

WILLS, AND OTHER RECORDS, RELATING  
TO THE FAMILY OF FINCH.

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*De Banco Roll*, Michaelmas Term A<sup>o</sup> 10 Richard II, membrane 21d.

“Sussexia ss. Vincencius filius Vincencii ffynch’, per Thomam Oxenbrigge attornatum suum, petit versus Robertum Wykham quadraginta acras terre, cum pertinenciis, in Icklesham ut jus etc.”  
—“Et predictus Vincencius petit versus eum predictas quadraginta acras terre, cum pertinenciis, etc., quas Thomas Heryngaud’ dedit Johanni ffynch’ et Vincencio fratri ejus, et heredibus de corporibus ipsorum Johannis ffynch’ et Vincencii fratris ejus exeuntibus,\* et

\* In the *Sussex Archaeological Society’s Transactions*, vol. xvii., p. 178, reference is made to this Grant of lands in Icklesham, by Sir Thomas Heringaud, Kt., to John Vinch [Finch] and his brother Vinsent, with remainders over, in 1350, as being printed in the *Gentleman’s Magazine*.

Vincent Finch still held the Icklesham property at the close of the reign of Henry IV. From a subsidy roll dated 2 Jan., A<sup>o</sup> 13 Hen. IV (A.D. 1412), printed in the tenth volume of the *Sussex Archaeological Society’s Transactions*, we learn (p. 144) that Vincent Fynche had then manors, lands, etc., worth yearly, etc., 30*l.*; viz., manor of Ecllyshame, 30*l.* [? 20*l.*], lands, etc., in Nedirfeld, 10*l.* On page 145, we have Richard Crall entered; and Vincent Finch is stated in the current pedigrees to have married Isabel the sister and heir of that person. But by the middle of the next reign the property of Vincent Finch seems to have been divided, and in a manner which apparently intimates that he left two sons at least, as I think the subjoined extracts will demonstrate:—

Lay Subsidies, Cinque Ports, Sussex, No.  $\frac{2}{4}0^{\frac{2}{5}}$ , A<sup>o</sup> 5 Hen. V—“Four schedules of the names of persons, resident in the above County, claiming exemption from the first and second 15th and 10th granted 6th of Hen. V, as Barons of the Cinque ports—4 membranes in good [very fair] condition.”

Rapuz de Hastyngges.

(*First Roll.*) Memb. 1.

In Hundredo de Nadderfelde— $\left\{ \begin{array}{l} \text{Nadderfelde} \\ \text{Pensherst} \end{array} \right\}$  Vincencius ffynche, iijs. iiijd.  
” ” ” ” *Mondefelde*, Vincencius ffynche, iiijs.  
” ” ” ” *Memb. 1<sup>b</sup>.*  
” ” ” Gosetrowe—*Odymer*, Vincencius ffynche, xd.  
” ” ” Baldeslowe—*Ore*, Vincencius ffynche, iijs. vjd.  
” ” ” Gestlynge—*Iolesham*, Willelmus ffynche, xvijs. iiijd.

(*Second Roll.*) Memb. 3.

Hundredum de Nadderfelde— $\left\{ \begin{array}{l} \text{Nadderfelde} \\ \text{Pensherst} \end{array} \right\}$  Vincencius ffynche, iijs. viijd.  
” ” ” *Mondefelde*, Vincencius ffynche, iiijs.  
” ” ” *Memb. 3<sup>a</sup>.*

que post mortem predictorum Johannis ffynch' et Vincencii, qui quidem Johannes ffynch' obiit sine herede de corpore suo exeunte, prefato Vincencio filio Vincencii, et heredi predicti Vincencii fratris Johannis ffynch', descendere debet per formam donacionis predictæ etc." *Etc.*

WILL OF WILLIAM FINCH (SOMETIME SHERIFF OF SUSSEX),  
A.D. 1443.

*British Museum, Additional MSS., No. 5516 (Fragment of Register of Horton Priory, Kent), pencil fo. 15<sup>b</sup>.*

"This is the laste Will of Wyliam ffynche, e-made\* the x daye of Septembre the yere of Kyng Harry the Sexte the xxij. That my ffeffeis shall eneffe Anneys my wyffe in all my londes and tenementes, rentis and seruyces, as well with ynne the ffravnychies as with outen, terme of here lyffe, vpon the forme that folewit, that is to seyen, if she be not maried that she haue the gouernaunces of here children and myne to ffynde hem to here† lernyng unto the age of xx yere by the over sight of my ffeffeis. And thanne to paye yerlyche to John my oldes(t) sone, if he lyve, xx *markes*; To William my sone x *markes* yerlich, if he lyve; To Harry my sone x *markes* yerlich, if he lyve; To ffyncent my sone x *markes* yerlich, if he live; And to Isabell my thoghter cc *markes*, if she be maried by here moder and here ffrendis. To be areised of all my londes with inne xiiij yere next folowinge after my deces. And if the seide Isabell my thoghter deye ere she be maried, that thanne the seid cc *markes* be departed in thre partis, that is to seye, to Jone atte Rede x *markes*, And the remenaunt of the seide cc *markes* to ben de parted be twene my sisters Denys and Parnell. And if that John my sone deye, thanne Wiliam my sone shall haue xx *markes*, and so forth to the yonghest, vpon the same forme. And the seid Anneys to kepe the reparacions of all my places, by the overe sight of my ffeffeis, duryng the terme abouen seide. And if the seide Anneis be maried, othere ellys refuse to haue this londes vnder this forme, that thanne Y will that she haue c *markes* yerlich, othere c *markes* worth land deliuered terme of here lyffe, so that the remanent of all my will may ffulich be performed. And after deces of my wyffe, Y will that John my sone have the Manere of Nedderfelde, hollich,‡ and the Maner of Itentoñ, Hodesdale, Hoo, Catteffelde, Bataille, Brightlynge, and Ikelesham.§ And after

In Hundredo de Gosetrowe—*Odymere*, Vincencius ffynche, vjs. vijd.

" " " Baldeslowe—*Ore*, Vincencius ffynche, ijs. vjd.

*Membr. 4.*

In Hundredo de Gestelyng—*Iolesham*, Willelmus ffynche, xxijs. iijd.

" " " *ffarleggh*, Willelmus ffynche, ijs.

(N.B. John Finch, of Milton, Kent, in his Will (1548-9) deals with his land in Mountefeld, Sussex, and his Lease of the Manor of Udymere in same county.)

\* Equivalent to "i-made" or "y-made."

† ? "their." ‡ ? "wholly."

§ *Close Roll, 10 Edw. IV, membrane 4 dorse.*

"Memorandum quod nono die Julii anno regni Regis Edwardi quarti decimo istud breve liberatum fuit Subvicecomiti Sussexie de recordo quod sequitur in

deces of my wyffe, Y will that William my sone haue Wyght-teresham, Merle, Telyngham, Playdeñ, Pesemershe, and Stone, in ffee symple. And that Harry my sone haue after here deces Wyn-

hec verba:—Edwardus dei gracia Rex Anglie et francie et Dominus Hibernie Vicecomiti Sussexie, salutem. Cum Johannes Herberd' alias dictus fynche nuper de Iklesham in Comitatu tuo Armiger secundo die Decembris anno regni Henrici sexti nuper de facto et non de jure Regis Anglie tricesimo sexto coram Galfrido fheldyng, tunc Majore stapule Westmonasterii ad recogniciones debitorum in eadem stapu(l)a accipiendas deputato recognoverit se debere Dionisie fynch et Petronille fynche centum et quadraginta libras quas eis solvisse debuisset ad certum diem jam preteritum et eas ei nondum solverit ut dicebatur Et per breve nostrum precepimus Nicholao Gaynesford' nuper Vicecomiti Comitatus predicti quod corpus predicti Johannis si laicus esset capi et in prisona nostra donec eidem Petronille que prefatam Dionisiam supervixerit ut dicebatur de debito predicto plene satisfecisset salvo custodiri et omnia terras et catalla ipsius Johannis in balliva sua per sacramentum proborum et legalium hominum de eadem balliva sua per quos rei veritas melius sciri posset juxta verum valorem eorundem diligenter extendi et appreciari et in manum nostram seisire faceret ut ea prefate Petronille quousque sibi de debito predicto satisfactum foret lib(er)ari faceremus juxta formam ordinacionis inde facte Et qualiter dictum preceptum nostrum foret executus scire faceret nobis in Cancellariam nostram ad certum diem jam preteritum ubicumque tunc foret per literas tuas sigillatas ac idem nuper Vicecomes nobis in Cancellariam nostram retornaverit quod pro executione brevis predicti facienda mandavit Willelmo Eltonhede, Ballivo libertatis Willelmi domini de Hastynges Rape sue de Hastynges in Comitatu predicto, qui habet plenum retornum omnium brevium et executionis eorundem infra libertatem predictam et cui executio brevis predicti totaliter pertinuit facienda eo quod nulla executio inde in balliva sua extra libertatem predictam fieri potuit qui sibi sic respondebat quod infrascriptus Johannes non fuit inventus in balliva sua et quod predictus Johannes fuit seisitus de Maneriis de Netherfelde, Iklesham, et Marle, cum pertinenciis, infra libertatem Rape predictae, in dominico suo, ut de feodo, que ad viginti et quinque libras extenduntur per annum et quod predictus Johannes non habuit dicto die recognicionis predictae nec unquam postea aliqua alia sive plura terras sive tenementa infra libertatem predictam ultra maneria predicta, cum pertinenciis, neque aliqua bona seu catalla que extendi seu appreciari aut in manus nostras seisiri potuerunt et quod seisivit in manum nostram Maneria predicta Et quod predictus Johannes aliqua alia terras seu catalla dicto die recognicionis predictae nec unquam postea habuit in dicta balliva sua extra libertatem predictam nec fuit inventus in eadem Et per breve nostrum tibi precepimus quod eidem Petronille que prefatam Dionisiam supervixit Maneria predicta, cum pertinenciis, si ea per extantam predictam recipere vellet liberares; tenenda sibi et assignatis suis ut liberum tenementum suum quousque sibi de debito predicto una cum dampnis misis et expensis suis que in hac parte racionabiliter sustinuit plenarie foret satisfactum Et nichilominus corpus predicti Johannis si laicus sit capi et in prisona nostra donec eidem Petronille de debito predicto unacum dampnis misis et expensis supradictis plene satisfecisset salvo custodiri faceres in forma supradicta Et qualiter hoc preceptum nostrum fores executus scire faceres nobis in Cancellaria nostra ad certum diem jam preteritum ubicumque tunc foret per literas tuas sigillatas Ac tu nobis in Cancellariam nostram retornaveris quod pro executione brevis predicti facienda mandasti Willelmo Eltonhede, Ballivo libertatis Willelmi Hastynges, militi, domini de Hastynges, Rape sue de Hastynges in Comitatu Sussexie, qui habet plenum retornum omnium brevium et executionis eorundem infra libertatem predictam et cui executio predicti brevis totaliter pertinuit facienda eo quod nulla executio inde in balliva tua extra libertatem predictam fieri potuit qui tibi sic respondebat, videlicet, quod ipse octavo die Junii anno regni Regis nunc decimo liberavit infrascripte Petronille Maneria infrascripta cum pertinenciis tenenda sibi et assignatis suis ut liberum tenementum suum quousque sibi de debito infrascripto unacum dampnis misis et expensis suis

chelse, and the rent of Ikelesham that is nat of the fee of Ikelesham, and Dolham, in fee symple. And that after here deces, Y will that ffycent my sone haue the reuercion of fforsham and Downasshe in fee symple."

The Will is preceded by a deed of feoffment beginning: "Sciant presentes et futuri quod ego Willelmus ffynche dedi concessi et hac presenti carta mea confirmavi Gervasio Clyftoñ, Willelmo Sydeney, Ricardo Lewkenore, Willelmo Almañ et Thome Atte Welle, Maneria mea de Nedderfelde, Ikelesham, Itentoñ, Catteffelde, simul cum omnibus aliis Maneriis, terris, tenementis, redditibus, revercionibus et serviciis meis, cum omnibus suis pertinenciis, in Comitatus Kancie et Sussexie, tam infra libertate quinque portuum quam extra," etc.; dated "decimo die mensis Octobris anno regni Regis Henrici sexti, post conquestum Anglie, decimo nono."

WILL OF HERBERT FINCH, OF STOURMOUTH, PROVED A.D. 1469.

*Register of Archdeaconry Court, Canterbury, vol. 1, section 21.*

"IN DEI NOMINE AMEN, vicesimo secundo die mensis february, anno domini millesimo cccc<sup>mo</sup> sexagesimo octauo, Ego Herbertus ffynch', de parochia de Sturmouth, in Comitatu Kancie, existens in bona memoria, condo testamentum meum in hunc modum:—*In primis* lego animam meam deo omnipotenti, beate Marie Virgini, et omnibus sanctis celi; corpusque meum ad sepeliendum in medio ecclesie de Sturmouth predicta. *Item* lego summo Altari ibidem pro decimis meis oblitis—vnum *nobile*. *Item* do et lego ad opus dicte ecclesie—duo *nobilia*. *Item* do et lego Johanni Isaak', Armigero,—quadraginta *solidos*. Residuum vero omnium bonorum meorum do et lego Elizabethhe vxori mee. Huius autem testamenti mei ordino et facio meos executores Elizabetham vxorem meam et Johannem Isaak', Armigerum, vt ipsi taliter disponant pro anima mea vt eorum sagaci disposicione cicius poterit anima mea ad eternam gloriam provenire.

"*Hec est vltima Voluntas* mei Herberti ffynch', de Sturmouth', in Comitatu Kancie, facta vicesimo secundo die mensis february anno regni Regis Edwardi quarti, post conquestum Anglie, octauo:—Videlicet volo quod per Johannem Dygges, Johannem Isaak', Armigeros, et Willelmum Bartoñ, feoffatos meos tenementa mea et redditus in parochia de Lede vendantur ad valorem xl *marcarum*, et

unde infra fit mencio fuerit satisfactum iuxta exigenciam brevis predicti Et quod infrascriptus Johannes non fuit inventus in balliva sua Et ulterius domino Regi in Cancellariam suam ad diem infracontentum certificasti quod predictus Johannes non fuit inventus in balliva tua extra libertatem predictam tibi precepimus quod corpus predicti Johannis si laicus sit capi et in prisona nostra donec eidem Petronille que prefatam Dionisiam supervixit ut dicitur de debito predicto plene satisfecerit salvo custodiri facias in forma supradicta Et qualiter hoc preceptum nostrum fueris executus scire facias nobis in Cancellariam nostram in Octabis sancti Michaelis proximo futuris ubicumque, tunc fuerit per literas tuas sigillatas Et habeas ibi tunc hoc breve Teste me ipso apud Westmonasterium vj die Julii anno regni nostri decimo."

pecunias inde receptas volo quod executores mei habeant vt ipsi disponant pro anima mea, videlicet, pro vno presbiterio idoneo celebraturo per annum pro anima mea et parentibus meis in ecclesia de Sturmonth' predicta—decem *marcas*, et pro expensis et elemosinis factis in obitu et tringintali meo, et pro aliis debitis meis soluendis. Residuum vero omnium terrarum meorum, reddituum, ac tenementorum meorum, volo quod Elizabetha vxor mea habeat vsque ad etatem maturam et legitimam Johannis filii mei; et tunc volo quod ipse filius meus gaudeat et habeat omnes terras meas, redditus, et tenementa. Et si predictus filius meus obierit ante tempus suum legitimum, volo quod predicta vxor mea habeat predictas terras, redditus, et tenementa, ad totum tempus vite sue. Et post decessum dicte Elizabethæ vxoris mee volo quod omnia tenementa mea, terre, et redditus, vendantur, et pecunie inde recipiende disponantur pro anima mea, et animabus vxoris mee, filii mei, et parentum meorum, per manus executoris mei Johannis Isaak' si tunc superstes fuerit, vel secundum suam discretam dispositionem prout videbitur sibi melius fieri et expedire.

*“Xv die mensis Aprilis, anno domini millesimo cccc<sup>mo</sup> sexagesimo nono, committitur administracio Elizabethæ, relicte, executrici in eodem testamento nominate, in forma iure iurate,”* etc.

WILL OF WILLIAM FINCH ALIAS VYNCH, OF LINSTED; PROVED A.D. 1481.

*Register of Archdeaconry Court, Canterbury, vol. 3, section 21.*

“IN DEI NOMINE AMEN, primo die Decembris anno domini mccc<sup>o</sup> lxxx<sup>mo</sup>, et anno regni Regis Edwardi iij<sup>ti</sup> xx<sup>mo</sup>, Ego Willelmus Vynch', de Lyndestede, compos mentis ac in bona memoria existens, condo facio et ordino presens testamentum meum vltimam continens voluntatem in hunc modum:—*In primis* lego et commendo animam meam Deo omnipotenti creatori et saluatori meo, beateque Marie Virgini matri eius, et omnibus sanctis; corpusque meum sepeliendum in ecclesia de Lyndestede predicta. *Item* lego summo Altari eiusdem ecclesie pro decimis et oblatis meis oblitis et retractis in anime mee exoneracionem—vjs. viij<sup>d</sup>. *Item* lego summo Altari ecclesie parochialis de Bakchilde—xij<sup>d</sup>. *Item* lego versus facturam vnus arche de nouo faciendi in ecclesia parochiali de Lyngsted predicta—xij<sup>s</sup>. et iij<sup>o</sup>d. *Item* lego versus sustentacionem luminis beate Marie in eadem ecclesia de Lyngstede—xij<sup>d</sup>. Residuum vero omnium bonorum et catallorum meorum, vltra debitis et legatis meis persolutis, do et lego dispositioni Margarete vxoris mee. Quam quidem Margaretam vxorem meam facio ordino et constituo solam executricem presentis testamenti mei.

“*Et insuper* Ego prefatus Willelmus Vynch', testator antedictus, volo quod omnes illi qui ex magna confidencia ad vsum meum feofati existunt de et in omnibus aliis terris et tenementis, redditibus et seruiciis, cum pertinenciis, que nuper habui in Villis et parochiis de Lynstede et Bakchilde predictis, tam in maritagio cum dicta Margareta vxore mea, quam aliquo alio modo statim post decessum meum

faciant inde statum prefate Margarete vxori mee habendum et tenendum immediate post decessum meum eidem Margarete et assignatis suis ad terminum vite eiusdem Margarete. *Et* volo quod immediate post decessum eiusdem Margarete omnia predicta terre, tenementa, redditus, et seruicia, cum pertinenciis, integre remaneant Johanni Vynch' et Vincencio Vynch' filiis et heredibus mei predicti Willelmi Vynch', habenda et tenenda sibi heredibus et assignatis suis imperpetuum. *Acceciam* volo quod omnes illi qui ex magna confidentia ad vsum meum feoffati existunt de et in omnibus illis terris et tenementis, redditibus et serviciis, cum pertinenciis, existentibus et iacentibus in parochiis de Rolyndeñ et Benyndeñ, que michi Jure hereditario accidebant post decessum Johannis Vynch patris mei, immediate post decessum meum faciant inde statum Elizabethe filie mee, habendum et tenendum eidem Elizabethe heredibus et assignatis suis imperpetuum. *Acceciam* volo quod omnes illi qui ex magna confidentia ad vsum meum feoffati existunt de et in omnibus illis terris et tenementis, redditibus et serviciis, cum pertinenciis, que nuper fuerunt Nicholai Vynch' fratris mei, in Rolyndeñ et Benyndeñ predictis, faciant inde statum Vincencio Vynch', de Sandherst, habendum et tenendum eidem Vincencio, heredibus et assignatis suis, imperpetuum. Sub hac condicione, quod idem Vincencius, heredes et assignati sui, bene et fidelitur soluant, seu solui faciant, aut eorum aliquis soluat aut solui faciat inde xlii. legalis monete secundum conuencionem inter me, prefatum Willelmum, et eundem Vincencium inde factam. *Et* volo quod omnes illi qui ex magna confidentia ad vsum meum feoffati existunt de et in omnibus aliis terris et tenementis, cum pertinenciis, per me superius non assignatis post decessum meum faciant inde statum prefatis Johanni et Vincencio filiis meis, habendum et tenendum sibi, heredibus et assignatis suis, imperpetuum. *Insuper* volo quod omnes illi qui ad vsum meum feoffati existunt de et in xl acris marisci vocatis Limffordes, iacentibus in parochia beate Marie in marisco de Romeney, statim post decessum meum concedant inde prefate Margarete vxore mee quendam annum redditum xls. percipiendum, habendum et annuatim leuandum eidem Margarete et assignatis suis pro termino vij<sup>tem</sup> annorum proximo post decessum meum venturorum ad duos anni terminos equis porcionibus vnacum sufficiente potestate distringendum in eisdem xli<sup>a</sup> acris terre pro non solucone redditus predicti, tocians quociens redditum illum aretro fore contigerit eodem termino durante. *Et* volo quod predicta Margareta vxor mea dictos xls. in forma predicta percipiendos pro anima mea annuatim disponat et distribuat prout speret Deo placere et saluti anime mee profitere.

*"Probatum fuit presens testamentum xv<sup>to</sup> die february anno predicto, et commissa est executio," etc.*

WILL OF HENRY FINCH, OF ICKLESHAM, PROVED A.D. 1494.

*Register of Prerogative Court of Canterbury (Somerset House), 'Vox,' 11.*

*"In dei nomine Amen, anno domini millesimo cccc<sup>o</sup> lxxxiiij<sup>o</sup>, Ego*

Henricus ffynche, compos mentis ac sane memorie existens, condo testamentum meum in hunc modum:—*In primis* lego animam meam deo omnipotenti, Beate Marie, et omnibus sanctis; corpusque meum sepeliendum in capella sancti Nicholai de Ikelesham. *Item* lego summo altari pro decimis oblitis—*vjs. viiijd.* *Item* lego ad emendacionem vie nocine inter Clegge Cross et Ikelesham strete—*xls.* *Item* lego ad emendacionem capelle sancti Nicholai et pro emendacione siue noua constructione altaris dicte capelle ad similitudinem summi altaris dicte ecclesie facienda—*xls.* *Item* lego quinque pauperibus hominibus moram trahentibus et domicilium facientibus in qualiter parochia in qua habeo tenentes firmas et seruicia, videlicet, cuilibet eorum—*iiijd.* *Item* volo et ordino ut habeam centum missas infra mensem proximo post obitum meum sequentem pro anima mea et animabus amicorum meorum celebraturas. *Item* lego pro capa emenda quam lego ecclesie de Ikelsham—*xls.* *Item* volo ut executores mei soluant omnia debita mea quamcito commode poterint. *Item* lego summo altari de Bello pro decimis oblitis—*vjs. viiiijd.* *Item* lego summo altari de Monfeld—*vjs. viiiijd.* Residuum vero omnium bonorum meorum, superius non legatorum, do et lego Alicie vxori mee et Edwardo Belknapp, armigero, quos constituo hujus mei testamenti meos executores, ut ipsi ordinent et disponant pro salute anime mee, prout melius viderint deo placere et anime mee proficere.

“*This is the last Wyll* of me, Henry ffynche, made the xviiij day of Januarii, the yere of the reigne of Kyng Henry the vij the ix<sup>th</sup>. *ffurst* I wyll that my feoffees shall suffyr Ales my wyfe to take the profites of all my landys and tenementys, rentys and seruices, as wele w<sup>in</sup> the franchise as w<sup>out</sup>, vnto the tyme that she haue taken and perceyved of th’issues and profytes therof *cc marc.* to be applyed to the mariage of my ij doughtours, that is to sey, euery of them *c marc.*, so that they be married by th’ aduyse of there moder, executour, and other of there next frendes; to be receyved yerely incontynent after my deceese. And if it so happe that the oone of them dye or she be married, that than I will that the other haue *c li.* And the remanent to be disposed in goode werkes, and also vnto the tyme my dettys be fully content and payde, and my last Will be perfourmed of th’issues and profites of the same. And that my yonger sonnes and my doughters haue there sufficient fyndyng, duryng the noneage, of th’issues and profites of my seid landes and tenementys by the gudyng and ouersight of my seid wyfe and executours. Also I will that my seid wyfe and executours receyve yerely of th’issues and profites of the Manour of Netherfeld, w<sup>t</sup> th’ appurtenances, the somme of *xx li.* till the summe of *c li.* be fully receyved, to be bestowed for the welth of my sowle by the ouersight of my seid wyfe and executours. Also I will that Alice my wyfe be in choyse whethyr she wilhaue the Manour of Ikelsham, w<sup>t</sup> th’ appurtenances, in the name of hyr Joyntour, or els to resorte to hyr Joyntour which is assigned to hyr. Also I will that Henry my sonne, when he commyth to th’age of *xxj yere*, haue my marsh that I haue inned at Dymesdale, duryng his moder lyfe. Also I will that

Philipp my sonne, whan he commyth to th'age of xxj yere, haue my land called Dolham during his mothers lyfe. And after her decese I will that my sonne Henry haue my lands and tenementes, w<sup>t</sup> th'appurtenances, in Wynchilsey, in fee tayle. And for defawte of issue to Remayne to my sonne Wylyyam, in ffee. Also I will that my sonne Philipp, after his moders decese, haue the Maner of Marley, w<sup>t</sup> th'appurtenances, in fee tayle. And for defawte of issue to Remayne to my sonne Willyyam, in ffee simpill. And if it fortune my sonne Willyyam to decese w<sup>t</sup>out issue, as god forbede, or he come to th'age of xxj yere, than I will that Henry my sonne haue all the residue of my lyvelode, and so to my yongest. And if it happ the seid Alice my wyfe to decese, any of my children leving w<sup>t</sup>in age, Than I wyll that my feoffees and executours haue the ouersight and gudyng of my children, And se the land employed to there best vse and behofe."

*Probate granted, 18 May same year, to Alice, relict and executrix. Power reserved to Edward Belknapp, the other executor.*

WILL OF JOHN FINCH, OF MILTON, KENT, PROVED A.D. 1549.

*Register of Archdeaconry Court, Canterbury, vol. 26, section 7.*

"The xx<sup>th</sup> daye of Marche in the yeaere of our Lord God a thow-saunde fyve hunderethe ffourtye and eighte\* And in the yeaere of the reigne of our Soueraigne Lord Edward the Syxte" etc.† "the thrydde, I John ffynche of Myddleton nexte Syttingborn in the Countye of Kente, gent.,"—"ordeigne and make thys my presente testamente and laste Wyll in maner and forme herafter folowing:"—"my bodey to be buryed in the church of Myddleton aforesayde, neare vnto the graues and tumbes of Vrsula & Alice my wyves. *Item* I wyll ther shall be bestowed at my buryall, by the discrecion of myne executors, iij li., That ys to saye, xl s. abowte the chardges of my funerall, and xx s. resydue to be geven to poore folke inhabytynge w<sup>t</sup> in the same parishe. *Item* I will ther shalbe lykewise geven at my sayde buryall to the poore folkes w<sup>t</sup>in the parishe of Syttingborn xiiij s. iij d., w<sup>t</sup>in the parishe of Bobbinge xiiij s. iij d., and w<sup>t</sup>in the parishe of Iwade vj s. viij d. *Item* I wyll their be yearly geven to the poore mennes cheste in the parishe of Myddleton, by the space of vij yeaeres nexte after my decease, xx s. yearly, by like discrecion." "Item I gyve vnto Margarete my wyf, in pence and pennyworthes, the som of one hundrethe marckes, and half the ynstuf of howsholde whiche I haue at the Maner of Vdymer, in Vdymer in the Countye of Sussex,"—"Item I gyve and bequethe vnto Ryc' Pyper, my wyffes son, th'other half of all my ynnestuf of howsholde beyng at the Maner of Vdymer aforesayde, And all my right, tytle, intereste, lease & terme of yeaeres that I haue of and in

\* 1548-49—*historical year* A.D. 1549.

† Omissions will be, here and there, noticed in these transcripts where the text does not bear upon genealogical matters; but whenever quoted at length the exact words of the original are given.



the saide Manor of Vdymer, w<sup>t</sup> th'appertenances, vppon condicion that the sayde Ric' w<sup>t</sup> in one quarter of a yeare nexte after my decease"—"be bounden to my sayde executors aswell to paye, or cause to be payde to Roberte Pyper his brother, when he shall come to th'age of xxj yeares, ffourtye poundes of lafull money of Yngland, And to Johane Pyper hys syster, at the tyme of her maryage xxx li., As also to kepe fulfyll, observe and performe all & singuler covenantes, condicions, and euery parte and parcell of them, conteyned, specyfyed and declared in a payre of Indentures therof made betwyne the sayde John ffynche of th'one partye, and the sayde Rycharde Pyper of th'other partye, bearynge date the xxviii<sup>th</sup> daye of October in the xxxviii<sup>th</sup> yeare of the reigne of our Soueraigne Lorde, of famous memory, King H. th'eighte, vnto the one parte of whiche Indentures, remaining in a cupborde in the custodye of the sayde Rycharde at Vdymer aforesayde, the sayde John ffynche hathe putto his seale and subscribed his name." "*Item* I gyve and bequethe to Johane my daughter one hundrethe poundes to be payde and delyuered vnto her in maner and forme folowinge, That ys to wytte, at the tyme of her maryage ffyfte poundes, And w<sup>th</sup>in one yeare nexte ensuyng other ffyfte poundes, Vppon condicion that the sayde Johane be in all honeste and reasonable thinges, aswell towching her maryage as other, ordered and rulyd by the discrecion, order, consente and agreamente of my sayde executors." "*Item* I giue and bequethe to the sayde Jone ffynche my daughter the secoude of my beste flatte peces of siluer pounsed, my seconde masor, and a fyne hychell for flaxe, whiche hychell was her graundfathers, to be delyuered vnto her at the tyme of her maryage. *Item* I bequethe vnto Thomas ffynche my son my parte or halfendle of all suche ynnestuf or howseholde stuf and plate, remainynge in the custodye of one Thomas ffowle at Mersham hatche, which late was Alyce Snachbulles, late wydowe of John Snachbull (and after my wife), and dyvysyon therof made betwyne the sayde Alyce my wyfe and Rycharde Snachbull, accordinge to the laste Will of John Snachebull his father; to be to the sayde Thomas delyuered when he comyth to th'age of xx<sup>ti</sup> yeares. And I wyll the sayde Thomas ffowle shalhaue the custodye and kepyng of the sayde ynstuf or howseholde stuf and plate tyll Thomas my sayde son comyth to th'age of twentye yeares. *Item* I gyve vnto Wyllyam Snachbull my beddyng and bedestyledes remainynge in the custodye of Radulphe Wylcockes at Chayney courte. *Item* I gyve and bequethe vnto Margarette Pyper my daughter my beste pece of syluer pounsed, and beste masor. *Item* I gyve and wyll to Clemente ffynche my son my thryde flatte pece of syluer pouncede, my salte of syluer, and my thryde masor. *Item* I gyve to Henry ffynche my son my standinge cuppe and a cover of siluer and gilte. *Item* I giue to Thomas ffynche my son\* my goblette of syluer. To be delyuered to euery of

\* Close Roll A° 8 Elizabeth, part 22. Indenture tripartite, made 11 Oct. A° 8 Elizabeth, between William Maycott, of Preston next ffenersham, co. Kent, gent., of the one part, Thomas ffynche, of Groverste, co. Kent, gent., of second part, and Bennett Norton, widowe, late wife of "Willyam Norton, of Harneshill, co.

them when eyther of them comythe to th'age of xxj yeares. *Item* I gyve and bequethe vnto Henry ffynche and Clemente ffynche my sonnes and Johane ffynche my daughter all the residue of my ynstuff of howse or howsholde stuff, not before bequethed ne assigned, to be to them and euery of them delyuered when my son Henry ffynche comythe, or sholde come to th'age of xxiiij<sup>th</sup> yeares, And I wyll that Margaret my wife shal haue the custodye of the same resydue of howsholde stuff tyll the sayde Henry comythe, or sholde come to the sayde age of xxiiij<sup>th</sup> yeares," [here occur numerous bequests to his servants, among which the following: "*Item* I bequethe to Wylliam, my kytchyn boye, x s." "*Item* I bequethe to be bestowed amongeste the poore people of the Ile of Greane, ynnedyatlye after my decease, xx s." "*Item* I bequethe to Thomas Steenes my sarvaunte yerly vntyll my son Henrye comythe to th'age of xxiiij<sup>th</sup> years, towards his exhibicion, yf he so longe lyve, iij li. vj s. viij d., Vppon condytyon that he be helpinge and aydynge my children beyng at Cambrigge." "*Item* I bequethe to Roberte Sayer, for his paynes wrytynge this my presente testamente, and other wrytynge, xx s." ]—"And I will, ordeigne and make myne executors of the same my testamente and last Will Thomas Grene, esquier, and Christopher Roper, gent.,"—"And I make and ordeigne Roger ffynche my brother ouersear of the same. And I giue to eyther of myne executors and ouersear yearly, unto the tyme my sonne Henry ffynche comythe, or sholde come to the full age of xxiiij<sup>th</sup> yeares, iij li. vj s. viij d., to th'entente that they shall yearly take accompte and reconynge of the revenues and profectes of all my landes and stocke of cattall in Greane duryng the saide yeares. And I gyve to the foresayde Roberte Sayer, for wrytynge of the sayde accompte, yearly duryng the sayde yeares, xl s. IN WYTNES wherof I the sayde John ffynche to this my presente testamente and laste Will haue sette my seale the daye and yeare aboue wrytten, In the presens of Rycharde Drylande, John Seathe, Edmonde Gaye, and Roberte Sayer wrytter herof."

\*[This is the laste Will of me the said John ffynche, made the

Kent, gent., nowe deceased, and naturall daughter to the saied Willyam Maycott," of the third part—"for and in respect of maradge to be had and solemnized betwene the saied Thomas ffynche and Bennett Norton"—For certain consideration in money, said William Maycott grants all his messuage, Manor House, etc., in Preston, to Thomas Finch and his heirs by Bennet Norton; and in default of such heirs, to other heirs of the said Thomas Finch.

This Thomas Finch made his Will 8 Oct. 1615 (Register of Archdeaconry Court, Canterbury, vol. 61, fo. 212), as follows:—I Thomas Finch, of Preston, Kent, gent.—To poor of Preston and Faversham.—My nephew Anthony ffinch, gent.—My cozen William Booth, gent.—frauncys his wife, and her children.—Bennet Hales, wife of Edward Hales, gent., my niece.—My brother Reignold Knatchbull.—my nephew Thomas Knatchbull.—To Suzan the wife of my nephew John ffinch.—My nephew John ffinch my executor.—To my nephew John ffinch of Groucherst, in Milton next Sittingbourne, my mess. called Preston House next faversham. *Probate granted 30 Oct., 1615.* (His wife Bennet, *née* Maicott, died 16 Feb., 1612; he the 18 Oct., 1615.—Inscription in Preston-next-Faversham Church, printed in Parson's *Monuments of Kent.*)

\* I had not time when at Canterbury to copy the Last Will, which is here placed within brackets, being taken from "Exchequer, Escheator's Inquisitions,

daye and yere above written: *ffirst* I will that Margaret my wyfe shall haue my Manours of Groueherst and Hadlowe, with all the landes to them apperteynyng, to her and to her assignes frome the feaste of saynt Michaell th'archangell nexte after my deathe vnto the tyme that Harry ffynche my sonne cometh or shoulde come to the full age of xxiiij yeres"—"Vppon condicion that she dwell, inhabyt and occupye the same her selfe. And yf she happen to departe frome thence, or not dwell, inhabyt and occupye the same her selfe, Then I will she shall haue but twentye poundes yerelye during the said yeres to be paid by my said executours, And the same my Manours and landes to remayne duryng the said yeres in th' order of my said executours"—"And when my sonne Harry ffynche comyth to the age of xxiiij yeres, Then I will that he the said Harry shall haue my said Manours of Groueherst and Hadlowe to hym and to his heyres for ever, Yeldyng and payng vnto the said Margaret my wyfe yerelye duryng the terme of her lyfe twentye poundes." "*Item* I will that my said executours shall receyve the yssues and profettes of all my Manour of Whatlyngton, with all landes and tenementes therunto apperteynyng, and all other my landes and tenementes, as well purchased as other, sett, lying and being within the parisshes of Whatlyngton, Mountefeld, Selscombe, and the Borough of Batell, in the Countie of Sussex, or elles where within the said Countie tyll my said sonne Harry comyth or sholde come vnto the full age of xxij yeres, towards the kepyng of my said sonne to scole, and performance of this my present testament and laste Will. And I will that the said Harry when he comyth to the said age of xxij yeres shall haue the Manor of Whatlyngton, with all the landes and tenementes thereunto belongyng, and all other my landes and tenementes, as well purchased as other, set, lying and being within the parysshes of Whatlyngton, Mountfeld, Selscombe, and the Borowe of Batyll, in the Countie of Sussex, or elles where within the said Countie, to hym and to his heyres for ever, Vppon condicion that he suffer Clement ffynche and Thomas ffynche his brothers peaseablye and quyetye to haue, holde and enioye all suche landes and tenementes as I the said John ffynche hereafter by this my present testament and laste Will haue to them geven and assigned, accordyng to the purporte and true meanyng of the same. And yf the said Henry ffynche at eny tyme hereafter shall happen to vexe or trouble the said Clement ffynche and Thomas ffynche, or any of them, for and in any of the landes by me herein to them geven and assigned, Then I will that aswell my gyfte and bequeth of my Manours of Groueherst and Hadlowe, and all the landes therunto apperteynyng, As also my gyfte and bequest of my Manor of Whatlyngton, and all other my landes and tenementes sett, lying and being in the parisshes of Whatlyngton, Mountfeld,

&c., Kent & Middlesex A° 4 Edw. VI, John Toke escheator." The jurors say (in the inquisition from which this portion of the Will was copied—taken at "Sydyngborne" 25 July A° 4 Edw. VI) that said John died 1 May A° 3 Edw. VI, and that said Henry ffynche is son and next heir, and aged at the taking of the inquisition xvij years and more.

Selscombe, and the Borowe of Battyll, in the Countie of Sussex, or elles where within the said (Countie), to the said Harry ffynche before made shalbe vtterly voyde and of none effecte, And the same whollye to remayne to the said Clement and Thomas ffynche and their heyres for euer. *Item* I will and geve to Clement ffynche and Thomas ffynche my sonnes all my landes and tenementes lying and being in the parisshe and Isle of Greane in the Countie of Kente, And all my landes, tenementes and rentes set, lying and being in the parisshe of Lydde in Romneymershe, within the said Countie of Kente, to be had them ioyntlye and seuerally, and to their heires and assignes for ever, when they come or should come to the full age of xxij yeres. And yf it happen any of the said Clement and Thomas to dye before he come to the said age of xxij yeres, Then I will that the other then being alyve shall haue all the said landes and tenementes in Grene and Lydd aforesaid to hym and to his heires for ever. And yf it happen bothe the said Clement and Thomas to die before the said age of xxij yeres, Then I will that at suche tyme when they shoulde haue come to the age of xxij yeres all the said landes, tenementes and rentes in Grene and Lydd aforesaid shall remayne to the right heyres of me the said John ffynche." "In witnes whereof I the said John ffynche to this my present testament haue putt my seale the daye and yere fyrst above wrytten], in the presence of Rycharde Drylande, John Seathe and Edmonde Gaye, gent., and Robert Sayer wrytter herof."

*Probate granted 26 Sept. A° 3 Edw. VI.*

WILL OF HERBERT FINCH, OF SANDHURST, PROVED A.D. 1553.

*Register of Prerogative Court of Canterbury (Somerset House), 'Tashe,' 10.*

"This is the last will and testament of me Herbert ffynche, of Sandeherst, in the Countie of Kent, Esquyer, made the xij<sup>th</sup> daye of Marche in the vij yere of the reigne of our soueraigne lorde Edwarde the Sixte"—"my bodye to be buried in the High Chauncell of Sandeherst nere where my grandfather lyeth. *Item* I bequeathe to Katheryn ffynche my daughter one hundredth poundes of lauffull money of Englande and eight olde Ryalles, to be paide her at the daye of her mariage; so that the saide Katheryn do marrye by the devise and agreement of her frendes, that is for to saye her mother Anne ffynche, John Covers her vnkell, and Anthony Pelham her cosyn." "Barnardyne ffynche my sonne"—"John ffynche my sonne"—"The residue of all my goods and cattalles, my debtes and bequestes fyrst paide and fulfilled, I give and bequeathe them vnto Anne ffynche my wyef, she to give and dispose them at her discretion amonge my children, that is for to saye Thomas ffynche, Barnardyne ffynche, Wilyam ffynche, Anthony ffynche, and Katheryn ffynche, my sonnes and daughter; which Anne ffynche I ordeyne and make my sole executrix.

"THIS IS THE LASTE WILL AND TESTAMENT OF ME THE SAID

Herbert ffynche, made the daye and yere above wryten. As concerning all my landes and tenementes within the Countie of Kent and Sussex: *ffirst* I will and bequeathe vnto Anne ffynche my wief one annuall or yerely rent of eight poundes sixe shillinges and eightpence by the yere goyng oute of all those my landes and tenementes callyd Ercheslowe and Sandhill or by any other names knowen, set, lying and beinge in the parishes and towne of Sandwiche whether yt be in saynt Maris parishe, seynt Clementes parishe, or seynt Peters parisshe"—“for terme of lyef of the saide Anne.” “*Item* I will all and euery the landes and tenementes aforesaide, lying and beinge in the parishe or parisshes or towne aforesaide, callyd Ercheslowe, Sandhill, or by any other names knowen, the which the seid Symon Lynche nowe hath to ferme, or in occupyinge, & of the lease of me the saide Herbert, And also one letill medowe lying in the Downes, which one M<sup>r</sup> Tucke the Capitayne lately occupied, vnto Barnardyne ffynche my sonne, To haue and to holde vnto the saide Barnardyne and his assignes for terme of lyfe of the said Barnardyne. And after the decease of the said Barnardyne to remayne vnto John ffynche my sonne, and to his eldest heirs male of his bodie lauffully begotten. And for lacke of heyres male of his bodye begotten, to remayne to Thomas ffynche and his eldest heyre male of his bodie lauffully begotten. And for lacke of heyres male of his bodye lauffully begotten, to remayne vnto the saide Barnardyne and his eldest heyre male of his bodye lauffully begotten. And for lacke of heire male of his bodye lauffully begotten, to remayne vnto Anthony ffynshe my sone and his eldest heire male of his bodye lauffully begotten. And for lacke of suche heire male of his bodie lauffully begotten, to remayne vnto Willyam ffynche my sonne, and to his eldest heire male of his bodie lauffully begotten. And for lacke of such yssue, to remayne vnto the next rightfull heyres of me the seide Herbert in fee symple for euermore. Howbeit my full will and mynde is that yf my sonne John ffynche his heyres or assignes do at any time hereafter during the lyef of the saide Barnardyne interrupte, vex, sue, demaunde or clayme of or any of the landes or tenementes aboue bequeathed vnto the saide Barnardyne, That then all the remaynders aforesaid to be voide, And that the saide Barnardyne shall haue all the landes and tenementes aforesaid vnto hym his heyres and assigne(s) for euer. *Item* I will and bequeathe vnto the said Anne ffynche my wief one other annuall rent of nyne poundes and tenne shillinges by the yere gowing oute of all my landes and tenementes set, lying and being in Estre, Wynsborowe and Word, whiche one Thomas Whitefeld nowe occupieth, And all those landes lyinge in Sandwiche which one Severn now occupieth, And also going oute of all those my landes and tenementes lying and beyng in Est Hith, West Hith, Saltwood and Postling"—“for terme of lief of the saide Anne.” “*Item* I will all my saide landes, tenementes, rentes and seruces set, lying and being in Estre, Wynsborowe and Word aforesaid, the whiche the saide Thomas Whitefeld nowe hath and occupieth, And all that my landes and tenementes lying in Sandwich aforesaid, the whiche

one . . . . Severn now occupieth, And also all that my landes and tenementes & rentes lying in Est Hithe, West Hithe, Saltwood & Postlinge vnto Thomas ffynche and Anthonye ffynche my sonnes, To haue and to holde vnto them and their assignes for terme of their lyves and the lenger lyver of the saide Thomas and Anthonye. And after their decease to remayne vnto John ffynche my sonne and his eldest heyre male of his bodye lauffully begotten. And for lacke of heyre male of his bodye lauffully begotten, vnto the saide Thomas ffynche and his eldest heire male of his bodye lauffully begotten. And for lacke of heyre male of his bodye lauffully begotten, to remayne vnto Barnardyne ffynche and his eldest heire male of his body lauffully begotten. And for lacke of suche yssue to remayne vnto Anthony ffynche and his eldist heyre male of his bodye lauffully begotten. And for lacke of suche yssue, to remayne vnto Willyam ffynche and his eldyst heyre male of his bodye lauffully begotten. And for lacke of suche yssue to remayne vnto the next rightfull heyres of me the saide Herbert in fee symple for euermore. Howbeit my full will & mynde ys, that yf my sonne John ffynche his heyres or assignes do at any time hereafter duringe the lyves or the lenger lyver of the saide Thomas and Anthonye, interrupte (*sic*), vex, sue, demande or challenge all or any of the landes, tenementes and rentes aboue bequeathed vnto the saide Thomas & Anthony ffynche, That then all the remaynders aforesaid to be voide, And that the said Thomas and Anthony shall haue all the landes and tenementes aforesaid vnto them their heyres and assignes for euer.

*Item* I will and my mynde ys that wheras one Walter ffynche my brother hath one yerely rent for terme of his lief of liij s. iiij d. by the yere going oute aswell of all the landes and tenementes aboue bequethed vnto Barnardyne, As also of all thother londes and tenementes aboue bequeathed vnto the said Thomas and Anthonye"—

"*Item* I will that John Sharp, of Northyham, shall haue all my landes lying in Wyttysham (the woodes and vnderwoodes onlye exceptyd) from the feast of seynt Michell th'archangell next comynge after my decease vnto thende and terme of tenne yeres"—

"*Item* I will and bequeathe all my landes and tenementes, rentes and reuercions set, lying and beinge in Lede, Stone and Wyttysham in the Countie of Kent, vnto Anne ffynche my wief. To haue and to holde vnto her and her assigns for terme of lief of the saide Anne. And after her decease to remayne and go vnto Barnardyne ffynche my sonne & to his heyres and assignes for euer. *Item* I will and bequeathe vnto Barnardyne ffynche my sonne all that my tenement and landes, with their appurtenances, set, lying and beinge in the parishe of Ewherst in the Countie of Sussex, the whiche one George Vynawe now holdith and occupieth, to haue and to holde vnto the said Barnardyne his heyres and assigns for euermore.

*Witness*: John Tharp,\* John Twysden, Tho. Potter, Richard Wattes."

Probate granted 12 May, 1553, to Anne ffynche, relict and executrix.

\* ? Should be "Sharp."

WILL OF JOHN FINCH, OF FORDWICH, PROVED A.D. 15 $\frac{3}{4}$ .

*Registry of Archdeaconry Court, Canterbury, vol. 46, fo. 291.*

"IN THE NAME OF GOD, AMEN—the xvij<sup>th</sup> daye of februarye in the xxvij<sup>th</sup> yere of the reigne of our Sovereigne ladye Queene Elizabeth, a thowsand five hundrethe eightie and fowre, I JOHN FINCHE, late of ffuersham, and nowe of ffordiche, in the county of Kent, gentleman,"—"FFIRSTE I will vnto Thomas ffynche my sonne and to his heires forever all my Manner of Goodneston next to Syttingborne, And my Mannour of Brabford, in the seuerall parishes of Syttingbourn aforesaid, and Mowstone, in the county of Kent abovesaid, and all landes, tenementes, heredytamentes, rentes, sutes, and servyces whatsoe ever to them and eyther of them belonginge, withe ther appurtenances, wheresoever they are, lye, be, or to the same do apperteyne. *Item* I will and give to John ffynche my sonne my mansion Howse called Sewers in the parishe of Lynsted, in the countye abovesaid, with all my landes, woodes, vnderwoodes, gardyns, orchardes, tenementes, and heredytamentes, their vnto belonginge, or other wise, withe th' appurtenances, To be had and holden to him and his heires for ever (w<sup>ch</sup> are nowe in the occupyng of the said John ffynce, and of his assignes). AND ALSO I will vnto the said John ffynche all my landes and tenementes, with th'appurtenances, in Leysdowne, within the Isle of Shepey in the countye abovesaid, to be had and holden also to the saide John his heires and assignes forever. *Alsoe* I will vnto Elice my wife my messuage and groundes within the parishe of ffuersham, withe th'appurtenances, for terme of her life, And after her decease I will the same vnto Nicholas ffynce my sonne and his heires forever, AND likewise I will vnto the said Nicholas and his heires all my landes in Devynton nexte ffuersham aforesaid. *And ffurther* I will vnto my brother William ffynche and his heires my fourthe parte of the howse and landes, withe th'appurtenances, in Dodynton, in the county abovesaid, SOE AS HE PAIE vnto Jane my dawghter, wife of Mathewe Clifford, eight poundes of lawfull monye of England within one quarter of a yere nexte after my decease, And yf he make defaulte of payment theirof, Then I will the said fourthe parte of the said house and landes, withe th'appurtenances, vnto the said Jane and her heires for euer. *Moreover* I will vnto the saide Jane my dawghter twentye powndes of lawfull monye of England, to be paid vnto her and her assignes after my dettes be payd and not before. *And* my will is alsoe y<sup>t</sup> Thomas my sonne and his heires shall yerely paye vnto my saide wife owte of the landes, tenementes, and heredy(t)amentes, to him before geven and bequethed, duringe her life tenne poundes, to be paide to her in suche sorte as by wrytinge theirof made doth import."—" *And moreover* I give vnto my saide sonne Nicholas and his assignes one hundrethe poundes in monye, PROVIDED alwayes, and my further meanyng ys that the foresaid Thomas and John my sonnes their heires, executors, and assignes, shall paye my dettes and legacyes by even porcions betweene them indyfferentlye,"—" *furthermore* I will vnto my foresaid wife all

her apparell, And all my howshold stuff whiche nowe ys in my nowe dwellinge howse at ffordwiche aforesaid, and to her assignes. AND I will alsoe to my said wiefie tenne poundes yf their be not wrytinges alreddie made for the payment of tenne poundes to her after my decease. And I will my plate to be bestowed in forme followinge, That is to saie, I will my beste silver cuppe gylted, and my litle silver salte, and my halfe dozen of silver spoones to the said Nicholas my sonne and his assignes. And I will to the said Thomas my sonne and his assignes my dozen of silver spones, called the xij Appoteles, w<sup>ch</sup> were his mothers. And I will to the foresaide John my sonne and his assignes my gylted silver salte. And I will alsoe to my dawghter Margaret, wife of Henry Saker, and her assignes one of my twoe playne silver standinge peeces, AND THE other of them I will to the foresaid Jane my dawghter and her assignes. And alsoe my silver goblett I give to the said Jane and her assignes. And moreover I give to eyther of my three sonnes a corselett and a kalever, and swordes & daggers. AND I WILL to the foresaid Mathew Clifford my almon corselett. And I will that my foresaid sonne Thomas shall make a Lease by Indenture of the foresaide Mannours of Goodneston and Babford withe th'appurtenances to the said Henry Saker and his assignes for soe many yeres, savinge one, as the saide Thomas my sonne hathe the farme of Holmeston ;"—"my foresaid sonnes Thomas and John"—"whom I make the executours of this my said Testamente and laste Will." "Wytnnesses here of: John Elmer, Christopher Bacheller the elder, by his marke, Wyllyam Crofte, & John Man, of Canterburye. The marke of the foresaid John ffynche."

Probate granted 6 March 1584 (i.e. 15 $\frac{3}{4}$ ).

WILL OF RALPH FINCH, OF KINGSDOWN, PROVED A.D. 1591.

*Register of Prerogative Court of Canterbury (Somerset House), 'Sainberbe,' 44.*

"The ninth daie of Marche One thowsande five hundred ninetie, and in the thirtie three yeere of the raigne of our soueraigne Ladie Queene Elizabeth, I Ralphe ffynche, of Kingesdowne in the Countie of Kent, esquier,"—"my bodie to be buried in the Chauncell of Kingesdowne"—"to be employed aboute the reparaciouns of Kingesdowne churche, and towards the buienge of bookes for the same churche, fower poundes"—"to the poore people of the parishe of Milsteade twentie shillings"—"to Bridgett my wel-beloued wief threescore poundes of lawefull Englishe moneie"—"my brother Thomas Potter, esquier,"—"to my daughter Joice, for her prefermente, twoe hundreth poundes of lawfull Englishe moneie, to be paide to her, if shee soe longe live, within one yeere nexte after my death. And to mainetaine her in the meane time I doe giue her fower acres of wood to be felled and takenn awaie out of my wood called Kingesdowne wood, nexte towards Dongate. Item I doe giue to Bridgett my daughter, to her prefermente, twoe hundreth poundes of like moneie to be paide to her by



fiftie poundes euerie yeere vntill it be paide, if shee live soe longe, and the firste paimente theareof I will shall beginn presentelie after my decease, And for her maintenaunce in the meane time, vntill the saide somm of twoe hundrethe pound be paide to her, my will and minde is that the saide Bridgett my daughter shall haue, fell and take yeerelie three acres of wood in Kingesdowne wood aforesaide ” —“ *Item* I doe giue to my daughter Gresham one ringe of golde of six angells, with my armes in it ” —“ to my daughter Cheineie a ringe of golde of the like value and in suche sorte as is aforesaide ” —“ to my brother John ffinche a ringe of golde of the like value as the others be, and in suche sorte as is aforesaide ” —“ my sonn Cheineyes childrenn ” —“ to William ffinche my sonn three hundreth poundes of lawefull moneie of England to be paide to him, ” —“ when he shall come out of his apprentishipp one hundrethe poundes, And within one yeere then nexte ensuinge one hundrethe poundes, And within one monethe nexte after the deathe of my brother John ffinche one other hundrethe poundes ” —“ to Ralphe ffinche my sonn twentie poundes of lawefull Englishe moneie, to be paide him within one yeere nexte after my decease. ” “The residewe of all my goodes and cattell, not before givenn nor bequeathed, ” etc., “ I doe giue and bequeathe to my saide sonn Thomas ffinche, whome I doe ordaine and make my sole and onlie exequutor (*sic*). ”

“ THIS is the laste will of me the saide Ralphe, as concerninge all my landes, tenementes and heriditamentes in Kingesdowne or ells wheare in the Countie of Kente, made the daie and yeere firste aboue writtenn. ” —“ to Richarde ffinche my soñ one annuitie or yeerelie rente of fifteene poundes by the yeere ” —“ to Michaell my sonn one other annuitie of fifteene poundes by the yeere ” —“ to Ralphe ffinche my yongeste sonn one other like annuitie of fifteene poundes by the yeere ” —“ my saide three yongeste sonns. ”

Probate granted 17 June 1591 to Thomas ffinche executor.

ABSTRACT OF WILL OF CLEMENT FINCH, OF MILTON, PROVED A.D. 1597.

*Register of Prerogative Court of Canterbury, (Somerset House), 'Cobham,' 47.*

“ *Testamentum Clementis ffinche,* ” dated “ fiftie daie of Julie ” A<sup>o</sup> 37 Elizabeth. “ I Clement ffinche, of the parishe of Milton alias Midleton, in the countie of Kent, gentleman. ” To be buried “ in Milton Church aforesaide as nighe as conuenientlie maie be vnto the graues of my Auncestours. ” “ Grace my wife ” —“ Bennet ffinche my daughter ” (at 20, or marriage) —“ Susann ffinche my daughter ” (in like manner. Each the other’s heir, but if they die, etc., to be divided among all his sons then living.) —“ my daughter Crispe ” —“ my sonne in lawe Edwarde Crispe, gentleman, ” —“ my brother Thomas ffinche ” —“ my sonne John ffinche. ” “ Dorothe Buckmer, vidua, Vrsula Beare, wife of Nicholas Beare, and Margaret Piper, the daughters of my sister Piper deceased. ” “ This is the Testament and last Will of me the saide Clement ffinche,

made the daie and yeare firste aboue written : *ffirste* I bequeath vnto John ffynche my eldest sonne, after his mother's decease, my Mannours of Groveherst, Nugar and Hadlowe," in parishes of Milton and Iwade. For default of heirs of his body "to remain vnto Anthonie, Valentine and Thomas my three sonnes," and to their heirs—"my three daughters ffrancis, Bennet and Susann"—"my brother Thomas ffynche theire vnckle"—Gives to his said son John ffynche "one peece of vplande or marshegrounde called Birdeshide, lying in the parische of Iwade, and purchased of my cosen Christopher ffynche, of Borden."—Several other properties mentioned as bought of his cousin Christopher, but with a reservation, viz. "yf that my saide cosen Xp'ofer ouerliue Anne his wife."—Also leaves to his son John his Manor of Whatlington, co. Sussex. Leaves his son Valentine ffynche an annuity of £10 per annum; and his son Thomas ffynche a like annuity of £20.

Probate granted 1 June, 1597, to John Finch son of the deceased, and executor.

## FINAL CONCORDS.

*Feet of Fines, Sussex*, Quinzaine of Easter, A° 37 Edward III.

Between Vincent ffynch' *plt.*, and Thomas Bysshop and Margeria his wife *defts.*, of twenty six acr. land, one acr. mead., three acr. of wood, and eighty acr. of heath, with appurts., in the Vill of Bello (*Battle*). Vincent gives Thomas and Margeria, for their concession to him, one hundred marks.

*Feet of Fines, Sussex*, Quinzaine of St. Michael, A° 22 Ric. II.

Between Vincent ffynch' and Isabella his wife, *plts.* and William Repoun and Johanna his wife *defts.*, of the Manor of Iklysham, with appurtenances, which Nicholas Haute, chivaler, and Alice his wife hold for the term of the life of the same Alice. William and Johanna admit it to be the Right of Vincent; and, for themselves and the heirs of Johanna, grant that the said Manor, with appurtenances, which Nicholas and Alice hold for the term of the life of same Alice, of the inheritance of the aforesaid Johanna, the day this agreement was made, and which after the death of Alice to the aforesaid William and Johanna and to the heirs of same Johanna reverts, shall after the death of the same Alice remain to aforesaid Vincent and Isabella and to the heirs of the same Vincent. William and Johanna get, for the concession, 20*l.*

*Feet of Fines, Sussex*, St. Michael in three weeks, A° 7 Hen. VI.

Betw. William ffynch' and Agnes his wife *plts.*, and Henry Dobyll' and Elizabeth his wife *defts.*, of one mess., forty acr. land, forty acr. past., forty acr. wood, forty acr. marsh, and twenty shillings rent, with appurts., in Pesemerssh', Pleydeñ, Ideñ, and Iklesham. Henry and Elizabeth grant to William and Agnes and to the heirs of William, and receive one hundred marks for the concession.

*Feet of Fines, Kent*, Hilary Term, A° 4 Hen. VIII.

Between Thomas Wellys, clerk, Henry Edyall, clerk, Robert Wykys, clerk, and John Pyers, clerk, *plaintiffs*, and Henry ffynche and Katharine his wife, and William Garland and Elizabeth his wife, *deforciant*s, of thirty-three and a half acres of land, with appurts., in the parish of Iwade. The *deforciant*s, for themselves and the heirs of Katharine and Elizabeth, grant to the *plaintiffs* and to the heirs of Thomas (Wellys), and receive one hundred marks for the concession.

## EXTRACTS FROM THE COMMON PLEAS ROLLS.

*De Banco Roll, Trinity Term, A° 1 Henry VII, membrane 423.*

“Kancia ss. Vincencius ffynche, de Newerumney, in Comitatu predicto, Gentilman, in misericordia pro plurimis defaultis etc. Idem Vincencius attachiatus fuit ad respondendum Johanni ffogge, Armigero, de placito quare vi et armis clausum ipsius Johannis apud Oldrumney fregit et viginti et sex boves suos precii quadraginta librarum ibidem inventos cepit et abduxit Et alia enormia ei intulit ad grave dampnum ipsius Johannis Et contra pacem domini Ricardi nuper de facto et non de jure Regis Anglie tercii etc. Et unde idem Johannes, per Willelmum Rose attornatum suum, queritur quod predictus Vincencius sextodecimo die Novembris anno regni predicti nuper ut premittitur Regis primo vi et armis, videlicet, gladiis, arcubus et sagittis clausum ipsius Johannis apud Oldrumney fregit et viginti et sex boves precii etc. ibidem inventos cepit et abduxit,” etc. (*? Seizure for the purpose of asserting right to property.*)

*De Banco Roll, Hilary Term, A° 4 Hen. VIII, membrane 21.*

John Hales gave the King 40s. for a Licence of Concord with Henry ffynche and Katharine his wife regarding a plea of Covenant of the Manor of Lytelyscourt, with appurts., also two messuages, one hundred acr. land, sixty acr. meadow, three hundred acr. pasture, forty acr. wood, seven hundred acr. marsh, and ten shillings rent, likewise rent of two hens, with appurts., in the parishes of Iwade and Huckyng; also of the third part of forty two acr. land and forty two acr. marsh, with appurts., in the parishes of Iuechurche and Brokeland; also of the third part of one messuage, one toft, one garden, and ten acr. land, with appurts., in the parish of Myddelton next Sydyngbourn; also of the sixth part of five acr. land, with appurts., in the parish of Sydyngbourn.

*Same membrane.*

Thomas Wellys gave the King 6s. 8d. for a Licence of Concord with Henry ffynche and Katharine his wife, (and) William Garland and Elizabeth his wife, regarding a plea of Covenant of thirty three and a half acr. land, with appurts., in the parish of Iwade.

*De Banco Roll, Michaelmas Term, A° 12 Hen. VIII, membrane 123 dorse.*

Kent, To wit, Henry ffynche, in his proper person, demands against Thomas Groueherst and Joan his wife the Manors of Ore, Groueherst, and Hadow, with appurts., also 300 acr. land, 40 acr. meadow, 200 acr. pasture, 40 acr. wood, 300 acr. marsh, and 40s. rent, also rent of 5 cocks, 20 hens, and 200 eggs, with appurts., in Iwade, Middelton, Bobbyng, and Mynster in the Isle of Sheppey, as his Right and inheritance. *Etc.*

*De Banco Roll, Michaelmas Term, A° 37 Hen. VIII, memb. 319.*

Kent, To wit, John Tufton, gent., and Anthony Pelham, gent., by John Selyard their Attorney, demand against Herbert ffynche, gent., the Manor of Beteryngden, with appurts., also 4 messuages, 4 gardens, 300 acr. land, 100 acr. meadow, 300 acr. pasture, 200 acr. wood, and 20s. rent, with appurts., in Sandeherste, as their Right and inheritance. *Etc.*

## INQUISITIONS.

Nicholas Finch, esquire.

*Chancery Inquisitions post mortem, A° 6 Elizabeth, No. 82.*

Taken at ffauersham 2 Oct. A° 6 Elizabeth, after the death of Nicholas ffynche, esq. “Qui (*Juratores*) dicunt super sacramentum suum quod predictus Nicholaus

diu ante capcionem hujus inquisitionis fuit seisitus in dominico suo ut de feodo de et in Manerio de Norton juxta ffauersham, cum pertinentiis, in Comitatu predicto, Et ipse sic inde seisitus existens postea et ante capcionem hujus inquisitionis, scilicet, vicesimo die Marcii annis regni domini Philippi et domine Marie nuper Regis et Regine Anglie secundo et tercio ffeoffavit quendam Thomam ffynche, generosum, filium ipsius Nicholai de una medietate Manerii predicti, cum pertinentiis, Habendum medietatum illam, cum pertinentiis, prefatis Thome heredibus et assignatis suis ad usum ipsius Nicholai pro termino vite sue, absque impetitione vasti, Et post decessum ipsius Nicholai ad opus et usum predicti Thome ffynche et heredum suorum imperpetuum," *etc.* "Dicunt etiam Juratores predicti super sacramentum suum quod predictus Nicholaus de alia medietate predicti Manerii et ceterorum pre[m]issorum sic ut preferat seisitus existens durante capcionem hujus inquisitionis ffeoffavit quosdam Johannem Manby et Johannem Bolock de altera medietate Manerii predicti, cum pertinentiis, Habendum predictam alteram medietatem Manerii predicti, cum pertinentiis, prefatis Johanni Manbye et Johanni Block (*sic*) heredibus et assignatis suis ad usum predicti Nicholai ad terminum vite sue, absque impetitione alicujus vasti, et post decessum predicti Nicholai ad opus et usum Georgii ffynche, generosi, filii et heredis apparentis predicti Nicholai, et heredum suorum imperpetuum," *etc.* "Et idem Nicholaus sic inde seisitus existens de tali statu suo inde obiit seisitus primo die Decembris anno regni dicte domine Regine nunc quarto."—"Et quod predictus Georgius ffynche die capcionem hujus inquisitionis etatis quadraginta annorum et amplius existens, et quod predictus Thomas ffynche etatis triginta duorum annorum et amplius existens, sunt filii et heredes predicti Nicholai."

### Herbert Fynch, esquire.

*Chancery Inquisitions post mortem, A° 6 Elizabeth, No. 88.*

#### KANCIA.

INQUISICIO INDENTATA capta apud ffauersham in Comitatu predicto secundo die Octobris anno regni Domine Elizabethæ," *etc.*, "sexto,"—"ad inquirendum post mortem Harbardi ffynche, armigeri,"—"qui (*Juratōres*) dicunt super sacramentum suum quod predictus Harbardus ffynche, nuper de Lynsted in Comitatu Kancia, generosus, diu ante capcionem hujus Inquisitionis fuit seisitus in dominico suo ut de feodo de et in uno messuagio et uno gardino eidem messuagio adjacenti scituati et existenti in Lynsted predicta juxta Le Ponde in communi platea (*sic*) vulgariter vocata Linsted strete in Lynsted predicta; ac etiam de et in duabus acris tribus acris pasture et quinque acris prati, cum suis pertinentiis, in Leneham in Comitatu predicto; unde predictæ duo acre terre vocantur Syssisamons, ac predictæ tres acre pasture et quinque acre prati vocantur Melleland; ac etiam de et in medietate unius messuagii, unius gardini et unius crofti terre continentium per estimacionem in toto duas acras, cum suis pertinentiis, in Dudynhton in Comitatu predicto; et sic inde seisitus existens de tali statu suo inde obiit seisitus xxvij° die Novembris anno r[eg]ni dicte Domine Regine nunc quarto. Et quod predicta messuagium et gardinum, cum suis pertinentiis, jacentia juxta Le Ponde in Linsted strete predicta tenentur de Johanne ffynche, generoso, filio predicti Herbarti ffynche, sed per que servicia Juratores predicti penitus ignorant; et quod valent per annum in omnibus exitibus ultra reprisas xiiij s. iiij ℥. Et quod predictæ due acre terre, ac tres acre pasture et quinque acre prati, cum suis pertinentiis, tenentur de [*left blank*] Milles, vidua, in socagio ut de Manerio suo de New Shylve, sed per que servicia Juratores predicti penitus ignorant; et quod eadem due acre terre, ac tres acre pasture et quinque acre prati valent per annum in omnibus exitibus ultra reprisas xxx s. Et quod predicta medietas predictorum messuagii, gardini et crofti terre in Dudington predicta, cum pertinentiis, tenentur de francisco Bourn, generoso, in socagio ut de Manerio suo de Sharsted, sed per que servicia Juratores predicti penitus ignorant; et quod eadem medietas valet per annum in omnibus exitibus ultra reprisas xiiij s. iiij ℥. Et quod tam predicta messuagium et gardinum in Linsted strete predicta, ac predictæ due acre terre, tres acre pasture et quinque acre prati in Leneham predicta, quam predicta medietas predictorum messuagii,

et gardini et crofti in Dudington predicta sunt de natura tenure et consuetudinis de gavelkind. Dicunt etiam Juratores predicti quod Harbardus die quo obiit fuit seisitus de et in uno messuagio, cum suis pertinenciis, vocato Lundisshe, ac de duobus gardinis eidem messuagio adjacentibus, et decem peciis sive parcellis terre et bosci continentibus in toto per estimacionem octoginta et quinque acras terre et quinque acras bosci scituatas, jacentes et existentes in Linsted predicta et Bapchilde et Tong in Comitatu predicto; et sic inde seisitus existens postea et ante capcionem hujus Inquisitionis, scilicet, tercio die Septembris anno regni dicte Domine Regine nunc tercio feoffavit quosdam Robertum Poredge et Johannem Chatlet de et in predictis messuagio, et octoginta et quinque acris terre et quinque acris bosci, cum suis pertinenciis, per nomen octoginta et decem acrarum terre sive majus sive minus, cum suis pertinenciis, scituatarum, jacentium et existentium in Linsted predicta, Bapchylde et Tong in Comitatu predicto, habenda et tenenda omnia et singula predicta messuagia, gardina, terre, tenementa et cetera premissa, cum suis pertinenciis, prefato Roberto Poredge et Johanni Chatlet heredibus et assignatis suis imperpetuum, ad usum ipsius Harbaridi ffinche pro termino vite sue absque impetitione alicujus vasti; et immediate post mortem ipsius Harbaridi ffinche ad usum Christoferi ffinche, filii ipsius Harbaridi ffinche, et heredum de corpore ipsius Christoferi legitime procreandorum; et pro defectu exitus de corpore ipsius Christoferi tunc ad usum rectorum heredum predicti Harbaridi imperpetuum. Virtute cujus quidem feoffamenti predictus Robertus Poredge et Johannes Chatlett fuerunt seisiti de predictis messuagio et ceteris premissis, cum suis pertinenciis, ad usus predictos secundum formam et effectum ejusdem Indenture virtute quorum quidem promissorum ac vigore cujusdam actus Parlamenti de usibus in possessionem transferendis prefatus Harbardus fuit seisitus de predictis messuagio et ceteris premissis, cum suis pertinenciis, in dominico suo ut de libero tenemento, et sic inde seisitus existens apud Lynsted predicta de tali statu suo inde obiit seisitus. Et ulterius Juratores predicti dicunt super sacramentum suum quod predictus Harbardus ffinche die quo obiit fuit seisitus in dominico suo ut de feodo de et in uno tenemento, duobus pomariis, uno gardino, et centum et decem acris terre predictae vocate Sewers, cum pertinenciis, in Lynsted predicta; et ipse sic inde seisitus postea et ante capcionem hujus Inquisitionis, scilicet, secundo die Septembris anno (sic) regnorum Philippi et Marie nuper Regis et Regine Anglie quarto et quinto feoffavit inde predictum Johannem ffinche filium suum habendum sibi et heredibus suis ad solum opus ipsius Johannis heredum et assignatorum suorum imperpetuum. Virtute cujus feoffamenti predictus Johannes in terra et tenementis illis, cum pertinenciis, intravit et fuit et adhuc est inde seisitus in dominico suo ut de feodo, et quod terra et tenementa illa, cum pertinenciis, valent per annum in omnibus exitibus ultra reprises xv li., et tenentur de dicta Domina Regina ut de Manerio suo de Tenham in Comitatu predicto, pro fidelitatem et reddendo xxij s. per annum pro omnibus serviciis. Dicunt etiam Juratores predicti super sacramentum suum quod predictus Harbardus diu ante obitum suum fuit seisitus in dominico suo ut de feodo de et in uno tofto, uno hor(r)eo, uno stabulo, duobus pomariis, et octoginta acris terre cognitis et vocatis per nomina de Helland fiede, Heyghfeld, Crystfeld, Downes fiede, Butteresfee, Churchefeld, Playstoll, Playstollcroft, et Masons grove, cum pertinenciis, in Lynsted predicta; et ipse sic inde seisitus diu ante capcionem hujus Inquisitionis, scilicet, dicto secundo die Septembris dictis annis quarto et quinto Philippi et Marie supradictis feoffavit inde Willelmum ffinche filium suum habenda sibi et heredibus suis imperpetuum ad solum opus ipsius Willelmi heredum et assignatorum suorum imperpetuum. Virtute cujus feoffamenti predictus Willelmus fuit et adhuc est de eisdem tenementis ultra recitatis seisitus in dominico suo ut de feodo et valent per annum in omnibus exitibus ultra reprises xij li., et tenentur de dicta Domina Regina ut de predicto Manerio de Tenham pro fidelitatem et reddendo xvj s. per annum pro omnibus serviciis et demandis. AC JURATORES predicti ulterius dicunt super sacramentum suum quod predictus Harbartus ffinche die quo obiit nulla Maneria terras seu tenementa habuit sive tenuit de dicta Domina Regina in capite in dominico, possessione, revercione sive in servicio in Comitatu predicto quodque dictus Harbartus dicto die quo obiit nulla alia neque plura habuit sive tenuit Maneria, terras, tenementa aut hereditamenta in possessione, revercione, sive servicio in Comitatu predicto tenta de dicta Domina

Regina sive de aliquo alio in Comitatu predicto preterquam terras et tenementa predicta. Et quod predictus Johannes fynche est filius ejus et heres secundum cursum communis Legis. Ac quod iidem Johannes fynche, ac Willelmus fynche, ac quidam Henricus fynche et Christoferus fynche, generosi, sunt filii ac coheredes predicti Harbardi fynche per consuetudinem de Gavelkynde predicto. Ac quod idem Johannes Fynche est etatis xlvj annorum et amplius die capcionis hujus Inquisicionis; ac quod predictus Willelmus fynche est etatis xxxviii annorum et amplius die capcionis hujus Inquisicionis; ac quod predictus Henricus fynche est etatis xxxj annorum et amplius die capcionis hujus Inquisicionis; ac quod predictus Christoferus est etatis octodecem annorum et amplius die capcionis hujus Inquisicionis. In cujus rei," etc.

### John Fynch, gentleman.

*Chancery Inquisitions post mortem, A° 27 Elizabeth, only part, No. 63.*

Taken at Syttingbourne Friday 10th Sept. A° 27 Elizabeth after the death of John fynche, gent. The Jurors say "Quod diu ante obitum predicti Johannis fynche in Brevi predicto nominatus quidam Nicholaus fynche ville de ffauersham in dicto Comitatu Kancie, generosus," was seized in his demesne as of fee, of and in the Manor of Goodneston alias Goodwynston (and the lands, etc., to it belonging), and that one moiety of the aforesaid Manor is held of the Queen by the twentieth part of one knight's fee, and by the rent of 8s. for all services and demands. "Et sic inde seisisus existens licencia [*præius obventa*] dicte domine Regine sub magno Sigillo suo Anglie alienacionis dicte medietatis Manerii predicti (and certain of the abovesaid lands, etc.), videlicet, primo die Marcii anno regni dicte domine Regine nostre Elizabethæ vicesimo secundo inde feoffavit predictum Johannem fynche in Brevi predicto nominatum et quendam Thomam fynche fratrem suum Habendum et tenendum prefato Johanni fynche et Thome fynche et heredibus suis Ad solum et proprium opus et usum ipsorum Johannis fynche et Thome fynche heredum et assignatorum suorum imperpetuum. Virtute cujus iidem Johannes fynche et Thomas fynche fuerunt de Manerio predicto et omnibus predictis terris tenementis pratis pascuis pasturis [I]esuris et ceteris premissis cum pertinenciis seisisi in dominico suo ut de feodo. Et ulterius Juratores predicti dicunt quod predictus Johannes fynche in dicto Brevi nominatus fuit seisisus in dominico suo ut de feodo de et in Manerio sive messuagio vocato Sewers Ac de et in uno gardino duobus pomariis octoginta et decem acris terre et duodecim acris bosci predicto Manerio sive messuagio vocato Sewers spectantibus et pertinentibus et cum eodem occupatis cum pertinenciis scituatis jacentibus et existentibus in parochia de Lynstyd in Comitatu predicto Ac de et in uno messuagio sive tenemento vocato Lyttles Grove et septuaginta et septem acris terre pasture et marisci frisci eidem messuagio sive tenemento modo spectantibus et pertinentibus cum pertinenciis scituatis jacentibus et existentibus in parochia de Leysdowne in Insula de Scapeia in Comitatu predicto Ac de et in quarta parte unius messuagii et unius gardini cum pertinenciis in Dovyngton in Comitatu predicto Ac de et in uno messuagio et uno gardino in ffauersham predicta in Comitatu predicto Ac de et in uno tofto terre continente unam rodam terre eidem messuagio et gardino pertinenti cum pertinenciis in Davyngton in Comitatu predicto Ac de et in Manerio de Baforde alias Babforde" (and the lands, etc. to it belonging). "Et ulterius Juratores predicti dicunt super sacramentum suum predictum quod predictus Johannes fynche sic inde de omnibus et singulis premissis seisisus existens de tali statu obiit seisisus apud ffordewyche in Comitatu predicto decimo septimo die februaryi anno regni dicte domine Regine nostre Elizabethæ vicesimo septimo supradicto, Et quod predictus Thomas fynche ipsum supervixit et se tenuit intus per Jus accrescendi de et in predicto Manerio de Goodneston alias Goodwynston" (and the lands, etc. to it belonging).—"Et quod predictus Thomas fynche fuit tempore mortis predicti Johannis fynche plene etatis et amplius, videlicet, etatis viginti et sex annorum et amplius,"—"Nicholaus fynche est filius et heres ipsius Johannis et est etatis quadraginta annorum et ultra."

## EXTRACTS FROM SUBSIDY ROLLS, ETC.

*Eschequer, Queen's Remembrancer, Miscellaneous Books, No. 7, A° 3 Hen. V.*  
Folio 79, under Hundred of "Langgeport"—John ffynch' (taxed 6s. 6d.)

*Eschequer, Queen's Remembrancer, Miscellaneous Books, No. 4, Book of Inquisitions taken in connection with the levying of the Subsidy, A° 6 Hen. VI.*  
Folio 354.

Under Inquisition taken at Battle on the Monday next after the Feast of Corpus Christi, A° 6 Henry VI.

## SUSSEXIA—RAPA DE HASTYNGES.

"Yncencius ffynche, Willelmus ffynche, heredes Henrici ffynche, et tenentes sui [*names given*], et multi alii, tenent vij feoda in Ikelesham, Cattefeld, (et) Ityngton, et vnum feodum in Kychenore, vnde idem Vincencius, vt dicunt Juratores, seisisus est per se in dimidium feodum in Cattefeld, Ityngtoñ et Kychenore. Et predictus Willelmus ffynche tenet quartam partem feodi militis per se in Ikelesham. Et supradicti tenentes et alii tenent inter se separatim vij feoda et quartam partem vnus feodi, ita quod non est aliquis eorum qui tenet quartam partem feodi militis per se."

*Eschequer, Augmentation Office, Miscellaneous Books, No. 56, Battle Abbey Cartulary.*

Folio 10<sup>b</sup>.

In Rental taken A° 8 Hen. VI., under: "Sanglake, videlicet, infra burgh' Ville de Bello."

"Willelmus ffynch' tenet unum mesuagium cum curtilagio et j crofto adjacentibus quondam Vincencii ffynch' et antea Roberti Humfray,\* jacent' (*sic*) infra burgh' Ville de Bello, inter mesuagium Elene atte Melle ex una parte, et stratam vocatam Amenerestrete ex parte altera buttant' (*sic*) super terram elemosine vocatam Rudfyn, Et debet indede redditu per annum, videlicet, ad festum Nativitatis Domini vj d., Et ad festum sancti Michaelis vj d. (In margin: "tenet libere.")

*Lay Subsidies, Kent, No. 125-277, being "2nd payment of Subsidy granted at Westminster Ann. 34 and 35 Hen. VIII," in Hundreds of "Milton, Tenham, Faversham, and Boughton."*†

	<i>Landes &amp; tenementes</i>	<i>Moueable goodds</i>	<i>The tax and rate to the Subsidie.</i>
<i>Hundred of Middelton.</i>			
Middelton, John ffynche, geñ.	xxxvj li.	c li.	iiij li. vj s. viij d.
Borden, Roger ffynche, geñ.	xl li.	xl li.	xl s.
Kyngesdown, Thomas ffynche, geñ.	xxvij li.	xlvi li.	xxx s.
<i>Hundred of Tenham.</i>			
Lynsted, Herbert ffynch, geñ.	xxx li.	xl li.	xxx s.
„ Nicholas ffynche, gent.	xx li.	xx li.	xx s.

*Lay Subsidies, Kent, No. 125-290—"Benevolence" Roll, dated 1st March A° 36 Hen. VIII, i.e. 1544-45.*

Borden, Roger ffynche, gent.	3 l. 6 s. 8 d.
<i>Hundred of Milton, John ffynche, gent.</i>	5 l.
Lynstede, Harbert ffynche, gent.	3 l.
„ Nicolas ffynche, gent.	32 s.
„ John ffynche, gent.	20 s.

\* There are several other entries of William Finch in respect of property in Battle and the suburbs. On fo. 14<sup>b</sup> he is said to hold a certain messuage, etc., in Battle, which late were Robert Umfray's ("quondam Roberti Umfray"). In folio 35<sup>b</sup> are entries (added at a later date), in respect of Courts held at Battle on the 18th May A° 11 Hen. VII, and 1st June A° 16 of the same reign, both being held in the presence of Vincent ffynche, Seneschal.

† A record in extremely fine condition; every entry perfect throughout.





*Lay Subsidies, Kent, No. 127-567, A° 7 Jas. I.\**

<i>Hundred of Milton.</i>	<i>Landes &amp; tenementes</i>	<i>Goodes &amp; chattelles</i>	<i>Rate of Subsidie.</i>
Milton, John ffynch, armiger,	v li.	v li.	vj s. viij d.
Milsted, Richard ffynche, gent.	xx s.	0	xvj d.
Kingsdowne, Thomas ffynch, armiger,	iiij li.	iiij li.	v s. iiij d.
Bridgett ffynche	iiij li.	0	iiij s.
<i>Hundred of Faversham.</i>			
Sheldwich, John ffynch, gent.	iiij li.	0	v s iiij d.

*Lay Subsidies, Kent, 127-578. Last payment of second Subsidy granted at Westminster, A° 18 Jas. I, in Hundreds of Milton, Tenham, Faversham, and Boughton.†*

<i>Mylton Hundred.</i>	<i>Landes.</i>	<i>Goodes.</i>	<i>Rates.</i>
Mylton, John ffynch, esq <sup>r</sup> .	vj li.	0	viiij s
" Tho. ffynch, gent.	xx s.	0	j s. iiij d.
[Kings]owne, Thomas ffynch, gent.	iiij li.	0	iiij s.
" Elizabeth ffynch, v[idua.]	xl s.	0	ij s. viij d.
" Richard ffynch, ge[nt.]	xx s.	0	j s. iiij d.
<i>Tenham Hundred.</i>			
[? Linsted,] William ffynche, gent.	iiij li.	0	iiij s.
<i>Faversham Hundred.</i>			
Ospringe, ffrancis Langworth vidua.‡	vj li.	0	viiij s.

*Lay Subsidies, Kent, No. 128-618 A° 4 Charles I.*

*Hundred of Milton.*  
Milton—John ffynch, esq<sup>r</sup>, recusant convict, in la., vj li., (tax) xlviij s.  
" Clement ffynch, gen., recusant convict, in goo., iiij li., (tax) xvj s.  
" Servantes to John ffynch, esq<sup>r</sup>, recusant convict, w<sup>ch</sup> haue not receaued the sacrament for one whole yeare last past, not otherwise contributory.

Milsted—Richard ffynch in la., xx s., (tax) iiij s.  
Kingsdowne—Thomas ffynch, gen., in la., iiij li., (tax) xvj s.

*Hundred of Tenham.*  
Linsted—Gartrude ffynch, wid., in la., ij li., (tax) viij s.

*Lay Subsidies, Kent, No. 128-640, being Assessment of (? 2nd) payment of Subsidy granted A° 16 Chas. I.*

*Hundred of Milton.*  
Milton, Clement ffynch, esq<sup>r</sup>, recusant convict. la.  
" Servantes to John ffynch, esq<sup>r</sup>, recusant convict, who haue not receiued the Holy Communion for one whole yeere last past; not otherwise contributory. }  
Kingsdowne, Thomas ffynch, geñ. la. 4 l.

*Hundred of Faversham.*  
Preston, M<sup>rs</sup> Susan ffynch', vidua, recusant convict. la.  
" John ffynch, geñ, recusant conuict. la.  
" Charles ffynch, geñ, recusant convict. la.  
" Among "Popish recusantes w<sup>ch</sup> haue not received the holy Communion for the space of one whole yeere; not otherwise contributory"—Elizabeth ffynch.  
Throwley, William ffynch, geñ. la.

From No. 128-648 of this date (being "the two last subsidies" of the four "intire" Subsidies granted A° 16 Chas. I.) we get under Milsted—Rich. ffynch (in) lands xxx s.

\* At the end:—"Liberat' per manus et sacramentum Thome ffynch, de Milton, in Comitatu Kancie, geñ, xix° die Maii A° regni Regis Jacobi, nono."

† Well written, and in excellent condition.

‡ Daughter of John Finch, gent., and relict of Dr. John Langworth, Prebendary of Canterbury. She held land here in right of her first husband Peter Greenstreet, gent., of Ospringe; and died 1633.

ENTRIES EXTRACTED FROM THE TRANSCRIPTS\* OF FAVERSHAM REGISTER, PRESERVED IN THE ARCHDEACON'S REGISTRY, CANTERBURY.

- Churchwardens' Return from "Anno 1563 to anno 1564" (Baptisms only).
- Anno 1563, May—christenid the second of May Mildred finche, daughter of M<sup>r</sup> John finche and Julian.
- (The Returns for 1565-6, 1566-7, 1568-9, and 1569-70 are wanting.)
- Return for year (as endorsed in modern hand) 1570-71.
- A<sup>o</sup> 1570, December, Twisday in Christmas weke—christenid the xxvij daie Thomas Finche, sonne of M<sup>r</sup> Anthonie finche and Elizabethe vxor.
- (The Return from Easter 1573 to ditto 1574 is much damaged).
- Return from Easter 1574 to ditto 1575.
- Maye (1574)—christened y<sup>e</sup> 30 daye Harberd, sonne of Christofer ffynche, gent., & Ane vxor.
- Marche (1575)—buried the 19 daye Thomas ffynche, gent., & *Juratt*, howsholder.
- Return for year (as endorsed in modern hand) 1575-6.
- februarye (1576)—christened y<sup>e</sup> 25 daye John, y<sup>e</sup> chyld of Nicholas ffynche & Dorathe vxor.
- Return for year (as endorsed in modern hand) 1576-7.
- July (1576)—christened the 15 daye Thomas, the sonne of Christoffer ffynche, gentt., & Anne his wyffe.
- Januarye (1576-77)—christened the 1 daye Johñ, the son of Johñ Philpott, an Attorney, & Elizabethe his wyffe.
- September (1576)—buried the 20 daye Jullyañ ffynche, vxor Johannis, gent.
- Return for year (as endorsed in modern hand) 1577-8.
- October (1577)—christened y<sup>e</sup> 6 daye Johñ ffynche, y<sup>e</sup> soñ of Christofer and Ane his wyffe, gent.
- Return for year (as endorsed in modern hand) 1578-9, the bottom edges of which are destroyed.
- Maye, 1578—chri(s)tened the 18 of Maye Anne, the daughter of Nicholas ffynche, gent., and Dorathe his wyffe.
- Return for year (as endorsed in modern hand) 1579-80.
- 1579, August—christened the 16 daye ffrauncis, the sonne of Christofer ffynche, gent., and Ane his wyffe.
- 1579, Nouember—buried the 7 daye ffrauncis ffynche, a younge child.
- Return for year (as endorsed in modern hand) 1580-81.
- Aprill (1580)—christened the 9 daye Rychard, the sonne of Christofer ffynche, gent., *iuris*, and Anna his wyffe.
- Januarye (1580-81)—married the 23 daye Thomas ffynche to Grace fflagg.
- Return for year (as endorsed in modern hand) 1582-3.
- November (1582)—christened the xij<sup>th</sup> daye Elizabeth, the daughter of Thomas ffynche & Grace vxor.
- November (1582)—christened the last daye Michaell, the sonne of Nicholas ffynch & Dorathe vxor.
- Return for year (as indorsed in modern hand) 1583-4.
- 1583, Maye—christened the 12 daye Thomas, y<sup>e</sup> sonne of Thomas ffynche & Suzañ vxor.
- August (1583)—buried the 28 daye Suzañ ffynche vxor.
- Return for year (as endorsed in modern hand) 1584-5.
- februarye (1584-85)—christened the 5 daye Katheryne, y<sup>e</sup> daughter of Christofer ffynch & Anna vxor.
- Marche (1585)—christened the 29 daye George, y<sup>e</sup> sonne of Nicholas ffynche & Dorathe vxor.
- Return for year (as endorsed in modern hand) 1585-6.
- Julye (1585)—christened the 25 day Symond, the sonne of Nicholas ffynch & Dorathe vxor.
- Return for year (as endorsed in modern hand) 1587-8 (query if correct).
- 1586 (*i.e.* 1586-87), februarye—Monday y<sup>e</sup> 6, baptised William, y<sup>e</sup> sun of William ffynche, gent., & Benedict his wyffe.
- 1587, Apryll—Sunday y<sup>e</sup> 16, beeing Ester daye, baptised Benedict, y<sup>e</sup> daughter of Nicholas ffynch, gent., & Dorothe his wyffe.
- 1587, baptised, August—Sundaye 6, Christofer, y<sup>e</sup> sun of Christofer ffynch, gent., & Anna his wyffe.
- 1588, baptised, Septem.—Wednes-

\* That portion of the original Register to which nearly all of these entries apply is not now extant.

day 24, Benedict y<sup>e</sup> daughter of W<sup>m</sup> ffynch, gent., & Benedict his wyffe.  
 1588, buried, Julii 18 George ffynche, child.  
 Return for year (as endorsed in modern hand) 1589-90.  
 October 1589, baptised y<sup>e</sup> 12 Jane, y<sup>e</sup> daughter of Nicholas ffynche, gent., & Dorothe his wyffe.  
 Januarye (1589-90), baptised y<sup>e</sup> 15 Christofer, y<sup>e</sup> sun of M<sup>r</sup> William ffynche, gent., & Bennet his wife.  
 Maii (1590), baptised y<sup>e</sup> 31 Mark, y<sup>e</sup> sonne of Christofer ffynche, gent. & *Jurate* of his Towne, & Anna his wiffe.  
 August (1590), baptised y<sup>e</sup> 21 Jhon, the sun of Thomas ffynche gent., & Jone his wiffe.  
 Return for year (as endorsed in modern hand) 1590-91.  
 Apryll 1591, buried—30 Agnes ffynche, wydoe.  
 Return for year (as endorsed in modern hand) 1592-3.

A<sup>o</sup> 1592. October—buried y<sup>e</sup> 19 Harbert, y<sup>e</sup> sun of M<sup>r</sup> Christofer ffynche, gent.  
 Return for year (as endorsed in modern hand), 1593-4.  
 August (1594)—buried y<sup>e</sup> 11 Dority ffynch, widow.  
 Return for year (as endorsed in modern hand) 1594-5. Baptisms only, the Marriages and Burials are wanting.  
 (1594), baptized the 27 daie (of Nov.) William, the sonne of Thomas ffynche & Jane his wyffe.  
 The Returns for the first halves of the years 1601-2 and 1602-3 are wanting; so also are the Returns for the years 1605-6 to 1609-10 inclusive, and that for 1612-13.)  
 Return for year (as endorsed in modern hand) 1615-16.  
 Burialls, Januarie (1615-16)—Jane, wife of Thomas ffynche.  
 Burialls, Julie 13 (1616), William ffynch.

ENTRIES EXTRACTED FROM THE TRANSCRIPTS\* OF LISTED REGISTER, PRESERVED IN THE ARCHDEACON'S REGISTRY, CANTERBURY.

Churchwardens' Return from "xxix Sep. 1560 to xxix Sep. 1561."  
*Item* the ij of June anno predicto (1561) was buried . . . † Fynch, wyf to Harborowe Fynch.  
 This Return is signed "Wylliam Fynch, sydeman."  
 (The Returns for 1561-2, 1562-3, 1565-6, and 1569-70 are wanting; and that for 1564-5 is only a fragment.)  
 Return for year (as endorsed in modern hand) 1573-4.  
 1573 (*i.e.* 1573-74), the 13 of ffebruary Jone ffynche was buried.  
 1573 (*i.e.* 1573-74), the 19 of ffebruary Katheryn ffynche was buried.  
 Return for year (as endorsed in modern hand) 1574-5—only a fragment.  
 1574, . . . † ffynche, y<sup>e</sup> son of Nycholes ffynche, was christenyd.  
 The Return for 1578-9 is a fragment, and that for 1580-81 wanting.)  
 Return for year (as endorsed in modern hand) 1582-3—damaged.  
 . . . August, Katren finche, the

daughter of John ffynche, was christened.  
 1583, the 25 of Aprell M<sup>r</sup> Thomas Roper was buried.  
 (The Return for 1583-4 is damaged.)  
 Return for year (as endorsed in modern hand) 1584-5.  
 1584 (*i.e.* 1584-85), the 24 daye of ffeburarye M<sup>r</sup> John ffynche was bur.  
 Return for year (as endorsed in modern hand) "1585-6, last half year only."  
 Under "Since 27 Martii 1586"—William Fynch, sonn of John Fynche, christened 8 Maii (1586).  
 This Return is signed "John Finshe."  
 Return for years (as endorsed in modern hand) 1586-7 and 1587-8.  
 1587 (*i.e.* 1587-88), Ralf Fynch, sonn of Thomas Fynch, gente, bapt. 18 Febru.  
 1588, Joan Fynch, daughter of John Fynch, gent., bapt. 14 Julii.  
 (The Return for 1588-9 is wanting.)

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† I could not read the Christian names.

Return for year "beginning 3 of October 1591."

The 30 of October (1591) was christened Rodolphe finche, sonn of Thomas finch, gent.

The first of October (1592) christened Thomas Finch, sonn of John finche.

(The Return for 1594-5 is wanting.)

Return for year (as endorsed in modern hand) 1595-6.

The 4<sup>th</sup> of Aprill (1596) was christened Harbartffynche, sonne of John ffynch junior, gent.

Return for year "beginning x of October 1596;" (endorsed in modern hand 1596-7.)

The 7 of October (1597) was buried Thomas finche, sonn of M<sup>r</sup> Jhon finche, gent.

(The Returns for 1600-1, 1601-2, 1602-3, and 1603-4 are wanting.)

Return for year "from 13 Oct. 1605."

Burials—May the 9<sup>th</sup> (1606) Joane

Roper, widow of Thomas Roper, of Tenham.

(The Return for 1606-7 is wanting.)

Return from "Mich. 1621 to ditto 1622."

October the 21 (1622) Mary ffynch, daug. of M<sup>r</sup> William.

Return from "29 Sep. 1623 to ditto 1624."

Under Baptisms—March the 29 (1624) Elizabeth ffynch, y<sup>e</sup> daug. of Will., gent.

Burials—Jvne the 20 (1624) Jone ffynch, widdow, gent.

Return from "29 Sep. 1626 to ditto 1627."

Jone, the daughter of John ffynch, was buried y<sup>e</sup> 24 of October 1626.

Return from "27 Sep. 1627 to ditto 1628."

William ffynche, gent., was buried the 22 of October 1627.

William, the sonn of M<sup>r</sup> William ffynche, deceased, was baptized the 11 of November 1627.

#### ENTRIES EXTRACTED FROM THE PARISH REGISTER OF SELLING.

Margrett finch was buried the xxij<sup>th</sup> day of Maye A<sup>o</sup> Dom<sup>o</sup> 1562.

A<sup>o</sup> 1591, Mary finch, the daughter of William finch, gent., was bapt. the vj<sup>th</sup> day of June.

A<sup>o</sup> 1592, Thomas finch, sonne of William finch, gent., was bapt. the ix<sup>th</sup> of September.

A<sup>o</sup> 1594, Robert finch, sonne of William finch, gent., was bapt. the seconde of June.

A<sup>o</sup> 1597, Margrett finch, daughter of William finch, gent., was bap. the xxx<sup>th</sup> day of Juley.

#### PARISH REGISTER OF SHEL DWICH.

Anno Domini 1571—Peter Greenestret and fraunces finche\* weare married the 14 of Julie.

\* According to a Pedigree in Heralds' College she was the daughter of John, not Thomas Finch of Faversham (Berry's *Genealogies, Kent*, p. 469). Her first husband Peter Greenstreet, gent., owner of the Manors of Plumford and Paynters, in Ospringe, died in March 1585-86 (*Chancery Inq. p.m.* A<sup>o</sup> 28 Elizab., part 1, No. 67) and in February 1586-87\* she married, secondly, Dr. John Langworth, Prebendary of Canterbury, by whom she had another family. She died in 1633, and in her Will, proved in the Consistory Court at Canterbury, mentions her sons and daughters, the Greenstreets, and also some of their children, her grandchildren. By above Peter she had issue John, Simon, Elizabeth, George, Martha, and Peter (born after his father's death).

\* Parish Register of Ospringe. 1586—The last day of february was maryed John Langworth, doctor of Diuinitie, and Fraunces Grenestret, widdowe.