

ASH WILLS.

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BY ARTHUR HUSSEY.

JOHN PAMORE.

25 Dec. 1497. Buried in the churchyard. High altar 6s. 8*d.*, and to William the parish priest 20*d.* Ex'or: Elisabeth my wife, and have residue. The tenement where we live and all lands to my wife for life, then to son Nicholas the tenement only, and all lands equally between my sons Nicholas, Thomas, and William, each heir to the other. [No probate date.] (W., fol. 11.)

SOLOMON PARAMOR.

20 March 1508-9. Buried in the churchyard. High altar 20*d.*; to the Cross Light and the Hokke Light 12*d.* each; to Our Lady Light in the Chapel of Overland 4*d.*; to the reparation of Ash Church a quarter of malt. John Middleton have a pair of white hose, jacket, hat, and cap; John Parott my russet gown. Residue after paying debts, etc., equally to my sons William, John, Raymund, and daughter Constance. Ex'ors: Son William, and Raymund att Checker. My tenement and lands equally between my children. Witnesses: John Ireland, cleric, Nicholas Yong, John Middleton. [No probate date.] (W., fol. 47.)

JOHN PAUL.

10 Aug. 1504. Buried in the churchyard. Residue to wife Joane, my ex'or. That my wife have my place and all lands for her life, then to my four daughters, Alice, Margery, Elisabeth, and Katherine, each heir to the other. Probate 19 Sept. 1504. (W., fol. 36.)

HEWE PAYNE.

19 May 1509. Buried in the church before the Altar of St. John the Baptist. High altar 3s. 4*d.*, and reparation of the church where most necessary £3 6s. 8*d.*; to the Chapel of Overland 10s.; to each House of Friars in Canterbury 10s.; and the White Friars in Sandwich 10s. Light of the Cross in Ash Church a lb. of wax; and the Light of Fleet in the same church a lb. of wax. A priest
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sing for my soul, etc., for a year at St. John's altar, and have £6 13s. 4d. Daughter Isabell have £10 at her marriage, and after the death of Cristian, my wife, a cupboard. John Payne my brother have 10s., a russet gown, my best dublett, and all my hoses. Residue of goods after paying debts, etc., to wife Cristian, my ex'or. Wife have my tenement for her life, and to keep one obit in the church every year of 3s. 4d.; after the death of Cristian to my daughter Isabell and her heirs, but if none, to be sold and money disposed for our souls. Witnesses: Sir Thomas Colley, chaplain, Robert Gibbe, Christofer Watson, John Omer, Harry Brown, Gefferey Combe. [No probate date.] (W., fol. 43.)

JOHN PECKHAM.

. . . . 1523. Buried in the churchyard. Wife Joan have my house until my son Richard comes to the age of 16 years, then to Richard. Daughter Sexburgh, when she is 18, have a cow. Ex'or: Wife Joan, and have residue. Witnesses: Sir Richard Baker, curate, Edward Lacy, James Soly. [No probate date.]

(W., fol. 172.)

CRISTINA, wife of Nicholas PENY, sister and heir of
Edward Pyes of Ash.

12 Aug. 1476. Buried in the churchyard. All lands and tenements to my husband Nicholas during his life, then to son John and his heirs, if none, to son Richard, but if both die to be sold, and the money—to the church of Ash 40s., and to the Chapel of St. Augustine* of Richborough £3 6s. 8d.; the residue for our souls. Probate 10 Oct. 1476. (W., fol. 66.)

WILLIAM PENY.

9 March 1485-6. Buried in the churchyard. High altar 6s. 8d., and to the reparation of the church 20d.; to Sir William Simon, priest, 3s. 4d. Edmond Peny my brother have my best cow and furred coat; William son of Edward Muserede 6 ewes; every daughter of Edward (*sic*) Peny 33s. 4d., to be paid in corn and cattle. Peter Darby and Simon Eason, each have 10s. Residue after paying debts, etc., to wife Jone. Ex'ors: Wife Jone, Peter

* This is the only will in which is mentioned the dedication of Richborough Chapel.

Darby, and Simon Eason, with Sir John Saunders, vicar of Ash, overseer. That wife Jone have all my lands, etc., during her life, then to John, Roger, William, and Thomas, the sons of Edward Peny, equally between them by my feoffees: Sir John Saunders, vicar of Ash, Master Walter Sherborne, priest, Nicholas Alday, Richard Exherst, except John Peny have my chief tenement called Culmers. Probate . . . 1486. (W., fol. 2.)

JOHN PENE.

12 Sept. 1523. Buried in the churchyard under the greatest yew tree. High altar 3s. 4d.; to the Cross Light at (*sic*) Hodyn a seame of barley. Wife Joane deliver to the wardens of the Light of St. John within two years after my death 35s. 4d., which is the stock of that Light. Daughter Cecilie have £6 13s. 4d.; sons John and William each have a complete bed, price 20s., viz., a coverlet, pair of blankets, pair of sheets, bolster, and under-cloth. Wife Joan all my household stuff, and residue after paying debts, etc. Ex'ors: Wife Joan, sons John and William. Wife have my two houses and all my lands in Ash, Wingham, and Elmeston until sons John and William come to the age of 20 years, then John have the two houses and half the land, and William the other half, both sons to pay 20s. yearly to Joan during her life. Each son heir to the other, but if both die without issue, then to Cecilie my daughter; if she die, then to William Penne my brother. Witnesses: Sir John Oxley, curate, William Peite, Silvester Ewstace, Edmunde Houchyn. [No probate date.] (W., fol. 178.)

JOHN PENY, husbandman.

22 May 1546. Buried in the churchyard. Alice Mayhewe have a cow and bullock at her marriage, and meantime to be in the keeping of my brother William. Residue to wife Christian, my ex'or, with my brother William Peny, overseer. George, my youngest son, when he is 16 years of age have the barn that is farthest from my dwelling house and the close it stands in, one brook called Aldebroke, other close and 8 acres of land. Stephen, my eldest son, when 16 have my messuage I dwell in and the residue of my houses and lands. Wife Christian have the keeping and bringing up of my children until 16 years of age, receiving the profits from my lands, etc., during that time if a widow, but if she marry then my brother William have the keeping of Stephen, and

wife of George. "That my brother William shall build and set up an end of the house next to the hall, at such time as he shall think most meet to do, out of the profits from my houses and lands." Witnesses: Roger Omer, Richard Omer, Clement Kemp, Roger Lindsey. Probate 20 Oct. 1546. (W., fol. 230.)

WILLIAM PENNYE.

28 Nov. 1556. Buried in the churchyard. At my burial two masses in the church. Joan Penny my daughter have a cow; Marion Kenton my daughter a two yearling heiffer; Margaret Penny a quarter of barley; Stephen and Edward Penny each two bushels of wheat and of barley; Simond and John Collies each two bushels of barley. Ex'or: Wife Cicilie,* and have the residue. The house I dwell in with all the lands to wife Cecilie during her life, except the new garden to son Simon, and my wife have half the "Pome riall" that shall be growing in that garden, and half the next tree; after my wife's death to son Simon, paying to Marion Kenton £3 and to John Penny £3. Witnesses: John Saunder, John Church, Gilbert Water. Probate 9 Jan. 1556-7. (Con. Vol. XXVI., fol. 138.)

RICHARD PERYE.

12 July 1463. Buried in the churchyard. Towards one silver cross to be made 6*d*. Ex'ors: Thomas Dade of Staple and John Oxtey of Ash, to have residue for my soul and be my feoffees. Wife Joan have three acres and a rod of land at Felball for her life, then to son Mathew and his heirs, but if he die to my sons Thomas, William, and Simon, but if they die without issue then to be sold and money disposed for our souls. Sons Thomas and William seven acres of arable and pasture land, of which five acres are at Varghope in Fleming marsh, half an acre at Martinstok, and half an acre at Horolds. Son Simon a croft called Balinscroft of two acres and a half, between the land of the Chapel of St. Mary of Ash west and north and the land of Edward Colard east, also one acre called Longcroft. [No probate date.] (A., Vol. I., fol. 125.)

* Cicilie was daughter of John Hochin (see his will) of Nash, who died 1521.

WILLIAM PERYE.

26 Dec. 1487. Buried in the churchyard. High altar 10s. Daughters Elyn and Annes each have a bullock. Residue of goods after paying debts, etc., to wife Cristiane, my ex'or, with John Perye and John Lynde, overseers. Wife have tenement in which we live and all other lands for her life, then son Walter have the tenement and half the lands, and the other half to son Richard, each heir to the other. [No probate date.] (W., fol. 12.)

CRISTIANE PERYN.

[No date.] Buried in the churchyard. Vincent Lull 20s.; Thomas Harflete my brass pot; Peryn's daughter a sheet; Raymond Harflete 6s. 8d. Ex'or: John Cokk* of Elham, my son-in-law, to have my house with all lands thereto, and sell the same to perform my will. Witnesses: Sir William Lancaster, Raymund Harflete, William Synkelere, William Saffery. Probate 20 Feb. 1534-5. (W., fol. 196.)

THOMAS PETEGREW.

15 May 1514. Buried in the churchyard. A priest sing for my soul for half a year and have £3 6s. 8d. Residue of goods after paying debts, etc., to Raymund at Cheker, my ex'or, to dispose for my soul, etc. Witnesses: John Bewell, Edmund Amye. Probate 26 March 1515. (W., fol. 128.)

WILLIAM PETT.

9 Dec. 1534. Buried in the churchyard. Son Richard have 20s. within a year of my death; sons William the elder, Vincent, and William the younger each have a pair of sheets, brass pot, pewter dish, etc., at their marriage or age of 21 years. A herse-cloth of black saye to Ash Church. Residue to wife Eme. Ex'ors: Wife Eme and Alexander Hamond. Feoffees of my lands and tenements: Sir Thomas Norries, clerk, Raymund at Cheker, Laurence Omer. Wife have my lands and tenements for life, then to son Vincent and his heirs, he to pay to his two brothers William £10 each. If Vincent die without issue then to son William the

* John Cokes (*sic*) of Elham died in 1546, leaving five children, John, William, Henry, Jerome, and Alice, and William was to have his tenement at Ash, with the lands. (A., Vol. XXIV., fol. 48.)

younger, paying to William the elder £5 above the £10, but if William the younger die without issue then to William the elder. Son Richard 40s., and William son of Richard 20s. Witnesses: Stephen Mote, Stephen Solly, William Mote. By me Richard Hitching, priest. Probate 4 March 1534-5. (W., fol. 195.)

THOMAS POMFLETT.

14 Nov. 1459. Buried in the churchyard. High altar 6s. 8d.; to the works (*sic*) of the church 20s. Daughter Isabell two cows, 25 ewes, and £13 6s. 8d. Agnes and Margaret Whitlok 6 ewes each; Robert Bregge one horse called Gryme; John Serlys a pig and two bushels of corn; Thomas Petite a young bullock. Residue of goods after paying debts, etc., to wife Juliane and Simon Pomflett, my brother, my ex'ors. Wife have all my lands and tenements for life, then to daughter Isabell, but if she die without issue, to be sold and the money disposed for our souls. [No probate date.] (A., Vol. I., fol. 143.)

JOHN POWTE.

10 Dec. 1554. Buried in the churchyard. Sons Robert and Lawrence have a portion of household goods to be delivered to them by my wife Joan. Ex'or: Wife Joan, and to have residue of moveables. Son Robert to suffer my wife to have her dwelling in my house at Wedinton for one year, then to Robert with my close of pasture. Witnesses: William Symys, William Cocke. Probate 28 Feb. 1554-5. (Con. Vol. XXVI., fol. 15.)

15 Nov. 1548. Administration to the goods of Thomas Powlte of Ash. To son John. Bonds: John and William Gibbes in £10. (Con. Act Book, Vol. I., fol. 91.)

EDMUND PRATT.

17 Feb. 1512-13. Buried in the churchyard. High altar 12d., and to the church for a yearly obit for ever by the churchwardens a cow, one half of the ferme for my obit, the other half to the churchwork. Wife Juliane have three kine and all my household stuff. Daughters Isabell and Alice each 5 ewes. Wife have my place with all lands thereto for her life, then to my daughters equally, but if they die without issue to the children of Stephen,

my brother. Ex'ors: My brother Stephen Pratt and William Sawerey. Witnesses: Sir Thomas Fraunce, Simon Gason, William Clarke. Probate 13 May 1513. (W., fol. 139.)

RICHARD PURY.

5 Nov. 1495. Buried in the churchyard. Wife Katherine have 12 ewes, a black horse, and all my household things (*domicilia*). To repair the church path (*vie ecclesiastice*) between the church and my message 4s. Ex'ors: Wife Katherine and son John, and have residue after paying debts, etc. Feoffees of my lands and tenements at Flete: William Lent and William Walsin. All lands, etc., to son John, paying to his mother 10s. yearly, and to my son William £5 when 22 years of age. Katherine to have one "camera" in my message. Dated at Flete. [No probate date.]

(W., fol. 6.)

JOHN RAFE (*i.e.* RALPH).

9 April 1553. Buried in the churchyard. To the poor men's box 2s. To mending the highway between Gildell (*sic*) town and Ash Church where most needed 20s. William Rafe have 40s. when he is 20 years old, but if he die the money to the mending of the highway; Isabell Rafe 20s. at her marriage or age of 19 years. Son Edward my lease and term of years in six pieces of land pasture and meadow called Chilton, Calhell, Horsbrokes, Newland, and the meadows containing 71 acres in Ash and Wodnesborough, which are parcel of the manor of Downe Court, for all the years in the lease. Ex'or: Son Edward, and have residue after paying debts, etc.; also my message in Gilden town with all lands, etc., where I live, late purchased from John Maister of Sandwich, paying yearly to Thomas my son for three years after my death £3 6s. 8d. Witnesses: Thomas Hartlet, Wm. Gibbes. Probate 5 June 1554.

(Con. Vol. XXV., fol. 57.)

JOHN REEDE, yeoman.

6 Feb. 1555-6. Buried in the churchyard. To the poor people 26s. 8d. William Wingham have my freise coat; Alice Mosred 10s.; Thomas Hoole, my servant, shall have his sheep and lambs that be with me, and one quarter of barley. Agnes my daughter £20 at her marriage or age of 20 years, but if she die then £10 to

Martha Dadde and £10 to my son John. Wife Thomasin £50, eight kine, two horses, 40 ewes, half my household stuff, and all my poultry. Residue after paying debts, etc., to son John. That Richard Creek, my wife's father, in consideration of the £18 13s. 4*d.* owing to him, have all interest in one piece of pasture ground called Emptie in Worth, late had from Thomas Boys, gent., but if Richard Creek refuse to take the land in recompense of his money, then my ex'or to pay Creek or his assigns £18 13s. 4*d.*, and the land to my son John when 21 years old. Ex'or: William Reede, my brother. Witnesses: Thomas Menesse, John Broke, Richard Creek, William Almon, Silvester Gould. Probate 10 Feb. 1555-6.
(Con. Vol. XXVI., fol. 90.)

JOHN RIGDON.

15 April 1517. Buried in the churchyard. Son William my best cow; son Laurence a bullock; Cicile my daughter a cow and pair of sheets at her marriage. Wife Katherine have my house and lands for her life, then to sons William and Laurence. Ex'or: Wife Katherine, and have residue. Witnesses: Laurence Moytt, John Peny, William Gibis. Probate 13 July 1517. (W., fol. 143.)

4 Dec. 1557. Administration to the goods of William Roger of Ash. To Cicele his relict. Bonds: William Combe and Edward Browne in £10.
(Con. Act Book, Vol. II., fol. 70.)

WILLIAM ROWLLYS.

28 Dec. 1518. Buried in the churchyard. Son Robert and daughter Alice 6s. 8*d.* each. Ex'or: Wife Isabelle, and have residue of goods. Witnesses: Sir Thomas Bode, vicar there, Sir James Garnett, parish priest. Probate 17 Feb. 1518-19.
(W., fol. 152.)

ROGER RYE.

23 Nov. 1489. Buried in the churchyard. High altar 3s. 4*d.*; to the church work 6 ewes; to the Light of Nell four bushels of beere (barley). A priest sing for me for half a year in the church and have £3 6s. 8*d.* Wife have a horse, cow, seame of wheat and of beere and of malt, one pair of jet beads, and such household stuff she brought with her; son Thomas a horse, cow, heiffer,

25 wethers, my best chest, etc.; son John a steer bullock, six ewes, the little stopyn that was his mother's, etc.; my cousin Godleve Rye various things (mentioned); Isabella Rye a pair of beads of jet with the pater nosters of silver; Alison Downing, my cousin, a corse girdle harnesssed with silver, and after her death to Godleve Rye. Ex'ors: Harry Downing and Simon Gason, have the residue to bestow for my soul. That there be laid at Westmarsh as most needed 25 loads of gravel. That [son] John Rye have a messuage called Cowards with the lands bought from Welmiston and Motts, also 5 acres in Elmeston parish. Son Thomas a messuage at Ware, 3 rods and half of land at Coleshill, one acre at Waredown, half an acre at Forstall and the Westmarsh, and the messuage with lands thereto after the death of my wife. Probate 10 Dec. 1489.

(W., fol. 92.)

ROBERT SAFRYE.

22 Jan. 1532-3. Buried in the churchyard. Sons Thomas and James each have a horse and cow; daughters Cristian and Elisabeth a cow to each; son John a yearling. Ex'or: John Rolle. Wife Mercye have residue of goods and five yards of land called Shrogge. Probate 6 May 1533.

(W., fol. 191.)

JOHN SEYNTNYCOLAS.

18 June 1462. Buried in the chapel of St. Thomas the Martyr in the church of St. Nicholas of Ash. To the work of the same chapel in the church in five years after my death 5 marcs (£3 6s. 8d.). To the church of Burye in Essex 5 marcs. To the chapel of Overland 40s. Each of my daughters to their marriage, by the will and consent of my wife Margaret, 40 marcs (£26 13s. 4d.). A chaplain to pray for me in Ash Church for one year and have £6 13s. 4d. Residue to wife Margaret, who with Thomas Seyntnycolas, my brother, ex'ors. Feoffees: Henry Auger of Newenden, John Digges of Barham, esquires, John Rayfield, Simon Pomflet of Ash, and William Hocham of Elmeston. Wife Margaret have for life all my lands, tenements, rents, etc., in Kent and Essex, and at her death son Thomas have my manor of Burye in Essex, paying yearly to Robert his brother £3 6s. 8d.; son Richard have lands, etc., in Ash, obtained from James Hope; son Roger all lands, etc., at Billericay (in Essex). If son Thomas die without issue, then the manor of Burye to Richard and his issue; if none, to Roger and his

issue; if none, then at the death of my wife Margaret the manor of Burye to my daughters equally, but the lands and tenements remain to Thomas my brother, and if he die without issue to Elizee, wife of William Edward, my sister, but if she die without issue then to be sold and money disposed for our souls. [No probate date.] (A., Vol. I., fol. 122.)

WILLIAM SINCKLAS (*i.e.*, St. NICHOLAS).

25 March 1544. Buried in the churchyard. At my burial in deeds of charity 10s. Cicely West and Joane Willes each have 13s. 4*d.*, or in household stuff. Residue of moveables to the poorest people in the parish. Ex'ors: John Broke and Thomas Quilter. My house to be sold and half the money to Cicely West and Joane Willes equally, other half in deeds of charity for my soul. Probate 25 Feb. 1545-6. (W., fol. 227.)

SIR JOHN SAUNDERS, prebendary of Wingham, parson of Dimchurch, and vicar of Ash next unto Sandwich.

14 Aug. 1509. Buried in the churchyard of St. Nicholas of Ash, at the south side of the west door, afore the grave of my mother. To every priest of Ash at my burying and singing dirige and mass every day by the month next following 6s. 8*d.*; the parish clerk there for the same time doing his business 3s. 4*d.*; the sexton 3s. 4*d.*; and to two children being there 20*d.* To every poor man, woman, and child at my burying and month's mind 1*d.* each. To Ash Church a paxbrede of silver and gilt, two cruets, a manuel, collectary, two processioners, which the wardens there be possessed and have in their keeping. The chapel of Richborough have one portuys printed, with a mass book that was Sir Thomas', the old priest; and to the use of the same chapel 20s. to make them a new window in the body of the church. The chapel of Overland have my little portes of fine parchment written by hand, price 40s.; and to the use of the same chapel 40s. to make a better chalice or else a new window in the east end of the chapel. The church of Dymchurch have my great complete portes that I was wont to say my service upon. The college of Wingham £6 13s. 4*d.* towards the buying of a pair of organs, or else to some other necessity as master provost and the canons think most necessary; to the provost to say mass for me 10s. To master commissary, Mr. John Williams, Mr. Thomas Orysed, Mr. Kyrie, Mr. Ambrose Payne,

rector of Lambeth, 6s. 8d. each; also to every vicar of Wingham 5s., to every clerk 2s. 6d., to two choristers 12d. each, to say dirige and mass openly without note all the month. The four priests that shall bear me to my grave, a silver spoon to each. Sir John Ireland my short sangwine gown lined with buckram. To the use of Ash Church one coverlet lined with canvas, and towards buying a book called an Antiphonar for holy-days and Sundays for the quire on the vicar's side £4; that a priest, being a quire man, sing in the church and have £6 13s. 4d. The friars of Sandwich and each house of friars at Canterbury 10s. each; the monastery of St. Augustine of Canterbury 40s.; St. Andrew of Northampton 20s.; St. James Abbey there 20s.; to the work of St. Giles Church there 20s. Residue of goods and chattels to my ex'ors: Master John Williams, clerk, Sir Stephen Sheppard, clerk, and John Boyse, gentleman. That the canons of Wingham shall have, and to their successors, the profits from the house called Broms with 8 acres of land thereto, a piece of land that was Master Aldey's by the vicarage, and one acre of land at Inner stile, so that they observe and keep my yearly obit in Ash Church, and the vicar or curate of Ash for the time being shall have the disposition thereof and oversight, giving to every priest that hath stipend in Ash Church who is at my obit 8d.; but if the obit be not kept then the churchwardens for the time being shall take the profits from the place and land and observe the obit and dispose as aforesaid, each of them having 12d. for their labour; the residue after the obit is kept to the church work. That the canons of Wingham for the time being have the issues and profits from my messuage in Wingham that Mathewedwelleth in, and 40 acres of land there, to keep an obit yearly in the church of Wingham, giving to master provost 2s., to every canon 16d., every vicar 8d., every clerk of the college 6d., and to two queresters 4d. each. All my other lands and tenements in Wingham, Ash, and Staple to be sold and the money to fulfill my will. Witnesses: Sir Stephen Shepard, Sir William Roger, chantry priests of Ash, Stephen Somery, Nicholas Yong, John Barton. [No probate date.*] (Con. Vol. II., fol. 18.)

FRANCIS SAYER.

10 Feb. 1547-8. My body to the earth. That my brother Raymund have my annuity out of his lands, on condition he pays

* The next rector of Dimchurch, John Hedde, was admitted 7 May 1511, on the death of John Sander.—Register of Abp. Warham, fol. 342.

to my two children William and Margaret £6 when they come to the age of 18 years. John and Lawrence Howling, sons of my wife, 20s. each when 20 years of age, and Jane Howling, daughter of my wife, 10s. Residue to my wife (not named), my ex'or. Witnesses: John Brocke, Silvester Goulde. Probate 30 April 1549. (Con. Vol. XXII., fol. 16.)

REV. PATRIK SCOTT.

26 Oct. 1514. Buried in the churchyard. Sir John Hobson have my best gown and Sir James my second gown. Ex'or: Sir John Hobson, and have residue to dispose for my soul. Witnesses: William Cowper, Thomas Brayne. Probate 26 Feb. 1514-15. (W., fol. 128.)

JOHN DE SEPTVANS, Esquire.

Sunday next after the Feast of St. Bartholomew (24 August) 1396. Buried in the west corner (*in angulo occidentali*) of the churchyard of Ash. John Bromhill, parish chaplain, 20s.; Joan, Prioress of Holy Sepulchre at Canterbury, 13s. 4d., and each nun in the same 20d.; Thomas Monketon, chaplain, 13s. 4d.; Carmelite Friars in Sandwich 13s. 4d. and five quarters of barley. William Cristemasse 20 sheep and James de Twitham 5 bushels of barley. Residue to wife Constance, who with Thomas Rolling and Gilbert Alfet (*sic*) ex'ors. Probate 5 Sept. 1396 by the Prior and Chapter of Canterbury, Sede Vacante after death of Abp. Courtenay.

(Register G., fol. 272, Cathedral Library.)

DAME ALICE, the widow of THOMAS* SEPTVANS, Esquire, late of Ash.

16 Oct. 1488. Buried in the churchyard of St. Nicholas, underneath the stone of my husband. To the high altar, my soul to be prayed for, 20d.; to the church works 40s. Thomas Upton 6s. 8d.; John May 6s. 8d.; to the twelve brethren and sisters of St. Thomas House in Sandwich at my day of burying and month's-day, to every one 6d.; Master Walter Sherborne 13s. 4d.; Godowther [? god-daughter] Diggs 6s. 8d.; Alice, daughter of Thomas Aldaye, my god-daughter, 20s.; John Boyman, if he lives to 21 years, 66s. 8d. A priest sing for me in the church for two years and have

* In *Corner of Kent*, p. 335, the name of her husband is wrongly given as "Christopher."

£13 6s. 8d. To the daughter of Edward Septvans 20s. John Alday have a standing piece covered with vannes* enameled thereupon; John Boyman another standing piece covered, a second silver cup, and half a dozen spoons if he live to the age of 21, or else be sold and the money for my soul; Elisabeth Alday a flat piece, a nut with a cover, half a dozen spoons, and a dozen vessels garnished, etc.; the wife of John Alday the hangings of my bed, second brass pot, silver salver, etc.; John Alday a vestment and chalice for the term of his life, then to Nicholas his son, and at his death to the churchwardens of Ash. Harry Downing† have 4 silver spoons, long diaper towel, and feather bed which was his master's, Rev. John Middelton's. Residue of goods after paying debts, etc., to my ex'ors, John Aldey, Nicholas Aldey, and Harry Downing, to dispose for my soul, etc. [No probate date.] (W., fol. 89.)

MASTER WALTER SHERBORNE.‡

14 Feb. 1500-1. Buried in the church porch and a stone be laid upon my grave. High altar for all things forgotten 3s. 4d.; reparation of the church 6s. 8d.; to the Light of St. John 4s. 4d. Reparation of Our Lady church of Trym in Ireland 6s. 8d., and to the priest there 3s. 4d.; reparation of the church of St. Peter of Trym 6s. 8d., and to the priest there 3s. 4d.; reparation of the church of St. John of Trym 6s. 8d., and to the priest 2s. Master Richard Hinde have a book called the bible printed in paper. Richard Exherst a pair of red amber beads and to Alice Exherst a pair of coral beads. Sir Lawrence Nott have two books, one called "Decretals" and the other "Summa Galfridi," a surplice, and 20s.; Sir James Dowling, Sir John Fisher, and Sir William Burton a silver spoon to each, and Sir William Brete a book called "Decres." To my two brethren 10s. each and to my two sisters 10s. each. That three acres of my land be put to ferme by my feoffees, and from the money 20s. to 20 poor people on Easter day to pay for their hossold (housel), and the residue for an obit yearly as long as it will extend. Master Richard Hinde have two books called "Anthoning" during his life, then to Christchurch, Canterbury. Ex'ors: Richard Hinde,§ Richard Exherst, with Sir John Saunders, overseer. [No probate date.] (W., fol. 27.)

* The three winnowing fans, the arms of Septvans.

† See his will in *Archæologia Cantiana*, Vol. XXXV., p. 20.

‡ Chantry-priest of the Septvans Chantry, and first mentioned in 1485.

§ A Richard Hinde was vicar of St. Clement's, Sandwich, at this date.

WILLIAM SMITH, husbandman.

10 July 1484. Buried in the churchyard. High altar 20*d*. Residue to wife Cecilie, who with son John ex'ors. Wife have for her life my tenement at Ware called Philpotts, with one acre of land and one rod of hempland near the gate on the south side, half an acre of pasture opposite the aforesaid gate, three acres called Hokedayes, one acre and half in the hamlet (villata) of Ware; then to son John and his heirs. Three rods of land in the hamlet of Cokking in two pieces to be sold to pay debts, etc. Son John have my other messuage at Ware with 4 acres of pasture and 8 acres at Cokking. Witnesses: William Peny and Thomas Omer. Probate 16 March 1484-5. (W., fol. 81.)

JOHN SNODD.

4 July 1556. Buried in the churchyard. Silvester Goolde and his children have my house and land at Fleet. Nicholas Culverhouse the rest of my goods at the discretion of Silvester Goolde, my ex'or. Witnesses: Mr. William Lynch, clerk, Edward Knight, Ethelbert Water. Probate 18 July 1556. (Con. Vol. XXVI., fol. 114.)

PETER SOLY of Hodone.

4 Jan. 1494-5. Buried in the churchyard. To the Light of the Summi Solarii* of Holy Cross 12*d*. The four sons of Simon Soly have two ewes each; James Soly my godson one ewe. Ex'or: Son Simon, and have residue. William Peny feoffee of my lands and tenements in Ash, Wingham, and Elmstone. Son Simon have all the same and to his heirs. [No probate date.] (W., fol. 107.)

ALICE, wife of RICHARD SOLY.

4 March 1497-8. Buried in the churchyard. To my husband 10 sheep; Richard Snode a spruce chest; Agnes Chapman a cow. Ex'ors: Richard Soly and Richard Snode, and to have residue to dispose for my soul, with Roger Staundike the elder, overseer. Probate 30 April 1498. (W., fol. 13.)

SIMON SOLY.

15 Dec. 1500. Buried in the churchyard. High altar 3*s*. 4*d*.; to the church work 12*d*. Son Robert have 5 acres of land in the

* At the top of the loft of the Holy Rood.

parish of Elmeston; son Steven a messuage called Wardell with certain lands thereto betwixen that place and Overland Chapel; son Edmund the place I dwell in with the appurtenances extending unto the further gate towards Elmeston. Residue to wife Annes, my ex'or, with Richard Sennycholas overseer. Wife have the place I dwell in with the croft called Wardell and the land betwixt the place and Overland Chapel, 5 acres of land called Lynch Lees, unto her behoof and profit, until the time and term that my sons shall give unto Margaret and Joane my daughters 53s. 4d. at their marriage.* [No probate date.] (W., fol. 32.)

WILLIAM SOLY.

27 Sept. 1508. Buried in the churchyard. Wife Alys have all such goods which I had with her at marriage; also a bullock, hog, pig, and my best gown. Residue to be disposed for my soul by my ex'ors, William Lewes and William Pett. Wife have for life all my lands in Hoden, then to son Gervase and his heirs; if none, to son John and his heirs; if none, to son Simon and his heirs; but if none, then to be sold and money bestowed for my soul. Also wife have my place and lands at Ware until my children come to lawful age, then to my children. [No probate date.] (W., fol. 111.)

WILLIAM SOLY, husbandman.

. . . . 1558. That Ellen, Joan, Mary, and Margaret, my four daughters, each have £7 10s. at their marriage. Wife Margaret have all my growing crops and household goods, and £40. If she is with child and a son, he to have £40, but if a girl £7 10s. at marriage. Ex'or: Wife Margaret, with my brother Stephen Solley and brother-in-law Richard Omer, overseers. Witnesses: Stephen Solley, senior, Stephen Solley, junior, Richard Omer, Laurence Omer, Francis Omer, Nicholas Peak, and Roger Peak. Probate 18 June 1558. (Con. Vol. XXVII., fol. 67.)

JOHN SPICER, husbandman.

13 May 1554. Buried in the churchyard nigh my ancestors. To my children (not named) my years in my covenant betwixt my landlord and me. Residue after paying debts, to my father (*sic*)

* Some lines appear to have been left out of the copy made of the will in this volume.

John Saunder, my ex'or. Witnesses: Stephen Huffard, Thomas Stanard. Probate 21 July 1554. (Con. Vol. XXV., fol. 68.)

ROGER STANDISH.

17 April 1501. Buried in the churchyard at the west door. Son Roger have my best gown. Residue after paying debts, etc., to wife Joane, my ex'or. Wife have my place for life, then to son Roger and his heirs, but if he die without issue then to be sold and money bestowed for our souls, viz., 66s. 8*d.* to a priest for half a year at St. John's altar in the church; to bad roads 66s. 8*d.*; to the church work of Ickham 6s. 8*d.*; for a taper of 4 lbs. for the sepulchre 6s. 8*d.*; and a taper of 2 lbs. to St. John's Light; to the church work of Ash 6s. 8*d.*; and residue in works of charity. Probate 23 Sept. 1501. (W., fol. 24.)

NICHOLAS STILMAN, corveser.

26 March 1486. Buried in the churchyard. High altar 2s. 6*d.*, and to the fabric of the church 2s. 6*d.* Son Richard have 53s. 4*d.* and all the instruments of my trade; son John 66s. 8*d.* and my best cupbord; residue of goods to wife. Ex'ors: Wife Isabella and Stephen a Foorde, with Thomas Omer, feoffee. Wife have one tenement in Sandwich in the parish of St. Mary near the Delff, and all my lands and tenements in Ash. Witnesses: John Saunders, vicar, John Parker, chaplain, Stephen Foorde. [No probate date.] (W., fol. 84.)

JOHN STONARD.

2 April 1505. Buried in the churchyard. Ex'ors: Wife Katharine and Thomas Grandon. Wife have for life all my lands and tenements, but if she marry, to my sons John and Stephen, paying to their mother 13s. 4*d.* each. If son John be a man of religion, then all the same lands and tenements to son Stephen, paying 13s. 4*d.* to John. My croft called Whitfield to son Jerome. [No probate date.] (W., fol. 38.)

MARGERY UFFINGTON.

3 Jan. 1553 (*sic*). Buried in the churchyard at the east side of the church. To the poor men's box 6s. 8*d.*; and to five of the poorest folk in the parish 3s. 4*d.* John Halet my son have a man's harness—a breast plate, a black (*sic*) plate, and salett. Agnes

Hallet (*sic*) and Alice Hawlett (*sic*), the daughters of John Hawlett, each of them have a pewter platter. Residue after paying debts, etc., to Thomas Dance and Cecily Jordain, my ex'ors. Witnesses: John Brooke, Silvester Golde, Henry Dane, John Reede. Probate 23 May 1553. (Con. Vol. XXV., fol. 26.)

EDWARD WALLER.

. . . . 1495. Buried in the churchyard. High altar 3s. 4*d.*, and to the church a torch price 6s. 8*d.* William Neame have 4 seames of barley to sow his land at Staple; Thomas Neame 2 quarters of barley, and the same to William Neame the younger; Cristiane Neame a young heiffer and quarter of barley. Wife (not named) and Thomas Neame of Wynnysborowe shall be ex'ors, and have residue. Probate 26 Feb. 1495-6. (W., fol. 1.)

WILLIAM WALMESTON.

20 Dec. 1493. Buried in the churchyard. Wife Agnes have residue of goods. Ex'ors: William Austen and William Ilent. Wife have my tenement for life, then to Agnes my daughter and her heirs for ever, paying to John my son 6s. 8*d.* [No probate date.] (W., fol. 106.)

WILLIAM WEDEN.

4 March 1555 (*sic*). Buried in the churchyard. Elis my son have £60 when 21 years of age, to be in the keeping of William Syme, and my son to be kept to school and set forth as best to him; if son die then my wife, if alive, have £20 of the money, and £20 to William Syme, to John Brooke the younger £10, and to poor people £10. Nicholas Culverhouse have two bushels of wheat and 3s. 4*d.* My wife give to the poor of Ash 20s. To 8 men to carry me to the church 8*d.* each. Residue of goods after paying debts, etc., to wife Agnes, my ex'or. Witnesses: John Brooke, William Syme, Bennet Culverhouse. Probate 6 April 1555. (Con. Vol. XXVI., fol. 25.)

ROBERT WOOD.

20 June 1557. Buried in the churchyard. To poor people 40s. at my burying. Son William £40 and four good kine when he is 20 years old, but if he die without issue, to my daughters and their

heirs. Jane and Rebecca, my daughters, £20 each and 3 good kine at their marriage or age of 20 years, but if all my children die under age without issue the money to Thomas Wood, my brother. Alice and Margaret, my sisters, £3 each. Residue of goods to wife Alice; my wife my ex'or, with my brother Thomas overseer. Wife have all my lands and tenements until son William comes to the age of 21 years, then to William. Witnesses: William Syme, John Broke, Thomas Wood, Thomas Alee, Thomas Gibbes. Probate 6 Aug. 1557. (Con. Vol. XXVI., fol. 165.)

JULIANE WYBRAND or ARNEYS of Eaststreet.

4 Feb. 1495-6. Buried in the churchyard. William Arneys my son have my messuage with garden, and another garden called Maundevilis of three rods and a half; also three acres and a rod of land belonging to the same messuage; five acres of pasture at Cumbe, the other at East street, which came to me by right of inheritance after the death of John, son of Hamon Broke. That half an acre of land at Weke be sold, and the money at my burial. Ex'or: Son William,* and have residue. [No probate date.] (W., fol. 107.)

ROBERT WYMARK.

20 Oct. 1493. Buried in the churchyard. High altar 3s. 4d., and to the Light of Holy Cross one bushel of barley. Wife Agnes have my messuage at Ware for her life, then to Denis and Margaret my daughters. Ex'or: Wife Agnes, and have residue. [No probate date.] (W., fol. 104.)

NICHOLAS YONG.

24 June 1523. Buried in the churchyard. Ex'or: Wife Joan, and have residue, after paying debts, to dispose for my soul. Witnesses: Sir Richard Baker, curate, and Raymund Harflett. [No probate date.] (W., fol. 172.)

* William Arnes or Arneys died in 1493, leaving a wife (not named) and son Nicholas. (W., fol. 18.)

APPENDIX.

The following wills were proved in the Prerogative Court of Canterbury:—

THOMAS ALDY,* gentleman.

9 April 1534. Buried under the yew tree in Ash churchyard beside my father, and a stone to be laid on me with the four shields of my arms and my two wives. High altar for tithes 6s. 8d. To the poor £8; and to two honest men that will take pains to repair the road between St. Thomas Cross and Eche £10. To every son of my brothers Jerome and James Aldy 6s. 8d.; to every child of Thomas Wells of Wingham 3s. 4d.; Joane, my maid at Caleys, 3s. 4d.; and Philip, my servant, 3s. 4d. Residue after paying debts, to son Edward when 21 years old. Ex'ors: William Boys, John Boys, and John Monings, gentlemen. Henry Aldy, son of my brother William, £20, unless at any time he claim the lands willed unto me by my father, Nicholas Aldy. My manors and lands in Ash, Goodneston, and Wodnesborowe. All the lands I had by the will of Nicholas my father to my son Edward and his heirs; also son Edward when 21 have my manor or tenements called Hilles Church gates, Hilles Downe, and all other lands lately purchased from Jerome my brother, and to the heirs of Edward; if none, to my brother James and his heirs; if none, to my daughter Margery. Ex'ors to have the governance of my son, "to bring him up virtuously in learning," and take the issues from my lands until Edward is 21, with which they shall find him honestly and put him forth to school and learning. The residue of the income on repairs and buildings to be made at Checker, as my ex'ors think convenient; any not so bestowed, to Edward when 21 years old. Witnesses: William Lancastre, clerk, Thomas Bruar, clerk, Thomas Chalice, and Tomson the carpenter. Probate 5 May 1534. (P.C.C., 14, Hogen.)

JEROME ALDY.

1 May 1539. Son Adam all lands in Kent in tail male, with contingent remainders successively to sons Nicholas, John, Charles, in tail male, according to the will of my father Nicholas. Wife (not named) have my house and lands in Kings Clif during widow-

* Thomas was eldest son of Nicholas Aldy of 1520. (See *Archæologia Cantiana*, Vol. XXXIV., p. 48.)

hood, but if she marry, to son Charles; if he die, to John; and if John die, to Besse my daughter. Goods and household stuff to be divided in five portions—(1) to my wife; (2) son Nicholas; (3) son John; (4) son Charles; (5) Besse, my daughter. Wife to have the custody of the goods until children of lawful age, but if she marry to be put “in some safer bodies hands” for the wealth of my children. Ex’ors: Wife and son Adam. That son Adam have my best gown, jacket, doublet, half a dozen silver spoons “with knoppes of lions,” a nut with a cover, the largest silver piece, and silver salt with cover. Probate 26 Aug. 1542. (P.C.C., 9, Spert.)

ROBERT BESTE, husbandman.

2 Aug. 1538. Buried in the churchyard. My wife Plesaunce have in money and money’s worth £20, two kine, and a horse that was her own before, and half my household stuff. Son Richard Beste £16 13s. 4d.; and my father (*sic*) Thomas Kempe have the ordering of my son and his bequest until of lawful age; if son dies the money to my brother Richard Beste and my brother (*sic*) Clement Kempe. Custaunce, my wife’s daughter, 20s. and a cow. James, my boy, 6s. 8d. and one ewe. Residue to my brothers Richard Beste and Clement Kempe for eleven years, then to my son Richard, but if he be dead then divided between my said brothers. Ex’ors: My brother Richard Beste and my father Thomas Kempe. Witnesses: Jarvice Foulle, Henry Foyde, John Fisser. Probate 27 Sept. 1538. (P.C.C., 10, Crumwell.)