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HERNE.

I.—HERNE WILLS: ABSTRACTS.

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INTRODUCTION.

It is hoped that the following abstracts of the wills of parishioners of Herne may prove useful to some future historian of the parish, and may also present matters of more general interest.

The wills were proved in the Consistory Court of the Archbishop of Canterbury. In one case, however, namely, that of William Hammond (1396), probate was granted, "*sede vacante*," by the Prior and Chapter of Christ Church, and the abstract is taken from Register "G" in the Cathedral Library. During a vacancy in the see the Prior and Chapter exercised all archiepiscopal rights.

We obtain from the wills valuable information concerning the Parish Church and in respect of the names of places, land and fields in the parish, as well as some idea of the furnishing of the houses and the mode of life of the people.*

The will of William Hammond (No. 1), set out in full, may serve as an illustration of the way in which the wills were drawn. The customary preamble stated that the testator was sound in mind if feeble in body, and commended his soul to God, St. Mary and all the Saints. To the wife was bequeathed, usually, a house for her life, or the use of the living-room, bedroom and kitchen, with all the contents thereof. (See No. 56.)

* For a household inventory in 1609 see Vol. XXVII., pp. 230—36.

The Parish Church.

The bequests in these wills to the fabric and fittings of the Church, to the altars and the lights burning before the images of various saints, for books and vestments, a new organ and a new roodloft, for paving and paying the Church, and for other objects, have been printed in *Testamenta Cantiana* ("East Kent").*

An additional item of information is supplied by the will of John Goddard, enrolled in the Court of Hustings of the City of London.† John Goddard, a goldsmith of London, who died in 1399 possessed of lands and tenements in Herne, Whitstable and Reculver, which he left to his son John, desired his executors to pave the chancel of Herne Church with tiles.

Families.

Of the families mentioned in these wills, the Cobb family lived in the neighbourhood of Hampton (see Nos. 42, 58), in the north-west part of the parish, where also lived the Hampton family (Nos. 4, 14, 54). Thomas Grenham also lived at Hampton, where is the Westbrook mentioned in his will (No. 5).

Eddington was the home of the Percivale or Percivall family. (Nos. 16, 34.)

At Greenhill lived William Philipp, who died in 1459 leaving two brothers, Thomas and Matthew (died 1475), also two sisters, Margaret and Alice, who was the wife of John Studd (died 1478). They are probably the descendants of the John Philipp of Herne who in 1403 was admitted a Freeman of Canterbury, by his marriage with Joan the daughter of Thomas Guerard.‡ William Philipp mentions in his will "six acres of land that belonged to a certain John Phillip before me."

At Hunter Street lived the Hikks family. (No. 51.)

* *Archæologia Cantiana*, Extra Vol., 1907, pp. 160—64.

† Vol. II., p. 339.

‡ See *Freemen of Canterbury*, by J. M. Cowper (1903).

The family named Nottingham lived at Grovefield and owned other land. (No. 56.)

Studd Farm, between Herne and Swaylecliff, was the home of John Studde (No. 35) who died in 1478. His wife was Alice, the sister of William Philipp (No. 6), and they had a daughter Margaret Studde.

Sea or See Street gave its name to the family of Sea or atte See. Also John Percyvale in 1466 had a messuage at Sea Street and one at Eddington. Thomas Aleyn in 1481 had a messuage with seven acres of land at Sea Street, which he left to his wife Joan. (No. 46.)

Fish Weirs.

The frequent mention of fish weirs points to the occupation of some of the people. The weirs were constructed so that they were covered by water at high tide and retained the fish as the tide receded. A weir may be seen at the present day on the sea-shore between Graveney and Seasalter.

In the Survey of Ford Manor in 1647* there is a list of twenty-one weirs on the sea-coast. Many of the wills of the parishioners of Seasalter and Whitstable mention weirs and fisheries.

John atte See in 1460 had two weirs that formerly belonged to William Studd. (No. 8.)

James Shipman orders his boat and two weirs to be sold. (No. 9.)

John Cobb had a weir. (No. 20.)

Richard Greneham of Hampton in 1474 left his land weir and half the profits of his boats to his wife Alice, and at her death to their son James. To his son John he bequeathed his deep weir and the other half of his boats. (No. 27.)

William Aleyn in 1480 left to Simon Brown a weir in the sea at St. Mary's Gelf. (No. 41.)

Robert Cobb left a weir at Beaconhill to his brother Thomas Cobb. (No. 42.)

* See *Archæologia Cantiana*, Vol. XXVI., p. 128.

William Hykks left two weirs in the sea at the Bunte to his son John. (No. 43.)

John Hykk, senior, in 1483 left a land weir to his wife Margaret; also two weirs, then let to Richard Ewell, to his son Alexander when of age. (No. 50.)

Road Repairs.

At a time when there was no highway rate wealthy parishioners left money to repair the roads, *e.g.*, John Cobb left 20s. to repair the road from Bromefield to the Church of Herne and the same sum to repair the Church road from Hampton to the house of William Tanner; and William Salkyn left 20s. towards repairing the road from his house at Ford as far as the Church of Herne (Nos. 20, 29). Similar bequests are noted in Nos. 47, 52, 56.

INDICES OF NAMES.

[The figures denote the number of the Will.]

Messuages or tenements.

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Crowdenne, 52.	Kneapys, 38.
Edington, 16, 42.	Reggeway, 52.
Greenhill, 21.	Seastreet, 46.
Grovefield, 56.	Westbrook, 13, 15, 17, 27.
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Clipmill, 24.	Halbush, 42.
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Rokkingcove, 14.	Swyllinge, 40.
Rooke (a barn there), 27.	Underdowne, 56.
St. Mary's Gelf, 41.	Yongestreet, 8, 9, 14, 18, 23.
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*Land, etc.**

Aldifys (3 acres), 58.	Halfield (8 acres), 16.
Baynarscastell (3 acres), 21.	Hardres (4 acres), 25.
Belebrigge, 6, 25.	Harebroke (26 acres), 52.
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Bynnemarke, 52.	Loutheaber, 8.
Chalkham (1 acre), 56.	Magettisham (13 acres), 52.
Chantry of Herne, 50.	Poldewelowe (1 acre), 16.
Cisgoffys (4 acres), 25.	Pratyng (1 acre), 61.
The Cliff, 9.	Scots (10 acres), 25.
Cobbysbregge (1 acre), 14.	Sents, 26.
Cobeletesbrige (1 acre), 13.	Slade, 21.
Cowmbe (1 acre), 50, 56.	Southdown (6 acres), 21.
The Crow (4 acres), 33.	Stokesfield (4 acres), 25.
Donstonys, 3, 54.	Stonyland (3 acres), 28.
Elbott, 25.	Thorn, 50.
Little Farthing (1 rod), 40.	Wolet, 21.
Greeneham, 14.	Wykke, 50.
Hackards, 50.	Wylgoffsgate, 25.

* Some of these may be field names.

Field Names.

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Burleyfield (6 acres), 56.	Musden (2 crofts of 4 acres), 26.
Bynmerk (4 acres), 56.	Plente, 56.
Calvyndench (3 acres), 56.	Sents (7 rods), 58.
Churchfield, 21.	Sorellhill (croft of 3 acres), 50.
Croft at the Hall, 21.	Southfield (5 acres), 17.
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Donstronceland, 14.	Stretefield, 39.
Halfeld (8 acres), 16.	Thornfield, 50.
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Woods.

Gorewood (1 acre), 56.	Scotts and Kenepps (5 acres), 21.
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1.*—WILLIAM HAMMOND.

William Hammond of Broomfield in the parish of Herne, the 21 September 1396, being sound in mind, make my will as follows: First I will my soul to God, St. Mary and all the Saints, and my body to be buried in the churchyard of St. Martin of Herne.† To the high altar, 6*d.*, and of Reculver, 6*d.* To Godleve Hammond a bushel of corn. Residue to wife Margarie, and my sons and daughters (not named). Ex'ors: Wife Margerie and John May. Probate 16 Nov. 1396. (Register G, fol. 268, Cathedral Library at Canterbury.)

2.—THOMAS REGEWEEYE.‡

.. January 1400-1. To be buried in the Church of Herne. To high altar for tithes, 6*d.* To the Light of the Blessed Mary in the Church a calf of a year old, if my body is buried at the door of the chancel of B. Mary. To Thos. Elys, chaplain, 6*d.* To each

* The wills have been numbered for convenience of reference.

† All the wills were begun in a similar manner; this is omitted from the other wills.

‡ Thomas Regeweye may possibly be a Leverick, as that family appear to have been owners of Ridgeway to the south-east of Herne Church, and the Leverick arms—"Argent, on a chevron three leopards' heads or"—are carved upon the font which was placed in the Church in the reign of Henry IV. (1399-1413), together with the arms of that king and of Abp. Arundel (1397-1414). In the north chapel of Herne Church is the brass of Anthony Leverick, who died in 1511, and his wife Constantia.

dau. Agnes, Isabelle, and Alice, at her marriage four marcs. On day of my burial, 6s. 8d.; month's mind, 8s. 4d. Probate 3 Feb. 1400-1. (Vol. I., fol. 11.)

3.—JOHN DOWELE.

7 Oct. 1440. To be buried in the churchyard of St. Martin of Herne. To the high altar, 12d. To the lamp burning in the same Church, 4d. To John Bedale, chaplain, 12d. To William Groveley, clerk, 4d. Residue to wife Elene, who with Wm. Pratte ex'ors. Four acres of land in Reculver and three pieces of land called Donstonys land to be sold, and money to pay debts, etc. All other lands, tenements, pastures and woods to wife Elene, and to sons John and Henry when sixteen years of age. Prob. 19 Nov. 1440. (Vol. I., fol. 39.)

4.—JOHN HAMPTON, senior.

3 Dec. 1441. To be buried in the churchyard. To the high altar, 4d. To the work of the Church, 12d. To the Lights of St. Mary, St. John, St. Katherine, each a bushel of barley. To John Hampton the younger my best cloak. Residue to James Hampton and John Hampton, junior, who to dispose for my soul and all the faithful departed, and they ex'ors. James Hampton and John Boykin feoffees of all my lands, tenements, woods, meadows, etc. No Probate date. (Vol. I., fol. 55.)

5.—THOMAS GRENHAM.

25 April 1458. To be buried in the churchyard. Wife Benedicta to have three acres of land, and half an acre adjoining, at Westbroke in the Borough of Hampton, for her life; then son John to have the three acres, and son William the half acre. Wife to have all the utensils in the house. No Probate. (Vol. II., fol. 107.)

6.—WILLIAM PHILIPP.

1 August 1458. To be buried in the chancel of St. John the Baptist of the Church of Herne. To the Church for my burial, 3s. 4d. To the Church of Swalclyffe, 3s. 4d. To the high altar of Whitstaple, 3s. 4d. To the fabric of the Church of Herne, £10. To the maintenance of one lamp in Herne Church, 6s. 8d. To the fabric of Church of Whitstaple, 20s.; of Swalclyffe, 20s.; of Reculver, 6s. 8d.; and of the Chapel of Hoth, 6s. 8d. To Margaret my sister, £10; Alice Stud my sister, £10; William my son,

thirteen silver cups and one standing maser, nineteen pieces of pewter vessels, one charger, six plates, six dishes, six salts, one pot, one kettle, three lamps, and the best pottle. To my wife Juliane, all other goods not bequeathed in living-room (*aula*), bed-room (*camera*), and kitchen, also two mares, four cows, forty ewes, and another forty called wedres [wethers]. Residue to Thos. Philipp and William Aleyne my kinsman (*cognatus*), who ex'ors. Feoffees: Matthew Philipp,* citizen and alderman of the City of London, Thos. Philipp, Wm. Aleyne, William Paramor of Herne, and Thos. Hoo of Whitstaple. After my death they to sell two pieces of land in parish of Whitstaple, one called Brodemede and Athorne, and another near the gate (*porta*) of the Church of Whitstaple, between the land of John Parker to the west, of John Roper north, of John Strete east, and of John Roper and the heirs of John Rogers south; and with the money to provide a priest in the chapel of St. John the Baptist in Herne Church for two years to celebrate for the welfare of my soul, my wife's soul, and the souls of my parents, benefactors, and all the faithful departed. Matthew Philipp my brother shall come to one of my obits within two years after my death, and have 40s. for his expenses. John Polder to have three acres of land called Loggens in Swalclyff; and Richard Troke another three acres near Loggens mede. Thomas Philipp my brother two pieces of land in Herne called Hodlowes and Balebregge. Wife Juliane all lands, tenements, rents, meadows, pastures and woods in parish of Herne, until son William sixteen, and wife to repair my tenement at Greenhill. Matthew my brother to have a tenement called Wowlet and six acres of land that belonged to a certain John Phillip before me, and Matthew shall pay or cause to be paid unto the heirs of Nicholas Phillip by equal portions six marcs for the land and tenement. Prob. 6 Feb. 1458-9. (Vol. II., fol. 110.)

7.—JOHN BATE.

12 Dec. 1459. To be buried in the churchyard. To the high altar, 12*d.*; Light of St. Martin, 12*d.*; Light of St. Mary, 12*d.* Wife Alice to have two cows, twelve of the best ewes, four best pigs and a red mare; a chair, three chests, six silver drinking cups,

* Matthew Phillip was a citizen and goldsmith of London, being Mayor in 1463-4, and Warden of the Goldsmiths' Company in 1474. Died in 1475, and buried in the Chapel of St. John the Baptist in Herne Church, where is also the brass of his wife Cristina, who died 25 May 1470. (See *Memorials of Herne*, by Rev. J. R. Buchanan.)

a maser of silver and potell* of eight gallons. John a Dane and Wm. Paramor ex'ors. Feoffees: John Percyvale, Jas. Hampton, George Stud, who are to make over to wife Alice my messuage in the Borough of Thornden and four pieces of land containing 27 acres adjoining for sixteen years, then to son William. Land called Rogersdown containing 13 acres to son John when sixteen. Prob. 27 January 1459-60. (Vol. II., fol. 4.)

8.—JOHN ATTE SEE.

10 Sept. 1460. To be buried in the churchyard. To the high altar, 2s. To the Light of St. Martin, two bushels of barley. To the Light of the lamp burning in the Church, one bushel of barley. To Cecilie May my sister, a quarter of corn, to be paid at next Feast of St. Michael. To Beatrice Ridar, 20s. Wife Elianor, all utensils of house. John Notingham, Thos. Philip, John Percyvall, Ric^d. May, Hugh Cherleton, feoffees of all my lands, etc. Land called Loutheaber and half an acre (formerly Richard Cobbe's) to be sold, and with the money provide a chaplain to celebrate in Herne Church for one year. To wife Elianor, a croft of land of two acres at Hampton, also my house for life. Son William to have chief messuage at Yongestrete, with all its buildings, lands and marshes, in Borough of Beltinge, on the north side of Yongestrete as far as the sea; also one of two weirs, formerly William Studd's, and three acres of land in Hoberland, adjoining the lands of Maykenbroke. Son Henry, all lands, tenements, etc., on south side of high road called Yongestrete, in Borough of Hampton. To my brother Robert, a monk of St. Augustine's at Canterbury, ten marcs. Prob. 8 January 1460-1.† (Vol. II., fol. 25.)

9.—JAMES SHIPMAN.

20 Oct. 1461. To be buried in the churchyard. To the high altar, 12d. To the Lights of St. Mary, 4d.; the Lamp, 6d.; St. John the Baptist, 6d.; St. James, 8d. To the work of the Church called puynge (? pewing), 6s. 8d.; to the paving, 6s. 8d. For a new vestment for the use of the Church, four marcs. To the Chapel of

* A potell was a tankard or pot, also a small tub with projecting stave for a handle. (*Dialect Dictionary*, edited by H. Wright.)

† A John atte See of parish of All Saints, Birchinton, by will dated 10 Sept. 1460, desired to be buried in the churchyard of Birchinton. Wife Alice to be executrix and to dispose for his soul, parents, etc., and to have all lands and tenements in Vill of Birchinton for her life, then to sons John and Rowland atte See and their heirs for ever. No Probate. (Vol. II., fol. 17.)

Hoth, 3s. 4d. To Elinor, relict of John Shipman, a cow and four ewes. To the repair of a certain house called Croehouse at Yongestreet, 3s. 4d. Ex'ors to spend on day of my burial 20s., month's mind 40s., and anniversary 40s. Residue to Cristine my wife, who with John Boykin ex'ors. Wife Cristine to have my messuage at Yongestreet with all lands, woods, etc., except five virgates* of land adjoining called Belting Hill, for her life. A boat and two weirs to be sold, and money disposed for my soul and works of mercy. John Ewell, a virgate and half of land called the Cliff, between the lands of John Chestfield east, of said John Ewell west, a road to the south, and near the sea north. To Elinor, widow of John Shipman, two virgates of land at Beltinghill. John Boykin, two virgates of land at Counstall in Borough of Belting. Prob. 22 Nov. 1461. (Vol. II., fol. 52-3.)

10.—WILLIAM ATTE WELL.

23 Nov. 1461. To be buried in the churchyard. To the high altar, 20d. To the Lights of St. Mary, St. Martin's Lamp burning before the high altar, St. John Baptist, St. Peter, St. James, St. Nicholas, St. Katherine, each 20d. Expenses on day of burial, 40s.; month's mind, 40s.; anniversary, 40s. Residue to James Colnewood and John Houting, ex'ors, and they to sell all my lands, etc., and after paying debts, etc., dispose in pious uses for his soul. Prob. 15 January 1461-2. (Vol. II., fol. 57.)

11.—RICHARD SALMON.

26 March 1462. To be buried in the churchyard. To the high altar for tithes, two of the best ewes. To Light of the Lamp there, 3s. 4d. To Son Thomas, my best cooking-pot and half of all the utensils belonging to living-room, bed-room, and kitchen; the other half to my wife Isabella. To wife, three of the best cows, twelve ewes, two pigs, and all the corn growing upon two acres of land, with the grain upon two other acres for seed, with the podware. To son Thomas, twelve young oxen small and great, three mares, two pigs, one cart (*biga*), a tumbrel and plough. Residue after paying debts and legacies to son Thomas, who ex'or, with John atte Cherche overseer. Seven acres of land with three acres adjoining at Donstall, one acre at Medebroke, and three acres at Streetend,

* A virgate is a yard-land, the yard being a rood. (*Dict. Kent Dialect*, edited by Rev. W. D. Parish and Rev. W. F. Shaw, 1888.)

to be sold, and money disposed in mass at my burial, and for the use of Herne Church for a vestment or other ornament, 40s. Three cows, three pigs, two mares, and three staggs* to be sold to pay debts. Wife Isabella to have for life my messuage with two pieces of land adjoining containing eight acres at Streetend, with five other acres; and three acres in parish of Whitstaple. Also four acres at the Levenacres on condition that Isabella make no waste or damage in a piece of land called Martinshill. Daughter Margareta at her marriage to have all that land at Gattisfield, and one acre of wood with appurts. there, son Thomas having the custody and use of same until Margareta be married. Prob. 28 May 1462.

(Vol. II., fol. 69.)

12.—CRISTENA, widow of JAMES SHIPMAN. (See No. 9.)

7 June 1463. To be buried in the churchyard. To the Lights of St. Mary, St. John the Baptist, and the Lamp burning before the high altar, 8d. each. For one hanging before high altar, 3s. 4d. To the work of the Church called puying, 6s. 8d. To Joan Boykin my dau., a girdle of silk embroidered, four silver drinking cups, a piece of silver and my best cloak. To James Boykin, a candlestick. Two ewes each to Thomas, Cristine, Elinore, Margaret, and Alice Boykin. Residue to John Boykin, who ex'or. Feoffees: John Boykin, Henry atte Well, John Ewell, grant to my dau. Joan a messuage with appurts. in Borough of Hagh, between the lands of John Goff east, of Wm. Studd south, and the high road north and west. If Joan die without lawful issue, then to her husband John Boykin and the heirs of his body, if none then to be sold and the money spent in good works. To James the son of John Shipman, 20s. when thirteen years of age. Prob. 23 July 1463.

(Vol. II., fol. 83.)

13.—HAMO ALDIFFE.

14 Dec. 1463. To be buried in the churchyard. To the high altar, 40s. To the Light of St. Katherine, 12d. To the work of the Church, namely, for paving, 40s., and for puyng, 40s. To Godlef Cob, four ewes, and to John Hamond, four sheep. To wife Joan, all utensils in the house, also residue, and Joan executrix, with John Percivale the elder, overseer. A piece of land of twenty acres with two houses at Beltinge to be sold, and with the money pay my debts and legacies; also a chaplain to celebrate in the Church for

* Stagge = male of various animals. (*Century Dictionary*.)

one year, receiving ten marcs. To wife Joan, all lands in Reculver, and she to pay to the repair of my tenement at Westbrook 20*d.* a year whilst she lives. Three acres of land at Swalcliff to be sold, and 20*s.* given to the Church of Swalcliff, and residue to poor people in that parish and Herne. One acre of land at Cobeletesbrige to be sold, and the money given to Joan Gate my sister. Prob. 28 June 1464. (Vol. II., fol. 142.)

14.—JAMES HAMPTON.

4 April 1465. To be buried in the churchyard. To the Lights of St. Katherine, St. Peter, and St. John the Baptist, each 4*d.* To Agnes Easwell my dau., four bushels of corn. Son John Hampton and Christine my wife, ex'ors. A messuage with six acres of land at Yongestreet, a piece of land at Stockgrove, one acre at Cobbysbregge, two and a half acres at Beltinge in a place called Sandidowne, and one acre of wood called Southwak to son John and his heirs for ever. Two acres of land at Rokkingcove, three virgates adjoining at Riverye, and three acres at Downegrove, to be sold for best price, and the money to provide a chaplain in the Parish Church for one year, for my soul and all the faithful departed. Two acres at Fordisfield to be sold, and the money divided between son John and Margaret Blyse. Wife Cristina (*sic*) occupy my messuage at Hampton Hill, and eight acres of land called Greeneham, and four pieces of land adjoining at Southell, and three acres of land called Laurensow, during her life, then to son John. To Margaret Blyse, one acre of land in a field called Donstroncefield. Prob. 16 April 1465. (Vol. II., fol. 159.)

15.—THOMAS BYSMER.

1 July 1466. To be buried in the churchyard. To the high altar, 8*d.*; Light of St. Peter, 4*d.* To Vincent Seynt my "consilio," 4*d.* Residue to Thos. Fayreware and Joan my wife, who ex'ors. Feoffees: Richard Bolle, Thomas Fayreware, Robert Cobb, John Hamon of Seestreet. To wife Joan my messuage at Westbroke with three acres of land adjoining for her life, paying yearly to Joan Ridar my mother, 6*s.* 8*d.* To my daughter Alice, two acres called Brokare acre and five rods of wood in Chislet parish. After the death of Joan, feoffees to sell the messuage with three acres of land, and with money, 26*s.* 8*d.*, for buying a pax of silver (*osculatorium*) for use in the Church on chief days;

and for a pix of silver to place the sacrament of the altar in, 30s. 4d.; and for a new organ (*pro organie nove*), 3s. 4d. To Joan Blise, sister of my wife, 13s. 4d. Prob. 6 Oct. 1466.

(Vol. II., fol. 169.)

16.—JOHN PERCYVALE.

2 Dec. 1466. To be buried in the churchyard. To each Brotherhood Light of the Church, 4d. To Valentine Percyvale, my green cloak and girdle of silver. To John Percyvale, junior, my dark red cloak and girdle of silver. Residue to wife Joan and son Valentine, who ex'ors. Feoffees: Vincent Frenningham, Robert Cobb, Thos. But of Reculver, and William Eastwell of Sturrey. To son Valentine, my messuage at Seestreet with ten acres of land adjoining and one acre of wood at Musden. Also two pieces of land called Oldberton and Newberton, with three rods of land adjoining, before the gate of the field called Oldberton on the south. Valentine to pay to William his brother, a monk of St. Augustine's at Canterbury, ten marcs; if not paid, then William to have aforesaid two pieces of land to do as he pleases. Wife Joan to have my messuage at Edington with six acres of land near, also one and half acres of land before the gate of the field Newberton, and an acre of wood at Musden, and a garden called Little Edington for her life; also eight acres of land at Halfeld until John my son is sixteen, when he to have the same. After the death of Joan, then son John to have messuage at Edington with appurts. Rose Cob, one acre of land at Poldwelowe. Margaret Abraham, another acre of land called Bayly. (Mentions daughters Rose and Alice.) Prob. 25 January 1467-8.

(Vol. II., fol. 181.)

17.—RICHARD CHESTFIELD.

6 March 1466-7. To be buried in the churchyard. To the Lights of St. Mary and St. Peter, each one ewe. Residue to John Chestfield and Joan my wife, who ex'ors. To wife Joan, the messuage at Westbroke with twelve acres of land adjoining for her life. To Margaret, Juliana, Isabella, Alice, and Robergia, my daughters, five acres of land in a field called Southfield. After death of Joan, then William, son of Joan Chestfield my sister, to have the aforesaid messuage, with all lands, etc., and to his heirs for ever, but if he die without heirs, then to his brother John (*sic*). Prob. 11 May 1467.

(Vol. II., fol. 171.)

18.—HENRY HARDES.

16 July 1467. To be buried in the churchyard. My feoffees, Nicholas Aleyn, John Ewell, John Piper, Augustine Salkyn, to grant to my wife Elinor all my lands and tenements for life, then the messuage with six acres of land to William my son and his heirs for ever. Four acres of land at Yongestreet to son John and his heirs for ever. Four acres that belonged to Beartice Pratt, to Robert my son. Wife Elinor and Thomas Consant ex'ors. Prob. 15 Sept. 1467. (Vol. II., fol. 178.)

19.—ALEXANDER BYSMER.

19 Oct. 1468. To be buried in the churchyard. To the Lights of B. Mary, St. Katherine, Holy Cross, each 4*d*. Wife Dionisie to have all the contents of the house, and the house for life, also all lands until son (not named) is sixteen, then he to have the same, paying to each of his sisters six marcs at their marriage. To Robert, Alice, and Dionisia Bysmer, each 6*s*. 8*d*. Prob. 9 January 1468-9. (Vol. II., fol. 190.)

20.—JOHN COBB.

11 April 1470. To be buried in the churchyard. To the Light of St. Mary, 20*d*.; St. Mary of Pity, 4*d*. Wife Alice to have three cows, twelve ewes with their lambs, one cart-horse. Five masses to be celebrated on the day of burial: one of the Holy Spirit, another of St. Mary, and the third of the faithful departed, each priest to receive 6*d*. Ex'ors: Vincent Freningham and William Philipp. Robert Cob overseer. Three acres of land at Hodlowis, three and half acres adjoining at Downgrove and a weir in the sea to be sold, and the money to provide a chaplain in the Church for half a year. To wife Alice, my messuage with ten acres of land on south side, also three acres at Bekynhill and one acre at Sentys for her life; then to Thos. Cobb and his heirs for ever. To the repair of the street leading from Bromefield as far as Herne Church, 20*s*., and to the repair of the church road from Hampton as far as the messuage of Wm. Tanner, 20*s*. To Stephen, son of John Cobb, 20*s*. Prob. 21 May 1470. (Vol. II., fol. 204.)

21.—WILLIAM PHILIPP. (See No. 5.)

20 Aug. 1470. To be buried in the chancel of St. John the Baptist. To the high altar, 2*s*. 8*d*.; to each Light in the Church, 4*d*. To Thos. Fanting, 40*s*., and to Thos., son of aforesaid Thos. Fanting, four ewes. To John Kneape, 40*s*., and two sheets, two blankets,

with one counterpane, if he shall remain with my wife until the next Feast of St. Michael the Archangel. To Alice, wife of John Stud, 6s. 8d. Wife Joan to have all the utensils, 500 ewes, 20 rams, four of the best cows, two of the best horses, a cart and plough, with all belonging to same; also half of all the grain. Ex'ors to dispose on the day of my burial in funeral mass and other works of charity ten marcs (£6 13s. 4d.), also ten marcs at the trental and anniversary. Residue to Thos. Philipp and John at Chirche, who ex'ors. Feoffees: Thos. Phillip, William Alyne, Wm. Paramor, after my death to sell three acres of land called Baynarscastell, six acres called Southdown, one piece of land called Churchfield, three acres called Benfield, and five rods near Wolets Croft, also six rods before the gate of Wm. Goffs, and five acres of wood called Scotts and Kenepps, and with the money ex'ors to provide a secular chaplain to celebrate in the Church at the Altar of St. John the Baptist for one year, for my soul, parents, benefactors, etc. Wife Joan to have my messuage at Greenhill, with all lands called Wolet, Hokely, and Slede, and all those lands on west side of the aforesaid messuage for her life. If wife should be with child, a boy, then the son to have the lands called Wolet and Hokely with all other lands on west side of the messuage when he comes to age of sixteen, and at death of his mother also the messuage with all its lands. If Joan not with child, or said boy die, then Joan to have all the said lands for life, and at her death the messuage with all the lands to be sold, and 20 marcs (£13 6s. 8d.) given to maintain a chaplain in the Chapel of St. John Baptist in the Church for two years, to celebrate for my soul, my parents, etc.; and to the fabric and work of the Church, £10; the residue to be disposed in marriage gifts to maidens, repair of bad roads, and other works of charity. My feoffees to have a croft at the Hall for thirty years after my death, and with the rent from it my ex'ors to give in pious works and to poor people in parish of Herne at the Feast of Annunciation of B. Mary, for my soul, etc.; and at the end of thirty years the croft to remain to my right heirs for ever. To Robert Philipp, an acre of land; and to each feoffee and ex'or, 3s. 4d. for his labours. Prob. 8 January 1470-1.

(Vol. II., fol. 205.)

22.—WILLIAM READE, otherwise called WM. CARPENTER.

6 May 1471. To be buried in the church yard of the Friars Preachers at Canterbury. To the Friars Preachers, 20s.; to Friar

John Langdon, 40s. Richard Lacy to have 6s. 8*d.* if he help my wife Margerie to recover from the parish of St. Nicholas in Thanet the £6 which is due to me. Wife Margerie to have all my lands and tenements for life, and if William my son have no lawful heir, then to be sold and money disposed for the good of my soul and of Margerie, etc. Residue to wife, who executrix. Prob. 10 July 1471. (Vol. II., fol. 208.)

23.—JOHN COBBE. (See No. 20.)

15 March 1471-2. To be buried in the churchyard. To the high altar, 12*d.* To the Light of the Lamp, 12*d.*; to St. John the Baptist, 12*d.* Residue to wife Agnes, who executrix, and Henry atte See overseer. Feoffees: John Ewell, William atte See, Henry atte See, John Howting, to sell three acres of land at Bising Street and two acres called Brodpeice, and with the money to provide a chaplain for three quarters of a year, to pray for the souls of Robert Cobb my father and all the faithful departed. Also 3s. 4*d.* to Godleva Stude and 36s. 8*d.* at her marriage, but if Godleva die the money to be spent in masses and other works of charity. To wife Agnes, three acres of land called Martin's Hill and my messuage at Youngstreet, and one acre of land called Laigdiche with three rods of land at the same place for her life; then to John Hall, son of said Agnes, or if he die to Thomas Hall his brother. Prob. 22 June 1472. (Vol. II., fol. 235.)

24.—JOHN GOFF.

1 April 1472. To be buried in the churchyard. Feoffees: Vincent Freningham, John Ridar, Wm. Studd, and Wm. Ridar of Canterbury, to enfeoff Wm. Kennett and Margerie his wife, in one field between lands of Richard Davy, armiger, on the west, and land of Matthew Phillipp, Knight, on north and east, on condition that Wm. and Margerie Kennett their heirs and assigns pay yearly 10s. from the profits; and also 6s. by Joan my dau. in mass and other works of charity in the Parish Church for seven years after my anniversary; and on day of my burial in mass, etc., 6s. 8*d.*; and trental 6s. 8*d.*, and anniversary 3s. 4*d.* To daughter Joan, a field at Clipmill on condition she pays yearly 6s. to William Kennet (as above). Prob. 1 June 1472. (Vol. II., fol. 231.)

25.—JOHN GOFF.

31 March 1473. To be buried in the churchyard. To the high altar, one ewe. To Lights of St. Mary, St. Mary of Pity, and

St. Martin, 4*d.* each. To daughter Joan, four ewes; daughter Isabell, four ewes; Agnes Elphe, six ewes and a cow. On day of burial 20*s.*, also at trental and anniversary, in mass and other works of charity. Feoffees: John Nottingham the younger, Robt. Nottingham, John Doberose, Wm. Coting, shall suffer Agnes my wife to have my messuage with all lands, teneiments, woods, pasture, meadows, etc., for her life; then to Alexander my son when twenty. After the death of Agnes, to son John when twenty, a barn with appurts. called Harnill, ten acres called Scotts, four acres called Hardres, and four acres at Westbrook. After the death of Agnes, to son Wm. when twenty, four acres called Cisgoffys, four acres called Stokesfield, and a piece of land called Elbott. After death of Agnes, to son Thomas when twenty, a piece of land called Belebregge, and two and half acres before the gate called Wylgoffs gate. The four sons after the death of Agnes to have a field called Hewinding, to be divided equally. If the sons die, then to be sold, and the money to provide a priest to sing in the Church for my soul, wife, etc.; and ten marcs to the work of the Church; also to each son of my brother Alex. Goff, 40*s.*, and each of his daus., 20*s.*; and the residue at discretion of ex'ors. Daus. Joan and Isabell 40*s.* at their marriage. Wife Agnes and Wm. Lunse ex'ors. Prob. 31 May 1473. (Vol. II., fol. 248.)

26.—STEPHEN CHESTFIELD.

10 January 1473-4. To be buried in the churchyard. To the high altar, 12*d.* To the Light of St. Peter, one ewe. To wife Isabella, six sheep, a cow, eight horses, and all the utensils of my living-room and kitchen. Feoffees: Vincent Freningham, John Boykin, John Ridar, William atte See, and Richard Fylle, and they to sell an acre of land against the land of Thos. Fayrewar towards east and west, and with the money ex'ors to pay my debts and funeral, and Thos. Fayrewar to buy the same, if he will. Thomas my son to have a piece of land called Sents, and an acre of land called Hardis, when sixteen. Son Robert, four acres and three rods of land called Lomepetts, at same age. Son Richard, two crofts of four acres at Musden, within the lands of Sir Matthew Philipp, Kt., and Thos. Nottingham towards the east, and the common water course towards west. If the sons die, then lands to be sold, and ex'ors to pay to Agnes and Isabell my daughters 40*s.*, and a honest priest to sing in the Church for a year after death of my sons. Prob. 14 Feb. 1473-4. (Vol. II., fol. 268.)

27.—JOHN AT CHIRCHE.*

20 January 1473-4. To be buried in the churchyard. Feoffees: John Cuttisham, diaper (draper) and citizen of London, John Nottingham, senior, Thos. Philipp, Walter Paramor, and Valentine Percivale, who shall grant to William my son the chief messuage at Westbrook, with twenty-one acres adjoining, when twenty years of age; and if Alice remain a widow she to have the use of the same until then. Son John to have eight acres of land at Westbrook and four acres in the Hook when twenty years of age. Son Thomas to have two acres of land opposite messuage of George Studde on north, three acres recently bought of Thos. Rooke near Studhill against the Milbarrow west, two acres and half of marsh near the road and lands of Hamond at See on west, and another half acre in the parish of Swalcliff in a place called Bakere near the road east, and the land of Thos. Boykin of Herne north. Son James to have one barn or granary (*horreum*) at Rooke with one acre of land adjoining, and another two acres between the land of Herne Church west and the common road south, and one acre at Swalcliff in a place called Bakere. Prob. 5 July 1474.

(Vol. II., fol. 280.)

28.—RICHARD GRENEHAM. (See No. 5.)

16 May 1474. To be buried in the churchyard. Wife Alice executrix, and to have my tenement at Hameton (*sic*) Hill with two acres of land for life, and my land-weir and half the profits of my boats; at her death to son John and his heirs. Son John at Lammas next after my death to have the deep weir and the other half part of the boats, also two acres of land at Studhill. Son James, three acres of land at Westbrook, and after death of Alice my wife the land-weir and half part of my boats. Three acres called Stonyland to be sold and money given to my wife, and after paying debts, etc., any residue divided between my daus. Rose, Joan, Alice and Cristine. Prob. 19 Sept. 1474.

(Vol. II., fol. 286.)

29.—WILLIAM SALKYN.

14 Aug. 1474. To be buried in the churchyard. Wife Alice have my messuage at Ford† with all its lands for life, then to son

* A John att Chirch, *alias* Cherch, yeoman, of Herne, received a pardon on 7 July 1450 for having joined John Cade in his rebellion.

† For a description of Ford Manor in 1647 see Vol. XXVI., pp. 119—132.

John and his heirs, he to pay for three years 20s. to the work of Herne Church, viz., 6s. 8d. a year; also for the repair of the road from Ford as far as Herne Church, 20s. Prob. 20 Sept. 1474.

(Vol. II., fol. 285.)

30.—THOMAS RICHARDS.

16 Dec. 1474. To be buried in the churchyard. To the Light of St. Martin, 4d.; St. Mary of Pity, 2d. To wife Joan all utensils. On the day of my burial, 26s. 8d.; trental, 33s. 4d.; anniversary, 26s. 8d. John Richards my brother and William Paramore ex'ors. Feoffees: John Notingham the elder, Wm. Paramore, John Ewell of Yongstreet, and Wm. Chessher, to sell a parcel of land called Hodlowys, containing three acres, and pay the money to ex'ors to perform my bequests; also a secular-priest to sing in the Church for half a year and have five marcs. John Richards my brother to have half an acre of land at Stretefield, between the lands of John Ridar east, and lands of the Church and of Ric^d Fawer west. Wife Joan to have four acres at Hunter Street for life, then to be sold and the money disposed by ex'ors; in the Church as they think best, 13s. 4d., to the Church work of Sturrey, 3s. 4d. To Sara, wife of William Chessher, 6s. 8d.; and to each of their sons and daughters, 6s. 8d. To Alson, wife of Wm. Paramore, 3s. 4d.; and to each of their children, 3s. 4d. To Agnes, wife of Ric^d Dardill, 3s. 4d.; and to each of their children, 3s. 4d. To Thos. Ricard (*sic*) my brother's son, 6s. 8d.; to Joan Parker my sister, 6s. 8d. Residue in mass and dirge in Herne Church and other charitable deeds for my soul, wife's soul, etc., after discretion of my ex'ors as they seem best God to worship and please. If sufficient residue with the money buy a white vestment for use in the Church; and especially in obits to sing (*sic*). Prob. 28 Feb. 1474-5.*

(Vol. II., fol. 301-2.)

31.—JOHN PIPER.

6 May 1475. To be buried in the churchyard. To the Light of St. Mary of Pity, two bushels of barley. Wife Elianore and Ricd. Nott ex'ors. To son John, my chief message after the death of my wife Elianore, paying to Nicholas his brother four nobles (£1 6s. 8d.). If John die, then the message to Nicholas. A priest to celebrate in the Church for half a year, for my soul,

* A Thomas Ricard, corvesir, in 1472, and a John Ricard, corvesir, in 1473, were admitted Freemen of Canterbury. Corvesir or cordwainer, a shoemaker, originally meant a dealer in Cordovan leather.

etc. Son John to have the tenement that I bought of Nicholas Aleyn, paying to his brother Nicholas 6s. 8d. for four years. Wife to have the messuage bought from Wm. Dyne for her life, then to John my son. Prob. 31 May 1475. (Vol. II., fol. 308.)

32.—JOAN MANSTON,* formerly wife of WM. MANSTON.

6 Feb. 1475-6. To be buried in the Church of Herne before the door of the chancel (*cancellus*) of St. Mary. To the high altar for tithes, 6s. 8d. To the buying of a carpet† (*tapetum*) to hang before the high altar on the chief festivals, 40s. A chaplain to celebrate in the Church for half a year and have five marcs (£3 6s. 8d.). A chaplain to celebrate in the chapel (*capella*) of St. Pancras, situate in the cemetery of St. Augustine outside the walls of Canterbury, for my soul and soul of John Manston my son, whose body rests there; for a quarter of a year, 33s. 4d. A chaplain to celebrate in the Church of St. Lawrence in Thanet for a quarter of a year, 33s. 4d., for my soul, the soul of Wm. Manston my husband, my sons and all the faithful departed. To the Monastery of Christchurch, 40s., to pray for my soul, my husband and children. To the Monastery of St. Augustine, 40s. in like manner. To John Loverick, son of Anthony Loverick my brother, 40s.; and to Joan, dau. of Henry Loverick my brother, 40s. Residue to Thos. Loverick my brother, who ex'or, to dispose for my soul, and of Wm. Manston, etc. Prob. 4 March 1475-6.

(Vol. II., fol. 324.)

33.—JOHN ATDANE.

6 Nov. 1476. To be buried in the churchyard. To the high altar for tithes, 4d. To the high altar of Swalecliff, 12d. To the Light of St. Martin in Herne Church, a bushel of barley. To William Boston, 6s. 8d. To Thos. Derard and John Comp, each a ewe; Matilda Atnoke, two ewes; Joan May, wife of Ricd. May, a bull calf of one year; John Fanting, a bull calf. Wife Joan to have all utensils of my house, also a cart and plough, six cows, and fifty sheep at her own choice, also four marcs. Wife Joan, with Wm. Taylor (otherwise called Paramore), ex'ors. Four acres of land in the Borough of Thornden, called the Craw, to be sold and

* She was a Joan Leverick of Herne, who married William Manston of St. Lawrence in Thanet. (See *Corner of Kent*, by J. R. Planche, p. 378, and *Hist. of St. Lawrence in Thanet*, by Dr. Cotton, p. 194.)

† A carpet in the Middle Ages was used for covering tables, benches, or beds, not the floor. (*Récord Interpreter*.)

ten marcs to a chaplain for one year to celebrate for my soul, parents, etc. To wife Joan a messuage with garden and one acre of land at Stretend in Borough of Thornden, near the messuage of Wm. Cotyng west, and the lands of John Bate north; and another garden with shed recently built at Stretend, situated and adjoining the lands of Wm. Taylor (or Paramore); also ten acres of land near the land of John Roper south. Prob. . . January 1476-7.

(Vol. II., fol. 348.)

34.—VALENTINE PERCEVALL. (See No. 16.)

8 April 1477. To be buried in the churchyard. To the high altar, 12*d.*; to the Light of St. Peter, 6*d.*; to each other Light in the Church, 4*d.* To James Percevall, son of John Percevall, senior, three ewes; to Cristine and Marione, daughters of the same John Percevall, four ewes each. Residue to wife Joan, who with Wm. Maycott, brother of the same, ex'ors. Wife Joan to have my chief messuage with ten acres of land, and another piece of land called the Oldbartun (*sic*), until son John come to the age of twenty, then he to have the same, paying yearly to his mother 13*s.* 4*d.* Prob. 28 July 1478.

(Vol. II., fol. 376.)

35.—JOHN STUDEE.

31 May 1477. To wife Alice* all the utensils of the house, also the residue, and she, with John Howting and Ricd. Rooke, ex'ors. Wife to have six acres of land in Borough of Hampton, near the land of Vincent Fermingar north and the land of Richard Yonge west for her life, then to be sold and money to Margaret my daughter and her heirs. Prob. 28 July 1478. (Vol. II., fol. 378.)

36.—RICHARD YONGE.

1 Oct. 1478. To be buried in the churchyard. To the high altar, 20*d.* To the Light of St. Mary, a bushel of barley. Son John have my new pot, eight plates, three horses, cart and plough, best feather-bed and mattress, two pair of sheets and best coverlet. Residue to wife Isabelle, also one cow, six ewes, and one horse. Thos. Bull and my son John ex'ors. As much land to be sold as will pay debts, etc., and the rest to son John and his heirs for ever, paying yearly to his mother during her life 13*s.* 4*d.* twice a year. Prob. 16 Nov. 1478.

(Vol. II., fol. 396.)

* She was Alice Philip, sister to William Philip, who died 1458. (See No. 6.)

37.—JOHN KNEEPE.

4 Nov. 1478. To be buried in the churchyard. To the high altar for tithes, 12*d.* To Lights of St. Mary and St. Mary of Pity, to each a bushel of barley. To Wm. son of Robert Philip, a lamb; to each child of Wm. Ive of Hothe, a lamb; to John son of John Kneepes, a lamb; to Robert Philip, 13*s.* 4*d.* Residue to wife Agnes, who with Wm. Ive ex'ors. Feoffees: Wm. Ive of Hoth, Robert Philipp of Swalcliff, Robt. Horne, and Vincent Studde of Herne. Wife Agnes have all my lands, tenements, woods, pastures, etc., for life; except one piece of land situated between the land of Herne Church west, the land of John Notingham south, a certain road leading to same east, which is to be sold and with money pay debts, etc. At the death of wife Agnes, to son John a messuage at Kneapys, and a garden with two crofts, and three acres of land adjoining. Margaret my dau., wife of Wm. Ive, one acre of land in aforesaid croft near lands aforesaid of John my son. Dau. Joan, wife of Robert Philipp, one other acre of land in aforesaid croft.* Prob. 30 January 1478-9. (Vol. II., fol. 406.)

38.—NICHOLAS WALTER.

12 June 1479. To be buried in the churchyard. To the Light of St. Katherine, 20*d.*; St. Mary of Pity, 4*d.* Wife Cristine have all my utensils in living-room, bedroom and kitchen, and she with John Dubrose ex'ors. Five rods of land in the parish of Reculver, in the Borough of Beltinge at place called Ponde, to be sold and money to pay debts, etc.; if not enough sell two and half acres at Riedys, and the residue for my soul. To wife Cristine one acre of land in the Borough of Beltinge, which Edmund, son of William Fantyng, and Nicholas, son of John at See, to have when twenty. Mentions Margaret my daughter, wife of John at See. Prob. 29 Nov. 1479. (Vol. II., fol. 452.)

39.—RICHARD SAWYER.

1 Oct. 1479. To be buried in the churchyard. To the Light of St. Martin, a bushel of barley. Wife Margerie have all the utensils in living-room, bedroom and kitchen, except the desk or bureau (*computorium*) in the living-room and large oven in the kitchen, which shall remain with the tenement. Residue to son William, who ex'or. Piece of land in the field called Stretefield to

* There was a John Knype, tailor, in 1477 admitted a Freeman of Canterbury.

be sold to pay debts, etc. Wife Margerie to have my messuage, with two acres of land, for her life, then to William, John and Nicholas, my sons. To daughter Cristine, 20s. Prob. 15 Nov. 1479. (Vol. II., fol. 461.)

40.—ADAM PODDER.

18 Dec. 1479. To be buried in the churchyard. To wife Dionise all my chattels, and with James Hik ex'ors. Wife have my messuage at Hunterstreet, with ten acres adjoining, also eight acres at Dengewolde, and one rod of land called Little Farthing, one croft at Swyllinge, two pieces of land at Sondhill and Brodpetehill until son Nicholas is sixteen years old. Also Dionise have three acres of land at Bregge until Margeria and Rose my daus. shall be married, then they to have the same. Prob. 31 January 1479-80. (Vol. II., fol. 466.)

41.—WILLIAM ALEYN.

10 Feb. 1479-80. To be buried in the churchyard. To the Light of St. Martin, two bushels of barley, payable in Feast of St. Michael the Archangel; Light of St. Peter, one bushel of barley. To Isabell Kenett, wife of Nicholas Kenett, four ewes. To William Moyse, 20s. and six ewes. To Beatrice Moyse, 20s., six ewes, and one pan, next to the best. To Alice, dau. of Thos. Philipp, one girdle with silver mountings; also to Simon Browne a girdle with silver mountings, and a similar girdle to Margerie, wife of Simon. Simon Browne ex'or, and Thos. Philipp overseer. Simon Brown have three acres of land in Borough of Beltinge and a weir in the sea at St. Marys gelf (*sic*). A chaplain to celebrate for my soul, and Margery my wife, and parents, etc., for one year in the Church. Prob. 10 April 1480. (Vol. II., fol. 482.)

42.—ROBERT COBB. (See No. 23.)

20 March 1479-80. To be buried in the churchyard. To the Light of St. Peter, a bushel of barley. To daughter Joan 40s. at her marriage, but if she die, then to my wife Alice, who with Robt. Nottingham ex'ors. Feoffees: Robt. Nottingham, Thos. Cobb, John Hammond of Westbroke, and Wm. Torre. Wife Alice to have two acres of land at Halbush. Son Robert, two acres in Borough of Hampton, between land of Thos. Aleyn to the east and a road belonging to the tenement of Thos. Aleyn to north. Son Valentine to have two acres in Edington fields, between land of Wm. Philipp to the east and of John Nottingham to the west. Son Richard, two

acres at Westbroke. If wife die, then Robt. Notingham to have the wardship of my sons until of age. Two acres in Studhill, one acre of woodland at Scottys, one acre with a piece of pasture of Cliff at Studhill to be sold to pay debts, etc. To Thomas Cobb my brother, a weir at Beaconhill; and John Cobb my father, 13s. 4d. yearly for his life. Prob. 4 May 1480. (Vol. II., fol. 489.)

43.—WILLIAM HYKKS.

.... 1480. To be buried in the churchyard. To son James 26s. 8d. within two years after my death. To the Light of St. Martin, one ewe. Residue to son John, who ex'or. Feoffees: John Hikks, senior, and John Boykin. A piece of pasture land at Cliff of nine acres, in the Borough of Beltinge, to son James; also two acres west of same and one rod of land at Curteysgate at Barrend. Son John all other lands, tenements, woods, pastures, and two weirs in the sea at the Bunte. Mass for my soul and wife Margerie in the Church. Prob. 14 Nov. 1480.

(Vol. II., fol. 503.)

44.—ELENA, wife of ROBERT HORNE.

20 Feb. 1479-80. To be buried in the churchyard. Feoffees: John Aleyn and John Mosse otherwise called John Moreys, and they to grant to Robert my husband all my lands and tenements for his life, then to Vincent and Thomas my sons, their heirs and assigns for ever, paying to Margaret my 'dau. 40s. If sons die, then at the death of Robert to be sold and 40s. to dau. Margaret and residue for my soul, Robert my husband, children, parents and benefactors, etc. Residue to husband Robert, who ex'or. Prob. 4 June 1481.

(Vol. II., fol. 518.)

45.—JOHN NOTINGHAM, junior.

13 Aug. 1481. To be buried in the churchyard. Wife Isabella have all my lands, tenements, etc., for her life, and with Wm. Lunce ex'ors. Prob. 22 Oct. 1481.

(Vol. II., fol. 530.)

46.—THOMAS ALEYN, senior. (See No. 40.)

31 Aug. 1481. To be buried in the churchyard. To wife Joan, all utensils in my house. Ex'ors: John atte Hall, junior, and John Arter, with John Aleyn of Studhill supervisor. Feoffees: Robert Hunt of Hothe, Hamo at See, John Hikks, senior, Valen-

tine Percival. Wife Joan to have my messuage at Seastreet, with all lands, etc., for her life, except three rods at Seynts, which shall be sold to pay debts, etc. After death of Joan, then Robt. Nottingham have the aforesaid messuage with seven acres of land. Prob. 12 Nov. 1481. (Vol. II., fol. 530.)

47.—WILLIAM TANNER.

10 July 1482. To be buried in the churchyard. Wife Alice to be ex'or with John, son of Hamo Hykk. All lands and tenements to wife Alice for life, then to sons equally if alive, or if dead to daus., but if none of his children survive his wife, then to be sold, and five marcs (£3 6s. 8d.) for a secular priest to sing for my soul for half a year in the Parish Church; and in mending the highway between Underdowne and the Croft at Strode, 40s.; and towards a new roodloft in the Church, five marcs. Prob. 11 Nov. 1482. (Vol. II., fol. 546.)

48.—ISABELLA, wife of THOS. COLPYE.

29 Sept. 1482. To be buried in the churchyard near the place where the body of John Nottingham, junior, formerly my husband, is buried (see No. 45). Thos. Colpye my husband have for his life my right of use of all those lands and tenements which the aforesaid John Nottingham gave to me, for twenty years. Residue to husband, who ex'or. Prob. 16 Dec. 1482. (Vol. II., fol. 545.)

49.—WILLIAM BULLING.

10 Dec. 1482. To be buried in the churchyard. To son Geoffrey, a horse, to be disposed in exequies and mass and other good works for my soul. Residue to wife Isabella, who executrix. Feoffees: Wm. Ive of Hoth, John Hammond, John at Hall, junior, who are to sell an acre of land at Westbroke, and my wife Isabella have the money. Also wife to occupy my messuage with a garden for life, then to son Geoffrey and his heirs; but if Geoffrey die before his mother, then to be sold and 6s. 8d. to the fabric of the Church, and in mass for two years in the Church. Prob. 27 January 1482-3. (Vol. II., fol. 550.)

50.—JOHN HYKKS, senior. (See No. 43.)

13 March 1482-3. To be buried in the churchyard. Twenty marcs (£13 6s. 8d.) to provide a chaplain in the Church for two years after my death, for my soul, parents, children, etc. Residue

to wife Margaret, who with Richard Fayrwar of Chislett ex'ors. Margaret have my messuage with five acres of land, and four other acres named Helbarowland, a piece of land called Thornfield, a piece called Wykke, one acre at the Cowmbe, with all appurts. and a land weir for her life, then to my children. Son Alexander when twenty-one years of age have the ten acres of land that my father bought of Wm. atte Welle, and all my part of the wood in Southwood, and the two weirs that Ricd. Ewell holdeth to ferm. Son Thomas the two pieces of land, one my father bought of Robt. Jenkyn containing four acres, another piece called Brambiltiam, and the three pieces of land towards Bromfield, upon the south of my land there that I have bequeathed to my son Alex. Sons Richard and George, twelve acres of land in Borough of Beltinge next the lands of Robt. Colwode; a piece of land of five rods next the land of the Chantry of Herne north, the lands of Jas. Shipman south; and a piece of land at the Busshe next the kings road south. Son Andrew, four acres of land at the Bekyn and a croft of three acres called Sorellhill. To daughter Joan, a croft next messuage of Ric^d Paine. To daughter Elinore, a croft next to the former. To daughter Isabelle, wife of Ricd. Feyrware, a piece of land called Hackards. Prob. 28 April 1483. (Vol. II., fol. 556.)

51.—JOHN HYKKES or AT SOLE.

5 January 1483-4. To be buried in the churchyard. To the high altar for tithes, 20*d.*; fabric of the Church, 6*s.* 8*d.*; Light of St. Katherine and of St. Mary of Pity, to each a bushel of barley. Feoffees: Thos. Consaunt, Richard Paramore, Robert Colwode, William Lynch. To wife Isabella, my messuage with eleven acres of land at Hunterstreet in the Borough of Haugh for life, and if she be with child, a son, then he shall have the same, if not to be sold and a priest provided to celebrate in the Church for one year, and residue to poor people, etc. Wife Isabella with William Ive and William Notingham ex'ors. Prob. 5 April 1484.

(Vol. II., fol. 590.)

52.—VINCENT FRENINGHAM.

24 January 1485-6. To be buried in the nave of the Church, near the grave of Joan my dau. To the high altar, 6*s.* 8*d.* Light of St. Mary, 3*s.* 4*d.*; Light of St. Martin, 3*s.* 4*d.*; Light of the Saviour, 12*d.*; Light of St. Christopher, during five years after my death, 8*d.* yearly. To Nicholas Pigitt and his wife, 40*s.* Alice

Higelyn my sister, 40s. within four years after my death, by 10s. a year; also another 20s. That the churchwardens of Herne have and receive all the profits and fruits of five acres of my land in Bynnemarke for twenty years after my death, on condition that yearly they dispose 10s. for my soul on my anniversary in the Church during that time, and the residue to the Church where needed. At end of the twenty years the five acres to be sold, and of the money give to Isabelle, daughter of William Lamsyn, £20; but if she die before then, the money to be spent in repair of bad roads in the parish and other works of charity. Wife Isabella have all the utensils and implements of my house, and she with Wm. Lamsin ex'ors. That Wm. Lamsin* of Canterbury have and take all the profits, etc., of all my lands and tenements at Crowdenne, Haghe, and Reggeway, containing 158 acres of land, until Thos. and Vincent, sons of the same Wm. Lamsin, come to the age of 24 years, and then they to have the same; if they die young, land to be sold, and Wm. Lamsin have £40, and residue disposed for my soul. Land called Harebroke of 26 acres to be sold, and with the money £20 be disposed on day of my death, trental, and anniversary. Also a chaplain celebrate for my soul in the Church for one whole year, and have £6 13s. 4d.; and residue at discretion of ex'ors. Land called Magettisham of 13 acres to be sold, and 40s. to repair of bad roads and other pious uses. Wife Isabella have all my other lands, etc., for her life. Prob. 21 Oct. 1486.

(Vol. III., fol. 113.)

53.—JOAN FAYREWARE.

14 Aug. 1488. To be buried in the churchyard. To James Elmer, a cow. To John Fayreware, a cow, and the same to Joan his wife. To Petrenille, dau. of John Fayreware, a cow. Residue to John Fayreware and James Elmer, who ex'ors, to dispose for my soul. That Richard Kantes have my place in Hoth in the Borough of Strete, and four acres of ground. Prob. 8 Feb. 1488-9.

(Vol. III., fol. 209.)

54.—CRISTINA HAMPTON. (See No. 14.)

20 Aug. 1488. To be buried in the nave of the Church. To the high altar, 8s. 4d. For a Missal, 3s. 4d. To the reparation of

* Among those admitted Freemen of Canterbury are the following :—

- 1393. John Lambesyn, by his marriage with Agnes, dau. of Simon Saddler.
- 1423. Thos. Lambsyn, chandler, son of John.
- 1476. Wm. Lamsyn, grocer, son of Thomas, grocer,

the Church, 6s. 8d. To the Light of St. Mary of Pity, 3s. 4d. Residue to John Hyks, senior, and Thos. Malyn of Monkton, who ex'ors, to dispose for my soul. Feoffees: Alex. Ewell, Robt. Colwoode, Richard Paramore, John Lailare. To John Hyks, senior, two acres of land, and he to pay unto his daughter Margery for her marriage, 40s., and to each other child, 6s. 8d. Thos. Malyn shall pay to my ex'ors the £5 that he oweth me, of the which I bequeath to my daughter his wife, 13s. 4d., and each son, 6s. 8d. To my daughters Isabell and Margett (*sic*), two acres of land. Ex'ors to receive the profits of the land called Dunstonys, containing six acres, for thirteen years, for masses and dirges in the Church, viz., three masses, one of an Holy Saint, another of Our Lady, and the third of Requiem, with other alms to the poor, for my soul, William my father, Avyse my mother, James (Hampton) and John Fantyne my husbands, Hamond Halday, William Alday, and all Christian souls. After the thirteen years the land to remain to daughters Isabell and Margaret and their heirs. Prob. 3 Feb. 1488-9. (Vol. III., fol. 201.)

55.—CHRISTEON WALTER. (See No. 38.)

15 Oct. 1488. To be buried in the churchyard. To the Light of St. Katherine, 12d. To daughter Denys, my best kettle and trevet. To daughter Marget (*sic*), a pot of brass, and kettle. To Nicholas at See, a brass pan. To John Fantyng, a latyn laver. Ex'or, Robert Boll. Prob. 4 Feb. 1488-9. (Vol. III., fol. 209.)

56.—JOHN NOTINGHAM, senior.

9 January 1488-9. To be buried in the churchyard. To the Lights of St. Mary, 3s. 4d.; St. Martin, 3s. 4d.; St. Mary of Pity, 12d. To the reparation of the Church, 13s. 4d. To wife Joan, four kine, two of my best horses, 25 ewes, 25 store sheep. To each daughter, 3s. 4d., viz., Alice, wife of Nicholas Kenet, Margery Stede, Margaret Pyman, Alice Consaunt. Son Richard have my cart and plough with all the harness thereto. To wife Joan, my horse colt, and half the grain in my barns and fields. Residue of all utensils in hall chamber and kitchen to wife, except the counter table in the hall with a long form thereto pertaining, a carwyn cheyer (chair), great hanging laver of laton, a querne (handmill), and great iron spit in the kitchen, which shall abide there still for the use of my sons. To the repair of the street or way from

Grenehill to Henforde where most needed, for my soul, and Robt. Thondyr, and all Christian souls, 20s. Son William to have a croft at Strode of one acre, a piece of land of three acres (bought of John Bremps), two pieces of land called Longacre containing eight acres, another piece of four acres, and a piece called Combe of two acres, a croft of five acres called Kechynfield, three acres at Henford, to him and his heirs for ever, paying to my ex'ors ten marcs (£6 13s. 4d.). To son Thos., a field of eight acres called Moulyns with half an acre of wood, four acres in a field called Bynmerk, three acres at Underdowne called Calvyndench, and to his heirs for ever. Son Robert have my chief messuage with three crofts called Grovefield, together with a parcel of wood, a croft called Plente, and a croft called Stone, paying to my ex'ors £10. Wife Joan to occupy same for one year after my death. Joan, wife of Robert my son, a field called Dame Alice field of ten acres for her life, then to Robert her husband. To son Richard, a field called Burley field of six acres, also three acres at Hall Bush, one acre at Church way, and one acre of wood in Hallwood. To John and Robert, sons of Harry at See, one acre of land at Chalkham between them. Joan my wife occupy my tenement called Colwood, with 24 acres of land, an acre of wood called Gorewood, for her life, then the 24 acres and acre of wood to son Richard. Son Robert occupy and have in farm all these lands, woods, etc., with tenement called Colwood for five years, five years to break and sow and other five years to by lay (*sic*), paying 46s. 8d. yearly to Joan my wife. Residue to Thomas William and Robert Nottingham my sons, and they ex'ors. Witnesses: Sir John Caton,* parish priest of Herne, John Boykin, John Easwell, Thos. Salkyn, Nicholas Kenett, Alex. Gogh. Prob. . . . 1489. (Vol. III., fol. 221-2.)

57.—WILLIAM YONGE. (See No. 36.)

20 July 1489. To be buried in the churchyard. To the Light of St. Martin, 8d.; St. James, 8d.; To the Rector of Swalclyff, 3s. 4d. To wife Agnes, all utensils in living-room, bedroom and kitchen, also residue to dispose for my soul. Agnes with John Oode ex'ors. Wife to occupy all my lands and tenements for her life, then to son Richard and his heirs. Prob. 5 Oct. 1489.

(Vol. III., fol. 228.)

* Vicar of Herne 1489—1511, and previously chantry priest of St. Mary's Chantry in Herne Church.

58.—JOHN COBB. (See No. 42.)

12 May 1490. To be buried in the churchyard. To the Light of St. Peter, 4*d*. Wife Agnes have all the utensils in living-room, bedroom and kitchen, also all other movables, and Agnes with John Cobb ex'ors. Wife Agnes have the three acres of land against Aldifys; if she sell them then Thomas my son buy them before any other. Son Thomas, a croft of three acres near the gate of same Thomas, and to his heirs for ever. Wife Agnes have my tenement at Hampton Hill, with my lands, for her life; then to son Thomas, except a croft called Sents of seven rods, which Alice Eastwell to have. To daughter Joan, 20*s*. Prob. 10 Oct. 1491. (Vol. III., fol. 300.)

59.—JOHN FAYREWARE. (See No. 53.)

12 Nov. 1490. To be buried in the churchyard. To the Light of St. Martin, 12*d*. Residue of goods to wife Joan, who executrix. Wife have all lands and tenements for life, then divided between my children Marione, Parnill,* and John, and the longest liver of them to be the others heir; if all die, then to be sold, and ten marcs for a priest to sing for my soul in the Church. Daughter Agnes, 40*s*. to her marriage. Nicholas a Dane and Thos. Colpett overseers. Prob. 31 January 1490-1. (Vol. III., fol. 280.)

60.—ELIANORA PIPER. (See No. 31.)

29 Dec. 1490. To be buried in the churchyard. To Elnor, dau. of John Hardes, a ship-chest, two platters, two dishes, two saucers, a green doublet, two sheets, the second candlestick, two bread-pans, and the second tablecloth. Robert Hardes, the great kettle, best brass pot, laten laver, best tablecloth, a kettle, three silver spoons, and my part of the little house in Herne Street. To Robert's wife, my best gown. To John Hardes, the lesser brass pot and a silver spoon. To William Hardes, a silver spoon and the great chest, he paying to Robert Hardes 3*s*. 4*d*. Robert Hardes, ex'or. No probate. (Vol. III., fol. 279.)

61.—JOHN HAMOND. (See No. 1.)

16 Feb. 1491-2. To be buried in the churchyard. To the Light of St. Katherine, a bushel of barley. To daughter Margerie,

* Pernelle or Peronelle, another form of the name of St. Petronilla the virgin, commemorated 31 May, who was supposed to cure the quartan ague. (See Chambers' *Book of Days*, ii., 389.)

one young cow. Wife Alice executrix, and John Cobb overseer. Feoffees: John Salkyn, John Moyse, John Alyn, James Cobb. Wife Alice occupy for life my tenement with an acre and half of ground, then Jas. Eadard buy it of my feoffees before any other; if not, then to be sold, and 6s. 8d. to every daughter, and residue in dirgie and mass, etc. An acre of land called Pratyng in Borough of Thorden (*sic*) to be sold to pay debts, etc. Witnesses: Sir Thos. Ferman, Thos. at See, Thos. at Church. Prob. 21 May 1492. (Vol. III., fol. 315.)

(*To be continued.*)