

EARLY KENTISH WILLS.

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A.D. 1442.

Archidiaconal Register, vol. i, section 1.—The Testament of RICHARD FAWKENER OF WAREHORN, is followed by:—

“This is the last Will of Richard ffawkener of Werhorne writyn the xxix day of March the yere of the regne of the Kyng Herry the vjth after the conquest xx yere That is to say ffirst he will that his feffes selle alle his londes & tenements with there appertenaunces wiche he hadde in the Shire of Kent anon aftyr his decesse And the mony therof I-had† & arrerid to be delyueryd or reseuyd be the handes of his executures to this entent that they schul duly and trewly fulfyll his testament and his last Will as they will answeere before Almygti god in the day of Jugement That is to wite the said executouris schul paye to the Parson of Herst for his forgetyn tithes vj s. viij d. *Item* to the Chirchewirk of the same place x s. *Item* to the high Hautere of Lymne in the said wise iij s. iiij d. *Item* to eche lyghte in the same chirch ij s. | *Item* to Richard the sone of William Idenden wich is his godson vj s. viij d.

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† The hyphen has been inserted in such words as 'I-had,' 'I-solde,' 'I-done,' 'I-ordeynede,' 'I-made,' etc., to shew that the capital 'I' is simply a participial prefix. A more common way of indicating the past participle was to prefix the letter 'y,' as 'y-made,' etc.; but, in these Wills, the capital 'I' is always used as the prefix of the past participle.

In these Wills likewise the marks [and || occur as stops; and a full stop does duty here and there for the comma, etc. It will be noticed, too, that the words 'them' and 'there' are abbreviated 'hem' and 'here.' Also, in one instance, 'othyr' is perhaps written for 'or.' 'Mees' is used for 'messuage.'

Item to Jone and Mergeret the dowteris of the same William to each of hem xx s.—*summa* xl s. *Item* to Jone Ydenden the holdere vj *mark*. *Item* to Aueys Ydenden vj *mark*. *Item* to Jone the dowtyr of Geffrey bakere iij s. iiij d. *Item* to Richard atte Wood xx d. *Item* to the sone of Richard Turnour xx d. *Item* to fowle weyis to be amendid wich beyng next the Chirche of Wherhorn xl s. *Item* for newe clothis I-steynyd to be bought and ordeynyed for the sepulcre in the Church of Wherhorn xx s. *Item* to the freris of Arundelle to pray for his sowle and alle his frendis sowles x s. to the freris of Lewis x s.—*summa* xx s. | *Item* he wille that in his monyth day be geve to pore people xl s. *Item* to the frere prechouris of Wynchilse x s. *Item* to howsis of freris in Caunterbury to eche of hem x s.—*summa* xx s. *Item* thei schal dele to xij pore men ij dozeynys of Russet cloth pris of a yarde xiiij d. that is to wetyn to ech of hem ij yardis cloth And to ech of the xij men a peyre of Schon In his xij mothyng day he wil be delid to pore people xl d. *Item* to Edmund the sonne of William Ydenden vj s. viij d. *Item* to Johñ his brothir iij s. iiij d. *Item* to Isabelle at More iij s. iiij d. *Item* to Richard Michilgrofe xij s. iiij d. *Item* Talmanus (*sic*) Michilgrove vj s. viij d. *Item* to the wif of Thomas Pacchyng vj s. viij d. *Item* to the Chirchwirk of Clopham xij s. iiij d. *Item* to Prior' of Lewis to pray for his sowle and for his wyfis sowle and alle his frendis sowle iij marc. *Item* he wil that thei dispose for helth of his sowle for a Parsone that sumtyme was at Herst for tythes be hym to the saide Parsone owyng xx s. *Item* he wille that thei fynde a Prest syngyng in the parissch Chirch of Wherhorn for the helthe of his sowle and all his frendis sowle to the terme of ij yere takyng x *mark* a yere—*summa* xx marc. *Item* to the Prior of the frere prechouris of Wynchilse yf he wil vndertake to his executoris to syng for hym Seynt Grygories Trentalle . . . as he will answer before god iij marc. *Item* thei schal ordeyne a marbilstone to be layd pris ij *mark* or more *Item* to Alice Ydendene for a newe cote cloth iij s. *Item* to Godleue Ydendene for a cote cloth iij s. *Item* he will that John Roberd haue on of his hors and John Ydendene an other *Item* he wil that Heleyne Brokhille haue vj s. viij d. *Item* to ij dowters of Geffrey Bakeris to eche

xx d. *Item* Margarete Bregoman xx d. *Item* to the dowter of Richard Bengwis xx d. *Item* to the dowter of John Joce xx d. *Item* he will that parisschenouris of Wherhorn haue for wastyng of here torchis the day of his berynge at his mothyn day and at I-twelmothyn day vj s. viij d. The remenawnt of the mony that is levyng he will that his detts be paid ther with as ferr as thei can knowe theþ it is due to be do[ne] And that monay that is levid to be disposid in werkis of Charite be discrecion of his executouris where as thei seme best to be done & most helpe to his sowle The date the day and the yere aboute writyn *Item* he will that eche of his executoris haue for here trauayle xxvj s. viij d. Wittenesse of this last Wille to I-this he hath put to his sealle These wittenesse Richard Willis Roberd at Bowes William Willis and othir.”

A.D. 1457.

Archidiaconal Register, vol. i, section 9.—The Testament of WILLIAM SOUTHLONDE OF FAVERSHAM, dated 3rd August 1457 is followed by:—

“This is the last Wille of me William Southlonde of ffauersham I-made in the day and yere of oure lorde Jhesu after his Incarnacioñ aboueseide. And in the yere and Reigne of oure Soueragne lorde the Kyng Harry the Sixte after the conquest of Inglond xxxvijth ffirst it is my wille that Richard Pratte Johñ ffermyngham & John ffounteyñ my ffaders enfeffes of x acris of londe w^t here apertenaunces lying in ffordwiche onely enfeffede be the Wylle of my ffader to the vse of me William Southlonde and to myne assignees. That they refeffe myne executours that is to sey Robert Jermyñ & Johñ Thomsoñ Draper forthe w^t Thomas Southlonde. And the seide Robert John and Thomas Southlonde that they enfeffe Helwisia my wyffe terme of here lyffe seruyng the lorde of the fee | yf god wille that sche lyve after my decese | And yf so be þ^t the seide Helwisia my wyffe decese | that than I wylle | that v acris of the seide x acris of londe be I-solde be myne executouris | and the money þerof comyng to be devydede be theyre goode disposicioñ | oone parte to poure houses of religioñ The secunde to poure peple. The iij^{de} to fowle weyes w^t other goode dedys of Almes as moste nede ys to be I-done ffor the helthe of my

ffaderes sowle my moderes sowle & myne. And for alle oure goode doers. Also I wylle that there bene I-ordeynede and I-made to the Awter of seynt Thomas in the parysshe Chirche of ffauersham two Awter clothes & ij redellys* in valoure of xiiij s. iiij d. Also I will that the seide feffoures enfeffe my brothers chyldrene Thomas and my cosyne is childrene Robert Jermyne in that oþere v acris londe that is to sey Thomas is childrene that one halffe parte. And Robert Jermyne is childrene that othere halffe parte | to haue and to holde to theym and to theyre eyres for euermore and to theyre Assignees seruyng the cheffe lorde of the ffee. | Datum die & anno supradictis.”

A.D. 1459.

Archidiaconal Register, vol. i, section 2.

“In Dei nomine Amen, primo die Junii, Anno Domini millesimo cccc^{mo} quinquagesimo nono, et anno regni Regis Henrici sexti post conquestum Anglie tricesimo septimo, ego JOHANNA FILIA & heres HENRICI KNOWGHTE condo testamentum meum in hunc modum *Inprimis* lego animam meam Deo & Beate Marie corpusque meum ad sepeliendum in ecclesia ffratrum predicatorum Ciuitatis Cantuarie *Item* lego summo altari ecclesie parochialis de Tenyngtone vt pro decimis meis oblitis vj d. *Item* clerico parochiali ibidem ij d. *Item* cuilibet filiolorum meorum iiij d. Residuum vero bonorum meorum non legatorum do & lego Domine Alianore Browne quam facio executricem meam vt ipsa disponat pro anima mea sicut melius seipsa videret expedire.

“Thys is the last Wylle of me Jhane the doughter and eire of Herry Knoughte made at Tonforde the first day of Junii the xxxvijth yere of Kynge Harry the vjth ffyrst I bequethe my soule to god and my body to the frer Prechourys of Canterbury there to lye and after that I wylle that alswelle (as well) the ffeffes of my said fader as my ffeoffes after my decesse to make estate of alle my londys in tenham to my Lady Dame Alianora Browne and to other persones suche as she wylle assigne to them there heiryrs and Assignees for euer Paynge there fore the money paide be my maister Sir Thomas Browne

* *Riddels, Curtains*—Halliwell, *Archaic Dictionary*.

Knyghte to Johñ Builtyng (?) and Hokerygge afore this that to be repaide and received ayene. thenne she to do for my soule as it foloythe here after. ffyrste to the frere Prechourys of Canterbury xx s. Also to the Vicary of Tanyngtone vj s. viij d. *Item* to my ij susteres vj marks. *Item* to my Graunsire and Graundame vj li. xij s. iiij d. *Item* to the poure pepille next of my kyne c s. after the discession of my said Lady And the remanaunt of the valeure of the said londes to my said Lady and to here childrene for euer more *Item* I will that my cosyns Richard Malmayns ffeffis vn to whome I am next heire to after my dissesse shulle make estate and a graunt of the Reuercione of Plukle and of Waldresshare after the dissesse of Alice now wyfe to John Clyfford to my said Lady and to her ffeffis in fee for euer Noughte with standyng the ffeffement made there of be me And of the v marks that I am possessed of thys day yn hand myne obbit to be kepte withe all and othir thinges Also doynge for my soule and alle myne antecessouris soules in dedis of almesse to poure pepille to mariagis of poure maydenys and foule ways to the valeure after my said Lady discession. And the said ffeffis thus to doone as they wylle answere to me on the dredefulle day of dome Beynge present at the makynge of this Wylle Richard Drilande, Johñ Bertlot, Stephen Wade, Stephen Charlys the Vicory of Tanyngtone, and mony other the day and yere afore saide.”

A.D. 1460.

Archidiaconal Register, vol. i, section 11.—The Testament of LAURENCIUS RAULYNE of the parish of EASTLING dated 27th December 1460, is followed by:—

“This is the last Wille of Laurens Raulyne of Eslynge made ther the Saturday next afore seynt Thomas Day the Apostle the yere of oure lorde mⁱ cccc^{mo} and lx and the yere of the Reyne of Kynge Herry the vj^{te} of Ynglande the xxxixth of alle his landes and tenements in the parisshe of Eslynge afore sayde that is to say. A mees at ffoxstofi A pece lande callyde Pettecroft A pece lande callyd iij yerdys A parcell wode in South’ Wode iij pecis lande called the Bremptis and the Hale A pece lande callyd North’ felde A Mees w^t a pece lande callid Hamkynes A pece laude callyd Skrevynis || the whiche said

Message peces of lande and wode w^t all theire apurtenaunces be thy name of alle the landes wodis and tenements that the said Laurens hadde at that tyme || the saide Laurens welle that Richarde hes sone schalle haue them aftyr his descēs to hym and to his herys for euer more excepte therof that Rose late the wyffe of Johñ Laulyne schalle haue for terme of here lyffe the said Mees and pece lande a fore callyd Hamkynes the Remayndirre ther of after the descēs of the said Rose to the said Richarde and to his heyrys for euermore fforthirmore the said Laurens wolle that Alice hys wyffe schalle haue for terme of her lyffe an Annuete of xiiij s. iiij d. atte iiij termes of the yere be Evyn porcions to be payde the ffyrste terme commensant atte Ester next commynge after the date of this wrytynge w^t sufficient power to destrayne ther fore in alle the said landes and tenements excepte the said Mees and pece lande aforene assigned to the said Rose I-called Hamkynes || And fforthirmore the said Laurens wille that the said Richarde schalle paye for the said pece lande a fore callyde Skrevynis to the reparacioñ of seynt Katerine Chauncelle atte Eslynge a fore said—vj s. viij d. *Item* to eueryche lighte in the saide Churchē of Eslynge xx d. Made the yere and day and place a fore saide the said Laurens atte that tyme beyng in goode mynde and sore seke In the presens herynge and sighte of Sir Roger Greneforde Parson of Eslynge John ffoxstone James Hoo and after wardis be the Reporte of them wreten be Johñ Churchē.”

A.D. 1463.

Archidiaconal Register, vol. i, section 6.—The Testament of ANDREW GOSBORÑ of the parish of APULDRE, dated 25th October 1463, is followed by:—

“Thys ys the last Wille of þe foreseyd Andrewe Gosbourne fyrst he wole þat Johñ Strogylle Robard Godfray and William Henxden hys fefforys shalle deliuere to Alice Brownyng vnto þe terme of life of þe seyð Alice a pece of mershe lond callyd ten acrys beit more othyr lasse beyng wythinne þe paryshe of Apoldore And after the discese of þe seyð Alice the forsey[d] Andrew wole that þe seyð pece of lond callyd Ten Acrys shalle remayne vnto Thomas Robard and Herry gosbourne hys brotherin to hem here eyrys and here assignes for euermore *Item*

the fore seyð Andrew wole þat þe said Alice shalle haue the gowne cloth wythe þe furre whyche he ordeynyd for here Weddyng And a gyrdylle harnessyd wythe silver *Item* he wylle Syr Johñ Gosebourne hys broþer shalhaue hys newe gowne clothe and xij s. iij d. to pray for hys sowle *Item* the seyð Andrew wole þat Jone and Anneys hys sustrys euyryche of hem shalhaue a pece of londe lyng to gedyr wythinne the seyð parysche of Apoldore and eueryche of þe seyð peces is callyd fyve fardyngs and eueryche soster to be odyr eyre *Item* þe seyð Andrew wole þat alle hys odyr londes shalle remayne vnto Harry Robard and Thomas hys brothrene to hem and to here eyrys and here assignes for euermore."

A.D. 1463.

Archidiaconal Register, vol. i, section 6.

"In Dei nomine Amen, primo die mensis Decembris, Anno Domini millesimo cccc^{mo} lxij^o, ego THOMAS PETLESDENE de Parochia de TENTERDENE compos mentis condo testamentum meum in hunc modum. *Inprimis* lego animam meam Deo omnipotenti Beate Marie Virgini & omnibus Sanctis corpusque meum ad sepeliendum in cancello Sancte Katerine in ecclesia de tenterdene predicta. *Item* lego summo altari ibidem vj s. viij d. *Item* ad reparacionem ecclesie de Tenterdene xx s. *Item* cuilibet feoffatorum meorum & executorum meorum xx. s. *Item* Thome Carpynter togam meam secundariam de Skarlet optimam deployde optimam zonam meam & j hangyng bedde. *Item* Thome Castewysille duos boues juvenes. *Item* Stephano Synme sex oues matrices. *Item* Thome Hogge ij^{as} oues matrices. Residuum vero omnium bonorum non legatorum debitis meis & funeralibus expensis prius plenarie solutis do & lego Petronille vxori mee. Hujus autem testamenti mei executores Petronillam vxorem meam, Johannem Engehame, & Thomam Carpynter, facio ordino & constituo per presentes.

To alle trewe Crysten peple to whom þys present wrytyng shalle come Thomas Pytlesdene of Tenterdene gretyng in oure Lord euerlastyng know ye me þe forseyd Thomas Pytlysdene the fyrst day of Decembris þe yer of oure Lord Jhesu Cryst m^{ll} cccclxij and in the yer of þe reigne of Kyng Edward þe iij^{te} after the conquest of Ynglond the iij^{de} to haue made ordeynyd

and declared to myne enfeffes whyche sinnene (?) my last Wille vnder þis forme as folwythe fyrst I wole that Parnelle my wyf haue out of alle my landes and tenementes xx. li. yerly and a chambre in my princepall tenement whyche she wille chose terme of here lyfe And thanne I wole that Thomas Carpynter haue alle my landes & tenementes rentes & seruices wythe theyr appurteaunces by the deliury of myne enfeffes or of theyr Assigneis he fulfillyng my Wille as it folwythe that is to wyten that he paye of my godes and catelles landes and tenementes to Richard fleemyng Citezene of Londoñ or to hys Assigneis alle the money that is by hynde vnpayd of þat I borwyde and receyvyde of the seyde Richard and x. li. more of my bequethe at suche tyme as they þerof cane acorde & the seyde Thomas may resonably arese it of my forseide godes & catelles londes and tenementes vndyr condicione that þe seyde Richard ne hys wyfe ne noone odyr in þer name any ryghte or tyle clayme or demande in any of my londes or tenementes rentes or seruices þat I haue ordeynd to the seyde Thomas Carpenter & in cas that þe seyde Richard fleemyng or hys wyfe or any of here eyres or any othyr Assigne attourne or depute for hym or for them wole clayme ony tyle of Ryghte in any of þe forseid landes tenementes rentes or seruices by resone of a voyde feffement to hym made after tyme þat the seyde Richard hys wyfe or any of there Assineys haue a certeyn knowlyche and vnderstandyng of thys my laste Wille and so wole interrupte þe forseide Thomas Carpynter or any of myn enfeffes or enfeffes of the seyde Thomas Carpynter or hys diputeis so that the seyde Thomas may not pesibly ioyse my forseide londes & tenementes rentes & seruices to fulfillle my last Wille as it is a bove and by nethe rehersyde Thanne I wille þat the seyde Thomas Carpentere hys Assineis or feffes or my feffes no thyng paye to þe seyde Richard fleemyng ne to hys eyres or Assineis of þe money be fore rehersyde that I borrowed and resseyvyde of hym ne the for seyde x. li. of biqueste but hold the sayd londes & tenementes rentes & seruices vndyscharched a yens þe seyde Richard fleemyng hys wyfe or any of hys Assineis or deputeis Also I wille that myne oder by quethe that is by hynde of the c. marcs to the stepille of tenterdene yerly be payde of my londes & tenementes rentes & seruices as longe as it is a

werkyng. Also I wille & ordeyne that a Prest be founde to syng in the chyrche of Tenterdene at the Awter of seynt Kateryne for my sawle for my frendes saulys and alle Crestene to the terme of xx. yere. *Item* for an yerly obite to be obserued xx. s. for euermore for hym þat shalle in habite þe place to be charged w^t the obyte. *Item* I ordeyne to Johanna my suster x. li. *Item* to Alice my suster xx. marcs. *Item* to Margaret my suster x. marcs to be payd to them or to þere eyres after the discese of my wyfe and that euery yer a parcell þerof to eueryche of them as it may resonably be had and a reysyde of my landes & tenementes into the tyme it be payd & content after the discese of my wyfe as it is a fore seyde.

“Non est approbatum sed administracio bonorum committitur ex Officio.” (The foregoing Testament and Last Will are cancelled in the Register by lines drawn across them.)

A.D. 1463.

*Archidiaconal Register, vol. i, fo. 62.**—The Testament of ALICE KYNET of the Parish of BONINGTON, is followed by:—

“Vltima Voluntas ejusdem Alicie

Hec est Vltima Voluntas of Alsone Kynet the wydow of Roger Kynnet of bonyngtone made in the monethe of feuerere in the yere of our Lorde m^lcccclxij of alle my londis & tenementes lying in the Parysche of Aldyngtone & in Mersham or in any othyr place wythinne the shyre of Kente in the whyche Johñ Saundyr my feffour ys feffede in xij acres callyde Grydle he for to deliuer state whan the executouris requirthe hym Also I wille that the Priour or hys Assignours whan that he hath tyme or space sumtyme among for to sey masse in the chyrche of bonyngtone for the soule of Johñ Portere & ther for the fore seyde Priour shalhaue half an acre of londe wythe an howse stondyng therupone lyyng at Austynys strete in the lordshyp of seint Johñ Also I wille that the seyde Priour shalhaue a peyre of shetes & Alyc Halle anor' peyre Also I wille

* On fo. 54, in Testament of JOHANNA AMYS of LEVELONDE dated last day of January, 1464:—“*Item* lego Willelmo filio Petri Kenette togam meam optimam & meam optimam zonam. Residuum vero omnium bonorum meorum solutis debitis meis legatis & funeralibus expensis do & lego Henrico Kenette & Nicholao Kenette filiis meis,” etc.

that the seyde Priour shalhaue vj s. viiiij d. Also to euery chanoñ of the Priory of bylsyngtone vj s. viiiij d. *Item* I bequethe to Harry at Halle a couerlyt & a fedyrbedde a matrace & a violet gowne & a peyre of bedys & a caudrone ij. bacyns & on of the seyde basyns is percydful of holys in the botime Also I bequethe to Jone bedyl my mayde j cow the whiche cow is callyd Nyghtyngale Also Alis Halle shalhaue a panne vpon the condicione that she wyl pay iij s. iiij d. Also it is my wille that euery executor shalhaue for hys labour xx. d. fethermore it is my wille that the executores shul pay my dettes and dyspose the remenant of my godes as they se best for the helthe of my soule & for all Cresten soulys."

A.D. 1464.

Archidiaconal Register, vol. i, folio 59^b.—The Testament of RICHARD WYNSTONE of FAVERSHAM, dated 16th March 1464, is followed by:—

"Thys ys the last ordinaunce & the last Wylle of me Richard Wynstone of ffauersham I-made on the xvj day of Marche in the yere of oure Lord god aboueseyd & in the yere & regne of oure soueragne Lord the King edward the iiij in the vth yere of hys regne fyrst I wille that Alice my wyf haue and take up al the profite of my mesuage gardynis londys lyyng in the Parysshe of Lynstede into the feste of seint Michael next folwyng this date present And after the seyde feste that thanne I will that the seyde mesuage gardines londis wythe alle apurtenences be I-sold to the most avayle by myne executours And of the money therof resseyvyde I wille that Alice my wyf haue vij marcs. & Richard my sone whanne he comithe to the age of xxij yere to haue v marcs. and Elinore my dowter whan she comythe to the same age other v marcs. And yf so be that eythyr my sone or dowter discese thanne I wole that seyde v marcs. remayne to Alys my wyfe here modere And yf so be that bothe my sone & dowter discese that thanne I wolle that odyr v marcs. be I-doon for me and for alle my frendys in dedys of almesse where most nede is knowene Also I wille that a tryntalle be I-seyd for me & for alle my frendes wythe part of the seyde money—*summa* of x s. Also I wylle that Adam Wynstone haue vj s. viiiij d. to the reparacione of the

Chyrche of Lynstede xl d. *Item* to the cherche of ffauersham xl d. Also to William Smythe and John Londoñ my fefforis to eueryche of them xx d. Also I wille that the seyde William & John Londoñ deliuer a state of my mesuage withe al apur- tinences to Richard Wynstone & to Thomas Waltere myn executoures at all such tyme as they been required my Wyl to be fulfillde and my dettys & my bequethis payde And yf so be that there come more money ouerplus I wille that I-Preste be I-founde w'inne the Parysshe Cherche of fauersham wythe the more parte & anothisr Prest to be I-founde in the chyrche of Lyndestede. *Datum vt supra.*"

A.D. 1464.

Archidiaconal Register, vol. i, section 5.—The Testament of STEPHEN MOTTE of the parish of LINSTED, dated 5th October 1464, is followed by:—

"Thys ys the last Wille of me Stephyñ Motte of the parysshe of Lynstede made the v day of Octobris the yer and regne of Kyng Edward the fowrthe the fourth yere ffyrst I wille that Alys my wiff shalhaue alle my landys and tenements lyyng and beyng wyth'inne the parysshe of Lynsted duryng the lyf of the foreseyd Alys Except iij yerdys of lond lyyng at Northhalff whyche iij yerdys I wille that my wyffe shall selle a Reles to Peyrs my sone that he may w^t the money comyng therof pay my detts and my bequethis vttyrly after my dyscese Also I wille that Peyrs my sone shalhaue v acris of lond lyyng in diuerse places wythinne the parysshe of Lynsted beforeseyd w^t thys condicioñ that he pay to Agnes my dowter x *marc.* for here mariage to be payd w'inne x yer next folwing after my dyscese and after the dyscese of Alys my wyf Also I wylle after my discese and after the discese of Alys my wyf that Peyrs my sone shalhaue alle my londys and tenements lyyng in the parysshe of Lynstede or ony where wyth'inne the Hundred of Tenham to hym and to hys eyres in fee symple In whytnesse of thys my present Wylle I haue put to my sealle the day and yere aboue wretene Also I wylle that Julyañ Lutoñ shalhaue iij s. iij d. Also I wylle tha[t] my wyff shalnot take away oute of my mesuage the querne nor the knedyng trowe in no wyse."

A.D. 1465.

Archidiaconal Register, vol. i, section 7.—The Testament of ROBERT WARDLAW, dated 28th October 1465, is followed by:—

“Thys is the intent and ye last Wille of Robbert Wardlaw vppone the feffement I-made to Syr Thomas Codde Clerke & Thomas brekenoke of hys hous & lande that he hathe w^t Inne the parysch of bobbyng at Kaystrete And the condicione of the feffement is this that at alle tyme whan ye seyde Robbert Wardlaw requerethe the seid Syr thomas Codde & Thomas brekenoke that they shulle refefte him a yen of ye seid hous & londe or of any parceller þerof forther more yf ye seid robbert Wardlaw dye of ye sekenesse that he ys vexed Inne at ye time of this present Wille makynge that than he wille that his forseyd feffez delyuere all ye same hous & londe vnto Alice his wyff for terme of heere lyf payng ye kargez & kepyng ye reparacione duryng ye seid terme And after * of ye same Alice the seid feffez shulle deliuere alle ye same hous & londe vnto William ye sone of thomas browne for euere at ye ende & terme of xxiiij yere of age And that ye same Thomas browne haue alle ye awaylle of ye same hous & londe vnto ye same terme payng alle † tho (*sic*) ye lordes of ye fee & kepyng ye reparacione of ye same hous & londe duryng ye forseid terme othere wise tho (*sic*) be put þerfro Al so yf yt so be happyng þ^t ye forseid William dye & Alice or age of xxiiij winter than alle ye forseid hous and londe shalle be deliuered tho (*sic*) ye seyde thomas browne for euere payng ye same thomas browne at ye ferys ‡ mendz of ye seid robbert & Alice terme of v yere than next folowyng iiij s. that tho (*sic*) wete in sayng *Placebo* & *Dirige* Massez & Almasse tho (*sic*) pour § to al ys a bove wretyn be fore wyse & discrete meñ rehersed than thei beyng present that ys to wethe John grangeman, Henry standy, John bodelle, John bernes, Nicholas Kay, & other than ther beyng present in wetenes wher of tho (*sic*) ys present wrytyng of that on parte I ye forseid Robbert Wardlaw my sealle haue put to.”

* ? decease.

† ? charges.

‡ ? should be ‘yery’s,’ i.e. year’s, minds.

§ ? people,

A.D. 1466.

Archidiaconal Register, vol. i, section 10.

“ In Dei nomine Amen, vicesimo quinto die mensis Aprilis, Anno Domini millesimo cccc^{mo} sexagesimo sexto, ego ROBERTUS DRAYTONE de Whitehelde in parochia de OSPRENGE compos mentis mee condo testamentum meum in hunc modum. *Inprimis* lego animam meam Deo omnipotenti Beate Marie Virgini & omnibus Sanctis, corpusque meum sepeliendum in cimiterio ecclesie Apostolorum Petri & Pauli de Osprenge predicta. *Item* lego summo altari ecclesie predictae pro decimis oblitis ij s. *Item* lego cuilibet luminum infra dictam ecclesiam j bussell’ ordei. *Item* lego lumini Beate Marie in capella infra cimiterium dicte ecclesie j quarterium ordei. *Item* lego clerico parochiali ibidem, videlicet, Ricardo Bryane vjd. *Item* lego cuidem presbitero ydoneo ad celebrandum pro anima mea amicorum meorum & omnium fidelium defunctorum in ecclesia Beatorum Petri & Pauli predicta per dimidium annum statim post decessum meum secundum quod executores mei cum eo concordare poterint. *Item* lego Roberto Hale filiolo meo vnum bussell’ ordei. *Item* lego Stephano atte Hale filiolo meo vnum bussell’ ordei. *Item* lego ad reparacionem & emendacionem cujusdam vie inter Whitehelde & Broke viginti carectatas lapidis. *Item* lego Cecilie sorori mee j quarterium frumenti. *Item* lego ad distribuendum presbiteris clericis & pauperibus in denariis & aliis superuenientibus in victualibus preter panem & ceruisiam die tringenti mei dicti Roberti xx s. *Item* die anniuersarii mei forma predicta xx s. Residuum vero bonorum meorum non legatorum do & lego Margarete vxori mee, & Roberto Marchalle, quos facio & constituo executores meos vt illi ordinent & disponant pro salute anime mee parentum meorum & omnium fidelium defunctorum prout sibi melius viderit expedire & altissimo placere.

“ This ys the last Wylle of me Robert Draytone of the Parysshe of Osprenge made the xxvth day of the moneth of Aprylle in the sixte yere of the reygne of Kyng Edward the iiijthe. ffyrst I wylle that my feffees anone aftyr my decesse shalle delyuer a state to Margaret my wyfe. of and in a tenement callyde Smythes Wythe. a gardeyne and a parcelle of londe

annexide to the same w^t the apportenaunces lyinge in the Parysshe of Osprenge at Whytehelde as the markes and boundys divydene and shewyne To have and holde to the seid Margaret and to hyr Assignees duryng alle the terme of hyr lyfe. || Also I will that my seide feffees shalle make a state to the seide Margaret my wyfe anone aftyre my decesse of and in a pece of londe callede Heldfelde w^t the apportenaunces lying in the seide Parysshe of Osprenge. To haue and holde to the seide Margaret and to hyr Assignees alle the terme of hyr lyfe. || And aftyr the decesse of the seide Margaret my wyfe. I wyll that my seide feffees shalle make a state to William my sonne of the abovesaide tenement w^t the gardeyne callede Smythes Wythe. the parcelle of londe annexyde therto w^t the apportenaunces. To have and holde to the seide William his heires and his Assignees for euermore. || Also I wyll that anone aftyr the dyscesse of the seide Margarete my wyfe. the seide pece of londe callede Heldfelde w^t the apportenaunces shalle be solde by myne Executoures and the money comyng therof to be dysposede by my seide Executoures for the helthe of my sowle. my wyfes sowle. and all Crystene sowles. And yf so be that John or William my sonnes wolle bye the seide londe. I wolle that one of them have yt afore any other. Also I wolle that anone aftyr my dyscesse my seyde feffees shall make a state to John my sonne. of and in a tenement w^t a gardeyne and the apportenaunces lying atte Whytehelde in the seid Parysshe of Osprenge. the whiche I dwelle yn. forthew^t alle the londe therto belongyng that ys to sey. the Dane. ij hammys. and Hollecroft. And w^t ij acres of wode and the grounde more or lasse lying atte the northe ende of Kekyngrove. To haue and holde to the seide John his heires and his Assignees for euermore. | Also I wolle that anone aftyr my dyscesse my seide feffees shalle make a state to William my soune of and in a barne w^t the apportenaunces And in alle my londe lying in a ffelde callede Redysfelde. And w^t ij parcelles of wode w^t the ground lying in Kekyngrove. the whiche were William Badcokes and Thomas Marchalles. To have and hold to the seide William his heires and his Assignees for euermore. || Also I wolle that my seide feffees shalle make a state to Robert my sonne of and in a tenement w^t ij gardeynes and a barne lyinge atte Coksete. for-

thew^t all the londe lyinge above the hylle that therto belongythe w^t alle the apportenaunces. whene the seide Robert comythe to the age of xviiij yere. To have and holde to the seide Robert his heires and his Assignees for euermore. | And I wolle that Margaret my wyfe shalle have the rule and the profyte of alle the seide tenement gardeyns barne and londe longynge (*sic*) to the seide Robert vn to tyme he come to the seide age of xviiij yere. | And the seide Margarete to fynde the seide Robert to scole all the seide terme. and alle his arraye wollene and lynnene hosene and shone bedde and borde. and alle othere thinges necessarye durynge alle the seide terme. And yf it so happe that the seyde Robert dye w^tyn the age of the seide xviiij yere. than I wolle that my seyde feffees shalle make a state to the seide Johñ and William my sonnes. of and in the seid tenement w^t ij gardeyns and the barne. forthew^t all the londys lying above the hylle to the seyde tenement longyng (*sic*) w^t all the apportenaunces eqally (*sic*) bytwene them to be dyvided. To have and holde to theym their heires and their assignees for euermore. | Also I wylle that my seide iij sonnes Johñ William and Robert shall bere and paye an yerely Annuyte of x s. to Margarete my wyfe durynge alle the terme of here lyfe atte the feste of Alle Haloweñ every mañ lyke. And for lakke of payment. the seide Margarete to distreyne in alle the tenementes and londys w^t wodys and there apportenaunces to alle my seide iij sonnes belonginge. | Also I wolle that myne Executoures shalle delyuer to Johñ my sonne to sowe his londe ij quarters iiij bushels of whete. And to the same Johñ in beere to sowe vpon his londe v quarters. And to the same Johñ in otys j quarter iiij bushels. Also I wolle that my seide Executoures shalle delyuer to William my sonne in whete to sowe vppone his londe ij quarters iiij bushels. And to the same William in beere v quarters. And to the same William in otys j quarter iiij bushels. | Also I wolle that the seide Johñ and William my sonnes shalle have my iiij horses w^t a shode cart | And a ploughe w^t whelys. And alle the reparable the whiche to the seide cart and ploughe in any wyse belongethe. | Also I wolle that the seide Johñ and William my sonnes shalle have alle my powdare. | Also I wolle that Johñ William and Robert my sonnes shalle paye or do paye to Marione and Kateryne my ij daughters

to their mariage. x marcs of lawefulle money of Englonde. that ys to sey. to yche of my seide doughters v marcs. | And yf hit happe any of my seide doughters to dye or she be maryede Than I wolle that she the whiche of them ys then lyvyng shall have all the seid hole x marcs clerely to hyr maryage. | ”

A.D. 1467.

Archidiaconal Register, vol. i, section 4.

“In Dei nomine Amen, in Crastino Sancti Michaelis Archangeli, Anno Domini millesimo cccc^{mo} lxxvij^{mo}, ego JACOBUS BOURNE de DODYNGTONE compos mentis & sane memorie existens memorans de extremis meis condo testamentum meum in hunc modum. *Inprimis* lego animam meam Deo omnipotenti Beate Marie Virgini & omnibus Sanctis ejus & corpus meum ad sepeliendum in cimiterio ecclesie Decollacionis Sancti Johannis Baptiste de Dodyngtone. *Item* lego Vicario de Dodyngtone ad orandum pro anima mea iij s. iiij d. *Et* lego lumini Sancti Johannis ejusdem ecclesie iij s. iiij d. *Et* lumini Sancte Crucis ibidem xij d. *Et* hujus autem testamenti perimplendi facio & constituo Johanna[m] vxorem meam fidelem executricem meam. *Et* residuum vero omnium bonorum meorum non legatorum debitis & legatis meis solutis do & lego prefate Johanne vxori mee ad disponendum pro anima mea in diebus sepulture mee trigintalis mei & annuatim ad dies anniuersarios per discrecionem dicte Johanne.

“This ys the last Wille of Jamys A Bourne of Dodyngtone made there one the morowe next aftyr Seynt Michelle the Archangeli the vij yere of Kyngedwarde the iiij^{te} to his fefees of his Maneres londes tenementes wodys rentes seruices and reuercions w^t all there appurtenaunces as hit apperythe by evedences | first he wylle that Jone his wyfe shalle haue for terme of here lyffe the Manere of Sharstede w^t alle pertenaunces fordw^t alle other Maneres londes & tenementes wodys rentes and seruices and alle othere perteynyng therew^t to the seyde Jamys in anherytaunce dyscendede after dysces of Bartylmewe Bourne his ffadere in the Parisshes of Dodyngtone, Lynstede, Kyngesdowne, Newenham, & Wychelynge, wherein William ffynche, Johñ Chirche, and Johñ Awger, bene eneffyde by the seide James as in a dede þerof to them made be the seide Jamys

openly hit apperithe | And after dysces of the seide Jone | the seide Maner of Sharstede w^t his appurtenaunces forthew^t alle the seide Maneres londes tenementes wodys rentes and seruices w^t there appurtenaunces in the Parysshes aforeseyde shall remayne to Jamys the eldest sone of the seide Jamys and Jone | and to the eyres of his body lawfully begotyne | And for lakke of yssue to his brothere Johñ and to his eyres of his body lawfully begotene | And for lakke of issue to Milthrede Jone Thomasyne and Isabella the dowghters of the seid Jamys and Jone. And to theyre eyres for euermore | And the seide Jamys and Johñ schall yerely perceyve (*sic*) and take whene þey come to lawfully (*sic*) age | evenly to be devydede betwene them the profytes yerely comynge of the Maners of Hyghham and Northyngtone | the whiche Petyte holdythe to ferme forthw^t the profytes of the Manere of Sesaltre w^t there appurtenaunces durynge the lyfe of the seide Jone there modere | And after dysces of the seide Jone | to goo to the seide Johñ here sone and to the eyres of his body lawfully begotene | And for lakke of yssue | to goo to his brothere Jamys and to the eyres of his body lawfully begotene | And for lakke of issue to go to the seide Milthrede. Jone Thomasyne and Isabella susters of them | whane they come to lawfull age and to their eyres for euermore | And the seide Jone here modyr to haue the rule of alle the seide sones and dowghters durynge there nonage forthw^t the profytes of alle the saide lyffelode* afore to the seide childrene assignede to fynde them therw^t | And the residue thereof yf any be to goo to the payment of the dettes & fulfyllynge of the Wylle of the seyde Jamys || fforthermore the seid Jamys wille that a mees† w^t his appurtenaunces I-callyde Edmestone shalle be solde anone after his dysces. | And xx^{ti} marcs thereof to be delyuerede to the dowghters (*sic*) of Robert Banastre whane sche cometh to the age of mariage accordyng to her seid ffaderes Wylle | And yf sche dye w^t yn age of mariage to be delyuerede to the Chirche werkes of Dodyngtone accordyng to the Wylle of the seide Banastre | fforthermore he wylle that a mees w^t appurtenaunces I-called Boners in cas his seyde dowghters lyve or eny of them to age of mariage schalle be solde for mariage of them | And eche of them to haue xx li. to here mariagys | to be areryd there-

* Livelihood.

† Mees=message.

of and of his goodys and catallys. | And yf any of them dye afore age of mariage eche of them to be otherys heires. | And yf all the seyde dowghters dye afore marriage | than the seide mees to goo to the seid Jamys and Johñ sones of the seid Jamys Bourne whane they come to lawfulle age | and to there eyres for euermore | And the profitys þerof in the mene tyme to goo to the seide Jone here modere for there fyndynge durynge there nonages. | fforthermore he wyll that an honest Preste schall synge in the Chirche of Dodyngtone be the space of ij yere or iij. And hit may be for his sowle his ffaders & his moders sowles and there ffrendys sowles to be leveyde and areryde of his goodys and catallys || and of the residue of the money of the seide mees I-called Edmestone aboue the seid xx^{ti} marcs payde as it ys afore assygnede. | And the seide Jone his wyffe to haue the admynystracione and []? of alle the money of the seyde londes afore assignede to be solde forthew^t alle his goodys and catallys and forthew^t the profitys of alle the seide Maners londys and tenementes to the seyde childrene afore assigned durynge there nonage above there fyndynge to pay [there-]? w^t the detts and legacies of the seide Jamys here husbonde || And the residue there [-of]? yff any be to the seyde Jone his wyfe to haue it || And yerely to doo for him aftere here dyscrecione | as hit may be most merytory for his sowle his frendys and goode doers and all Crystene sowles | I-made the day place and yere above-seyde.”