

SOME KENTISH CHARITIES, 1594.

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THE following is transcribed from the original among the Lambarde papers at Sevenoaks. The paper is, in places, much decayed, and the writing indecipherable. It is endorsed in the handwriting of William Lambarde:—

Presentment for the Lower division of Sutton at hone
25 Maii 1594 for Hospitalls Collected.

Sevenocke. The Answer of Thomas Browne of Chidingstone
to certeyne articles exhibited hir majesties Commission ffor
enquiry of lands given towards the mayntenaunce of the
power etc.

1. To the furst article we answer that in the towne of Sennock ther is an allmeshouse erected by one Wm. Sevenock commonly called the Allmeshouse of Sennocke founded with a Gramer scole in the beginning of King hennry the fifts Reign and was incorporat in the Second yere of hir Majesties reigne that now is, the governors of it are two churchwardens of the same parishe and fower inhabitauns called assistauns yerely chosen.

2. The Condiscon of the power meynteined in the aforesayd almeshouse is this, they are to be chosen of the power aged persons men or woomen that have dwelt the space of 12 yeres within the parishe of Seaunock.

3. To the 3 article we answer that the said Wm. Seavennock gave tenn shillings yerely to every of the power peopell yerly chosen and placed into his allmeshouse to the number of sextene, and within this tenn yeres Mr. John Lennard esquiere tenn shillings eight pence to be quarterlye distrubited amongst the sayd power, and Mr. John Pett of Sennock gent. gave five pounds yerly to be disposed in like sort, which is collected and wholly bestowed accordinge to the founders intent by the churchwardens quarterly.

The tenement oute of which Mr. Wm. Sevennocke annuity arisethe is (nere to the tower wharfe in London) in the occupacon of one Arnold Jemes of London bearbrugh, the land which are charged with Mr. Lennard his legaci is (Sennocke Weald) in the tennory of one Richard Everest of Sennocke wild, and the land which be bound to pay Mr. Petts his anewitie are (at Ryver hill in Sennocke aforesaid) nowe in the occupaton of one Gorg pococke of Sennock Innkeper.

4. All the power of the foresayd Allmeshouse are to be ametted and placed by the two Churchwardens and fower assistauns aforesayd, and are to be governed and Ruled by Certeyne orders made by the Wardens and assistauns and Ratified by the archbishope of Canterburys grace whoe is apoynted generiall visitor of the gramer scoles and allmeshouse by exprese word of the Corporation.

5. The names of all the power placed in the Allmeshouses of Sennocke: 1. Thomas pidenden of the age of 85 yeres. 2. Robert Lamburd his age 80 yeres. 3. Robert Moyles 70 yeres. 4. Robert Holmes 60 yeres. 5. John Clerke 60 yeres. 6. Robert Durtbold 80 yeres. 7. Ales lewes hir age 56 yeres. 8. Ales Rumneye 60 years. 9. Ales hartum 70 yeres. 10. Margret bullie 80 yeres. 11. Margret Wood 80 yeres. 12. Hellen Custunnee 82 yeres. 13. Anne Coxe 57 yeres. 14. Anne Johnson 60 yeres. 15. Catheren Robenson 80 yeres. 16. Anne Everest hir age 40 yeres.

6. Ther is none of these that have any reversion of any Allmes kome because theye . . [*] . . plied by the wardens and assistanc onlye upon a vocacon and bounde to be resident.

7. There visitor of our scole and allmes house is the archbishoppe of Caunterbury for the tyme beinge, and within this tenn yeres hath benn no visitacion at all.

8. Ther is a yerely pencion of iiis. 4d. issuing out of some of the said land to the person, vicar and two churchwardens for the oversight and collection of the Revenue of the power.

9. There hath bene no pencyon or somes of mony assigned to any (beside their own) almeshouse.

10. Wee know not any other lands revenewes pencions or somes that have benne given otherwise then is aforesayd.

11. The Costodye of all the evidences deeds and incorporacon of our Allmes houses is in the Common Vestuer of our church

* Paper much decayed, and writing difficult to decipher. This is indicated by . . .—F.L.

within a chest with 3 lockes and keyes in the keping of the person, Vicare, and Churchwardenns of our parishe.

Also wee present that John Porter of London, fishmonger, yet lyving, by his dede beringe date the xxth daye of December in the xxist yere of the reigne of our souereigne ladye Quene Elizabeth dyd geve a yerely pencyon of xii*li*. for ever to be payd yerely after his decease to the stocke of Senoke yssuinge out of all his lands in Seale and Byrlinge nowe in the occupacon of the said John Porter and his assignes.

1593. Brasted. The 29 of September 1587. Margaret Apelbee gave by her last will and testament to the power of Sundrishe five pounds, and to the power of Brasted five pounds, and to the power of Westerham five pounds, and the sayd mony to be distributed unto them at such tymes and to such persons as it shall seme good to her executors.

All this is performed accordingly.

Sundriche. Item the 30 of Meye 1585. John Appelbe, clerke, late parson of Sundriche, by his last will thus dated giveth to Larrance hunte of Brasted a house in Brasted called Paynnsted with a gardyn and orchard to yt payinge unto the sayd margery iii*li*. yerly duringe hir life and paying further within one quarter of a yere after the death of the sayd margery to the hands of the Churchwardens of Sundrishe xx*li*. at one inteer payment to be Employd unto the use of the power ther from tyme to tyme at the discreession of the sayd minister that shalbe incombent of the same parishe for the tyme beinge and of the Churchwardens collected for the pooer and syde men of the same parishe for the tyme beinge, and further by that will he giveth xx nobles to the pooer of Brasted in like sortt as is aforsayd of the xx*li*. given unto the pooer Sundrishe, the sayd xx nobles to be payd by John Turner, clerk, out of a meadowe in Sundrishe called Beaches and out of a nuite y^t he bought in Sundrishe aforsayd Which anuitie is liiis. 4*d*. and with all a proviso in that will that if either of the sayd Larrance hunte of Brasted and John Turner of Kingsdoun shall fayle in payment of the 2 severiall somes aforsayd that the sayd house lands and anuitie should goe to the poorest fellowe and scolere of the Queen's Coleg in Oxford. All which payments are made and performed accordinge to our knowledge.

Brasted. Item Thomas Jordayne of Brasted in the County of Kent, tannor, late deceased, gave by his last will to Martyne his sonne and hes heyers certayne launds in Brasted called Ryshutt meade, Great feld and long Croft, paying yerely out of the said lands unto Alce Ware his sister for terme of her lyf vis. viii*d.* at thaununciacion of St. Mary, and after hir decease to paye yerely one the sayd feast daye for ever iiis. iiiii*d.* unto the church wardens of Brasted for the tyme beinge to be distributed amongst the pooer of Brasted or to the schollinge of some pooer child as shall seme best unto the cunstable or church wardens for the tyme beinge with a clause of distrese in the sayd lands for the none payment, which was payd to the sayd Alce Ware dueringe hir life to our knowledge, which also is lately dead; and wee do not . . . but it is ment to be payed to the use of the pooer also according to the said wille.

Wee fynd that the pooer of Brasted are very many, and that there are fewe inhabytaunce there that able to give any thinge towards there releef.

Sundrish, Kent. Accordinge to a coppie of certayne articles puhlised ther in the parishe church of Sundrishe aforesayd which doe concerne a inquierie to be made of the lands tenements and somes of mony etc. as have bene given to the power, and which articles are anexed to hir Majesties Commission as by the same coppie beringe date the 30th day of September in the xxxvth yere of hir Majesties reigne more playnly doth apere wee whose names hereafter ensue doe present as hereafter followeth:—

(Look in Brastede before and kepe these bothe together.)*

1. Furst wee doe present that one John Apelbe late parson by his last will and testament (which is . . . in Brasted before) did give towards the Releef of the power of the same parishe the some of twenty pounds, which sayd some of xx*li.* is in the hands of one Richard Cucott whoe answereth yerly to the power of the same parishe for the use of the same some, the some of xls. quarterly payd.

2. Item wee doe present that the sayd John Appelby did by his sayd last will give unto the power of the same parishe iiis. iiiii*d.* for ever esuinge out of a certayne tenement in Brasted aforesayd nowe

* This note is in the margin in the same handwriting as the text.

in the occupacon of William bowle or his assignes who payethe the same accordingly.

3. Item wee doe present that Margery Appelbye, wyddow, let wife of the sayd John Apelbye did by hir last will and testament give toward the mayntenance of the power peopell in Sundrishe the some of five pounds, which five pounds is in the hands of John Larance, Brikleyer, whoe Answereth yerely for the same towards the relef of the sayd power peopell the somm of tenu shillings by yere. So as in all ther is towards the relef aforsayd given by the sayd John and margery Appelbye the some of liiis. iiiid. by the yer which sayd some of liiis. iiiid. together with the some of six pounds xiiis. iiiid. of the yerly collection of thinhabitauns wilbut hardly suffice to releve the power peopell within the same parishe so as every one maye have a littell and yet wen any extraordynary charges hath happened the parishioners ther are vayne to make ther aseement to supplie the same.

1593. Dartford, Kent. A certificate to the enquier of Lands geven to the mayntenance of the pooer made by the Church Wardens and inhabitaunce of Darford the xth of March 1593 whose names are here under wrighten.

The Spitelhouse or hospitall in Darford (setuate nere the high wye at the West of the said toune*) soe called one John Hurlocke commonly called the gyder† beinge Impotent and decrepped; the foundacon made by John Beer, Esquier, in the 16 yere of King Hennry the Eight, the name of the foundacon the Spittelhouse.

The pooer that are ther to be kept ether men or women beinge Lazzars Inocent leporus or decriped and at the decresion of the founder and his heires then beinge are ther to be placed.

The lands in generall belonginge to the sayd house conteyne 13 acars, the Stock of the house in Redy mony ys xli., the provision of bread corne is yerly one bushell of wheat and one of Rie payd per the parishe of horton duering the life of John hurlock now gider for his cominge thither, the provits of the which come yerely to the Relief of the pooer and power house and have it in ther occupacon that is to saye the house called the spittel house with the Croft or orchard to the same.

* These words have been added subsequently above the line, in the same handwriting. This is the case with all words in ().

† Guider = the title of the head officer of certain charitable institutions (16th—17th century).—*N.E. Dict.*

Item ix acars of earrable land at 3s. 4 <i>d.</i>	30s.
Item 2 acars dimd of earable	8s. 4 <i>d.</i>
Item 1 acar di. of salt marshe at xs. the acar	15s.

All the which premises the provits wherof the power have had and now have.

The gifte hath all wayes benne in the patron (or founder) then beinge and allso the placing of the power in the sayd house is at the descrecion of the sayd patron, the admytaunce of the guyder now is by Nicholas Bere, esquier, patron therof at this tyme.

Item John Hurlock guyder Impotent and lame of the age of 34 yers, Barbarra Hurlock his wife 36 yers, Robt. Kynde of the age of 27 yers an impotent lame and dum, Gyllian Tomlyn of the age of 24 Impotent and lame, Richard Bold ane innocent of the age of 30 yers: not resident ther but bycause he has a strong abell bodye and the house but pooer he is placed with Sur Thomas Scott by the descrecion of the patron.

The Visitacon therof dothe belonge to the patron then beinge or for defalt of his visitacion to the bishopp of the diouse then beinge.

To this Article is given by John Bere of Darford Esquier deceased fower tenements or Allmeshouses with 4 gardens in darford and to every of the sayd howses vis. viii*d.* quarterly to be payd for ever by the heyers of the sayd John Beer to 4 pooer aged women the which is and hath been by his heyers hetherto continued, the names of the pooer wemen nowe ther beinge widdow lowds, wyddow Bright, wyddow thatcher and mother margret, the yongest of them beinge at the least threscore and tenn yers old. Wee thinke the heyers of the sayd John Beer hath the evedinces of the sayd premises.

A message or tenement with a garden sett in the high streat of darford given by Wm. Vaughan one of the yomen of the Chamber of our sovereigne Lady Queene Elizabeth the twentyth daye of September in the eleventh yere of the reigne of our sovereigne Ladie to John Bear and hennry Appolltun Esquiers, Nicholas Beer, John Rogers, frauncis Rogers and Wm. Death gent. and other feofees to the use of the pooer in Darford. The Rennt of xxvis. viii*d.* reserved quarterly to be payd to the collectors for the Relief of the power for the tyme beinge, which is accordingly employed [?].

Three tenements or cotages and three gardens annexed to the same tenements with ther appurtenaunces set lyinge and beinge in a certayne street called hive street in dartford gyven by John

Rogers of Darford gent. deaceded the xiiiith day of December in the third yere of the Reigne of our sovereigne Lady Queene Elizabeth to John Beer esquier, henry Beer, Nicholas Beere, Wm. Death gent. and other fefees to the use and intent that the sayd John Beer, henry Beer, Nicholas Beer and the other feoffees and ther heyers should stand seaced of the sayd tenements and gardenes with ther appurtenances to the entent that as well Wm. Gayller and Steven Tordox then churchwardens of the parishe of Darford as allso all other churchwardens of the sam parishe Church for the tyme beinge should demise and to ferme lett the sayd three tenements and gardeynes with ther appurtenaunces to whome they would and the Rents and profits of the same tenements and gardenes with the appurtenaunces therof comynge and growinge over and above the Rent and services therof dew to the Cheef lord or lords of the fee to be payd and allso over and above the Charges of the Reparacion of the sayd tenements and other the premises to be kepte and sustayned the Churchwardens there and all other Churchwardens after them succedyng of the parishe Church of Darford aforesayd should Receave and take the Rents and provits of the sam tenements and gardens and the same Received and taken to bestowe yerely uppon the pooerest Inhabitaunce of the parishe of Darford when most need is according to ther dischression.

[NOTE.—What rent is commonly received and whether is the rent rightly employed.]*

Item the moytie or one half of a mesuage or tenement with a garden sett in a certeyne street in Darford called upstret *alias* Spittell strett given by hierom Warren Surgion deaceded the third daye of December 1570,† the rent of xs. yerly received by the church wardens and given to the pooer of Darford allwayes upon S^t Thomas daye before Crismas which is and hath benne continewede ever synce the gyft therof and shall remayne for ever by the last will and testament of the sayd Hierom Warren.

1593. Chiddingston, Kent. Allso wee present thatt John Ashdowne of Chiddingston yomon deaceded did by his last will in wrightinge datted the 22 August 1590 give unto Ann Ashdown his wife all that his tenements and lands then in his occupacon lying in Chiddingstone aforesayd so long tyme as shee shall keep her self

* The notes in square brackets [] are marginal notes in a different hand.

† By a transposition of the two middle numbers of the year 1570, this is recorded in John Landale's book on Dartford Charities (1829), p. 67, as 1750.

wydowe she payinge therefore yerly all that tyme to his overseeres apoynted by the same wyll the some of sixe pounds of good and lawfull mony of England att the 4 usual festes of the yere quarterly, also he willed (unto W. ashdowne) one other tenement and certayne lands conteyninge by estemacon 12 acars (now lettened by Wm. father and others) or ther abouts the Rent being sex pounds per the yere for the terme of ix yers which he bequed and apoynted in mannor and forme following viz. furst he hath givene out of these two severyall tenements and lands to be payd unto one Richarde Ashdown of hollanden in the parishe of Lygh the some of fortye shillings every yere dueringe the life of the sayd Richard to yssue out of the foresayd Rent and lands which he before willed unto Wm. Ashdowne sone of the foresayd Richard Ashdowne to be paid at the fest of Saint Michael and Thannunciacon of our Lady by even portions. Also he willed out of the sayd tenements and lands 3*li*. 6*s*. 8*d*. to be paid and distributed to certayne power mayddens mariges of the parishe of Chiddingston at the deschression of his ovarseeres, also he willed forty shillings yerly out of the same rent of 12*li*. to be bestowed yerly upon the reparacon of the tenements and howses duering the terme aforesayd and so much moar mony as shalbe needfull at the descesion of his overseres, and all the residewe of the Rent above sayd to be distributed to the power peopell of the parishe of Chiddingston at the discretion of his overseres and one of the Churchwardens of the same parishe for the tyme beinge soe that for the tenements and lands afore willed unto Wm. Ashdowne by the will of the said John Ashdowne hath bene ever since paid and distributed according to his will but for the other xi*li*. which Anne his wife should paye out of the other tenement which she occupieth we have received since his decease but the some of fortye shillings the Rest she stayeth as shee answereth for the Reparacon.

[NOTE.—Remember the appropriation, and whether they do answeere anything to the poore yerely or noe, and what the some is.]

Westerham. Also wee present that Alice Plumlye of Westram in the Countye of Kent wydowe dyd by her last will made the viith daye of August in the xxvith yere of the reigne of our sovereigne ladye Quene Elizabeth will and bequethe out of a tenement called Stakes and one garden lyinge in the sayd parishe of Westram the some of xx*s*. yerely to be payd for ever unto tenne poore people of the sayd parishe to be distributed and payd unto them upon the

feast of the byrthe of our lord god and the feaste daye of Ester or at any of the said feasts to evry one of the said poore people *xiiij*. which sayd yerelye pencyon hathe byn hytherto contynually payd and nowe last by Robert plumlye sonne and hayre of the sayd Alice which sayd Robert hathe the sayd tenement and garden in his possessyon.

Lullingstone. Also we present that in consideration of some gifte made to the Companye of the Grocers in London by Sir John Peache knyghte deceased the said corporation dothe . . . three almshouses scytuated in lullingston aforesayd in the county of Kent a yerelye pencyon of *vli*. that is to saye to every almshouse *xxxiis. iiiiij*. which hathe byn payd accordinglye and nowe is payd out of the Grocers hall in London, the names of the poore Thomas Hudson, Thomas Clyfford, Richard Kettle.

Orpyngton. Also wee present that Sir Parcyvale Harte knyghte deceased dyd geve for ever unto three almshouses standing at Orpyngton . . . and builded by him *xxvs. viiiij*. a yere by his heires to be payd yerelye which hathe bene payd and is accordinglye by parcyvale harte esquier heyre of the sayd Sir Parcyvale, the names of the poore William Browne, William flecher, . . . Rows wydower.

Chyddingstone. Also wee present that John Ashdowne yeoman late of Chyddingstone in the sayd Countye of Kent by his last will in wrytinge bering date the 22 daye of August 1590 dyd give the sume of *iiiij. vis. viiiij*. issuinge out of one tenement and certeyne lands cont. by est. *xii* acres in Chiddingstone aforesayd nowe in the occupacon of Willm. ffathers to be dystributed and payd to poore maydens maryages of Chiddingstone by the dyscressyon of henrye pygot and Richard Stretfeld his overseers of his will which said overseers heve receved that sayd *iiiij. vis. viiiij*. and also dystributed yt according to the sayd will.

[NOTE.—These 2 be for a tyme only and therefore omitted.]

Also wee present that the sayd John Ashdowne by his sayd last will gave unto Anne his wyf one tenement and lands in Chyddingstone aforesaid duringe her wydowhedd shee payenge therefore yerelye and quarterlye duringe the sayd terme unto his sayd overseers *vli*. wherof *xls.* yerelye and soe muche more as the said overseers should thynke fytt should be to the reparacons of the tenement aforesayd and the resydue to the poore people of Chyd-

dingstone aforesaid to be payd by the dyscressyon of the said overseers and one of the churchwardens of Chyddingstone aforesayd which sayd overseers have thought fytt that *iiii*l*i.* of the sayd *vi*l*i.* should goe to the reparacons aforesayd and xls. resydue to the poore people aforesayd. All which sayd *vi*l*i.* hath bene yerelye receved and bestowed accordingly, and that she the said Anne is yet lyving sole and unmarried.

Also wee present that the sayd John Ashdowne by his sayd will gave *iiii*l*i.* yerely duringe ix yeres yssuinge out of one tenement and certeyne lands in Chyddingstone aforesayd nowe in the occupacon of William ffathers to be payd yerely unto his Overseers wherof so muche as the sayd overseers should thinke fytt to be bestowed upone the reparacons of the sayd tenement and the resydue to be bestowed upon the poor people of Chyddingstone by the dyscression of his sayd overseers which sayd overseers have thoughte fytt that xls. of the sayd *iiii*l*i.* should be bestowed upon the reparacons of the sayd tenement and the other xls. yerely unto the poore aforesayd, all which said *iiii*l*i.* hath bene contynuallye payd dystributed and bestowed accordinglye and is yet to have as may appeare by the the date of the said wille.

Pensherst. Also wee present that Bulfynche late of Pensherst in the Countye of Kent deceased by his last will gave fyve kyne for the relyeff of the poore people of pensherst aforesayd and for the reparacons of bredges within the sayd paryshe. And also willed that the Churchwardens of pensherst for the tyme beinge should let dyspose or grant the said kyne yerelye for ever to those that would take them and the takers to stand charged to the said churchwardens for the pryce of every Cowe *xxs.* and for the profytt of every cowe for one yere *xx*d.**, after the death of which said [*blank*] Bulfynche the said churchwardens of pensherst dyd let and grant the said fyve kyne unto [*blank*] whoe payd unto the said Churchwardens for the profytt of the said kyne yerelye *viii*s.* iii*d.** which said churchwardens dyd dyspose and geve *vs.* parcell therof yerelye to the poore people of pensherst aforesayd and *iiis.* *iiii*d.** resydue therof to the repayringe of the bredges of penshurst aforesaid and soe this yerelye profytt of the said kyne was by the space of [*blank*] yeres or there abouts by the church wardens for the tyme beinge receved and payd yerelye as is aforesayd untyll the said churchwardens with the consent of the parishioners dyd sell the said *v.* kyne for *yl*i.** which *vl*i.** the said churchwardens dyd

receve and therof dyd buyld a cottage for the use and behooff of the said poore people and reparacons of bredges aforesaid upon a parcell of land geven by Sir Robert Sydney (the Rent to Sr R. Sydney iii red roses at mydsomer*) knyght to the use of the said poore for 1000 yeres in pensherst aforesaid whis is yerlye letten by the said churchwardens for viiis. iiiid. above all charrges wherof sythence the buyldinge therof there hathe bynne vs. yerelye payd to the sayd poore people and the other iiis. iiiid. resydue to the reparacon of bridges in pensherst aforesaid and the said cottage is in the occupacon of Anthony Willyams.

Also wee present that Edward harte late of Tounbridge deceased by his last will dyd geve unto the poore of pensherst aforesaid one yerelye rent of iiis. iiiid. for ever yssuinge out of his lande called Jordaynes in the parishe of Rotherfeld in the Countye of Sussex which sayd lands are in the possessyon of Willm. ffarmer. But the sayd rent was never payd.

Also we present that Sir Olyver Godfrye parson of pensherst deceased [*blank*] daye of [*blank*] in the xxxiii yere of the reigne of Henrye the VIII dyd geve one yerelye rent of xxxs. for ever yssuinge out of certayne lands in pensherst aforesaid nowe in the occupacon of Willm. Moyre for the wages of the saxten of pensherst for the tyme beinge which contynuallye hathe byne payd and nowe is payd by the said Willm. Mayre.

[NOTE.—A private use and so omitted.]

Also wee present that Elizabeth Paswater wydowe deceased about fyve yeres nowe last past by her last will gave xli. to be delivered unto Willm. Dartnell parson of pensherst aforesaid and to be by his discredessyon dystributed emongest xx honeste poore maydens towards the amendement of their maryages wherof he hathe alreddie dystributed viii. xs. and soe there remayneth iiiii. xs. therof in the hands of the sayd parson.

[NOTE.—Not durable and so omitted.]

And the sayd Elizabeth Paswater by her last wyll dyd geve all the residue of her goods (after her debts and legacyes were payd) to be ymployed upon Charytable uses by Thomas Goldinge gent., Ackenwall parkyns gent., and the sayd parson which resydue dyd amount unto the value of xiiii. wherof there is xli. bestowed upon buylding a house for the poore of pensherst to dwell in upon a parcell of land geven by the said Sir Roberte Sydney knyghte to

* A marginal note, but in the same handwriting as the text.

the use of sayd poore people of pensherst aforesayd for 1000 yeres scytuuate in pensherst aforesayd.

[NOTE.—The rent iii red roses at mydsomer.]

And soe there remayneth in the hands of the said Thomas Goldinge xls., the names of the poore people which nowe dwell in the said house are Darothye Brooker wydowe and Elizabeth Olmer wydowe.

Kemsinge. Also wee present that (upon the apperpriation of the parsonage of Kemsyng and Chappel of Seale) the Abbott and Convent of Barmondsey anno dni 1402 dyd geve a yerelye pensyon of iiis. iiijd. for ever yssuinge out of there parsonage of Kemsinge to be payd in money or Victuals to the poore people of Kemsinge which hath bene deteyned by Thomas Wale gent. which nowe occupyeth the said parsonage by the space of xii yeres or there abouts and contynuallye before yt was payd.

Also wee present that Margery Rowls by her last will beringe date the [blank] in the xxxvth yere of the reigne of our Sovereigne ladye the Quene that now is dyd geve vs. Yerelye for xx yeres to the poore of Kemsyng aforesaid to be payd by her executor which contynuallye hath bene payd by Johu Tyboll of Kemsing aforesaid gent. her executor.

[NOTE.—Not durable.]

Leighe next Tunbridge. Also wee present that one Symon Bartlet by his dede beringe date [blank] dyd geve one parcell of land called the Vagge lyeinge in the parishe of Leighe nere Tounbridge in the said Countye of Kent for ever to the use and behouff of the poore people of leighe aforesaid which poore people longe tyme dyd receive the profytt therof, which lands and profites therof are nowe lately withholden from the said poore by one Willm. Bysshop of leighe aforesaid whoe nowe occupyethe the same (some evidences of which lands do remayne in the handes of George Stane of merewoorthe yeoman).

Shorham. Also wee present that one John Roos (otherwise called Jenkyns Rose) somtyme of Shorham in the Countye of Kent was seised in his demesne as of ffee of and in the manor of ffyleston and other lands called Andrewes and Skyppps in Shorham aforesayd and soe beinge seised infeoffed one Ralff Rustumer, James Peckhame Esquyer, John Somer and others in ffee to thentent to

performe the last will of the sayd John Roos and after the said John Roos the xiith daye of ffebruarye in the yere of our lord 1473 and in the 13 yere of Edward the 4 declared his last will and by the same willed that his sayd feoffees and executors should sell the sayd manor and other the premysses and with the money comyng therof should edyfy and buylde three almeshouses within the said paryshe of Shoreham . . . suffycentlye endowed with lands . . . in the same three almeshouses ther . . . poore men or women of the said . . . of Shorham and willed unto every of the . . . viii*l*. by the weke and also willed that . . . after the decease of every suche poore man or woman that ther should be one other poore man or woman put in by the discreesson of hym that then should be owner of the said manor of fyleston, and after the said John Roos dyed, after whose deathe the said feoffees or executors sold the sayd manor of ffyleston and the other sayd lands to one Richard Page gent. to the entent and upon condycion that the said page should performe the sayd will of the sayd John Roos. By reason wherof the said Richard Page buylded the sayd three almeshouses and set in them three poor almesfolkes according to the entent of the will of the said John Roos. And afterwards the said James Peckham and other the feoffees aforesaid infeoffed the said Richard Page in ffee of the said manor and other lands aforesaid upon condycion trust and consyderence that he the said Richard Page his heyres and assignes should mainteyne and kepe the sayd three almeshouses and also paye the sayd weklye penycon for ever according to the entent of the last will of the said John Roos which said almeshouses have bene by the said Richard Page and others which for the tyme have byn owners of the premisses contynuallye maynteyned and kepte, and also the said weklye penycons payd accordinge to the entent of the said will of the said John Roos.

Also wee present that the said manor and other the premysses are nowe in the possessyon of Thomas Petley gent. of Shorham aforesaid who dothe likewise maynteyne and kepe the said three almeshouses and in every of them their is one poor mau or wooman kepte. And also the sayd Thomas petley hathe contynuallye sythence he hathe had the possessyon therof payd to every of the sayd poore people wekelye viii*l*., the names and ages of the sayd poore people are Thomas Goodborowe of the age of lx yeres, Kate-ryne Crene of the age of lxx yeres and Willm. hole of the age of l yeres.

Edenbridge. Also wee present that certeine persons yet lyving (wherof Bertram Calthorpe of [*blank*] in the countie of Norffolk Esquier, Willm. Medherste and George Combe *alias* Blome bee three) do stand seised to them and there heires for ever of and in certeine parcelles of lands cont. by estimation in all 14 acr. and lying in Edenbridge aforesaid aud brastede upon speciall consideracion [?] and to the use and entent to maynteyne and repaire continuallye the stone bridge scituate in Edenbridge aforsaid, as by certeine writings [?] to be seene in the handes of Robert leighe one of . . . and Richard Bowle . . . now wardens of the said Bridge may at more large appeare. Which said lands are letten for the yearely Rent of *iiii*l*i*. and is continually bestowed upon the said bridge by the said wardens with the advise of the parishioners there, which said wardens doe yearely accompt therof to the said parishioners.

Thomas Browne.	Robert ffrenche.
H. Baker.	Edward Wyllyams.
Walter Woodgat.	John Jordane.
Richard Kyps.	Edward Best.
Edward Ryvers.	Thomas ffrythe.
Henrye Pigott.	Richard Wylson.
Robert Pelsat.	Richard Newes.

The manuscript is in various handwritings, as though those who sign their names at the end had been divided up into local committees and each had taken a district.