

SITTINGBOURNE WILLS.

(*Concluded.*)

BY ARTHUR HUSSEY.

THOMAS ONYON.

23 Feb. 1498-9. Buried in the churchyard. High altar 12*d*. Wife Joan all my lands and tenements. Helene my daughter 5 acres of land called Wynchill croft after the death of her mother. Residue to wife Joan and son John my Ex'ors, to dispose for my soul. Witnesses :—Thomas Highstede, William Depedate, William Pegill.

[Probate 18 July 1499.]

(A. Vol. 7, fol. 145.)

KATHERINE ONYON<sup>1</sup>, widow.

9 June 1505. Buried in the churchyard. High altar 8*d*. Light of Our Lady, St Anne, St Katherine, the Trinity, 4*d* each. Residue equally to all my children. Ex'ors :—John Altroper of St Mary Hill, London, grocer, William Lawrence tailor, of Canterbury, to each 6-8*d*. Son Umfrey have income from my tenement and three acres called the Vinelienge for two years after my death, then Katherine my daughter have the profits until Umfrey is 24, doing repairs and paying the chief lord of the Fee his duty, then remain to Umfrey and his lawful issue, in default to son James and his lawful issue, in default to Katherine her heirs and assigns for evermore : Witnesses :—John Ladbery, John Peryn, John Weman, Thomas Redhed.

[Probate 20 Oct. 1513.]

(A. Vol. 12, fol. 174.)

WALTER PARMAN.

10 Feb. 1533-4. Buried in the churchyard next son Raffe. Richard Sparrowe my servant my say jacket. Jure my best freyse [coarse woollen cloth] coat. Pelham the ryper<sup>2</sup> my second

<sup>1</sup> As Katherine Unwyn, the same Will at fol. 92 with Probate 17 March 1511-2.

<sup>2</sup> A pedlar, a man who carries fish for sale in a rip or basket.—*Dict. Kent Dialect.*

freyse coat. William Barbar my brother in law my tawney dublet, and to his wife my sister my blue gaberden. Residue after debts paid to my wife (no name) my Ex'or, with Robert Patynden and Mark Dogett, overseers. No Witnesses.

[Probate 14 April 1534.]

(Con. Vol. 16, fol. 67.)

RICHARD PENNARTH.

9 June 1490. Buried in the churchyard. Residue of goods to wife Emmote my Ex'or, to pay the debts I owe in Rochester and Sidingborn. Witnesses :—Thomas Barmyng, Lawrence Heyghsted, Richard Wayman, Thomas Bylling.

[Probate 25 Sept. 1490.]

(A. Vol. 5, fol. 181.)

JOHN PETT.

24 Feb. 1550-1. Buried in the churchyard. Henry Patchy 12*d.* Dom Anthony Petche 12*d.* My house in Chemysforth in Essex in Moussant Street to Thomas Pett my natural son, under the governance of my wife until the child is 21, then to his proper use ; but if son die my wife have it, if wife die then to my brother Thomas Ryeder. My house in Syttingborne to my wife, also my dredging boat. Ex'or :—Wife Agnes and have all other goods :—Witnesses :—Christopher Collsone, Nicholas Browne.

[Probate 26 May 1551.]

(A. Vol. 27, fol. 102.)

JOHN POLYVER.<sup>1</sup>

. . . . 1456. (No burial etc.) Feoffees of all lands tenements, etc, in Sydyngborn, Myddelton, Morstone :—John Cotyng, Thomas Stephen, John Noke, Richard Andrew. Wife Jone my messuage and barn in East Street Sydyngborn, 4 acres of land at Sout in Morston, 2 acres in Sydyngborn under Morston parsonage, 2 acres in Bacchylde at Mellehelle, one acre and a yard in Shamely field in Myddelton, and to heirs and assigns of Jone for ever. Also wife have all my other lands, tenements, rents, fermes, services, for life, then to son John when 22 and his heirs assigns for ever. If wife die before son John is 22, lands etc be in the hands of my Feoffees, until son is 22, but if son die before 22 with male issue, then after the death of my wife, to the said heirs male at 16, and if no such issue then sold, the halvyndell [half portion] of the money to a priest in Sydyngborn church as

<sup>1</sup> He joined John Cade in 1450, and had pardon.—*Arch. Cantiana*, Vol. VII, 260.

long as it will endure for my soul, friends, all my good doers ; and to the daughters of John my son £6-13-4*d* when 15. The other halvyndell of the money—to repair bad roads 40/-, to poor people 40/-, in clothing hosyn and shoyn, to each Feoffee 20/-, the residue to the reparation of Sydyngborn church. That my Feoffee John Hall deliver estate to Richard Andrew in my messuage bought from Thomas Sprynget and Robert Hexsted at Stokwell in Sydyngborn.

[No Probate date.]

(A. Vol. 1, fols. 19, 24.)

RICHARD POSEWEKE.

17 June 1517. Buried in the church. High altar 40*d*. Light of the Rood, and of St Anne 20*d* each. My servant Michael Wellest have my green coat and 20/- to his marriage if he continue in service with my wife. Isabell Fisher my servant 20/- at her marriage. To the vicar of Rodmersham 6-8*d*. Ex'or :—Wife Katherine and have residue after paying debts, with Roger Garmeston overseer. Witnesses :—Dom Richard Lyttylford, Robert Cotyng.

[Probate 7 Oct. 1517.]

(A. Vol. 13, fol. 42.)

KATHERINE POSWICKE.

22 Oct. 1521. Buried in the church beside my husband. High altar 4/- . Light of Our Lady, St Christopher, St James, 12*d* each. To every priest at my burying 8*d*. My best rayle to the church to make two corporas. Elisabeth Fisher my servant for her service and the bequest of my husband 20/-, and various household things. To the Hermit<sup>1</sup> to buy him a coat 6-8*d*. Residue after debts paid to Dom John Heth vicar of Borden for the use of Stephen my son when 21 ; if son dies then disposed for our souls. Ex'ors :—The vicar of Borden and my son Stephen, the vicar to have 6-8*d* and a fur of black lamb. Witnesses :—Elisabeth Fisher, Joan Water, Thomas Smith, Hermit.<sup>1</sup>

[Probate 6 Novem. 1521.]

(A. Vol. 15, fol. 182.)

WILLIAM PYKYLL.

2 Decem. 1530. Buried in the churchyard nigh the south door. High altar 12*d*. Son Symon my loom with all thereto, after the death of Helyn my wife. Affray and Margaret my

<sup>1</sup> For the Hermitage at Schamel see *Arch. Cantiana*, Vol. XXIX, 254.

daughters, each a sheet. Residue to wife Helyn my Ex'or. My house and garden in the town of Syttingbourne to John Row his heirs assigns for ever, which I sold to him for £20 as by deed, and have received £10 in part payment, the other £10 to my wife, but if she marry then my five children—Symon, Alice, Agnes, Margaret, Affray, have 40/- each. Witnesses :—Dom John Sewen, curate, Dom Robert Gate, John Row, Thomas Hylls.

[Probate 16 January 1530-1.]

(A. Vol. 19, fol. 128.)

ALEXANDER PYTTARD.

14 Oct. 1530. Buried in the churchyard. High altar 12*d*. To the daughter of my daughter (no names) 40/- at marriage. Agnes Hame my brother's daughter 3-4*d*. To my Lady Prioress of Sheppey 12*d*, and to every lady there 8*d*. Agnes Vennell my servant 10/-. To the maintenance of the Brotherhood priest of St Anne 5/-. Residue after debts paid to wife Joan my Ex'or to dispose for my soul. My lands tenements in the Isle of Sheppey to Thomas Wreke, as by a pair of deeds indented if he pays as appointed, if not my Feoffees to re-enter and grant to my wife. Robert Nouwyke 8 acres of land called vineyard in Bakchild and Tong, after the death of my wife. To five of the children of my wife 10/- each. Witnesses :—Dom John Showen curate there, Richard Guston, William Gregory, Robert Nouwyke, John Jacobbe.

[Probate 18 January 1530-1.]

(A. Vol. 19, fol. 130.)

RICHARD RAND.

6 Oct. 1498. Buried in the churchyard. High altar 3-4*d*. Residue of goods after paying debts to son John and Julyane my wife my Ex'ors, to dispose for my soul as they think best. Wife have the house I dwell in for life, then sold and money for my debts ; also Lyry Pyts house for life paying to John my son last born 10/- yearly ; after her death to John in fee simple. Also to wife for life a piece of ground called Chollys of 18 acres, then to paying of my debts. That 20 acres of ground in Stokbury bought from Isabell Husther be sold, and to Joan my daughter £10, the residue to pay my debts. Residue of lands to son John. M<sup>r</sup> William Whetenale to receive all profits from my lands until he be paid off £10. Witnesses :—William Whetenale, Dom. Roger Garmeston, curate.

[Probate 4 June 1499.]

(Con. Vol. 5, fol. 29.)

## WILLIAM RANDOLFF.

16 June 1487. Buried in the churchyard. High altar 20*d*. To the church for reparation 16-8*d*. Wife Felice 53-4*d*, all my moveables, all the wood growing in Milsted parish except great oaks, and all income from my land until next St Michael. Joan and Alice daughters of Stephen Randolff, 66-8*d* each; and to the children of Henry Randolff, viz :—Eleanor, Joan, Alice, Agnes, 13-4*d* each. Joan Dobyn 13-4*d*. Alice daughter of Guy Randolff 26-8*d*. Son Henry provide a priest to celebrate for my soul and all my benefactors for a year. To the works (operibus) of Minster church, the Tower, 53-4*d*. William and Thomas sons of Stephen Randolff deceased, when 20 each have three cows. Ex'or—Henry my son and have residue after paying debts. Son Guy all my lands tenements in Midilton, Bobbing, Tunstall, Milsted, and to his heirs assigns for ever, on condition he deliver a certain bond in which Stephen and Henry my sons are bound to the wife of Guy for a certain yearly rent of 20/- for life. Wife Felice my tenement in Sidingborn for life then to Guy and his heirs for ever. William and Thomas sons of Stephen my son deceased, when 20 all tenements lands within the Borgh of Holte and Sedon, except lands in Eastchurch, and to their heirs for ever, if they die without issue, to Henry my son and his heirs. That son Henry have the governance of William and Thomas and all their lands etc until they are 20. Son Henry all lands tenements in Eastchurch and to his heirs. My tenement called the Hall in the Bourgh of Ossynden [in Minster] after the death of my wife to William son of Stephen Randolff, but if William die before my wife, then to Thomas his brother, but if both die before my wife, then to the heirs male of Guy and Henry. Witnesses :—Dom Roger Chuller vicar, John Nooke senior, Guy Randolff.

[Probate 19 July 1487.]

(A. Vol. 4, fol. 122.)

## FELICIA RANDOLF.

2 Feb. 1497-8. Buried in the churchyard. High altar 20*d*. Joan Dobyn a feather bed, cushion, coverlet, etc. Felice Histed my white pan. Ex'or :—Lawrence Histed, and have residue to dispose for my soul. Witnesses :—John Noke, William Pegill, John Quynte.

[Probate 28 March 1498.]

(A. Vol. 7, fol. 18.)

## THOMAS REDHEAD.

10 April 1510. Probate of his Will. Ex'or :—Margaret his wife. (No more information.)

(A. Act. Vol. 3, fol. 168.)

## ROBERT RICHARDSON.

20 August 1499. Buried in the churchyard. High altar 20*d.* Light of St Mary 2*d.* Residue to wife Joan my Ex'or. Witnesses :—William Pegull, John Quwynte, Robert Cook.

[Probate 24 Oct. 1499.] (A. Vol. 7, fol. 169.)

## Magister CHRISTOFER RICHARDSON.

8 May 1558. Administration to his goods (he was vicar 1554-8). To Nicholas Murton vicar of Mylton.

(A. Act. Vol. 13, fol. 29.)

## RICHARD ROBYN.

17 Sept. 1544. Lying in France at the Town of Bulleyne. Buried where it shall please God. My house called the Bull in Sydingborne to wife Joan for life, then to son Henry. Son Henry all my tools of smith's craft, and wife put him to the said occupation if he will. My little house beside the Bull to my daughters Elisabeth and Agnes. Ex'or :—Wife Joan and have the residue. Witnesses :—John Stevens, William Skenton.

[Probate 26 Sept. 1545.] (A. Vol. 26, fol. 1.)

## RICHARD ROBYNS.

17 Sept. 1544. Buried where it please God. Son Henry all the tools of my occupation when he is able to occupy them of the science of smith-craft ; the table in my hall, form, all the hangings called painted cloths after my wife's death, the kettle sent from Bulleyne, two pewter platters, dishes, saucers, pottengers, a chest. Daughter Elisabeth a bed etc, brass pot, two pewter platters, dishes, saucers, the little chest. Daughter Agnes a bed etc and the chest I last made. Residue of moveables, jewels, etc, to wife Joan my Ex'or, with John Stephen of Milton overseer. Wife have my house called the Bull for life, then to son Henry and his heirs for ever, if he die without children in wedlock, then to my daughters Elisabeth and Agnes and their heirs for ever, if they die without lawful issue, to my wife and her heirs for evermore. Daughters Elisabeth and Agnes one little house late

purchased from Thomas Weldishe, and to their heirs for ever, if both die to son Henry. Witnesses:—John Stephen, John Skelton.

[No Probate date.]

(A. Vol. 26, fol. 157.)

DOM. RICHARD ROBINSON. Chaplain.

16 Novem. 1530. Administration to his goods, to Symon Mynton.

(A. Act, Vol. 6, fol. 195.)

JOHN ROWE.

31 July 1531. Buried in the churchyard. High altar 12*d*. To St Thomas' church of Canterbury 2*d*. Jone my daughter £5 when 18. To the child my wife goeth with, boy or girl £5 at 18. Thomas Chartham 6-8*d*. Joan Chartham 10/-. Agnes Chartham 6-8*d*. My sister Alice Botfyshe 12*d*, my sisters Ursula and Ann each 20*d*, my sister Denyse Morse 4*d*. Residue after paying debts to wife Elisabeth, who with William Rowe my father, my Ex'ors. Wife have my two houses in the Town of Siddeyngborn for her life, then to son William and his lawful issue, in default to the child my wife goeth with if a son, or to Joan my daughter and her lawful issue, in default to Thomas Rowe my brother, he to find a priest to sing for our souls for one year. Witnesses:—Dom William Balston my ghostly father, Thomas Cotyng, John Jacobe, Thomas Chapman.

[Probate 28 Sept. 1531.]

(A. Vol. 19, fol. 168.)

RICHARD RUST.

24 April 1517. Buried in the churchyard. High altar 8*d*. Light of Our Lady of Pity 4*d*, of St Anne 4*d*. Residue after debts paid to wife Elisabeth my Ex'or, with Thomas Mydilton, beer-brewer, overseer. Witnesses:—John Pyry, John Cotyng.

[Probate 7 Oct. 1517.]

(A. Vol. 13, fol. 40.)

JOAN SANDISBERE.

4 March 1509-10. Buried in the churchyard. That Richard my son and Isabelle his sister be kept with my goods until they come to years of discretion by Thomas my son. Residue to Richard and Isabella my Ex'ors. Witnesses:—John Weyman, John Sandisbere, Robert Fordman.

[Probate 21 March 1509-10.]

(A. Vol. 11, fol. 83.)

## RICHARD SANDISBERY.

1 July 1521. Buried in the churchyard beside my mother. High altar for tithes  $\frac{1}{2}$  lb of wax. To the Beam Light  $\frac{1}{2}$  lb of wax. To St Anne 2/-. Wife Joan keep in the Church of the Austen Friars Canterbury at the altar of Scala Celi five masses :—two of the Holy Ghost, two of the Five Wounds, and one of Requiem, for my soul, parents. Residue after paying debts to wife Joan my Ex'or, with John Sandisbery my brother, overseer. Witnesses :—Dom Richard Gregory,<sup>1</sup> John Butler, John Holywell.

[Probate 18 July 1521.] (A. Vol. 15, fol. 81.)

## JOHN SANDSBERY.

[No Date.] Buried in the churchyard. Residue after debts paid to wife Anne my Ex'or, to dispose for my soul. Witnesses :—Thomas Hunt, Thomas Chapman, John Huntygrome.

[Probate 25 Sept. 1533.] (A. Vol. 20, fol. 42.)

## AGNES SERYS.

25 May 1552. Probate to her Will. Exor :—. . . . .  
Baker of Newenham. (No more information.)

(A. Act. Vol. 11, fol. 6.)

## WILLIAM SEVER.

14 April 1529. Administration to his goods, to his widow Marione. Inventory :—29-10*d*

(A. Act. Vol. 6, fol. 183.)

## RICHARD SEWELL.

9 Novem. 1524. Probate to his Will. Ex'or : Alice his widow. (No more information.)

(A. Act. Vol. 5, fol. 133.)

## JOHN SHAVĒLOK, Draper or Weaver.

12 Decem. 1486. Buried in the Chapel of St John the Baptist in the church of St Michael. High altar 12*d*, to the works (operibus) of the church where most necessary, for the breaking of the ground 6-8*d*. To the vicar that four other priests on the day of my burial, pray and celebrate for my soul, each 6*d*. A lb of wax to burn before the Image of Blessed Mary, of St Anthony,

<sup>1</sup> Richard Gregory a witness to Wills between 1521-7.



and St Christopher. Wife Marione all my goods belonging to my trade of Tornor-craft (sic), also three brass pots of a quart, cooking pot of six gallons, two pans of eight gallons, three candlesticks, etc. Son Richard £6-13-4*d*, to provide him to school, and until 18 to be in the governance of John my brother, but if Richard die the money to a priest for one year to celebrate for our souls. Son Thomas £3-6-8*d* when 20, if he die to a priest to celebrate for our souls. Residue after debts paid to son John my Ex'or, with my brother Roger Shavelok<sup>1</sup>, overseer. Witnesses:—Dom Roger Chuller, vicar, Richard Raynford, esquire, Thomas Barmyng.

[Probate 9 January 1486-7.]

(Con. Vol. 3, fol. 116.)

#### HUGH SYMSONE.

31 Oct. 1524. Buried in the churchyard. To the Brotherhood of St Anne 16*d*. Ex'or:—Wife Katherine, and have the residue to pay debts and keep my child (no name). Witnesses:—John Butler, John Sandisbury, Arnold White.

[Probate 14 Decem. 1524.]

(A. Vol. 16, fol. 102.)

#### MARTIN SMYTHE.

4 Oct. 1500. Buried in the churchyard. High altar 20*d*. Joan my daughter the best bed etc, two chests, three candlesticks. Elianor my daughter ten pair of sheets, three candlesticks, etc. Residue to wife Dionise my Ex'or. Wife have my house with the saffron garden until Joan my daughter is 20, then to Joan and her heirs, in default to Elianor daughter of my wife and her heirs. Witnesses:—Roger Garmeston, John Benett, John Quynt.

[No Probate Date, but ? 1524.]

(A. Vol. 16, fol. 354.)

#### JOHN SMYTHE.

14 June 1529. Will of John Smythe of Sidyngborn, died at Northorne. Willed all his goods to his wife (no name).

(A. Act. Vol. 6, fol. 184.)

<sup>1</sup> Roger Shavelok lived at Smarden and died 1510. Their mother was Alice, daughter of John Kyppyng (see his Will), who died 1497. Roger gave the messuage with garden in Sidyngborne which I had by the Will of John Kepyng my grandfather, to Alice my mother in fee simple. (A. Vol. II., fol. 233.)

## THOMAS SMYTHSON, Shoemaker.

1 August 1504. Buried in the churchyard. High altar or to the vicar 12*d*. Light of Holy Cross a taper of 2 lbs of wax. Nicholas Smythson my brother my long russet cloak. John Smythson my brother my best double cloak and pair of shoes. Robert Nelson my kinsman a pair of shoes. Cornelius my servant all the things of my shop. To the poor of Lynsted 5 pairs of shoes, 2 for men 3 for women, and the same to the poor of Tenham, Tong, Rodmersham. Residue to wife Margerie my Ex'or. Feoffees of lands tenements in Sidyngborn and Newyngton:—John Tilly, John Triplowe, John Bix, John Benett, each have 6-8*d* for his labours. Wife have all the same for life to find my children, and make on St Crispyn and Crispynyan day [25 Oct.] yearly in the church one Obit for my soul and friends, viz:—dirige and five masses, every priest 6*d*. After her death two acres in Sidyngborne field to the wardens of that church for the time being, and eight honest persons of the parish for evermore, to keep yearly the Obit in the church. When six of the trustees die then six others be appointed.<sup>1</sup> If wife be with child, a son, after her death my tenement called the Crown in Sidyngborn to my son and his lawful issue, giving half the value of the tenement to his sisters. If son die without lawful issue then after the death of my wife, the Crown be sold the money to my daughters, but if they be dead the Crown to Nicholas and John my brothers for ever. After the death of my wife my garden in Newyngton to Denys my daughter and her lawful issue in default to my son, or if no son to Joan my daughter and her lawful issue, in default to Margaret my daughter and her lawful issue, in default to my brothers. Witnesses:—John Wood senior, John Bix, John Triplowe, Robert Nelson.

[Probate 29 January 1504-5.]

(A. Vol. 9, fol. 156.)

## MARGERY SMYTHSON.

20 April, 1508. Buried in the churchyard beside Thomas Smythson late my husband. High altar 12*d*. Son Lawrence brass pot, pan, five seames of malt, etc, two silver spoons, a chest, an ell of pirlled [? fringed or embroidered] satin, and a cow. Dionyse my daughter, feather bed etc, best girdle, best coral

<sup>1</sup> In the Chantry Certificates 1547 (Kent No. 28 (82)) the yearly value of the Obit lands of Thomas Smythson was 5/- . Given to the poor 10*d*.

beads, two silver spoons, the painted cloth hanging in the hall, my gold ring, chair, chest, table. Joan my daughter feather bed, etc, two silver spoons, chest, girdle of violet color, amber beads, etc. Margaret my daughter a little maser, two silver spoons, red girdle, coral beads, chest, etc. To the Alms House next unto the Vyne, a pair of sheets and coverlet. All my linen yarn be put to weaving by my Ex'or, and when woven the cloth therefrom be divided among my children. John Bowden have the keeping and governance of my son Lawrence, with all such implements given to Lawrence for his use and profit. Margaret Highsted have the governance of my daughter Margaret. Nicholas Smythson my brother in law have the governance of my daughter Joan. Residue be sold to pay my debts and do for my soul and husband. Ex'or—Nicholas Smithson, with John Bowden overseer.

[Probate 14 July 1509.]

(A. Vol. 11, fol. 33.)

MARGARET SMITHSON daughter and heir of Thomas Smithson, shoemaker, now dead.

30 August 1518. Buried in the churchyard. High altar 12*d*. To the Brotherhood of St Anne there for the maintenance of the priest, and masses to be said at the altar there to pray for my soul, parents, etc, 6-8*d*. Residue after debts paid to Peter Smith junior. Ex'ors:—John Cheyney, gent., and John Weyman. Peter Smith junior have my messuage called the Crown in Sittyngborn and one garden in Newinton, and to his heirs assigns in fee simple, on condition he find an Obit yearly for seven years of five priests, each having 6*d*.

[Probate 7 Oct. 1518.]

(A. Vol. 13, fol. 216.)

AGNES SORELL, one of the daughters and heirs of Thomas Sorell of Bidenden [Died 1518].

10 Sept. 1534. Buried in the churchyard of Sydyngborn at the discretion of William May my brother in law. All goods due to me from the Will of my father and Clemens Sorell my mother, to my sister Dionyse May wife of William May, and Dionyse be Ex'or. Witnesses:—Dom Richard Colyar, vicar [1531-8], Symond Gold, William Estland.

[No Probate date.]

(Con. Vol. 16, fol. 78.)

## EDMUND SPERLING.

10 Sept. 1510. Probate to his Will. Ex'ors—William Gervys, curate, and John Fisher. (No more information.)

(A. Act. Vol. 3, fol. 171.)

WILLIAM SPRYNGETT.<sup>1</sup>

14 April 1478. Buried in the church of St Michael without the Chapel of St Nicholas, on the south side of the quayer of the church; and to the making of the Chapel of St Nicholas £13-6-8*d*. High altar 20/-. Light of Our Lady 3-4*d*, St John 20*d*, St Christopher 2/-, St Clement 12*d*, afore the pete Cross 12*d*. The parish-clerk 12*d*, the sexton 20*d*. When I am borne to the church four torches and four poor men bear and hold them during all my dirige and mass, each to have a gown for their labour. Also four wax tapers each of 4 lbs stand about my bier at my burying and month's day, and to every priest present singing for me 6*d*, every poor man 1*d*, and to poor children two seames of wheat made in bread. For my grave a stone of marble price 53-4*d*. After the death of Elisabeth my wife my heir grant to Lawrence son of Richard Spryngett my brother 20/- yearly for his life. Mabel daughter of my brother Richard 40/-. Agnes Cox and Alice Wadell my servants each 40/-. Geoffrey Wynter brother of my wife £4. Ex'ors:—Wife Elisabeth, William Mason, William Stevyn, and John Boole, have the residue to keep my Obit yearly, and dispose for my soul. Robert Botefish 20/-; Thomas Synnett a gown of mustervilius; Richard Springett a murrey gown furred with bever; Edward my man 20/-. To the Alms House that Lawrence Hegg dwells in a pair of sheets and coverlet. To the reparation of the Hermitage of Shamell 6-8*d*. To the Prior of Leeds and his Convent £13-6-8*d* to the reparation of their cloister. My wife have all lands, tenements, rents, except the messuage called Wentles, for life, finding sufficiently my children and doing repairs, and if wife with child—a son then after her death my Feoffees keep the lands etc, except Wyntles, the garden Pety Walis beside the vicarage, two acres called Hogfeyr in a croft beside South Lane, in their hands and let to ferme until they have received 50 marcs [£33-6-8*d*] for Margaret my daughter if alive, and then the son shall have lands etc and to his lawful issue, in default to Margaret and her issue.

<sup>1</sup> He supported John Cade in 1450 and was pardoned.—*Arch. Cantiana*, VII, 260.

Messuage called the George with garden to Lawrence son of Richard Springett my brother and his lawful issue, in default with 30 acres of land in Bakchild and Morston that sometime belonged to William Cutnalis, be held by my Feoffees for Mabel daughter of Richard Springett. To the reparation of the church over St Nicholas Chapel from St Thomas' window unto the quyer of the church on the south side, by discretion of Ex'ors and Feoffees.

[Probate 11 Novem. 1478.]

(A. Vol. 3, fol. 188.)

LAWRENCE SPRINGETT.

19 January 1547-8. Probate to his Will. (No more information.)

(A. Act. Vol. 9, fol. 102.)

SIMON SYLKE.<sup>1</sup>

10 March 1475-6. Buried in the churchyard. High altar 18*d*. Dom Henry Pesok vicar of Bakchild 16*d*. Joan my daughter 7 ewes and 30 lambs. Feoffees:—John Kyppyng, Thomas Barmyng, John Jebell. Wife Katherine have my messuage between the messuage of Richard Jebell west and north, and the high road south, for her life then to Joan my daughter and her heirs for ever, if she die without lawful issue to be sold, to the church of Broke £10, and residue for our souls. Ex'ors:—Wife Katherine and daughter Joan, with William Fuller overseer. [No Witnesses or Probate date.]

(A. Vol. 3, fol. 23.)

MARGARETE STANDLEY.

18 July 1526. Probate to her Will. Ex'or:—Thomas Wells. (No more information.)

(A. Act. Vol. 6, fol. 165.)

JOAN STEPHYNSON.

29 April 1541. Probate to her Will. Ex'or:—John Mustard. (No more information.)

(A. Act. Vol. 8, fol. 70.)

THOMAS TANNER.

31 Oct. 1473. Buried in the church of St Michael before the High Cross. High altar for tithes 2/-. To five priests celebrating

<sup>1</sup> He sided with John Cade, 1450, and had pardon.—*Arch. Cantiana*, VII, 260.

in the church, each 4*d*. To buy a Paxbrede of silver 20/-. Residue after debts paid to Elisia my wife and Ex'or. Wife have a messuage and one garden in East Street for life, then to Richard my son and his heirs for ever; and my wife pay to Joan my mother 4/- yearly for the garden in East Street. Thomas son of John Tanner, junior, when he shall marry 6-8*d*. Robert Tanner my brother 6-8*d*. If Richard my son die before my wife, then wife have the messuage and garden to her heirs assigns for ever, and provide a priest to celebrate in the church for half a year for my soul, parents, etc. Also wife pay for two silver beakers (fiolis) 20/-. To the Light of St Mary for a silver lamp for two years 20/-; to the Light of Holy Cross 40/-; the reparation of the church 20/-; to bad roads between Swannystre as far as East Street 10/-.

[Probate 10 Novem. 1473.]

(A. Vol. 2, fol. 205.)

#### THOMAS THOMAS.

29 August 1489. Buried in the church of St Michael against the belfrey and Image of Holy Cross. High altar 10/-. Light of Holy Cross and Blessed Mary 12*d* each for ten years. To the buying of one book for the church called Antiphoner 20/-, so that it be bought within a year after my death. To the buying of one Cope for Newenton church £3-6-8*d*, so that it be bought within a year after my death, otherwise 40/-. To the reparation of Borden church 6-8*d*. Thomas Raydon 40/-, and Margaret Coote 26-8*d* when they shall be married. To each god-child that can say Pater Noster, Ave Maria, and Credo, within eight years after my death 12*d*. To the marriage of Margaret my daughter £10, but if she die before then £5 be divided among my other daughters. Daughters Joan, Alice, Rose, each £6-13-4*d* at their marriage, but if any die then £3-6-8*d* to the others. Joan Coote at her marriage £3, if she marry John Bix. Residue after debts paid to wife Agnes my Ex'or, with William Mason my brother, overseer. Wife have all my lands, tenements in the Hundred of Milton for life, except half an acre of wood which Peter a Downe shall have, and a garden at Newynton to Thomas Blakboy. After wife's death all lands etc to sons William and Edward, and William to chose whether he will have those in Sedingborne or in Borden, neither to sell any of their lands before they are 24, and each heir to the other. If both sons die without lawful issue, then all lands tenements in Borden to Margaret my

daughter and her heirs for ever. All lands etc in Sedingborne to Jone, Alice, Rose my daughters and their lawful issue equally, each heir to the other. If wife Agnes be with a son he to share with his brothers, but if a girl with her sisters. If all my daughters die without lawful issue, then lands tenements in Sedingborne to Thomas Raydon and his lawful issue, in default to Rawff Hayman and his lawful issue, in default to be sold, and money disposed for our souls.

[No Probate date.]

(A. Vol. 5, fol. 281.)

#### EDWARD THOMAS.

10 April 1519. Buried in the church before the High Rood beside my father Thomas. High altar 3-4*d*. High Beam Light 12*d*. Light of St Erasmus 12*d* yearly for five years. At my burying 40/-. Agnes my daughter at her marriage £6-13-4*d*, and if wife Anne be with child, a girl, the same. Residue to wife Anne my Ex'or with Dom Richard Lytelford overseer. If my wife die before my Will is proved, then Agnes Robert my mother be Ex'or and my brother George Robert overseer. Wife have for life all lands tenements in the Hundred of Milton, paying to son Ralf 20/- yearly, after her death Ralf have all the same and to his heirs for ever, paying to his other brother £20, if any such there be when 21; if Ralf die without lawful issue then to his brother if any such be, in default to Agnes my daughter and her heirs, in default to wife her heirs assigns for ever, or the heirs of my brother William. Witnesses—Dom Richard Lytelford, John Olyver, Robert Fordman.

[Probate 20 Sept. 1519.]

(Con. Vol. 12, fol. 162.)

#### WILLIAM THOMLYN.

15 March 1553-4. Administration to his goods, to his widow Joan. No Bonds.

(A. Act. Vol. 11, fol. 101.)

#### WILLIAM TONGE.

19 Sept. 1491. Buried in the churchyard near the grave of Robert Wyborne [Died 1474]. High altar 20*d*. Light of St Mary 10*d*, of Holy Cross 12*d*, to the reparation of the church 12*d*. Esabelle<sup>1</sup> my wife all the instuff of my house. To priests clerks

<sup>1</sup> Isabelle was probably daughter of Robert Wyborne (see his Will).

and the poor at my obit 20/-. Ex'ors:—John and Stephen Tong my brothers, and have residue after debts paid to dispose for my soul. My message which was Robert Wyborne's deceased shall be disposed as by the Will of Robert. Esabelle my wife have a yearly rent of 53-4*d* from all my tenements and lands in Tonge and Morston, to her assigned. That the child my wife is with at 21 have all the same and to his lawful issue, but if he die then to my brothers John and Stephen and their heirs for ever. To the reparation of the churches of Tong, Morston, Tunstall, 3-4*d* each. Witnesses:—John Wynter, John Tonge, Stephen Tonge.

[No Probate date.]

(A. Vol. 5, fol. 287.)

#### HENRY TRAPHAM.

17 Decem. 1493. Administration to his goods, to Thomas Trapham of Fordwich.

(A. Act. Vol. 1, fol. 39.)

#### AGNES TREWE.

25 Oct. 1450. [No first part.] Feoffees:—Harry Auger esquire, Humfrey Eveas, gent., Adam Bedynden, John Locksmith. Sons John and Lawrence all lands tenements and to their lawful issue for ever, except the service to the chief lord of the Fee, and paying to my daughter Joan £3-6-8*d*. If sons die without lawful issue lands etc to Joan and her lawful issue, in default then be sold—£6-13-4*d* to a priest to sing for my soul, Lawrence White my father and Joan his wife, William Sadiller and Emot his wife, Thomas Trewe that was my husband, and all my children. To the church-works 40/-, residue to repair bad roads and to poor people. Ex'ors:—Sons John and Lawrence, and they to deliver to the churchwardens 6-8*d*. Whichever of my children have my lands and tenements, for 40 years shall bestow yearly for my soul and those aforesaid 3-4*d* in masses and alms. My sons deliver to Mawde my daughter 3-4*d*, “and no more as they will have my blessing.” My cousin Thomas Rypes have the house where I dwell for five years, and repair it, if not 40/-.

[Probate 8 May 1475.]

(A. Vol. 2, fol. 390.)

#### JAMES TRIPPLOWE.

26 Feb. 1463-4. Buried in the church of St Michael. High altar 20*d*, and of Middelton 20*d*. To the high Holy Cross 12*d*.



Richard Lenynge have a muster viliar cloak, crimson hood, and 6-8*d*. Ex'or—Wife Katherine and have residue after debts paid. Feoffees—Perys Smith, John Norton, Sampson Stile. Wife have messuage, barn, 15 acres of land in Shamelisdane and Shamelisfield in Sidingborne and Middelton; the messuage at Sidingborne called the Inn at the Bell for her life, then to John my brother in fee simple, except the land in Shamelisfield to Katherine my sister in fee simple, if she live over 24 years, but if she die without issue then to my brother John, if he die under 24 without issue then my Feoffees sell the same, the money to find a priest in the church of Middelton for one year, and in Sidingborne church one year; to the reparation of those churches £3-6-8*d* each; in alms to poor people of both parishes 40/-; to bad roads 40/-; the residue disposed for me and my wives. Katherine my wife have 8½ acres of land in Sewaris field, whereof 3 acres are at Melle Hill beside the Townsend, 3½ acres at the Forthe beside the new Melle, and to her heirs assigns for ever, and wife find a priest half a year in the Chapel of Wolpette [? in Suffolk] before Our Lady. Wife have the rule and governance of my brother John, and Katherine my sister. My house and lands in Wolpette to be put out to ferme until my father's Will be performed, which is in the keeping of John Roberds of Wolpette, and 14 evidences, and his book of doctars. If my brother live he to have all the lands in Wolpette that were my father's, if he die to my sister Katherine, but if both die then be sold, the money to priests, poor men, and bad roads. Wife Katherine have two messuages in East Street paying £8, and to her heirs for ever.

[Probate 28 May 1464.]

(Con. Vol. 2, fol. 158.)

#### KATHERINE TRYFLOWE.

4 May 1474. Buried in the church. High altar 3-4*d*. Agnes Scrase my daughter a silver bowl and another called the maser, red girdle, prayer beads of coral. Katherine Giles my best cloak, green girdle and 30/-, also a messuage called the Angill in East Street, and to her heirs for ever. Katherine sister of James Tryplowe the best coverlet, two silver spoons, basin, two candlesticks, three salts, etc. Joan daughter of Katherine Giles a brass pot, two pans, three salts. To Sydengborn church a red coverlet to lay before the altar, two towels, two quoysshones [cushions]. Margaret Childer £3-6-8*d* at her marriage. A messuage in East

Street next the Angele to be sold for the repair and use of the church. My silver salt and silver bowl be sold for the expenses of my burial. Residue to Richard Spryngate my Ex'or.

[Probate 23 Novem. 1474.]

(A. Vol. 2, fol. 350.)

RICHARD TRYTTON.

20 July 1501. Buried in the churchyard. High altar 8*d*. Light of St Mary 4*d*, of Holy Cross 2*d*. Joan my daughter the £6-13-4*d* in the hands of William Manfeld and Thomas Richeman. Joan and Katherine my daughters each 20 ewes. Ex'or—Son Thomas and have residue after debts paid to dispose for my soul, with Roger Garmeston, vicar, overseer. Witnesses :—John Byx, Lawrence Highstede, John Tryplow, John Boll.

[Probate 22 Sept. 1501.]

(A. Vol. 8, fol. 159.)

ALICE VYDIAN.

8 Feb. 1511-2. Buried in the churchyard. High altar 4*d*. Light of Holy Trinity 4*d*. Residue to William Kyppynge my Ex'or to dispose for my soul. Witnesses :—Roger Garmeston, Gabriel Palmer.

[Probate 21 April 1512.]

(A. Vol. 12, fol. 106.)

STEPHEN WADE.

29 January 1468-9. Buried in the chancel of St Mary near the grave of Lawrence Garrard. High altar 3-4*d*. The parish-clerk 12*d*, the sacrist 8*d*. Residue to wife Isabel my Ex'or. Feoffees :—Antony Brown, John Swayne, Humfrey Wade my brother. Wife have my tenement at Canterbury for life, then sold and the money—to William Tonge my brother £10, Dom Lawrence my brother £5, Humfrey my brother £5, all the residue to Nicholas Wade my brother. Wife have for life all lands tenements in Tonge and Morston, belonging to Byxle, then messuage called Byxle with all lands I had from William Wade my father to be disposed as by my father's Will. My purchased lands—a croft of 7 acres called East field to Alianore the daughter of the same Thomas Wade and her heirs for ever. Jone daughter of same Thomas a croft called Cappis otherwise Nordekyns, and to her heirs for ever. Land called Cotynnys to Tonge church to find yearly for ever before the Image of Our Lady there five wax tapers each of 1 lb ; and before the Image of St John there six

wax tapers each of 1 lb. Remainder of my purchased lands be sold, the money—to Tonge church for a mass book and chalice £6-13-4*d*, the residue to poor people and bad roads. That Thomas Wade my brother deliver a state of all his part of the messuage called the Bull in Sydyngborne, to John Noke, Richard Sprynget, John Quynte, Robert Glover, in fee simple, the which I bought of him ; then Isabel my wife pay to same Thomas 33-4*d*, and wife messuage called the Bull for her life, then be sold the money—to a priest to sing for my soul for a year £6-13-4*d* ; to the reparation of the church £5 in fulfilling the Will of Margaret at Hethe ; for an Antiphonar for the church 40/- ; for a Pixe for the high altar 13-4*d* ; repair of the highway between Sydyngborne and Bacchilde 66-8*d*. To John King and his heirs for ever, a parcel of ground stretching from the stable of same John southward. After my death wife find a priest to sing for my soul and all my good doers, for a year. Wife have three yards of land at Strapis hill in Tonge. Witnesses,—John Noke, Thomas Gerard, William Baker, Robert Glover, John Quynte, John King.

[Probate 4 March 1468-9.]

(A. Vol. 1, fol. 456.)

#### JOHN WADE.

1 July 1490. Buried in the churchyard. High altar 20*d*. Light of the High Cross and St Mary 4*d* each. High altar of Tonge church 20*d*, and Light of St Giles and Holy Cross there 4*d* each. Residue to wife Joan my Ex'or. Wife pay to William Mason of Middelton, merchant, or his assigns £48 for the whole of my messuage called West Tonge in Tonge parish, at such days as in two deeds are mentioned, which William Mason holds in mortgage for the aforesaid money, then Joan have the messuage and to her heirs for ever. Also wife have a small piece of garden in East Street in Sedingborn, and five rods of land in Bakchild next French land, half an acre in Tonge late obtained from John Elvar and Sexburga his wife, to bring up my children (no names) and pay debts. Wife have all income from a tenement and lands in Rodmersham at Uprodmersham, during the life of Margaret Wade widow, sometime wife of Thomas Wade of Tonge. Witnesses :—Martin Hertland, Henry Trapham, Felice Wyne, John Bushe, John Pypar, Alice Wylson.

[Probate 10 Novem. 1490.]

(A. Vol. 5, fol. 238.)

## ROBERT WALKER.

21 May 1545. Administration to his goods, to Katherine his widow. Bonds :—Anthony Damye in £10.

(A. Act. Vol. 8, fol. 108.)

## RICHARD WEYMAN.

26 March 1499. Buried in the churchyard. High altar 6*d*. Light of Holy Cross, St Mary, St John, St James, each 4*d*. Son Henry a bed with all thereto, and son John a good mattress. Residue to wife Alice my Ex'or. Witnesses :—William Pegill, John Quynt.

[Probate 15 May 1499.]

(A. Vol. 7, fol. 95.)

## JOHN WAYMAN.

22 March 1523-4. Buried in the churchyard beside Joan my wife. High altar 12*d*. That three tapers each of 1 lb stand before St Erasmus, and so to be kept for three years. Elisabeth my daughter the feather bed I lie upon, etc. Daughter Margaret a bed with all thereto. John Richardson my prentise my shop bord, five pairs of sheets, my pressing iron, pressing plate, black coat worsted dublet. Residue after paying debts to—John Fowle and Thomas Harcourt my Ex'ors to dispose for my soul, with John Cheyney, gent., overseer. Son John when 21 have my house and garden, meantime Ex'ors receive all income to see my son well kept and guided ; if John die before 21, the house and garden be sold, the money to a priest to sing for our souls for a year £6-13-4*d*, the residue in deeds of charity.

[Probate 12 May 1524.]

(A. Vol. 16, fol. 173.)

## JOHN WELLYS.

21 April 1475. Buried in the churchyard. High altar 5/-, and to the reparation of the church where most necessary 20/-. Feoffees :—Thomas Barmyng, Richard Faucon. Son John two weys of tallow one of the summer tallow the other of the winter. Dom. Henry Pesok vicar of Bakchild [1463-89] be my overseer and have 6-8*d*. Wife Alice all my tenements in Sidingborn and to her heirs for ever, keeping one Obit in Bredgare church of 6-8*d* for nine years, for the soul of Dom Richard Godyn formerly of Bredgare. Residue to wife Alice my Ex'or.

[Probate 15 Sept. 1475.]

(A. Vol. 2, fol. 417.)

## THOMAS WELLS.

[No Date.] Buried in the churchyard. High altar 6*d*. To the great Bell of the church 3-4*d*. Wife Anys [= Agnes] all my moveables, half the cattle at Tonge parish or in Cytingborn both sheep and bullocks, half the corn growing; the other half to son Alexander. Wife have two tenements in Sitingborn the new and old, and a messuage adjoining for her life, then to son Alexander and his heirs for ever. Wife have for life a piece of pasture in Morston, then to Alexander; also three acres in Baxchild called Little Cockswalls for life, then to Alexander. Son Alexander 4½ acres, and two acres in Bosums, the wood ground in Wormesell, a croft with house in East Street Sitingborn, and £4 of Rowland's debt that M<sup>r</sup> Fowlis owes me. Ex'or:—Wife Anys. Residue to son Alexander to pay my debts. Witnesses:—Lawrance Bennett, Edward Elys, Martin Baker, John the parish-clerk.

[Probate 23 January 1536-7.]

(A. Vol. 21, fol. 93.)

## JOHN WENTLIE.

[No date or first part.] Wife Elena my messuage in Sithyngborn and in 'stora' in Midelton, and to her heirs assigns for ever, and Elena shall cause to be made in the church one Tabernacle for the Image of Holy Trinity, for the Image of St Peter, St John the Baptist, and St Thomas the Apostle, at a cost not above £10. [No more information. The Will before proved 1448, and the one after 1449.]

(A. Vol. 1, fol. 12.)

## JOHN WEST, Glover.

15 July 1539. Buried in the churchyard. High altar 16*d*. At my burial five masses and dirige, (1) the Holy Ghost, (2) of Recordare, (3) the Name of Jesus, (4) the Assumption of Our Lady, (5) of Requiem, every priest 6*d*. Ex'or:—Wife Agnes and have all my goods and substance to pay my debts, and receive such debts due to me, paying to Agnes, Joan, Mary, my children 40/- each at their marriage. Witnesses:—John Heynes, Alexander Johnson, Thomas Porter.

[Probate 12 April 1540.]

(A. Vol. 22, fol. 28.)

## ROBERT WHYTEHEDDE.

2 April 1522. Buried in the churchyard next unto my cousin Ewen the priest. All moveables after paying debts to wife Julyane my Ex'or. Witnesses:—William Pekyll, Rowland Butlar, John Jacobbe.

[Probate 12 May 1524.]

(A. Vol. 16, fol. 309.)

## GILES WILDMAN.

21 Oct. 1523. Administration to his goods, to his widow Elisabeth.

(A. Act. Vol. 5, fol. 125.)

## ANDREW WILLIAMSON.

3 Sept. 1517. Buried in the churchyard. High altar 6*d*. Light of Holy Cross 6*d*. Residue after debts paid to wife Cone my Ex'or. Wife occupy and have the profits from my tenement in East Street bought from Thomas Elmerste, during her life, then to son Richard, and if my wife with child, to have part. Gertrude mother of my wife have a room in the east end of my house, with free coming and going. Witnesses:—William Kepyng, John Perse, Thomas Gretton.

[Probate 20 January 1517-8.]

(A. Vol. 13, fol. 105.)

## ROBERT WYBARN.

25 January 1473-4. Buried in the churchyard over against the Chapel of St Mary of Boterasse. High altar 2-6*d*. To the parish-clerk and sacrist each 6*d*. There be five priests on the day of my burial, each one 8*d*. John Wellys my Ex'or have 10/-, and Dom Henry Pesok vicar of Bakchyld my overseer, 6-8*d*. Alice Mylys my sister one cloak of mustardevylys colour. A taper of  $\frac{1}{2}$  lb of wax to burn before the High Cross in the church for four years, to be renewed yearly. Residue to wife Margaret my Ex'or. Feoffees of my tenements and lands in Sydyngborn and Borden:—John Kyffyn of London, senior, William Denne-  
wey, Thomas Hare. Wife have my chief messuage for life then to Isabelle my daughter and her lawful issue, paying to Elianore her sister at her marriage £26-13-4*d*; if they die without issue the messuage to Joane and Margaret my daughters and their lawful issue, in default to be sold and the money to make one bastard roffe in Sydingborn church, or painting the Roodloft.

Katherine my daughter a nun (*mulier religiose*) have five rods of land in the field *Beggars Thorn* during her life, then to the Prioress and nuns of *Sheppey* for ever, to pray for my soul, parents, friends. *William Vyncent* have a piece of land called the *Harpe*, and to his heirs assigns for ever. *Thomas* and *William* sons of *John Kyffyn* of *London*, two acres and one rod of land in *Borden* in *Bordensdane* field, and to their heirs for ever. *Joan Batnor* and *Margaret Quynt* my daughters have a farm (*grangia*) and small cottage in *South Lane* and to their heirs for ever. Wife *Margaret* two acres at *Swynstry Hill*, and one stall in the market-place of *Myddelton*, and to her heirs assigns for ever. *John Mylys* have one stall in the market-place of *Myddelton* next to the *Cross* in the market-place.

[Probate 30 March 1474.]

(A. Vol. 2, fol. 264.)

#### MARGARET WYBARN, Widow.

8 Novem. 1488. Buried in the churchyard near the grave of *Robert Wybarn* my husband. High altar *12d.* Light of *St Mary 6d*, *St John Baptist 4d*, *St James 4d*, of *God Almighty (Dei omnipotent)* in the church called the *Brown Rood 3d.* To the buying of one book called *Antiphoner 20d.* Residue after paying debts to *William Tonge* my son and *Ex'or* to dispose for my soul. *William Tonge* have two acres of land at *Swunstre Hill* and to his heirs, and he shall keep for seven years an *Obit of 6-8d*, and a wax taper in the *Rood Loft* for two years, and repair the road called *South Lane*, the length of my house with five cart loads of stone. Witnesses :—*Roger Chuller*, vicar, *Thomas Barmyng*, *John Kyppyng*.

[Probate 18 March 1488-9.]

(A. Vol. 5, fol. 50.)

#### HENRY WYNBORN.

25 Aug. 1558. Administration to his goods, to *William Gold* of *Rolvinden*, husband of *Agnes Wynborn* the daughter of *Henry*. Bonds :—*Edward Roberts* of *Hawkhurst* in £10.

(A. Act. Vol. 13, fol. 3.)