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MILTON WILLS

(NEXT SITTINGBOURNE)—III.

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EDWARD JONES.

14 January 1549-50. Administration to his goods granted to Isabelle his widow. Bonds :—Ralph Thomas of Borden, and William Peper of Wormeshill, yeomen, in £66-13-4*d*.

(A. Act. Vol. 9, fol. 182.)

THOMAS JONSON.

11 May 1482. Buried in the churchyard. To repair the Light before the Crucifix 8*d*, Light of St. Mary 6*d*, of St. James 4*d*. The parish-chaplain 6*d*, parish-clerk 4*d*, the sacrist 2*d*. Margaret my daughter 20/- . Helen Buns 20/- . Each Ex'or and Feoffee 6-8*d*. Residue to wife Joan, John Bromfeild, William Hills, my Ex'ors, to pay debts. Wife have my messuage for life then to son William at 24 and his heirs. [Probate 23 May 1482.]

(A. Vol. 3, fol. 401.)

GARARD JOHNSON.

20 Feb 1527-8. Buried in the churchyard. A Wasshe [40 bushels] of oysters at my burying day and month's day, with a dozen of bread and kilderkin of beer. Thomas my brother a quarter of my ketch and half of my great Boat with a dragge, he labouring in my craft with my wife until my debts be paid. Residue after paying debts to wife Elisabeth to find my children, if she marry to have one part and three parts to my three children (no names). Ex'or—Elisabeth my wife with Thomas Austen vicar and Robert Ruffin overseers. [Probate 6 August 1528.]

(A. Vol. 18, fol. 186.)

JOHN JOYE.

20 April 1524. Buried in the churchyard. Wife to have the best chamber as it standeth with free going to every place of the

house necessary, if she marry then to my son John. Son George and daughter Joan each have two seames of barley, daughters Katherine and Juliane 6-8*d*. Residue to Ex'ors :—wife Anne and son John, with Richard Milne and Richard Bochar overseers. Son John the house I dwell in and to his heirs, paying to my wife £6-13-4*d* and to my son George 26-8*d*. Witnesses :—Thomas Austen vicar, Richard Bocher. [Probate 8 June 1524.] (A. Vol. 16, fol. 111.)

JOHN JOYE.

28 March 1543. Buried in the churchyard. Wife Alice my house at the Cross in which I dwell for life, then to John my eldest son and John my youngest son their heirs assigns for ever. Daughters—Joan, Alice, Agnes, 20/- each at their marriage. Residue to wife Alice my Ex'or. Witnesses :—Henry Brome parish-priest, John Dyne, Thomas Heyward. [Probate 25 June 1543.] (A. Vol. 23, fol. 182.)

THOMAS KENT.

14 July 1508. Probate to his Exor—Dom Amphebel Nott, curate of Newington. [No more information.] (A. Act. Vol. 3, fol. 159.)

ROBERT KNIGHT.

28 Oct. 1482. Buried in the churchyard. The parish-clerk and sacrist 4*d* each. Residue to wife Alice my Ex'or. Messuage at Chalkwell be sold to pay debts and dispose for my soul. [Probate 3 July 1483.] (A. Vol. 3, fol. 457.)

ANTHONY KYERE.

6 Novem. 1557. Will nuncupative made before Witnesses—Thomas Pers and Lawrance White, as follows :—If I live unto to-morrow morning I will declare my Will in writing, but if I do die before then I do give unto my wife all my goods, and I pray you Witness the same. No Ex'or appointed, so Administration to Joan his widow. Bonds :—William Hartinge and John Waterman, yeomen, in £40. (A. Act. Vol. 12, fol. 105.)

JOHN LACYE.

. . . 1550. Buried in the earth. Wife (no name) be Ex'or and have my house and garden in fee simple for ever, and

all my moveables. Henry Lacye my brother 6-8*d*. Witnesses :—
Raffe Poste, John Godfrey. [No Probate date.]

(A. Vol. 27, fol. 265.)

THOMAS LAKE.

8 March 1482-3. Buried in the churchyard. Ex'or :—Wife
Joan and have residue to pay debts, and my messuage at the Grene.
[Probate 14 May 1483.] (A. Vol. 3, fol. 444.)

JOHN LAKE.

13 Oct 1537. Buried in the church-porch door. Daughter
Dionise a cow, the three pewter plates and dishes I brought from
London, a chest of wainscot, latton candlestick. Sons Richard
and Thomas all moveables at my tenement at Borden, each to
pay my daughter Denise 20/-. Ex'or :—Wife (not named) and
have residue to pay debts. Witnesses :—Thomas Austen vicar,
William Fige, John Butley. [Probate 9 May 1538.]

(A. Vol. 21, fol. 161.)

THOMAS LAKE.

25 March 1556. Buried in the churchyard. Charitye and
Susane my daughters each £4 at their marriage or when 21. Son
Richard ten quarters of wheat and barley, when 21, if he die to
the child my wife is with if a son, but if a girl equally to my
daughters, or if dead to Thomas Lake son of my brother. Alice
Dawlye daughter of my sister 40/- at her marriage or 21. Residue
after paying debts to wife Katherine my Ex'or, with Raynolde
Cowche overseer. Witnesses :—William Cowcheman, Jeoffrey
Clarke. [Probate 22 April 1556.] (A. Vol. 30, fol. 236.)

JAMES LETMAN.

23 Sept 1503. Buried in the churchyard in the place where
wife Elisabeth choose. High altar 3-4*d*. Reparation of the
church 13-4*d*. To the high altar five ells of diaper ; to the altar
of St. John Baptist, and of St. James, each four ells. A chaplain
celebrate in the Chapel of St. John for quarter of a year 33-4*d*.
Residue to wife Elisabeth and James Letman junior my Ex'ors.
Witnesses :—Dom William Petite vicar, John Bery, William
Raynold, James Letman. [Probate . . . Novem 1503.]

(Con. Vol. 7, fol. 79.)

JAMES LONDON.

13 May 1474. Buried in the churchyard. Residue to wife Robige my Ex'or. Wife have my messuage in which I dwell for life, and if she be with child to the same and heirs for ever, if the boy die before his mother then at her death Alice Brekenoke my sister have the same for life, then be sold and money disposed in the church for our souls, parents. If Alice die before my wife then to her daughter Elisabeth Brekenoke, in default to Lawrance Brekenoke son of my sister. [Probate 16 June 1474.]

(A. Vol. 2, fol. 314.)

JOHN LORDE.

20 January 1530-1. Buried in the churchyard. To the buying of the new Bell 12*d*. Son John a great brass pot. Residue to wife Agnes my Ex'or, also my house with garden for her life, then sold the money disposed for our souls. Witnesses:—Thomas Austen vicar, Garrard Husse, William Harte. [Probate 18 May 1536.]

(A. Vol. 20, fol. 232.)

JOHN MAAS.

6 March 1460-1. Wife Alianora have messuage in the town of Milton for life, then to my son Thomas and his lawful issue, in default to be sold and for a priest to celebrate in the church half a year for my soul, wife, parents, and all the faithful departed 66-8*d*, the residue to the work of the church and bad roads. Also wife have for life another messuage in which Alice my daughter dwells, then to Alice for her life and her lawful issue, in default to be sold and money disposed as from the chief messuage. Wife Alianora and Thomas Durant during their lives keep in the church my anniversary, disposing 2/- yearly. [No Witnesses or Probate Date.]

(A. Vol. 1, fol. 270.)

WILLIAM MAAS.¹

18 January 1464-5. Buried in the churchyard in the procession path before the west door. High altar for tithes 3-4*d*. To the parish-priest, parish-clerk, and sacrist 4*d* each. Joane Catlot at her marriage 6-8*d*. Light of St. Mary a bushel of barley. Residue to wife Felice and Henry Maas my brother my Ex'ors, to pay debts and dispose for my soul. Feoffees:—Peter Dingley vicar, William Stevin, John Bole, William Baker. Wife Felice

¹ William Maas, shipman, a follower of John Cade, 1450, had pardon. *Arch. Cant.*, VII, 267.

have the place in which I dwell, the messuage purchased of John Milys, a shop in the market-place bought from Henry Maas, two fish shamels [portable stalls] and two tanner shamels in the market-place, a barn and colver [pigeon] house bought from John Milys, the hemp-plot at Jawles, $5\frac{1}{2}$ acres and three day-works of land behind Middelton vicarage, three rods behind the parsonage, one acre and a rod in Holt field bought from John Teteman and James Triplowe, four acres at Quynnton street, during life of Felice, and if she be with child—a son, after her death to him in fee simple, but if a girl then to Joan my daughter and the girl in fee simple at 18 ; but if no child or the same die before 18, then to Harry Maas my brother in fee simple, under condition he dispose for our souls 40/- in the highway between Quynnton street and the church ; also 40/- for a pair of silver candlesticks to the altar of Middelton church, and to Iwade church 20/-, to Upchurch 6-8*d*. Also Felice occupy and receive all profits from a messuage and lands at Quinton Street which were Richard Medemans, during the life of Joan Pelle mother of Felice, finding her meat, drink, clothes, and 6-8*d* yearly. Harry Maas have the place which Richard King dwells in, and the shop bought of Higham in fee simple, when Harry hath found a priest to sing half a year in Middelton church and half a year in Bradgare church for my soul, John Pelle, Cristin Fowler ; and made a Tabernacle over Our Lady altar in Middelton church, between Our Lady and St. John Baptist, after the manner of the high altar, and stoles [stools] in the south side of the church, that is the Tabernacle and stoles to the value of £6-6-8*d*. In alms for four years 26-8*d* of billettts [wood] among the poor on the morrow after St. Thomas day of Ynde [21 Decem]. To the marriage of Joan my daughter £26-13-4*d*, if she die before marriage then Felice my wife have half the money, Joan Cattelote 6-8*d*, six poor maidens to their marriage 6-8*d* each, to Halstow church 6-8*d*, to the stone Cross in the Market-place 6-8*d*, to the Friars in Canterbury, Sandwich, Ailesford, 6-8*d* each, every Spital House between Sandwich and St. George's barr 12*d*, Bobbing church 6-8*d* ; any residue to keep my Obit and in works of charity. [No Witness names or Probate Date.] (A. Vol. 1, fol. 155.)

HENRY MASE.

28 May 1506. Probate to his Will to his Ex'or, Joana his widow. [No more information.] (A. Act. Vol. 3, fol. 148.)

HENRY MARCALL.

. . . 1550. Buried in the churchyard. Wife Anne all my goods to pay my debts and be Ex'or, with Denis Bradley overseer. Wife have my houses in fee simple. Witnesses:— Denis Bradley, William Cotinge, Robert Raymond. [Probate 1 Feb. 1556-7.] (Con. Vol. 32, fol. 261.)

JOHN MARCHANT.

1 Novem. 1536. Buried in Milton church. High altar for tithes 4/-. Toward a new frame for the Bells 10/-. Wife Thomasine all the tenements houses and wharf late bought from the Feoffees of Ralf Haymond. Joane my sister £6-13-4d. Cousin John Marchant of Sheppey 10/-. To repair the highways 10/-. Elisabeth Catlote my servant £3-6-8d. Ex'or:—Wife Thomasine and have residue to pay my debts, etc. Witnesses:—Thomas Austen vicar, John Seeth senior, John Reder, John Potage, Thomas Hayward. [Probate 11 Decem. 1538.] (Con. Vol. 17, fol. 27.)

THOMAS MARTIN.

5 Sept 1487. Buried in the churchyard. Isabelle Martin wife of Robert Dedeman. Residue to wife Cristiane and William Mason my Ex'ors to dispose for my soul. Wife have my messuage called Glovers with garden and orchard for life, then to son Thomas and his heirs, if he die without lawful issue be sold the money in works of charity and 6-8d in repair of bad roads. Thomas to pay to the marriage of his two sisters (no names) 40/-. [No Witnesses or Probate Date.] (A. Vol. 4, fol. 157.)

JOHN MARTIN.

23 July 1493. Buried in the churchyard. Wife Joan while she live provide two wax tapers yearly burning one before the Image of St. Mary in the choir, the other before the Image of St. Anne next the altar of St. James. Rose and Margaret my daughters each 40/-. Wife have my tenement in St. John's holde whilst she lives, then to my sons Thomas, Richard, William, if they die before my wife, then at her death be sold, and a priest celebrate for our souls 33-4d, the residue to the work (fabrice) of the church. Wife have a certain boat (cimbam) called the George and another called a Skeye. Son Thomas a boat called the Mary.

Son Richard 20/-. Residue to wife Joan my Ex'or. Witnesses :
John Walshe¹ curate, John Rigman, James Clement, John Burgis.
[Probate 6 Novem 1493.] (A. Vol. 5, fol. 383.)

THOMAS MARTIN.

5 June 1511. Administration to his goods granted to
Thomas Gladwin, of Milton. (A. Act. Vol. 3, fol. 174.)

ADRIAN MARTIN, Brewer.

9 Oct 1513. Buried in the churchyard near the door of the
House of St. James. To the priest of St. James 12*d*. Residue
after debts paid to wife Margaret my Ex'or. Witnesses :—Thomas
Austen vicar, Thomas Gladwin. Cason Martin my brother and
my sister Elene have my house and lands called Cot'kaye beside
Catis. [Probate 22 Novem 1513.] (A. Vol. 12, fol. 168.)

WILLIAM MERIALI.

17 June 1506. Administration of his goods granted to
Felice his widow. (A. Act. Vol. 3, fol. 148.)

CRISTINA MERIDMAN.

26 January 1502-3. Buried in the churchyard. Daughter
Matilda my best cloke, girdle, and prayer beads. Joan Gladwen
my second cloke, best tunic, and set of prayer beads. Katherine
Debnam a feather bed. Residue after debts paid to Robert
Debnam and Thomas Gladwen my Ex'ors, to dispose for my soul.
Witness :—William Scott² my curate. [Probate 15 Feb 1502-3.]
(A. Vol. 8, fol. 256.)

ADAM MESSENGER.

6 Oct 1487. Buried in the churchyard of Milton. That
4 lbs. of wax be made in one taper and burn before the Image of
St. Lawrance in Baxchild church every Sunday and double
Feasts, as long as it will endure. Ex'or :—Thomas Messenger
and have residue, also my messuage with lands in Baxchild, and
to his heirs assigns for ever. (Probate 12 Decem. 1487.)
(A. Vol. 4, fol. 129.)

¹ John Walshe, a Witness to Wills between 1493 and 1501.

² William Scott, a Witness to Wills between October, 1501, and
April, 1506.

THOMAS MASSANGER.

5 June 1490. Buried in Milton churchyard. Joane Poer of Bakchilde 3-4*d*, and to dwell in and occupy my house at Bakchilde bought from Adam Massanger, for one year after my death without any payment. Residue after debts paid to wife Marion for her own use and to dispose for my soul. Ex'ors:—Wife Marion and John Bromfield. My wife if she does not marry have all my lands tenements in Milton and Bakchilde, and to heirs assigns for ever, but if she marry have the same for life, then to William and Thomas my two sons and their lawful issue, in default to be sold by my Feoffee Sampson Sayer by the oversight of the churchwardens of Milton, the money—to a priest to sing for our souls for quarter of a year in the church 38-4*d*, the residue in charitable deeds of alms and prayer, and mending roads. [No Probate Date.]

(A. Vol. 5, fol. 254.)

RICHARD MILNAR.

No Date. Buried in the churchyard. To amend the high cartway between Chalkwell and Raymunds door 10/- the next summer after my departing; and the pathway leading from Sayerfield gate unto Sayer's field 3-4*d*, the high street way from Hart's garden unto Raynolds cornell (*sic*) 3-4*d*. The Friars Observants of Canterbury 10/- to sing a trental for my soul. Sons Roger and Robert £5 each when 22, and if the child my wife now goes with is a son £5 when 22, if a girl at her marriage £3-6-8*d*. My brother William Coting 6-8*d*, and his sons William and Thomas 3-4*d*. To the Friars of Aylesford 6-8*d*. Ex'ors:—Wife Katherine and Richard Underwood. Residue after debts paid to my wife. Nicholas Andrew my servant 3-4*d*. That the ferme of two acres in Westland be disposed in an Obit yearly in the church for 20 years, then my son or sons have the same in fee simple, and if all my sons die to be sold and 6-8*d* to the reparation of Skigbye church in Notts, and residue in good works. Wife have the house in which I dwell for life then to my sons and their lawful issue, in default be sold the money disposed for our souls. [Probate 7 Novem 1526.]

(A. Vol. 17, fol. 222.)

ROBERT MOONE.

10 Sept 1473. Buried in the churchyard. Daughter Felice 26-8*d*. A priest celebrate in the church for my soul, parents,

quarter of a year, 33-4*d*. Wife Margaret have the messuage in which I dwell and to her assigns for ever. Residue to wife Margaret my Ex'or. [Probate 10 Novem 1473.]

(A. Vol. 2, fol. 210.)

JOHN MOSTON or WALKER.

15 May 1521. Administration to his goods granted to Ralph Hayman. (A. Act. Vol. 5, fol. 110.)

WILLIAM NEWCOME.

. . . 1519. Buried in the churchyard. To the Light of Our Lady in the Chapel of St. John Baptist 5 lbs. of wax; and of St. George 1 lb. of wax. Residue to Elisabeth widow of Thomas Newcome and William his son my Ex'ors, with William Tunbrige overseer. Witnesses:—Robert Wever, William Pickhill, William Sutton. [Probate 1 July 1519.] (A. Vol. 14, fol. 27.)

EDWARD NORDEN.

2 Feb 1535-6. Buried in the churchyard. All residue to my wife (no name) my Ex'or, to pay debts. Wife have my house called the George in Siddingbourne. Witnesses:—Thomas Austen vicar, William Estland, John Adamson. [Probate 14 June 1536.] (A. Vol. 20, fol. 236.)

THOMAS NORTON.

14 Novem 1558. Administration to his goods granted to Joane his widow. Bonds:—Thomas Hills of Sittingbourne, and John Lyllie of Canterbury, surgeon, in £20. (A. Act. Vol. 13, fol. 67.)

JOHN ORGATE.

16 April 1499. Buried in the churchyard. Residue of goods after paying debts to wife Joan¹ my Ex'or, with Henry Boll overseer. Wife have tenement and garden with a barn at Grene for life, doing repairs, after her death to John Ricman senior and Harry at Way my Feoffees, they to deliver the same to John my son and his lawful issue, in default to be sold the money:—to Richard Boll 40/—, to the church of Milton to buy two silver cruets 66-8*d*, to the making of a tabernacle of St. John 6-8*d*, to amend the way from Boxes gate to Bobbing 66-8*d*, the residue

¹ Joan was sister to Henry Boll who died 1501.

disposed for our souls in the church. Witnesses :—James Tayler, Harry Massie. [Probate 18 Decem 1499.]

(A. Vol. 7, fol. 187.)

. . . PARKYN.¹

16 Novem 1484. Buried in the churchyard. Ex'or :—Wife Joan and have residue to dispose for my soul, parents, benefactors. Witnesses :—Peter Dingley vicar, Dom William Clovile parish-chaplain. [Probate 3 March 1484-5.] (Con. Vol. 3, fol. 36.)

BEATRICE PAYN.

18 March 1500-1. Buried in the churchyard, and to the church my best and longest towel to be a houseling towel for the parishioners. Alice Payn, 3 pewter platters, sawcers, etc. Residue to Joan Groveherst, gentlewoman, and William Steven my brother, my Ex'ors, to pay debts, etc. William Steven have my tenement with garden in the town of Middelton, betwixt tenements of William Bratt and John Orgate, and to his heirs assigns, keeping a yearly Obit of 4/- in the church for seven years, for my soul, husband, parents. Witnesses :—John Walshe, curate, Nicholas Stede. [Probate 13 April 1501.]

(A. Vol. 8, fol. 172.)

JOHN READE.

8 April 1537. My house in the market place of Milton be sold, the money—to my god-daughter Katherine Browning 40/-, my cousin Dorothy Browning 46-8d, Alice Philpott 20/-, Joan Browning 10/-, William Pett 10/-. My house in the town of Milton and houses in North Street to my wife during her life, then sold the money as above, and 12d every Sunday as long as possible. Residue of goods to wife Isabe my Ex'or, with John Lacey overseer. Witnesses :—John Thornteton, Christopher Suacy servant to Sir John Norton. [Probate 2 May 1550.]

(A. Vol. 27, fol. 3.)

ISABELL READE, widow.

2 May 1550. Joan Sharpe my sister's daughter my Say kirtle, and John Sharpe son of my sister 13-4d. Residue at discretion of John Thornteton and Thomas Borden my Ex'ors, to

¹ A Thomas Parkyn was a Witness to the Will of John Cokke, 14 April 1474.

discharge the Will of my husband and mine. The house I dwell in and the houses at North Street be sold, the money to fulfil my husband's Will. Witnesses :—William Horting, John Gaystone, Mathew Dygons. [Probate 6 May 1550.]

(A. Vol. 27, fol. 10.)

PETER RICHEMAN.

11 April 1499. Buried in the churchyard. Son John have my tenement and to his heirs assigns for ever, and my boat (cimbam) with all thereto. Residue to wife Joan my Ex'or. [Probate 15 May 1499.]

(A. Vol. 7, fol. 94, 95.)

JOHN RYKMAN, senior.

27 March 1500. Alice Rykman daughter of my brother at her marriage 40/—, if she die before to her sisters (no names). To the parish-clerk 2/—, and John Toree sacrist 12*d*. To the making of a Tabernacle over St. John the Baptist 20/—. To the making of the Image of St. Clement 6-8*d*. Elenor Walter, Joan Revee, Joan Hunt, at their marriage each 20/—. William West the half of one sleye with all utensils thereto. William Lawrence one sleye (? boat) called Felomena at next Easter. Residue after paying debts, etc., to wife Elianore and Thomas Cheseman her son, my Ex'ors, to dispose for my soul, with John Rykman my brother overseer, he to have 6-8*d*. Wife have the tenement and place I dwell in and such other houses and gardens purchased from John Richeman, and to her heirs assigns for ever. Also wife have for life the tenement bought from John Pystok, then to Thomas son of John Rykman my brother and his lawful issue, in default to Alice sister of Thomas and her lawful issue, in default to be sold, the money to a priest to sing in Milton church for my soul, wife, and all christian souls. If sold, to be sold to the wardens of Milton church. Witnesses :—John Walsh curate there, John P'kyn, Henry Weye. [Probate 29 Oct 1500.]

(Con. Vol. 6, fol. 3.)

JOHN RYKMAN.

16 Novem. 1512. Buried in the churchyard. To St. Christopher a taper of 1 lb. Wife Rose have the house I dwell in with the gardens, etc., and at her marriage or death, my Feoffees—Thomas Thomas and Richard Miller sell the same, and pay to Cicille my daughter £5, and do for our souls 100 masses. Also

wife have a house called Merteins, at her marriage or death to Anne my daughter. Wife have a boat called "God's grace" to give or sell, with all thereto, two dreges, two bast, two ankers, two gabells (? cables) with all the setts (? nets). If Rose my wife and Garrard Lambard can agree that he be partner with her between this and Easter next, and if she will sell the boat to Garrard he to have it 20/- less than any other man. Wife have a boat called "Gregorie" with all thereto two dreges, two gabells, two sails, two ankers, and a little boat called Lytell Crussyen. Wife find a priest to sing in Middilton church 60 masses. Ex'or—Wife Rose with William Thomas overseer. [Probate 15 Decem 1512.] (A. Vol. 12, fol. 127.)

WILLIAM ROSE, Miller.

11 March 1545-6. Daughter Anne a featherbed with all thereto, 6 platters and dishes of pewter, and £3 at her marriage. All my other goods, debts, the lease of my Mills in Faversham and Milton to wife Elisabeth my Ex'or. Witnesses :—John Scorey vicar [1545-51], Thomas Burden of Chalkewell. [Probate 16 Sept 1550.] (A. Vol. 27, fols. 214, 262.)

ROBERT RUFFYNE, senior, Yeoman.

10 July 1549. Buried in the churchyard under the window of late nigh unto the altar of St. James. To four poor waterman that will bear my body to the church 4*d* each. Wife Alice all my moveable goods in Milton parish, my house and homestall [=farmhouse with buildings, etc.] I dwell in for life if my widow, after her death to son John and his lawful issue. If Alice marry she to avoid the house 14 days before her marriage, and son John to take possession to his own use. Son Robert and to his lawful issue my house he now dwells in, paying to his mother 13-4*d* yearly. Son Augustine and his lawful issue my house at the gutt [drain, or road ?] by the water-side in which Thomas Jennings now dwells, and the new shop over the way, paying his mother 25/- yearly. Each son heir to the other, but if all die without lawful issue then to be sold by Thomas Master, Symon Spacherst, William Coting, the money half to amendment of the high-ways, half to poor people and poor maidens marriage. If wife marry all moveables given to her be divided, half to my wife and half to my sons. Every year there be bestowed by my wife to poor people in bread, cheese, and drink 7/-, if wife refuse then by

Ex'ors—my sons John and Austin. My boat called the Christopher for six weeks after my death on two market days be proclaimed in Milton market, that whosoever will give most money shall have him (*sic*) and so be sold, the money divided among my wife and three sons. Sons John and Augustine have five boats, one named Jesus, two new boats on the water, the fourth and fifth a dredging skeye and a little cocke boat, with all thereto. If wife Alice remain a widow, to have half the profits from them, and my wife find John and Augustine sufficient meat drink lodging and apparel until they are 24. My sons never to sell the five boats but occupy together as long as they live or the boats endure. Son John to pay the wages to Coppine my apprentice who shall serve his years with my wife. The cupboard in the chamber, hall, and parlour, the counter table in the parlour with the forms and long table in the hall, shall remain in my house for the use of him that possesses the same. Ex'ors:—Sons John and Augustine, with son Robert overseer. Witnesses:—Thomas Maister, Simon Spacherst, William Coting. [Probate 30 May 1551.] (A. Vol. 27, fol. 109.)

JOHN ROUFFYN, Mariner.

7 June 1557. Buried in the churchyard. Alice Holman £20. My boats be sold, except the new Cocke to Ralph Jeny, the money to the poor for seven years at Trinitytide. William Rouffyn son of my brother £20 when 22. All household stuff to my brother and Alice Holman. My father (*sic*) Arthur Holman all my wood, and with my brother Robert Rouffyn. Ex'ors. Witnesses:—Dom Nicholas Blanche priest, William Harman. [Probate 19 June 1557.] (A. Vol. 30, fol. 293.)

ROBERT RILEY.

22 Novem. 1526. Administration to his goods, to Agnes his widow. (A. Act. Vol. 5A, fol. 55.)

THOMAS SAYER.

17 July 1494. Buried in the churchyard beside my two wives, and Ex'ors buy a competent stone to lie upon my grave above the ground two foot or more, and my name and my two wives be graven upon the same stone. To the works of Middleton church £3-6-8d. Joan and Alice daughters of my brother Sayer

each £3-6-8*d* when 18. William Essex my servant 20/-, William Lake 10/-, John Essex my godson 10/-, and every other servant 6-8*d*. The Friars of Eylisforth [Aylesford] 10/- so that they say a trental of masses for my soul. Wife Alice all my grain, wood, and household stuff, the hanging clothes in the hall, table and bed in the parlour, the bed with apparel in my own chamber, for her life then to son Sampson. Residue after debts, etc., paid to son Sampson. Ex'ors :—John Bromesfield and John Bery each to have 6-8*d*. Son Sampson have all lands, messuages, tenements, shamells [portable stalls], shops, meadows, pastures, rents, reversions, services, in the Hundred of Middelton, except the house I now dwell in with barn, stables, gardens, on the east side of the Town of Middelton, and to the heirs and assigns of Sampson for ever. Wife have for life the house I now dwell in with barn, etc., doing repairs, then to son Sampson. When my brother Robert Sayer hath expended the money he has by the sale of his house, then Sampson pay my brother yearly 40/- for his life. [Probate 25 Sept. 1495.] (A. Vol. 6, fol. 122.)

ROBERT SAYER.

26 August 1500. Buried in the churchyard. Son Thomas a red cloak with hood, the fourth part of all my goods and 40/-. My daughter (no name) the best bed with all thereto, £3, and the third part of my goods. Thomas Keylog my best cloak, and his wife Joan 20/-. A priest celebrate for my soul in the church and have 33-4*d*. Ex'or :—John Bery, he to have 6-8*d*. Witnesses :—John Walshe curate, Thomas Keylog, Henry Wey. [Probate 15 Decem 1500.] (A. Vol. 8, fol. 41.)

JOHN SEMAN.

25 June 1490. Buried in the churchyard. Wife have my tenement to give or sell as it pleases her. Residue disposed for my soul by wife Joan my Ex'or. Witnesses :—Dom. John Perot, Thomas Clenche, John Flawne. [Probate 25 Sept 1490.] (A. Vol. 5, fol. 242.)

JOHN SEDE.

17 Sept 1503. Buried in the churchyard. Residue after paying debts to wife Alice my Ex'or. Witnesses :—William Scott, chaplain, Henry Weye. [Probate 14 Feb 1503-4.] (A. Vol. 8, fol. 290.)

JAMES SETH.

15 January 1531-2. Buried in the churchyard. Isabel my daughter £6-13-4*d* when 20. Wife Joane £56-13-4*d* the residue of 100 marcs (£66-13-4*d*) given by my father unto her at marriage. Residue after debts paid to wife Joan my Ex'or, with my father John Seth and Edmund Seth my brother overseers. Witnesses :—Thomas Austen vicar, John Seth senior, John Lacye. [Probate 13 March 1531-2.] (A. Vol. 19, fol. 178.)

JOHN SEETHE, senior.

6 Sept 1539. Buried in Milton church beside my first wife. To the building of the steeple of Stooke £3-6-8*d*. Denis Drury 40/- at her marriage. Wife (no name) £20 and all her household stuff which she brought unto me, her meat and drink with a chamber for her and her maid. To the Anker of Canterbury 3-4*d*. Residue to son John my Ex'or with Edward Westby overseer. Witnesses :—Thomas Austen vicar, Henry Bollyn. [No Probate Date.] (A. Vol. 21, fol. 184.)

JOHN SETHE,¹ gent.

19 July 1557. Buried in the church beside my wife. To the reparation of the church 40/-, and to the poor 40/-. Residue to son Thomas my Ex'or, with Nicholas Mortone vicar, overseer. Alice Benison my house in North Street, and other lands tenements to son Thomas and his lawful issue. [Probate 10 August 1557.] (A. Vol. 30, fol. 295.)

THOMAS SETHE, gent.

11 August 1557. Buried beside my grandfather. To buy necessities for the church 20/-, and to the poor of the town 40/-. Reparation of the clock 10/-. Agnes Marten 53-4*d*, William Mablet 66-8*d* when 21, Sara Harte 10/-. The debt between me and Richard Harte be fully forgiven. Every man servant in my house 20*d*, and every woman servant 12*d*. Richard Raceforthe and Richard Harte my lease which my father had of Mr. Asshelie of 27 acres of land. Robert Sawken my right in Little Holbrought during the rest of the lease. Residue after debts etc. paid to John Stede senior my Ex'or, with Nicholas Morton vicar of the town overseer. Elinor Mablet widow have my house with garden

¹ John Sethe in 1542 contributed £4 to a loan to Henry VIII.—*Arch. Cant.*, XI, 399.

and orchard in North Street in which William Halpeney dwells for her life, then to William Mablet her son and his heirs. Walter Harbackenden my cousin all lands tenements in the Town of Middleton which were my father's. Mr. Ralph Terrell have the seat or Manor House of Totington with lands and woods thereto, also my lands at Eccles as by a deed from John Warcopp. Witnesses :—Nicholas Morton vicar, William Thomas. [Probate 5 Sept. 1557.] (A. Vol. 30, fol. 296.)

WILLIAM SHARPE.

29 April 1508. Buried in the churchyard. A priest to sing a trental of masses in the church for my soul 10/-. To the gilding of the Tabernacle of Our Lady 6-8d. Light of Our Lady of Pity 1 lb. of wax for seven years, and my burial tapers my wife dispose to what lights she will. Son Richard £10 to be delivered by Joan my wife to Robert Browne, he to pay 40/- yearly to my son. Thomas Sharpe my brother 20/-. Residue to wife Joan my Ex'or. [Probate 11 Sept 1508.] (A. Vol. 11, fol. 38.)

JOHN SHEPPARD, or Loggett, Miller.

12 Decem 1545. Buried in the churchyard. Wife Alice have the lease of my Mill with all profits for my term of years, for the keeping of my children, but if she die my overseers John Yong senior and Robert Wodiet have the remainder of my years, keeping my two children and cause them to be learned in some honest occupation at the age of 13 years, and give to my daughter Thomasine 20/- at her marriage, and to son George when he comes out of his apprenticeship £4 to begin his occupation. Residue of goods and my debts to wife Alice my Ex'or. Witnesses :—John Scorey vicar [1545-51], Richard Parker, William Mereman. [Probate 24 Sept. 1546.] (A. Vol. 24, fol. 32.)

(To be concluded.)