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INTRODUCTION

The Source of the Wills. The following transcripts of Wills relating mainly, though not exclusively, to the county of Oxford have been made from the series of Registers of Wills, dating from the year 1383, proved in the 'Prerogative Court' of Canterbury. These registers, which eventually grew to over 2,000 in number, have been preserved in the Principal Probate Registry at Somerset House since 1858, when they were transferred thither from Doctors Commons after the abolition of the probate jurisdiction of the Ecclesiastical Courts in the preceding year. To Doctors Commons, in Paternoster Row, the registers had been moved, possibly in the time of Elizabeth I, but more probably after the Great Fire of London in 1666, from their first home, the archives of Lambeth Palace.

The wills thus preserved are not original documents but registered copies made by clerks of the Prerogative Court of Canterbury at the time of probate and as an essential part of its procedure. The original wills, often enough mere scraps of paper, were doubtless returned to the executors, and very few could have survived. No original will is to be found in any of the registers before 1484; and it is safe to conclude that none of the present transcripts has been made from an original will in this sense. It is likely enough, indeed, that many, perhaps very many, of the originals were nuncupative wills, that is, declared orally by the testator, taken down by a witness, and so reach us at second hand. It is no mere matter of form when William Leynthale, lord of Lachford, concludes his will (1495) with the words, 'In witness that this is my wil I have subscribed my name with myne owne hand that wratt all this my will and testament' (p. 53). By this date, 1495, the use of English in wills was The Fifty Earliest English Wills, printed by the Early English rapidly growing. Text Society, cover the period 1387 to 1439. In the present small collection the earliest will in English, that of John Goldwell, a London mercer, from Bloxham, is dated 1466; by the end of the century there are 15 more wills in English here; by 1510 another 33. Soon after this date the use of Latin in the registers becomes exceptional.

These details have their bearing on the treatment of wills of this period as records. It is a question not so much of accuracy—in proper names, for instance—as of interpretation. The Lambeth scribes were not drafting, but copying—from a mixed assortment of originals—and filing. In the process, names of persons and places naturally enough took varying forms. In the first will here, that of William de Horbury, sometime of Eynsham abbey, one of the testator's executors, Nicholas Bubworth, may be recognised as Nicholas Bubwith, at the time (1393) a fellow clerk with the testator in the royal chancery, and in due course bishop of London, of Salisbury, treasurer of England, and finally bishop of Bath and Wells (1407-24), where he built one of the towers of the west front, the library over the cloister, and a chantry for himself in the nave. Or again, 'Royall Lyen' from where Dame Kateryn Harecourt dates her will (1488), which might be interpreted King's Lynn, is a mis-spelling in the register for Royall Lyeu, i.e. Rewley abbey, where she wished to be buried (p. 40). But what can be made of surnames such as Gyressh, Sygur, Raunhoh,

Kyrcalgh, Litcok, and many more such eccentricities?

The Archbishop's Prerogative in Probate. The testamentary jurisdiction of the Ecclesiastical Courts in England was in operation in varying degrees of scope and effectiveness from at least early in the thirteenth century until the establishment of the Court of Probate in 1857. In the period of their greatest independence and activity, from the time of Edward III to that of Henry VIII, these courts exercised an exclusive jurisdiction in the sphere of probate and all that it comprised wider than that possessed by any other ecclesiastical courts in Europe. We are here concerned with the prerogative exercise of that jurisdiction claimed by the Archbishop of Canterbury over all other ecclesiastical authority within the province. The claim, put briefly, was as follows: where persons dying testate or intestate possessed notable goods (bona notabilia) in

more than one diocese of the province, the proving of their testaments, the approval or appointment of executors and administrators, and the audit of the final accounts of the latter belonged solely to the Archbishop by prerogative of the Church of Canterbury. The claim when first heard of in the thirteenth century was challenged by certain diocesan bishops who claimed similar powers within their dioceses, but, after being energetically asserted by primates like Pecham and Winchelsey, the prerogative claim was effectively vindicated and appears to have been in general operation from the middle of the fourteenth century. It depended, however, on individual archbishops how far they took an active personal part in the business of probate. Their practice from the first appears to have been to delegate routine business to one of their chief officials, as well as to give to others special ad hoc commissions to prove particu-As business grew in volume and profit, more permanent lar testaments. delegations came to be given, resulting in the concurrent exercise of prerogative probate by the archbishops in person and their 'commissaries-general' for this purpose.

Beginning, it seems, under Archbishop Islip (1349-66) this dual control fluctuated under his immediate successors, and reached the zenith of its activity under Archbishops Chichele and Stafford (1414-52). Thereafter the archbishops appear to have taken a diminishing share in probate practice, until under Archbishop Morton (1486-1500) we find the commissary-general with a 'court of the prerogative' eventually taking over the whole of the business.

To return to the Registers of wills, it should be noted that since the time of Archbishop Courtenay (1381-96) two series of prerogative registers had been kept, both apparently at Lambeth-one, of wills proved coram domino and entered in the archbishops' provincial registers; the other, of wills proved before the commissary-general. It is from the latter series, the fortunes of which have been referred to, that the present collection of wills is drawn. Morton's register is the last of the archbishops' series to contain wills, and it seems certain that from his time the phrase Probatum coram domino apud Lamehith becomes purely formal, signifying the authority without implying the presence of the archbishop. From such evidence as is furnished by these Oxfordshire wills, this change of practice occurred about the year 1494. In this connexion a further apparent change requires notice. The possession by the testator of bona notabilia in more than one diocese of the province seems by the end of our period to have become a wholly fictitious qualification for the intervention of prerogative authority. A glance at the wills, among many others, of Robert Ardern (1493), Robert Calcott (1498), Thomas Fleisher (1501), Agnes Garnond (1504), Peter Barton (1505), or Richard Glaseor (1508), none of whom leaves more than 4d. to the mother church of the diocese, reveals nothing to claim the attention of the archbishop-unless, indeed, Cardinal Morton's apparitors and their successors had learned something of the inquisitorial methods traditionally associated with his name. However that may be, the whole procedure of probate (of which Professor E. F. Jacob in his edition of Archbishop Chichele's Register, has given a most illuminating account), whether conducted by the archbishop in person 'in his manor of Lamehith' or on visitation, or by his commissary-general, was undeniably efficient; although detailed, it was well-regulated, and could be unbelievably rapid in action. We do not here know the date of death of any testator, but if the Index of Testators be referred to it will be seen that in twenty or more instances probate was granted within a month, and occasionally within a week, of the dating of the will—a fact from which more than one inference may be drawn.

'The Last Will and Testament.' The seemingly redundant phraseology of the solicitor's office of today finds its explanation in the will of almost any medieval possessor of landed property. In the period covered by the wills printed here the distinction between testamentum and ultima voluntas was fundamental, and calls for some notice here, however brief. The Testament

was the only instrument of bequest recognised at common law, and, strictly, the testament applied only to moveable goods and chattels. Further, the testament derived its validity from the naming and appointment in it of the executor. Such appointment, in the words of Henry Swinburne, the sixteenth-century ecclesiastical lawyer, 'is the Foundation, Substance and true formal Cause, without which a Will is no proper Testament.' Moreover, if the executors named in it jointly and severally refused to act, the testament was rendered invalid, the deceased person was declared intestate, and an adminis-

trator had accordingly to be appointed.

As for the Last Will: at common law, in this period, landed property was not devisable by will. It was subject to the rules of feudal tenure and of inheritance, and the prohibition was made partly in the interest of the testator's overlord and partly in that of his expectant heir. By means, however, of the Use, an institution which by the fifteenth century was coming into almost universal application, a testator could evade the prohibition of wills of land, and in an appendix (ultima voluntas) to his testament could dispose of his lands in almost any manner he pleased. The usual course was for the testator at some date prior to the making of his testament to convey his landed property by feoffment to a group of his friends to hold to his use (feoffamentum ad opus); thereby they became the legal owners (feoffees to uses), while he retained possession and continued to enjoy the profits of his estates. Subsequently, at the time of making his testament, he declared, in a so-called ultima voluntas, his wishes as to how his feoffees were to dispose of his beneficial interest in the lands. It was a collusive proceeding, but it created a form of trustee-ship which was recognised by the Chancellor and came under his protection. These 'last wills' were treated by the ecclesiastical judges as codicils, and proved along with the testament, and the wishes or instructions of the testator embodied in them were enforceable by the court of chancery. The testator's disposal of his land might take a variety of forms. The most usual form was for a life-interest to be given to his widow, and thereafter an interest in perpetuity to the heir, as for example, in the wills of the Asshfeldes, of Heythrop manor, in 1455 and 1506 (pp. 19, 88), of Richard Hylle, London haberdasher, with lands in Essex, Kent, and Oxfordshire, in 1459 (p. 24), of John Barantyne, of Haseley, 1474 (pp. 32-3), of Hugh White, of Henley, 1503 (p. 82), and, most complicated settlement of all, that of Sir Edmunde Rede, of Boarstall, in 1488 (pp. 44-6). Another application of the use was the endowment of chantries out of the rents or proceeds of sale of land or tenements, for example by Thomas Mokkyng, clerk, of London, in the second 'codicil' 1428, to his testament (p. 15), by Thomas Beamond, salter, of London, also in a 'codicil' ante-dating his testament (1454, p. 21), and by Thomas Crofte, esquire, of Woodstock, in 1485 (p. 38). More than one of such testators had doubts about infraction of the mortmain legislation. 'If it may be doo', writes William Leynthale, when making an annuity to the abbot and convent of Thame out of land which he has enfeoffed to his use (p. 53), and Thomas Mokkyng, already mentioned, will have his chantry endowment diverted to the seven works of mercy, the marriages of poor maidens, and repairs to roads, 'if it proves illegal' to leave land in London in mortmain.

Space does not permit fuller reference to the content of these wills, to which, it is hoped, the indexes of Place-names and Subjects will prove adequate guides. It is now familiar ground to many antiquaries, and has been fully explored by Dr. Jacob in his edition of Chichele's *Register*. For an understanding of Canterbury administration, provincial and diocesan, the massive work of Dr. Irene Churchill and the more recent study of the late Brian L.

Woodcock are, of course, indispensable.

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SOME OXFORDSHIRE WILLS

A.D. 1393-1510

Note. Of the following Wills, seventy are registered in Latin, forty-nine in English, and three partly in Latin and partly in English. The Latin wills are indicated by an asterisk against the name of the testator. These have been translated, and condensed by the omission of recurrent words and phrases—Item, I bequeath—and the like, and of the traditional formulas describing the testator's condition, 'sick in body, but whole of mind,' and the commendation of the soul 'to God, the Blessed Virgin and all the Saints,' which preface almost every will.

The English wills are left in the original spelling, as are English words occurring in the Latin wills. In all the wills, personal names and placenames are given in the spelling as found, with the modern form added in square brackets where necessary. Places not in Oxfordshire generally have the county added in square brackets. Roman numerals have been changed to Arabic.

The wills are arranged as far as possible according to the date on which they were made. The reference at the head of each will is to the name and folio of the register in which it is entered in the Prerogative Court of Canterbury series preserved in the Principal Probate Registry (Literary Dept.), Somerset House. Each folio comprises up to a dozen leaves.

Indexes of Testators' Names, of Place-Names, and of Subject-matter will be found at the end of the following text.

1393. WILLIAM DE HORBURYE.* (P.C.C. Rous 9.)

11 April, 1393, in the priory of St. Bartholomew, Smythfeld, in the suburbs of London. William de Horbury, clerk. To be buried in the abbey of Eynesham, co. Oxford, next Abbot Geoffrey, and I desire an honest priest to celebrate divine service there for three years after my death for the health of my soul and of my benefactors' souls. To the abbot and convent aforesaid a cup called 'le Grypesheye' with cover, and every day when they sing Letabundus in the hall after grace, all in the hall shall drink from the said cup and say De profundis with the Lord's Prayer for the soul of the said William de Horbury, clerk of the chancery of the lord the king. To the said abbot and convent of Eynesham £30 to pray for my soul and for my benefactors and all faithful departed, and 10 marks for a marble stone to be placed upon my grave in the said abbey.

All debts of Roger Chesterfeld, late parson of Ipplepen church [Devon] to be paid, a corporal oath having first been taken from his creditors as to the amount Roger owed while alive. To the church of Ipplepen a vestment of red and white checked velvet (velvet scaccatum). To Cecilia, my mother, for food and clothing £40. To John Craweshaw of Nottingham and his heirs the reversion of the manor of Wryngreworth [Wingerworth] and four messuages in Derby and Chestrefeld [Derbyshire], he to pay £20 less for the same than any other. The same John to do for me, because of the great faith I have in him, as he would wish I should do for him and to swear before God that the money coming from the aforesaid reversion be levied and collected quickly to accomplish my will and testament as quickly as possible.

The debts owing from my father, Robert, to persons at Hederisfeld and Bernesley [Yorks.] and nearby parts shall be paid. The chapel of the Blessed Mary of Bures [Suffolk] to be satisfied of all moneys received by me of the same chapel. to wit, 20s. and 26s., which a certain brother Albus, collector for the bishop of Norwich when he went to Flanders did not wish to receive because of the smallness of the amount and which he had given to the parishioners of Bures for their use.

To Thomas Raydon, my servant, 6 marks. To Margaret, the daughter of my sister, 6 marks. I will that forty pounds of wax burn around my body in the vigil and on the day of my burial. To Robert de Whytyngton a plot of meadow in the fields of Chestrefeld, which late I bought of Henry de Maunfeld and in the fee of Dronfeld [Derbyshire], and 100s. To Richard Gabriel, my clerk, to pray for my soul, 100s. To Henry Richard of Houseley 50s. To Eva Gooldkerr 6s. 8d. a year for life. To the poor at Chestrefeld £10.

Executors: Nicholas Bubworth, clerk; John Craweshawe of Notingham;

John de Barley of Chestrefeld; Robert Skyrys, clerk.

Supervisors: John Kentwode, chivaler; John de Burton, clerk.

Proved (blank) 1393 by the executors.

1395. SIR ROBERT BARDOLF.*

(P.C.C. Rous 4.)

Mapelderham Gurnay, 2 May 1395. Sir Robert Bardolf, knight. To be buried in a certain aisle in the parish church of Mapeldurham Gurnay, where my father and mother are buried. To the repair of the chancel of that church that divine service and devout prayers may be celebrated for my soul and for the souls of Thomas, Edward, Simon, William, and Robert and all faithful deceased 40s. To the fabric of the body of the same church 40s.; to repair the bells 40s.

To the fabric of the church of Lincoln 40s.; of St. Paul's, London, 10s.; of the church of the abbey of Abyngdon 20s.; of St. Swithun's, Winchester 6s. 8d.; of the church of the monastery of Sarum 10s.; of the church of the monks of Westminster, London, 10s.; of the church of the nuns of Goryng 40s. to celebrate divine service for the souls aforesaid.

To be distributed among one hundred poor innocent boys on the day of my burial to pray for the aforesaid souls 33s. 4d., to each 4d. To each of my bond tenants (tenenti meo in bondagio mansionem facienti) in Mapledurham 3s. 4d. To be divided equally among the aforesaid bond tenants (nativos) for losses in their corn 40 quarters of wheat, winter wheat, barley and oats to pray for the health of my soul and the souls aforesaid. To be distributed, by the discretion of my executors, among all the tenants of the said manor for like cause 100s.

For the repair of the said aisle where I shall be buried and to make a tomb above my body there, and for devout prayers to be said £60. To honest priests, secular and religious, to be chosen by my executors in London and elsewhere, to say 5000 masses for my soul and the aforesaid souls immediately after my decease as soon as they can be celebrated £20. 16s. 8d. For three honest priests to celebrate for one year immediately after my death for the aforesaid souls in a certain place assigned by my executors £15. To celebrate four trentals of St. Gregory for the aforesaid souls 40s.

To be distributed to the most indigent of poor paralities to be chosen by my executors to pray for the aforesaid souls £25. To aid the deliverance of prisoners from Newgate and anywhere else where there is great need £20.

To Thomas, vicar of Mapelderham Gurnay, to pray for the aforesaid souls and to celebrate divine service 100s. To each of my free tenants in Mapelderham for losses in his corn one quarter of wheat and one quarter of barley.

To Margaret, my sister 10 marks. To my two sisters and my niece, nuns of Markayte [Markyate, Hertfordshire,] to each for herself 40s. To Margery, my niece, nun of Goryng 40s.; and to Agnes, my other niece there 20s. To John Lynde, in aid of his marriage £50.

The residue of all my goods to Amice, my wife, to dispose thereof as she shall please, my debts having been paid and my servants remunerated according to the disposition of my executors.

Executors: Amice, my wife; Roger Marschal; John Lynde; John Cook of Wykham; Sir Thomas, vicar of Mapeldurham Gurnay. Pendant seal attached.

Proved 27 May, 1395 by Roger Marschal and John Cook.

1408. JOHN ARDENE.* (P.C.C. Marche 17.)

Elforde [Yelford], Saturday in the Translation of St. Thomas the Martyr (7 July), 1408. John Ardene, knight. To be buried in the chancel of the parish church of St. Swithin, Elforde.

To Maud, my daughter, a 'nowche' of gold. To John Chaumburlen, my servant, a cloak of 'musterdeveleyn.'

The residue to my executors to do as they think best for the good of my soul

Executors: Margaret, my wife; John de Bury, rector of the church of Elforde.

Proved 7 September, 1408 by the executrix, Margaret, her co-executor dying before undertaking the executorship.

1412. DAME AMICE BARDOLF.* (P.C.C. Marche 35.)

Mapeldorham, 4 September, 1412 (13 Henry IV). Amice Bardolf, late the wife of Sir Robert Bardolf, knight, of the county of Oxford. To be buried in the church of St. Peter, Westminster, by London. To the convent and monks of the same monastery 5 marks for pittances to be distributed among them; and for finding an honest priest to celebrate divine service for my soul and the souls of my benefactors and of all faithful departed for a year after my decease at the altar near the tomb of St. Edward, if permitted there, or in another place in the said church where convenient, 10 marks.

To Sir Richard Merlowe, vicar of the parish church of Mapuldorham Gurnay, 5 marks. To the fabric of the nave of that church 20s. To the fabric of the nave of the parish church of Chesham [Bucks.] 20s.; of the parish church of Bukenhill [Bucknell] 20s.; of the parish church of Stoklile [Stoke Lyne] 20s. To the repair and upkeep of the new chapel in the south part of the church of Mapuldorham lately constructed 10 marks, to be in the keeping of the lord of Mapuldorham who obtains that lordship after my decease, to be

faithfully employed in the repair and upkeep of the said chapel. My red gilt vestment, with two frontals of the same cloth, two altar cloths, a painted picture (tabula), a super-altar, a chalice, two cruets of silver and gilt with feet in the base, to remain and serve in divine offices at the altar of the new chapel, and the lord of Mapuldorham succeeding me shall not alienate the same or convert them to other uses, but they shall remain in safe custody there to serve that altar as long as they shall endure.

To Elizabeth, my sister, 10 marks. To William Lynde my best coverlet with one 'testur', one 'celur', three curtains of the same colour, one pair of best sheets, two blankets, one mattress, one 'kanevas', one basin with ewer, one 'quart pot', one silver 'potelpot', two silver 'charjours', six dishes, six silver salts, two pieces with silver covers, one silver piece without cover, and in money £10.

To James Lynde two 'charjours', six silver dishes, two pieces with two silver covers, one silver piece without cover, one basin with one silver ewer, one second best coverlet with one 'testur,' one 'celur', three curtains of the same colour, one pair of sheets, second best, two blankets, two mattresses, one 'kanvas', and in money fig.

To Joan Merston, my servant, two red coverlets embroidered with white feet in the centre, with two 'testurs', two 'celurs', two 'curtuns' of the same colour, being in London, one pair of sheets, two blankets, one mattress, one 'kanevas', one white coverlet with blue stars, one cloak, one 'mantel' furred with grey, one small chest bound with iron, two large brass pots now in London, one 'possenet', one pan, and all veils for my head of silk and linen, six dishes, six silver salts, which were wont to travel with me riding through the country, and in money 10 marks.

To John Upsale a bed, to wit, one coverlet with 'testur', one 'selur', three curtains, two 'schettes', two 'blankettes', two mattresses, one 'kanevas', all of the best I possess after the beds above bequeathed by me; also my second best horse with saddle, bridle, and all its apparel, and in money 40s. To Sir Thomas Wolaston, chaplain, 5 marks; to Sir William Yonge, chaplain, 5 marks; to John Boteller 40s.; to John Note 40s.; to John Cerne 26s. 8d.; to Roger Wynce a cover, two 'shettes', two 'blankettes', one 'kanvas', and in money 40s.; to Symon Hoolder 40s.

To every other of my valets in my service at my death to whom I have not bequeathed anything 20s. To every woman servant receiving the livery of valets 20s. To each servant called 'groom' 13s. 4d. To every woman in the same livery 13s. 4d. To all my lower servants 6s. 8d. each.

To William Lynde and James Lynde abovenamed all my vessels of lead, brass, and iron not bequeathed and all chests in my manor of Mapuldorham aforesaid and in my hostel in London, to be equally divided between them.

To William Lynde the terms still to come to me which I have in the lease of the rectory of the church of Mapuldorham under the following condition: that the said William find Richard Petewat in sufficient food and clothes with other necessaries during the said Richard's life. To James Lynde my terms in the lease of the manor of Brokkele [Kent] and the rectory of West Grenewych [Kent].

To be distributed among my poorest tenants of Mapuldorham and Stokelile 100s. at the discretion of my executors. For the expenses of my funeral and other necessaries £40. The residue to be expended by my executors for the good of my soul and of all the souls aforesaid in the seven works of mercy and in the repair of roads where most need is and in other charitable works as they shall think best.

Executors: the said William Lynde; James Lynde; Sir Richard Merlowe, vicar of the church of Mapuldorham; Joan Merston; John Boteller; John Cerne.

Supervisors: William Lynde; Sir William Yonge, chaplain.

Proved 10 October, 1416 by William Lynde and John Boteler, executors.

1413. RALPH LOVELL.* (P.C.C. Marche 28.)

Bristol, 16 October, 1413. Ralph Lovel, clerk and canon of Salisbury. To be buried in the conventual church of the Friars Preachers of Bristol.

To my church of Stauntonharcourt £20 to buy vestments and other necessaries according to the disposition of my executors. To the church of my prebend of Heworth [Highworth, Wilts.] £20 for the like. To my lady mother a piece of silver gilt with cover. To my lord and brother a piece of silver with cover. To Robert, my brother, the like. To Edward, my brother, 100s. To Brother Thomas Colton, my confessor, 20s. To Master Richard Sneddesham my breviary. To Master William Pembugull a breviary covered with black velvet. To Master Robert Esple my small breviary. To the college of the Blessed Mary of Oreall my great breviary.

To the mother church of Salisbury 20s.; to the mother church of Lincoln 20s. To the vicar of Heworth a green cloak with hood of scarlet. To Sir Thomas Marchaunt, my chaplain, 20s. and two cloaks with hoods of blue. To Thomas Merston, my clerk, 100s.

The residue to my executors to be disposed of for the good of my soul.

Executors: Richard Sneddesham; Master John Stone; Sir Thomas Marchaunt; Thomas, my clerk.

Proved 22 November, 1413 by the executors.

1417. JOHN WALTON.* (P.C.C. Marche 38.)

Suthwerk, 6 July, 1417. Master John Walton, rector of the parish church of Halveton [Holton], co. Oxford, staying in the parish of St. George, Suthwerk. To be buried in the parish church of St. George, Suthwerk.

To that church 6s. 8d. To Thomas Prophete, rector of the said church, to pray for my soul 6d. To Helye, chaplain there, to pray for my soul 6d. To William, clerk of the said church, to pray for my soul 6d. The residue to Agnes Holbroke, my kinswoman.

Executor: Agnes Holbroke.

Supervisors: Thomas Maymond; William Clerk.

My seal being unknown, I affix that of the dean of the deanery of Suthwerk.

Witnesses: Thomas Prophete, rector of the church there; Helia, chaplain celebrating there; William Clerk, holy-water clerk there.

Witnesses examined by the dean of the deanery of Suthwerk, Sir John Forest, archdeacon of Surrey, commissary-general, in the parish church of St. Margaret, Suthwerk, at Suthwerk 9 July, 1417.

Proved 15 July, 1417 by the executrix.

1417. RICHARD REVE.*

(P.C.C. Marche 43.)

Broghton, the feast of St. Andrew (30 November), 1417. Richard Reve of Broghton. To be buried in the churchyard of St. Mary, Langford. To the cathedral church of Lincoln 6d. To the fabric of Langford church 20s.; of Broghton church 40d.; to the lights of that church, half a quarter of dredge, and to the rector of that church 2s. 6d. To the vicar of Sulton [Shilton] 2s. 6d.; to the rector of Kencote 2s. 6d.; to the vicar of Langford 2s. 6d.; to the rector of the parish church of Borthorp [? Burford] 2s. 6d.; to the Carmelite Friars of Oxford 2s. 6d.

To Thomas, my son, forty sheep and 40s.; to Richard, his son, one ox, twelve sheep, and one brass pot; to the brother of the said Richard eight sheep; to Alice, their sister, twelve sheep, and to John, their brother, four sheep.

To Richard, son of John Reve, and Richard, son of Richard Dun, a sheep each. To Richard, son of William Pole, a sheep and a cloak. To Richard, son of John Protfot, Richard, son of Thomas Baker, Richard, son of John Draper, two sheep each. To Elizabeth, my daughter, forty sheep, two cows, and four marks in money.

To the bridge of St. John, Lechelad, one bushel of dredge; to the bridge of Radcote one bushel of dredge. To Thomas Schepherd twelve sheep.

The residue to Alice, my wife.

Executrix: Alice, my wife.

Assistants: John Protfot and Thomas Hilles, my sons, and I give to each 20s.

Witnesses: the vicar of Langford; Richard Rouce; John Drapere; William Deen, clerk.

[No probate act.]

1418. RICHARD BEEK.*

(P.C.C. Marche 42.)

Thursday next before the feast of St. John Baptist (23 June or 25 August), 1418. Richard Beek. To be buried in the churchyard of the Apostles Peter and Paul, Dorchester.

For a chaplain to celebrate divine service for my soul for one year a competent salary. To the Abbot and Convent of Dorchester one mark. To the Abbess and Convent of Gorryng 20s. To the chapel of Chesylhampton one mark. To Margaret, my sister, an unlined motley gown (togam simplicem et strangulatam). To the poor 20s. For pilgrimages promised to St. Thomas of Canterbury, St. Mary of Walsingham, St. Richard of York, St. John of Beverley, and St. John of Brydelyngton 20s. For one marble stone four marks. I will that my mother have sufficient for my wife's board and likewise for the keeping of all of mine own (pro omnium mearum custodia).

Executors: John Cottesmor; John Bernham; Thomas Beek; William Pagham; and I give John Bernham and John Cottesmore five marks each, Thomas Beek seven marks and William Pagham 40s.

The residue to Margaret, my wife.

Proved 12 November, 1418 by John Bernham and Thomas Beke.

1427. THOMAS MOKKING.*

(P.C.C. Luffenam 11.)

London, I October, 1427. Thomas Mokking, clerk, citizen of London, son of Thomas Mokking, fishmonger. of London. To be buried in the chapel of the Apostles Peter and Paul in the church of St. Nicholas of Litilmore *alias* Saunford in the diocese of Lincoln of the order of St. Benedict, and I give the same for my burial 20s.

To the Prioress of the house of nuns of Litilmore 20s. sterling and to every other nun of the said house 13s. 4d. sterling to pray for the souls of my parents, Thomas and Alice, and for my soul. To Dame Joan Dalton, nun of Godstow,

13s. 4d. to pray for my soul.

To keep my anniversary every year in the Priory of Litilmore 10 marks sterling, the said 10 marks to be put in a chest with three keys, whereof the sub-prioress shall have one, the sacristan and the custodian of the refectory the others. The same three persons to take an oath before my executors in the chapter house at Litilmore before their sisters to observe my anniversary faithfully. Each nun present at my funeral and at mass chanting with music to have 4d., and the same to the priest celebrating the same day.

To the four orders of mendicant friars of Oxford to pray for the said souls £4, to each order 20s. To the friars aforesaid 26s. 8d. to buy torches to serve at the elevation of the Host at their high altars. To the lights in the church of St. Mary, Oxford, namely, of St. Katharine, the Holy Cross and the Holy Trinity 3s. 4d. sterling. To every brother of St. Bartholomew by Coueley 12d., and to the chaplain there 2s. to pray for the said souls. To the prisoners in Oxford Castle for bread 3od. and for drink 2od.; and to the prisoners of Bocardo for bread 2od. and for drink 12d.

To Master John Freyne, rector of Horspathe, 20s. to pray for the said souls. To Mariote, the wife of Thomas the weaver in Abyngdon 5 marks and a chest and pan which were her mother's. To Dame Margaret Maynard, nun of Litilmore, £24 sterling and twelve silver spoons and my two pieces of silver with covers for life, and after her death one of the said pieces standing upon three lions, the letter T carved on the cover, to remain in the possession of the sub-prioress of Litilmore and her successors. To the old work of St. Paul's church, London, 20s.; to the work of St. Mary's, Lincoln, 13s. 4d. To John, clerk of St. Mary's, Oxford, 3s. 4d.

My great maser, at the bottom of which is emprinted the passion of St. Thomas the Martyr, to the refectory of Litilmore to remain there forever and to be in no way alienated under penalty of the greater excommunication. To God and the church of St. Margaret Patyns, London, to pray for the said souls and the souls of my brothers buried there a vestment of the value of 40s. To the said Dame Margaret Maynard the maser in her keeping, with remainder after her death to the refectory of Litilmore, and one bed, price 20s., to be bought and provided for her by my executors.

For a thousand masses in Oxford £4 3s. 4d. sterling. To paint the images I have had made on the high altar at Litilmore 4os. To be distributed among the prisoners of Newgate and Ludgate, London, at the discretion of my executors 4os. To the paving of the chapel of the apostles Peter and Paul and the chapel of the Holy Trinity and the retro-choir and chapter house of Litilmore and of the cloister there 5 marks. To Master Thomas Eberdon, master of the hospital of St. John, Coventry, to pray for my soul 26s. 8d. For a

chaplain for one year to celebrate in the priory church of Litilmore for the soul of Master Thomas Weston, Doctor of Laws, and for my soul £4.

On the day of my month's mind, the nuns of Litilmore together with the priests and the poor to be given refreshment, and for this I give 4 marks. For the repair of the lavatorium in the cloister of Litilmore, together with the fistulis alias clavibus which will be found a fonte within my chest which is in the kitchen, 20s.

To buy a breviary for the church of St. Andrew in Saunford to pray for my soul and the souls of my parents there 40s. that the quarrel between the parishioners of Samford and the prioress of Litilmore may be forever settled. To every chaplain celebrating in the church of St. Mary, Oxford, 12d. On the day of my burial or at my month's mind 30s. worth of bread to be distributed for the good of my soul. For oil to be bought to supply lamps before St. Lawrence and the high altar and in the choir and dormitory of Litilmore 6s. 8d. My executors to buy from my estate a marble lamp for me.

These are the names of the churches and chapels to which vestments are to be given: to the church of St. James, Couele, one, price 13s. 4d.; to the chapel of Whatle [Wheatley], the like; to the house of Litilmore for a set of vestments £10.

To Dame Margaret Maynard my amber beads. To John Wynge 20s.; to William the tyler in Grepelane 3s. 4d. To be distributed among aged poor, blind, cripples and those unable to work, within Oxford and without, 26s. 8d. My two great basins with two ewers to the house of Litilmore, Dame Margaret to have the keeping of the same for life, and after her death to remain forever in the refectory of Litilmore to wash the feet of the nuns of that house in festo cene Domini.

To each of my executors 5 marks sterling. All my lands and tenements in the parish of St. Botolph, Aldrichgate, suburb of London, to fulfil my will and pay my debts. The residue, debts paid, burial done and bequests paid, to be distributed by my executors for celebrating masses for the poor and other works of mercy.

Executors: Sir Thomas Denton, gentleman, of Saunford; Walter Cok, citizen and fishmonger of London.

First Codicil.

[No date]. To be buried in the monastery of Litilmore. To the church of St. Mary, Oxford, my organ. To the fabric of the said church 6s. 8d. To the vicar of the same 2os. and my book of Decretals; to the clerk of that church 6s. 8d. To John Harnham the sixth book of Decretals and 'Goffrey' and part of 'James de Ra'. To John Wenge 2os. and all my old clothes. To Dame Margaret Mainard, nun, my best bed with all thereto belonging; to Mariot, late the wife of Thomas Webbe, my second bed with all thereto belonging.

My executors to sell my tenements in London not bequeathed in my will and to dispose of the money in the said parish churches and in expenses, according to the will of Thomas Mokking, my father. Walter Cook to have all agreements made with the wife of Henry Chambre concerning the hospice with three shops called 'the Castell on the Hoop' in Briggestreete, London. To the community of the Hall of St. Edmund in Schools Street (in vico Scolarum) 2s. My books not specially bequeathed to go to my executors to sell and dispose of the proceeds for the good of the souls of me and my kindred.

This codicil to be taken as part of my will.

Second Codicil.

Bridge Street, London, 4 October, 1428. To be buried where God pleases. By this present will (voluntas), to God and the church of St. Magnus by London Bridge and to Master Henry Mersshton, now rector of the same, Thomas Dofhous and Thomas Leget, now wardens of the said church, my tenement called 'the Castell on the Hop' with three shops and all pertaining to it in Bruggestrete in the parish of St. Magnus which I acquired from John Kyrketon, Henry Yevelee, William Bys, and Henry Petypas, parish priests of the said church of St. Magnus, who, by the authority of the will of Thomas, my father, sold the reversion of the aforesaid tenement to me, my heirs and assigns in perpetuity according to a deed made to me and read and recorded in the Hustings on Monday next before the feast of St. Edmund the King in the fifth year of the reign of Richard II: to maintain a perpetual chantry with a suitable chaplain to celebrate at the altar of St. Lawrence in the church of St. Magnus 10 marks in equal portions at the four principal and usual terms; at my anniversary with Placebo and Dirige and Missa de Regina for my soul and the souls of my parents 6s. 8d. sterling. For distribution annually to the poor 40d.; to each rector and warden annually for his labour 40d. sterling; any residue to be put in a pyx with two keys, one to be held by the rector for the time being, the other by the wardens for future repairs to the tenements. The chaplain to be presented by the rector and wardens and their successors and to be obliged to keep all the canonical hours and feasts in the church cum nota decantandi; he shall celebrate weekly a requiem mass and say daily the office of the dead; he is to be removed by the rector and wardens if unsuitable. If the aforesaid conditions are not fulfilled, the tenements to go to the rector and wardens of the church of St. Margaret Patens and the chantry set up there. If it is illegal to leave land in London in mortmain, the tenements to be sold by the rector and four worthy men of the church of St. Magnus and the money expended in the seven works of mercy, in the repair of roads around London, in marriages of poor maidens, and in other works of charity. To all engaged in such sale 6s. 8d. sterling each.

Executors: as above.

Proved (testament and codicils) 18 January, 1428 (-9) by the executors.

1432. WILLIAM PYPER.* (P.C.C. Luffenam 17.)

London, 6 August, 1432 (10 Henry VI). William Pyper of Wendelbury, co. Oxford. To be buried in the church of the Hospital of St. Mary of Elsyngspytell, London. To the fabric of that church for my burial there 6s. 8d. To the high altar of Wyndesbury (sic) church for my tithes forgotten 6s. 8d. To the fabric of the nave of that church 6s. 8d. To Dame Joan Pyper, nun of Godstowe, my daughter, 13s. 4d. To the children of Margaret, my daughter, to be equally divided among them 6s. 8d. To Joan, wife of Thomas Wakefeld 6s. 8d. The residue of all my goods to Joan, my wife.

Executors: Joan, my wife; Walter Waksted, clerk. Proved 29 January, 1432 (-3) by the executors.

1444. EDMUND BLACKETT.* (P.C.C. Luffenam 29.)

Wyvylcote [Wilcote], 9 September, 1444. Edmund Blackett. To be buried in the chapel of St. Mary of Bruera [Bruern]. To Ralph Baskervile,

my brother and Anne, his wife, all the utensils in my manor of Iccumbe Parva [Church Iccomb, Glos.?], utensils of the chamber, the hall, bakehouse, and kitchen; one cart with six oxen and all the harness of the oxen; one cart with five horses and all the harness of the horses; twelve sheep and six cows.

To the abbey of Bruera a silver bowl with a cover, called 'the grete boll of silver', a 'basyn' with the 'qwynfoile' with the ewer, a 'potell potte' of silver and a 'quarte potte of silver'. To Walter Blackett 'an ewer with the gobbelett'. To every monk being in Bruera 6s. 8d.

To William Wroughton, my brother, 10 marks and two cloaks, that is a cloak of 'damaske' and of royal livery (liberata Regie). To Thomas Botellier 40s.; to Henry, my servant, 5 marks; to Peter Cooke 5 marks; to Matilda Sheperd the cow which was John Jamys'.

To the mother church of Worcester 13s. 4d. To the church of Iccumbe 5 marks and two oxen. To the fabric of the church of Cumbe two best oxen. The residue to John Assheley, abbot of Bruera, Master Walter Blackett, and John Chesham.

Executors: John Assheley, Abbot of Bruera; John Chesham; Master Walter Blackett.

Proved 17 January, 1444 (-5) by Master William (sic) Blackett, executor.

[1444.] WILLIAM SYMOND.* (P.C.C. Luffenam 29.)

[Date, if any, illegible]. William Symond, about to undertake a journey to the Roman court, make this my will. To be buried where God disposes. To the church of Lincoln, to the high altar there 20s.; to the fabric of that church 100s. To the church of Staunton Harecourt three quarters of malt and the like to the church of Stanlake, and to the lights in each church 6s. 8d. equally. To the poor in the said parishes 20s.

Inventory of my goods at the time of the making of this my will: First, at Staunton, one bed of red 'worstede' with all thereunto belonging, three pairs of sheets, four blankets, four 'coverlites' in the principal room; in the chamber at the end of the hall, one bed and 'tapet' with wings (volucribus) with three curtains and a 'celer' of red and green, two 'coverlides', two 'worstedes', two blankets, three pairs of sheets; in the store-room, a piece of silver, ten silver spoons, four tablecloths, three 'towelles', with six candlesticks of 'laton', three basins with ewers; in the kitchen, four brass pots, two 'posnetts', six pans, one 'cawdron', two 'long' spits. At Stanlak in the principal room, one bed of green, white and 'purpyll', which with the whole furnishing I give to John Geny of Staunton. To Master Robert Darcy the bed of 'rede worstede' with all the furnishing; to John Wyche the bed with wings.

To Juliana Base one bed of 'blew' with 'lilys', two pairs of sheets and 100s. John Taillour, senior, owes me 105s. 8d. whereof I give him 20s.; John Odam by the church of Staunton owes me 10 marks; Hugh Claydon of Daventre [Northants.] owes me 17 marks; Robert Symond of Louthe [Lincs.], my brother, owes me £40 and more, whereof I give him 20 marks if he faithfully pays 40 marks; Thomas Symond of Stykenay [Lincs.] my brother, owes me £50, whereof I give him 100s. if he faithfully pays £45; James Simond owes me 60s. by bond and for Aylewarde Place 2 marks and I give him 2 marks if he pays £3; Richard Geny of Ynchebek owes me 100s. whereof I give him 20s.; John Pawlyn owes me £10 whereof I give Agnes, his wife,

my kinswoman, 100s.; John Radyford of Wlney [Bucks.] owes me 8 marks whereof I give (blank) Sulby 1 mark and John Godwyn 1 mark and John Theel and his wife 20s. To Margaret, my sister (blank) owed to me.

Executors: (blank) London, doctor decretoribus; William Blyton;

Robert Darsy, notary public.

Supervisors: John (blank) of Staunton, senior; William Rassh. Proved 10 December, (? 1444) by Master William Kirkeby, executor.

1447. WALTER HASLACK.* (P.C.C. Luffenam 31.)

11 November, 1447. Walter Haslack of Sprouston [Norfolk]. To be buried wherever it please God. To the high altar of Sprouston for my tithes forgotten 6s. 8d.; to the repair of that church 13s. 4d.; to the poor 20s.

After my death my wife Margery to have my manors in Sprouston, Gesilham, Chalgrave, co. Oxford, with all thereunto belonging for life, and after her death, the manors of Sprouston and Gesilham to my son Thomas in tail male, with contingent remainders, in default of male issue, to my sons Walter and William in tail male, to my daughter Philippa and her issue; or in default of issue to be sold for the good of my soul, my wife's and kindred's souls and given for maids' marriages, amending of roads, and other charitable works.

All my lands and tenements in the vills and fields of Bromholme, Bakton, Witton, Walcote, Casewik, and Paston to remain in the hands of my son Walter, to keep him at school until he is sufficiently instructed in grammar and at his lawful age he is to have the said lands in co. Norfolk; otherwise to go to William and Thomas. Thomas and his heirs to pay £40 legal English money to Philippa on her marriage. In default of heirs, the lands to be sold by my executors as above.

A marble stone to be placed over my tomb, and my executors to put another marble stone over the tomb of my deceased father. The residue to Margery, my wife, and Thomas, my son and heir.

Executors: Margery, my wife; my son, Thomas Haslak.

Proved 14 December, 1447 by the executors.

1449. AUGUSTINE HAWKYNS.* (P.C.C. Rous 18.)

15 March, 1449. Augustine Hawkyns, citizen and grocer of London. To be buried in the chapel of St. Anne in the parish church of St. Bride the Virgin, Fleet Street, in the suburbs of London, where I was parishioner. To the high alter of the same church 13s. 4d.

To Isabella, my daughter £40 in coined money, two ewers, two silver bowls with covers, a brass pot and six amber vases garnished. To John Parker, my son-in-law, 100s. in money and a piece of silver. To Augustine Parker, my godson, 20s. To Cecilia, my daughter, 100s. in money and a piece of silver. To Margery, my servant, 20s. 6s. 8d. (sic). To Alice, my other servant, 26s. 8d. To Robert Kyng, my servant, 100s. and the satisfaction of all wages due to him. To Thomas (blank), my apprentice, 20s. To William Colby 13s. 4d.; to William Turnor 26s. 8d.

To each of the poor present on the day of my burial and on my trental day 1d. To the glazing of the windows of the 'clerestory' in the said church 20 marks. To each priest at my funeral and on the day following for a requiem

mass 12d. On the day of my burial and on the following day at the requiem mass and at my month's mind 12 torches of wax to be around my body and tomb and a woollen cloth draped about the candlesticks around the tomb, and after my month's mind my executors to distribute the cloth, according to their discretion, to four poor persons to pray for my soul. Five of the said twelve torches to be given to the said church; one to the church of St. Martin within Ludgate and Bowyerow, London; three to the parish church of Chaldwin, co. Surrey; three to the parish church of Hanewel, co. Oxford, where I was born and baptised in the holy font, to burn during divine service there.

To Agnes, my wife, for life, all rents and profits from my brewhouse called 'le Roos' situated near Fletebrugge in the parish of St. Bride and of all other adjacent tenements which I hold for a term of years from the prior and convent of Rowchester, co. Kent, if she remain unmarried. From the said tenements Agnes to keep my anniversary in the said church of St. Bride, with ringing of bells, *Placebo*, and masses for the souls of all faithful departed, and to pay all dues to the prior and convent according to the agreements between them and me. If she marry again, the tenements to be divided equally among Johanna, Isabella, and Cecilia, my daughters; if they will not accept them according to the aforesaid terms, the tenements to go to the rector of the church of St. Bride, on condition that my anniversary is kept according to the aforesaid terms.

To Agnes, my wife, £100 sterling in satisfaction of a certain loan, and £9 which I had of her on two occasions, also my two best gowns with fur edging and all the jewels, goods, and household utensils in the tenement in which I live, except those below specified.

To Thomas Faux, clerk, Thomas Trill, and Thomas Otehill, citizens and cutlers of London, my executors, my tenement called 'George on le Hope' in the parish of St. George, Southwark, and all my tenements in Salesbury Aley in the parish of St. Bride on condition that they provide from the profits thereof a suitable and honest chaplain in the church of St. Bride to pray for my soul and those of my wives and parents, friends and benefactors and all faithful departed for twelve years or more. After that, my executors to dispose of them at their discretion.

To John Aleyne my hood lined with 'depe murrey'. To the church of St. Bride my missal, chalice, two vestments with all fittings, two linen cloths and a white pax called a 'paxbrede' for the chaplain who celebrates for the twelve years.

Since I have in safe keeping £80 sterling for a parson, my executors to deliver the same to the parson.

To Thomas Gibbes, my chaplain, my primer and Bible. My executors to sell two cups of silver gilt and all the goods, merchandise, fittings (necessaria), and utensils in my grocer's shop and to pay my debts with the proceeds. My wife to see that Margery, my maid, is clothed and fed for life according to her station, because of her good service. To my executors £6 sterling, to each 40s., if they wish to assume the burden of my will. The residue to Agnes, my wife.

Proved 14 April, 1450 by the executors.

1451. THOMAS DYE.* (P.C.C. Rous 16.)

13 July, 1451. Thomas Dye of Burford. To be buried in the churchyard of St. John the Baptist, Burford. To the mother church of Lincoln 4d. To the fabric of Burford church 6s. 8d. To the light of the Holy Cross of Burford 12d.; to every light in the same church 4d. and to the keeping of the torches 3s. 4d. To the vicar 3s. 4d. and to the parish priest 8d. To every priest coming to my burial 4d.; to the parish clerk 4d. To the poor in the houses of the poor for 20 years after my decease 13d. a year.

To Agnes, my wife, 40 marks and all my household goods. To Henry, my brother, 5 marks. To Margaret, my daughter, 6 quarters of corn. To William, Joan, and John, children of the said Margaret, 13s. 4d. each. To John Dobbis the younger, son of Alice, my daughter, 40s. The residue to my goods to John, my son.

Executors: Agnes, my wife; John, my son.

Proved 7 September, 1451. Power reserved to John (Dye).

1455. JOHN ASSHFELDE.*

(P.C.C. Stokton 4.)

17 October, 1455. John Asshfelde of Hethorp in the diocese of Lincoln and county of Oxford. To be buried in the chapel of St. Mary the Virgin of Coldenorton [Over Norton]. To the mother church of Lincoln 3s. 4d.; to the repair of the church of Hethorp 2os. and two great lights called 'torches'; to the repair of the Priory of Coldnorton 2os.; to the church there two great torches. To Sir John Staunton, canon of the Priory of Coldnorton 6s. 8d. To be distributed among the poor 5 marks sterling. To William Asshfeld, my kinsman, 4os. To his brother Thomas Asshfeld 26s. 8d. To my servants: John Cooke 6s. 8d.; Agnes Sampson 3s. 4d.; John Burnyng 5s.; Thomas de Stabulo 3s. 4d.

The residue to my wife Margaret.

Executors: Margaret, my wife; William Walburton, Esq.; Thomas Tailour.

Witnesses: William Chamberlayn; Roger Domino of Whibill, clerk; John Wale, and others.

I desire that the feoffees of my manor of Hethorp and of all my lands and tenements in Ethorp aforesaid and elsewhere in the county of Oxford, and in Bradley and Wenlok and elsewhere in the county of Salop, and in the city of London make an estate thereof to Margaret, my wife, for life, with remainder as regards the manor of Hethorp and all my lands there and elsewhere in the county of Oxford to my eldest son John and the heirs of his body lawfully begotten, with contingent remainders, in default of such issue, to my son Thomas and the heirs of his body lawfully begotten, to the heirs of the body of my wife, Margaret, by me the said John; to my right heirs forever.

The lands in Bradley, to remain, after my wife's death to my son Thomas and the heirs of his body lawfully begotten, with contingent remainders, in default of such issue, to my son John etc. as above. My lands in Wenlok, co. Salop, and in London, to remain after my wife's death to my eldest son, John, with remainders as before, but the premises in London to remain to my right heirs and those in Wenlok to the right heirs of my wife.

Proved 11 November, 1455 and administration committed to Margaret, the relict and executrix, in the person of Master Philip Lepeyate, her proctor.

6 February, 1466 (-7) administration committed to Sir John Brown, chaplain, proctor to William Walburton, executor named in the will.

1457. THOMAS BEAMOND alias BEAUMOND.*

(P.C.C. Stokton 9.)

12 August, 1457 (35 Henry VI). Thomas Beamond, citizen and salter of London. To be buried in the chapel in the south side of the church of All Hallows, Bredestrete, London, made by me there. First and before all else after my body is buried, all my debts to be paid.

On the day of my burial ten torches to burn around my body and four tapers of wax, whereof I give two torches and the four tapers to be used in the said church as long as they shall last. To the high altar of the said church for my tithes forgotten 40s.; and to the fabric of the nave 40s.; and to each chaplain of the said parish church, to pray for my soul, 6s. 8d. To each chaplain of the fraternity of Corpus Christi in the said church 6s. 8d.; and to each chaplain in the same church celebrating divine service daily and present at my funeral and saying *Placebo* and *Dirige* one month after my funeral and praying for my soul 5s., and to each parish clerk of the same church 20d.

For use in the church of Watlington, co. Oxford, at the elevation of the Host three of the aforesaid torches as long as they shall endure. To the poor of Watlington in greatest need 100s. To John Wodeward, senior, of Watlington 13s. 4d. and to his son John Wodeward 6s. 8d. To the poor of Coksham [Cuxham] 20s.; of Shirborn 20s.; of Pirton 20s.; of Brutwell [Britwell Salome] 20s.; of Weltomstowe [Walthamstow], co. Essex, 20s.; and to the last-named place two torches.

To Alice, daughter of Laurence Stokwoode, citizen and salter of London, 5 marks sterling. To Cecily, wife of Thomas Gresham, senior, citizen and 'hatter' of London, 5 marks. To his son Thomas Gresham, junior, my godson, 5 marks sterling and to his daughter Margery 10 marks, and to his son Richard 5 marks sterling.

To the prisoners of Newgate, London, 20s.; of Ludgate 20s.; to the sick or insane of St. Mary's, Bedlem without Byshoppesgate, London, 100s. in five yearly portions of 20s.; to every of the five orders of Friars in London, to wit, Preachers, Minors, Carmelites, Augustines, and Holy Cross, 20s. to pray for my soul.

To Elizabeth Damyan 20s. To the fraternity of Holy Trinity established in the church of St. Mary of the Arches, London, 20s. To the poor in the ward of Bredestrete, London, £5. To Leonard Burton 20s. To the fraternity of St. Giles outside Crepulgate, London, 20s.; of St. John the Baptist in the mistery of tailors. London, 20s.

To the fabric of London Bridge 10 marks. To the fabric of the bridge of Rowcestre [Kent] 10 marks. To John Stratton £100 sterling and twelve silver spoons, price 40s., a half dozen 'peautre vessell', a silver saltcellar, price 40s. or 40s. instead of the same, two towels diapered, each to contain two yards or more, two 'blanket', two pair of sheets, one coverlet, one murrey cloak lined, one 'bordcloth'. To the fraternity of St. Thomas the Martyr of Acon, London, 13s. 4d. To the fraternity of Chaplains in London 20s. To Simon Thruston, late my apprentice, 20s. To twelve poor girls of good and honest conversation, within the city of London, for their marriages 40s. each. To the poor in the country around London £20, to each couple 3s. 4d.

To find a chaplain to celebrate for my soul and the souls of Alice and Alice late my wives and of my father and mother and all Christian souls in the church of Watlyngton for one whole year after my decease 8 marks sterling. To

John, son of Geoffrey Sherif, 20s. and to each of Geoffrey's children 20s. To Elizabeth, wife of Thomas Houghton, citizen and salter of London, 5 marks.

To the fabrics of the new aqueducts of London 40s. To the Prioress and Convent of the house of nuns of Kilborn to pray for my soul 40s. To the poor sisters of the Hospital of St. Mary Elsingspitell 20s. To the lazars outside the bar of St. George 20s. to be paid at divers times. To John Hawkins at the age of twenty-one £40 sterling, both to be in the custody of John Stratton until the said age, and if John Stratton dies, John Hawkins and the said £40 to be in the custody of one of my executors, the said executor to find sufficient surety for the £40 with the other executors. To William, brother of John Hawkins, 5 marks. To the Prior and Convent of the House of the Salutation of the Mother of God of the order of Carthusians by London to pray for my soul 20s. To John Goodewin, my servant, £10 sterling. To Thomas Goodewin of Watlington 10 marks. To Robert, son of Thomas Houghton, my son, 40s.

My will concerning my lands to be carried out and my executors to have my lands for half a year from the day of my death to carry out my bequests. The residue to my executors to dispose of in good works.

Executors; John Stratton; Thomas Houghton; Thomas Gresham, and I give each of them £10.

Supervisors: William Holt, merchant, and Richard Quartermaynes, fishmonger, citizens of London, and I give the former £10 and the latter £20. No one of my executors to dispose of anything above 100s. or make any acquittance without the consent of the supervisors and the two other executors.

Codicil¹ dated 24 March, 1454 (33 Henry VI). To be buried as in my other testaments. To Henry Belle and Robert Basset, now wardens of the Fraternity and Gild of Corpus Christi in the church of All Hallows, Bredestrete, London, and to the brothers and sisters of the same all my lands, rents, and services, as follows: the land whereon Salters Hall is now built and six houses also newly built by me in the parish of All Hallows, Bredestrete, in the street and ward of Bredestrete, between the hospice called the 'George on the Hoope', late Roger Jaket's, citizen and baker of London, on the south and the church of All Hallows, Bredestrete on the north, one head abutting on Bredestrete on the west and on the tenement late William Glendale's and after of the heirs of Roger Chamber on the east; also my house called 'le Chekir' with shop, cellar, and solar in the said parish, between the tenement of the Prior and Convent of St. Bartholomew, Westsmithfield, London, on the south and my tenement called 'the White Bulle', formerly Sampson de Soham's, taverner, on the north, and extending from the Bow Tavern, now of the Priory and Convent of Dertford, on the east to Bredestrete on the west; also my newly-built tenement called 'le Brokenfeld' in the parish of St. Mary Magdalene, Milkstrete, London, in Bredestrete Ward between the tenement late of Sir Thomas Charleton, knight, and that of the Mistery of the Tailors, London, on the west and the tenement belonging to the church of St. Lawrence, Old Jewry, London, and one belonging to the church of St. Augustine by Powlislayne and that of Thomas Malton, now John Rotherham's of Enfield on the east and my tenement called 'the Cheker' on the south and Westchepe on the north, to have and to hold to the said Fraternity forever to find a chaplain to pray for my soul and the souls of my wives, my parents, and all Christian souls, in All Hallows church, in a chapel in the south of the said church built by me,

¹ This is the testator's 'will concerning my lands', referred to above. It is registered at Stokton, fo. 71.

on my anniversary every year forever, the said chaplain to have 10 marks a year and the rector of the said church 20d. and every chaplain of the same church present at my obsequies 8d. and every parish clerk 20d., and for bell ringing and wax and for bread and drink to the parishoners there present at my anniversary 5s. (Enumerates the masses to be said each day in the said church.) The said Gild to receive six poor persons of my trade to dwell in the said six houses, or if none of my trade, then six of other trades, each to have 7d. weekly; Richard Beaumond, my kinsman, to have one of the six houses for life, the said Gild to give him 12d. weekly for life. All the said poor to pray for my soul and the other souls aforesaid each day in the said church for one hour before noon and for one hour after noon. The said Gild to take all the rents and profits of my said lands and tenements and to keep the same in repair and on the death of the said chaplain, another is to be appointed.

Executors: William Holt, merchant; John Stratton, junior, merchant; Thomas Gresham, haberdasher; Thomas Houghton, salter, citizens of London.

Proved 17 August, 1457 and administration committed to the executors named in the said testament (of 1457).

1457. THOMAS SENDE.*

(P.C.C. Stokton 24,25.)

Borford, 10 November, 1457. Thomas Sende, rector of the church of Teynton. To be buried in the parish church of Borford when the time shall come. My exequies to be performed in a humble manner with one black cloth (over me), one medium taper at my head, another at my feet, and four torches at the most standing around, without any empty pomp or worldly display, the black cloth to be given afterwards to a poor, devout man or woman to clothe themselves withal and to pray for my soul, and the torches to be given to poor persons chosen by my executors, each of whom is to have 12d. for his trouble, to pray for my soul, and also a cloak with hood of stout russet cloth lined with thick blanket cloth to serve him for two or three years. After my exequies are completed, the said two tapers, as long as they shall last, shall serve at the funerals of poor persons without any payment therfor, and two of the torches, as long as they shall last, shall serve in the church of Borford and other poor parishes at the discretion of my executors, at the elevation of the Host and before It in the visitation of the sick; the other two torches in like manner to be given to the church of Tevnton.

Whoever occupies my house wherein Henry Houchon dwells and one acre of meadow lying in the meadow of Teynton shall render yearly 10s.; the house wherein Robert Kydde dwells, with lands in the fields of Upton, and the house wherein I dwell shall render yearly 13s. 4d.

To the vicar of Borford and his parish priest, to pray every Sunday in the pulpit for my soul and the souls of my kindred and friends and all Christian souls, 20d. annually. To the priests and boys singing at my funeral 5s. yearly. To the poor of Borford 13s. 4d. yearly. To the churchwardens of Borford 20d. yearly for their labour. To the repair of Borford church 20d. yearly. To the rector or parish priest of Teynton 8d. yearly to pray in the pulpit on Sundays for my soul. To the repair of the church of Teynton 20d. yearly. All the requests above to be paid yearly out of the aforesaid rents, and if the tenants of the same default in payment, then the Abbot of the monastery of Brewerne

and the vicar of Burford and the churchwardens of Burford shall enter into the said tenements and lands and sell the same and divide the proceeds into three parts, one to remain with the Abbot and Convent of Brewerne to pray for my soul; one to the fabric and repair of Borford church; and the third to be distributed among the poor of Borford to pray for my soul.

I desire Sir Walter Godbed to celebrate in the church of Burford for thirteen years, receiving yearly 8 marks to pray for my soul. To the mother church of Lincoln 20d.; to the Friars Preacher of Oxford 40s.; to the Minors 20s.; to the Carmelites 20s.; to the Augustinians 20s. To the church of St. Martin, Oxford, 20s.; to the church of Lecamstede [Bucks.] for the repairs, 20s.; to the church of Teynton 20s.; to the church of Bardesley [Gloucestershire] 20s.; to the church of Shipton Solers [Gloucestershire] 20s.

Every year, as long as my goods last, 6s. 8d. to be distributed among the poor at Bardisley; 6s. 8d. at Bibery [Gloucestershire] where my parents are buried, and to Bibery church 2os.; to the church of Amney Holy Cross [Ampney Crucis, Glos.] 13s. 4d.; to the chapel of St. Michael, Wynstonde [Winstone, Glos.] 6s. 8d.; to the church of St. Mary, Amney, 6s. 8d.; to the Abbot and Convent of Brewerne 2os.; to the chapel of St. James, Fulbroke, 13s. 4d.

The residue to be expended for the good of my soul.

Executors: William Garnoun, gentleman; Sir Thomas Mayowe, vicar of the church of St. John the Baptist, Burford.

Proved at Aylesford 11 October, 1458 and administration committed to the executors named.

1459. RICHARD HYLLE.* (P.C.C. Stokton 18.)

7 June, 1459 (37 Henry VI). Richard Hylle, citizen and haberdasher of London. To be buried in the new churchyard of the church of St. Magnus by London Bridge, if I die in London. To the high altar of that church for my tithes forgotten 40s. I will that eight torches burn at my obsequies, whereof I give four torches to the said church, two to burn at the high altar and the altar of St. Mary and two at the burial of the poor of the church; two torches to the church of Aston Rowant, co. Oxford; and two to the church of Woodeham Mortymer, co. Essex. The expenses of my funeral to be moderate and honest according to the good discretion of my executors. To the poor of the parish of St. Martin (sic) aforesaid on the day of my burial or the next day 13s. 4d. To the poor on the day of my burial or at my month's mind according to the discretion of my executors 1d. each. Two hundred masses to be said on the day of my burial or on the day following. I desire a chaplain to celebrate divine service for my soul and all Christian souls in the church of St. Martin (sic) for five years after my death and to have each year 10 marks. I give for one vestment for a priest to celebrate in the church of Aston Rowant £5, and to the repair of that church 40s., and among the poor parishioners there and in the churches nearby 40s. To the repair of Woodeham Mortymer church £5 and to the repair of the vestments and ornaments there £5. To make a stone bridge over the water called 'le Broke' next my plot of Barons in the parish of Woodeham Mortimer and to amend the highway between my plot and Maldon 40 marks.

To my son John £20; to my son Thomas £20; to my son Richard £20; to my son Henry £20; to my unborn child, if a girl £30, if a boy £20

and I desire Joan, my wife, to be guardian to my children, with sufficient surety in the chamber of the Gildhall, as custom is. If the said children die before their lawful age, then the said money, after my wife's death, to the poor of Aston Rowant and Woodeham Mortymer.

To Robert Duke, my apprentice, 13s. 4d.; to John Smythe, my apprentice, 6s. 8d.; to Thomas Halsey, my apprentice, 6s. 8d. To the poor prisoners of Ludgate 6s. 8d.; of Newgate 20s.; the convicted prisoners at Westminster 13s. 4d.; the prisoners of King's Bench 20s.; of the Marshalsea 20s. For sustentation of the mad at Bethleem beyond Bishopsgate, London, 20s.

To each of my boys of Wellys, 'haberdasher' (cuilibet puerorum meorum Wellys haberdasher) 6s. 8d.; to the widow of Wemmys, grocer, of London, 2os. and to his son 1os. To celebrate for my soul and that of Joan, my wife, in the chapel of St. Gregory, to a devout chaplain journeying to the court of Rome and celebrating there for one year £1o. To my godchildren 13s. 4d. each; to poor householders in debt and having many children £1o; to the fraternity of 'le Salve' in the church of St. Magnus 2os. Debts due from debtors who are poor and unable to pay to be remitted according to the discretion of my executors. To Thomas Partrich, grocer, my best fur; to Thomas Brom, 'chapemaker', one of my executors, £3; to Richard Frecock, fletcher, another executor, £3; to Thomas Dalston, glover, an executor, £3. The residue to Joan, my wife.

Executors: Joan, my wife; Thomas Brom; Richard Frecock; Thomas Dalston, citizens of London.

Witnesses: Thomas Partriche, grocer; William Cange, girdler; William Culpel, writer, citizens of London, and others.

This is my last will concerning my lands: my lands and tenements called Barons in Woodeham Parva and Purle and my other lands there, and my tenement with garden and croft adjoining in the said parish of Woodeham Mortymer alias Woodeham Parva I enfeoff to William Tyrell, esquire, John Cokyer of Purle, John Welman of Woodeham Parva, Richard Frecock of London, fletcher, William Cober, and Thomas Dalston of London, glover, to the use of Joan, my wife, for life, with remainder to John, my son, and the issue of his body lawfully begotten, with contingent remainders, in default of such issue, to my sons Thomas and Henry, to my unborn child, and the heirs of their bodies lawfully begotten; to my right heirs.

As to my messuages and lands in Aston Rowant, co. Oxford, whereof Richard Quatermayne, esquire, John Crips, Thomas North, and John Waryn are feoffees, and my lands etc. in Graveney and Harnehill in the hundred of Borton, co. Kent, whereof John Copland, William Cobbe, and Richard Frecock are feoffees, I give the same, in Aston Rowant, to my wife Joan and the heirs of her body lawfully begotten, failing which, to her right heirs; in Graveney etc. to her for life, with remainder to my right heirs.

Proved 20 June, 1459 at Otford (Kent) by the executors.

1461. WILLIAM STODAM.*

(P.C.C. Stokton 23).

15 July, 1461. William Stodam. To be buried in the churchyard of St. John the Baptist, Burford. To the mother church of Lincoln 3s. 4d. To my sons Henry, William and Richard £30 each; to the two children of the

said Henry, lawfully begotten, £10. To the six children of Robert Hay of Stanlake 6s. 8d. each. To Joan Lavington, my sister, 6s. 8d.

To the light of St. Stephen 6s. 8d.; to the light of St. Katharine 12d.; to the light of the Cross called 'Roode Solor' 3s. 4d.; to the light of the Holy Trinity 2od. To the repair of Burford church £5.

To my wife one half burgage lying in the High Street between the tenements of Henry Bisshop on either side and another half burgage lying between the tenement of Thomas Andilby and that of James Sende, for the term of her life, and after her death the half burgage between Henry Bisshop's tenements to remain to my son John, his heirs and assigns.

The residue to Agnes, my wife, and John, my son.

Executors: Agnes and John. Supervisor: Robert Hay.

Proved 30 July, 1461; administration committed to John, the son and executor; power reserved to Agnes, executrix. Commission issued the same day to the vicar of Burford to take the oath of the said Agnes.

1464. RICHARD DRAYTON.* (P.C.C. Godyn 26.)

Horton, Kent, 27 April, 1464. Ricard Drayton. To be buried in the monastery of St. Peter, Dorchester, before the image of the Blessed Virgin of Gravening between the tomb of Sir William Drayton and the wall of the said church on the south. To the mother church of Lincoln 6s. 8d. To the high altar of the church of Horton, Kent, for tithes forgotten 3s. 4d.

My executors to pay all my debts as soon as possible after my funeral. To each order of Friars within the city of London and within the University of Oxford for masses after my death 6s. 8d. Divers priests in New College and All Souls College, Oxford, to celebrate mass there after my death, my executors to dispose therefor at their discretion 6s. 8d.

On the day of my burial the Abbot of Dorchester to have 6s. 8d. for his trouble, and every canon being priest there that day 2od., and every canon not a priest 8d.; and after thirty days, at my month's mind, the Abbot and canons to have the same as at my funeral. Debts owed to me by Thomas Stonor or others to go to the repair of the Abbey of Dorchester aforesaid, according to the discretion of my executors. To be expended in anniversaries 3s. 4d., and to two priests for trentals, celebrating for one year £5, and to one priest celebrating yearly for me 6 marks. To the Friars of the Convent of Reding for masses 6s. 8d. To the church of Pyrton, co. Oxford, for tithes forgotten 6s. 8d. To the repair of the said church 3s. 4d. The residue to be expended for the good of my soul.

Executors: Alice, my wife; Thomas Mull; Sir John Fythyon; Sir Andrew Brown.

Proved 25 November, 1468 and administration committed to Thomas Mull, Sir John Frythyon (sic) and Andrew Browne, chaplains.

1464. JOHN STODEHAM.* (P.C.C. Godyn 7.)

7 November, 1464. John Stodeham, of Burford, seeing myself in danger of death . . . To be buried in the churchyard of the parish church of Burford.

To the mother church of Lincoln 4d. To Alianore, my wife £20 sterling and all my household goods in the house in which I dwell. To William, my brother, my best cloak with hood; to Richard, my brother, my green cloak with my doublet and dagger. To every light in the said church 4d. To John Lavington my scarlet felt cap.

Executors and residuary legatees: William, my brother; John Lavyngton.

Witnesses: John Mosyer; William Punter; John Staunton.

Proved 23 November, 1464 by the executors.

(P.C.C. Godyn 6.) 1

8 November, 1464. John Stodeham of Burford upon the Wold. To be buried in the churchyard of the parish church of St. John the Baptist, Burford. To the mother church of Worcester 13s. 4d. To every light in the said church of St. John the Baptist 8d. To the fabric of the church of St. George of Hamptenet 20s. To William Stodham, my brother, my best cloak of murrey lined with 'bever' and my hood of scarlet. To Richard Stodham, my brother, my green cloak, my 'puke doublett' and my felt cap and dagger. To John Lavington my scarlet felt cap.

If William Stodham, my brother, enfeoff Richard Stodham, my brother, in the tenement in Burford wherein John Staunton now dwells about Christmas next, then the same William to have the house wherein I dwell in Burford to him and his assigns forever; if not, the latter tenement to be sold and the proceeds to go to prayers for the souls of my parents, brothers, sisters, benefactors, and for my soul.

The residue to Alianor, my wife.

Executors: the said Alianor; John Lavington. Proved 16 November, 1464 by the said Alianor.

1465 (-6). HENRY RICHARD alias FERMERE.*

(P.C.C. Godyn 22).

3 March, 1465(-6). Henry Richard alias Fermere of Langford, 'wolman.' To be buried in the parish church of St. Mary, Langford. To the mother church of Lincoln 12d. To the image of St. George newly made in Langford church and to complete the pavement and renew the seats there 10 marks. To each of the seven principal lights in the same church a ewe. To the chapel of St. Mary adjoining the said church one cow.

To each of my godchildren a ewe with lamb. To Henry Whithed twelve ewes with lambs and one entire bed. To Henry Thurston two ewes with lambs. To Dionisa, my servant, one entire bed. To Elizabeth, my daughter, 10 marks in money, and sheep to the value of another 10 marks or another 10 marks, according to her choice.

An honest chaplain to celebrate in the church of Langford for seven years after my decease for my soul and for the good estate of Agnes, my wife, and our children, and for their souls when dead, and for my parents and benefactors; he to have 8 marks yearly for his wage.

My tenement with all the lands, meadows, and pastures, called Bornes, in Langford, to remain to Agnes, my wife, for the term of her life, she to have her legal part due to her and assigned by true inventory according to law for her

¹In margin: Vacatum quia fabricatur.

disposition and support, and after her death to Thomas, my son, his heirs and assigns forever.

The residue to Agnes, my wife, and after her death, to Thomas, my son. Executor: Thomas, my son.

Supervisor: Master Richard Marchall, S.T.B., vicar of Langford, who is to have 20s. for his labour.

Witnesses: Sir John Taillor, chaplain; Thomas Byll; Thomas Gyressh. Proved at Lambeth, 18 October, 1467 and administration committed to Thomas, son and executor.

1466. WILLIAM BARNEVILE.*

(P.C.C. Godyn 17.)

2 August, 1466. William Barneville of Henley upon Thames. To be buried in the church of the Blessed Virgin Mary of Henley in the chapel of St. Mary there. To the mother church of Lincoln 4d. To William, parish chaplain of Henley, 12d. To the high altar there 6s. 8d. To every priest celebrating divine service there 4d.

To John, my son, a bed, to wit, one 'fethirbed' with one 'bolster', one pair of blankets, one pair of sheets, one coverlet; one maser harnessed and gilt, one low bowl of silver without cover, six silver spoons, one brass pot, one brass pan, one basin with ewer, one gown of 'sangweyn' colour 'in greyn' lined with 'le pollez de martrons' and another gown lined with black cloth.

To William, my son, a bed, to wit, a 'fetherbed' with one 'bolster', one pair of blankets, one pair of sheets, one coverlet; one maser harnessed and gilt, one bowl with cover, called 'a Costard' of silver and gilt, one silver 'salt-saler' without cover, six silver spoons, one brass pot, one brass pan, one basin with ewer, one gown of 'blak alyre' lined with 'Bever' and another gown of 'grene alire' lined with black cloth called 'Blakefuse'.

To Luke, my son, a bed, to wit, one 'fethirbed' with one 'bolster', one pair of blankets, one pair of sheets, one coverlet; one maser harnessed, one low silver bowl without cover, six silver spoons, one brass pot, one brass pan, one basin with ewer, one silver 'saltsaler' with cover, my best gown of 'sangweyn' colour 'engreyned' and lined with 'martron polles'.

To Isabelle, my daughter, one bed, to wit, one 'fethirbed' with one 'bolster', one pair of blankets, one pair of sheets, one coverlet, one maser harnessed and gilt, my best standing bowl and cover of silver and gilt with the image of St. Michael upon the top of the cover, one silver 'saltsaler' and cover, six silver spoons, one brass pot, one brass pan, one basin with ewer, one book of matins, and £6 13s. 4d. in good and lawful money of England.

If the said John, William, Luke, and Isabel or any of them do anything contrary to this my will, they or any of them shall have none of the said legacies; the same to remain in the hands of my executors to be expended at their discretion for the good of my soul and the souls of all faithful departed. My executors to find a priest for one year after my decease to celebrate for my soul and all Christian souls.

The residue to Isolde, my wife.

Executors: Isolde, my wife; John Wright.

Supervisor: William Marmyon, Esq.

Witnesses: John Deven, John Logge, John Elmes, Thomas Man, Philip Fyssher, and many others.

Proved at Lambeth, 9 March, 1466 (-7) and administration committed to Isolde, the relict and executrix¹.

1466. JOHN GOLDWELL.

(P.C.C. Godyn 15.)

London, 3 October, 1466 (6 Edward IV). John Goldwell of London, mercer. To be buried in the church of saint George in Botulphe lane of London, after the goode discrecion of myn executours here undernamed. To the high auter of the said chirch of saint George 20s. To the reperacions and ornaments of the said chirch 40s. All my detes that I owe of right to any persone (to) be paied. To be yeuen and distribute in almes amonge the pouere housholders of the said parisshe of saint George by the good discrecion of myn executours and after the quantite of their necessities 6s. 8d. Agnes, my suster, the wife of Richard Darsset of Bloxham in the shire of Oxenford (to) be pardoned and abated fito of the dieute that the said Anneys owith me in case that she content and pay unto myn executours hir hoole dieute. I will and charge my said executours herafter named that my Dirige and masse knyll with all other observances be doon the day of my buriyng and the next day folowyng without any monethes mynde. After my dettes payde and my will fulfilled, Elizabeth, my wife, (to) have my hoole houshold as hit standith, and all the residue of my moveable goods after my saide dettys paid and wyll fulfilled (to) be evyen departed bytwene my said wife and my childerin to their sustentacion and finding as my detts may be recovered and receyved unto this my testamant and last will.

Executor: only Elizabeth, my wife, she to dispose for the welfare of my soule as she wolde I didde for hir.

Overseers: Maister James Goldwell, clerk; Sir John Skotte, knyght; Robert Burton, esquyer; amd Thomas Goldwell, my brother, of London, fishmonger, as I trust in theim gretly.

To Elizabeth, my wife, for terme of hir life, my place of Fawkham in the shire of Kent, with all maner of rentys and services and appurtennances therto belonging, she to upholde and maynteyne the saide place and tenement with all other houses of office without any impechement of waste during the said terme of her life. The said Elizabeth, my wyf, (to) have for terme of hir lyfe, my place of Bensham with thappertenaunces in the counte of Surrey in manere and forme aforerehersed. The said Alice (sic), my wiyf, (to) have the yeres forto come of my places in Westchepe of London in the parish of saint Fastor in the warde of Farynton, the which saide places with shoppys and celers I holde for terme of yerys of the Prior and Covent of St. Bartholomewe in Westsmythefeld of London as by an endenture by the said Priour and Covent made more playnly apperith. If the forsaide Elizabeth, my wiyfe, happe to decesse or the terme of my said yeris be fully complete and ronne, then I wol the residue of the said yeris forto come remayne hooly unto my childerin.

After the deces of the said Elizabeth, my wife, the aforsaide placis of Fawkham and Bensham, with all manere of rente and services and appertenaunces to theim belongyng (to) remayne hoole onto my children and to their right heires for evermore, and if it happe any of my said children to decesse without issue of their bodies lawfully begoten I woll that eche of theim be

¹In margin: Revocacio facta super approbacionem testium in diocesi Lincolniensi.

others heire, and if it happe theim all to decesse without heires of their bodies lawfully begoten, that then I wull that all the saide londez and tenementz, rentes and services with the appertenancez remayne hoole to Thomas Goldwell, my brother, and to the heires of his body lawfully begoten for evermore; (in default of such heirs) the said londes etc. to be solde and the money thereof comyng to be disposed for my soule and for the soule of Elizabeth, my wiyfe and the soules of our children, our kynne, and for all cristen soules by the goode discrecion of their executours. All my landes and tenements lying in the townes and feldes of Bodicote and Bloxham in Oxenfordshire (to) remayne unto my right heires for evermore.

Proved 10 November 1466 by Elizabeth, the relict.

1470. JOHN DEVYN.* (P.C.C. Godyn 30.)

30 April 1470. John Devyn of Henley upon Thames. To be buried in the chapel of the Blessed Mary in Henley. To the high altar of that church for my tithes and oblations forgotten 20d. To the mother church of Lincoln 6d.; to sustain the light of the Holy Cross in Henley church 3s. 4d., the light of St. Mary 20d., of St. Katharine 12d., of St. Clement 4d., of the Holy Trinity 12d., and of St. Nicholas 4d. A secular chaplain to celebrate divine service in the said church of St. Mary for three years after my decease for my soul and the souls of my friends and benefactors. To every chaplain present at my burial 8d. and to every clerk there 4d.

To my wife Joan, all the jewels and goods she had before marriage and in money (in pecunia numerata) 100 marks of legal English money. To Thomas, my son, a silver bowl, a silver gilt maser, and 100 marks in legal English money. To Joan, Agnes and Julian, my daughters, each a silver bowl, a silver gilt maser harnessed and 10 marks in legal English money.

My wife, heirs and executors to keep my anniversary in the said church of St. Mary and I give 6s. 8d. for the same out of my lands in Henley. All my lands and tenements in the counties of Oxford, Berks., and Bucks., excepting the tenement wherein my son Thomas dwells, to my wife for life or until she marries, with remainder to my said son Thomas and his heirs, or if he should die without issue, to my right heirs. To my servants 13s. 4d.

The residue to be divided into three parts: one part to be distributed in works of charity for the good of my soul; one part to my wife; and the third part to my son Thomas Devyn and my daughters, Joan, Agnes, and Julian equally.

Executors: Thomas Palmer; John Russell; and I give to each 40s.

[No signature or witnesses.]

Proved 23 May, 1470 by the executors.

1470. WILLIAM CHAMBERLAYN.* (P.C.C. Godyn 31.)

3 October, 1470. William Chamberleyn, esquire. To be buried in the chapel of St. Mary in the church of the Friars Minor, London. To the fabric of that chapel £5 sterling. Sir Michael Lumbard, chaplain, to celebrate for my soul for ten years after my decease and to have yearly 4 marks sterling.

To Richard Chamberleyn, my brother, thirty chains (cathenas) of pure gold called 'lez Tourez', and my three horses: a great horse called 'le Bay

courser', another called 'a blak nagge', and the third called 'le donne hoby'. To each of my servants 20s.; to my maid, Margaret, 26s. 8d. To the fabric of the church of St. Botolph without Aldrichgate, London, 4 marks sterling; to sustain the fraternity of the Holy Trinity in the said church 10s. To Sir Thomas Denys, chaplain, 13s. 4d.

To my wife, Joan, my manor of Barton St. John with members, Sandeford, Ledwell, and Grove in the county of Oxford for her life, and the lease of the house wherein I dwell in Horne Aley in Aldrichegatestrete, London. To my wife's servant, Joan (blank) 10s. To William Nasshe, clerk of the parish church of St. Botolph aforesaid, 2s.

Residuary legatee: my wife, Joan.

Executors: my wife; Richard Chamberleyn, my brother; Nicholas Lathell, and I give the latter 40s.

Witnesses: Thomas Denys, chaplain; Henry Robynson; Margaret, my maid, and others.

Proved 5 November, 1470 by the relict and Richard Chamberleyn. Power reserved to Nicholas Lathell.

1471. JOHN CURTEYS.* (P.C.C. Wattys 1.)

5 April, 1471 (49 Henry VI). John Curteys, clerk and doctor of medicine. To be buried in the church of the Monastery of the Charterhouse, London. Before all, my debts to be faithfully paid. My funeral to be performed honestly, and four tapers with candelabra and seven torches to be carried by seven poor men in black gowns. On the day of my burial £100 sterling to be given by my executors to the Prior and Convent of the said monastery for one brother of the same house to say mass daily for one year for my soul and the souls of Thomas and Joan, my parents.

To be distributed among the poor and most needy of my parish and cure of Staunton Harecourt, co. Oxford, £20 sterling; among the poor of Cadestock, co. Dorset, formerly my benefice, 10 marks sterling; among the poor of my parish of Hyeonger, co. Essex, all the money owing to me for this present year; among the poor of my prebend of Salisbury, co. Dorset, called Beamster Prima, the debts owing to me for the year just past and for next year.

To Marion White, formerly (sic) the daughter of my brother's wife, 5 marks for her marriage. To Master Thomas Browne, for his labour as my executor, £10 sterling; to Richard Ingysden, my servant, for the like, £30 and all moveables except money (mobilia non cunata). To my godson and kinsman John Bakeber for his schooling 10 marks.

The residue to my executors to place a marble stone with my image sculptured in brass (*auricalco*) on my tomb and to dispose for the good of my soul and the souls of my parents and in works of charity as to them shall seem best.

Proved 11 April, 1471 and administration committed to the executors.

1473. THOMAS BLOXHAM.* (P.C.C. Wattys 9.)

Oxford, 21 April, 1473. Master Thomas Bloxham, clerk. To be buried in the church of St. Frideswide, Oxford, next the shrine of the same between the altar there towards the choir and the tomb of Dr. Boteler. To the church

of Bloxham, co. Oxford, two copes of white damask, one whereof to be similar in price as in other requisites to that which I have already given to the said church of St. Mary, Bloxham, and the other to be decorated with the image of St. Mary and to be better and of higher price, to serve to the honour of God and the Blessed Mary and in my memory; also one cloth of white damask with the image of St. Mary in the middle of the cloth to serve the high altar there, and two cloths of white 'tarteron' for each end of the said altar.

To John Page, my brother, one of my executors, one pair of silver salts, my best piece covered with gilt, and twelve silver spoons. To the College of Merton, Oxford, whereof I was formerly a fellow, one covered salt and another, not covered, of silver gilt, and also a new one to be made, not covered, similar to the above, and given to the said college. To John Berell one bed-cover of 'Countrefait aras' for his generosity to me.

My executors to have new made a cover, silver gilt, to serve the silver cup of the Prior and Convent of St. Frideswide aforesaid called 'Frideswidecupp' with the image of that virgin thereupon, as great an image as can be placed on top of that cover (per omne signum quantum potest in illius coopercule summitate reponendum). To John Wyllys, my nephew, a silver cup, covered, bought of Master Richard Luke, and all my medical books.

The College of Merton to have all my other books chained in the library of the same college whose subjects are not included in the same library; and all others to be sold by my executors, except one fine Bible, which I give to All Souls College. To Merton College three silver pots, whereof one is gilt. My executors to distribute my small silver pieces, not covered, among my kindred according to degree of kinship. My two servants to have the horses they are wont to ride, with all the harness. All my clothes, linen and wool, to be sold by my executors and disposed for the good of my soul.

Every master, bachelor, and priest of Merton College on the day of my death to have 3s. 4d. and every clerk and partaker at my obsequies 12d. The Prior of the church of St. Frideswide to have 6s. 8d. for my obsequies, and every canon of that church 3s. 4d. To the poor on the day of my obit and trentals 20 marks. The fellows of Merton College to hold my obit within the said college for twenty years after my death.

To the four orders of Friars in Oxford 20s. to be divided equally among them. To Nicholas Wyllys, my nephew, one missal covered with silk, a 'fedrebed' with 'le bolster' and white coverlet, a gown with hood of 'Sangwyne' and a stipend for one year, according to the discretion of my executors. To Robert de Pantry a gown, with hood, of blue cloth. To Master William Lynham a long gown with hood. To Sir Richard Hote the moiety of the fruits of the rectory of Stanlake issuing this year to build a dovecote in his chantry there, and for the bells there 40s.

Executors: Master John Sygur and the said John Page, and I bequeath to the former, for his trouble, one small 'notte' covered.

The residue to be disposed of by my executors for the good of my soul.

Witnesses: Master Thomas Wyche; Master Thomas Lee, clerk; John Harlowe; John Smyth, and many others.

Proved 25 May, 1473 and administration committed to the executors named.

1474. JOHN BARANTYNE. (P.C.C. Wattys 34.)

28 June, 1474 (14 Edward IV). John Barantyne, squyere. To be buried in the chauncell of the parish chirch of Chalgrave in the countie of To the moder chirch of Lincoln 6s. 8d. To the high aulter of the parish chirch of Haselay where as I am paryshener for my tithes and offrynges forgoten and withdrawen . . . 20s. Toward the chirch werkes of the parish chirch of Chalgrave aforesaide 40s. To the order of Freres Prechours of London that they the more specially may pray for my soul and alle Cristen soules 40s. To the ordre of Freres Prechours in the universitie of Oxenford. . . 40s. To Austyn Barantyne, my sonne, toward his marriage, with that the same Austyn be ruled and guyded by Elizabeth, my wif, 200 marcs in money. To Johanne Barantyne, my yonger sonne, toward his mariage, with that he be ruled and guyded bi the said Elizabeth, my wif, 200 marcs in money. Anne Barantyne, my doughter, toward her mariage . . . 200 marcs in money. And if it happen eny of the forsaid Austyne, John, or Anne to decesse afore their lauffull age or mariage thanne I woll that the parte of him or theim that so decessed be equaly by the oversight of the saide Elizabeth, my wif, devided bitwene thaim that ouirlyvith. And if it happen all my saide sonnes and doughter to decesse . . . thanne I wolle that all the sommes of money abovesaid by me to thaim biquethen remayn unto the saide Elizabeth, my wife, to dispose for my soule as to her shalbe seme best to the pleasire of God and helth and profite of my soule.

To Elizabeth Kelly, my servant, that she the more specially pray for my soule 20s. To William Styleman, my servant, 6s. 8d. To Thomasyne, my seruaunt, 20s. To Mawde Jaynour and Margery Stedeman, my nursez, either of thaim a kowe. To John Richardsonne, my servant, 6s. 8d. To John Coke 3s. 4d.; to John Edy 3s. 4d. To Alson Chestre half quarter of whete. To Richard Horseman half quarter of whete. The residue of all and singular my goodes and catalls not biqualtren as it shewith by an Inventory thereof made and thies my bequests abovesaid fulfilled, I bequeth it to the forsaid Elizabeth, my wif, to the entent to dispose it for my soule and to pay and content all my dettes

Executors: Elizabeth, my wife, principal executrix; Thomas Hampden of Hampden in the countie of Bukes, squyere, coexecutor. To the saide Thomas Hampden for his labor...ro marcs sterling.

In wittenes wherof I have putt my seale of armes.

Disposition of lands in cos. Oxford, Bedford, Bucks. 28 June, 1474: Elizabeth, my wife, which standith ioyntly enfeffed with me of and in all my saide lordshippes, manours, landes, and tenementes with thappurtenances in the counties aforesaid (to) have and holde the same . . . aftir the tenoure and effect of the dedes and evidencez of the feoffment and gifte . . . made to us, the saide John Barantyne and the saide Elizabeth, except all such landes . . . which I purchased of Richard Harcourt, knyght, in Chalgrave in the saide countie of Oxenford and of the Duchesse of Suffolk in Goldore, called Symyonslandes, which landes and tenementes afore excepte, I woll and require all such feoffees as stonde and bene enfeoffed to myn use of and in the same landes and tenementes make or do to be made, assone as shalbe required by John Barantyne thelder, my sonne and heire, a sufficient and a laufful astate in lawe to the forsaide John Barantyne . . . to have to the same John and to the heires males of his body lawfully begoten. And if it happen the saide John to de-

cesse without issue male...thanne the saide landes...shall remayne unto Austyn Barantyne,...unto John Barantyne the yonger, ...unto Anne Barantyne, my doughter,...to the right heires of me, the saide John Barantyne squyer, for ever more. The saide Elizabeth, my wif (to) have all the saide lands, excepte before excepted, duryng the nonne age of the forsaide John Barantyne the elder, Austyn Barantyne, John Barantyne the yonger, Anne Barantyne and their heires, with the warde and mariage of the same...to the contentacion and payment of my dettes and parformyng of my last wille.

Elizabeth, my wife, (to) have the manoirs of Haseley and Henton... duryng the nonne age of my sonne and heir John Barantyne the elder, Austyn Barantyne, John Barantyne the younger, Anne Barantyne and their heires, if it so happen that dame Jane Marnay decesse before that they be att their full age...my saide wife to have and perceive and receive all the issues and profitez of the saide manoires of Haseley and Henton in eny wise bilongyng to the contentacion and payment of my dettes and parfourmyng of my last wille unto the tyme thay be paied and contented. And that doon and parfourmed I wolle that my saide sonne and heire, John Barantyne, have the saide manoirs of Haseley and Henton... to him and to the heires of his body lawfully bigoten. And for defaute of such issue... to the right heires of me the saide John Barantyne, squyer, for evir more.

I wolle and require that no persone ne persones vexe, trouble, ne lette myn executours in or by anything that is conteyned in my testament and this my saide wille as they wolle answer afore God atte the day of jugement. If it happen the saide Elizabeth, my wife, to decesse... bifore or that my bequests and detts be paied and fulfilled thanne I wolle that Thomas Hampden of Hampden, co-executoure with the said Elizabeth, my wife, shall take and perceive the issues, profitez, and revennuz commyng and growyng of my saide lordshippes... unto the tyme that my saide biquests and detts be truly contented, paied, and fulfilled.

The saide Elizabeth, my wife, be her dede sufficient in lawe shall geve and graunte unto Frere Richard Wynchelse, doctoure in dyvynyte, of the order of Freres Prechours of London, an annuell rent of 40s. sterling...duryng (his) life of and in the manoire of Argentynes in Chalgrave...att two festes of the yere, that is to saie, the Annunciacion of Our Lady and Saint Michell, bi even porcions. And ouir this... the saide Elizabeth, my wife (to) geve and graunt... unto William Vachell an annuell rent of 13s. 4d... of and in the mannoire of Goldore with appurtenancez in the saide countie of Oxenford att the termes abouesaide bi even porcions.

In wittenes wherof to this my last wille I have putt my seal of armes. Proved 8 April, 1477 and administration committed to Elizabeth, the relict and executrix.

1483 (-4). JOAN DEVYN.* (P.C.C. Logge 8.)

20 January, 1483 (-4). Joan Devyn of Henley upon Thames, widow. To be buried within the church of Henley aforesaid, within the chapel of the Virgin Mary there. To the high altar of the same church for my tithes forgotten 6s. 8d. To the mother church of Lincoln 12d. To maintain the light of the Holy Cross in Henley church aforesaid 2od.; to the light of St. Katharine in the same church 12d., of St. Clement 8d., of St. Nicholas 4d.; of the Holy Trinity 8d., all in the same church.

To every chaplain present at my burial and to other religious (divinis) officials 8d.; to every holy water clerk in the same church that day 4d.; to every singing boy then present 1d. To each of my godchildren 12d.; to John Devinse, my servant, 13s. 4d.; to Alice Gramate, my servant, 13s. 4d. To be distributed among the poorest people on the day of my burial 4os.

To [Thomas] Devyne, my son, a silver salt with silver cover, partigilt, a gold ring, a silk belt, blue in colour with silver harness, and six silver spoons. To William, Nicholas, and John Deven, sons of the said Thomas Devyn, 20s. each, on condition that if the said Thomas or anyone in his name in any way vex or impede my executors, then the said legacies to Thomas, William, Nicholas, and John shall be void, and the money disposed for the good of my soul.

A secular chaplain to celebrate divine service for three years immediately after my decease to pray especially for my soul, the souls of my husband, parents, and friends. Six poor people holding six tapers about my tomb on my trental day to be clothed according to the discretion of my executors. A trental of St. Gregory to be solemnly celebrated in the church of Henley in the choir after the Salutation of the Virgin by all the chaplains serving in the said church, for my soul, the souls of my husband, parents, and friends immediately after my burial daily until my trental day, with singing of Lauds, and on the morrow, immediately after morning mass, a mass of *Requiem* and immediately afterwards, at my grave, in solemn apparel, *De Profundis*. To every chaplain thus singing and celebrating 10s. The like to be performed in the said chapel and to every chaplain thus celebrating for a whole year in each day of my trentals 6d.

On the day of my burial, before the same, the great bell to be rung for a quarter of an hour and the holy water clerk of the said church to be present at my funeral and prayers, and to every such clerk singing and ringing at my first trental 3s. 4d. and to every such clerk so singing and ringing for each day of my trentals 3d. My executors to distribute in pious uses and alms for the health of my soul and of my husband's soul on my trental day 100s. according to their discretion. My executors to keep and cause to be kept every year forever in the said church of Henley an anniversary to be solemnly celebrated for my soul and for the souls of my husband, my father, mother and friends and all faithful souls, for which I bequeath 6s. 8d. yearly forever.

To John Wylly the younger a maser bound with silver and gilt, a cup called 'a Nutte', a silver bowl called 'a Flat pece', a silver pix, and two silver spoons. To Agnes Devene 3s. 4d. John Wylly, senior, to have my tenement in Hamelden to him and the heirs of his body lawfully begotten. Every year forever twelve quarters of coal called 'charcole' to the most needy poor dwelling within the vill of Henley, that is, six quarters on Christmas Eve and six in the vigil of the Purification of the Blessed Virgin.

The residue to be divided into three parts: one to my executors for the good of my soul; one to John Wylly, senior, my son; and the third to John Wylly, junior, son of John Wylly, senior, and Julian, my daughter.

Executors: John Wylly, my son; Thomas Wymark, and I give the latter for his labour 40s.

Witnesses: Sir Henry Bosewell; Sir Walter Bray; Robert Lethe; John Rychemond, and others.

Proved 20 February, 1483 (-4) and administration committed to John Wylly, senior.

1485. WILLIAM BYISSHOPP.*

(P.C.C. Logge 14.)

3 April, 1485. William Byisshopp of Burford. To be buried in the parish church of St. John Baptist, Burford. To the mother church of Lincoln 3s. 4d. To the parish church of Burford £5 sterling and to the repair of every light accounted in that church 5s. To every priest celebrating in the said church at my burial 12d.; to be distributed among the poor and needy on the day of my burial £5; on my trental day £5; on the day of my anniversary £5.

To a priest celebrating daily in Burford church for my soul and the souls of all faithful departed £40, that is, to every priest celebrating for one entire year 10 marks sterling, to every priest celebrating for one year for the soul of Henry, my father, of William Pynnell, my grandfather, and all my ancestors 10 marks. To the brethren of the four convents of scholars in Oxford £8, that is, to each convent 40s., to pray for my soul. To the repair of the king's ways where most needed £10.

To Agnes, my wife £200 for her share. To Richard, my son £500 sterling. To Agnes, my wife, Richard, my son, and John, my brother, all my vessels of silver to be divided among them equally. To Richard, my son, those my four messuages in the vill of Burford and my tenements and lands in the vill and fields of Feld, whereof I am alone enfeoffed, as well as the reversion of all the lands and tenements in the vill and fields of Burford and Upton after the death of my mother, Margaret, to him and his heirs forever to hold of the chief lords of the fees by the accustomed services.

The residue to my mother, Margaret, and my brother John, whom I appoint my executors, who are also to execute the will of Henry my father, not yet completed, and to expend in charitable gifts for my soul and that of my father £20.

Witnesses: Sir Robert Elys, clerk and bachelor of arts, my confessor; Master John Pryttewell, master of arts, and others.

Proved at Knoll, 3 October, 1485 and administration committed to John Bysshopp, the brother.

1485. THOMAS GOLDWELL.

(P.C.C. Logge 16.)

23 July, 1485 (3 Richard III). Thomas Goldwell, citezin and fisshmonger of London. To be buried in the parish chirch yarde of St. Margarete in Briggestrete under the south wall on the south side ther as nygh to the ymage of St. Cristofir as it can conveniently be. To the high auter of the seid chirch for my tithes and oblacions forgoten or necligently witholden in dischargeyng of my soul 13s. 4d. Toward the reparacion of the said chirch £3 6s. 8d. and two torchis if it happen me ther to be buried. To the two prestes of the brederhede of Our Lady, St. Margaret, and St. Thomas the Martir in the chirch of St. Magne founded, that is to wete, to eyther of them 3s. 4d. so that they remember my name a moneth after my decesse as they ben accustumed. To the said fraternite, two torchis or els the value. To the bretherhede of clerks of London 6s. 8d. To the blak Freres at Ludgate 10s. To every priste of the church of St. Margarete aforsaid beyng at my Dirige 12d. and to every clerk of the same there also beyng 12d. To six other preests

being at my said *Dirige*, to every of them 6d. To every pour man that is an housholder within the said parish of St. Margarete and hath contynued ther by the space of an yer and be of good rule 12d.

To the chirch werkes of Bodycote in the counte of Oxford 40s. To be distributed among the poure inhabitauntes of Bodicote aforsaid havyng most nede 10s. Agnes, my suster, dwelling in Bloxham in the same countee (to) have all that my hous in Bloxham aforsaid which is holden by copy after custume of the manor for terme of her lyff, she keping sufficiently the reparacions of the same. And after her decesse I woll that it remayne to the fraternitie of Saint Petir in the chirch of Bloxham forsaid toward sustentacion and fynding of a morow masse preste and keping of an obite for evermore in the said chirch of Bloxham for my soule, the soulis of my ffader and moder, and all our good doers soules, expending at every such obite yerly for evermore 10d.

I pardon and forgeve to Richard Dorsett of Bloxham aforsaid all such duete as he owith unto me except only 20 mark. To the most poorest householders of the same towne to be distributed among them 40s.

To the brederhede of yong men of fishmongers in Briggestrete of London 10s. I pardone and forgive to Thomas Newdegate, myn apprentice, so that he be wele ruled thoo, £3 I which shulde have had with hym of his fader, and also over and above that, I bequeath to the same Thomas 40s.

To maister William Dorsett a little masor of the value of 40s. To my cosyn, John Goldwell, a flat pece of silver not couerid. To my cosyn, John Halle of Shotteswell, one flat pece of silver not covered. To the wif of William Clere of Bodicote aforsaid a gown cloth or 10s. in money for the same. To be distributed among the children of the same William 10s. To John Steton of Bloxham aforesaid 6s. 8d. I pardone and forgeve to John Milis of Bodicote all such sumes of money as he oweth me.

I will that myn executors in no wise make eny monethis mynde for me but that they see, ordeyn and provide that I be honestly buried after ther discrecions and as yt is accustummyd in myn occupation, to the which expens at my said buriyng to be expended I bequeth £10.

To William, my servant, 20s. To every of the four lasor houses next aboute London 20d. To the refreshyng of poure people comyng to the four hospitalls, that is to say, St. Mary spitill, St. Bartholomew spetill, St. Thomas spitill in Southwerk, and Elsing spetill, to every house of them 20d. To be disposed amonge the pour prisoners in Newgate and Ludgate, in eyther prison 40d. And in eyther of the two counters [debtors' prisons] 20d.

To the reparacion of brigges and high waies where most nede is toward Banbury 10s. I woll that Henry Shutford, fishmongere, shall have to him, his executors and assignes alle thestate and termes of yeres which I have to come of and in all the shop with solers above edified and other thappertenances sett in Breggestrete in the parish of St. Magne of London which I holde of the leese of Elizabeth Twyer of Wycombe, wedowe, the said Henry beryng all such charge as I am bounde to do for the same.

The residue I woll that myn executors dispose in dedis of almes and werks of charite as they shall seme best to pleas God and to comforte my soule as they wold I shuld do for them in cas like.

Executors: William Ramsey, fishmonger; Henry Shutford.

Overseers: Thomas Blakham; Thomas Water, ffishmongers.

To every of my executors and overseers for his labor 26s. 8d. All other testaments annulled.

Proved at Knoll, 14 October, 1485. Administration committed to Henry Shutford, executor, William Ramsey renouncing executorship.

1485. THOMAS RICARDIS alias FERMOUR.*

(P.C.C. Logge 19.)

9 September, 1485. Thomas Ricardis alias Fermour the elder of Witteney. To be buried in the chapel of St. Mary Magdalene within the church of Witney. To the mother church of Lincoln 12d. To the high altar in the chancel of St. Mary the Virgin in Witney church for oblations and tithes forgotten 20s. To every light in the said church four pounds of wax. To the building of the aisle of St. Mary Magdalene in that church, called 'Carsewell Ile', on the south part, £20 legal money. To buy an antiphonal book for the said church 6 marks.

To Emmote, my wife, £200 with the store and all the utensils of my house, that is, in the hall, chambers, and kitchen, basins, belts, spoons, masers, and my other jewels whatsoever. To William, my son, 200 marks legal money and all my lands and tenements within the vills and fields of Witteney and Hayle. To John, my son, £100 legal money and all my lands and tenements within the vills and fields of Cogges and Burford. To Laurence, my son, 200 marks and all my lands and tenements in Chadlington. To Richard, my son, 200 marks and all my lands and tenements in the vills and fields of Filkinge [Filkins] and Langford.

To Alice Wayneman, John Wayneman, and Elizabeth Wayneman, children of Emmote, my wife, by Henry Waynman, her first husband, £10 among

them.

My sons' legacies to remain in the hands of my executrix until my said sons attain the age of twenty years; the legacy of him dying before to be divided among the survivors, and if they die without issue the lands and tenements to remain to my next heirs.

The residue to Emmote, my wife.

Executrix: the said Emmote.

Supervisor: Richard Harecourt, knight.

Proved 8 November, 1485 and administration committed to Emmote, the relict and executrix.

1485. THOMAS CROFTE.*

(P.C.C. Milles 17.)

vhere God shall dispose. To the Abbess of the monastery of Goddystowe by Oxford for my tithes forgotten 40s. To Thomas Norton, esquire, of Bristol, for a certain debt upon divers counts between us had £13 6s. 8d., and further I will that my executors pay divers creditors of Edward IV, late king of England, in Wodstok, whereunto the said king was indebted for expenses of his household £20; and to divers creditors of Richard III, late king of England, for divers tallies levied in the port of Bristol £20. To the proctors of the parish church of St. Peter, Bristol, for the debt of Thomas Canynges and his mother such sums as can be proved by the said proctors without usury. To the widow of Thomas Guybons of Watlyngton, co. Oxford, such sums of money as Edmund Below borrowed of the said Thomas Guybons for a messuage and a virgate of land in South Weston; and to one

named Horewell by Stratford upon Avon 66s. 5d. To the heirs of Quymartons 66s. 8d. To Robert Colyar living by Asteley, co. Worcester, 40s.; to Margaret Acton £20.

To the mayor of Woddestok and the proctors of the church of St. Mary Magdalene there all those my lands and tenements in Woddestok, Wotton, Hensingdon, South Weston, in the county of Oxford, and four tenements in Bristol and the suburbs of the same, whereof one tenement is situated above 'le Were' against the castle there, wherein Coleman, tanner, now lives; the second in 'le small strete' wherein Maurice Ludlowe now dwells; the third upon the bridge of the Avon, wherein Hugh Sadler now dwells; and the fourth upon the same bridge, adjoining the third and wherein Thomas ap Hoell now dwells, for ninety-nine years next following, to find in the chapel of St. Margaret of the said church of St. Mary Magdalene one priest to celebrate divine service daily, that is to say, matins from six to seven o'clock and mass from seven to eight or within the prescribed hours, and vespers daily from four to five in the afternoon, and also to find two poor men of good condition to pray for the souls of William Crofte, esquire, and Isabel, his wife, my parents, and of me and Elizabeth, my wife, my brothers and sisters, and all the faithful; and the said priest or chaplain and the said two poor men to dwell in a certain tenement newly built by me by the gate of the churchyard there, and the said chaplain to receive yearly for his stipend £,6 and each poor man 1d. a day from the issues of the said lands and tenements. My feoffees of the aforesaid lands and tenements immediately after my death to be enfeoffed to the use of the mayor and proctors of Woodstock and to the above intention. Whenever the said chantry shall be vacant by death or resignation of the chaplain and poor men, the heirs of Sir Richard Crofte, knight, my brother, shall appoint a chaplain to the same, and the heirs of Richard Crofte, esquire, my brother, shall appoint one poor man, and the mayor and proctors aforesaid of Woddestok shall appoint one poor man, and the mayor and proctors aforesaid of Woddestok, the other.

Immediately after my death, my executors to make public proclamation in the cities and vills of London, Bristol, Gloucester, Herford, Oxford, Woddystok, and Aylesbury, in case I am indebted to any, and, to pay the same debts, to sell such lands not specifically mentioned in my will for payment of the same; the residue to be spent in pious uses for the good of my soul according to the advice and discretion of Elizabeth, my wife.

Executors: John, bishop of Worcester; Elizabeth Crofte, my wife; John Hemmyng; John Imyns, chaplain.

Et testes iurati Altithronun celum et terram quod hec est mea ultima voluntas. Proved 15 November, 1488 by Richard Crofte, esq. and administration committed to Elizabeth, the relict.

1486. JOHN PYNNOK.* (P.C.C. Milles 4.)

8 November, 1486. John Pynnok of Burford. To be buried in the chapel of the Holy Trinity newly built at my cost adjoining Burford church. To the cathedral church of Lincoln 6d. To the high altar of Burford parish church for my tithes forgotten 20s. To every light accounted in the said church 8d.; to the light of the Blessed Mary in the chapel there 20d.; to the maintenance of the said chapel according to the provision of my brother burgesses of the said vill 13s. 4d.

To Thomas, my son, £100 sterling, two silver bowls, covered, another bowl gilt, and another standing bowl, formerly my father's, three masers, and one great standing maser, two silver salts for the best salt, twelve spoons of the best, one silver ewer, one silver pyx, twelve amber vases garnished, two feather beds with bolsters, four blankets, four pairs of sheets, with coverlets with figures of lions 'de le Tapstry', one bed with hangings and tester, six pillows with 'banker', two tablecloths of diaper, two towels of diaper, two chests of the best, two of the largest brass pans, two of the largest brass pots, two brass pitchers, two of the largest spits, a 'colrake' and 'firepike', three of the largest basins with two ewers, and four candlesticks.

To Margaret, Agnes, and Elizabeth, my daughters, 20 marks sterling each at their marriage, and to each of them one feather bed, one pair of blankets, one pair of sheets, a covered bolster one silver bowl, one maser, one brass pot, one brass pan, two candlesticks, one tablecloth, two towels, one spit, one 'banker', three pillows, and six silver spoons. To each of my said daughters one tenement of three lying together in Witney Strete, on the north side, between the tenement of the Blessed Mary on the west and the lane called Gildenford Lane on the east, to have and to hold of the chief lords of that fee by the usual services.

To Margery, my daughter, all that my tenement in the High Street of the said vill on the east, between the tenement of Robert Leverich on the south and the lane called Battleslane on the north to hold as aforesaid; also one bed with appurtenances, one brass pot, one brass pan, one coverlet, one candlestick, and in money 40s. To Peter, husband of the said Margery, one gown.

To Elizabeth, my wife, all my lands, tenements, meadows, woods, underwoods in the vills and fields of Burford and Northleche or elsewhere in Oxford and Gloucester for the term of her life, she to maintain them in sufficient repair, with remainder after her death to Thomas Pynnok, my son, and his issue, to hold as aforesaid; in default of issue, to my right heirs. To the said Thomas 5 marks sterling to keep him at his studies if he is pursuing studies, otherwise the said 5 marks to be kept until his marriage and then given to him.

To every chaplain celebrating in the said chapel for my soul for three complete years after my death £18.

The residue to Elizabeth, my wife, Thomas, my son, and Sir John Alain, whom I constitute my executors.

Supervisor: William Harecourt, esquire, and I give him 40s. for his pains.

Proved 20 October, 1487 and administration committed to Elizabeth, the relict, in the person of Master Thomas Everad, Master of the Arches, her proctor.

DAME KATERYN HARECOURT. 1488.

(P.C.C. Milles 17.)

7 July, 1488. Dame Kateryn Harecourt, wydow. To be buryed in the church of Our Lady in thabbey of Rewley in Oxford before the chiefe Image of Our Lady in the seid church. For the expensis to be doone necessarily abowte my funeralles the day of my burying £20, and also £6 to be distributed the same day unto pouer folke. To the four orders of Frires in Oxford 40s. To thabbat and covent of Osseney 6s. 8d. and to the priour and covent of Frisswith 6s. 8d. To thabbess and covent of Godstowe 20s. and a pair of vestmentes to be made of my garmentes. To the modyr church of Lincoln 12d.

To the making of the quer in the church of Rewley aforeseid £10. To the Abbot of the same that now is or that shall be for the tyme of seven yeres next following after the date hereof yerely 20s. and to the prior of the same yerly during the said terme 16s. 8d. and to every preest of the covent of the same howse yerely during the seid eight (sic) yeris 13s. 4d. so that they dewly recommend me in ther prayers and as ofte as they shall sey masse during the forseid eight yeres.

To John Fyssh, my servant, during his lyfe yerely 26s. 8d. and to be payd yerely by the handys of my executours or on of them. To doctor Whyte, prior of the White Frires in Oxford, yerely 4os. for the tyme of seven years immediately following after the date of this my testament if he leve so long. Thomas Crofte, oon of myn executors, shal have in his hands three yeres next following after my deceese froo to this entent that if any person or persons can shew any dewly dett by Syr Mylis Stapleton or by me...or (to be) wrongid by any of us both at any tyme in all oure lyfe that trewly proved, that thenne incontinent my seid executours to make dew satisfaccion and that remayneth to be disposid in almes dedes.

The residew.... I putt fully and holy in the rewle and disposicion to and of Thomas Crofte, esquier, and Richard Hall, whom I make...myn executours... to dispose and destribute my seid goodes so lefte for the sowles of my husbonde, Syr Myles Stapleton, and of me and of oure parentes as they think best and as they will answere to Allmyghty God at the dredefull day of dome; for whos labor I bequeith and yeve to the seid Thomas Crofte £10 and to the seid Richard Hall £4.

Supervisors: the worshipfull Doctor Fetz-James and Robart Rastwold, esquier, for whos labor I bequeith to either of them 53s. 5d.

Royall Lyeu [Rewley], 5 September, 1488. Dame Kateryn Harecourt, late the wyfe of Sir Richard Harecourt, knyght, decesyd. Wher as I, in July before this present date last passid, have ordeynid and made my testament and will... Know ye that I... ratify, approve, and conferme the seid will and testament and all and everich articule therein comprisid and for thexecucion of the same I... make and ordeign Elizabeth Calthorp, John Hodelston, esquier, and Jane, his wife, and Richard Hall, myn executours. To the seid Elizabeth, John, Jane, and Richard the residue of my goods.

Witnesses: Master John Marlow; Thomas Elton, clerke; Robard Brampton; Richard Humfraiston, gent.; Thomas Richemound, at Royall Lyeu.

Proved 23 January, 1488 (-9) by John Hodelston, esqr., and administration committed to him.

1488 (-9). JOHN CHADWORTH.*

(P.C.C. Milles 19.)

Abburbury [Adderbury], 2 January, 1488 (-9). John Chadworth, the younger. To be buried in the parish church of the vill of Abburbury in the north part, next the body of Julian Chadworth, late my wife. To the church of Lincoln 4d.; to the hospital of Santo Spirito in Rome 4d. To the bells of Abburbury church 6s. 8d. To Master William Darset, vicar of Abburbury, 6s. 8d.

To Thomas Chadworth, my son, my best featherbed with all the appurtenances, six silver spoons, a piece of silver, a silver gilt maser of the best, my best gown, and all the utensils left in my house after my legacies are paid. To William Chadworth, my son, my second best feather bed, six silver spoons, a gilt maser, my second best gown, one brass pot. To William Chadworth, son of Thomas Chadworth, one entire bed with all the appurtenances, two cows, forty sheep, my best cart with three horses, with all the necessary fittings, and my plough; if he die before the age of twenty years, the same to be disposed of for the good of my soul and the souls of my benefactors. To John Chadworth, son of Thomas Chadworth, a cart. To Richard Chadworth, a cart. To each of my godchildren a sheep. To every child of Thomas Chadworth two sheep. To every child of William Chadworth and Robert Chadworth and of Richard Malle a sheep. To each of my servants a sheep. To the prisoners in Banbury Castle 3s. 4d.

The residue to Thomas and William Chadworth, my sons, and Richard Malle, my kinsman, my executors. To each 13s. 4d.

Supervisors: Master William Davers (sic), king's justice; Master William Darset, and I give to each 20s.

Witnesses: Master William Darcete; T. Fiffeld; Richard Mathew; Richard Wever, and many others.

Proved 13 August, 1489 by Sir Roger Mathew, chaplain, and administration committed to the executors.

1488 (-9). RICHARD DANVERS.*

(P.C.C. Milles 32.)

27 January, 1488 (-9). Richard Danvers of Prestcote, co. Oxford, 'gentilman.' To be buried where my executors see fit. To Sir John Henyngham, knight, £10 because I sold him a weight of 'polyn wex' at too high a price. To the fabric of the nave of the cathedral of St. Mary, Lincoln, 100s. To Sir Henry Sergeantson, chaplain, to pray for my soul 20s. To Sir Raunhoh, chaplain of St. Frethemund, to pray for my soul 20s. To the fabric of the nave of the prebendal church of Cropredy 100s. To the repair of the chapel of St. Fremund where his shrine is situated 20s. To the fabric of the nave of the parish church of Culworth 100s. To the fabric of the nave of Claydon church in Cropredy parish 20s. To the like of Molington church 20s.; of Wardinton church 20s.; of Burton chapel 20s.

To the Prior and Convent of Clatcote [Clattercote] to pray for my soul 100s.; to the same of Wroxton £10; of Osney 20 marks to pray for my soul. To the Priory of Shene of the Carthusian order £10 for the reparation of the same at the discretion of Henry Tracy, monk there. To the repair of a certain small place in which I late dwelt in the Priory of Byrcester 5 marks.

The residue, my debts paid and tomb made, to my executors to expend for the good of my soul.

Executors: Thomas Englefeld; John Danvers, my son.

Proved 20 February, 1488 (-9) by Robert, writer, and Cuthbert Bowkehill. Administration committed to the executors.

1489. SIR EDMUND REDE. (P.C.C. Milles 23.)

Testament.*

7 April, 1487. To be buried in the parish church of Borstall in the chapel of the Holy Trinity in the south part of the church. My executors to distribute with all speed after my death 1000 groats (grossos) to 1000 priests, each to celebrate Dirige with a mass of requiem for my soul. To each priest present on the day of my burial 12d.; at my month's mind, 12d.; to each clerk singing at my funeral 4d.; to every poor person at my funeral praying for my soul 1d. with food and drink in abundance. Two tapers to burn by day and night from the day of my burial until my month's mind, one at the head, the other at the foot of my tomb; the priest of the chapel at the time to pray daily for my soul from the day of my burial for thirty days, saying in the chapel one Dirige with a mass or memorial of requiem; the parish clerk of the said church and two others shall daily at the above times ring the bells and have for their labours 3d. daily.

At my month's mind my executors to provide four tapers to stand about my tomb, each taper to weigh five pounds of wax, with twelve torches of good wax bought in London to cost 6s. 8d. each, and twelve gowns with black hoods newly made for twelve poor persons among my tenants to hold the said torches at mass in the chapel on the day of my burial and at my month's mind, to each poor man 4d. After a year the torches to go to the church of Borstall.

Immediately after my month's mind, the priest of the chapel with six other priests to celebrate a Dirige with six masses of requiem per notam once in each month until my anniversary, each priest to have 8d. each time. To each clerk singing there 2d. and for ringing the bells each month for a year 3d. On the day of my burial, at my month's mind, and each month following until my anniversary my executors to give as an offering at each mass 1d. My executors to observe diligently my anniversary. To each priest then present at Dirige and mass... celebrating for my soul 12d., to each clerk singing 4d., for ringing the bells 3d. To the fabric of the cathedral church of St. Mary, Lincoln, 6s. 8d. To the priest who shall administer to me the sacred rites immediately before my death 6s. 8d. with a small book of Dirige with notes (notato) bound in white leather.

To Katherine, my wife, a silver cup with a cover, called 'le Egle cuppe', with a silver goblet covered, two silver gilt salts, one of them covered, a book called 'Gower' bound in red leather, with my four best beds and their fittings.

To William Rede, my heir apparent, or whoever succeeds me in the inheritance of Borstall, all the implements below mentioned remaining there and to remain as long as they last: all mensas of beds, two 'cuppebord', one now in the hall, the other in the great parlor, an 'almarye' in the kitchen, 'formes, trescillys, presbourdes, metebourdes, shelves, troughes, ledis, rakkis, and mangers' with a great chest in the long chamber; my three chests above the great parlour, one chest in 'le Tresaunce' next the hall, and two chests in the chapel; one white linen bed with three hanging curtains and a coverlet of the same, one 'federbed,' one 'bolster', and two pairs of sheets. To the same William for his man, one 'mataras', one 'bolster', two blankets, two pairs of sheets and one 'coverlet'; one pair of vestments of green silk with 'le orfray' of blue 'saten' embroidered with gold images, one pair of striped vestments of white worsted, one corporal case of gold with a pelican in the

middle, with one corporal, which vestments belonged to John Rede, my grandfather.

A breviary with notes in my possession, formerly belonging to the vill of Sandelfe to remain to the said vill whenever they happen to require it.

To my heir apparent a brass pot called 'a long leggid potte', with another brass pot; six 'griddles' with two 'potte hangers', two 'cotters', two iron 'rakkes', two long spits and a small iron one, one platter, eight 'griddles', another platter, four griddles, one vessel garnished with amber, one basin, my best, with a ewer of 'lattyn', four candle-sticks of 'latten', and my sword, harnessed with silver gilt, a book of the chronicles of England, a book called Officium Militare with arms depicted in it, a book of 'Gower', with the treatise of the Three Kings of Coleyn bound in white leather, a book called Albertanus Causiticus with other tracts, my two psalters, one with two silver gilt clasps 'pounced' with unicorns' heads, a small book of matins with other prayers with silver clasps, my very small psalter with silver gilt clasps, a book of the life of Alexander, with all my books of English law, except the book of assises later left to Richard Halle; cartularies, terriers, books of forests, books of swanimotes, one little book of old statutes of England, a small register with silver clasps, together with all my indentures belonging to the heritage of my heir aforesaid. in my closet above 'le Tresaunte' next the hall in the aforesaid manor, with a great black horn harnessed in silver gilt, which horn was the first charter of office of the forest of Bornewode and was given by the king to a certain Nigel with a leather tunic of my ancestor long before the Conquest of England, and another horn harnessed with silver, pounced with letters and 'branches'. All my tunics called 'jakkis' with 'salletis, curas, pollaxes' with all instruments pertaining to war to my heir.

To William or my heirs of Borstall, never to give or alienate any goods as long as they last but they shall remain in the said manor, under pain of excommunication.

To John Rede, Sebastian Rede, and Thomas Rede, brothers of the said William, 10 marks each or the price therof. To Katherine Rede, sister of the above, 10 marks or the price thereof on condition that she be well governed by the advice of Katherine, my wife, the said heir, and their friends. To Thomas Rede, clerk, my son, a silver cup called 'a Rose Cuppe' with cover, a book of matins, with other prayers, a Bible, a book called *Medulla Gramatica*, a book called *Bonaventure*, a book of a disputation between body and soul, with other tracts.

To Alan Rede, my son, a book of the siege of Troy and another of the seven psalms cum magno latenia, Dirige and commendations with £10 sterling or the price thereof. To Joan Wykeham, my daughter, a plain cup and a round necklace of gold pounced with heads of unicorns, with a pair of amber beads. To each godchild of mine and of Katherine, my wife, all the gear (apparatu) of my body to be divided among them by the discretion of my executors. To each well born godson 6s. 8d. sterling; to each other godson 12d. sterling. To George Gaynesford my second mare with her foal after the best, called a 'stodmare'. To William Gaynesford my third horse with foal after the best and two books of the chronicles of England, bound and written on paper, one called John Harding and the other Rakyll de Troye.

To Richard Hall a book called the book of *Plato* with beasts, birds and herbs depicted in it and a book of assises of English law, my second male foal after the best, three or four years old, at his free choice. To Elizabeth Hall, his wife, a brooch [monile de Jhesu] of gold with a small standing mazer with

cover, bordered in silver gilt. To Anne Bowell a small goblet of silver with six silver spoons. To each gentleman and gentlewomen in my service at the time of my death 20s. or the value thereof. To each valet or servant (famulo) 13s. 4d.; to each groom (garcione) 6s. 8d. or the value thereof. Katherine, my wife, to provide Geleham Frensheman and Richard Cowbrigge, my servants, innocents, with food and drink and sufficient bedding and apparel as long as Katherine lives, and if they or either of them outlives Katherine, my executors to do the same.

The residue to Katherine, my wife, and Richard Hall.

Executors: Katherine; Richard Hall; John Sampson, clerk; Robert Ardern, gentleman. To Richard 100s. sterling; to John 40s. sterling; to Robert 40s. sterling.

Witnesses: William Gayneford, esquire; Richard Richardson, clerk; Joan Beyes.

Sealed, and for greater security I put my sign manual.

Proved 30 June, 1489 by Richard Hall; power committed to the Prior of the Priory of St. Frideswide the Virgin, Oxford, to commit the administration to Katherine, relict of the deceased and executrix named in the testament.

Borstall, 21 February, 1488 (-9). Sir Edmund Rede of Burstall in the countie of Bukkingham, knyght. Know ye that this is the last wille of me the said Edmond . . . concernyng my fee simple landes and tenementis in Borstalle, Adinggrave, and Ocle [Oakley] in the countie of Bukkes, and Clopcote in the countie of Berkes, and in other places as here after followeth. First...ymmediately after my discease myn executours and souche parsons as I shall assign to execute my will (to) take and perceyve all the profittis in and of all the landes and tenementes yerely in Borstall, Addinggrove, Ocle . . . and Clopcote . . . by the space of seven yere than next following for thexibition and finding three prestis in Oxenford to ther scole and lernyng, dayly to saye dyvyne service for my sowle, the sowles of Dame Katheryn and Agnes, my wifis, and for our fathers, mothers, and other our auncestors sowles and for the sowles of all our good doers by the space of the said seven yeres. Of the which prestis ... a well disposed man, a fryer of the howse of the Fryers Austens of Oxenford be oon and two other secular prestis of good and vertuouse disposicion and noo hunters, everyche of the said prestis taking yerely for thaire salarye during the yeres abovesaid 5 marks of lawfull money. All the said prestis yerely during the said seven years shall com to Borstall at suche tyme ons in the yere as by myn executours shalbe thought moost convenient there to kepe myn obite and say Dirige and masses and pray for my sowle and the sowles before reherced. Myn executours and souche parsons as I shall depute for the execucion of my wille shall ymmediately after the said seven yeres passed take and perceyve the profittis of the landes and tenementis abovesaid yerely...comyng by the space of three yeres then next following for the exhibition of the said prestis in forme aforesaid during the said three years, but yef he that shalbe than heyre to me paye or cause to be paide within the said three years to myn executours or to souche parson or parsons as I shall assigne for the executyng of my said wille for my said fee simple lands and tenementes in Borstall and Culverhouse lande in Ocley £40 of lawfull money and for the residue of all the said fee simple landes and tenementis in Ocley and Adinggrove £100 of lawful money and over that paye for my said fee simple landes and tenementis in Clopcote £20 of lawful money . . . than I will my feoffees of the landes and tenementis abovesaid make astate therof to my said heyre in fee. The said

money...so resceyved (to) be disposed for my sowle and the sowles abovesaid in somme aboverehersed. Anf if my said heyre pay not the said sommes of money within the said three yeres in forme aforesaid... my said executours... (to) make sale of all the said landes and tenementis to the utterest value therof and the money therof comyng by reason of the said sale by the advyse of myn executours... be imployed as well for the exhibicione of the prestis abovesaid as in making of briggs, high wayes to my manors, landes, and tenementis in the counties of Oxenford, Berkshire, and Bukkes ajoyning and to the mariages of poure madens well disposed, provyded that maydens of my blode and of Dame Katerin, my wif, be preferred therto afore any other.

Dame Kateryn, my wif, (to) have for terme of her life all my landes and tenementis in Chakinden and Standelf [Standhill] by me purchased; and after my discease and the discease of the said Dame Katerin, . . . myne executours...(to) take and perceyve yerely the proffit is therof by the space of ten yeres than next following to be employed to prestis and in charitable dedes . . . And if my heire at that tyme being paye or cause to be paide to myne executours and assignes aforsaid within the said ten yeres for the landes and tenementis in Chakinden and Standelf 80 marcs of lawful money, than I will my feoffis therof make astate to my said heyre and to his heyres in fee, and the said money...so resceyved to be disposed as is abovesaid for the wele of my sowle and the sowles abovereherced. Provyded alway that 100 marcs of lawful money commyng as well of the said lands and tenementis in Chakinden and Standelff as of other landes and tenementes aforsaid . . . be dysposed and set upone the reparacion of the howse of Fryers Austyns in Oxenford by the oversight and advyse of my said executours and assignes. And if my said heire pay not the said money in fourme afore rehersed, my executours . . . (to) make sale of all the said landes and tenementis in Chakenden and Standelf... and the money therof commyng to be disposed and employed as is abovesaid and in other charitable dedis . . .

He that shall have the surveying of the said londes and tenementis and the gadering of the rentes of the same for the execucion of my sayd will shall have yerely for his labour for the sayde surveying and resceyte 20s., and the residue that shall com over thexebicion of the said prestis for the space of seven yere and the wagis of the said surveyour and resceyver to be employed by my said executours uppon necessary reparacions of the landes and tenementis abovesaid and otherwise as they think most profitable for the welth of my sowle.

My sone Aleyn Rede (to) have for terme of his life all my landes and tenementis in Stauntone Saint John and . . . after the discease of me and Dame Kateryn, my wif, my said sone Aleyn (to) have to him and to the heire males of his body begotten my maner of Baynton with thappurtenaunces, and for defawt of souche heire, to Thomas, my son, parsone of Chynnour, for terme of his lif.

John Rede, sone to William Rede, after my discease, yf he be thane of full age and of good disposicion and vertuouse condicion (to) have my maner of Fyfhide [Fifield], a mille called Withgyn Mille, my landes and tenementis in Ocley in the countie of Bukkes and all my other landes and tenementis in Nettelbed, Benstone, Roke, and Berewyke to him and to the heire males of his body commyng; and if he be not of full age at the tyme of my discease, than I will that myne executours... take all the issues and profittis of the said maner, londs, and tenementis till the said John com to his full age, and than to make him astate according to my will abovereherced.

(To) Sebastian, my goddisson and soone to William Rede, after my discease if he be than of full age and of good condicione and vertuous disposicione... and to his heires males of his body commyng all my landes and tenementis in Marys [May's Farm], Gangoldesdene [Gangsdown Hill], Amarys, and Mugpittis [Mogpitswood]. And if he be not of full age (etc. as above). And the money resceyved by my executours and assignes as well of the maner, londes, and tenementis lymytted to John Rede, soon to William Rede, as of the londes and tenementis lymyted to the said Sebastiane for lak of theire full age to be disposed for the welth of my sowle by the advyce of myn executours.

William Gaynesford, for his good and trewe service to me before this tyme done and hereafter to me during my lif to be done, (to) have for terme of his life my chief place in Walingford adjoyning to the churche of Saynt Peturs there with closes, gardeyns, and my severall waters thereto ajoynyng with Papes Hogheys, and all other landes that nowe I have there in myn owne hand.

Myn executurs and assigns ordeynyed to execute my will (to) abide and be in my maner of Borstall by the space of six wekes immediately after my discease with fre commyng in and fre commyng owte without let or distourbaunce of him that shall thane be my heyre, for the executing of my funirals, performans of my will and disposicion of my goodes according to the same. Yf the said John Rede, son to William, and the said Sebastian at thaire full age after my discease be not of good and virtuous disposicion, than I will that myne heyre that than shalbe, yef he lette not this my will or no parte therof nor no other my will by me made or to be made nor no partie therof to be performed but suffer myne executours . . . without lette, interupcion, or distourbaunce of him or any other parson in his name, than I will he have the reversion of my maner of Baynton fall whan it shall, according to my will above-reherced, and also the maner of Fyfhede with all other landes and tenementis lymytted to the said John Rede and also to the said Sebastiane vf no astate be made to them for lak of thaire good disposicions, or els the reversions of the same maner, landes, and tenementis yef astate be made to them according to my will, to have and hold to my said heyre and to the heires of his body commyng, and for lake of suche issue to remayne to my right heyre in fee.

If myne heires that shalbe let, vexe, or trouble myne executours ... all souche landes, tenementis, and revercyons as I have ordeigned by this my wille my said heyre shulde have, (to) be solde and put to sale by myne executours ... and the mony therof by them so resceyved and taken be disposed for the welthe of my sowle and the sowles abovereherced in charitable dedes as by them shalbe thoughte moost profitable.

Executors: Richard Halle of Swarford, gentilman; Maister Thomas Lee of Ewelme, clerk; John Sampson, clerke. Provyded always that I be at my livertie to alter, adde, or admynysshe this my present wille or any parcell therof at my plesour.

In witnes wherof to either parte of this writing indented I have putt my seale of armes the daye and yere abovesaid.

1491. JOHN FREMAN.* (P.C.C. Doggett 1.)

4 April, 1491. John Freman of Rollanderight Magna in the diocese of Lincoln. To be buried in the church of the said vill before the image of the Virgin. To the mother church of Lincoln 2d.; to the church of Rollanderight

for necessary repairs and the repair of the nave twenty sheep. To my son William £10 in money and cattle and in other temporal goods to the value of £10. To John, my son, the same. To my daughters, Margaret, Alice, Joan, Isabel, and Margery £6 13s. 4d. to be given to them on their marriage. Sufficient money to be provided for a priest to celebrate for one year in Rolleand-right church for my soul and the souls of all faithful.

To my servant, Thomas Kytlett, £6 13s. 4d. in money and in other temporal goods and in cattle to the same value on condition he serve my wife for three years after my death. If he does not wish to serve, then at the end of the second year after my death my wife shall pay him the aforesaid sum in money and beasts according to the estimate of my neighbours. To Thomas Milleward, my servant, six sheep when he marry. To Edmund Porter, my servant, six sheep at like time. To my godsons two sheep each.

The residue to Margaret, my wife. Executrix: Margaret, my wife.

Witnesses: John Par of Hokenorton; John Clotton of Rolleandright. Proved 23 September, 1491 by John Hall and William Freman, and adadministration committed to Margaret, relict and executrix.

1492. WILLIAM SAUNDERS. (P.C.C. Vox 7.)

17 October, 1492 (8 Henry VII). William Saunders of Banbury in the countie of Oxford, merchaunt. To be buried within the parishe churche of Our Lady in Banbury aforesaid, that ys to say, in the Trinitie clos nere unto the burying place theire of William Saunders, my fadre, on whos soule Jhesu have mercy. To the highe aulter for my thithis and offeringes forgotene or by me neclygently withholden, in discharging of my soule 40s. To the mayntenaunce and sustentacione of the brotherhod or guild of Our Blessed Lady within the said church £5; to Trynytie aulter 20s., to saint Nicholas awlter 6s. 8d.; to saint Petyrs aulter 6s. 8d.; to saint Christofer lighte 13s. 4d. To the werkes of the said church 40s.

Myne executours underwriten (to) provide and ordeigne ane honest prest of good maner and honest conversacion to sing and say his masses and other dyvyne servise in such place as thei shall thinke best by theire discrecions for my soule and the soules of my fadre and modre, frendes, benefactours and all Christian soules by the space of three yeres aftre my decesse, whereof by the first yere I will that he shal sing in the said church of Bandbury and I will that he have yerely for his salary 8 marces.

To Anne, my eldest doughter, to be delyvered to hyr whene she commith to hire laufull age or mariage £100 and Goodes blessing and myn. To everich of my three other doughters, Isabel, Joyce, and Alice. . . when she commeth to laufull age or before at hire mariage 100 marke and Goddys blessing and myne. If any of my doughters decesse before she come to lawful age or mariage, then the parte or porcion of hyre so decessing shall remayne to here susters overlyvinge egally to be devided. And if it happen all my said doughters, as God defend, to decesse. . . the said £300 to them by me bequeithed shall justly and truly be disposed by myn executours. . . to such of my uncle's children as than shalbe lyvyng, amounges theym £100, to the mayntenaunce of Our Lady brotherhod £100, and the residue £100 to be bestowed in reparation and amending of high weys where most nede shalbe, in mariage and preferrement of poure mayndens, in relyving and refreshing of pourer house-

holders, in acquyting and delyvering of pouer prisoners such as lye for det and smale trespacys, and in such other dedys and werkes of almes, pitie, and charitie as they shall seme best to be done to the pleasure of God and to the comforte of my soule and other soulys above-rehersed.

Johanne, my wif, shall have the custody, ward, rule, and guyding of my said doughters and of all the money and lyvelod to them belonging unto the tyme they come to theyre lawful ages or mariages as is beforerehersed. To Emme Scryvaner, my cousyn, to hir mariage 10 marke.

The residue. . . to Johanne, my wif, she to do and disposse thereof at hire own fre wyll, trusting that she will remembre my soule and se the good guyding of my said childre and hers lyke as she wold that I shuld do in cas lyke.

Executrix: Johanne, my wif.

Co-executors: Hyr fadre and myn, John Spencer thelder of Hodenhill, to whom I bequeith for his labour herin to be had 100s.

Supervisor: the worshiphul Syr Edward Rawlyth, knyght, and I bequeith to hym for his labour to be had in that behalf 5 marks.

Memorandum, 22 November, 1493, the said William Saunders in the presence of William Councer, gentilman, John Herford, and John Gardyner, cytezens of London, ratyfied and comfermed the said testament and last wyll in all thinges according to the tenour of the same. And over that in the same presence he bequeithed to the infaunt in his wyfes wombe, yf it be a son all his taylled landes and 100 marke, and yf it be a doughter 100 marke.

To the reparacion before the ffleshamels in Banbury 28s. To Syr Nicholas Wellys and to Syr Richard Asshwell, prest, to either of them 20s. To Richard, his servaunt, 40s. To William Bukes 20s.

This is the last Will of me, the said William Saunders, as to the disposicion of all and singular my landes, tenementes, and possessions which I or any personne or personnes to myn use have in fe simple, that is to say, I woll that the said Johanne, my wif, shal have, hold, and occupie to hyre owne use all the same landes and tenementes unto the tyme that the foresaid Anne, my doughter, com to laufull age or mariage, and than incontynently I woll that all the said landes and tenementes shall holy remayne to the said Anne, my doughter, and hire heires in fe symple.

Proved 29 January, 1493 (-4) by R. Asshwel, William Councer, and John Spencer.

1493. SIR EDMUND MOUNTFORDE. (P.C.C. Vox 11.)

12 March, 1493 (10 Henry VII). Edmunde Mounteforde, knyght. To be buried in Our Lady chapell in the parissh church of Henley upon Thamyse in the counte of Oxford at the wyndow syde before the image of Our Lady in the same chapell. And there a metely tombe to be made acordyng to my degree as it shalbe thought best by the discrecion of myn executours except it be done and made in my lyfe, and my armes sett therupon with a scripture—Here lieth Syr Edmunde Mounteforde, Knyght, somtyme Councelour and Kerver with the most blessed Kyng Henry the VIth and after Chambyrlayne unto the high and myghty Prynce Jasper, Duke of Bedford, brother to the seid Prince the seid Kyng. And wheresoever it fortune me to dye, ferre or nye, I will that my body conveniently be brought to the seid place there to be buried. My dettys be formost payed of the revenue of my landys such as I shall leve here within a byll wreten with my owne hande and such other dettys,

trespaces, or wrongys as can be dewly proved after my deth before myn executours any wyse be restored, and also an hundred masses to be said for my soule of the revenues of the same landys as sone as it conveniently can be hadde after my deth. A masse to be seyde for my soule at Our Lady of Pewe at such tyme as the pardone of *Scala Celi* is there. 10 marcs to be bourne yerely of the manor of Rammyngham [Remenham, Berks.] for a prestes salary to syng for my soule in Our seid Lady chapell there to be fownde perpetually assone as licence can be hadde and in the meane tyme to be kept of the same charge.

John Prestone (to) have all my landys in Henley, and that that lackyth of 20 marcs it to be borne owte of the seyd manour of Rammyngham unto the tyme my will be fully perfourmed. After my will be fully perfourmed, the seid manour (to) remayn unto the seid John Prestone and to the heyres of his body begoten and for defawte of such issue to Syr Wyllyam Noreys and to his heyres. Before all this, such chargis, fees, annuities, and grauntes as I have made and hereafter will make or appoynte to any servauntes or other as hath done me service in tyme past be borne of the revenues of the seid manour.

Such of myn executors that employe them to the perfourmyng of this my last wyll (to) have £20 for ther expenses and reward owte of the revenues of the seid manour, charging them and requiryng theme as they will answer before God to see the due execusion of my wyll. The evidence that Thomas Roche hath of myne and all other stuffe be delivered unto the seid John Prestone.

All suche stuff and goodes of myne in my loggyng in Holbourn of the which Maister Gommy, keper of the same place, hath a grete part, all those goodys as wele within the place as withhyr be delyvered onely to the said John Prestone, he paying to the Maister of Seint Barthilmews Spetill the rent due for the same house which at Christmas last passed is 20s.

Myne executours (to) receive of Willyam Burton, my lordys solicitour, as it apperith by a lettyr which he sent me late, a flatt wasshing basone of sylver with a lavour which I made Thomas Roche to delyver hym. This was delyvered to the seid Burton to thentent that he shud paye to William Pastone 5 marcs, the which he never payd, for I payde the last terme myselfe to Pastone in the presence of John Hewett and so save for my wryttys I owe hym not past 8s., and that basone and the ewer I will they be delyvered to the seid John Prestone. £5 that I shal have of Seymour, gentylman, for the recoveryng of watyr Ichecote Bartram [Hidcote Bartram, Glos.] besyde Campden be delyvered to the seid John Prestone and he to pay to thabbott of Gloucetyr and receive my color of the Kyngis Liverey of him to the helpe and further-aunce of my wyll.

All such harnes as dane (sic) Thomas Glowcetyr hath of myn in keping, I will it be delyvered to the seid John Prestone. All such stuffe of myne as Syr Thomas, paryssh prest of Wynchecombe, hath as well bookes and other be delyvered to the seid John Prestone. Reginald Pogle (to) delyver to John Prestone a relese which I toke hym for the engrosyng of a syse at Gloucestyr for the manour of Ichecote Bartram at which tyme I toke the seyd Reignold for the having up of the seid assise into the Kinges Benche for his labor 20s. in gold in Westmynster Hall, but that I wold advyse the seid John Prestone to sue a wrytt to (blank) Deyman cannot prove hit and John Prestone sue forth the mater to an ende by thadvyse of the seyd Reygnold as he promysed me to doo, than the mater will be suerly at an ende. A man called Warde dwellyng within the seid place hath part of the seyd place and gardynne in ferme and therfor call hym to accompt as he hath bene here before as it apperyth by a byll of Wyllyam Renalles hand wrytyng.

The residue . . . to the seid John Prestone forevermore.

Executors: Maister Roberd Bryan, parson of Sulhill; Morgan Kydwelly; Maister Thomas Maddes; Maister Thomas Lucas; and the seid John Prestone.

All my feoffees (to) be confyrmabyll to thexecucion of this my wyll. And I will and pray my Lord Chauncelour to se this my will performed.

Proved at Lambeth 24 May, 1494 by John Prestone, executor.

1493. DAME JANE STONAR. (P.C.C. Vox 16.)

13 April, 1493. Dame Jane Stonar, the elder. To be buried at the entre of the west dore of the church of Hendeley upon Thamys without the church dore. To the moder church of Lincolne 12d.; to the paryssh church of Henley 6s. 8d.; to the high aulter of Henley 3s. 4d.; to the paryssh church of Stowell Seint John and Stowell Stonar [Sotwell, Berks.] 6s. 8d.; to the parissh church of Dudcote [Didcot] 6s. 8d.; to the parissh church of Penyngton Meysy [Penton Mewsey, Hants.] 6s. 8d.

Assone it is perceyved that I shall depart to the mercy of God and so lying abydyng his mercy and grace, being alyve, that as hastely as it may be done for me there be distributed to preestis to pray for me £15 for thirty trentalles of Seynt Gregory. To thirty-one preestys at my burying, to every preest 12d. seying the trentall of Seint Gregory aforesaid and the last masse of requiem. To every preest commyng to the monethis mynde seying over nyght Diriges and masse on the morowe 12d. To every poure man of the pouerest men of Hendeley holdyng torchis at my monethis mynde 6d. and at my burying 6d., and six of my pouerest tenauntes after the discrecion of myn executours (to) have 8d. with gownes and hoodys. To be distributed at my burying and my monethis mynde 5 marcs in almes to pouer men and women as feire as it will goo.

Immediately after my decesse, my feoffees (to) make a tate of the howse I dwell in with the tenauntrees adjoynyng therto with thappurtenaunces to Jane Stonar the yonger, doughter to my sonne Thomas Stonar, and to the heyres of hyr body lawfully begoton; and for defawte of such issue...to Water (sic) Stonar, brother to the said Jane,...to Syr Wyllyam Stonar, knight, my sonne and heyre, to hym and to his heyres and assignes for evermore. To the seid syr Wyllyam Stonar six bollys of sylver of a sute with a coveryng after my decese. The remenaunt...to syr Wyllyam Stonar, knight, my sonne and heyre, and Thomas Ramsey, thelder, esquier, and I make (them) my executors.

Witnesses: Syr John Rychemond, clerk; Wyllyam Denton; Wyllyam Grene.

Proved at Lambeth 16 November, 1494 and administration committed to Thomas Ramsey executor.

1493. ROBERT ARDERN.* (P.C.C. Vox 11.)

8 August 1493. Robert Ardern of Henley upon Thames in the county of Oxford. To be buried in the chapel of the Blessed Mary in the parish church of Henley. To the mother church of Lincoln 4d. To the high altar of Henley church for my tithes forgotten 3s. 4d.; to every priest being at my funeral and

masses on the day of my burial 6d.; to every clerk 4d.; the same to every priest and clerk on the day of my month's mind and my anniversary. To be distributed among the poor on the day of my burial, month's mind, and anniversary 20s. by equal portions, to wit, each time 6s. 8d. My executrix (to) order as soon as possible after my decease a priest of good and honest disposition to celebrate in the said chapel for one entire year for the health of my soul, the souls of my father and mother, my sons, brothers and sisters deceased, and all faithful deceased, and for his labour I give him 8 marks, 6s. 8d.

The residue to Margery, my wife and executrix.

Witnesses: John Forster, parish chaplain; Henry Hethcote, and others. Proved 14 June, 1494 by Robert Mares, proctor to Margery, the relict and executrix.

1493 (-4). THOMAS CHEYNE.* (P.C.C. Vox 18.)

25 February, 1493 (-4). Thomas Cheyne of Chakenden in the diocese of Lincoln. To be buried in the church of St. Peter, Chakenden. To the mother church of Lincoln 4d.; to the lights of the church of Chakenden and to the fabric of that church three ewes. To the church of Nosfeld [Nuffield] two ewes.

To Edward Cheyne, my son, all my lands and tenements, meadows, feedings, pastures with their appurtenances lying within the borough of Wallingford in tail male, with remainder to my daughter Joan Cheyne for her life, and after her death to Robert Cheyne, my brother, one tenement of the aforesaid tenements, the one situated opposite the corn market of Wallingford between the tenement of Edward Wykeham on the one side and a certain garden belonging to the church of St. Mary on the other, in tail male, or in default of heirs, to William Cheyne, my brother, in tail male; and the remaining tenements first to William or in default of heirs, to Robert in tail male; in default thereof to be sold by the rector of Chakenden and the proceeds to be expended on the fabric of the same church and in other pious and charitable works for the souls of my parents, Agnes, my wife, and all faithful deceased. Edmund Withe alias Clerke of Caversham to have the custody of my said son Edward and Joan, my daughter, during their minority and of all the said lands and tenements, meadows, and pastures, so that Edward and Joan or one of them in the meantime shall have competent provision according to their station and abilities. To the said Joan I give a mare.

The residue, as to one part, to the said Edmund to be disposed of for the good of my soul and that of Agnes, my wife; the other part to be divided between the said Edward and Joan when they shall come to their lawful age. Should they both die before that time, that part to be expended for the said souls.

Executor: the said Edmund.

Witnesses: Sir Roger Kyrcalgh; Henry Cowpar; Thomas Wage; William Brigge; John Benwell, and others.

Proved at Lambeth 29 January 1494 (-5) and administration committed to the executor.

1495. WILLIAM LEYNTHALE. = 1496 (P.C.C. Horne 11.)

31 May, 1495 (11 Henry VII). William Leynthale of Lacheford in the counte of Oxenford. To be buried in Cristen buriell within chirch as God

shall dispose for me. To the parson of Grete Hasley for tithes forgotin and mystithed 6s. 8d. To the cathedrall chirch of Lincoln 4d. To the chapill of oure blissid Lady of Leynthale where I was borne 2os. To the chirch of Stoke Talmage of Marie Magdalene 3s. 4d. To be distributed to poore folkes 1os. to pray for my soule and the soules of theim that I have had any goodes of not recompensid ne satisfied. My executours do to be deliveryd incontynent aftre my decease to the chirchman of Grete Haseley four kyne or heyfordes to the mayntenyng of certayne lightis there, that is to say, to the Trinite light two of the said kyne or heyfers, the other two to the Roode light, of Saint Katerine, Saint Cristofre, and to other lightes there that be nedefull to be holpin. To the mayntenyng of the bellis 3s. 4d.

To my sone, Thomas Leynthale, my cheyne of goold. To my sone, John Leynthale, myne Agnes of goold. To my wife Katerine £20 of money or value thereof of my goodes as she and I be aggreed. To my childerne Thomas. John, and Edmunde Lenthale, Alice and Johanne, my doughters, all myne other goodes, catailles, and dettes what soever they be, equally to be divided by twixt my said childern for there finding and promocion and to be put into an indifferent mannys handys and guiding to the improvement and increase of my said children, finding sufficient suerte to answere it to thaim and trewly to dele, taking the thirde 1d. of gayne for his labour and besynes, and yerely to yelde to the exhibicion and finding of my said children there nedeis.

My said wife Katerine (to) have the rewle and encrece of alle my goodes, plate, dette, and cataill tyll Thomas Lynthale come to his ful age, toward the finding of him and of all myne other childern to thentent afore expressid yf she kepe hir silf soole and not to marye. My sone John Leynthale, (to) have an annuyte of 40s. yerely to be made to him by my sonne Thomas Lyntehale at his full age yf I do it not, and to the heires mascules of the said John's body lawfully begotin, to be takin and yerely to be perceived atte two termes there usuell with a clause of distresse, mises, and expenses aftre six wekes out of my fee simple landes in Wigmore land in Pichefeld and Leynthale [Herefordshire], whiche I purchased of Walter Rhodes and of Katerine, myne aunte, his wife, with a proviso that if hereaftre the heires of me purchase Landis and tenementes to like value over the reprises and make astate to my said sonne John Leynthale, or to his heires masculis . . . thenne the said graunt of annuyte to be voyde, and restored to be cancelled.

My feoffees of and in certayn landes made by me and my said wife of landes being fee simple in the parish of Haseley in the towne and feldes of Lacheford (to) make and graunt like annuyte with like proviso to my sonne, Edmonde Leynthale... of 40s. yerely, and aftre that to relaxe the said landes and tenementes to my sonne Thomas Leynthale and to his heirs masculis, and in defaulte of such heires to my other children and there like heirs seriatim, and in defalte of suche heiris to the heires general of me and my wife forevermore.

Of the £20 whiche Richard Martyn and Sir Stephen Glover, prest, stonde bounden for, be gevin £11 13s. 4d. to an honest preste to singe att Whitechirch for the soule of John Martyne, his fader, moder and other, yf he soo canne be gotin for two yeris or els to the said prest after £6 by the yere. I wol that a stone with myne armes of marbill with an ymage and scripture be lined according uppon my buryell, and that I have every yere the space of ten yeris a trental yerely, also at my monthis mynde there be a trental songe for me. To be songe for me immediately aftre my decesse one hundred and fifty masses of requiem, every preest so singing for every masse 2d.; also one

hundred and fifty masses de nomine Jhesu et quinque vulneribus be likewise, as is aforesaid, songe for me.

The Abbot and Covent of the Abbey of Thame (to) have an annuyte of 18s. yerely for evermore owte of my fee simple londes which I and my wife Katerine have made astate of to divers fees, if it may be doo, to the suerte of theim, and els to geve to the use of the said place £20 in money in fulsatisfaccion and recompense of the same, for the [that] I, Robert Mortymer, and Edmonde Godburge stonde bounde by oure obligacion every man in 10 marc, receyving the said obligacion and acquietance undre Convent seale discharging the same. Everich godechild within the parissh (to) have an ewe and a lambe.

Executors: my sonne Thomas Leynthale and my gossip, Nicholas Grene of Haseley.

Overseers: my most singuler and speciall maister, Maister Thomas Danvers of Waterstoke, esquier; my wife, Katerine; my moost betrustid gossip, Maister Thomas Harrop, parsone of Stoke Talmage.... To every of theim for there labour and besines 40s.

In witnesse whereof to this my present testament wretin with myne owen hand, I have put my seale and subscribed my name....

And furthermore I...committe the rule and guyding of my childrin to my moost best trustid Maister Richard Crofte of Cheping Norton, esquier, with all suche lyvehode and goodes as I by this my present will and testament have bequest and assigned unto them for his maistership to be emprowed of thaire profit and promocion. As they canne be hable to gide it, every of my childern to have there part and porcion of the said goodis into there handes and disposicion. In reforming of the said goodes an indenture to be made of the verry due value thereof bytwene his maistership and my wife and myne executours so that the certainte of every childe's part may be known. And if so be that my said wife Katherine marry not, and have the charge and finding of my said childern, thenne she to have the profyt and encrece of the said goodes and londes to theim assigned for hir charge and costes with the good oversight of my said speciall maister.

I wil that Richard Crippis be maried to Alice, my doughter, yf no better promocion can be provided for hir.

The hoole grounde of Lacheford as wele fee simple land as intailed lond be hooly put to ferme to one man with suffisaunt suerte; my wife, Katerine, having to hir part thereof yerely £20, that is to say £10 as she and I had to ferme of hir fader, and £10 that is improved by hir and me. The residue of the rent of the said landes with appurtenaunces to the finding of my childern with the profittes of my land in Wigmore Land as she and I be aggreed. My cousin, John Leynthale of Tawnton, (to) have yerely during his lief 20s. yerely out of the londes in Wigmore. Sir Thomas Tyler, clerk, Hugh Tyler of Covenhope, his brother, George Briggewater of Leynthale Starkes, and Nicholas Bokynhill of Wigmore, feoffees to myne use of such landes and tenementes in Wigmore as I have of my said cousin to make astate in fee taile to my sonne and heire, and so fro heire to heire the remaynder, and the said Sir Thomas Tyler and Hugh, his brother to deliver to the use of myne heires the evidences of the said londes and tenementes.

In witness that this is my wil I have subscribed my name with myne owne hand that wratt all this my will and testament.

Proved at Lambeth 27 August [1405] by the executors.



1496. EDWARD WODEWARD. (P.C.C. Horne 3.)

20 July, 1496 (12 Henry VII). Edward Wodeward, alderman of the Towne of Oxford. To be buried within the churche of sainte Martyn within the Towne of Oxford aforesaide in the Chapell of our blessed Lady. Unto the moder church of Lincoln 6d. Unto the towne of Oxford my shoppe at Carfax, the which is of the yerely rente of 13s. 4d, truely to be divided on Sainte Scolastes day among the threscore and three persons to be paide with the Rente of 5s. 3d. that Thomas Hampton and John Ufford gave unto the foresaide three-score and three persons after every mannes degre and noo peny abated.

Unto Maude Wodeward, my wife, an hundred pounds of money to be paide of my goodes, and all my landes and tenements (for the) terme of her life and yf she take noo husbond. And yf the saide Mawde doo marye and take a husbond, than the saide Mawde to have for her dowre my place of Pervhall with the tavern and the two tenements that Hugh Affaryndone holdeth and Shelton Baker, sett and lying within the parishe of Sainte Martyn. Unto the saide Mawde my place in Sleying Lane in the parisshe of sainte Mighelles withoute the Southgate. To the saide Mawde, my wife, my tenements lying in new markett in the parissh of sainte Ebbe, and after the decesse of the saide Mawde my wife I bequeith the foresaide dowre of my said wife, that is to say, the place of Peryhall with the tavern and the Redecokke and two tenements that Hugh Affaryndon holdeth and Sheldon Baker and my place on Sleving Lane and the Tenement in new markett, unto Richard Wodeward, my sonne, and to his heires of his body lawfully begoten. And if the saide Richard, my sonne, decesse without such heires, than I will that Thomas Wodeward, my sonne, have unto hym and to his heirs of his body lawfully begoten all the foresaide dowrie. And if the saide Thomas Wodeward, my sonne, decesse without such heirs, then I will that all my saide landes and tenements with thappurtenaunces be divided to Johane Wodeward and Margarett Woodeward, my doughters, by evyn porcions.

To Thomas Woodeward, my sonne, all my landes and tenements being and lying in the contray, that is to sey, at Witney, Dedyngton, Overworton, Rowsom, Netherheyford, Bampton, Staunton sainte Johnis, and Chalgrove, with all their appurtenaunces, to have and to holde unto the saide Thomas Woodeward and to his heirs of his body lawfully begoten (with contingent remainders first to Richard Woodeward and his heirs, then to Johane and Margarett Woodeward as above). If all the right heires decesse, as God defend, than I will that alle my saide landes be solde and disposed in dedes of mercy and charitie for my soule, my frendis, and for all cristen soules.

Unto Lyonell Woodeward, my sonne, in money £20, to be valued of my goodes, and all my bookes of lawe, cyvell and canon. To Richard Woodeward, my sonne, £20 or the value thereof. To Johane Woodeward, my doughter, £20 or ellis the value. To Margarett Wodeward, my doughter, £20 or the value and a standing cuppe with a kever gilte, a maser, a dosan spoones and a harnessed girdel of silver.

Immediately after my decesse... an honest preest that canne synge and kepe the qwere to syng within the parish churche of sainte Martyn where my body is buried to sing for my soule and all cristen soules, he to have 40s. yerely. I will that there be kepte within the church of sainte Martin for my soule and all cristen soules an obite yerely. To the same obite 13s. 4d. The saide

preest which shall syng for my soul and the obite be contente and paied of my ferme of Blak Hall during my terme of yeres, the which termes is four yeres to comme, yelding therfor yerely £5 6s. 8d., all the reperacions to be deducted, and soo the rest to contente the prest and obite unto the tyme the uttermoost penny be spent.

The residue to be disposed among my saide children and for my soule helth after the advise and discretion of myne executours, Mawde, my wife;

Thomas Wodeward, my sonne; and Sir Walter Godfrey, clerke.

Overseer: Master Thomas Jane, doctor.

Witnesses: John Eggecombe and Thomas Estmond of Wantage.

Proved at Lambeth 29 November, 1496, and administration committed to Sir Walter Geffrey, executor.

1496. RICHARD CHAMBERLAYNE.

(P.C.C. Horne 7.)

18 August, 1496. Richard Chamberlayne, squier. To be buried in the parissh church of Shirbourn in the counte of Oxenford. To the moder chirch of Lincoln 10s. To the said church of Shirbourn 20s. To every parissh church where I have livelod in within the said parissh 6s. 8d. and to every chapell of the fundacion of myne auncestours 3s. 4d.

Towardes the exhibicion of a good, vertuous preste being a scoler in Oxenford 40s. to say masse for my soule by the space of a yere in Oxenford all tymes of the yere except the eight principall festis, in the which principall festis I will that the said preste say masse for my soule in the chirch of Shirbourne aforsaid. To Maister Robert Norton, vicar of the same church of Shirbourne 66s. 8d. To Maister Hugh Leya 26s 8d. To Alyanour Bartlott 26s. 8d. To my servauntes, William Kemlyngton 100s. Thomas Burton 46s. 8d. To Edward Baxster 6s. 8d. Edward Spark 20s. Alice Eme 13s. 4d. Roger Lauvece 5s. The residue to Sibille, my wife.

My feoffees of the maner of Swafham Prior in the countie of Cambrigge and Denford in the counte of Northampton shall stand and be seasid after my deceasse to the use and behofe as hereaftre followith, that is to say, my wife and myn executours shall take and percayve the issues and profittes of the said maners tyll every of my yonger sonnes, that is to say, William, Thomas, and John come to twenty-six yeres and my doughter Anne to the age of twentyone years, fyndyng my said three sonnes and doughter convenyently with the profittes of the same. The residue of the issues and profittes of the said manouris...to be saufly kept by my wife and my said executours tylle it amounte to a competent somm for a convenient mariage to be had for my doughter after the discrecions of my said wife and executours, if my said doughter be rulid and governed by her said moder; and after my doughter so maried, I will that the issues and profittes perceived of the said maners beside and over the finding of my said three sonnes byfore the contentacion of my dettes and the residue after my dettes paied, be disposid for the welth of my soule aftre the discrecion of myne executours tylle every of my said sonnes comm to the age of twenty-six yeres, atte the whiche tyme I will that my said feoffees stand and be feoffees to the use and behofe of my said three sonnes for terme of there three lyves and every of theym lenger lyving as hereaftre folowith, that is to say, when my sonne William commyth to the age of twentysix veris thenne I wil that he to take and perceyve his part after the rate of the issues and profittes of the said manouris for terme of his lief so that he be reuled by his moder tylle he come to the saide age of twenty-six yeres; and whanne my said sonne, Thomas cometh to the age etc.... Whenne any of my said sonnes decessith they or he that overliveth (to) take and perceyve theire or his part that so decessith... and aftre the decease of alle my said sons, I wil that the said feoffees stande feoffees of the said maners to the use of my right heires. And yf any of my said three sonnes be not ruled and governed by there said moder in fourme aforesaid, thenne I wil that he or they ... shall take no part of the issues of the said maners, but I will that he or they that is or so be ruled by theire said moder ... shall take and perceive his or theire parties of the issues of the said maners that is or be not so ruled as is before rehersid.

Executors: Sybill, my wife; Dame Jane Fowler; Thomas Inglefeld; Master Richard Norton, vicar of Shirbourne. To the said Dame Jane for hir labour...66s. 8d. To the said Thomas Inglefeld...66s. 8d. To the said Richard Norton as is afore rehersid.

Witnesses: Maister Hugh Leya, clerk; William Kymlyngton; Thomas Burton.

Proved at Lambeth 19 October, 1496 and administration committed to Sibil, the relict and executrix.

1496. JOAN DAGENALE.* (P.C.C. Horne 6.)

21 September, 1496. Joan Dagenale, widow. To be buried in the parish church of St. Mary of Henle upon Thames in the north part. To the mother church of Lincoln 8d. To the high altar of the church of Henle, for tithes forgotten, a silver bowl.

To Master Thomas Dagenale a feather bed with pillows, a pair of sheets, a maser, and a silver bowl. To every priest in the church of Henle 6s. 8d.; to the church of Shiplage half a quarter of malt; to the churches of Rotherfeld Pepard, Rotherfield Gray, Hurley, Wargrave, Remenham, Medmenham, Bixbrond [Bix], Pusill [Pishill], and Falley the like.

The residue to Thomas Kemys and Isabel, his wife, to dispose of for the good of my soul.

Executors: Thomas Kemys; Sir Walter Dudston.

Proved 21 February, 1496 (-7) by Sir Thomas Dagenhale and Thomas Shildyne and administration committed to Thomas Kemys.

1496 (-7). OLIVER SEYNT JOHN. (P.C.C. Horne 13.)

2 March, 1496 (-7). Olyver Seynt John, Esquyer, sonne to the Eccellent Duchesse of Somersett. To be buried in the quere afore saynt Andrewe in the parisshe church of Stoke [South Stoke, co. Lincoln]. My wif (to) have during her lif all my landes and tenements in Legeard Tregos and Polton [Wilts.] with the maner of Norwode and Whatfild Hall which is myne by resoune and gift of my lady my modre with a place which I purchased in the Lordshippe of Hachsmore called Hilles lying in Dorsetshire; also . . . all such lands as be myne by the reason and gifte of the kynges grace at Hatfield Peverall [Essex] with the fermynt and wayes cowith (sic) with Dopford and Depford Strond otherwise called West Grenewich [Kent]; also the lordship of Garseynton; and after her decease all the forsaid lordshippes, landes,

and tenementes retourne unto my sonne John and to his heirs. My wife (to) have the lordeship of Lollam the which I purchased to geve and sell as in fee symple. Rauff Rochford (to) have all suche landes and tenements as I purchased within the lordship of Sowthe Stoke and Northstoke.

My wif (to) have all my goodes, moveable and unmoveable, and she (to) occupie as myne executoure sole by her self and to dispose all my goodes for the helth of my sowle as she thynkes best.

Witnesses: Master Thomas Iseham; Master Richard Bullok; Sir John Writh; Henry Bigotte; Rauff Rocheford, with other.

Proved at Lambeth 10 April, 1497 by Sir Richard Bullok and Henry Bigot, witnesses, and commission administered to the relict and executrix in the person of Christopher Middelton, proctor.

1497. JOAN THOLLE.*

(P.C.C. Horne 17.)

15 June, 1497. Joan Tholle, of the diocese of Worcester. To be buried in the parish church of St. John the Baptist, Cirencester. To the mother church of Worcester a silver ring. To the high altar of Cirencester parish church 4d. To the lights of Holy Trinity, St. Mary, St. John the Baptist and St. Thomas the Martyr in the said church 4d. each. To every other light there 2d. To John Fisher the younger a 'folding table' and a brass pot.

William Tholle, my husband, to have and to hold for the term of his life all that messuage in which John Henrys dwells in Burforde, co. Oxford, situate in the High Street there between the tenement late Richard Lavington's and that formerly of William Sterre, to hold of the chief lords of the fee by the accustomed services, and after his decease to remain to William Westbury and Walter Tilly and their heirs forever.

To Elene Taillour my gown of 'violett' furred with rabbit skins. To Margaret Darnell my gown of 'medley' and to Joan Smyth my green gown and to Isabel Hielme my kirtle called 'an hewke' and to Margaret Yonge a 'kirtell'.

The residue to William, my husband.

Executor: William, my husband.

Witnesses : John Glover, chaplain ; Robert Ricardes ; Thomas Fowen ; Thomas Hyelme.

Proved 4 December, 1497 by Robert Donoff, proctor, and administration committed to the executor.

1497. WALTER PULKAR.* (P.C.C. Horne 14.)

Iftley, 28 June, 1497. Walter Pulkar. To be buried in the church of St. John the Baptist of Iftley. To the high altar of that church a quarter of wheat; to the altar of the Blessed Mary a sheep; to the altar of St. Katharine a sheep; to the fraternity of the same church 6s. 8d. To Richard Fissher two oxen, two horses and six sheep; to Walter Mores six sheep; to Richard Davy a cow. To my daughter Elizabeth ten sheep; to my son Lionel ten oxen, one hundred sheep and twenty quarters of barley; to my son Reginald four oxen, four horses and a cow, with all the fittings belonging to one plough, and eighty sheep; to each of my godchildren one sheep.

The residue, my debts having been paid, to Agnes, my wife, and Master John Pulkar, my son, to dispose for the good of my soul as shall seem best to them to please God and profit my soul.

Executors: the said Agnes and John.

Witnesses: Richard Marchow, Richard Fissher.

Proved at Lambeth 30 August, 1497 and administration committed to John Pulkar, chaplain, and Agnes the relict, the executors.

1498. DAME KATERYNE REED.

(P.C.C. Horne 24.)

8 June, 1498 (13 Henry VII). Dame Kateryne Reed, widowe. To be buried in holie church. To the modre church of Lincoln 20d. To the high aultar of the churche of Hampton Poyle within the countie of Oxforde 6s. 8d. To the sepulture lighte of the same churche 3s. 4d. To Sir Richarde Wedacre, my chapeleyne, 10 marke for to saye and holde mas daily when he is disposed duryng the space of an hole yere, the which yere to begynne the daie next after the dethe of me the saide Katerine.

To George Gaynesforde, esquyer, my sonne, my grete salte of silver and over gilte, a noder little salte of silver and over gilte withowte cover, my best basynne with the ewer of silver, a standyng cup of silver, one pale gilte, a noder not gilte, a gillet of silver with a cover, twelve spones of silver of whiche two be gilte, a gilte cuppe of silver for swete wyne, all the arres clothes hanging in the hall and chambres, excepte the pece which hangeth in the westende of the hall chamber, two creuettis of silver and gilte, a paxbred of silver and gilt, an owche of golde withe perles and a grete balis in the myddes, my weddyng ryng with a saphire. To Elizabeth, the wife of the saide George, a girdell of crymsen velvet harnessid with silver and over gilte and in the same be buckes.

To Willyam Gaynesforde, esquyer, my sonne, a bason of silver with a laver, a gilte salte with a cover of silver, a paxbred of silver and gilte, two creuettes of silver, a coverlet of arres secundarie, a broche of golde withe a flat diamant, a pece of arres which hongethe in the westend of the hall chamber. To Anne, the wife of the saide Willyam, a girdell of tissew harneshid with golde. To Elizabethe, my doughter, the wife of Richard Hall, gentilman, a rynge of gold with a saphire lope.

Executor: George Gaynesforde, esquyer, my son.

The residue of my oder goodes ... I put to the disposicion of my saide executours (sic).

Witnesses: George Blount, gentilman; Sir John Reed, parson of the church of Owre Lady of Hampton Poile, John Bustarde, Sir Richard Wedacre, Willyam Purcell and many odre.

Proved at Lambeth 18 September, 1498 by the executor.

1498. JOHN WILLMOTT.*

(P.C.C. Horne 25.)

21 August, 1498. John Willmott of Chesilhampton in the parish of Dorchester. To be buried in the chapel of Stodeham [Stadhampton]. To the mother church 6d. To the church of Stodham 26s. 8d. To the chapel of Chesilhampton one cow or the price of the same 6s. 8d. To the church of Cuddesden 12d. To the church of Garsyngton 12d. To the churches of

Milton, Draiton, Chalgrove, and Dorchester 12d. each. To the convent of Dorchester 3s. 4d. To the churches of Nunton and Baldon 12d. each. To the bridges between Chesilhampton and Stodeham 2os. To the highway next Chesilhampton as far as the end of a certain pasture in the same 4os.

To Maud, my daughter, 10 marks; to Robert Bisley, my kinsman, £5. To every child my wife or I raised from the holy font 4d. To my two kinswomen, Cecily Bisley and Maud Bisley, 13s. 4d. each. A priest to celebrate divine service every Sunday for one entire year in the chapel of Stodham, he to have for his stipend 53s. 4d. according to the discretion of my supervisors. The residue to John Wilmot, my younger son.

Executor: the said John.

Supervisor: Master John Estmonde, vicar of Cuddesden.

Witnesses: Master William Aprice, my curate; Richard Busbye; Thomas Wilmot; John Chevynhurste.

Proved at Lambeth 20 October, 1498 by the executor.

1498. WILLIAM CLERKE.* (P.C.C. Moone 7.)

26 September, 1498. William Clerke, one of the vicars of the parish church of Bampton. To be buried within the south door of the said church of Bampton alongside (*unacum*) the reparation of the same door according to the discretion of my executors. To the mother church of Lincoln 12d. To every light in the church of Bampton 6d. For buying a new bell in the said church 20s.

To Thomas Palmer and Alice, his wife, my tenement in Bampton during their lives and the longer liver of them, and 20s. in money. To Helen, my servant, for her good service, a cow and ten sheep. To William Collis 20s.

The residue to my executors to dispose for the good of my soul.

Executors: Master John Pope, one of the vicars of the said church of Bampton; Thomas Merewell, chaplain.

Supervisor: William Collis.

Witnesses: William Collis; Richard Symkyns, and others.

Proved at Lambeth 23 October, 1499 by Robert Donoff, proctor to the executors.

1498. WILLIAM STAVELEY. (P.C.C. Horne 26.)

4 October, 1498 (14 Henry VII). Willyam Staveley, esquyer. To be buried in the chauncell ther (sic) the sepulture is set within the parishe churche of Burcestre (Bicester). To the cathedral churche of Lincoln 6s. 8d. To the monastery of Burcestre to have remembrance of me in their masse and oder prayers 26s. 8d. To the vicar of Burcestre in satisfaccion of forgoten tithes 6s. 8d. To the saide church of Burcestre my white complete harneis for an image of seynte George and 4os. to the making of the same. To the churche of Chesterton 6s. 8d.; of Wendilburie 3s. 4d.; of Weston 3s. 4d.; of Middelton 3s. 4d.; of Buknyll 3s. 4d. To Master Denham of Mawdelyne Colige in Oxforde 13s. 4d. that he shall saie a trentall of masses for me. To master Robert Marshall 13s. 4d. that he shall saie a trentall of masses for my sowle. To Master Robert Clayton 6s. 8d. to pray for me.

My maner of Broughton with appurtenaunces within the countie of Bukkyngham, which I purchased of Sir Thomas Tresham, and my maner

of Biggenhull which I purchased of John Stokis, esquyer, with appurtenaunces within the countie of Oxenforde to remain to Alice, my wife, terme of her life with owte impechement of waste. And after the deceaste of the said Alice, the saide Maners . . . to remayne to George Staveley, my sonne, and to the heirs of his body lawfully begoten, and for defaute of such issue . . . to the heires of the bodies lawfully begoten of me the saide Willyam Staveley and Alice my wife to remayne, and (in default of such issue) the saide maner of Broughton to remaine to Alice, my wife, hir heires and assignes for evermore; my maner of Biggenhull . . . to remayne to the universite collige in Oxenford upon this condicion that the saide collige shall fynde two prestis whiche shalbe chosen felowes of the saide collige to encres the nombre of the same, and to pray for me . . . and Alice my wife for evermore and for all the sowles that I, the saide Willyam Staveley, and Alice my wife be bound to pray for. And that the saide maners with all thappurtenaunces be not aliened, exchanged or leide to margage ne solde contrarie to this my laste will by my saide sonne George ne by anye oder that shalhave any intereste or title of right in the saide maner as they shall aunswere me at the dredefull daie of Jugement before the face of Almyghte God.

William Staveley and John Staveley, my sonnes, shalhave to theym and theire heires . . . after the deceaste of Alice, my wife, all my landes and tenementis with all thappurtenaunces set and lying in the maner of Miggeham [Midgham] in the countie of Berkes which I purchased of John Stokis, esquyer, and all my landes and tenements sumtyme called Gollis and Gillis in the lane set and lying in the towne and feldes of Burcestre aforesaide in the same countie of Oxford the which I lately had and purchased of Willyam Huntyngdone and John Ivis, also my lande in Chesterton in the towne and fildes in the countie of Oxforde aforesaide sumtyme called Shois lande. And if it shall fortune herafter that either of the saide Willyam and John, my sonnes, be preste, thanne I will that he of theyme the which is no preste shalhave and enjoye all the foresaide landis and tenementis to hym and to his heires . . . and if it happen the saide Willyam and John . . . to be prestis or deceaste withowte issue . . . thane all the saide landes . . . shall remayne to Marie Staveley and Isabell Staveley, my doughters, equally betwene them to be devyded, and to the heires of their bodies lawfully begoten, and for lacke of such issue . . . to Alice, my wife, to her heirs and assignes for evermore. In the which landes and tenementes I... have enfeiffed sir Robert Harcourt, knyght, Alice, my wife, John Surdevall, and Robert Marshall, clerkis, to this entent afore written.

To John Staveley, my sonne, my best gowne of violet furred with foynes. To Willyam Staveley, my sonne, my gowne of skarlet furred with martrons. To Thomas Gifforde, the yonger, the which shall by the grace of God marie Mary, my doughter, the olde boll, coverde, of silver and gilte. To Marie, my doughter, my standing nutte, covered, and the sume of 200 marke toward her mariage. To Isabell Staveley, my doughter, 100 marc and my newe gowne of russet furred withe white. To Rauf Nuttill, my servaunte, 20s., my tawny gowne and a blak dublet. To John Lambert, my servaunte, my tawny gowne furred with white lambe.

I make with my herty will the saide Alice, my lovying wife, my chefe executrice; Master John Surdyvall and Robert Marshall helpers to my trew and faithefull executrice . . .

The residue . . . to the saide Alice, my lovyng wife that she maie do therwith and dispose as she shall seime mooste to her avaungtage, pleasure, and profit. And this I ende in stedfaste faithe and bileve of holy church desiryng

my wife and all Christian trew people to pray for me, and to Willyam, John, Marie, and Isabelle goddis blessing and myne hertily I geve.

In witness whereof of my laste will I have subscribed my name with my owne hande.

Witnesses: Rauffe Nuttall; John Lambert; Willyam Felde; Christopher Skeis with oder.

Proved at Lambeth 1 November, 1498 by the executrix.

1498. THOMAS FELDE. (P.C.C. Horne 30.)

7 October, 1498. Sir Thomas Felde, (clerk). To be buried in my churche of Wegenton in suche place as shall be thought expedient by my executours. To the modre churche of Lincoln 8d. To all the lightes that be of name in the churche of Wegenton twenty shepe.

To my brodre, Edmund Felde, of Evesham, a chest wythe dyvers thynges therein. All my servauntes (to) contynewe in wages unto the feest of than-nunciation of Owre Ladie next ensueyng and every of theym to have in the saide feeste above their wages 3s. 4d. To John Nethircote an ironbounde carte, a dung kart ironbounde, three horses, all my pewter vessell, one garnishe except, and all my bras, my grete pot except. To the saide John ten paire of sheetes, two paire of blankettes, two coverlettis, and two matressis.

The residue . . . to Thomas Hall, John Nethercote, and John Craste . . .

my executours.

Supervisor: John Hall of Hokenorton.

Proved at Lambeth 16 February, 1498 (-9) by Walter Smyth, public notary, proctor...and commission to administer to John Wethircote (sic) executor.

1498 (-9). WILLIAM BRAMPTHWAYTE.* (P.C.C. Horne 29.)

I January, 1498 (-9). William Brampthwayte. To be buried in the parish church of the Blessed Mary at Ewelme next the almshouse there. To the nave of the said church for my burial 6s. 8d. To Elizabeth Brampthwaite, my mother, my best cloak of 'rowssett' with hood and 66s. 8d. in money. To Thomas Brampthwayte, my brother, 13s. 4d. To Joan my sister 13s. 4d. To Maud my sister 13s. 4d. To Isabel, my sister, a cloak with its hood of 'violett' and 13s. 4d. To the use of the almshouse 10s.

Adam Fawsett, priest, to celebrate for my soul in the parish church of Sudberre by Kendall [Sodbury, Glos.] for one year, taking for his stipend £4 legal money of England. To the Prior of Walynford 40s. To John Williams, supervisor of my will, for his labour, 40s. and my best coverlet. To Master John Spence, clerk, to celebrate for my soul and the souls of all faithful deceased for three years £16. To William Denton for his labour in writing my will 20s. To the Convent of Walyngford to pray for my soul 3s. 4d. To the prisoners in the castle of that vill 3s. 4d. To the four orders of Friars of Oxford 40s. To the four orders of Friars of Cambridge 40s. For my obit yearly to be held in the church of Ewelme for the space of twenty years £6 13s. 4d. To the curate of Sudberre to pray for my soul openly in the pulpit every Sunday for thirty years 10s. To the rector of Ewelme for my mortuary 16s. 8d. To Thomas Bell, scholar of Oxford, 6s. 8d. To the two servants of the said John

Williams, my kinsman, a cloak each. To Robert Donne 3s. 4d. To James, servant of the kitchen of the Duchess of Suffolk, 2od. To every servant of Sir Thomas Lee, doctor, and rector of the church of Ewelme, 4d.

The residue to the Prior of Walingford and Master John Spence, clerk, my executors.

Supervisor: John Williams.

Witnesses: Thomas Lee, doctor, and rector of Ewelme; William Dauson, clerk; William Denton, and many others.

Proved at Lambeth 20 January, 1498-9 by Sir John Spence, clerk, executor.

1499. JOHN BONDE. (P.C.C. Horne 31.)

29 January, 1498 (-9). John Bonde of Aldiscote [Alvescot] in the countie of Oxenford. To be buried in the church of Bamton. To the highe aulter of Aldiscote 3s. 4d. To every lighte in the same churche a busshell of barly. To the bilding of the towre 100 shepe or an 100s. and that shalbe at my disposicion or ellis my executours. To the cathedrall churche of Lyncolne 4d. To the churche of Bradwell [Broadwell] 3s. 4d. To the churche of Kencote two shepe.

To Willyam, my son, 100 shepe and six rotherbestes. To Maude, Margaret, Agnes, Elizabeth, my daughters, forty shepe and four bestes each. To Marion, my daughter, forty shepe and three bestes. To Richard, my sonne, 100s. to fynde hym to scole. If anye of theym deceaste, then my goode to be departed and devyded amonge them all thenne lyvyng after the discrecion of my executors. To every servante in my house bothe men and women, to eche of them a shepe. To Willyam Bonde, my broder, 50s. To Master Willyam Harcourte twenty shepe, and hee for to chuse hym where that hym liketh best, he to be a goode master to my wife and to my children. To my broder Robert Osmond twenty sheepe wedders or hogges. The residue . . . to my wife, she to despose for the helthe of my sowle.

Executors: Alice, my wife; Robert Osmonde.

Overseer: Master Willyam Harcourte.

Proved at Lambeth 20 April, 1499 by Robert Osmond the executor.

1498 (-9). ROBERT CALCOTT.* (P.C.C. Horne 34.)

10 March, 1498 (-9). Robert Calcott of Hoknorton. To be buried in the churchyard of the parish church of Hoknorton. To the mother church of Lincoln 4d. To the high altar of the said church for tithes forgotten 4d. To sustain the light before the image of the Blessed Mary a sheep; for the upkeep of the torches of the said church 12d.; to repair the bells there 12d. The residue to Elizabeth, my wife.

Executrix: Elizabeth, my wife. Supervisor: John Par of Hoknorton.

Witnesses: Sir Richard Litcok; Robert Alyn; Robert Calcott, and others. Proved at Lambeth 25 June, 1499 by Robert Donoff, proctor to the executrix.

1499. JOHN LYDE alias BAKER. (P.C.C. Horne 36.)

5 June, 1499. John Lyde otherwise called John Baker, of Henley uppon Thamys in the countie of Oxenford. To be buried in the churcheyerde of the parissh churche of Henley aforesaide by the sepulture and grave of my fader. To the moder churche of Lincoln 12d. To the highe awter of the churche of Henley aforesaid 12d. To the reparacion of the body of the said church of Henley 6s. 8d. To the reparacion and mendyng of the bryge of Henley aforesaid 6s. 8d. To the mayntenance of that lighte kepte by the wevers withyn the chapell of Seint Kateryn in the churche of Henley aforeseid 12d. To the reparacion of the parissh churche of Remneham in the countie of Berkshire 6s. 8d.

Hit shalbe in the eleccion and choyse of Isabell, my wyff, where that she woll take this my legacy and graunte of £10 or elles to take that graunte of an yerely rent of 20s. to be payd of that my tenemente called the Katheryne Whyll in the high strete of Henley aforsaid for the terme of hir lyffe. And if the said Isabell, my wiff, wolle graunte to take the saide £10, than the seid tenemente shall hoolly remayne to Johan Lyde as afterwardes in this same writtyng more openly shall shew, and if the seid Isabel wolle by hir counseill chose take and electe to hir the seid yerely rente of 20s. for terme of hir lyfe, for thanne I wolle the seid £10 shall remayne to the said Johan Lyde, my doughter, forever. The said Isabell, my wiff, shall have and enjoy agayn to hir all suche goodes and catalles as I had with hir in the tyme of oure weddynge withoute any lettyng. To Robert Lyde, my sonne, £10. To Johan, my doughter, £10. To Isabell, my doughter, £10. To Anne, my doughter, £10.

The residue... shalbe devyded into five partys, that is to sey, to every of my five childern to have his parte of the said goodes to them by egall porcion to be distributed and devyded, my dettes first payde and my bequestes and legacy fulfilled.

Executors: John Hunttelowe of Henley, wever; John Andrewe of the same towne, dyar, and every of them shall have for their labours 20s.

Supervisors: Maister Peter Vasor, parson of Henley; Maister Raffe Vyne, gentilman, and every of them shall have for their oversight 20s.

Witnesses: Sir Thomas Shelborn, than parysshe preeste of Henley; Maister Raff Vyne; Richard Humfrey, with other.

From a codicil of the same date.

To Robert Lyde, my sonne, those myne tenementes with the garners and the solers with all their appurtenaunces lying and beyng in the newe strete of Henley aforsaid, that is to say, by the tenemente latte of William Stoner, knight, of the parte of the West and the Ryver called Thamys of the parte of the Est, to have and to holde . . . to the said Robert and to his heyres lawfully begoten of his body for evermore. Providyng alwey that the said Robert and his heyres . . . shall fynde, holde, and kepe a Dirige with masse on the morowe in the parisshe churche of Henley yerely to be holde forever at the valour of 6s. 8d. for the soules of William Lyde, Issabell, his wiffe, and of me, John Lyde and Isabell, my wyffe, and for all cristen soules. The said Robert and his heyres . . . shall yelde and pay an yerely rente to Anna, my yonggist doughter, of 6s. 8d. yerely to be payde of the said tenements (and in default of issue, the annuity to remain successively to the said Amys, Isabell, Johan, and Robert). If the seid Robert decesse or dye withoute yssue . . . the two tenements . . . to remayne to Johan, my doughter, and to the heyres of hir body . . . holdyng and kepyng the said Dirige with masse and paying the said annuetie (and in default of issue, to Isabel, Amys, Anna, or, failing issue, to the nearest heir and kindred forever).

To Elizabeth (sic), my wiffe, the choyse and election according as is written in this my present testament . . . that is to say, to chose where she woll take and electe £ 10 or elles to take 20s. of yerely annuetie . . . to be payde of that my tenemente callid the Kateryn Whyll, ... if she chose the said 20s yerely . . . the said £10 shall remayne to Johan, my doughter (who) shall have the revenewys and overplus of the rent. The said Johan shall have hoolly after the decesse of the said Isabell, my wyff, all the seid tenement and immediately after my decesse the next tenement to the same, and so to have bothe tenementes lying and beyng in the high strete of Henley aforsaid, that is to say, betwene the tenemente of William Barnfyld of the parte of the Weste and the tenemente of William Reynolde of the parte of the Este, to have and to holde . . . kepyng the said condicion. Johan, my doughter, shal paye an yerely rente of 6s. 8d. to Amys, my doughter, and to hir heirs of hir body (or in default of such heirs to Anna and her heirs). If the said Johane, my doughter, decesse and dye withoute yssue...the said two tenementes with their appurtenaunces hoolly shall remayne to Robert Lyde, my sonne, and (in default of issue, from one surviving child to another) so to remayn in all degre as the other two tenementes afore dothe, holdyng and kepynge the said condicion and paying the said annuetie or yerely rente for evermore as ys afore.

Myne executours and supervisors aforseid to have the oversight of and in this my tenement to Robert Lyde, my sone, so graunted as afore writen tyll suche tyme as the said Robert comme to the lawfull age of 21 yeres. Also to see the said Robert that he be well ghyded with all myne other children so within age to be at their disposicion and rewle with all their goodes and londes tyll they come to lawfull age. To Robert Lyde, my son, that my new barge and I yeve that my parte of the old barge to be devyde amonges my doughters.

Witnessyng the witnesses aforenamed on the bak side of the said testament not withstanding that within written.

Proved at Lamehith 26 June, 1499 by John Huntlow and John Browne (sic) the executors.

1499. JOHN PAPE.* (P.C.C. Horne 39.)

I July, 1499. John Pape, clerk, one of the vicars of the parish church of Bampton. To be buried in the chancel of the church of Bampton. To the mother church of Lincoln 12d. To the fabric of the church of Bampton 20s.; of Clanfield 3s. 4d. To Thomas Gryme and Joan, his wife, eleven quarters of malt, one hundred sheep, a pan bought of William Dalby, two horses with harness (ornamentis) of the same, a cart, and half my oxen; and to the said Joan a cloak of 'musterdevyles' colour. To John Arnold the younger the other half of my oxen, one hundred sheep, twelve silver spoons with gilt handles (caudis), two horses with their harness, my best cart, six quarters of malt, a featherbed, a green coverlet, a pair of sheets, a pair of blankets with pillow and bolster, one of my new pans, and a good brass pot. To the said Thomas Gryme and John Arnold half my grain growing in Bampton field containing half a virgate of land, to be equally divided between them. Alice Arnold a feather bed and my red cloak and 40s. To John Hews 10 marks in money to be delivered into the hands of Master Doctor Willesford and John Collis and my best feather bed with a white coverlet furnished (ramificatus) with pillow and bolster, a pair of sheets, a pair of blankets. the said Master Doctor Willesford my house with appurtenances in the village commonly called Lewe, to the use of the said John Hews. To each of my god-

children a sheep of the medium order.

To the Abbess of Elstowe twenty best elms in Cote and Eleforde [Yelford], to the repair of Clanfield rectory. To the maintenaunce of the roads around Clanfield and Ratcote 6s. 8d. To Agnes Wynchcombe a cow. To Alice Rogers a cow. To Isabel Harries one pot and one pan. To William Sherman in necessaries for a bed and other things to the value of 40s. To William Colles 40s.

The residue to my executors, Master Doctor Willesford and William

Collis, to dispose for the good of my soul.

Proved at Lambeth 23 October, 1499 by Robert Donoff, proctor to the executors.

1499. RICHARD HOLCOTT.*

(P.C.C. Moone 17.)

14 August, 1499. Richard Holcott, vicar of Bampton. To the cathedral church of Lincoln 4d. Five trentals of St. Gregory to be celebrated for my soul by the fellows of Oriel College (collegii Regalis) or if they do not wish to accept this charge, another Oxford college is to celebrate, so that they begin within three days after my decease and so continue, and they are to receive for each trental 10s. To the church of Bampton 40s. to amend the silver foot for the Cross. To Stephen Ferrent, my servant, £7 in the hands of Master Richard Croftes of Chipping Norton, as appears by his obligation, one entire bed and four pairs of sheets. To my godchildren 8d. each.

To Oriel College, Oxford, £5 for the building of the chapel of the Blessed Mary, Oxford. To Elizabeth Gew my best silver salt with cover, my six best spoons and a silver bowl. To William Symond a silver bowl and six spoons with scrolls (scowria). The utensils of my kitchen to my servants, Stephen Ferrent and Henry Ferrent; and to the said Henry six selected (electos) dishes, six 'podyngers' and 'sawsers', and six pewter dishes. To William Newman 'halfe a dosyn perfourmed of my best pewter vesselles'. To Stephen Ferrent my best chest and my two best patens. To Lucy David 40s. To Henry Ferrant, my servant, my second entire bed and four sheets. To Helianor Hooge a pestle and mortar of brass.

To Master John Grede, my executor, my best lined cloak; to Master Robert Coke my second cloak, and to Richard Hakelewe my green cloak. To Lucy David a cloak and to Alice Ferrent another cloak. To Henry Ferrent my best cloak not bequeathed and another one. To Stephen and Henry Ferrent a diaper tablecloth, another of 'playn clothe and a towell'. To Alice Shepperd a tablecloth of 'playn clothe' and the like to Agnes Tykford, Joan Bifylde and Joan Crippys. To Robert Corser a tablecloth and a towel and to Maud Turfray the same. To Christian Dalby a tablecloth, a towel, and a pair of sheets. To every girl of the parish of Bampton who shall be married within the year 12d.

To John Taylour Magistrum Sentenciarum, Destructorium Viciorum, and Concordanciam. I bequeath my Bible to the high altar of the Blessed Mary, Oxford. To Robert Bifyld a feather bed (. . . cum plumis) which is in my 'stoore howse'. To Alice Baston two candlesticks and a stove. To Stephen Ferrent two basins, an old pitcher, a 'laver of ten' and my two best candlesticks. To Henry Ferrent a basin, a pitcher, and two candlesticks. To my

godson Robert 40s. to find him at school.

In English

I will that these goodes following shall remayn to my successours of my place and vicarage of Bampton: first the leede and brasyn furnesse in the brewe house, the butyng hyche, and trowe and keedborde; also all the tables, trestilles, fourmys, and a chayer pertayning to the hall; the grene clothe hanging to the highe benche in the hall, whiter (sic) all bedstedes and my best broche; he to remembre me with this condicion, if Master Grede or Master Taylour doo succede me in my benefice of Bampton, or elles the said goodes to remayne at the disposicion of myne executours.

Executors: Master John Grede; Master Robert Coke. To each of whom 40s.

Proved before William Barons, doctor of laws, during vacancy of the archbishopric, 24 November, 1500 by John Grede and Robert Coke, clerks, executors.

1499. WILLIAM MEDYN. (P.C.C. Horne 40.)

3 October, 1499. Willyam Medyn of Dadyngton. To be buried in the churche of Peter and Pawle of Dadyngton. To the modre church of Lyncolne 4d. To the reparacions of the high aulter 3s. 4d. To the rodelight 3s. 4d. To Oure Lady light 3s. 4d. To the reparacion of the torchis 3s. 4d. To Seynt Thomas lighte four busshellis of barly. To the reparacion of the bellis 6s. 8d. To the four ordres of Friers to every of their placis 10s. To the howse of Grenewiche 10s. To the Nonry howse of Litle Moer 10s. To every of my godchildrenne 12d.

To a preste the which shall synge and pray for my sowle and all christian sowles in the churche of Dadyngton for the space of two veris, he to have for his wages yerely £5 6s. 8d. Y will that the foresaide preste shall sey in the churche of Dadyngton aforesaide every tewisday durynge the space of two yeris Placebo and Dirige, and on the wensday foloyng, masse. And at the forsaide Placebo, Dirige, and mas y will there be presente five pore personnes and every of theyme to sey Oure Lady sawter for my soule and all christian sowlis, and every of theyme to have for his labour 1d. And this to be kepte by the space of two yeris. Y will that ther be kept an obite monethly by the space of oon yere in the foresaide churche of Dadyngton, and at every obite to be spente and distribute 6s. 8d.—to the parisshe preste 4d. and to every of the oder prestis 3d, to the organe pleier 2d, and to every of the parishe clerkes 2d. and to every childe that redith a lesson 1d. and to the ryngers of the bellis 6d. and the overplus to be given to poure people. I will that after the foresaide two yeris paste . . . there be kepte in the foresaide churche an obite onys in the yere by the space of 10 yeris, and to be disposede att the foresaidde obite 6s. 8d. I will that there be bought and geven to the foresaide churche of Dadyngton a coope of white and a chesible of the same. I will that ther be founde a preste syngyng by the space of oon yere in the church of Seynte Martyne of Sanford, he to have for his salary and wages £,5 6s. 8d. Y will that the foresaide preste sey in the forsaide churche of Sanford every friday duryng the saide yere *Placebo* and *Dirige*, which day I will ther be in the saide church three poure people seyng Oure Lady sawter for my sowle, my fader and modre, Thoms my son, and for all Christian sowlis, every of theym to have for his labour 1d. I will ther be geven to the forsaide church of Sanforde £6 13s. 4d. to bie a portuous. To the chapell of Mary Magdalen of Ledewell 6s. 8d.

To the vicar of Sanford 3s. 4d. To the churche of Stiple Barton 6s. 8d. To the vicar of the same churche 12d. To the churche of Mychell Twe [Great Tew] 3s. 4d. To the chapell of nether Worton 3s. 4d.

The residue to Margaret, my wife, and to Walter Cooke, my executours, to dispose it as they shall thynke beste.

Overseers: the mooste Reverend fadre in god William, Bishoppe of Lyncoln and Master John Awdeley.

Proved at Lamehith 27 January, 1499 (-1500) by the oath of Robert Donoff, proctor to the executors.

1499. WILLIAM BERY alias GLOVER. (P.C.C. Horne 40.)

8 November, 1499. William Bery alias William Glover, of Burford. To be buried in the churchyarde of saynte John Baptiste of Burford aforesaid. To the mother church of Lyncoln 6d. To the high aulter of Seynte John Baptiste of Burford aforesaide in recompence for tithes forgoten 6s. 8d. To every [light] counteable in the saide churche 2d. To the bellis of the same churche 12d. To every of my godchildren 4d. To Robert Witton, the sonne of William Witton, my best bed with all thapparell that longeth therto and six silver spones and a maser with a standyng fote. To John of Ewelam 40s. to be paid in stuffe of howsold. To John Cutte 40s. in stuffe of howsold. To Roberte White a longe gowne of grene colour. To Elizabeth Brokman 40s. to be paied in Englisshe money. To the churche of Burford 5s. to the making of surples. My executors (to) kepe my obite every moneth a hole yere after my deceaste with three prestis and the parishe clerke as custome is in the same churche. To William Fludyate 26s. 8d. To William Genyfere, glover, 20s. To Thomas Copston 20s.

The residue... to the foresaide William Fludyate, (William) Genyfere, and Thomas Copstone, my executours, that they thereof do and dispose for the helthe of my sowle as they thynke mooste beste to the pleasure of Almyghtie God.

Witnesses: Sir Thomas Standoune, thanne beynge curate; John Harrise; and William Kempe, with many other.

Proved at Lambeth 8 February, 1499 (-1500) by the executors.

1500. THOMAS POOLE. (P.C.C. Moone 1.)

4 April, 1500 (15 Henry VII). Thomas Poole, citezin and tailour of London. To be buried within the parissh chirch of saint Marie Wolnoth in Lumbard strete of London nere unto the chauncell there by the buryng place of the wife late of Roger Grauntoft. Unto the high awter of the same parish church 3s. 4d. To the mayntenaunce of Oure Lady masse and Salve as is accustumed within the said church 5s. To the gilding of the ymage and tabernacle of saint Thomas in the same church 6s. 8d.

To the bretherhed of Burgeises of the Fraternite of Oure Lady in the parissh church of Burford to be delivered to theym aftre the decesse of my wife my basin of silver with a boris hed enemelid with blak in the bottom and an ewer of silver with a stonding fote, to remayne to their and ther successours for ever to thentent that they shall have in memorye the soules of me and my said wife amogens the said Fraternite forevermore.

After the desease of my said wife, the Fraternite or Gild of Saint John Babtist of my felauship of Tailoures of London shalhave my best basin of silver with my marc and the holy Lambe in the bottom and an ewer of silver to the same to the entent that my soule among them may be remembered and praied for.

To Richard Cowell, tailour, a ring of gold of the value of 20s. to pray for my soule. To William Hooke, my cousin and apprentice, £5. To my cousyn Elyne Poole £5. To Jamys Migchell, myn apprentice, £5. To Joyhelyn Griffyn £5. To be distributed and disposed among the pore prisoners in Ludgate and Newgate of London in either prisone 5s.

The residue to be divided by my executours...into three egall partis or porcions whereof I woll that Pernell my wife shall have...two partis... and the third part myn executours...shall take and have to doo and dispose for the helth of my soule as they shall seme best to be doon by there discrecions like as I have more plainly shewid to them my mynde of the same.

Executoures: Pernell, my wife; Thomas Prayers, goldsmyth.

Supervisor: John Gardyner.

As to the disposicion of all my londes and tenementes as wele in Burford aforesaid as in Fulbroke, I will that the said Pernell my wife shalhave the same for terme of hir lief. And aftre hir decesse, I wol the same londes and tenementes in Burford shalbe put in feoffement to suche persones as shall thenne be of the moost worshipfull and honest parisshoners burgeises of the abovesaid Fraternite or Gyld in Burford, to have and to hold to theym, ther heires and assignees forevermore to the use and entent that of the issues and profittes of the same the poure peple in the Almeshous of the said towns shalhave every weke 6d. to ther refresshing to pray for my soule and my wifes soule for evermore; and the residue... to be applied and disposid yerely to the mayntenaunce of the preste of the said Fra(ternite) and of other suche thinges as shalbe to the good contynuance of the same Fraternite for evermore. And I wol that the same feoffement and other thinges requisite and necessarie to and for the same be ordered and executed by thadvice of my forsaid executours and supervisour.

Pernell, my wife, shalhave alle the tityll and interest that I have in the landis and tenementes that were of Sir Thomas Blount, knight, in Idbury and elswhere, she finding a preste to singe for my soule in the chirche of Burford aforesaid atte the auter of Saint Anne in Our Lady chapell there as longe as the same my title and interest therein contynuethe.

As towching souche landes and tenements as I have in Water Okeley and Stoke Poges [Bucks.] late of John Harryson, I will that if William Huntyngfeld, fuller, within twelve monthes after my decease pay in redy money to myne executours all suche dette as shalbe due of and for the rent and profitt of the same for all the yeris that be to come as apperith by indentur thereof made, that thenne the said William Huntyngfeld shalhave all myn interest and termes of yeres of and in the same land to growe from the tyme of suche payement made forthwardes. And if the said William defaute... then alle the said interest and termes of yeris shall hooly remayne and be in myn executours as thogh this my will had not thereof be made. Provided alway that there be deducted to the said William Huntyngfeld in the said payement by him to be made an hoole yeris rent of the same lond and tenements, he to pray for my soule.

Proved at Lambeth 21 May, 1500 by the executors.

1500. HENRY STODHAM.* (P.C.C. Moone 4.)

27 May, 1500. Henry Stodham of Borford. To be buried in the new chapel of the Blessed Mary in the parish church of Borford. To the cathedral church of Lincoln 6d. To the high altar of the parish church of St. John the Baptist of Borford for my tithes forgotten 10s. To every light accounted in the said church 4d. or half a pound of wax. To the bells of the same church 6d.

To Thomas, my son, 5 marks sterling. To every godchild of mine of either sex 2d. To a priest to celebrate for one whole year in the parish church of Borford for the health of my soul, my parents' and friends' souls 8 marks.

The residue to Agnes, my wife. Executrix: the said Agnes. Supervisor: John Bysshop.

Witnesses: Sir Thomas Skamonden, John Grene, Nicholas Clerk, with many others.

Proved at Lambeth 24 August, 1500 by William Stodham, proctor to the executrix.

1500 (-1). THOMAS GARNONDE.* (P.C.C. Holgrave 26.)

17 March, 1500 (-1). Thomas Garnonde of Henley upon Thames ... make my testament as follows: my body to be buried in the churchyard of Henley before the high cross. To the mother church of Lincoln 12d.; to the high altar of Henley 12d.; to sustain the Mass of Jesus in the said church 8d.

The residue to Agnes, my wife. To Sir Thomas Shirbourne, my curate, 12d.

Executors: Agnes, my wife; Lawrence Sterkee.

Overseer: Robert Garnond, my brother, and he to have 6s. 8d. for his labour

This is my last will: Agnes, my wife, to have my tenement in the High Street, Henley, wherein Robert Garnond now dwells, during her life, and after her death it shall remain wholly to my brother, Robert Garnond, for his life, with remainder to Lawrence Sterkee and Joan, his wife, and their issue; in default of their issue. to David Savilton and Amice, his wife, and their issue, with remainder, in default of their issue, to Joan Russell, daughter of John Russell, and her issue; in default, to the reeve and bridgekeepers of Henley and their successors forever, to the use of the said church.

My wife out of the profits of the said tenement to keep an obit yearly in the said church of Henley, to the value of 3s. 4d., for my soul and all faithful souls, and after her death Robert Garnond to do the like, and the other heirs, forever.

Proved at Lambeth 4 March, 1504 (-5) by the executors.

1501. WILLIAM PAXFORD. (P.C.C. Blamyr 4.)

12 March, 1500 (-1). William Paxford of Chepyngnorton. To be buried in the churcheyarde of the parisshe churche of Our Lady in Chepyngnorton. To the moder churche of Lincoln 4d.; to the highe awter of Chepyngnorton 12d.; to All Soules light 6d.; to Our Lady light 6d.; to seynt Johns light 4d.; to seynt Thomas light 4d.; to seynt Kateryns light 4d.;

to seynt Clementes light 4d.; to the Trinites light 4d.; to seynt Jamys light 4d.; to seynt Sonday light 4d.; to St. Nicholas light 4d.; to all other lightes in generally within the same churche 2d.; to the torches 2od.; to the bells 8d.; to the parisshe churche of Shenyndon [Shenington] 3s. 4d.; to the parisshe churche of Tyso 3s. 4d.

To Thomas Paxford, my sonne, £6 13s. 4d. in money or elles in money worthe; to Richard Paxford, my sonne, £3 6s. 8d. and two hole clothes; to John Paxford, my sonne, one ley leyng in the Weste leys and £6 13s. 4d. in money and money worthe; to Alys Paxford, my doughter, £7 in money and money worthe. I will that my wiff, Katerine Paxford, have the forseid ley during her liff. To every of my godchildren 4d.; to Sir Richard Alen, vicar, my gostly fader 3s. 4d.

I will that myne executours doe or cause to be doon seynt Gregorys trentall of 30 *Diriges* and 30 masses immediately after my departing, for my soule and all cristen soules.

The residue to Katerine Paxford, my wiff.

Executors: the seid Katerine; Roger Dalys of Tyso.

Supervisor: Sir Richard Alen, vicar.

Witnesses: Ric. Aleyn; vicar; Katerine Paxford; Roger Dalys; Ric. Kyng.

Proved at Lambeth 15 November, 1501 by William Potkyn, public notary, proctor to the executors.

1501. DAME EMOTE FARMER.

(P.C.C. Moone 22.)

5 April, 1501. Dame Emote Fermer of Witteney in the countie of Oxonford. To be buried within the churche of Oure Lady of Witteney before the awter of Mary Magdaleyne byside my husbond Thomas Fermer.

To the moders churche of Lincolne 12d.; unto the high awter of Witteney 3s. 4d.; to the Rode lighte of the saide churche 3 lb. waxe, and to every lighte in the saide churche 3 lb. waxe; to fynde a lampe byfore the Rode in the body of the churche for the terme of two yeres 13s. 4d.; to the reparacion of the belles in the saide churche 13s. 4d.; to bye a palle, otherwise called a canapie, to the saide churche £4; to the reparacions of the saide churche 4os.; to the reparacion of the parishe churche of Saint Elen in Abendon 4os.; unto every pouer man and woman being in the newe almeshouse and the olde almeshouse in the foresaid Abendon 12d.; unto the churche of Bleebure in Barkshire 2os.; unto the churche of Langford 2os.; unto these three churches folowing, that is to sey, Bradwell, Kelmyscote, and Minsterlovell, to everich of theme 13s. 4d. to bye theme vestimentes, summa 4os.; unto the four ordres of Frires in Oxenford, to every order 1os., summa 4os.

Unto my eldest sone, Richard Wynnam, £100; unto John Wynnam, my second sonne, £100 and a house with his purtenaunce lying in the High Strete of Witteney next unto the house of William Fermer in the North side; unto my sone, William Fermour, £100 and all my house and lande lying within the tithing of Hayley and a house in Witteney lying next unto the house of the saide William Fermer in the Northe side and also all the imparall of the halle, the parlour, and the greate chamber; unto my son, Richard Fermor, £100 and all my houses and lande lying in Chadlington West ende and all my lande lying in Wittney, except that afore bequeithed to John Wynnam and the place that Sir John Whitting dwellithe in; unto the saide Richard Fermer all my

lande lying in Clanfilde, Benhey, and Westweld; and if it hapen the saide Fermer to discease within the age, that god forbede, that then the saide legacy to be distributed between Richard Wennam and William Fermer before named.

Unto John Hewys, my sonne in lawe, 20s.; to Alice Hewes, my doughter, 10 marks; unto Richard Hewes, her sonne, 40s.; unto my cosin, Thomas Barett, 20s. and six spones; to my doughtour, Alice Wennam, 40s. and to Anne, her doughter, £5 and to everyone of three more that she hathe, that is Emote, Kateryn, and Thomas, 40s. and a masser, summa £6 and three massers. And if it shulde fortune any of the saide children to disceace within age, that god forbede, that then the saide legacy to remayne unto the next. Unto Johane, the doughter of Laurence Fermer, 10 marks, and to Thomas his young sonne 40s.; and if it happen either of the saide two children to disceace within age, that god forbede, that thanne the saide legacy to remayne to the overlever; and if both fayle, to remayne unto the saide Laurence and Elizabeth, his wif.

Unto Sir John Whiting, my prest, 10s. and the house he dwellith in, with half an acre arabull land terme of his life and after his discease to remayne unto John Welyns and John Wheler and to there heires. To Elizabeth Dawson 20s.; unto John Dawson 10s., a cowe, a yewe, a lambe; to John Fermer 20s.; unto Thomas Streche 20s. and a cowe; to Elizabeth Hikman, my servant, 40s., a brasse pott, and two todde of myddull wolle; to my servant Milsent 20s., a brasse potte, and a todde of myddull wolle; to my servaunte Alice Heritage 20s., a brasse potte, and a todde of myddull wolle; unto every of my godchildren within the parishe and without, a yewe, a lambe.

Unto the reparacion of the newe brigge of Stanlake £4 I will that the legacy of my (sic) children of John Wennam, Laurence Fermer, and John Hewes rest in the handes of myne executours unto they come to laufull age. I will that myne executours spende at my burying and monithe mynde for the welth of my soule 100 marcs, and every yere following during the terme of thirty yeres 20s., summa £30.

The residue of my goodes unto my three sonnes, Richard Wennam, William Fermour, and Richard Fermer.

Executors: Richard Wennam; William Fermour; Richard Fermer. In witnesse whereof I have sealed this present writing with myne owne hande.

Witnesses: Sir John Whiting; Sir William Poole; William Shepard; John Repon; John Welyns; Thomas Streche; and mony other.

Proved 26 May, 1501, and administration committed to William Fermour, Richard Fermour and Richard Wennam in the person of John Regnold, their proctor.

1501. JOHN CHAPMAN.* (*P.C.C. Blamyr 5.*)

10 April, 1501. John Chapman, clerk, rector of the churches of Avyngton in the diocese of Winchester and of Waterstoke. To be buried in the choir of St. Leonard of Waterstoke aforesaid in the south part of the same. To the mother church of Lincoln 2d.; to the parish church of Waterstoke 20s.; to the said church a pair of sheets for the high altar there. On the day of my burial 10s. to be distributed to the poor, and on my trental day 20s. to be distributed and divided among the tenants of the aforesaid vill of Waterstoke that they may pray for my soul. To every priest present at my burial and at mass. 10d. and likewise present at my trental day 10d.

For the repair of Ikford bridge 3s. 4d.; of Whatley bridge 3s. 4d. To my sister at Winchester four brass pots and a small bed. To every holder of a virgate of land in the parish of Avyngton [Hants.] 2s.; to every dweller in a cottage there 8d.; to every boy in that parish 1d. To be expended at Avyngton for my obit, Dirige, and masses, and for bell ringing (jantaculo) 13s. 4d.

To Eustace Grenefeld, William Rabbis, Robert Holand, John Fulmer, Thomas Smyth, Richard Barbour, Henry Bogge, Michael Grous 12d. each. To Alice Crips, Emma Wescot, Agnes Holand, and Sibil Eustas 6d. each. To every other servant in the house of Master Thomas Danvers 4d. and to every boy in the said house 1d. To John, my servant, a long gown of 'Tawney' and my doublet of worsted. To Margaret Fitzel 12d.; to my sister being at Norwich 13s. 4d., if alive.

The residue to Robert Horethorn, clerk, rector of Ikford, and William Robbes, executors.

Supervisor: Master Thomas Danvers.

Witnesses: my Lady Sibil, wife of Thomas Danvers; John Bowes, clerk, rector of Aldbury; Robert Wright, clerk, and John Ponde, here present.

Proved at Lambeth 11 December, 1501 by the oath of William Robbis, one of the executors.

1501. JOHN PAR.*

(P.C.C. Blamyr 2.)

12 May, 1501. John Par. To be buried in the churchyard of the parish church of Hokenorton. To the cathedral church of Lincoln 6d.; to the high altar of Hokenorton church for my tithes and oblations forgotten two sheep; to the image of the Blessed Mary there 40s.; to the image of St. John the Baptist one sheep; to the torches one sheep; to the bells there one sheep. To Alice, my daughter, forty sheep; to Agnes, my daughter, forty sheep.

The residue to Elizabeth, my wife. Executrix: Elizabeth, my wife.

Supervisor: John William.

Proved at Lambeth, 16 August, 1501 by the oath of Robert Stokley, proctor to Elizabeth, the relict and executrix.

1501. RICHARD CROFTE.

(P.C.C. Blamyr 14.)

12 August, 1501 (16 Henry VII). Richard Crofte. To be buryed in the chapell of Saint John Baptist in the chirch of Chepyngnorton by the walle on the left syde of the said chapel there where the cofer standith. To the moder chirch of Lincoln 3s. 4d.; to the chirch of Chepingnorton 2os. to be distributed to lightes and bellys.

To Anne, my wife, my Byndlade in Chepingnorton and Overnorton and all my goodes moveable and unmoveable aftre my decesse, aftre my dettes paied. To my sonne, Hugh Crofte, the maner of Stanley Pountlarge in the counte of Gloucestre to him and to his heires male. And yf it happen that he decesse without heires male, that thenne it to remayne to my sonne Lyonell and to his heirs male. And if it happen that he decesse without heires male, that thenne I will that my wife, Anne Crofte, have it during hir life, and aftre hir decesse it to remayne to my doughters, Anne Rodney and Elizabeth Fengs.

Alle my londes in Long Combe (to) be sold to pay my dettes, and alle the residue of alle my goodes I wulle that Anne my wife have and dispose for the wele of my soul and hyrs. Whome I make my soole executrice, in witness wherof that this is my verry will I have made and write this with myn owen hand, takyng Witness the high Trone in hevin.

Proved at Lambeth 16 March, 1502 and administration committed to

Richard Antony, proctor to the executrix.

1501. ROBERT BLAKKOKE.

(P.C.C. Blamyr 6.)

18 September, 1501. Robert Blakkoke of Henley upon Thames. To be buried afore the pecture and ymage of saint Kateryn within the parissh churche of Henley. To the mother churche of Lincoln 4d.; to the high auter of the parissh churche of Henley 12d.; to the auter of Jhesu to maynteyn the service ther within the said churche of Henley 4d. To John, my son, a fetherbed with thinges necessarie and belonging to such a bede; to the same John £4 sterlinge. To Amys, my doughter, a fetherbed with all thinges therto; to the same Ames £4 sterling. To Peture, my son, a fetherbed and £4 sterling. Also I wille if it happen that any of my children naturall as is above writen to dye or he be of laufull age, that then I will that £4 wich is his pertie so decessing shalbe devided and remayn over to the other three of my children then leving be equall porcions (and so on, to the last survivor).

I will that Ales my wif shall have that my tenement called the Kingeshede that I dwell in after the forme and maner of the endentures made thereupon during the terme of them. And if it shall happen the said Alys my wif to dye within the terme of the said endenturys, then the said tenement shall remayn to John, my sone, during the terme of them; and if the said John dye... to the nexte of my children as is above writen, and so from on to an other, if it shall so happen, providying alwaies that John, my son, or any of my said children havyng the said tenement (pay) as is above writen on to Henry Maile verely during the terme of the said endentures 13s. 4d.

The residue, my dettes, my fyneralles charges, and all other necessarie and laufall expences and costes aboute this my testament and last will paid,

to Alys, my wif.

Executor: Henry Harrys.

Overseer: Maister Peture Vasere, parson of Henley.

Witnesses: Sir Thomas Shylborne and Richard Humfrey with other moo. Proved at Lambeth 8 March, 1502 and administration committed to Henry Harrys the executor in the person of Master Peter Vasour, clerk.

1501. JOHN CLUTTON.

(P.C.C. Blamyr 14.)

Chippingnorton, 3 October, 1501. John Clutton of Chippyngnorton. To be buried in the chirch yarde of the parissh chirche of Chippyngnorton. To our moder chirch of Lincoln 6d.; to the high awter of Chippingnorton 2s.; to the bell 20d.; to the torchies 20d.; to every awter in the said chirch 4d.; to every light in the said chirch 4d.

The residue of my goodes not bound, as alle maner of household, that is to say, brasse, peautre, beddyng, and other suche thinges belongying to hushold, to Agnes Clutton, my wife. And as for all maner qwik cataill, to Agnes

Clutton, my wife, and to William Clutton, George Clutton, Alice Clutton, and Margaret Clutton, my childer, so that Agnes Clutton, my wife, shalhave half the cataill and the other half to be devided among my childer afore named by evin porcion. And if it happen oon of my childerin to deceasse within age, I wil his part be devided among thoose lyving. And yf it happen two or three of my childerin afore named to deceasse within age, I will the last of theim lyving to have all there part. And if it happen all four of my childern to deceasse within age, thenne I will William Clutton, my ffader or his assignees to sille all the cataill, and as ferforth as it will goo to have a prest to singe and say masse in the parissh chirch of Chippingnorton for the helth of my sowle and alle cristin soules.

Agnes Clutton, my wife, (to) have half my ferme in litill Rolright during the terme of hir wydewhood and no lenger; and William and George, my sonnes, to have the other half of the said ferme during all my termes. And whenne it happenithe Agnes, my wife, to marye ageyn, thenne I will my two sonnes afore named be full possessioners of the said ferme durying my termes, so that Alis, my doughter, Alice, my doughter (sic) shall have the cataill pastured in the saide ferme unto suche tyme that they be maried and no lenger. And if it happen the said William and George, my sonnes, to departe to god within age, thenne I will the said ferme remayne to Alice and Margaret, my doughters, and to the longist lyving of theim alle during my termes. And if it happen alle my children to departe within age, thenne I will the said ferme remayne to William Clutton, my fader, and to Richard Clutton, my brother, duryng my termes.

To my lord Busshop of Landath my grete colt. To my lord Bisshop and to his Covent Monastery of Evensham a hoole bore, halfe the bore to my lord and the other to his Covent. To the said Covent 6s. 8d. to be sett as it likith theim, uppon this condicion that I may be a brother of the said place.

Executors: William Clutton, my ffader; Agnes Clutton, my wife.

Witnesses: Richard Aleyn, vicar; William Clutton; Agnes Clutton; Richard Smythe; William Prynce, and others.

Proved at Lambeth 5 January, 1501 (-2) and administration committed to John Longe, public notary, proctor to the executors.

1501. THOMAS FLEISHER.*

(P.C.C. Blamyr 6.)

17 October, 1501. Thomas Fleisher of Henlye upon Thames. To be buried in the churchyard of the parish church of Henley. To the mother church of Lincoln 4d.; to the high altar of the church of Henley for my tithes and oblations forgotten 12d.; for the keeping of the Mass of Jesus within the said church 4d.

The residue to Joan, my wife, my debts being first paid.

Executors: Richard Brokcam and William Whitloke.

Supervisor: Sir Thomas Shylborn, parish chaplain of Henley.

Witnesses: Sir Thomas Shilborn; Thomas Haryngton, with others.

Proved at Lambeth 8 March, 1501 (-2) by the oath of Master Peter Vasour, clerk, proctor to the executors.

1501. SIR THOMAS DANVERS, Kt.

(P.C.C. Blamyr 10.)

1 November, 1501 (17 Henry VII). Thomas Danvers of Waterstok. To be buried where God dispose. And if I die at Waterstok, thenne to be buried in the chauncell before Saint Leonarde. Toward the reparacion of the moder churche of Lincolne 13s. 4d.; to every house of the four ordres of frires in Oxonford 13s. 4d.; to the Wardeyne and Felowes of the newe college of Oxonford to say masse and Dirige for my soule 26s. 8d.; to the parson of Waterstok 13s. 4d. To my broder, Sir William Danvers, Justice, oon bason, oon ewer of silver in the whiche be graven my faders armes and my moders togedres for a remembrance for my soule. To the churche of Milton 20s.; to the churche of Ikford 20s.; to the churche of Aldebury 20s.; and also to every churche where I have any leveloode 6s. 8d. Towarde thexibicion of two vertuous prestes being scolers in Oxonford to everyche of theme 40s. a vere for the space of two yeres, to say masse for my soule all tymes of the yere except the eight principall festes; in whiche principall festes I will that the saide preestes saye masse for my soule in the churche of Waterstok. Richard Croke, sonne to Agnes, daughter to my broder, Henry Danvers, whenne he commyth to his full age and it be thought by myne executours that he will thrive, 10 markes. To my godsonne, Robert Croke, broder to the saide Richard, f,10 to be emploied after he come to his full age of 21 yere to the helpe and preferring of the saide Robert by the advice of myne executours.

My executrice (to) have all my goodes moveable and unmoveable in what place soever they be, to pay my dettes and wronges to restore theme that be trewly proved and done by me. William Rabbes, my olde servaunt, (to) have for his trewe service all the houses in Whateley [Wheatley] and landes that I boughte of Richard Laughton and Agnes, his wif, that was her faders Fraynes, to the said William and his heires. My servauntes, Ewestace Grenefeld, Thomas Smythe, Robert Holande, Richard Barbour, Henry Bekkes (to) have over the waiges, everyche of theme 20s. To John Fulmer to be good and trew to my wif and for his trewe service 10 marcs. Myne executrix (to) selle any purchased lande that I have in Oxonford shire, that is to saye, the towne of Oxonford, Wodstok, Clever, and Bensington, to do for my soule as shalbe seme moost expedient.

As to my liveloode in Langstok in the countie of Hampshire, I will that myne executrice dispose it to the house of Saint Swithins in Winchestre to pray for the soule of my Lorde Wayneflete and myne. To Whateley brugge and Ikeforde brugge and high waies £20. I will that Ile in Waterstok churche be finnyshed in as goodly hast as it may be and covered with leede. A newe chauncell (to) be made in Waterstok churche according as I have begonne and as my wif knowith my mynde. My feoffees in the Mannor of Waterstok, Chilworth, and Combe with appurtenaunces (to) make astate to my wif for terme of her life if she kepe herselfe unmaried; and if she marye, it to goo forthwith to my righte heires.

The residue . . . to Dame Sibill, my wif, whom I make my sole executrice. Overseer: my broder, Sir William Danvers, Justice.

Witnesses: Master Christopher Mubrigge, Archdeacon of Surrey; Master John Whithers; John Walker; Thomas Darell; Richard Grenefeld; John Fulmer, and others.

Proved at Lambeth 26 September, 1502 by Thomas Darell, Richard Grenefelde, and Master Christopher Middleton, proctors to the executrix.

1501. WILLIAM BROWNE.* (P.C.C. Blamyr 6.)

Oxford, 6 November, 1501. William Browne of Kyncote Magna, diocese of Lincoln. To be buried in the church of St. Martin in Oxford in the north part there. To the mother church of Lincoln 12d.; to the high altar of St. Martin 12d.; to the fabric of the same church of St. Martin 2od.; to the chapel of St. Michael of Kyncote aforesaid 20 marks remaining in the hands of Richard Fowler, esquire, of my debt, whereof 10 marks to be for buying a new vestment and 10 marks to the fabric of the said chapel. To the four orders of friars of Oxford 13s. 4d.; to be distributed among the poor on the day of my burial 2os.; to celebrate a trental of masses for my soul 1os. To Master Richard Herbard to celebrate for my soul for two years following immediately after my decease £4.

To Joan, wife of Thomas Sawser of Oxford, 20s. yearly during the term of her life, to be taken from my tenement in New Thame, co. Oxford, late in the tenure of John Morley. Joan Blakepolle, late the wife of John Blakepolle of Cheping Wycombe, co. Bucks., widow, to have and hold all that my tenement or hospice called Le George in Wycombe aforesaid for the term of her life. All my other lands and tenements with all the appurtenances to Sir John Bowes, rector of Aldebury [Albury], Eustace Greynvile, and Thomas Sawser, my executors, to sell the same, and the money received to be distributed for my soul and the souls of my parents and benefactors in works of charity and other pious uses as to them shall seem best.

The residue to my said executors for the like purpose and I give to each of them 40s. for their trouble.

Witnesses: Master Richard Herbard; John Bromall; Thomas Travers; Robert Davyd; Robert Burton; Reginald Davyd.

Proved at Lambeth 7 February, 1501 (-2), by the oath of Eustace Greynvile and Thomas Sawser, executors, to whom administration was committed.

1501. AGNES CLUTTON. (P.C.C. Blamyr 14.)

23 December, 1501. Agnes Clutton of Chippyngnorton. To be buried in the parisshe chirche of Chippingnorton. To the moder chirch of Lincoln 4d.; to the high awter 8d.; to every light 2d. within the said chirch; to the bellys 2od.; to the torchies 2od. To my moder, Margaret Moore, my best ffedirbed; to George Clutton, my sonne, one ffedirbed; to Margery, my doughter, one ffedirbed; to my sonne two materas; to Herry, my servaunt, alle maner of rayment that to him perteynithe and 6s. 8d.; to Margerie Verne, my servaunt, my best kyrtill, my best kerchif, a necband, one nek coler; to Margaret, my doughter, my best gurdill, and another girdill to one of my susters by the discrecion of my moder; to my suster, Johan Freman, my best gowne. I geve and bequethe indifferently among my children alle my howsehold and dettes. Alle the costes and chargis that longith to my self for my burying I will theim to be allowed of my cataill, that is to say, all maner bestes and shepe.

The residue...to be devided in two partes, and oon part...to Margaret Moore, my moder, and the other part to my children by evin porcions. The woll money that comithe to my part and the money of my cataill that is sold (to) bere the charges and costes of my burying and the other part to be

devidid to the parish chirch of Chepingnorton and to the parissh chirch of Litill Rolright and to the parissh chirch of moche Rolright by the discrecion of myne executours and myne overseer.

I will John Freman have 20s. of Honybourne to be myne executour and

John Freman my other executour 26s. 8d. for ther labour.

Overseer: Syr Richard Aleyn.

Witnesses: Richard Aleyn; John Freman; Mr. Moore.

To John Freman, my brother, a coverlyt for the bed the whiche Robert Wheler hathe; to my moder two pecis of russett; to Mrs. Freman, my suster, a kyrtill cloth.

Proved at Lambeth 7 February, 1501 (-2) and administration committed to Master John Longe, proctor to the executor.

1501. ROBERT JANYNS.

(P.C.C. Adeane II.)

1501. (Latin). Robert Janyns of Burford. To be buried in the church-yard of Burford. To the mother church of Lincoln 8d.; to the high altar of Burford for tithes forgotten 20d.; to every light in the chapels of that church

4d.

(English). To Our Lady chapell of Burford a stondyng cuppe covered and gilte for to make a chalys their with to continue in the seid chapell as long as it woll endure. Also my wille is that the house in Lyche Lane, all the hole tenaunteries and grounde, shalbe sold for to hire a prest the terme of two yeres to pray for me and my frendis, and the residue of the money to be disposed at my burying and at my monethis mynde. As for the house at Slowthwell, I give to Agnes, my wife, with all the lande and medowe the whiche I have in the feldes of Burford to dispose it for the helthe of my soule as it pleasith her.

(Latin). The residue to Agnes, my wife and I appoint her executrix.

(English). Witness herof I write it with myne owne hand.

(*Latin*). Witnesses: Thomas Pynnok; Nicholas Butler; Ingram Olyver; James Paynell; Thomas Smyth in testimony of the premises especially required and asked.

Proved at Lambeth 9 October, 1506 by Master William Potkyn, proctor

to the executrix.

1502. ROBERT BARRETT.*

(P.C.C. Blamyr 14.)

I March, 1501 (-2). Master Robert Barrett, rector of the parish church of Woodeheton. To be buried in the churchyard of St. Lawrence Pulteney. To the mother church 4d.

Executors: Master Thomas Barett, my brother; Master John Estmond. Proved at Lambeth 22 April, 1502 by John Estmond and administration committed to him.

1502. WILLIAM FOXE.

(P.C.C. Blamyr 15.)

31 May, 1502. William Foxe of Barford St. Michell. To be buried in the parissh church of Bareford saynt Michell. To the moder chirch of Lincoln 12d.; to the Hospitall of saint Spret [Spirit] 4d.; to the high auter of

seint Michell of Bereford aforesaid an ornament, that is to say, an autercloth the price of 10s.; to the light of saint Crosse in the chirche of Bereford aforesaid 6s. 8d.; to the light of saint Katerine in the same chirch 6s. 8d.; unto the same chirch six torchis; to the lighte of saint Erasme in the said chirch of Bereford 3s. 4d.; unto Oure Lady light 6s. 8d.; to the bying of a portifer for the chirche of Bereford aforesaid 20s. To the chirch of Badyngton [? Deddington] toward the bying of a bell for the same chirch £12; to the light of oure lady of Pytte in the said chirch of Dadlyngton (sic) 6s. 8d.; to the chirch of Netherburton [Nether Worton] 6s. 8d.; to the chirch of Newenton 6s. 8d.; to the chirch stepill of Barton 6s. 8d.; to the chirch of Westcot Barton 3s. 4d.; to the chapell of saynt John of Berford 3s. 4d.; to the yelde (gild) of Badyngton aforesaid 20s.; to the chirch of Bloxham 6s. 8d.

Alle my moveable goodes and catailles (to) be devidid into three partes, whereof I will that Agnes, my wife, have one part, that is to wit, of all maner goodes of household, bestes, shepe, and of alle other thinges, to hir and to Katerine and Michell, hir childern, except suche thinges as I have bequethid and named to hir and hir said childern, and I will that she have the gyding of the same two childryn, and yf any of the same children decesse, I will that thenne the foresaid Agnes, my wife, have the goodes of the deceser to hir owen profitt. And I will that the same Agnes have and enjoye an hows in Bluxham for terme of hir lief and £40 in money and so fully to be content. To John Bustard £10; to Elizabeth Bustard 200 shepe; to Alysaunder, my sonne £40 in money and a standing pece being in the keping of John Bustard aforesayd; to Alice, my doughter, 40s. in money and she to have no more of my goodes but to be content with this my bequest; to Richard, my sonne, my place at Dadyngton with all thinges belonging thereto, as bestes, shepe, horsys, and alle other goodes therto perteyning moveable and unmoveable, to hold to him and to his heires of his (body) laufully begotyn. The same Richard shalhave the best salt of silver, a dosyn of the best spones, a gilt pece of sylver, and £20 in money.

I will that the secunde part of my goodes be devidid amongis my childern, except I will that the said Alice, my doughter, be noo partiner thereof. I woll that the said Richard, my sonne, have all my landes in Dadyngton, in Barton, att Elbury, and in other places, to him and to his heires of his body laufully begotin. The same Richard, my sonne, shall fynde for five yeris a prest, and thenne he to stande in full possession of all my landes. And yf this livelode wil not fully be to content the prest, that the executours fulfill it with the sale of the money (sic) of my said goodes.

The third part of my goodes be att the will and disposicion of the executours to bringe me to the earth; and that that comyth over to fynde the said preste at the disposicion of John Bustard and Richard Fox, as they shall answer afores God.

I woll at the twelve month ende, at my mynde, £4 be disposed at the oversight of myne executours, and 40s. for the diner of prestis and clerkes and other honest people at the oversight of my said executours. I will an obite be kept and doon in Dadyngton of £4 to prestes and clerkes and other honest people, poure, onys in the yer at my mynde for my soule, my fader and moder soules, and alle cristin soules for the space of ten yeres, that is to say, 40s. to prestes and clerkes and honest people thedir commyng and 40s. in money almes to poor people.

Unto Master John Fyhoppes, vicar of Bareford 20s.; to Thomas Smyth 20s.; to John Bollynge 20s.; to Anne, my doughter, £20 in the keping of

John Bustard, a girdill that was her moders and 100 shepe. And I wille that yf any of thise childern decesse that eche of theim have others part.

The residue... to be putt in a stok and doon for my soule at the disposicion of John Bustard and Richard Foxe, as they will answer afore God.

Executors : John Bustard ; Agnes, my wife ; John Bolling ; Thomas Smyth.

There and then being present: John Phihoppes; Sir Richard Collyns; William Pope; Robert Weston; Robert Spenser.

Proved at Lambeth 7 July, 1502 by Master John Longe, proctor to the executors.

1502. WILLIAM JENYVERE.*

(P.C.C. Blamyr 19.)

15 September, 1502. William Jenyvere of Burford. To be buried in the churchyard of the parish church of St. John the Baptist of Burford. To the mother church of Lincoln 12d.; to the high altar of the church of Burford for tithes forgotten 6s. 8d.; to each principal light accountable in the said church 12d.; to the light of the Holy Cross in the churchyard 12d.; to the light of St. Roche in the said church 12d.; to the repair of the said church 20s.; to the repair of the books and vestments in the said church 20s.; to the repair of the bells in the said church 20s.; to the maintenance of the chapel of the Blessed Virgin Mary of the gild of burgesses, according to the provision of my brother-burgesses of the same, 20s. To every godchild of mine 4d.; to my curate for the tithes of the last half year since Easter, as much as I have paid up to the last previous Easter. To every honest priest in the said church (to pray) for my soul for one whole year after my decease 10 marks. To my brother, John, my best gown; to Thomas Benet a russet gown and 20s.; to John Decon a short russet gown and 13s. 4d.; to John Strange a violet gown, provided the said Benet, Decon, and Strange give their work and industry to my wife in all she may lawfully request of them. To the Carmelite Friars of Oxford 5s.; to the Augustinian Friars of Oxford 5s.; to Sir Thomas Skamondon, chaplain, 6s. 8d.

To my wife Maud all that her burgage for life, with remainder after her death to my son Richard and the heirs of his body lawfully begotten; in default of such issue, to my son Denys and the heirs of his body lawfully begotten, with remainder to my son Thomas, and after him to my son William, and after him to my daughter Elizabeth; if all the aforenamed die without issue, then to the provost of the gild of burgesses aforesaid, to have and to hold to him and his successors forever of the chief lords of that fee by the usual services, on condition that the said provost and his successors yearly forever observe a solemn obit on 23 September for my soul and the souls of all deceased.

The residue to Maud, my wife.

Executors: the said Maud; John Bischop; Robert Osmonde, to which John and Robert I give 40s. each.

Witnesses: Sir Thomas Skamonden; John Pole, and others.

Proved at Lambeth 26 September, 1502 and administration committed to Master John Longe, proctor to the executors.

1502 (-3). JOHN BARRET.* (*P.C.C. Holgrave 13.*)

20 January, 1502 (-3). John Barret of Bannebury. To be buried in the parish and prebendal church of Bannebury. To the mother church of Lincoln 8d.; to the high altar of the said church of Bannebury 12d. for my tithes forgotten; to the fraternity of the Blessed Mary in that church 6s. 8d.; to the altar of St. Peter, to repair the same, 12d.; to the parish church of St. Giles of Bugnyll [Bucknell], where I was born 6s. 8d.; to the altar of St. Nicholas 2od.; to the altar of Holy Trinity 12d.; to every altar in the aforesaid church 12d.; to the repair of the parish church of Bannebury 4od.; to the building of a new sepulchre in the said church £4. To an honest priest to celebrate mass at the altar of St. Nicholas for one whole year for the good of my soul £5 6s. 8d. To Sir Robert Elys 6s. 8d.; to Thomas Alcocke 6s. 8d. The residue to Juliana Barret, my wife, Thomas Mayne and Thomas Besand and I constitute them my executors.

Supervisor: Robert Johnson; he to have for his labour 6s. 8d. Proved 10 July, 1503 by Robert Donnoff, proctor to the executors.

1502 (-3). RICHARD SMYTH. (*P.C.C. Blamyr 27.*)

8 February, 1502 (-3). Richard Smyth. To be buried within the parisshe church of Chepingnorton before the Crucifixe. To the moder church of Lincoln 4d.; to the highe awter of Chepingnorton 12d.; to every principall light in the said church 6d., that is to wete, to the light of Oure Lady, seint Thomas, seint John the Baptist, saint Katheryn, the Trinitee, and saint Jamys; to the Roode light 12d.; to the belles 12d.; to the torches 12d.; to every light in the church aftre half a pound taper waxe. To the bilding of Our Lady chapell 4os. To the yeld 6s. 8d. I will have a preest to sing for me and my frendes a yere immediatly after my decesse.

To John, my sone, £,10, three silver spones; to Richard 10 markes; to Thomas 10 markes and three silver spones. Moveover if John, my sone, lyve till he be twenty yere of age, then I will his money and goodes be delivered unto him; and if he departe before that age, the money and goodes to be divided betwixt his brethern, and so in lyke maner eche of them to be other's heire. Unto Agnes and Alice, my doughters, 10 marcs every of them and four spones, and if any of them dye, the lengest that lyveth to be others heire. Iff alle my children dye, as God forbede, thise goodes to remayne the one half to my wif and the other half to bye summe ornament for the welfare of my soule to the behoof of the churche. To Richard, my sonne, after the decesse of my moder, my tenement with thappurtenaunce in Chepingnortone and to his heirs forevirmore. To Thomas, a shopp in Wodestok or value thereof. John to have alle suche land as my frendes ordeyned for me whiche I have in Stowe and Slowter, as my evidences specifieth. To my broder Thomas at London one hole clothe of white; to my broder Robert my best gowne; to my suster Kateryne myne next (gowne) to make her a gowne, and 10s. in money.

The residue unto my wif Elizabethe to praye for me, she to be myne executrice and to receyve alle my dettes wheresoever they be within the realme of England and to paye alle my dettes.

Overseers: Richard Webbe, my fader, and Agnes Pargettour, my moder; they to have everiche of them 20s. for theire labour to se my will perfourmed by thandes of the saide Elizabeth, my wif.

Witnesses: the vicaire; John Torner; John Howchin; John Cowper; and other in Chipinnorton.

Proved 6 May, 1503 by John Bottery, proctor to the executrix.

1503. RICHARD CARPENTER.

(P.C.C. Blamyr 25.)

19 August, 1503. Rychard Carpenter, doctor of Civille (law) and preest. To be buried in the chauncell of the chirche of Remmesbury [Wilts.] before the sacrament of high aweter. To the curat of the same chirch for my tenthes which I have not don according to my dutie 3s. 4d. and for my sepulture 6s. 8d. To the rood in the same chirch 6s. 8d. and to every light there 4d. To my chirche of Mixbury in the countie of Oxenford 10s. To the chirch of Trottesclesh [Trottiscliffe] in Kent 4s. To James Carpenter, my broder, my jaket of welwet and my dublet of sateyn. To my broder, John Carpenter, my dublet of sarsenet and and my jaket of chamlet. To my broder, William Carpenter, a doublet of stamell, my best short tawney gowne, my best capp with my best housey of tawny color. To my suster, Jane Carpenter, the wif of the said James Carpenter my broder, my murrey gowne engrayned and the hood of the same gowne to eldest sone (sic), and to my moder in lawe my skarlet gowne. To Master Richard Saynt John of Sarisburi two of my best tippett. To Richard Mathew 6s. 8d. To Robert, my servant, a horse able for any youman, with the bridell and sadell and harneys wich he used in ryding and a long lyvery gowne with the lynying. To Petur, my servant, my male horse with the bridill and sadell and harneys longyng to the same horse.

Executors: Master John Rook; Sir John Woodrofe, prest; James Carpenter, my broder, John Appleder, and everyche of them.

Supervisor: the reverend fader in God and my most singular good lord,

Edmond the bishop of Sarisbury.

Witnesses: Master Richard Sayntjohn and Master Richard Mathew, notaries public.

Proved 28 September, 1503.

1503. HUGH WHITE. (P.C.C. Blamyr 31.)

Henley, 23 September, 1503. Hugh White of Henley upon Thamys. To be buried in the church of Henley. To the moder church of Lincoln 12d. To the high awter of the church off Henley for my tithes and offeryngs necligently doon 12d.

To Johane, my wif, £20; to Hugh White, my son, £5; to John, my son, £5; to Jane, my doughter, £4; to Johane, my doughter, £4; to Anne, my doughter, £4; to Robert, my younger son, £10. If it happen any of my said children to decesse or they come to lawfull age... the part of them so decessed shall remain among theym then lyving; if it shall happen all my said children to decesse, £10 of the said somme... to go to the brydge of Henley for the reparacion of the same, and the residue... my wiff shall have... and if my wiff marye agayn, then (it shall go) for my soule, my wiff soul and my children's soules.

To my doughter, Jane, two brasse pannys; to Anne, my doughter, two brasse pannys; to Johane, my doughter, two brasse pannys. To John Botrell my best gowne, my best pair of breganse, two foldes of mayle, a salte, and also

20s. in money, and to every of his three children 6s. 8d., and to the wif of the said John a grene gowne of my weryng. To Thomas Golden 20s.; to Sir Thomas Shilborn, my curat, 6s. 8d.; to John Mershe 6s. 8d.; to Thomas Chefelden a gowne of russett; to Henry Hellear, my child, 40s.

The residue to Johane, my wiff, if so be she marye no more. If she doo marye agayn . . . the residue shall be divided into thre parts, the first part to

my wiff, the other two parts to my children.

Executors: John Botrell, my brother-in-law; Thomas Golden. Overseers: Sir Thomas Shilborn, my curate; John Mershe.

Witnesses: Sir Thomas Shilborn; John Botrell; Thomas Golden; Thomas Haryngton, with other.

I will that Johane my wiff, have my tenement in the High Strete of Henley in the which I dwell yn terme of hir lyff; if so be that she marye agayn, Hugh, my son shall have the said tenement to hym and the heirs of his body (with contingent remainders, in default of issue, to my sons John and Robert and the heirs of their bodies, to my daughters and the heirs of their bodies, to the warden and bridge keepers of Henley on condition they keep an obit with *Placebo* and *Dirige* and masses in the church of Henley for my soul and the souls of my wife and children to the value of 10s. of the profits of the said tenement forever).

To John, my son, my tenement in the High Strete of Henley on the west side of my said tenement in which William Whitbourn now dwellith, to him and the heirs of his body, and I will my wif shall have the keping of the seid tenement unto my son shall comme to the age of fourteen yeres (with contingent remainders, in default of issue, to my son Robert, my daughters, Jane, Anne, and Johane, my son Hugh, and the heirs of their bodies, or to the said wardens and bridge keepers of Henley forever).

To my doughter, Jane, my tenement in Brokestrete in Henley in the which William Whettam now dwelleth, and to Anne, my doughter, my tenement in Fridaystrete in the parisshe of Rodyrfeldgrey, and to Johane, my doughter, those my garnerse (sic) in Henley by the cowrse of the Thamys. And I will that the seid lands shalbe kept in all condicion as afore ys rehersed. And I will my feoffez make astate to this entent when they shalbe requyred.

Witnesses: Sir Thomas Shilborn; John Botrell; Thomas Golden;

Thomas Haryngton; John Balam, with other.

Proved 15 November, 1503 by John Boterell in person and by Robert Stokeley, proctor to Thomas Golden.

1504. ELEANOR MARTYN. (P.C.C. Bennett 4.)

17 February, 1503 (-4). Elyonor Martyn of the parisshe of Seynt Martyn (sic) of Enysham in the countie of Oxford, widowe. To be buried within the abbey churche of Enysham if I dye within the forsaid parisshe, and ellys that my body be buried in cristen buriall where it shall please God. To the highe aulter of the parisshe churche of Seynt Leonard aforesaid where as I am parisshener nowe for my tithes and oblacions forgoten or by me nechigently witholden, in dischargeyng of my soule 20s. To every of my godchildren 4d. to thentent to pray for my soule. Unto Elyonore Emery half a doseyn off silver sponys.

The residue . . . unto my welbeloved Thomas Emery, citezen and upholder off London and to Anne, his wif, my welbeloved doughter, they therwith

to doo and dispose theire owne free will and pleasur to the lawde of Almighty God and for the consolacion of my soule, whom I ordeyne my feithfull executours of this my testament and last will.

Proved at Lambeth 4 September, 1508 by Thomas Emery and Anne, his wife, the executors named.

1504. AGNES GARNOND.* (P.C.C. Holgrave 17.)

22 April, 1504. Agnes Garnond, widow. To be buried in the church-yard of the parish church of Henley upon Thames. To the mother church of Lincoln 2d.; to the high altar of Henley 2d.; to Sir Thomas Shilbourne, chaplain of the parish there 4d. To Robert Garnond a brass pot containing four gallons; to Agnes, wife of the said Robert, a brass pan containing five gallons; to Amice, my daughter, 'le cawderon' containing six gallons, and a silver salt.

The residue to Robert Garnond aforesaid, my executor.

Witnesses: Sir Thomas Shilbourne, parish chaplain there; Richard Andrewson; John Balam, with many others.

Proved at Lambeth 15 September, 1504 by Robert Donoff, proctor to the executor.

1504. ALICE BOLTER.* (P.C.C. Adeane 6.)

16 August, 1504. Alice Bolter of Northstocke. To be buried in the church of St. Mary, Northstoke. To the mother church of Lincoln 4d.; to the parish church of Northstoke a quarter of barley; to the image of St. Laurence in the same church two measures of barley; to the image of the Blessed Mary in the same church a half quarter of barley; to the image of St. Anne in the same church two measures of barley; to the light of St. Nicholas there a measure of barley; to the light of St. Blase there the like; to the light of St. Christopher there two measures of barley; to the church of St. Mary, Nuneham, half a quarter of barley; to the church of Ippisden the like; to the church of Southstoke two measures of barley; to the church of Mongewell half a quarter of barley.

To Thomas Bolter, the younger, three quarters of barley; to John Medilton ten sheep, and to each of his children two sheep. To the parish church of Dorchester half a quarter of barley; to the light of the Holy Cross in the said church half a quarter of barley. To Joan, my daughter, a mattress, a coverlet, my best gown, my best tunic, my best girdle and my best pair of beads; to Thomas Bolter, the younger, a chest; to his wife a pair of sheets, a coverlet, a blanket, my violet coloured gown, and my red tunic (tuniculam sive subiculam). To Alice Bolter three sheep; to William Cokes half a quarter of barley; to John, my son, my best pair of sheets, my best wrap, and my best apron; to each of his children a kerchief.

The residue to John Bolter the elder, to dispose of for the good of my soul as he shall deem best.

Executor: John Bolter the elder.

Witnesses: Sir Alexander (blank), chaplain of the said parish; Thomas Costard, with others.

Proved at Lambeth 12 May, 1506 by the executor, John Bolter the elder.

1504. JOHN HUNTELOW.* (P.C.C. Holgrave 18.)

22 September, 1504. John Huntelow. To be buried in the churchyard of the parish church of Henley upon Thames, by the tomb of John Lyde, lately deceased. To the mother church of Lincoln 2d.; to the high altar of the same church for my tithes forgotten 4d.; to the repair of Henley bridge a piece of timber lying at the door of my tenement. To Alice, my daughter, a brass pot, a pan, a silver spoon; to Elizabeth, my daughter, a brass pot, a pan, a silver spoon.

William Huntelow, my son, to have all that my tenement situated at the end of Henley bridge to have and to hold to him and his heirs of his body lawfully begotten; in default of such issue, to remain to Peter, my son, and his heirs, and in default, to remain successively to Juliana, Alice, and Elizabeth, my daughters and their heirs, and in default of their issue, to my right heirs.

Florence, my wife, to have all my three tenements being together in North Street, for the term of her life, and she to pay yearly out of the issues and profits of the same 6s. 8d. to my son Peter; and after her death the tenements to remain to the said Peter and his issue, with contingent remainders, in default of issue, to the said William, Juliana, Alice, and Elizabeth, my children, or to the use of the church of Henley, on condition an anniversary be observed yearly in the said church to the value of five tunics, with *Placebo* and mass of requiem, to be distributed among the priests and clerks out of the profits of the said three tenements. In default of such observance, the wardens of Henley to distrain on the said tenements for the said tunics and money for keeping the anniversary and to have for their pains 3s. 4d., should such contingency arise. To twelve poor men to pray for my soul around my corpse on the day of my burial 2d. each.

The residue to Florence, my wife.

Executors: the said Florence; Robert Baker.

Witnesses: Sir John Richemond, chaplain; Henry Adene; John Richmond; Thomas Wagge; Richard White, with many others.

And if it befalls that the said Elizabeth, my daughter, die without lawful heirs of her body begotten, then I will that all my lands and tenements entirely remain to Thomas Huntelow, my kinsman, and the heirs of his body forever to hold of the chief lords and to keep the said anniversary, and in default of such issue, to the wardens and bridge keepers of the town of Henley as aforesaid, and I make the said Thomas overseer.

Proved 14 October, 1504 by Florence, the relict.

1505. JANE FOWLER. (P.C.C. Holgrave 28.)

I February, 1504 (-5). Jane Fowler, widow, late wiff of Richard Fowler, chaunceler of the Duche of Lancastre. To be buried within qernes of the church of the monastery of Syon wher I have doo made my grave and covered with a marbyll stone as it there apperith... of my propre goods, all maner expense and charge that shall happen aboute my funeral... be made and done by myn executours withoute charge, cost, or labour to the said monastery unto the secunde day after my body be within the ferretrum before rehersed. To the abbas and convent of the saide monastery of Syon 100 marks in redy money or in plate. To my moder church of Lincoln 20s.; to the parisshe

church of Thame 10s.; to the parisshe church of Shirborne 20s. To the abbas of Syon and her successors my grete booke that ys of the servyce of their religion.

To my sone, Sir Richard Fowler, knight, £100 in plate under that condicion that he lett not this my last will but permytt myne executors peacably, quietly, and withoute any trobill to performe it and also truely to performe all suche couvenaunts as be made betwene hym and me and other as apperith by writting. To my servant, Margaret, above her wage 40s. and to her daughter to helpe hir at hir marriage 40s. To everych of my executors 40s. To Sibill, my doughter, in money or in plate 100 marks. To George Fowler, my sonys eldest sone, a cupp of silver with an ymage of St. Jamys in the botom; to Edward Fowler a stonding maser and a sponepiece of silver. To Brigitt Fowler two brode gilt girdells; to Anthony Fowler a gowne; to William Chamberlayn a stonding pece pounsed; to Humfrey Stoschton, in money, 40s.; to Elinor, hir gentilwoman, a gown that I weryd on werkendayes; to Master Edward Chamberlayn and Master Rawly my stuff of household that lies att Blake Stowll in Westmonaster, equally to be devided betwixt them both. To Master Doctor Gambon my littell white horse, because he most ride in my besynes and I will that he far the better for me.

I will some good, honest priest, scoler of Oxford, have for certwyn yeres after my doughter's disposition, to syng and pray for me 40s. the yere.

Residuary legatees and executors: my doughter Sibill; Sir Thomas Ingelfeld, knight; Thomas Langeston, esquire; Master Doctor Gambon, D.D.

Witnesses: Master Edward Chamberlayn, esquire; Master William Blakeway, secondary of the chantry of Rycowt; Sir Richard Fowler, knight; Humfrey Stohunthon; Master Rawley, gent. and many others.

Proved 14 April, 1505 by Sibille (blank) and Master Gambon.

1505. WILLIAM CHURCHEHILL.* (P.C.C. Holgrave 28.)

10 February, 1504 (-5). William Churchehill. To be buried in the churchyard of the parish and prebendal church of Banbury. To the mother church of Lincoln 6d.; to the high altar of the church of Banbury for my tithes forgotten 12d.; to every altar in the said church 12d.; to the repair of the said church 6s. 8d. To my maid-servants 3s. 4d. each. To the bridge in the said vill of Banbury 10s.; to the repair of the road in Newlande 10s.; to St. John's Street 20s.; to the suburban road leading to Bodicott 20s. To John Churchehill, my kinsman, all my appurtenances for carts and ploughs, my best horses, and grain to the value of £6 13s. 4d.; also a cottage with garden after the death of my wife, he to repair the same, and if he does not do so, it shall go to the reparations of the said church, and John shall be excluded. To Agnes Churchehill 20s. I desire an honest priest to celebrate mass for a whole year for the good of my soul and all faithful souls.

The residue to Alice, my wife, and John Wylson, my executors. To twenty maidens for their marriage 12d. each.

Witnesses: Sir Robert Elys; Richard Bemonde.

Proved at Lambeth 7 April, 1505 by John Patte, proctor to the executors.

1505. JOHN KYNG.*

(P.C.C. Holgrave 34.)

30 May, 1505. John Kyng. To be buried in the churchyard of All Hallows, Newenton. To the mother church 2d.; to the church of Newenton a toft of wood called Holmesgrove, with 6s. 8d. To a priest of Oxford celebrating for my soul 46s. 8d. on condition that once a month during the term of his engagement he celebrate at Newenton.

To Sir Ralph Downevile 6s. 8d.; to every one of the servants of my house a sheep. To every one of those I have dipped in the sacred font a sheep. To the church of Colkegrove 2od.; to every one of these chapels: Berwyk, Warboro, Drayton, Chislynton [Chesilhampton], Stodham [Stadhampton], Asscott 2od.; to the repair of the road between the church of Newenton leading to Berwick a cow. To John Janyn my green gown; to Thomas Kyng my medley gown; to William Croke my russet gown; to my four nephews, sons of my brother, 4os. to be divided among them. To the lights of Newenton church a quarter of grain.

The residue to Agnes, my wife, John Malmes, and Thomas Besley.

Executors: John Malmes; Thomas Besley; Agnes, my wife. John and Thomas to have 26s. 8d. between them.

Witnesses: Ralph Downvile; Thomas Mores; William Huntlowe, and many others.

Proved at Lambeth 9 July, 1505 by the executors.

1505. PETER BARTON.

(P.C.C. Holgrave 33.)

13 June, 1505. Peter Barton of the parisshe of Chestylton [Chastleton]. To be buried in the parisshe churche of Chestylton. To the highe awter in the same church 4d. To the moder churche of Lincoln 4d. To my sone Richard 10 marks; to my doughter Philippe 10 marks; to my doughter Margery 10 marks. To seynt Nicholas gilde 5s. To the churche of Chestylton two torches, the price of theym 10s.

The residue unto Eleyn Barton, my wif.

My sole executrice: Eleyn Barton, my wif.

Supervisor: Richard Webbe of Chepyngnaton.

Witnesses: John Barton; Johan Bochyn; Thomas Flecher.

Proved at Lambeth 29 June, 1505 by John Pate, proctor to the executrix.

1505. RICHARD HORTON.

(P.C.C. Holgrave 37.)

(No date). Richard Horton of Borford. To be buried in the parisshe church of seynt John the Baptist in Borford. To the cathedrall churche of Lincoln 40d. To the highe awter of the said parisshe church of Borford for myne oblacions necligently forgoten 6d.; to every light within the said churche 2d.; to the wardeyns of the said churche towardes the reparacion of the belles there 3s.

As toching the disposicion of all my londes and tenements in the citie of Yorke and ellewhere within England, I will that my wife have and dispose theym as she shall seme best.

The residue to Elizabethe, my wife, my sole executrice.

Witnesses: Sir Thomas Scamond, parisshe priest; Thomas Stafford; John Tyse; William Clerke, and many others.

Proved at Lambeth 21 October, 1505 by the executrix.

1505. THOMAS MAYNE.*

(P.C.C. Adeane 10.)

5 December, 1505. Thomas Mayne. To be buried in the parish and prebendal church of St. Mary, Banbury. To the cathedral church of Lincoln 12d.; to the high altar of Banbury church 2od.; to every altar in the said church 12d.; to the repair of the said church 6s. 8d.; to the altar of St. Mary in the said church 6s. 8d.; to the parish church of Braybrok £3 6s. 8d.; to the parish church of Blakysley 6s. 8d.; to the parish church of Culworth 4os.; to the parish church of Helmeden 4od.; to the parish church of Fenford [? Heyford] (blank) [all Northants.].

To Thomas Mayne, my son, £20. If his mother take another husband, then the said Thomas to have £40. To Richard Mayne, my brother, 20s.; to the roads around Banbury £3 6s. 8d.; to Richard Andrew, my kinsman, to receive holy orders 40s.; to Joan, my maid, 20s.; to John Ley 40d.; to William Byngham, my servant, 20s.; to John Fraunceys 5s.; to Willeby 40d.; to Sir William Bemond, vicar of Banbury, 20s.

To the bridge 20s.; to the new sepulchre 20s.; to an honest priest to celebrate for one year in the said church of Banbury for the good of my soul and those of all faithful, and to perform divine offices in the said church £5 6s. 8d. My wife to distribute for the good of my soul in the said parish of Banbury 100s.

The residue to Elizabeth, my wife, and I constitute her sole executrix of this my last will.

Witnesses: Sir William Bemond, vicar; John Wilson; William Person. This codicil is the last will of me, Thomas Mayne, mercer of Banbury. I will that there shall be distributed among the poor and decrepit and among indigent girls for their marriage £5 at the discretion and advice of John Wilson and William Pereson of Banbury. To the repair and maintenance of Banbury bridge 26s. 8d. together with 13s. 4d. before by me bequeathed; for making of the chapel of the Holy Trinity, Banbury 6s. 8d. For making a new sepulchre in the parish church there 6s. 8d. To repair the roads leading from the town of Banbury aforesaid towards the Newland 20s.

Witness: Sir Thomas Shakespeyre, curate of St. Peter's church, Bristol. At Bristol 26 July, 1506.

Proved at Lambeth 7 August, 1506 by Thomas Friser, proctor to the executrix.

1506. JOHN ASSHEFELD (P.C.C. Adeane 6.)

25 March, 1506. John Asshefeld. To be buried in the parisshe churche of Our Blissed Lady in Chepyng Norton. To the said church for my grave and sepulture 10s.; to the bellys of the same church 6s. 8d.; to the torches 6s. 8d.; to the moder churche of Lincolne 12d.; to the church of Heythroppe 20s., a written masse booke, and a written portuous.

To John Asshefeld, my sone, a standing cuppe of silver, covered, a salt of silver, covered, six sponys of silver; to George, my sone, £3 6s. 8d.; to Thomas, my sone, £6 13s. 4d.; to Antony, my sone, £6 13s. 4d.; to Alys, my doughter, £3 6s. 8d.; to Jane, my doughter, £3 6s. 8d.; to Elizabeth, my doughter, £3 6s. 8d. to Anne, my doughter, £6 13s. 4d.

To Marget, my wif, my maner place of Heythroppe to have and occupye to hir duryng hir wedowhode, with £6 13s. 4d. in money or lande yerely over and besides hir joyntour that I made hir at the tyme of my mariage. And if my said wife marye, I will that my maner place remayne to myne heyre. And over that I will that my feoffez and myne heire of my said maner of Heythroppe make a goode and sufficient estate in the lawe to my said wif Marget of and in landes and rentes parcell of my said maner clerely all charges borne to the yerely value of £6 13s. 4d. to have and to holde to the said Marget and hir assignez yerely during hir lift above and besides hir joynter first made to hir.

To my sone Edmund my mille callid Ledstone myll with all thappurtenaunces therto belonging and certeyn landes that I bought of one Holeway, to have and to hold to the said Edmund, my sone, and to the heires of his body laufully begoten. And if he decesse without suche yssue, I will the said mill and landes remayne to Nicholas, my sone, and to his heires of his body begotten. I will that the highe wode and the nether copeys be all soulde and that my sone John have the bying therof as four reasonable men will prayse it, and that the money therof commyng be paide and delivered to my said wif Marget.

The residew . . . to Marget, my said wif, and I make her myne executrice. Witnesses: Master John Horne, esquyer; Jamys Batrysby, bachelor of lawe; John Crwesse, gentleman, and many other.

Proved at Lambeth 11 May, 1506 by Thomas Ostriche, proctor to the executrix.

1506. WALTER PRATTE.* (P.C.C. Bennett 4.)

15 July, 1506. Walter Pratte. To be buried in the church of St. Mary the Virgin, Thame, before St. Erasmus the Martyr. To the mother church of Lincoln 12d.; to the high altar of the church of Thame 3s. 4d.; to the light of the holy sepulchre six pounds of wax; to every other light in the said church a pound of wax. To the said church of Thame a cow; to the store of masses of the name of Jesus twenty ewes. To every godchild a ewe; to Thomas, my son, 100 sheep and twenty quarters of barley; to Isabel, my daughter, two oxen, two cows and twenty quarters of barley; to John Benet, son of Nicholas Benet of Henley upon Thames, twenty sheep.

Elizabeth, my wife, to have and enjoy all my lands and tenements in Henley upon Thames until my heir attains his full age; and to have and enjoy all my lands and tenements in New Thame on condition she employ an honest priest to celebrate in the said church for the souls of my parents, John and Julian Pratt, my friends John Walkeley and Isabel his wife, and for the soul of Walter Pratte and the souls of all faithful people; and after her death the said lands etc. to remain to Thomas, my son, and my heirs forever.

Executors and residuary legatees: my said wife Isabelle and my son.

Witnesses: Sir John Holder, clerk; Geoffrey Dormer; Thomas Strepulhull; John Botteler; Thomas Joigelson; and many others.

Proved at Lambeth 5 September, 1508 by Isabel, the relict and executrix.

1506. RICHARD BLOUNT.

(P.C.C. Adeane 20.)

14 September, 1506 (22 Henry VII). Richard Blount of Ewer [Iver] in the county of Bucks., esquier. To be buried in the chauncell of the parisshe church of Ewer aforesaid there as myne executors shall think most convenyent. To the moder churche of Lincoln 20d. To every light in the church of Ever 12d. To the parson of Ever 10s. for my forgoten tithes. One thousand masses (to) be saide for the helthe of my soule at the day of my burying and between that and my moneths mynde or at my moneths mynde, orells assone as may be done at the said church of Ever, orells otherwhere by the discrecion of myne executors.

To every of my three doughters, that is to wite, to Elizabeth, Anne, and Elizabeth (sic), to every of theym 100 marcs in money toward their mariage. To every man servaunt in my house 3s. 4d. over and above their wage to pray for my soule. Edward Cobbam to have his house rent free aslong as he lyveth. To John Chalcresse over and above his wage 2os. To every manchilde within my house 2od. to pray for my soul. To every woman servant in lyke caas dwelling within 3s. 4d. To Anne Bassett 6s. 8d. To every of my god-children...12d. To Sir Rauf of Uxbridge 6s. 8d. to pray for my soule. To the vicary of Ever 6s. 8d. To Maister Woodeforthe my new russett gowne with the furre in the same; to Henry Hanseley my medley gowne lyned with chamlet; to John Hynde my blake gowne furred with fowynes.

If there be any man that can clayme any duetie of me other for dett of land or any other thing or any maner extorcion done by me or my commaundment or knowlege, I will that they be paid and contented after consciens of asmoche as they can make goode prooffe of.

To Maister Wodeforthe three books in Frenshe of *Frossautt*. Myn executors to content and pay unto the heire of the body of William Rabb lawfully begotten, at the age of 21 yeres, £20.... if the said William Rabb dye without issue... the said £20 to be paid unto the next heire of John Rabb, fader of the said William at the full age of 21 yers of the said heire, according to an indenture of covenant made betwixt me the said Richard Blount and the said William Rabb.

I will that Robert Woodeford and other my feoffez of and in my maner of Mapuldurham Gurney within the countie of Oxford stand and bee therof seased to the use and entent following, that is to say, that my said feoffez shulde suffer Elizabeth my wif yerely to perceyve and take 40 marcs of laufull money of the issue and proffittes of the said maner at two times of the yere, that is to say, at the festes of the Annunciacion of Our Lady and Seynt Mighell the Archangell by even porcions during hir life to hir owne propre use. I will in likewise that my said feoffez suffer John Lynde to take yerely and perceyve of the yerely yssues and proffittes of the said maner 10 markes of laufull money atte termes aforesaid in recompence and payment of an annuytie of 10 marcs graunted by me, the said Richard, to the said John Lynde for terme of his And of the residue of all landes and tenements of the said maner my said feoffez to stond and be therof seased to and for the performaunce of this my last will unto suche tyme as Barnaby my son accomplisshe the full age of twenty yeres, and then my said feoffez to stond and be seased of and in all the said residue to the use and behoff of the said Barnaby my son, and he therof to take the issues and proffittes to his owne use. I will that after the dethe of the said Elizabeth and John Lynde, my said feoffez stond and be seased of and in all the said maner of Mapuldurham Gurney with the appurtenances to the use and behoff of the said Barnaby and of the heirs of his body laufully begoten. (Contingent remainders, in default of such issue, to Richard Blounte my young son and the heirs of his body, and to my right heirs.)

Andrewe Wyndesore, esquier, and other my feoffez of and in all such my lands and tenements, rents and services with their appurtenances lying in Colham, Uxbrigge, Coueley, Hillyngdon and Ikkenham within the countie of Middlesex which late was William Rabbs (to) stond and be therof seised to and for the performance of this my last will. And I will at suche tyme as Richard Blount, my young sone, shall accomplisshe the full age of 20 yeres, my said feoffez to stond and be from thensforth seized to the use and behooff of the said Richard and of the heirs of his body lawfully begotten. (Contingent remainders to Barnaby Blount and his heirs and to my right heirs.)

(The same concerning lands late of Thomas Durdent, esquire, in Langley Maret [Langley Marish], Wyrardesbury, and Ever and all lands in Bucks. and Middlesex, except lands late of William Rabb, to Barnaby, with contingent remainders to Richard Blount and my right heirs.)

My sonnes Barnaby and Richard and either of them to have by the discrecion of my wif and myne executours a competent lyving and honest fynding of the scole and otherwise after their degrees as well of the revenues and issues of all the landes and tenements residue of the said maner of Mapuldurham as of all other lands and tenements within the counties of Bukes. and Midd....unto suche tyme as the said Barnaby and Richard and either of them come to the full age of 20 yeres.

Myn executours to take levie and yerely perceyve all the said issues . . . of all the said maners . . . and content and pay . . . all and every thing in this my last will

The last will of my fader in lawe, William Forde, of and in certeyn londs and tenements in the parishes of Langley and Ever (to be) observed performed and kept in every behalf.

The residue to Elizabeth my wif and Robert Wodeforthe, my executours. Supervisor: Master Andrew Wyndesore.

Proved 11 February, 1506(-7) by Master William Potkyn, proctor to the executors.

1506. NICHOLAS SAMBURNE. (P.C.C. Adeane 8.)

1506. Nicholas Samburne, gent. To be buried in the chauncell of the parisshe churche of Mapulderham, in the countie of Oxon. I will that £20 of money be disposed for the welth of my soule the daies of my burying and moneths mynde aftir the discrecion of myne executours.

To Elizabeth, my wif, all my plate and stuff of my household; to my doughter Anne my goodes moevable to the valor of 100 markes sterling except the termys and yeres that I have in divers fermys. Richard Blount and Robert Wodeford (to) have my termys and yeres of and in alle my services to dispose theym at their pleasur. John Samburne, my sone, (to) have all my landes and tenements in Heydon to hym and to the heires of his body laufully begoten; and for defawte of such issue it to remayne to Nicholas, my sone, in lyke manner and fourme; and for defawte of suche yssue to remayne to my right heires. Nicholas, my sone, (to) have alle my landes and tenementes in Reddeburne to hym and to the heires of his body, laufullie begoten; and

for defawte of suche yssue to remayne to John, my sone, in like fourme; and for defawte of suche yssue to remayne to my right heires.

Executors: Elizabethe, my wife; Richard Blount; Robert Wodford. And in witnes of this myne aforsaid last will I, the said Nicholas, sende for my gostly fader, Sir Thomas Peythe, vicar of Mapulderham, and declared this aforsaid my will in his presence, Richard Blount, Robert Wodeford, Thomas Peythe, and other.

Proved at Lambeth 27 June, 1506 by the executors.

1506. THOMAS GOODWYN. (P.C.C. Adeane 15.)

20 September, 1506. Thomas Goodwyn of Watlyngton in the Denery of Aston. To be buried within the parisshe churche of Saint Leonard in Watlyngton aforsaid. To the moder chirche of Lincolne 2d.; to the highe aultier of the said chirche for my tithes and oblacions forgoten or witholden, in discharging of my conscience 4d.; to fyve principall lightes within the said chirche 2s. 6d.

The residue of my goodes moveable and unmoveable with alle suche dettes as bene owing unto me at the daye of this presente I bequeithe unto Elizabethe, my wif, John Goodwyne, my sone; and also I desyre my broder, John Goodwyne of Tame, to be as executour with them, having for his labour 20s. and as my speciall trust is in him to ayde them and to helpe recover my said dettes whiche bene owing unto me and also to content and paye alle suche dettes whiche I owe. And after my dettes be content and paid, I will desire my said executours Elizabethe, John Goodwyn, my sone, and John Goodwyn, my broder that of suche stuff as shall remayne the said John Goodwyne my broder to take 20s. for his labours as is aforesaid, and also to distribute to everiche of my children parte of suche goodes as be lefte and parte to distribute for the welth of my soule, as my speciall trust is in them, whiche I remytte to theire discretion.

Witnesses: Maister John Skot, curate; William Harper; John Dawson; Robert Rolyns; Richard Benet.

Proved at Lambeth 6 November, 1506 by John Goodwyn, executor.

1506 (-7). JOHN ARCHER.* (P.C.C. Adeane 22.)

20 February, 1506 (-7). John Archer of Henley. To be buried in the parish church of Henley before the altar of the Holy Trinity. To the mother church of Lincoln 4d.; to the high altar 12d.; to the maintaining of the mass of the Name of Jesus in the said church of Henley a quarter of malt; for maintaining a taper before the Crucifix forever in the said church of Henley 18d., to be taken out of my tenement lying within the said vill of Henley in the High Street, wherein I dwell. To the light of St. Mary 4d.; to the light of St. Katherine 4d.

My tenement wherein I dwell, in the High Street in the said vill of Henley, to my wife Agnes, to have and to hold to her, her heirs and assigns forever. My other tenement, lying and being next the aforesaid tenement, to Agnes, my wife, for the term of her life, and after her death I will the same to remain to William Archer, my kinsman, to have and to hold to him, his heirs and assigns forever. My other tenement, lying in 'le Market Place', immediately after my

death, to Robert Archer, my kinsman, to have and to hold to him, his heirs and assigns forever, on condition that he, his heirs and assigns observe yearly an obit to the value of 40d. in the aforesaid church of Henley for the souls of me, my wives Alice and Agnes, and all faithful deceased.

To Joan Rookholde, my servant, 20s., a pair of sheets, and a brass pot, two silver spoons, and one 'le girdill'. To Isabel Hale, my servant, 6s. 8d. and a brass pot; to Miles Asshefelde 20s.; to Amice, my servant, 6s. 8d.; to Robert Archer, my kinsman, 20s.; to Thomas Archer, my kinsman, 20s.; to William Archer, my kinsman, 20s.; to Margery Alsay, my kinswoman, 20s.

The residue to Agnes, my wife, and I make her my executrix.

Supervisors: Richard Brokham; Thomas Bers, to each of whom I give 20s.

Witnesses: Richard Sloterys of Newhelme; John Ardene of Henley; Robert Brokham; William Tannar of Bykkys; Miles Asshefeld, with others.

Proved at Lambeth 28 April, 1507 and administration committed to Agnes, the relict and executrix.

1507. ROBERT ROLNYS. (P.C.C. Adeane 25.)

12 April, 1507. Robert Rolnys of Pyrton within the diocese of Lincoln To be buried within the churche of Pyrton aforesaide. To the moder church of Lincoln 4d.; to the high aulter off Pyrton church 6s.8d.; to the makyng of the new stepull in Pirton churche aforesaid and to the reparacion of the body of the same churche £3 6s. 8d.; to the churche of Watlington 6s. 8d.; to the churche of Lewkenor 6s. 8d.

To Margaret my wif £20 to be paid to hir as folowithe, that is to wite, within twelve wekes after my decesse, if she lyve, £5, and the next quarter in the same manner £5, and so folowing tyll the £20 be paid to hir quarterly if she lyve as is aforsaid. And if she decesse bifore any of the dayes be expired, the residue of the porcion or porcions so beyng behynde, the saide Robert will that it be at the disposicion of his executours as folowithe. To the same Margaret the best fetherbed with two of the best coverlettes, three payre of the best shetes, and three blankettes.

To my four sonnes, William, John, Thomas, and Lawrence, to everyche of them £20 in money and money worthe to be delivered unto everyche of theym their porcion at the age of 22 yere, if they be of the discrecion to occupye it. And (if) God visett any of theym or they receyve the porcion aforsaid, then I will that £15 of the porcion or porcions of hym or theym so decessed to be distributed to hym or theym that lyveth and £5 of the porcion of hym or theym so decessed to be distributed by myn executours for the welthe of my soule and the soules of theym so decessed. To William, my sone, besides his porcion of his £20, six horses and the best carte with the carte harneys and the best ploughe with the ploughe harneys. To William Yattes wif, my doughter, and their children a hundred of shepe.

Executors: Geoffrey Rolnys, my brother; Thomas Symeon.

Overseer: Edmund Gadbery the elder, which myne speciall trust is in. And I give to hym and to myne executours to see this my last will perfourmed and fulfilled, to everyche of theym for their labour 40s., and all my costes borne besides of my goodes.

The residue of my goodes I will it be at their disposicion for the welthe of my soule and better to my childern if it will extend therto.

Witnesses: Sir Lawrence Orrell, vicar of Pyrton aforsaid; John Waylice; Edmund Gadbery the yonger; William Yattes; Richard Benett, with other moo.

Proved at Lambeth 8 July, 1507 by the executors.

1507. JOHN STYLE.* (P.C.C. Adeane 25.)

6 June, 1507. John Style of Swalcliff. To be buried in the chapel of St. Mary within the church of Swalclyff. To the cathedral church of Lincoln 4d.; to every image in the said chapel a candle, price 2d., the said candles to be renewed when necessary from my torches during one whole year; to the payment of the great bell 20s.; to the torches 12d. To each of my godchildren dwelling in Swalcliff one sheep; to those dwelling elsewhere 4d. each. To my son Henry Style £10; to my son Thomas £10; to my daughter Julian 10 marks; to my daughter Alice 10 marks; to my daughter Joan 10 marks. If any of my children die without attaining mature age, their portions to be divided among the survivors. To Alice Oxherd ten sheep; to John Gilberd a sheep; to John Ynde a sheep.

I will that a priest celebrate for one whole year in Swalcliff church for my soul, my parents' souls and the souls of all the faithful, for a competent salary to be levied on my goods.

The residue to Agnes my wife, and I constitute her my executrix.

Supervisors: John Nyte; John Hoochynys.

Proved at Lambeth 3 July, 1507 by William Potkyn, proctor to the executrix.

1507. HENRY ADENE. (P.C.C. Adeane 30.)

24 August, 1507. Henry Adene of Soncombe [Swyncombe] within the aurey of Henley. To be buried within the parisshe churche of Soncombe. To the moder churche of Lincoln 4d. To my fyve childern 300 shepe, that is to say, to every oone of theym 60; to Elizabeth my wif 200 shepe. To Richard Adene (my) sone all the convenauntes, interest, title, right, and yeres that I have in the ferme of Aldebury and little Ricote in the countie of Oxford.

The residue unto Richard Adene, my sonne, and Raff Adene, my cosyn, that they therefore and dispose for the welthe of my soule as they shall seme best to please God and to profitte my soule; and I ordeigne and make the same Richard and Raff myne executours and I bequethe to every oon of theym for their labour 20s. And I will that all the costes and charges that they susteyne and make be taken and borne of my goodes. That is my last will.

Witnesses: Sir Peter Benston, parson of Soncombe; Richard Benet; John Stere, with other.

Proved at Lambeth 19 September, 1507 by Richard Dene; Ralph Dene, the other executor, expressly refusing the burden of executorship.

1507 (-8). ROGER ROPER. (P.C.C. Adeane 33.]

24 January, 1507 (-8). Roger Roper of Watlyngtone, draper. To be buried in the churche of Seynt Leonard of Watlyngton aforsaid bifore the

aulter of Seynt Nicholas there. To the cathedrall churche of Lincoln 2d.; to the highe aulter in the said churche of Seynt Leonard in Watlyngton 4d.; to Our Lady light in the same churche 4d.; to Seynt Kateryns light 4d.; to Seynt Nicholas light 4d.; to All Sowlen light 12d.; to the best crosse in the same churche a baner clothe of silke.

To every child that my suster Mawde hath by Macam of Bramoll in Chesshire, being on lyve, two silver sponys; to Alice the wif of William Tyler of Holcom [?Great Holcombe] a quarter of malte; to Edward Hamulden and to Roger Hoper, my godchildern, to every of theym a quarter of malte.

I will that there by ordeyned by myn executrice underwritten an honest preest of good conversacion to syng and sey masse for my soule within the parisshe churche of Watlyngton aforsaid by the space of an hole yere, and that he have for his salary 8 markes. Johane, my wif, (to) have all that my londes and tenementes sett and lying in Watlyngton forsaid, as well freehold as copyhold, to hir assignes to this intent, that she kepe within the said churche of Watlyngton an obite or anniversary yerely with six preestes during hir lift naturall.

The residue... to the forseid Johane, my wif, to dispose for the helthe of my soule and deedes of mercy and pitie suche as she shall thinke by hir discrecion most best to the pleasure of Almighty God, and I make and ordeigne her my soole executrice.

Witnesses: Sir Jamys Gefferysone; John Hamulden; John Dawson. Proved at Lambeth 10 March, 1507 (-8) by Thomas Fryser, proctor to the executrix.

1507 (-8). RICHARD BYSSHOP. (P.C.C. Bennett 5.)

17 March, 1507 (-8). (23 Henry VII). Richard Bysshop of Burford. To be buried by my wif before thymage of Our Lady in the burgeyssis chappel. To the churche of Lincoln 4d.; to the said chapell where my wif lyeth 20s.; to the Trynitic chapell in the same church 20s.; to Seynt Kateryne chapell beyng there 6s. 8d.

All my hole londes and tenementes with their appurtenaunces within this Realme of England to my sone and heire, Antony, to have and to hold to hym and to the heyres of his body laufully begoten; and for fawte of suche heyres they shall remayne to my son Symon and to the heires of his body laufully begoten; and for fawte of suche heyres, than I will that all my hole londes and tenementes... be sold by the discrecion of myne executours and feoffees of the same londes, and suche money thereof levied to be kept in custody of the corporate body of the burgeys of Burford aforesaid. And yerely while the same money shall or may dure and contynewe, the same corporate body of the burgeys to fynde an honest preeste to syng at the aulter where my wif lyethe. And bicause I dowbte whether the londes that movyed by my moder syde be afore intayled or no, then if it shall prove so, I will it shall reverte soo, or elles to be sold and to be used and bestowed in like maner as all myne other londes aforerehersed.

To my son Symon £38, the whiche John Bisshop, myn uncle, oweth me by his obligacion. All my plate and houshold (to) be hole devided and equally departed bitwene my said two sonnys Antony and Symon; and if it shall happe any of theym to dye bifore the tyme that they shuld receive the goodes bifore bequested, then I will the lengist lever of them to enjoye the

otheres hole parte. And if it shall happen theym bothe to dye bifore suche tyme that they shuld of righte have their goodes bifore bequested, than I will that all my hole plate be geven and bestowed to the burgeys chapell as of my gifte and rewarde to the mayntenaunce of the same chapell; and all the household and money to goo and ronne with the money made of my londes to fynde an honest prest as ys aforesaid. Provided alway that myne executours or burgeys doo kepe myne yerely obite to the valour of 20s. as long as my preest shall or may continewe.

Feoffees to thentente and use before reported in all my hole londes and tenements I make Symon Mylbourne, Antony Fetteplace, John Horne, esquyers, Thomas Pynnoke, gent., William Flodyate and Robert Osmund.

Executors: Thomas Stawnton, baillyff of Burford, and Richard Brame, burgeys, to whom I bequethe for their labours 10 marke sterlings, that is to sey, to every of theym 5 marke sterlinge.

Overseer: the said Symon Milbourne, esquyer, my fader in lawe, to whome I bequethe for his labour (blank).

Moreover I will that if it shall please God to take me fro this life, that myne executours do bestowe the rentes of my hole londes, tenementes, with the appurtenaunces that shall ryse during the noonage of my two sonnys in this maner folowing: first, to see theym honestly founde and vertuousely brought up to scole; secondly, to see my houses upholden and sufficiently repayred; thirdely, to make a marbull stone over me and my wif for our memory; fourthly, yerely to the age of my sone and heyre to kepe an obite for us to the valour of 20s., and the rest that shall remayne, if any be, to be leyd up and kepte to thuse of my sone and heyre as is afore rehersed.

Witnesses: Mr. Henry Fyrth; Thomas Pynnoke; Robert Grauntham. Proved at Lambeth 10 October, 1508 by Thomas Staunton in person and Richard Brame in the person of Thomas Ostrich, his proctor.

1508. JOHN BYRD. (P.C.C. Bennett 18.)

31 July, 1508 (23 Henry VII). John Byrd of More [Northmoor] in the countie of Oxenford. To be buried in cristen buriall within the churche as God shall dispose for me. To the parson of More for thithes mysthithed 3s. 4d.; to the cathedrall church of Lincoln 2od.; to the church of Clever a chalys; to the church of More aforeseid a payre of blake vestmentes and a frount for an aulter and a masse booke. To the poore people in the honour of the Five Woundes 5s.; also 5s. to the poore people in the honour of the Five Joyes of the blissed Lady Mary. To be distributed to poore people to pray for my soule and the soules of them that I have had any goodes of not recompensed nor satisfied 6s. 8d.

Myne executrice doo to be delivered incontynent aftir my decesse to the churchemen of More four keene or heyfers, the which I bequethe to the mayntenyng of certayn lightes there, that ys that be nedeful to be holpen. To the mayntenyng of the belles 2s. At my monethes mynde a trentall (to) be songe for me, and I will that there be songe for me immediately after my decesse 100 masses of requiem, every preest soo syngyng to have for every masse 2d.

To my wif, Clemence, my house with all the lond arabill, clossis, medowes that ys within the More, and the house of Stanlake in the tenure of John Backes, terme of hir life, and then that it may remayne unto the College of

Mary Magdleyn that I may be praid fore, and the soules of my fader and moder and myne unkill and my frendes may be prayd fore, or elles the College to have an annuytie of £5 yerely for evermore of that lond in the More. I will that there be a prest for to syng for a yere, and he to have for his labour 4 marke and mete and drynke therfore, and that there be said for me thirty masses of the Nomine Jhesu and five of Vulneribus, lykewise as aforesaid, thirty masses of the Holy Gost, and five masses of the Woundes, five masses of Our Lady Mary, and every yere to be said a trentall for me, for the space of ten yeres yerely.

To the Sepulcre light twenty pounds of wax to a stokke, soo that it be not lessyd; to Seynt Denys light a yerelyng; to Our Lady light in the chauncell a yerelyng; to the lightes bifore Seynt John and Seynt Kateryn an yerelyng; to the Trinitie a cowe for to maynteyn the light before hym; also a yereling to the light before Our Lady in the south hill (aisle); also bifore Seynt Antony and Seynt Thomas for to mayntene that light a cowe; to Seynt Annes light a yerling; before Seynt Antony and Seynt Thomas for the maynteyne the light; to Seynt Georges light a yerlyng; to the light before Seynt Jerosme a yerling.

To Johane Morres a cowe, ten schepe, a materas with a coverlett, a bolster, a payre of blankettes, a peyr of shetes. To Howton a cowe, twenty shippe, two marys, and my ryding gowne. To Nicholas Dalamare my tawny cott.

Executrice: Clemence, my wif.

Proved at Lambeth 6 August, 1509 by Clemence, who, however, refusing the burden of executorship, letters of administration were granted to her.

1508. RICHARD HALL. P.C.C. Bennett 9.)

20 August 1508 (24 Henry VII). Richard Hall of Swarford, gentleman. To be buried in the chauncell of the parisshe churche of Swarford aforesaid at the Northe ende of the aulter bifore thymage of Our Blissed Lady. To the moder churche of Lincoln for forgoten tithes 12d. I will that myne executour distribute a thousand penys to preestes whan he seethe me lyke to departe owte of this world to sey devoutly every preest a *Dirige* with a masse of *Requieme* for my soule.

To Sir Thomas Halle, parson of Westcote Barton, to pray for my soule, a salt of silver that my moder lefte me with the covere therto; to the said Sir Thomas a goblett gilte with the covere therto; to my daughter Grace forty sheep; to Elizabeth Hall, late wif to Edmund Hall, twenty sheep; to either of Edmundes Halles doughters forty sheep; to Edmunde Blount twenty wheter shepe.

The pece that was Edmundes Hall of the gyfte of Dame Kateryn Rede, his granmother, (to) be distributed or value therof for the soules of the said Dame Kateryn, Edmund Hall, and Elizabeth, late wif to me, the said Richard, to preestes and in other almys deeds, but in specially to preestes to sey masses.

Executor: Sir Thomas Hall, parson of Westcote Barton, to dispose the residue of my goodes not bequethed for the welth of my soule.

Witnesses: Sir Thomas Water; Sir Randall Bothe; Sir Richard Mery, being there curatt.

Proved at Lambeth 23 November, 1508 by Thomas Hall, the executor named.

1508. JOHN WYLMOT. (P.C.C. Bennett 5.)

20 August, 1508. John Wylmot the yonger, in the parisshe of Stodham (Stadhampton] in the diocese of Lincoln. To be buried in the church of Stodham. To the churche of Lincoln 12d.; to the churche of Stodam 13s. 4d.; to every light in the said churche 2d.; to the chapell of Cheselhampton 13s. 4d.; to the church of Cuddesden 2s.; to the church of Garsyngton 2s.; to the chapel of Totebaldon 2s.; to the church of Marchebaldon 2s.; to the church of Dorchester 2s.; to the chapell of Drayton 2s.; to the church of Newton 2s.; to the church of Chalgrowe 2s.; to the church of Grete Mylton 2s. To Sir Richard Walton, my curat, 6s. 8d.; to the brigge of Chesylton 2os.; to the lane in Oxford weye 2os.; to the lane of Abyndon weye next the elmys 2os. To every godchild of myne a shepe; to every broder and sustern childern two shepe; to Robert Leseley forty shepe.

John, my sone, (to) have my ferme of Chesilton when he ys twenty yeres of age and my childern (to) have half my goodes aftir this my last will ys performed. And if that any of theym departe the world, that then the said half doo remayne to the other childern that bene on lyve. And if that they alle departe, that then it remayne to my wif to be done for my soule and my frendes soules by the sight of myne oversears. I will that a preest syng for my soule and my frendes soulys two yeres, having for his salary 8 markes. Thomas Lysseley his childern (to) have suche schepe as remayne in his handes.

The residue to Alys, my wif, whiche I make myne executrice, and John, my sone, be executour with hir.

Overseers: John Chelynhurst; John Harrys; Thomas Besylld, and everyche of theym to have 40s. for their labours.

Witnesses: Sir Richard Walton, my curate; John Carter; John Chesylhurst, with other moo.

Proved at Lambeth 28 September, 1508 by Thomas Fryser, proctor to the executrix.

1508. THOMAS POMEREY. (P.C.C. Bennett 5, 10.)

26 August, 1508 (24 Henry VII). Thomas Pomerey, esquier. To be buried in the church of Our Lady in Tame bifore thymage of Our Lady of Jeseon. To the moder church of Lincoln 4d. My chayne of tenscore lynkes of gold to Our Lady of Jeseon in the churche of Tame where my will ys that my body shall lye to be praied for. To my lord the Prince my grete baye horse. To my felowe, Mr. Fraunceys Bewdes, my blake velvet gowne furred with blake bogie. To Robert Holden, my servaunt, to pray for me, and for the good service he hath doon to me, my baye ambeling nagge, saddell and bridell, and 4 markes in money; also to William Bryan, my servaunt, to pray for me, and for the good service he hath done to me, 5 markes in money and my tawny chamlett cote lyned with blak coten. To (blank) Ager dwelling in Southwerk at the signe of the Crossekeys, to pray for me, my chamlett gowne furred with blak bogie. To Thomas Childe to pray for my soule and for my keping in my sekenes 20s. in money.

All the residue . . . (to) be disposed . . . after the discrecion of Mr. Fraunceys Bewdes and John Flaggen, whom I make myne executours.

Witnesses: John Buntyng; Pers Benet; Robert Holden; William Bryan; Robert Holland; William Saunter; and other.

Proved 9 September, 1508 by Francis Bewdes, executor named in the will.

Proved 24 January, 1509 by Francis Bewdes and John Flaggan, the executors.

1508. JOHN BURGE.*

(P.C.C. Bennett 6.)

28 August, 1508. John Burge. To be buried in the monastery church of St. Mary, Ensham. The residue of all my goods to Helen my wife and I appoint her my executrix to dispose thereof for the good of my soul, as she shall deem best.

Witnesses: Thomas White; Edmund Baker; Richard Warde, with others.

Proved at Lambeth 13 October, 1508 by John Copland, proctor to the executrix.

1508. RICHARD GLASEOR.*

(P.C.C. Bennett 5.)

31 August, 1508. Richard Glaseor, clerk. To be buried in the north part of the church of St. Mary, Lanton [Launton]. To the rector of that church my best beast for my mortuary (nomine principalis). To the high altar 12d.; to the cathedral church of Lincoln 2d.; to Sir Simon Astley 2od. to say two masses in the foundation church of St. Peter and for distribution to the poor; and to the said Simon my best cloak and a buckle in the keeping of Thomas Dely; to Thomas Dely eight measures of malt.

The residue to John Glaseor, my father, and Roger Dely, my brother, and

I appoint them executors.

Witnesses: Sir Simon Astley; John Glaseor, my father; Roger Dely, and other.

Proved at Lambeth 25 September, 1508 by Roger Dely.

1508. JOHN BRIGGE.*

(P.C.C. Bennett 6.)

I September, 1508. John Brigge of Bourton by Bampton, co. Oxford, husbandman. To be buried in the churchyard of the parish church of Bampton aforesaid. To the mother church of Lincoln 6d.; to the high altar of the parish church of Bourton aforesaid 12d.; to the maintenance of the light of the Crucifix in the said parish church a measure of barley; to the maintenaunce of the light before the image of St. Mary the Virgin in the said parish church a measure of barley; to the light before the altar of St. Anne within the said church a measure of barley; to the altar of St. Katherine, Virgin and Martyr, in the aforesaid church a measure of barley; to the image of St. George in the aforesaid church a measure of barley; to the maintenance of the light before the image of Christopher within the aforesaid church a measure of barley; to the maintenance of the torches within the said church a measure of barley. To the curate of the aforesaid church to pray for my soul 12d. The residue to Joan, my wife.

Executrix: the said Joan.

Supervisor: Andrew Moysy of Bourton.

Witnesses: Sir John Belgrave, my curate; John Richardes, and others. Proved at Lambeth 30 October, 1508 by Thomas Ostriche, proctor to

the executrix.

1508. WILLIAM BUKYS.* (P.C.C. Bennett 6.)

16 October, 1508. William Bukys. To be buried in the churchyard of the parish and prebendal church of St. Mary, Banbury, by the body of my mother. To the cathedral church of Lincoln 4d.; to the high altar of the said church for my tithes forgotten 3s. 4d.; to the chapel of St. Mary 20d.; to every altar in the said church 8d.; to the chapel of the Trinity 6s. 8d.; to the chapel of the Resurrection 20d.

To my wife to the value of 20 marks, as well in money as in household goods (supellectibus); to Joan Bellarby two cows and 13s. 4d. and a bed; to Joan Russhall a cow at Baddysby [Badby, Northants.]; to Alice Raulyns a cow at Chacom [Chalcombe, Northants.]; to Henry Mane a cow at Mixbury; to Isabel Bukys £5 in money and household goods and cattle; she to be taught for a quarter of a year and to receive for her board 6s. To the East Bridge 3s. 4d.; to the repair of the King's way called Newlond 3s. 4d. To each of my godsons 4d. To the four orders of Friars of Northampton, to each House 2od.; to the repair of the parish church called Sepulchres 2od.; to the monastery of Roxstone [Wroxton] 6s 8d. and to the brethren of that monastery to celebrate my exequies 2od. To the parish church of Roxstone 12d. To Sir William Bemond, my spiritual father, to recite my name in the pulpit in divine services unless prevented by lawful cause 26s. 8d.

The residue to the said Sir William, John Boxe and Richard Heritage and

I constitute them my executors; each to have for his pains 20s.

Witnesses: Robert Cutte; John Spiser; Thomas Barker, with many others

Proved at Lambeth 21 October, 1508 by the executors named.

1509. JOHN STORY. (P.C.C. Bennett 17.)

14 May, 1509. John Story of Henley upon Thamys. To be buried in the churche yard of the parisshe of Henley aforesaid nexte the sepulture of my wif, that is to sey, next the grete crosse of the same. To the moder church of Lincoln 4d.; to the high aulter of Henley aforesaid for my forgetfull tithes 12d.; to the aulter of Jhesus to maynteyn the masse of the same 12d.

To Robert Story, my sone, £3 and a kowe; to George, my sone, in money £3 and a kowe; to Alice, my doughtor, in money £3 and a kowe; to Anne, my doughter, in money £3, and a kowe; to Elizabeth, my doughter £3 and a kowe. And if it fortune that the forsaid Robert, George, Alice, Anne, and Elizabeth or oone of theym dye before they come to laufull age, that then I will the forsaid somme remayne and be devided betwene theym that lyveth. And if all dye, as God forbide, than I will that my wif have the forsaid somes. To James Acragge in money 6s. 8d. The residue to Johanne, my wif.

Executors: the said Johanne; James Acragge.

Overseers: John Brockett of London, baker; John Atkynsone of the same; John Austyn of Henley. To every of myne overseers for their labour, in money 3s. 4d.

Witnesses: Sir Thomas Shilborne preest; Thomas Stone; Thomas Lewes, with other moo.

Proved at Lambeth 5 June, 1509 by the executors.

1509. WILLIAM BEMOND.*

(P.C.C. Bennett 28.)

Bannebury. 13 October, 1509. William Bemond, perpetual vicar of the prebendal parish church of St. Mary of Bannebury. To be buried in the said church near the back of my seat in the chancell. To the cathedral church of Lincoln 12d.; to every altar in the said parish church 8d.; to the repair of the East Bridge 12d.; to Sir James Baynton a book of the Life of Christ and a book of the Lives of the Fathers. To Master Stanbrige six books of the Bible.

The residue to my mother, Margery Bemond.

Witnesses: Sir James Bayton; William Pereson.

Proved at Lambeth 7 May 1510 by Master John Copland, proctor to the executrix.

1509-(10). SIR JOHN COTTESMORE, Kt.

(P.C.C. Bennett 24.)

21 February, 1509- (10). (24 Henry VII). John Cottesmore, knyght. To be buried in the chapell of Seynt Anne in the churche of Brightwell [Brightwell Baldwin] in the countie of Oxenford. To the Priorasse and Covent of Lytelmore in the countie of Oxon. £3 6s. 8d. to the entent that they and their successours shall especially pray for my soule under this fourme that followeth that ys to wete that they and their successours shall yerely in perpetuall the day of my decesse in their churche and monastery of Seynt Nicholas of Litellmore aforesaid kepe myne anniversary evyn Placebo and Dirige, and upon the morowe masse, commemoracions and other devoute collettes and other prayers to the same moost necessary and requysite. To the Abbot and Covent of Our Lady in the Monastery of Tame £,3 6s. 8d. to the entent that they and their successours shall yerely in perpetuall the day of my decesse in their church and monastery of Our Lady in Tame aforsaid kepe myne anniversary at evyn Placebo and Dirige, and upon the morowe masse, commemoracions and other devoute collectes and other prayers to the same moost necessary and requysite. To the Abbot and Covent of Our Lady in the monastery of Dorchestree £3 6s. 8d. to the entent (as above) and to the Abbot and Convent of Our Lady in the Monastery of Myssenden in the countie of Bukyngham £3 6s. 8d. (with condition as aforesaid).

To my doughter Mary a hundreth poundes to hir mariage; to my doughter Kateryne a hundrith marcs to hir mariage; to my doughter Sibill the same; to my doughter Johane the same; to my sister Elizabeth Unton 10 marcs; to Marye Wyttenestall if she be on lyve 20 marke to hir mariage; to Kateryne More 10 marcs to hir mariage. Provided alway that if the said maydens be maried by the advise off myne executours that then this money aforsaid be

paid, or ellis not. To Joce Gouston 20 marke to hir mariage; to the executours of John Gudale of Tettysworth 40s. in recompens of suche money as I have receyved off the same John Gudale; to the executours of Alice Grene late the wif of William Grene of Ascotte £3 6s. 8d. in full recompense of suche money as I had and receyved of the said William Grene late hir husbond.

The residue unto William Cottesmore, my sonne, whom I make and or-

deigne myne executour.

Witnesses: Sir John Richemond, parson of Brightwell; Thomas Spence; and John Capteyne, with other.

Proved at Lambeth 1 February, 1510-(11) by the executor.

1510. AGNES PRIOR.

(P.C.C. Bennett 33.)

14 August, 1510. Agnes Prior. To be buried in the churchyard of Ardley. To the moder churche of Lincoln 2d. If my frendes may recovere the goodes that were my faders, thane my will ys that a preest shall syng in the parisshe churche of Chelsey [Cholsey, Berks.] a yere for my fader and my moder. I will that two scolers be found in Oxford to pray for my fader and my moder. To the church of Chelsey twelve torches, the price 6s. 8d. To myne unkyll, William Seton, £3 6s. 8d.

The residue to Thomas Prior, myne unkyll, whome I make my laufull

executour.

Witnesses: Sir Thomas Davy; Thomas Prior; William Gryngton; William George; Marget George, with many other moo.

Proved 5 November, 1510 by Thomas Prior, the executor.

1451. WILLIAM ANNE.*1 (P.C.C. Rous 17.)

19 December, 1451. William Anne of North Aston, co. Oxford, gentleman, ill in body, in the hospice called 'the Whitehors' in Suthwark. To be buried within the choir of the church of the Friars Minor in the city of London. To the said Friars to have my burial there and to pray at my burial 40s.

To the fabric of the parish church of St. Olave's, Southwerk, 20s. To the fabric of the bridge leading to the mill called Gamondesmylle, co. Oxford, £3. To the fabric of the parish church of St. Andrew, Holborn, 5 marks. To be distributed among the poor at my burial to pray for my soul 40s. and to find a chaplain for a year to celebrate divine service in the said church of St. Andrew for my soul and for the souls of my kindred 10 marks. To Joan Nethircote for a girdle withheld from her (ab ea detenta) 8s. To Alice Aston 5 marks; to William, my servant, 6s. 8d.

The residue to my beloved brother, John Anne, and Katharine Costantyne and Grace Bisset, my sisters, to be divided equally among them.

Executors: the said John; Simon Ebryngton; William Costantyn, and I bequeath to Simon and William 20s. each.

Proved 3 January, 1451(-2) by the said John.

¹Owing to an original mis-reading of its date, it was found necessary to place this will at the end of the series.

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