

ASH WILLS.*

BY ARTHUR HUSSEY.

JAMES IRELAND.

18 Sept. 1475. Buried in the churchyard. High altar 2s.; altar of St. Mary there 20*d.*; and to reparation in the church called Roodloft 20*d.*; towards buying one Processional 6*s.* 8*d.*; and for the Chapel of St. Mary in the church two candlesticks of latyn, price 40*s.* Ex'ors: Isabella my sister and William Sprot. My sister have the residue, also my tenement for her life, then sold and the money disposed for our souls, half in Ash Church and half in St. Dunstan's outside Canterbury. Probate 25 Oct. 1475.

(W., fol. 66.)

REV. JOHN IRELAND.

19 April 1519. Buried in the churchyard against my master's tomb.† To the reparation of the church 3*s.* 4*d.*; to every light 4*d.*; and to the high altar 20*d.* To the highways beside St. Thomas's Cross 6*s.* 8*d.* My brother's wife in Sandwich a red coverlet and pair of sheets; my brother Hew Ireland 6*s.* 8*d.*; my sister Maud Skinner 10*s.* High altar of the church of Selby 20*d.*, and to the reparation of that church 3*s.* 4*d.* To the church of Ash two kine for an obit yearly, and the same to Selby Church. My hostess Joan Young have 6*s.* 8*d.*, and Alice Young 20*d.* and a sheet. A priest sing for my soul, friends, etc., half a year in Ash Church and have 5 marcs. To the high altar a sheet for an altar cloth, to Our Lady altar a sheet and my best coverlet, and a sheet to each of the altars of St. John, St. Thomas, and St. Katherine. To the painting of the new Tabernacle of Our Lady 12*d.* Ex'ors: Simon Gason and Joane Young. Witnesses: Sir John Hobson, Simon Gason, Sir James Garnett. Probate 4 July 1519. (W., fol. 153.)

RICHARD JOHN, husbandman.

24 June 1484. Buried in the churchyard. High altar 20*d.*, and to the fabric of the church 3*s.* 4*d.* Son Stephen have six ewes, daughters Margaret and Isabel each a cow and six ewes. Ex'ors:

* Continued from Vol. XXXV., p. 85.

† John Ireland was Chantry-priest of the Septvans Chantry. See will of Alice Downing, 1511.

Wife Joan, William Penny, William Ilent. Wife Joan have for life the income from all my lands and tenements, then son Nicholas have my tenement at Couperstreet with one acre of marsh, and a barn with half a rod of land; son Stephen one acre of land formerly Contreys; son Henry one acre of land at Downings, and half an acre at Tye; son William my messuage and six acres of land; sons John and Robert five acres at North Downe. Witnesses: William Peny, William Ilent, Laurence John, Thomas Stokes. Probate 15 July 1484. (W., fol. 79.)

WILLIAM JOHN.

27 Dec. 1510. Buried in the churchyard. To the reparations of the church 12 ewes, and to the Chapel of Richborough 13s. 4d. Wife Alice have for life all my household things and all lands, then to son Richard. Son Richard have 53s. 4d., 15 ewes, a cow, and riding horse; sons Peter and Henry 46s. 8d. each; son Robert 20 ewes; Elizabeth Rolls a cow. Friar John Brancheley 20d., and to the Friars of Sandwich 8 bushels of barley. Ex'ors: Wife Alice and William Sawyer, and have the residue. Witnesses: John Branchele, Thomas Golde, Geoffrey Creke. [No probate date.] (W., fol. 113.)

RICHARD JONE.

1 Oct. 1531 (*sic*). Buried in the churchyard. Joane my daughter at her marriage have a cow and bullock; daughter Agnes a cow and four pewter plates. Wife Joane have my tenement and lands for her life, then to Joan and Agnes my daughters and their issue, but if none, to Alice and Isabelle my daughters and their heirs, if none, to be sold and the money for our souls. My mother have four bushels of wheat and two of malt. Ex'or: Wife Joane and have the residue. Witnesses: Edmund Amye, Edward Creke, Edward Johnson, Richard Thompson. Probate . . . 1530 (*sic*). (W., fol. 179.)

WILLIAM KENTON.

No date: Wife Marion have one marc (13s. 4d.) yearly for 12 years, to be paid by son John; also all the moveables she brought to me be delivered unto her again. Son John my house in Ash Street, but if he die without issue then to my daughter Bennett, also the residue between those two. Ex'or: Son John,

with my brother Thomas Cokinge, overseer. Witnesses: William Lynch, vicar, John Saunder, William Browne. Probate 11 July 1556. (Con. Vol. XXVI., fol. 112.)

RICHARD LECE (*i.e.*, LACY).

8 Nov. 1491. That my mother Jone Lece have for life two acres of land at Walmiston, at her death to be sold, and the money to the church and repair of roads at the direction of Sir John Saunders, vicar. Also my mother have three acres at East Street, half an acre at Grendrove, half an acre at Stappis during her life, then sold and money distributed by the aforesaid vicar of Ash. [No ex'or named.] Probate 17 March 1500-1. (W., fol. 26.)

RICHARD LACY.

27 April 1509. Buried in the churchyard. Light of Holy Cross 4*d.*; and to the fabric of the church 2*s.* Ex'ors: Wife Margaret and Solomon Huffam. Wife have three acres of land near my house. John Colman my servant have one implement called a bastard loom with all thereto, also a broad loom with all thereto, on condition he pays to my ex'ors at the next Feast of Invention of Holy Cross (3 May) after my death 10*s.*, and a year after 10*s.* To repair of bad roads 3*s.* 4*d.*; residue to my ex'ors. Witnesses: Dom. Thomas, curate of the church, William Lacy, John Colman. [No probate date.] (W., fol. 47.)

RICHARD LACYE.

10 April 1549. Buried in the churchyard. To the poor folks box 3*s.* 4*d.* John Lacy, my brother, a bushel of wheat and malt. Residue of goods to wife (not named) for life, then to my son John, but if he die without children then to my wife's children. Witnesses: William Berymell, Thomas Dane, Robert Hobson. Probate 11 June 1549. (Con. Vol. XXII., fol. 24.)

20 Nov. 1554. Administration to the goods of Joan Lacy, widow, of Ash. To Henry Neme and Agnes his wife, daughter of Joan, of Wodensborow. (Con. Act., Vol. II., fol. 40.)

GEOFFREY LENT.

22 Nov. 1485. Buried in the churchyard. High altar 3*s.* 4*d.*; and a cow for providing one taper of 4 lbs. of wax for ever before.

the Image of St. Nicholas in the church, and if the cow not sufficient then 4 ewes also. Wife (not named) have my tenement for life, also two quarters of corn and of barley. To repair the road between the gate of William Lent as far as Tripp stile with gravel 3s. 4*d.* Ex'or: Son William, and have residue. Probate 22 Dec. 1485. (W., fol. 83.)

WILLIAM LENT.

. . . . 1503. Buried in the churchyard. High altar 5*s.*, and to the church work 20*s.* Light of Ash Street (*sic*) 12*d.* A priest sing for my soul, friends, etc., at the Altar of St. John and have 5 marcs (66*s.* 8*d.*). My sister Agnes have six ewes and six lambs. Wife Alice have all my moveables and immoveables, except she marry again, then Benet my daughter have all my lands, paying 20*s.* yearly to her mother; after the death of Benet to Richard her husband during his life, and if Benet die without issue to be sold and the money for our souls. John a Brigge have my three acres at Sandehills. An obit be kept from out of my croft at Wedinton for three priests and two clerks, and they to have 16*d.*, and six poor folks 6*d.* A taper that standeth before St. Nicholas of 4 lbs. with the stock that is there standing (*sic*). Ex'ors: Alice my wife and William Lambert, with Richard Haws, my son, overseer. [No probate date.] (W., fol. 38.)

WILLIAM LEWIES.*

8 Feb. 1525-6. Buried in the church of St. Nicholas before the Altar of St. John the Baptist there. High altar 6*s.* 8*d.*; to the church work 20*s.*; to the gilding or painting of the rood-loft £6 13*s.* 4*d.*; and to the making of the Tabernacle of the Image of Our Lady in Our Lady's quire £3 6*s.* 8*d.* To the three houses of Friars in Canterbury to sing three trentals of masses for my soul 30*s.*; and to the Friars of Sandwich for a trental 10*s.* A priest sing for my soul at the altar of St. John in Ash Church for one year, and have £6 13*s.* 4*d.* To the Cross Light a seame of barley; to the Light of Hoden half a seame of barley; and to the Chapel of Overland 20*s.* Five acres of land at Nelle to keep an obit for me, my friends, etc., yearly in Ash Church for ever, in the week before Passion Sunday—to five priests 20*d.*, for offering 5*d.*, for

* He was one of the churchwardens of Overland Chapel in Sept. 1511, when Abp. Warham held his visitation.

the bederoll 4*d.*, for ringing five peals with all the bells 2*s.*, to poor people 2*s.*, to the churchwardens 8*d.* To the parson of Chillinden and his successors for ever all my lands and tenements in the parish of Chillinden, on condition he keep my yearly obit in Chillinden Church for ever, for my soul, Sir William Pemberton's soul, and all christian souls, of 3*s.* 4*d.* yearly—that is to 5 priests 20*d.*, for the bederoll 4*d.*, for ringing 6*d.*, to poor people 6*d.*, and to the churchwardens 4*d.* ; and this obit to be done in the week before Passion Sunday. But if the parson keep not the obit as above, then the churchwardens have the lands and tenements, and keep the obit of 3*s.* 4*d.* yearly, the residue of income half to the reparations of the church and half to poor people. "That there be a stone to lye on my grave with the pykture of me and my wife upon the same stone."* To the highway between Nasshe and Culmers 40*s.*, and between Eche and Sandwich 20*s.* My brother (not named) have £10 when my land at Shatling be sold. Margaret Grigge 40*s.*, and to each of her children 6*s.* 8*d.*, Thomas Watkinson 40*s.*, Robert Soly £10 out of the lands at Hoden, Edmund Soly £5, Simond Soly 6*s.* 8*d.*, James Soly 6*s.* 8*d.*, Margaret Motte £3 6*s.* 8*d.*, Roger Hills 10*s.*, Agnes Walmeston 20*s.* Residue of moveables after paying debts, etc., to Raymund at Cheker and Stephen Soly, my ex'ors, to dispose for my soul. My lands and tenements in Ash, Elmeston, Wingham, Staple and Chillinden. That Stephen Motte have all my lands and tenements in Ash and Elmeston, but Simon son of Robert Soly my gardén bought from John Harries in Elmeston. Lands in Wingham and Staple to be sold by my ex'ors to perform my will. Witnesses: Stephen Motte, Edmund Soly, Robert Dowle, Robert Soly. [No probate date.] (W., fol. 193.)

JOHN LYON.

24 July 1491. Buried in the churchyard. Ex'or: Wife Agnes, and have all my goods and my messuage at Eaststreet with all the lands, and to her heirs for ever. [No probate date.] (W., fol. 97.)

30 May 1558. Administration to the goods of Geoffrey Lynwood of Ash. To Joan, relict. Bonds: Thomas Wight, husbandman, in £40. (Con. Act, Vol. III., fol. 7.)

* Wm. Lewies died 23 March 1525-6, and his gravestone with brass of him and his wife, with inscription, is under the tower towards the south-west pier. The altar of St. John was probably against the south-east pier of the tower.

MICHAEL MALIN.

29 June 1500. Buried in the churchyard. High altar 2s., of Staple 8d. Light of the Cross and of St. James, both in Staple Church, a bushel of barley to each. Wife Christian have nine acres of land for her life, then to daughter Agnes and her heirs. Ex'or: Wife Christian and have residue of goods after paying debts. Witnesses: William Pette, William Saier or Lambert. Probate 28 Sept. 1501. (W., fol. 25.)

KATHERINE MARTYN of Faversham, widow.

14 April 1495. Buried in the parish church of St. Nicholas of Ash, in the same tomb where the body of John Septvans,* formerly my husband, resteth. To the high altar of Faversham 20s.; to the vicar of Ash to pray for my soul and the soul of John (Septvans) and all my benefactors. The wardens of the church of Ash have 20s. for the church, and also to the intent that a 1000 masses be said or sung for my soul, my father and mother, John Septvans, John Wigmore the elder, John Wigmore the younger, and of all my friends from the day of my death, £16 13s. 4d. To every priest of the parish of Ash to sing Placebo and Dirige and Mass of Requiem by note, from the day of my burial to my month's mind, 6s. 8d.; to poor people of Ash 40s.; and also there be distributed at the day of my burying and month's mind £20. In repair of bad roads between Canterbury and Sandwich £20. Margaret Wigmore at her marriage the hangings for a room of white and gray, and various other things named, but if Margaret died, to Elizabeth her sister. Julian Norton a ring with an amytyse; Margaret Sales, my sister, a ring with a turkes. Residue for my soul, husband's, etc. Ex'ors: my cousin Richard Norton, the vicar of Ash, with Thomas Wilkinson overseer. The Chantry of the Upper Hall, which my husband founded, shall have perpetually 20s. from the lands which joineth next unto the Chantry, that there be kept for ever yearly in the church of Ash an obit for the souls of my father and mother Jefferey Kirton and Juliane his wife, and my son John Wigmore. Also the vicar or parish priest of Ash shall have yearly 16d. to pray for the souls of the above every Sunday in the bede roll for ever. My cousin Richard Norton have my place at the church-gate in Faversham, paying £10 to Mildred

* Their monument (said to have been brought from Sittingbourne Church), with figures of John Septvans and his wife, is at the east end of the north wall of the north chapel. See *Corner of Kent*, by J. R. Planche, pp. 218, 321.

(*sic*) by 13s. 4d. yearly until the whole be paid. After the death of my daughter [in-law] Edith Wigmore the Manor of Shert in the Isle of Thanet be divided among the four daughters of my son John Wigmore—Margaret, Elisabeth, Anne, and Beatrice.* Probate 19 Jan. 1498-9. (Con. Vol. IV., fol. 196.)

THOMAS MAYW.

8 Jan. 1490-91. Buried in the churchyard. Alice wife of Lawrence Christmase have a long russet cloak. Residue after paying debts, etc., to my sons Richard and Erasmus to dispose as they think best for my soul; son Richard to provide for Alice my wife and their mother all necessary food and clothing during her life, in the tenement in which Richard dwells, or elsewhere at the will of Alice. Ex'ors: Sons Richard and Erasmus. Feoffees of my land and tenements: Richard Aldy, John Goby, Geoffrey Lent. Son Erasmus have when 24 years of age all my lands and tenements, and to his heirs for ever. Probate 29 Jan. 1490-91.

(A., Vol. V., fol. 251.)

RICHARD MAYHEW.†

26 Sept. 1548. Buried in the church nigh unto my father. To the poor box 3s. 4d. Erasmus my eldest son have two quarters of wheat and of barley, a cow and bullock. William my son two quarters of wheat and barley. Daughter Alice 13s. 4d. at her marriage. Son Erasmus when 21 years old have all my lands and tenements in Weddenton (except one tenement with two acres and a half of land in which William Foster now dwells), also all my lands next East Street, and to his heirs, but if none to son William and his heirs, if none to Alice and Juliane my daughters. Wife Anice have for life all issues and profits from my lands and tenements in Harman Street, then to son William; also wife have all profits from my land and tenements at Hodon until son William is 21, then to William. Daughter Juliane my tenement with two acres and a half of land at Weddinton, formerly Thomas Omer's, and to her heirs, etc., for ever. That William Gibbes, gentleman,

* Katherine Kirton married (1) John Septvans, (2) John Wigmore, and (3) . . . Martin. By John Wigmore she had a son John, who died 26 Oct. 1492, buried in Faversham Church, who, by his wife Edith, had a son Richard and four daughters, mentioned in their grandmother's will.

† A Richard Mayhew was one of the chief parishioners in Sept. 1511, when Abp. Warham held his visitation.

have the oversight and governance of Erasmus my son and the lands, etc., to him bequeathed until son is 21. Ex'or: Wife Anice. Probate 11 Dec. 1548. (Con. Vol. XXI., fol. 99.)

GILBERT MAYNE.

29 Oct. 1498. Buried in the churchyard. Residue of goods to wife. Ex'ors: Wife Alice, William Drew, Edward Pinnok. Wife Alice have my homestall with its appurtenances during her life, then be sold and the money for our souls. Probate 15 Nov. 1498. (W., fol. 14.)

JOHN METTE.

26 Dec. 1549 [? 1548]. To the poor people of Ash by discretion of Mr. Harflete, Mr. Gibbes and William Symes, 20s., and to the poor of Stourmouth 10s. To eight men to bear me to the church 5s. 4*d.* John Ryder have half a seame of barley and a colt; William Bregge three bushels of barley, and William Powle two bushels of barley. That of the seven nobles (£2 6s. 8*d.*) in the hands of my father [*sic*] Crippine—to John Neame 40s., and to my father Crippine 6s. 8*d.* William Mette 26s. 8*d.* Alice my sister 53s. 4*d.*, a gold ring and a cow. Helene my daughter have my wife's best gown, a kirtell, silver pin, and £20 at her marriage. Daughter Isabel £20 at her marriage. Son Isaak £60 when he is 21. My brother Robert the lease of my farm. Each of my children have half a dozen of pewter and two brass pots. Residue after paying debts, etc.—half to son Isaak to keep him to school until of age to be bound prentice at London or Canterbury; the other half to my brother Robert Mette, my ex'or. Witnesses: William Berymill, Sampson Cocke, James Cowper, Edward Ralph, William Powte. Probate 1 Feb. 1548-9. (Con. Vol. XXII., fo. 68.)

JOHN MIDDLETON.

.... 1523. Buried in the churchyard. Residue of goods after paying debts, etc., to wife Marione and son Robert, my ex'ors. Witnesses: Sir Richard Baker, curate, James Soly. Probate 15 July 1523. (W., fol. 173.)

.... 1549. Administration to the goods of John Miles, gentleman. To Margaret, relict. Bonds: Thomas Engham, gent., of Goodneston, and Roger Creswold, merchant tailor of London, in 200 marcs (£133 6s. 8*d.*). (Con. Act, Vol. I., fol. 93.)

NICHOLAS MOLLAND.

22 Dec. 1514. Buried in the churchyard. Ex'or: Wife Elyn, and to dispose my goods as she thinks best for my soul. Witnesses: Richard Mayhew, Thomas Keyll, Nicholas Mosred. Probate 26 Feb. 1515-16. (A. Vol. XII., fo. 412.)

ROBERT MOOTE.

10 March 1500-1. Buried in the churchyard. High altar 3s. 4d. Son James have a grey horse, cow, and 12 ewes. Son Steven 20s. Daughter Alice 6s. 8d., six pieces of pewter, pewter salt, etc., and a bullock of one year. Ex'or: Wife Agnes, and have residue after paying debts. If son James die under age then his goods be sold, and the money to the church and in good deeds. If Steven die, his 20s. to son William. [No probate date.]

(W., fol. 24.)

HENRY MOUSEREDE.

20 Dec. 1482. Buried in the churchyard. High altar 20d.; and to the fabric of the church 3s. 4d. Margaret my daughter £3 6s. 8d. to her marriage, but if she die 26s. 8d. to bad roads where most necessary, and 40s. in an obit for six years, by 6s. 8d. yearly. Margaret Moland 40s., and Agnes Moland 6s. 8d., both being daughters of my wife. Ex'ors: Wife Isabell and William Peny. Wife have residue and receive for life the profits from my lands and tenements, but if she marry to have 13s. 4d. yearly, then the lands, etc., to my sons Thomas, William, Robert, and Edward. Son Thomas to have 4 acres of arable and pasture at Sandhill, five rods of land next the land called Hasardis, one acre and three rods next Donyngs, and three rods at Kyrndcroft, and to his heirs, etc., paying yearly to Isabell 2s. 8d. of the 13s. 4d. Son William the messuage called Goffes, half an acre next Halames, one acre of pasture recently obtained from Thomas Pratt at Pettsmarsh, five acres in the Manor of Gustone, two parcels of land called Creme-crok, the little Grovett (small wood) near Carless, half my broc (low marshy ground), otherwise called Wylwett, on the south side at Kyrnestrete, two pieces of land at Blakhege, and to his heirs, etc., paying 4s. yearly towards the 13s. 4d. to Isabell my wife. Son Robert a messuage and five acres of land called Contreys, six acres of arable land upon the Midill Down, the other half of the broc or Welwett on the north part at Kyrnestrete, and to his heirs,

etc., paying 3s. 4*d.* yearly towards the 13s. 4*d.* to Isabell. Son Edward my messuage with 8 acres of land and 2 acres of pasture before the gate of the marsh, on the east of the marsh five rods of pasture, and two acres in a certain croft at Sandhill, paying 3s. 4*d.* towards the 13s. 4*d.* to Isabell.* Probate 18 Feb. 1482-3.

(W., fol. 76.)

EDWARD MOSRED.

16 July 1511. Buried where I die. Wife Sibell have all my moveables for her life, then to my daughter Agnes, the great brass pot and 6s. 8*d.* to Agnes at her marriage; daughter Margaret the great pan and 6s. 8*d.* at her marriage; daughter Isabel three pewter plates and one dish. Robert Mosred, my brother, have my gown. Ex'ors: Wife Sibell† and William Drewe. Wife have my house and lands at Ware in Ash during her life, then sons Nicholas and Pascall have the same between them. Probate 28 July 1513.

(W., fol. 124.)

PASCHALL MOSREDD.

3 Dec. 1552. Buried in the churchyard. To the poor 3s. 4*d.* Wife Christian have two kine and six ewes; Joan Wheteley, my daughter, a cow and four sheep; Alice and Sibill Mosred, my daughters, each when 14 years of age a cow and four sheep; sons John, Stephen, Edward, when 14 years of age have four sheep; son William two horses and a colt, and he to pay his three brethren 6s. 8*d.* each when 14 years of age. William Wheteley have his dwelling in my old house until he be provided for a better. Residue of moveable goods and stuff to my wife Christian and Alice and Sibill my daughters equally, except that William have an undercloth, pair of sheets and coverlet. Ex'ors: Wife Christian and son William, with George Mott overseer. Lands and tenements to wife and son William as long as Christian is a widow, but if she marry then to son William, paying her 6s. 8*d.* yearly, and to his three brothers John, Stephen, and Edward £15 when they are 20 years of age. Witnesses: George Mott, William Wheteleye, Nicholas Sayer, and Thomas Richards. Probate 20 Sept. 1553.

(Con. Vol. XXV., fol. 38.)

* Isabell was sister to Stephen Hougham (? Hougham), and her sister Margaret was wife of Stephen Ford in 1479.

† Sibell was the wife of William Gibbes of Ash in 1524. (See his will.)

JOHN NEME.

1 April 1486. Buried in the churchyard. High altar 3s. 4*d.*, and to the lights of the church one quarter of barley where most necessary. Daughter Cristine a cow; John Peret, my servant, a cow and two quarters of barley. That 25 cartloads of gravel be carried to mend the highway between Ash and Moloid cross. Residue after paying debts, etc., to wife Mariott. Ex'ors: Wife Mariott, Thomas Neame, Nicholas Pope. That my wife have for her life all my lands and tenements, then to son William, senior, my tenement with croft of land, paying to my son William, junior, £3 6s. 8*d.*; and to Cristine my daughter 6s. 8*d.*; son Thomas have two crofts of land near Binborow, paying to William, junior, £2 13s. 4*d.*, and to Cristine 6s. 8*d.* If all children die without issue the land, etc., to be sold and money disposed for our souls. Witnesses: John Saunders, vicar, John Parker, chaplain, Robert a Brigge. [No probate date.] (W., fol. 85.)

HENRY NEAME.

17 June 1544. Buried in the churchyard. Son John have £13 6s. 8*d.* when 21, but if he die before then, half to my wife and half between my brethren. To the church a cow for an obit. Residue to wife Jone. Ex'ors: My father and my father-in-law (not named), with my uncle John Bowlys, overseer. Witnesses: William Saffery, Bennet Myls, Gilbert Water, William Berimell, curate. Probate 18 Dec. 1545. (W., fol. 229.)

WILLIAM NORREYS.

11 Sept. 1486. Buried in the chancel of Our Lady in the parish church of Ash, at the south end of the altar there. High altar for tithes 10s.; and of Winkefield in Berks 6s. 8*d.*, also a cope of silk which the vicar for the time being shall have, and the parishioners there shall better have in mind to pray for my soul, my wives, friends and benefactors. That my red cloth of Baudekyn be laid upon my body in Ash Church, and there remain for a perpetual remembrance and specially to be prayed for there; with a herse and black cloth with two tapers thereupon set, to be light and burning the time of saying divine service there, to be ordained and had over my tomb for a special remembrance of prayer. That a convenient stone be set in the wall afore my tomb, under the

Image of Mary Magdalene there, with an Image of the Trinity graven in brass, and pyktures of my body and arms therein set. Residue of goods moveable and immoveable after paying debts, etc., to wife Anne to dispose for my soul. Ex'ors: Wife Anne, William Norreys, knight, and Phillip FitzLewes, esquire. My lands and tenements at Cobbe Street in Ash, with two acres of land late bought from Thomas Burgrove, and two acres of arable land on the north part of the demesne lands of the Manor of Lyes late purchased of Neame, shall find a yearly obit of 6s. 8*d.* in Ash Church. My mansion called Brokes [Moat Farm] on the south part of Ash Church to wife Anne and her heirs, etc., for ever. Also wife have my lands in the parish of Winkefield, Berks; and after the death of Jone Norreys, my mother, the residue of all my other lands and tenements which were my father's and mine in the parishes of Winkefield, Warfield, Hurley and Bray in Berks, and after the death of my wife Anne to John Norreys my younger brother and to his heirs for ever, but if John die without issue then to Robert Fowler my nephew and to his heirs for ever.* Probate 21 Nov. 1486. (Con. Vol. III., fol. 112.)

LAURENCE OMER.

24 Jan. 1486-7. Buried in the churchyard. A priest sing in the church for my soul, parents, etc., for half a year and have £3 6s. 8*d.* To foul ways 20s. Residue after paying debts, etc., to my sons William and Thomas, my ex'ors, with Sir John Saunders, overseer. [No probate date.] (W., fol. 86.)

WILLIAM OMER, of Flete.

3 May 1496. Buried in the churchyard. High altar 10s.; and to the reparation of the church works (*sic*) 6s. 8*d.* A priest sing for my soul for three quarters of a year and have £5. To the Friars of Sandwich for a dirige and mass 6s. 8*d.* To Ash Church 25 sheep that the churchwardens do for me yearly in the church an obit for evermore of 5s.—to the four priests 16*d.*, two clerks 4*d.*, the sexton to ring three peals 12*d.*, to 8 poor people 16*d.*, in bread and ale 8*d.*, to the churchwardens 8*d.*, and any residue for my soul. John Neme have 12 ewes; and to every child of my brother 6 sheep. To the marriage of Denise my daughter £3 6s. 8*d.* Thomas Pratt

* See *Corner of Kent*, pp. 71, 210.

of Flete 5s., and Harry Bolle six ewes. Wife Cristian have all such goods as she had at our marriage, and no more. Residue of goods to Thomas Omer my brother and William Ilent, my ex'ors, to dispose for my soul. Probate 25 Sept. 1496. (W., fol. 1.)

THOMAS OMER.*

. . . . 1504. Buried in the churchyard. High altar 3s. 4d., to the church work 8d. A priest to sing in the church at St. John's altar, and have £3 6s. 8d. That 25 loads of gravel be laid in the parish where most need is. Isabell, my daughter's child, half a quarter of wheat and malt, pair of sheets and blankets, and a coverlet at her marriage. John Omer have a maser cup that was the cup of William Omer. Isabell Neme a brass pot, two platters, dishes and saucers. Son Lawrence have my place at Weddinton with the lands; John Omer all my lands at Fleet, except three acres which were William Omer's, and a yearly obit be kept in the church for ever with those three acres for my soul, William Omer, etc. John Omer have my place at Chilton and half an acre at Hoseland. Son Roger my place at Nell with all the lands. Ex'ors: John Omer and Hew Payn. [No probate date.] (W., fol. 33.)

JOHN HUMER.†

21 April 1536. Buried in the churchyard. To the high way of Peete [? Fleet] to be mended and repaired 20s.; the highway at Weddington 20s.; the street of Ash 6s. 8d.; and the street at Eache 6s. 8d. Wife (not named) have all my household stuff, and by the advice of my brother Laurence Omer divide one half to maidens' marriage, that is to Mildred Couper, Mildred Collard, Joane Holway, and Alice Dunson. Witnesses: William Senkley, William Kenton, John Broke, senior, Edward Swinbake, priest, Laurence Omer. Probate 19 Oct. 1536. (W., fol. 202.)

LAURANCE OMER.‡

22 Nov. 1544. Buried in the churchyard (*sic*) before the high altar at the east end. Wife Helayne have all household stuff and

* Thomas was second son of Lawrence Omer (1487), and brother to William (1496).

† John was son of Thomas Omer, who died 1504.

‡ Lawrence was eldest son of Thomas, who died 1504, and brother to John, 1536.

moveables in the house where I dwell, and 7 kine, 6 mares and their colts, and 4 other colts called yearlings, a roned gelding, bay horse, and £30; also all my lands in Ash for 28 years. Daughter Jane £40 at 17 years of age or day of marriage, the money to be levied out of the Manor of Belthanger in the parish of Northbourne. Residue of lands and goods to son Thomas when he is 21 years of age, but if he die before then, to my daughter Jane, but if both die under age, then to my cousin Laurence Omer. Son Thomas have 40s. yearly towards keeping him to school after he is 5, until 21. Residue of all my lands and goods to be in the hands of my ex'ors until my children come to above age. Ex'ors: Wife Helayne and cousin Laurence Omer, with Richard Monings of Swanton overseer. Witnesses: Roger Omer, my brother, Mistress Anne Heron, Mildred Elys. Probate 18 Dec. 1545. (W., fol. 216.)

ROGER OMER.

28 March 1550. Buried in the churchyard. To poor people at my burying 6s. 8d. Wife Pleasance have my pied red cow and all such household stuff as she brought at our marriage, and Richard and Francis my sons shall pay her yearly 6s. 8d. Son Francis have my little red cow and red heiffer; son William the £10 he oweth me. Residue of moveables to sons Richard, William, Laurence, and Francis, my ex'ors. The lands and tenements in Ash which I had with my first wife, the mother of my four sons, and also have acquired; that son Richard have the messuage, garden, and lands bought from Forstall, in which he now dwells, 3 acres and half of land bought from Mr. Boys, half an acre bought from Croker's widow, 6 acres bought from Wm. Gibbs, 7 acres and 3 rods bought from Paul Richemond in the hamlet (ville) of Ware, 4 acres bought from Mr. Gason, one acre and half bought from Baldocks, one acre and half situated in the brook near the way to Nell place, 10 acres at Grenedrove, 2 acres at Wallsend, one rod of land situated between the Chantry and the lands of Roger Seynt-nicholas, and to the heirs, etc., of Richard* for ever. Son William a messuage with garden at Pamor Street, 15 acres with another little messuage bought from Cantisshe; 11 acres and 3 rods at Pamor Street bought from Mr. Gason, 18 acres at Tripps bought from Mr. Boys, 3 acres and half at Newclose, one acre and half at

* A Richard Omer was one of the churchwardens of Ash in 1557, when Archdeacon Nicholas Harpesfield held his visitation. Vol. in Cathedral Library.

Warehawthorn, and to his heirs, etc., for ever. Son Lawrence* my messuage and garden at Nell with 8 acres of land, 18 acres in Downfield bought from Gibbs, 2 acres and 3 rods at Nasshe, my place at Hode in the parish (*sic*) of Hode, with the garden, 8 acres bought from Mr. Monings at Harman Street, and to his heirs, etc., for ever. Son Francis my messuage at Ware that I now dwell in with the garden and buildings of the same, 3 acres next the messuage, 6 acres bought from Gason, 12 acres at Ivisbridge, 9 acres at Weltys, 5 acres at Cocking, 2 acres in a close at Overland, 2 acres of brook land, 3 acres in Warefield, and to his heirs, etc., for ever. Witnesses: Christopher Jerard, Thomas Forte, Thomas Solye, carpenter. Probate 17 June 1550.

(Con. Vol. XXII., fol. 110.)

WILLIAM OMER, husbandman.

20 March 1554 (*sic*). Buried where it seemeth convenient to my ex'ors. William Wingham of Ash a quarter of wheat and of barley; Robert Alison half a seame of barley; Robert Adam two seames of barley and wheat; John, Benet, and William, the children of Robert Adam, a cow to each; Helen, Joan, and Margaret, the daughters of William Solley, 26s. 8d. between them; Roger Lane of Preston 15s. and half a seame of wheat; Thomas Coppe 4 bushels of wheat and barley; Cicile Cathe, widow, two bushels of wheat; Margaret Snothe, my servant, 20s., a cow, pig, and lamb; Alice Musred, my servant, my heiffer of two years old with the white face; Thomas Quilter, my servant, 5s. besides his wages. William Motte, my son-in-law (*i.e.*, stepson), 4 kine, and to his mother, my wife, 4 kine and £20. Ex'ors: Laurence Omer, my brother, and Margaret my wife, to have the residue. Wife Margaret have for her life all my lands and tenements, with reasonable fuel for her use, as the tops of ash trees, then to William Motte, my son-in-law (*sic*), until Ethelbert Omer, son of my brother Laurence, come to the age of 21, but if Ethelbert die before then, after the death of my wife, William Motte have the use and profits from all my lands, etc., until such time as Ethelbert would have come to 21 years if he had lived, then remain to my brother Laurence Omer for ever. Witnesses: Simon Lynch, gent., Stephen Motte, yeoman, William Motte, husbandman. Probate 23 May 1554.

(Con. Vol. XXV., fol. 56.)

* A Lawrence Omer of Staple on 9 April 1588 contributed £100 towards the defence of this country at the time of the Spanish Invasion.

RICHARD OXTEY.

.... 1484. Buried in the churchyard. To my master de Vicary (*sic*) for tithes 20*d.*, and for debt 3*d.* Wife Juliane have my place and 12 acres of ground until the children be 20 winters of age, then son Edmund have the place when he is 20, but if he die without issue then to Alson my daughter and her issue, but if none, to be sold and money disposed for our souls. That my mother have a room for her life after the death of her husband. Ex'ors: Nicholas Pery and William Pery. [No probate date.] (W., fol. 81.)

(*To be continued.*)