunge miles &c., concessimus Blanchie fitz Eustace nuper uxori Ed'i Clopton totum manerium vocat' Newenham halle &c., in villa et parochia de Asshedon in com' Essex.

Hiis testib' Willielmo Cogeshale milite, Johanne Doreward armig,' Tho. Bendyssh armig' Philippo de Gedyngton armig,' Willielmo Clopton armigero et aliis.

Data apud Newenham halle vicesimo die Maij anno regni regis Henrici quarti post conquestum septimo.

(*Harl. Charters, 58, n. 7.*)

Sciunt presentes et futuri quod ego Willielmus Cloptone filius quondam Edmundi Cloptone dedi &c., Johanni Howard militi, Waltero Cloptone militi, Willielmo Cloptone filio quondam Thome Cloptone militis, Johanni Waryn armigero, Johanni Grene armigero, et Johanni Schymmyng de Waldene totum manerium meum vocat' Newnham halle in villa et parochia de Asshedon quod quidem manerium cum omnibus suis pertinentiis michi prefato Willielmo accidit jure hereditaris post decessum predicti Edmundi patris mei &c.

Hiis testibus Willielmo Cogessale milite, Johanne Doreward, Ricardo Baynard, Philippo le Despenser milite, Radulfo Chaun . . . et aliis.

Dat' apud Asshedon sexto die mensis Junii anno regni regis Henrici quarti post conquestum tertio decimo.

(*Harl. Charters, 48, d. 6.*)

To this deed is appended the annexed seal.
—(*See woodcut.*)

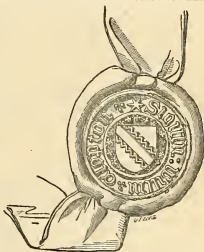
Pateat universis per presentes me Willielmum filium et heredem Edmundi Clopton ordinasse Thomam Heyg'ne de Walden verum attornatum meum ad deliberand' vice et nomine meo domino Johanni Howard, domino Waltero Clopton militibus, Willielmo filio Thome Clopton, Johanni Waryn, Johanni Grene & Johanni Shymmyng heredibus et assignatis eorum plenam et pacificam seisinam in toto illo manerio vocato Newenhamhalle in villa de Asshedon.

Hiis testibus Willielmo de Langham milite, Thoma Bendyssh, Johanne Redeswelle, Johanne Sandon, Willielmo Langdale et aliis.

Dat' apud Asshedon predictam decimo die Junii anno regni regis Henrici quarti post conquestum tertio decimo.

(*Harl. Charters, 48, d. 5.*)

To this deed is appended the same seal as was used for the preceding deed.



Noverint universi per presentes me Willielmum Clopton militem filium et heredem Willielmi Cloptone militis remisisse Johanni Howard militi, Willielmo Cloptone de Melford, Johanni Rowghheed, Johanni Porteroose de Sudbury, Roberto Cook de Lauenham, domino Willielmo Maryoth rectori ecclesie de Asshedon, Johanni Godston et Willielmo Cloptone de eadem totum jus meum &c., in manerio de Neuwynham in Asshedon &c., que quondam fuerunt Ricardi Caily Rectoris ecclesie de Sampforde parva &c.

Hiis testibus Willielmo Cogeshale milite, Johanne Waryn de Walden, Willielmo Langdale et alio.

Dat' apud Melford predict' die Jovis prox' post festum Nativitatis sancti Johannis Baptiste anno regni regis Henrici quinti post conquestum tercio.

(*Harl.* 48, p. 13.)

To this deed is appended the seal engraved in p. 114, fig. 3.

Sciant presentes quod ego Willielmus Clopton filius Thome Clopton militis dedi Willielmo Hanyngfeld armigero, Thome Peper, Nicholas Mauncel rectori ecclesie de Toppesfeld, Johanni Smyth rectori ecclesie de Wetyng, Rogeri Prynce rectori ecclesie de Liston, Roberto Clopton de Hadleye &c., omnia terras &c., in Melford, Alpton &c., in com. Suff.

Hiis testib' Willielmo Rookwod, Thoma Peyton, Roberto Peyton filii Johannis Peyton armigeri, Thoma Garneys, Johanne Glemesford armigeris, Joh'ne Harford, Johanne Hoo et aliis.

Dat' apud Melford in Vigilia Sancti Laurentii anno regni regis Henrici quinti post conquestum nono.

(*Harl Charters*, 48, p. 15.)

To this charter is appended a small round seal of red wax, on which is represented a leopard's head affrontée.

Noverint universi per presentes nos Humfridum comitem Stafford', Henricum Bowghchier comitem de Ewe, Walterum Hungerforde dominum de Hatisbury militem, Willielmum Cloptone, Willielmum Warbelton, Ricardum Baynarde, Henricum Drewry, Thomam Heth et Ricardum Wedertone armigeros et Johannam uxorem ejus fecisse, ordmasse et loco nostro posuisse dilectos nobis in xpo Johannem Pole de Colchestre et Johannem Gardynere conjunctim et divisim nostros veros et legitimos attorn' ad deliberand' pro nobis et nomine nostro Johanni Teye filio Roberti Teye armigero plenam et pacificam seisinam de et in manerio de Ardelegh &c.

Dat' octavo die Octobris anno R. R. Henrici sexti post conquestum nono.

(*Harl. Charters*, 56, p. 4.)

One of the seals appended to this power of attorney, is that of William Clopton, on which is represented the Clopton arms, on a shield suspended from a tree, surrounded by the legend SIGILLU : WILLMI. CLOPTON ARMIG. (*See woodcut.*)



Omibus xpi fidelibus, &c., Joh'es Clopton armig' Will'us Rookwode de Stanesfeld, armig', Robertus Psyton armig', Andreas Smyth de Hausted, Joh'es Smyth de Stanesfeld, et Will'us Wyffyn de magna Whelneith'm salutem in d'no Cum Will'us Brook de Bury s'ci Edi habeat et teneat omnia illa terras et tenementa, &c., in villis et campis de Magna Whelneith'm et Havsted que nos nuper habuimus ex dono Johis Warde de Hardegraue et que antea fuerant Joh'is Brook jam defuncti. Noveritis nos prefatos Johannem Clopton, Will'm Rookwode, Joh'em Smyth et Will'm Wyffyn remisisse, &c., p'fato Will'o Brook hered' suis, &c., totum jus nostr'm que in p'dictis terris, &c., habuimus.

Dat' apud Whelneitham p'dict penultimo die Aprilis Anno regni regis Henrici Sexti post conq'm Angliæ decimo octavo.

(*Collum Charters.*)

Sciant &c., quod nos Henricus Sotshyll armiger, Willielmus Pope armiger, Willielmus Hoord et Willielmus Colman capellanus dimissimus Johanni Clopton filio Willielmi Clopton nuper de Melford armigeri jam defuncti et Alicie fil' Roberti Darcy de M aldou armigeri manerium nostrum vocat' Newenhamhale in Asshedon que quidem man' habuimus simul cum predict' Johanne Clopton ac cum Johanne Denston armigero et Johanne Preston armigero, et etiam cum Roberto Crane armigero modo defun' et ex remissione Willielmi Allyngton armigeri, Thome Mylde de Clare armigeri, Roberto Clopton civis et alderman' ciuitatis London,' Gilberti Mylde Rectoris ecclesie de Hausted, et Johis Smyth Rectoris ecclesie de fforham omn' s'cor' per cartam ipsorum dat' quarto die mensis Maij anno regni regis nunc vicesimo tercio &c.

Hiis testibus Thoma Bultell, Johanne Goldston, R—naldo Cornhyll, Johanne Newman, Willielmo Cornhyll et aliis.

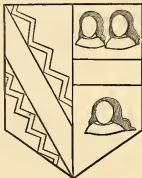
Dat' apud Asshedon septimo die Aprilis anno regni regis Henrici sexti post conquestum vicesimo quinto.

(*Harl. Charters*, 56, D. 15.)

The following is copied from a transcript in the collections of Sir S. D'Ewes, *Harl. MS.*, No. 380. Two seals were appended to the original document.*

Nov' universi per presentes nos Willielmum Clopton filium et heredem Johannis Clopton de Melford in comitatu Suffol' armigeri et Johannum Marowe filium Willielmi Marowe nuper civis et aldermanni civitatis London fecisse &c., dilectos nobis in Christo Thomam Stede, Thomam Fitzwilliam, Johannem Cooke et Johannem Helgaye nos veros attorn' conjunctim et divisim ad recipiend' pro nobis et nomine nostro de dicto Johanne Clopton patre mei dicti Willielmi plenam et pacificam possessionem et seisinam de et in manerio cum pertin' vocat' Newenham Hall in Ashedon et de in omnibus terris &c., in villis de Ashedon et Berkelowe in com' Essex et Cantebriyg, &c.

Dat' quinto die mensis Septembris anno regni regis Edwardi quarti post conquestum duodecimo.



Shield of arms (*Clopton* impaling *Marrowe*), on the slab over Sir William Clopton (who died 22 Henry VIII), and Joan, daughter of Sir William Marrowe, in Melford church, Suffolk. Their effigies and all the rest of the brass is gone.

Sciant presentes et futuri quod ego Willielmus Clopton de Meleford in com' Suff miles, filius et heres Joh'is Clopton armig,' dedi &c., Will'o Walgrave militi, Roberto Payton militi, Rad'o Chamberlayn armig' Georg' Walgrave armig,' Edwardo Clopton armig', Ric'o Poley generos' Will'o Brytynner clerico, Johanni Charles alias dict' Pantry yoman, et Johanni Threscher yoman, manerium meum de Hausted cum advoc' ecclesie ejusdem villæ cum omnibus terris &c., in villis de Hausted Newton, Hornyngeserth, mag', H' parva, et Bury sci Edmundi &c., quod quidem manerium predict' cum suis pertin' mihi prefat' Willo Clopton militi post mortem dicti Joh'is Clopton patris mei jur' heredit' descendebat &c., &c.

Data vicesimo sexto die Aprilis anno regni regis Henrici septimi post conquestum decimo nono.

(*Cullum Charters.*)

* On the first is the device of an eagle displayed; and on the second is the Marrow crest, opposite the drawing of which is the following note:—"This seemeth to bee the mermaid head and crest of Marrowe."

Omnibus xpi fidelibus &c., Johannes Clopton generosus filius Willielmi Clopton militis salutem &c., noveritis me pfat' Joh'em remisisse Roberto Drury militi, Thome Bakon, Henrico Paman, Will'o Cokke, Rad'o Wode, et Rogero Story own, her' et assign' euis ad usum dicti Roberti Drury etc., totum jus &c., de et in manerio de Hausted &c.

Dat' quarto decimo die february anno regni regis Henrici Septimi vicesimo.

(*Cullum Charters.*)

Seal illegible.

Omnibus xpi &c., Noveritis me Johannem Clopton de Melford dedisse &c., Willielmo Clopton filio apparenti mei dicti Johannis Clopton et Margarete uxori sue fil' Thome Jermy n militis &c., manerium meum de Shardlowes &c.

Dat' primo die Augusti anno regni regis Henrici octavi octavo.

(*Harl. Charters*, 48, D. 33.)

Indenture made 10 Febr, 9 Elizab., between ffraunces Clopton of Longe Melforde, in the Countie of Suffolke, Esquier, on the one partie, and Hamond Claxton the younger of Cheston, in the said Countie, gent, sonne of John Claxton, deceased, on the other partie, Witnesseth that on the part of the said Hamond it is agreed that before the feast of St. Michael the Archangel, he the said Hamond shall marry Anne Clopton, syster to the same ffraunces, if the said Anne will thereto consent; and on the parte of said ffraunces it is covenanted that the said Anne Clopton, before the said feast, shall marry the said Hamond. In consideration of which marriage the said Hamonde dothe covenant and grant to the said ffraunces a lawful estate in fee simple, of and in landes of the s^d Hamonde, amounting to the cleare yearlie value of £30, to the use of the said Anne, towards her joynture, &c.

(*Harl. Charters*, 48, D. 41.)

The signature of Hamond Claxton the younger, is appended to this indenture.

Indenture made the 1 Nov., 26 Elizabeth, between William Clopton of Kentwell, in the County of Suffolk, Esq., on the one part, and Edward Curspe of Melford, mason, on the other, Witnesseth that the said William Clopton hath demised, granted, &c., unto the said Edward all that messuage lately builded, wherein the said Edward Curspe now dwelleth at Melford.

(*Harl. Charters*, 48, D. 48.)

To this deed is appended the seal of William Clopton, of Kentwell, on which is represented a shield charged with the following quarterings:—1, *Clopton*. 2, *Mytde*. 3, *Roydon*. 4, *Knyvett*. 5, *Belhus*. 6, *Francis*. The shield being surmounted by a helmet with the Clopton crest.

TRANSCRIPTS OF DEEDS RELATING TO THE CLOPTON FAMILY, COPIED BY SIR S. D'EWES, AUGUST, 1631.

(*D'Ewes Collection, Harl. MS., No. 380.*)

Sciunt presentes et futuri quod ego Walterus filius Willielmi de Clopton concessi &c., Magistro Laurencio de Denardeston pro homagio suo et pro duabus marcis et dimid' &c., quandam gravam in Villa de Stanesfeld cum suis pertinenciis que continet in se unam acram et dimidiam rod' sive habeatur plus sive minus jacentem apud Hupstete et appellatur le Howereho, et jacet juxta gravam que erat Roberti Carpuntarii. Tenend' &c., Hiis testibus Radulpho de Laksewe, Roberto Darnel, Willielmo de Lakesewe, Willielmo Bigod et multis aliis.

A round seal with the device of a fleur-de-lis, and the legend SIGILLVM WALTERI DE CLOPTVN, is appended to this deed.

[*Note by Sir S. D'ewes.* This is the copie of a most ancient deed of Walter de Cloptun's, in King Stephen's time or H. II.

Transcript, 6 Aug., 1631.]

Sciant presentes et futuri quod ego Thomas de Essex concessi &c., Waltero de Clopton pro servicio suo totam terram quam habui seu habeo in villa de Chipepeye in campo qui vocatur le Molleresfeld &c.

Hiis testibus Domino Hugone filio Ade, Gilberto de Lahaye, Will'o Brostem, Gilberto de Wantesford, Briano de Poslingworth, Gilberto Brouning et aliis.

Sciant &c., quod ego Hugo de Cornerde Prior de Chipepeye et ejusdem loci canonici concessimus Waltero de Clopton pro servitio suo &c., unam peciam bosci nostri in villa de Chipepeye &c.

Hiis testib' Stephano de Haukedon, Galfrido de Waldingfeld, Gilberto de la Haye, Willielmo Brustemin, Gilberto de Wantesford, Briano de Poslingworth, Gilberto Brouning, Johanne de Chelevineshey, Thome fratre suo tunc tempore ballivo hundredi et aliis.

Sciant &c., quod ego Thomas de Essex de Chipepeye dedi Waltero filio Willielmi de Cloptone de Wichambroc pro servicio suo et pro decem solidis argenti quos mihi dedit unam peciam prati in villa de Chipepeye &c.

Hiis testibus domino Hugone filio Ade, Gilberto de la Haye, Stephano de Haukedone, Galfrido de Waldingfeld, Willielmo Brustemin, Humfrido filio Hugonis, Briano filio Johannis, et aliis. Datum apud Chipepeye in Vigilia Epiphanie anno regni regis Edwardi vicesimo secundo.

Universis Christi fidelibus &c., ego Maria que fui 'uxor Willielmi filii Nicholai de Saldeford salutem in domino. Noveritis me in pura et legitima viduitate mea remisisse Willielmo de Cloptone et heredibus suis totum jus &c., quod habui &c., in decem solidatis annui redditus quem redditu perquisiui de Simone de Aswelle patre meo in villa de Stanesfeld in comitatu Suff., &c.

Hiis testib' domino Ricardo de Cornerde milite, Galfrido de Waldingfeld, Stephano de Haukedone, Radulpho de Cloptone, Johanne Michel de Stanesfeld, Ricardo de Alwertone, Thoma de Chelewyneshey et aliis.

Dat' apud Clare die mercurii prox' post epiphaniam domini anno regni regis Edwardi vicesimo quarto.

To this deed is appended an oval seal of green wax. Device:—a fleur-de-lis.
Legend:—s. MARIE DE ASWEL.

Omnibus Christi &c., Walterus de Cloptone salutem. Noveritis me dimisisse Priori et Conventui de Dunmawe unam peciam terre mee jacentem in campo vocato Balifeld &c.
This deed is dated 7 E. II.

Hec est convencio facta inter Thomam filium Walteri de Clopton ex una parte, et Ricardum Slepe ex altera, videlicet quod predictus Thomas concessit Ricardo le Slepe duas pecias terre jacentes in parochia de Stanisfelde.

Hiis testib' Willielmo de Wanteforth, Waltero de Wanteforth, Johanne Doreward, Joho Hemer et aliis.

Dat' apud Poselingforth die dominica prox' post festum Sancti Mathei anno regni regis Edwardi tercii post conquestum sexto.

Sciant &c., quod ego Thomas de Essex de Chipepeye dedi Waltero filio Willielmi de Clopton &c., novem acras et tres rodas terre mee arrabilis in parochiis de Chipepeye et Stanisfelde &c.

Hiis testibus domino Hugone filio Ade, Hugone filio suo, Stephano de Haukedone, Galfrido de Waldingfeld, Johanne de Cholewynehey, Thome fratre suo, Briano de Poselingworth, Gilberto Brunig et aliis.

Dat' apud Chipepeye in die palmarum anno regni regis Edwardi filii regis Henrici vicesimo secundo.

Sciant &c., quod ego Johanna que fuit uxor Humfridi filii Hugonis de Poselingworth concessi &c., in pura viduitate mea Waltero filio Willielmi de Clopton unam peciam terre jacentem in villa de Poselingw'rth in campo qui vocatur Lancroft inter terram canonicorum de Dunmawe ex una parte, et terram Thome de Chelewinehey ex altera &c.

Hiis testib' domino Hugone filio Ade, Stephano de Hauekedon, Ricardo de Alwarton, Johanne de Chelewnehey, Willielmo Brustemin, Briano de Poselingw'rth, Edmundo Weriwy, Gilberto Brunig, et aliis.

Dat' apud Poselingw'rth in festo sancti Petri advincul' anno regni regis Edwardi filii regis Henrici vicesimo secundo.

Seal:—oval of small size. Device:—a cross patonce. Legend:—S. IOHANNE GRA....

Pateat universis &c., quod nos Willielmus de Clopton miles senior, Ric'us Rector ecclesie de Sampford parva, Johannes Bedeforde Rector ecclesie de Haustede, Johannes Fynch capellanus, Rogerus Chaumbleyn de Stokeneylond et Johes Wyffyn remisimus &c., Thome de Feltone militi, Thome de Bergham et Radul' Swift seniori totum jus &c., in manerio de Boxsted &c.

Dat' die Jovis prox' post festum Nativitatis sancti Johannis Baptiste anno regni regis Edwardi tercii post conquestum tricesimo octavo.

[*Note by Sir S. D'ives.* SIGILL. WILLI. DE. CLOPTONE, the same Seal with the Coate and 2 wings one of either side the Scocheon as I have on two deedes of this William, dated a^o 24 E. III, and 33 E. III.]

Sciant &c., quod ego Thomas de Essex concessi &c., Walteri de Cloptone unam peciam terre mee arabilis in villa de Chippelaye jacentem in campo que vocatur Thalnecroft.

Hiis testibus Domino Hugone filio Ade, Hugone filio suo, Gilberto de la Waye, Willielmo Brostemine, Briano de Poslingworth, Johanne de Chelevineshey et aliis.

Dat' apud Chippelaye die dominica prox' post festum exaltacionis crucis anno regni regis Edwardi filii regis Henrici vicesimo secundo

EXTRACT FROM HADLEIGH REGISTER.

BAPTISMS.

1616. Sept. 17. William Clopton, son to Mr. W., Esqre.
 1626. May 8. Elizabeth Cloppen, da. to Mr. W^m Esq.
 1627. June 11. Francis Clopton, da. to Mr. W^m Clopton.
 1628. March 8. George Clopton, son to Mr. W^m Esq.

BURIALS.

1616. Sept. 19. William Cloppen, son to William, Esq.

WHATFIELD REGISTER.

William Clopton, Esq., and Alice D'oyley, da. to Edmund D'oyley of Pond Hall, in Hadley, Esq., were married 3 August, 1615.

SEMER REGISTER.

Anthony Clopton and Joane, married 23 January, 1538.

LAVENHAM REGISTER.—(Additional Extracts.)

MARRIAGES.

1636. June 12. Thomas Hart & An Clopton.
 1637. November 2. Gyyles Huberd & Mary Clopton.

CLOPTON PEDIGREE.

(From the original in the D'Ewes Collections, Harl. MSS., No. 380.)

[The arms are roughly tricked in the original, and the genealogical account written under each shield.]

Walter de Clopton sonne and heire of William de Clopton of Wikhambroke, married to his first wife Alice, the daughter and coheire of William, commonly sirmamed Fitzhugh, sonne of Hugh de Warrenna. Hee died temp. E. II.

Arms :—*Clopton*, impaling on a cross five escallops.

Sr Thomas Clopton, Knight, 2^d sonne of Walter de Clopton & Alicia his wife, married Katherine the sole daughter and heire of William Milde, esquire, who as is conceived brought vnto this Familie the Mannor of Kentwell and other lands in Melford. This Sr Thomas died a^o 6 R. II, having lived temp. E. II and E. III.

Arms :—Quarterly, 1 and 4, Sable, a bend Ermine, between two cotises dancette Or; 2 and 3, on a cross four escallops, *Weyland*, impaling Argent, a lion rampant Sable, over all a fess counter compony Or and Azure, *Mylde*.

William Clopton of Melford, in the Countie of Suffolk, Esquire, sonne & heire of Sr Thomas Clopton, Knight, married Margerie, sole daughter & heire of Elias Francis, Esquire. He lieth buried in the north isle of ye chancell of Melford Church. He died a^o 25 H. VI, and lived temp. R. II, H. IV, and H. V.

Arms :—1 and 4, *Clopton*, the bend charged with an ermine spot; 2 and 3, *Mylde*, impaling Gules, a saltire between four crosses pattée Or, *Francis*.

Crest :—Out of a ducal coronet a wolf's head Or.

John Clopton of Melford, in ye countie of Suffolk, Esquire, sonne of William Clopton and Margerie his wife aforesaid, married Alice, the daughter of Robert Darcie, of Malden, in the Countie of Essex, Esquire. He lived temp. H. V, H. VI, and E. IV.

Arms :—1 and 4, *Clopton*, the bend charged with ermine spot; 2 and 3, *Francis*, impaling Argent, three cinquefoils Gules.

Crests :—1, *Clopton*, out of a ducal coronet a wolf's head Or; 2, a demi-virgin, holding in the right hand a branch of cinquefoils Proper.

Sr William Clopton of Lutons, in ye countye of Suffolk, Knight, sonne of John aforesaid, married Johan daughter of Sr William Marrow, of Stepnie, in ye countie of Middlesex, Knight. Hee died Fehr. 20, a^o dni. 1530, a^o 22 H. VIII, and lieth buried in ye north isle of ye chancell of Melford Church, belonging to ye Cloptons. He lived temp. H. VI, E. IV, E. V, R. III, H. VII, and H. VIII.

Arms :—1 and 4, *Clopton*, with Ermine spot in bend; 2, *Mylde*; 3, *Francis* impals Azure, a fess nebulee Arg^t between three maidens' heads Argent, attired Or, *Marrow*.

Crests :—1, *Clopton*, out of a ducal coronet a wolf's head . . . ; 2, a demi maiden Argent, attired Or.

John Clopton, Esquire, sonne and heire of Sr William Clopton of Lutons, in the Countie of Suffolk, Knight, married Elizabeth, the sole daughter and heire of John Roydon, esquire. This John Clopton lived temp. R. III, H. VII, & H. VIII.

Arms :—Quarterly of four; 1, *Clopton*, with ermine spot on bend; 2, Argent, on a cross Gules, five escallops Or, *Weyland*; 3, *Mylde*; 4, *Francis*; impaling quarterly (1), chequy Argent and Gules, a cross Azure, *Roydon*. (2), Argent, on a bend within a bordure engrailed Sable, a crescent Or, *Knevitt*. (3), Or, three towers Sable, *Castelyn*. (4), Or, three palletts Gules, a bordure Azure bezantee, *Basset*.

Crests :—1, *Clopton*, a wolf's head couped per pale Or and Azure; 2, *Knyvet*, a demi-dragon winged Azure, charged on neck with a crescent.

William Clopton, Esquire, sonne & heire of John aforesaid, married Marie, one of the daughters of George Perient, of Digswell, in ye Countie of Hartford, gent. This William lieth buried in ye Clopton's Chappell, on the north side of ye chancell of Melford Church. Hee lived temp. H. VIII, E. VI, et Ph. & Mary.

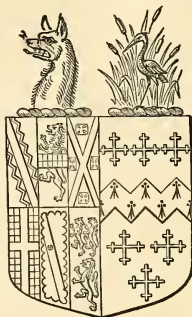
Arms :—1 and 4, *Clopton*; 2 and 3, *Roydon*; impaling Gules, three crescents Argent, a crescent in chief for difference.

Crests :—1, A wolf's head couped per pale Or and Azure, *Clopton*; 2, a griffin's head erased Gules, charged with three crescents in pale Argent, *Perient*.

Thomas Clopton of Kentwell, in the Countie of Suffolk, Esquire, 6 sonne and at length heire of William aforesaid, married Marie, third daughter of Sr William Waldegrave, Knight. Hee died a^o dni 1597, and lieth buried at Melford, amongst his auncestors.

Arms:—Quarterly 1, *Clopton*; 2, *Francis*; 3, *Roydon*; 4, *Mylde*; impaling per pale Argent and Gules, *Waldegrave*.

Crests:—1, *Clopton*, a wolf's head Or; 2, *Waldegrave*, out of a ducal coronet Or, a plume of five ostrich feathers per pale Argent and Gules.



Sr William Clopton, of Kentwell, in ye Countie of Suffolke, Knight, sonne and heire of Thomas aforesaid, married Anne, 5 daughter of Sr Thomas Barnadiston, Knight. Hee died March 11th, a^o dni 1618, a^o 16 Jac. Reg. Shee died Jan. 1, a^o dni 1610,* a^o 8 Jac. Reg., and lie bothe buried together in the Cloptons Chapell, in ye north side of ye chancell of Melford Church.

Arms:—1, *Clopton*; 2, *Mylde*; 3, *Francis*; 4, *Roydon*; 5, *Knyvet*; 6, *Belhouse*; impaling Azure, a fess dancettee Ermine, betw. six crosses crosslet Argent, *Barnardiston*.†

CLOPTON PEDIGREES, AS RECORDED IN THE ORIGINAL VISITATION OF
SUFFOLK, 1561.

— Clopton of —, in the countye of Suff.; maryed ye daughter of — Grey, of Buckingham Castle, in the Countye of Norff., and had issue — Clopton, his sonne and heire, wch maryed wth daughter of — Chewyt, and had yssue — Clopton, his sonne and heire, wch maryed wth the daughter of — Cockerell, of —, and had yssue — Clopton, his sonne and heire, wch maryed with — Trussell, and had yssue Sr Wm. Clopton, Knight, his sone and heire, wch maryed with — daughter of Pygott, and had yssue Sr Thomas Clopton, sonne and heire; a daughter maryed to Erpingham; and another to Walkote.

* This is the date of their marriage; she died 4 Feb., 1615. (See monumental inscription in Melford church and parish register.)

† The Barnardistons are of great antiquity in Suffolk. Sir Thomas de Barnardiston, Kut., presented to the Rectory of Kedington (Ketton), 1343, and to Barnardiston Rectory, 1349; and the family continued patrons of both for upwards of 400 years. During great part of the same time the Barnardistons were patrons of Gt. Cotes, in Lincolnshire, and resided much at that place; and were sheriffs and representatives in parliament for that county, at different periods. This will account for the pedigree not being entered in the *Suffolk Visitation* of 1561.

Sr Thomas Clopton of Kentwell, married Katherin,* daughter and heire of Mylde of Clare, in the Countie of Suff., and had yssue — Clopton, sonne and heire, wch married wth the daughter of Eustace of —, and had yssue Sr W^m Clopton, Knight.

Sr W^m Clopton of Kentwell, Knight, sonne and heire, married the daughter and heire of Hellyas ffrancis of Norff., and by her had yssue John Clopton, Esq.; a daughter married to Harleston; another to Denston.

John Clopton of Kentwell, Esq., sonne and heire to Sr W^m, married Alyc, daughter of — Darcie of Malton, in the Countie of Essex, and had yssue Sr W^m Clopton, Knight; Sir Edmonde Clopton, second sonne, Knight of the Rodes; Edward Clopton, third sonne; a daughter married to Rokewood; and another daughter married to Curson.

Sr William Clopton, K^t of Kentwell, sonne and heire to John, married — daughter of — Marro of Stepney, in the Countye of Mydlessex, and by her hath yssue John Clopton; William Clopton; and Robert Clopton, a preist; a daughter married to Sr Geoffrey Gates; another married to Richard Powley of Boxted; the third married to Awstyn.

The said Sr William married to his seconde wyffe Thomasin sister and heire to Edward Knevitt of Stanwey, in the Countie of Essex, and by her hath yssue ffrancis Clopton, and Richard Clopton, unto whom is decended the moytie of the landes of Edward Knevett.

John Clopton of Kentwell, sonne and heire to Sr William Clopton, Knight, married Elizabeth, daughter and one of the heires of Roydon of Essex, wch Roydon married Margaret, the sister and coheire wth Thomasin her sister, & only the heires of Edward Knevett their brother, and by her had yssue William Clopton, sonne and heire; John Clopton, second sonne; Anthonye Clopton, third sonne; George, fourth sonne; Elizabeth, married to Colman; Gryssell, married to Thomas West, gent.

W^m Clopton of Kentwell, in the Countye of Suff., Esq., sonne and heire to John, married to his first wife Margaret, daughter to Sr Thomas Jermyn of Rusbroke, in the Countie of Suff., Knight, and by her had yssue ffrancis, sonne and heire; William, second sonne; Elizabeth; Anne; and Margaret.

After, the said William married to his second wyffe Marye,† daughter of George Peryent of —, and by her had issue George, Thomas, and Bridget. ffrancis Clopton sonne and heire of William Clopton.

* Katherin, d. of Mylde, brought wth her the mannor of Kentwell, in the countie of Suff., to Sr Thomas Clopton, Knight, being her husband.

† Seal of Henry Peryent, appended to an indenture made 21 March, 6 Elizabeth, between "Marie Clopton, widdowe, late wyfe of William Clopton, Esquire, deceased, and ffrances Clopton, Esquire, sonne and heyre of the said Willm. Clopton." This indenture is signed by Mary Clopton and by Henry Peryent; Robert Crane and Thomas West witnesses.



William Clopton, second sonne to Sr William Clopton of Kentwell, in the Countie of Suff., Knight, maryed Elizabeth daughter and one of the heires of Sr Thomas Saye of Lyston Hall, in the Countie of Essex, Knight, and by her had issue William Clopton, sonne & heire; ffrances Clopton, second sonne.

ffraunces Clopton of Kedington, in the Countie of Suffolk, Esq., maryed to his firste wyfe Olyffe daughter of Gavell of Norff., gent, and by her had noe yssue. After hee maryed to his second wyffe Lora daughter of Sr Roger Wentworth, and by her had no yssue. Thirddie, hee maryed Dame Ladye Barnardiston, daughter of Sir Edmond Walsingham, and by her had noe yssue. ffourthly, hee maryed Elizabeth Broxbye, daughter of Sr Thomas Barnardiston, and as yett hath no yssue.

Arms:—Quarterly of four. 1, *Clopton* (the bend charged with a crescent within a mullet); 2, *Mylde*; 3, *Francis*; 4, *Saye*.

George Clopton third sonne to John Clopton of Mellforde, married Alys daughter and one of the heires of Sr Stephen Pekoche, Mayor of London, and by her hath yssue George, sonne and heire; William second sonne; Edmounde thirde sonne; ffrances fourth sonne. Thomas maryed —.

Arms:—Six quarters. 1, *Clopton*. 2, *Mylde*. 3, *Frances*; 4, *Roydon*. 5, *Knyvet*. 6, *Belhus*; over all a mullet for difference, impaling *Pecoche*.

Crest:—A wolf's head couped per pale Or and Azure, charged with a mullet.

CLOPTON PEDIGREES, FROM THE VISITATION OF SUFFOLK IN 1611.

Richard Clopton ye 2^d soñe to Sr Willm Clopton, K^t by Tomasen, sister and heire to Edward Knevet of Stanway, in Essex, his 2^d wife, married to his first wife ye daughter of Bosom of Lincolneshyr, and had issue Mary, married to Sr Willm Cordall, Knight, of Longe Melford; and he married to his 2^d wife Margery, daughter of Plater of Soterley Hall, in Suff., and had issue Willm soñe and heire, Richard and Edward died *sans* issue. Tomasen, married to Thomas Aldham of Saxham, in Suff.; Frances, married to her first husband Martin Bowes, 2^d soñe of Sr Martin Bowes of London, Alderman, and to her 2^d husband Henry Hutton, Archbishop of York; Eliz., married Nicholas Hobart of Linsey, in Suff.; Em., married to George Smith of Candish, in Suff.; Jelian, married to Thomas Wye of Lyppiot, in Glostershyr, and to her 2^d husband Jo. Frogmorton of Oxfordshire; Mary, married to Edward Kinge of Lincolneshyre. Willm Clopton of Groton, in Suff., soñe & heire of Richard, married Margery, daughter of Edward Waldegrave of Laweforde, in Essex, Esq., and had issue Will'm soñe and heire, Walter 2^d; Waldegrave 3^d; Thomas 4; Ann married to Jo. Maidston of Boxtede, in Suff.; Thomasen married to Wienthorp; Margery; Eliz. [married to Doggett.]

Arms tricked at commencement of the pedigree:—Quarterly of six. 1 and 6, *Clopton*; 2, *Mylde*; 3, *Francis*; 4, *Knyvet*; 5, *Belhus*; a mullet for difference, impaling *Waldegrave*, quarterly of six—1, *Waldegrave*; 2, *Mountchency*; 3, *Fauney*; 4, *Creke*; 5, *Moigne*; 6, *Fraye*.

Sr Willm Clopton of Kentwell, in Suff., Knight, soñe and heire of Sr John, specified in ye former visitacon, married ye daughter of Marrowes of Stepney, in Middlesex, and had issue John, soñe and heire; William, 2; Robert, 3, a priest; 3 daughters, one married to Sr Geffery Gates of High Ester, in Essex; 2^d married to Richard Pooley of Boxted, in Suff., Esq.; ye 3^d daughter married to Austin. Ye said Sr William married to his 2^d wife Thomasen, sister and coheire to Edward Knevet of Stanaway, in Essex, and had issue Francis and Richard, to whom ye lands of Edward Knevet descended.

John Clopton, soñe and heire of Sr Will'm, married ye daughter of Roydon of Essex, which Roydon married Margaret sister of Edward Knevet, and coheire with Thomasen, and by her had issue Willm soñe and heire, John 2, Anthony 3, George 4, Elizabeth married to Coleman; Grysell married to Thomas West, gent.

Will'm soñe and heire of John, married to his first wife Margaret, ye daughter of Sr Thomas Jermin of Rosbroke, and had issue Francis and William, both died yonge; Elizabeth, Ann, and Margaret; and to his 2^d wife hee married Mary, daughter of George Perient, and had issue Thomas and Bridget.

Thomas soñe and heire of Willm, married Mary daughter of Sr Willm Waldegrave of Smalbridge, in Suff., and had issue Will'm soñe and heire, Walter, Elizabeth, and Mary.

Willm Clopton, Esq., soñe and heire of Thomas, married Ann daughter of Sr Thomas Barnardiston of Keddington, in Suff., Knight, and as yet hath no issue, 1612.

Arms :—Quarterly of six. 1, *Clopton*; 2, *Myldre*; 3, *Francis*; 4, *Roydon*; 5, *Knyvet*; 6, *Belhus*; impaling quarterly 1 and 4, *Barnardiston*; 2 and 3, *Havering*.

EXTRACT OF LETTER SIGNED "ROBERT RYECE," DATED 2 FEBE., 1637.
(*Dewes Collections.*)

ffor John Clopton y^t married my father's Syster, I knewe hym full well, he cooelde not bee so lytle as 90 yeeres olde when hee dyed. For ye coate of Ryece it is not that weh you fynde empaled in Kentwell Boocke & was amonge many others there inserted withowte any grownde, by Boswell; the Coate is that weh I beare, descended vnto mee from my awncestors. As for ye tyme of ye deathe of John Clopton my uncle, I can not fynde it in ye Register boocke at Monkes Illighe, where he died, but yf he lyved 33 Elizabeth: 1591, $\frac{1637}{1591}$, it is now this yeare abowte 46 yeare.

ffor George Clopton y^e young^r brother of John, I have seene it in sondrye discentes y^t he married Alice d. & coh. of Sr Stephen Peacocke, Lo. Mayer of London; this I had by tradition of antiquarian fidelitie, weh yf I had in ye leaste sorte suspected it, I shoold not have taken it. For Martha his second wyfe I have not seene any thinge of it; And for Anthony the 3 soone, who married wth Hubberde, I remeber well I sawe hym wth his brothr often in those tymes, but what was y^e coate of y^t Hobarde I do not knowe.

That George, Will'm, francis, & Thomas, the soonnes of George, by Alyce his firste wyfe, had eny issewe I never dyd see, or any thinge to confirme it.

Who y^t Eleanor was weh was wyfe Anthony 3 sonne who mar. Hubberde, I never sawe a p'son remeber any thinge of it or of any coate.

ffor George Clopton y^e 8 soon of W^m Clopton of Kentwell & Mary Periente his seconde wyfe, I remember I have seene hym, he was a Camb. Scholler & I have herde moche of hym.

Roger Martyns l're I retorne you, & this Roger assuredly was he of Melforde, who mar Ursula or Agnes da. of Sr Thomas Jermy, Knight. At this tyme was W^m Clopton of Kentwell, who mar Margaret da. of Sr Tho. Jermyn, Kt., who lefte francis Clopto' his thirde soonne who married Brydgett d. of Robt. Crane, & so so this francis became righte nephew to Roger Martyn, as by the drawght you^u may see.

Now for y^e mariadge of Nicholas Rokewood, wth y^e syster of Mary Periente 2de wyfe to W^m Clopton. I cannot saye certaynely but this I knowe assuredly y^t Sr Humfry Style of Bromly in Kente, K^{te} married for his seconde wyfe Elizabeth d. of Periente & syster to Mary Periente above, weh Elizabeth Lady Style was married after to a Rookewood of Ewston House, who was a lawier & pregnitarie, & beinge olde married this Lady Style, & as I thinke his name was Edward Rookewoode y^e father of Edw. Rookewood, surnamed Wrynecke *sed de his quere*.

And thus remembringe my beste respects vnto yo, I reste this 2de of febe., 1637.

I was borne an^o m'ndi 1555. [His age 82. S. D.]

Yor assuredly,

ROBT RYECE.

Rog ^r Marty' of = Agnes, da. of Sr	W ^m Clopton of = Margaret, d. of Sr
Melforde.	Kentwell.
Thomas Jermy,	Thomas Jermyn,
Knighte.	Knighte.

francis Clopto' of = Brydgett, d. of
Kentwell, 3 Robte Crane.
soonne, s.p.

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Joan, married Sir Thomas Erpingham. — (1) Sir Wm. = dau. of Clopton. Sold Hawstead 2 Hen. the Fifth.

Sir Edmund = Blanch, dau. of Fitz Eustace; living 7 Hen. the Fourth (1406).

Sir William Clopton, = Frances, dau. of Will. Trussell, and widow of Robert Salle, Kt.

John Clopton, ob. s.p.

(3) Sir Walter = Elizabeth, dau. of Sir John Pygot. Kt.

Thomas Clopton, ob. s.p.

Sir William Clopton, = Frances, dau. of Sir Roger = * Sir Margery, daughter of Drury, of Roughtam, Kt.; died 1420.

William Clopton, son and heir, 1412; ob. s.p.

Alice, married Thomas Bendish, of Steeple Bumpsted, Esq.

Elizabeth, mar. John Barwick, Esq., [nupta Johanni Badwelle, armigero, *D'ewes MSS.*]

Thomas = da. of Eustace, gent.

Margery, da. and heiress, of Helias Francis, of Norfolk; died 1424.

John Clopton, of Kentwell, = Margery, da. and heiress, of Helias Francis, of Norfolk; died 1424.

William Clopton; died 1420.

(1) Alice Clopton, marr. John Harleston, and had issue a son John, married to Margaret Bardwell.

(2) Catherine Clopton, marr. John Denston, Esq., and had issue Anne, only daughter and heir, mar. to Sir Broughton, Kt.

Margery. — Anna.

John Clopton, of Kentwell, Esq., eldest son, aged 23, 1446; died 1498, buried at Melford. Sheriff of Norfolk and Suff., 30 Henry the Sixth.

Alice, da. of Robert Darcy, of Essex. Sergeant-at-Law.

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* In the original *Visitation*, Sir William Clopton is stated to be the son of — Clopton, by — daughter of — Eustace.

Edward, 3rd son,
mar. and had a
da. Elizabeth,
mar. to Nicholas
Wood,* of Ful-
bourn, co. Camb.

(2) Catherine,=
daughter of
— Hopton,
widow of
Darell of....
Essex; died
s.p.

(1) Joane, daughter
of *Willm. Marrow*
of *Stepney*, in con.
Middlesex, 1 wife,
citizen and alder-
man of London.

William Clopton =
of *Kentwell*, *Kt.*
and of Lutons in
Melford; died 20
Feb., 1530, aged
80, bur. at Long
Melford.

Thomasine, sister and
hey. to *Ednard*
Knevit, of *Stan-*
wey, in con. *Essex*,
2 wife, eldest dau.
of Thomas Knevet.

Edmund
Clopton, 2
sonne, *Kt.* of
the Rhodes.

Anne Clopton
mar. *Thomas*
Rookwood† of
Stanningfield,
Esq., living
1475.

Dorothy, mar.
to *Thomas*
Carson, of
Billingford,
who died 1511.

William Clopton,
2 sonne, of *Liston*
Hall, *Essex*, mar.
Elizabeth, sister
and co-hear of
Thomas Say, of
Leiston Hall, Esq.,
by whom he had
William, aged 28
years 1537, who
mar. *Elizabeth*,
da. of *Thomas*
Everard, of
Denston Hall, and
died 6 Oct., 1568.
—(See *Pedigree B.*)

A da.,
Geffery
Gates.
Elizabeth,
living 1548,
mar. Sir
Geoffry
Gates, *Kt.*,
of High
Roding,
Essex.

John Clopton, =
of *Kentwell*
Hall, sonne
and heyre,
died 21 Oct.,
1541. Will
dated 5 Oct.,
1541, proved
5 Nov. of the
same year,
buried at
Melford.

Elizabeth, da. and =
heyre of *John Roy-*
don, of *Ramsay*, in
Essex, by his wife
Margaret, sister &
cohey. with *Thoma-*
sin, sisters of *Ed-*
ward Knevit their
brother. Will
dated 1 Dec., 1563,
proved 26 April,
1564; died 12 Dec.,
6 Elizabeth.

Anne,
married
Richard
Poley of
Bosted.
He died 19
Feb., 1546;
she Aug.,
1550.

A da.,
married to
.. *Austin*.

Robert, a
priest, 3
sonne, 22
Henry
VIII.

Dorothy.
Will proved
26 Sept.,
1508.

Catherine, of
Nettlestead.
—
Dorothy
Clopton, of
Melford.
Will dated
1508.

(See *Pedigree A.*)

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* Arms of Wood, as recorded in the *Visitation of Cambridgeshire*, 1619:—Sable, a bull passant Argent, Wood, quartering 1, Clopton, with a mullet for difference; 2, Mylde; 3, Francis.
† He died 8 September, 12 Henry the Eighth. On the north side of chancel of Stanningfield church, is an altar tomb, which appears from the arms to have been erected for him.

John Clopton, gent., of Monk's Eley, 2 sons, married Margaret, dau. of Robert Rice of Preston, Esq., relict of Andrew Hobart of Monk's Eley, gent.

Margaret, da. of Sir John (Thomas) Jermy of Rushbrook, in com. Suffolck., Kt., mar. 31 Henry 8.

William = Clopton of Kentwell, Esq., et. 32, 1541, bur. 19 Aug., 1562, at Melford.

Mary, da. of Sir George Perient, 2 wife of Digsweil, co. Herts., mar. 1550, re-mar. George Barnardiston of Nowell, co. Bedford, and died Oct., 19 Elizabeth.

(3) Anthonie died before 1564, mar. Eleanor, dau. of Hubbard, by whom he had John.

(4) George, of Sudbury, mar. Alice, dau. and co-heir of Sir Stephen Peacock, Lord Mayor of London; died 40 Eliz., 1598.

(See Pedigree C.)

(1) Fran- Riece. Margt. Kath- cis, living 1563. 1637.

(2) (1) Anne.

William, 2 sons, mar. Anne, dau. of Edward Elmes, of Lyndford, co. Northampton. He died 1588, bur. at Melford.

Thomas Clopton, married Dorothy, dau. of — Bailey of Essex.

John.

Henry.

Edmund.

Francis Clopton, some and heyre, of Melford, mar. Agnes, dau. of Robert Crane of Chilton, Esq.; died 5 April, 1678, s.p., bur. at Long Melford; re-mar. to Sir Christopher Heydon, Kt.

(1) Elizabeth, mar. John Smith, gent., 1563, son of Hugh Smith of Lavenham, by Alice his wife, dau. of John Downe.

(2) Anne, married Hamond Claxton of Chediston, living 1572.

(3) Margaret, married Edmund Estotvile.

George Clopton, first some by 2 wife, ob. s.p., at Melford, 17 July 1587.

Bridget, mar. John Stafford, Esq., 2nd son and at length heir of Sir Humphrey Stafford, Kt., of Blather- nock, Northamp- tonsshire.

Thomas Clop- ton, Esq., 2nd son by second marriage and at length heir. Will dated 25 Jan. 1597, proved 16 May, 1598; bur. at Melford, 16 Feb. 1597.

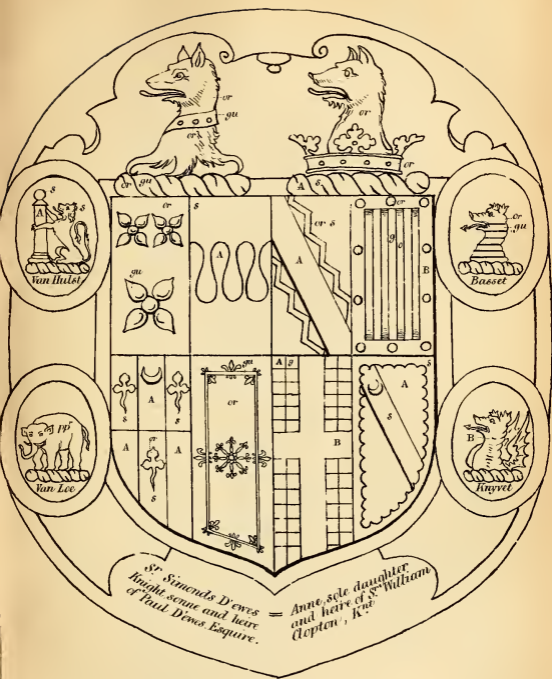
Mary Waide- grave, dau. of Sir William Walde- grave of Smal- bridge, Kt., mar. 1591; died 1599. bur. in St. Martin's church, London.

- Elizabeth, eldest dau., living 1598, bapt. at Melford, 21 June, 1591, mar. there 18 April, 1615, to Mr. Jerom Baylyffe.
- (2) Marthe, = Walter Clopton, = Anne, dau. of Sir Roger Thornton, of Snailwell, Cambr., Kt., died 27 Dec., 12 Charles I.
- Isaac Barrow, of Spinney Abbey, co. Cambridge. Camb., 1627.
- (1) William Clopton, died young.
- (3) Daniel Clopton.
- Benjamin Clopton, living 1638.
- Roger Clopton, heir of Walter.
- Edward Clopton, bapt. at Melford, 25 Aug., 1618, buried there.
- William Clopton, born at Kentwell Hall, Aug., 1619, bapt. 1 Sept., 1619, died 19 Dec., 1624.
- (2) Elizabeth, 1 dau. = Sir William Clopton, = (1) Anne, dau. of Sir Thomas Barnardiston, Kt., of Clare, mar. at Clare 1 Jan., 1610; died 4 Feb., 1615, aged 20, bur. at Melford.
- Kt., of Kentwell Hall, son and heir, knighted at Newmarket 20 Feb., 1613, died March, 1618, aged 27, buried at Melford.
- Anne Clopton, only = Sir Symonds D'ewes, dau. and heir, bapt. at Clare, 2 March, 1612, mar. 24 Oct., 1626.
- Mary Clopton, 2 dau., living 1598, bapt. at Melford, 14 Dec., 1596.



Seal of Paul D'ewes, of Stowhall.

The silver matrix is attached to a vellum roll, among the Harleian Charters, on which are depicted the arms and quarterings of the D'ewes family.



Arms of D'ewes, quartering Vanhulst, Simonds, and Van Lee; impaling Clepton (quartering Basset, Reydon and Knyvet,

From a Drawing in the
D'ewes Collection,
Harl. M.S.S. N^o 380.

— Nevil, = — dau. of Sir Francis Clopton, Esq., = Bridget, daughter of Margery, daughter = Richard Clopton, 2nd = Margaret, dau. and 1st wife. Thos. Hasset, Robert Crane, Esq., of Wm. Playters, son, of Melford and heir of Sir Richard * 2nd wife. Will dated 2 Feb., 3rd wife. of Sotterley, Esq. of Groton, Esq. Bozun, Kt., by Thomasine his wife, dau. and heir of James Dene.

Francis Clopton, mar. Martin Bowes. Mary Clopton, = King, clerk to Sir William Cordell. Richard Clopton. Elizabeth Clopton, married ton, Nicholas Hobart, of Lindsey, gent. Wm. Clopton = Margery, dau. of Edward Waldegrave, of Lawford, ton. Thomasine Clopton mar. Emma Clopton, mar. Sir Willm. Cordell, of Melford, Kt., Master of the Rolls. (1) Thos. Aldham, of ton, mar. Geo. Sapiston gent., ob. 1572; Smith, of Greys, Essex, Esq. (2) Thomas Kighley of Cavendish.

Anne Clopton, bapt. 29 of Jan. 1580 don, mar. John grocer, Mateson bapt. 30 of Box-June, 1585. = Margaret Wm. Clopton, of Edin. Doyley ton, bapt. 29 of April, 1584, mar. at Whatfield, 3 Aug. 1615, living 1637. = Alice, dau. of Bridget Clopton, of Shottisham, Jan. 1581, and of Pond 1598, John Sumpson, of Groton, Esq., living Stampson's Hall Kersey, gent. England, born 22 Jan., 1588. He married (1) Mary, daughter and sole heir of John Forth, Esq., of Great Stamburidge, co. Essex; (2) Thomasine Clopton; (3) Margaret, daughter of Sir John Tyndal, Kt., of Great Maplested, Essex.

William Clopton. Walter Clopton. William Clopton = Bridget, ton, bapt. at Hadleigh, 17 Sept., 1615. = Elizabeth, bapt. at ton, of Hadleigh, 8 May, 1627, London. 1626, mar. Robt. mar. Joseph Alston, of Cutler, gent., of Kersey, gent., mar. at Leth- ingtonham, 27 June, 1654. = Clopton, mar. — Wakeman, of Garboldsham, clerk.

* Sir Richard died 18 August, 16 Henry the Eighth.
 † The original exemplification of arms to "John Wynethrop, Esquire, sonne of Adam Wynethrop of Groton, in the County of Suffolke, Gentleman, under the hand and seal of William Dethrick, garter dated 24 June, 33 Elizabeth, is now in the possession of the Honble. Robert C. Winthrop, of Boston, U.S. In this document the Winthrop arms are thus described:—"Argent, three chevrons Gules crénéel, over all a lion rampant Sables, armed and langued Azure. Crest:—a hare proper, running on a mount Vert." This exemplification is printed in extenso, in the life & letters of John Winthrop, 8vo., Boston, U.S., 1864, p. 21.

PEDIGREE B.

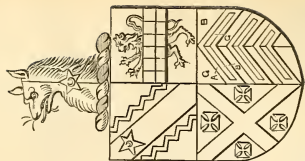
William Clopton, 2 sonne of Sr, Willm. = Elizabeth, da. & one of theyres of Sr. Clopton of Kentwell, in com. Suff., Tho. Say of Lintonhall, in com. Essex, Knight, of Liston hall, Essex, in right of his wife, 2nd son of Sir William Clopton of Kentwell; ob. 26 Oct., 1537. Herts, Kt.

William Clopton = Elizabeth, da. of Thos. Everard, Esq., of Liston Denston. (1) Oliff (Dorothy), da. of Sir Roger ton, 2nd son da. of Sir Edmund Thos. Barnardiston, = Elizab., da. of Sir and coheir of Wentworth, of Kedington, Walsingham. Thos. Gavel, * Kt., widow 1st of Kirbycam, of Edw. Shau, Norfolk, Esq., 2d of Everard; first wife; ob. ob. s. p.

Willm. Clopton of Liston, = Anne, dau. of Sir Thomas John Clopton, 4th son, Thos. Clopton, Roger Clopton, 2nd son and heir, aged 28, Barnardiston, Kt., of 3rd son. 1568, died 25 October, Ketton. shire.

Willm. Clopton, = Anne, dau. and Francis Clopton, = Anne, dau. and Mary Clopton, mar. 1st eldest son, of heir of John 2 son, of Liston. co-heir of George Parys, Esq., William Smyth of Liston hall. Wiseman * of Short of Wilher- of Dullingham, co. Thorndon, in co. Suff., 2ndly George Wheat- Stisted hall, Essex. ingset, gent. croft of Eye, Suffolk.

* The family of Gavel was seated at Kirbycam from a very early period. Bartholomew Gavoll, the son and heir of Henry Gavoll, by Anne, his wife (to whom, by his will dated 30 Aug., 1474, he bequeathed the manor of Kirby), was father of Thomas Gavoll, the last heir male of this family, living 12 Henry the Seventh. By Anne, his wife, daughter of Henry Everard, of Linstead, in Suffolk, he left four daughters and co-heirs: (1) Thomasine, married to Leonard Copleddike; (2) Dorothy, married to Francis Clopton; (3) Eleanor, married to John Bury, of Worthingam, in Suffolk; and (4) Elizabeth, married to John Cooke, Esq., Arms:—Sable, a chevron between three garbs Argent.



Arms:—1, Clopton; 2, Myddle; 3, Francis; 4, Say.

Mary Clopton. — Thos. Clopton, son and heir, of Liston hall. — William Clopton, Anne Clopton, married Giles Harris of Brinkley, co. Camb. 1671. — Frances, da. of Mark Mott, D.D., Rector of Rayne, Essex. — Willm. Clopton, eldest son, of Rayne, co. Essex, 1633. — Richard Clopton, son of Ipswich, 2 son, married at Erwarton, 22 May, 1645. — Frances Clopton, da. of John Thorne, low, Essex, gent., dead in 1633. — Edmund Clopton of Wethersingset, gent., dead in 1633.

Martin Clopton. — Wm. Clopton, Esq., of Liston hall. — Elizabeth, da. of Sir Wm. Poley of Boxted, Kt. — Tichburne Clopton. — John Clopton of Jesus Coll., Camb., A.B. 1671, M.A. 1680, Curate of Tillyfield, Esq. — Frances, mar. Mercy. — Anne. — Sir George Allyn, of Little Waltham. — Little Lees, Bart. — Elizabeth. — Frances, Sarah, Elizabeth. — Frances, mar. Mercy. — Sir George Allyn, of Little Waltham. — Little Lees, Bart. — Elizabeth. — ob. unmar.

William Clopton, = Anne, daughter of Edward Crisp of Bury. — Elizabeth Clopton, mar. Edward Crispe of Bury, Esq., ob. s.p. aged 56, buried at Liston.

Elizabeth Clopton, mar. at = Rev. Gilbert Affleck of Dalham. Hannah Clopton. = Martin Folkes of Rushbrooke, 22 Sept., 1746.

* Thomas Wiseman of North End, Great Waltham, purchased the Stisted estate in 1549; he died 22 November, 1579, and was succeeded in the estates by John, eldest son of his second son William. John Wiseman married Elizabeth, daughter of John Glascock of Roxwell, by whom he had an only daughter Anne, wife of William Clopton of Liston. Elizabeth Wiseman died 10 January, 1584, and was buried in Stisted church, where there is a mural brass to her memory, on which is her portrait with that of her daughter Anne, with the following inscription: —
 Hic jacet corpus Elizabethæ quæ fuit filia Johannis Glascock de Roxewell generosæ et uxor Johannis Wyseman de Stysted generosî domini hujus manerî qui quidem Johannes Wiseman fuit filius et heres Willmî Wiseman generosî defuncti filii et heredis Thome Wisema de magna Waltham armigeri defuncti quæ Elizabetha obiit duo decimo die Januarii anno domini millesimo quingentesimo octogesimo quarto annoq' Regni dno nrî Elizabethæ dei gracia Angliæ franciæ et Hib'niæ Regine fidei defensoris &c., vicesimo septimo.
 Arms of Wiseman, as represented on a shield above the inscription: — per pale Or and Azure, on a chevron two dragons combattant, all counter-changed, a chief Ermine, charged with three crowns of the first. (Arms granted 18 May, 1572.)

PEDIGREE C.



Arms :—Clopton impaling Peacock.

George Clopton, 3 sonne of George Clop—Alicer, da, and one of the keyres of Sr. Stephen Peacock, Maior of London. Sir Stephen Peacock, citizen and haberdasher, son of Sir Stephen Peacock of the city of London, was Mayor in 1532.

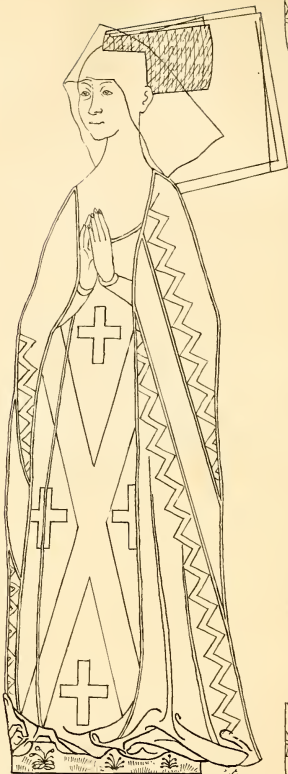
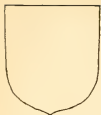
Edward, 3 sonne.

George Clopton, sonne and heyre.

Thomas.

Willm.

Francis.



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*Margery Franceys, Wife of W^m de Clopton, died 2 Henry VI.
From a Brass in Melford Church, Suffolk.*

CLOPTON MONUMENTS, MELFORD CHURCH.

(Breviary of Suffolk, Harl. MSS., No. 3873.)

In the south side of the said Chantry is a good old monument erected by Wm. Clopton, Esq. in his life time, vnder which he is buried, as appears by his will bearing 1445.

At the lower part of the same monument is erected a table monument, arched between the said Chantry and the chancel, lyeth John Clopton, Esq., who married Alice Darcy, hee finished the Ladies Chappell there 1493, as appears by the inscription thereon, and was dead before 1497, as appears by Rich. Lovedayes will.

Over the said two monuments, painted on stone shields, are *Clopton* empaling *Grey*, *Clopton* empaling *Mylde*, *Clopton* empaling *Francis*, *Clopton* empaling *Azure*, 3 bells Or, and that empaling *Argent*, a lyon rampant Or, *Clopton* empaling *Darcy*, *Darcy* empaling *Fitz Langley*.

On the North side of the said Chantry, under a faire monument with her effigies, lyeth Dame Anne, first wife of Sr William Clopton, daughter of Sr Thomas Barnardiston of Clare, Knight, she died in Feb., in the 20th yeare of her age, 1615, and had one daughter by the said Sr William, which daughter's effigies is at the head of her mother's, praying, which said daughter was named Ann, & married Sr Symonds D'ewes, of Stowlangtoft, Knight and Barronett.

Aloft, on the said monument, are the armes of *Clopton* empaling *Barnardiston*; at the head of the same monument is *Clopton* with his various quarterings.

In the floore of the said Chantry lyeth buried Dame Sissillia, wife to Sr Thomas Darcy, of St. Cleeres Hall, in Essex, Barronett, & daughter of Symonds Dewes by Dame Ann his wife, which Dame Sissillia died 29 of May, 1661, and left one daughter named Anne, who died an infant.

At the north door of the North ile called Cloptons ile, between the said door and the Chantry, lyeth buried William Clopton, Esq., son of Sr Thomas Clopton, Kt., with his wife, the daughter and heyre of Mylde. Under the same monument lyeth William Clopton, Esq., son to the said William, who first married Margery Drury, and afterwards Margaret Francis, the daughter and heire of Elias Francis (of her—See Weaver's *Funerall Monuments*, fo. 659); hee died 1416, his monument lyeth below the step in the same ile, against the North doore, whose epitaph though now demolished, saith Weaver, as above.

Omnibus Xpi &c. Willielmus Clopton armiger salutem &c. Noveritis me concessisse Augustino Dunton, Ricardo Dunton, Willielmo Dunton, et Johanni Warde, fuller, unam peciam terre mee in Hadleigh juxta cimiterium ecclesie de Hadleigh que vocatur le Markethous, et cum cameris subtus eandem voc' almshouses &c.

Hiis testibus Roberto Stowke, Nicholao Colop, Thoma Pyke, Willielmo Forde, Willielmo Wymark, et multis aliis. Dat' apud Hadleigh decimo octavo die mensis Novembris, anno regni regis Henrici sexti, decimo septimo.

Round seal of red wax, with arms of Clopton. Legend, SIGILLV. WILLI. CLOPTON. ARMIG.

(Hadleigh Archives.)

On a brass plate, at the upper end of north aisle of Melford church:—

Depositum Thomæ Clopton armigeri, sub hoc marmore tumulati, Filii et Hæredis (quatuor grandioribus natu Fratibus, Thoma, Francisco, Willielmo, et Georgio, sine Prole extinctis) Willielmi Clopton armigeri et Mariæ Filiæ Georgii Perient generosi, secundæ suæ conjugis. iste Thomas, ex Mariâ uxore suâ Filiâ terciâ Willielmi Waldegrave militis, et Elizabethæ Mildmay Consortis suæ, duobus susceptis Filiis, Willielmo Clopton milite, et Waltero Clopton armigero, et Filiabus totidem, Elizabethâ et Mariâ nuncupatis, placide in Domino obdormivit, die xi Febr., A° Dñi MDCXCVII, A° XL Regin: Eliz.: superstite relicta eâdem Mariâ quæ duobus et Viri charissimi morte non exactis annis, die xix Decembr: A° Dñi MDCXCIX A° XLII Reginæ ejusdem, ultimum naturæ debitum persolvit; et sepelitur in ecclesia Sancti Martini Westmonasteriensis.

Arms:—*Clopton* impaling *Waldegrave*.

(Suffolk Epitaphs, Cultum MSS., vol. i., p. 349.)

RATTLESDEN.

The following inscription was formerly in the church :—

Sub hoc marmore jacent cineres Gualteri Clopton * perantiqua de familia Cloptonum de Lyston in comitatu Essexiæ oriundi et hujus ecclesiæ parochialis dum vixit Pastoris perquam fidelis perquam dilecti, nati Octob : 12, 1651, denati Septemb : 4, 1711.

(Martin's Church Notes, Cullum MSS.)

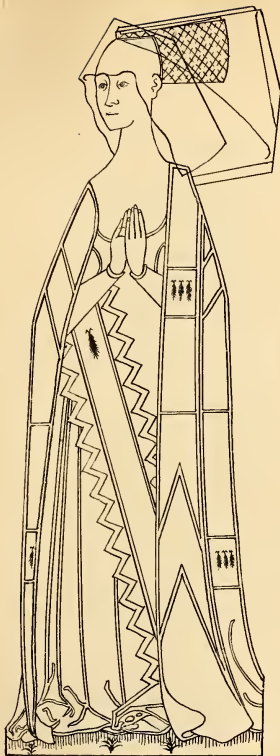
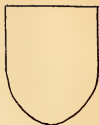
RATTLESDEN REGISTERS.—MARRIAGES.

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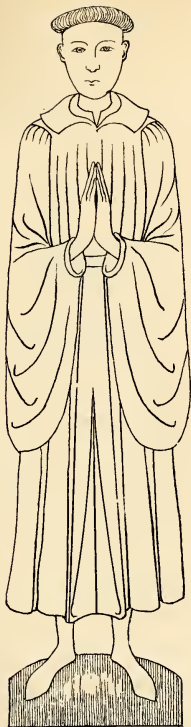


Monumental brass, Stisted church, Essex, commemorating Elizabeth Wiseman, who died 10 Jan., 1584.—(For inscription see note to Clopton Pedigree B., in previous page.)

* Certain lands, comprising in all about 17 acres, were left by the Reverend Walter Clopton, to the respectable poor of this parish (Rattlesden).



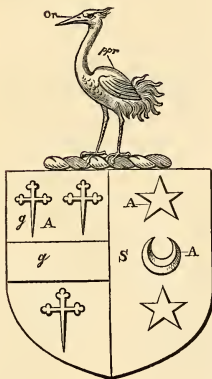
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*Brass of a Lady of the Clopton family -
Melford Church, Suffolk.*



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*Brass of a Member of the Copton family
(Inscription lost.)
Melbford Church, Suffolk*

Crane.



Arms :—Crane impaling Jermyn.

In several early copies of the *Visitation of Suffolk*, the arms are given "Argent, a fess between three *crosses crosslet fitchée* Gules."

Arms granted to John Crane, Clerk of the Kitchen to King James, the sonne of John, the sonne of William Crane of London, Esquire :—Gules, on a fess between three *crosses pattee fitchée* Or, as many annulets Azure.

(*Harl.* 1441, fo. 37.)

SUFFOLK CHURCH NOTES.

(St. George's Heraldic Collections, Lansd. MSS., No. 260.)

In Chilton Chereh theis :—

In the south chappell wyndow :—

One statur of Crane and his wyfe by him in tharmes of *Buttler*, and by that, one of Crane and his wyfe by him, in tharmes of *Darcy* of Maldon.and there 2 Allabaster Toambes, one of Crane and Lady Arondell his wyffe, and there scutcheons thus, *Lovell* emp. wth *Engaine*, b. a fees daunse twixt billetes or.then *Ogard* emp. wth *Lovell*.then *Crane* with *Ogard*.

ther son by them in the lyke tombe, and scutchens of the lyke matches.

In the chaunsell wyndow, one statue of *Buttler* and his armes, and his wyfe by him, in tharmes of *Carbonell*.

ouer heed there :—

one scutcheon of *Erpingh'm*, and by yt one of *Phileps*.

and over them

one wth 3 pyles in pointe emp. with *Bures* of Acton; and one of 3 Boresheds the feld crusele.In the helfrey, one doble sett of *Buttler*, Baron of Sudley, and under written Sr Raphe.

MONUMENTS AND ARMS IN CHILTON CHURCH.

[Colleccons made out of the seuerall Churches of Norff. & Suff., and gentlemen's Howses in those parts gathered, and some others els where by William Harvey, Clarencieux Kg. of Armes.—*Ayseough MSS.*, No. 4969.]

In the cherche of Chilton :—

Crane.—Argent, a fess between three crosses botonnee fitchee Gules. Crest :—On a wreath Or and Gules a Crane ppr. beaked Or.*Crane* impaling *Ogard*.—Azure, an estoile Argent.*Crane* impaling *Mykelley* of Hertordshyre.—Gules, three chevrons Argent.*Ogard* impaling *Lovell*.—Barry wavy of ten Or and Gules.*Lovell* impaling ' *Daynecourt*.—Azure, a fess dancettee between nine billets Or." Robert Crane de Stoneham parva, and Lady Anne his wyef, the daughter of Andro Ogard Knight of Bakyngeh'm ad Castrum, wich dyed xxiiijth of October, a^o m. v^c —"*Crane*, with a label of three points Azure." George Crane, son & heyre of Robert Crane, Esquyer, and Lady Anne his wyef, dyed a^o dni m. iiij^c iiij^x "

' In the wyndow ouer the high aulter :—'

Herpyngham de Norff.Azure, an inescutcheon within an orle of eight martlets Or.—*Sr. Will'm Phelepe*.Quarterly Gules and Argent, in first quarter an eagle displayed Or armed of the field. these two wth in the garter.*Boteler*.—Gules, on a bend Argent 3 covered cups Sable.*Lekh* of Stokwell.—Gules, a cross & a bordure engrailed Argent.*Sr. William Lovell*.—Quarterly : 1 & 4, Barry wavy Or and Gules; 2 & 3, Azure, semee de lis a lion rampant guardant Argent.*Arundell*.—Quarterly 1 & 4, Sa., six martlets 3, 2, & 1, Argent; 2, Azure, a bend Or, & a label of three points; 3, chequy Or and Sable, impaling *Ogard*.

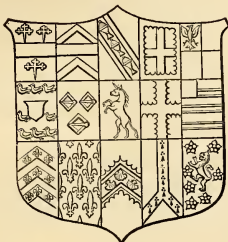
' In the glasse wyndow at other end of the cherche :—'

Sr Raff. Butler, Lord of Sudley, & Alyce his wyef.

Boteler of Sudeley.—Quarterly : 1 & 4, Gules, a fess counter-compony Argent & Sable, between six crosses pattee fitchee Or; 2 & 3, Or, two bends Gules.

' Robert Crane of Waldingfeld Hall, in ye parish of Chilton, & ye daughter of Sr Thom. Jermin.'

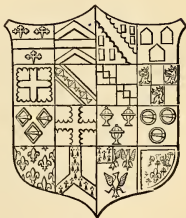
Crane impaling *Jermyn*.—Sable, a crescent between two mullets in pale Argent.

SHIELDS OF ARMS FROM THE CRANE MONUMENT,
CHILTON CHURCH.

1, Crane; 2, Mollington; 3, Boteler; 4, Carbonel; 5, Phelips;
6, Erpingham; 7, Jernegan; 8, Harling; 9, Ingoldesthorp; 10, Fitz Osborn;
11, Fitz Ralph; 12, Mortimer; 13, Gonville; 14, Kelvedon; 15, Clifton.



1, Crane; 2, Mollington; 3, Jernegan;
4, Ingoldesthorp; 5, Fitz Ralph; 6,
Kelvedon; impaling 1, Hobart; 2,
Cherehe; 3, atte Church and Taylor
quarterly; 4, Lyarde; 5, Hare.



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Arms :—Centre shield :—

- 1, *Crane.*—Argent, a fess between three crosses botonnée fitchée Gules.
- 2, *Mollington.*—Argent, a fess between two chevrons Azure.
- 3, *Boteler.*—Argent, three covered cups in bend Sable, between two cottices Gules.
- 4, *Carbonel.*—Gules, a cross Argent within a bordure engrailed Or.
- 5, *Phelips.*—Quarterly Gules and Argent, in first quarter an eagle displayed Or.
- 6, *Erpingham.*—Gules, an inescutcheon Argent, within an orle of martlets of the second.
- 7, *Jernegan.*—Argent, three buckles lozengy Gules.
- 8, *Harling.*—Argent, an unicorn salient Sable, armed, unguled, and maned Or.
- 9, *Ingoldesthorp.*—Gules, a cross engrailed Argent.
- 10, *Fitz Osborn.*—Gules, three bars gemelles Argent, a canton Or.
- 11, *Fitz Ralph.*—Or, three chevrons Gules, each charged with as many fleurs de lis Argent.
- 12, *Mortimer.*—Or, semée of fleurs de lis Sable.
- 13, *Gonville.*—Argent, on a chevron Sable, between two couple-closes engrailed Sable, three escallops Or.
- 14, *Kelvedon.*—Gules, a pall reversed Ermine.
- 15, *Clifton.*—Sable, a lion rampant Argent, langued and armed Gules, between seven cinquefoils pierced of the second.

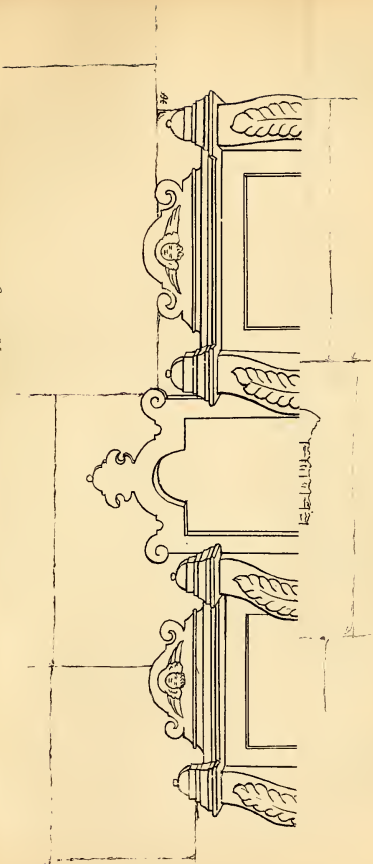
Dexter shield :—

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- 1, *Hobart.*—Sable, an estoile of eight points Or, between two flaunches Ermine.
- 2, *Cherehe.*—Sable, on a fess engrailed between three fleurs de lis Argent, as many escallops Gules.
- 3, 1 and 4, *Atte Churche.*—Quarterly Argent and Sable; 2 and 3, *Taylor.*—Ermine, three pallets Sable.
- 4, *Lyarde.*—Argent, a bull passant Sable, attired Or, a bordure of the second bezantée.
- 5, *Hare.*—Gules, two bars and a chief indented Or.

Sinister shield :—

- 1, *Crane*; 2, *Mollington*; 3, *Carbonel*; 4, *Boteler*; 5, *Jernegan*; 6, *Ingoldesthorp*; 7, *Mortimer*; 8, *Kelvedon*; impaling
- 1, *Allington.*—Sable, a bend engrailed between six billets Argent.
- 2, *Sapeotes.*—Sable, three dove-cotes Argent, two and one.
- 3, *Cheyney.*—Quarterly Argent and Sable, over all a bend lozengy Gules.
- 4, *Gardiner.*—Per fess Argent and Sable a pale counterchanged, three griffins heads erased of the second.
- 5, *Argentin.*—Gules, three covered cups Or 2 and 1.
- 6, *Mallet.*—Gules, three round buckles Or.
- 7, *Azure.* three eagles displayed Or, a canton Ermine.
- 8, *Beresford.*—Argent, semée of crosses crosslet fitchée, three fleurs de lis Sable, within a bordure of the last.

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- 4, *Carbonel*.—Gules, a cross Argent within a bordure engrailed Or.
- 5, *Phelips*.—Quarterly Gules and Argent, in first quarter an eagle displayed Or.
- 6, *Erpingham*.—Gules, an inescutcheon Argent, within an orle of martlets of the second.
- 7, *Jernegan*.—Argent, three buckles lozengy Gules.
- 8, *Harling*.—Argent, an unicorn salient Sable, armed, unguled, and maned Or.
- 9, *Ingoldesthorp*.—Gules, a cross engrailed Argent.
- 10, *Fitz Osborn*.—Gules, three bars gemelles Argent, a canton Or.
- 11, *Fitz Ralph*.—Or, three chevrons Gules, each charged with as many fleurs de lis Argent.
- 12, *Mortimer*.—Or, semée of fleurs de lis Sable.
- 13, *Gonville*.—Argent, on a chevron Sable, between two couple-closes engrailed Sable, three escallops Or.
- 14, *Kelvedon*.—Gules, a pall reversed Ermine.
- 15, *Clifton*.—Sable, a lion rampant Argent, langued and armed Gules, between seven cinquefoils pierced of the second.

Dexter shield:—

- 1, *Crane*; 2, *Mollington*; 3, *Jernegan*; 4, *Ingoldesthorp*; 5, *Fitz Ralph*; 6, *Kelvedon*; impaling
- 1, *Hobart*.—Sable, an estoile of eight points Or, between two flanches Ermine.
- 2, *Cherche*.—Sable, on a fess engrailed between three fleurs de lis Argent, as many escallops Gules.
- 3, 1 and 4. *Atte Church*.—Quarterly Argent and Sable; 2 and 3, *Taylor*.—Ermine, three pallets Sable.
- 4, *Lyarde*.—Argent, a bull passant Sable, attired Or, a bordure of the second bezantée.
- 5, *Hare*.—Gules, two bars and a chief indented Or.

Sinister shield:—

- 1, *Crane*; 2, *Mollington*; 3, *Carbonel*; 4, *Boteler*; 5, *Jernegan*; 6, *Ingoldesthorp*; 7, *Mortimer*; 8, *Kelvedon*; impaling
- 1, *Allington*.—Sable, a bend engrailed between six billets Argent.
- 2, *Sapcotes*.—Sable, three dovescotes Argent, two and one.
- 3, *Cheyney*.—Quarterly Argent and Sable, over all a bend lozengy Gules.
- 4, *Gardiner*.—Per fess Argent and Sable a pale counterchanged, three griffins heads erased of the second.
- 5, *Argentin*.—Gules, three covered cups Or 2 and 1.
- 6, *Mallet*.—Gules, three round buckles Or.
- 7, Azure, three eagles displayed Or, a canton Ermine.
- 8, *Beresford*.—Argent, semée of crosses crosslet fitchée, three fleurs de lis Sable, within a bordure of the last.



Crane Monument, Chalton Church, Suffolk.

The following description of the three crests, which formerly surmounted the shields, is taken from Reyce's *Breviary of Suffolk*, as quoted by Cole, in the 28th volume of his *Collections*, p. 207:—

"Intersigned above with three crests upon helmets, fittingly mantled Gules, dobled Argent, and for the 1st middlemost, upon a torse Argent and Gules, out of a crown proper, two angels' wings displayed and opposed and perpendicularly erected Argent, charged each with a cross crosslet botonnée fitché Gules, by the name of *Crane*.

"For 2d crest, to right side, upon a crown Vert, adombrated Argent, a tuft of sundry feathers Gules, by the name of *Phelips*.

"For the 3rd and last, on the left side, upon a wreath Argent and Gules, a demi-falcon displayed Argent, arising out of a crown proper, by the name of *Jerningham*.

"Above all, on an escrowle, this motto:—NI DEUS ÆDIFICAT."

EXTRACTS FROM THE PARISH REGISTERS OF CHILTON BY SUDBURY,
SUFFOLK.—(*Commencing 1624.*)

BAPTISMS.

1626. Octbr. 12. At one of ye Clock in the morning, was borne a daughter to Sr. Robert Crane, Knight, by Dame Susan his wife, which daughter being baptized at Hornington, ye 20th of ye same month, was named Susan.
1627. Nov. 14. Baptized Dorothy, ye daughter of Sr Robert Crane, Knight & Baronet, by Dame Susan his wife, which daughter was borne October 29th, being Monday, this yeare.
1629. April 8. Baptized Mary, ye daughter of Sr Robert Crane, Knight & Baronet, by dame Susan his wife, which Mary was borne ye 19th of March, being Thursday.
1630. June 10. Baptized Susan, daughter of Sr Robert Crane, Knight & Baronet, by dame Susan his wife, and borne May 26th, being Wednesday.
1631. Octr. 23rd. Baptized Anne, the daughter of Sr Robert Crane, Knight & Baronet, by dame Susan his wife, Mr. Isaac Appleton, Esqre., being Godfather, Mrs. Jeny & Mrs. Crackerode, Godmothers, & was borne ye 17th of October, being Monday, about 2 of ye clock in ye afternoon.
1632. Giles, the sonne of Sr Robert Crane, Knight & Baronet, by dame Susan his wife, was borne the 13 day of December, at Bucknam House, in Norfolk, & christened the 3rd of Januarie, in the Chapell there, in the yeare of our Lord One thousand six hundred and thirty two.
1634. Elizabeth, daughter of Sr Robert Crane, Knight & Baronet, by Dame Susan his Wife, baptised the second day of September. William Waldegrave, Esqre., Godfather, the Lady Jermin & the Lady Deane, Godmothers: & borne August the eighteenth, about 3 of the clock in the afternoone.
1641. Sarah, the daughter of Sr. Robert Crane, Knight & Baronet, by dame Susan his wife, baptised the second of Januarie, and borne the 23rd of December.

MARRIAGES.

1624. September 21. Sir Robert Crane of Chilton, Knight & Baronet, was married to Mrs Susan, 3rd daughter of Sr. Giles Allington of Horsheath, in ye county of Cambridge, Knight, by ye Lady Dorothy Cecill, one of ye daughters of ye Earl of Excester.
1649. August 28. Married William Armyne, Esquire, of Osgodby, in Lincolnshire, & Anne Crane, daughter of Sr. Robert Crane, by Dame Susan his wife, 1649.

BURIALS.

1624. April 13. Buryed dame Dorothy, late wife of Sr. Robert Crane, Knight. She was eldest daughter of Sr. Henry Hobart of Blyckling, in the County of Norfolk, Knight & Baronet, sometyme Lord Chief Justice of the Common Pleas.
1625. August 12. Buryed a Sonne of Sir Robert Crane, Knight, by Dame Susan his wife.

1628. August 12. Buryed Susan ye daughter of Sr. Robert Crane, Knight & Baronet, by dame Susan his wife.
1637. June 29. Buryed a daughter of Sir Robert Crane, Knight & Baronet, by dame Susan his wife, which child was still borne.
1637. February 1. Buryed Mrs. Dorothy, second daughter of Sir Robert Crane, Knight & Baronet, by dame Susan his wife.
1639. May 29. Buryed Mr. Giles, second sonne of Sr. Robert Crane, Knight & Baronet, by dame Susan his wife.
1642. Sr. Robert Crane, Knight & Baronet, dyed the seventeenth day of February, at London, & was buryed the eighteenth at Chilton, Aged 55 years, & dyed a Member of Parliament for Sudbury.
1643. Sarah, the daughter of Sr. Robert Crane, by dame Susan his wife, dyed the 10th of September, & was buryed on the 11th.
1681. September 14th. Was buryed Dame Susan, wife of the late Sr. Robert Crane.

CRANE WILLS.

Georgius Crane de Redgrave condidit testamentum suum 14 Kal. Decemb., A. D. 1445, quod probat. fuit die 22 Nov. 144— uxor ejus Agnes cum supervixit uti colligo. Johannes filius dicti Georgii nominatus in dicto testamento patris sui.

(Ex. Reg. Baldwine, Archid. Sudb.)

Georgius Crane de Redgrave, = Agnes.
living 1445.

|
Johannes.

Thomas Crane de Wortham in com. Suff., condidit testamentum suum die 5 Aug., 1465, quod probat. fuit die 23 Oct., sequente anno eodem. Walterus fil. et heres dicti Thome nominatus in dicto testamento.

Thomas Crane de Wortham, =
Will dat. 5 Aug., 1465.

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Walterus filius et heres.

Robertus Crane de Tatyngstone, per testamentum suum dat. 20 die Aprilis, a^o dni 1452, legat Beatrici uxori sue, unam pratum jacens in villa de Werlyngworth vocat' Scheperdys medwe & unam peciam terre jacentem in Tattyingstone vocat' Metbreche, &c., constituit Thomam Brane et dictam Beatricem executores suos.

Probat. 8 die Maii, A^o dni 1452.

(Harl. 10, fo. 50.)

Robertus Crane de Tatyng- = Beatrice.
stone, living 1452.

Johannes Intewood per testamentum suum dat' 20 die Febr., a^o dni 1456, legat Roberto Crane xld et Johanni fratri ejusdem xld.

Probat. die 6 Maii, a^o dni 1457.

Die 25 mensis Aprilis a^o dni 1463, commissa fuit administracio bonorum Agnetis Odelyne nuper de Wurtham defunct' ab intestat' decedentis Johanni Broune de Depham ac Johanni Weylond de Grondesburghie et Thome Crane de Wurtham necnon Johanni Kersey.

(Harl. 10, folio 85.)

Johannes Crane de Marlingford, per testamentum et ultimam voluntatem suam dat. 22 Die Oct. a^o dni 1466, legat corpus suum ad sepeliendum in ecclesia de Marlyngford predict.

Item, voluit quod Thomas Crane frater suus haberet omnia terras et tenementa sua in Wodedallyng. Constituit executores suos Thomam Crane fratrem suum, Beatricem Vyncent sororem suam et Robertum Davy de Estone. Dat' apud Marlyngford, &c., Probat' 13 die Novembris, 1466.

(Harl. 10, fo. 87b.)

Alicia Shotesham de Estderham, per testamentum suum dat' 1472, legat Roberto filio Roberti Crane xij^d.

(Harl. 10, fo. 163.)

In Dei nomine Amen, at Norton, in the Dyoc. of Norwych, the xxij daye of August, in the yere of our Lord God 1483, I John Crane, of Norton forsayde, beyng in good mynd, make my testament & last wylle in thys maner & forme. Fyrst, I bequeethe my soule to Almyghty God, &c., and my body to be beryed in the Chyrch of St. Margarete of Norton forsayde, to qwyche hey awter for my tythys enye tythyd in satysfaccon of them I beqwethe xij^d & to the rep'acyon of the sayd Chyrch and emending of the bellys ther I beqwethe a q'rtter of malte. Item, I beqwethe to the rep'acyon of the chyrch of Tharleton ij^{bz} of malte, and to the rep'acyon of the chyrche of Ravynnyngham ij^{bz} of malte, and to the rep'acyon of the chyrche of Hekyngham ij^{bz} of malte, & to the rep'acyon of the chyrche of Thorpe j^{bz} whete. Item, I beqwethe to Emme my wyfe all my stuffe & implements of my howsalde, & all my catell, as well qwyke as dede, to hyr own propyr use & profyght. Item, I woll & hy thys presentes grawnte to the sayde Emme my wyfe my place that I dwelle in, with all the londs, medws, fedynggs, pasturys, &c., & all their appurtenances, in the fields & townys of Norton aforesayde, Thurleton, Thorpe, Hadesco, Ravenyngham, & Hekyngham, to have and to hold to said Emme & her assyns, for terme of hyr lyfe and twelmonyth after, if cropp be on the growude, &c., & after the decesse of the said Emme, I wyll that my said place, &c., remayne holye to John Crane my sonne, if he overlyffe the said Emme his modyr, to hold to him & his heyrys & assign, for ever, &c. Item, I beqweth to Kateryn my daughter, x^s and to Margarete, Margerye, & Elyn, my dowghters, to yche of them vj^s viij^d of the qwyche thys my Testament & laste wylle the said Emme my wyffe and Henrye Woderoue of the said towne of Norton, my executors I ordeyne, &c.

Probat' xxij die Julii, a^o dni 1492.

(Harl. 10, fo. 195.)

John Crane of Norton subcors = Emma, his wife and
cond. test. 22 Aug., 1483. | executrix.

John Crane.	Kateryn.	Margarete.	Margerie.	Elyn.
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Johannes Crane de Norton subcors per testamentum suum dat. xxij die Julii, a^o dni 1490, dat et legat Radulpho Wyllyby de Ravenyngham arm. mesuag. suum in Norton predict. cum omnibus aliis terris &c., que nuper fuerunt sibi dat et concess. a Johanne Crane patre suo. Habend &c., predicto Rad'o et assign. suis ad opus et effect. p' implecois h'moi test'i sive ult. volunt. sue scil. ad vendand. et ex denariis inde p'venientibus Alicie uxori sue & . . . filie sue pro earum sustentacone prov'dend' constituit eundum Radum Wyllyby executorem suum.

Probatum fuit apud Norwicu' ij Decembris, a^o dni 1492.

Robertus Crane per testamentum et ult' voluntatem suam linguâ vernacula exarata dat. 6 die Marcii 1496 legat corpus suum sepeliend' in ecclesia omnium sanctorum de Garbotesham &c., legat Richardo Crane filio suo omnes terras suas in Garbotesham &c.,

memorat in vivis Agnetem uxorem suam &c. Legat Johanni Crane filio suo locum suum (sive mesuagium) in Morley. Filias memorat in vivis Awdre Crane (junioem uti colligo) infra ætatem 21 annorum & Helynam Dubney. Legat Gulielmo filio suo x^s constituit dictam Agnetem executricem suam.

Probat. apud Norwicum 20 die Junii, a^o dni 1497.

(Hart. 10, fo. 203b.)

Johannes Crane de Codenham unus executorum no'iat in testamento Thome Gyney mil' dat' 1^o die Maij, a^o dni 1417, et probat' xvij die Febr. 1420. Johannes Crane tunc in vivis.

(Hart. 10, fo. 228.)

Johannes Crane de Palgrave fact testamentum suum dat undecimo Novembris a^o dni 1470, legat corpus suum sepeliend' in cimiterio ecclesie parochialis de Palgrave predict'. Legat Felicie uxori sue tenementum suum cum pertin' et omnibus terris &c., jacent' in villa de Palgrave, ad terminum vite sue; memorat liberos suos nullos tamen nomina. constituit executores suos D'num Nicholaum Crane capellanum et Thomam Crane de Thranstone fratres suos &c. Probat. apud Hoxne 25 die Novembris, a^o domini 1470.

Johannes Craue de Palgrave, cond. test. 11 Nov., 1470.	= Felicia, uxor ejus.	Dominus Nich'us Crane, capellanus frater et executor Johannis.	Thomas Crane de Thrandestone frater et ex ^{rs} Johannis.
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WILL OF ROBERT CRANE OF CHILTON, ESQ.—1551.

In the name of god Amen. Be it knowen vnto all the faithfull Congregation of Christes Church, that vpon the xxvii Daye of the moneth of februarye, and in the fourthe yere of the most gracious reign of Edwarde the sixt, by the grace of god of England, fraunce, and Ireland, king defendor of the faithe, and immediatly next under god of the Church of Englande and Irelande, the supreme hedd, That I Robert Crane of Chylton, within the Countie of Suff., Esquier, being hole of mynde and of good and p'fytte memorye, thanks be unto Almighty god, dothe institute and ordeyne thys to be my fyrrne and Last will, that ys to saye, flrst I comende my soule into thandes of my lorde god, my redemer and maker, the whiche ys my onely commfort and refuge, for in hym ys all my holle faithe and trust, and my bodie to be buried in the p'ish Church of Chylton or ells where, yt shall please my lorde god to call me vnto his mercy. Item, I will that myne Executour shall honestly bringe me vnto my sepulture or grave at the daye of my buriall, accordinge to my degree, and to distribute and give the same daye amonges poore people as it shall seme mete and convenient by his discretion. Item, I giue vnto the p'ishe of Newton, to be bestowed amongst the poore people, vis vii^{id}. Item, I do give to the p'ishe of muche Waldyngfeld, vis viii^{id}. Item, I do giue vnto the three p'ishes in Sudbury, to be bestowed amongst the poore people, tenn shillinges to euery p'ishe. Item, I do give to the said p'ishe of Acton, amongst the poore people, foure shillinges. Item, I do giue to the p'ish of muche Cornerd to be given amongst the poore, foure shillinges. Item, I do giue to eu'y household in Chilton, viii^{id}. apece. Item, I will that Anthonye Crane my sonne, shal haue of my gifte to hym during hys liefe naturall, one Annuitec of Tenne marks yerely, going oute of that Mauner Landes, tenements, meddowes, and pastures, whiche I late boughte and purchased of John Southwell, Esquier, beinge and lyinge within the towne of Codnab'm, within the Countie of Suff., with a Clause of distres for more payment to be made vnto hym, by the consent of Robert Crane my sonne, as by the learnyd Counsaill of the same Anthonye shal be reasonable devised. Item, I do giue and bequeathe to Anthonye Crane my sonne, two hundredth markes, And vnto John Crane my sonne, one hundredth markes of the debt that one Thomas Palmer oweth me, to be retheyned vnto eiche of them, as yt may be levied; that ys to saye Anthonye Crane so to receyve two

partes, And John Crane one parte at euery payment. Item, I do giue vnto Dorothe Bagster my daughter, Tenne poundes of lauffull monye. Item, I do giue vnto Elizabeth Markaunt my daughter, twentie poundes of lauffull money. Item, I bequeathe vnto Anne my daughter, wyef vnto Ambrose Coole, Twentie poundes of lauffull money. Item, I giue and bequeathe unto Gryssell and Agnes my daughters, vnto eche of them one hundreth poundes, to be payde at the dayes of their marriage, so that they be Rulyd and orderyd by the discretion and consent of myne Executour. And yf they will not be rulyd by their frends by chosyng of their husbands, But to take whome they list, Then this my gifte to stande voyde and of none effecte. Item, I do giue unto John Crane my sonne, my two gownes of Clothe gardyd w^t veluet, and my doblot of tawny satten. Item, I do give Pernell Armiger my s'uate, tenne poundes of lauffull money, to be payde vnto her at the daye of her Mariage. Item, I do giue euery man seruante of my house taking wage iiii. s. And to euery woman seruante hauyng my wage iiii. s. The residue of all my goodes, moveable & immoveable, I giue and bequeathe them into handes of myn Executor, Robert Crane my sonne, Whom I Do move Instate and ordeyne hym to be my sole Executour, to se that this my last will and testament shall of his p'te be well and truly p'formyd and kept, as he will answere before god at the last daye. And thies be the witnesses of this my last will and testament as hereafter dothe folowe, and to this will I put my seale the daye & yere above written, Sr Robert Goodale, Clark, John More, John Crosse, Robert Sapybes, Robert Sunytye, William Warne, and Robert may.

(Proved before the Archbishop of Canterbury, at Can'b'y, Aug. 5, 1551, on the oath of John Stevynsby.)

WILL OF HENRY CRANE OF CHILTON.—1586.

In the name of god amen. The twentieth Daye of June, in the yeaere of our Lorde god 1586, And in the xxviii^d yeaere of the Reigne of our Sovereigne Ladye Elizabeth, by the grace of god Quene of England, ffraunce, and Irelande, Defendor of the ffaithe. I Henry Crane, sonne and heire apparaunt unto Robert Crane of Chilton, in the County of Suff., Esquier, being of good and perfect minde and remembrance (thanked be God), Doe make and ordayne this my present testament and last will, revoking all other wills and testaments heretofore by me at any time before the date hereof had made, written, or spoken, and this to be my firme and last will. first, I giue and bequeathe my sowle into handes of Almightye god, whoe hathe made me and all the world, hoping and assuredly trusting to be saved by and throughe the Deathe and bloudshedding of my Lorde and sayvour Jesus Christ, whoe hath redemed me and all mankynde, And my bodye to be buried in a good and Decent order, by the Discreacon of my executor^s heere-under named. Item, I will and bequeathe vnto Catherine, third Daughter of John Jerningham, Esquier, nowe the wiffe of me the saide Henry, all my goldinge money, Debtes, chattles, plate, Jewells, and howsholde stuff whatsoevr which shall remaine after my debtes and Legacies paide and Discharged, my ffunerall well and decently accomplished. Item, I giue and bequeathe vnto my three serving men either of them forty shillings. Also, I will and bequeathe to the poore people of Sudburye forty shillings, To the poore people of Melford forty shillings, To the poore people of greate Waldingfeild forty shillings, To the poore people of little Waldingfeild forty shillings, To the poore people of Newton twenty shillings, And to the poore people of Acton other twenty shillings. Item, I doe ordayne the aforesaid Robert, my ffather, and Thomas Appleton of Little Waldingfeild, Esquyre, my executor^s And John Clenche of Holbroke, in the County of Suff., one of her Majesties Justices of her pleas before herself to be holden assigned my sole supervisor. Item, I giue unto the saide Robert Crane my ffather, my seale Ringe of Armes. Item, I giue and bequeathe vnto the saide John Clenche a gelding. In wittnes whereof, This present will and testament of Sr. Henry Crane was redd, agreed vnto, and sealed, in the presence of vs Thomas Louell, Johannes Bethune, ffrauncis Rous, Will'm Barnard, John Nurr, John Shel Drake.

(Proved at London, before the Venerable Mr. Wm. Drury, L.D., Master of the Prerogative Court of Canterbury, Nov. 12, 1586.)

WILL OF ROBERT CRANE.

In the name of god Amen, the Seauenthe day of October, in the twoe and thirtithe yere of the raigne of oure soueraign Ladie Elizabeth, by the grace of God of Englande France, and Irelande, quene Defender of the faith. I, Robert Crane, of Chilton, in the countie of Suff., Esquire, beinge of the age of fower skore and twooe yeres or theirabouts, callinge to mynde the uncerteynty of man's life in this transitorye worlde, and seying of late dyuers of my familiar friendes to be suddelynlye called by deathe vnto Goddes mercy, amongst whome yt hathe pleased Almightye God of late to take out of this mortall life Brigett my wife, and Henry Crane, my only sonne and heire apparaunt, am thereby admonished to thinke of the ende of this my mortall life, and to th'intent I would haue all my debtes well and trulye paied and discharged, though they be not muche or many. And that sundrye persons hereunder named, shoulde hold, use, possesse, and enioye suche Interest, yssues, profittes, dowers, leases, tearmes of yeres, giftes, graunts, Legacys and bequeastes of my gifte or graunte as hereafter in these presentes ar menc'oned, expressed, set fourthe, and declared, which I woulde shoulde be duelye and trulye enioyed, helde, contented, satisfyed, and payed accordinglye, do hereby reuoke and utterlye renounce all manner of former willes and testaments whatsoeuer by me at any tyme before made, published, or pronounced, and do make, ordeyne, and constitute this present wrytinge to be my only last will and testament as well touchinge and concerninge the order and disposition of all and singuler my Mannors, ffarmes, Landes, tenementes, hereditaments, and possessions, with the appurtenances whatsoeuer, and of the issues and of the profittes thereof, during the minoritie of Robert Crane, an Infaunt sonne of Catheryne, third daughter of John Jernegan, Esquire, and so longe tyme after as I haue power to lymitt the same, and also touching all my goodes, plate, Jewells, and chattells whatsoeuer, in manner and forme folowinge, that is to saye:—

ffirst and most principally I will and bequeathe my soule vnto Almightye God, my heauenlye father, trustinge by and throughe the deathe and passion of Jesus Xriste, his only sonne and my Redeemer and Savyoure, whoe once offered his bodye vpon the crosse as a sacrifice for the full redempcion of me and of all men, to be saued and receaued into his kingdome, there to remayne with and amongst his Elect for euer. My bodye I will to be buryed in the parishe churche or chauncell of Chilton aforesaied, to be bestowed at the discrecon of my executors hereof, hereafter named, and of other my freindes then beinge aboute me. And whereas I the saied Robert Crane haue of late amongst other, consented and sealed vnto one Indenture tripartite bearinge date the twentithe Daye of December, the nyne and twentithe yere of the Raigne of oure saied soueraigne Ladye Elizabeth, the Quene's Maiestie that now ys, made betwene me the saied Robert Crane and Brigett my wife, and the saied Catherine of the first parte, Sr Edward Cleere knight, and Dame Agnes his wife, Dudley forteskewe esquire, and Mary his wife, Raphe Choppin gentleman, and Anne his wife, three of the daughters of me the saied Robert Crane, Robert Reue gent., sonne of Elizabeth, and Thomas Smythe, sonne of Ursula, twoe other of the daughters of me the saied Robert Crane, heretofore deceased, of the second parte, and Sr Robert Jermyn, Sr Philippe Parker, Syr William Springe, and Sr John Heigh'm knighte, Robert Ashfeilde, John Gurdon, William Clopton, and Thomas Appleton, esquires, of the thirde parte, Nowe I the saied Robert Crane, accordinge to the true Intente and meaninge of the saied Indenture tripartite, concerninge the order and disposition of all and singuler the Mannors, ffarmes, landes, tenements, rentes, sutes, services, and hereditaments, with the appurtenances, menco'ed, specified, or declared in the saied Indenture tripartite after the deathe of me the saied Robert Crane, Esquire, during the minoritie of the saied Robert Crane, the sonne of the saied Catherine, and for so longe tyme as I haue power to lymitt the same, Do herein and hereby set downe, expresse, and declare, and my will intente and meaninge ys that the Mannors of Creatinge St Oliffe al's Woluhall al's Wouhall, and Minetts al's Mincotts, with the appurtenances, holden of her Maiestie in cheife the Advowson of the churche of Creatinge St Oliffe, and the Mannors or ffarmes called or known by the name or names of Thedwardes, Cookes of Cranes, Bakons al's Bakens, and all the landes, tenements, meadowes, pastures, feedinges, woodes, vnderwoodes, rentes, sutes, services, and heredytaments, with thappurtenances whatsoeuer, to the saied last mencyoned Mannors or ffarmes, belonginge or in any wise apperteyninge or otherwise accepted, used, occupied, Demised, or reputed as parte, parcell, or member of them, or any of them, situat, lyinge, and beyinge in Creatinge St Oliffe, Creatinge St Marye, Creatinge All Sainets, Erle Stonham, Stonh'm Aspall, Gosbacke, Coddenham, Crowfeild, Micklefeild,

Bayleham, Barkinge, and Brettenham, in the same countye of Suff., the same shalbe to aunswere her Maiestie such full parte of all and singuler the Mannors, ffarmes, Landes, tenementes, and hereditaments, with th'appurtenances whatsoever mencyoned or declared in the saied Indentures tripartite, as shall, maye, or oughte to come or growe unto her Maiestie, her heyers or Successors, for the primer seisin, lyuerye, or Wardshippe of such person or persons as shall be found heyer or heyers vnto me the saied Robert Crane, after my decease. And I do also herein and hereby demise, set downe, appoynte, and declare, and my full intent, will, and meaninge ys that ymediatly after the same Interest of Wardshippe, Lyuerie, or primer seisin, and of euery of them ended and fully satisfiede then duringe the minoritie of the saied Robert Crane, sonne of the saied Catheryne, the saied Mannors or ffarmes, of Thedwardes, Cookes of Cranes, and Bacons al's Bakens, with the appurtenances, and all the landes, tenements, meadowes, pastures, feedinges, wooddes, underwooddes, rentes, seutes, seruices, and hereditaments, with th'appurtenances whatsoever reynted, accepted, knowen, Demised, letten, or taken as parte, parcell, or member of them, or any of them, or in the occupac'on of the saied Raffe Choppin, or of his Assignes, situat, lyinge, and beinge in Coddendam, Crowfeild, Gosbacke, Stoneham Aspoll, Creatinge All Saunets, Creatinge St Marye, Creatinge Sainct Oliffe, Mickefeild aforesaid, or in any of them, being on parte of the possessions of me the saied Robert Crane, and mencyoned in the saied Indentures tripartite shalbe to the vse of the saied Anne Choppin (yf she shall so longe lyue), And after her decease then to the vse of such person or persons as then shalbe righte heire of the saied Anne, duringe the residue of the minoritie of the saied Robert sonne of the saied Catherine, And my will and mynde ys that the saied Anne Choppin and all and euery other person and persons which duringe the minoritie of the saied Robert, Sonne of the saied Catherine, shall haue good and lawfull interest by the true intent of this my laste will and testament, of and in the premises before Lymited, to the saied Anne Choppin as aforesaid, shall duringe their saide tearme in the premisses at his, her, and their costs and chardges, to the best of his, her, or their skill and lawfull power, Defend, aunswere, and withstand all suche sute, Actions, quarrells, titles, trespasses, and all other troubles whatsoever, as shall or maye at any tyme duringe their or any of their saied Tearme in the premises be attempted, commensed, or broughte agaynste the sayed Anne Chopping solely, or her and her husband joyntly, or any his, her, or their ffarmer or ffarmers, for vpon or againste any parte of the same. And shall also duringe their saied terme in the premises, well and sufficiently, vpon reasonable request of hym or them that shall haue the ymediat reuerc'on or Remyander of freehold of the saied premises, repayre and maynteyne all the houses and buildings, payles, rayles, gates, and quicksetts, which shalbe standing or beyng at the tyme of my decease vpon any parte of the premises to them before lymited, from tyme to tyme, and at all tymes duringe their saied tearme, therein as need shall require. And in the ende of their saied tearme shall so leaue and yeald up the same, And shall also paye all mann^r of outrentes, goyng out of the same duringe their saied tearme, And likewise I doe herein and hereby deuise, set downe, appoynte, and declare, and my full will and mynde ys that ymediatlie after the saied Interest of Wardshippe, Lyuerie, or prim^r seisin, and of euery of them ended and fullye satisfied, then duringe the minoritie of the saied Robert Crane, sonne of the saied Catherine, the saied Mannor of Creatinge St. Oliffe, als woluhall al's wouhall, and Minetts al's with the appurtenances, th'aduonc'on of the church of Creatinge Saincte Oliffe, and all other the Landes, tenements, meadowes, pastures, feedinges, woodes, vnderwoodes, rentes, suites, seruices, and hereditaments, wth th'appurtenances whatsoever reputed, accepted, knowen, Demised, letten, or taken as p'te, parcell, or member of them or any of them, or otherwise situat, lying, and beinge in Creatinge St Oliffe, Creatinge Saincte Marye, Creatinge All Sainctes, Earle Stonham, Coddendam, Crowfeild, Mickefeild, Bayleham, Barkinge, and Brettenham aforesaid, or in any of them not herein before lymited to the saied Anne Choppin, beinge one other parcell of the possessions of me the saied Robert Crane, shalbe to the vse of the same Dame Agnes Cleere, yf she shall so longe lyue, And after her decease, to the vse of suche person or persons as shall be then righte heire of the saied Dame Agnes, duringe the residue of the minoritie of the saied Robert, sonne of the saied Catherine. And my will and mynde ys that the same Dame Agnes and all and euery other person or persons which duringe the minoritytie of the saied Robert, sonne of the saied Catherine, shall haue good and lawfull Interest therein, by the true intent of this my last will and testament, duringe their saied Tearme, in the premises to them herein lymited, shall at his, her, and their propper costes and chardges, to the best of his, her,

or their skill and lawfull power, Defend, aunswer, and withstand all such suites, actions, quarrells, titles, trespasses, and all other troubles whatsoever, as shall, maye, or at any tyme duringe their or any of their saied tearme in the p'ises to them herein lymited, be attempted, commensed, or brought against her, the saied Dame Agnes Clere solelie, or her and her husbände joyntlye, or any his, her, or their ffarmer or ffarmers, for vppon or against any parte of the same. And also shall yerelic duringe their saied tearme, in the saied premises to them lymited, well and sufficientlye, vppon reasonable request of hym, her, or them, that shall haue the ymediat reuerc'on or remaynder of the freehold of the saied premises vphoulde, mayteyne, and repayre at their proper costes and chardge, all the houses and buildings, payles, rayles, gates, and quikesetts, which at the tyme of my decease shalbe standinge or beinge vppon any parte of the same premises, to them or any of them, before Lymited, at all tymes, and from tyme to tyme, duringe their saied tearme therein, as neede shall require. And in the ende of the saied terme shall so leaue and yealde vp the same. And shall also paye all manner of outrentes goinge out of the same, duringe the saied tearme. And I do also herein and hereby Demise, set downe, appoynte, and declare, and my full intent, mynde, and meaninge ys that ymediatly after the deathe of me the saied Robert Crane, the Mannors of Much waldingefeilde hall al's Waldingfeild Carbonles, with Chilton Butlers, Gibbes at ye Barne, and all other landes, tenements, meadowes, pastures, feedinges, woodes, and vnderwoodes, rentes, suites, services, the advouc'on of the churche of Chilton, the free warren there, and the viewe of ffranke pledge, and all other hereditaments whatsoever, in the townes of Chilton aforesaied, and in Muche waldingefeilde, litle waldingefeilde, Newton, Acton, Melforde, Muche Cornarde, and Sudburye, in the saied countie of Suff., and the yerely rente of one hundred egges and of fower hennes and one cocke, in Middleton, in the countie of Essex, beinge an other parcell of the possessions of me the saied Robert Crane, and mencyoned in the saied Indentures tripartite, shall ymediatlye after my decease be to the vses, intents, and purposes hereafter in these presents expressed, that is to saye as concerninge the saied Mannors of Waldingefeild, Carbonells with Chilton and Butlers, and all the landes, tenemen's, meadowes, pastures, feedinges, woodes, vnderwoodes, rentes, sewtes, services, th advouc'on of the churche of Chilton, the free warren there, the viewe of ffrankepledge, and all other hereditaments with the appurtenances whatsoever, in the saied townes of Chilton, Muchwaldingefeilde, litlewaldingefeilde, Newton, and Sudburye, and the saied yerelic rente in Middleton, and so muche of the saied Mannor of Waldingefeildhall, with the appurtenances, as lyeth in Acton aforesaied, the same shalbe to the vse of the same Dudley fforteskewe and of the saied Marye his saied wife, and of their assignes, duringe the minoritie of the saied Robert the sonne, yf they the saied Dudley and Mary, or either of them, shall so longe liue. Yealdinge and payinge to the saied Robert, sonne of the saied Catherine, for so muche of the last mencyoned Mannors and other the premises, with their appurtenances, as bene in the seuerall forme or occupac'on of any person or persons, by force and vertue of any graunte or demyse for euery yere that the saied Dudley fforteskewe and Mary his wife, or any of them, shall occupye the saied premises or any parte thereof, by force of this my last will and testament, suche yerelic rente or fearme as shalbe by me reserued vppon, suche my graunte or Demise at the tyme of my decease, Provided allwayes and my mynde and intent ys that noe paymente of any suche rente shalbe made vnto the saied Robert untill the saied Robert shall atteyne and come to his age of one and twentie yeres. And my meaninge ys that there all the arrerages of the saied rent incard duringe the saied occupac'on of the saied Dudley fforteskewe and Marye, or any of them, shalbe deuided into three partes, and therevppon my intent, will, and mynde is that the saied Dudley ffortescue and Mary, or the Survyuor of y^m shall paye, or cause to be paid Robert, sonne of the saied Catherine, one thirde parte of the saied Arrerages, the second payment that daye twelve monethes, and the third and last payment y^t Daye three yeres after the full age of the saied Robert the sonne, by euen and equall porcons, provided also that yf the saied Robert, sonne of the saied Catherine, shall dye before suche tyme as the saied payments or any of them, of the saied Arrerages ar to be made to the saied Robert, by this my last will, That then suche payment or payments as shall incurre and growe due, after the deathe of the saied Robert, shall cease and be voide, havinge regarde to the saied Robert, sonne of the saied Catherine, his executors or assignes, Provided allwayes, and my Will and meanings ys, that yf yt shall happen the saied Marye ffortescue to departe this life, in the life tyme of the same Robert Crane, the sonne. And the saied Robert, the sonne, to dye without yssue male of his Bodie,

lawfully begotten, duringe his minoritie and nonage of one and twenty yeres, and that the saied Dudley shall so long lyue, That then he the saied Dudley ffortescue or his executors, shall yeald and paye the saied seuerall yerelye rentes or ffarmes before in his tyme incurred, at three yerelle payments as ys aforesaied, vnto the heyers of the saied Marye, shall accomlishe and come vnto his or her full age of one and twentie yeres. And my further will, mearinge, and intent ys, that they saied Dudley and Marye, and the longer liuer of them, duringe the minoritie of the saied Robert Crane the sonne, shall dwell att and vpon my nowe mansion house in Chilton, and at his, her, or their owne propper costes and chardges, well and sufficiently, vpon reasonable request of hym or her that shall haue the ymediat estate of freehold, of and in the same premises, repayre and keep the saied mansion house and all and singuler the houses, edifices, and other buydings their situat, in good and sufficient reparac'ons. And my Will and meanninge also ys that they the saied Dudley and Marye, and the longer lyuer of them, shall also vpon like request as aforesaied, maynteyne and repayre all other houses and buydinges, pales, rayles, gates, and quicksetts, which shalbe standinge or beyng vpon any parte of the premises to them before lymited, at the tyme of my decease, from tyme to tyme, at all tymes as neede shall require, duringe their tearme therein. And in the end of the saied Tearme, shall so leaue and yeald vp the same, and also pay all manner of outrentes goyng out of the same duringe their sayed tearme. And also my Will, mynde, and intent ys that they the saied Dudlie and Marye, and their assignes, duringe their saied tearme in the premises, shall in like manner and vpon like requeste as ys aforesaied, at his, her, or their like costes and chardges, and to the best of his, her, or their skill and lawfull power, defende, aunswere, and withstand all suche suites, Actions, quarrells, titles, trespasses, and all other troubles whatsoever, as as shall or maye at any tyme duringe their saied tearme in the premises, be attempted, commenced, or brought agaynst them the saied Dudlie and Marie, or any of them, or any his, her, or their farmer or ffarmers, for, vpon, or against any parte of the same. Provided likewise, and my will and meanninge ys that the saied Dudlie ffortescue shall vpon reasonable request become and stande bounde vnto Sr Robert Jermyn, Sr Phillippe Parker, Sr William Springe, and Sr John Heigham, knightes, or to the Suruior or Suruiors of them, in suche somme as they shall thinke good and reasonable, to performe and fulfill suche order and direction as by them shall be reasonable Devised and required of the saied Dudley, for the true aunsweringe of all suche sommes of money, beinge the arerages of the saied rent or rentes by me reserued, as shall incurre duringe the naturall life of the saied Dudley, accordinge to the true intent and meanninge of this my last Will and testament.

And yf bothe the saied Dudlie ffortescue and Marie his wife, shall fortune to dye duringe the minoritie of the saied Robert, sonne of the saied Catherine, Then my Will and mynde is, and by this my last will and testament I ordayne and appoynte that after the deathe of the saied Dudlie and Marie, and the longer lyuer of them, and Duringe the residue of the minoritie of the saied Robert, sonne of the saied Catherine, all and singuler the premises herein before lymited, to the saied Dudlie ffortescue and Marie his wife, shall come and be to suche person or persons as then shall be righte heire to the saied Marye wife of the saied Dudlie ffortescue. Provided also, and my Will and mynde ys that the same person or persons which then shalbe righte heire to the saied Marye wife of the saied Dudly ffortescue, shall in like manner and vpon reasonable request, become and stande bounde vnto the aboue named fower knightes, or the Suruiors or Suruior of them, in suche somme as they shall thinke good and reasonable, to performe and fulfill suche order and direction as by them shalbe reasonably Devised and required of the same person or persons which then shalbe righte heire to the sayed Marye as aforesaied, for the true aunsweringe of so muche of the saied Arerages as shall incurre and growe due to be payed after the deathes of the saied Dudley and Marye, and y^e Suruior of them. And further my Will and meanninge ys that the same person or persons then righte heire as aforesaide to the saied Marie, shall for his tyme performe, exequite, and accomlishe all and singuler other acte and Actes, thinge and thinges, whatsoever appoynted and assigned to and for them the saied Dudlie and Marie to do, performe, exequite, and accomlishe, or defende, duringe his saied tearme in the saied premises, accordinge to the effect, intente, and true meanninge of this my last will and testament. And I do likewise hereby and herein Deuise, appoynte, Lymitt, and declare, and my Will and meanninge ys that the saied Mannor or ffarme, called Gibbs at the barne, and all other the saied Landes, tenements, meadowes, pastures, feedinges, woodes, vnderwoodes, rentes, suites, services, and all other hered-

taments, with th'appurtenances whatsoever, in the saied towne of Acton, being no p'cell of the saied Mannor of Waldingfeild hall, and in the saied townes of Mellforde, muche Cornard, and litle Cornrd, shalbe to the vse of the saied Thomas Smythe, and of his assign, duringe the minoritie of the saied Robert, sonne of the saied Catherine, yf he the saied Thomas shall so longe lyue. And yf it shall fortune the saied Thomas Smythe to Departe this naturall life duringe the minoritie of the saied Robert, Sonne of the saied Catherine, Then my mynde and will ys, and by this my last will and testament I do ordeyne and appoynte that duringe the residue of the minoritie of the saied Robert, Sonne of the saied Catherine, all and singuler the premises herein lymyted, to the saied Thomas Smythe as afesaied, shall come and be to suche person or persons as then shalbe righte heire of the saied Thomas Smithe, and all and every other persons wch duringe the minoritie of the saied Robert, sonne of the saied Catherine, shall by the true intent of this will and testament, haue good and lawfull interest of and in the saied premises herein before lymyted and appoynted to the saied Thomas Smythe as afore-saied, shall duringe his and there saied tearme therein, at his and there propper costes and chardges, to the best of his and there skill and lawfull power, defende, aunswere, and withstand all suche sutes, Acc'ons, quarrells, titles, trespasses, and all other troubles whatsoever, as shall or maye at any tyme duringe his or there saied tearme in the premises to hym and them appoynted as afesaied, be attempted, commenced, or broughte agaynst hym the saied Thomas, or his heires, or any his or there farmer or farmers, for vppon or againste any parte of the same, and shall also duringe his and there saied Terme in the saied premises, so to hym and them lymyted, well and sufficiently, vppon reasonable request of hym or her that shall haue the ymediate estate of the freehold, of and in the premises, maynteyne and repayre at his and there propper costes and chardges, all the houses, Buildings, pales, rayles, gates, and quicksetts, which at the tyme of my decease shalbe standinge, or beinge vppon any parte of the same premises, to the saied Thomas, lymyted at all tymes, and from tyme to tyme, duringe his and there saied terme therein, as neede shall require, and in the ende of the saied terme shall so leaue and Yelde vp the same. And shall also paye and discharge all manner of outrents goyng out of the same parte of the premises, duringe the saied tearme. And whereas I the saied Robert Crane, by Indenture bearinge date the last daye of December, in the one and thirtithe Yere of the Raigne of o^r soueraigne Ladie Elizabeth, the quene's Mate that nowe ys, made betwene me the saied Robert Crane of the one partie, and the saied Robert Reue of the other partie, by me sealed and as my deede Delyucred before the approuinge and publishinge of this my last will and testament, for the considerac'on in the same Indenture expressed, haue demysed, graunted, and to fferme letten to the saied Robert Reve all those my mannors of ffieldhall and waltam hall, with th'appurtenances and all the freehoulde and Charter landes, tenements, meadowes, pastures, feedinges, woodes, vnderwoodes, rentes, suites, services, and hereditaments, with there appurtenances whatsoever, thereunto belonginge, or otherwise accepted, reputed, Demised, letten, or taken as parte, p'cell, or member thereof, in the saied Countie of Suffolke, and all other the freehould and charter Landes, tenements, and heredytaments of me the saied Robert Crane, with the appurtenances whatsoever, situat, lyinge, and beinge in little Stoocham and Mendlesham, in the saied county of Suff., beinge another parte of the possessions of me the saied Robert Crane, to haue and to houlde the saied Mannors of ffieldhall and waltam hall, and all and singuler other the saied Demised premises, with there and every of there appurtenances, to the saied Robert Reve, his executors, Administrators, and assignes, from and after the end, expirac'on, surrender, forfeiture, or other Determinac'on of one Lease or graunte heretofore made by me the saied Robert Crane, of the saied Demised premises to John Warberton, gent., untill the full end and tearme, and by the whole tearme and space of twentie and one yeres from thenceforth next and ymediatlye folowinge, and fullie to be compleate and ended as by the saied Indent's at large, yt dothe and maye appeare My minde and desire ys that I do hereby require that all and every person and persons which haue or shall haue any Interest of and in the saied demised premises, by or from me the saied Robert Crane, shall and will ratifie, approue, and confirme the sayed graunte and tearme to the saied Robert Reve, his exequtors, Administrators, and assignes, and every of them, peaceable and quietlye, to haue, houlde, and enioye all and singuler the saied Demised premises with the appurtenances, and the yssues and profittes of them and every of them, according to the purporte and true meaninge of the saied Indenture. And I do hereby demise, lymitt, and declare, and my will and meaninge ys that after the saied tearme of twentie and one Yeres, entered or Deter-

myned, and after the decease of the sayed Robert Crane, then the Reuere'on or Remyndr of the freehold of all and singuler the Demised premises, together with the yerelie Rente in and by the said Lease reserved, shalbe to the only vse and behoofe of the said Catherine and of her assignes, for and duringe the tearme of her naturall life. And yf it shall fortune the said Catherine to Dye during the miocritie of the said Robert her sonne, the sayed Robert Reve shall or maye Reteyne and kepe in his handes so muche of the sayed yerely Rent, reserved in and vpon the said Demise to hym made as aforesaid, as shall accrue after the Decease of the said Catherine during and vntill th'end or determynac'on of the said Demise (yf the said Robert Reve shall so long liue). And my Will and mynde ys, and I do hereby Demise, ordeyne, and appoynte that yf both the said Catherine and Robert Reue shall departe this naturall life before the end or expirac'on of the foresaid Lease made to the said Robert Reue, Then suche person or persons as then shalbe righte heire to the said Robert Reue, shall haue and take to his or there propper vse so muche of the said yerelie rent as after the decease of the said Catherine and Robert Reue shall growe due duringe the residue of the miocritie of the said Robert Crane, sonne of the said Catherine. And my will and mynde ys that the said Catherine during her naturall life, at her propper costs and chardges, to the best of her skill and lawfull power, shall Defende, awnswere, and withstand all such scwtes, Acc'ons, quarrells, titles, trespasses, and all other troubles whatsoever, shall or maye at any tyme Doringe her estate in the premises, be attempted, commenced, or broughte agaiuste her the said Catherine, or any her ffarmer or ffarmers, for vpon or against any partie of the same. And shall also after that she shall haue and enioye the actual possession and mayntenance of the premises to her before Lymited, duringe her estate in the same premises, well and sufficiently uphould, maynteyne, and repayre at her proper costes and chardges, all the houses, buildinges, pales, Rayles, gates, and quicksetts, which at the tyme of her coming to the possession of the premises so to her before Lymited, shalbe standinge or being vpon any parte of the same, at all tymes and from tyme to tyme during her estate therein, as neede shall require. And in the end of her said estate shall so leaue and Yealde vp the same, and shall also paye all manner of outrents goyng out of the same premises, or any parte theriof, duringe her said actual possession and mannorance of the same premises or any parte thereof. And also I do herein and hereby deuise, appoynte, Lymitt, and declare, and my will and meaninge ys that ymediatly after the decease of me the said Robert Crane, the Mannor or ffarme called Marshes, and all the landes and tenements therewith occupied and heretofore Demised lying in Creating All Saunets aforesaid, and in other townes thereunto neere adjoining, and all other the landes, tenements, and hereditaments with the app'tauneces whatsoever residue of the possessions or Inheritance of me the said Robert Crane, mencoyoned in the said Indentures tripartite and heretofore in this my last will and testament, not lymited, ordred or disposed, shalbe to Sr Robert Jermyn, knight, and his assignes for and duringe so longe tyme as the said Robert, sonne of the said Catherine shall liue and be within age, to thintent that he, the said Robert Jermyn as gardian by me of trust specially ap- poynted vnto the said Robert, sonne of the sayed Catherine, shall and will ymediatly after my decease, take vpon hym the virtuous education and godlye bringyng vp of the said Robert, sonne of the said Catherine, in good learninge and knowledge, untill he shall come to his full age of oao and twentie yeres (yf he shall so longe liue) And to thintent also that the said Sr Robert Jermyn, with the yssues and profittes of the saide last mencoyoned Mannor or ffearme, lands, tenements, hereditaments, with thappurtauneces, shall to the vttermost of his lawfull power, Defende, awnswere, and withstand all such Sewtes, Acccons, quarrells, titles, trespasses, and all other troubles whatsoever, as shall or maye at any tyme, during the minoritie of the said Robert, sonne of the sayed Catherine, be attempted, commenced, or broughte for any parte of the said last mencoyoned premises by any person or persons, & claymyng by, from, or under any Lease made, or hereafter to be made by the said Sr Robert Jermyn, or by me the said Robert Crane, or by any of vs. And I do hereby require the said Sr Robert Jermyn to maynteyne and Repayre all the houses, Edifices, and buildinges, pales, rayles, gates, and quicksetts, belonging to the said last mencoyoned premises in good and sufficient reparac'ons, and also to discharge all outrents and other charges, goynge out of the same or any parcell therof, duringe the minoritie of the said Robert Crane, sonne of the said Catherine. And as, concerning the disposition of all and singuler suche coppiebold and customarye lands, Tenements, and hereditaments, with thappurtauneces, as I, the said Robert Crane, Esquire, do hould by coppie of Courte roll of the Mannor of Morereves, in Waldingfield, in the said countie of Suff. I, the said Robert Crane, do herein and

hereby giue, will, bequeathe, and dispose them and every parcell therof, with thappurtaunces during the minoritie of the saied Robert, sonne of the saied Catherine, to the saied Dudlie ffortescue and Marie, nowe his wife, and their assignes, yf they, the saied Dudley and Marye, or either of them shall so longe liue. And yf both the saied Dudley ffortescue, and the saied Marye his wife, shall fortune to dye during the minoritie of the saied Robert, sonne of ye saied Catherine, Then my will and mynde ys and by this my last will and testament, I doe ordeyne and appoynte that after the deathe of the saied Dudlie ffortescue and Marye his wife, and every of them, and during the residue of the minoritie of the sayed Robt., Sonne of the saied Catherine, all and singuler the aforesaid Coppiehould and customary premises, with their appurtaunces, shall come and be to suche person or persons as then shalbe righte heire to the saied Mary, wife of the saied Dudley ffortescue. And my will and mynde ys also that all and every suche person or persons as during the minoritie of the said Robert, sonne of the saied Catherine shall, by the true intent and meaning of this my last will and testament, haue good and lawfull interest of and in the aforesaid coppiehould premises shall, during his, her, and their saied tearme therein, paye and doe all such rentes, fynes, and services as shalbe due for the same, and shall also, during their saied severall tearmes in the saied coppiehould premises, well and sufficientely vphould, maynteyne, and repayre at their propper costes and chardges, all the houses, buyldinges, payles, rayles, gates, and quicksetts, which, at the tyme of my decease, shall be standinge or beinge vpon any part of the same Coppiehould premises at all tymes and from tyme to tyme, as neede shall require and in the end of their saied terme shall so leaue and yeald vp the same. And my Will and mynde ys that after the sayed Robert, sonne of the saied Catherine, shall atteyne and come to his full age of one and twentye yeres, all and singuler the foresaid coppiehould and customary landes, Tenements, and premises, houlden of the saied Mannor of Moreveves, in Waldingefield, aforesaid, shall remayne and be to the saied Robert Crane, sonne of the saied Catherine, and to the heyers males of his Bodie, lawfullye begotten or to be begotten. And for defaulte of suche yssue, or yf the saied Robert the sonne shall die without yssue male of his bodye, lawfully begotten, during his minoritie and noneage of one and twentye yeres, then the same shalbe and remayne to the saied Marye my Daughter, wife of the saied Dudley ffortescue, and to ye heires males of the bodye of the saied Marye, lawfully begotten or to be begotten. And for defaulte of suche yssue, to the righte heires of the saied Marye for euer. And towching the Disposicon of all and singuler suche coppiehould and customary landes, Tenements, and hereditaments, with thappurtaunces as I, the saied Robert Crane, do houlde by coppie of Courte Roll of the Mannor of Earle Stoneham, in the Countie of Suff., I, the saied Robert Crane, do herein and hereby giue, will, bequeathe, and dispose them and euery parcell therof, With thappurtaunces to the foresaid Robert Reue, sonne of the aforesaid Elizabeth my daughter, for and duringe the tearme of twentie and one Yeres to begynne ymediatlye after the end, Determinacon, Surrender, or fforfeiture of the aforesaid Lease, or graunte, made to the saied John Warberton of the foresaid Mannors of Fledhall and Waltham hall, and othr Landes and tenements, aforemencioned. And after the saied tearme of twentie and one Yeres ended or Determined, Then I giue, Deuise, and appoynte the sayed last mencyoned coppinghoule Landes and tenements with thappurtaunces to the saied Catherine, for and duringe the tearme of her naturall life. And also my Will and mynde ys that all and every suche person or persons as shall, by the true intent and meaninge of this my last will and testament haue good and lawfull Interest of and in the saied last mencyoned coppiehould premises shall duringe his, her, or their saied tearme and estate in the same paye, and do all suche rentes, fines, and services as shalbe due for the same. And shall also during their saied seuerall tearmes and estates in the same well and trulye vphould, maynteyne, and repayre at their propper costes and chardges, all the houses, Buildinges, pales, railles, gates, and quicksetts, which at the tyme of my decease shalbe standinge or beinge vpon any parte of the saied coppiehould premises last before mencyoned, at all tymes, and from tyme to tyme, as neede shall require, and in the end of their saied terme, shall so leaue and yealde vp the same. And my will and mynde ys, and I, the saied Robert Crane, herein and hereby ordayne and appoynte that, after the saied tearme of twentie and one yeres expired, and after the decease of the saied Catherine, all and singuler the aforesaid coppiehoules and customary landes, tenements, and hereditaments, houlden of the saied Manor of Erlestonham, with their appurtaunces, shall remayne, come, and be to the saied Robert Crane, Sonne of the saied Catherine (yf he shalbe then lyvinge) and to the heyers males of his bodye, lawfully begotten or to be begotten, and

for defaulte of suche yssue, or yf the saied Robert, sonne of the saied Catherine, shall dye without yssue male of his bodye, lawfully begotten during his minoritie and non-age of one and twentie yeres, then the same shall remayne, come, and be to the saied Robert Reue, and to the heires males of his Bodie, lawfully begotten and to be begoty ten. And for defaulte of suche yssue, to the righte heires of the saied Robert Reue for ever. And my will and mynde ys, and I, the saied Robert Crane, herein and hereb-deuisse and appoynte that Leonard Gaston, of Lincolnes Inne, gentleman, shall haue the next presentacon or avoydance of the Advoucon and parsonage of Creating St. Oliffe, aforesaied, when yt shall happen to be voyde by death, Deprivacon, or otherwise, at any tyme durance the minoritie of the saied Robert Crane, sonne of the saied Catherine (anythings in this my present will conteyned to the contrary in any Wise notwithstanding). And nowe, as concerning the order and disposi'on of all and singuler my goodes, chattells, Billes, bondes, Debtes, stuffe, and Implements of housholde, plate, Jewells, and ready money, my funerall chardges at the discrecon of my executors, allowed and disbursed this my last will and testament proued and performed accordingle, my debtes and duties vnto other men paied and dischargd according to the true meanings hereof. I do giue, will, bequeathe, and dispose them in manner and forme folowinge.

first, I do giue, will, and bequeathe vnto all the children of my daughters as well dead as alyue, being one and twentie in number, the somme of twoe hundred and tenne poundes, that ys to saye, to euery of them tenne poundes, to be paied vnto them as the same may convenientlye be raysed of suche debtes as be owynge vnto me. And I do also hereby giue, will, and bequeathe, and my true entent and meaninge ys that all my plate, brasse, pewter, linnen, Naperye, beddes, bedding, and bedsteades, furniture of bedding, hangings, curteyns, carpetts, quishions, tables, stooles, fourmes, cubbordes, pres'es, countertables, chayres, cobyrons, andyrans, chestes, feelinges, waynskotts, coppers, Leades, Cesterns, brewinge vessells, and necessarys therof, Buttrey vessells and necessaryes thereof, kytchen vessells and necessarys thereof, Deyrie vessells and necessary vessells thereof, the horsemill, and the furniture thereof, all the glasse and casement in the windowes, lockes, keys, and all other ymplementes, moveables and stuffe of househoule whatsoever, and all my cartes, ploughes, tumbrells, and all thinges, and necessarys belonging to husbandry, all my stocke of corne, hey, cattell, ploughe horses, milche beastes, sheepe, hogges, and swyne, which I shall haue at the daye of my death aboute my saied nowe mansyon house in Chilton, or elsewhere in or aboute any of my landes or hereditaments, nowe in my owne occupyng, shall presentlye after my decease, be viewed, valued, and praysed by suche indiffer'e't and discrete persons to the number of sixe as my executors and supravisor, hereafter named, or the most of them shall name and appoynte for the true valuing therof. And the same being indifferently prised, shalbe therevppon Inventaryed accordinglye, and one parte of suche Inventarye rectified to remayne in the courte, where this my last will shall happen to be proued, whereby the saied Robert Crane, sonne of the saied Catherine, at his full age may knowe and Demande his righte and part therof. And my further will, desire, and meaninge ys that all and singuler the premises appoynted in mann' and forme aforesaied to be praysed and Inventaryed, shall fullye and whollye remayne, go, be vsed, occupied, and contynewed with my sayed house, and all the Demeasne, landes, and groundes, which I do nowe keepe and occupye in my owne handes aboute Chilton aforesaied, in manner and forme folowinge, that ys to saye:—first, that they, the sayed Dudley fortescue, and Marie his wife, and all and euery other person and persons which, during the minoritie of the sayed Robert, sonne of the saied Catherine, shall by the true Intent of this my last will and testament, have good and lawfull Interest in my saied principall and cheife mansion house in Chilton aforesaied, shall haue vse, hold, and occupie the same moueables, and other the premises so to be Inventaryed vnto them, and euery of them, for and untill suche tyme as the saied Robert Crane, sonne of the saied Catherine, shall accomlishe and come vnto his saied full age of one and twenty Yeres, Provided alwayes and my will and mynde ys that the saied Dudlye fortescue shall become and stand bound vnto the fower knightes aforenamed, and to my Supravisor, hereafter named, or the Surviuors or Surviuor of them, in suche somme as they or the most of them shall thincke good and reasonable, that he the saied Dudlye fortescue, and the sayed Mary, nowe his wife, and all and euery other person and persons which, after the deaths of the saied Dudlye and Marye, by the true intent of this my last will and testament, shall haue good and lawfull interest in and to the saied cheife and principall mansion house of Chilton, shall leaue, yeald vp, and delyuer the saied stocke and store, or as good in value, vnto the saied Robert Crane, sonne of

the sayed Catheryne, at his full age of one and twentie yeres (yf he shall then be lyvinge). And yf he shall dye during his minoritye, having yssue male of his bodye, lawfully begotten, then to the sayed obligees to be kept to the vse of the sayed yssue male, and of suche other person and persons as shall fortune lawfully to haue thinheritance of my sayed principall and cheife house in Chilton, and to be delyuered to hym or them when he or they be of the full age of one and twentie yeres or more. And in case the sayed Marye, wife of the sayed Dudlie ffortescue, shall departe this naturall life during the minoritye of the sayed Robert Crane the sonne. And lyvinge the sayed Robert Crane the sonne. And that after the sayed Robert Crane the sonne, shall also dye durance his minoritye, without yssue male of his Bodie lawfully begotten, that then he the sayed Dudlie ffortescue shall, vpon reasonable request, leaue, yealde vp, and Delyuer vnto suche person or persons as shall then be righte heire vnto the sayed Marye nowe his wife, all and singuler the sayed stocke and store, or as good in value as he shall enter vpon and receyue as aforesaid. And my will and mynde ys, and I do hereby request my executors and Suprauisor hereafter named, that all and singuler my deedes, evidences, thies, writings, and miniments be safely kept and preserued for the better mayntenaunce of all and singuler the sayed possessions and heredytaments, and for the preseruac'on of the same to the vse of the sayed Robert Crane the sonne, and of his heires males, and of suche other persons as to whome the sayed possessions and hereditaments lym'd in and by the true intent of this my last will and testament. And that for the better preseruac'on thereof, there may be one Chest or presse prouided with so many lockes and keys to the same as every one of my executors hereunder named maye haue one key thereof apeece, and my Suprauisor hereunder named one other key thereof, Which keys I will euery one of them shall haue for the better accomplishment of my good intent and meaning in this behalfe. Item, my will and mynde ys that the sayed Robert Crane, sonne of the sayed Catherine, shall haue my goulde chayne and my goulde ringe or signett of gould, when he cometh to his full age of one and twentie yeres, and in the meane tyme I will the same shalbe kept amongst my Evidences in the aforesaid chest or presse.

And yf the sayed Robert Crane the sonne, shall happen to dye within age, I do giue and bequeathe my sayed Chayne and Ringe vnto Robert Straungman, my graundchilde, to be Delyuered to hym at his full age of one and twentie yeres, of whose ffather I boughte the sayed Chayne. Also I giue, will, and bequeathe vnto the poore people of Much Waldingefeld and Chilton, the somme of fortie shillings. To the poore people of Sudbury three poundes. To the poore people of Long Melford fortie shillings. To the poore people of Acton twentie shillings. And to the poore people of Newton twentie shillings, to be paid and distributed amongst them at the discretion of my executors or thaire assignes. Also I do giue, will, and bequeath to euery of my men seruautes and to euery of my mayde seruautes which shalbe dwelling with me at the tyme of my decease, the somme of twentie shillings a peece, to be paid vnto euery of them, together with all their wages and other duties, ymediatly after my decease. And I doe hereby nominate, appoynte, and request the sayed Dudlie ffortescue and Thomas Appleton, Esquires, my Cosin, to be the exequutors of this my last will and testament, desyringe them so muche as they maye to see the same performed according to my good intent and meaninge. And I do also hereby nominate, appoynte, and request Mr. Justice Clenche to be Suprauisor of the same, whome I do most friendly Desire to be aydinge, helpinge, and assistinge of my sayed exequutors in all doubttes and causes concerning this my last will and the true performace thereof, so farre as he maye. And I do giue, will, and bequeathe vnto the same my Suprauisor towards his paynes herein, the Somme of tonne poundes of lawfull money of England, to be payed to hym by my executors within one moneth next after my decease. And finallye I will, and my mynde, intent, and true meaninge ys, for the better performace of this my last will and testament, that whatsoever shall by any manner of means, act, waye, Deuise, goe aboute, put in practise, intend, make, or do, or cause to be made or done, any manner of Act, Deuise, or thinge, to the disturbaunce or defeatinge of any person or persons, for any matter or thinge which ys to the sayed person or personnes gyuen or Lymited by this my last will, contrary to the true meaninge hereof, That then he, she, or they, and euery or any or suche of them as shall so goe aboute, put in practise, intende, make, or doe, or cause to be made or done, any such act, deuise, or thinge as ys aforesayed, shall presentlye for euer loose, euery suche benefitt, gifte, or profit, as he, she, or they, or any of them, should or might haue, had, and enioye by force and vertue of this my last will and testament, as though he, she, or they had neuer been

named or once mencoyoned in this my last will. And my further will, intent, and true meaninge ys that yf any Condie'on or proviso mencoyoned in this my last will and testament shall happen to be broken and not performed accordinge to the true Intent and meaninge of me the saied Robert Crane, That then and from thence fourth the as well euery suche benefitt, gifte, and profit, which shall so happen to be lost by the meanes aforemenc'ed, as also the benefitt and aduantage which shall or maye be had or taken by the breache or non performance of any of the saied condie'ons or prouisoes, shall ymediatly come, growe, remayne, and be vnto the abouenamed fower knightes, and to ye Suruiuors and Suruiuor of them, to the vse of the saied Robert, sonne of the saied Catheryne, and of the heires males of the bodie of the same Robert, lawfully commyng. And yf it fortune the saied Robert, sonne of the saied Catherine, to departe this life during his minoritie without yssue male of his bodie, lawfully begotten, Then I will, and my minde ys that the saied kn'ghtes aforenamed, or the Suruiuors or Suruiuor of them, there, or his executors or Administrators, shall indifferentlye Deuide and dispose, as well the benefitts, giftes, and profitts, and euery of them, which shall so happen to be lost as the Yerely Reuenues arising and growing within the tyme that the same shalbe in their handes and custodie, to suche person and persons as in suche like case offend not as aboucsaid, in whome the Inheritance of my landes, tenements, and hereditaments in fee simple shall then be to whome I will, and my true Intent and meaninge ys that suche forfeytes, profittes, and Reuenues shall ymcdiatlye come, growe, remayne, and be in such manner and forme to all Intentes and purposes as the same should haue ben or oughte to be, vnto suche person or persons as shall so practise or intend, or whiche shall not performe the saied conditions or promises, or any of them, accordinge to the intent and true meaninge of this my last will and testament (any matter or thinge whatsoever to the contrarye notwithstandinge). In witness whereof I the saied Robert Crane, esquire, to this my present last will and testament, pronounced and published my me this seauenthe Daye of October, in the twoe and thirtieth yere of the yeare of the raigne of o^r Soueraigne Ladie Elizabeth, by the grace of god of England, fraunce, and Ireland, quene Defender of faithe, haue subscribed my name and set to my seale.

ROBERT CRANE.

This will was read, sealed, and published the daye and yere last aboue mencoyoned, in the presence of Thomas Clopton, Robert Gouldinge, Henrie ffortescue, John Mallowes, & Robert Buckstone.

TESTAMENTUM DOMINI ROBERTI CRANE, MILITIS ET
BARRONETTI.

In the name of God Amen. I, Sr Robert Crane of Chilton, in the Countie of Suff. knight and Barronett, doe make and ordaine this my last will and testament, in manner and forme followinge. first, I do hereby reuoke and make voide all and everie vse and vses by mee formerlie limited by any deede or deedes of any Mannors landes, Tenements, or hereditaments, wherof I have anie power of revocation, And also all former wills by mee made. And I doe hereby give and bequeath vnto Mary, my eldest daughter, all that the Mannor or Lopp of Sudbury alias Woodhall, alias Woodhall Sudburie, with all the rightes, members, and appurtenances thereof, in the Countie of Suff., And all those lands, tenements, and hereditaments in Sudbury or els where in the Countie of Suff., to the said Mannor or Mannors belonginge or apperteyninge. And all those three water Mills with th'appurtenances, together with the Multure, grindinge Soke and suite to the said Milles belonginge or apperteyninge. And all that Windmill with th'appurtenances, in Sudbury aforesaid, And one parcell of land called the Border. And all that wood and woodground containing by estimation twentie seaven Acres more or lesse, with th'appurtenances, comonlie called Kinneswood alias Kingeswood, lyinge and beeing in Sudbury aforesaid, Chilton, and Acton, or some of them, in the said Countie of Suff., late parcell the landes and possessions of the Dutchie of Lancaster. And also all other the landes, tenements, and hereditaments in Sudbury, Chilton, and Acton aforesaid, which I purchased of our late Soueraigne lord kinge James. And also all those meadow grounds, conteyninge by estimation Tenn Acres, lyinge and beeing in ye Countie of Essex, called or knownen by the name of the two litle round Reed Meadows, with all and singular the rightes thereunto belonginge, which I purchased of Sr Thomas Eden, knight, and Dame Marie his wife. And all my Mannor and fearme

called Carbonells alias Cardinalls, & other my messuages, landes, tenements, and hereditaments in Liston and floxehearth, in the Countie of Essex, with their and everie of their rightes, members, and appurtenances, To have and to hold vnto the said Mary my daughter, her heirs, and Assignees for ever. And all the residue of my Mannors landes, tenements, hereditaments, and lease landes whatsoever and wheresoeuer, with their and everie of their rightes, members, and appurtenances, I give and bequeath vnto my five daughters, Mary, Susan, Anne, Elizabeth, and Sara, and their heires for ever. And I further will and devise that my lovinge friends Isaac Appleton, Esqr., Arthur Jenney, Esqr., Richard Peapis, Esquire, Edward Wenieue, Esqr., and Isaac Creme, gent., shall have, hold, and enjoy all my Mannors lands, tenements, hereditaments, and leases before given vnto my said Daughters or any of them, or which by the death of anie of them shall fall to the Survivour or Survivours of them, in manner followinge, that is to say, everie daughter's parte untill shee attaine to the age of eightene yeares, and then shee to have it and not before. Item, I give and bequeathe vnto Will'm Jermyn my servant, one Anuitie or yearlie Rent charge of twenty poundes per Annum, for and duringe the tearme of his life. And vnto Robert Jervis my servant, one Annuitie or yearlye rent charge of Tenn poundes p' Annu' duringe the terme of his life. And vnto John Parker my servant, one An'uitie or yearlie rent charge of Eight poundes per Annu' duringe the tearme of his life. And vnto Joane Smith the wife of . . . Smith of Longe Stratton, in the Countie of Norff. one An'uitie or yearlye rent charge of five poundes p' Annu' duringe the tearme of her life. And after her decease I give vnto William Smith her sonne, one An'uitie or Rent charge of five poundes per Annu' duringe his life. All the said Annuities or yearlye Rents to bee issuinge and goinge out of all my Mannors, landes, tenements, and hereditaments, before jointlie given to my five daughters and their heires. And to be paid at the two most usuall feastes or dayes of payment in everie yeare, that is to say, the feastes of the Annuntiation of the blessed lady St. Mary the virgine, and St. Michaell th arch Angell, by even and equall portions, or within thirtie dayes next after either of the said feastes. And for non payment thereof to distraine. Item I give & bequeathe vnto Dorotheie Appleton and ffrances Appleton, the so'me of fiftye poundes a peece of lawfull money of England, so as they give a generall release of all Demands vnto my executors. Item, I give vnto Thomas Sommersett my servant, for and duringe the tearme of his life, my Tenement in Mildenhall, he keepinge the same in good reparations. Item, I give vnto ye keeper of my Parke five poundes; To my Cooke fortie shillings; To David my Gardiner fortie shillings; To everie of my maid servants twentie shillings a peece; To the residue of my household servants tenn shillings a peece. Item, I give vnto John Warde, sometimes my servant, Tenn poundes; To Nicholas Sheppard my Shoe-maker, fortie shillings. And to William Crane of Cavendishe, fortie shillings. Item, I will that all the profit and which shall arise of my said Mannors, landes, tenements, hereditaments, and lease landes, untill my said daughters shall attaine vnto their severall and respective ages of eightene yeares, shall goe and bee employed by my said freindes trusted for and towards the mayntenance of my said daughters, and the satisfaction and payment of such moneyes as shalbe expended and disbursed about their wardshippes. And I will that my deare and lovinge wife shall have the education and bringinge vp of all my daughters. And if it fall out any overplus of money to remaine of the profits of my landes and tenements, received as aforesaid, then I will the same to bee equally divided betweene my daughters. And I will that my said good freinds Isaac Appleton, Esquire, Arthur Jenney, Richard Peapis, Edward Wenieue, and Isaac Creme, shall deducte and take out of the profits of the lands received by them a full allowance for their paines and charges vndertaken and expended in the performance and execution of this my will. Item, I give vnto the poore of Chilton five poundes. To the poore of great Cornard fower poundes. To the poore of little Cornard fower poundes. To the poore of great Waldingfeld Sixe poundes. To the poore of Sudbury tenn poundes. To the poore of Newton fower poundes. To the poore of Lavenham tenn poundes. To the poore of Acton sixe poundes. To the poore of Edwardston fortie shillings. Item, I will that if it shall happen my said wife to bee with Childe and delivered of a Sonne, then I give and devise vnto him and his heires All my said Mannors, lands, tenements, hereditaments, and lease landes, with their rightes, members, and appurtenances, hee payinge out of the same vnto my said Daughters the some of Three Thowsand poundes yeere, at their severall and respective ages of eightene yeares or daies of marriage, which shall first happen, And if anie of them shall happen to die before their said portions shall bee due vnto them, then I will the parte or portion of her so dyinge shalbe equallie divided amongst the rest survivinge.

And if in case my wife shalbe delivered of a daughter, then I will that the same daughter shall have an equal share and parte of all my said Mannors, landes, tenements, hereditaments, and lease landes, joyntlye given and bequeathed in this my will, to my said five daughters; to have and to hold vnto the said daughter, heir heires and Assignoes for euer. And my said lovinge freinds to hold the said parte for the vses aforesaid, vntill shee shall attaine vnto the age of sixteene yeares. And if the child which my said wife shall now happen to bee withall, sha'bee a sonne, then I will that my said lovinge freinds Isaac Appleton, Arthur Jenney, Richard Peapis, Edward Wenieve, and Isaac Creme, shall have, hold, and enjoy all my said Mannors, lands, Tenements, hereditaments, and lease landes, until my said sonne shall come to the age of One and Twentie yeares. And the profit and benefitt which shall arise and come thereof, imploy and bestowe for and towards the raysinge and payment of my said daughters portions; And the wardshipp of my sonne. And if anie overplus shall remaine, I will it shalbee equallie divided amongst my said daughters. Item, I give vnto my said lovinge wife fower hundred ounces of my plate. I likewise give vnto her all my Jewells, household stuffe and Lynen, together with my Coach and Coach geldings. All other my goodes and Chattells not formerlie bequeathed, of what kinde and nature soever, I will shall goe and bee employed towards the payment of my debtes, legacies, and funerall expenses, which if they shall not be sufficient to doe, Then I will they shall be satisfied and paid out of the profitts of my landes and tenements which shalbe received by my said freindes. And I doe constitute, ordaine, and make my deare and lovinge wife, and my good freind Arthur Jenney, Esquier, Executors of this my will. And in witness therof have caused this my will to be written in these five sheetes of paper, and to the last therof haue sett my hand and scale this Thirteenth daie of februarye, Anno domini millesimo sexcentesimo quadragesimo secundo. Item, I doe give and bequeathe vnto my said freindes Isaac Appleton, Arthur Jenney, Richard Peapis, Edward Wenieve, and Isaac Creme, twentie poundes a peece to buy them geldings. I forgive vnto my Cosen, Mrs. Cracherood, one bill and debte of Tenn poundes which shee oweth mee. Item, I give vnto the sonne of Thomas Jarnegan, brought vpp as a Scholler, fourtie shillings per Annum vntill he attaine the age of fourtie yeares. All which legacies last given, I will have paid out of the profitts of my said landes. Item, I give vnto the said Thomas Jarnegan the father, fourtie shillings per annum, duringe his life, to be paid likewise out of the profitts of my said lauds. And for non-payment of the said last Annuitie to distraine. Item, I give vnto my Godsonne, Ambrose Copinger, Sixe poundes to buy a peece of Plate. Item, I give vnto my God-daughter, Elizabeth Copinger, Sixe poundes to buy a peece of plate. Dated as abovesaid, R. CRANE. Witnes R. Peapis, Isaac Creme, Ed. Lynfell, Charles Cutter.

(Proved before Robert Kinge, L.D., Surrogate of Wm. Merrike, L.D., of the Prerogative Court of Canterbury, Feb. 23, 1642, on the oath of Lady Susanna Crane, wid. of the deceased.)

ADMINISTRATION OF DOROTHEA CRANE.—1648.

Decimo nono Die emanavit Com'issio D'næ Susannæ Crane al's Appleton matri nali et Din'æ Dorotheæ Crane nup' de Chilton, in Comitatu Suff., def ad administrand' bona iura et Creditâ de'æ def't p' D'num Robertu' Crane eius patrem et administrat non plene administrat, De bene xr iurat.

Norwicen, Johis Alen, 1648.

WILL OF WILLIAM CRANE OF BECCLES.—1651.

In the name of God Amen. This sixteenth day of June in the yeare of our Lord God One Thousand six hundred fifty one, I William Crane, sen., of Beccles, in the County of Suff., Mercer, being sick and weake of Body, but God bee thanked of sound mind and perfect remembrance, doe make and declare my last will and Testament in manner and forme following. first I Commend my Soule to God, and my Body to the Earth, to bee decently interred at the discretion of my Executrix hereafter named. My worldley goods and estate I dispose of as followeth, That is to say I give and devise vnto William Crane my Sonne, and Sara his wife, and to the heires of the said William Crane forever, All and singuler my Messuages, Lands, and Tenements, with their appurtenances, situate, Lyeing, and being in Beccles, neere the Newmarket place

there, which I purchased of Robert Soame, Mercer, nowe in the severall occupac'ons of the said William my Sonne, John Gosling, and Elizabeth Cunningham, Provided alwayes and vpon this Coodic'on notwithstanding, namely that hee the said William Crane and Sara his wife, and either of them, their or either of their heires, Executors, and Administrators, or some of them, shall well and truly satisfie and pay all such debts and somes of money for the payment whereof I together with the said William my sonne and for his onely Debt Doe stand bound and obliged by bill, bond, or otherwise, to any person or persons whatsoever, in such maoner and sort as that thereby my Executrix hereafter named may bee saved, kept harmeles and indemnified for or in respect of the paymt^t thereof, or any parte thereof, and may not att any time hereafter bee sued att Law, molested, troubled, or put to charge for or Concerning the same, by reason of any neglect or default of payment made or to bee made of the said Debts of the said William Crane my sonne and Sara his wife, or either of them, their or either of their heires, Executors, or Administrators, And if any such default of payment shalbee made soe as that by meanes thereof my said Executrix shall be inforced to pay the said debts and sum'es of money, or any parte thereof by order and Course of Lawe, and of sute commenced against her for or concerneing the same, that ahee my said Executrix, her Executors and Administrators, vpon reasonable request shall not bee sufficiently saved, kept harmeles and indemnified for, from, and against the said Debts and the payment thereof, or any charges or expences touching the same, Then I will and my minde is that my gift and devise of the said Messuages and Tenements, with the appurtenances, to the said William my sonne and Sara his wife, and his heires as aforesaid, shalbee voyd, and from thenceforth invalid and of none effect, to all intents and purposes. And then and from thenceforth and in the Cases aforesaid, I give and devise the same Messuages and Tenements vnto Margaret my wife and to her heires for ever, any thing before herein menc'oned to the contrary thereof in any wise notwithstanding, which said Margaret my wife I make and ordaine sole Executrix of this my Last Will and Testament, And John Love, sen., of Ellough, in the County of Suff., gent., Supravisor hereof, desiring him to bee aideing and assisting vnto my said Executrix in the execut'ion and due performance of this my will, vnto whom for his paines I give the sum'e of xxiiis. to buy a Ringe. Item, I give and devise vnto the said William Crane my sonne, and his heires forever, these two p'cells of Land neer Endgate Church, late Tho. folkerds, nowe in the occupac'on of Daniell Rayner of Beccles aforesaid. Item, I give and bequeath vnto John Crane my sonne, for and towards his maintenance, for and dureing the Terme of the naturall life of the said Margaret my wife, one Annuitie or yearely sume of five pounds of Lawfull English money, to bee paid by the said Margaret my wife and Executrix, at the foure vsuall feasts or Termes in the yeare, namely of St. John Baptist, the nativity of Christ, the Annuntiac'on of our Lady, and St. Michaell the Archangell, by even porc'ons, the first payment to bee made att such of the said feasts as shall first happen after the expirac'on of one moneth next after my decease, to be paid att or in the great South porch of the p'ish Church of Beccles * * * * the said John shall not be burdensome and Chargeable to my said Executrix his Mother, for or in respect of his Annuitie, otherwise the said Annuitie not to bee paid, But if he shall not be so Chargeable and burdensome, and shall not in some other manner trouble, p'plex, or molest her, but behave himselfe well and dutifull to her, if then default of payment shall happen to be made of the said Annuitie of five pounds Att the times and place aforesaid, by the space of seven dayes next after my death and the said dayes of payment, and I will it shall be lawfull * * * * for the said John my sonne and his Assignes to enter into and vpon the Messuage or Tenement with the appurtenances, or any part thereof, * * * * appurtenances, situate in Beccles, nowe in the occupac'on of Nicholas Smith, gent., and the same to hold, and the rents, issues, and profits thereof, to have, take, and receive to his proper uses with the said annuities * * * * the arrerages thereof soe behind and vnpaid, shalbe to him or his Assignes, well and truly satisfied. Item, I give and bequeath vnto Awdrey and Margaret my daughters and their Assignes, one Annuitie or yearly sum'e of Three pounds a peece, for and towards their better maintenance dureing the naturall life of their mother my Executrix, and by her to bee paid to them and either of them att the feast dayes aforesaid, by equall porc'ons, at the place aforesaid, in Case they shall be abroade or bee att Service, and shall not bee Chargeable to their said Mother for or in respect of their maintenance, and not otherwise, to bee paid. Item, I give and devise vnto the said Margaret my wife for and dureing the terme of her naturall life, my Messuage or

Tenement aforesaid, with the appurtenances and growndes thereto belonging, in the occupac'on of the said Nicholas Smith, and the pightell or peece of grownd thereto adjoyneing, which amongst other estate I late purchased of Tho. Smith, and shee keepinge the houses and buildings in necessary reparac'ons, doeing noe stripp nor wast vpon the premises, and payinge Lords Rents and other Charges for the same durning the said Terme, And after her decease, I give the same Messuages and grownd thereto belonging, and pightell thereto adjoyneing, with theire appurtenances, to the said John Crane my sonne, and his heires forever. Item, I give and devise to the said Margaret my wife for and durning the Terme of her natureall life, All and singuler my Lands, Tenements, and hereditaments, with theire and every of their appurtenances, lyinge and being in Beccles aforesaid, or in Endgate next Beccles, which I late bought and purchased of Johnny Coleman of Wimundham, in Norff., nowe in the occupac'on of Thomas L * * * shee to doe nor Comitt noe estripp or waste thereupon, maintaineing the houses in Tenementable reparac'ons durning the said Terme, and payeing Lords Rents and all other Charges whatsoever for the same. And after her decease I give the same Lands, Tenements, and hereditaments, with the appurtenances, vnto Richard Crane my youngest sonne, and his heires for ever. Item, I give and devise to the said Margaret my wife for and durning the Terme of her natureall life, one Messuage or Tenement with one nere Barne, and the Lands and hereditaments thereto belonging, with the appurtenances, in the occupac'on of Daniell Rayner, and two small Tenements, att the S * * * * Barne, situate, lyinge, and being in Beccles, neere the * * * * All which I purchased of the said Thomas Smith, gent., shee doeing noe stripp nor waste vpon * * * * ing the houses in good reparac'ons, and payeing all Lords Rents and other Charges for the same, durning the said Terme. And after her decease I give and devise * * * * all and singuler the said Messuages and * * * * tenements and hereditaments, and other the premisses with the appurtenances, to Awdrey and Margaret * * * * their heires and Assignes for ever. Item, I give and devise to the said Margaret my wife and to her heires forever, All that Messuage or Tenement with the appurtenances, in Beccles aforesaid, now in the occupac'on of Thomas Paygett and his Assignes, and that other Tenement neere thereto, in the occupac'on of Cornelius Manshipp, both * * * * late purchased of Elizabeth Branch. But my Will is That if any p'sons estate shall not be Sufficient to pay and satisfie all and singuler such debts and sumes of money as shallbee Due from mee at the tyme of my decease by Mortgage Bills, bonds, or otherwise, And the Legacies * * * * this my Will That then the said houses and Tenements * * * * mentioned, with the appurtenances, shalbee sold by the said Margaret my wife as speedily as may bee, and the money arisinge vpon the sale thereof to bee vsed and employed * * * * towards the payment of my said debts and Legacies, and vpon this Condit'ion doe I give her the said Tenement. Item, I give and bequeath to William Welton my C * * * * sum'e of forty shillings of lawfull English money to bee paid by my Executrix. Item, I give and bequeath vnto the said Margaret my wife my Executrix, all and singuler my moveables, goods, rightes, Creditts, Cattells, Chattells, debts, ready money, plate, household stuff and goods, and p'sonall estate, * * * * for and towards the payment of my debts, Legacies, * * * * Charges, Probate and execution of this my last Will and Testament, which I declare to bee * * * * other Wills, and have to both sheets wherein this my last will is Conteyned putt to my hand the day and yeare first abouewritten. These being Witnesses * * * * Elizabeth Woodyard, Robert Pullyn, Robert Harmon.

[The Beccles church registers record the baptism of John Crane, son of William and Margaret Crane, on 25 May, 1627; and the baptisms of Sarah and Mary, daughters of William Crane, gentleman, and Sarah his wife, the former on 25 February, 1646, the latter on 29th February, 1652.

On a hatchment still remaining in Beccles church, date 1691, are these arms:—Argent, a fess between three crosses crosslet fitchée Gulca. *Crest*:—A Crane Argent, beaked, &c., Or.

In Boyne's *Tokens of the Seventeenth Century*, there is an engraving of a token issued by William Crane of Beccles, on the obverse of which the arms of Crane are thus represented:—"on a bend three crosses crosslet."

The Cranes resided in a good old house in a conspicuous part of the town of Beccles, but which has been recently rebuilt. It had no remaining feature of antiquarian interest.]

29th Decr., 23 Chas. I., A. D. 1647. Ind're of settlement on the Intended Marriage of Sir Ralph Hare, Bart., with Mary, eldest daughter of Sir Rob. Crane, late of Chilton, Knt. and Bart. deceased; between Sir R. Hare on the one part, and Isaac Appleton, Esqr. & Dame Susan Crane, widow of Sir Rob. Crane, and now the wife of the said Isaac Appleton, of the other part; whereby the Manors of Newhall in Marham, Boughton and Brancaster, with divers lands & tenements, of the clear yearly value of £800, were settled in joynture on the said Mary Crane.

(*Stow Bardolph Muniments.*)

Articles of agreement, quadrupartite Indented, made & concluded the 15 day of Decr., in the year of Xt. 1652. Between the Honble Sir William Armin of Osgodby, in the Countie of Lincoln, Baronet, of the 1 pt., The Honble Sir Ralph Hare of Stow Bardolph, in the County of Norfolk, Baronet, of the 2 pt., Edmund Bacon of Redgrave, in the Co. of Suff., Esqr., of the 3 pt., and Edward Walpoole of Houghton, in the said Co. of Norff., Esqr., of the 4 pt., for and concerning the partition of all the manors, messuages, lands, tenements, and hereditaments, late the Honble Sir Robert Crane's of Chilton, in the said Co. of Suff., Knight and Baronet deceased, lying and being in the said Countie of Suff., which descended or come to the 4 daughters and co-heirs of the said Sir Robert Crane, and now the respective right of the said parties to these presents, such manors, lands, tenements, & hereditaments, as were by the last will and testament of the said Sir Robert Crane particularly given and devised, or mentioned to be given and devised unto Dame Mary and her heirs, now the wife of the said Sir Ralph Hare, onely excepted & foreprisid out of this present Partition.

(*Stow Bardolph Muniments.*)

ELMSET REGISTERS.

1701. Mary Crane, wife to John Crane, formerly Rector, buried October 13.

On a flat slab, within chancel rails, this inscription:—

Here lyes John Crane, * Rector of Elmsett 16 years, he died October y^e 24th, 1686, aged Forty one years.

Arms:—A fess between 3 crosses crosslet fitchée, in chief a label of 3 points.

DENHAM REGISTER.

Thomas Pamant and Elizabeth Crane married 14 October, 1645.

CRANE FAMILY, OF NORFOLK.

BEXWELL REGISTER.

1741. William Crane and Margaret Drury married by license 27 May.

TERRINGTON ST. CLEMENT'S REGISTERS.

1714. George Fisher and Elizabeth Crane, 4 May.

1714. Robert Crane of North Lynn buried 10 January.

1720. William Crane buried 7 June.

1725. William son of Thomas Crane buried.

1751. William Crane & Lydia Godard married by licence 1 July.

TILNEY ALL SAINTS REGISTERS.

BAPTISMS.

1665. Joyan, daughter of Waters Crane, 23 April.

1673. Margaret, da. of John Crane, 7 February.

1675. John, son of John Crane, 29 January.

1680. Joan, da. of John Crane, 18 April.

MARRIAGES.

1541. William Pery & Joan Crane, 8 August.

1581. Thomas Crane & Jane Deighton, 14 November.

* Revd. John Crane was of Caius College, Cambridge; A.B. 1664, A.M. 1668.

BURIALS.

1538. Margaret, widow of John Crane, senior, 3 March.
 1543. John, son of John Crane, 16 May.
 1552. Eme, da. of Waters Crane, 19 February.
 1552. John, son of Waters Crane, 16 March.
 1558. Paul, son of John Crane, 3 March.
 1565. William, son of Water Crane, 23 October.
 1566. Edward, son of John Crane, 8 June.
 1583. Jone, da. of John Crane, 8 February.
 1584. John Crane senr., 6 November.
 1584. Margery Crane, widow, 9 February.

ISLINGTON REGISTERS.

BAPTISMS.

1561. Humphrey Crane, 18 May.
 1562. Anne Crane, 11 July.
 1583. William Crane, 15 April.
 1585. Jane Crane, 28 November.
 1587. Elizabeth Cranc, 25 November.
 1590. George Crane, 2 August.
 1593. Francis Crane, 8 April.
 1595. Thomas Crane, 16 November.
 1598. John Crane, 20 August.
 1601. John, son of Thomas Crane, 1 November.
 1629. William, son of John Crane, 10 June.
 1631. Anne, da. of John Crane, 11 September.

MARRIAGE.

1593. Thomas Crane & Alice Hudson, married 31 January.

BURIALS.

1572. Elizabeth Crane, 16 September.
 1572. Joyce Crane, 28 February.
 1582. Elizabeth Crane, 21 September.
 1584. William Crane, 19 November.
 1588. Walter Crane, 1 January.
 1593. Jane Crane, 15 April.
 1593. Francis Crane a da., 20 April.
 1598. John Crane, 1 September.
 1611. Grace, wife of Cyprian Crane, 5 March.
 1613. Joane Crane, widow, 2 November.
 1628. Cyprian Crane, 27 March.
 1630. William, son of John Crane, 22 April.
 1631. Katherine, wife of John Crane, 27 October.
 1631. Anne, daughter of John Crane, 28 November.

WALSOKEN REGISTERS.

BAPTISMS.

1598. Charles, son of William Crane, 15 June.
 1600. John, son of William Crane, 18 January.
 1601. George & Nicholas, sons of William Crane, 2 March.
 1603. Priscilla, da. of William Crayne, 14 November.
 1660. Mary, da. of John Crane, 8 January.
 1669. John, son of John Crane, 29 August.
 1672. Thomas & Elizabeth, twins of John Crane, 13 October.
 1676. Alice, da. of John Crane, 5 November.
 1678. Robert, son of John Crane, 9 February.

BURIALS.

1598. Charles, son of William Crane, 15 January.
 1601. John, son of William Crane, 1 April.
 1602. Nicholas, son of William Crane, 14 May.
 1602. George, son of William Crane, 15 December.
 1602. William, son of William Crane, 18 January.
 1608. Thomas, son of William Crane, 9 May.
 1669. John, son of John Crane, 2 October.
 1677. Elizabeth, daughter of John Crane, 8 April.
 1677. Alice, da. of John Crane, 3 May.
 1682. John, son of John Crane, 1 October.

SAFFRON WALDEN REGISTERS.

1743. Oct. 5. Mary, daughter of Mr. John Crane, Vicar & Anne his wife buried.
 1763. ——— Anne, wife of John Crane, Vicar, buried in the middle chancel.
 1765. June 10. The Revd. Mr. Crane, Vicar of this Parish, was buried in his wife's grave.
 1775. ——— Anne Crane, relict of the late Vicar buried.
 1743. May 25. Mr. John Crane was inducted into the Vicarage of Saffron Walden.

Saffron Walden church, middle chancel:—

To the memory of the Revd. John Crane, A.B., late Vicar of this parish and of Great Saling in Essex, who departed this life the 4th of June, 1766, aged 54 years, And also Anne his first wife, who died May 20, 1763, in the 52 year of her age. This stone was laid by his surviving widow. Also Ann his second wife, who died Sept. 1, 1775, in the 37th year of her age.*

CRANE PEDIGREE,

As recorded in the original Visitation of Suffolk, 1561.

W^m Crane married Anne, daughter of W^m Forreccy, and had yssue Robert Crane, sonne and heire.

Robert Crane of Stonham, Esq., sonne & heire to William, maryed Agnes dought^r of Thomas Grene of Cretinge, & by her had yssue Robert Crane sonne & heire, John Crane seconde sonne.

Robert Crane, Esq., sonne & heire to Robt., married Anne daughter of Sr Andrewe Ogard. Knyghte, of Bakingham ad Castrum, & by her had yssue George wch dyed, his ffather lyvinge, without yssue.

John, brother & heire to Robert, married Agnes, daughter of John Calthrope, & by her had yssue Robt. sonne & heire, Edwarde, & others wch dyed without yssue, Elizabeth married to Richarde Marton of Melforde.

Robert, sonne & heire to John, married — daughter of Sowthwell of Rysinge, in the Countie of Norffolke, & by her had yssue Robert sonne & heire, & Anthonye, Dorothe maryed to Thomas Moultinge of Derham, in the Countye of Northfolke. Secondlye the saide Robert maryed to his seconde wyffe Jane daughter of White of Essex, & by her had yssue John, Elizabeth maryed to Edmonde Markant, Gryssell married to Robert Bogas, and Anne unmarried.

Robert sonne & heire of Robert, maryed Bridgett daughter of Sr. Thomas Jermyne, Knight, & hath yssue by her Henrye sonne & heire, Robert seconde sonne, Bridgett ffirste maryed to Henry Clopton after to John Warberton, Vrsella married to Henry Smithe, of Stanhow, in the Countie of Norff., Elizabeth maryed to Edward Wright of Thwayt, sonne & heire of John Wright of Thwayt, in the Countie of Suff., & had yssue Robert Wryght, John Wryght, Bridgett Wryght, & ffrances. Agnes, ffourth daughter of Robert Crane, maryed to John Smythe of Halsworth, Anne Crane, Elizabeth Crane, & Marye Crane vnmarrjed.

* The Reverend Robert Prentice Crane, Vicar of Heybridge near Maldon, grandson of the Revd. John Crane, Vicar of Saffron Walden, claimed to be the representative of the Suffolk family of Crane. The Revd. Robert Crane had two sons—John Stafford Chilton Crane, and Alfred Crawford Chilton Crane.

ROBERT CRANE = da. of

John Crane of Woodnorton, co. Norff. = Alice, da. and co-heir of Edmund Barry or Berry.

Simon Crane, Esq. = Margery, da. of Smallwood. Adam Crane. =

Margaret, dau. and co-heir of Sir = *Willm Crane* of Stow- = *Anne*, da. of *Willm Forreoy*
Andrew Butler, Kt., by whom he market, 1382, 5 Richard Ferrers.
had Chilton. the Second.

Agnes, da. of Thomas Singleton, of = *Robert Crane* of *Stonham*, Esq., eldest = *Agnes*, da. of *Tho. Greene* of *Cretings*, John Crane of Norfolk, ob. s.p.
Stonham Jernegan. son & heir, of Chilton & Stonham parva. | gent., 2 wife.

Isabell, dau. of = *Robert Crane* son = *Anne*, da. of *Sr.* 2 *John Crane* = *Agnes*, da. of = Charles Knyvett, 3 .. Crane 1 da. Elizabeth, 3 dau.,
Robert Darcy of & *heyr*, of *Ston-* *Ogurd of Bak-* *ham* at *Caston*, of *Robert*, or *thorp* Kt. Sir *John Cal-* son of *Sr. Willm* — a nun at Brus-
Maldon, Essex, afterwards of *Knigh*t; buried *Stonham* parva *ham Castle* second .. 2 dau. yard.
ob. s.p. at Chilton. 1505; died 20 Hen. VII. husband; dead 1528.

Margy. Crane, = Thos. Apple- *George*, *obijt* Elizabeth, da. of = *Robert Crane*, *sonne* = *Jane*, da. of = Thos. Cryst- *Edward* and *Elizabeth* mar.
ob. 4 Nov., ante *patrem* Richard South- & *heyr*, of Chilton; | Edw. *White* mas, first *to Richard*
1504. sine *prole*; ob. died 4 Edward the *of Essex*, 2 husband. *Marton* of
ob. 4 October, *well of Rising*, in Sixth, 1550; will *wife*; 22 Hen. *Melford*;
1507. com. *Norff.*, 1st dated 27 Feb., 1551. the Eighth. died 1 Sep.,
Chilton ch., wife. 1572.

Ursula, = Elizabeth, = *Robert Crane*, = *Briget*, da. of *Anthony*, 2 *Dorothy*, mar. to *John* = *Margery* da. *Elizabeth*, *Anne* *Grisell*, mar. to
da. of .. son & *heyr*; | *Sr. Thomas* *sonne*, mar. *Thomas Moul-* *Crane*, 3 to William *mar. to Ed-* *Crane*, *Robert Boges* of
.. 1 wife. .. 2 wife. | 1591, 33 Eliz. of *Rushbrooke* dau. of .. *Norff.*, gent. *Norff.*, gent. *Bratham hall*, in
| 3 wife. *Aymet*. *Norff.*, gent. *Norff.*, gent. *Bratham*.

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Elizth.==Edward
Crane.

Ursula==Henry
Smith of
Stanhow, win,
Norfolk.

1 Anne, da.==Hen.
Crane, Esq., son &
heir, of Chil-
ton; died 1
Aug., 1586.

2 Catherine,==Sir
Wy-
mond
Carew of
Snettis-
ham, Kt.,
1 husband.

1 Anne==Ralph
Crane;
died 1608.

2 Agnes==John Smith
of Hales-
worth.
==2 Sr. Chris-
topher Hey-
don of
Bacon-
thorp, Kt.
==3 Sir Edw.
Clere of
Blickling,
Kt.; died
1606.

3 Mary
Crane, mar.
Dudley For-
tescue, Esq.

Robert Reeve.

Thomas Smith.

John Good-
win, 1st wife;
died 12 April,
1631, bur. at
Malmesbury.
2ndly
John Stumpe-
Esq., of Mal-
mesbury; and
3rdly, John
Warnford,
Esq., who died
before his wife.

Reuben Crane, dau. and heir.==Sir Thomas Harvey, Kt. heir.

Dorothy, daughter of Sir Henry==Sir Robert Crane, Kt., 2 sons,==Susan, daughter of Sir Giles
Hobart, Bart., of Blickling, of Chilton, created a Baronet Alington of Horseheath, Kt.,
Norfolk, married at St. Anne's, 11 May 1627; died 1642; by Lady Dorothy Cecil.==
Blackfriars, 17 Jan., 1606; Knighted at Newmarket 27 2; Isaac Appleton of Holbrook
died 11 April, 1624, s.p., bur. Feb., 1603, Sheriff of Suffolk Hall, in Waldingfield, s.p.
at Chilton. 1631.

Mary Crane,==Sir Ralph
dau. and co- Hare, Bart.,
heir, bapt. at of Stow Bar-
Chilton, born dolph, Norf.,
19 Mar., 1628. M.P. for Norf.;
died February, 1671.

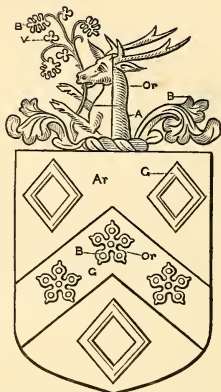
Sir Willm.==2 Anne Crane==John, Lord
Airmine, Bt. dau. and co- Belasyse, 2
of Osgodby, heir; died 11
co. Lincoln. Aug., 1662, husband;
buried at St. Aug., 1662, died 1689.
Giles, in the East, London.

3 Susan Crane,==Sir Edward Wal-
pole, K.B., of
Houghton, Norf.,
died 7 born 1621; died
July, 1667, 18 March, 1667;
aged 35, bur. at Redgrave, aged 52, at Red-
Houghton. Houghton. 57, bapt. at Chilton grave.
2 Sept., 1634.

4 Elizth. Crane,==Sir Edmd. Bacon,
dau. and co-heir; 4th Bart. of Red-
grave; died 12
10th Dec., 1690, bur. 14 Sept., 1685,
aged 52, at Red-
grave.

*Briget, first mar. to
Francis Clifton; after
to John Warberton.*

Spring.



Thomas Spring de Laynam, in com. Suffolk.

The above shield of arms is copied from a volume of grants, temp. Henry the Eighth, in the College of Arms, entitled "Gyftes of Armes geuen by Garter Wrythe and Clarendieux Benolt wth diuers Knyghtes, and also all the gyftes geuen by T. Benolt al's Clarendieux vnto diuers."

In Raven's *Visitation*, made 1612, the crest is a demi stag quarterly Argent and Or. *Arms*:—Argent, a chevron between three mascles Gules, a crescent for difference.

In the book of *Camden's Grants* in the College of Arms, it is recorded that the following coat was granted 2 January, 1600, to "— Spring of Packenham, in com. Suff.:"—Argent, a chevron engrailed between three mascles Gules. *Crest*:—a demi stag proper.

The arms of Spring as tricked in Vincent's *Suffolk Collections*, are Argent, on a chevron between three mascles Gules as many cinquefoils pierced Or, each charged with five *torteaux*, a crescent for difference. *Crest*:—a demi stag quarterly Argent and Or.

Breviary of Suffolk, Harl. MSS., 3873, p. 55.

So againe I find that Spring who dwelled there (Lavenham), long since in the trade of a clothier, hath built a good part of the Steeple, as the armes upon the top of the Steeple, round about in places, all engraven in free stone, do sufficiently shewe, so likewise upon sundry windowes in glasse, and upon the outtside of the south side of the chancell his armes all in free stone, and in another chappell curiously carved in wood, doe sufficiently shew, they were so great benefactors to the building of this church that I cannot but here sett downe what I find of them.

Thomas Spring of Lavenham,
Clothier.

Thomas Spring of Lavenham,
Clothier, that built the vestrye.
He mar. Margaret, & lyeth
buried in the vestrye.

Orate pro animabus Thome Spring qui hoc vestibulum fieri fecit in vita sua, et Margaretæ uxoris ejus qui quidem Thomas obiit septimo die mensis Septembris, anno domini Millimo ccccxxxvj^o et predictæ Margaretæ obiit anno domini Millimo ccccxxx quorum animabus propitiatur Deus amen.

His statue is in brasse praying & under him 4 sons on the one side on their knees, and under her on the other side 7 daughters on their knees, with his marke in an escocheon.

In the vestrye, Orate pro anima Jacobi Spring, qui obiit 31 die Augusti, anno dni millimo ccccxxxiiij^o cujus anime propitiatur Deus amen.

In Spring's Chappell, on the north side of the church, which is curiously carved full of escocheons, upon a gravestone that I find this epitaph: Orate pro animabus Thome Spring et Aliciæ vxoris ejus qui quidem Thomas obiit millimo ccccxx^o et predicta alicia obiit xx^o die mensis Januarii anno dni millimo ccccxxij^o quorum animabus propitiatur Deus amen. Vnder their statues in brasse, on the man's side, are 4 sons, and on the woman's side are 4 daughters. 4 escocheons at each corner, one with the clothing marke butt noe armes.

Upon the outtside of the chappell, on the south side of the chancell, are 16 escocheons of Spring's coat carved in free stone, with this inscription in text letters: Orate pro animabus Thomæ Spring armigeri et Aliciæ vxoris ejus qui istam capellam fieri fecerunt anno dni Millimo ccccxxxv.

In the east window in the same chappell, are there sett 4 escocheons, 2 whereof are with Spring's clothing marke as before, and 2 are with these coats: Argent, on a chevron between 3 mascles Gules 3 cinquefoyles Or. At the nether end of the window was there written: Orate pro animabus Thomæ Spring et Aliciæ vxoris ejus qui istas fenestras vitreas fieri fecerunt anno dni 1527; so that this coat of arms was obtained 15 years after his death.

Alice, da. of Thomas Spring of Lavenham, surnamed the rich Clothier, who built the chappell in Lavenham Church, & a great part of the vpper part of the steeple there; he died as appears by the epitaph, 1510.

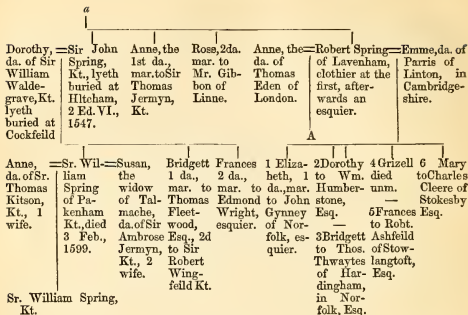
Hoc tegitur saxo Johannes Spring miles qui quidem Johannes obiit 12 die mensis Februarij anno a Christo nato millimo ccccxlviij cujus anime propitiatur Deus amen. This epitaph is in Hitcham Church, vnder his statue all armed, in brasse, 2 escocheons, 1 Spring's single coat, the 2d Spring empaled Waldegrave & Mouchancy, quarterly.

The daughter of one King of Boxford, 2 wife.

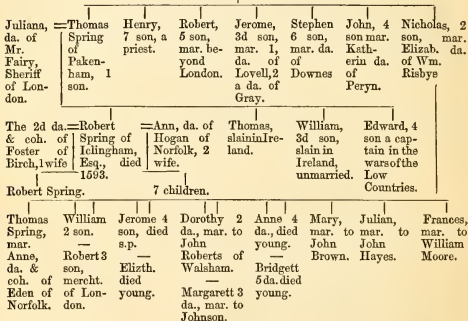
Bridget, married to Audley of the Isle of Wight, 3 daughter.

James Spring, 2 son, slain in a quarrell between Brentely & Lavenham, buried in the vestrye, as appears by his epitaph, dated 31 Aug., 1493.

Cicely, married to Robert Sextin of Lavenham.



A



LAVENHAM REGISTERS.

1559. July 14. Joane, da. of Mr. Nicholas Springe, christened.
 1561. July 20. Robert, son of Mr. Nicholas Springe, christened.
 1562. November 15. Jherome, son of Mr. Nicholas Springe, christened.
 1564. Septémbér 23. Judith, daughter of Mr. Nycholas Springe, christened.
 1565. July 16. Joane, daughter of Mr. Nycholas Springe, christened.
 1565. July 16. Joane, daughter of Mr. Nicholas Springe, buried.
 1570. February 22. William Johnson and Margaret Springe married.
 1577. August 27. Jerymye Springe buried.
 1583. October 13. George, son of George Springe, christened.
 1585. September 19. Mr. Nycholas Springe, gent., buried.
 1588. May 23. Thomas Hasillyppe and Margery Springe married.
 1596. November 25. Thomas Springe, gent., buried.

PAKENHAM REGISTERS.

1670. Sarah, the daughter of Sir William Spring, Baronet, and the Lady Sarah his wife, was bapt. August 2.
 1671. Gulielmus Spring, filius Gulielmi Spring, Baronetti, and Domine Saræ uxoris ejus, natus erat vicesimo die Novembris.
 — Sara, filia Gulielmi Spring, Baronetti, et Domine Saræ uxoris ejus, sepulta Februarii 9^o
 1672. Thomas, filius Gulielmi Spring, Baronetti, et Domine Saræ uxoris ejus natus erat primo, et baptizatus duodecimo die Decembris.
 1673. Johannes Spring, filius Gulielmi Spring, Baronetti, et Domine Saræ, natus 14 bapt. 15 Jan.
 1673. William Spring, son of Sir William Spring, Bart., was buried March 29.
 1675. Sarah Spring, daughter of Sir William Spring, Baronet, & the Lady Sarah his wife, was baptized January 30th.
 1677. Thomas Spring, Esq., fellow of Caius Coll., Camb., died May the 16 and was buried May the 18th.
 1678. Mary, the daughter of Sr. William Spring, Bart., and the Lady Sarah his wife, was born and baptized October 18.
 — Mary, the daughter of Sir William Spring, Bart., and the Lady Sarah his wife, was buried November 25.
 — The old Lady Elizabeth Spring, died March 21, and was buried March 23.
 1684. Sir William Spring, Bart., buried May 3.
 1689. The Lady Sarah Spring, buried August 5.
 1691. Jermyn Spring, Esquier, son of Sir Thomas Spring and Lady Merielina, baptized 11 March, buried 19 July, 1691.
 1694. Thomas Spring, Esquier, son of Sir Thomas Spring and Lady Merielina, baptized 18 May, 1693, buried 29 April, 1694.
 1694. Mrs. Merielina Spring, da. of Sir Thomas Spring & Lady Merielina, bapt. 8 October, buried 22 October.
 1695. Mrs. Merielina Spring, daughter of Sir Thomas Spring & Lady Merielina, baptized 5 October.
 1695. William Spring, son of Do., baptized 22 January.
 1697. John Macky, gent., and Mrs. Susan Spring, married 31 May.
 1698. Mary Spring, daughter of Sr. Thomas and Dame Merilina, bapt. 5 August.
 1699. Henrietta Maria Spring, daughter of Do., bapt. 31 July.
 1700. Penelope Spring, daughter of Do., bapt. 13 September.

1702. De la Riviere Spring, daughter of Do., bapt. 30 April.
 1704. Sir Thomas Spring, Bart., buried 6 April.
 1707. Penelope Spring, daughter of Sr. Thomas (decd.), and Merilina Lady Spring, buried 6 February.
 1727. Dame Merilina Gage, relict of Sir William Gage of Hengrave, buried 5 September.
 1732. Mrs. De la Riviere Spring, buried 9 March.
 1736. Sir William Spring, Bart., buried 22 March.
 1740. Sir John Spring, Bart., from Coney Weston, buried 30 May.
 1752. Thomas Discipline, Esq., buried 21 April.
 1761. Merielina Discipline, relict of Thomas Discipline, Esq., buried 12 November.
 1757. John Symonds, D.D., Rector of Horinger & Preacher of St. Mary's Parish in Bury, buried 16 October.
 1757. Anna Maria Symonds, of Bury St. Edmunds, buried 16 January.
 1773. Delariviere Casborne, wife of Rev. Mr. Casborne & Deliveria, buried 14 January.
 1792. Thomas Symonds, Esq., aged 61, of the parish of St. James, Bury, buried 31 May.
 1807. John Symonds, LL.D., from the Parish of St. James, Bury St. Edmunds, aged 78, buried 26 February.

HUNSTANTON REGISTERS, NORFOLK.

1636. * Gulielmus Spring et Elizabetha Le Strange, conjugati fuere die 3 Novembris.

BLOFIELD NORTON REGISTERS, NORFOLK.

BAPTISMS.

1616. 9 Oct. Bridget, da. of Sir William Springe, Knt., and Elizabeth his wife.

WILL OF THOMAS SPRING.—1486.

In dei nomine Amen, vicesimo nono Die mensis Marcij Anno d'ni Mill'imo cccc^{lxxxvi}to Ego Thomas Spring de Lavenh'm Norwic'en dio'e Compos mente et sane memor' condo test'm meu' in hunc modu'. In primis lego an'am mea' Deo omnipotenti corpusq' meu' ad sepeliend in vestibulo ecel'ie Beati Petri Ap'li De Lauenh'm. It'm lego Will'm Spring filio meo Centu' libras legalis monetæ Angli'e. Itm lego Jacobo filio meo centum libras legalis monetæ Anglie. Itm lego Mariannæ filie mee centum libras legalis monetæ Anglie. Itm lego Rectori p'och meæ xvs. ut p'e oret p' an'a mea. Itm. filiatriab' fullonibus et tentoribus meis centu' marcas sed in discretione executorum meoru' int' eos Distribuend'. Itm. lego ad edificacionem campanil in Stepyll ecclie p'och de Lauenh'm p'dict' trecentas marcas. Itm. volo q' executores mei inveniant unu' ydoneu' sac'dotem ad celebrand' pro a'ia mea p' spac'm viginti Annor in eccl'ia p'och de Lauenh'm pdict'. Itm. lego ad reparacione viaru' fractar' circa Lauenh'm Ducentas marcas. Itm. lego fratribus ordinis minoru' de Babwell viginti marcas. It'm lego fratribus ordinis fratri' predicator' de Sudbury viginti marcas. It'm lego fratribus ordinis Augustinienis De Clare x^o marcas. Residuum vero omni bonoru, meoru' sup'ius no' legatoru' do et lego Margaretæ uxori mee et Thome Spring filio meo femori quos ordino facio et constituo executores meos huius p'sents testamenti mei ut ip'i Disponant p' salute aie' mee p'ut ipi' evidebunt cora' sumo Judice in die Judicij, his testib' John'e Hed Johne Sybryght' Willm'o Bungay et Johanne Byrd.

(Prob. before Mr. David Willim at London, Sep. 12, 1486.)

* The portraits of Sir Wm. and dame Elizabeth, are at Hunstanton hall, the seat of the Lestrange family.

WILL OF WILLIAM SPRYNGE.—1510.

In dei nomine amen, I William Sprynge, Clotheman, of Melford, hole of Remembrance this xiii day of September, the yere of our lord god m^l v^o x, make my testament in this man' folowing. ffirst I bequeth my soule to almighty god, And my body to be buried in Melford churchyard. Itē, I bequeth to the high aulter of the same church for tithes forgotten xx*d*. It. I bequeth x*li*. for the reparacon of the same church to the said church. It. I will that my trenal be done for me by xxx dayes w^t all the preests of the church that wolbe therat. It. I bequeth to Alice my wif, c*li*. in money. It. I bequeth to the said Alice the house I dwell yn, and the land that lyeth towarde Sudbury for time of hir Wedowhode, she keeping repara'con and paying rent to the lord. Aftir the Widowhode of my Wif or decesse of my wife, I will that therw^t be kept my yere day to Thomas come at age. And I will that after the Widowhod or hir Decesse, that Thomas my son haue the same house and lands to hym, and to his heyres laufully begoten the p'etuyte if he decesse w^toot, the forsaid house and lands to remayne to William my son. If Willm decesse w^toute yssue. Iff my wif be w^t a sonne, I will it remayne to hym and to thisse of his body laufully begoten p'itwyte. If she be not w^t A man childe, than it to remayne to Robert and to thisse of his body laufully begoten in p'etwyte. If Robert dye w^toute yssue then it to be sold by myn executours, and disposed part in Laveh'm, and parte in Melford, for my soule. It. I geve to Alice my wif, all my plate and all my stuff of household. It. I will that if Robert myn eldest son dye w^toute yssue, and Thomas my son haue the house at Laveh'm, that then William my son haue my house at Melford, with all the lands to Sudbery Warde. It. I bequeth to eche of my sonnes c mres in money, att the age of xx yeres. Itm. I bequeth to eche of my daughters l*ii*., And x*li*. for keping of eche of them to they come to mariage, and then to haue their money. If any of my children decesse, or they come to the said age, then their part to be distributed amongs them that are living, if they ail decesse their parte to be disposed for my soule, part here and part at Laveh'm. It. I will that my feoffes in my house release whan they shalbe requyred to the fulfilling of my will. Itm. I will that if my detts comyng to me be not truely paid, that myn executors be not charged w^t my bequests. It. I will that eche of my poore spyppers haue iiii*d*. A pece. The Residue of my goods, my will fulfilled and eu'ry thing paid, I will be disposed for my soule by the discrecion of myn executours, Whom I name and ordeyne; Robert Denys and William Lovelyche. If any sawte be making for lacke of visement, I will it be p'formed by myn executours and by a'y p'son of Melford. This honest p'sones record and witnesses of William Skerne, p'son of Melford aforesaid, John Welles, of Sudbury, phisicion, and William Uede, Wever, and div's other p'sones then specially requyred and desyred.

(Proved Nov, 12th, A. D. 1510.)

WILL OF THOMAS SPRYNG.—1523.

In dei nomine amen, the xiith Day of June, in the yere of our Lord god M^l v^o xxiii And in the xx yere of the Reigne of king Henry the viiith, I Thomas Spryng of Lauenh'm, in the Countie of Suff., and in the Dioes of Norwiche, Clothmaker, being of hole mynde and memory and parfite remembraunce, and verely knowing that there is no thing more sure or more certeyn to any Creature in this Wretched Worlde than deth, whiche every creature lyving Inevitably must suffer, And nothing more vnsuer and vncerteyn than the dreadful houre therof, ffully disposing and purposing my self by the marcy, grace, and help of the most mercifull lord crist Jhu to be at all and every tyme and houre redy, doo make my last will and testament in manner and fourme folowyng. ffirst I adnull and Revoke all other wills and testaments euer afore this day made and declared, And will that every of them shalbee of noo strength nor effect. Item, I bequeth my soule to almighty god, to his blessed moder mary, and to all the holy company of hevyn. And my body to be buried in the Church of Lauenh'm, before the awter of Saint Kateryn, where I will be made a Tombe with a parclose therabout, by the discre'con of myn executours. Item, I bequeth to the high awter of Lauenh'm for my tithes and offerings negligently forgotten and not paide cs. Item, I will that sattisfaction and restitution be made to every persone compleyning and Duly proving any Iniurye, wronge, extor'ion, oppression, disteyte, or any misbehaving or

demeanyng ageynst reason and conscience, by mee to them doon in any Wise. Item, I will that immediatly after my decease in as hasty tyme as it may be conveniently doon there shalbe a thousand masses songen for the welth of my soule. Item, I geve and bequeth to eu'y of the houses of ffreres in Thetford and the nonnes of Thetford to pray for my soule and all my benefactors soules, and to euery of them xls. Item, I will that there be disposed the xxxth Day after my decease and dep'ting outt of this worlde, one hundred poundes in all such townes and parisshes as I haue any landes and ten'ts, that is to sey to haue a masse wt Dirige in euery church, and the money to be disposed to the prests, Clerks, and pour folks to pray for my soule and all my benefactors soules. Item, I geve and bequeth to the fynysshing of the Steppell of Lauenh'm two hundred poundes. Item, I geve and bequeth to the reparacon of high wayes, to be disposed where myn executours shall thynke most necessary aboute the Towne of Lauenh'm, C m'rs. Item, I bequeth and geve to Alice my Wife, all hir apparell wt Jewells, and one thousand m'rs in money, and penyworthes ouer and beside sixe hundred m'rs that she brought to me at the tyme of hir mariage, which vie m'rs I will that be paide ouer and beside the said thousand m'rs. Item, I will that all my plate, ornaments, and Implements of housholde, as bedding, naprye, hangings, brasse, pewter, and all other hostilmeats of howse, be devided betwene my wife and John Spryng my sonne, by myn executours. Item, I geve and bequeth to Alice my Wife, ii of my best horses and iii kyne, suche as she will chose. Item, I will that the woode in my yards and my Corne and Malt vpon the Selers, be equally deuided, my wife and John my sonne, excepte suche as shalbe spent by myn executours, aboute my entremet and other things touching the administracion of my goodes. Item, I geve and bequeth towards the mariage of Briget Spryng, my you'gest daughter, fyve hundred m'rc, to be deliuered to her at the age of xvi yeres. And if it happen the said Briget to dye afore she come to the age of xvi yeres, then I will the said fyve hundred m'rc be deuided equally betwene my Childers Childern then lyving. Item, I geve and bequeth to John Spryng myn oldest sonne, two hundred poundes. Item, I geve to ffrances his daughter, one hundred m'rs. Item, I geve and bequeth to Robert Spryng my sonne, two hundred poundes. Item, I geve to euery of the Childers of Thomas Jermyn nowe lyving, xxli. And yf any of theym dye before the age of xvi yeres, then I will the part or partes of theym so departed or deceased, be evynly deuided amongs the other then lyving. Item, I geve and bequeth to euery Childe of my daughter Rose Guybon, nowe lyving, xxli. And if any of them dye before the age of xvi yeres, then I will that the part or partes of them so departed or deceased, be evynly deuided amongs the other then lyving. Item, I will that myn executours doo paye vnto my wifs daughter Alice May, When she shalbe of the age of xvi yeres, xxvi*s*. xiii*s*. iiiii*d*., which I received for hir of Maye's executours. Item, I will that if Robert Newman and Will'm Goding of Bockyng, doo not paye the said Alice May xli at the age of xvi yeres, that then myn executours shall sue a certeyn obligacion in which they be bounde to me. Item, I geve and bequeth to euery of my godchildern, iiii*s*. iiiii*d*. Item, I will there be distributed amonge my household ser'unts somoch money as shalbe thoughte necessarye by the discrecion of myn executours, Whom I ordeyn and make Sir William Waldgrave, knyght, and Thomas Jermyn, my sonne in lawe, desiring and requiryng theym in the Way of Charitie, to order and dispose the same in Charitable dedes, as they shall thinke most expedient to the pleasur of god and for the welth of my soule. Item, my mynde and will is that if my wife or any of my Childern doo interrupt, lett, or trouble any article comprysed in this my last wille and testament, soo that this my last wille cannot take effect according to the true intent thereof, Then I will that all legacies and bequests to them before gevyn that so do interrupt, be voided and of noon effect, And that such persone or persones so interrupted or troubled, shall haue and enjoye the same Legacye and bequest which was bequethed to him or them that shal make suche trouble, vexacion, and besynes. And further I require and charge John Springe myn oldest sonne, vpon my blissinge, that he hynder not, distourbe, nor lett this my testament and last will in noo poynt, But that he endeavour himself as moch as in him is, to perfourme and accomplishe the same, according to the trowth. Item, I geve to the Bailif of Lauenh'm, Will'm Betryn, one hundred poundes, whereof I will that John his sonne have xxli. Item, I geve and bequeth to Petir Cawge myn apprentice, x half balye of woode. In witnesse of the trowth I have sealed and deliuered this as my last wille and testament, In the presence of Will'm Betryn, Bayly of Lauenh'm, henry Symond, William Wooder, and petir Turno-

(Proved in the Cath. Ch. of St. Paul, London, July 3, A. D. 1524.)

WILL OF ALICE SPRYNGE.—1538.

In the name of god amen, The xiiith Day of the moneth of April, in the yere of our Lord god, a Thousand fyve hundreth and xxxviii, And in the xxixth yere of the Reigue of our soueraigne Lord King Henry the eight. I, Alice Sprynge, late the wife of Thomas Sprynge, Esquier of Lavenham, in the countie of Suff., widowe, being in good and parfite mynde and remembraunce, thanks be to almighty god, doo ordeyn and make this my last wille and testament in maner and fourme following. And first, I bequeth and comende me to the handes of our Lord god, having a faithfull trust in him that he will haue pitie and marcy of my sinfull soule, moost humbly Desiring our blessed lady and all the holy company of hevyn to pray for me, in that behalfe. And I will my body to be buried by my late husbände, Thomas Sprynge, Esquier, afore the aulter of Saint Kateryn wthin the parishe churche of Lavenham. Item, I wille that the Day of my buryall be distributed and geven in almes amongs suche poure folkes and indigent housholders wthin the parishe of Lavenham aforesaid, the sum'e of thirtene pounds, to som more, and su'me lesse, as their necessitie by the vewe of myn Executours, shalbe seen more or lesse to require the said distribucion, not to be made by way of comen Dole, where most com'only the vnaedy taketh the relyef of the nedy but to be doon and geven by the discrecion of myn executours, at home at the said poure peples Dwelling houses, soo that for this myn almes they be not compelled to make any further Labour or travaill. Item, I will Diriges and masses to be songe Daily wthin the said parishe Church of Lavenham, By the tyme and space of thurty Dayes next after my decease, at which masses I will other my Doughter margaret Rysby, orells my soune William Rysby to be present, and to offer at euery of the said masses a penny. And also I will that there be ordeyned xiii poure folk to be present at the said Diriges and masses by the space of the said xxxth Dayes, there to praye for my husbonde Thomas Sprynge, and all christen, of the which nombre I will six to be those poure men which at this Day be my late husbond's bedmen and myn, and the other vii to be poure women and widowes, and euery of the said vii poure men to haue euery Day a penny, And euery of the said vii poure men (? *women*) a penny. And further, the said poure bedmen & women shall haue eche of them a blak gown, like as my said husband's bedmen had the Day of his buriall. Item, I will that the viith day after my deceas be distributed and geven, as well to preests to singe masses for my soule as in almes amonges the poure people of Lavenh'm, the su'me of six pounds, In which distribucion I Desire myn executours to haue a circumspecte yye and Diligent regarde where moost necessitie and nede is. Item, I will that the xxxth Day after my deceas be also distributed and geven to preests and amonges the poure and nedye people of the said parishe of Lavenh'm, the sum'e of thirtene pounds, in like maner and fourme as is next above rehersed. Item, I will that myn executours ordeyn som good and honest preest to singe for my soule, my late husbond's soule, my father and mother's soules, and all xpen soules, at the said aulter of saint Katheryn, by the terme and space of twoo yeres next and ymmediatly after my deceas, to the which awter I geve a vestment and a messe boke. Item, I will a yerely obite or Anniuersary to be obserued and kepte for my soule, my late husbond's soule, my father and mother soules, and all xpen soules wthin the said parishe Church of Lavenh'm, by the terme and space of twenty yeres next after my deceas, the expenses and charges thereof I relinqyshe vnto the discrecion of my sonne in lawe William Rysby and Margaret his wife, as they shall thinke mete and necessary, after the rate of my goodes wille extende. Item, I geve and bequeth to the high auter of my parishe Church in Lavenham, in reco'pense of tythes and offeryngs forgotten and not paid, ffourty shillings. Item, I geve and bequeth to the Church Wardeyns of the said church of Lavenh'm for the tyme being, and for the Reparacions of the same Church, vii*s*. xiii*s*. iii*d*. Item, I geve and bequeth to those poure folke in Lavenham that be in moost necessitie and nedy euery yere, the space of fyve yeres next after my deceas, viii Loads of woodde, to be distributed and deliuered vnto them by the discrecion of my sonne in lawe William Rysby and Margarett his wife, in and at the feast of Cristmas, yerely during the said fyve yeres. Item, I geve and bequeth to th amending of the high wayes betwene Lavenh'm and Groton, ffourty pounds, which I will be doon by the discrecion and advise of my said sonne in lawe Will'm Rysby and Margarett his wife, where they shall thinke moost nedefull and at such conuenient tymes and seasons as by the Levye, Receypte, and payments of my due detts, they may best folowe and execute the same; Item, I geve and bequeth my hous, and tenement called Branches, and ffermers, with all the appartronances thereto belonging

sett, lying, and being in the bourgh of Lavenh'm aforesaid, in the said Countie of Suff., vnto my Daughter Brygett Sprynge, To haue and to holde the said tenement called Branches and fermors with all their appurtenances, vnto the said Brygett and her heires foreuer. furdernore, where my late husbonde Thomas Spryng, the said Brigett's father, god Rest his soule, gave vnto her by his last will and testament, the sum'e of fyve hundreth mrks, to the preferment of her mariage, which sum'e of fyve hundreth mrks yet remaineth in the handes and custodye of his brother in lawe, sir Thomas Jermyn, knyght, oon of the executours of the wille and testament of my said husbonde, I also do geve and bequeth vnto my said Doughter Brigett Sprynge, other fyve hundreth m'rks to the further avauancement of hir mariage, so beyt she bestowe herself in mariage to such a husbonde other by hir frends counsell or hir own, as will assure her of a hundreth m'rks in good Lande by the name of Joyntor afore the Day of hir mariage or for terme of hir lyfe, with assuraunce made vnto hir for Joyntour, Doon and p'fourmed. I will then my Executours to content and paye vnto my said Doughter Brygett the forsaidd sum'e of fyve hundreth marks by me vnto her bequethed, orells she to take noo benefite, profite, nor avantage of the same, But then the said fyve hundreth m'rks to be employed and bestowed partely for thamenement of the high wayes betwene Lavenh'm and Groton, by the oversight of my sonne in lawe William Rysby and Margaret his wife. And partely also to be distributed and gevyv amonges my Doughter's Childern, and my sister's Childern, so porcion lyke as myn executours by their wisdoms shall thinke best. Also where my said late husbonde Thomas Sprynge, God pardon his soule, gave and bequethed vnto me twenty nobles by the yere towards the fynding of my said Doughter Brygett, as more at large doth appere by my said husband's testament, whiche yet remaineth in the handes of the said sir Thomas Jermyn, I therfor geve and bequeth vnto my said Doughter Brygett, towards hir further advaancement of hir mariage, all and singuler such sum'es of money as at this tyme is Due vnto me by reason of my said husband's last wille. And require and charge myn Executours all and every parcell therof to requyre and Demande of my said husband's Executours to thuse and behoofe of my said Doughter Brigett. Item, I geve and bequeth vnto my sonne in lawe Richard fulmerston, gent. and to my daughter Alice his wife, a howse w^t all thappurtenances sitting and beyng in the Hokerell strete, sumtyme Axtons, w^tin the burgh of Lavenham aforesaid, To haue and to holde the aboue said house and Tofte w^t the Curtelage, with thappurtenanes to the said Richard fulmerston, gent., and Alice my said Daught^r, and to the heires of the said Alice for euer. Item, I geve and bequeth to my said sonne in lawe Richard fulmerston, gent., and to my Doughter Alice his wife, a powneed pece of siluer, a dosen siluer spones, a ffetherbed w^t a bolster, a salte of siluer with his Cover parcell gilte, and two brasse pannes, and a hundreth poundes of Lafull money of Englonde. Item, for as moch of Will'm Lumbarde, Clerk, parson of Shymplyng, in the Countie of Suff., hath always ben pryvyv and knowlged to all such matiers, causes, contracts, accompts, Rekenyngs, and Doyngs as here to fore hath ben practysed & doon betwene me and any other parsones or parsones whatsoever he or they be, wherein his counsell and knowlege shall be moch necessary and greatly expedient vnto myn executours, I therfor doo geve and bequeth vnto the said William Lumbarde, a Tenement callid Phippes otherwise callid Verdons, and a litell garden vnto the same ten't adioynng, sett, lying, and being in Barbours strete, w^tin the burgh of Lavenh'm, in the said Countie of Suff., To haue and to holde the said tenement and gardyn as is abouesaid, with all their appurtenances, to the said William Lumbarde and his heires foreuer. And do also by this my last will and testament Remitte, release, and forgeve vnto the said Will'm Lumbarde, the sume of twenty pounds sterlinge, which he doth owe vnto me by specialtie. And wille and charge myn executours, according to this my Release, to deliuer the said William the obligacion wherein he standith bounden vnto me for the sure payment of the same twenty pounds. Neuertheles vpon this condicion, that the said William Lumbarde will bynde himself vnto myn executours at all tyme and tymes when he salbe conueniently required by suche bonde and assuraunce as myn executours shall thinke best, as well to instructe and infourme my said executours, in the truth and veritie of all my matiers, cawses, and Doyngs betwene me and other in the tyme of my lyfe as far as he Doth knowe, as also to Ryde and goo with myn Executours as often as he shalbe by them reasonably required, both to speke, doo, witnesse, and testifye anything or things whatsoever it be to and for the better accomplishment and performance of this my last will and testament, orells the said William Lumbarde to take nomanner of benefite, profite, and

advantage of this my bequest, nor of any p'te or parcell therof, And I will that as often as myn executours shall require the said William Lumbard to Journey, goo, or Ryde any where for the better and speedyer execution of this my last wille, which thing for the great trust and confidence I haue always had in him, I truste he will at noo tyme refuse, Then I will myn executours to allowe him all his reasonable costs and charges susteyned in that behalfe, in as large and ample maner as I in my lyfe tyme was wonte to allowe him, to thentent he may be the more diligent and the gladder to take paynes in that behalfe. Item, that where I haue sold vnto my said sonne in lawe William Rysbye and to Margaret his wife, my hed house which I bought of maister John Sprynge, wherein I nowe dwell, with all and singuler other houses, landes, and tenements, medowes, fedings, pastures, with all and singuler their appurtenances, wain the Towne of Lavenham, Brent Illeigh, and precynts of the same, except my tenement called Branches and ffermers, to my said Doughter Brygett before bequest, and my tenement late Will'm Clogges, wt the Tofte and Curtelage before bequested to my said sonne in lawe Richard ffulmerston and Alice his wife, and my tenement called Phippes otherwise Verdons, to the said Will'm Lumbarde before bequethed, always excepted, to haue and to holde the said hed house wt all other the premises and appurtenances vnto the said William Rysby and Margaret his wife, and to the heires of the said Margaret foreuer, ffor the which the said William Rysby and Margarett his wife oon of them, shall paye or cause to be paid vnto my said Doughter Brygett Sprynge at the Day of hir mariage, thre hundreth m'ks, as of and for parte of the fyve hundreth marks to my said Doughter Brigett, bequethed, And for accomplishment of the same I haue surrendyrde and geuyn vpp all my strength of the premisses, as well of the exceptions as of other to the performace of this my last will and testament. The Residue of all and singuler my goodes & Catalls, moueable and vnmoueable, whatsoever they be, not before bequethid by expresse wordes of this my testament, this my last wille, in euery article perfourmed, I geve and bequeth vnto my welbeloued sonne in lawe William Rysby & Margaret his wife my doughter, to distribute and employe the same to the behofe and vse of them selfs and suche yssue as it hath pleased almighty god of his goodnes to haue sent them of their twoo bodies, The which Will'm Rysby and my said doughter Margaret his wife, And Richard ffulmerston, gent., my sonne in lawe, for the great and intaere trust and confidence I haue always founde in them, I ordeyn and make the said William, Margaret, and Richard, myn executours of this my last will and testament, putting my very trust in them, as well to do and execute the abouesaid articles and ordyn'nces of this my will concernyng my buriall, distribution of almes, detts, legacies and bequests, as also to fulfillle and perfourme all and singuler other articles, Legacy, and bequests, as in case god shall send me longer lyfe, shalbe furder articulated and comprised in certeyn Codycills at all tymes hereafter, to this my last will and testament to be fastend, knett, and annexed. Item, yf perhaps any ambiguitie or doute shall assurge in this my will, in any article or clause of the same, then I will the same Doubtfulnes to be interpreted and vnderstande by the wisdom of myn executours, geuyn them full power to adde and mynyshe as they shall see cause, for I am right well assured of their conscience; And because malice is so seen daily more and more to Rote and increase in the harts of mortall men, that a Righte Just cause hath for the moost parte nede of patrocinacion and defence, Therfor I desire my right singuler good Lord of Oxinford to ayde and defende my said executours, in all their causes, rightfull and juste att suche tymes as they shall repaire and sue vnto his good Lordshipp, that they may execute and perfourme this my last will and testament, in all love, amytie, and peace, by the which I trust in god I wronge no man, and dispoase but myn owne, And I geve and bequeth vnto his good Lordshipp, twenty pounds sterling, beseeching his good Lordshipp accept the same rather as a poure Remembraunce of his great goodness then any rewarde condigne or worthie his goodness paynes herein to be susteyned and taken, this is my last will and testament. In witnesse I haue sett my seall.

p' me Joh'em Hunt,
 p' me Rob't Crytofts,
 p' me Job'em Tompson, Cl'ieu,
 p' me Petru' Sawege,
 p' me Robertum Blower.

CODICIL TO WILL OF ALICE SPRYNG.—1538.

In the name of the most glorious Trinitie, amen. I, Alice Sprynge, of Lavenham, in the Countie of Suff., widowe, late the wife of Thomas Sprynge, Esquire, of Lavenham, aforsaid, being of good and parfite mynde and memory, thanks be to almighty god, The last Day of the moneth of August, In the yere of our lord god, a thousand fyve hundredreth and eight and thirty, And Reigne of our soueraigne lord king henry the eight, the thurthith, doo ordeyn and make this p'nt Codycill, declaring farther my last will and testament, in maner and fourme folowing, which I will to be annexed vnto my last will and testament, heretofore made at Lavenham aforsaid. And first I comytte my soule vnto high marcy of almighty god, and my body to be buried, where by the suffraunce of god, shalbe seen mete and conuenient by the discrecon of myn executours. Item, where sir Thomas Jermyn, knyght, doth owe vnto my sonne William Ernele, the sum'e of fyve hundredreth m'rks sterling, of and for the Legacye and bequest of my said late husbonde, Thomas Sprynge, made vnto Brigett Sprynge, the said Thomas is Daughter and myn the which Brigett the forsaid William Ernele hath espoused and taken to wife, yf so be the said sir Thomas Jermyn do not accorde and agree lovingly and with quyetnes to content and paye vnto the said William Ernele, my sonne in lawe, the forsaid sum'e of fyve hundred m'rks sterling, at such Dayes and tymes of payment as shalbe appoynted and assigned by my said sonne William Ernele, but for defaulte and lack of payment, do cause and compelle my said sonne William Ernele to sue the said sir Thomas Jermyn by the king's lawes, for the recovery of the said fyve hundredreth m'rks, or any parcell therof, Then I will that myn executours shall recompence, content, and paye, vnto my said sonne William Ernele, all and singuler suche sum'es of money, costs and charges as he the said William shall any maner of wise laye owt or disburse for and concernyng the recoverye of the said fyve hundredreth m'rks, or any parcell therof, from the handes of the said sir Thomas Jermyn or his executours. Item, where I haue heretofore made my last wille and testament, In the which I haue disposed and bequed diverse and sondry Legacs, and haue also made myn executours of my said wille and testament, William Rysbey my sonne in lawe, and Margaret his wife, my Doughter, and Richard ffulmerston, gentilman, my sonne in lawe, as it doth more playnly appere by my said testament and last wille made at Lavenham aforsaid, which I haue sealed with my seall, and have recorded the same in the presence and witnes of Robert Crytof, Peter Gage, sir John Tompson, Clerk, and diuerse other therto called, desyred, and requyred, to the which also the said witnesses haue subscribed their names. I nowe will and this is my very mynde, true wille and testament, by this my p'nt Codycill, which Codicill I will to be annexed vnto my will and testament above rehersed, that all and euery legacs and bequests made in my aboussaid testament, and not yet accomplisshed and doon, shalbe perfourmed, executed, and doon according to my said will and testament, except my funerall charges, which I comytte to the discrecon of myn executours, Whom I do ordeyn, and make my welbeloued sonne in lawe, Will'm Rysby, and Margaret his wife, my Daughter, the which William and Margaret I will all only to be myn executours, and all only to ministre all and singuler my goodes and Catalls. And where I haue in my said testament before mencyned Ioynd Richard ffulmerston, gentilman, my sonne in lawe, executour with my said sonne Will'm, and Margaret his wife, I by this p'nt Codicill doo discharge vtterly the said Richard ffulmerston, my sonne in lawe, from th'execuc'on of my said testament and will in noo wise, the said Richard myn executour, nor to meddell any maner of wise wt my goodes and Catalls, or any parte or parcell of them; But I will the said Richard ffulmerston my said sonne in lawe, and my said sonne in lawe Will'm Ernele to be Sup'visours of my said wille and testament. In witness of all which the premisses, I the said Alice haue vnto this my p'nt Codicill putte my seall the Day and yere aboue written. And that in the presence of the p'sones whose names be here vnderwritten By me Will'm Ernele, per me Will'm Page, In the presence of Richard Tonge, margaret Rysby, and Margaret hunte.

(Proved with Codicil, Sept. 5th, 1528, at London.)

WILL OF JOHN SPRYNG.—1544.

In the name of god amen, The viii daye of June, in the yere of our Lorde God, a Thousand fyve hundredreth fortie and foure, And in the xxxvi yere of the Reigne of or soueraigne Lorde Kinge Henry the eight. I John Spryng, of Hechham, in the countie of Suff., Esquier, being of an hoole mynde and p'fite Remembraunce, thanked be

Almightie god, calling to my remembraunce that deathe is certeyne to eu'y man, and the tyme when uncerteyn make this my p'sent testament and last will in maner and forme folowing. first, I will and bequeath my soule to Almighty God my savior and redemer, our blessed Ladye his mother and virgyn, and to all the holly companye of heaven, and my bodie be buried and brought to earth in cristen buryall after my degre w^t solempne masses of Requiem, dirige, and other orisons and prayer according to the Auncient custome of this church of Englande by the discrecion of myne Executoures. Item, I giue and bequethe to Dorathe my wyfe, all my flederbedds, hangings, counter poyntes, stuf, and all my ymplementes of household, of what nature, qualite, or condicion they be of, to haue the reasonable vsage and occupacon of the same during her lyfe. And after her deceas to remayne and be to my sonne and heire apperaunt Will'm Spryng. Item, I giue Waldeg'ue and my lady her mother or either of theym. And also I will that my saide wyfe shal haue the reasonable useage and occupacon of all the Residue of my plate during her lyfe naturall. And after her deceas, holly to remayne to my saide sonne William, Provided alway that yf my saide wyfe happen to decease before my saide sonne shall accomplishe and attayne to his full age of xxi yeres, that then all the saide stuf, plate, and ymplementes, shalbe and remayne ymediatlye after the deceas of my saide wyfe, in the custodye and saff keping of Sir William Drury, knight, who my mynde ys that he shulde haue the maryage of my saide sonne before eu'ye other., to be deluy'd to my saide sonne at his saide age of xxi yeres. And that bills indented be made of the same stuf, plate, and ymplementes, bytwext the saide Sir William and such of myne Executoures as then shalbe onlyve. Item, I giue and bequethe to my saide sonne William on hundred poundes in money, to be paide and deluy'd to sir Will'm Drury, knight, as it may be reasonably levied amonges other thynges of my goodes, cattalls, and debts, in this my first testament not bequethed, and of the issues, Rents, and fermes, of suche landes as hereafter I haue willed, as hereafter I haue willed to myne Executoures for the terme of Eleyn yeres next after my deceas, to th intent the same sir William may the Rather and better bye and purchase the mariage of my said sonne, Provided alweyes that the same Sr Will'm make an obligacon to myne Executoures being onlyve, to repaye to my saide sonne the saide some of one hundred pounds when he comyth to thage of xxi yeres. Also, I giue and bequethe to my daughter Bridgett Spryng, the some of fyve hundred marks, for and to thad-uancement of her mariage. And I will that if my saide daughter Bridgett dye thad-mariage, that then my saide wyfe and sonne William shall haue the same so'me of fyve hundred m^{ks} equally deuyded bitwext theym. Item, I giue and bequeth to my sonne in lawe Edmu'de Wright, Esquier, and fiances his wyfe, Thirtye poundes of lauffull money of England, to be paide as it may be conveniently levied of such thynges, as I haue in this my last will appoynted to the p'formance of the same last will. Item, I will y^t Robert Jermyn, gentelman, haue and holde to hym and his assignes, for terme of three yeres nowe next after my deceas, my Manor callyd Abbotts-hill, w^t all the members and Appurtenaunces of the same. And also my Manor of Netherhall, with thappurtenaunces, and the yerely Rents and fermes of the same. And further, I will that myne Executoures do well and truly content and paye vnto Edmunde Wryght, Esquier, my sonne in lawe, the some of an hundred poundes whiche I do owe hym, and for the whiche the same Edmunde hath my lands and tenements called Wyncolas and Bowers in mortgae, and that after the payment of the same hundred poundes for the Redemp'con of the same landes and Ten'ts callyd Wyncolas and Bowers, I will that the same Robert Jermyn shal haue and enyoie the same landes and ten'tes called Wyncolas and Bowers for terme of his lyfe, Ypon condicion that the same Robert Jermyn shall never clayme, aske, nor demaunde oon Annuitie or yerely rent of ten marks whiche I haue graunted hym oute of the Manor of Hepworth, but shall clerly extinguyse and Determyn the same. Item, I will and gyve to my frende Henry Payne on Annuitie or yerely Rent of fourtie shillings, to goo oute and be paide of my Manor callid Peper to haue to hym for terme of his lyfe. Item, I giue and bequeth to my s'rvante Richard Sterrie oute of my Manor of Blyford, oon Annuitie or yerely Rent of fyve m^{ks} to haue and to holde the same to hym for terme of his lyfe. Item, I giue and bequethe to Will'm Coole my seruante and to his wyfe, all that my Mesuage and lande whiche the same Will'm hath now in occupacon to haue and holde to theym for terme of their lyves. And I giue also to the same Will'm, Tenne marks in money. Also, I giue and bequethe to Ch'rofer Dey, my seruante, on Annuitie or yerely rent of xxvis. viii^d., to goo oute of my saide Manor of Blyford, to haue and holde the same to him for terme of his lyfe. Also, I giue and bequeth to Willyam Besse, my seruante, my Lande in Chel-

lysworth whiche he nowe occupieth, to haue and holde to hym for terme of his lyfe. Item, I giue and bequeth to Every of my s'vants xxviij. viii*d*. in money. Item, I giue and bequethe to my servante Richard Alexander, all my messuage and lande w^t th' appurtenaunces, which he nowe occupith in ffelsham, to haue and holde to hym for terme of his lyfe, paying to me and myn heires xxs. yerely for the same at the feast of seynt Michell Tharchaagel. And I giue, bequethe, and assigne to myne Executours hereafter namyd, All that my Manor of Blyford, w^t thappurtenaunces, and all my lands and tenements called Bullers in Blyford, my Manor of Barrards, w^t th' appurtenaunces, with th' advouson of the churche of Whatfeld, and all my lands and t'ents in Whatfeld, aforesaid, Aldam, Semer, Hadley, Kersey, and Nedgeyng.

And, also my Manor of Bradshawe, with ther appurtenances. And all my lands, tents, rents, and s'rvices w^t ther App'tenances in Sprowton, Wyx, Ufford, Wix Epi', Stoke, Wix Eipp'm, Bramford, Whytton Brokes, Wix Epp'm, And all those my Manors, lands, and teneme'ts, rents, and s'rvices, w^t their appurtenau'ces callyd Peper, Colchesters, Buttlers, Palmers, Ilderyards, Bolys, Bowers, Jacwlys, Barells, fford, and hells, in Cokfeld, ffelsh'm, Bradfeld, and Stansfeld. And also my Manor of Woodehall, w^t thapp'tenau'ces. And all my lands and ten'ts callid Mathons, which Manor, lands, and t'ents on John Warde nowe holdith to ferme. And also the Manor of ffenhall, w^t thapp'tenau'ces, and all my lands and tenements, Rents and services called Amptons, otherwyse called Hardhedds, Russhebroke, and Langmers, w^t their appurtenances, in Buxsalle And also all those my lands and ten'ts, Rents and services callyd Nortons, Kynchens, Blokks, Wolwards, Bowlys, Byrds, and Orbeys, in Hecham and Buxsall, To haue and to holde all the foresaid Manors, Lands, ten'ts, Rents, and seruices, with their appurtenances, to my said Executours and their Assignes, for the terme of elevyn yeres next and ymmediatlye folowing after my deceas, with thole yssues and profyfts of the same, to paye my debts and suche Annuities as I haue before gyven in this my testament and last will, oute of eu'y of the same Manors, Landes, and tenements, during the said Elevyn yeres. And also to fulfill and execute this my p'nt testament and last will in all poynts according to my true meanyng and intent. The Remynder of all the same Manors, lands, teneme'ts, & hereditaments, after the said xi yeres, to my said sonne, and to theyres male of his bodye Laufully begotten, And for defaulte of suche issue, to the right heires of me the saide John Spryng for ever. Item, I giue, will, and assigne to Ambrose Jermyn, gent., one Annuitie or yerely rent of forty shillinges for terme of his lyfe, to goo oute and be paide of my Manors, lands, and ten'ts, in Cokfeld. Item, I giue and bequethe to William ffooks oon Annuitie or yerely rent of xxviij. viii*d*. to be paide oute of the Manor and lands aforesaide. Item, I giue and bequethe to my saide wyfe my hoolle Lease and interest for terme of yeres, which I haue in my house that I dwell in, and in all the landes and tenem'ts which be Edward Rouses in Hecham and other townes next adioyning. And of this my p'nt testament and last will, I ordeyne and make myn Executors Dorathe my wyfe, Anthony Waldeg'ue, and Robert Jermyn, gentlemen, to execute and fulfill every thinge that ys and shalbe therein conteyned. And I ordeyne and make sir William Drury, knight, my supervisor of the same, and I giue to the same supervisor the some of tenne poundes sterlinge. In witnes of all the premisses hereunto I haue sett my seale the viii Daye of June, Anno D'ni M.V.xliiii, & Anno xxxvi^{to} Rē Henr., Octavi. Witnes Will'm Drury, Henry Payne, and Richard Stevyn, p' me John Spryng.

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WILL OF ROBERT SPRYNG.—38 HENRY THE EIGHTH.

This is the last will of me Robert Spryng of Lavenh'm, in the Countie of Suff, Esquier, made the viiith Daye of the moneth of October, in the xxxviii yere of the Reigne of our Soueraigne Lorde king Henry the viiith by the grace of God King of Englande, ffrance, and Irelande, defendor of the faithe and of the church of Englande, and also of Irelande the sup'eme hedd, touching the order and disposicion of all my Manors, Landes, tenements, and all other hereditaments, whatsoever they be sett, lying, and being w^{tin} the Shires and Counties of Suff., Norff., Essex, and Cambridge shire, or ells where within the Realme of England, Revoking and adnullyng all other willes heretofore made, wryten, or Spoken, and this to be my fyrme and last will. First, where as I am seased of and in the Mannor of Icklyng'hm w^t all and singuler th'ap-purtenaunces set, lying, and being w^{tin} the Townes, feldes, and p'yshes of Icklyng'hm

Seynt James, Ieklyng'h'm All seynts, and Lakyng'hed, in the said Countie of Suff., now in the tenure, ferme, and occupacion of Will'm Poleye of the same Towne, gentilman, and of other p'sones, I will and giue the Reu'sion of Two partes of the said Manor w^t th'appurtenaunces in three p'tes equally to be deuyded, Vnto Augnes my wyfe, To haue and to holde the two partes of the said Manor in thre p'tes deuyded, w^t alman' of profits, Issues, and com'odites whatsoever they be, vnto the saide ii partes belonging or in anny wyse apperteyning, Vnto the said Augnes my wyfe and to her assignes, during her naturall lyfe, paying the rents and services the chef Lorde of the fee accordinglye. And after the deceas of the said Augnes, I will and giue the saide two p'tes Vnto Thomas Spryng my sonne and heire, to haue and to hold the said ij p'tes after the deceas of the said Augnes, Vnto the said Thomas Spryng and to th'eyers of his bodye laufully begotten, And for defaulte of suche issue, y^e remay'der Vnto my right heires, Provided alwayes that yf the saide Thomas Spryng my sonne and heire, or his heyres, will not p'mytt and suffre my sonnes Jherom, Robert, and John to haue and enyoie all suche manors, lands, ten'ts, and other hereditaments, as I shall hereafter will, give, and assigne vnto them and eu'y of them, by this my last will, according to the tenor and effect therof, or ells do refuce to do all suche Acte and Actes as shalbe deuysed by my executoures named in my last testament, or by my saide sonnes, and by their lerned Councell for the assurance of the said Mannors, Landes, and tenements, vnto my saide sonnes bequeathed, according to the effect of this my last will, Then I will that the saide ij p'tes soo deuysed vnto my saide wyfe, shall after the decease of the saide Augnes my wyfe remayne vnto the said Jherom, Robert, and John, in lyke man' and forme as I haue willed such lands, as I haue hereafter willed and gyuen vnto them. And as for the thirde p'te of the saide p'misses in three p'tes deuyded as is aforesaide, I will and giue yt vnto the saide Thomas and to the heyres of his body laufully begotten, And for default of suche issue the remaynder vnto my right heires. Item, I will and giue vnto the saide Augnes my wyfe, the two partes of all my landes, Tenements, medowes, pastures, woods, rents, Reu'sions, * * * and of all other hereditaments whatsoever they be sett, lying, and being wthin the townes, ffeldes, and p'ishes of Preston, Breth'm Ketilbarston, Brent Illigh, & Thorp, in the said Countie of Suff., in three p'tes equally to be deuyded, Vnto the saide Augnes my Wyfe, and to her assignes, during her naturall lyfe. And after the deceas of the saide Augnes, I will that the saide two p'tes shall remayne vnto the said Thomas Spryng my son, and to theyres of his bodye laufully begotten, And for default of suche yssue, the remaynder therof vnto theyres of the bodie of me the saide Robert Spryng laufully begotten, And for default of suche yssue, y^e Remaynder vnto my right heyres. Neverthelesse yf the saide Thomas Spryng will not do and suffre to be doone all suche Actes as shalbe deuysed by my Executoures named in my last testament, or by my saide sonnes Jherom, Robert, and John, and by their lerned Councell, for the Assurance of all suche Mannors, landes, ten'ts, and other hereditaments, as I shall hereafter p'ticulerly will and giue vnto eu'y of my saide sonnes, accordyng to theeffect of this my last wyll, Or yf my saide sonnes shall not quietly haue and enyoie the saide Manors, landes, and tenements, that I shall hereafter will and assigne vnto eu'ry of them in as large and ample maner as I shall devise yt vnto them, but be interrupted by saide Thomas or his heyres, Then I will that the saide two p'tes of all the said p'misses shall ymmediatly after the deceas of my said wyfe, holy remayne vnto my saide sonnes Jherom, Robert, and John, in lyke maner, forme, and Condicion as I haue willed, the landes hereafter bequeathed vnto them.

And as touchyng the third part of the said landes, tenements, and other hereditaments in Preston Bretham, Ketilbarston, Brent Illeigh, and Thorp aforesaid, I will shall descend vnto the saide Thomas my sonne, and to theyres of his bodye laufully begotten, And for default of suche issue the remaynder therof vnto the heires of the bodie of me the saide Robert laufully begotten, And for default of such issue the remaynder therof vnto my right heires. Item, I will and giue vnto the said Agnes my wyfe, all that my Capitall messuage wherein I nowe dwell, w^t all man' of howses, landes, tenements, and other hereditaments, what soen' they be, w^t all and singuler thappurtenaunces, as well freehold as Copychold, set, lying, and being w^t in the Towne, felds, and p'ishe of Lavenh'm aforesaid, To haue and to holde the saide Capitall messuage, w^t all the said howses, lands, ten'ts, and other hereditaments, w^t all and singuler thappurtenaunces as well freholde as Copieholde, in Lavenh'm aforesaide, vnto the saide Augnes my wyfe, and to her assignes, duriug her naturall lyfe, being not maryed, but Contynuyng a wedowe, And after the deceas of the said Augnes, Or yf

she fortune to marye and take an husband, Then I will that the saide Mesuage and all other premises so geven, willed, and assigned vnto her, shall holy remayne vnto Thomas Spryng my sonne and to his heires for ever.

And where as the saide Augnes my wyfe by thorder and course of the comen lawes of this Realme is intituled to haue her dowrye of all such landes, tenements, and hereditaments, that I am now sole seased of an estate of enheritaunce, or that I was or hereafter of lyke estate shalbe seased, Notwithstanding this my p'nt will. And that she maye demaunde and recover her dowrye ageynst my sonne and heire, and ageynst other my Children, of suche landes and tenements as by this my last will I haue and shall giue vnto them, and so dymynishe there lyving, the which in no wise I wold she shold do, therefore my playne will and mynde ys that yf the said Augnes my wyfe, after my decease, shall recover her dowrye of any of these Landes, tenements, and other hereditaments, that I shall will, dispoase, and gyve vnto any of my children by this my last will, or that shall descend and come vnto my sonne & heire after my decease, by course of enherytaunce, Then I will that all the landes, tenements, and other hereditaments before gyven and willed, or assigned vnto the said Augnes my wyfe, shall hooly remayne and discend vnto Thomas Spryng my sonne, in suche sorte, maner, and forme as I haue appoynted vnto hym after the deceas of the said Augnes, except my Capitall mesuage and my landes in Lavenh'm, the which I will and gyve vnto the saide Thomas Spryng and his heires, And that the saide Augnes my wyfe shall not haue any p'te or persell of any of these landes and tenements that I haue willed and gyven vnto her by this my last will, But as moche therof as by thorder of the Com'on Lawes of this Realme she ought to haue, anny thing herein conteyned to the contrarie not w'tstanding. Item, I will and giue vnto Iherom Spryng my sonne, all that my Manor in Sopham priory called Knyghtts, in the Countie of Cambridge, w't all and singuler thappurtenaunces, And all other my landes, tenements, and hereditaments whatsoeu' they be set, lying, and being w'tin the said Countie of Cambridge, nowe in the teure, ferme, and occupation of Will'm Gilbard, or of any other p'sone or p'sones, within the saide Countie, To haue and to holde the saide Manor called Knyghtts, w't all and singuler thappurtenaunces and all other the premises w'tin the saide countie, vnto the said Iherom my sonne, in maner and forme hereafter folowing, that ys to saye, I will that the Executoures of my last testament, or the executoures of my executoures, shall haue the saide Manor of Knyghtts w't all and singuler thappurtenaunces and the said other landes and tenements lying in Cambridgeshire, vntill the saide Iherom my sonne shall come vnto thage of xxi yeres, And thissues and profytts therof comyng, I will that my said Executoures shall employe yt to the vertuous educacion and brynging vpp in lernyng of the saide Iherom, vntill he come vnto the saide age of xxi yeres, And of the surplusage and overplus of thissues and Revenewes of the said premises, I will that my said executoures shall be acceptable vnto my saide sonne Iherom, at the saide age of xxi yeres, at wch age I will that the saide Iherom shall entre into the saide Manor called Knyghtts, with all and singuler thappurtenaunces and to other the premises, and to haue yt to hym and to theyres of his bodie lauffully begotten, And for defaulte of suche issue, the Remaynder therof vnto my sonnes Rob't, John, and Stephen, and to theyres of their seu'all bodies lauffully begotten, And for defaulte of suche issue, the remaynder vnto my right heires. Item, I will and giue vnto my sonne Robert Spryng, the moyete or oon halfe of all my landes and tenements com'only called Collettors and Danyells, And the moyete of all other my landes, tenements, medowes, pastures, and other heredytaments whatsoever they be, with all and singuler thappurtenaunce set, lying, and being w'tin the Townes, feldes, and p'ishes of Wolssokam, Walton, Walpole, Helmeth, Helme, and Wells, within the said Countie of Norff., To haue and to holde the Moyete or oon half of y^e said p'misses, vnto the saide Robert my sonne, in maner and forme hereafter folowing, that ys to wyte: first, I will that the executoures of my last testament, or the executoures of my executoures, shall haue the saide moyete or oon half of the said premises, Vntill the saide Robert my sonne shall come vnto the age of xxi yeres, And thissues and profytts therof comyng, I will that my saide Executoures employe yt to the brynging vp in leraing and necessarye fynding of the saide Robert my son'e, Vntill he come vnto the saide age of xxi yeres, And of the Surplusage and Overplus of the saide yssues and profytts, I will that my saide Executoures at the saide age of xxi^l yeres, shalbe acceptable vnto my saide sonne Robert, At whiche age I will that my saide sonne Robert shall entre into the moyete or oon half of the saide premises, the which I will shalbe equally devided by my Executoures, And haue the saide moyete vnto hym and to theyres of his bodie lauffully

begotten, And for defaulte of suche issue the remaynder therof vnto my sonnes Iherom, John, and Stephen, and to theyres of their seuerall bodyes lauffully begotten, And for defaulte of suche issue the Remaynder therof vnto my right heires, And as consurnyng the other moyete of my said landes and tenements called Collettors and Daniells, and of all other the premisses in Wolsokam, Walton, Walpole, Helmeth, Helme, and Wells, I will that the saide Augnes my wyfe shal haue the saide moiete or oon halfe of the said premisses w^t thappurtenaunces, Vntill the saide John Spryng my sonne shal come vnto thage of xxi yeres, And w^t thissues, Revenewes, and profytts of the saide moyete I will that my saide wyfe shall see my saide sonne John brought vp in lernynge and founden in all things necessarie and convenient for hym, vntill he come to the saide age of xxi yeres, At whiche Age I will that my saide sonne John shall entre into the moyete or one half of the said premisses, the whiche I will shalbe equally devyded by my Executoures from the other moyete assigned vnto my sonne Robert as ys aforesaide, And my saide sonne John to haue the saide moyete to hym and to theyres of his bodie lauffully begotten, And for defaulte of suche issue, I will that the saide moyete shall remayne vnto my saide sonnes Iherom, Robert and Stephen, and to theyres of their bodies seu'all begotten, And for defaulte of suche issue, the Remaynder therof vnto my right heyres. Item, I will that the said Augnes my Wyfe shall haue all my lands and Tenements, w^t all and singular thappurtenaunces set, lying, and being within the townes, feldes, and p'ishes of Shymplynge, Alpheton, and Longe Melford, in the saide Countie of Suff., Vntill Stephen Spryng my sonne, shall come vnto thage of xxii yeres, And w^t thissues, Revenewes, and profytts therof comyng, I will that my saide wyfe shall see the said Stephen honestly educate and brought vp and founde in all thinges necessarye and conveyent for hym, Vntill he come to the saide Age of xxi yeres, At whiche age I will landes and tenements in Shymplynge, Alpheton, and long Melford, vnto my saide sonne Stephen and to the heires of his bodye Lauffully begotten, And for defaulte of suche yssue the remaynder therof vnto my said sonnes Iherom, Robert, and John, and to theyres of their bodyes seu'ally lauffully begotten, And for defaulte of suche issue, the Remaynder therof vnto my right heyres, And yf it happen the saide Augnes my wyfe to decease before my said sonnes John and Stephen shall come vnto thage of xxi yeres as is aforesaide, then I will that my Executoures shall haue the saide Moyete before devyded vnto the said John, the landes and tenements in Shemplynge, Alpheton, and long Melford, devyded vnto the said Stephen, vntill my said sonnes John and Stephen shall come vnto the said age of xxi yeres, and the profite therof employe to the vertuos educacon and bringing vp of the said John and Stephen in all things mete and necessarye for them, And for the ou'plus and Surplusage of Reuenewes of the saide landes and tenements, I will that my saide Executoures shalbe Accountable vnto eu'y of my saide sonnes John and Stephen, at the saide age of xxi yeres, for the profytts of suche landes as I haue before devyded vnto them, At whiche Age I will the saide John and Stephen shall entre into all the saide landes and tenements as I haue before wyllid vnto them, and that haue and enyoie in maner & forme aboue wrytten, with the Remaynder over accordinglye. And in witnes that this ye my trewe Last will consrning the disposicion of all my Manors, landes, tenements, and other hereditaments aboue Remebred, I the said Robert Spryng haue subscribed this my last will with my owne hande and setto my Seale, These being witnes, p' me Rob'tum Spryng.

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WILL OF ROBERT SPRYNG.—1 EDWARD THE SIXTH.

In the name of god amen. I Robert Spryng of Lavenh'm, in the Countie of Suff., Esquier, the xth Daye of the moneth of October, in the first yere of the Reigne of our Souraigne lorde kinge Edward the sixt, by the grace of god kinge of Englande, ffrance, and Irelande, Defendo^r of the faithe and of the churche of Englande, and also of Irelandy supreme hedd, make and ordeyne this my present Testament and last will, touching thordre and disposicion of all my goodes, in maner and forme folowing, Revoking and adnullyng all other willes and testaments heretofore had, made, written, and spoken, And this to be my last testament. first I giue and bequeath my soule vnto Almightye God my Creator and Redemer, And to all the blessed compagne of heaven, my bodie to be buried wⁱⁿ the p'yshe churche of Lavenh'm, in suche place there as shalbe thought

mete and convenient by my Executours, or in the p'yshe church wher it shall please god to call me vnto his marcye oute of this transitorie life. Item, I giue vnto the high Aulter of the same church where it shall chauce me to be buried, for my tythes and offerynges, be me forgotten or negligently wtholden in dischargyng of my soule, xs. Item, I will that my Executours shall distribute Amonges priests, Clerks, and poore people wtin the towne where I shall so decease, the daye of my buriall, my seventhe daye & moneth daye, the some of threescore poundes of lauffull money. Item, I will that my executours and the executours of my Executours, shall yere during the space of xx^{ti} yeres next after my decease, Abowte suche tyme of the yere as it shall please god to call me vnto his marcye, distribute, dispose, and gyve Amonges the poore people of the same towne where it shall chance me to be buried, the some of fyve poundes of Lauffull money. Item, I will and bequeth vnto Agnes my wyfe, ffoure hundred poundes of lauffull money of Englande, to be paide vnto her by my said Executours wthin one hoole yere next after my deceas, w'toute any further delaye. Item, I will and giue vnto the saide Agnes my wyfe all my householde stuf and Implements of householde, only except plate, Wool, Oyle, Oode, Clothe, and all other Implements and things belonginge and apperteyning to the Mysterye of Cloth making, To haue and to holde the saide premisses excepte before excepted, vnto the saide Agnes my wyfe and to her assignes for ever, Provided alwayes that where as the said Agnes my wyfe is by thorder of the Common lawe intituled to be endowed of the thirde p'te of all suche Manors, landes, tenements, and other hereditaments that I was or am seased of enheritaunce during the Courture between us, In Recompence of which dowrye I haue by my last will consynnyng the disposicion of all my lands, tenements, and other hereditaments Devised, Appoynted, and assigned, dyurse lands and tenements vnto the said Agnes my wyfe, during her naturall lyfe, As by the same more at large dothe appere, neuertheless yf the said Agnes my wyfe will not be contented w^t suche landes and tenements as I haue devysed vnto her by my said will, But demaunde her dowry of the thirde p'te of all suche landes and tenements that I was seased of estate of enheritaunce duryng the mariage between vs, Ageynst my sonne and heire, or ageynst anny other of my Children or their heires, to Whome I haue willed or devised any of my saide landes by my said will, or if the said Agnes my wyfe will not Release vnto my saide sonne Thomas and to eu'y other of my sonnes, w^{tin} half yere next after my deceas all suche right and title of Dowry as she by the dwe order and course of the Comon lawes of this Realme ys intituled vnto of any suche Manor landes, tenements, and other hereditaments, as I haue devysed and assigned vnto my saide Children, Then I will that the said Agnes my wyfe shalhaue no p'te of the saide some of foure hundred poundes, nor any p'te or porcion of my householde stuf, but that the said legacies made and devysed vnto the saide Agnes by this my last testament, shalbe clerely frustrate and voyde. And that the saide some of iiii c^{li}. and all other legacies above reme'bred vnto her bequeathed, shalbe equally devyded by my Executours amonges all my sonnes as they shall accomplishe and come vnto thage of xxi yeres, Anny thing herein contrary notwithstandinge. Item, I will and giue vnto Thomas Spryng my sonne and heire, a hundred poundes of lauffull money of Englande, to be paide vnto hym by myn Executours w^{tin} one hole yere next after my deceas, And if the saide Thomas do refuse to accomplishe my last will touching thassuraunce of suche manors, lands, and ten'ts, as I haue ther devised vnto dyurs of my sonnes, according to the p'pote and effecte of my saide will, Then I will that the said Thomas shall haue no p'te of the said some of c^{li}. but that the saide legacie vnto hym shalbe vterlye voyde, and that the saide some of a c^{li}. shalbe equally devyded amonges my sonnes Therom, Robert, and John, by my Executours as they shall come vnto thage of xxi yeres. Item, I giue and bequethe vnto Nicholas Spryng my sonne, a hundred poundes of lauffull money, Likewise to be paide vnto hym by saide Executours w^{thin} oon hoole yere next after my deceas, And where as I haue by seu'all grauntes sufficient in the lawe the next p'sentments of the Advowsons and churches of Lavenh'm aforessaide and myche Waldyngfeld, in the Countie of Suff., I will that my sonne Henry nowe parsonne of Ieklyng'h'm, in the Countie aforessaide, shalbe presented vnto the said Churches and to eu'y of them, At suche tyme as they or anny of them shalbecom voyde by dethe, Resignacion, or otherwyse, And yf it fortune my said sonne Henry to deceas befor he be presented vnto the saide churches or to anny of them, then I will giue the p'sentments and next advoydaunce of the saide Churches or of that the whiche the saide henry was not p'sented vnto before his deathe, vnto the said Thomas Spryng my sonne and to his assignes.

Item, I will and bequefhe vnto my saide sonne Henry ffoure skore pounds of Lauffull money, to be paide vnto hym by my Executoires wⁱⁿ one hole yere next after my deceas. I will and giue vnto my saide sonne Jherom two hundred marks of lauffull monee of Englande to be paide vnto my saide sonne Jherom, by my Executoires, when he shall com vnto thage of xxiith yeres. Item, I will and giue vnto my saide sonne Robert Spryng, two hundred marks of lauffull money of Englande, to be paid vnto him likewyse by my Executoires when he shall come vnto the age of xxi yeres. Item, I giue and bequeth vnto my saide sonne John Spryng, two hundred marks of lauffull money to be paide vnto my saide sonne John by my Executoires, when he shall come vnto thage of xxi yeres. Item, I will and giue vnto Stephen Spryng my sonne two hundred marks of lauffull money of Englande, to be lykewyse paide vnto hym by my Executoires or thexecutoires of my Executoirs, when he shall come vnto thage of xxiith yeres, And if it fortune anny of my saide sonnes Iherom, Robert, John, and Stephen to deceas before they come vnto thage of xxi yeres, Then I will that the p^{te} or p^{tes} of all suche legacies as I haue before assigned vnto them, of hym or them so deceased, shalbe equally deuyded by my Executoires amonge suche of my saide sonnes Iherom, Robert, John, and Stephen, as shalbe lyving at the said age of xxi yeres, And if it fortune all my saide sonnes Iherom, Robert, John, and Stephen to deceas before the saide age of xxxi yeres (as god defend), Then I will that all such somes of money as I haue before devysed and gevyn vnto them shalbe distributed by my Executoires amonges all my daughters then lyvinge, by equall porcions as y^e dow^e of theire mariage or when they shall come vnto thage of xxiiii yeres. Item, I will and giue vnto Dorothe my Doughter, clxiiiith xiiis. iiiid. of lauffull money of Englande, to be paide vnto her by my Executoirs or th'executoirs of my executours, at the daie of her mariage or when she shall com vnto the age of xxiiii yeres. Item, I will and giue vnto ffrances Sprynge my Doughter clxiiiith xiiis. iiiid. of lauffull money of Englande, to be paide vnto her by my said Executoires at the daye of her mariage, or when she shall come vnto the age of xiiii yeres, And yf it fortune any of my saide daughters to deceas before y^e foule age of xxiiii yeres or lauffull mariage, then I will that all such legacies and soumes of money that I haue by this my last testament gyven and willed vnto them soo ded, shalbe equally by my Executoires or by th'executoirs of my Executoires and deuyded amonges suche of them as shall Survyyve at the saide age of xxiiii yeres or lauffull mariage, And if it happen all my saide daughters to deceas before the saide age of xxiiii yeres or lauffull mariage, Then I will that all the saide legacies and Som^{es} of money be me gyven and willed vnto theym and every of them as ys aforesaid shalbe equally deuyded and distributed by my executours and by thexecutoirs of my Executoires, amonges my said sonnes Iherom, Robert, John, and Stephen, or amonges suche of them as shalbe then lyving, at suche age and in lyke maner and forme as I haue appoynted and assigned all suche legacies that I haue gevyn and willed vnto them & every of them as is aforesaid. The Residue of all my goods moveable and unmoveable whatsoever they be, after my debts first and pryncipally paide my funerall expenses doon, I leve and com^{yte} them holy vnto my Executoires to the p^{formance} of this my p^{nt} testame^t, And the Ourplusage therof after this my p^{sent} testament p^{formyd} and executed, I will and Charge that my saide Executoires or the executours of my Executoires shall dispose and distribute the same in dedes of charite Amonges the poor^e Inhabitaunts of the towne of Lavenh^m, for the weale of my soule and all xpen soules. And of this my present testament I make, ordeyne, and constitute to be my trewe and faithfull Executoires Andrew Iudde Alderman of Combis, and John Hardwell my s^{unte}. And I giue vnto them and eu^y of them for their Labor and busynes herein to be hadd and susteyned, Tenne poundes of lauffull money, Charging them and eu^y of them as they will Aunswere to god at the dredfull daye of Judgment, and as my speciall trust is in them that they will se this my present testament and my last will also constnyng my landes, trewly and faithfully executed and p^{formed}. And Overseer or Supervisor of this my last testament, I do mak, ordeyne, and constitute my faithfull frend William Cordell, gentelman, desyryng him to indevor hymself as myche as he can, to se this my present Testament and my last will also p^{formed}, And I give vnto hym for his labour and paynes therin to be susteyned, Tenne poundes. And in witnes that this is my present Testament and last will touching the order & disposicion of my goodes, I the said Robert Spryng haue subscribed my name vnto this my testam^t, and putto my seale, thes being further witnesses p ^{me} Robert Spryng.

WILL OF THOMAS SPRINGE.—1556.

Memora'dum, that I Thomas Springe of Pakenh'm, in the Countie of Suff., The xvth Daye of Ianuarie, the yere of our Lorde God a thousande five hundreth fiftie and Sixe, being of good mynde and memorie, make my last will and testament in maner and forme followinge. first I bequeathe my soule to Almighty God, my bodye to be buried in the churche where it shall please God I Dye. Item, I bequeathe to my wief all my householde stuff. Item, I will that Thomas Springe, Willyam Spryng, and Edwarde Springe my sonnes, haue oute of the Manor of Pakenham and Icklyngham, yerely tenne poundes, to eury of them during their lyves, And that Anne, Dorathe, and fraunces my daughters, haue of the revenues of all my landes in possession and reuercion (my wifes porc'on excepted), two hundreth markes apeece, and if one of them dye before marriage, th'other two to haue her portion evenly devyded betwene theym, And if two of them Dye unmarried, then the thirde to haue all their porcions, And they all three dye, then all their porc'ons to remayne to my next heire. Item, where by the Lawe I may declare my will of my possessions and reuercons during the nonage of my sonne, of two partes of my Landes, I give and bequethe to Iulyan my wief all my landes and tenements in Preston, Lavenham, and ffynchynfeld, during her lief, and if she lyke not to take that, then she to take the thirde of all my landes, according to the comon Lawe. Item, I will and give to the poore people in Lavenh'm tenne poundes, that is five poundes at Easter and five pound at Mydsomer. I will Iohan Goodchape haue twentie poundes w^{ch} I owe her and five pounce more of my gifte. Item, I giue to Chynerye myn old servante, xxs. a yere during twentie yeres with clause of distres for none payment. Item, I give to eury of my mayde s'ruants xxs. Item, I giue to Master Ashefeld all my hawkes and spanyells. Item, I giue to my wief my white geldinge. Item, I give to my sister fraunces my litle gilte Cuppe which I am wont to drynke Maluesaye in. Item, I give to my Cosyn William Spring and my Cosyn Thomas Poleigh, eche of them xls. to make them A Ringe. Item, to Thomas Scudamore my lackey ten shillings. Item, I give to eury one of my yeomen serv'nts that hath serued me a yere, three poundes, And to eury of my servantes of husbandrie & shepards that haue serued me a yere xxs. Item, I give to Mr. Cordell and my brother Homb'rston xx*li*. apeece for their labor and paynes and all their convenient charges, whiche two I make myne Executors, and my mother my supervisor. Item, I will myne Executors do for me at my buryall and monethe mynde as it shall seeme best by ther discretions: my plate and all the rest of my goodes not bequethed, my debtes and other Legacies p'formyd, I will shalbe evenly deuided betwene my wief and Childrn. Item, I give to George my fawkener, my buff skyne Jerken. Item, I will myne Executors fynde my yonger sonnes and my daughters vnmarrid till they be xviii yeres olde, of the Reuenues of the two partes of my Landes (yf that be not ynough, then of my goodes), every one honestlie according to my degree and with no sup'fluyte or wayne wast, p' me Rob'tum Ashefeld, p' me Thoma' Poley, p' me Henricum Walker, p' me Will'im Bonde.

WILL OF ROBERT SPRINGE.—35 ELIZABETH.

In the name of God Amen. The six and twentieth Daye of November, in the five and thirteenth yere of the Reigne of our Sovereaigne Lady Elizabeth the Quene, &c., I Robert Springe, late of Icklingham, in the County of Suff., being at this instante wholle of minde and of good and perfecte remembraunce, praised be to god, Doe ordayne, constitute, and make this my last will and Testament, and thereby Revoking and Disannulling all former wills and testaments whatsoever by me before this time made and Declared, in manner and forme followinge. first, I bequeathe my sowle into the handes of Almighty god my Savyor and Redemer, in whome I onely trust to be saved by the merites of the passion of his Deere sonne Jesus Christ, assuredly beleving thereby to haue perfecte Remission of all my sinnes, And my bodye to be buried in the Chauncell or parrishe churche of Icklingham aforesaide, or ells where it shall please god to call me to his mercye. And for the quyett staye of Anne my Lawfull wyfe, and the educac'on and bringing vpp of my children in the feare of Almighty god, and obedience of their prince and parents, and for the better execuc'on and performance of this my Last will and testament, and payment of my Debtes and Legacies herein conteyned, My will and mynde is that the saied Anne my Wyfe shall perceive, receive, and haue the Revennewes and profits of twoe partes of all my messuages, manno^{rs}.

Landes, tenements, and hereditaments, with th'appurtenances, in three partes to be Devided, situate, Lying, and being or extending within the Townes and feildes of Icklingh'm St. James, Icklingham All Saincts, Lackenheathe, Lackforde, Stowe, Elden, Erswell, Mildenhall, and Barton, or any of them, in the saide County of Suff., by what name soever the same or any of them be called or knowne, for and During the terme of fourtene yeares next after my Decease, or if neede shall so requyre vntill Thomas my eldest sonne shall or suche one other of my children whome Almighty god shall appoynte to be my next heire, shall attayne and come vnto his age of foure and twenty yeares. And after that I will the same to goe, be, and remaine to suche persons, vses, and intents, and hereafter in this my present Last will and Testament, is sett Downe and appointed, that is to saye, Aswell in recompence of the thirdes of all my Manors, Landes, Tenements, and hereditaments aforesaide, whiche by the Lawes of this Realme the saide Anne my wife is to haue after my Decease or otherwise, of suche Ioincture as heretofore I haue promised or otherwise stande bounde to assure vnto her for terme of her lyfe, That my saide wyfe at her choice shall haue after the end and expiracon of the saide fourtene yeares, or after suche tyme as my saide sonne Thomas or other next heire as is aforesaide, shall haue, accomlishe, and come to his aforesaide age of four and twenty yeares, all that my saide Capitall messuage, Scyte, and mansion howse, and all other the Howses, edyfices, and buyldings therevnto belonging, with the moity and halfe parte of all my saide Mannors, Landes, Tenements, and Hereditaments in Icklingham and other townes before remembred, whiche moiety and halfe parte of all my saide Manors Lands, tenements, and hereditaments, shalbe sett owte of all my saide Mannors, Landes, Tenements, and hereditaments, next adioyning and most convenyent to be vsed with the saied Capitall messuage or Scyte aforesaide, the same at the end of the saide fourtene yeares or age of fours and twenty yeares of my saide next heire to be agreable then sett owte and Devided by their mutuall consents and agreements or otherwise, by the consideracon and devise of twoe indifferent frends, to be by them then to be chosen, my saide wyfe to haue and enioye the saide moiety and halfe part of all my saide Manors, Lands, and tenements, together with the saide Cheife Howse, during her naturall lyfe, to her and her assignes, without Lett or interrupt'con of the saide Thomas my sonne, or other next heire, she maynteyning and keping the same in good and convenient reparac'ons and paying and discharging yearly the one halfe of the owte Rents vsuuing or going owte of the same premisses. And I will that my saide wyfe shalbe Disturbed by my saide sonne Thomas or other next heire at any time hereafter, so as he shall not or maye not quietly enioye the said moiety and halfe parte of all the saide Mannors, Lands, tenements, and hereditaments, before remembred, together with my cheife house, according to my intent and meaning herein expressed, During her naturall lyfe, That then my mynde is And I Doe will that the saide Anne my wyfe shall haue and enioye twoe partes of all my saide Mannors, Lands, tenements, and hereditaments aforesaide, in three partes to be Devided with my saide cheife howse for and During the terme of her naturall lyfe, she maynteyning and Doing as is aforesaide. And I will that my wyfe shall further betwene the age of one and twenty and foure and twenty yeares of him that shalbe my next heire, paye the som'e of forty markes of Lawfull money of England by yeare at twoe vsuall termes, viz. at the feast of the Annunciacon of our Ladye St. Marye and St. Michael Th'archangell, beginning at one of the saide feasts whiche shall first happen after his saide full age of one and twenty yeares, vntill he shall come to his age foure and twenty yeares as aforesaide, and at her lyke charges shall finde him sufficient and convenient meate and drinke and Lodging for himselfe and one man with sufficient horsemeate and stable Roome for twoe geldinges, During the saide time. And I will give and bequeathe vnto my saide sonne Thomas and his heires for ever, the moiety and other halfe parte of all my saide Mannors, Landes, and tenements in Icklingham aforesaide, to be sett owte, severed, and Devided at his saide age of foure and twenty yeares, And two geldinges, price twenty poundes, to be Delivered vnto him at his age of one and twenty yeares, together with one thousand sheepe, with six horses, geldinges, or mares for the ploughe and Cart, and threeskore Combes of Rye, and threescore combes harly, for seede for his Landes. Item, I giue and bequeathe vnto Robert, William, Nicholas, ffraunces, and Edwarde, my you'ger sonnes, to every of them the som'e of one hundreth poundes of Lawfull money of England, And also to the Childe is now withall yf it shall happen to be a man childe, Then I will that the same childe to haue the Lyke parte and porcon as before given to every of the residue of my sonnes, And if it shall happen to be a woman Childe, Then she to haue suche parte, porcon, and som'e as is hereafter bequeathed to my other twoe Daughters, to be vsed and paid

in every respect and times of payment for them Limited and appointed, The same to be Levved of my saide Lands and stock of Cattell, and other things appointed to the performauce of this my will, within suche convenyent time as maye be after my Debtes be answered, And to be employed by my saide wyfe by the advice of my supravisor of this my will, to the best benefite and to suche vse and vses as the encrease of theire saide stocks shall helpe to maynteyne and keepe them during their monage and towards suche charges as my saide wyfe shall be at for bringing them vpp in vertue and Learning, and other faculties and trades as they shall hereafter by my saide wyfe and supravisor be thoughte for them meete and convenyent to be trayned and employed in, and bettering every their porcons at every their severall full ages as convenyently may be to the Value of one hundred pounds, to be encreased to every one of them twoe, Item, I giue vnto Dorothy and Anne my Daughters, to every of them twoe hundreth poundes apeece of Lawfull englishe money, And if it shall happen to be a woman childe my wife is now withall, Then I will the same childe to haue the like porc'on and som'e as to my other Daughters is Limited and appointed by me as aforesaide, And they my saide Daughters and every of them to be paide their saide porc'ons of twoe hundreth poundes apeece, as they shall severally attayne the age of one and twenty yeares, And if they or any of them shall happen to be marryed before their saide severall ages of one and twenty yeares to the good Lyking of my saide wyfe and saide supravisor, Then I will the same porc'ons and severall som'es to be paide vnto them at their saide Dayes of mariage yf the same may then be Levved. The Residue of all my goodes and chattells whatsoever, not bequeathed, I giue and bequeathe to the saide Anne my Wyfe, whome I constitute, ordayne, and make my sole executrix of this my last will and testament, requyring her to be as goode and beneficiate vnto my saide Children over and above my saide Legacye as she conveniently maye. And I will and bequeathe some parte of my apparrell to be Distributed amongst my servants and suche other of my frendes to whome and whereas my saide wyfe hereafter as occasion shall requyre to vse them. And I Desyre my Loving Cosen Sr William Springe to be Suprauisor of this my Last will and testament, And I giue vnto him as a poore remembrance of my good will, Tenne poundes or a gelding price of tenne poundes. And my will and intent is that the saide Anne my Wyfe within one yeare next after my Decease, And at the Least before she shall take husband, shalbe come bounden to the saide Sr William Springe and to one other of her frendes or kyuredd, suche as shall make choice of my obliga'ou in the som'e of one Thowsand markes of Lawfull money of England, with condic'ou therevpon endorsed to paye my Debts and Legacis according to this my Will. Item, I give to my vncle Iohn Springe, five poundes a yeare During his naturall lyfe, to be had and taken owte of my Mannor of Sextons, in Suff. aforesaide, by even and equall porcons, viz., At the feasts of the Annunciacion of o^r Ladye St. Marye the virgin, and Saiucte Michael Th'archangell, And that it shall and maye be Lawfull for him my saide vncle to Levye and Distreyne in every parte of the saide Mannor of Sextons, for Defaulte of payment of his saide yearely Annuity. Item, I giue and bequeathe also to my sister Wolnaugh forty shillings to buye her a Ringe. In witaesse whereof vnto this my present will and Last testament I haue putt my hande and seale the Daye and yeare aforewritten, in the beginning of this saide will which conteyneth three sheetes of paper.

By me Robert Springe. Hiis testibus Rob'tus Downes, Iames Wolnaghe, Iohn Springe, Hoggen Jewell, Joh'es Iewell.

(Proved at London May 7, 1593.)

WILL OF ELIZABETH SPRINGE, OF BELSTED.—40 ELIZABETH.

In the name of God Amen. The eighteenth day of Aprill, in the fortith yeare of the Raigne of our soveraigne Ladye Queene Elizabeth, etc., I Elizabeth Springe of Belsted, in the Countie of Suffolk, wydow, doe ordayne and make this my last will and Testament, as followeth. first, I commit my soule to Almighty God, trusting by the passion of his sonne Iesus Christe my redemer, to be saved, and my bodye I woulde to be buried in the Church of the parishe where it shall please God to call me. Also I give to my sonne-in-lawe Mr. Thomas Cox, one silver salt, And to my daughter Anne his wife, five curtains of grene and yealow silke, and a Teaster for a bed embrothered wth roses. Item, I giue to Mr. Edward Wythipole a silver Tonne p'cell guilt, And to his wife my silck grograine cloak, And to Cicely Wythipole his daughter, my spruce cornet box with the lock and key thereon. Also I giue to Mr. George Brooke and his wife, thre poundes in money to buy them half a dozen of spoones, Also I giue to

Thomas Bowcher and Iames Downes, to either of them my two godchildren, thirtene shillings foure pence a peece, Also I giue to Dorcas Stannard my seruaunte, one paire of coarse new sheetes, my two cloth gownes and a kyrtle of buff, one gowne of stuffe, and another of grograine furred, my fine flaunnell pcticoate, my kirtle of grograine and a flaunnell ffeizadoe pcticoate, Alsoe I giue to the reliefe of the poore of great Wenham, five shillings. Also I giue to the poore of Tatingston, thirtene shillings foure pence. And to the box of the poore there, six shillings eighte pence, And to the poore of the parish where it shall please God to call me, five shillings. All the rest of my goodes, debtes, and chattells whatsoever vnbqueathed, I giue and bequeath them to my saide sonne Thomas Cox and Anne his wife, my daughter, whom I doe ordaine and make myne executors of this my last will and testament, prayng them both to haue an especial care for my blynd sonne Henry Springe, And to take such other with my supervisors for the providing for my saide blinde sonne as shall be thoughte most meete and convenient. And myne entent and meaning is (for far forth as I may deuise by this my last wyll), That my said executors or their assignes, or such other p'son or p'sons (as by my said executors and supervisors shall be thoughte good), shall haue the yerele receuinge of one Annuyte or rent charge of eight poundes which I purchased for the n'rall liues of my self and the saide Henry Springe and of Charles Springe deceased, for and towards the maintenance and finding of my saide blinde sonne. And of this my last wyll and testament I doe make and appointe my verye frendes Mr. George Brooke and Mr. Edwarde Wythipole, overseers, And I doe entreate them to see this my last wyll and testament well and truely performed. In witnes whereof I haue hereto set my hande and seale the day and yere first above wrytten. Item, I giue my daughter Alice Downes, a fine paire of sheetes, And to my daughter flower a paire of fine sheetes. Signid Elizabethhe Springe. This will and testament was signed and sealed by the saide Elizabethhe Springe, in p'nce of Geo. Brooke, the marke of Edward Baldrey, Samuell Carre, Dorcas Stannard.

(Proved May 2, 1605.)

WILL OF ROBERT SPRINGE, OF DARSINGHAM.—1600.

In the Name of God Amen. The Eight and Twentieth day of January, Anno d'ni A thousand Six hundred, 43 Eliz. I, Rob'te Springe of Darsingham, in ye Countie of Norff, and of the dioc. of Norwich, yeoman, beinge sicke and diseased in bodie, yet whole of mynde and of good memory, the Almightye God be prayed and thanked therefore, doe make this my last will and testament, in maner and forme followinge. first, I bequeathe my Soule into the hands of Almightye God my creator, and of Jesus Christ my redeemer, and I hope the Holie Ghost wilbe my comforter therein. Then I will my bodie to be buried in the Church or Church yarde of Darsingham aforesaide, at discretion and appointmente of my Executrix, p'swadinge my selfe that after the dep'ture of this life, I shalbe p'taker wth the faithfull of the most Ioyfull resurrection of the deade. Touchinge the disposition of my Landes, mesuages, tenements, and hereditaments, in the Countie of Essex, being free holde, vnto Elizabeth my Wife, hir Executors and Assignes, for and duringe the space of tenne whole yeares next ensuinge my death towards hir maintenance and the good education and bringinge vpp of my Children and the painmente of their legacies herein bequeathed, and I will that yf my Wife shall over lyve the saide tearme of tenne Yeares, Then she shall haue the same Landes, mesuages, tenements, and hereditaments shall descende vnto Rob'te my eldest Sonne and his heires forever. Item, I will and bequeath vnto Will'm my Sonne, vnto Henry my Sonne, vnto John my Sonne, Vnto every of them one hundred poundes of good English money, to be paide vnto them by my Executrix at their severall ages of foure and twentie yeares. Item, I giue vnto Elizabeth my daughter, vnto Joane my daughter, vnto Anne my Daughter, and vnto Suzan my daughter, vnto every of them fiftie poundes a peece, to be paide vnto them at their severall ages of two and Twentie yeares. Item, I giue vnto the Childe now my Wives Bellie, yf yt be a man Childe fyitie poundes, to be paid hir at her age of two and twentie yeares. Item, I giue vnto the poore of Darsingham Tenn shillings. Item, I giue vnto my saide wief all my goods and chattells whatsoever, towards the paymente of my debtes and Legacies. And make my sayde wief my sole executrix of this my last will and testament, requestinge her (as I fully hope she will) well and tralie to p'forme the same. ROBT'E SPRINGE.

Reade, Sealed, and delyvered by the said Rob'te Springe as his last will and testament. In the p'nce of me Will'm Pell, Henry Master, Valentine Pell, the marke of Edmonde Synner.

(Proved at London, Feb. 6, 1600.)

WILL OF CHRISTIAN SPRINGE.—1605.

In the name of God Amen, The thirteth daye of Ianuarye, in the year of the Raigne of or soveraigne Lord kinge James of England, ffrance, and Ireland the third, and of Scotland the nyne and thirth, and in the yere of or Lord God one thowsand sixe hundred and fyve, I Xristian Springe of Bury Saint Edmond, in the Countie of Suff., and within the dioces of Norwiche, widowe, beyng in good healtie of bodye and in perfect mynde and memorye (thankes be given to Almighty God), Do make, appoynte, publishe, and Declare this my present testament and last will, in manner and forme folowinge, Revoking and Disannullinge all other willes and testaments as well by writinge as nuncupative, heretofore by me made or declared. first, I bequeathe my soule into the handes of Almighty God my heauenlie father, hoping and assuredlie trusting by and throughe the merittes and mediacon of Iesus Xriste my Savyoure and Redemer, to haue free pardon and remission of all my synnes, and my body to the earth from whence yt was taken, to buried in Xp'ian Buriall within the churche yard of Clare, in the Countie of Suff. aforesayed And as concerning the Disposicon of my temporall goodes which it hath pleased God of his great goodness to lend vnto me, first I giue and bequeathe vnto the poore people of Saint Edmondes Burye, fortie shillings to be Distributed at the discretion of my executors vndernamed, within one moneth next after my decease. Item, I giue and bequeathe vnto the poore people of the towne of Clare aforesaid, other fortie shillings to be likewise Distributed at the Discretion of my saied executors, within one moneth next after my decease. Also I giue and bequeathe vnto the poore people of the towne of Poslingford, tenne shillings, And also to the poore people of the Towne of Chilton, tenne shillings, to be likewise paid and distributed by my sayed executors, in manner and forme aboue appoynted and expressed. Item, I giue and bequeathe vnto Anne Davenante, widowe, my sister, tenne shillings. Item, I giue and bequeathe vnto William Davenante, the sonne of Edward Davenante my Cozen, fortie shillings, to be paid to him by myne executors vndernamed, within three monethes next after my Deceasse. Item, I giue and bequeathe vnto my Cozen Edward Davenante, other fyve poundes, to be likewise payed within the tyme last afore specified by my saied executors. Item, I giue and bequeathe vnto Anna Vnderwood and Temperance Vnderwood, the Daughters of John Vnderwood and Temperance his wife, to either of them fiftie shillings a peece, to be payed vnto them and either of them at their seuerall ages of one and twentie yeres; and in the meane tyme the same to be ymployed to their vse and best benefit by my executors vndernamed. Item, I giue and bequeathe vnto Mary Aliston of Heveningham, fiftie poundes, to be paid by my sayed Executors within one yere next after my deceasse. Item, I giue and bequeathe vnto Iohn Aliston, the sonne of the saied Iohn Aliston of Heveningham, my greatest brasse pott, my greatest brasse kettle, and my greatest cheste. Item, I giue and bequeathe vnto Mary Aliston, one of the daughters of the aforesaid Iohn Aliston the father, one Siluer spoone, one feather bed, one feather bolster, one feather pillowe, and a litle cheste. Item, I giue and bequeathe vnto the saied Mary Aliston, the Daughter of the aforesaid Iohn Aliston the father, and to Anne Aliston and Susan Aliston the sisters of the sayed Mary, all my Lynnen and all other my household stuff whatsoeuer which ys not herein before by me given and bequeathed, to be equallie parted and Deuided amongst them by my saied executors. Item, I giue and bequeathe vnto my Cosen Thomas Humfrey, ffyve poundes, to be paid by myne executors vnderwritten, within six monethes next after my Deceasse. Item, I giue and bequeathe vnto my cosin Simon Humfrey, fyve poundes, to be likewise payed by myne executors vndernamed, within sixe monethes next after my decease. Item, I giue and bequeathe vnto the children of Margery Markes, the wife of . . . Markes, the somme of ffyve poundes to be equally parted and deuided amongst them all. And euery of his, her, or their parte and portion thereof I will shalbe payed vnto him, her, or them, as they shall attayne to their seuerall ages of one and twentie yeres, and in the meane tyme to be ymployed to their vse and best benefit by myne Executors vndernamed. Item, I giue and bequeathe vnto my Cozen William Puttoe, the Somme of ffyve poundes, to be paid by my saied Executors within sixe Monethes next after my deceasse. Item, I giue and bequeathe vnto Elizabeth Puttoe, the daughter of the aforesayed William Puttoe, three shillings and fower pence. Item, I giue and bequeathe vnto Elizabeth Griggs my cozen, fyve poundes, to be paid by my saied executors within sixe monethes next after my deceasse. Item, I giue and bequeathe vnto my Cosin Margaret Lynge the wife of William Lynge, fyve poundes, to be likewise paid by my saied Executors vndernamed, within sixe Monethes next after my

decease. The Rest and Residue of all my moueable goods, plate, money, and Chattells whatsoeuer, of what name, nature, kinde, qualitie, or Condition soener the same be called or knowen by, and not herein before by me giuen and bequeathed (my debtes beyng payed, my fun'all Expenses discharged), And the Legaceys herein before by me giuen, particularly payed, satisfied, and Deducted, I whollie, freellie, and eleereleie giue and bequeathe vnto Silvester Strutt my cozen, and Anne Ashwell, I do nominate, make, and appoynte to be executors of this my present Testament and last will, nothing doubting but according to my truste in them reposed, they will faithfullie and carefullie performe and fulfill the same. And I do for their helpe herein neterminate and appoynte the aforesaied Stephen Ashwell and Iohn Aliston th'elder, Superuiseurs of this my saied last will and testament. In witness whereof I haue to euerye leafe of this my saied last will, conteyning in number fyve, setto my hande and scale the Daye and yere first abouewritten, in the presence of Stephen Ashwell, Edmend Howe, William Cage, and Anthony Adam. Signum Steph'i Ashwell, Signum Ed'i Howe, William Cage.

(Proved June 28, 1610.)

ANNA SPRINGE.—1630.

Secundo die emanavit Com'issio Ioh'i Springe filio Anne Springe nuper de villa Gipwici, in Com. Suff., viduæ defunctæ, habentis, etc., ad administrandum bona jura et credita dictæ defunctæ. De bene etc. jurato.

ACTON REGISTERS.

MARRIAGES.

Sir Wm. Spring, Bart. and Sarah da. of Sir Robert Cordell, Bart. (his second wife),
3 February, 1667.

THEYDON MOUNT REGISTERS, ESSEX.

MARRIAGE.

1 November, 1610. William Springe, Esq. and Elizabeth, eldest daughter of Sir William Smith, Knt.

FAKENHAM REGISTERS.

Franey's Springe, daughter of Sir William Springe, Knt., and Elizabeth his lady, bapt.
22 April, 1619.

KETTLEBASTON REGISTERS.

Bridget Spring, da. of Robert & Elizabeth Spring, bapt. 13 February, 1626.

NORTON REGISTERS.

Elizabeth Spring, da. of Robert and Katherine, bapt. 29 January, 1640.

Jane Spring, daughter of Robert, buried 12 February, 1641.

Elizabeth Spring, daughter of Robert, buried 11 June, 1649.

THORP MGRIEUX REGISTERS.

Mr. Thomas Spryng, gent. & Mrs. Penelope Risbie, married 1 Sept., 1619.

STANTON ALL SAINTS REGISTERS.

Mrs. Anne Spring, da. of Sir William Spring, Kt., bapt. 2 January, 1611.

William Spring, son of Do., bapt. 17 Dec., 1612.

William Spring, son of Do., bapt. 13 March, 1613.

ACCOUNT OF THE SPRING FAMILY

(From the Jermyn and Davy Collections).

The name and origin of the family of Spring is presumed by some to be derived from an ancestor seated at Houghton le Spring, in Durham. The first traces of them in the County of Suffolk being found by an act of public charity in re-edifying the parish Church of Lavenham. In this town the first recorded members of the family were eminent wool merchants. Thomas Spring, son of Thomas and Agnes, has a monument erected to his memory in Lavenham Church, with his effigies and those of his wife and children, in brass; his father deceased in 1440, 18 Henry VI., as appears by Baldwin's *MS. Register*. In the inscription on his monument, it is stated that he built the vestry of the church where he lies interred. Thomas Spring died Sept. 7, 1486, 2 Henry VII., and left by Margaret his wife, two sons, Thomas, James, and Cæcilia.

James, the 2d son, was slain in a fight between Lavenham and Brent Eleigh, in 1493, and lies buried in Lavenham vestry.

Weever mentions a James Spring, who died in 1483, and gives the following inscription:—

Orate pro anima Jacobi Spring, qui obiit iij die Augusti, mccccclxxxiii, cujus anime propitiatur Deus, Amen.

Thomas, the eldest son of Thomas Spring, inherited together with his father's estates the same charitable disposition, having been a great benefactor to Lavenham Church, by building the greater part of the steeple, the great chapel on the south, and after-



Three varieties of the Spring Badge or Cloth Mark, at the base of the tower of Lavenham church.

wards the carved chapel on the north, where he lies interred. He died in 1518. Thomas Spring was twice married: first to Alice, daughter of Thomas Appleton, Esq., and afterwards to Anne, daughter of — King, of Boxford, Esq.; by his first wife he had issue two sons and two daughters.

Arms:—Spring impaling Appleton, Argent, a bear salient Sable, ducally crowned Or.

From Sir Thomas Gage, Bart., of Hengrave, I (Mr. Jermyn) was informed in 1816, that the arms of Appleton (given above), were once upon a brass plate and are still to be seen on an altar tomb impaled with Spring, in Rushbrook Church.

The children of Thomas Spring and Alice Appleton, were Sir John Spring, Kt.; Robert Spring; Anne, wife of Sir William Jermyn of Rushbrooke, Knt.; and Rose Spring, married to Gibbon of Lynn.

John, son and heir of Thomas Spring and Alice Appleton, had the honour of Knight-hood conferred on him by Henry VIII. His wife was Dorothy, daughter of Sir William Waldegrave of Smallbridge, in Suffolk, Kt., by whom he had issue one son and two daughters, William, Frances, and Bridget. Sir John Spring died February 12, 2 Edw. VI., and was buried at Hitcham. Weever gives the following inscription:—

Hoc tegitur saxo Johannes Spring, qui quidem Johannes obiit duodecimo die mensis Augusti, anno a Christo nato MDLVIII cujus anime propitiatur Deus, Amen.

Robert Spring, the second son of Thomas Spring and Alice Appleton, lived at Lavenham, married Anne, daughter of Thomas Eden of the same place, Esq., an ancient family of Knight's degree, seated at Sudbury; where, after the reformation, they became possessed of the monastery, together with the lands belonging to it. They held also the manors of St. Cleere and Netherhall, with lands in Weston, Hepworth, and Stanton. Robert had several children, and probably from him descended Edward Spring, who married Katherine, daughter of Sir Thomas Lovell, Knt. (ob. 12 December, 1604),

and widow of Sir Thomas Knevet, of Buckenham Castle. After the death of Edward Spring, she married secondly Edward Downes, Esq. Robert Spring died April 3, 1550, 3 Edw. VI., possessed of the manor of Molton, in Norfolk.

Bridget, daughter of Robert Spring of Lavenham, married Thomas, son and heir of Anthony Thwaites, * of Hardingham, in Norfolk, by whom she had Anthony Thwaites, eldest son and heir

Charles Clere, † Esq., in 1552 Lord of Stokesby, in Norfolk, married Mary, daughter of Robert Spring of Lavenham, by whom he had Thomas Clere, Esq., and Charles Clere, who married Elizabeth, daughter of William Drury, Esq., of Bretts Hall, in Tendring, Essex, LL.D., and Judge of the Prerogative Court.

Elizabeth, daughter of Robert Spring of Lavenham, married John Jenney of Great Cressingham, in Norfolk, by whom she had William Jenney, Lord of the Maner of Great Cressingham, in 1571. After the death of John Jenney, Elizabeth, his widow, married Edward Flood, Esq. On a marble gravestone in Gt. Cressingham Church, is a brass portraiture of a lady, with the following inscription:—

Hic in resurrectionis spe requiescit Elizabetha Fludd, uxor Edwardi Fludd, serenissimæ Elizabethæ Reginae Ante Ambulonis quæ prius fuerat uxor Johannis Jenny armigeri. Obdormiuit in Christo die xvij Februarij, anno salutis 1588.

And on another brass plate the arms of *Flood* impaling *Spring*;—



Flood, quarterly 1 and 4, Vert, a chevron between three wolves' heads erased Or; 2 and 3, three boars' heads fessways coupé, two and one impaling *Spring*.

Rose, second daughter of Thomas Spring and Alice Appleton, married — Gibbon ‡ of Lynn Regis, in Norfolk, Esq. In the Library of Caius College, Cambridge, is a genealogical MS. containing a pedigree of this family, of whom John Guybon was living at Lynn, in 14 Edw. II.

Sir William Spring, son and heir of Sir John, was a minor at the time of his father's death, and in 2 Edw. VI. that King granted to Edmund Wright, Esq., of Bradfield, the custody and marriage of William Spring, aged 14 years and a half; Margaret, Countess of Bath, in the following year, gave Edmund Wright 400 marks for the marriage of his ward with her daughter, Anne Kytson.

The Countess of Bath, by her will dated 10 Dec., 1561, gave to her daughter Anne Spring, £40, one gown, one kirtle, one brooch, one brilliant, and her tablet with sapphire, and all her household stuffe which was the late Earl's, and which sometime remained at his house in Holborne, and was then at her son's house in Milk St.; to John Spring her son, threescore pounds, at his age of 21 years; in case of his death before that age, she gave the same to her daughter Spring.

Sir William Spring surviving his first marriage, took to wife secondly Susan, daughter of Sir Ambrose Jermyn of Rushbrook, Kt., and died in the year 1599, leaving issue one son and four daughters, John Spring; Anne, wife of Thomas Hinson; Dorothy, married to Edmund Jermyn of Stauton, fourth son of Sir Ambrose Jermyn, and brother of Lady Spring.

* *Arms*:—Argent, on a fess between three fleurs de lis Gules, as many bezants.

† *Arms*:—Argent, on a fess Azure, three eagles displayed Or.

‡ *Arms*:—Or, a lion rampant Sable, debriused by a bend Gules charged with three escallops Argent.

John Spring, Esq., son and heir of Sir William Spring and Anne Kitson, married Mary, daughter of Sir John Trelawny of Cornwall, Kt., by whom he left an only son, and died at Pakenham, in the year 1601.

In some pedigrees Mrs. Spring is said to have been an heiress, which cannot be true, as her father John Trelawny of Pool, married Anne, 5th daughter and co-heiress of William Reskymer, by whom he had one daughter Mary, and two sons John and Jonathan. After the death of John Spring, his widow married to Sir Robert Gardiner, Kt.

Anne Spring, the eldest daughter of Sir William and Anne Spring, his first wife, married Thomas Hinson, and lies with her husband in Tawstock Church, Devonshire, where is a mural monument over the south door, on which are two kneeling figures with three shields, bearing on the first the Arms of Hinson, Azure, a chevron betw. 3 suns Or; 2dly, the same impaling *Spring*; and on the third, the Coat of Spring alone; the first coat much defaced. The inscription is divided by a line in the centre as follows:—

Here lieth ye Bodies of Thos. Hinson, Esqr., & Anne His Wife. This Thos. Hinson was borne at Fordham, in Cambridgeshire, & was Master of Arts, & sometime Fellow of Caius Coll., in Cambridge, & Tutor to Right Honble Willm Earle of Bathe, under whom He bore afterwards divers offices, & was until His Death Surveyor & Receiver General of all His landes & Revenues, & likewise in Commissⁿ of ye Peace for Cy of Devon, & died xviii of April, 1614.

Anne was ye eldest daughter of Sir Willm. Springe, Knt., & Cosyne German to the Earl of Bathe now living. She had issue by ye said Thos. Hinson five sonnes & nyne Daughters, whereof are surviving vi, viz. Willm. Thomas Margaret, Ellinor, Elizabeth, & Rebekah. The sd Anne died in ye true Faith of Christ, ye Seaventh of May, Anno Dom. 1600.

REGISTER OF BURIALS.—PARISH OF TAWSTOCK.

Maye 13, 1600. Mystris Anna Hynson, the wyfe of Mr. Thomas Hynson, Esqr., was buried.

April 21, 1614. The Right worshipfull Thomas Hinson, Esqre., buried.

William, son and heir of John Spring, Esq. and Mary Trelawny, had the honor of Knighthood conferred upon him by King James I. He married the daughter of Sir William Smith of Mount Hall, in Essex, by whom he had issue five daughters and two sons; William Spring, the eldest son, died an infant; the 2d son, also named William, succeeded his father; Anne, the eldest daughter, married Sir Thomas Gaudy; Bridget, the 2d, married James Hobart, Esq.; Frances Spring, the 3d daughter, died an infant; Elizabeth, 4th daughter, married John Sedley, Esq.; and Dorothy, the youngest, to Thomas Drake of London, gent.



Seal of Sir William Spring, * Kt.

Anne Spring, eldest daughter of Sir William Spring, married Sir Thomas Gaudy of Gawdy Hall, in the parish of Redenhall, in Norfolk, where this family were seated by purchasing the manor of Coldham Hall of the Norths, and also the manor of Holbrook, and having pulled down the old mansion house erected the seat now called Gawdie Hall. In 1510, John Gawdie of Harleston, was buried in Redenhall Church, from whom descended Sir Thomas Gawdy.

Bridget Spring, 2d daughter, married James Hobart of Langley, in Norfolk, Esq. In the chancel of Mendham Church is a stone on which are the arms of Hobart with a crescent for difference, and the following inscription:—

Hic expectant secundum Christi adventum
Reliquiæ Jacobi Hobart Armigeri et
Filiî unci Edwardi Hobart dum vixit
De Langley in Agro Norfolkienſi Armigeri
Qui vitâ per quinquaginta et septem annos pie

* From a letter in the *Winthrop Collection*.

Et juste et sobrio peractâ patriam repetiit
 Vicesimo die Augusti Anno Redemptoris 1669
 Cujus felici memoriæ castissima illius uxor
 Bridgetta Gulielmi Spring nuper de
 Pakenham in Suffoleia militis filia hoc
 Monumentum sacravit.

An adjoining stone bath the arms of Hobart and Spring:—

Resurrectionem in Christo hic expectat Brigetta Jacobi Hobart arm. relicta filiaque
 Gulielmi Spring nuper de Pakenham, in agro Suffolciensi militis, quæ dum vixit
 pietatem coluit & 26^o die Januarii placidè in domino obdormivit anno salutis
 1671. Vivit post funera virtus.

Elizabeth, the fourth daughter of Sir Wm. Spring, married to John Sedley, Esq., of
 Barford and Morley. In the chancel of Barford Church is the following inscription:—

Here lyeth Elizabeth, ye wife of John Sedley of Barford, in the county of Nor-
 folk, Esqr., Daughter of Sir William Springe of Pakenham, in the County of
 Suffolk, she departed the 24th day of November, A.D. 1679, ætatis 57.

Here lieth John Sidley of Barford, in this County, Esqr., who departed this life
 September the 28th, A.D. 1681, ætatis suæ 71.

Arms:—Azure, a fess wavy, between three goats' heads erased Argent.

This family is descended from the Sedleys of Southfleet, in Kent. In the arms of
 Spring on the monument, the chevron is engrailed and charged with the cinquefoils.

Dorothy, the 5th and youngest daughter of Sir William Spring, married Thomas
 Drake of London, Gent.

Sir William Spring, 2d son and eventually heir of his father Sir William, was
 knighted by Charles I., and created a Baronet August 11, 1641. He married Elizabeth
 daughter of Sir Hamond Lestrange of Hunstanton, in Norfolk, by whom he had issue
 William, his heir; Thomas, who died unmarried; and John, who died young; and 3
 daughters, Elizabeth, the eld. daughter, died unmarried; Catherine, the 2d da., married
 Captain Lawrence; and Dorothy, the youngest, to Sir Christopher Calthorpe, Knt. of
 the Bath. Sir Wm. Spring died the 7th of December, A. D. 1654, and is buried in
 Pakenham Church, with the following inscription to his memory:—

Hic jacet

Dns. Gulielmus Spring, Baronettus,
 In Deum
 In Parentes } Pietate spectabilis
 In Patriam }
 mira dulcedine morum omnibus charus
 Elizabetha moerens insignis amoris ergo

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Obiit 17^{mo} die Decembris, 1654.

Lady Spring survived her husband 24 years; a picture of her, painted in her widow's
 weeds, was given to me (G. B. J.), in March, 1816, by John Godbold, Esq., who brought
 it from the mansion house at Pakenham; he had burnt 16 large family pictures of the
 Spring family.

This lady died March 21, 1678, and is buried at Pakenham, in the Register of which
 parish her interment is thus noted:—

The old Lady Elizabeth Spring, died March 21st buried March 23, 1679.

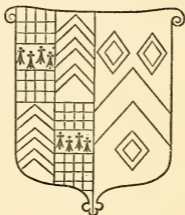
A monument is erected to her memory, with the following inscription, under a shield
 bearing Spring, with an inescutcheon of *Ulster* impaling *L'estrange*.

Domina Elizabetha Spring
 nata Hamoni Le Strange militi 10 Martij
 1613 Uxor Gulielmi Spring, Baronetti
 Mater Gulielmi Spring, Baronetti,
 Et Dorotheæ nuptæ Christophero
 Calthorp militi Balnei quos solos
 ex octo liberis sui superstites
 reliquit femina æquis dotibus
 corporis ingenii gratiæ a Deo dum
 vixit ditata ab omni bono colenda
 nunc pie lugenda post 64 annos
 quibus vitæ hujus ærumnas
 fortitudine vere piâ, vere Christiana

toleraverat in beatam assumitur
 21 die Martij, 1678,
 Cujus Memoriam Sacrum hoc
 marmor posuit Domina Sarah
 Spring nurus digna, et omni pio
 Seculo Memoranda.

Catherine Spring, the second daughter of Sir William Spring and Elizabeth Lestrangle, married Captain Lawrence, whose family were seated at Brockdish. Oliver Lawrence created a Banneret by the Duke of Somerset, before Roxburgh, in 1547, was of this family, which was originally of Buckinghamshire; they were seated at Brockdish, by purchase of Francis le Grice. Robert Lawrence, father of Robert who built the Hall, was the first resident there, about 1600. After the death of Captain Lawrence, his widow re-married with John Palgrave of Norfolk, Esq.

Dorothy, 3d and youngest da. of Sir Wm. Spring and Elizabeth Le Strange, married to Sir Christopher Calthorpe, Knt. of the Bath, son of James Calthorpe, Esq., of East Barsham, Norfk., by Catherine his second wife, da. of Sir Edward Lewkenor of Denham, Suffolk. Sir Christopher had one son, Christopher, who died before his father, in 1713, Sir Christopher dying in 171½, February the 7th. Christopher Calthorpe, Esq., left one son Christopher, who died aged 13, in 1723. On a stone in centre aisle of Fakenham Church, Norfk., is the follows inscription:—

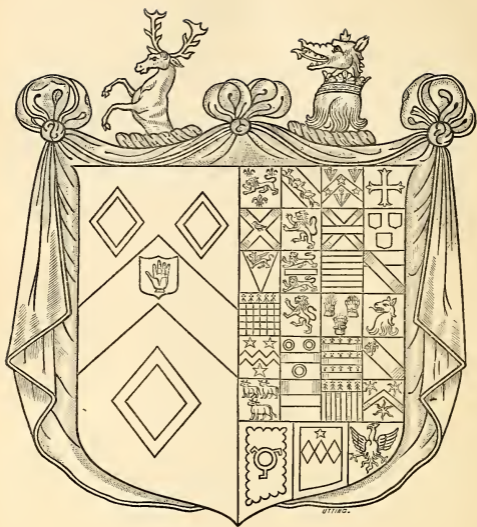


Dame Dorothy Calthorp, only surviving
 Daught^r of Sir Wm. Spring of Pakenham in
 the County of Suff., Bart., and Dame Elisab.
 his Wife, and the Sole and for her Singular
 Virtues most intirely beloved Wife of Sr.
 Christoph^r Calthorp, from y^e 19th of Sept., 1664
 To the 7th of Feb., 1715, when it pleased God to
 put a period to her Life, having been y^e
 Mother of ffourteen Children, viz., Nine
 Daughters and Five Sonns, of which Six
 Daughters and all the Sonns deceas'd
 before her whose Dust rests by hers in
 this Isle or the Contiguous Church Yard,
 in Hopes of a joyfull Resurrection.

The Names of the deceased:—

Daughters	Sonns.
Mary Calthorp.	Jas. Calthorp, s.p.
Barbar. Calthorp.	Chr. Calthorp, s.p.
Doroth. Calthorp.	Hen. Calthorp, s.p.
Alice Calthorp.	Chr. Calthorp, s.p.
Barb. Calthorp.	Calth. an infa.
Jane Calthorp.	

Nat. Sept. 19, 1648, Mort. 7 Feb., 171½.



Arms of *Spring* impaling *North*, incised on a black slab in Pakenham church, commemorating Mary, the daughter of Sir Dudley North, and wife of Sir William Spring, Bart.

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Sir William Spring, son and heir of Sir William Spring and Elizabeth Le Strange, married Mary, daughter of Sir Dudley North, Kt. of the Bath, who died not long after the birth of her first child, which soon followed its mother to the grave.

She is buried in the chancel of Pakenham Church, beneath a black slab, on which is the following inscription, under a shield bearing *Spring* impaling *North* of 27 coats:—

In Memoriam Mariæ Filiae Dvdleij,
 Primogeniti Baronis North de Kirtling
 Gvlielmus Spring Baronetus Sponsus
 Præcharus Pie posvit
 Hic Pretiosa iacet Northis Prognata Maria
 Ingenio pollens provida casta pia
 conjugio felix et matris Nomine Læta
 Mors cita cum solvit vincula Sacra Tori
 Nil obstant species virtus et sana juventus
 Cum rapit e vivis Numinis ira pios
 Obiit unici Filij Gulielmi
 Genetrix 23 Octobris Anno
 Dni 1662.

Sir William Spring, after the death of his first wife, married with Sarah, daughter of Sir Robert Cordell of Melford Hall, Suffolk, Bart., by whom she had yssue several children, many of whom died in infancy. In the Register of Pakenham are the following entries:—

William, son of Sir Wm. and Dame Sarah Spring, born 27 Oct., bapt. Nov. 7, 1671.

Sarah Spring, bapt. Augt. the 2nd, 1670, burd. Feb. 9, 1671.

William, eld^t son of Sir Wm. Spring, buried March 29, 1673.

Mary Spring, born and bapt. Oct. 18, burd. Nov. 25, 1678.

Sarah Spring, bapt. Jan. 30, 1676.

Thomas, son of Sir Wm. Spring and Lady Sarah, a Fellow of Caius College, Cambridge, was buried May 18, 1677.

Of the children of Sir Wm. Spring who survived their father, Sir Thomas, the eldest, succeeded to his title and estate; John, the second son, married Miss Nightingale, and on the death of his nephew without heirs male, became a Baronet. Sarah, the daughter of Sir William and Dame Sarah Spring, married John Macky, Esq.

Sir William died April 30, and was buried in the chancel of Pakenham Church, May 3, 1684.

On a flat stone is the following inscription:—

Memoriæ Sacrum
 Domini Gulielmi Spring Baronetti
 Ingenti Ingenio
 Suavissimis moribus viri
 Qui die Maij, 1642 natus
 et 30 Aprilis, 1684 denatus
 Hic jacet sepultus
 vxores duxit
 Primam Mariam Dudlei North
 De Kirtling Baronis
 Filiam natu maximam
 Fæminam lectissimam
 Alteram Saram Roberti Cordell
 De Melford, Baronetti,
 Filiam etiam natu maximam
 conjugem optimam
 Quæ non integra conjugis superstes
 Hoc mœrens posuit.

Lady Spring was buried in Pakenham Church, August 5, 1689. On a slab in the chancel, is this inscription to her memory:—

Here lyeth Interred ye Body of ye Lady
 Sarah Spring, Second wife of Sr. William
 Spring Bart., and Daughter to Sr. Robert
 Cordell Bart., of Melford Hall. She
 died ye 2nd of August, 1689.

Sarah Spring, da of Sir Wm. Spring and Sarah Cordell, was born in 1676, and married to John Macky, Esq., of the kingdom of Scotland. This Lady lies buried at Pakenham, in the chancel of which church is the following inscription to her memory :—

Here lyes Sarah Mackey
the Only Daughter of
Sr. William Spring of Pakenham
and Wife to John Macky, Esqr.,
Director of the Pacquet boats at
Dover, who Died at Dover on ye
Fifteenth Day of September 1698,
and left one Son, Spring Macky,
in the 22nd year of her age.

There is a picture of this lady in the possession of the Reverend W. J. Spring Casborne of Pakenham.

Sir John Spring, 2nd son of Sr. Wm. Spring and Sarah Cordell, was born January 14, bapt. Feb. 5, 1673, he married Elizabeth, da. of Joseph Nightingale of Cambridge-shire, by her he left six children, viz., John, Cordell, Charles, James, Sarah, and Mary. James and Charles died unmarried.

Cordell Spring married Miss Bird of London, having issue a son and daughter. In this son and his decendants provided he left issue the Baronetage is now vested.

Sarah Spring married Henry Scaife of Suffolk, and had issue two sons and a daughter.

John Spring, the eldest son of John Spring and Elizab. Nightingale, succeeded his father in the title. Upon the death of Sir William, the son and heir of Sir Wm. Spring and Sarah Cordell, without issue, the Baronetage fell to John Spring, but the estates went to the heirs female.

Sir John Spring died in May, 1740.

Sir Thomas Spring, Bart, eldest son and heir of Sir Wm. Spr., mar^d the Honble. Merilina, da. and one of the co-heirs of Thomas Lord Jermyn, Baron of Bury, by whom he had 3 sons and 6 daughters. Thomas and Jermyn who died young, William who succeeded to the Baronetage, Merelina who died an infant, Delariviere died unmarried, and Mary who married the Reverend Mr. Symonds.

Sir Thomas Spring died in 1704, and is buried in Pakenham Church ; on his monument is the following inscription :—

Here Lyeth the Body of
Sr. Thomas Spring
Baront.
who departed this life April ye 2d,
1704
Aged 32 years.

Above the monument are the arms of *Spring* impaling *Jermyn*, and bearing the same arms on an escocheon of pretence.

In Pakenham Church are the following inscriptions to the memory of the children of Sir Thomas Spring :—

Here Lyeth the Body of Penelope
ye daughter of Sr. Thomas Spring
Baront. and Merilina Lady Spring
his wife, who departed this
Life Febr. ye 4th, 1707,
Aged 7 years and 4 months.

Here lyeth ye Body of
Jermyn Spring ye son
of Sr. Thomas Spring, Bart.
and Lady Merielina his
wife. He dyed ye 17th of
June, 1692.

Also Thomas Spring their
son, Dyed April ye 27th
Day, 1694,

Also Mericlina Spring
their Daughter, Dyed
October ye 20th Day
1694.

Lady Spring was born at Rushbrooke, and is thus registered :—Merilina, the daughter of Thomas Jermin, Esquire, and Mary his wife, was bapt. the 16th Day of January, anno. dni 1672.

She was also married in the same church, as is shewn by the following entry ;— Thomas Spring of Pakenham, in Suffolk, Baronet, and Mrs. Merilina Jermyn, ye youngest daughter of ye Rt. Hon. Thomas Lord Jermyn, by Mary his wife, were married with Licence in the parish Church of Rushbrooke, upon May 28, 1691.

After the death of Sir Thomas Spring, her Ladyship married Sir William Gage, by whom she had no issue, after this marriage she resided at Hengrave with her daughters.

Lady Gage was buried in Pakenham Church, with the following inscription to her memory :—

H. S. E.
Honorabilis D^{na} Merelina Gage,
Prænobilis Thomæ Doⁿⁱ Jermyn
Baronis de Burgo S^{ti} Edm^{di} Filia natu minima
Quæ Primis Nuptiis Dⁿⁱ Tho. Spring
Alteris D^{no} Gul. Gage Bartⁱ Sociata est
Illustris utiq' Fæmina
Sive natalium Splendorem
Sive Antiquos mores Spectemus
Mansuetum & enave Ingenium quas ex traduce
Exceptit
Hoc jugiter excoluit commisitq' Sedulo
Ut Sua erga inopes Charitas
Benignitas erga omnes uberrime constaret
Nec Minus eluxit Singularis in Deum Pietas
Hisce Virtutibus instincta
Illum Fælicitatis anhela vit portum
Ex quo perennis Charitas nunquam Effluet
obiit 29^o die Aug., A. D. MDCCLXXVII,
A. Etat. 52.

Sir William Spring, Bart., the only son and successor of Sir Thomas, died unmarried in 1736, and is buried in Pakenham Church, where the following inscription to his memory is placed :—

Depositum
Dⁿⁱ Gulielmi Spring Bartⁱ
Filij Doⁿⁱ Thomas Spring Bartⁱ
Et Honbilis D^{na} Merrelinae ejus conjugis
vixit annos XL
Obiit Id. Mart.
A. D. MDCCLXXXVI.

Near the above, is the following memorial to the memory of Henrietta Maria, and Delariviere Spring, the sisters of Sir Wm. Spring :—

H. S. S.
Henrietta Maria et Delariviera Spring
Natæ ex Thoma Spring, Bart^o
Et Merrilina illustri Ejus Conjuge

Illa } Hæc }	obiit	Jan xxii } Feb 1 }	MDCCLXXXIII	{ ætat : xxx xxvii
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Upon the death of Sir William, the Baronetage was inherited by his uncle, Sir John Spring, but the estates descended to his surviving sisters, Mrs. Symonds and Mrs. Discipline, whose heirs divided the property.

The mansion house was pulled down, and the site sold to Lord Calthorpe; a smaller

seat in the same parish of Pakenham still remains, being the property of the Reverend W. J. Spring Casborne, to whom it descended from the Symonds family.

Sir John Spring, the last Baronet, was the son of Sir John Spring, and Elizabeth Nightingale, he succeeded on the death of his father.

In the *Cambridge Chronicle* of Aug. 6—1769, is this article among the deaths.

“At his House in Vere Street, Oxford Row, Sir John Spring, Bart., of Pakenham, in Suffolk, aged near 70, dying without issue, he left the bulk of his fortune to his widow.”

PAKENHAM CHURCH.—MONUMENTAL INSCRIPTIONS.

Here lyeth the body of Hamon
Le Strange, Esqr Who departed
The 7th of August,
1660.

Here lyeth interred the Body of
Mary Le Strange, the first Wife of
Hamon Le strange, the younger, Esqr
Who departed the 2nd of
September,
1667.

Her life was short, the longer is her rest,
God calls them sooner whom he loveth best.

Sacred to the Memory
of Mary Symonds,
Relict of John Symonds, D.D.,
and last Surviving Daughter
of Sr Thomas Spring, Bart^t
and Merelina Spring, of this Parish.
She was born in 1698,
and died in the
Sixty Seventh year of her Age.

Sacred
To the Memory of John Symonds, D.D.,
who died the 12th of October, 1757,
in the 61st year of His Age.

Sacred
Also to ye Memory of Anna Maria Symonds,
who died the 11th of January, 1758,
In the 16th year of her Age.

Thomae Discipline, Arm.
Marito Charissimo
et Optimo Civi
Ob. Egregia erga Se et Rempub. Merita
P
Merilina una e Cohæredibus
Dni Gul. Spring Bartⁱ
Vix Ann LV.
Obiit xviii Cal. April.
MDCCLII.

Near this place
Lyes the Body of
Mrs. Discipline,
Relict of Thomas Discipline, Esqr.,
and Daughter of Sr. Thomas Spring, Bart.
She dyed 6th Novr., 1761,
aged 66 years.

Underneath this Chancel
are interred the remains of
John Symonds, of St. Edmund's Hill, Esqr., LL.D.,
Barrister at Law, Professor of Modern History in the University
of Cambridge,
and Recorder of the Borough of Bury St. Edmund's.
He died on the 18th day of February, 1807,
in the 78th year of his Age.
He was the elder son of John Symonds, D.D.,
and of Mary his wife, the younger daughter and co-heir
of Sir Thomas Spring, formerly of Pakenham Hall, in this parish, Bart.
Here also lie the remains
of Delariviere Casborne, their only surviving daughter,
She wife of the Revd. John Casborne, B.A.,
Rector of Drinkstone, and Vicar of Old Newton and of this Parish.
She died Jan. 9th, 1773, aged 40 years,
and was buried by the side of her father and mother.
Hoc marmor de se bene merentibus posuit G. J. S. C.,
x Kal. Januar., MDCCCLXXVI.

John Spring Casborne, Clk.,
of New House, in this Parish,
died on the 18th of May, 1822,
in the 64th year of his age,
and was buried with his forefathers in this Chancel.
Frances, his wife,
daughter of Edmund Rogers of Walsham le Willows,
died May 13, 1808, aged 45 years.
This tablet is inscribed to the Memory
of exemplary parents
by the desire of their seven surviving children.

Cole's Collections, vol. xxxi.

The following half sheet of paper was given to me by Sir John Spring, Bart., in the year 1747, in order, as his desire was, for me to transmit it to the authors of the Baronetage in case of a new edition. But I was unacquainted with any of them. Sir John was a very worthy good sort of man; but the title coming to him without any estate and without any prospect of it, he had been brought up in the family of Charles Duke of Somerset, Chancellor of the University of Cambridge, to whom he was a domestic, and from him had an annuity or pension; as had his wife, who was a domestic of the Duchess, from her Grace. They had no children, and are both living, I think, this Oct., 1763, at their house in Bolton St., Piccadilly, where I have often seen him as also at Cambridge, with Mr. Riste, with whom he was much acquainted. The Will was also given to me by Sir John Spring, at the same time. I suppose Mrs. Rutter was his great-grandmother. It is an original, on a sheet of thick paper.

In the last edition of the Baronetage, are several mistakes, as will be seen by comparing this account with the present one, and Pedigrees are things of no use, if not quite exact.

Sr. Thomas Spring had a brother and sister: his sister named Sarah, was married to Capt. Macky of Scotland, and had by him a son named Spring Macky, who survived his father and mother, and is now married to

Sir Thomas Spring marr^d Merelina, da. of Ld. Jermyn; she after marr^d Sir Wm. Gage; and she left by Sir Thomas Spring one son and 4 daughters, 2 died unmarried, and 2 are married; Merelina to Thos. Discipline, Esq., and Mary to John Symonds, D.D., as is ment^d in the printed acct.

Sr. Wm. his son, died unm., and on his death, the title devolved on his uncle who died in May, 1740. This Sir John Spring mar. Mary Nightingale, the da. of Joseph Nightingale of Cambridge, and by her left 6 children, viz., John, Cordell, Charles, James, Sarah, and Mary: James and Charles are dead unm.; Cordell is mar. to Ann, da. of Bird of London, and has a son and a da.; Sarah is marr. to Henry Scaife of Suff., and has 2 sons and a da.; Mary is yet unmarr^d.

Sir John Spring, the present Bart., is mar. to Anne, da. of Charlea Barlow of Work-sop in Nottinghamshire, but at present has no issue.

SPRING PEDIGREE,

As recorded in the original Visitation of 1561.

Thomas Springe of Lenham, married to his first wyfe — daught^r of — Apulton, & had by her yssue Sr. John Springe sonne & heire, Robert Springe second sonne, — married to Sir Thomas Jermyn Knight, — married to — Gybbon of Norff.

Robert Springe, second sonne to Thomas, married Anne, daughter of Thomas Eden of London, & had by her yssue Thomas Springe sonne & heire, Nycholas Springe seconde sonne, Jeromye third sonne, Robert fourth sonne, John fifth sonne, Stephen sixth sonne, Elizabeth married to John Jenney of Norff., Dorathe married to Wm. Humberston, Marye married to Charles Cleare of Stokesbye, in the Countie of Norff., Esquire, Bridgett married to Thwaytes of Hardingham, in the Counte of Norff., ffrances married to Robt. Ashfylde of Stowlangtofte, in the Countye of Suff.

Nycholas Springe of Lenham, seconde sonne to Robert, married Elizabeth, daughter to Wm. Rysebye, & hath yssue by her Thomas, William, & Robert, Elizabeth, Dorothe, Anne, Margarett, ffrances, Marye, Iulyan, Jone, Margerye.

THOMAS SPRING of Lavenham, Suffolk; = Agnes, da. of died 18 Henry the Sixth, 1440.

Thomas Spring of Lavenham, clothier. He built the vestry there. His will dated 29 March, 1486, proved 12 Sept., 1486; died 17 Sept., buried at Lavenham.

Cecily Spring, = William, men- da. of = Alice, da. of Thomas Ap- = May, = Mariana Spring, = Robt. Sex- tioned in his 1 wife. *venham*, called the rich *pletors*, of Little Walding- 1st husband. unmar. 1486, ten of Laven- father's will. clothier; built part of field, Suff., by Margery, da. and heir of Robert Crane, of Stonham parva, gent., 2 wife, survived. Will dated 13 April, 1538. buried at Lavenham. Alice May, under 16, 1523.

Anne Spring, = Rose Spring, = Bridget Spring, Sir *John Springs*, Kt., = Dorothy, da. of Sir *Robert Springs*, 2 = Anne, da. of = Sir Philip *Sir Tho. Jermyn*, *Gybbon of Lynn*, under 16 A.D. 1523, of Hitcham, Suff., Wm. Waldegrave *some*, Esq., *Thomas (or Hen.)* Paris, Kt., 2nd Kt., who died *Norff*, Esq. = Aubrey, 2nd son of John, 15th Earl of Oxford. Knighted by Hen. the Seventh; died 12 August, 1547, 1 Edw. the Sixth. Will dated 8 June, 1544, proved 21 May, 1549.

Thos. Fleet = Sir Robert Wingfield of Letheringham Kt.; died 1596. = Bridget = Sir Robert Wingfield of Letheringham Kt.; died 1596. = Anne, dau. of Sir Thos. Kitson, of Heugrave, 1st wife. = Sir William Spring, = Susan, dau. of Sir = Lionel Talmach, = Frances = Edmd. Wright of Thwait, Suff., and Little Buck- enham, Norf.

14 children.

Margaret Spring, died unmarried.

Anne Spring, = Thomas Hynson, died 7 May Esq., of Ford-ham, co. Camb.; bur. at Tawstock, co. Devon. died 1614, bur. at Tawstock.

John Spring, Esq., of Paken- ham, aged 40, 1599; died 14 Nov., 1601. He changes the arms by leaving out the three cinquefoils Or, with which the chevron had been charged, and bore only a chevron engrailed between three masles Gules.

Mary (or Anne), sister = Sir Robert Gardener, of Elmswell, Kt., ob. 1619. Cornwall.

Dorothy Spring. = Edmund Jermyn, Esq., of Starston, Norfolk, 4th son of Sir Ambrose, dead in 1606.

Sir William Spring, Kt., under age 1604, High-Elizabeth, daughter of Sir William Smith, of Mount Sheriff of Suffolk 19 James the First, Knighted at Hall, Essex; baptizd at Theydon Mount, Essex, Theobalds, Feb. 1610-11; died 1637-8, at Gawdy Hall, Redenhall; buried at Pakenham. 18 Jan., 1592, married there 1 Nov., 1610.

Wm. Spring baptizd at Stanton 17 Dec., 1612, died an infant.

1, Anne Spring, = Sir Thomas Gawdy, of Stanton, in Redenhall, Norf., Kt. 2 June, 1611.

2, Sir Wm. Spring, = Elizabeth, da. of Sir Hamon L'Estrange of Hunstanton Park, Kt.; born 10 Mar., 1613, died 21 Mar., 1678, buried at Pakenham. 11 Aug., 1641, High Sheriff of Suffolk 1641, M.P. for Bury 1640; died 17 Dec., 1654, bur. at Pakenham.

2, Bridget = Jas. Hobart Spring, died 26 January, 1671, bur. at Mendham. Aug., aged 57.

3, Frances Spring, bapt. at Gt. Fakenham aged 57, bur. at Bereford, upon Norf., = John Thames, Esq. Sidley of Bereford, Esq.; died 1681.

4, Elizabeth, born 1622, died 24 Nov., 1679, Drake of Walton aged 57, bur. at Bereford, upon Norf., = John Thames, Esq. Sidley of Bereford, Esq.; died 1681.

5, Dorothy, = Francis of Walton upon Norf., = John Thames, Esq. Sidley of Bereford, Esq.; died 1681.

1, Elizabeth, died unmar.

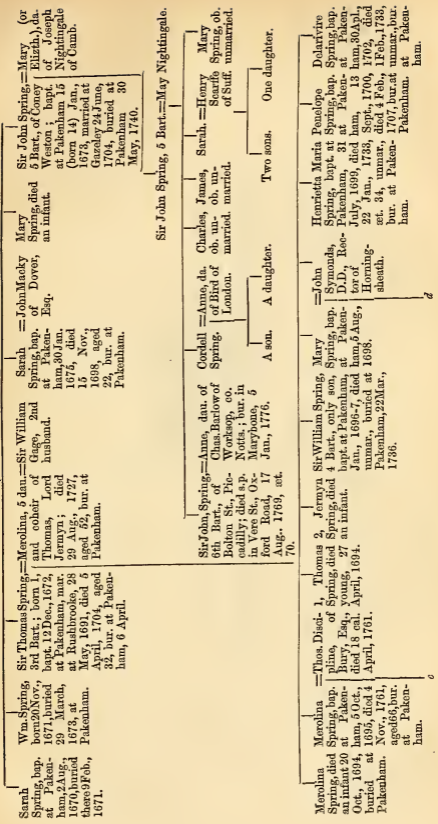
1, Mary, dau. of Sir = Sir William Spring, 2 = Sarah, dau. of Sir Dudley North, brother to Lord North; died soon after the birth of her first child, 23 Oct., 1662, bur. at Pakenham.

2, Thos. Spring; = 1, Capt. Laurence, Calthorp of Cockthorpe, Norf., Kt., ob. 7 Feb., 1717-8.

2, Thos. Spring; = 1, Capt. Laurence, Calthorp of Cockthorpe, Norf., Kt., ob. 7 Feb., 1717-8.

2, Catherine Spring, = 1, Capt. Laurence, Calthorp of Cockthorpe, Norf., Kt., ob. 7 Feb., 1717-8.

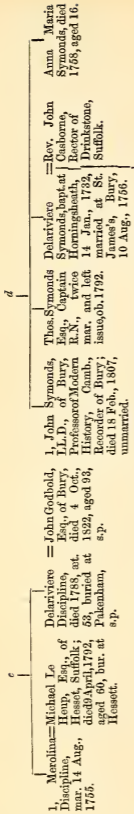
William Spring, died an infant.



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Rev. John Spring Casborne, of Newhouse, in Pakenham; ==Frances, dau. of Edmund Rogers, of
Walsham le Willows, ob. 1808.
married 1784, died 1822.

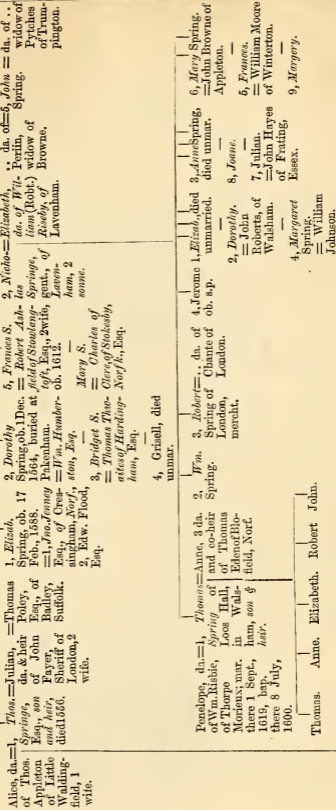
Walter John Spring Casborne. ==Anne, dau of Capel Loft, of
Troston Hall Esq., 1826.
Six daughters.



ARMES CASBORNE.

PEDIGREE A.

Robert Spring = Anne Eden.



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4, Robert Spring London. = dau. of 7, Henry Spring, in holy orders, ob. unmar. = dau. of Sir=3, Jerome Thomas Lovell Spring, 24 Eliz., 1581. = da. of = da. of = Downes, 1 husband.

Elizabeth Spring, dau and heiress. = George Kemp of Swavey, co. Camb., mar. at Aspell, 29 June, 1685. = Catherine, dau. of Sir=Sir Thomas Knyvett, Henry, blind and a lunatic. = Thomas Lovell, of Harling, Kt., re-mar. Edward husband, ob. July, 1595. = Charles, ob. unmar.

Edward Spring, son and heir, 1623.

Joane, dau. and co-heir of Geo. Foster, of Essex, 1 wife, widow of Peryn. = Robert Spring of Icklingham, Suff. son and heir, aged 13 A.D. 1556, died 35 Elizabeth, 1593. = Anne, dau. of Spring, settled in Ireland, where he was slain. = Annabella, daughter of Browne. = 3, Wilham Spring, slain in Ireland, unmarried. = Edward Spring, Capt. in the Low Countries, where he was slain, unmar. = Anne Spring. = Dorothy Spring. = Robt. Jodrell of Wickham, co. Camb. = Frances Spring.

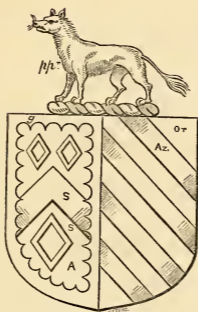
Robert Spring (or Thomas), son and heir. = Frances Spring = John Payne, gent. = Mary, dau. of Patrick Crosbie, Esq. = Thomas Spring = da. of Five daughters.

Edward Spring = Anne, dau. of Nicholas Browne of Ross. = Two daughters. = Hanah, daughter of Francis Annesley of Ballyshannon, co. Kildare, Esq. = Two other sons.

A daughter. = Julian, daughter of the Knight of Kerry. = Thomas.

Mary Spring. = Thomas Spring, Esq., of Ballycrispin. =

Catherine, only daughter and heiress, married 10=Stephen Edward Rice, ob. 1831. August, 1785.



Arms :—Martin impaling Ford.

Arms granted by Harvey, Clarencieux in 1562.

In the Visitation of London, A.D. 1568, the arms assigned to Sir Roger Martyn, Lord Mayor of London, grandson of Richard Martin, of Long Melford, are as follows:—

Quarterly, 1 and 4, *Martin as above*. 2 and 3, Gules a fess engrailed between three swan's heads erased Argent—*another coat for Martin*. *Crest*:—a cockatrice head Or, combed and wattled Gules, between two wings expanded Vert.

In Vincent's Collections the second coat of Martin is tricked with the addition of *three mascles Sable* on the fess.

The arms of *Mannock*, Sable a cross patonce Argent, quartering, Barry wavy of eight Ermine and Gules, two pales counterchanged, for *Brackley*, are impaled with Martin, in the Suffolk Visitation A.D. 1613.

MELFORD REGISTERS.

CHRISTENINGS.

1562. April. Margaret, daughter of Mr. Roger Martin, the 17th.
 1584. September. Roger Martin, son of Richard Martin, was borne the 15th day.
 1609. December. Richard, eldest son to Sir Roger Martin, Kt., was borne the 7th day. This child dyed the same yeere.
 1611. October. Richard Martin, second son of Sr. Roger Martin (but at his birth the eldest by his brother's death), was borne the 26th of this instant October, 1611.
 1612. November. John, ye third son of Sr Rogr. Martin, Kt., was born the 17th of November.
 1614. August. Mary, eldest daughter to Sr Roger Martin, Kt., was borne the 9th day.
 1615. November. Elizabeth, second daughter of Sr Roger Martin, Knt., was born the 19th November.
 1616. December. Anne, third daughter to Sr Roger Martin, Knt., was borne the 17th of December.
 1618. May. Henry, the fiftie son to Sr Roger Martin, Kt., was borne the 30th day.
 1619. December. Anne Martin, third daughter to Sr Roger Martin, Kt., was borne the 17th of this month.
 1620. January. Roger, the syxt son to Sr Roger Martin, Kt., was borne the 19th.
 1624. July. Franc., the seventh son to Sir Roger Martin, Kt., was borne the 11th day of July.

BURIALS.

1562. April 30. Ursula Martin buried.
 1578. April. Margaret, wiff of Roger Martin, Esquire, buried ye 16th day.
 1582. December. Roger Martin, Esq., buried ye 8th.
 1590. May. Lawrence Martin, buried the 26th.
 1592. July. Barbara Martin, uxor Richard Martin, buried ye 29th.
 — February. Xtopher Martin, buried ye 19th.
 1615. Auguste. Mr. Roger Martin, Esq., was buried the 7th day.
 1618. March. Elizabeth, daughter to Sir Roger Martin, Kt., was buried ye 6th.
 1621. December. Mr. Lawrence Martin, buried ye 2nd.
 1623. May. Anne, uxor Richard Martin, Esq., buried ye 30th.
 1623. February. Mr. Richard Martin, Esq., buried ye 9th.
 1634. November. Mary, daughter to Sir Roger Martin, Kt., was buried ye 24th.
 1638. January. Roger, son to Mr. Richard Martin.
 1641. April. The heire of Mr. Richard Martin, was buried ye 18th.
 1651. October. Mr. Francis Martin.
 1656. October. Sir Roger Martin, 5th day of October.
 1661. August. Mr. Roger Martin, Gent^a buried ye 21st.
 1662. December. The Honble Lady Anne, and late wife of Sir Roger Martin, Knight, was buried the 7th.
 1668. December. Mr. John Martin, the 19th.
 1671. June. A Daughter of Sir Roger Martin, Knight.
 1677. August 20. Francis, son to Richard Martin, Esq., and Mary his wife.
 1677. October 28. Henry Martin, Gent.
 1698. August 20. The Lady Martin.
 1709. March 5. Mrs. Mary Martin, widow.
 1712. May 5. Mrs. Margaret Martin.
 1712. June 11. Sir Roger Martin, Bart.
 1717. April 18. John base to Lucy Martin, ye reputed father Sir Roger Martin.
 1727. April Mrs. Catherine Martin, buried.
 1730. October 5. Mr. Richard Martin.
 1741. November 20. Mrs. Catherine Martyn, widow.
 1742. March 30. Sir Roger Martyn, Baronett.
 1742. November 5. Mrs. Mary Martyn, an infant.
 1742. November 27. Catherine Martyn, infant.
 1761. February 9th. Mr. John Martin,
 1762. June 9. Sir Roger Martin, Bart.

MARTIN INSCRIPTIONS, MELFORD CHURCH.

Here lyeth Roger Martin, of Long Melford, esquier, who dyed the third day of August, in the yeare of our Lord 1615, and in 89th yeare of his age.

Richard Martin
died the 8th of
March, 1624,
etat. 65 year.

In Memory of
Sr Roger Martin, Bart.,
who died ye 4th June, 1762,
aged 73 years.

WILL OF HENRY MARTYN.—1435.

In Dei nomine amen. Testamentū nūcupatum Dni Henrici Martyn nup' Rectoris de Yaxlim Norwicen Dioc. Sane ment' existen fact Vicesimo Die Mensis Decemb. Anno Dni Millimo cccc^o xxx^{mo} quinto. In p'mis comendauit aiam suā Deo om'ipotentī b'te Marie & om'ibz san'ts corpusq' suu' legauit sepeliend in ecclia p'och de Vpwell Norwicen dioc. Itm. legauit suma altari eiusd'm ecclie vis. vii^{id}. & fabrice altare santi Thome eiusdm ecclie xiii^{id}. iiii^{id}. It. legauit fabrice nauis ecclie De Yaxlyn p'dict vis. viii^{id}. & ad Distribuend int' paup'es p'ochianos eiusdm Ville xiii^{id}. iiii^{id}. It. legauit fabrice nauis eccl'ie de Downhm hith vis. viii^{id}. & ad distribuend int' paup'es p'ochianæ eiusd'm ville xiii^{id}. iiii^{id}. Itm. legauit ad soluend p' paup'ib' p'ochianis Ville De Greyte burton lincolniē' dioc ad quite Dec'iam Domino Regi concessam xxs. Residuu' vero 'oium bonor' suor' dedit & legauit Mag'is Thome Wellys & Galfrido Marty quos constituit suos executores ad Distribuend & Disponend pro aia' sua & a'abus p'entum suor' & benefactor' in missis elemosinis & alijs pijs quibus credit se posse Deo placere & a'ie sue at ani'abus quib' tenet Mags p'fitere. In cuius rei testi'on sigillum suum missit p'n'a testamento suo nūcupatiuo apponi.

(Proved January 23rd, 1435.)

WILL OF RICHARD MARTYN.—1500.

In the name of god. I, Richard Martyn, of long Melford, being in good mynde, ordeyne and make my testament and last will, the xiii day of June, in the yere of oure lord god a m.ccccc, in maner and forme as folowith. first, I bequeth my sowle to Almyghti god, and to oure lady saint Marye, and to alle the holy companye of hevin. And my body to be buried in the South Ile, in Melford church, by my wife, Which I did make for me, my wife, and my Children to lye Inne. Itm. I bequeth xli^s. to the Reparacon of the said Ile. Itm. I bequeth to the high Awter, for titheyns and offereyns forgotten xxs. Itm. I bequeth to our lady Chapell in Melford church yarde xls. Itm. I bequeth to the iiii ordre of ffriers, that is to say Clare, Babwell, Sudbury, and the White ffriers, in Cammbrigge, eche of thym xxs. Also, I bequeth to saint Jamys Chapell, in Melford, xxs. Also, I will that eu'y prest dwelling in Melford, being at my Obite, both at Dirige and Masse, have eche of them xiii^d. And eu'y grete clerk dwelling w'in the said towne iiii^d. And eu'y Child id^d. And eu'y other prest comyng to my said Obite, to haue iiii^d. And in like wise, I will that eu'y prest and clerke haue at my xxxti day. Also, I will that at my said xxxti day, a good Diner be ordeyned for all my Neighbours Dwellyng w'in the said towne, bothe for Riche and poore, yf it please theym to come therto. Also I will that eu'y poore man that will come at the said xxxti day and take almes, that eche of theym haue a peny. Itm. I will my yer

Day to be kept xx^{ti} yere Immediatly afre deth. And at the same I will the soule of my fader and moder, my Wif, and my childern be Remembred. And at eu'y yer to be bestowed v marcs, in suche forme as can be thought best by the aduise of my Executor, for the wele of my soule, and the sowlis befor Rehersed. Itm. I will xiiii poore men be ordeyned and eu'iche of them to haue eu'y ffriday in the yer a peny, And so be contynned xx^{ti} yer, Immediatly afre my deth, to pray for my soule and for the sowlis befor Rehersed. Itm. I wil the said xiiii poore men eche of them haue agenst my xxx^{ti} Day a blak gowne, to hold my torchies at my said xxx^{ti} Day. Itm. I bequeth to the masse xxs., to be paid in vi yeris Immediatly afre my Deth. Itm. I will and charge myn Executours that I haue doon for me xiii trentailis w^{tin} vi Weks next Immediatly (after?) my Deth. Itm. I bequeth to the Reparacion of high wayes w^{tin} vi myle of Melford ther, as it canne be thought moost expedient by myne Executours xx^{ti}. Itm. I bequeth to Stansted church xls. Itm. I bequeth to Alpheton church xxs. Itm. I bequeth to eu'y god child of myn xx^d. Item. I will a preest be had and ordeigned for ever, Which is good and well Disposed to pray for my soule, my fader, and my moder soules, my Wifes soules, and all my Childern, the said preest having eu'ry yer for his Salary viii marcs vis. viii^d. And to be Levied on suche landes as here afre shall appere. And I will the said prest kepe his s'vice eu'y holyday, and (sic) Melford church, And he to singe at the Auter in the South Ile aforsaid, And eu'y Week day at Saint Jamys Chapell. And the said prest to say all way afre the gospell De p'fnd' for my soule and the sowlis aforsaid. Itm. I bequeth to the mariage of poore Maydenes in Melford, xx^{ti} marc. Itm. I bequeth to the maister of the college of Sudbury, xls., p'ing him to helpe my body to the Erthe, and to p'y for my soule. Itm. I bequeth to maister ffyshe, xls. yerely, by iii yer if he goo to Cambrigge.

Item. I bequeth to Margery my wife, the tenement in Halsted, called Playstowe, with alle the Landes, Medewis, and pastures Longing ther'to, Which I bought of Thomas Germyn, to haue and to hold to hir and to hir Assignees for terme of hir lief she bering the Reparacion, with a c marc in money, So that the obligacion that I am bounde in to hir brother and other, be Deliu'yd to myn Executours.

Itm. I bequeth to the said Margery, alle the stuf and goodes that she brought with hir before I married hir, Which appereth in my booke, eu'y p'cell of them. Itm. I bequeth to the said Margery ii fflat pec', ii masers, and xii sponys. Itm. I bequeth to the said Margery, alle the Dette that hir sonne in lawe Clement owith me, Except xx^{ti}. Where of I geve of the same x marks to the said Clement and his wife. Itm. I bequeth to the said Margary, the money that is yet owing to me by Thomas Branche, of Lanenh'm. I bequeth to Roger my sonne, my Maner in Belch'm, callid Maryhall, with the Apporte'nncs in fee simple. Itm. I bequeth to him the tenement callid Conys, with makyng and Wellis and Griggs medewe, With alle ther apporte'nnes in fee simple. Itm. I bequeth to the said Roger the tenement callid Partros, with the Dyhows, and all that longith therto in fee simple. Itm. I bequeth to the said Roger ii pecia, ii masers, And thee xii spoones that I bought of Rauf Cressener. A Notte. Itm. I bequeth to John Martyn, the tenement callid Brownys, With alle that Longith therto, lying in Monks Illeg, which Goodale sum tyme fermed in fee simple. Itm. I bequeth to the said John, a c marc in money, a pece, and a maser, and vi siluer sponys.

Itm. I bequeth to Thomas Martyn my sonne the place and land bequethed to my wife afre hir deceasse, callid Playtowe, with alle that longith therto. And thee tenth in ffoxyard which I bought of John Clerk and Thomas Clerk. With (all?) that longith therto. And the place that I bought of Piers Rob't in fee simple. Itm. I bequeth to him c marc in money, a pece, a maser, and vi silu' sponys. Itm. I bequeth to Richard Martyn my sonne, the tenement that I bought of John Chapman, Which Old Barell fermeth, With alle that longith therto, Except the land that lieth w^{tin} the land callid hewe ffenys, W^t the land callid Ketell and folerne, to haue it in fee simple. Itm. I bequeth to him a c marc in money, a pece, a maser, and vi silu' sponys. Itm. I bequeth to William Martyn my sonne, the tenement in Belc'm, callid hugh ffenys, Which Hugh Berell fermeth, W^t all that longith therto. And the land lying w^{tin} hit longing to that Old Berell fermeth. Itm. I bequeth to him the Medewe in Barly, Except that longith to Borowie place. To haue all the said Landis to him in fee simple. Itm. I bequeth to him a c marc in money, a pece, a maser, and vi siluer sponys. Itm. I bequeth to Lawrence Martyn my sonne, the tenement that I bought of Cunse, callid Hogilyns, lying in Monks Illeg, w^t all that longith therto. And the tenement that I bought of Richard Quadrynge, callid Hethcott, w^t alle that longith therto, lying in Assyngton in fee simple. Itm. I bequeth to him a c marc in money, a pece, a maser,

and vi siluer sponys. Itm. I bequeth to Alice Martyn my Daught' a *c* *h* in money, to be paide at the tyme of hir mariage yf she be Rewlid by myne Executours. And she to haue more aftre the Discrecion of myn Executours, yf she be Reul'd by theym. And till she be maried to be founde honestly by myne Executours. Also I bequeth to hir a pece, a maser, and vi siluer sponys. Itm, I will that the Landis and tenements that I haue bequethin to eche of my iiiii sonnes, that it be Deliu'ed to them and to eu'iche of them Whenne they come to the age of xxiiii yere, And alle other things to theym bequethin. And if any of them Dye afore they come to the saide age, thenne I will that the said Landes and tenements so Dede bequethin vnto & be equally Deuided amonge all my other Children that eu' lyve. And the money to be orderid and Disposed by the aduise of myn executours for the Wele of my soule, And the soulis befor Reher-sid. And my said Children to be founde honestly by myne Executours With the profitts of the said lands to them bequethin, tyll they come to the said age of xxiiii yeris, Prouided alway that they be Rulid and gouernyd by myn Executours tyll they come to the said age of xxiiii yeris. Itm. I bequeth to eu'iche of John Martyn children, xls., to be paied at their mariage. Itm. I bequeth to eu' yche of Rob't Brett children, xxs., to be paied at there marriage. The Residue of my goodes and Detts not bequethin, I geve to myne Executor, Whome I make Roger Martyn, my sonne.

In Witnesse hereof to this my p'nt testament and last will, I setto my seale.

(Proved at Lanchith, September 11th, 1500.)

WILL OF LAURENCE MARTYN.—1516.

In the name of god, amen. I, Laurance Martyn, of Long Melford, in the dioces of Norwiche, having vse of reason and hole memory, The xiiii day of Nouember, In the yere of our lord god *m* *v* *t* and *xvi*, make my last wille or testament in this maner. first I geve my soule to almighty god, and to our blissted lady saint mary virgin, and to all the holy company of hevyn. And my body to be buried in the Church yarde of Melford Church, on the South side by the wyndowe of the vii Sacraments. Also I will that all my detts that can be lawfully proved be content and paide. Item I will that myn Executours spende at my buriall xls. not in festinge of Riche people, but to preests and clerks and pou' people, and other things necessary at my buriall. Also, I geve to the high Awter of Melford Church in Reconpence of tithes and offerings forgotten or not paide *xxs.* Also, I will it be spent at my vii day *xxs.* Item, I will there be spent at my *xxx*^d Day to preests, clerks, and pou' people xls., but not in festinge the riche people. Also, I geve to Roger my sonne, Higgells and Reyners, lying in Monkysylly after the deceese of Elizabeth my wyfe, and to the heires males of his body lawfully begoten. And for fawte of issue males of his body laulfully begoten, than I will it shall remayn to Richard my son, and to the heires males of his body laulfully begoten. Than I will that the profites of the forsaid lands called Higgells and Reyners, goo to the discharginge of the com'ontie dwelling within Melford, that is for to say—In Taxys, in kyds, or Subsidies, or any other charges beinge to the kinge wthin the towne of Melforde foreuer. Item, I will if all my children dye, and their heires males, that then my brother Roger Martyn, and his heires males of his body laulfully begoten, and foure of the substanciall men dwellinge in the towne of Melford Receyve the ferme of the forsaid lands called Heggells and Reyners, and to be put into a com'on hutche, to the behove of my wille before reheraed. And that my brother Roger and his heires males of his body laulfully begotten, for their labour haue *vs.* a yere, and the other *iiii* *xxd.* a yere, for receyving of the ferme of the forsaid lands, Soo that they kepe my yere day ons a yere aslonge as the worlde stande, w^t part of the ferme of the forsaid landes, that is for to sey, to preests, clerks, and pou' people, *vis.* *viii*^d. by yere. Item, I will that xl of the best of the towne of Melford offer at my yere day, aslonge as the world stande, of the money of the forsaid ferme, called Higgells and Reyners, eche of them ob' vnto the preest in the honor of god for my soule, my wife soule, and all x'pen soules. And to take for their labour of the said ferme, eche of them *iid.* Item, to Richard my sonne, Hegekocks, lyinge in Rstom, after the deceese of Elizabeth, my wyfe, and to his heires males of his body laulfully begoten. And for fawte of heires males of his body lawfully begoten. Than I will that John, my sonne, haue the forsaid landes called Hegekocks, to him and to his heires males of his body, laulfully begoten. And for fawte of Issue males of his body, laulfully begoten, than I will the

forsaid lands called Hegekocks, goo to Roger my sonne, And to his heires males of his body, lauffully begoten. And for faute of Issue males of his body, lauffully begotyn, then I will it remaine to Edward my sonne, and to his heires males of his body, lauffully begoten. And for faute of Issue males of his body, lauffully begotyn, Than I will that the profits of the said lands called Hegekocks, goo to the kepinge of my yere day, my wyfes yere day, and the yere day of my father and my mother, my brother Roger Martyn, and my brother William foreuer. Providing alway that there be spent at the yere day of me and my Wyfe, my father, and my mother, my brother Roger, and my brother William, xiiis. iiiid. And the residue of the forsaid lands called Hegekocks, goo to the rep'acion of Melford Church foreuer. Item, I bequeth to John my sonne my place, sumtyme Robert Smythes, and to the heires males of his body lauffully begotyn. And for faute of heires males of his body lauffully begotten, then I wille it goo to the kepinge of myn yere day, and my Wyfes, my fader, and my mother, my brother Roger, and my brother William, and for all my friends soulys, and all x'pen soulys. Item, I bequeth to Elizabeth Martyn my daughter x m'rcs to be delivered to hir the day of hir mariage. Item, I wille yf the forsaid Roger dye or he come to lauffull age, that the money that I haue gevyn vnto the forsaid Roger my son, be devided bitwene Richard and John when they come to lauffull age. Item, I wille yf Richard Martyn dye or he come to lauffull age, that the money that I haue gevyn vnto the forsaid Richard my sonne be devided bitwene Roger and John, my sonnnes, when they come. Item, I will yf the forsaid John Martyn, or he come to lauffull age, that the money that I haue gevyn vnto the forsaid John, my sonne, be devided bitwene Roger Martyn and Richard my sonnys, When they come vnto lauffull age. And yf all my sonnys dye except one or they come to lauffull age, Than I wille that the said one haue all the forsaid money Whiche I bequethed vnto my forsaid sonnnes. And [if] all my sonnys dye or they come to lauffull age, thanne I will that Alice and Elizabeth, my daughters, haue to their mariage two parts of the forsaid money which I bequethed vnto my forsaid sonnys. And the iii^{de} parte to fynde a preest a yere for me and my wyfe, my father and my mother, my brother Roger and my brother Will'm, and my friends soules, and all x'pen soulys. Item, I will yf Alice my daughter dye or she be maried, that then Besse my daughter haue the said money vnto hir mariage, which I bequethed vnto the forsaid Alice. And yf Elizabeth my daughter dye or she be maried, Then I will that Alice, my daughter, haue the forsaid money vnto hir mariage, which I bequethed vnto the said Elizabeth, my daughter. And yf both my daughters dye or they be maried, Than I will the money which I bequethed them, goo to a preest seruice ii yeres to syng for me and my friends before rehersed. And yf all my children dye or they come to the age of my wille before rehersed, Than I will all the money which I haue bequethed vnto my forsaid children goo to a preest seruice v yeres, to syng for me, my wyfe, my father, and my brother Roger Martyn, my brother William Martyn, and all my friends soules, and all x'pen soules. Itm. I bequeth to Cristian Cawndishe, xls. Item, to Edward my sonne, xlii. And yf he dye, I will Cristian Cawndyshe have vii. of the said xlii., beside the xls., and my wyfe the other vii. Item, I bequeth to my wyvers and spyppers among them for restitution, xxs. Item, to Besse Lord my ser'unt, xxs. Item, to John Cowper, my olde slevyd Cote. And all the residue of my goods, my Will perfourmed, I bequeth vnto Elizabeth my Wyfe, soo that she doo ley a gravestone vpon my grave, and doo my name graved thereon, and kepe iiiii yere my yere day in Melford church. Item, I will Elizabeth my wyfe be myn Executrice, and Sir James Hewer, my executour. And he to haue for his labour, xxvis. viii^d. And I will desire my brother Roger Martyn to be my Sup'uisor. And he to haue for his labour, xxvis. viii^d.

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WILL OF ROGER MARTYN.—1535.

In the name of J'hu, amen. The xx^{ti} daye of Aprell, in the yere of or lord god a Thousande fyve hundred Thirty and fyve, I, Roger Martyn, of Melford, th'elder, Esquier, being in helth, hoole in mynde, and of good Remembrance, laudyd be to J'hu, make my testament and last wyll in maner and forme folowing, Revoking and Adnulling all other wylls and testaments heretofore made be me. first, I bequeth my soule to Almighty god, to our blessed lady seynt mary, and to all the hooly company of

hevyn, and my body to be buried in the south Ile, in Melford church, which my father caused to be made, before the Image of our blessed lady of pyttie, betwixt my Tombe and the place where my last wyfe lyeth buried. And sone after my dethe, I will there be gravyd suerly in brasse, and sett in the walle ageynst my seyde Tombe, the true entent of this my last wyll, Expressing therein the contynuaunce of my fathers preest and myne, keping of or obytt Daye, paying of the poe people. And for the bedrewle accordyng after my mynde, as more plainly shall appere afterwarde. Item, I bequeth to the high Aulter in Recompence for tythes and offerings forgotten, and to be prayed for, xxs.

Item, I will my burying daye be well and Solempnye kept to the pleasur of god & comfort of my soule. And at my seyde burying daye, I wille every prest dwelling wthin the said towne of Melford, and doing his dutie the seyde daie, haue *viid.*; and every grete clerk wthin the seyde towne, and doing their dutie, *iiid.* And every childe that can sing in the quere dwelling in the seyde towne to haue *iid.* And every other childe a peny. And eu'y other prest that comyth to my seyde burying daye *iiiiid.* Item, furthermore I will that my Thyrtye daye be well and solempnye kept in the best wise to the pleasur of god and comfort of my soule. And every prest, clarke, and childe, to haue, doing their duties in lyke maner and wyse as I assigned them, and every of them, to haue at my burying day. Item, I will every day during xxx^{ti} dayes ymmedyately after my foresayd burying daye, over nyght wthin the foresayd church of Melforde, placebe and dirige be songe solempnye and every daye in the forenene, comendacion and mass of Requiem in the best wyse to the pleasur of god and comfort of my soule, w^t all the preests that dwell wthin the foresayde towne of Melford, and w^t *iiii* or great Clarks, that ys to saye the two greate clarks that longith to the p'ishe church, Nicholas Pate, and another namyd be myn Executours, and for lacke of any of them, some other. And *iiii* children, and every one of the sayde preests to haue for the sayde xxx^{ti} Dayes, doing suerlye their duties and truly *xiiiis. iiiiid.*, and eu'y one of the sayde greate clerks doing their Dutye to haue *vis. viiiid.* And every one of the seyde *iiii* children to haue *iiis. iiiid.* Desiring and praying every of them to do their dutie, so as yt may be to the pleasure of god and comfort of my soule and all x'pen soules. Item, I will my xxx^{ti} Daie be well and solempnye kept to the pleasure of god and comfort of my soule. And that every thing be vsed, ordered, and performyd to preests, clerks, poe men, women, and children, in lyke maner and forme as I haue before ordered to be doon at my burying daye. Item, I bequeth to the maryage of true poe maydens within the towne of Melford, Tenne pounds, to every oon of them the Daye of their sayd maryage fyve shillings. Item, I bequeth to the p'ishe church of Stansted, xls. Item, I will yf any gedsons of myne helpe to bere me to church, he to haue for his Labour, *xiiid.*, and every other that help to bere me to church, *viiiid.* Item, because ce'men dooles be prohibit and put awaye be Acte of p'lyament, therefore I haue wrytten my mynde hereafter, howe, and in what forme I will haue vsyd at my burying daye to poe people wthin the towne of Melford. And in lyke wyse at my xxx^{ti} Daye for the comfort of my soule. Also, I will before my foresayd xxx^{ti} daye orr at the sayde Daye be gyven to poe people dwelling in the townes vnder wrytten, certeyn money as yt shall appere hereafter, And to giue most where ys meest nede, I require you. Item, to the poe people in Sudburye, xxs. Item, to the poe people in Lauenh'm, xxs. Item, to the poe people in Stansted, *xiiiis. iiiid.* Item, to the poe people in Glemsford, *xiiiis. iiiid.* Item, to the poore people of Ackton, xs. Item, to the poe people of Alpheton, xs. Item, to the poe people of Berley, xs. Item, to the poore people of foxherth, xs. Item, to the poe people of Lyston, *vis. viiiid.* Item, to the poe people of Chilton, *vis. viiiid.* Item, where my father be his last will assigned to haue a prest to singe for hym and other for en'more to endure, and he to haue for his salary every yere viii m'ks *vis. viiiid.*, as in the seyde will ys Declared, I will the preest that shall haue the seyde s'uice, haue every yere more for his salarie xxs., Whiche makith Tenne m'rks, which so to be payde yerely to the preest for evermore to endure. And the prest that shall haue the seyde s'uice for his tyme being, to be charged to pray for my father and mother soules, Richard and Elizabeth, my soule and my wyffe soules, Roger, Alice, and mary, my mother in lawe soule Joane, My brother John soule, and the soules of all my father's childr'n, and myne, my god-sene soule, litill Roger, Sr James Hewet soule, and all x'pen soules. And the sayd prest for his tyme being, to sing yerely every weke Daye in the weke his masse in saynte Jamys chapell, in Melford. And every holydaie at Melford Church, helping furthwarde the s'uice of god. W^tout yt be fer a speycall cause Required by myne heires, to whome I shall giue Auctorytie for their tyme to name the

preest that shall haue the sayd s'uiue as hereafter shall Appere. And the seyde preest alweyes when he singith or saith masse after the Gospell of the masse, when he goith to the lauatory to sey opynlye de profundis Clamam, etc., to thende for the soules before remembered. Item, I will in any wyse that Sr Jamys Hewer, nowe my father's preest and myn, haue the foresayd s'uiue during his lyfe, in sikeness and in helth, hauynge truly the seyde Tenne m'ks yere for his salary, And ou' that every three yere a gowne or xxs. therefore. Item, I will haue an obytt kept every yere in Melford churche the same Daye I Dep'ted out of this worlde, for my father's soule and myn for eu'more to endure, and at the same obytt daye yerely to be geuyn and distributed for our soules xlviis. viii*d.*, & sumwh. t more yf it be requisite in forme folowing, that is to seye, to preests, clerks and childern, w in the quire and Ringing of the greate bell Tenne shillings, and Thirtie shillings in pees of beef and good loves made of wheate, to be deluy'ed yerely the next daye before any seyde yerely obytt daye to the po' creatours, householders, in Melford, to as many of them as ys nede to giue Almes to, they being charged to pray for my father's soule and myn, and for the soules before remembryd. And vis. viii*d.*, to deluy'ed to Twenty Coppyle meane parsones, man and wyfe, and every copyll to offer their deuotion yerely at the offering of the masse. And eu'y copill to receyve at the sayd offering iiiii*d.* And thus in this forme to be orderyd and vedd for ever more. Item, I will at the seyde yere lyng obytt Daye xii faire Tapers of wax be sett vpon the standers, and xii po' men and women to hold them aboute the herse during the s'uiue tyme, and every one of theym to haue a peny. Item, I will xii men and women, po' creators, dwelling within the towne of Melford, every frydaye in the yere after the masse fynished, every of them to haue a peny. And also every of theym to haue frelye deli'u'ed to the seyde po' creators yerely for eu'more, and they to be chargid to pray for my father's soule and myn, and all the soules before wrytten. Item, I will the soules of my father and mother, Richard and Elizabeth, and my soule, and the soules of them before namyd be remembrid in the suffragys of the prayers of the people present eu'y sondaye in the yere, by the p'sone of Melford aforesaid, or be his Deputie, and eu'y parsonne for his tyme being, to haue euery yere therfore foure shillings and godd's blessing. And thus to be contynued for evermore to endure. And in performing, executinge, and fulfillingge this my last well and testament, before remembrid, concernyng the salary of the preest, keping of the obitt daye, paying the po' people for the bedroulle, and for the Tapers of Wax, in maner and forme as before ys wrytten, I will my sonne Richard, my heire Apparaunte, haue to hym and to his heyres of his body lawfullye begotten for evermore, my Mannors of Stanstede, in Stansted, namyd Overhall and Netherhall, with all the Appurten'nes lying wthin the Countie of Suff. The seyde Richard and his heyres of his body lafullye begotten, to paye yerely for ever more, w^t p'te of the yerely rents and fermes receuy'd be them, and every of them, be reason of the said Manors, w^t all and singular th'appurten'nes to the forsayde preest, and to every other preest that shall haue the saide s'uiue Tenne marks yerely of lafull money, every half yere five m'ks. Also, xlviis. viii*d.* at the foresayde obytt daye, in forme aforesayd yere, and somewhat more yf it seme requisite for the comfort of my soule & the soules before remembryd. And also eu'y frydaye to the po' people yerely, and for the bedroulle, and for the Tapers of waxe yerelye in man' as before ys wrytten. And all the rest of the yerely and formes and other proffytts comyng be the Reason of the foresayd Manors, with all and singular th'appurten'nce, all the premiss suerly paid and p'formyd yerely in every p'te. The seyde Richard and his heyres of his body lafullye begotten, to take to their owen vses for their true p'formance of the p'smisses. And I will that all my feoffees that stande nowe feoffees to myne vse in the sayde manors, or in any p'te of the premisses, that they stande and be feoffes to such vse as it ys expresyd be this my wyll. And what time all my seyde feoffes be dede, saving two or three, then I will those two or three shall make anewe estate from them to another certeyn Numb'r of other men and men Childern namyd be him, or them, that at that tyme shall haue the Receyte of the yerely Rents and fermes of the p'misses to th use and p'formance of this my wyll, and accordinge to the same in lyke maner and forme before expressed, at suche tyme as they shalbe Required be him or them, that at that time haue the Receyte of the yerely Rents and fermes of the premiss according to this my Wyll. And this to be vsyd, ordered, and p'formyd, for eu'more, be hym or them that shallhaue yerely Receyte of the Rents and fermes of the seyde Manors, w^t th appurtennes, According to this my wyll, as they will a'swere afore god, at the Dredfull Daye of Dome. And yf it chaunce, as god forbyd, the sayd Richard my sonne, and all his heyres of his body lafullye begotten, to Dye woute heires of their bodyes lafullye begotten, Then I will the said Manors w^t

th'appurtennes Remayn in vse to Roger Martyn, sonne of Laurence Martyn, and my god sone, and to theires males of his body lauffully begotten, he and his seyd heyres males of his body lauffully begotten, to Receyue yerely the yerely Rents and fermes, and other proffytts co'mynge be reason of the seyd Manors w^t th'appurten'nes, paying yerely w^t p'te of the Receytes to the preest, for his tyme being, his salar耶 Tenne m'rks as before ys remembrid. And for all other things in lyke man' and forme as I haue heretofore Assigned my sone Richard, and his heyres of his body lauffully begotten to Doo. And on that I will the sayd Roger my godsonne and his said heyres males, paye more yerely w^t p'te of the yerely Rentes and fermes of the seyd Manors to other xii poore men and women w^{tin} the towne of Melford, every ffrydaie in the yere, to every of theym 1*l.*, and this to be contynued for eu'more to endure. And all the rest of the yerely Rents and fermes, and other proffytts comyng yerely by reason of the sayd Manors w^t th'appurten'nes, the sayd Roger Martyn and his heyres males to their owne vses for their true Diligence & p'formaunce of the premisses. And yf it chauce the same Roger to dye w^{toute} heyres males of his body lauffully begotten, Then I will John Martyn, brother of the seyd Roger, and his heyres males of his body lauffully begotten, haue lyke Auctoryte in the seyd Manors, with th'appurten'nes, with lyke charges & proffitts in every Condicion as I haue before assigned, Roger Martyn and his sayd heyres males of his body lauffully begotten, haue lyke Auctorytie in the sayd Manors, w^t th'appurtennes w^t like charge and proffyt as I haue before assigned to the sayde Roger my godsonne. And yf the sayd John Martyn chauce to Dye w^{toute} heyres males of his body Lauffully begotten, Than I will Edward Martyn, brother to the seyd John, and his heyres males of his body lauffully begotten, haue lyke Auctoryte in the seyd Manors, with th'appurten'nes with lyke charges & proffitts in every condicion, as I haue before Assigned Roger Martyn, and his sayd heyres males to doo and p'forme. And yf the seyd Edward fortune to dye w^{toute} heyres males of his body lauffully begotten, then I wille Margaret Barfoot, my brother John's Daughter and heyre, and the heyres of her body lauffully begotten, haue lyke Auctorytie in the sayd Manors, with th'appurten'nes, w^t like charges and proffitts in eu'y condicion as I haue before assigned Roger Marten, and his heyres males to doo and p'forme. And specially I require and desire myne Executours and sup'visours that yf my mynde and will before wrytten concernyng the contynuaunce yerely of a preest keping of my yere daye, and paying yerely to poe people for euermore cannot be made suer and p'fytt to contynewe in suer maner and forme as it is there expressed be that meanes. Than my sayd Executours and Sup'visours, and eu'y of them, be their adynses w^t such counsell as they woulle take to them to make suer and p'fytt that the sayd preest s'uice yere Daye, keping and paying of the poe people, may suerlye contynewe for eu'more, after my mynde ther expressed. And what they do or cause to be done for the said purpose, I afferme yf for my last wyll. And that this may be done as shortly as yt may be. And put in a suertye for the comfort of my soule, and the soules before remembred, And for the suertye of my sonne Richard, and of his heyres of his body lauffully begotten, as my trust ys in them. And I trust Almighty god shall rewarde them for their payne and good mynde takyn herein. Provided Alweyes the sayd St Jamys Hewer, now my father's preest, a myne haue the Manor callyd Bromptons, w^t th'appurten'nes for his salarie yerely. According to the lease I haue made hym, yf he will; or he to be payde his salarie yerely euery half yere as before ys wrytten w^{toute} Delaye in any wyse. Prouided also yf the foresayd Roger Martyn, my brother Laurence sone, and my god-sonne, or his heires males of his bodye Lauffully begotten, or anny of his foresayd brethren, or their heires males of their bodyes lauffully begotten, do not execute and p'forme their Auctortie in eu'y thing as before ys wrytten, when their corse and Auctoritie come to them accordyng to my will. Then I will that he that maketh defaute nor his heyres males of his body lauffully begotten never after to medyll with any parte of the sayd Auctorytie gyven to them by this my will. But he that ys next in corse after my will, to haue the forseyd auctoritie hooly. And thus in this forme every one to take his Auctoritie when his Corse chauncith, after the order and corse of this my will. Also I requier and charge my sayd godson Roger Martyn, my seyd brother Laurence sone, and bis heyres males of his body lauffully begotten, and also his seyd brethren, and their heires males of their bodyes lauffully begotten, and all other to whome I haue gyven Auctorytie be this my will in paying of the preest, and for all other things According to my fore-sayd will; As they and euery of them will aunswere before god at the dredefull daye of dome. Item, I bequethe to my sone Richard, all my Mesuagis & Te'nts, landes, medowes, pastures, rents, and s'uices, w^t th'appurten'nes whiche I haue, or any man

to myn vse, hath wthin the towne and felds of Melford, Alpheton, Glemsford, Hadley, and Ackton, within the Countie of Suff., accept suche p'cells as heretofore I haue bequethed, and hereafter shall bequeth to any p'sone or p'sones, to haue and to holde all the foresayd mesuages, and all other the premisses w^t th'appurten'nes, except before excepted vnto the sayd Richard, and to his heires of his body Laufully begotten. And for defaulte of suche heyres, When yt shall seme and appere no more to be, Than I will the sayd Richard Martyn, or his Executours for his comfort and myne, shalbe good aduyce and counsell of suer frends, sell all the foresayd mesuages, and all the premisses w^t th'appurtennes, Except the place I nowe dwell in, w^t that ys longing and Adyoyning therto, as I nowe kepe yt. And the money cemyng be reason of the sayd salle, I will yt be dispoasyd in this forme; Two p'tes therof to the po^r Creatours in Melford in brede & fleshe every yeare ageynst Cristmas. And in lenton, herring, Red and white, be the discrecion of hym or them that the seyde Richard shall assigne. And the thirde p'te therof to the comfort of Melford church, saynte Jamy's chapell in Melforde, and high wayes. And thus to be truly vsed as long tyme as the mony of s'ue that comyth of the sale of the premisses. And the forsayd mesuage that I now dwell in, and all that Adyoyning therto, as I nowe occupye and kepe yt, I will, for Defaute of heyres of Richard Martyn, of my sones body laufully begotten, Remayn in lyke maner and forme as I before haue assigned my Manors of Stausted to do. Prouided Alweyes that the sayd Richard take for his Comfort of the sayd Sale that ys expedient for him. And for the p'formance of hys mynde and comfort of his soule and mynde, and for the soules before Remembrid. Item, I bequeth to the seyde Richard my sonne all my plate, Brasse, and pewter, estilments, and ymplements of household, Except that I entend to bequeth hereafterwards to anny p'sone or p'sones, as hereafter shall more playnly Appere. Also I will all my hangings, Testor, curtens, fetherbedds, blanketts, cou'yings of bedds, As be nowe in vse, wthin any p'te of my place where I nowe dwell, go furthe and be vsyd be hym and be every of them, that I haue geuen Auctorytie in the sayd place for their tyme, accordinge to my will, withoute Removing of any p'te therof, Except yt be to chaunge and put a better in the same place therof. Item, I bequeth to Elizabeth, my daughter in lawe, oon half of all th'apparell that was my late wyf marys, and the half of all other things that longyd to the body of the seyde mary, and lyeth wthin the Closet that she occupied be her lyf. Item, I giue vnto the seyde Elizabeth, fyve m'rks in money. Item, I bequeth to Roger Martyn, my sone Richard sone, and my godsonne, my Manor callyd Mary hall, w^t th'appurten'nes, w^t all man' of landes, medowes, and pastures, nowe in the ferme of Richard Potyer, lying in the towne of Walter belch'mp, and in other townes next adjoyning, in the Countie of Essex, And also my place called Garneyes, w^t all other landes, medowes, and pastures, w^t all and singuler th'appurten'nes, whiche Alice fliske, widowe, nowe fermyth. To haue and to holde the foresayd Manor and all other the premisses, w^t th'appurten'nes to the said Reger my godsonne, and to the heires of his body laufully begotten. And for defaulte of suche heyres, the foresayd Manor, and other the premisses, w^t th'appurten'nes, after the deceas of the sayd Roger, to Remayne to my sayde sone Richard, in lyke maner and forme as I haue assigned before, my Mesuage and other the premisses lying in Melford, and in other townes, to do as before Apperith in the bequest made to my seyde sone Richard. Item, I bequeth to the seyde Roger A hundred poundes in Money, a standing Cup w^t a cou' gilt, A greate pounsd pece with a cou' percell gilte, A greate maser w^t a Rose in the myddis, And xii syluer spones w^t knoppis gilte. Whiche money and plate I wilbe delyu'ed to hym at his age of xxi yeares or soner, yf it may be for his Comfort and his advantage, demyd and thought expedient by myn Executours and his sure lovinge frends. Also I bequeth to hym oon of my Cheynes of golde, w^t a crosse of golde, Whiche to be delyu'ed hym at the tyme before lymitted. And yf yt chaunce, as god forbyd, the sayd Roger to dye before the delyu'e to hym of the premisses according to this my will and Testament, Then I will th one half of every thing that I haue bequethed hym be dispoasyd for my soule and the soules before remembrid. And the other half my seyde sone Richard to haue to his owne vse, And in anny wyse I requier and charge my Executours that my seyde godsonne Roger be well and suerly vsed bothe in bordinge, Clothinge, and putting furthe in lernynge, for his comfort hereafter, w^t the yereley profyts of the premisses bequethed to hym till he come to the Age or tyme before lemyttid, As my singuler trust ys in them. Item, I bequeth to my lorde of Bury of the money he owith me, whiche ys fourtye poundes, Teune poundes therof, So he paye the rest to myne Executours, trusting he will Rememb'r my soule and be good lorde to myn heyre. Item, I bequeth to

the master of the colage of Sudbury, Mr. Richard Edon, and to the vse of the same Colage foreu', my garden that I bought of Guyblion, so they kepe an obitt yerely for my soule, and the sayd M^r soule for euermore, and giue at the same obeyt to fyve porr people to eu' of them a penny. Item, I bequeth to hym a pounsyd pece, with a cou' pencill, percell gilte, for a Remembrance. Item, I bequeth to Master Thomas Edon my sones brother in lawe, A gilt flat pece with a cou'er for a token. Item, I bequeth to Sr Thomas Hoor, xls. in money, trusting surely he will rememb'r my soule, Whiche money to be delyuered vnto hym wthin a yere ymmediatly after my death. Item, I will yf my syster Dyke hereafter be mynded to dwell in my place that I bought of the executours of Johanne ffeet, callyd the Cocke, beinge againste my place where I newe dwell, Than I will she haue yt duringe her lyfe, withe the gardens and Crofts next Adioyning therto, and fyve marks in money. Item, I bequeth to Margarett Barfot, of Hadleigh, xls. in money, And to eu'y one of her childern xxvii. viii*d*. And she to haue the place and lands that Hugh Grene fernyth ymmediatly after my deth for eu' more, to her and to her heyres of her body lafully begotten. And the Plate lyinge in the pockett in my counter. This plate delyuered to her withe the pokett be me Roger Martyn. And also the forsaid place and lands delyu'ed her As yt apperith be dede indented, wherof she hath thone p'te. Item, I bequeth to Roger Marten, my brother laurence sone, and my godsone, Twenty m'rks of the money that his Master Humfrey Pakington owith me, yf he lyue to thende of his Apprentishod, And he to haue yt Immediatly after th'ende of his Apprentishod, yf he be then alyve. Item, payd hym therof Ten pouds. Item, I bequeth to John Martyn, my seyde brother Lawrence sone, fyve marks of the money that the seyde Humfrey Pakington owith me, yf the seyde John be alyue at th'ende of the seyde Roger Martyn Apprentishod.

Item, I bequeth to Edward Martyn, my forsaid brother Lawrence Martyn sone, other fyve marks of the money that the seyde Humfrey Pakington oweth me, yf the seyde Edward be alyve at th'ende of the forsaid Roger Martyn apprentishod. Item, I bequeth to euery godchild of myn that berith my name, four shillings, or a payre of sheetis beinge of the seyde value, to be delyuered to euery of them at their age of xxti yeres or at their marriage. Item, I bequeth to Margarett Byrd the place to Hylder dwelt in for terme of her lyfe keping the Repacons therof, and payinge the yearly rent therefore. Item, I bequeth to William Hilder, my s'zunt the Ten'ment that Lytill Hamond dwelt in, wth the gardeyn therto annexed for terme of his lyfe, keping the repacons therof. And xxii. liii*d*. in money, Six bussells of wheate and a Combe malt. Item, I bequeth to Nicholas my s'zunt, in money xxvii. viii*d*. And yf he dwell still in Melford, wth my sonne, and will helpe forward at P'hus Masse eu'y frydaye after his co'uyng and teche childern. Then I will he haue euery yere for so doing xvii. viii*d*. trusting he will suerly pray for my soule. Also the Ten'ts that Adams now dwellith in during his lyfe, keping sufficiently ye Repacons therof.

Item, I giue vnto Roger Cowper, my god sone, in mony Ten shillings. Item, I bequeth to Peter, myn Apprentise, in money xx. And the Ten'te that he dwellith in duringe his lyfe, keping the R'pacons. Item, to Alice Jermyn, in money xs., and my Tenement that yong Goodwyn dwellith in during her lyfe. Item, to Anne Tailor, widowe, my Ten'te that lightman dweliith in during her lyfe, and xs. in money. Item, I bequeth to Besse Cowper my syster Dyke Daughter, A gowne or kyrtyll of my late wyf Mary, lying in the chest Locked, and xx. in money. Also I will that all such p'sons as appereth in my hooke or be obligacions, that owith anny Dett to me or to my father, that they and eu'y of them that be not abill nor of power to paye no parte of their Dett, Than I will they be clerlye discharged and eu'y oon of them neu' to be vexed nor trouillyd be myn Executours nor by no man be them for any p'te of their Dett, but they and eu'y of them be required to pray for my father's soule, and myn and all xpen soules. Item, I bequeth to Hugh Sergeaunte and to Alice his wyfe, and my kynswoman my place wth the gardene, sumtyme Brytwes, to haue to them and to theirs of the body of the same Alice lafully begotten. Also, I discharge the sayd Hugh of all the dett he owith me for the comfort of hym and his seyde wyfe. Item, I bequeth to her a gowne, or a kyrtyll of my Late wyfes, that my sone will delyu' her, and xs. in money. Item, I bequeth to John Cowper and his wyfe, the place that he nowe dwellith in, sumtyme Middiltons, for terme of their lyves, and they fynding sufficient R'pacons and paye the yerely rent. Item, I bequeth to my godson Baker sone of Sudburye, xx. Item, I will that all maner of gyftis, bequestis, grauntis, dischargis, made be me to diuers p'sones as apperith herafter with myn owne hande be suerlye obs'ued, performyd and fulfillid to eu'y p'sone ther nanyd, According to my ther expressid

as my trust ys in them. Item, I will if anny man or woman after my deth clayme anny dett of me, or for to be restoryd or satisfied for anny cause, and prove ther clayme true be wryting or be substaunciall witness, then they and euery suche oon in so doing to be payd, restored, and satisfied according to right and consciens. Item, I will in anny wyse that all suche Evidence and dedes whiche I haue nowe in my keping, dyuers straunge p'sons, that they be delyn'ed to every one of them that ought to haue them of right as sone after my deth as yt may be Resonable. The Residue of all my goodes and detts which of right to me belongith my father's wyll and testament and myn clerly fulfilled and p'formyd in euery p'te therof, I will my seyd sone Richard haue the fore-seyd resydue to his own vse, trusting he will rememb'r me in euery thinge for the comfort of my soule, as a good sone ought to do for his father, Which forsaid Richard my sonne, I ordeyn and make my cheif Executor, or Sr Jamys Hewer my prest to be myn Executor wt' hym. And euerything that the said Sr James shall do, cons'nyng my said last will and Testament, be alweyes with consent and agrement of my seyd sone. Also I desier and speciallye requier my trusty and louyng frends Mr. Richard Edon, clarke, and Mr. of the Colage of Sudburie, Robert Crane thelder, Esquier, Thomas Edon, gentelman, my sones brother in lawe, and my Cosyn Edward Colman, of litill Waldingfeld, to be my Sup'visours of this my last will and Testament. And they and euery of them to giue their best advyse and counsell to myn Executors in eu'y cause and causee concernyng my last will and testament, At every tyme whan they or anny of them shalbe required be myne Executors, wt' suche counsell as they wolle take to them, yf it be requisite, Soo as my forsaid will & testament maye be suerlie vsyd, performyd and fulfilled, and to contynewe after my mynde expressid therin. And I bequeth to eu'y of my seyd supervisours for their good myndes and deligence shewyd and performyd in the premises, Accordinge to my mynde, Tenne marks of lauffull money. Memorand. where as I mynded to haue a Co'm doole at my buryng daie, whiche ys nowe p'hibited by Acte of p'liament. Therefore I will at my buryng daye be distributed and gyven to po'r Creators dwelling in Melford, three pounds in form folowinge. To euery man and woman that be blynde, lame, and puer in age, or lye bedred, *iiii* *d.*, to every other por man and woman dwellinge within the seyd towne, *ii* *d.*, And to eu'y po'r childe dwellinge within the seyd towne, *id.* And if anny p'te of the seyd monye be sparyd, to geue yt where ys most nede. And thus in the forme and order in every thinge to be usyd, doon, and orderyd at my xxx^{ti} Daye, and the seyd Creators to be required specially to praye for my soule and all xpen soules. Also I will euery yere, Immediatly after my death, alwey in lentyn, there be gyven to po'r men and women and childern, dwelling wthin the towne of Melford, in White hering and redd to the some of xxxs., and so to be vsyd and done eu'y lentyn during xx^{ti} yeres ymmedyatly after my deth. And the said po'r creators to be required to praye for my soule, my father's soule and mother's soule, and for the soule of Geffery floott, and Johanne his wyfe soule, and all xpen soules. Also, where I lately agreed wt' John Clark that he shulde haue the tenement lying be his place, sumetyme Richard Gent, for Ten pounds, to be payd euery yere after xxxs. till yt be payde. I will of the seyd Ten poundes theires of the seyd Richard Gent, Whiche be Mr. John Mylborne daughter, and John Smyth daughter, euery of them to haue of the seyd Tenne pounds fyve marks.

And fyve marks rest to be vsyd and ordered be myn Executors and supervisours, for the soules of the seyd Richard Gent., his father and mother soules, And Alice his eyster soule. Prouided alweyes yf the seyd heyres can prove that the said Ten't were the said Alice Gent, then they to haue the hole Ten poundes before wrytten. Item, I bequeth and giue my greate syluer Sensors lying in my chest in my counter, to Melford Church, to e'ue the worship of J'hu for evermore, & my soule to be remembered therefore in the suffragis of the p'issenrs. Item, I will euery yere the Mondaie next after the feast of St Thomas Th'appostell, before Cristmas, A solempne high dirige and masse to be kept, for the soules of me, and my Two wyffs, Alice and Mary, wt' all the prests in Melford, two grete Clarks, and foure Childern *id.* And almes to be gyven at the seyd Obit daye to Sixscore po'r householders, six score good loves of wheate, and to euery of the seyd householders a penny, and this to be vsyd and performyd euery yere during Twenty yeres, Immediatly after my deth. Item, I bequeth to Mr. Awdely, now my lorde Chauncellor, for a po'r remembrance, A greate sale of syluer percell gilt, lying in my counter in the chest I sytt oon. Item, I bequeth to Sr Thomas Jermyn, knight, for a po'r remembrance my keryng greate knyves with gilt halftis. Item, I bequeth to my lady Milborne, for a po'r remembrance, a Ringe of golde with a stone and two olde nobles. Item, I bequeth to my Cosyn Bakers wyfe, of Sudbury, a Corse girdyll,

the harnes thereon syluer and gilte, for a Remembraunce. Item, I bequeth to my Suster Russe, of Ipwiswiche, a ring of gold for a Remembraunce. Item, I bequeth to Jermyn, of Stansted, my baylie, and to his wife, for a Remembraunce xls. Item, I bequeth to the heremytt now lying and being at saynt Jamys chapell, in Melford, an Aungell noble of gold, for to bye hym therewt a cote, and so to haue every yere tene yeres Immedyaty after my deth. Item, I bequeth to John Clarke and his wyfe xls., trusting they will pray for me. Item, I bequeth to my godson their son xiii. iiiid. Memorandum where as John Smyth, of Bury, Executor to Robert Brett, with me for the dett of the sayd Robert Brett xiiij. yf the sayd John will paye thereof to myn Executours Six pounds, w^{thout} any further sute, I will he be discharged of the rest in discharginge of his consciens and the soule of the sayd Robert Brett, and they to haue the sayd Obligacion delyuered that the sayd Robert standith bounden in. Memorand', whereas Robert Plame, my fermor, owith me of Arreragys of ferme as yt apperith in the ferme booke. I will he be discharged of thone half therof, trusting he will praye for my soule. And also I will he be discharged of the bond that he ys bounden in to me, for suertie for John Wyncoll. Item, I will the lands, Ten'ts, medowes, and pastures, late in the tenure and ferme of John Cowper, lying in bregstrete, in Melford and Alpheton, my sone Richard Martyn haue to hym and to his heires of his body laufully begotten. And for lacke of such yssue, to remayn According to the Taylle as yt apperith be the dede Taylle. Item, I will Sir Robert nowe my prest haue my s'uiue and be my prest during his lyfe, and haue his Salarye According to my will, and also his chamb'r & his gardyn as he hath nowe, and half a hundred woode, delyu'ed hym at his Chamb'r, and Twenty Shillings in monye, trusting he will praye suerly for my soule. Item, I bequeth to sr. Edward Tyrrell, that nowe techith and lernyth my godson Roger Martyn xxx., trusting he will pray for me. Item, I bequeth to M^{res}. Worceter, of Norwich, wydowe, Six Angellis nobills, and the Ringe on my lytill finger, to be delyu'ed to her or to her assignes, w^{thin} a quarter of a yere next after my deth. This being wytnesse, Mr. Richard Edon, Archdeacon, of Midd., Robert Crane, Esquier, Thomas Edon, gentelman, Master Colman, John Cardell, sir Robert Chaplen, and Nicholas Hardy, with other.

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WILL OF JOHN MARTYN.—1545.

In the name of god amen. The xxiii Daye of June, in the yere of or Lorde god, a thousande fyue hundrethe fortie and fyve. And in the xxxviith yere of the raigne of or moste dred Sufferaygne Lorde Henrye theight, By the grace of god of Englande, ffrance, and Irelande, kinge Defendour of the faethe, and vnder god the supreme hedd of the churche of Englande, and also of Irelande. I, John Martyn, of Hadleyghe, in the countie of Suff., husbandeman, sicke in boddye and hole of mynde and of good memorye, Lawded be our Lorde god, ordeyne and make this my last Will and Testamente in manner and fourme followinge. ffyrste, I Bequeth my soule to god allmyghtie my maker and Redemer, And vnto all the hollye companye of heuen, my boddie to be buryed in the churche yarde of Hadleyhie foresaide. Item, I geue to my three childrene John Martyn, William Martyn, and Agnes Martyn, the ouerplus or Surplusage of the hole valne of my howse and lande, bothe free and coppye, situate and lying in Polsted, called gosnoldes, ouer and besides fortie poundes to be paid to thexecutors of my brother Peter Martyn, which gosnoldes was and is geuen to me by my brother Peter Mertyn, vnder condycon that I shulde be bounde in an obligacion of fortie poundes to his executours, to paye to the saide Executours fortie poundes of Laufull monneye of Englande, to the performance of his Laste will and testament, the whiche fortie poundes he willid to be paide by sixe poundes thirtene shillinges foure pence yerlie, vntill the said some of xl^{li} sterlinge were fullye contented and paide, wherof the firste sixe poundes thirtene shillinges foure pence, to be paide w^{thin} half a yere next after his deathe or deceas. Than he wolde that I, John Martyn, shulde haue his capitall howse called gosnoldes, wth the Landes, medowes, fedinges, and pastures, wth all thappurten'nes bothe free holde and coppie holde to me the saide John Martyn, and my heirs for ever. The w^{ch} gifte of my brother Peter Martyn was geuen vpon consideracion for certeyne causes, hanginge and dependynge betwexte the said Peter Martyn my Brother, and me

the said John Martyn, for certeyne Landes whiche he sould of myne vnrecumpensed. Wherefore, I will that my welbeloyd wife Tomazen to be my soole executrix, and she for to paye the yerlie some of sixe poundes thirtene shillings foure pence, till she haue fullye satisfied, payde, and contented, the hole some of fortie poundes. Item, I will that the foresaide Thomazen my wife, before all thinges don and to be donne, as touchinge the pay^{mt} and paymentes of the hole some of fortie poundes, Whiche muste be payde to my brother Peter Martyns executours to the performaunce of his Laste will and testament, my whole mynde and will is that the foresaid called gosnoldes, Lyinge and beinge in Bolsted, w^t the Landes bothe free and coppie, shulde be prised and valued to the moste higheste price and value it can or maye be broughte vnto, prayinge and besekinge my singuler good masters to take payne in that behalfe in Reuerence of god, that is to witt. The Right Worshipfull Sr William Walgrave. knyghte, And master Henrye Doyle, Esquier, the one Supervisour of my Brothers will. And the other to this my poore will and testament, or elles to other and indifferent men. And what so ever the whole some comethe vnto ouer and above the value of fortie poundes to be payde to the parformaunce of my brother Peter Martyn's will and testament. The same some of the ouerplus or Srplusage to be deuyded and partid by euen portions betwene the foresaide three childrene, as is menconed in the firste part of my will and testament. And if it fortune anny of my saide three childrene to die or departe this worlde, then the hole some of the monneye to be deuyded and parted betwexte the two suruyvours. And if two of them departe, then I will the thirde childe so lyuinge to Enioye the hole some of all the other two partes. And if it so fortune that all the three childrene to departe oute of this worlde, Then I geue it frelye to Thomazen my wife, Whome I ordeyne and make soule executrix of this my Laste will and testament, And more if the saide house and Landes be prayed and valued by my good masters aforesaid, or by anny other for the lacke of theym to the moste advaantage it canne be brought vnto and so knowen, Then I will that Thomazen my wife, shall enter into bondes w^t suerties for the payment of the saide fortie poundes sterlinge, to be payde to th'executours of my Brother Peter Martyn to the parformaunce of this laste will and testament. After the payment of sixe poundes thirtene shillinge foure pence by the yere, till the some of fortie poundes be fullye payde. And who so euer fortne to by this house and Landes, And by the same sale to inioye it the fortie poundes payde. I will in anny wise the ouerplus or surplusage shalbe in particion and euenly to be deuyded betwext my three children, John, William, and Agnes Martyn. The Residue of all my goodes movable, and all my debtes dewe and to be duc, I geue them frelie to Tomazen my saide wife and my executrix, she payinge my dybtes in euery part and parcell that I do owe. And she to receyue my debtes, that is owynge to me. And I make my good master Henrye Doyle, Esquier, to be my supervisour, and he to haue for his Laboure and paynes twentie shillings, prayinge him to Stande w^t my wife in her nede, and to comforte her in all her affares. Item, I geue to Alice Wilken, sixe shillings eight pence. Thes beinge wittnes, Edwarde gilderstrete, and Sr Richarde Secundary.

(Proved at London, June 26, 1546.)

WILL OF ROBERT MARTEN.—1564.

In the name of god Amen. I Robert Marten, the elder, of Karsey, in the Countie of Suff., clothier, beinge of holl mynde, and perfecte remembrance, thanckes be to god, doo make and ordeine my Last will and testament in manner and forme followinge. first, I comēd my soull into the handes of allmightie god, trustinge to be sauid by the mediation of J^hus Christ, Saviour of the worlde, and my boddie I will to be buried in the Churche yard of Karsey afforsaide. Item, touchinge the dispoen of my landes and gooddes, I give and bequethe vnto Richard Amberos, the sonne of Richard Amberos, my sonne in lawe, one Pasture close called Sparrowes, holden by coppie of Courte Roll of the lord of the Mannor of Carsie, to holde to him and his heires for ever. Item, I give to John Martin my sonne, all my Customarie Landes and tenementes lyinge in Assington, in the saide Countie, to haue and to holde to him and to his heires for ever. Item, I give to Robert Raissbrook, my sonne in Lawe, all that my free tenemente called ffordes, withe the appurtenances in Carsey afforsaide, together withe all Landes to the same belonginge, and all that my coppie holde meddowe called Warrens med-

dowe, nowe occupied wthe the saide tenemente fordes, lying in Kersey aforesaid, and all that my tenement called Whiteacres, with the landes to the same belonginge, To haue and to holde the saide teⁿte, fordes, and the landes therto belonginge, and the saide meddowe called Warrens meddowe, and the saide tenement called Whiteacres, with the landes to the same belonginge, to the saide Robert Raissbrooke, and to his heires for ever, yppon condicion that he, the saide Robert Raissbrooke, his heires, Executors, or Assignes, Doo paye or cause to be paide to Robert Martene, John Martene, Peter Gage, and Richard Ambersois, hereafter named in this my will, fiftie and fyue poundes of lauffull Inglish money, within one yere after my decesse, towards the payment of my dettes, and performance of this my last will. And if it shall fortune the saide Robert Raissbrooke, his heires, Executors, or Assignes, to fayle in paymeⁿte of the saide some of fiftie fyve poundes, to be paide for the said tenemēte and landes called ffordes, the saide Meddows called Warrens meddowe, and the tenemente called Whiteacres, and the saide tenement and Landes cal^led ffordes, and the saide Meddowe called Warrens meddowe, shalbe sold by the saide Robert and John Martin, my ysonnes, Peter Gage, and Richard Ambros aforesaide, or the Survivor^s of them. And the monney thereof taken to be paide aboute the satisfyinge of my saide dettes, and performaⁿc of this my last will. Item, I give to the saide Robert Martin, and John Martin, my sonnes, Peter Gage, Robert Raissbrooke, and Richard Ambers afforsaide, all my siluer Spones, beinge thertene in number, equallie to be devidid amonges them. Item, I give to the saide Peter Gage my spruce table. Item, to Robert Martē my sonne, my Sestorne of Leade, and my standinge Cobberd. Item, to John Martin my sonne, one Table wth twoo Leaves, and one yoyned ffarme, and therewth all com'onlie occupied. Item, to the saide Peter Gage my grete hutsche whiche standethe in the hall. Item, to the saide Richarde Ambersois the biggest of my hutches in the parlour. Item, To the saide Robert Raissbrooke the biggest hutch in the Parlor next to that. Item, to Peter Gage my godsonne, the lest hutsche standinge in the saide Parlor. Item, I give to Robert Marten my sonne, twoo of my Carpett Quisshins, and vnto John Marten, Peter Gage, Robert Raissbrooke, and Richard Ambersois, to each of them one Carpett Cusshin. Item, I give to the saide Robert Merten and John Martin my sonnes, Peter Gage, Robert Raissbrooke, and Richard Ambersois, to eche of them one Cowe. All the Reste of my gooddes and Cattalls, my Dettes paide, and Legacies performed, I give therein to my Executours Whom I name and appointe, the saide Robert Marten and John Martin my sonnes, Peter Gage, Robert Raissbrooke, and Richard Ambersois, my sonnes in lawe, evenlie to be devidid amonges them, witnesses of this mie laste will, made the x^vth daie of februarie, aⁿ. thousande, fyue hundreth, three score and fower, In the seventh yere of the reigne of our most drede Sovereigne Ladie quene Elizabeth, defendour of the faithe, &c. Testibus Robert Sampson, Robert Brises merk.

(Proved at London, June 14, 1566.)

COOKLEY REGISTERS.

- Luke Martin, son of William Martin, clerk, bapt. 15 April, 1599.
 Anne Martin, da. of Do., bapt. 6 April, 1603.
 Thomas Martin, son of Do., bapt. 11 July, 1605.
 Mary Martin, wife of Do., buried 8 June, 1608.
 Mr. William Martin, clerk, buried 5 April, 1635.

LAVENHAM REGISTERS.

1562. January 1. Elizabeth, da. of John Martyne, x^d.
 1564. April 23. Joane, da. of John Martyne, x^d.
 1565. Nov. 30. Brigide, da. of John Martyne, x^d.
 1567. Jan. 19. Gyles, son of John Martyn, bapt.
 1569. Sept., 26. Joane, da. of John Martyne, bapt.
 1569. Sept. 26. Joane, da. of John Martyne, buried.
 1570. March 23. Susan, da. of John Martyne, bapt.
 1601. March 25. John, son of Richard Martine, x^d.
 1603. Sept. 4. William, son of Richard Martyne, x^d.
 1606. Oct. 19. John Hynde and Sara Martyne.
 1647. Oct. 14. John, son of Wm. Martin, x^d.

EXTRACTS FROM THE HADLEIGH REGISTERS, RELATING TO THE FAMILY OF
MARTIN, OF HADLEIGH.

BAPTISMS.

- 168 $\frac{3}{4}$. Feb. 27. Thomas Martin, son to Belteshazzar.
 1567. Nov. 1. John Marten.
 1568. Oct. 24. John Mertyne.
 1569. Oct. 30. Philip Mertyn.
 1573. Aug. 30. Margery Marten.
 1574. Nov. 7. Nicholas Martyn.
 ————— Suzan Martyn.
 157 $\frac{1}{2}$. Feb. 19. Jeames Martyne.
 157 $\frac{1}{2}$. Jan. 1. Jone Martine.
 1578. Aug. 31. Peter Martyn.
 1578. Dec. 7. William Martyn.
 1597. May 20. William Martyn.
 ————— Joane Martyn.
 158 $\frac{1}{2}$. Jan 8. John Martyn.
 1581. June 4. Alexander Marten.
 1583. July 14. Nicholas Martyn.
 1583. Sept. 29. Rose Martyn.
 1583. Oct. 27. Anne Martyn.
 1584. Sep. 6. Steven Martin.
 1584. Nov. 8. Richard Marten.
 1587. May 21. Marye Marten.
 1587. June 4. John Marten, base born.
 1588. April 23. Elizabeth Martin.
 1589. Dec. 21. Margaret Martin, daughter to Nicholas.
 159 $\frac{1}{2}$. Jan. 31. Martha Martin, daughter to Peter Martin.
 1592. Dec. 10. William Martin.
 1593. Sept. 16. Anna Martin, daughter to Nicholas Martin.
 1594. May 20. Matthew Martin, son to Peter Martin.
 159 $\frac{1}{2}$. January 22. Sarah Marten, daughter to William.
 159 $\frac{3}{4}$. February 1. James Martin, son to James Martin.
 1600. August 24. Thomas Marten, son to William Marten.
 160 $\frac{1}{2}$. January 25. Caleb Marten, son to James Marten.
 1603. July 31. Edmund Marten.
 1606. April 27. Thomas Martin, son to William Martin.
 1608. November 20. Robert Marten, son to William.
 161 $\frac{1}{2}$. February 20. Suzan Marten, daughter to Richard.
 161 $\frac{1}{2}$. December 21. Nicholas Marten, son to John Marten.
 161 $\frac{1}{2}$. December 27. William Marten, son to William.
 1615. July 21. Elizabeth Marten, daughter to Edward Marten.
 1615. August 17. Nicholas Marten, son to Richard Marten.
 1617. August 7. Richard Marten, son to Richard Marten.
 161 $\frac{1}{2}$. February 15. George Marten, son to Edward.
 1618. November 12. Anne Marten, daughter to Richard Marten.
 161 $\frac{1}{2}$. January 24. Margaret Marten, daughter to John Marten.
 161 $\frac{1}{2}$. January 10. Mary Marten, daughter to John Marten.
 1621. April 26. Jemyne Marten, daughter to Richard Marten.
 162 $\frac{1}{2}$. March 24. John Marten, son to John Marten.
 1524. September 19. Stephen Marten, son to Stephen Marten.
 1626. Sept. 17. Thomas Marten, son to Stephen Marten.
 162 $\frac{1}{2}$. March 15. William Marten, son to Stephen Marten.
 1632. April 29. Sarah Martin, daughter to Stephen Marten.
 1633. July 14. Amy Martin, daughter to Stephen Marten.
 1635. May 24. Elizabeth Martin, daughter to John Martin.
 163 $\frac{1}{2}$. March 5. Alice Martin, daughter to John Martin.
 163 $\frac{1}{2}$. February 3. Thomas Martin, son to Francis Martin.
 1645. May 4. John Martin, son to Nicholas Martin.
 1648. November 26. Mary Marten, daughter to William Marten.

1663. April 3. Francis Martyn, son to Francis Martyn.
 1665. April 27. Thomas Marten, son to Francis Marten, junr., & Jane.
 1668. April 2. Susannah Marten, daughter to Thomas Marten, & Susannah
 1668. November 4. Thomas Marten, son to Francis Marten, & Jane.
 1669. June 14. Mary Martine, daughter to Nicholas Martine.
 1669. October 1. Frances Marten, daughter to Thomas Marten.
 167 $\frac{1}{2}$. March 7. Nicholas Marten, son to Nicholas Marten.
 1672. October 23. Henry Marten, son to Thomas Marten, & Susan.
 167 $\frac{3}{4}$. March 6. Elizabeth Martin, daughter to Thomas Martin, & Susan.
 167 $\frac{3}{4}$. March 2. Jane Martin, daughter to Francis Martin, & Jane.
 1675. May — Susan Martine, daughter to Thomas Martin, & Susan.

MARRIAGES.

1566. July 14. John Martine, and Margery Wellam.
 1577. October 27. Peter Marten, and Martha Cowden.
 158 $\frac{3}{4}$. January 21. Stephen Martyn, and Anne Potter.
 158 $\frac{3}{4}$. March 2. James Kembold, and Anne Marten.
 159 $\frac{1}{2}$. February 7. Wm. Marten, and Anne Bendall.
 1593. May 10. Ramage Goymer, widr. & Jonne Martin, single.
 1614. July 19. John Marten, single, & Margaret Coffen, widow.
 1655. October 2. Augustin Cantler, and Mary Martin.

BURIALS.

1562. February 1. William Marten.
 1566. November 2. John Marten.
 1568. December 30. Marget Marten.
 1574. July 7. Alexander Martyn.
 1580. April 16. Nicholas Martin.
 1581. June 16. Alexander Martin.
 1582. September 2. Eliz. Martin.
 1587. December 1. Dorcas Martin.
 1589. ————— Sapherie Martine.
 1594. August 4. Mary Marten.
 1602. March 25. Anne Marten.
 1605. May 26. Mathew Marten.
 1609. April 13. Dorothy Marten.
 161 $\frac{1}{2}$. February 20. Susan Marten, daughter to Richard Marten.
 161 $\frac{1}{2}$. March 23. John Marten, of Redhill.
 1625. November 16. Anne Marten, of Red Hill.
 1628. September 24. Thomas Marten, son to Stephen Marten.
 1630. May 19. John Marten, son to John Marten.
 1632. May 3. Sarah Marten, daughter to Stephen Marten.
 1632. June 18. Anne Martin, wife to John the Cooper.
 1633. October 7. Jeminah Martin, daughter to Richard Martin.
 1635. September 23. Elizabeth Martin, daughter to Stephen Marten.
 1637. May 15. Richard Martin, son to Richard Martin.
 1637. June 7. Parnella, wife of Richard Martin.
 1637. August 16. John Martin, the Cooper.
 1639. October 14. Richard Martin.
 1641. May 3. Henry Martin.
 1642. May 10. Widow Martin.
 1642. June 3. Ursley, wife of Thomas Martin.
 1646. May 25. ——— Martin, son to Nicholas Martin.
 1646. June 11. The wife of John Martin.
 1647. September 1. Nicholas Martin.
 1648. September 15. John Martine.
 1668. October 17. Susanna Martin, daughter to Thomas Martin & Susan.
 1675. June 21. Susannah Martin, wife to Thomas Martin.
 1677. April 16. Mary Martin, daughter to Nicholas Martin.

WHATFIELD REGISTERS.

Elizabeth Martin, da. of Thomas M. Gent, and Mary, bapt. 13 Dec., 1714.
 Wm. Martin, son of do., 17 July, 1716.
 Mary M. da. of do., 14 March, 1717.
 Elizab. M., da. of do., 30 Jan., 1719.
 Sarah M., da. of do., 12 Sept., 1721.
 Susan M. and Belthazzar M., twins of Do., 8 Aug., 1722.
 John M., son of do., 25 Jan., 1725.
 Richard M., son of do., 4 April, 1727.
 Robert M., son of do., 1 Nov., 1728.
 Amy M., da. of do., 27 Jan., 1729.
 Elizabeth M., da. of do., burd 4 Oct., 1718.
 Elizab. M., da. of do., burd 15 Oct., 1720.
 Wm. M., son of do., burd 13 July, 1721.
 Balteshazzar M., son of do., burd 24 Oct., 1722.
 Beltshazzar M., from Hadleigh, burd 3 July, 1724.
 John M., son of Thomas & Mary Gent, burd 3 Jan., 1727.
 Elizab. M., of Aldham, w^o burd 4 Nov., 1728.
 Thomas M., gent., burd 12 Jan., 1731.
 Mrs. Mary M., w^s burd 14 Nov., 1745.
 Robert M., gent., burd 14 June, 1754.
 Thomas M., gent., burd 7 Feb., 1757.
 Mrs. Susan M., burd 24 June, 1758.
 John Clubbe,* clk., and Susan Martin, mar^d 8 Aug., 1732.
 John Church, clk., & Mary Martin, sp., mar. by lic., 10 July, 1740.
 Thomas Hill, Esq., & Lydia Martin, mar. 13 June, 1745.
 Thomas Spark, Seaman, & Ann Martin, mar. 19 Dec., 1745.
 Robert Martin, Gent., & Ann English, mar. 10 July, 1753.
 John Clubbe, clk., burd 16 Feb., 1773.

WHATFIELD CHURCHYARD.

At east end of chancel, against wall.

Near this marble lies y^e Body of Mary,
 the wife of John Church, R^t of Boxford,
 and second Daughter of Mr. Thomas &
 Mrs. Mary Martin, of Barrards Hall,
 who was born 10 March, 1717,
 and died y^e 7 of May, 1741.
 She left an only daughter Sarah,
 of whom, with a resignation truly christian,
 She died in childbed,
 but who, dy^{ng} y^e 10 of Novem. following,
 soone returned to her mother.

On the South Side of window—black marble tablet.

Underneath this marble, lye the Bodies of
 Mr. Beltshazzar Martin, of Hadleigh,
 who died 30 July, 1724, aged 70 years,
 & of his only Son,
 Mr. Thomas Martin, of Whatfield,
 who died 9 June, 1731, aged 49 years.
 The latter of these by his wife Mary,
 only daughter of Mr. William Aldriche,
 of Stow Market, had 13 children, 5 of

* Rector of Whatfield and Vicar of Debenham, son of Rev. Geo. Clubbe, M.A. of Catherine Hall, Cambridge, likewise Rector of Whatfield.

whom he lived to bury here.
 Elizabeth, who died 2 Oct., 1718, aged 4 years.
 another Elizabeth, who died
 the 12 Oct., 1720, aged 9 months.
 William, who died 11 July, 1721, aged 5 years.
 Belteshazzar, who died 20 Oct., 1722,
 aged 2 months.
 and John, who died 31 Dec., 1727,
 aged 2 years.

MARTIN PEDIGREE.

From the Visitation of London in 1561.

Lorance Martyn, of Longe Melford, in com. Suff., gentilman, had issue Richard.
 Richard Martyn, of Longe Melford, aforesaid, gentilman, son and heire of Lorance,
 married daughter of — and had issue Roger and Lorance.

Lorance Martyn, of Longe Melford, aforesaid, gentilman, second son to Richard,
 married Elizabeth, daughter of — Cheeke, of Debnam, in com. Suff., and had issue Roger
 Martyn, the eldest son, John, second sonne, and Edward, third sonne.

Sir Roger Martyn, Knight, Lorde Maior of the Citie of London in A^o dni, 1568,
 married to his first wife Leticee, daughter of Humfrey Pakington, of London, gentelman,
 second brother to Sir John Pakington, of Hamton Lovett, in the Countie of Worcestre,
 Knight, by whome he had issue Humfrey Martin, his son and heire, Edmond Martin,
 second sonne, Susan, married to Robert Bee, of London, gentilman, Martha, married to
 John Castelin. The said Sir Roger Martin, Kt., married to his second wife Elizabeth,
 daughter of William Castelin, and by her had issue Mary, married to Alexander Dentou,
 Johan and Anne.

Humfrey Martin, of London, Esq., son and heire of Sir Roger Martin, Kt., married
 Alis, daughter of Thomas Pollison, of London.

MARTIN PEDIGREE.

From the original Visitation of Suffolk in 1561.

Rychard Martin, of Longe Melforde, in the Countie of Suff., maryed Elizabeth,
 daughter of — and had yssue Roger, sonne and heire, Lawrence, seconde sonne, John,
 third sonne.

Roger, sonne and heire of Rychard, maryed Alys, daughter of — fforde, of Hadley,
 and by her had yssue Richard, sonne and heire.

Rychard Martin, sonne and heire of Roger, married to his first wyffe Anne, daughter
 of Edon, of London, and had by her yssue Roger. After he maryed to his second wyffe
 Elizabeth, daughter to John Crane, of Chilton, and by her had no yssue.

Roger Martin, sonne and heire to Rychard, maryed Vrsella, daughter to Sir Thomas
 Jermyn, of Rosbroke, in the Countie of Suff., Knyght, and hath by her yssue Roger,
 William, Rychard, and Marye.

Arms:—Martin impaling Forde.

RICHARD MARTIN, ye son of a family—
in co. Dorset, temp. Richard the
Second, first came to Melford. Died
1438.

Lawrence Martyn, of Long Melford,=
Gent., died 1460, buried at Long
Melford.

Richard Martyn, of Long Melford,=*Elizabeth*, da. of Mundeford.
in Suff., died 1463.

Robert Appleton,=*Mary*, 2nd dau. and=*Roger Martyn*, son=*Alice*, da. of .. *Forde*, *John Martyn*, *Lawrence Martyn*, 2 =*Elizabeth*, dau. of John
of Waldingfield, coh. of Thomas & *heir*, Benchet of *Hadleigh*. 3 son. Cheke, of Debenham,
Gent., 1 husband Mountney, of Lincoln's Inn, died 34 Henry the Eighth, 1543. Gent.

Letlice, da. of Humphrey=*Sr.* Roger Martin, Knt., Lord=*Elizabeth*, dau. of Wm.=*Thomas Knowles*, of Edward Mar-
Packington, Esq., 2nd Mayor of London, 1567; Castlin, 2 wife, bur. 2 son. ty, 3 son.
brother of Sir John died 20 Dec., 1573, buried in St. Antholin's Church, London, mercer, died 2 son.
Packington, of Hamp- in St. Antholin's. 11 July, 1550.
ton, co. Worcester, 1 wife. London.

Susan, = Ro- *Mary*, =*John* Humphrey =*Alice*, dau. and heir Edward Mar-
bert Bee, of *Castolin*. Martyn, of of Sir. Thomas ty, 2nd son.
London, Pulison, of Lon-
Gent. son & heir. don, Knt.

Mary Martyn,
=*John*
Denton.

Joane Martyn, =
Anthony Smith,
of Camden, 1593.

Anne
Martyn.

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Anne, da. of Thomas Eden, = Richard Martyn, Esq., of = Elizabeth, da. of John Crane, of London (Sudbury) Esq. Long Melford, had special livery, 34 Henry Eight, Gent., 2nd wife, died s.p. 1543, died 1 Sept., 1572.

Richard Martyn. Ursula, da. of St. Thomas Jermyn, of = Roger Martyn, son and heir, of Long = Margaret, dau. of Walter Bowles, of co. Pemb., Esq., burd. at April, 1562. wife, burd. at Long Melford, 30 1615, aged 89, burd. at Long Melford. Long Melford, 16 April, 1578. son.

Margaret Martyn, married Francis Daniel, of Acton, Esq.

Roger Martyn, son & heir, ob. s.p. William 2 son, ob. s.p.

A son died very young.

Eleanor, da. of Francis Mannoek, of Gifford's Hall, Esq., 1 wife.

Richard Martyn, 3 son, Esq. son and heir, of Long Melford, died 8, burd. 9 March, 1624, aged 65, at Long Melford.

Thomas Daniel, of Acton, Esq. 2 wife, bur. at Long Melford, 29 July, 1692.

Alice, da. of Edmund Smith, of Tuddenham, Suff., Esq., 3 wife.

A son died young.

Thomas Martyn, went abroad, and was never heard of. Margaret Martyn, bapt. at Melford, 17 April, 1566.

Elizabeth Martyn, lived to a great age.

Daughters, who all died s.p.

Roger Martyn, died young. Roger Martyn, = Anne, dau. of Laurence Samuel Love, of Seven Oaks, Kent, Esq., bur. 1586, burd. there 6 Oct., 1657. Dec., 1662.

1, William Martyn. Lawrence Martyn, burd. at Melford, 2 Dec., 1621.

3, John Martyn. Mary Martyn, = John Digby, of N. Luffenham, co. Rutland, Esq., killed 1643.

^b

Richard Martyn, born 1611, died at $\frac{2}{3}$ of a year old, burd. at Higham, Suff. 1612.

John Martyn, bapt. at Long Melford 17 Nov., 1612.

Henry Martyn, bapt. at Long Melford 30 April, 1618, m. 1649, died burd. at Melford, 1677, *s.p.*

Margaret dau. of John Cary Esq., d. 1 April, 1712, aged 99, burd. at Melford.

Jane, dau. of Richard Martyn, Esq., bapt. at Long Melford, 26 Oct., 1611, burd. there 1673.

Mary, dau. of John Tyn-dall, of Melford, 2 wife, burd. at Melford, 5 March, 1709.

Roger Martyn, bapt. at Long Melford, 19 Jan. 1620, buried there 21 Aug., 1661.

Mary Clopton Martyn, bapt. at Long Melford, 9th Aug., 1614, died 1634, burd. there 24 Nov., unmar.

Anne Martyn, bapt. at Long Melford 17 Dec., 1616, died 1672.

Francis Martyn, bapt. at Long Melford, 11 July, 1624, died & burd. Oct., 1651, at Melford.

Elizabeth Martyn, bapt. at Long Melford, 19 Nov., 1615, burd. there 6 March, 1618.

John = John Yates, of Yoxford, Gent.

Charles = Margaret, dau. of Livermore, of Stamford Hall, Essex.

Mary Martyn, living 1710.

Francis Martyn, burd. at Melford, 20 August, 1677.

Frances Martyn.

1, Roger Martyn, born 1634, d. an infant.

2, Roger Martyn, born 1635, d. an infant, b. at Melford.

3, Roger Martyn, born 1636, d. an infant, b. at Melford, 18 April, 1641.

4, Henry Martyn, born 1638, d. 1641, b. at Melford, 18 April, 1641.

5, Roger Martyn, Esq., son and heir, born 1639, mar. 1663, created a Bart., 28 March, 1607, died July 8, 1712, bur. at Long Melford, 11 July.

Will dated 29 Apl., 1710, proved 10 July, 1713.

6, Richard = Catherine, dau. of Richard Wright, of Borley, in Essex, Gent., bur. at Melford, 20 Nov., 1741.

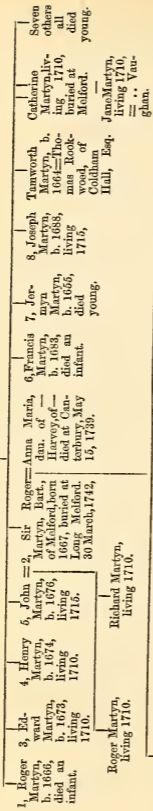
7, Henry Martyn, b. 1641, d. 1672.

8, John Martyn, b. 1642, d. 1717.

Jane Martyn, born 28 June, 1647.

Valentine Martyn, b. 1644, d. 1711.

Margaret.

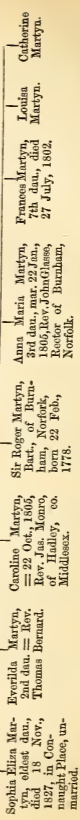


Sir Roger Martyn, Bart., mar. 5 June, 1739, = Sophia, dau. of Brig. General Lewis Mordaunt, died 22 Dec., 1752.

Richard Martyn Elizabeth Martyn = ... Rookwood.

Everilda Dorothea, dau. of Wm. Smith, = Sir Mordaunt Martyn, Bart., of Burn- = ... dau. of Rev. Armine Styleman, of Barnham, Clerk, died Sept., 1800. ham, Norfolk, born 1740, mar. 5 of Snettisham, widow of Rev. Edwd. North, died 29 April, 1825. No issue.

Anna Maria = Lewis Vigoreux, Esq. Martyn.



Daniell.



Arms:—1 and 4, Daniell; 2 and 3, Baynard.

In several copies of the Visitation, the arms of Daniel are impaled with those of Butler* of Coventry: viz. quarterly of four; 1, Azure, a chevron between three covered cups Or, *Butler*. 2, Sable, three lozenges Argent, *Whitacre*. 3, Argent, three leopards' heads, Sable. 4, Argent, a chevron between three stags' heads caboshed Sable

* To a deed, dated 12th September, 14 Edward IV, in the possession of the Corporation of Coventry, the Seal of Henry Boteler, Recorder of that City, is appended, on which are represented the Butler arms, viz:—a *fess* between three covered cups. The Seal of Richard Butler, Mayor of Coventry, in 1601, is appended to a deed dated 20th January, 1620, also in the possession of the Corporation. The arms on this Seal are, a *bend* between six covered cups.

ACTON REGISTERS.

(Register Books commencing 1564, imperfect.)

1658. April 12. Mr. Charles Daniell was buried.
 1662. April 5. Mr. Edmund Daniel buried.
 1680. October —. Mr. Francis Daniell was buried.
 1691. September 30. John Daniel, Esqre., buried.
 1692. August 8. Mrs. Ann Daniel.

In the Acton Place Chapel is the following Inscription on brass.

Edmund Daniel, 1569.
 Margaret ejus. 1589.

WILL OF EDMUND DANYELL.—13 HENRY VII.

In dei nomine amen, the xx daie of September, the xiii yere of the Regne of Kyng henry the VII, I, Edmunde Danyell, of Stoknailand, beyng of hole and p'fit mynde, make my testament in this Wise. In primis I bequeth my sowle to almyghty god my sauour, to oure blessed ladie, and to all the holy company of heuen, my bodie to be buried within the Qwere of Stoke Church, Where it is mooste conuenient, beside my lorde Bernes theldre. Item, I bequeth to the high Aulter of Stoke Church aforesaid, xxs., to be praied for by ther preste. Item, I geue to the rep'tions of the saide churche, vis. viii*d*. And I geue to the saide churche, my blak damaske gowne. More ouer, I will that the churche of Messynger haue vis. viii*d*., and a vestament conuenient for a p'ste to synge ther in p'ce xxs., to synge a trentall for me. Item, I geue to the grey friers in Colchestre, vs., to p'y for me. And to the friers of Clare other vs. moreouer I geue to Grace my Wife, all the landes and ten'tis that I haue purchaced where soueuer they ly, to geue and sell at her pleasure. And all other goodes And catallis to me belonging, in anye place y geue them to her disposicion, Whome I make my executrix Alone.

Witness of this, Thomas Swayne, Vicar of Stooknailand, Sir Thom^s Baker, p'ste of the said towne, Ric. Kenet, gent., George Danyell, Jun^r and other, the yere and daie aboue saide.

(Proved 19th Dec., 1498.)

WILL OF GEORGE DANIELL.—1563.

In the Name of God, Amen, the thirteenth Daye of October, in the yere of o^r Lorde god, after the computation of this Realme of Englande, a thousand, fyve hundred, threscore and three, And in the vth yere of the Reigne of the most exelent princes Elizabeth, by the grace of God of Englande, ffrance, and Irelande Quene Defendor of the Faith, &c. I, George Daniell, of Stoke nexte Clare, in the Countie of Suff., and in the Dioc. of Norwiche, gent., being in good and perfecte remembraunce, laude and praise be given to the living god, doe make this my p'nte Testament and last will in manner and fourme following. first, I bequeath my soule to almightie god, my creator, maker, and redemer, beseeching withe a lowe and humble hart of his mercie and forgiveness, trusting that through his deathe and passion that I maye be one of his electe, and chosen to be p'taker amongst the hollie companie of heaven. My bodie to be buryed yf I departe this transitory Worlde in Stoke, within the Chappell of St. Nicholas, nere vnto Dorathye my late wief, and George Daniell my late onlie sonne, whose sowles I besече the Lorde to haue mercie vpon. Item, I giue and bequeathe to the boxe standinge in the parrishe church of Stoke aforesaid iiii*s*. iiiii*d*., to the use of the poore and most nedefull p'sones in Stoke aforesaid. Item, Wheras I by my dede indented, bearing date the daie and yere of this my p'nte Testament and laste will, have

enfeoffed one John Radcliff, gent., ffrances Turrell, gent., and George Copsherrf, my nepheus, withe divers others, to the number of xx^{ti} p'sonnes, of and in twoo Ten'tes, somtime one Tenement, late Thomas Stroude, lying and being in Stoke aforesaide, in one Streate called Churche streate, whiche I late purchased of one John Roston, Clerke, Doctor of Divinitie, I will that the saide John Radcliff, and all other the said feoffers, their heires and assignes, shall stande and been seased of and in the saide twoo ten'tes according to th'entente and purporte of this my saide testament and laste will to th'onlie vse and mayntenances of fower poore almes folke, to be inhabiting within the saide ii tenementes foreu', withoute anye thinge yeldinge or payinge for the same. And when and as often as anye the said feoffers been departed owte of this worlde, excepte sixe or iiiior, then being alive, That then and after as often as yt shall come to so few in number, Then I will that the said feoffes then living, shall enfeoffe other twenty p'sonnes by deede indented of and in the said twoe Tenementes wherof such p'sonne or p'sonnes as shalhaue at that tyme anye estate, ynheritance, or freeholde of my mannor of Scarborowes, or capitall message, landes, and ten'tes in Stoke aforesaide, to be the fyrst of the said feoffes, To holde to them the said ii tenementes to the saide John Radcliff, ffrancis Terrell, and other coffeoffes to them and to their heires, to the vse and entent aforesaide. And that one of the saide deedes to be deliue'd to the Church Wardens of Stoke aforesaide, to be safelie kepte in a hutsche or cheste within the saide churche, there to remaine for ever. And th'other deede or counterpane to be deliue'd to suche personne or p'sons as shalhaue anye estate of ynheritance or free holde in my saide mannor of Stoke, called Scarborowes, my capitall message, and of all other my landes and tenementes, medowes, and pastures, in Stoke aforesaide. And I will that yf I doe not in my lief tyme put in iiiior poore folke into the saide twoe tenementes therto inhabitte, and doe not finishe the saide ii tenementes, and make them meete and convenient for the said iiiior poore folkes to inhabyte in them, Thenne I will that my executors shall, wythe expedie'on ymmediatlic after my decease, make one dubble chimney in one of the saide tenementes, to serve hothe the said T'entes, and to fynishe the same howses. And that my executors onlie for the fyrst tyme shall nominate and putt the said iiiior poore folke into the saide ii tenementes, suche as they shall thinke meete, being of good conversa'con and livinge. And further I will that as ofte as any of the saide poore almes folke shall fortune to decease or dep'te oute of any of the saide ii T'entes of there owne free will, w'toute cohersion, or expulsed for lacke of good gou'nance or conu'sacon, Then I will that suche p'son and personnes as shalhaue my saide mann' in Stoke, called Scarborowes, my capitall message, with all my landes, tenementes, medowes, and pastures, to the same belonging, w^t the assent, consent, and agreement of the Churche wardens of Stoke aforesaide, for the tyme beinge, shall electe, no'iate, and assigne, wythin syxe weekes next after the deathe or dep'ture of the saide poore p'son, one other p'son to enhabyte in the saide howse where annie suche roome shalbe voyde, in manner and forme aforesaide. And I will that eu'y such poore p'son inhabiting within the sayde ii tenementes shalhave yerclie foreu' going owte of my saide manno^r called Scarborowes, and of my saide capitall message, and of all my landes and tenementes, medowes, and pastures, in Stoke aforesayde, sixe shillings and eighte pence to be paid to every of them quarterlic, by even pore'ons, by suche p'sonne or p'sonnes as shalhave anie estate of inheritance, or freeholde of and in the said manno^r and other my saide landes and tenementes, and keepe vpp the saide ii tenementes. And yf default be had or made by anye suche p'son or p'sons as shalhaue my said mann', capitall message, landes, and tentes aforesaide, in the payment of the said somme of vis. viii^l, at anye of the quarters of the sayde yere in the whiche yt ought to have been paide by the space of xii dayes, or in the deliue'y of iiiii loades of Woodde yerclie, or any parte therof, or yf the sayd tenementes be not sufficientlie repayed when, and as often as nede shall require, by suche p'sonne or p'sonnes as shalhaue my saide Mannor of Scarborowes, capitall message, landes, and Tenementes aforesaide, then and there to distreyne, and the distresse There so taken to leade, drive, carry awaye, and the same to deteyne and sell for the p'formance of the saide premisses. Provided alwaie that yf the said feoffes of and in the saide ii Tenementes when they come to the saide number of vi or fower, doe not infeoff other xx^{ti} p'sonnes by dede indented Wherof suche p'sonne or personnes as shalhave at that tyme anye estate of inheritance or freeholde, of and in the said mannor, capitall message, landes and tenementes, to be one of the saide xx^{ti}. That then I will that eu'y suche person or p'sonnes havinge my saide manno^r, capitall message, and all other my said landes and tenementes in manner and fourme aforesaide, shall enfeoff twenty and sixe p'sonnes, of and in the saide ii tenementes as he shall name and assigne,

To holde to them and to their heires foreu', to the only vse, mainten'nces, relief, and comforte of the saide iiii poors folke in manner and fourme aforesaide foreu'. Item, I giue and bequeathe to John Danyell my sonne in base, otherwise called John Lyttle childe, all that my saide manner in Stoke aforesaid, called Scarboroughes, with my capitall messuage and all other my landes and tenementes, as well free as coppye, meadowes, pastures, and feedinges, withall and singuler their appurtenances, and all other my hereditaments, as well in possession as in Reu'con, sett, lying, and being in Stoke aforesaide, and Asshen, in the counties of Suff. and Essex, to have and to holde the saide manner, Capitall messuag, landes, tenementes, meadowes, pastures, and feedinges, with the all and singuler their appurtenances to the said John during all the Terme of lief of the sayde John withoute impeachment of Waste, and after the decease of the saide John, Thenne I will the saide Msn'n', capitall messuage, landes, and tenementes, and all other the said premisses shall remayne to theyres males of the bodie of the said John lawfully begotten. And yf yt shall fortune the said John to decease withoute heires males of his bodie lawfullis begotten, Then I will that my saide mann', capitall messuage, landes, tenementes, meadowes, pastures, and feedinges, shall remaine to Thomas Danyell, my sonne base, otherwyse called Thomas Kydde, To have, holde, and enioye the saide mann', capitall messuage, landes, tenementes, meadowes, pastures, and feedinges, to the saide Thomas during all the terme of lief of the saide Thomas, wythout ympeachment of waste. And after his decease I will that all the said p'mysse shall remaine to the heires males of the bodie of the said Thomas lawfullis begotten. And yf yt shall fortune the saide Thomas to decease having no yssue male of his bodie lawfully begotten, Then I will that the saide mann', landes, and tenementes, and all other my hereditaments in Stoke and Asshen aforesaid, shall remayne to ffrancis Tyrrell, my nephew, the sonne of Thomas Terrell, gent., and Margaret his late wief, my syster. To haue and to holde and enioye the said mann', capitall messuage, landes, tenementes, meadowes, pastures, and feedinges, to the sayd ffrances during all the terme of lief of the saide ffrancis, withoute ympechment of waste. And after the decease of the saide ffrancis, Then I will the saide mannor, capitall messuage, landes, tenementes, meadowes, pastures, and feedinges, shall remayne to theires males of the bodie of the sayd ffrancis lawfully begotten. And yf yt shall fortune the saide ffrancis to decease wythout heires males of the bodie of the sayd ffrancis lawfully begotten, Then I will my said mann', capitall messuage, landes, tenementes, meadowes, pastures, and feedinges, and all other my hereditaments shall remayne to my righte heyres foreu', Provyded always that yf the sayd Thomas Danyell and John Danyell, and eu'y of them doe not endeu' them selues to be reputed, taken, called and knowne by the name of John Danyell and Thomas Danyell, but doe refuse to wryte them selues and to be called by the said name of Danyell, Then I will that anye thinge given to the sayd John and Thomas, and to eu'y of them in this my testament and laste will, shalbe frustrate and voyde, any thinge comprised int this my p'nte testame't and last will to the contrary notwithstandinge. And yf yt shall fortune the saide John Danyell and Thomas Danyell to decease wythout yssue males of there severall bodies lawfullis begotten, then I will the sayd ffrancis shall content and paye to Tyrrell, his syster, Ellen Radcliff, Margaret Radcliff, Philippe Kyng, my Neces, Jane Copsheff, George Copsheff, and Charles Radcliffe, my nepheus, to every of them tenne poundes, wythin seven yeres nexte and ymmediatlis after he shall attayne and come to the possession of the sayd p'misses. Item, I will that my executors shall take the revenewes, yssues and proffytes of my sayd Mannor, called Scarboroughes, capitall messuage, and of all my landes and tenementes, as well free as coppye, and of my leases for terme of yeres, meadowes, pastures, and feedinges, lying in Stoke, Clare, and Asshen aforesaid, or els Where, in the sayd counties of Suff. and Essex, vntyl the saide John or Thomas shall come to th'age of xxiiii yeres nexte and ymmediatlis after my decease, towards the p'formance of this my laste will and testament. And I will that the yerelie proffytes thereof comming, taken, and receyved by my executors, shalbe putt into a hutch or cheste in my mansion howse, in Stoke aforesaid, having ii lockes, and the keyse thereof to be in the custodie of ii of myne execut rs, and the cheste to be in the custodie of Rycharde ffytche my servant. And I will that my sayd executors shall keepe and bringe vpp the saide John Danyell and Thomas Danniell in lerning, the sayd John Danyell at grammer schole, and to kepe him at London to study the lawes of this Realme the space of tenne yeres. Duringe whiche tyme I will my sayd executors shall take the proffytes of my sayd landes, towards the exhibition of the sayd John. And the sayd Thomas to be bounde prentize wyth somme m'chant ma', as my sayd executors shall thinke meete. And that my sayd executors shall take the yssue and proffytes of

all the say l p'misses vntyll the sayd John and Thomas shall attayne and come to their seu'all ages of xxiiii^{ti} yeres, to the bringinge vpp of the sayde John and Thomas, and to the p'fourmance of this my last Will and testament. Item, I geue and bequeathe to the saide John Danyell, all my howseholde stuff and plate, excepte suche as I shall give and bequeathe in this my testamente and last will, and the saide howsehold stuff to be savelie kepte in my mansion howse, and not ells where, and the saide Stuff and plate to be delyuered to the saide John at the daye of his marriage, or at his saide age of twentie and foure yeres aforesaide, if he doo not marrie before. And if it shall fortune the saide John to deceasse, beinge not married, havinge no yssue of his boddy, or before he shall attayne and coom to the saide age, Then I will the saide Thomas, my sonne, shall haue all the saide Stuff and plate in manner & forme as I haue gyven the same to the aforesaide John, my sonne. And if it fortune the saide Thomas, my sonne, to deceasse before he shall marrie or coom to the saide age, then I will that the saide ffrancis Tirrell shall haue all the saide Stuff and plate, after the deathe of the saide John and Thomas, in manner and forme aforesaide. Item, I give and bequeathe to the saide Thomas my sonne, ffourtie poundes, and one fletcherbed, to be paide and delyuered to him when he shall attayne and coom to the age of ffour and twentie yeres, lyvinge the saide John, or ells not.

Item, I give and bequeathe to the saide ffrancis Tirrell, ffourtie poundes, to be paide to hym by my Executores as they may take and receyve it of the yssues and profittes of my saide Landes. Item, I give & bequethe to George Copsheiff, tenne poundes, to be paide to the saide George within twoo yeres next and immediatly after my deceasse. Item, I give and Bequeathe vnto Jane Copsheef, Mergarett Radeliff, Elyn Radeliff, Phillip Kynge, and Tyrrill, my neeces, to everie of them sixe poundes thirtene shillings and foure pence, and that to be payde to them and to euerie of them at the day of ther severall marriages, So that they and evry of them doo marrie by the assente, consente, and agreement of their frendes. Item, I give and bequeath to ffrancis, the Wief of my nephew John Radeliff, one ffranche boode, the beste, and a kirtill of Damaske, and to Robert Radeliff, her sonne, my best Stone pott coverid withe sylver and gilte, and that to be deliuered vnto him when he shall attayne and coom to the age of twentie and one yeres. And if he deceasse before he shall attayne and coom to the saide age, then I will the saide John Danyell shall haue the saide pottle. Item, I giue and Bequeathe to Richarde ffitche, my s'rvaunte, tenne poundes, and to Thomas ffitche, my godsonne, fouretie shillings, and that to be payde to the saide Thomas ffitche the yonger, att the daie of his marriage. Item, I give and bequeathe to mergerie ffitche, the wief of the saide Richarde, one Ringe of golde, to be made the price tenne shillings, and to everie other of my s'rvauntes beinge in howsehold withe me, one quarter of Barley. Item, I give and bequeathe to Alice Tomlinson, somtyme my s'rvaunte, tenne poundes, and to Elizabeth Tomlinson, ffyve poundes, Agnes Tomlinson, and Marie Tomlinson, the daughter of Robert Tomlinson and Elizabeth his wief, to either of them fortie shillings, and to dorothe Tomlinson, my wives god daughter, fyve poundes, and that to be paide to everie of them at the daye of their severall marriages. Item, I give and bequeathe to Thomas Everard and Alice his wief, my Tenement that they nowe doo inhabite in, To holde to them duringe their lyves, and the longer lyver of them kepinge the same in Reparatione, and witeout any thing yeldinge and paying for the rents of the same. Item, where as I haue the reversion of certen Tenementes in Beurye to me and to my heyres, I will that as they shall fall and coom after the deathe of everie Tenante, that my Executores or the longer lyver of them, shall sell them to the performance of this my last will and testament. Item, I will that my Executores shall take the yssues and profittes of those Landes called Stoke hill, and of all my landes, meadowes, and pastures, whiche I holde for the terme of certen yeres yet to coom, as long as they shall take the yssues and profittes of other my Landes, and I will that to whose possession my saide Mannor and Landes shall comen vnto, shall take the yssues and profittes of the saide Landes called Stoke hill, and of all other the said premisses whiche I holde for terme of yeres, so that my meaninge and intent is that allwaies what person or persons shall fortune to haue any enheritaunce or freholde of and in my saide Mannor, Landes, and tenementes, aforesaide, shall allwaies haue the saide Landes called Stoke hill, and all other my ferme Landes, as long as he or they shall haue my saide Mannor, Landes, and tenementes aforesaide. Item, I will that my Executores and Supervisour, shall demyse and letto ferme my saide Mannor, landes, and tenementes, during the terme aforesaide, to the most proffitt and advauntage, as my trust is in them, and that the saide Richard ffitche, my s'rvaunte, to have the prefermente thereof before

anie other persone or persones, and to have it fyve markes by the yere within the price, and if the saide Richarde ffitche deceasse before the ende and terme of the yeres, then I will that my saide Executo^{rs} and supervisour shall lett the same to the moast proffitt and advantage. Item, I doo constitute and ordeine to be my Execoutours Richard Golding, gent., and Richard ffitche, and I will that the saide Richarde Goldinge to haue for his Labour fouretie shillings. In witnes whereof this my present testament and last will, I haue written with my owne hande and sett my scale the daye and yere above written. Per me Georgium Danyell.

(Proved at London, Nov. 5th, 1566.)

WILL OF THOMAS DANYELL.—1566.

In the Name of God, Amen. I Thomas Danyell, of Ackton, in the Countie of Suff., Esquire, beinge whole of mynde, and in good memorie, make, ordeyne, and constitute this my Laste will and testamente in mannor and forme followinge, That is to saye, firste, I giue and bequeath my sowle to Almightye god, my maker and my Redemer, And my carcas and bodye to be intered and buried within the p'ishe churche of the p'ishe where yt shall please god to Departe my lief in this p'sente worlde. Also, I will there be bestowed at my buriall day es., at my seuen daye fourtie shillings, at my moneth daye fourtie shillings, And eu'ie weeke within the same yere to poore people *xiiij.*, which foure somes Amounteth to *xlviij. xiiij.* Also, I giue and bequeath to M^{res}. Anne Bishoppe *xxli.*, to my Sister Wenefride foure pounce, to Sr. William Richardes fourtie shillings, To ffrances Dyer, my maid, *lxviij. viiiij.*, to Besse Barker, in recompence of her wages and Lyveries, sixe pounce thirtene shillings foure pence; To Thomas Clercke *xxviij. viiiij.*; to be geuen and deuided Amongeste my seruautes in my howse *lxs.*, which seuen somes Amounteth to *xlviij. viij.* Also, I frelye giue and release vnto my Cosen George ffelton all mannor of Debtes & Reconinges, due by him to me for any mannor of cause from the begynnyng of the worlde to Christmas Laste afore the Date hereof. Also, I giue and bequeath to ffrances Danyell, my Lovinge wief, all suche stuffe of howsholde, and goodes as were hers and known to be hers at the tyme of hir mariage to me. Also, I giue and bequeath vnto my saide wief of my owne proper goodes, my Testurne of Crymsyn and blacke Vellett, with the featherbedde, bowlster, blankettes, and sheetes, couerlett, withall the pillowes and curtyns therto belonginge, and one whole hanginge of Saye for her Chambr, one other featherbedde, bowlster, blankettes, sheetes and coverlette, with a Testure for her maydes. Also, I give and bequeath to my saide wief as much of my Plate, she to haue her owne choise of yt, to the value of *xxxiiij. viij.* My chayne of golde which my wief in her lyef tyme vsed to were, wayinge aboute *xen* ounce of fyne golde, worth *xxxli.* in redy money *xxli.* withall her Apparrell and ringes. Also, I give and bequeath to my saide wief one horse, *iii* mylche heests, *xen* sheepe, fyue hogges, tenne Quarters of malte. Also, I giue to my saide wief, ffrances Danyell, all suche Landes and tenementes, with all there Apptenances in respectes and Leive of her Joynter and thirde, for terme of her naturall lief, as hereafter is p'ticularly men'oned and rehersed, That is to saye, my hedhouse in Sudburie, with the crofte gardens and orchards thereto belonginge; And all my howses whiche I haue going from my hedhouse downe by the myll; And soe goinge rounde tyll you come to my howse agayne; And wthin that compasse there ys *xii* howses, in value by estymacon to the some of *xiiij.* Gronden Halle, in Bulmer, in the tenure and occupyinge of Rycharde Holborowe, by yere *viii.* The p'sonage of Bulmer, lykewise in the tenure of Richard Holborowe, of the clere yerely value of *xxli.* The tenemente called sometyme Edmunde Nokis, nowe in the tenure of the said Holborowe, of the yerely value of *xxs.* The tenemente in Bulmer, called Chaloners, in the occupyinge of widowe Humfrey, of the clere yerely value of foure pounce three shillings eighte pence. Portereses, in Balingdon, in th occupyinge of the saide Richard Holborowe, of the clere yerely value of *viii.* vis. *viiiij.* The howse that mother Willyotte dwelles in, in Sudburye, of the yerelic value by yere *xs.* A peice of Lande in Borley, in th occupyinge of one Gaane, by yere *xs.*; twoe acres of grasse yerelic to be taken in Turners medowe, worth by yere *xxviij.*; three acres of Wodde in Bulmer, appoynted to my wief for fyre. the clere yerely value of all the Landes assigned and appoynted for my Wyues, Amounteth to the some by the yere *liiiij.* *xviij.* *iiiiij.* All

whiche foresaide landes and tenementes with th appurtenances aforesaide, willed by me to my saide wief ffrances Danyell, for terme of her naturall lyef, Imediatly after her decease shall fully and holly remaine to my sonne Edmund Danyell, and to his heires for eu'. Also, I giue and bequeath to eu'ye one of my sonne Edmonde his childrenen sixe poundes thirtene shillinges foure pence, to be taken of my gifte, and to be deliuered vnto them by myne executors, at thre age of xvi yeres. Also, I frely giue and bequeath all the rest of my Landes, goodes, and cattelles, not afore remembred, to my sonne Edmunde Danyell, and my Daughter Margarete his wief, charginge them as they will Aunswere afore god, to see this wyll truly in eu'ye poynte performed, in all godlye Loue and charytie. And for the true p'formance, execution, and Accomplishmente of this my Laste will and testamente, in manner and forme as afore is remembred. I ordeyne, constitute, and make my sonne Edmunde Danyell, and Margarett Danyell his wief, my executors. In Witnes whereof, I, the saide Thomas Danyell haue written this my last will and testamente, eu'ie word with myne owne hande, the laste daye of Julye, in theighte yere of the raigne of o^r most dreade Sovereaigne Ladye Elizabeth, by the grace of god of England, ffrance, and Irelande, Quene Defendor of the faith, etc.

(Proved at London, 12th Feb., 1566.)

WILL OF EDMUND DANYELL.—1569.

In the name of god amen, the xxix daie of August, in the yeaere of o^r lorde god, one thowsande fyve hundred threescore and nyne. I, Edmound Daniell, of Actone, in the countie of Suff., esquire, being of whoale mynde and good memorie (thanckes be geyven to god) doe ordaine, constitute, and make this my last will and testament in manor and fourme followinge, that is to saye. ffirste, I will and bequeath my sowle vnto almightie god my maker and redeamer, and my carkas and my bodie to be buried within the parrishe churche of the parrishe where it shall please god to call me to his mercye out of this presente lyfe. Alsoe I will there be bestowad at my buriall daye to the poorest people xls., at my seaventhe daye xxs., at my monnethes day xxs., and at my yeaeres daie xxs. Alsoe, I give amongst my sarvunts that shalbe dwellinge with me at the daye of my Departure oute of this transitorie lyfe xls. And in considerac'on of good trusts that I haue in my wyfe, and that she shalbe good to all my childrenn, and see them vertuouslye broughte vpp in the feare of god, I will and bequeathe all the residue of all my chattelles, leases, tearmes of yeaeres, goodes, plates, howseholde stufte, corne, graine, and all other thinges whatsoeuer, vnto Margarete my said wyfe foreuer, whome I appointe and ordaine to be myne executrix of this my last will and testament, alsoe, I appoynte and ordeyne my cozen Doctor Drewrie, and my brother William Goldinge, my executors of this my last will and testament, they haveing for their paines after my Departure either of them *vii. xiii. iiiid.*, desiringe them to giue my wyfe their helpe and good counsaile yf need shall require. Nowe, as concerning my landes, tenementes, and hereditamentes, where my late father by his laste will and Testament hathe willed and bequeathed vnto his late wyfe ffrancis Daniell, certeine Landes, tenementes, and hereditamentes, for tearme of her lyfe, as by the same will more lardgelie appeareth. And the residue of all his landes, my said father willed and bequeathed by the same will to me and Margarete my wife, and to theires of me the saide Edmunde, for the bitter confirmac'on and ratyfycac'on of the said laste bequeaste and gifte, as well for the obseruing the true meaning and will of my said father, as alsoe for the good will and trusts that I repose in my said welbeloued wyfe, my mynde and will is that margarett my said wyfe and her assignes shall haue, holde, and enioye for tearme of her lyfe naturall, all my mansion howse, wt the appurtenances, and all my manors, landes, tenementes, reuer'cons, and hereditamentes, withall and singuler theire appurtenaunces whatsoeuer, as well coppie holde landes as freeholde landes (the landes, Tenementes, and hereditamentes bequeathed by my said father vnto the said ffrancis his said late wyfe onelie excepted). And for as muche as that by the lawes of this realme, there did descende the thirde p'te of all the said landes, tenementes, gyven and bequeathed vnto me and my said wyfe by the said laste will as nexte heire vnto my saide father, by reasone of a tenure in cheefe, and also in like case there oughte and muste discende after my discease vnto my nexte heire, the thirde parte of that thirde parte

which descended vnto me in possessione as is aforesaide. Therefore my will and mynde is that my saide wyfe shall appointe and set oute vnto my nexte heire the said thirde of the saide thirde p'te, wch amounteth to the nynethe parte of the p'miscea beinge deuided into nyne partes of all the said landes, Tenementes, and hereditamentes, beinge freeholde (the landes and Tenementes, excepte before excepted) where my saide wyfe shall thincke good and best for her ease and commodittie, in full satisfacion of the thirde parte of that thirde parte of the landes and Tenementes, which descended vnto me in possessione as heire vnto my father, wch I suffer to discende vnto my nexte heire. further my will and mynde is that my sonne Thomas Dannyell shall, after the decease of my said wyfe, haue, holde, and enioye vnto hym and his heires foreuer, all my howse and buildinges, landes, Tenementes, and hereditamentes, pastures, meadowes, feadinges, yarges, orchardes, and gardeines, with all and singuler theire Appurten'nces, lienge, beinge, and scituated in Myldinge, and in other Townes and p'ishes therevnto nexte adioynge wth the countie of Suff., wch beene or late were in the teanure and occupac'on of one Stevyn Chapleine.

Item, my will and mynde is that my sonne ffrancis Daniell shall, after the decease of my said wyfe, haue, holde, and enioye to hym and his heires foreuer, all that my howse and buildinges, landes, Tenementes, and hereditamentes, pastures, meadowes, feadinges, yarges, orchardes, and gardeines, called Pellyranes, wth all and sing'ler theire Appurten'nces, Lienge, beinge and scytuated in Sudburye, in the said countie of Suff., which bene or late were in the teanure or occupac'on of one John Ailystone. Moreouer, my mynde and will is that Margarete my said wyfe, and her assignes, shall haue, holde, and enioye for tearme of her lyfe, two partes deuided into three p'tes of all the revercons, landes, Tenementes, and hereditamentes, with th appten'nces whatsoever lienge wthin the countie of Essex orelles where, which were gyven and bequeathed by the last will and testament of my said ffather vnto the said ffrances Daniell his said late wyfe. And further, for the better advancement of my vi Daughters, that is to saye, Marye Grissell, Anne, Barbara, Dorothe, and Elizabeth, my will and mynde is that my sonne John Danyell, or anye other that god shall appoynte to be my nexte heire, shall haue, holde, and enioye after the decease of my said wyfe to hym and his heires foreuer, all those landes, Tenementes, reuercons, and hereditamentes whatsoever, lienge and beinge wth in the countie of Essex orelles wheare, which were gyven and bequeathed by the said last will and Testament vnto the said ffrances Danyell, my father's late wyfe, vppon condicon that the said John Danyell or his heires, or he or his heires that god shall appointe to be my nexte heire, shall well and truelie paye, or cawse to be paide, sixe hundreth markes of englishe monye vnto my said daughters, that is to saye, to eu'y of them c markes at theire seuerall aiges of twentie and one yeares, which shall happenn to come firste.

And if anye of them happenn to decease before theire said seuerall marriagee or at theire seuerall aiges accomplished, then the seuerall porc'ons of eu'ye of them that shall soe decease, shalbe equallie paide and deuided amongst eu'ye survivor of them at suche tymes as is before expressed. And yf it shall happenn that my said sonne John Danyell, or he whome god shall appointe to be my nexte heire or his heires, shall not well and truelie paye, or cause to be paide vnto my sixe daughters, all the said some of Sixe hundrethe markes, and eu'ye p'cell thereof as is before rehersed, and accordinge to the true meaninge of this my last will and Testament, then my will and mynde is that all suche of my saide Daughters that shall not haue theire whoale porcon paide as is before expressed, shall, ymmediatlie after defaulte made of the said payment, enter into and haue, hold, and enioye all and sing'ler the laste recyted premysses to them and theire heires foreu' anye thinge herein to the contrarie not w'tstandinge. In witnes whereof I, the saide Edmund Daniell, haue setto my hande the daye and yeare abouewritten. By me Edmund Daniell.

(Proved at London, 11th Nov., 1569.)

WILL OF JOHN DANIELL.—1583.

In the name of God, Amen. The twentieth daie of Julie, in the yeare of our Lord God, One thousand, five hundred, fourscore and three, And in the yeare of our Sovereigne Ladie Queene Elizabeth, the five and twentieth. I, John Daniell, of Acton, in the

countie of Suff., Esquier, beinge sounde of bodie, and of good and perfect memorie (for which I giue God hartie thancks) Doe make my last will and testament in manner and forme followeing. first, I bequeath my soule to Almighty God, my Creator, who hath redeemed the same with the deare price of the death and passion of our Sauour Jesus Christe, by the which onlie I hope and trust to be saved, protesting to live and die through his greates grace and assistance a true member, and in the faith and vntie of his Catholick church. My bodie I will to be buried in the chancell of the church at Acton aforesaide, besides my Auncestors there, decently without pompe; and that there be a stone laide ouer my graue with this writyhtinge vnder my name grauen—*Parce mihi Domine*. Item, I will and giue unto my loueinge wiefe Margaret Daniell, to her and her heires for euer, All that the Mannor of Northbemflete, and Coxalls with the appurt. in the countie of Essex, in as free and ample manner as she gaue it me. Item, I will giue and bequeath vnto my eside wiefe all such stufte, plate, and Jewells, as were knownen to be hers at the tyme of her marriage to me. Item, I giue, will, and bequeth vnto my eside wiefe of mine owne goods her litle chaine of golde that she wanted to weare, worth by estimat'on twentie poundes, my Jewells of vnicorn, the borders that she wont to were; One guilt standinge bowle, with the cover all guilt, and in redie monie fiftie poundes. Item, I giue to euerie one of my five sisters, that is, Marie, Greesill, Barbara, Dorothee, and Elizabeth, for a poore remembrance of their poore elder brother, one Portagu or one peece of golde of three pounds tenne shillings, or els as much monie in syluer to make them each one a Ridge, with these words within grauen—*Orate pro mortuis quia moriemini*—and to euerie of them one mourning gowne. Item, I giue, will, and bequeath, to euerie one of my servants remayninge with me in service at the daie of my deathe fortie shillings, and to euerie of them a mourninge Coate, and to euerie one of my wiefes maides twentie shillings. Item, I giue vnto euerie one of my vackles and Aunts by my mothers side xxs. And to euerie one of their children tenn shillings to buy them rings. And to my god-daughter Bridget Downes five poundes, to buy her a litle chaine.

Item, I will there be bestowed in deeds of pietie after my death, as followeth, at my buriall daie, amonge the poore, five poundes, and afterwards to the poorest people of Acton, Melfourd, Sudburie, Lauenham, Waldingfelde, and much Cornarde, at my seauenth daie tenne shillings a Towne, at my moneth daie five shillings a towne, at my yeares daie five shillings a Towne to prais for me. Item, I will there be giuen to poore prisoners and others suffering in Gods cause, within one halfe yeare after my deathe, one hundred markes, to be delivered by the discretion of my Executors. Item, I will, and my full mynde is that both the Parsonages of Acton and Bulmer when tyme serveth, be restored. All others my goodes and chattells whatsoever, not herein bequeathed or devised, I giue vnto my loveing brother ffrancis Daniell, and Margarett his wiefe, which eside ffrances and Margaret, I ordaine, constitute, and appointe my Executors of this my last will and Testament, desiringe them of all brotherlie and naturall love and affection, and as they will aunswere before god, to see the same in all poynts trulie and iustlie performed, my bodie honestlie buried, my debts and legacies paide, according to my plaine meaninge herein conteyned. In witnes whereof, I haue herevnto set my hande and seale, the daie and yeare aboue written, By me, John Daniell.

(Proved at London, 6th July, 1598.)

DANIELL, PEDIGREES.

From the original Visitation of Suffolk, 1561.

Thomas Danyell, Knight, created Lord of Raywyer by Kinge Edwarde the fourth, married — sister to Thomas, Duke of Norff., & had yssue Edmonde Danyell, sonne and heire.

Edmonde Danyell, sonne & heire to Thomas Lorde Danyell, maryed Grace, daughter & heire of Sr. Richard Baynarde, Knight, & hath yssue Edmond, sonne & heire, John, seconde sonne, Thomas, third sonne, George, fourth sonne, Edward, fyfte sonne, Margarett maryed to Grene, of Wytam, in the Countie of Essex; Jane maryed to Sr. John Jermy, of Mettfeld, in com. Suff.; Elizabeth, Abbae of Mallyn; Katherin dyed sanz yssue.

Thomas Danyell, of Acton, thirde sonne to Edmond, maryed to his firste wyffe Anne, daughter to Sr. Edmond Lucye, of —, in the Countie of Warwyke, Knyght, & by her hath yssue Edmond, sonne and heire. After the said Thomas Danyell married to his seconde wyffe ffrancis, daughter to John Buttlar, of Coventry, in the Countie of Warwyke, wch ffrances was maryed to Edmond ffelton, of Pentlow, in the Countie of Essex, & had yssue by him George ffelton, sonne & heire, Dunstable ffelton, Edmonde ffelton, John ffelton, William ffelton, William ffelton, & Anne ffelton.

Edmonde Danyell, of Acton, sonne & heire to Thomas Danyell, of Acton, maryed Margarett, daughter & one of the heires of Edmonde Weaste, of Cornard, in the Countie of Suff., Esquire, & had yssue John Danyell, sonne & heire, married Margaret, da. & coheire of Edmonde Tirrell Esq., Thomas Danyell, sonne & heire, Thomas Danyell, seconde sonne, in the Low Countries; Marye, Grysell, Anne & Barbara. Edmond Danyell, third sonne, died yong without yssue, James Daniell, 4 sonne of the said Edmund married Margarett, daughter & coheire of Roger Martin, of Long Melford.

Arms: Daniel and Baynard quarterly; a crescent for difference.

Pyrse Danyell, of Darsbury Hall, in the Countie of Cheshire, Esq., maryed — daughter of — and by her had yssue,

George, sonne & heire, Peyrse Danyell, second sonne, Randolfe, third sonne, Hugh, fourth sonne.

Hugh Danyell, of Stoke juxta Clare, in the Countie of Suff., gent., maryed Jone, daughter of John Cotte, of Horinge, in the Countie of Suff., Esquire, & had yssue George, sonne & heire; Agnes, maryed to Charles Rattlyffe, of Hunden, in the Countie of Suff., gent.; Margarett, maryed to Thomas Tyrell, of Heron, in the Countie of Essex, gent.; Jone, maryed to Richard Topshefe, of Coxsale, in the Countie of Essex.

George Danyell, of Stoke juxta Clare, sonne & heire to Hugh Danyell, maryed Dorothe, daughter to — Baylye, of ypswiche, & at this tyme had no yssue lyvinge.

Arms: Daniel and Baynard quarterly; over all a martlet for difference.

Daniel.

THOMAS DANIEL, of Daresbury, Cheshire =

Sir Thomas Daniel, created Lord of Ray = Margaret, *sister of Thomas (John) Howard, 1st Duke of Norfolk,* who was killed at Bosworth.

Edmund Daniel, = Grace, da. and heir of Richard Baynard, of Messing, in Essex, Kt., died 2 Jan., 1508, mar. 24 Henry the Seventh.

Piers Daniel, 3 son of Thomas = Jane, da. of Adam Birkenhead, of Hanly, Cheshire.

Sir John Daniel. 3 son. *Randolph Daniel,* 3 son. *Sir Piers Daniel, 2d son.* *Hugh Daniel, of Stoke by Clare, gent.* *Joan, da. of John Cote, of Horringer, in com. Suff., Esquire.* *Agnes Daniel, married Chas. Radcliff, of Hundon, in com. Suff., gent., 5 son to John Radcliffe, of Lancashire.*

Sir Rowland Daniel.

Piers Daniel, 2 son, = da. of John Starkey, of Stretton.

George, died young. Sir Henry Daniell, Knt. of Rhodes.

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Ellen married Robt. Baker.

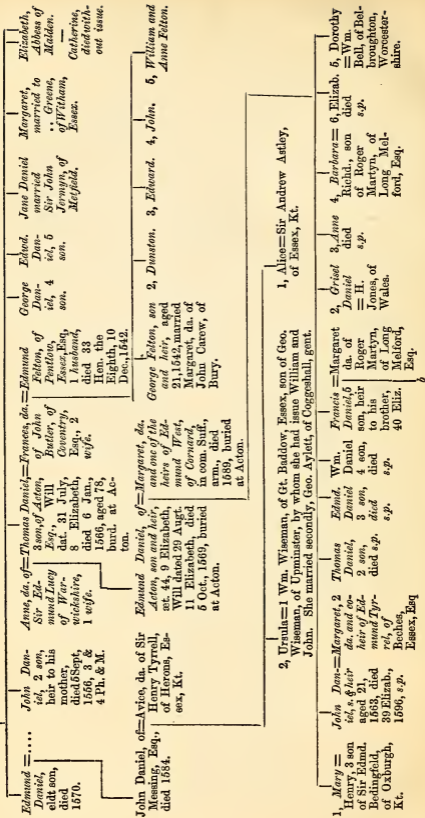
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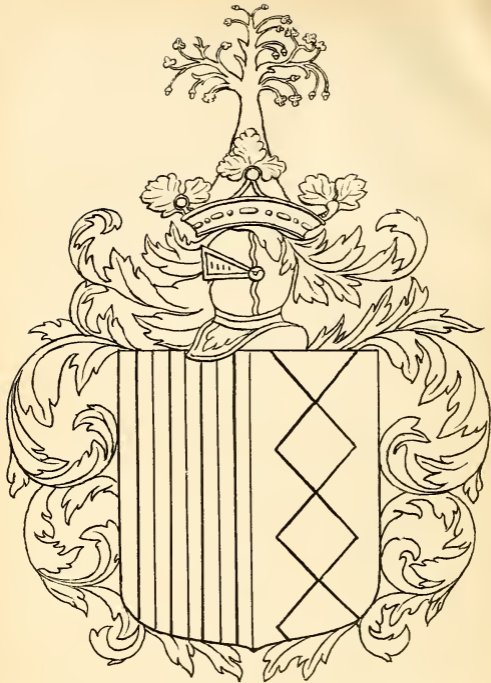
George Daniell, of Wiltshire, son & heir.

George Daniel, of = Dorothy, da. of Stoke juxta Clare, Bailye, of Ipswich & heir.

Margaret Daniel, married Thomas Tyrrell, of Herons, in Essex, gent.

Jane Daniel, married Richard Topshete, of Coates, co. Essex.





Arms of Laurence Thred of Lewisham, in Rye, in Sussex, impaling those of his wife, Frances, daughter of John Daniell of Acton in Suffolk, from a Stone in the Daniell Chapel. Acton Church.

*Laurence Thred died 16th June, 1700,
Frances, his wife, died 25th May, 1671.*

3, Brid- 4, Mary. Katherine=1, John Daniel, =Elizabeth, da. of Nicholas Dan- James Dan-
get. da. of -- Esq., aged 20, Sir Edward Waldegrave, Kt., of Stangate, Norf. 1611. iel, 5 son, Anne. 2, Mar-
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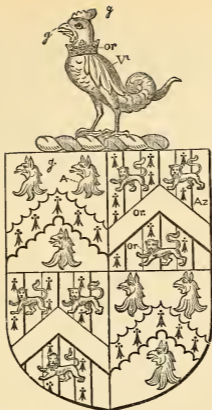
Charles Daniel, =Mary, da. of Ed- Frances Daniel, died Margaret Daniel = Ursula Daniel = Anne Daniel, married = Sir Henry Aude-
Esq., son and heir, ward Standish, of 25 May, 1691, = James Sturgeson, of Thomas Short, James Porter, Esq., ley, Kt., 1 hus-
of Acton, sold Ac- Standish, Lanc., Lawrence Thriell, of Wickham St. Paul, M.D., of Bury. Vice-Chamberlain to band.
ton to Jennens, Esq. Lewisham, Esq., Essex. James the Second, James Chamberlain to
died 16 June, 1700, died 1695, aged 61.
burd. at Acton.

Francis, died young. Anne, died young. John Daniel. Elizabeth.

DANIEL OF WHEPSTEAD.

GEORGE DANIEL, gent., of Whepstead, Will dated 3 May, 1680, = Sarah, da. of -- buried at Whepstead,
proved at Bury, 14 September, 1687, to be buried at Acton. 19 June, 1692.

Francis Dan- John Daniel. Anne Daniel, bapt. Mary Daniel, bapt. Sarah Daniel, bapt. Bridget Daniel, Margaret Daniel, Hester Daniel, bap-
iel. at Whepstead, 1 November, 1664. at Whepstead, 10 October, 1666. at Whepstead, 3 February, 1670. at Whepstead, 6 April, at Whepstead, 20
Esq. died 16 April, 1673, burd. there May, 1678.
16 April, 1674.



The chevron in the 1st and 4th quarterings of the Cordell Arms is represented as engrailed in several copies of the Visitation (Harl. MSS. 1560, 1103 and 1177).

In Harl. MS. No. 155, and on the Melford Hospital Seal (see woodcut) the chevron is plain, and it is so sculptured on the Cordell monument in Melford church, as well as on the Allington monument in the Rolls chapel.

In Harl. MSS. 155 and 1560, the field of the 2nd and 3rd quartering is Azure, and in the impalement on the Allington tomb it is paly of six Or and Azure.



SEAL OF MELFORD HOSPITAL.

GRANT OF ARMS TO JOHN CORDELL OF LONG MELFORD.

For as much as John Cordell, of Long Melford, in the county of Suff., Gentleman, is derived of an Hous undefamed, bearing Arms, Nevertheless, he beinge uncertaine under what sort and manner his Predecessors bore their sayd Arms, not willing to doe anything that should be præjudiciall to any Gentleman of Name and of Arms, hath desired me, the sayd Clarenceux King of Arms, to ordaine, assigne, and set forth his Arms and Crest due and lawful to be borne, and therefore, the sayd Clarenceux, seeing his request soe Just and reasonable, by the authority and power annexed, attributed, given and granted by the King to me and to my office of Clarenceux King of Arms by express words, under his most noble Great Seal, have ordained, granted, and set forth his Arms and Crest due and lawful to be borne, that is to say, Geules on a Cheveron between three Griffons' head rasy Silver, Three Hermins Sable, languid and eyd Azure, upon his Healm on a Tors Argent and Gules a Cockatrice standing Vert posed gold, comed beaked and bearded Geuls, his Tayl tortoled mantled Geules doubled silver, to have and to hold to the sayd John Cordell, Gentleman, and to his Posterity, and they it to use and to enjoy for evermore.

GRANT OF ARMS TO WILLIAM CORDELL OF LONG MELFORD, 3 EDWARD VI.

To all Nobles and Gentills these present Letters reading or hearinge, Thomas Hawley al's Clarenceux principall Herald and King at Arms of the South East and West Parts of this Realme of England, from the River of Trent southward, Sendeth due and humble com'endation and a Greeting: Equity willeth, and reason ordeineth, that Men vertuous, and of noble Courage, be by their Merits and good Renowne rewarded not alone by their persons in this mortall Life, soe brief and transitory, but alsoe after them those that shall be of their Bodys descended, to be in all places of Honour, with other renowned accepted and taken by certain Ensignes and Demonstrancys of Honor and Nobles, that is to say, blason helms and tymber, And for as much as William Cordell, of Long Melford, in the County of Suff., Gentleman, is descended of an Hous undefamed, bearing Armes, Nevertheless he not willing to doe any thing that should be præjudiciall to any Gentleman of Name and of Armes, hath desired me the sayd Clarenceux to ordeyne, assigne, and setforth his Armes and Crest with the Difference due and lawfull to be borne. And therefore I the sayd Clarenceux, seeing his request soe Just and reasonable, by the Authority and powre annexed, attributed, given, and granted by the King our Sovereigne Lords highnes to me and to my Office of Clarenceux King of Armes, by express Words under his Most Noble Great Seal, have ratifyd, confirmed, and set forth his Armes and Crest with due difference, in manner as hereafter followeth, that is to say, Quarterly, the first Geules, on a Cheveron between three Griffons heads rasye, Silver, Three Ermyns Sable. The Second, the Feild Azure, on the same a Cheveron between three Lyons passant gold, and soe quarterly. Upon his Hearme on a Torse Silver and Geules, a Cock Rowsand, or otherwise a Cock in his pride, with his wings spread silver, beaked Geules; mantled Azure, doubled Silver, as more plainly appeareth depicted. To have and to holde to him and his posterity, and they it to use and to enjoy for evermore. In Witnes whereof I have signed these presents with my Hand, and set thereunto the Seal of my Armes, with the Seal of my Office of Clarenceux King of Armes, confirmed and granted at London, the xth Day of October, in the third Year of the Reigne of our Sovereinge Edward the Sixth, by the Grace of God, King of England, franc., and Ireland, Defender of the Faith, and of the Church of England and Ireland under Christe the Supreams head.

Par moy Clarenceux Roy D'armes.
Robt. Cook als' Clarenceux Roy D'armes.

MELFORD REGISTERS.

BAPTISMS.

Thomas Cordwell, sonne of William Cordwell, Knt., bapt. 23 August, 1584.
 Elizabeth Cordell, daughter to John Cordell, Esq., and Elizabeth his wife, bapt. 10
 November, 1674.
 Sarah Cordell, daughter to John Cordell, Esq., and Elizabeth, bapt. 30 September, 1678.

BURIALS.

John Cordall, buried 7 January, 1563.
 Thomas Cordwell, son of Sir William Cordwell, buried 12 February, 1567.
 Sir William Cordell, Knt., buried 19 June, 1581.
 Franc. Cordwell, buried 31 November, 1583.
 The Lady Cordell, buried 18 March, 1584.
 Mr. Edward Cordwell, Warden of the Hospital, buried 7 September, 1658.
 Sarah Cordell, daughter to John Cordell, Esq., and Elizabeth, buried 28 April, 1679.
 Charles Cordell, gent., buried — March, 1681.
 Robert Cordell, gent., buried — October, 1681.
 Edmund Cordell, gent., buried 9 February, 1684.
 Sir John Cordell, Bart., buried — September, 1690.
 Sir John Cordell, Bart., buried 12 May, 1704.
 Dame Eleonora, widow of Sir John Cordell, Bart., buried 25 April, 1705.
 Dame Elizabeth Cordell, buried 26 March, 1709.

MEMORANDA ON THE FLY LEAVES OF AN OLD BIBLE (PRINTED AT CAMBRIDGE, BY
 J. HAYES, 1673) WHICH FORMERLY BELONGED TO THE FAMILIES OF CORDELL
 AND FIREBRACE.

On fly-leaf of 1st volume.

My sonne Henry was borne ye 27th day of August, about 8 a clock att night, anno
 domi, 1672, and dyed ye 17th day of Xber

My second child was borne ye 28th day of August, about 2 a clock in ye morning,
 and dyed about 3 ye same morning, 1673.

My Twinns Basil and Thomas were borne August ye 21st, being friday, about 8
 a clock att night, 1674.

My daughter Hester Firebrace was borne on ye 3^d day of January, about 9 a clock
 att night, 167⁸

My second sonne Henry was borne on ye 7th day of May, about 11 a clock att night,
 1678.

My sonne Charles was borne on ye 5th day of June, 1680, about nine a clock att
 night, and baptized ye 18th.

My sonne George was borne on Munday about two a clock in ye morning, being
 ye 29th day of August, 1691, baptized ye 3^d of September following.

Memorandum. My son Cordell Firebrace was born Feb. ye 20th, 17¹/₂, at my
 Lodgings in King's Street, Blsomsbury, his godfathers were ye Duke of Beaufort & ye
 Earl of Denbigh, his godmother ye Lady Gage.

On fly-leaf of 2d volume.

Sr Jno. Cordell ye younger, died May ye 8th, 1704.

Eleanora his lady, died May ye 21, 1705

Dame Eliz. his mother, died 1709.

Sr Basil Firebrace, died May ye 7th, 1727, aged 71, was buried in St. Margaret's
 church, Westminster.

John King, died January ye 21, 1727, aged 24.

Hester, Countess of Denbigh, died Saturday, January ye 1st, 1725.

Thomas Waldegrave, died June ye 1st, 1727, aged 56.

Margeret Firebrace died in May, 1712.

Sr Charles Firebrace, died August, 1727.

Sr Cordel Firebrace, died March, 1759.

WILL OF SIR WILLIAM CORDELL.—1580.

This is the Last Will of me, Sir William Cordell, Knight, Master of the Rolls, concerninge the order and disposition of all such Lands, Tenements, and Hereditaments, whereof I am seized of any estate of inheritance within the realme of England, made the first Day of the Month of January, in the three and twentyeth year of the Raig of our Sovereigne Lady Queene Elizabeth, and in the Year of our Lord God, after the computation of the Church of England, one thousand five hundred and four score. First, calling to my remembrance that it hath pleased God (far above my deserts) onely of his meere favour, grace, and goodness, to bestow and give to me the Manor of Milford, with the appurtenances, and divers other Land, Tenements, and Hereditaments, ecituate, lying, and being within the Towne of Melford, in the County of Suffolke, and in divers other Townes and Parishes thereunto adjoyneinge. The revenues, issues, and profits of which Mannor, and of the sayd Lands, Tenements, and Hereditaments, is much more than ever any of my ancestors (to my understandinge) ever had, ffor the which I am the more deeply bounden to his Divine Majesty, and most thankfully yeild unto the same for his liberality and goodness, and for the better declaration that I doe acknowledge that all the sayd land, possessions, goods, and generally all other things and benefits that I enjoy and possess in this world, doe proceed and come of the onely goodnes and favour of Almighty God, without any cause or desert proceeding from my self. And therefore to shew my self more thankful for it, and as it were to present unto his most Divine Majesty some part of that which is wholly his to dispose of at his pleasure, I am fully resolved and perswaded, not without (as I trust) the motion of his Holy Spirit, to leave some reliefe to continue for ever unto the poore Members of the Mystical Body of his Son Jesus Christ, now dwellinge, or that hereafter shall dwell within the sayd Towne of Melford, where I was borne, and where I have one hous to inhabit and dwell in, and in the parishes and townes thereby. And for the good execution of this my minde and purpose, I shall not my self in my lifetime see it executed (as I most humbly beseech God I may, if it be his good will and pleasure), I doe give unto the Right Honourable Sir Thomas Bromly, Knight, Lord Chancellor of England, Sir William Cecil, Knt., Lord Burleigh, and Lord Treasurer of England, Anthony Lord Viscount Mountague, John Bishop of London, Edmund Bishop of Norwich, Sir Francis Walsingham, Knight, one of her Majesty's Principall Secretarys, Sir Christopher Wray, Knt., Chief Justice of England, Sir Walter Mildmay, Knight, Chancellor of her Majesty's Court of Exchequer, Sir Thomas Gawdy, Knight, one of her Majesty's Justices of her Pleas to be holden, Mr. Alexander Nowell, Dean of Powles, Mr. Gabriel Goodman, Dean of Westminster, Sir Gilbert Gerrard, Knight, her Majesty's Attorney Generall, Edmund Plowden, Esquire, George Carey, of Cockington, in the County of Devon, Esquire, Thomas Andrews, of Bury, in the County of Suffolk, Esquire, and William Necton, her Majesty's feodary of London and Middlesex, Gentleman, and to their Heirs, upon special Confidence and Trust, and to the entent and purpose hereafter followinge, All that my Messuage or Tenement which I have newly erected nigh unto the Church of Melford, commonly called the Hospitall, or Almes-house, wherein I have divers poore ffolks presently inhabitinge, with the garden enclosed with a Pale on the south side of the same garden. And alsoe all that my Tithe called or knowne by the name of the Tithe and Tithe Barne, in Melford aforesayd, and all landes, tenements, meadows, pastures, and hereditaments, with the appurtenances to the said Tithe and Tithe-Barne belonginge or apperteininge, and with the same, commonly lett and demised, and late in the tenure, farme, and occupation of William Gerrarde, sometime of Sudbury, in the said County of Suffolk, Butcher, deceased, and now in the tenure of Roger Kinge, and William King. And al that my portion of Tithe in Melford aforesaid, and all hereditaments thereunto belonginge, now or late in the tenure of John Allen, of Melford aforesaid, Yeoman, and before that in the tenure of Will. Dade, and now or late in the tenure or occupation of Will. Kinge, the Younger. And all that my portion of tithe, with the appurtenances, in Melford aforesayd, late parcell of the possessions of the late Colledge called Stoak Colledge, in the sayd County of Suffolke, late in the tenure of Francis Clopton, Esquire, deceased, And now in the tenure of Will. Clopton, of Kentwell, his brother, Esq., of the yearly value of Ten Shillings. And further alsoe, Al that my scite and demeanse lands, scituate,

lyeing, and beinge in Shimplinge, in the said County of Suffolke, called or knowne by the name of Shimplinge Hall, and the demesnes of Shimplinge Hall, and all my lands, tenements and hereditaments, whatsoever they be, within the Towne fields and Parish of Shimplinge aforesayd, in the said County of Suff., and beinge now or late in the tenure, farme, and occupation of John Johnson, of Shimplinge, Yeoman, or of his assignes. And likewise I doe give unto the persons above remembered, and to their heirs, Al that my Wood, called and knowne by the Name of Aveley Wood, now being in my owne hands, scituate, lying, and being within the sayd Parish of Shimplinge, and parcell of the sayd demesnes of Shimplinge Hall, and not demised or letten to the sayd John Johnson; Out of which sayd seite and demesnes of Shimplinge Hall and Wood, there is payd yeerly, in the nature of a fee farme, unto the Right Hon'ble Thomas, Earl of Sussex, and to his Heirs for ever, Twenty two Pounds. And I doe further give unto the persons above remembered, and to their heirs, Al that my peice of Meadow, called or knowne by the Name of Bush Meade, set, lying, and beinge in Shimplinge aforesayd, in the said County of Suff., which I lately purchased to me, and to my Heirs, of Edward Cutter, and now in the tenure, farme, and occupation of the sayd John Johnson, or of his assignes, for the yearly rent of Eight Shillings. And alsoe I doe give unto the sayd persons above remembered, and to their heirs, Al that my farme, commonly called and knowne by the name of Giffords, which I lately purchased to me, and to my Heirs, of the sayd Edward Cutter, set, lying, and being in Shimplinge aforesayd, Hartest, Stanstead, and in other Townes thereunto adjoyneinge, in the said County of Suff., now in the tenure or occupation of John Harrington, of Shimplinge aforesayd, in the said County of Suff., out of which is yearly payd unto Thomas Cutter, brother unto the sayd Edward Cutter, and to his heirs for ever, ffourty Shillings; To have and to holde a the sayd Tithe and Tithe Barne, and al lands, tenements, and hereditaments thereunto belonginge, now or late in the tenure and occupation of the sayd Roger and Will. Kinge; And Al that portion of Tythe, and all hereditaments thereunto belonginge, now or late in the tenure of the sayd John Kinge, the Younger; And al that portion of tythe, and al hereditaments to the same belonging, now in the tenure of Will. Clopton, Esqr.; And Al those lands, tenements, and heredit's called and knowne by the name of Shimplinge Hall, and Shimplinge Hall Demesns, now or late in the tenure and occupation of John Johnson; And the sayd Wood called Aveley Wood, and the sayd Mead called Bush Mead, now in the tenure of Johnson aforesayd; And All that my farme, and al lands, tenements, and hereditaments thereunto belonging, commonly called and knowne by the name of Giffords, with Al and singular the rights, members, and appurtenances, And the Rents reserved upon the premises, and upon every parte and parcell thereof, unto the sayd Sir Thomas Bromly, Knt., Lord Chancellor of England, William Lord Burleigh, Lord Treasurer of England, Anthony Lord Viscount Mountague, John Bishop of London, Edmund Bp of Norwich, Sir Francis Walsingham, Knt., Sir Christopher Wray, Sir Walter Mildmay, Knt., Sr. Thomas Gawdy, Knight, Sir Gilbert Gerrard, Knt., Mr. Alexander Nowel, Dean of Powles, Mr. Gabriel Goodman, Dean of Westminster, Edmund Plowden, George Carey, Thomas Andrews, Esq., and William Necton, Gentleman, and to their Heirs and Assignes for ever, Upon speciall trust, confidence, and condition, that the sayd Lord Chancellor, Lord Treasurer, and other Persons and Devisors aforesayd, shal within three years next after my decease, procure for our sayd Most Gracious Sovereigne Lady the Queen's Majesty, a Corporation of one Warden and twelve Brethren of the Hospital of the Holy Blessed Trinity, of the ffoundation of Sir William Cordell, Knt., And to make the sayd Warden and Brethren one Body Politic, and to have capacity to take Lands to them and their successors by force of any gift or purchase, or otherwise to the cleere yearly value of two hundred Marks by the Year, with such other priviledges, as to such a Corporation is commonly used to be granted. And in the choice of the said Warden, I will that he shal be Warden or Chief of that Hous at the time of my decease, shal soe continue and be the first Warden in that Corporation; and likewise those twelve (besides the Warden) that shal be of my Almes-house at the time of my decease, shal be the first twelve number of Brethren in the sayd Corporation. And if there be not then soe many at the time of my Decease, Then I will that the sayd Devisors or the most number of them, doe make choice of so many of the sayd twelve as shal want, soe that they choose none but such as was borne or hath dwelt within the sayd Town of Melford by the space of two years next before their election, and that those persons whom they shal soe choose, be of the age of three score years, or fifty and five years at the least, and sole

and unmarried, if any such can be found. After which Corporation soe made, I will that my sayd Devises shall give all and singular the premises before by this my will given unto them, unto the sayd Warden and Brethren and their Successors for ever. The costs and charges of the sayd Incorporation, and of the sayd assurances, I Will that the Executors of my testament and last will, touching my goods, shall susteine and beare. And for that purpose, I humbly and heartily pray and desire the said Devises, and the Survivors and Survivor of them, that they permit and suffer my sayd Executors to take the issues and profits of all and singular the premises before demised unto them until the sayd Corporation be procured, and that in the mean time they give or cause to be given every Friday of part of the sayd issues and profits, to twelve poor Men that shall be resident within the sayd Hospitall or Almes-hous, Sixteen pence a week apiece; And to him that shal be Warden, who shall make up the number of thirteene, Twenty Pence a Week. And when the sayd Corporation is thus procured and established, Then I Will and humbly desire the Bishops of London and Norwich, and the Deans of Pauls and Westminster for the time being, to devise, set down, and make such good and godly Statutes and Ordinances for the good governmt of the sayd House, and for daily Exercise of Morning and Evening Prayer within the sayd House, and for special praying for her Majesty, and for all the sayd Devises, and for all the whole Estate of this Realm, and for the hearing of Sermons and frequenting of the Church, and for such other godly Exercises and purposes as to their wisdoms and discretions shall be thought meet, and convenient. And further I will, in making of the sayd Statutes and Ordinances for the Government of the sayd Almes-house, that there be yearly forever appointed, one godly, vertuous, and learned man, to preach two Sermons on the Passion of Christ yearly, upon Good Friday; the one in the forenoon, and the other in the Afternoon of the same Day, in the Parish Church of Melford aforesaid; and the sayd Preacher to have for his pains yearly, out of the profits of the sayd lands appointed for my sayd Almes-house twenty Shillings, and I most humbly pray and beseech the sayd Lord Chancellor, Lord Treasurer, the Lord Viscount Mountague, Sir Francis Walsingham, and Sir Walter Midway, even Per Viscera Misericordie Dei, to be humble Suitors unto our most Gracious Sovereign Lady the Queen's Majesty, that she would vouchsafe to incorporate the sayd persons (as is aforesayd) and to enable them to receive in succession the Lands and Hereditaments abovementioned, for which her Highness shall have the daily and continuall prayers of those poor men, and their successors, for the long preservation of her Most Royal Estate, many years to reign over this realme in all honour and felicity; And after this life God will reward her Highness for this and many other her vertuous and godly deeds, that her Majesty hath done since her happy government and reigne, with the Crowne of everlasting Ioy; And I Trust the same God will reward their Lordships and Honours, for their good Travel to be taken herein with the like reward. And I most humbly desire the sayd Lord Chief Justice, Sir Thomas Gawdy, Sir Gilbert Gerrard, and Edmund Plowden, Esquire, for the good will and friendship that hath been between us, and to the intent they may be accounted Patrons of soe good an act, and be made Partakers of the Prayers of the Poor, whom I hope God will hear and reward them to their comfort, that they will minister unto my Executors, and to such as shall be Sollicitors to bring this Suite to effect, touchinge the sayd Corporation, such good advice and grave councill, both in penninge and devisinge of the Books and otherwise, as their understandinge and knowledge is able to doe. And I require my sayd Friends, Mr. Carey, Mr. Andrews, and Mr. Necton, that they will take upon them the Office, Burden, and Charge to sollicite and prosecute the sayd Suite both to the sayd Lords and Honours, and to the sayd Iudges and learned Men, for the which my Will and Mind is that they shall be allowed out of the Issues and profits of the sayd Lands, and other the Premises, such Costs and Charges as they shall sustein in and about the sayd Suite. And further, my Mind and Intent is that after the sayd Corporation is procured, and that the sayd Land is assured (as is aforesayd), that then by the good Discretion of the said Bishops of London and Norwich, and of the sayd Chief Justice, and of the sayd Deans of Powles and Westminster, and of my Executors, or of the most part of them, with such advice as they shall think meet, such a dayly Diet be prescribed for three Mess of Meat for the sayd Warden and twelve poor Men, as well for Dinner and Supper, with some Augmentation and Increase thereof upon Christmas Day and the three Days followinge, New Years Day, Twelfth Day, Candlemas Day, Easter Day and the two Days followinge, Whitsunday and the two Days followinge, Trinity Sunday, Midsummer Day, Michaelmas Day, and the feast of All Saints, commonly called Holymas Day, as by their good Wisdoms shal be

thought meet; and that then the Weekly Distribution of Sixteen Pence unto every of the sayd Poor Men, and the Weekly Relief of Twenty Pence unto the sayd Warden shall cease, and in Consideration thereof they shall have their Dyet in the House together, and every one of the twelve to be allowed at the End of every Quarter five Shillings in Money, and the sayd Warden, at the End of every Quarter ten Shillings; And out of the Residue of the profits of the said Lands, I Will there be allowed Yearly unto two honest Widows of the Age of fifty Years at the least, And if none such can be got, Then two honest poor Men's Wives, of good Conversation, To every of the sayd two Widows, and in Default of them, to every of the sayd two Poor Wives fourty Shillings a piece, which sayd Women that shall have the sayd Yearly Wages of forty Shillings, I will that one of them shall be Cook and Butler unto the sayd poor ffolks; And the other to Wash their Linnen and Cloaths, and to be their Laundress, and that they both shal help to brew and bake for them in their Almes-house, and to keep their Dairy, if they shal fortune to have any Beasts; And to keep and attend the poor ffolks in the Time of their Sickness, and in Consideration thereof, they to be allowed such Remyne as the poor ffolks shall leave or otherwise by the good Discretion of the Warden for the time beinge. And I Will that my next Heir (if he or she shall be of full age) shall, after my Decease, have from time to time the Nomination of the sayd Warden, and of the sayd twelve Poor Men of the sayd House, as often as any of their places shal happen to be void, And for Default thereof, or if he or She be within Age, or if he or She doth not name one to the Place that shal be voyd within Eight Days after they shal have Notice thereof, Then I Will that the Parson and Church Wardens of the Parish of Melford shal have the sayd Nomination. And in Default thereof, or if they shal not nominate to the sayd Place that shal be voyd within Eight Days, as is aforesayd, Then I Will that the Bishop of Norwich and his Successors, shall have the Nomination thereof, and that he and his Successors alsoe shal be Visitors of the sayd House. And my desire, mind, and will is that it may be inserted and soe devised within Her Majesty's Letters Patents to be made of the sayd Corporation, as well the nomination of the sayd Warden and twelve Poor Men to my heir beinge of ful age. And in Default thereof, or for not Placing of such as shal be voyd within the sayd Eight Days after notice thereof, Then to the sayd Parson and Churchwardens of Melford, as is aforesayd. And in Default of them by the space of Eight Days, Then to the sayd Bishop of Norwich, his heirs and successors. And of the overplus of the issues and profits of the said lands, I Will part shal be employed to the Reparations of the sayd Almes-house, to the renewing of Beds, Bedding, and such Linnen as they shal have need of, And the rest to provide for the sayd Warden, and for every of the sayd twelve Men, once in a year, against Holy mass, one Freeze Gowne, and every second year, against Easter, another Gowne of a sad colour, of four or five Shillings the Yard (if the sayd issues and profits will extend thereunto), as I think it will, if there be a frugal order set downe in their Dayly Dyet, which I wish they should, ffor that I trust to God his leave to furnish them before I dye with a Dairy of four or six kine, and ground to keep them, and all other things necessary for their House and provision, which will be a great Increase to their Dyet, beinge Olde Men. And if it shal happen (as God defend) that the sayd Devises, or the Survivors or Survivor of them cannot procure the sayd Corporation within the sayd term of three years next after my Decease (if be not done in my Life time) Then I will that they and the Survivors and Survivor of them, shall employ and bestow the issues, revenews and profits of the said lands, tenements, and heredit's, yearly to the benefit and relief of the sayd Warden and twelve Poor Men, in such manner and forme as I have before prescribed, limited, and assigned the same until they can procure the said Corporation. And if they cannot doe it before they all dye, to the number of Six or fower of them, Then I Will that they that doe survive shall assure and convey the said Premises unto Twenty Persons more of good reputation and credit, To the intent that they shall alsoe doe what they can to procure the said Corporation, and thereupon to convey the said premises unto the sayd Warden and twelve Brethren, in manner and forme before limited and appointed. And thus I would have observed from time to time whensoever the ffeoffees dye to the number of Six or fower, untill the said Corporation can be obtained and gotten. And I Will require and charge my next Heire, whatsoever he or they be, as he or they will avoid God's Curse and heavy Indignation and Displeasure, for the breakinge of the Will of the Dead, and for Defraudinge of the poore, That my said heire doe whatsoever shall lye and be in his or their power to procure the said Corporation, and to Joine with the sayd Devises, and with the Survivor of them in the

Assurance of the Premises to the Uaca and Intents aforesaid, and doe whatsoever shall lye in my said Heires power to performe and execute this my Intent and purpose for the Establishinge of this Reliefe of the Poore, And thus I end, touchinge my devise of my said Hospittall for the Reliefe of the Poore within the said Towne of Melford; and I most humbly beseech the Eternall and everlastinge God, for the Love of his Deare Sonne Iesus Christe, and for his Mercy Sake, to bless this my devise and purpose with such good successe and happie end as may be to the comfort and succoure of the poore aged and impotent, and above all things to the advancement of his honor and glory. Amen.

And Whereas my Wife, Dame Mary Cordell, is by the Lawes of this Realme (for that shee hath noe Joynture of my Lands and Hereditaments conveyed to her) intituled to have for and in the Name of her Dower, the third part of all my Mannors, Lands, Tenements, and Hereditaments, whereof I have bene Since the Couverture and Marriage betweene us, or presently am Seized of any Estate of Inheritance to me and my Heires, or to the Heire of my Body lawfully begotten. And for as much as I have since the Marriage betweene us, sold some Lands, Tenements, and Hereditaments, whereof by the Course of the Law, she is to be endowed, and am entred into great Bonds unto the Partiea to whome it is Sold, for the savinge of the said Lands harmless of her Title of Dower therein, I therefore, mindinge to satisfie her accordinge to good Right and Equity, with such a convenient portion of land, and of that yearly value as she shall have just cause to be contented therewith, and to accept the same in full recompence of her said Title of Dower, which if shee shall by any sinistre councill refuse to doe (as I hope shee will not) and doe prosecute any suite for her said Dower against those that I have sold any land unto or against my heires, or against any others to whome I have given and assigned by this my last will, any lands unto, I know it will not be soe beneficiall and profitable unto her for many respects as this my Gift unto her will be, and yet shee shall thereby make my Ex'or fall into the danger of my said bonds, to the great hinderance, prejudice, and overthrow of the execution of my testament; and be also a great hinderance unto the reliefe I have appointed by this my said will, to the poore of Melford, which I trust for the avoidinge of the slander shee shall purchase thereby, and for the mutuall love that hath longe bene betweene us, shee will not doe, consideringe the portion I will leave her is worshipfull, and be entire things, and lyeth not dispersed either in sundry counties or parishes, and therefore will be much more commodious than the third part of all my said lands will bee, to have it in sundry portions and places, and in conscience (all things accompted) consideringe the most part of the lands I have sold was but in reversion after the death of the Lady Talbots, whereof my said wife was not by the law endowable, and therefore there is but a small inequality or difference betweene that she shall recover by her Writt of Dower, and this portion I doe assigne unto her in recompence thereof, which I could not doe if I had not sold the other land, with the which I have purchased much of that I have assigned unto her by this my will, and therefore in full satisfaction and recompence of her said title and right of dower, in and to all my said lands, tenements, and hereditaments, whereof shee ought by the law to be endowed, and in full consideration thereof, I doe will, give, and devise, unto my said wife Dam' Mary Cordell, for and duringe her naturall life, All that my capitall messuage or mansion house, commonly called or knowne by the name of Melford Hall, scituate and built upon the scite of my mannor of Melford, and all that house commonly called the Old House, adjoininge to the said capital messuage; and all other housea, barnes, stables, brew-houses, dove-houses, and all other edifices and buildings, whatsoever they be, scituate and beinge within the precinct of the said scite; and all gardens, orchards, pond yards, and hop garden, enclosed and adjoininge unto the said capitall messuage or Mansion House, and all conduits and conveyances for water to the said capital messuage or dwelling house. And I further will and give unto my said wife, for, and in consideration aforesaid, during her life, yearly to be felled and taken out of either of my woods called Linnage Wood, and Spelthorn Wood, three acres of either of the said woods to be spent, used and employed in and about the airing of the said Houses and Chambers there, and otherwise for her necessary use and expences during the time my said Wife shall live and continue in the said house, and not to be sold and expended elsewhere. And I further will and give unto my said wife, for, and in consideration aforesaid, during her naturall life so much of my Mannor of Melford as hereafter is particularly mentioned and declared, viz., All the Copyhold Land and Copyhold Rents, Customs, and Services, and all manner of free Rents, belonginge to the said Mannor of Melford, and all those fields

and pastures, commonly called the Holme fields, lying before the Scite of the said House, and now or late in the occupation of John Allen, of Long Melford, Yeoman. And all that my Parke, and all those five peeces of meadow, lying under the said Little Parke, whereof three of the said five pieces are now rented at forty six Shillings and eight pence by the year, and were sometimes in the possession of Robert Downes, Esq., and the two other peeces of Meadow, now be in the tenure and occupation of Richard Hardey, of Melford aforesaid, Pedder, for the yearly rent of three pounds. And all that pasture, commonly called the Cow Pasture, all that pece of meadow lying next the Hopyard, now or late in the tenure and possession of the said Richard Hardey. And all that my Warren of Conys, and the Land which I lately purchased of John Merton, of Shimplinge, in the said County of Suff., and now or late in the tenure and occupation of my servant, Thomas Sheppard, and all that my message, ffarme, or inn, commonly called the Angell. And all that piece of ground commonly called Pantryes Marsh; and all other lands, tenements, and hereditaments, in Melford aforesaid, now in the tenure, ffarme, and occupation of the said John Allen. And all that my Mill, commonly called the Hall Mill, now or late in the tenure and occupation of William Dash, of Melford aforesaid, yeoman, and all that pasture, commonly called the Long Pasture. And all those two Crofts called Santyes and Harpleys, in Melford aforesaid and now or late in the tenure and occupation of John Kinge the younger, of the said towne, yeoman. And all that my meadowe, called Pond Meadow, lately occupied by Robert Ive, and now in the tenure of John Kinge the elder. And all that House and pece of ground which I lately purchased of Thomas Spond, and now in the possession of Barnaby Hurrold. And all that Greene, commonly called Melford Greene, with the Court Baron and Leet to the said manor of Melford belonginge and appertaininge, and the advowⁿ and parsonage of the parish church of Melford. Also, I will and give for and in consideraⁿ aforesaid, unto my said Dame Mary Cordell during her life, all that my ffarme, commonly called fforde Hall; and all lands, tenements, and hereditaments, whatsoever they be, within the said ffarme, now demised and letten, set, lyinge and beinge within the said towne, fields, and parish of Long Melford, now or late in the tenure, ffarme, and occupation of Hugh Isaac, of Melford aforesaid, yeoman. And all that my Parke, now disparted, commonly called or knowne by the name of Melford Parke, in the said towne and parish of Melford. And all those lands, tenements, and hereditaments, whatsoever they be, lyinge in the said parish of Melford and Alpheton, now or late beinge in the ffarme and occupation of my servant Lawrence Rye, bricklayer, lyinge and adjoininge to the sayd parkes. And all that my Grange or ffarme, commonly called Dunton's al's Dunton Hall ffarm, lyinge and beinge in Melford, aforesaid; and all lands, tenements, and heredit's, to the said Grange or ffarme belonginge, or with the same ffarme commonly demised and to ffarme letten, and now or late in the tenure and occupation of my servant Nicholas Hamond, of Melford aforesaid, yeoman, or of his assignes. And all that my ffarme, commonly called or knowne by the name of Ellice ffarme, otherwise Birds ffarme; and all lands, tenements, and hereditaments, whatsoever they be, thereunto belonginge, or with the same commonly demised or lett, scituate, lyinge, and beinge within the said towne fields and parish of Long Melford, and Alpheton, in the said county of Suffolk, or in eyther of them, and now in the tenure and occupation of Elizabeth Ford, widow, or of her assignes; and all that my grange or ffarme, commonly called Gurnetts ffarme; and all those lands, tenements, and hereditaments, therewith demised and letten, sett, lyinge, and beinge in Melford aforesaid, and now or late in the tenure or occupation of William Chapleyne, of the same town, deceased; and all those lands, tenements, and hereditaments, commonly called or knowne by the name of Palmers Went, which I lately purchased of John Manhood, set, lyinge, and beinge in Melford aforesaid, and now or late in the occupation of William Kinge, of the same town, yeoman; and all those my lands, tenements, and hereditaments, set, lyinge, and beinge in Melford aforesaid; and three roods of meadow lying near a ffelde, beinge parcell of a field called East field, which late were in the tenure and occupation of William Shoppard, and which I lately purchased of John Martin, the younger; And all that my ffarme commonly called Cuckows ffarme, and all the lands, tenements, and hereditaments, therewith demised and letten at will, unto the said John Kinge, the elder, of Melford aforesaid, or to his assignes, with one acre of meadow, in Melford aforesaid, called Bull Meadow; one acre of meadow in Liston, in the county of Essex; and with one piece of land in Melford aforesaid, cont' by estimation three acres, which were lately purchased of Roger Merton, Esq., called Rough Marsh; ffor all the which said ffarme, and the said lands, the said John Kinge,

or his assignes, doe pay yearly the rent of six pounds tenn sbillings ; and all that my ffarme, commonly called Prowden, with all the lands, tenements, and hereditaments, thereunto belonginge, and with the same commonly letten, lyinge, and beinge in Melford aforesaid, now in the tenure and occupation of Miles Mayo', of Melford aforesaid, or of his assignes ; and all that peece of ground, commonly called Bayads, and a certaine parcell of land, commonly called Pantryes Land, in Melford aforesaid, now or late in the tenure of John Grocer, of Melford aforesaid ; and all that my ffarme or Grange, commonly called Moordons and Hills, and all lands, tenements, and hereditaments, therewith demised and letten, sett, lyinge and beinge in Melford aforesaid, and now or late in the tenure or occupation of John Smyth of the same towne, Yeoman ; and all that my land, meadow, and pasture, commonly called or knowne by the names of Bulney Moore and Bulney Moore Meadow, and Sluce Meadow, set, lyinge, and beinge in Melford aforesaid, and now or late in the tenure and occupation of William Dash the elder, of Melford, Yeoman ; and all those my two fields, called and knowne by the name of Great and Little Hastings, set, lyinge, and beinge in Alpheton aforesaid, in the said County of Suffolke, and now or late in the occupation of the said Hugh Isaac, of Melford, Yeoman, for the yearly rent of five pounds. And after the decease of my said wife, I will that my said Capitall Messuage, or Mansion House, and all other the premises by this my last will willed and given, and limited unto my said wife, for and in full satisfaction of her title of Dower shall (if my debts be not then paid) remaine to the Executors of my testament and last will, touching my goods for and towards the satisfaction and payment of my debts and legacies, and after that they be fully satisfied and paid, Then I will my said Capitall Messuage, or Mansion House, and all other the premises before given unto my said wife shall, after her decease, and my said debts psid, descend, remaine, and come to the issue of my body lawfully begotten, and for default of such issue, to remaine unto my sister Jane Allington, widow, for and during her natural life, if shee be then livinge. And after her decease, to remaine unto my brother ffancis Cordell, for the terme of his natural life, and after his decease, to remaine unto his first begotten sonne of his body lawfully begotten, and to the heirs males of the body of the first begotten sonne lawfully begotten ; and for default of issue to the second begotten sonne of the body of the said ffancis Cordell, lawfully begotten, and to the heirs males of the body of the said second sonne lawfully begotten ; and for default of such issue to the third begotten sonne of the body of the said Francis Cordell lawfully begotten, and to the heirs males of the body of the said third begotten sonne lawfully begotten ; and for default of such issue to the fourth begotten sonne of the body of the said ffancis Cordell lawfully begotten, and to the heirs males of the body of the said fourth begotten sonne, lawfully begotten ; and for default of such issue to the fifth begotten sonne of the body of the said Francis Cordell, lawfully begotten ; and to the heiree males of the body of the said fifth begotten sonne, lawfully begotten, and for default of such issue to the sixth begotten sonne of the body of the said Francis Cordell, lawfully begotten, and to the heires males of the body of the said sixth begotten sonne, lawfully begotten, and so from sonne to sonne of the body of the said Francis Cordell, lawfully begotten, and to the heires males of the body of every such sonne, as long as there shall be any of his body lawfully begotten ; and for default of such issue, to remaine unto my brother Edward Cordell for terme of his life, and after his decease, to the first begotten sonne of his body, lawfully begotten, and to the heires males of the body of the said first begotten sonne, lawfully begotten ; and for default of such issue, to remaine to the second begotten sonne of the body of the said Edward Cordell, and to the heires male of the said second begotten sonne, lawfully begotten ; and for default of such issue to the third begotten sonne of the body of the said Edward Cordell, and to the heires males of the said third begotten sonne, lawfully begotten, and for default of such issue to the fourth begotten sonne of the body of the said Edward Cordell, lawfully begotten, and to the heires males of the body of the said fourth sonne, lawfully begotten ; and for default of such issue to the fifth begotten sonne of the body of the said Edward Cordell, and to the heires males of the body of the said fifth sonne, lawfully begotten ; and for default of such issue, to the sixth begotten sonne of the said Edward Cordell, and to the heirs males of the sixth begotten sonne, lawfully begotten, and from sonne to sonne of the body of the said Edward Cordell, lawfully begotten, and to the heirs males of the body of every such sonne, in manner and forme as I have before limited, severally the premises unto the said ffancis Cordell. And for default of such issue, I will the said man'or of Melford, and other the premises to the heires ffemales of the body of my said brother Francis Cordell, lawfully begotten, and for default of such issue to the heires

females of the body of my said brother Edward Cordell, lawfully begotten, and for default of such issue to the heires of the body of my said sister Jane Alington, lawfully begotten, and for default of such issue, to remaine to my cosen Thomas Cordell, of London, sonne unto Robert Cordell, late of London, beerbrewer, deceased, and to the heires males of the body of the said Thomas Cordell, lawfully begotten, and for default of such issue, to remaine to my right heir. And where I and the said Dame Mary my wife, have to us and my heires certaine lands, tenements, and heredit's, lyinge in Wilough Parke, in Urfleet, or else where, within the county of York, which I lately bought and purchased of Henry Savill, Richard Allington, Esqrs., and Thomas Ward, gent., who had the same from Robert Hawdenby, Francis Hawdenby his sonne, and Elizabeth his wife, as by the conveyance thereof it doth appeare, and where also I purchased lately to me and my said wife and to mine heires, certaine lands and hereditaments of one John Turner, lyinge in Markett Deepinge, in a street there, called Towne Gate, in the county of Lincoln; I will and give for default of issue of my body lawfully begotten, all and singular the said lands, tenements, and hereditaments, which were sometimes of the said Robert Hawdenby and Francis his sonne, or of either of them; and likewise the said land and hereditaments which I purchased of the said John Turner, after the decease of the said Dame Mary my wife, unto the Executors of my last will and testament, and to the survivor of them and to their Executors, to be sold by their good discretions for and towards the payment of my debts, and the performance of my said testament. Item, I will and leave to descend unto the issue of my body begotten, and for default of such issue, to him or her that shall be my next heire for a third part of all my lands and tenements whereof her Majesty is to have livery, wardship, or primer seizin, as the case shall require, all that my Mannor of Great Fakenham, in the county of Suff.; and all those lands, tenements, and hereditaments, which I purchased of the Lord Burgh; and all that my Grange, commonly called Ringmer Grange, and all lands, tenements and hereditaments, which I purchased of Mr. Wiseman; and all those lands, tenements and hereditaments, which I did lately purchase to me and mine heires of Edward Rookwood, of Ewaton, in the county of Suff., Esq., for and in full recompence of the third part of all my lands, tenements, and hereditaments, that should descend to my next heire, whome I will and charge as he will answer before God at the dreadfull day of judgment, to accept for a full third part, and not to impeach my wife or any other p'son or persons to whome I have willed, limited, and appointed any of my lands, tenements, and hereditaments, but permit and suffer them quietly to enjoy the same, remembering how good and a naturall brother I am to him to leave him in possession and in reversion such mannors, lands, tenements and hereditaments, which it hath pleased Almighty God to bless me with, far above my worthyness and deserts. And if he that shall be my next heire (other than the issue of my body begotten) shall not be contented to accept for a full third part the said Manor of Fakenham, and the said Ringmer Grange, and other the premises, which I have before limited and appointed to my said heire for a full third part, but doth take any thinge away that I have devised either to my s^d wife, or to the reliefe of the poore, or to any others by fforce of this my will, then I will that the said Manor of Melford, and all lands, tenements and hereditaments, which I have before limited to my said wife and others as aforesaid, shall remaine unto him or her that should next have the same after the death of my said heire that shall so refuse to accept the said Manor of Fakenham, called Ringmer Grange, and other the said premises in manner and forme as if my next heire so refusinge were dead without issue. So that my will, miode, and intent is that whose-soever it shall please Almighty God to appoint to be my next heire for default of issue of my body begotten, I will that he or shee shall accept the said Man'or of Fakenham, and the Grange called Ringmer Grange, and other the said premises for his full third part of all my lands, tenements, and hereditaments, whereof I shall dye seized, and whereof her Majesty ought to have her Livery and primer seizin, as the case shall require. And if my said next heire other than the issue of my body shall refuse so to doe, then I will that he or shee shall have noe part of my said Man'or of Melford, nor of any other my lands, tenements, and heredit's, within the Realme of England. But that the same shall remaine to him or her that should enjoy the same if my said next heir was dead without issue, any thinge here in contained to the contrary notwithstanding. And as touchinge the disposition of all the residue of my lands and tenements, rents, services, and hereditaments, as well freehold as copyhold, set, lyinge, and beinge in Melford, Acton, Alpheton, Lavenham, Borley, and Shimplinge, in the said county of Suff., and in Berty, in the said county of Essex, not before limited or given to any per-

son by this my last will and testament, I will and give the same to the Executors of my last will and testament, to receive and take yearly the issues and profits of all those my said lands, tenements, and hereditaments, to the intent that they and the survivor of them pay and satisfye all my debts, and after my debts beinge satisfied and paid, I will that my said Executors shall pay out of the issues and profits of those same my said lands, tenements, and hereditaments, yearly unto my sister Thomasin Gager, wife unto Gilbert Gager, for and duringe such time as my Executors shall so receive the issues and profits of the said lands, tenements, and hereditaments (if shee shall so long live) the sum of twenty six pounds thirteen shillings and fourpence, and the same to be paid quarterly, viz., at four usual feasts or termes in the year, that is to say, in the feast of the Nativity of our Lord God, the Annunciation of our blessed Lady, the Nativity of St. John Baptist, and St. Michael the Archangel, by even portions, the first payment thereof to begin on the first feast day of the said fower feasts which shall first happen next after my decease. And after my debts paid, and if the said Dame Mary Cordell my wife shall be then livinge, I will all the residue of my said lands, tenements, and hereditaments of my said Manor of Melford, and all other my said lands, tenements, rents, and services, set lyinge, and beinge in Melford, Acton, Alpheton, Lavenham, Borley, and Shimplinge, as well ffreehold as copyhold, in the said counties of Suffolk and Essex (so before by me limited unto myne Executors for the payment of debts) unto my sister Jane Allington, widow, if shee be then livinge, for and during the natural life of the said Dame Mary Cordell my wife, shee, the said Jane Allington, payinge unto my sister Thomasin Gager, the said yearly rent of twenty six pounds thirteen shillings and fower pence quarterly, and in manner and fforme as I have before limited, given the same to her to be paid by my said Executors, and so long as my said sister Jane shall enjoy those same lands (if the said Thomasin shall so long live). And if it shall happen the said dame Mary Cordell my wife to dye, after and upon whose death my said sister Jane Allington shall have and enjoy by virtue of this my will, all the said lands, tenements, and hereditaments, before by me limited and given by this my last will and testament unto my said wife, then I will that the said residue of all my said lands, tenements, and hereditaments of my said Manor of Melford, and all other my said lands, tenements, rents and services, as well ffreehold as copyhold, set, lyinge, and beinge in Melford, Acton, Alpheton, Lavenham, Borley, and Shimplinge aforesaid, in the said counties of Suffolk and Essex, so before by me given and limited by this my last will and testament unto my sister Jane Allington, for and duringe the life of the said Dame Mary Cordell my wife, shall descend, remaine, and come to the issue of my body lawfully begotten, they payinge unto my said sister Thomasin Gager, the said reot of £26. 13s. 4d. yearlye duringe her life, in manner and fforme as I have before in this my last will limited to her to be paid (if shee shall be then livinge); and for default of such issue of my body, to remaine unto my said brother francis Cordell for the terme of his natural life, he payinge duringe his life unto his said sister Thomasin Gager (if shee shall be then livinge) the said yearlye rent of £26. 13s. 4d. duringe her naturall life, in manner and fforme as I have before in this my last will and testament limited to her to be payd. And after the decease of my said brother Francis Cordell, I will all the said last recited premises before given and limited unto my said brother Francis Cordell, for the terme of his naturall life, to remaine unto the first begotten of the body of the same francis my brother lawfully begotten, and to the heires males of the body of the same first begotten sonne lawfully begotten, and for default of such issue, to the second begotten son of the body of the said Francis Cordell, lawfully begotten, and to the heires males of the body of the said second sonne, lawfully begotten; and for default of such issue, to the third begotten son of the body of the said Francis Cordell, lawfully begotten, and to the heires males of the body of the said third begotten sonne, lawfully begotten; and for default of such issue, to the fourth begotten sonne of the body of the said Francis Cordell, lawfully begotten, and to the heires males of the body of the said fourth begotten sonne, lawfully begotten; and for default of such issue, to the 5th begotten sonne of the body of the said francis Cordell, lawfully begotten, and to the heires males of the body of the said 5th begotten sonne, lawfully begotten; and for default of such issue, to the sixth begotten sonne of the body of the said francis Cordell, lawfully begotten, and to the heires males of the body of the said sixth begotten sonne lawfully begotten, and so from sonne to sonne of the body of the said francis Cordell, lawfully begotten, and to the heires males of the body of every such sonne, as long as there shall be any of his body lawfully begotten; and for default of such issue, to remaine unto my brother Edward Cordell, for the terme of his life, and after his decease, to the first

begotten sonne of the body of the same Edward Cordell, lawfully begotten, and to the heires males of the body of the said first begotten sonne, lawfully begotten; and for default of such issue, to remaine to the second begotten sonne of the body of the said Edward Cordell, lawfully begotten, and to the heires males of the said second begotten sonne, lawfully begotten; and for default of such issue, to the third begotten sonne of the body of the said Edwd. Cordell, lawfully begotten, and to the heires males of the body of the said third begotten sonne, lawfully begotten; and for default of such issue, to the fourth begotten sonne of the body of the said Edward Cordell, lawfully begotten, and to the heires males of the body of the said fourth begotten sonne, lawfully begotten; and for default of such issue, to the 5th begotten sonne of the body of the said Edward Cordell, lawfully begotten, and to the heirs males of the body of the said 5th begotten sonne, lawfully begotten; and for default of such issue, to the 6th begotten sonne of the body of the said Edward Cordell, lawfully begotten, and to the heires males of the body of the said sixth begotten sonne, lawfully begotten, and so from sonne to sonne, of the body of the said Edward Cordell, lawfully begotten, and to the heires males of the body of every such sonne, lawfully begotten, as I before have limited severally the premises, unto the said Francis Cordell, my brother. And for default of such issue, I will the said residue of all my lands and tenements of my said Manor of Melford, and all other my said lands, tenements, rents and services, as well freehold as copyhold, lyinge and beinge in Melford, Acton, Alpheton, Lavenham, Borley, and Shimpling aforesaid, in the said countys of Suff. and Essex, to the heires females of the body of my said brother Francis Cordell, lawfully begotten, and for default of such issue, to the heires females of the body of my said brother Edward Cordell, lawfully begotten, and for default of such issue, to my said sister Jane Allington, and to the heires of the body of my said sister Jane Allington, lawfully begotten; and for default of such issue, to the heires of the body of my flather John Cordell, lawfully begotten, and for default of such issue, to remaine to my ^{sd} cosen Thomas Cordell, of the city of London, sonne unto Robert Cordell, late of the said city of London, Brewer, deceased, and to the heires males of the body of the said Thomas Cordell, lawfully begotten, and for default of such issue, to remaine to my right heires for ever. Alsoe, I doe give unto my loving sister Jane Allington, and to her heires for ever, all that my Messuage, with the apurt's, set, lyinge, and beinge in Holborne, in the county of Middle^x, within the parish of St. Andrew, now or late in the tenure and occupation of Sir Edw^d Clerke, Knight, or his assignes; provided alwaies, and my will and intent is that where I have given, limited, assigned, and appointed before in this my last will, unto Dame Mary Cordell my wife, the scite of my Manor of Melford, with the customary and free rents to the same belonginge, and divers other lands, tenements, woods, and hereditaments, during her natural life, for and in recompence and satisfaction of her dower, as is aforesaid. If the said Dame Mary Cordell my wife, doe or shall at any time after my decease, eyther by her self or by any other person or persons, directly or indirectly, by any way or means appoint, permitt, or suffer John Kinge the elder, of Long Melford aforesaid, in the county of Suff., or any of his sonnes, or sonnes in law, or any other person or persons by the nomination or appointment of the said John Kinge the elder, or of any of his sonnes, or sonnes in law, to collect, receive, intermeddle, or deall with the receipt of any of the rents, issues, ficarnes, or services of any of the tenants or fermors of the said scite of the said Manor of Melford, and other the lands, tenements, woods, and hereditaments before devised to the said Dame Mary for terme of her naturall life, for and in recompence of her dower, as is aforesaid or with any part or parcell thereof, or if the said Dame Mary Cordell shall at any time after my decease grant, demise, or to farme lett the said scite of the Manor of Melford, and other the houses, buildings, lands, tenements, rents, and hereditaments so before devised to the said Dame Mary, for terme of her life, or any part thereof, to the said John Kinge the elder, his sonnes, or sonnes in law, or to any of them, or to any other person or persons by the appointment, nomination, or procurement of them or any of them, or shall wittingly or willingly doe, procure, or cause any act or thinge whatsoever, whereby the said last ment^d premises or any part thereof, or any rents, issues, or profits, to be had or taken out of the same or any part thereof, shall and may by any way or means, directly or indirectly, be conveyed, assured, transferred, or come to the said John Kinge the elder, or any of his sonnes or sonnes in law, or to any other person or persons by their or any of their procurement, nomination, or appointment, Then I will that the said Dame Mary Cordell my wife, shall utterly loose all such profit and commodity whatsoever, as otherwise she should or ought to have by this my last will concerninge my lands, as also by my last

testament concerninge my goods, and then and from thenceforth, as well my said gift and devise of the said scite of the sd Manor of Melford, and other the lands, tenements, rents, and hereditaments, which I have heretofore made to the said Dame Mary for terme of her naturall life as is aforesaid shall be utterly void and of none effect as touchinge her the said Dame Mary, as also that all such other gifts and legacies whatsoever which I have given and bequeathed to the said Dame Mary by my last testament, shall be likewise void and of none effect; and that then the said Dame Mary shall not have any part of my lands, tenements, goods, or chattels, or take any benefit thereby, other than such only as shee shall be entitled unto, by the common laws of this realme, if no such devise, legacie, or bequest had bene made or given unto her. And moreover also, whereas, I, the said Sir William Cordell, by deed indented made between me, the said Sir William Cordell, of the one part, and George Carey, of Cockington, in the county of Devon, Esqr., Nicholas Metcalf, Esq., one of the Six Clerks of the Court of Chancery, and William Necton, of London, Gent., of the other part, bearinge date the 7th day of this present moneth of May, in the 23d yeare of the reign of our soveraigne Lady Queene Elizabeth, and enrolled in her Majesty's High Court of Chancery, for and in consⁿ of a certaine sum of money, to be paid to the said George Carey, Nicholas Metcalfe, and William Necton, have bargayned and sold unto the said George Carey, Nicholas Metcalfe, and William Necton, all that my moiety purpart or one halfe of the lordships or manors of Alesbeare, Newton, Popplefirth, Wimple, and Chalmeleigh, with all and singular their rights, members, liberties, and appurt's in the said county of Devon, sett, lyinge, and beinge within the parishes of Aylesbeare, Newton, Popplefirth, Wimple, and Chalmeleigh; and also all that my moiety and right of patronage of the parish Church of Chalmeleigh aforesaid, to have and to holde the said moiety purpart or one half of the said lords' pps and manors of Aylesbeare, Newton, Popplefirth, Whimple, and Chalmeleigh, with all and singular their appurt's, to them the said George Carey, Nicholas Metcalfe, and William Necton, their heires and assignes for ever, upon special trust and confidence, nevertheless, by me in them the said George Carey, Nicholas Metcalfe, and William Necton, that they and every of them shall at all times convey, assure, use, and dispose the said premises in the said deed indented specified and mentioned, and every part thereof, to such uses, purposes, and intents, and in such sort, manner, and forme as I, the said Sir William Cordell should express, signifye, and declare by my last will in writinge, and not to have or take the same or any parte thereof, or the profits thereof cominge to their or any of their owne profit or comodity. Now, therefore, I, the said Sir William Cordell, do express, signify, and declare by this my last will, that my will and mind is, that all and singular the said premises, specified and ment^d in the said indenture indented, shall be sold by the said George Carey, Nicholas Metcalfe, and William Necton, or the survivors or survivor of them, or the heires of the same survivor, to such person and persons, and for such som and sums of money, and in such manner and forme, and at such convenient time and times as shall be appointed or thought meet by the executors of my testament, or by the survivors or survivor of them, and that the money growinge and cominge as well of the sale of the said premises, as also of the profits thereof, before such time as the same shall be soe sold, shall be wholly converted, employed, and disposed by my said executors, for and towards the payment of my debts, and p'formance of my last testament. And further also, I will and appoint that my executors shall pay unto William Gager, now one of the students or schollars of Christ Church, in the University of Oxenford, the sum of ten pounds in money, by the yeare, out of the issues and profits of all such my lands and tenements which I have assigned and appointed unto them for, and towards the performance of my last will and testament, for his better maintenance in learninge, for the terme of seaven yeares next after my decease, and to be paid unto him quarterly, the first payment thereof to begin at the first usuall quarter that shall happen next after my decease. In witness whereof to this my last will, I have hereunto subscribed my name and set my seale, given the day and yeare first above writen.

William Cordell.

And further, where I have before limited and appointed by this my last will, divers lands, tenem^{ts} and hereditaments, set, lyinge, and beinge in Devonshire, Yorkshire, Lincolnshire, and Nottinghamsh', to be sold for the payment of my debts and performance of my last will and testament. If the same lands, tenements, and hereditaments, which I have so before limited and appointed to be sold, and the issues and profits of such other lands and tenements in Suff., as I have also willed and appointed to be levied

and received by my Executors, for and towards the payment of my said debts and performance of my last will and testament, together with my goods and chattles, which I doe leave unto my said Executors, will not suffice to pay and satisfye all my debts and legacies whatsoever, and to performe my said last will and testament, and also to pay and satisfye all such other debts and legacies which I doe owe or am indebted for by reason of executorship, to any person or persons whatsoever, Then my minde, will, and intent is, that to supply the same my said Executors or the survivors or survivor of them, shall, accordinge to their good discretions, and as they shall thinke meete and convenient, bargaine and sell so much and such parte of my said other lands, tenements and hereditaments, whereof I have so willed and appointed the issues and profits to be by them leaved and received as is before expressed, as together with my said goods and chattles, and the said lands, tenements, and hereditaments, which I have before so willed to be sold, shall extend and suffice not only to and for the full payment and discharge of all my debts and legacies, and performance of my said last will and testament, but also for and towards the full payment, satisfaction, and discharge of all such debts and legacies whatsoever, which I doe owe or am indebted for as Executor to any person or persons whatsoever, any thinge in this my last will before mentioned to the contrary in any wise notwithstanding.

William Cordell.

5to Novemb. 1651
Vera Copia exiata'
p' nos

Henry Lee,
Henry Deane.

Gabriell Goodman,
Richard Smyth,
Rogen Gifford,
Phillip Barrough.

Signature of Sir William Cordell, Knt., to a deed dated 1 February, 17 Elizabeth, 1574.

DAME MARY CORDELL.—1584.

In the name of God, amen, I, Dame Mary Cordell, wydowe, late wyfe of Sr. William Cordell, knight, deceased, being sickely in body, and neverthelesse of good and p'fecte remembrance (I most humblye thanke Almightye God for yt), doe this present seconde of February, Anno One thousand, fyve hundred, and eightie fower, and in the seaven and twentieth yere of the reigne of our gracious soveraigne Lady Queene Elizabeth, make and ordayne this my last will and testament in manner and fourme followinge, revoking all other wills and testaments, heretofore by me at any tyme made, wrytten, or spoken, and this to be my firme and last will. First, I commend my soule to handes of the most glorious and blessed Trinity, three persons and one God everlastinge, assuredly trusting and beleving by and through the meritts of our Lorde and Saviour Jesus Christ, and by his bitter deathe and passion, to have full pardon and remyssion of all my synnes and wickedness, and by his infinite goodness and mercy to be numbered and receyved amongst his electe and chosen in heaven, there to rest with Abraham, Isaac, and all the holy company of Angells. And as touching my body, I will the same to be buried decently, according to my callinge, in the Parish Church of Melford, in the countie of Suff., as nigh to the place wheare my late dear husband lieth buried as conveniently maye.

Item, I give untoe the saied parishe church of Melford for and towards the reparacions thereof, the somme of fourty shillings. Item, I give unto the poorest inhabitants of the said parishe, and specially to such as be poore widowes and householders, to be distributed amongst them by the discrecion of my execqtours, the somme of three poundes. Item, I give to the poore of the p'ishe of Leightonstone, in the countye of Essex, the somme of twenty shillings. Item, I give to the poore of my husbande's hospital, in Melford aforesaide, the somme of fourty shillings, to be employed for sheting, or some such other necessary p'vision as my sayd Exequytours shall thinke fyttest for

them. Item, I give to the poore Schollers of ye Universities of Cambridge and Oxenford, fyve pounds apeece to either of the said Universities, to be distributed to suche poore students as shall have most neede thereof. Item, I give to the poor inhabitants of Market Deeping, in the countie of Lincoln, whcare I have some land and living of my owne inheritance, the somme of fourtie shillings. Item, I give to the poore of Urfleet, alias Urlett, in the countie of York, whcare I have likewise some lyveinge of my owne inheritance, the somme of fourty shillings. Item, I will and give for, and towards the reparacons of highe wayes, to be distributed by the discretion of myne exequoutours, the somme of fyve poundes. Item, I give for and towards the makinge and settinge upp of the bridge, nighe Melford aforesaid, commonly called Rodbridge, the somme of fowertie shillings. Item, I will give to my welbeloved brother, Mr. William Clopton, of Groton, my bason and ewer of silver p'cell gilt, for a remembrance of my good will unto him. Item, I give unto my syster, his wiefte, for a like remembrance, my standing cupp, all gylt, called a pomgrannet. Item, I will and give unto my brother Throckinton, for a token of remembrance, a ringe of goulde, of the price of thyerty shillings. Item, I give unto syster, his wife, my pounzed boull, with a cover all gilt, in case. Item, I give unto my brother Smythe & his wyfe, my great depe boll gilt with a cour and more unto har one of my gownes not being velvett. Item, I give unto my brother Kigheley, and his wife, my gilt salte of sylver, with a cour. Item, I give unto my broth^r Hubberd, and his wyffe, my rest of white pounzed bowles with a cover. Item, I give amongst the children of my sayde brother Hubberd and his wiefte, the somme of tenn poundes in money. Item, I give unto my syster Hutton, for a remembrance of my good will unto her, a ringe of golde, of the price of fowerty shillings.

Item, I give to cozen Mr. George Moore, my lyvery potts of sylver all gilt; and to his wiefte, my jewell, sett with three stones, and to every of his three fyrst children a jewell of twenty crownes apeece. Item, I give to my neice Permenter, a jewell, of the pryce of fyve markes. Item, I give unto my neice Dethick, a jewell, of the price of fyve m'kes. Item, I give to my neice and god daughter Cordell Bowes, my black tablett, enamelled. Item, I give to my nephewes Richard and Thomas Bowes, to either of them a spurr-royall in gold. Item, I give to my niece Hubberd, my wayting woman, a blacke gowne, and twentye poundes in money, and lykewise a littel jewell of golde, sett with three litle stones and three pearles. Item, I will and gyve to my cozen Mr. George Savylle, a litle ringe of golde, sett with a diamond, for a token of remembrance of my good will unto him. Item, I give unto my cozen Mr. William Pool, my ringe of golde sett with twoe litle stones. Item, I give unto my cozen Mr. Francis Paynnell, a ringe of golde of the price of fourty shillings. Item, I will and give to my cozen Mr. Francis Worsley (if he be lyveing) a ringe of goulde of the price of fourty shillings. Item, I will and give to my syster and god daughter Mary Kinge, for a remembrance of my good will unto her, my jewell of Aggatt, and my crosse sett with diamonds and hanged with pearles. Item, I give unto her sonne Richard King, my greatest peece of gold, called a double duckett, and my lesser chaine of golde. Item, I give unto her daughter Mary, a jewell of mother apeeple sett with stone. Item, I give unto her daughter Anne Kinge, my bracelett enamelled, and my broche of St. Margaret. Item, I give unto John Kinge, her youngest sonn, the sume of one hundred markes of lawful money of England. Item, I will and give unto my brother Kinge, my lest chaine of golde. Item, I will and give to my loveinge cosen and frende Sr Henry Gats, Knight, a litle ringe of golde sett with a turkeys. Item, I give unto my very good Lady, the Lady Gerrard, my cussen kercher, wrought and edged with golde. Item, I give to Mr. Robt. Longe, a ringe of gold of the price of thirty shillings. Item, I give unto my cozin and god daugbter Mrs. Margaret Clopton, a ringe of golde of twenty shillings. Item, I give unto my olde servants William Pratt and Mary his wyfe, to either of them a ringe of goulde, of the price of twentie shillings. Item, I give unto my mayde servant Elizabeth Jenkins, a blacke gowne and fouerty shillings in money, ou^r and besydes her wages which shall be due unto her at the time of my decease. And I doe likewise give untoe her some of my olde lynninge accordinge to the discretion of my Exequoutours. Item, I will that the reste of my s'uants that shall dwell wth me at the time of my decease shall have distributed amongst them our and besydes their wages which shall be then due unto them, the somme of sixe poundes, in the distribution wherof my will and mynde is that such as have longest served me should be the better considered, according to the good discretion of myne Exequoutours. The residue of all my plate, money, debts, jewellery, and other my goods whatsoever they be (this my present will performed and

my debtes and funerall charges being paid and discharged) I will and give unto my said sister Kinge, and to her children, for the good education and bringeing up of them in learninge and virtue, &c. And I make, ordaine, & constitute to be my Exequoutours, the Right Worshipful and my deere friende Sr Gilbert Gerrard, Knight, Mr of the Rolls of Her Majesties Courte of Chancery (to whom I give for his paynes to be had and susteyned in and about the execucon of this my said last testamente, my greate ringe of golde set with a rocke of rubye), And my well beloved sister Mary Kinge, requireinge her for the love and dutye which she hath always borne unto me to ender her selfe to the utmost of her power to see this my testamente to be done and trulie performed, according to the trewe intent and meaninge, and the trust I have reposed especially in her. Also I make and ordayne supervisors of this my last will and testament, my honorable good friende, Sir Walter Myldemaye, knight, Chancellor of Her Majesty's Courte of Exchequer; and my loveinge cossen, and assured friende, Mr. Justice Wyndham; and I doe give unto the sayed Sr. Walter, for his paynes, my great ring of gold, set with a faire turkeys; and to the said Mr. Justice Wyndham, for his like paynes to be taken about this my testament, a ringe of gold, set with a saphire. And I do humbly and hartely praye my said supervisors to be aiding and assisting to my said sister Kinge, with their good advice, direction, and counsel, from tyme to tyme, as occasion shall requier. And in wyttnes that this my last will and testament, I have hereunto putt my hand and seale the daie and yeare fyrst above written. Theise being called to be witness. Mary Cordell. Wytnesses—Henry Archer, Thomas Tyler, George Andrewe.

Memorand: that I, the said Dame Mary, doe further will and give unto the children of my sayde brother Cloptone, unto every of them, fyve markes apeece. Item, I give unto my friende Mr. Peter Osborne, Esquire, a ringe of golde, of the price of thirtie shillings. Item, I give unto my old servant, John Forde, as much black clothe as will make him a cloke. Item, I give to my olde servantt, William Johnson, a ringe of golde, of the price of twentie shillings.

Mary Cordell. Testib' Thomas Tyler, George Andrewes.

A codicill annexed to the last will and testament of me, Dame Mary Cordell, widowe, this present nynthe of February, one thousand, fyve hundred, eighty fouer, and in the seaven and twentieth yeare of the raigne of our gracious sovereigne Lady Queene Elizabeth. Provided alwayes and my full mynd and will is, that where I Dame Mary Cordell, widowe, have by indenture of lease, demised and to farme letten unto my cossen Francis Worsley, Esquier, all that my Manor of M'kett Deping, with all lands, tenements, hereditaments thereunto belonging, in the countie of Lincoln, to have and to holde the said Manor and other the premises to the said Francis, his exequoutour and assigne for the terme of one and twentye yeares yet enduringe, As by the said indenture of lease more at large yt doth and maie appear. The rev'con of wch manner and other the premises are to descend and come after my decease to my cozen George Moore, and to his heires of his body lawfully begotten. And when I, the sayd Dame Mary, have taken a fine or income for the said lease of my said cousin Worsley, whereby I am bounde in conscience that he shall quietly enjoye the same during his said terme of one and twentye yeares. Yf, therefore, my said cozen George Moore, or his heaires, shall, after my decease, doe, cause, or suffer any act or acts, thing or things whatsoever, to the frustrating or makeing voyd of the same lease, whereby the exequoutours of my last will and testament shall stand anywayes charged to make any recompense or satisfaction to the said Francis, his exequoutours, or assignes for the sayd fyne soe by mee received, or any p'te thereof, or if my said cozen Moore shall refuse to confirme the said lease, that then my full mynd and will is that my said cozen Moore and his wife and children, shall utterly lose the benefitt of all such legacies as I have amongst others given unto them or to any of them by my laste will and testament, in as absolute manner as yf I had given no legacies unto any of them at all. In witness whereof I have hereunto subscribed my name and put to my seal the daie and year above written, Mary Cordell. These being witnesses, Edward Kinge, George Andrewe, Thomas Tyler.

(Probatum 13 Oct., 1585.)

WILL OF SIR ROBERT CORDELL, OF MELFORD.—1680.

In the name of God Amen ; I Sir Robert Cordell, of Melford-hall, in the Countie of Suffolk, Baronet, being sick in bodie, but of perfect mynd and memorie, Praised be God, doe make my last Will and Testament in maner and forme following, Revoking and by these presents making void all other Will or Wills by mee heretofore made ; Inprimis, I giue and devise unto my sonn Robert Cordell, gent., his heires, executors, adms and assignes, all & singular my messuages, lands, tenements and hereditaments whatsoever, be they freehold, copihold, or Lessehold, acituate, lying, and being in Leeds, or in any other Towne or Townes, in the countie of Yorke. Item, I giue and devise unto my Grandchild John Cordell, eldest sonn of John Cordell, Esq., my great siluer Bason and Ewer. Item, I giue and devise unto the said John Cordell my sonn, all the deere in Melford-Parke, and the great Saphire Jewell, and one moitie and halfe part of all my household-stuff (my Plate excepted). Item, I give and devise unto my deare Wife, dame Margaret Cordell, the other moitie and halfe parte of all my household-stuff, and all and singular my plate (the Bason and Ewer here in before given to my Grandchild, John Cordell, onely excepted), and all and singular my Jewells (the great Saphire-Jewell here in before given to my Sonn John Cordell, Esq., onely excepted), Upon Trust and confidence in my said deare wife reposed, and to the intent and purpose, that she shall either by her last Will and Testament in writing, or by some other writing under her hand and seale, verified by three or more sufficient witnesses, giue and dispose of the said moitie of my household-stuff, and all and singular the Plate and Jewells given to her as aforesaid, or the full value thereof, to and amongst my Children (my Sonn John Cordell excepted), in such sort, manner, and proportion, as my said deare Wife shall, by her said last Will and Testament, or other writing aforesaid, giue, dispose, nominate, and appoint, And for want of such disposition, nomination, or appointment, Then upon this farther Trust and confidence, and to the intent and purpose, that the Executors or adms of my said deare Wife shall within six monthes next after her decease, pay or cause to be payd unto my said Children (my Sonn John Cordell excepted or unto such of them as shall be then living, share and share like, the full value of the said moitie of my household-stuff, and all and singular the Plate and Jewells given to her as aforesaid. Item, I give and devise unto my daughter Margaret Cordell such summe and summes of money as are due and owing to me from Sir William Thomas, of* . . . in the county of Sussex. Item, I give and devise unto my three younger sonns, Edmund, Charles, and Chester, share and share like, All such sum'e and summes of money as are due and owing to mee from Sir Henry Williams and Sir Thomas Benett. Item, I giue and devise unto my said three younger sonns, Edmund, Charles, and Chester, their heires, Execrs adms and assignes, All that messuage or tenement situate, lying, and being, in or near Moore-fields, in London, be the same freehold or Leasehold. Item, I nominate and appoint my said deare Wife Executrix of this my last will and Testam^t to whom I giue all and singular other my debts and personall estate whatsoever not herein before given or disposed of, and doe request her to pay my funerall charges, and burie me privately in St. Laurence Church, London. And I doe earnestly charge my said Sonn John Cordell, upon my dying Blessing, that hee doth from tyme to tyme and at all times, be ayding and assisting and joyne with my Trustees Sir William Spring, Bart., and Hugh Norden, gent., in the raising of moneys, and paying my debts, and Childrens' Portions, according to the severall Trusts in them reposed in and by certaine Indentures made by mee to them mentioned and expressed. In witness whereof I have to this my last Will and Testament, conteyning two Sheets of Paper, set my hand & seale the Eighteenth day of December, in the one and thirtieth year of the reigne of our Sovereigne Lord King Charles the second over England, et annoque domini one thousand, six hundred, seventie nyna. R. Cordell. Sealed, published, & declared to be the last Will and Testam^t of the said Sir Robert Cordell, in the presence of Tho. Hustler, William Purchas, Joseph Raya.

Probatum fuit, &c., duodecimo die Mensis, Januarij, Anno domini (Stylo Angliæ) millimo sexentesimo septuagesimo nono.

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WILL OF SIR JOHN CORDELL.—1690.

In the name of God, Amen, The Twenty sixth day of August, in the yeare of our Lord God, one Thousand, six hundred & ninety. I, Sr John Cordell, of Melford hall, in the county of Suff., Baronett, being infirm in body, but of good and perfect memory, blessed be God, doe make, constitute, and ordaine this my last will and Testament, in manner and forme following. first, I committ my soule to Almighty God, hoping upon my sincere penitence for pardon and forgiveness maud through the meritts and mediation of the holy Jesus. Item, I desire my body may be privately and devoutly buried in the vault in Melford Chancell, according to the discretion of my Executrix, hereafter named. Item, I make my deare Wife, Dame Elizabeth Cordell, sole Executrix of this my last Will and Testament, and doe appoint Sr John Poley, knight, Thomas Waldegrave, and Robert King, Esqrs., Supervisors, and desire that they will please to assist my Executrix in the full and just execution of my mind and will hereafter written. Item, my will is that my Executrix, with the advice and assistance of my friends supervisors aforementioned, doe, within convenient time after my decease, either with my personall Estatt, or by the rents, issues, and profits of my Messuages, Lands, Tenements, or hereditaments, in London, Melford, or elsewhere, or by making Leases therof, or by the sale of any part or parcell thereof, pay or cause to be paid all those debts and duties that I owe to any person or persons whatsoever. Item, I will that my said Executrix above named by receipt of Rents, sale of Lands, or otherwise, doe alsoe raise out of my estate portions for my two daughters, Elizabeth and Margaret Cordell, that is to say, to each of them, one thousand five hundred pounds of good and lawfull money of England, over and above the first hundred pounds apeece, which my brother, Robert Cordell, deceased, gave them, and which I am to pay them, pursuant to an agreement made betwixt my said brother Robert Cordell, and my selfe. Item, my will is that the aforesaid sum'e or sum'es of money be paid to my said daughters Elizabeth and Margaret Cordell, at the ages of one and twenty yeares, or dayes of marriage, whiche shall first happen. And I doe alsoe will that each of my said daughters be allowed for their maintenance fifty pounds per Annum, untill such time as their said respective portons shall become due, and be to them severally paid according to the true meaning of this my will. And further, my will is, that in case their mother be alive, and either of my said daughters presume to marry without her consent, That then their Mother shall have liberty to keepe back soe much of the portion before given as she thinks good, and to give it to which other of my children shee pleases. Item, I will that if either of my said daughters Elizabeth or Margaret Cordell die before they are married, or before they are one and twenty yeares of age, that then one thousand pounds be added to the survivors portion. Item, I will that the ffarme, now or late in the occupac'on of John Polly, of Melforde, his Assigne or Assignes, be cleared after my death, withall convenient has, and the mortgage now upon the said ffarme, together with others, if soe much money can thereby be raised be taken of and cleared by the sale of my said houses in London, and by all such estate, goods, and chattells of my brother Thomas Cordell, late of Lant, Merchant, deceased, as my said Executrix shall be able to recover or get into hands, or by soe much thereof as will be sufficient to discharge the same. And as to what joynture is already settled upon my said deare wife Dame Elizabeth Cordell, I doe hereby ratify and confirme the same, and doe will that the said joynture estate be by her held and enjoyed free from all incumbrances whatsoever. And I will and desire that in the sale of my Lands, the advantage and conveniency as much as may be of my sonne and heire hereafter menc'oned, be carefully observed and consulted. Item, all debts, dues, legacies and por'cons being paid, Then my mind and will is, and I doe hereby give and bequeath to my only sonne John Cordell, and to his heires for ever, all my ffarmes, Lands, Woods, Woodgrounds, Tenements, and hereditaments whatsoever, as well copyhold as freehold, with all their appurtenances, whether in Melford or else where. Item, I give and bequeath to my said sonne and heire John Cordell, all my household stuff, tables, stooles, fourmes, carpets, hangings, linnen, woollen, pewter, brasse, plate and jewells, in or belonging to Melford Hall, save and except only what now follows, namely, that my Executrix have all those Jewell which shee brought with her upon marriage, together with one bedd, and all things belonging to it, and likewise one suite of damaske linnen, which things I will that they be fully and freely at her

disposall. Item, I will and bequeath to my said Executrix, my coach and my coach horses, and all things belonging to them. Item, my will is, and I doe hereby appoint that if it shall please God I dye whilst my said sonne is a minor, that then my said Executrix, his mother, to be his Guardian, and to receive the rents and profits of his estate, and alsoe to have the free use of all the household stuffe aforegiben and bequeathed unto him, and likewise full liberty to abide and continue in Melford Hall if shee pleases until my said sonne and heire John Cordell either marry, or be one and twenty yeares of age. Item, I will that my said sonne his yearly maintenance till he come of age, be wholly at the pleasure and disposall of my said Executrix, and to be more or lesse according as hee carrys and behaves himselfe dutifully, or otherwise towards her, and when he is of age, if my said Executrix his mother be liveinge, and hee utterly refuses to be advised and persuaded by her, then I will that shee have liberty to dispose of any of the household stuffe aforegiben to him, to which other of my children shee pleases. Item, I give to my old servant George Mimarde, and to his heires, two small cottages, lying and situate in Bull Lane, in Melford, upon the side of the Inne now called the Bull. And alsoe I give and bequeath to him, five pounds per Annum, during his naturall life. Item, I give and bequeath unto Mary frensh, now servant to my wife, the su'me of five pounds, to buy her mourning. Lastly, whereas before I have empowered my said Executrix, upon the disobedience of my said sonne John Cordell, to withdraw or withhold more or lesse of his maintenance and bequest; now my will and desire further is that this at all times be done with the particular advice and consent of my Supervisors aforenamed, havinge a full and entire confidence in them that they will industriously promote his good education and future welfare. In witsnesse whereof I have hereunto sett my hand and seale, the day and yeare above menc'oned. J. Cordell. Sealed and delivered, published and declared, to be the last will and Testament of the said Sr. John Cordell, in the presence of us, who all subscribed our names as witnesses, in the presence of the said Testator. Tho. Dosse, Tho. Wingfield, John Coder.

(Proved December 1st, 1690, at London.)

DESCRIPTION OF THE CORDELL MONUMENT, MELFORD CHURCH.

Davy's Suffolk Collections, Babergh Hundred, vol. 2. Church Notes, Long Melford.

Against the south wall within the communion rails stands a sumptuous monument of various coloured marbles, consisting of an altar tomb of white marble, upon which lies recumbent the figure full size of a man in armour, of alabaster, his hands clasped, and raised over his breast, lying on a mat, which is rolled up at the head to form a pillow; his head is bare, hair short, no beard, a small ruff round his neck, the armour much ornamented, his feet rest on a cockatrice. Above this is a canopy of two arches, supported by six corinthian pillars, those in the middle of black marble, those on the out-sides of a reddish veined marble; at the head and feet, in open arches, are female figures, that at the foot having one foot placed on a broken pillar, and holding part of the same under the left arm; she is crowned with bays; that at the head holds in her right hand a serpent, at the back are two other female figures, that near the feet holding a basin and ewer, the other has a pair of closed scales in her left hand, the right hand gone; these were probably intended for the four cardinal virtues. The arches above are in square compartments, in each of which is carved a cockatrice, twenty-eight in each arch; on the top of the monument are three coats of arms as follow:—

1. In the centre very large. Cordell, quarterly 1 and 4, *Cordell*, a chevron between three griffins' heads erased. 2 and 3 . . . a chevron between three lions passant guardant. Crest, a cockatrice, wings close.

2. On the dexter side, and 3 the same on the sinister, *Cordell*, quarterly as before, impaling *Clopton* of fifteen coats.

On the front of the table, in two compartments, are the following inscriptions.
At the east part towards the feet, in capitals.

Hic Gulielmus habet requiem Cordellus, avito
Stemmata Vir clarus; clarior ingenio.
In studiis primos consumpsit fortiter annos
Mox et causarum strenuus actor erat.
Tanta illi doctrina inerat, facundia tanta:
Ut Parlamenti publica lingua foret.
Post ea factus Eques, Reginae arcana Mariæ
Consilia et patriæ grande subibat onus.
Factus et est Custos Rotulorum urgente senectâ,
In Christo moriens cœpit ad astra viam.
Pauperibus largus victum vestemq' ministrans.
Insuper Hospitii condidit ille domum.

Towards the head in capitals.

Hunc sensit Princeps, sensit Respublica tota
Esse virum meritis et pietate gravem.
Vir puiset justus quem non a tramite rectâ
Sive odium poterat flectere sive metus.
Qui quod pollicitus fuerat servavit et idem.
Qui vitare malos novit, amare bonos.
Primus amicitiae cultor, convictor amœnus;
Candidus et vitæ factus ad omne decus
Nec dubium est qui sic vixit vitamq' reliquit
Quin nunc cœlicolos spiritus inter agat.

FLAMSTED CHURCH, HERTS.

On pillar in nave:—

Within this isle where bricks are laide,
There buried a Virgin mayde,
Francys Cordell was her name,
She lived and died in godlie fame.
An^o 1597, Junii 7.

Over one of the arches a framed board with arms, and the following inscription:—

At the upper end of this middle aisle lyeth interred the body of George Cordell, Esquire, who served Queen Elizabeth, and was Sergeant of the Ewry to King James, and the late King Charles, in all sixty yeeres. who married Dorothy, the only daughter and heyre of Francis Prior, of this parish, with whom she lived 52 yeeres, and deceased the 26th May, 1653, being aged 84 yeeres.

CORDELL PEDIGREE

From the original Visitation in 1561.

John Cordell, of Longe Melforde, married Eme, daughter to Webbe, of Kymolton, in the Countie of Northampton, Esquire, and by her hath yssue Sir William Cordell, Knight, ffraunces Cordell, second sonne; John Cordell, third sonne; Edward Cordell, ffourth sonne; Thomasin Cordell, maryed to Gylbert Cagor; Jane, married to Rychard Alington, of Horshed, in the Countie of Cambridge, Esquire. Sir William Cordell, Knight, Mr of the Rowles, maryed Marye, daughter to Rycharde Clopton, of Melforde, in the Countye of Suffolke, Esquire.

The Cordell arms are thus described in the copy of the Visitation made by Sylvanus Morgan.

Cordall port quarterlie.

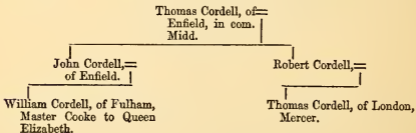
1. Cordell. Gu. a chevron between three griffins' heads erased Arg. 2. Webb. Azure, a chevron between three lions' passant gardant Or. 3* as 2. 4 as 1.

This Crest upon a wreath, a Cockatrice Arg., with the body of a cock, but the tayle Serpentine Vert, with this motto "*Je ne vous oublieray pas.*"

CORDELL PEDIGREE.

Visitation of London, 1568.

Arms. Gules, a chevron ermine, between three griffins' heads erased of the second.
Crest. A cockatrice, wings close Vert, wattled, beaked and collared Or.



* In the Blois MS. the 3rd quartering is as follows,—Argent, three bolts Gules, two and one.

Cordell.

EDMUND CORDELL, of Edmonton, =
Middlesex.

John Cordell, 2 son, of Melford, = Emma, dau. of Henry Webbe, of
burd. at Melford, 7 Jan., 1563. Kimbolton, co. Hunts.

Robert Cordell, of =
London, Brewer.

Jane Cordell, = Richard Al-
linton, of
Horscheath,
Esq., Mas-
ter of the
Rolls.
burd. 4
January,
1602.

1, *Thomasine
Cordell,
mar. Gilbert
Gager, of
Long Mel-
ford.*

2, *Francis
Cordell, bur.
at Long Mel-
ford, 12 Nov.
1586, s.p.*

3, *John
Cordell,
ob. s.p.*

Sir Wm. Cor- = Mary, dau. of
dell, Knight, Richard
Clopton, of
Melford, of
Castlyns in
Groton, Esq.,
burd. at Long
Melford, 19
June, 1581.
Will dated 1
Jany., 1580.

4, *Edward = Elizabeth,
Cordell, ob. dau. of =
s. p. 1594, Harrison,
of Norfolk,
burd. at
Long Mel-
ford, 30
Oct., 1586.*

Thomas Cordell, =
cousin of Sir
Wm., of Lon-
don.

Thomas Cordell,
son and heir.

Mary Allington, = Sir John Savage,
dau. & co-heir. Knight, of Clif-
ton, Cheshire. *Visitation.*

Ann, 3d da. & 2, Cordelia Aling- = Sir John Stan-
co-heir. *Camb.* ton, dau. and co-
heir.

Thomas
Cordell, Anne Cordell, died
burd. at Long young.
Melford, 12 Feb.,
1567. Mary Cordell, died
young.

Thomas
Cordell.

Sir Robert Cordell, Bart., of Melford, created Bart. 22 June, 1660; M.P. for Sudbury, 1661—1678; Sheriff of Suffolk, 1653. circa 1680.

1, Sarah Cordell, Long Melford, 29 Aug. 1643, bur. there 6 Sept., 1644.

2, Sarah Cordell, Long Melford, 24 Sept., 1644 = Sir Wm. Springs, Bart.

2, Mr. Robert Cordell, Long Melford, 2 May, 1648, burd. there 7 Oct., 1681.

3, Mr. Thomas Cordell, Long Melford, 10 Nov., 1646, M.P. for Suffolk, 1688; Sheriff for Suffolk, 1685; bur. at Melford, 9 Sept., 1690.

3, Margaret Cordell, Long Melford, 10 Oct., 1652, burd. there. = John Barnardiston, Esq.

3, Mr. Thomas Cordell, Long Melford, 22 Jan., 1653, bur. there 9. = Elizabeth, da. of Thomas Waldegrave, Esq., of Smalbridge, Suffolk, bur. at Long Melford, 26 April, 1709.

4, Edmd. 5, Wm. 6, Chas. 7, Peter Cordell, Long Melford, 6 July, 1658, bur. there 26 March, 1681.

5, Wm. 6, Chas. 7, Peter Cordell, Long Melford, 11 Oct., 1659, bur. there 8 Nov., 1659.

8, Chas. 4, Margaret Cordell, Long Melford, 8 June, 1662.

Elizabeth Cordell, eldest sister and co-heir, Long Melford, 10 Nov., 1674, ob. 1706.

2, Thomas King, Esq., eldest son of Robert King, killed in a duel, by Sir Sewster Peyton, Bart., Ao 1698.

John King, bur. at Long Melford, 26 Jan., 1724.

Sir John Cordell, third Bart., of Melford Hall, 11 Nov., 1677; married 24 Dec., 1701; killed by a fall from his horse, May, 1704, s.p.; buried at Melford, 12 May; M.P. for Sudbury, 1700.

Sir Charles Firebrace, Bart., bur. at Melford, 10 Aug., 1727.

Sir Charles Firebrace, of Melford, 8 Feb., 1675, bur. there 21 May, 1712.

Sister and co-heir, Margaret Cordell, bur. at Melford, 28 April, 1679.

Sarah Cordell, bapt. at Long Melford, 9 Sep., 1678, bur. there 28 April, 1679.

Sir Cordell Firebrace, of Melford Hall, Bart., died March, 1759, s.p., M.P. for Suffolk.

da. of Philip Bacon, Esq. (2d son of Sir Nicholas Bacon) married Oct., 1737.

Poley.



1, Poley.
 3, Badwell.
 5, Hervey.†
 7, Rockhill.

2, Poley.*
 4, Leyes.
 6, Weyland.
 8, Shae.

* In some manuscripts the crosses are represented as patees.

† This quartering is sometimes omitted. The arms of *Knighton* being given in its place in several copies of the Visitation, viz., Barry of six, Sable and Or.

Sir John Poley, of Wrongey, in the Countie of Norfolke, Knight, second sonne, and at length heire of Thomas Poley, one of the yonger sonns of John Poley, of Boxted Hall, in the Countie of Suffolke, Esquire, long since deceased, being now of the age of 80 yeares or thereabouts, hath for the asserting of the Coat armour, Or a lion rampant sable armed & langued gules; the Crest a Lion rampant sable, to have been allwaies esteemed & borne by himselfe, his kinsmen, and their ancestors, as the Paternall Coate of ther family, subscribed his name to these proofes and Testimonialls ensuing. First, that hee ever received this relation as an undoubted truth from his ancestors. Secondly, that the said John Poley, his grandfather, ever gave the said Lion Sable for his cognizance, as did alsoe Richard Poley, Esquire, his great-grandfather, father of the said John, and that hee hath often seene a Seale Ring of the said John his grandfather, with the same Coatarmour engraven on it. Thirdly, that Sir John Poley (Knighted for his good service performed against the Spaniard when the Duke of Parma besieged Bergen vp zoome, Anno d'ni, 1588) sonne & heire of William Poley, of Boxted Hall, in the said Counte of Suffolke, Esquire, sonne & heire of the before named John Poley, did in & through all the 17 Provinces before the tyme of the said seige at it, & long after for the space of ffifteene yeaes together in the whole, whilst hee seryed in the Low Countries as Captaine of a Company of Launces, first under the Earl of Lcicester, & afterwards vnder Peregrine Lord Willoughby, receiving the pay of the Late Queene Elizab: of blessed memory beare upon his Cornet, carried before him by his cornet bearer on Horseback, & upon his Gidion or lesser Cornet, borne by his Page, the said Black Lion rampant in a Golden feild, and it being taken notice of to bee the antient Coatarmour of the Earles of Flanders, by the Count Maurice of Nassaw, Prince of Oringe, and Henry, Late Earle of Northumberland, being then alsoe present in the Netherland army, & whose pretended himselfe to bee descended of the saide Earles of Flanders, they had some discourse & question with the said Sr John Poley about it & by what right hee bare it, from whome they received soe good satisfaction that it did belong vnto him as the Paternall Coate of his Family, as they never after made any scruple or question touching the same. Fourthly, that afterwards, in or about the yeare 1590, the Netherland States sent the said Sir John Poley as their Ambassador to the Count Oldenburg, who in his Journey, falling sicke at Stoad, there died, & was buried in the Cheife Church in that Cittye, and a Penon of his said Coat armour there hung over him, which was still remaining in the yeare 1635 last past. Fifthly, that this Sr John Poley himself, second sonne, & at length heire of the said Thomas Poley, being in the year 1603 made a Colonell generall over 4,000 footemen, Peregrine Lord Willoughby being Generall) vnder the King of Denmarke, now still living, & he still retayneth there the place of a Colonell with the pay thereof: did for the space of Twoe & Twenty yeares, march with the same Coate armour fairely drawne & depicted both on his Ensigne and Tent, in the Kingdomes of Denmark, Poland, & Sweden, & in the empire of Germany. And before that tyme serving for Three yeares more in the Kingdome of France vnder Henry the 4th, at the Seige of Amiens & elsewhere, in his Warrs against the Leaguers as a Captaine of English foote hee bare the same Armes in his Ensigne, which Coat armour was soe allowed by all those Kings & Princes vnder whom he served, as his just, rightfull, and Paternall Coate, & was accordingly sett upp, being fairely drawne and depicted in the Statehouse at Copin Hagen, the metropolis or cheife Cittye of the Kingdome of Denmarke (in which place it yett standeth) where all the Armes of the Commanders who (in or about the yeare 1612) served in the King of Denmarkes army, were thear also sett vpp accordingly. In witness whereof, and that this present Relation and Testimoniall may remaine as an heire loome to his Family, he, the said Sr John Poley, hath subscribed his name this Eleaventh day of August, anno d'ni, 1636.

Subscribed in the presence of Sr Simonds D'Ewes, of Stowe Hall, in the Countie of Suffolk, Knight, Sr William Poley, of Boxted Hall, in the Countie aforesaid, Knight, and John Poley, gent, younger brother of the said Sr William Poley, who have likewise subscribed their names. (*Boxted MSS.*)

SIMONDS E'EWES.
WILLIAM POLEY.
JOHN POLEY.

John Poley

BOXSTEAD REGISTERS.

- John Pooley, son of Richard Pooley, gent., bapt. 27 Sept., 1539.
 Elizabeth Poolie, da. of Richard Poolie, Gent., bapt. 31 Dec., 1540.
 Anne Pooley, da. of Richard Pooley, Gent., bapt., 11 Oct., 1542.
 Marie Poolie, da. of Richard Poolie, Gent., bapt. 23 Jan., 1544.
 Richard Poolie, son of Richard Poolie, Gent., bapt., 27 Jan., 1546.
 Richard Poolie, burd 19 Dec., 1546.
 Anne Poolie, burd 15 Aug., 1546.
 Gylea Poolie, & Alice Tenderlove, mar^d 19 Dec., 1554.
 George Poolye, sonne of Richard, bapt. 2 March, 1557.
 Marie Poolie, burd 27 Nov., 1558.
 Richard Poolie, gent., burd 25 April, 1560.
 John Poolie, son of Gyles, bapt. 20 Jan., 1561.
 Mrs. Margery Poolie, burd 20 Augt, 1561.
 William Poolie, son of William, Gent., bapt., 26 Aug., 1562.
 Frances Poolie, gent., & Elizabeth Scopham, mar. 28 April, 1562.
 George Pooley, son of William, bapt. 30 Dec., 1563.
 John Pooley, burd 29 June, 1563.
 Julian Pooley, gent., burd 10 Feb., 1563.
 Jane Poolie, da. of Wm. Poolie, gent., bapt. 31 Jan., 1564.
 Elizabeth Poolie, da. of Francis Poolie, gent., bapt. 30 Julie, 1564.
 Gabriell Poolie, son of Wm. Poolie, gent, bapt. 17 August, 1565.
 Francis Poolie, burd 5 March, 1566.
 Frances Poolie, son of Frances, bapt. 14 Feb., 1567.
 Anne Poolie, da. of John Poolie, bapt. 16 Dec., 1567.
 Anne Poolie, da. of Francis, bapt. 22 Jan., 1567.
 Gabriell Poolie, burd 29 April, 1567.
 William Poolie, burd. 1 Feb., 1567.
 Johan Poolie, da. of Wm., bapt. 16 Feb., 1569.
 Elizabeth Poolie, widow, burd 26 Feb., 1569.
 Francis Poolie, gent., burd 30 Nov., 1569.
 Johan Poolie, burd 17 Feb., 1569.
 Francis Poolie, son of William, bapt. 17 Oct., 1571.
 Francis Pooley, burd 11 Feb., 1571.
 Alice Pooley, wife of Wm. Pooley, esq., burd 7 Mar., 1577.
 Martha Poolie, da. of Wm. Poolie, burd 25 Mar., 1580.
 John Poolie, gent., burd 6 Augt, 1580.
 Philip Conysbie, Gent., & Anne Pooley, gent., mar. 13 April, 1584.
 Waldegrave Abell, & Alice Poolie, mar. 5 Oct., 1585.
 Edward Copley, gent., & Elizabeth Pooley, gent., mar. 10 Feb., 1586.
 Wm. Poolie, Esq., burd 18 Dec., 1587.
 David Powell & Jane Poolie, mar. 26 Oct., 1589.
 Richard Poley, gent., burd 12 Sept., 1611.
 Sir William Poley, Knt., burd 6 Aug., 1629.
 Elizabeth Poley, Lady, wife to Sir Wm. Poley, Kt., eld^t da. of Sir Henry Arden, Kt., burd 23 June, 1631.
 Susanne Poley, da. of Sir Wm. Poley, Kt., bapt. 23 June, 1631.
 John Poley, first-born son of Sir Wm. Poley, Knt., & Dame Elizabeth, his 2d wife, the 5th da. of Paul D'Ewes, late of Stow Hall, co. Suff., Esq., born on Thursday morning, 11 Jan., 1637, bapt. 23 January following.
 Sir John Poley, of Wrongey, co. Norf., Kt., burd 6 Dec., 1638.
 Elizabeth Poley, 2d daughter of Sir Wm. Poley, Knt., born on Saturday, 2 Nov., 1639, bapt. 7th Nov., following.
 Thomas Poley, 2d son of Sir Wm. Poley, born on Sunday, 28 Augt, 1642, bapt. 3 Sept.
 Cecilia Poley, 3d da. of Sir Wm. Poley, born on Thursday, 4 July, 1645, bapt. 12 July.
 Willm. Poley, 3d son of Sir Wm. Poley, born on Monday, 13 March, 1647, bapt. 23 March, 1647.
 Abigail Poley, late wife of Sir John Poley, Knt., of Wrongey, burd 28 Sept., 1652.

- Dame Ann Poley, relict of Sir Wm. Poley, Knt., (burd 6 Augt, 1659) was buried also at Boxtead, Sunday, 4 April, 1658.
- Sir Wm. Poley, of Boxted, co. Suff., Kt., dyed there 17 May, about 8 o'clock in the morning, & was buried 18 of the same, in the night, about 11 or 12 o'clock.
- Sir John Poley, Knt., 2d son of Sir Wm. Poley, Kt., from Bury, burd Nov., 1664.
- Thomas Browne, Esq., & Mrs. Cecelia Poley, mar. 23 Feb., 1668.
- Catherine Poley, relict of Sir John Poley, Knt., burd 12 Aug., 1670.
- Wm. Poley, son of Sir John Poley, Knt., & Elizabeth, born 17 Oct., bapt. 27 Oct., 1674, burd 28 Feb., 1675.
- John Poley, son of Sir John Poley, Kt., & Elizabeth, bapt., 29 June, 1676.
- Dame Elizabeth Poley, wife of Sir John Poley, Knt., burd 28 Jan., 1677.
- Elizabeth Poley, da. of Sir John Poley, & Dame Bridget, bapt. 11 Jan., 1682.
- Wm. Poley, son of Sir John Poley, Knt., & Bridget, born Monday, 2 Feb., & bapt. 10 Feb., 1684.
- Thomas Poley, son of Sir John Poley, & dame Bridget, bapt. 22 March, 1687, burd 7 — 1688.
- Dame Bridget Poley, 2d wife of Sir John Poley, Kt., burd 23 Dec., 1689.
- Dame Elizabeth Poley, relict of Sir Wm. Poley, Kt., burd 5 April, 1698.
- Wm. Poley, 2d son of Sir John Poley, burd 25 April, 1698.
- Wm. Poley, Esq., of Bury St. Edmd's, burd 23 Jan., 1701.
- Sir John Poley, Knt., burd 15 Sept., 1705.
- Mr. Wm. Poley, aged 64, 3d son of Sir Wm. Poley, Kt., by a dismal accident drowned at Lisbon, 14 Feb., 1711.
- Elizabeth Poley, da. of Sir John Poley, Knt., by his 2d lady Bridget, who was the widow of Thomas Roberts, of Braxted parva, co. Essex, Esq., & da. of Richard Samms, of Little Totham, in said county, Esq., burd 15 Oct., 1726.
- Mrs. Susannah Poley, from Bury, decd 8 Oct., 1733.

BADLEY REGISTERS.

BAPTISMS.

- Cisley, da. of Richard Poley, 23 May, 1591.
- Edmund, son of Richard Poley, 25 May, 1592.
- Dorothy, da. of Edmond Poley, Esq., 17 June, 1617.
- Mary, da. of Edmund Poley, bapt. at Mailsfield, 17 June, 1618.
- Edmund, son of Edmund Poley, 16 Dec., 1619.
- Ann, da. of Edmund Poley, 7 Feb., 1620.
- William, son of Edmund Poley, 6 March, 1621.
- Richard, son of Edmund Poley, 8 July, 1623.
- Thomas, son of Edmund Poley, 9 Dec., 1624.
- Henry, son of Edmund & Lady Frances Crompton, 6 Augt, 1630.
- Cicely, da. of Edmund & Lady Frances Crompton, 26 Feb., 1632.

MARRIAGE.

- Joseph Pooley, of Offton, & Mary Forman, of Badley, 10 Oct., 1676.

BURIALS.

- Mrs. Ann, wife of John Pooley, Esq., 29 Augt, 1575.
- John Pooley, of Badley, Esq., 26 Oct., 1589.
- Mary, wife of Richard Pooley, & da. of John Brewse, Knt., of Wenham, 29 June, 1593.
- Catherine, wife of Edmund Pooley, Esq., 16 June, 1601.
- Susan, wife of Thomas Croft, Esq., & eldest da. of John Pooley, Esq., & Ann, decd 13 Sept., 1603, burd at Saxham.
- Mary, da. of John Pooley, Esq., 7 Jan., 1612.
- Edmund, son of John Pooley, 31 October, 1613.
- John, son of Edmund Pooley, Esq., 13 April, 1614.
- Dorothy, wife of Edmd. Pooley, 14 July, 1625.

- Henry, son of Edmd. Pooley, & Frances Crompton, 17 March, 1630.
 Edmund Pooley, of Badley, 14 Sep., 1640.
 William, 2d son of Edmd. Pooley, aged 23, 20 April, 1644.
 Lady Frances Crompton, 2d wife of Edmd. Pooley, Esq., 22 March, 1661.
 William, son of Sir Edmd. Pooley, Knt., 22 March, 1663.
 Charles, son of Sir Edmd. Pooley, & Lady Esther, 12 Sept., 1666.
 Sir Edmund Pooley, died at Bury St. Edmund's, 22 Oct., 1671.
 Wm., son of Sir Edmd. Pooley, & Lady Esther, 2 April, 1672.
 Thomas, youngest son of Sir Edmd. Pooley, died at London, burd at Badley, 11 Dec. 1677.
 Ann, da. of Sr Edmd. Pooley, 11 Oct., 1679.
 Cicely, da. of Sr Edmd. Pooley, dd at London, burd at Badley, 10 Nov., 1679.
 Dorothy, da. of Sir Edmd. Pooley, 19 Sept., 1680.
 Henry, son of Sir Edmd. Pooley, & lady Esther, 15 Augt 1707.
 Edmund, son of Sir Edmd. Pooley, & Dame Esther, 21 May, 1714.
 Dame Esther Pooley, relict of Sir Edmund Pooley, 26 June, 1714.

ST. MARY'S, BURY ST. EDMUND'S, REGISTER.

- 1613-14. Feb. 1. A man child of Sr. Wm. Poole's, vnabaptized, buried.
 1656. Feb. 17. Mr. Dispotine Pooley, son to John Pooley, Esq., bapt.
 1658. April 3. The honorabell, the Lady Pooley, burd.
 1659. Mar. 26. Ann Poole, an anceant Mayed, buried.

ST. JAMES'S, BURY ST. EDMUND'S, REGISTER.

- 1657-8. Jan. 28. Mrs. Peregrine Pooley, buried at Newmarket, 29.

Omnibus xpi fidelibus ad quos presens scriptum pervenit Ricardus Poley de Stoke Ash in com. Suff., gentilman, filius et heres Thome Poley armigeri defuncti nuper de Walsyngham parva in com. Norff., et Alicie vxoris ejus et Rosa Poley filia dicti Thome Poley et Anne vxoris ejus filie Thome Badwell nuper de Boxstede in com. Suff., armigeri defuncti salutem in domino sempiternam. Noveritis me predict' Ricardum Poley, ac me predictam Rosam Poley in Virginitate mee et legitima potestate remississe &c., Thome Poley de Boxstede predict' ffratri nostr' predictor' Ricardi Poley et Rose ac Alicie, vxoris ejus filie Gatfordi Rokell armigeri ac heredibus, Thome Poley de Boxstede ffratr' nostri totum jus, &c., que unquam habuimus, &c., in manerio de Boxstede, &c., Dat' octavo die mensis Maii anno Regni Regis Henrici sexti post conquestum vicesimo quinto.—*Boxtead Muniments.*

WILL OF ROBERT POLEY, OF WORLINGWORTH.—1478.

Robert Poley de Wyrlyngworth armiger. Corpusque meum ad sepeliend in cimiterio eccl'ie beate Marie de Wyrlyngworth; lego Margerie ux' mee omnia bona mea mobilia et immobilia. Willielmo filio meo. Reginaldo filio meo. Isabelle filie mee Thome filio meo cum ad etatam ven'it xx annorum. Roberto filio meo. Johi Poley filio meo maxime, Agneti filie mee. Matildi filie mee. Emme filie mee. Alicie filie mee. Executores meos Margeriam uxorem meam, Johem Brown Clericum, Willm Alred de Denyngton & Johem Hayward apud le Crosse de Wyrlyngworth. Dat. 16 die aprilis A.D. m^o cccccc^o lxxviii.

Harl. MSS. 10, fo. 168.

WILL OF EDMUND POLEY, OF BADLEY.—1504.

In the name of god Amen. The xxv Daye of the moneth of July, In the yere of oure lord god M^o v^o and iiiij. I, Edmond Poley, Gentilman, being in good mynd, bequeith my Soule vnto Almighty god, and to oure blisshed Lady saint Mary, and to all the Blisshed company of heven, and my body to be buried in the church of Badley. Also, I gif to the high aultier of Badley for my tithes forgotten vjs. viiij*d*. Item, I gif vnto the Reparacion of the church of Badley xiiis. iiiij*d*. Item, I gyf vnto the church of saint Mary Cretyng, vis. viij*d*. Itm. I gif vnto the church of Blakynh'm of the Water, vis. viij*d*. Item, I will haue a preest to sing for my Soule in the church of Badley a yere, and he to haue for his s'uiue, vis. viij*d*. Item, I gif to Jane my Wif, my tenement called Coterells, With alle other Landes, medues, and pastures longing vnto the same in Combys, Heigh'm, and litell ffynberrers and grete ffynberrers, both free and Copy, for terme of hir lif. And after my Wif's desesse, to remaine to myn heire accordyng to the Will of my fader. Also, I will that Jane my Wif, haue my tenementes called Notcroft, and Neutonfeld, lying in Berkyng and cretyng, till my secund Son be of th age of xxii yeres, and then I will that he shall entre into the said lands and ten'ts, To haue to him, his heires, and assignees for euir. Also, I will that Jane my Wif, haue my tenement called Mersshys, and a feld called Oxlands, and a medewe lying by the Ryvers side, late John Aylmer, being in Basfords, till my iiij^{de} son Thomas Poley be of th age of xxii yeres, and then he to entre to haue it to him, his heirs and assignees for euirmore. And if it happe one of the ii yonger sonnes for to dye afore they com to the Age of xxii yeres Then every of them to be others heire in fourme aforesaid. And if it hap' bothe of them to dye afore the said age of xxii yeres, Than I will all their partes to be sold by myn Executours, and the money thereof comyng evenly for to be deuided amonge my daught's then being alyve. Itm, I Will and bequeith vnto eche of my daught's, that is to saye, Anne Margery, Vrsula and Elizabeth, xx^{ti} m'rks apeece, at the daye of their mariage, orells thage of xx^{ti} yeres. And if any of them dye within the age, then I will that they being alyve shalle diuide the same money betwene them. Also, I bequeith vnto my eldest Son my second pece of silu', to be deliu'ed vnto him at th' age of xx^{ti} yeres. And to eche of my other children beside ii spones of siluer at the same age to be deliuered vnto them. Also, I bequeith vnto my Wif xx^{ti} in Cornys in Whete and Barly, and What other Corne that she will haue. Also, I will that all such lands as my fader hath assigned to be sold being in Stoke for the mariage of my sister to be sold by myn Executours to the p'forma'cion of my fader's will. Also, I will that Jane my Wif haue the Indentures of cretyng and Blakenh'm, and seint Rob'ts in the Wode, as long as she kepeth hir sole; And aft' that to Remayne to my broder Thomas Poley. And Executours of this my present testament I ordeyne and make the said Jane, my Wif, and Thomas Poley, my broder, vnto Whom for his labour I gif xls. And Maist' Richard Wenford I make ou'vseer of the same, vnto whom I gif for his labors iiiij mrks. These being Witnesse, John Purser, Clerk, p'son of Badley, Thomas Ralyns, and John Tanner, with other.

(Proved Feb. 14, 1504.)

WILL OF EDMOND POLEY, OF BADLEY.—1548.

In the name of god Amen. I, Edmond Poley, of Badley, in the Countie of Suff., Esquyer, in good p'fyte mynde, the xxx^{ti} daye of July, in the yere of our Lorde god, a Thowsande fyve hundreth fourtye and eight, And in the seconde yere of the reigne of o^r soueraigne Lorde Edwarde the sixte, by the grace of god kinge of England, fraunce, and Ireland, Do make and ordain this my last will and testament as followith. first, I bequethe my soule to Almighty god, my body to be buryed in the churche of Badley. first, I bequethe vnto myrable Poley my wife, that my parte of the manner of Badley, lying in the Sowthe fylde of the kinges highe wayes, leading from Stowe-market vnto nede-cham, with all my landes and tenements belonging vnto my parte of the foresaid man' of Badley, lying and being in the p'ishes of Badley, Combes, and Batsworth, in the saide Countie of Suff., for terme of her lyfe. Item, I giue vnto Edmond Poley my sonne, foure markes of good and lawfull money of Englande, to be paide out of the foresaide maner of Badley, and in the countie aforesaid for terme of his lyfe. Item, I

will that yf my movable goodes be not sufficient to fulfill and p'forme this my last will and testament for the space and terme of fyve yeres ymmediatly after my decease. Item, I giue vnto my wyfe, xii of the best mylche neate. Item, I giue her viii of my two yerynges. Item, I giue her viii of my yerynges. Item, I giue her Ten ewes and Ten hogge lambes. Item, I giue her ffortie Combe Malte, Twentie Combe of Wheate. Item, I give vnto John Poley my sonne, two trussing beddes, two pillowes, two bolsters, two payre of sheets, two payre of blanketts, two Coverletts, belonging vnto the same beddes. Item, I giue hym my standing Cuppe, whiche my Mother gave unto me. Also, I do give vnto my daughter in lawe Anne Poley, my Cuppe with a Cover, whiche bath my Armys in yt. Itm., I giue vnto Jane Poley my daughter, and Myrabyll Poley my daughter, and to eche of theym, ffourtye markes of lauffull money of Englande, at the daye of there mariages xx^{ti} marks, And th'other xx^{ti} m'ks that daye xii mo'thes next ensuyng ther mariages, Provided alway that my two daughters Jane and Myrable do not mary afore the yere of our lorde m^l v^c lxxi yeres: then I will that myn Executours do paye vnto eyther of them ffortye marks, ymmediatly after the saide yere of o^r lorde god a m^l v^c lxxii yeres, to dispose at their oune wills. Item, I giue vnto Custance Cryspe, my daughter sixe poundes, so that two sufficient suerties wilbe bound for hym to leave my said daughter, his wyfe, after his death worthe Ten poundes of lauffull money of England. Item, I giue vnto Richard Poley my sonne, Ten poundes. Item, I giue vnto Myrable my daughter, a Cowe. Item, I giue vnto John Poley my sonne, the ferme in Badley, which I haue by lease of my Cosyn Rockwoode, and now in th'occupying of Walter Watlond, gentelman. Item, I giue vnto eu'y of my grandchildern, being my god childern, iiii. iiiid., if it wilbe borne of my goodes. Item, I will that myn Executrix and myne Executours do paye my debts, Receave my debts, and fulfil this my last will and testament. The residue of my plate and stuf of household not bequethed, this my last will fulfilled, and my debts paide, I do giue vnto my Wyf, whome I make myne Executrix. And John Poley and Thomas Poley, my Sonnes, I do make myn Executours, Thies heing witnesses of this my will and testament, whose names do followe, Robert Knoppe, Robert Williams, clerke, And Thomas Aldryche.

(Proved at London, May 23rd, 1549.)

WILL OF RICHARD POLEY, OF BOXTED.—1559.

In the name of god Amen, vpon the seconde day of Aprill, in the yere of oure lorde god a thousande five hundred fiftie and nyne, I, Richarde Poley, of Boxted, in the countie of Suff., gentelman, being sicke of bodie but in good and p'fite Remembraunce, I thanke god, do ordeyne and make this my last will and testament in maner and fourme ensueinge. furst, I com'ende my soule into th'andes of Almightye god, and mye bodie to be buried in the churche yarde of Boxstede, on the south side of the chauncell wall by the vpper wyndowe. Also, I will at the day of my buryall, myne executours to distribute peny Dole to the poore people. Also, I will to the high aultre of Boxstede for my tithes negligentlie forgotten, iiii. iiiid. Also, I give to Julyane my wif, tenne poundes of lauffull money of England. Also, I will that Julyane my saide wif shall vse, occupie, and take the comoditie of all my household stuf, and other ymplementes belonging to my house, and twelve spones of silver, and my eleyen melche beastes, so longe as she kepeth her self sole and vnmaryed, and if she marye, I giue my saide houholde stuf and ymplementes, w^t the said beastes to ffrancis my sonne. And in like maner if my wif dye, I will the saide houholde stuf and ymplementes, with the said xi melche beastes, to the said ffrancis to his owne propre vse, the rest of my epones I will theym and give theym to my wif. Also, I giue and bequeth to John Poley my sonne, in Recompence of my mother's legacye, and my mother in lawes legacie, twentie poundes, to be paied vnto hym when he cometh out of his prenticehoode, or els when he cometh to th'age of xxiii^{tie} yeres. Also, I giue and bequeth to Elizabeth and Anne my daughters, eche of theym fiftie poundes of lauffull money of Englande, in Recompence likewise of my mother's legacye & my mother in lawes legacye, to be paied to theym and eu'y of theym as they come to th'age of xx^{tie} yere. And if they or any of theym do fortune to marye before they

come to thage of xx^{tie} yeres, Then I will the said fiftie poundes to be paid to theym and eu'y of theym at the day of theyre maryage. Also, I will and bequeth to Richarde my sonne, and to George my sonne, eche of them fiftie poundes a pece, in Recompence likewise of my mother's legacie, and my mother in lawes legacie, to be paid yerely by my executours after my decease, to eche of theym by foure poundes a yere, by the discretion of myne executours, the said eighte poundes by yere due and payable to the said Richarde and George as I have above willed, to the vse and behove of the saide Richarde and George towards theyre finding. And that whiche remayne vnleyed out in ev'y of there partes to be paid theym and eu'y of theym as they come to thage of xxii yeres. And if any of my saide children as Elizabeth, Anne, John, Richarde, and George, fortune to dye, or any of theym do not receive my saide bequest, Then I will that theyre part and portion so dyenge to be devidid amongst theym which ou'lyveth. Also, I giue and bequeth to Anne, Richarde, and George, all myne apparell and Rayment to be bestowed by the discretion of my wif. Also, I will that my saide executours shall make, do, content, pay, and fulfil, or cause to be done, made, contented, paid and fulfilled, all and eu'y thinge and thinges, acte and actes, payment and paymentes, as I am bounde to make, content, paye, and fulfill to one William Page, of Hessett, gentilman, his heyres and assignes, according to suche covenantes, grauntes, agrementes and paymentes as been comprehended, specified, and declared in certeyne Indentures made as well betwixt the said Willm Page and me, as betwixt me and one John Cutler, of Stansted, gentilman, now deceased, of th one p'tie, and the said William Page of th'other p'tie, So that I will that myne executours shall so content, paye, agree, and satisfie the saide William Page, his heyres and assignes, that Julyan my saide wif be not after my decease disturbed, troubled, or disquieted of the holdinge, possession and enjoyeng of this my house and t'ents that I now dwell in, or of any other landes, tenementes, and heredytamentes, whiche were Cressoners landes, and heredytamentes, and purchased by me of Henrye Payne, of Burye seyut Edmunds, Esquier, and nowe assured to the said William Page and his heyres, for the p'fourmaunce and fulfillinge of the saide indentures on my behalf. Also, I will my executours to paye the residue of my dettes. Also, I will that myne executours and the survivours of theym, for the better p'fourmaunce of this my last will and testament, shall sell all those my landes and tenementes lieng in Somerton, which I purchased of one glemysforde, and nowe in the occupation of Richarde ffroste, carpenter. Also, I will my saide executors shall also sell my meadowe called flaverlande meadowe, and certeyn landes lieng in Somerton, in a field called lowfelde, whiche I purchased of George felton, Esquier. And in like manner I will my saide executours and the survivours of theym shall sell the advouson of the church of Somerton w^t all my rentes, f'mes, and signoryes, that of right I haue or shall haue afre th'ende and terme of James Houghton's lease, being p'cell of the manor of Somerton, and in like maner I will my saide executors or there survivours shall sell my ffelde called and koowne by the name of tenne acres, and all my landes in highe felde and a certeyne crofte called flemynge crofte, five acres of meadowe by estymation being together in Raye meadowe, whiche also is p'cell, or did belonge to the Manor of Somerton, and lately purchased by me of the saide Henrye Payne, Esquier, p'vided alwayes, and I will that my saide dettes and mouable goodes, and my said landes, ten'tes, and heredytamentes, whiche before I haue appoynted to sell by myne executours and theyre Survivours be not sufficient to paye my dettes and my legacies, Then I will that ytt shalbe deducted and taken oute equally and portion and portion like out of the fiftie poundes, wch I haue above bequeathed to Elizabeth, Anne, Richarde, and George, and there giftes above saide after the rate to be dymynsshed for anye thinge heretofore mentioned to the contrary notwithstanding. Also, I will to Julyane my wif, my thre acres of meadowe lieng in Hyll meadowe, wch I purchased of the said George felton, for terme of her lif. Also, I will to the said Julyane, for terme of her lif, two acres and a half of meadowe by estymation, lieng in the saide hill meadowe, beinge p'cell or belonginge to the manor of Somerton after th'ende and terme of James Houghton's lease, vpon this condition, that my saide wif duringe her lif do not hereafre medle, occupie, nor take anne prouettes of Cobbes wente, being p'cell of her Joynture. Also, I will and bequeath to ffrancis my sonne, and to his heyres, the said Cobbes went, withall those my lands, tenementes, and woodes, whiche I purchased of the said George felton, called and known by the name of Berkes, whereof, at this present day, Richarde Elyott the younger, dothe occupie part, and part John farmer, and part the widowe Brewster. Also, I will to my said sonne ffrancis and to his heyres, my tenemente called prynces, withall the landes thereunto belonging; And also a close called sheplande

being p'cell, or belonging to the manor of Somerton. Also, I will to the said ffrancis my sonne, and his heyres, after the ende and terme of James Houghton's lease, thre Roodes of meadowe beinge next vnto prynces. In consideration of the whiche gifte and legacye made vnto my saide sonne ffrancis and his heyres, I will that my saide sonne ffrancis, his heyres, executours, or assignes, shall yerely well and truely content and paie to my suster Barbara during her lif eight poundes by even portions to be payed at two vsuall feastes of the yere, That is to saie at the feast of seynt Michael th'archaungell and th'anuncya'con of our blessed ladye, and the furst payment thereof to begynne at eyther of the same feastes that shall next followe aftr my decease. Also, in like maner, I will that the said ffrancis my sonne, his heyres, executours, and assignes, shall well and truely pay to myne executours and their survivours iiiiii by yere to be payde at the saide feastes of seynt Michael th archaungell, and th'annunciacoa of oure ladye, by even portions, for terme of seyven yeres next after my Decease, to the vse and behove of the said Richarde and George towards the better fynding and mayntenance of theym, the furst payment to begynne at eu'y of the saide feastes next ensuege my decease. Also, I will that if the said ffrancis my sonne, his heyres, executours, and assignes, will not hereafter obs'ue, p'fourme, paye, fulfill, and kepe my said will and testament w^{ch} on the part of the saide ffrancis, his heyres, executours, or assignes is to be observed, p'fourmed, payed, fulfilled, and kepte accordinge as I haue aboue willed theym, and eu'y of theym to do, Then I giue and will to my saide suster Barbara shalhaue for terme of her lif, and after her decease to my saide younger children and their heyres for ever, all my said t'ente of Berkes and Cobbes wentes, and the said pece of grounde called Shiplande, and the said thre Roodes of meadowe aboue bequeathed, to my said sonn ffrances for any thinge heretofore mentioned to the contrary notwithstanding. Also, I will that my said sonne ffrancis, his heyres, executours, and assignes, shall do, make, and knowledge, or cause to be done, made, and knowledged, all, and every such thinge and thinges, acte, dede, and devise, as shalbe reasonable devised or advised by any suche p'sone or p'sons, or their counsell lerned in the lawe, vnto whome my saide executors or their survivours shall sell any of the saide landes by me aboue bequeathed, to be solde for the further assurance and sure makinge of the premysses. Provided alwayes that if the said ffrancis my sonne and his heyres do refuse to do, make, and acknowledge, or cause to be done, made, and knowledged, all, and e'uy thing and things, acte, dede, and devise, in maner and fourme as I haue aboue willed, the said ffrancis and his heyres, to do, make, and knowledge, That then my saide gifte and bequest to the said ffrancis my sonne, and his heyres aboue gyven and bequeathed, to be utterlye voyde, and of none effecte, for any thinge heretofore mentioned to the contrarye notwithstanding. And then I will myne executours and their survivours, shall sell all that those landes, tenementes, and heredytamentes, called Berkes and Cobbes went, shiplande, and the said thre roodes of meadowe to the said ffrancis and his heyres aboue bequeathed, and the money thereof comyng equally to be devided amongst my younger children, That is to saie, John, Elizabeth, Anne, Richarde, and George. Also, I will that myne executours shalbe allowed their chardges and expences bestowed about the p'fourmaunce of this my last will and testament of my goodes, catalles, and landes, w^{ch} I have appoynted theym to sell for the p'formance of this my saide last will and testament. Also, I will that myne executours shall sell no more landes, tenementes, and heredytamentes, then shalbe necessarye for the fulfillinge and p'formyng of this my last will and testament. Also, I will myne executours and their survivours shall receive of James Houghton the Twelve poundes a yere for his ferme that he payeth me yerely duryng his lease, interest, and terme. And my said executours and their survivours to pay therewth Reede, of Clarett Hall, Richarde Everarde, Richard Payne, Warren, and his wif, Christofer Browne, and albot, all suche so'mes of money as I am bounde yerely to paye theym during the saide James Houghtons lease, terme, and interest. And if the saide xii^{li} be not sufficient I will that Julyan my wif yerely do paie that that wantith in consideration of the meadowe that I haue bequeathed her in hill meadowe. Also, I will myne executours and their survivours shall receive all such so'mes of money as I haue to receive of dyvers men for the sure payment thereof I haue certeyne landes in mortgage; And if they or any of them do breake their daye, I will my saide executours and their survivours to entre into the said landes so forfayted, and they to sell so moche as the said money due to me comith to, and the Rest I will, they, or eu'y of theym, to haue againe after michelmasse in the yere of oure lorde god, a thousande, five hundred, threscore, and one. I giue my thre half acres that I kepe to my self to George, and if

George dye before he come to th age of xvi yeres I giue them to Richarde my sonne, my wif to take the profettes of theym vntill the saide feast of Michelmasse. I ordeyne and make Julyane my wif, my brother John Poley, my suster Barbara Poley, Robert Peele, p'sone of Hartest, and Richarde Payne, myne executours of this my last will and testament, Requyring and desyring Mr. Henrye Payne of Burye, my cosyn William Baker, and ffrancis Poley, my said sonne, to be my sup'uisours of this my last will and testament. In witnesse whereof I the saide Richarde Poley haue subscribed my name and sett my seale the daye and yere aboue wrytten. P' me

RICHARD POLEY.

Proved Nov. 8, 1559.

WILL OF RICHARD POLEY, OF BOXSTED.—1541.

In the name of god amen. The thirde day of marche, in the yere of oure lorde god a thousand fyue hunderth xli^o. I, Richard Poley, of Boxsted, in the Countie of Suff., being nowe in good helth and in good remembrance at this tyme, thanked be god, and nowe writting w^t myn owne hande. ffirst, I make and ordeyn this my last will in this worlde as this folowing. ffirst, w^t the helpe of god, I bequeth my soule to the m'cyfull lorde Jhesu christ of heaven, and to the blessed lady, and to all the saintes of heaven, and I will that my body be buried in the churche, or chauncell, or church yard. And I bequeth to the high aulter xl pence, for tithes unknowen and forgotten. And I will that at the day of my burieng be spent iiii^{li}. And I will that eu'y day after my death be saied a dirige and a masse, w^t the co'mendac'ons for my soule, and for all cristen Soules, xxx dayes Imediatly after my deathe. And I will the same prest have xiiis. iiii^d. And I will that there be ordeyned two tapers of wex weing iii poundes a pece, to brenne afore the blessed sacrame't eu'y day as long as they last after my death, at Service and masse tymes. And I will my seventh day be kept, and iiii marks to be doon and spent for my soule, and for all cristen soules, for and emong poor people and most nedy, and at the moneth day I will that ther be spent and gyuen emonge poore people, iiii^{li}, then specially, I will that my debts be paied. Also, I bequeth to Richard my sonne, twentie poundes and foure horse, not all of the best, but indifferently, and iiii mylch beastes and xl shepe, and two fether beddes complet, that is to vnderstande, couerletts, shets, blankettes, bed bordes, and ii flocke beddes complete, as is aforesaied, w^t testure and celours and curtens, not all of the best, as my wif will ordre it all of the said giftes. And I bequeth Barbara my daughter, xl pounds. And I bequeth Thom-asyn my daughter, tenne poundes, to comforth her children, to be paied in v yeres, fourtie shillinges a yere till the saied tenne poundes be paied. And I bequeth to my daughter in lawe Elizabeth Poley, tenne marks. And I bequeth Elizabeth Darell my neace, fyve markes, and I will that my wif be fauorable and reme'bre John Poley my sonne, and all his children w^t good discre' on, and as he deserueth. And nowe all the Residewe of my goodes I gyue them to my wif, and maker (sic) that is to say, my wif sole executrix. And in wytnes that all the saied premysses, I, the saied Richard Poley, of Boxted, make this my last will, and herunto I sett my Seall, amen, wytnes of this last will.

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WILL OF ANNE POLEY, OF BOXSTED.—1549.

In dei nomine Amen. The xiiiith daye of Maye, in the yere of o^r lorde a Thousande fyve hundreth fourtie and Nyne. I, Anne Poley, widowe, of Boxsted, in the Countie of Southfolke, consyderinge the oncertainte of the tyme of dethe, And therefore forseinge the same, make this my last will and testament as here foloweth, then being of good and parfitt re'mbraunce. ffirst, I bequeathe my soule to Almightye godd, and my bodie to be buried in the churche of Boxsted aforesaide, by my husbande. Also, I will that at my buriall be spent and distributed foure poundes, At my vi daye liiis.

iiii^d., And at my moneth daye, iiii^{li} to godde's honor and glorye, and for the salvacion of my Soule, by the discreo'n of myn Executour. Item, I will that before that before all thinge my husband will be p'formyd. Item, I giue to my daughter Barbara, of myne owne bequest in this will, xxx^{li}. Item, I will that John Poley my sonne, haue my greate salte selor of syluer and percell gilte, so that he shall give to his brother Richarde a lease salte selor for yt of siluer of his owne. Also, I giue to John Poley, my grete pece of siluer p'cell gilte, And to Richard Poley his brother, I giue my litle syluer pott, percell gilte. Item, I will that all my household staf within my house at the date of this will, be deuyded betwene my saide sonnes, John and Richarde, so that the said John Poley shall haue of euery thinge of that householde staf two partes, And Richard one parte. Item, I will that Richarde my sonne shall haue two horses, two kyen, and twentie sheepe of my bequest, And the rest of all my Cattell, as well shepe and lames as horses, mares, ffooles, Coltes and kyen, with their Calves yf any be then, wt all other yong heckfords & steres, I will that John Poley my sonne shalhaue all to his owne vse. Item, I giue to Richard Poley my sonne, Tenne semys of wheate, and Twentie semys of Malte. All the rest of my grayne & corne I will that John Poley my sonne shall haue to his owne vse, so that my debtes and my husbande's debts be payde, & the legacies of bothe our willes be in all thinges performyd. Item, I giue to eu'y suche of the children lyving of my sonnes John and Richard, and my daughter Thomasyn Cortewell, to whome I haue not given all redy there partes, vi^{li}. xiii^s. iiii^d., yf my stoke and crope wt other thinges in this my will not bequeathid will suffice for the same. And over the bequest I giue to ffrancis Poley, th'eldest sonne of Richard Poley, other vi^{li}. xiii^s. iiii^d. of lauffull money of England. Item, I giue to Elizabeth Poley my daughter in lawe, fourtie shillings of lauffull money of England. Item, I giue to Doctor Artwyke, a blacke gowne of the price of Twentie shillings, And the same doctor Artwyke I ordeyn and make supervisor of this my last will, And for as moche as he knoweth and hath at all tymes before known my hole mynde in all thinges partyning to this my last will, as well in all thinges concernyng this my will, as well in thinges in yt expressed as not expressed. And further, in all dowghts that hereafter may aryse of this my last will. And I will that myne Executour shall accept and folowe the said Doctor Artwyke's Counsell. And by this my last will and testament, I revoke and adnichylate all other former willes and testaments heretofore made. And of this my last will and testament, I name, ordeyne, and make my before named sonne John Poley my sole and hole Executour. The witness of this same will and Testament ar Edward Artwyke, prest, which wryte this will indentyd, Sir John Halydaye, prest, and Thomas fuller. And for further wites of the same, I, the said Anne Poley, haue sette yt my signe and putte my seale the Daye and yere before wryten. Here folowyth Legacies of my husband's will unpaide. ffirst, to the high aluter of Boxsted, as I suppose, iiii^s. iiii^d. Item, to Barbara my daughter, xli^s. Item, to Elizabeth my daughter in lawe, vi^{li}. xiii^s. iiii^d. Item, to Elizabeth Darell, iiii^{li}. vi^s. viii^d. Item, to my daughter Tomasyn's children, xli^s. My debtes owing to dyu's p'sones as folowith. ffirst, I owe my daughter Eliz. Poley xi^{li}. Item, to Sr John, my prest, iiii^{li}. xx^d. Item, to old erlle, xls. Item, to Cycely, xls. Item, to Richard Poley my sonne, xli^s. Item, to Barbara my daughter, xli^s. Item, to John Poley my sonne, lxviii^{li}. xiii^s. iiii^d. Item, to Richarde Poley my sonne, lxviii^{li}. xiii^s. iiii^d. Charges and legacies expressid in my will, besides sixe score thirtene poundes sixe shillings eighte pence, appoynted by me for other matters in my will not expressid. ffirst, at my Buryall, iiii^{li}. At my viith Daye, liiis. iiii^d., and at my moneth day iiii^{li}., S'm tols xli^s. xiii^s. iiii^d. Item, to my daughter Barbara, xxx^{li}. Item, to my daughter Tomasyns vi children of my bequest, xxx^{li}., besides xli^s. of my husband's bequest, whiche ii somes of xli^s. and xxx^{li}. equally deuyded to the vi children, ys for eu'y of them vi^{li}. xiii^s. iiii^d. Item, to Richard Poley for iiii horses of his father's bequest, and for ii of my bequest, xii^{li}., and for iiii kyen of his father's bequest and ii of myne, vi^{li}. And for xl shepe of his father's bequest, and xx of myne, xli^s., S'm xxviii^{li}. Item, to Mr. Artwiki for a blacke gowne, xxs. Item, to my daughter Elizabeth Poley, xls.

A Codicill of Anne Poley, Wydowe, late of Boxsted, in the countie of Suff., deceased, made and declared by her the daye, yere, and place of making and ordeyning her testament and last will. Where the said Anne Poley, wydowe, by her Testament and last will, emongst other her legacies and bequests, dyd giue and bequeche to eu'y suche of the children lyving of her sonnes John and Richard, and of her daughter Tomasyn, Sixe poundes xiii^s. iiii^d., yf the stocke and Crope with other thinges in her will not bequeathid wolde suffice therein willed, devysed and ordeyned, That in case all her goodes,

cattalls, and debtes wolde not come and extende to the full payment, satisfyenge and fulfilling bothe of all her debtes & legacies. Then a defalcation and abatement shulde be made onelye of the said legacies of *viii. xiiis. iiiid.*, so by her gyvyn to euery of the childrene of the said Richard, John, and Thomasyn. And that eu'y of the same childrene shulde receave, haue and enyoie, for and in the name and place of their saide legacies and bequestes of *viii. xiiis. iiiid.* a pece, onely fyve markes apeece and no more. Then heing p'nte, Mr. Edward Artewyke, clerke, doctor of diuinitie, and John Boydon, with other.

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WILL OF SIR JOHN POLEY, KNIGHT.—1639.

In the name of God, Amen, the fift daie of September, In the ffour and twenty yeare of the raigne of our Sovereigne Lord Charles, by the grace of God king of England and Scotland, fraunce and Ireland, defender of the ffaith, &c. I, Sir John Poley, of Wormegay, in the countie of Norfolke, Knight, doe make and ordaine this my last will and testament in manner and forme following. first, I bequeath my soule into the handes of Almighty God, trusting that hy the meritts, death, and passion of my Saviour Jesus Christ, my sinnes are freely forgiven mee, and that I shall live with him eternallie. And my bodie to be buridd in Christian Buryall, in Boxted Church, in the countie of Suffolke. Item, I give unto the poore of the said towne of Boxted, fyve pounds, and to the poore of the towne of Wormegay, fyve Pounds. Item, I give unto my daughter in lawe Sabina Worseley, Thirteene hundred Pounds, for her portion, to bee paid her at her daie of marriage if shee shall see long live, shee givinge my Executrix an Acquittance for one Thousand Pounds, which I am ingaged to pay her, and shee beinge obedient and marrynge with the consent and advice of her mother, and if she shall happen to dye before marriage, I give and bequeath the said Thirteene hundred Pounds unto Richard Worseley, my sonne in lawe, to build him a howse. Item, I give unto my god sonne John Poley, sonne and heire unto my loveinge cozen Sr William Poley, of Boxted aforesaid, ffoure hundred poundes, which ffoure hundred Poundes my will is that my Executrix shall lay out in plate within one yeare next after my decease, and to deliver the said ffoure hundred poundes worth of plate to the above said Sir William Poley, for the use of my said God sonne and his heires for ever, the said Sir William Poley givinge my Executrix a sufficient discharge. Item, I appoint my parte of the lands which I purchased of Mr. Thomas Aldham, in the name of Sir John Cutts and others, to be sould, and my Executrix to receive the money for which the lands is sould for, and to receive the rent in the mean tyme untill it bee sould, and to pay out of it unto my lovinge cozen John Poley, Esq., two hundredd Poundes with in three moneths after my decease. Item, I give and bequeath unto my aboue said loveinge cozen John Poley, all that my debt which is due unto me for my pension from the kings maty of England, and also all that my debt which is due unto mee for my pension, from the kings maty of Denmarke. Item, I appoint that my Sister Anne duringe her naturall life shall be provided for wth meate, drinke, lodging, and apparrell, by Dame Abigail, my wife, or her execut^{rs} or administrators. Item, I give unto the children of my sister, Maria Whetstone, if anie of them bee livinge, one hundred and ffifty poundes, to bee equally divided amongst them. Item, I will and bequeath unto Dame Abigail Poley, my wife, my house, wherein Henry Williamson now dwelleth, with ffoure Acres of lands, be it more or lesse, thereunto belonging, to her and to her heires for ever. Item, I give and bequeath unto my servant John Haywarde, the ffiftie poundes w^{ch} hee oweth mee uppon bond which was taken in the name of my daughters in lawe Anne and Sabina Worseley. Item, I give and bequeath unto my servant, Walter Bankes, twentie poundes. Item, I make and ordaine my beloved wife, Dame Abigail Poley, Executrix of this my last will and testament. In witness I have hereunto sett my hand. Joh. Poley. Published in the p'nce of Henry Ouldman, Henry Bentley.

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EPITAPHS TAKEN FROM THE TOMBSTONES IN THE CHURCH OF BADLEY.

The certeine End of all on Earthe that Live,
 If Deathe them once Arreste none can Eschewe,
 But must of fforce Place to his Judgements give,
 And leave the Worlde, and yelde Nature her dewe ;
 ffor by theire Byrthe, to deth they are made thrall,
 And must needs goe, when God for them doeth call.
 ffor Worldlie Wealth, nor Wyt, cannot Prolonge
 The Hastinge Daies, whiche swifflie Passe awaye ;
 Noe Meede, noe Plea, noe ffrindshippeis soe stronge
 To lengthen Lyfe, or bytter Deathe, to staye,
 Whiche withe unpartial Handes, Subiecte and Kinge,
 Unto the Earthe, from whence they came, dothe bringe.
 Sithe such then is the State of everie one,
 That none can Passe the Limites that God hath set,
 follie were it, theire ffortunes to bemone,
 Whom from the Earthe, by deathe yow see heare sett,
 ffor to themselves, the Change most happie is
 To leave the World, to dwell throughe Christe in Blisse ;
 And yow these ffrindes, with heavie Heates, that mourne
 Their Lives berefete whom yow did houlde most deare ;
 Oughte cease your Teares, and Deathe his Malice scorne,
 Whose Powre doeth reache noe farther then the Beere,
 Mawger which their Sowles, the Heavens heighe Poseste,
 And aye the Earth, their Vertuous Wayes Confesse.

Sepeliuntur in ista Ecclesia, et dormiunt hic in Pace, et in fiede Christiana, Resurrectionem Corporum suorum, et eorum Beatam et Perpetuam Unionem, cum Animis suis credentes et expectantes, Edmundus Poley Armiger Dominus hujus Ville, et Mirabella Uxor ejus, que fuit una filiarum Johannis Garneis de Kenton Armigeri, Qui obiit ultimo Die Decembris in An^o Domⁱ 1548, et dicta mirabilla 25 die februaryi, 1558. Et Johannes Poley Dominus totius hujus Ville filius & Heres prefati Edmundi, & Anna Uxor ejus que fuit filia Primogenita Joh'ne Wentworthe Militis Domini Wentworthe de Nettlestead, que obiit, 28 Die Augusti, 1575. Et predictus Johannes 26 die Octobris, 1589. Et Ricardus Poley filius secundus, dicti Johannis et Maria Uxor ejus, filia primogenita Johannis Brewse de Wenham Militis & Cicilie Uxoris ejus qui habuerunt exitum inter eos Edmundum Poley Et Ciceliam Poley adhuc Dei Gracia viventes, Qui quidem Ricardus obiit 14 die februaryi, 1592. Et dicta Maria, 29 die Junii, 1593. Et Catherina filia Primogenita, frauncisci Seckforde Armigeri et Ellene Uxoris ejus, Uxor Edmundi Poley, filii et Heredis dicti Johannis Poley, que obiit sine Prole 18 die Junii, 1601. Prefato Edmundo superstite, qui tam in memoriam Progenitoru suorū predictorū, quam predicti Ricardi Poley fratris sui et Marie Uxoris ejus et prefate Catherine nuper Uxoris ejus et sibi dum vixit charissime, et Alicie relicte Ricardi Kemp de Gyssinge Armigeri Uxoris sue, et sibi non minus chare et dilecte hec posuit 18 die Septembris, An^o Domⁱ 1604.

Hic jacet Corpus

Edmundi Poley Armigeri ex antiqua Poleyorum de Badley et Prænobili Wentworthorum familia oriundi, Domini Villæ de Badley dignissimi Viri integerrimi et singulari Pietatis, Prudentiæ, Justitiæ, atque haud vulgaris in Patriam cognatosq' suos amoris laude celeberrimi qui Ultimo die Octobris, An^o Etatis suæ 69^o Christi vero incarnati 1613 placide in Domino obdormivit cuj' venerabilem prosapiam monumentum illud quod dum ipse vixit superiore hujus œdis parte in gratam suorum memoriam extruendum curavit, plenius descriptam continet.

Reade if thou canst, and mourne not, his Name and Stocke being knowne,
 ffor they will tell what Pitie twas he was but Born and showne.

Hic jacet primo genitus filius et exitus Edmundi Poley Ar. et Dorothee Uxorij eius cui, Natura dedit et in Mundum et ex Mundo preproperum transitum, in mundum enim venit 16 die Aprilis Anno Salutis, 1615, Ante dies pariendi completas eodemq' die mundum vidit et vicit Prius ex fide Parentum suorum in fide Christiana Baptizatus et Nominatus Johannes postridieq' hic Sepultus qui sic Primitias suas Sancte Trinitati dedicaverunt et in ejus Memoriam hunc Lapidem super Sepulchrum suum poni curaverunt.

Here lyeth the body of Mr. Henry Poley, eldest Son of Edmund Poley, Esq., which he had by his second Wiffe, the Lady Crompton, he lived 6 Months & 10 days, and dyed the 16th of March, An^o Domⁱ 16. .0. (*Effaced*).

Staye, Passenger, reade what this Marble Tells,
Stones seldom speake but Utter Miracles,
Heere a Parte (but small Parte) of her lies under,
Who was her Sexes Pride, her Ages Wonder;
Goodness, Grace, Beauty, Virtue, spotless Trueth,
Grayheaded Judgement in fresh flowering Youthe,
Chastitye, Witt, Zeale, Pietye, all these laye
In this Coulede Case, now casde in this coulde Claye;
And these (from Heavne sprung) then to Heavne Assended,
From their Grave, when to her Grave her Corse descended,
Whom who will see Entyre must (where shee shines)
Raize his Head Heavne high mong the Cherubines.

Obit An^o Salutis, 1625, Charissimæ Optimeq' Meritæ Coniugi Dorotheæ Poley Edmundus Poley Maritus hoc Saxum mærens posuit.

Arms, *Poley* impaling *Warner*, a bend engrailed between six roses.

Hic jacet Corpus

Edmundi Poley Armigri exantiqua Poleyorū de Badley et Brewisorum de Wenhā ffamilia Oriundi Viri dignissimi & integerimi atque ob singularem Pietatem Prudentiam Justitiam Amoremq' in Patriam cognatosq' suos celebratū duas duxit Uxores, Primā Dorotheæ filiam Anthonii Warner de Stradbroke 2^dam Dominam Crompton Johannis Crofts de Saxham Equitij Aurati filiam adhucsuperstitem. Obit 13^{to} die Septembris An^o Ætatis 48. A Christo vero nato, 1640.

Arms, 2 shields—1, *Poley* impaling *Warner*. 2, *Poley* impaling *Crofts*. Crest—1, *Poley*. 2, *Warner*, a saracen's head, coupéd at the shoulders, wreathed about the temples, on the head a cap.

In hope of a happy Resurrection, here Rests the Body of Dame ffancis Crompton, Widow, who was first married to Sr John Crompton, K^t of Skerne, in the County of Yorke, afterwards espoused to Edmund Poley, Esqr., of Badley, in the County of Suffolk. She was second Daughter to Sr John Crofts, Knight, of Little Saxham, in the County of Suffolke, dyed in the year of our Lord, 1661, And at the Age of 72.

Here lyeth the Body of Mr. Tho. Poley, Youngest Son of Edmund Poley, of Badley, Esqr., whoe dyed the 5th day of Decr An^o Domⁱ 1677, Ætatis suæ 53.

Here lyeth the Body of Mrs. Cicely Poley, second Daughter of Edmund Poley, Esqr., of Badley, in the County of Suffolk, by his second Wife the Lady Crompton, who dyed Novemb 4th, An^o D'ni, 1679.

Hic Jacet

Henricus Poley Armiger
 fillius et Heres Edmundi Poley de Badley
 in Comitatu Suffolciæ Militis
 A Juventute Legibus patriis
 ffelicem Navavit Operam
 Quas nec elegantius quisquam exposuit
 Nec propugnavit liberius
 Inter primos sui Temporis
 Ut in fforo, ita etiam in Regni Senatu
 Oratores claruit
 Nec tamen ei plus ad Famam ingenii doles
 Quam Virtutis Studium valuere
 Et Tandem ex Ærumnosa hac Vita'
 Omni Pietatis et Charitatis
 Ornamento Conspicua'
 Suis omnibus magnum sui
 Desiderium Relinquens
 Placide excessit 7^o die Augusti
 Anno Domini, 1707,
 Ætatis suæ 54.
 Edmundus Poley Armiger
 Fratri Carissime
 Hoc Monumentum merens Posuit.

Here lyeth the Body of Edmond Poley, Esqr., third Son of Sr Edmond Poley, of Badley, in the County of Suffolk, who departed this Life May the 16th, 1714.

Here lyeth the Body of Dame Hester Poley, Relict of Sr Edmond Poley, of Badley, Daughter of Sr Henry Crofts, of Little Saxham, in the County of Suffolk, who departed this Life ye 22nd day of June, 1714.

Depositum Eximii Viri
 D'ni Edmundi Poley, Equ : Aurati ;
 Omni Æstimo majoris
 Cui Esther
 filia D : Henr : Crofts de Saxham, Equ : Aur.
 ffelici Juncta fuit connubio
 Ex qua numerosam suscepit sobolem.
 Edmundum, ffranciscum, Estheram Gulielm : Carolum
 Deo præmissos :
 Elisabet ; Henricum, Juditham Edmundi Gulielmum
 Patri Superstites.
 In quo feliciter conspiraverunt scientiæ
 Etiamnum felicius nisi ffata conspirassent
 Mercurio Juvenis litavit Viri Marti
 Æque domi ac militiæ clarus
 Nempe sub musis Cantabrigiæ meruit
 Sub Regio vexillo Oxonii
 Abi viator : die posteris
 Hucusque virtus in Terris poterit progredi
 Hucusque in Cælum tendere
 Quo demum rapta fuit XIII^o Kal : Novemb.
 Anno Ætat. LII^o ÆRæ Chr. MDCCLXII^o

BOXTREAD CHURCH.

IN THE CHANCEL.

In the wall under the window, on the south side, near the east end, stands a table monument, on which lie the figures of a man & woman, carved in oak, & painted black. The man is lying on his back at full length, in armour, his head bare, resting on his helmet, his beard forked, a ruff about his neck. She has a close head dress, with a ruff, & from her girdle hangs a book, on which are these Arms:—*Poley*, impaling *Shaa*, a chevron between 3 lozenges. Her head rests on a pillow, on which, on her left side is inscribed

A. P.
1579.
Mar. 7.

Round the edge of the pillow.

N	W	S
Beati mort=	vi qui in domino	moriuntur.

This is the monument of Wm. Poley, who married Alice Shaa, and died 17 Dec., 1587.

Within the communion rails, on the floor, north side, on black marble, in capitals.



Here lyeth ye body of Dame
Katherine Poley, wife of Sr
John Poley, of Bury St. Edmond's,
in the county of Suffolk,
Knight. She dyed the second
day of August, Anno Domini,
1670.

William Poley, Esq.,
son of Sr John Poley, of
Bury, was buried Jan.
ye 25th, 1702.

Arms, above, in a lozenge.—*Poley*, impaling *Despotine*, Azure a fess Or, cottised Argent, in chief a cross patee, between four others of the second, in base, issuing from the sinister chief corner, a dexter arm habited Gules, cuffed Argent, holding in his hand ppr. a bunch of roses slipped Vert, flowers Or, fructed Gules.

Here lyeth the bodyes of Mr. Edward
Barker, and Catherine Pooley, his
wife. Shee dying in the yeare 1665.

Arms above.—*Barker*, per fess nebulee, 3 martlets, a canton Ermine; impaling *Poley*.

Between the rails and the north wall, in black letter, on a brass plate.

Of your Charite pray for the soullis of Recherd Poly, Esquier & Anne his wyff, whiche Recherd decesyd the xix day of february, in the yere of our Lord God a mccccxljij, on whose sowlis, Jhu haue m'cy.

Below the rails.

S^r William Poley, Knight, Buried the 16th of August, 1629.
Dame Anna Poley, wiefe to the sayd S^r William Poley,
Second Daughter of S^r Robert Jermyn, Knight, Buried on
Palme Sundaye, the 4th of Aprill, 1658.

Arms above.—1, *Poley*. 2, *Jermyn*.

On the north side of the last.

Here lyeth the Bodye of the Ladye
Judeth May, Daughter of S^r William
Poley, of Boxted, Knight, and wife
to S^r Humfrye May, Knight, Vice
Chamberlain to King Charles the
First, and one of His Majesty's most
Honorable Privy Councill, who
departed this life, the ninth day
of June, Anno Domini, 1661.

Arms above, in a lozenge.—*May*, a fesse between 4 billets; impaling *Poley*.

On the north side of the last.

Here lyeth the body of Dame
Elizabeth Poley, wife of S^r
William Poley, of Boxted, in
the county of Suffolk, Knight,
Eldest daughter of S^r Henry
Arden, of Parke Hall, in the
County of Warwickshire, K^t
& one of the coheyres of
Robert Arden, Esq., her brother,
& Maide of Honor to the
late Queene. She was buryed
the 23rd day of June, Anno dom.
1632.

Arms above.—*Arden*, a fesse checquy. Crest, a boar passant on a chapeau.

IN THE CHAPEL.

Against the north wall, east end, is a very large and handsome monument of marble, consisting of a niche, in which stands a female figure of the natural size, having her right hand raised to her breast, and a book in her left; in her ears are earrings of gold. Beneath her feet on black marble:—

Dame Abigail Poley, the relict of Sr John Poley, of Wrongey, in the county of Norfolk, Knight, was buried Sept. ye 28th, 1652.

This noble monument was erected in the year 1725, at ye charge of Mrs. Ruding, the mother of Walter Ruding, of Westcoats, near Leicester, in the county of Leicester, Esq., and Grand daughter of the said Lady Poley, in the most dutiful respect to her Memory, nor ought indeed a Monument less noble be dedicated to ye Memory of so excellent a Lady.

Arms above, in a lozenge—*Wiz*, Or, on a pale Sable, 3 griffins' heads erased of the field.

On the west side of the last is another very large and handsome monument of marble. In a niche, stands in full proportion, a man in armour, his head bare, mustachios and tuft on his chin, a mantle or scarf crosses him, which is supported by his left hand, while in his right he holds a truncheon; by his side is his sword: his armour is garnished with gold studs, and his helmet stands behind him on the ground, from his right ear hangs a gold frog. On each side the arch stands a boy; above the arch, and within the pediment are the arms of *Poley*.

Below the figure, in black marble, is the following inscription:—

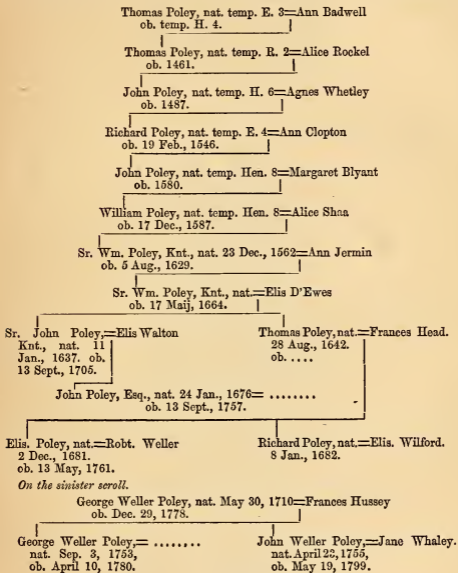
Sub hoc Marmore sepultus secundum Domini adventum expectat Johannes Poley de Wrongey, in Agro Norfolkensi, Miles, antiquâ Poleiorum Familiâ Suffolciæ oriundus; Utpote filius natus secundus, et demum Hæres, Thomæ Poley, nepos Johannis Poley de Boxted Hall, in Comitatu Suffolciæ, armigeri. Vir bellicâ Virtute clarus, et ob peritiam rei militaris, inter primos memorandus; Quippe qui primo per triennium in Castris Heurici 4^{ti} Regis Gallorum pedestris turmæ Anglicanæ Centurio contra Federatos postea autem sub Vexillo Christiani Regis Daniæ Tribunus Militum per annos supra viginti feliciter depugnavit, summâ vero cum laude et existimatione fortitudinis suæ contra Hispanum sub Elizabethâ Angliæ Reginâ res bellicas gessit.

Illius ante alios cepit cum dextera Gades
Militis Angliaci et fulmina sensit Iber.

Nec vero militari tantum virtute, et laude bellicâ, sed et morum insuper caudore et comitate Ingenii præcelluit; atque hoc nomine tum supradicto Christiano Daniæ, tum et Jacobo, Magnæ Britanniæ Regi præcharus fuit, quorum uterque familiariter et perbenigne eo usus est. Tandem Miles noster emeritus, post tot prælia prospera et foris castra provecta jam ætate missionem nactus Domum in Angliam suam redigit, ubi sub initio regni Caroli Tranquillam vitam degens, flagranti illius Regis gratia et favore floruit, Deoque et Rege se totum devovit, donec vita et famæ satur placide in domino obdormivit Jam Plusque octogenarius obiit in Manerio suo de Wrongey, Anno domini 1638.

PEDIGREE OF THE POLEY FAMILY.

Against the west side is a monument of white marble, consisting of a large book, spread open, over which is an urn; on the dexter leaf of the book is the following pedigree.



In the floor, south side, east end.

John Poley, Esq.,
Born 24th June, 1676,
Died 13th Sep., 1757.

Arms above.—Poley.

On the north side of the last.

To the memory of Susanna Poley,
daughter of Sr John Poley, Knt.,
younger Brother of Sr William Poley,
of Boxted Hall, in the county of
Suffolk, Knt. She lived Seventy
two years, and died Oct. 4th, 1733.
This Marble also covers the ashes
of Elizabeth Poley, daughter of
Sr John Poley, Knt., eldest son
of the said Sr William Poley.
She lived forty four years,
and died October the 11th, 1726.

On the north side of the last.

This Marble
covers the remains of
The Rev. John Weller Poley, M.A.,
Second Son of
George Weller Poley, Esq.,
By Frances his wife.
From the death of his elder Brother,
In the year 1780,
Owner of Boxted Hall,
& from the year 1791,
Rector of the united Parishes of
Boxted and Hartest.
Cut off in the midst of his age
By a sudden & short illness,
His loss was alike
a public and a private Calamity.
Able, active, useful and respectable
As a Clergyman, and a Magistrate,
Gentle, benevolent, affectionate, and kind,
In domestic life
He was most deeply lamented
By the Country at large,
unspeakably by his Family and Friends.
He died
May 19, 1799, aged 44,
leaving by his afflicted widow,
Jane, daughter of
John Blatch Whaley, of Colchester, Esq.,
one Son, George.

On the north side of the last.

George Weller Poley, Esq.,
son of
Robert Weller, of Tunbridge, in Kent, Esq.,
and
Elizabeth his wife,
daughter of Thomas Poley, Esq.,
second son of Sr William Poley,
and Brother
of Sr John Poley, both of Boxted, Knights;
Born 30th of May, 1710,
Died 29th of December, 1778.

Here lyeth the Body of
S^r William Poley, of
Boxted, in the County
of Suffolk, Knight, who
was buried the 18th day
of May, Anno domini,
1664.

Here lyeth also ye body of William
Poley, Esq., sonne of S^r John Poley, K^t
& Elizabeth his wife, & Grand sonne
of S^r William Poley aboves^d which S^r
Will. was born ye 17th of October,
Anno Dom., 1674, & dyed ye 26 of
Feb., 1675.

Dame Elis Poley,
2^d wife of S^r William Poley,
K^t was buryed April ye 5th, 1698.

Arms above, and crest.—*Poley*.

On the north side of the last.

S^r John Poley, K^t died
September 13th, 1705.

Here lyeth ye body of Dame
Elizabeth Poley, wife of S^r John Poley,
K^t daughter of George Walton, of Little
Bursted, in ye County of Essex, Esq.,
who dyed ye 25th day of January,
Anno Dom., 1677.

Dame Bridg^t Poley, 2nd
wife of S^r John Poley, was buryed
December ye 23, 1689.

William Poley, 3rd son of S^r
John Poley, was buryed Aprill ye 25th,
1698.

Arms above.—Crest and Motto, *Poley*.

On each side of this shield is another of white marble, carved and let into the black
slab. Dexter one, *Poley* impaling *Walton*, a fleur-de-lis. Sinister side, *Poley* impal-
ing *Sammes*, quarterly, 1 & 4, *Sammes*, a lion rampant. 2, 2 Salmons in pale adorsed
3, six annulets, 3, 2, 1.

North of the last.

George Weller Poley, of Boxted Hall, Esq.,
eldest son of
George Weller Poley, of the same place, Esq.,
and Frances his wife, daughter of
Thomas Hussey, of Burmash, in Sussex, Esq.
He died
April 10th, 1780, aged 26.

AN INSCRIPTION ON A MURAL MONUMENT IN HITCHAM CHURCH.

Hereby sleepeth in Hope the Body of Sr George Waldegrave, Knight, sonne of William Waldegrave, Esq., & Elizabeth his wife, Daughter of Richard Poley, of Boxted, Esq., which William was the son of George Waldegrave, Esq., both of Hitcham, & Mary Frauncis his Wife, the Daughter of Sr Richard Corbett, Knight, Second Sonne of George Waldegrave, of Smalbridge, & Anne his Wife, the Daughter of Sr Robert Drury, Knt.

Sr George married ye Daughter of John Moore, Esq., by whome He had Elizabeth, his Sole Daughter and Heire, who married to Arthur Coke, Esq., & by Him had 4 Daughters, Elizabeth, Mary, Winefred, & Theophila.

Sr George had to his Second Wife Dame Elizabeth, Daughter of Sr Thomas Jermy, of Metfield, Knight of the Bath, with whome He havinge lived nyne years & more, dyed ye 15th of January, 1636, being in the 68 Yeares of his age. In memory of whome the Said Dame Elizabeth caused this Small monumente to be erected, & Styl laments Her Losse, and bids these lynes declare

His Piety, his Bounty to the Poore,
The Bench & County speaks his publique Care,
Employd & try'd for forty yeares & more,
Late faithful Mate, now blissful Soul (quoth she)
Tho' Weeping for Myself, I joy for thee.

ON A GRAVESTONE IN THE NORTH AISLE OF ST. MARY'S CHURCH, BURY ST. EDMUND'S.

Depositum Lectissimæ Foeminæ Elizabethæ Snelling, ex equestri Familia D'ni Johannis et D'næ Ursulæ Poley, de Stow Mercatu, oriundæ; Quæ Christum p'stolans hic placide obdormit. *Obijt decimo octavo die Junij A'no D'ni 1653.**

Quæ morte reuelli
Heu sola poterat, poterit nec morte reuelli
Conjugis in cinerem carum Regina redactum
Cor bibet et moestum condidit et tumultum
Hec vice sed versâ tumulatur corde mariti,
Quam Mausoleo nobiliore iacet
Uxori pietissimæ J. Snelling Moerens Superst' P.C.

* The words in italics are on either side of a shield bearing, within a ducal coronet, two arrows in saltire piercing two hearts conjoined.

POLEY PEDIGREES,

As recorded in the original Visitation of 1561.

Thomas Poley, of Codreth, in the Countie of Hertforde, maryd to his firste wyffe, Mawde, daught^r & heire of John Geslingham, & by her had yssue Rychard Poley, sonne & heire, John seconde sonne, a preist, Anne Poley, maryed to Nycholas Lovell, gent., Rose Poley, maryed to

The said Thomas Poley maryed to his seconde wyeffe Anne, daughter and heire of Thomas Badwell, of Boxted, in the countie of Suffolke, Esquire, & by her had yssue Thomas Poley; Anne and Abelin dyed sans yssue.

Thomas Poley, sonne & heire to Thomas and Anne his wyfe, married Alice, daughter and one of the heires of Geffrey Rookhill, of Wormynford, in the Countie of Essex, Esquire, & by her had yssue John, sonne & heire.

John, sonne & heire to Thomas, maryed Agnes, daughter of Sr Richard Whethill, Knight, & by her had yssue Richard, sonne & heire, Anthonye, second sonne, George, a preist and p'son of Atylborough, Barbara maryed to Darell, of Kent, Jane maryed to Baker.

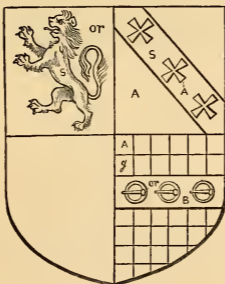
Richard Poley, sonne & heire to John, maryed Anne, daughter to Sr William Clopton, of Melford, in the Countie of Suff., Knight, & by her had yssue John Poley, sonne & heire, Richard, & Thomasyn maryed to Thomas Cornewell, of Haverell, in the Countye of Suff., gent.

John Poley, sonne & heire to Rychard, married Margerye, daughter to John Blyant, of Rynksell, in the Countie of Suff., Esq., & by her had yssue William Poley, sonne & heire, Richard Poley, seconde sonne, Gyles Poley, third sonne, Cutberd, fourth sonne, Thomas Poley, vth sonne, Anne maryed to W^m Worlyche, in the Countie of Suff., Esquire, Elizabeth maryed to Willm. Herveye, of Yxworthe.

William Poley, sonne & heire to John, married Alyce, the daughter & sole heire to Edmonde Shae, of Horndon at the Hill, in the Countie of Essex, Esquire, & by her had yssue John Poley, sonne & heire, Anne, Marye, Martha, & Alyce.

Arms :—*Poley* impaling *Shae*, a crescent for difference.

Arms :—1, *Poley*; 2, *Poley*; 3, *Badwell*; 4, *Leyes*; 5, *Hervey*; 6, *Weyland*, 7, *Rockhill*; 8, *Poley*; impaling *Shaa*.



Symon Poley, sonne and heire to Richard Poley, married — daughter and heire of Edmond Alkoke, and had yssue Henry Poley, sonne and heire, Edmund Poley seconde sonne.

Henry Poley, sonne and heire to Symon, maryed Constance, daughter and heire of William Geddinge, of Gylingham, in the Countie of Suff., Esquire, and by her had yssue, Edmonde, sonne and heire, and William, seconde sonne.

William Poley, second sonne to Henry, maryed Katheren, daughter of Larke, of Thetford, in the Countie of Norff., gent., and by her had yssue Thomas, sonne and heire, Constance, maryed to Bryse Rokewoode, of Ewsen, in the Countie of Suff., and dyed sanz yssue, Margaret, maryed to Stephen Heywarde, of Burye.

Thomas, sonne and heire of William Poley, married Julyan, daughter and heire of John ffayer, of London, Esq., and wydowe of Thomas Springe, of Pakingham, in the Countie of Suff., Esquire.

Arms of ffayre—*Per pale Or and Azure, a chevron between three eagles displayed, all counterchanged, on a chief Gules, as many lozenges Ermine.*

POLEY PEDIGREE.

From the Visitation of Suffolk in 1611. Harl. MSS., No. 1820.

Edmond Poley, sonne & heire of Henry & of Constance his wyfe, ye daughter of Will. Gedinge, mar. Myrable, daughter of John Garneis, of Kenton, armiger, & had issue John, first sone; Thomas, 2d; Edmvd, 3d*; Richard, 4; Henry, 5; Eliz., mar. to John Aldame, of Brume; Dorathe, mar. to Edward Walker, of Somersetshyr, Esq.; Margaret, married to Robart Knap, of Nedham; Ann, mar. to Ketilborow; Constance, mar. to Nicholas Crispe; Margery, mar. to Thom. Blunt, of Kithermester; Jane, mar. to John Dunkon; Mirabell, mar. to Willm Boyse, of Nettlestede.

John, sone & heire of Edmond, mar. Ann, daughter of Thom. Lord Wentworth, & had issue Edmond, sonne & heire; Richard, 2d sone; Thomas 3d; Susan, Margaret, Mirabell, Mary, Ann, & Martha. Edmond, sonne & heir, mar. to his first wyfe, ye da. of Sackford, & to his 2d wyfe, ye daughter of Rokerham, & had no issue at all.

Richard, 2d sone of John, mar. Mary, eldest daughter of Sr John Brewse & of Sisley his wyfe, daughter of Wilton, & had issu Edmond, sone & heire; Sisley, mar. to Charles Croftes, gent., heire apparant to Charles Crofts, of Bradwell, esquier.

Arms of Gilbert.—*Azure, a chevron engrailed Ermine, between 3 eagles displayed Or.*

* Edmond Poley, ye 3d sone of Edmond & of Mirabell his wyfe, mar. Jane ye daughter of John Grove, & had issue Henry, obiit; Sr John, sone & heire; Eliza, obiit; Sr John Poley, of Colibine Hall, in Suff., 2d sone & heire of Edmond, mar. Ursilay ye daughter & coheire of Sr John Gilbert, of Great finborough, in Suff., & hath issue Henry, sone & heire aparent.

Barbara, mar. to Davell, of Kent.

George, a Priest, parson, of Atherstone.

Anthony, 2 sonne.

Richard Poley, sonne & heyre, of Anne, daughter of Sr. Wm. Clop-ton, of Melford, in com. Suff., and of Liston Hall, Essex. Will dated 14 May, 1549.

Jane, mar. to Baker.

Or.

Thomas mar. to Thomas Cornwell, of Haverell, in com. Suff., gent. Anne, 2nd dau. mar. to Cornwall, bapt. at Boxted, 1542. Argent, a lion rampant Gules, a bordure Sable be-zantee, impaling Poley.

John Poley, sonne and heyre, of Boxted, bapt. there 27 Sep., 1539, bur. at Boxted, 6 August, 1580. Poley impaling, Ermine, on a bend Gules, three pheons Argent.

Margery, da. of John Blyant, of Rinksell, in com. Suff., and heir to Richard Blyant, her brother. She died 1561, bur. at Boxted, 20 Aug., 1561.

Richard, 2 sonne. Robert, 2 son.

George Poley, Rector of Attleboro', in Norfolk.

Barbara, 1st dau. died unmarried.

Richard Poley, of Morehouse, 4th son, bapt. at Boxted, 1546, burd. there 14 Sept., 1611. Poley impaling, Or, a griffin segreant Sable, armed Gules

The daughter of Judge Morgan.

Francis, 1st son of Richard, married Elizabeth Stephaun, died 1569, married at Boxted, buried there.

John Poley, 2nd son, a bachelor.

Richard, 3rd son, a jesuit.

George, 4th son.

Elizabeth, the wife of William Waldegrave. Per pale Argent and Gules.

Anne.

Mary, the 3rd dau.

Francis died and left his 2 sisters, his heirs, bapt. at Boxted, 1567.

Elizabeth, married to Edw. Copley, gent., bapt. at Boxted, 1564, married there 1586.

Anne, the wife of Philip Con- ingaby, bapt. at Boxted, 1567, married 1584 at Boxted.

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Anne, mar. to Willm. Wortich, in com. Suff., of Wickham Brook, bapt. at Boxted, 1667. Gules, a chevron between 3 swans volant Argent.

Elizabeth, mar. to William Harvey, of Yarnorth. He died 1592, bur. in Ickworth Church, 2 Nov., 1592. Gules, on a bend Argent, 3 trefoils Vert, imp. Poley.

2, Richard.

3, Giles = Alice
Tender-love.

William Poley, = Alice, da. & sole heiress of Edm. Shea, of Horn-don, at ye Hill, in com. Essex, Ar. Shedied 1577, bur. at Boxted, 7 March, 1577.

Thomas Poley, = Ann, da. 8th son, of Wrongey, Norfolk. Arg., 3 bars wavy Az., on a chief Gu., 3 bar-nacles Or.

Absolon Poley, 1st son, killed in Flanders.

Sir John Poley, of Wrongey, in Norfolk, Knight, 2nd son, married Abigail Wix. She died 1652. He died 1638, et. 80, both buried at Boxted.

William Poley, 3rd son, died s.p.

1, John Poley, = Anne, ob. s.p., 11 May, 1623, married Sir John Higham, of Barrow, Knight, ob. 1626, both bur. at Barrow. Sa., a fess compony Or and Azure, between 3 horses' heads erased Ar., impaling Poley.

1, Anne, ob. s.p., 11 May, 1623, married Sir John Higham, of Barrow, Knight, ob. 1626, both bur. at Barrow. Sa., a fess compony Or and Azure, between 3 horses' heads erased Ar., impaling Poley.

2, Mary, married George Colt, of Colts Hall, Esq., High Sheriff, of Suffolk, 30 Elizabeth. Argent, a fess between 3 colts passant Sa.

3, Martha, ob. unmarried, at Boxted, 25 March, 1680.

4, Alice, married Waldegrave Abel, of Coggeshall, in Burford, Essex, married at Boxted, 5 Oct., 1685. Argent, a chevron between 3 boars' heads couped Gules.

2, Sir William Poley, Kt., = Anne, 2nd dau. of Sir Robert Jeremy, Knight, of Rushbrooke, bur. at Boxted, 4th April, 1658.

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5, Bridget Poley, married James Vaughan, Gent. Sa., a chevron between 3 fleurs-de-liz Or.

7, Jane Poley, bapt. at Boxstead, 31st Jan., 1564 = William Crofts, Esq., of Saxham, married at Saxham, 19 Dec., 1599.

8, Joane Poley, bapt. at Boxstead, 16th Feb., 1567, burd. there 17th Feb., 1580.

4, Gabriel Poley, bapt. at Boxstead, 17th Aug., 1565, burd. there 29th April, 1567.

5, Francis Poley, bapt. at Boxstead, 30 Dec., 1563.

3, George Poley, = Sister of Sir Ralph Shelton, Kat.

William Crofts, son and heir, Or, 3 bulls heads coupé Sa., impaling Poley.

Judith Poley, = Sir Humphrey May, Kt., Chancellor of the Duchy of Lancaster, burd. at Boxstead, 1661.

1, Robert Poley, Esq., eldest son, killed at the Isle of Rhé, s.p.

Elizabeth, da. = 2, and co-heir of Sir Henry Arden, Kt., of Warwickshire, 1st wife burd. at Boxstead, 23 June, 1632.

Sir Wm. = Elizabeth, 5th dau. of Paul D'Ewes, Esq., of Stowlangtoft, 2 wife burd. at Boxstead, 5 April, 1698, born 23 Jan., 1617.

3, Sir John = Catherine, da. and co-heir of Dr. Jasper Despoir, of Bury, Rushbrooke 6th Nov., 1603, mar. at Rougem, 21st April, 1653, died 9 Nov., 1664, burd. at Boxstead.

3, Sir John = Catherine, da. and co-heir of Dr. Jasper Despoir, of Bury, Rushbrooke 6th Nov., 1603, mar. at Rougem, 21st April, 1653, died 9 Nov., 1664, burd. at Boxstead.

Katherine Poley, bapt. at Rushbrooke, 29th March, 1600, died 1665, Mary, Bury, burd. at Boxstead = Edward Barker, son of Sir Robert Barker, burd. at Boxstead.

Mary Poley, bapt. at St. Mary, Bury, 17th Oct., 1616.

Per fess nebulee Vert and Sa., 3 martlets Or, a canton Ermine.

- 1, Charles May, buried at Boxtead, 1658.
- 2, Richard May.
- 3, Henry May.
- 4, Robert May.

Sr. Algermon May, married Dorothy, dau. of Sir James Reynal, of Castle Camp, co. Cambs. May impaling Azure, a chevron Erm., between 3 crosses croslet fitchée Argent.

Bapt.... May, Esq., Privy Pur.... to King Ch.... ye 2nd.

Isabella, the 2nd dau., married Sir Thomas Hervey, Knight.

1st dau. married to Sir John Duncomb, Kt., Chancellor of Exchequer, and Privy Councillor to King Charles the Second. Perchevron engrailed Gules and Argent, 3 lions' heads erased counterchanged.

Richard Savage, = Susan Poley, = Anthony Maxey, Esq. of Bradwell, Essex, 1st husband. Ar., Boxtead, 23 June, 1631.

3rd son of John Earl Rivers, 2nd husband. Ar., six lionscels rampant Sable.

Robert Poley, bapt. at St. Mary, Bury, 1st May, 1658.

Despotine Poley, of Jesus College, Cambridge, 1673, bapt. at St. Mary, Bury, 17th Feb., 1676, s.p.

Susannah Poley, only dau., died 4th Oct., 1733, aged 72, unmarried, burd. at Boxtead.

2, John Poley, B.D., Fellow of Queen's College, Cambridge, bapt. at St. Mary, Bury, 28 Sept., 1655.

Wm. Poley, Esq., bapt. at Bury St. Mary, 18 Jan., 1658, married at Long Melford, 2 July, 1686, burd. at Boxtead, 23 Jan., 170½.

3, Philippa, 4th dau. of Thomas Waldegrave, Esq., of Smallbridge, widow of Samms, burd. at St. James's, Bury, 27 Feb., 1718-19.

3, Despotine Poley, of Jesus College, Cambridge, 1673, bapt. at St. Mary, Bury, 17th Feb., 1676, s.p.

Robert Poley, bapt. at St. Mary, Bury, 1st May, 1658.

1, John Poley.

2, Wm. Poley.

Elizabeth Poley, =Robert Weller, Esq.,
 eldest daughter, of Tunbridge,
 born 2nd Dec., Kent., born 12th
 1681, died 13th March, 1676,
 May, 1761. died 18th Sept.,
 1751.

1, Richard Poley, =Elizabeth
 born 8th Jan., Wilford.
 1682.

William
 Poley.

Bridget
 Poley.

George Weller Poley, Esq., only =Frances, dau. of Thomas Hussey;
 son and heir, born 30th May, of Burwash, Sussex, Esq., died
 1710, died 29th Dec., 1778, burd. at Long Melford, 24th Oct., 1796,
 at Boxted. Arms, Poley and aged 73, burd. at Boxted.

Weller quarterly, impaling, quar-
 terly 1 and 4, Sable, a bend be-
 tween six cross crosslets fitchee
 Argent, 2 and 3 Or, a cross Vert.

Robert Wel- 1, George Weller
 ler Poley, eldest son,
 born 12th died unmarried,
 July, 1756, 10th April, 1780,
 died 2 Aug. aged 26, burd. at
 1756. Boxted.

2, Rev. John Weller = Jane, dau. of John
 Poley, of Boxted Blatch Whaley, Esq.,
 Hall, born 23rd of Colchester, died
 April, 1755, died 20 Dec., 1833, aged
 29th May, 1799, 74.
 aged 44.

George Weller Poley, = Helen Sophia, dau.
 Esq., only son, of of James Fisher,
 Boxted Hall, born Esq., of Browston
 1st Nov., 1783, Hall, Suffolk.
 married 8th March,
 1808, ob. Nov. 5th,
 1849, at. 66.

Francis
 W. Poley.

Edward
 W. Poley,
 born 30th
 May,
 1758, ob.
 17 Feb.,
 1764.

Rev. Walter
 Maurice
 Johnson, of
 Spalding, co.
 Lincoln,
 Vicar of
 Weston,
 died 1832.

Rev. William
 Weller
 Poley, of
 Hartest,
 born 12th
 August,
 1765, ob.
 15th Feb.,
 1837, at. 72.

- 1, Charlotte Weller Poley, born 23 June, 1809 = Peter Wm. Hamilton, Capt. R.N.
- 2, Mari- anneJane Weller Poley, born 2 July, 1810, ob. infant.
- 1, John=Diana, da. of Thos. Halifax, Esq., of Chadacre Hall, Suffolk.
- 3, Jane Mary Weller Poley, born 13 March, 1813 = Michael Cullen Cotton, Esq., of Dover.
- 2, Rev. =William Poley, born 18 Nov., 1814, married 13 Oct., 1846.
- 4, Helen Sophia Weller Poley, born 23 April, 1816.
- Margaret, only child of Rev. J. Tyers Barrett, Rector of Attleborough, Norfolk.
- 5, Georgiana Frances Weller Poley, born 8 Sept., 1817, died Dec. 1817.
- 3, Charles Edward Weller Poley, born 15 March, 1819.
- 5, George Frederic Weller Poley, born 1823.
- 4, James Fisher Weller Poley, born 15 June, 1821, died 21 April, 1842.
- 6, Walter Johnson Weller Poley, born 1826.
- 6, Frances Poley = Sir Richard Gethin, Bart.



ARMS OF J. G. WELLER POLEY, ESQ., OF BOXTED.

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| 1, Quarterly. | 1 and 4, Poley. | 2 and 3, Weller.* |
| | 2, Poley. | 6, Weyland. |
| | 3, Badwell. | 7, Rockell. |
| | 4, Leyes. | 8, Blyant. |
| | 5, Knighton. | 9, Shaa. |

*GRANT OF ARMS TO RICHARD WELLER, B.D.

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To all & singular unto whom these presents shall come Sr. Edward Bysshe, Knight, Clarenceux principall Herald and King of Armes of all the South East and West parts of the Realme of England, from the River of Trent, Southward, sendeth greeting. Whereas Richard Weller, Batchiler in Divinity, and Rector of Warbilton, in the County of Sussex, hath desired me to assigne unto him such Armes as he may lawfully beare, Wherefore I have thought fit to grant unto him the armes hereafter mentioned—viz., *Sable, two Chevronels betwene three Roses Argent.* And for a Crest on a Helmet and wreath of his Coullors, *a greyhound's head crazed Sable, in his mouth a Rose Argent, stalked Vert, mantles Gules, doubled Argent,* as in the margent is more liuely depicted, which Armes and Crest I, the said Clarenceux King of Armes, by Power and Authority of my office to me graunted under the great Seale of England, Do by thes presents give and grant unto the foresaid Richard Weller, and to the heires of his body lawfully begotten, to be by them and euery of them, borne and used with theire due differences according to the law of Armes for ever.

In witnes wherof I haue herunto fixed the Seale of my office, and subscribed my name. Dated the third day of May, Anno Domini 1672.

Edward Bysshe, Clarenceux King of Armes.



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| 1, Poley. | 2, Geslingham. | 3, Gardeville. |
| 4, Alcocke. | 5, Geddinge. | 6, Aspull. |
| 7, Pecche. | 8, Peverell. | 9, Wateville. |

Arms of *Poley of Badley*, from a pedigree drawn out by Robert Glover, in 1579.

Poley of Badley.

A

1, *Richard Poley, Esq.*, = *Margaret*, eldest dau. of *Symon Blyant*, of *Thornodon*, *Suffolk*.

Margery Poley, died s.p. | *Simon Poley, Esq., son and heir* = *Margery, da. & heir of Edmund Atcock*, died 1492, buried there. | *Catherine Poley*, died s.p. | 2, *John Poley*, of *Bidenham*, in com. = *Joan*, dau. of *John Bedford*. *Poley*, a crescent for difference, impaling, *Argent*, on a chevron *Azure*, three escallops *Argent*, on a chief *Azure*, a lion passant *Argent*, armed *Gules*.

John Poley, of = *Prudentia*, dau. of *Thomas Poley*, died young. | *William Erneys*, married.

Margareta Poley. | *Jane Poley*. | *John Poley*, of *Bidenham*. | *Thomas Poley*, 2nd son. | *Nicholas Poley*, 3rd son.

2, *Simon Poley*. | 3, *Edmund Poley*, dau. and co-heir of *Ralph Topesfield*, buried at *Badley*. | *Margaret Poley*, = *John Slingsby, Esq.*, of *Scriven*, ob. 1513. | 1, *Henry Poley*, = *Constance, da. & heir of William Scaccarii*, *Secundus Icklingham*, in com. *Suff.*, *Ar.* | *Elizabeth Poley*. | *Anne Poley*. | *Isabell Poley*. | *George Poley*, = ... dau. of Will dated 31 October, 1535, proved 28 March, 1536. | *Anthony Elizabeth Poley*.

2, *William Poley, second son*, gent., of Ickingham, Suffolk. Will dated 3 Oct., 1540, proved 6 Sept., 1557.

Edmund Poley, Esq., son & heir, died 31 Dec., 1548, buried at Badley. Poley, impaling, Arg., a chevron engrailed between three escallops. Will dated 1548, 30 July.

3, *Henry Poley*, s.p.

Thomas Poley, = Julian, da. & heir of John frayer, of London, Esq., widow of Thomas Springs, of Pakenham, in the county of Suffolk, Esquire.

Margaret, married to Stephen Heywards, of Bury.

Constance, married to Bryce Roke-woode, of Evesen, in the County of Suff., ob. sine prole.

John Poley, Esq., = Anne, eldest dau. of Thomas, 1st Lord Wentworth, of Nettlestead, died 28 Aug., bur. at Badley, 29 Aug., 1575.

Elizabeth Poley, died s.p.

Henry Poley, ob. s.p.

Sir John Poley, de Colme, = Ursula, dau. and co-heir of Sir John Gilbert, Knight, of Great Finborough, co. Suffolk.

Henry Poley, died s.p.

Thomas 3, Edmund Poley, married, = Jane, dau. of Thomas Grove

Henry 4, Richard Poley.

Henry 5, Henry 4, Richard Poley.

Mirabel Poley, = Wm. Boys, of Nettlested.

Jane Poley, = John Dunkn.

Constance Poley, = Nicholas Criape, gent.

Dorothy Poley, = Edward Walker, of co. Somerset

Elizabeth Poley, = John Aldham, of Bromes, Yeoman.

Margery Poley, = Thomas Blunt, of Kidderminster.

Constance Poley, = Anne Poley, = Kettleborough, of Roydon.

Margaret Poley, = Robert Knappe, of Needham, gent.

1, John Poley, born 16 April, 1615, died same day, buried at Badley.

Sir Edmund Poley, Esq., of Badley, bapt. there 16 Dec., 1619, burd. at Badley, 22 Oct., 1671.

Wm. Poley, 1625, bapt. at Badley, 6th March, 1621, burd. there 20th April, 1644, aged 23.

Richard Poley, bapt. at Badley, 8 June, 1623.

Thomas Poley, 3rd son, bapt. at Badley, 9th Dec., 1624, died Dec. 5, 1677, aged 53, bur. at Badley.

Anne Poley, bapt. at Badley, 7 Feby., 1620.

Mary Poley, bapt. 17th June, 1618.

William Poley, living 1671, burd. at Badley, 2 April, 1672.

William Poley, burd. at Badley, 22 March, 1663.

Frances Poley, bur. at Saxham, 18 Feb., 1653.

Edmund Poley, burd. at Corpus, co. Norfolk, 4 Sept., 1650, aged 11 months 8 days.

Thomas, youngest son, died in London, burd. at Badley, 11 Dec., 1677.

2, Henry Poley, Esq., of Badley, of the Middle Temple, M.P. for Ipswich, 1705; for Bury, 1661; for Eye, 1688-1690; died unmarried, 7th August, 1707, aged 54, burd. at Badley, 15 August, 1707.

Elizabeth Poley, married in Westminster Abbey, 22nd Nov., 1676, died 11th Nov., 1715, aged 67, burd. at Horningseaeth.

Sir Richard Gipps, Knight, of Horringer, died 28 Sept., 1681, aged 36, burd. at Horningseaeth. Azure, a fess between six estocheons of Or, on an pretence Poley.

Judith Poley, born 29 June, bapt. 2 July, 1654, at St. James's, Bury.

Henry Jermyyn Lord Dover, married at Little Saxham 17 April, 1675, died s.p. 6 April, 1708, burd. at James's, Bruges. died young.

Charles Poley, born 14, bapt. 21 Sep., 1663, at St. James's, Bury, died young, burd. at Badley, 12 Sept., 1666.

Cicely Poley, burd. at Badley, 10 Nov., 1679.

Dorothy Poley, burd. at Badley, 19 Sept., 1680.

Richard Gipps, Esq., son and heir, of Badley, 1722, bapt. at Horningseaeth, December, 1677. In the army. Arms, quarterly 1 and 4, Gipps, 2 and 3, Poley, impaling, per chevron, engrailed Gules and Argent, three talbots' heads erased counterchanged.

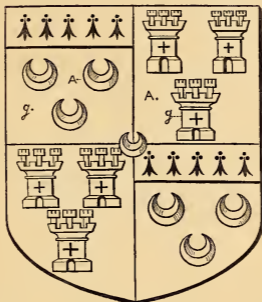
3rd dau. of William Duncombe, of Battlesdon, co. Bedford.

1, Elizabeth Gipps, bapt. at Horningseaeth, 5 June, 1679, married at Little Saxham, 30th Sept., 1708, Anthony Crofts, Esq., of Saxham.

Catherine Gipps, bapt. at Horningseaeth, 3 June, 1681, died 22 Oct., 1705, aged 23, unmarried, bur. at Badley.

Edmund Gipps, quarterly 1 and 4, Gipps, 2 and 3, Poley.

Fulnetby.



Quarterly, 1 and 4 Fulnetby; 2 and 3 Towers.

FULNETBY PEDIGREE.

From the original Visitation of Suffolk, 1561.

John fullnetbye, of fullnetbye, in the Countie of Lincolne, Esq., maryed Jane, sister to Sr. Robert Dymoke, of Scrylbe, in the Countie of Lyncolne, Knyght, and had by her yssue Godfrey fullnetbye, sonne and heire; Everad, second sonne; Edward, third sonne.

Godfrey fulnetbye, sonne and heire to John, maryed daughter of Vincent Granham, of Brasbrige, in the Countie of Lyncolne, Esquire, and had yssue John, wch maryed Elizabeth, daughte of William Godryke, of Kyrkeley, in the Countie of Lyncolne, Esquire, and by her had yssue John, sonne and heire; Xpofer, seconde sonne; Marmaduke fulnetbye, third sone; Barbara, maryed to Edward Overton; Katheren, maryed to Wylkes.

Christopher fulnetbye, of Glenforde, in the Countye of Suff., Esquire, maryed Anne, daughter to Wm. Bradburye, of Lyttleburye, in the Countye of Essex, Esquire, and by her had yssue Barbara.

Arms—quarterly 1 and 4, Fulnetby; 2 and 3, Towers; impaling, quarterly, 1 and 4 Sable, a chevron Ermine, between three round buckles Argent, the tongues hanging downwards, Bradbury; 2 and 3, Argent, a chevron between three chess rooks Sable.

FULNETBY PEDIGREE.

R. Holmes' Heraldic Collections, Harl. MS. 2134.

Gefferey ffulnetby, of ffulnetby, in com.=
Lyncoln. *Gules three crescents argent*
a chief ermine.

Sir John ffulnetby, married =Maude, daughter to Sir
Arms—Fulnetby, impaling, Argent a lion Thomas Braytoft.
rampant Azure.

John ffulnetby, Esquier, married =Anne, daughter and
Arms—Fulnetby, impaling, Or a fess heyer to fraancis
Gules in chief three torteaux. Colvil.

Sir Thomas ffulnetby, knight, married =Mary, daughter of Tho-
Fulnetby, impaling, per bend Gules and mas Crecrofts.
Vert on a fess indented Argent three
martlets Sable.

John ffulnetby, eld- William ffulnetby, second=Maude, daughter Thomas ffulnetby,
sonne, died sans sonne, married *Fulnetby,* of Sr. Thomas thirde sonne.
issue. *impaling, Or a cross* Mossinden,
engrailed Gules in dex- Knight.
ter chief a martlet Sable.

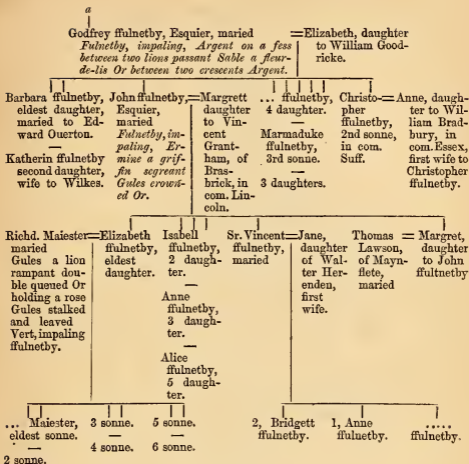
William ffulnetby, Esquier, married=Elizabeth, daughter of Burgan.

Thomas ffulnetby, Henry ffulnetby, John ffulnetby, =Elizabeth, Thomas =Elizabeth,
4 sonne. 2 sonne. Esquier, married daughter of Sr. Thomas Langdale Elizabeth,
= daughter of Patricke Skipwith. maried daughter of
ffulnetby.
William ffulnetby, Joane, mar- John ffulnetby, =Elizabeth,
3 sonne. ied to John Burgh. *Fulnetby, im-* pating, *Gules*
three bars Ar- gent in chief a
greyhound cou- rant Sable.

William ffulnetby, Thomas ffulnetby, John ffulnetby, =Joane, daughter Henry Anne
4 sonne. 2 sonne. Esquier, married ter and heyer ffulnetby, ffulnetby,
= eldest
ffrancis ffulnetby, 3 sonne. *Fulnetby, im-* pating, *Argent*
three towers triple towered Sable. of Thomas Towers, of Anne ffulnetby,
Bootheley. 5 sonne. daughter. Grace
ffulnetby,
second
daughter.

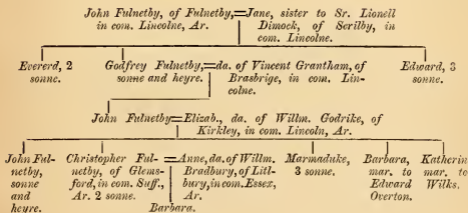
John ffulnetby, Esquier, married =The daughter of
Fulnetby, impaling, Gules an eagle dis- Sothill.
played Argent.

John ffulnetby, Esquier, married =Joane, the daughter
Fulnetby, impaling, Sable two lions pas- of Sr. Leonell Dy-
sant Argent, crowned Or. mock.

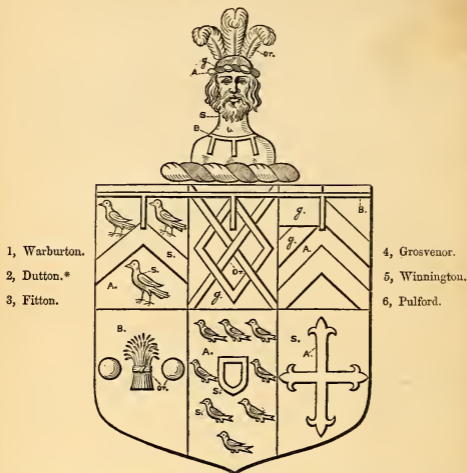


FULNETBY PEDIGREE.

Harl. MS., No. 1177.



Warburton.



In the Narrative Visitation of Suffolk, Harl. MS. 1108, the quarterings are named as follows:—1, Warburton; 2, Awdeley; 3, Phitton; 4, Dyngley; 5, Wynnington; 6, _____

WARBURTON PEDIGREE.

From the original Visitation of Suffolk, 1561.

Sr John Warburton, of Arley, in the countie of Chesshire, Knight, maryed Jaue, daughter to Sr Thomas Stanley, of Howte, in the countie of Lancashyre, Knighte, and by her had yssue Sr Peyrse Warburton, Knight, sonne and heire, John Warburton, seconde sonne.

John Warburton, seconde sonne to Sr John Warburton, maryed Eme, daughter of Golbron, of Overton, in the Countie of Chesshire, Esquire, and hath by her yssue John Warburton, sonne and heire; Rychard, seconde sonne; Peeter, thirde sonne; Anne and Jane.

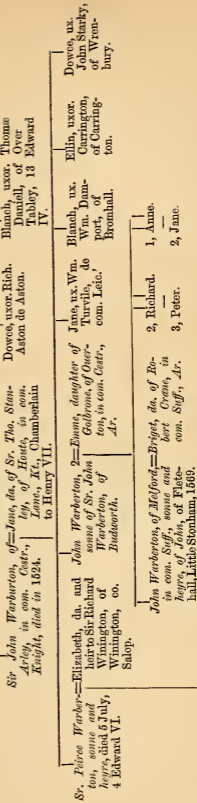
John Warburton, of Melforde, in the Countie of Suff., Esq., sonne and heire to John Warburton, of Goore, in the Countie of Chesshire, Esquire, maryed Brydgett, daughter to Robert Crane, of Chylton, in the Countie of Suffolke, Esquire.

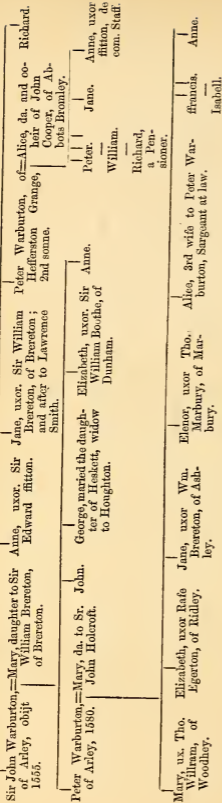
* The arms of Dutton should be quarterly, Argent and Gules, in the second and third quarters a fret Or., and it is so represented in several copies of the Visitation. In Harl. MS. No. 1560, the fret is in the first and fourth quarters.

Warburton Pedigree.

With Additions from the Visitation of Cheshire, 1580, &c.

Piers Warburton, called Wise=Ellen, daughter to Sir John Piers, built the House of Savage, Knt. Arley, obiit 1495.





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EDEN PEDIGREE.

The will of "Harry Eden," of Barningham, 1545, proved in November, 1546 (see p 4), names two daughters, *Anne* and *Joan*, and notices that his wife was then *enceinte*. In the additions to the pedigree itself, he is stated to have had three daughters:—1, (not named) married to — Lucas, of Suffolk. 2, *Anne*, married to William Bradbury, of Wickham, Essex; and 3, *Elizabeth*, married to — *Bettenham*, of Pluckley, in Kent. A deed in my possession enables me to give a scrap of information as to the descendants of this gentleman. It is there recited that Henry Eden, gentleman, and his ancestors were possessed of the Manors of "Senclers *alias* Sitchlers," and "Netherhall *alias* Netherhill," in Barningham, and that after his death, those Manors descended and came to *Anne* and *Elizabeth*, his daughters and coheirs by inheritance, and that *Anne* afterwards married William Bradbury, Esq.; that on 13th March, 20 Elizabeth, the said William Bradbury and *Anne* his wife, and *Elizabeth Eden* (by Indenture so dated and Fine) conveyed one moiety of the Manors to Thomas Bradbury, of South Pickenham, in Norfolk, Esq., who died seised, whereupon, that moiety descended to Cordell Bradbury, Gent., his son and heir, and he, in 17 Jac. I, sold it to William Mason, Esq., of Bury St. Edmund's; that *Elizabeth Eden* married Daniel *Bettenham*, of Plucklinge, in Kent, Esq., and had issue a son and heir John *Bettenham*, on whom her moiety descended, which John *Bettenham*, in 9 Jac. I, conveyed it to trustees for William Mason. From this recital it may be inferred that the daughter *Joan*, named in Henry Eden's will, was not living at the time of her father's death, although he survived the date of his will but a few months, or she would have been named as one of his coheirs, unless there be any proof that she did marry one Lucas, in which case she must have died without issue before 1577. *Elizabeth* was doubtless born after the date of the will.

Since writing the above, I found in my possession three other deeds relating to this family, viz. :—

I. An indenture, dated 30th September, 14 Henry VII, between *Thomas Eden*, of Bury St. Edmund's, Gent., of the one part, and *John Plumbe*, of Thaxted, Essex, Ceterler, of the other part, by which *John Plumbe* bargained and sold to *Thomas Eden*, his heirs and assigns "*Halvyndell* * the Manors of Bernyngham, called Senclers and Netherhalle in Bernyngham," and towns adjoining. The purchase money to be paid was to be 40 marks, but *Thomas Eden* was, moreover, to purchase lands and tenements in the county of Essex, of the clear yearly value of 7 marks; to be conveyed to the use of the said *John Plumbe* and the heirs of his body; and in default of such heirs, to the heirs of the body of *Alys Herle*, sister of the said *John*; and in default of such issue, to remain to the use of said *Thomas Eden* and *Joan* his wife, and the heirs of their bodies; and, in default of any, to the heirs of said *Jean*.

II. A deed of feoffment, dated 12th October, 1 Henry VIII, from William Wellys, of Hekham, Chaplain, and Robert Love, of Thetford, to *Thomas Eden*, of Bury St. Edmund's, *Henry Eden*, *Richard Eden*, *Thomas Jermyn*, William Tussell, and John Gryffyn, of *Holdenys medewe*, in Bernyngham, to the use of said *Thomas Eden*, his heirs and assigns.

III. A discharge given by Sir Richard Southwell, Knight, to *Harry Eden*, gentleman, for £100, the purchase money for all his messuages, lands, &c., in Barningham, &c., dated 20th January, 33 Henry VIII.

Although neither of these deeds throw any light upon the doubtful parentage of *Henry Eden*, of Barningham, the Testator of 1545, they do supply dates, and the earliest of them supplies the information how his ancestor became possessed of one moiety of the manors, as recited in the more recent deed referred to in my former note.—G. A. CARTHEW, *East Dereham*.

* *Halvyndell*. Halfendele—dimidium—the moiety of—*v. Prompt. Parv. s. v.*

• CLOPTON PEDIGREE.

In the addition to this Pedigree (marked A) we find the names of *Walter Clopton, of London, Grocer* (baptised at Groton, 30th June, 1585), *Margaret his wife, daughter of — Mateston*, and two children, *William and Walter*.

Referring to a bundle of old deeds in my possession, relating to an estate at Framlingham and Kettleburgh, in Suffolk, I see that *Walter Clopton, of Coggeshall, in Essex*, made his will, dated 24th December, Ao. 20 Jac. (1622), of which he appointed *Margaret his wife* sole executrix, and gave pecuniary legacies to his daughter *Margaret Clopton* and his sons *William Clopton* and *Walter Clopton*, payable within one month after attaining their respective ages of 21 years, which legacies the executrix appears to have invested on security of the estate before mentioned, then belonging to *Robert Maiston, or Maydston, the elder, of Boxted, in Essex, Gent.*, who I take to have been the — *Mateston* named in the pedigree as her father.*

By an indenture, dated 16th August, 6 Car. I, and made between said *Robert Maistone, the elder, and Margaret Clopton*, "widow and relict and executrix of the will of *Walter Clopton, late of Boxted, Gent., deceased*," of the first part, *Robert Crane, of Great Coggeshall, Grocer, of the second part, and Nathaniel Bacon, of Great Horkesley, in Essex, Gent., Robert Maistone, the younger, of the same place, Gent., and the said Robert Crane, of the third part*, being the settlement made in contemplation of intended marriage between the said *Margaret Clopton* and *Robert Crane*, the estate in Framlingham and Kettleburgh was settled on *Robert Crane*, subject to the payment to *Walter Clopton* and *Margaret Clopton, children of said Walter Clopton, deceased*, of the legacies to which they were intitled under their late father's will, not naming *William*, who had either already attained twenty-one and received his legacy, or, as is more probable, died under age. In May, 1645, *Walter Clopton* and *Margaret Clopton*, having attained their full ages and received their legacies, executed discharges to their step father *Robert Crane*.—G. A. CARTEW, *East Dereham*.

* This supposition is supported by the evidence laid before the jurors at the inquisition on the death of *William Clopton, of Groton, Gent.*, 1617. See p. 93.

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