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STUART YEOMEN OF THE DARENT VALLEY

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PREFACE

During work for the Diploma in Local History of the University of Kent the author made verbatim transcripts of all available wills and probate inventories for a particular group of people at a particular place and time. These were yeomen living in a group of parishes in the Darent Valley of north-west Kent during the Stuart period. Such documents contain much information about the lives and circumstances of the yeomen. As with any sources, however, they should not be looked at in isolation; the information they yield can be greatly increased if complemented from other contemporary material. A limited amount of work was done on them in this way, but there is much scope for further analysis.

This publication has two aims: first, to record the transcripts of the wills and inventories so that they are readily accessible for further work; and, second, to show how the wills and inventories (complemented by other contemporary documents) can shed light on the yeomen's lives in their corner of Kent.*

1. Introduction

The term yeoman has changed considerably in meaning over the centuries. In various forms and equivalents, from the thirteenth century onwards, it implied a retainer giving honorable, not menial, service, sometimes military. However, during the fifteenth century an additional usage had become current, in which it described a rank or status in rural society; the original usage gradually declined, leaving only relics, some still in use today.¹ It is this later usage that gives us our traditional picture of the yeoman of the past, an honest, solid countryman, neither peasant nor aristocrat, the backbone of the rural world. But that picture itself is in essentials centuries old; William Harrison in 1577 said that yeomen were regarded with superior 'estimation' among countrymen.²

* This introduction is based on: W.G. Duncombe, *Yeomen of the Middle Darent Valley during the Stuart Period*, (1986; Dissertation, University of Kent).

1. e.g. W.S. Gilbert, *Yeomen of the Guard*; see also:- M. Campbell, *The English Yeoman under Elizabeth and the Early Stuarts* (1942), chapter 1.
2. Quoted by K. Wrightson, *English Society 1580 - 1680* (1982), 31.

Although some of his life and times has recently been described,³ the yeoman himself is still a shadowy figure - 'that mystical rustic' as he has been called.⁴ He was a member of an inarticulate group, 'better judges of sheep and seed corn than of words and fine phrases',⁵ so neither he nor others had much concern with recording his life, and information must be gleaned from any available sources. Some of the most informative are wills and probate inventories, but the number and availability of these vary widely with period and place and must thus determine the scope of any investigation.

The final choice, giving a reasonable number of available documents for a discrete historical period, was a group of five contiguous ancient ecclesiastical parishes in north-west Kent (Farningham, Eynsford, Lullingstone, Shoreham and Otford), in one of which the author lives. The period was that of the Stuart sovereigns and the Commonwealth interregnum (1603-1714); comparatively few documents survived from outside that period.

The present investigation is of course very selective; the men from such a small area cannot be considered as representative of all Kentish yeomen of the period. It is not intended either that this should be a comprehensive account of their lives, but rather to show how the sources can be used to put some flesh on the bare historical bones, and to tell us a little more about those estimable countrymen - who they were, how they lived, and what their place was in the community.

2. The Time and the Place

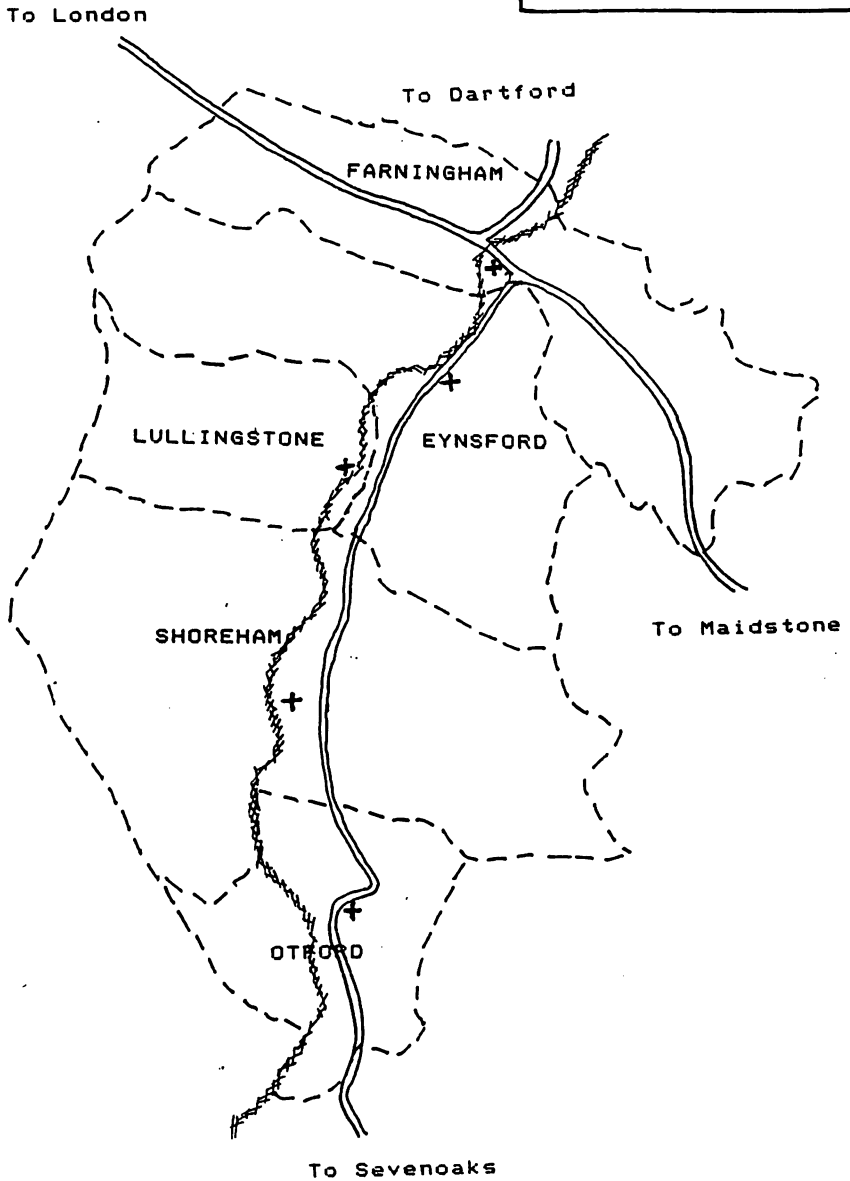
The Stuart period was a time of change, both social and political, and new ideas were gradually being accepted in agriculture too, as it moved towards the more scientific outlook of the later eighteenth century. While the traditions of alchemy still lingered on, with remedies containing dried serpents for treating animal diseases,⁶ there was a new spirit of experimentation; crops such as sainfoin and rape were being tried in Kent⁷ and implements improved: - in Kent 'an ingenious yeoman had invented a double-furrow plough'.⁸ It should thus be possible to get a view of one part of rural life at an interesting period before the agricultural and industrial revolutions, including a time of great national upheaval caused by the Civil War and its aftermath.

All the parishes in which our yeomen lived lie along the Darent valley where it cuts through the North Downs (Map I). They have geographical similarities in that each occupies some land in the bottom of the valley and some on the sides, whose slopes of shallow soil overlying chalk rise to more than 500 feet above sea level. The ridges are capped with clay-with-flints in varying quantities. Four of the parishes, Farningham, Eynsford, Shoreham and Otford, had populations ranging from about

3. Campbell, *op. cit.* (note 1).
4. G. E. Mingay, 'The Agricultural Revolution In English History: a reconsideration', *Agricultural History*, xxxv (1963), 123-133.
5. Campbell, *op. cit.* (note 1), 4.
6. Samuel Hartlib (1651); quoted by Lord Ernle, *English Farming Past & Present* (4th edn., 1927), 111.
7. Ernle, *ibid.*, 136.
8. *ibid.*, 109.

MAP I The Five Parishes

--- Parish boundaries
== Roads
--- River Darent
+ Church
Scale: 1 inch/1 mile



200 to 400,⁹ while Lullingstone was very sparsely populated,¹⁰ and remains so to this day.

Farningham, the most northerly parish, lies on the old London-Maidstone road, about 18 miles from Charing Cross, and five miles from Dartford on the Dartford-Sevenoaks road, which passes through or close to the principal villages of the four larger parishes. Lullingstone has no village centre, but its parish church lies within a few hundred yards of the latter road. Dartford is an ancient market town on the road from London to the Channel ports, and itself had at that time a water-borne trade *via* the Thames.¹¹ The group of parishes thus had good communications both locally and with London and further afield. They had no major industries, though paper mills were established in Eynsford and Shoreham in the seventeenth century.¹²

3. The Yeoman

By the beginning of the Stuart period 'yeoman' implied a particular rank or status in rural society; he was a substantial farmer, below the esquire but above the husbandman, owing some duties in the manorial court, but holding at least some land by free tenure for himself and his heirs for ever.¹³ The decline of the manor as an institution in Kent, and changes in the law, had contributed to a greater freedom for landholders, and after 1660 there were effectively only two types of land tenure:- socage ('freehold') and copyhold.¹⁴ Socage land could be devised under Statute and copyhold land through manorial courts.¹⁵ Copyhold tenure was in any case uncommon in Kent,¹⁶ so that most land not rented or leased was in effect absolutely freehold. Manorial obligations in Kent were mostly nominal and the fixed quitrents had become eroded in value.¹⁷

'Yeoman' had by this time become a descriptive rather than a legal term. He might be a freeholder or copyholder, sometimes also farming leased or rented land;¹⁸ an essential quality was that he was directly occupied with working land under his personal control, though he might have some subsidiary activity or business as well. He was not of the gentry, who were landlords as well as farmers, (though as we shall see some yeomen owned rented-out property in other parishes, sometimes distant); nor of the husbandmen, who were family farmers without a sufficient surplus to engage regularly in sales at the market. He was a working farmer with an eye to business. He was acknowledged as a practical expert, he employed labourers, and he kept a keen eye on the week-by-week movement of the markets, to which he despatched his produce. As described in 1615: -

9. M. J. Dobson, 'Original Compton Census Returns - the Shoreham Deanery', *Arch. Cant.* xciv (1978), 61-73.
10. Twenty inhabitants over the age of sixteen in 1676; C. W. Chalklin, 'The Compton Census of 1676', *Kent Records*, xvii (1960), 153.
11. C. Bridenbaugh, *Vexed and Troubled Englishmen 1590-1642* (1968), 123.
12. C. W. Chalklin, *Seventeenth Century Kent* (1968), 152.
13. Campbell, *op. cit.* (note 1), 10-13.
14. L. B. Curzon, *Land Law* (2nd. edn., 1975), 46.
15. A. W. B. Simpson, *Introduction to the History of Land Law* (1961), 160, 180.
16. Chalklin, *op. cit.* (note 12), 46.
17. *Ibid.*, 46-47.
18. Campbell, *op. cit.* (note 1), 23-24.

'though he be master, he says not to his servants, "Go to field" but "Let us go" and with his own eye doth fatten his flocks and set forward all manner of husbandry'.¹⁹

There were, too, differences in wealth that did not necessarily parallel the differences in status, though the latter tended to follow the former.²⁰ There was thus no rigid dividing line between the ranks; they overlapped and there was no social cleavage inherent in their use.²¹ A yeoman might have a husbandman son, who could attain yeoman status when he had acquired enough land.²² A yeoman might be of gentle blood himself, or attain that status, but he might also drop in the social scale if his fortunes failed.

Ambition was strong in the Stuart yeomen. 'A restless, aspiring. . . lot, those yeomen strove for security and position by increasing their possessions'.²³ This was not necessarily a desire to become a leisured gentleman. Lambarde had written in the previous century: -

'... a man may find sundry yeomen (although otherwise for wealth comparable with many of the gentle sort) that will not yet for all that change their condition nor desire to be appaialed with the titles of gentrie'.²⁴

Indeed it might be better not to, since the legal status of gentleman carried with it greater financial liabilities.²⁵ But for some the status of gentleman would have been attractive, with its more cultivated life style among those of equal rank, the higher public offices within reach and a more eminent position among the local community. These then were the men who formed one stratum of English rural society. Some of them lived in the Darent valley during the Stuart period and form the subject of this investigation.

4. The Sources and their Value as Evidence

The chief sources used were the wills and probate inventories of men described as yeomen for the place and time in question. Bonds and obligations were not examined as they contain little of interest except names of executors or administrators. At that period it was the ecclesiastical authorities that had jurisdiction over probate matters, and a number of different courts existed, at lower and higher levels, in which records might be found (see Sect. 5).

Four of the parishes (Farningham, Eynsford, Shoreham and Otford) were in the Deanery of Shoreham. Though part of the Diocese of Rochester this was a Peculiar of the Archbishop of Canterbury, and original wills and inventories from the Deanery are preserved in Lambeth Palace Library (LPL). Microfilm copies are available in the Kent Archives Office (KAO), and an index of names, with parishes and mostly with occupations, enabled relevant documents to be identified. In some

19. Quoted by E. Kerridge, *The Farmers of Old England* (1973), 64.

20. Wrightson, *op. cit.* (note 2), 35-36.

21. Campbell, *op. cit.* (note 1), 33.

22. *Ibid.*, 32.

23. Bridenbaugh, *op. cit.* (note 11), 56.

24. W. Lambarde, *A Perambulation of Kent* (1826 edn.; written in 1570), 7-8.

25. P. Laslett, *The World we have Lost* (1965), 42.

cases, where the microfilm was defective or difficult to read, the originals were examined. Lullingstone was under the jurisdiction of the Rochester Consistory Court, and a single yeoman will was identified from the KAO index. A number of wills and inventories for all five parishes were found in the records of the Prerogative Court of Canterbury (PCC), the highest ecclesiastical court, held in the Public Record Office (PRO). Modern indexes enabled parish searches for wills to be made easily, but there are none for years later than 1700. The contemporary lists showed counties but not parishes, so that searching for that period was impracticable; some wills may thus have been missed for the period 1701-1714. Microfilms of registered copies of the wills were available in the PRO, and the originals were examined in cases of doubt. Inventories were found from separate indexes. Verbatim transcripts were made of all relevant wills and inventories from the above collections, and are given below, in alphabetical order of testator's name. A total of 73 wills and 39 inventories was found, covering 81 yeomen for the period 1604-1714. In the text wills are referred to by the year of signing, since the content is relevant to that date rather than to the date of probate.

Complementary evidence was obtained from other contemporary sources, including Hearth Tax and Lay Subsidy returns, parish registers, and others mentioned in the text. Table I lists the yeomen together with data from their wills and inventories, and from some of the other documents. The men who have been investigated were those described as 'yeomen' either by themselves in their wills or by the appraisers of their inventories, and for the present purpose this will be the working definition.

For many reasons these documents represent only some of the yeomen who lived in the area during the Stuart period. The testator's occupation is not always stated; some died intestate; some left the area; some wills may not have been proved (strictly necessary only in disputes);²⁶ some died outside the period; and some documents may have disappeared. The list is therefore not comprehensive, and may in any case be biased towards the more wealthy who were more likely to make careful provision for their heirs, and whose executors would seek probate as giving legal standing. All that we can say is that it includes some of the yeomen living during that period.

The reliability of inventories and their valuations depends on a number of factors, such as the whims of the appraisers, whether any items had already been removed, and the probability that some appraisals were a mere formality, to satisfy legal requirements rather than to give realistic values of property. What else are we to make of the valuation of John Hackett's (1671) wearing apparel at £ 1 10s. 0d., the same as the entire contents of the lower rooms of his house?

Negative evidence in particular is of doubtful value. The same Hackett's entire furniture apparently consisted of two chairs, two chests and a bedstead. Can we really believe that there was no table in the house? Then Edward Everest's inventory (1669) mentions a chamber over the parlour - but no parlour. Had the contents of that room already been removed? or was it perhaps occupied by an aged parent or married son with his own furniture? Such occupations would make deductions about the size of houses difficult. Some omissions can certainly be attributed to items having already been given to legatees before the taking of the inventory. Thus Robert Attwood left to his wife 'the bed whereon I commonly lye in the Chamber over the Parlour with the Bedsteddle . . . and all other Furniture

26. W. B. Stephens, *Sources for English Local History* (1973), 37.

to the same belonging', together with other described items. He also gave to his son a feather bed and other things in the same room. But none of these appears in the inventory, made less than three weeks after his burial. Then many wills make no mention of real estate. This would normally descend by custom or statute or common law, or might have already been given to a son (see Sect. 12). It would only be devised by will if the testator wished to make other provisions. In such cases the lifetime holding is quite unknown.

In general positive statements are acceptable unless there is contrary evidence, though some phrases may be merely formal. Thus 'all my lands in Kent or elsewhere' may be only a legal catch-all meaning in practice one small property. We must therefore make use of what positive statements are available but treat even those with reserve.

5. The Probate of Wills

Wills involving property in more than one Diocese or Peculiar were normally proved in the PCC, otherwise in the archdeaconry or episcopal courts (except during the period 1640-1660 when the PCC was the chief court for all wills). However, it was a matter of prestige to use a higher court than strictly necessary;²⁷ this was the case with about half of the present wills proved in the PCC, in which no land outside Shoreham Deanery was bequeathed. Executors were often members of the testator's family and the prestige of having the family estate dealt with at the highest level may perhaps have been worth the greater legal costs. But there is no apparent correlation of court of probate with the wealth as deduced from inventories. John Bankin (PCC, 1631) was worth £ 34; Robert Oliver (Deanery, 1666) was worth £ 752.

6. Making Wills

From the data in Table I the maximum period elapsing between making the will and death can be estimated. The actual time lapse will be even less, since the date of death will be earlier than burial, probate or inventory. A comparatively short period is common. Out of 72 cases twelve died within a week (four even in three days), another 13 within a month and another 24 within six months. Ten survived for more than a year, the longest being 20 years.

This pattern is borne out by the preambles to the wills, most containing a phrase such as 'being sick and weak in body', (though every testator claimed perfect mental health, necessary to ensure validity of the will). Only seven men claimed some degree of bodily fitness, from 'reasonable good health of body' (Robert Hills, 1675) to 'good and perfytt health' (John Miller, 1632), their survival ranging from four months to twelve years. The plague and other epidemics may have encouraged some men to set their affairs in order in good time, but there are insufficient figures to permit analysis of deaths year by year. The question arises whether most of the testators waited until they were seriously ill or dying before making any will. A clause revoking previous wills was common, and although this may have been a legal formality it seems likely that in many cases a previous will had existed, since a

27. *Ibid.*, 36-37.

man's will was automatically revoked on marriage or the birth of a child.²⁸ Nevertheless a final settlement of their affairs was often left until the end was approaching.

Few baptismal records of the yeomen were found in the parish registers, and positive identification of these was uncertain, so that the age at death is seldom known. It is only stated explicitly in the registers in two cases; John Stileman was 81 and Henry Masters was 94. Perhaps these were particularly notable.

7. Religion

All the wills proved (except nuncupative wills and one damaged one) start with the conventional 'In the Name of God Amen', and all contain a religious preamble of some kind, from the brief: 'I bequeath my soul to God' (Lander, 1689) to the verbose. There are none suggesting Catholic tendencies (e.g. mention of the Virgin or saints), the great majority being clearly Protestant (stressing salvation through Christ's death and passion).²⁹ A typical one is that of Richard Round (1635): -

'I surrender and yeild upp my soule into the hands of almighty god my eternall Creator trusting assuredly that hee will have mercy one my soule for the meritts sake of my onely Saviour and Redeemer Christ Jesus.'

Christ is mentioned in 33 wills, but there is no correlation with date and thus with changes in the religious climate.³⁰ However most wills were written for sick (and mainly illiterate) testators, and unless they had strong religious convictions the wording of the preamble may reflect not so much their own opinions as those of the scribes.³¹ The handwriting of the original wills suggests that few if any of the testators wrote their own; the most literate man in the community would probably be the parson and he was certainly called upon sometimes to act as a scribe. Richard Round (1635) left ten shillings to Richard Harriott, vicar of Eynsford, 'for his paines taken in writing this my last will'. In a particularly long preamble Thomas Durling (1678) hopes ' . . . that my Soule with my body att the Generall Day of resurrection shall rise againe . . . and Inheritt the Kingdom of heaven prepared for his Best and Chosen Servants.' This is unusual in suggesting a 'strong Calvinist belief in predestination'.³² It has been said that yeomen tended towards some form of puritanism,³³ but there is no evidence for it in the yeomen's immediate families. Only one name is found reflecting puritan parents, that of Repentance Walker, kinswoman of Thomas Dennis (1643). It would be in keeping with the character of their class for yeomen not to hold extremist views.

28. A. J. Camp, *Wills and their Whereabouts* (1974), xi.
 29. M. Spufford, *Contrasting Communities: English Villages in the Sixteenth and Seventeenth Centuries* (1974), 321.
 30. L. Munby, *Life and Death in Kings Langley 1498-1659* (1981), x. A number of references will be made to this collection of wills and inventories which are for various occupations in a different period and are thus not necessarily comparable directly with the present series.
 31. Spufford, *op. cit.* (note 29), 321-22.
 32. Munby, *op. cit.* (note 30), xi.
 33. Campbell, *op. cit.* (note 1), 292.

About two-thirds of the testators asked for burial at the discretion of their executors, the remainder specifically requesting the churchyard or, in two cases, the church. These latter were apparently substantial men. Anthony Rose of Shoreham (1626) left money 'for the solemnization of my buriall' while Henry Soane (1615) requested burial 'in the Church of Shorham aforesaid in the Space against the Seate where I use to sitt in.' He was thus among the ranks of those parishioners who had their own pews.

8. Politics

One would not suspect from the wills that they covered one of the most traumatic periods of English history. Yeomen took the usual pains over leaving their property, but the outside world was virtually ignored and clues to their contact with it have to be sought elsewhere. In 1655-7 a Commission was set up under the Commonwealth, one of whose records was a list of persons in Kent 'required to bring in particulars of their estates or security for their peaceable demeanour'.³⁴ In the five parishes six yeomen were named: - Thomas Carpenter, Edward Everest, Robert Hills, Joseph Nash, John Round and William Hartnup; and another three yeoman families: - Small, Kingsland and Polhill. Not all those on the list were positively Royalists,³⁵ but this local yeoman representation out of a total of 380 for the whole of Kent, from the aristocracy downwards, does suggest some anti-Parliament tendency among the yeomen of the district.

Nothing is known of their personal involvement. They may have been members of the trained bands and called for duty with the King's army;³⁶ or perhaps caught up in some more local activity, such as the unsuccessful Royalist action in 1645 in which the Darent area was plundered for supplies and the villagers commanded 'in the King's name to come into them for the King'.³⁷ There was a marked concentration of Royalists in north-west Kent,³⁸ including the local gentry; Thomas Bosvile of Eynsford was knighted for his service in the King's army,³⁹ and William Hart of Lullingstone had 'commanded troops in the first rising' and had 'fled to the King'.⁴⁰ There were, too, connections between the yeomen and the gentry (see Sects. 3 & 17) and it is understandable if the yeomen showed, at least publicly, a similar sentiment.

9. Charitable Bequests

About half of the testators left small once-and-for-all bequests to the poor of their parish, from 2 shillings (John Baker, 1635) to £ 6 (William Hartnup, 1673). Most were for 10, 20 or 40 shillings, and a few specified the use, e.g. 10 shillings for 'tenn

34. P. Bloomfield, "The Cromwellian Commission in Kent 1655-1657" in eds. A. Detsicas & N. Yates, *Studies in Modern Kentish History* (1983), 11-28.
35. *Ibid.*
36. Campbell, *op. cit.* (note 1), 348.
37. A. Everitt, *The Community of Kent and the Great Rebellion 1640-1660* (1966), 215-16.
38. Bloomfield, *op. cit.* (note 34), 14.
39. Everitt, *op. cit.* (note 37), 101.
40. P.R.O., *Calendar of the Committee for the Advance of Money 1642-1656*, 1221.

dossen of bread' (John Round, 1674). Richard Wilson (1604) also left bread for the poor: - '... unto the poore people that shall in respect of neede come to my buriall hoping to be reuievd six dozen of peny loaves of bread' In the event, as noted against Richard Wilson's entry in the burials register:- 'There was then given to the poore in the parishe 20 shillings and out of the parishe 6 Dozen of bread.' This implies that the bread was paid for out of parish funds rather than from the testator's estate. In any case the entry suggests that burials may have been occasions for distributions to the poor from parish funds, since Wilson had not bequeathed the 20 shillings.

The pattern of bequests changed soon after the Restoration. Only six wills out of 31 left no money for the poor before 1662 (four of them in 1615-1632), while from 1663 onwards 25 out of 38 left none. From the Restoration to the late eighteenth century there was a period of increased local activity in poor-law administration,⁴¹ and at the same time an increase in the numbers of the poor. In the 1664 Hearth Tax returns for the five parishes⁴² almost 35% of the households were non-chargeable, and the yeomen may well have thought that their increasing poor rates were a sufficient contribution at the local level.

Nevertheless yeomen in Kent were generous in their support of more permanent charitable causes, forming the largest single group of donors between 1480 and 1660. During the early Stuart period more than 93% of their benefactions were for the poor.⁴³ A notable local benefactor was Thomas Terrie of Shoreham (1628). He had no close relatives and apart from nearly fifty small legacies left four messuages with their lands, etc., in separate trusts for the poor of Horton Kirby, Sutton-at-Hone, Eynsford and Shoreham. At the same time gifts for religious uses had sunk to less than 2% of the Kentish yeomen's benefactions, making them by far the most secular class in the County.^{43A} The present wills amply support the view⁴⁴ that post-Reformation charity was largely directed away from the Church. There were but three bequests for that cause, apart from a few for funeral sermons, all small sums for Eynsford Church: - 10 shillings from Henry Dunmoll (1623), 5 shillings from Henry Smith (1616) and 40 shillings from Thomas Usher (1647).

10. Personal Relationships

Executors, Overseers, Witnesses and Appraisers

Apart from testators who apparently had no close relatives, practically all executors were relatives or in-laws. Out of 68 wills sons were executors in 29 cases and wives in 23 cases (sometimes jointly). Sometimes the choice of executor is not obvious. Richard Kingsland (1663) had a wife and adult sons and daughters, who must have been responsible people since all were left real estate, but his executor was Henry Frith, gentleman, whom one of his daughters had married. Perhaps it would have been a compliment to appoint one of his rank as executor when he was of the family.

41. Ed: E. Melling, *The Poor (Kentish Sources IV)* (1964), xiii-xiv.

42. K.A.O., Hearth Tax 1664 (Q/RTh).

43. W.K. Jordan, 'Social Institutions in Kent 1480-1660', *Arch. Cant.*, LXXV (1961), 148-49.

43A. *Ibid.*, 149.

44. Munby, *op. cit.* (note 30), xiii.

The will of William Ebbutt (1684) throws some light on the relationship between prosperous yeomen and the gentry. Ebbutt left real estate and substantial cash bequests, and appointed 'my honoured friends Elwyn Wyatt, serjeant-at-law, Thomas Giffard, Esq. and Edmund Hodsoil, gent., executors, and guardians of my children'. These must indeed have been personal friends to have accepted such tasks. Gentlemen were appointed too as trustees (e.g. Thomas Terrie, 1628).

In twenty of the wills overseers were also appointed, apparently to give advice and help to the widow or children. Of 34 named overseers only ten were obviously relatives of the testator,⁴⁵ the remainder including gentlemen. Richard Wilson (1604) was another testator who had friends in legal circles, one of his overseers being Nicholas Rolfe, gentleman, of Staple [Inn], Holborn.

Appraisers of inventories should by Statute⁴⁶ have been in order of preference: first, legatees or creditors, second, next of kin, or third, 'two other honest persons'. In the present series there are no appraisers identifiable as being in the first two categories, (though creditors are not usually named). The law must thus have been interpreted with considerable laxity.⁴⁷

There is much evidence that the yeoman community of the area was close-knit both by status and by kinship. Edward Everest (1669) was in demand in three of the parishes as witness to three wills, overseer to three more, executor to another and appraiser of two inventories. He was one of the literate members of his class, and was a legatee in several of his fellows' wills. His son Francis, who died outside the present period, was executor four times, witness once, appraiser twice and was also son-in-law to Edward Polhill (1671) and kinsman of George Smale (1690) and of William Hartnup (1680). William Hartnup's daughter married Thomas Round of Brasted, of a family widespread in the area, another of whom married a daughter of Robert Hill (1675); many other connexions between yeoman families can be traced in these documents.

The Family

From the wills of 73 yeomen there is presumption of marriage (mention of wife, children or grandchildren) in 67 cases, with at least 48 wives alive at the date of signing. At least 61 had had children, a total of 130 boys and 113 girls, indicating a minimum average of four children for these families.⁴⁸ Sixteen of the families had more than five children, the most being nine. Family sizes for other parts of Kent have been published,⁴⁹ but only for total populations at one particular time, and thus cannot be compared directly with the present figures. The age at which wills were made is not generally known,⁵⁰ and although there are cases in which there is an extensive grown-up family and grandchildren, there are many in which there are

45. A much smaller proportion than in a Hertfordshire collection - Munby, *op. cit.* (note 30), xiv.

46. N. & J. Cox, 'Probate Inventories: the Legal Background', *Local Historian XVI* (1984), 134-35.

47. This is in complete contrast to findings in the Severn Gorge area, that most appraisers had an interest in the estate as the law intended (*ibid.*, 135).

48. Figures are based on named children. The figure may well have been greater because of children deceased or otherwise not mentioned in wills. See later.

49. Chalklin, *op. cit.* (note 12), 36.

50. See Section 6.

several children all minors. This could imply late marriage or early death. Probably both were significant. It has been suggested that yeomen tended to marry late as they would have had to acquire their own property on leaving the parental home and filling 'a vacant slot in the community'.⁵¹ There is evidence too for a short life span and provisions in case of death in childhood are frequent: - ' to be paid them at their respective ages of one and twenty yeares if they attaine to the said age' (Robert Hills, 1675); ' in case such child shall soe long live' (Lander, 1689).

Undoubtedly many more children were born than are mentioned, some dying in childhood, some before they left dependents, some omitted for various reasons from their fathers' wills. The size of the surviving families indicates their importance in the yeomen's way of life. With the shorter life-span remarriage was not uncommon, but it is only occasionally detectable in wills. Christopher Hayward (1706) married a yeoman's widow with six children and had by her five sons and three daughters; Henry Smith (1616) had had six children by his first wife and three by his second; and William Hartnup (1673) referred to the grave of his deceased wife, but had remarried.

11. Land Holding

A complex pattern of holdings of freehold and leasehold land emerges from the wills. Out of 73 wills 51 mention devisable real estate. Twenty-five properties were apparently occupied by the testators, while at least 81 were outside their parishes of residence, so were presumably let. There may well have been more properties owned, since expressions such as 'all my messuages' are common. On the other hand the testator might be living on and working a farm held on a lease, though owning freehold land elsewhere. Richard Hills (1698) of Shoreham refers to 'my landlord Dunmoll', and John Hibben (1667) who himself owned 'lands, tenements and hereditaments' was a tenant of William Braysier (1666). Henry Soane (1614) had property in St. Mary Cray, Orpington and Knockholt, but dwelt in a leased house and farm at Shoreham. Similarly John Cox of Lullingstone (1678) does not mention property in that parish, but leaves lands and tenements in Shoreham, Kemsing, 'Pochholt' [? Knockholt], Westerham and Wrotham.

There were several permutations on owning and leasing land, but the overall picture is that many of the yeomen owned more than one house. William Hartnup held the record with eight known messuages and a total of 88 acres, all let out. Various parcels of land, isolated from the houses, were also held and some of the property leased out was far beyond the immediate district. Map II shows the location of real estate owned by the yeoman testators of the five parishes, as far as Hollingbourne to the east, Erith to the north, Penshurst to the south and Tatsfield (Surrey) to the west. How did this wide distribution of property occur? Clues from the wills and from deeds show that there was an active market in land. Ten wills explicitly mention purchased property, e.g. :-'. . . . two messuages lately purchased of Thomas Goldsmith, called Cotman's Ash in Kemsing. . . .' (Hartnup, 1673). John Kicklye of Westerham sold a messuage and several pieces of land in Eynsford to Thomas Usher in 1627.⁵² Usher also purchased two other messuages⁵³

51. Laslett, *op. cit.*(note 25), 91. See also Chalklin, note 49.

52. K.A.O., U442/T29C.

53. Will of Thomas Usher, 1647.

MAP II

Parishes in which Yeomen Owned Real Estate

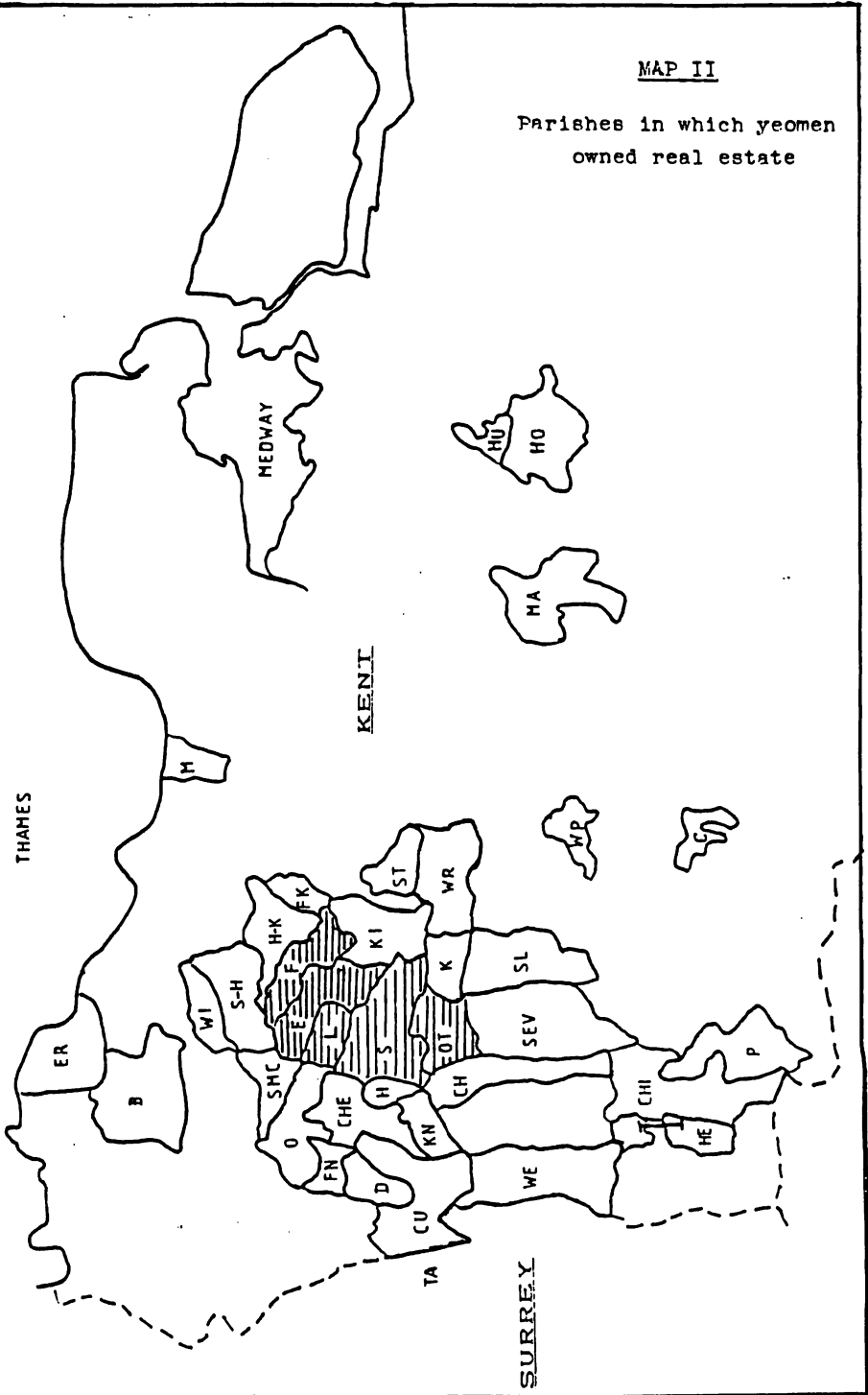
KEY TO PARISHES

B	Bexley
C	Capel
CH	Chevening
CHE	Chelsfield
CHI	Chiddingstone
CU	Cudham
D	Downe
E	Eynsford
ER	Erith
F	Farningham
FK	Fawkham
FN	Farnborough
H	Halstead
HE	Hever
H-K	Horton Kirby
HO	Hollingbourne
HU	Hucking
K	Kemsing
KI	Kingsdown
KN	Knockholt
L	Lullingstone
M	Milton
MA	Maidstone
O	Orpington
OT	Otford
P	Penshurst
S	Shoreham
SEV	Sevenoaks
S-H	Sutton-at-Hone
SL	Seal
SMC	St. Mary Cray
ST	Stansted
TA	Tatsfield (Surrey)
WE	Westerham
WI	Wilmington
WP	West Peckham
WR	Wrotham

Yeomen's 'home' parishes are indicated by shading.

MAP II

Parishes in which yeomen
owned real estate



and in his will of 1647 left two of his lands to William Durling, son of his cousin Thomas: in turn these were sold to Henry Dunmoll in 1662.⁵⁴ These were but some of the many transactions occurring, sometimes involving properties in distant parishes, an activity that was going on among yeomen throughout the country.⁵⁵ Several factors seem to be involved in this accumulation of land by those who could afford it. An increase in the acreage farmed by the yeoman himself would be one objective, particularly if it resulted in consolidation into one area, as with some of the lands bought by Usher (see above) which abutted onto land that he already owned.⁵⁶ Another factor was pure investment, as in the case of William Hartnup (1673) who had 8 messuages leased out. And then there were the properties bought for the benefit of sons, as we shall see.

The ready availability of land for purchase was at least partly a result of the Custom of Gavelkind. A farm bequeathed jointly to several sons might be kept intact by one of them buying out his brothers, or it might be sold off, perhaps in several parcels according to the demand.

12. Real Estate and its Inheritance

One difficulty in assessing wealth and property from wills is that real estate is not necessarily included (see Sect. 4). In a number of the present series there is no mention of real estate, though the term 'yeoman' implies that all would have had some to devise. Sometimes the testator was probably content for manorial custom to operate. Thus Henry Soane (1688) mentions only one son and one daughter, and the son would automatically inherit any real estate. Even if real estate is mentioned there may well have been more, previously disposed of. The importance of family to the yeoman made the secure establishment of sons on their own farms a particular aim and there is frequent evidence here that this was being done during the testator's lifetime, e.g.:-'... having given him his full portion already ...' (Hayward, 1644): '... out of which I have settled by deed on my son William ...' (Haltrop, 1706); '... to my son John ... one shilling, having otherwise before given unto him ...' (Haltrop, 1706). John was living at Sutton-at-Hone, married, with children, and very probably on a property provided by his father. As we have seen, land transactions were going on actively, and the settling of a son in a newly purchased property would not be uncommon. Whether of property or of money such lifetime gifts could have been a significant part of the testator's one-time possessions. Such gifts might explain many other token bequests to children.⁵⁷ In a similar way daughters would have been given dowries on marriage.

Some yeomen had probably retired from active farming and were living with sons to whom the property had already been effectively transferred. The inventory of Edward Everest (1669) has no farming items. His will leaves to his widow for life the messuage in which their son Francis lived. All his other property was let out and he and his wife were probably living, retired, with their son.

54. K.A.O., U442/T29A.

55. Campbell, *op. cit.* (note 1), chapter III.

56. K.A.O., U442/T29C.

57. This was also seen in Hertfordshire. Munby, *op. cit.* (note 30), xvii.

A widow was entitled, according to the Custom of the county [Gavelkind], to a moiety of all freehold lands in Kent during her widowhood.⁵⁸ In the present series bequests to widows were sometimes more generous than this. Thomas Launder (1669) left both his houses in Eynsford to his wife for life without even the qualification of widowhood. In a few cases real estate was left to a wife absolutely, even when there was a son.⁵⁹ Sometimes, however, the widow's interest was merely maintenance in the son's house.⁶⁰ The general picture follows the Custom in that at least part of the real estate was left to the wife for life, and then to the children, and that widows were well provided for.⁶¹ In several cases the widow was left some bequest if she renounced her claim to dower, thus avoiding fragmentation of landed property.⁶² Under the Custom of Gavelkind real estate was divided equally among sons in cases of intestacy and in practice sometimes in wills. Thus Thomas Launder (1689) left all his messuages and lands equally to his four sons, and only money to his daughters. There are many variants; sometimes daughters are included as well as sons, and sons may apparently be treated differently. This may be because of previous settlements but it is sometimes apparent that the aim was to keep the property as a viable unit. This is seen in the will of Joseph Nash (1697), who left half of his house and lands to his eldest son and a quarter to each of the younger two. But the eldest was empowered to buy out his two brothers for £ 75 each. John Bankin (1630) left to his eldest son his house, two acres and £ 40, while the five other sons received only £ 40 each. They were all under 24, and we can hardly believe that they had all been provided for already.

The significance of the future of the family is often evident. Henry Dunmoll (1673) apparently had no surviving sons, and two of his three messuages were left for life to his married daughters and then to their sons. Similarly John Charman (1635) left tenements and lands in Otford and Kemsing to his five granddaughters, their parents (John's daughter and son-in-law) having only the rents and revenues. This type of bequest would prevent the possibility of sons-in-law willing lands away outside the family. The testator's attempt at control for a long time ahead can sometimes be seen. Edward Polhill (1670) made provisions in case his grandson had no heirs.

13. Family Mobility

The evidence of active land transfer and of sons setting up families away from the parental home poses the question of the origin and fate of the yeoman. It must be assumed that he was a resident in the stated parish when he made his will (but not necessarily when he died); or that he had lived in the parish in which an inventory was made. But these documents only let us see his affairs at one or two moments in his history - when he made his will (perhaps years before he died; see Sect. 6) or, in the case of inventories, shortly after death. But where were the yeomen at other times when they were unrecorded: were they firmly attached to their land over

58. Will of Joseph Nash, 1697; see also H.F.C. Lansberry, 'Free Bench See-Saw; Sevenoaks Widows in the late Seventeenth Century', *Arch. Cant. C.* (1984), 281-82.
 59. e.g. Braysier 1666; Herret 1675; Woodgate 1703.
 60. e.g. Soane 1624.
 61. cf. Lansberry, *op. cit.* (note 58), 282.
 62. Dower: the lands and tenements with which a wife became endowed at the time of her marriage and which were inalienable without her consent. (*ibid.*, 282).

generations, or were they willing to move as new opportunities arose or circumstances dictated ?

Examination of the registers of two parishes shows that of the eight yeomen described as 'of Farningham' when their wills were made or inventories exhibited, no trace of the baptism of six could be found and three had no burial entries; similarly of the 22 yeomen 'of Eynsford' thirteen had no baptism entries and seven had no burial entries. Some yeoman family names too are found nowhere in the baptism, marriage or burial registers. Admittedly the registers may be defective, or the subject may have been baptised before the particular register started, or buried outside his parish of residence. However the evidence indicates that an appreciable number of the yeomen had not been resident all their lives in the parishes in which we found them, and that some died elsewhere. It appears then that migration of yeoman families was by no means uncommon; two of the possible factors contributing to this have already been seen - sons starting up on their own, sometimes on land owned by their fathers in other parishes; and the flux in land ownership and occupation. Migration was in general high in rural Kent in the Stuart period,⁶³ and by 1780 only seven Stuart yeomen names from the present documents could be recognized among the 44 names assessed for Land Tax in Eynsford.⁶⁴ Some families may have died out, some may have slipped down from the land-taxable classes, but migration could certainly account for some of the disappearances. A more detailed knowledge of the movements of specific families might be gained by analyzing the registers of surrounding parishes, but not all start early enough⁶⁵ and the number involved is such as to make this a major undertaking.⁶⁶

14. Literacy and Education

It is not always possible to deduce from registered copies of wills whether they were signed in the testator's hand or whether he made his mark. For instance Richard Wilson (1604) says '... I have hereunto set my hande ...', but then appears 'Richard Wilson his marke'. Only 17 out of 65 original wills were apparently signed by the testator, the rest making their marks.⁶⁷ Inability to write did not necessarily imply inability to read - the yeomen may well have been able to follow their prayer books well enough - but there was an almost complete absence of mention of books in the wills and inventories⁶⁸ and a low level of literacy does seem probable.

There is no indication that literacy increased during the period, but much evidence that there was concern with the education of the children. William Ebbutt (1684) desired that his son 'may have good Education', and the interest from £ 500 was to be used for his daughter. The wife of John Smale (1690) was to have the profit of real estate to educate his sons up to the age of 21. Unusually James Watts

63. P. Clark, 'Migration in England during the late Seventeenth and early Eighteenth Centuries', *Past and Present*, no. 83 (1979), 57-90.
64. Eynsford Land Tax 1780 (K.A.O. QRP1/130).
65. e.g. the Otford registers date only from 1630.
66. A ten-mile radius round Shoreham church includes all or part of some seventy parishes in Kent and a number in Surrey.
67. A smaller proportion than the 60-70% suggested by Campbell, *op. cit.*(note 1), 263.
68. The only mentions were in Bostock, 1697 ('a Bible and other books'); and Scudder, 1689 ('2 old Bibles').

(1649), though leaving a wife, entrusted an elder son 'to bring up and keep' a younger son to the age of 16, and to 'allow him convenient meat, drinke, apparell, lodgeinge and washinge and also . . . to send and sett the said James Watts to Schoole untill he can reade well, and write a good legible hand.' James senior was illiterate, one of many yeomen who were perhaps realizing that literacy was desirable for social advancement and the better control of their livelihood.⁶⁹

In a few cases apprenticeship for boys was mentioned. John Hibben (1666) who had three sons left extra for the youngest for bringing him up 'or putting out to some trade.' If sons could not all be provided for on the land an apprenticeship could lead to a good trade or profession.

15. Homes and Living Standards

Some aspects of the yeomen's lives can be seen in more detail from the inventories, though quantitative estimates are unreliable.⁷⁰ In the 39 inventories, dating from 1666 to 1709, the valuation of personal, household and farming possessions varies from £ 11 to £ 910 (Fig. 1 & Table I), with a mean of £ 298, ten of these being for less than £ 100. This range is similar to groups in Hertfordshire and East Anglia.⁷¹

Though the correlation of real estate with other wealth is impossible,⁷² we can look at the size of houses and their contents. The approximate number of rooms⁷³ is shown in Table I; clearly there is a great range of house sizes. At one end is John Scudder's (1689) containing the 'Parlor' and the 'Loughte'. The parlour was the main room, often called the 'hall';⁷⁴ Scudder's was in effect his bed-sitting room, containing his only bed (he left no family and was probably living alone), kitchen implements, chests and boxes, a cupboard and his 'greate Chest', in the till of which his will was locked up and the key given to his friend George Miller. A curious omission is any mention of table or chairs. His inventory was valued at just over £ 20, and even if not a very realistic value (see Sect. 4) must have represented a simple way of life in a small house. Unlike many yeomen's houses, which had been extended or improved by 1640,⁷⁵ Scudder's seems to have been little changed except for a fireplace and chimney, being taxed for one hearth in 1664.⁷⁶ It was not mentioned in his will and may have been rented. Yet he was a man of some substance, owning a house and other property and land, all let out.

Representing the other end of the scale is Christopher Hayward (1708), whose inventory shows that, though a yeoman like Scudder, his was a different standard of living with possessions worth £ 910 and a house with sixteen named rooms. This might have been newly built of brick⁷⁷ but was more likely an extended hall house

69. Campbell, *op. cit.* (note 1), 264-65.

70. Inventories may be defective and in any case do not include real estate. See also Section 4.

71. Hertfordshire yeomen £ 30-£ 888 (4 out of 10 less than £ 100). Calculated from figures given by Munby, *op. cit.* (note 30). Values have not been corrected for changes in the value of money during the period.

72. Real estate was sometimes omitted from wills; see Section 4.

73. The convention of Munby, *op. cit.* (note 30), xxvii, has been followed. i.e. each area given a specific name in the inventory is counted as a room.

74. Campbell, *op. cit.* (note 1), 231.

75. Chalklin, *op. cit.* (note 12), 239.

76. Eynsford Hearth Tax 1664 (K.A.O., Q/RTh).

77. Chalklin, *op. cit.* (note 12), 23.

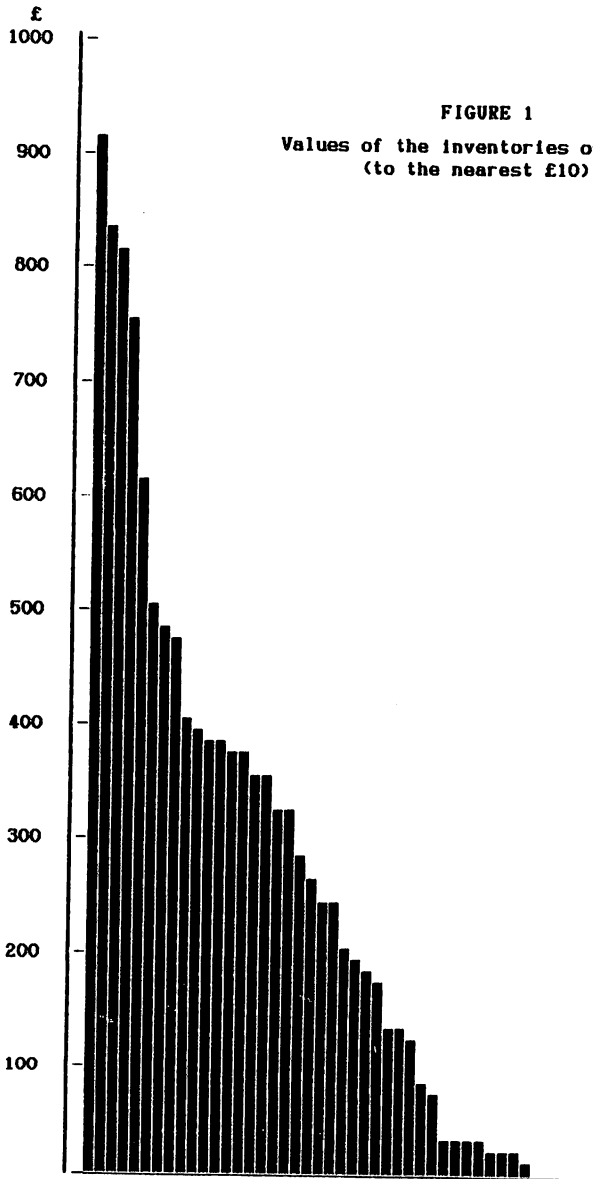
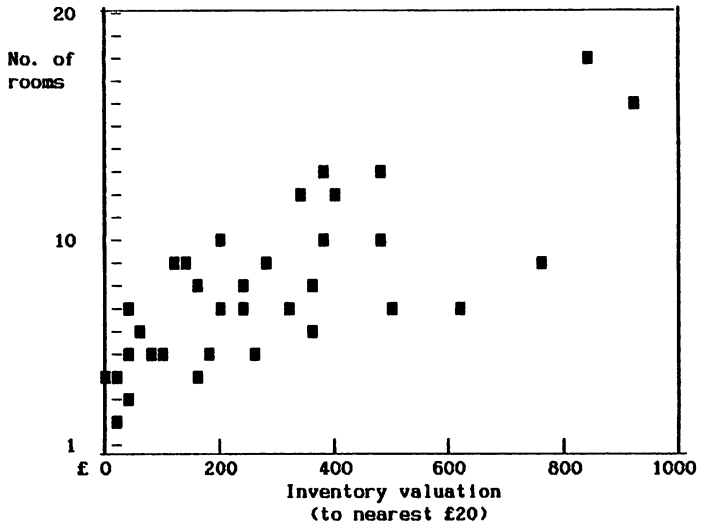


FIGURE 1
Values of the inventories of 39 yeomen
(to the nearest £10)



in view of the proliferation of rooms and their traditional names. On the ground floor were kitchen, hall, brewhouse, outlet, milk house, and bunting room, the last being for sifting meal. There were cellars, and seven chambers upstairs, in which were all the beds, unlike many other houses, in which beds were found downstairs, even when there were upper chambers.

The contents of Hayward's house denote a considerable standard of comfort, with a profusion of furniture and linen and some luxury items. In the hall were tables, stools, eight cane and six leather chairs and a 'parcell of pickters'. The kitchen contained tables, settles, chairs, forms and a wide variety of cooking equipment, including chopping knives. No table cutlery was listed, a common omission in this collection of inventories. Upstairs there were ten beds, those in the two principal rooms being 'four-posters', e.g.:- 'one bedsteddle one Feather bedd one boulster two pillowes coverlett blanketts curtaines vallance and all thereto belonging'. These rooms too were well furnished, including tables, turkey-work chairs, sideboards, chests-of-drawers, cushions and looking-glasses. One room was also the linen store for the house, containing 17 pairs of fine sheets, 20 pairs of coarse sheets, 35 towels, table cloths, napkins, 'pillowbeeres' (pillowcases), curtains, 'one Silke Mantle and other childebed linnen', and the remarkable quantity of 253 pounds (weight) of pewter. Elsewhere there are silver spoons, cups and a tankard. In many houses upper rooms were also used as store rooms for implements and corn and other produce, and even in Hayward's large establishment this survived. Someone, perhaps a farm servant, had to share his bedroom with parcels of wool, wheat, barley, oats and malt, implements and old iron. The two principal chambers and the hall and kitchen contained andirons, fire tongs, etc., so there were at least four hearths in the house.⁷⁸ Hayward's wealth, presumably derived from farming (see Section 16), is also shown by the money bequests to his family, totalling £ 910, coincidentally the same as his inventory valuation. Those to his seven children were at age 21 (or at marriage for daughters), so it was probably expected that they could be paid from the continuing profits of the farm.

Neither Scudder nor Hayward was typical; the majority of the yeomen had goods valued at £ 100 to £ 500 and comfortable houses of four to thirteen rooms (Table I), with a considerable amount of furniture, linen and domestic ware.⁷⁹ In a majority of the inventories a chamber over the hall was mentioned, suggesting that the common modernisation by inserting an upper floor in the full-height hall had been carried out. As might be expected, there was some degree of correlation between inventory valuation, as an indicator of wealth, and house size (Fig. 2).

Though most of the yeomen were illiterate and essentially men of the soil, their domestic comfort during this period was inclining towards luxury. Curtained bedsteads with feather beds were common, and a warming pan and fireplace in the chamber made winter nights tolerable. Table cloths and napkins, towels and fine sheets, often in considerable quantity, suggested a lifestyle far removed from the peasantry. Other items, less frequently mentioned, included pictures, tobacco tongs,⁸⁰ toasting irons, boxes for sugar, salt and pepper, carpets, cushions, window curtains and silver. John Round (1674) even had two gold (? silver gilt) mugs. Food

78. Eynsford Hearth Tax for 1664 shows four hearths for a Christopher Hayward.

79. There are rather more of the larger houses here than found by Campbell (*op. cit.* in note 1, 230) in several hundred inventories for various areas; these commonly showed 5 to 9 rooms.

80. Tobacco tongs: used for handling burning wood to light tobacco pipe.

TABLE I

YEOMEN OF THE FIVE PARISHES

Name	[a]	Date of will	Date of probate	Date of inventory	Date of burial
Attwood, Robert	S	27-11-1687	29-10-1688	3- 9-1688	15- 8-1688
Baker, John	S	17- 2-1635	11- 3-1635		4- 3-1635
Bankin, Edward	E	- 3-1687	15- 1-1691	13- 1-1691	11- 1-1691
Bankin, John	E	27-12-1630 *	13- 5-1631		10- 3-1631
Best, William	O	- 1-1684 *	16- 5-1684		23- 4-1684
Bostock, Samuel	O	20- 8-1697 *	16- 9-1697	26- 8-1697	26- 8-1697
Brasier, John	S	1- 2-1614 *	13-11-1616		
Braysier, John	O	23- 8-1666 *	26-10-1666		
Bryan, Hezekiah	S	9-11-1657 *	19- 1-1658		
Carpenter, Thomas	F	25- 1-1675	15- 3-1675		
Cawston, Robert	S	4- 1-1615	6- 2-1615		
Charman, John	O	14- 9-1635 *	30- 1-1636		
Christian, William	O	30- 9-1651 *	16- 2-1652		
Cox, John	L	23- 3-1678 *	14-11-1679		
Darling, Edward	S	7- 5-1651 *	23- 6-1651		
Dennis, Thomas	O	31- 7-1643 *	18- 9-1653		
Dennys, George	O	10- 3-1655	7- 3-1667	15- 3-1667	
Dunmoll, Henry	E	21- 6-1623	24- 1-1626		
Dunmoll, Henry	E	17-10-1673	13- 5-1676	14- 4-1676	1- 4-1676
Durling, Thomas	E	29- 8-1678	20- 9-1678	12- 9-1678	7- 9-1678
Ebbutt, William	E	15- 1-1684 *	10- 7-1690		
Edwards, John	O			30-12-1685	
Everest, Edward	S	25- 5-1669	12- 6-1669	11- 6-1669	2- 6-1669
Fisher, William	E	13- 4-1683	2-10-1683	8- 8-1683	7- 8-1683
Freight, Richard	S	9- 3-1623	24- 4-1623		12- 3-1623
Goldsmith, John	S	24- 7-1634	14- 8-1634		29- 7-1634
Hackett, John	O	3- 8-1671	21-10-1671	3-10-1671	
Haltrope, Thomas	S	10- 9-1706	28- 1-1707	25-11-1706	
Hartnup, William	S	18- 8-1673 *	3-11-1680	6- 9-1680	
Hayward, Christopher	E	1- 3-1645 *	9- 5-1665		
Hayward, Christopher	E	5- 4-1704	21- 6-1708	27- 5-1708	18- 5-1708
Herman, Richard	F	4- 3-1677	20- 4-1677	9- 4-1677	
Herrett, Edmund	O	28- 4-1675	26- 5-1675	28- 5-1675	
Hibben, John	E	1- 2-1667	19- 2-1667	1- 2-1667	8- 2-1667
Hills, Robert	S	1- 5-1675	30- 9-1675	17- 9-1675	3- 9-1675
Hills, Robert	S	31- 5-1698	5- 7-1698	16- 6-1698	3- 6-1698
Kingsland, Richard	E	22-12-1663 *	26- 1-1664		
Lauder, Thomas	E	6-11-1669	16-11-1669		13-11-1669
Lauder, Thomas	E	28- 6-1689	20- 9-1689	- 7-1689	6- 7-1689
Marshall, John	E			6- 1-1693	23-12-1692
Masters, Henry	E	28- 2-1659 *	20- 3-1659		17- 3-1659 (aged 94)
Mead, John	E	26- 7-1699	10-10-1699		12- 9-1699

Notes will be found at the end of the table.

Valuation of inventory (£) §	[b]	Hearth Tax 1664	Rooms in house	Messuages occupied	Messuages let
245	85	2	7	1	1
34	40	2	6	1	2
834	69		18	1	
				1	1
		6		1	4
					1
				1	1
					5
203	39	4	10	1	
133	73	3	4	1	2
372	90	5	13		1
		4			4
22	NIL		5		
28	NIL	2	4		5
23	40	4	5	1	
32	89	1	3		
28	68		7	1	
384	1	4			8
910	87		16		
265	76		5		
11	10		4		1
76	56	1	5		
504	91		7	1	
369	78		6		1
		4		1	6
				1	1
315	89		7	1	1
611	95		7		

Continuation of Table I:

Name	[a]	Date of will	Date of probate	Date of inventory	Date of burial
Miller, John	F	10- 4-1632	19- 7-1634		20- 6-1634
Miller, John	F	1- 4-1663	13- 4-1663		4- 4-1663
Morrant, Thomas	E	3- 3-1680	4- 6-1680	8- 5-1680	21- 5-1680
Mosyer, John	E	28- 3-1690	3- 6-1690	1- 7-1690	
Nash, Joseph	S	28- 1-1640 *	4- 3-1640		1- 2-1640
Nash, Joseph	S	13- 1-1697 *	4- 3-1697	18- 2-1697	6- 2-1697
Oliver, Robert	S	12- 7-1666	9- 8-1666	3- 9-1666	19- 7-1666 (‘died’)
Peake, Richard	S		14- 6-1628		
Plummer, Thomas	F			20- 9-1688	13- 9-1688
Polhill, Abraham	S	30- 5-1624	12-11-1624		6- 9-1624
Polhill, Edward	S	4-12-1670 *	4- 2-1671	10- 2-1671	
Rawlins, John	S			17-12-1679	4-12-1679
Rogers, Thomas	O	1-11-1616	24-10-1617		
Rogers, William	O	27- 8-1657 *	28- 9-1657		
Rose, Anthony	S	26- 9-1626	16-10-1626		28- 9-1626
Round, John	E	8-11-1625	21- 4-1626		
Round, John	S			24-11-1669	21-10-1669
Round, John	S	20- 9-1674	10-10-1674	7-10-1674	3-10-1674
Round, John	S			4- 9-1705	20- 8-1705
Round, John	S	31- 3-1707	13- 5-1707	13- 5-1707	25- 4-1707
Round, Richard	L	14- 5-1604 †	23- 6-1604		18- 5-1604
Round, Richard	E	3- 7-1634	9- 4-1635		
Scudder, John	E	4- 2-1689	7- 3-1689	12- 2-1689	7- 2-1689
Smale, George	O	2- 4-1690	27-11-1690	8- 5-1690	6- 4-1690
Smale, Richard	O	24- 1-1681 *	25-10-1681	26- 9-1681	13- 9-1681
Smith, Henry	E	2- 2-1616	11- 6-1616		
Soane, Henry	S	14- 1-1615	30- 4-1617		
Soane, Henry	O	2- 9-1688		4-10-1688	15- 9-1688
Soane, John	O	9- 2-1624	4- 6-1624		
Stileman, John	O	1- 8-1673	16-12-1678	26-11-1678	16-11-1678 (aged 81)
Terrie, Thomas	S	21- 4-1628 *	- -1628		
Usher, Thomas	E	8- 4-1647 *	9- 8-1647		30- 7-1647
Watts, James	F	18- 6-1649 *	12- 6-1650		
Weary, Robert	O	4- 4-1640 *	23- 6-1640		8- 4-1640
Wells, John	O			7-11-1707	30- 9-1707
Wells, Timothy	S			7- 9-1709	26- 5-1709
Wilson, Richard	F	31- 8-1604 *	13- 3-1605		26- 2-1605
Wood, James	S	10- 5-1620 *	31- 1-1623		
Woodgate, Thomas	F	6-11-1701	22-11-1701	18-11-1701	10-11-1701

[a]:- Parish of residence:- E = Eynsford; F = Farningham; L = Lullingstone; O = Otford; S = Shoreham.

*:- Will proved in Prerogative Court of Canterbury.

†:- Will proved in Consistory Court of Rochester.

All other wills proved in Shoreham Deanery Court.

Valuation of inventory (£) §	[b]	Hearth Tax 1664	Rooms in house	Messuages occupied	Messuages let
67	68		5	1	1
192	80	2	7	1	1
476	36	4	10	1+	1+
752	46	3	9	1	1
466	92	7	13	1	1
180	**	2	5	1	1
389	87		13	1	1+
320	86		7		
277	25		9		2
397	**		12		
350	2		8		6
20	6	1	2		2
122	75		9		1
869	70			1	1
168	80		8		
132	59	3	9		2+
				1	4
					4
					1+
237	67		8		
377	46		10		
348	77		12		1
				1	2

[b]:- valuation of farming stock as percentage of total inventory.

§:- to nearest £.

**:- some entries illegible.

was eaten from trenchers, wooden platters, or earthenware or pewter plates. Most cooking utensils were of iron, brass or tin, and the variety of kitchen equipment, including jacks and spits for roasting, implied a good standard of daily living. Clocks were found in nine houses and guns in twelve. Window glass had become common in the poorest houses during the seventeenth century, and was often bequeathed in wills,⁸¹ but it is not mentioned in any of the present wills or inventories.

The self-sufficiency of such families is shown by the frequency of equipment for spinning, dairying, malting, brewing, baking and meat pickling, often in rooms set aside for the purpose. Much detail remains for ever hidden, in such entries as 'Item all the goods in the Hall Roome xv s.', or 'and other small things'. But enough remains to show that during the period covered by the inventories (1666-1709) many yeomen were enjoying quite a civilised standard of comfort, though there is no clear evidence for an increase in such standards during this comparatively short period.

16. Farming and other Activities

The predominance of farming in the yeoman's life is shown by the value of his farm stock, crops and implements. A few are nil or small, perhaps of men already retired, but the majority are from 40% to 95% of the value of their total personal estate (Fig. 3).⁸²

Christopher Hayward (died 1708) had the highest farming valuation at £ 790, nearly 87% of his total. We have seen him living in a prestigious house, and he was clearly farming on a considerable scale. His main crops of peas and tares, oats, wheat and barley 'sowed on the ground' totalled £ 415, and his animals included six milking and eight dry cows, twelve horses, calves, pigs and a large flock of 280 sheep and lambs. His main activities were arable and sheep, and he may have sold cheese and butter if there was excess milk over the household requirements. Another product was wood of various sorts. The 'growth of the underwood' was valued at £ 47 10s. 0d., and he had stocks of timber, coppice wood and bavins.⁸³ One inventory item was for 'att the Wharfe three load and a half of hopps, nine hundred and a half of birch Five load and a half of staves and about Eight Thousand of pimpes',⁸⁴ valued at more than £ 26. The nearest wharf for commercial traffic would probably have been at Dartford, and this entry indicates a flourishing trade by water, perhaps via Dartford to London.

Most yeomen were more modest than this but the general picture was similar. Wheat was the most important grain, its production encouraged by the demands of London and probably passing through Dartford, the chief corn market of North Kent.⁸⁵ In seven inventories taken from April to August and giving acreages, wheat

81. Campbell, *op. cit.* (note 1), 232.

82. For six Hertfordshire yeomen the range was 18.7% - 85.8% (calculated from data in Munby, *op. cit.* (note 30), xxiv).

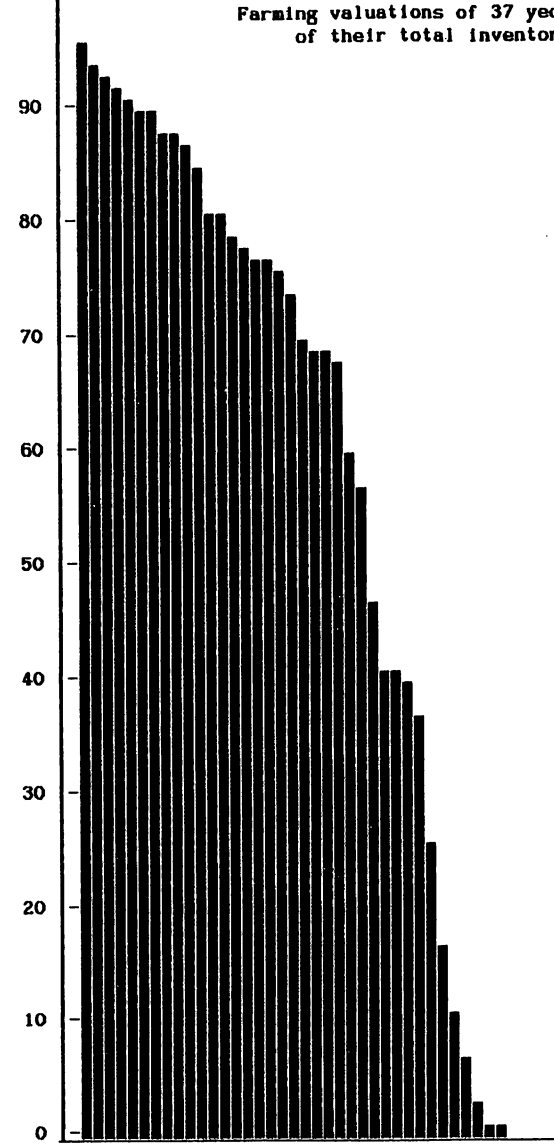
83. Bavins: bundles of brushwood or light underwood, such as are used in bakers' ovens (*O.E.D.*). This word still survives in Eynsford.

84. Pimpes: small faggots or bundles of firewood (*O.E.D.*).

85. Chalklin, *op. cit.* (note 12), 32.

%
100

FIGURE 3
Farming valuations of 37 yeoman as percentages
of their total inventory valuations



totalled 204 acres, peas and tares 59½, oats 48 and barley 45.⁸⁶ The 'growth of the wood' is a common entry; other crops mentioned included woad, beans, wool and Nonesuch seed.⁸⁷ Clover and sainfoin, first used in the 1640's⁸⁸ were grown, and an estate map of 1684⁸⁹ shows a field called "Old St. Foine Close" in Eynsford. Rye was grown chiefly as maslin,⁹⁰ a mixture with wheat for everyday bread.⁹¹ Fruit was mentioned in only two inventories and cherries, the very symbol of Kent, not at all, though orchards appeared in a number of wills. Hay and hops were also seldom mentioned; all these might be expected to have been common in this area. On the other hand malthouses, malt lofts and malt were not infrequent, the last sometimes in quite large quantities, suggesting supplying for commercial breweries. Sheep were multi-purpose animals, used for manuring the arable, grazing downland and providing wool⁹² as well as meat; flock size averaged 66. Pigs were common, but poultry were only mentioned once; perhaps they were even then recognised as the wife's perquisite. In common with other North Kent areas⁹³ cattle were not numerous, but many farms had a few cows for domestic purposes. In a total of sixteen inventories bullocks and steers totalled 69, many of them described as young bullocks, almost certainly for fattening. Oxen numbered only eight, though some of the bullocks may in fact have been draught animals. Horses on the other hand totalled 131 in 28 inventories, and although some of these would be riding animals or young stock it appears that by the period of the inventories horses had largely superseded oxen as the chief draught animal.

The size of farms cannot be directly found from the inventories; indeed as we have seen some men seem to be no longer involved in active farming. Crops are often given only by value, and it is not always clear whether they are harvested or standing. However a number of inventories specify acreages of crops from which some deductions may be made. The following figures represent crop areas for a number of farms:- 22, 28, 33, 37½, 40, 50, 54, 64, 100, 109, 117, 156 acres. If a three-course rotation was in use (common in the more fertile vale lands of England⁹⁴) these figures would have to be increased by 50% to give the minimum total arable acreages: to these would have to be added meadow (for hay), pasture, possibly common grazing and woodland. The latter was often mentioned, sometimes of considerable extent (e.g. 50, 60 and 117 acres). While yeomen farmed anything from 25 to 200 acres in the arable areas of England, a Kentish yeoman in the 1570's "with only twenty-five acres could be sufficiently well-off to make friendly loans to his neighbours".⁹⁵ The proximity to London also provided more

86. In this area wheat formed a much greater percentage than was reported by Chalklin for any of the agricultural regions of seventeenth-century Kent. (*ibid.* 78).
87. Nonesuch: This name has been used for Black Medick (*Medicago lupulina*) and Lucerne (*M. sativa*) (personal communication; Institute of Agricultural History, University of Reading); and for Yellow Trefoil (*Trifolium spp.*) (personal communication; Mr. James Alexander, Eynsford).
88. Chalklin, *op.cit.* (note 12), 86.
89. K.A.O., U1823/P6.
90. Maslin: many other spellings, including misceling, marslin, mislin, marselinge, mislan, missleing.
91. Campbell, *op. cit.* (note 1), 245.
92. Chalklin, *op.cit.* (note 12), 100.
93. *Ibid.*, 96.
94. Joan Thirsk (ed.), *The Agrarian History of England & Wales*, vol. 4, 1500-1640, (1967), 177.
95. *Ibid.*, 302.

chances in the accumulation of wealth. Clearly many of the yeomen's farms in our parishes could be described not only as large,⁹⁶ but as very profitable.

Yeomen with much farm equipment may have hired it out to smaller men, but the only suggestion here is for 'hop poles abroad', valued at £ 32 10s. 0d. (John Stileman, 1678). Many yeomen probably had other sidelines. Stileman also had bricks and tiles, burnt and unburnt, and Edward Polhill (1671) had a 'shop' containing vices and an anvil. He may well have done blacksmithing work for his neighbours as well as for his own farm.

One non-agricultural sideline was money-lending. In several of the wills bequests take the form of debts or mortgages, and in sixteen inventories debts in some form are specified, some for several hundred pounds and certainly more than normal trading debts. Thus John Round (1707) had household items valued at only £ 62 but £ 283 out as loans, while Robert Oliver (1666) had £ 320 out on a mortgage & bonds. Only well-to-do men could use their money like this and there is evidence for similar activities in other counties.⁹⁷

Another part-time occupation was running an alehouse. Alehouse keepers' and victuallers' recognizances for this area from 1591 onwards include a number of yeomen not among the present testators.⁹⁸ This particular combination of jobs certainly lasted until little more than a century ago; the licencees of two public houses in Eynsford were described in the censuses and directories as 'victualler and farmer', one as late as 1867.

17. The Yeoman's Place in the Community

That the yeomen were not a rigidly defined class was accepted at the time (see Sect. 3) and is confirmed from contemporary documents of the five parishes. Robert Oliver (1666) signed his will as a yeoman but less than two months later the appraisers of his inventory described him as a gentleman. Similarly Thomas Launder (1689) signed as a husbandman but a month later was described as a yeoman. This suggests a different public perception of their status or a blurring of the dividing lines. There is evidence too of social intercourse between yeomen and gentry (some of whom were perhaps only just out of the yeoman class themselves), as shown by gentlemen acting in various functions concerned with wills and inventories (see Sect. 10). The marriage of yeomen's daughters into the gentry was not uncommon,⁹⁹ as in the case of Richard Kingsland (1683) (see Sect. 10). Demonstration of the elevation of yeoman families into the gentry would require further analysis of documents, but is certainly known in the case of Samuel Bostock (1697), whose son was a gentleman in 1735.¹⁰⁰

We have seen that many of the yeomen were important members of the local community, farming on a considerable scale, owning other landed property and with an increasingly comfortable private lifestyle. Their financial status is shown too

96. Chalklin, *op. cit.* (note 12), 69.

97. e.g. Hertfordshire (Munby, *op. cit.* (note 30), xxv); Lincolnshire (C. Holmes, *Seventeenth-Century Lincolnshire* (Lincoln, 1980), 67-68); Cambridgeshire (R. Parker, *The Common Stream* (1975), 200-01); Lancashire (O. Ashmore, 'Inventories as a Source of Local History - II Farmers', *Amateur Historian* vol. 4 (1958), 186-95).

98. K.A.O., QM/RLv; U1000/7/M17.

99. Campbell, *op. cit.* (note 1), 54-56.

100. D. Clarke & A. Stoyel, *Oxford in Kent: a History* (Oxford, 1975), 179

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from other sources. In a Lay Subsidy assessment for Shoreham in 1641/2 ¹⁰¹ six of the fourteen names are yeomen, while Henry Dunmoll (died 1676) acted as "sessor" in two other Lay Subsidies.¹⁰² A subsidy list for four of the parishes (excluding Lullingstone) in 1623-8 ¹⁰³ contains sixteen yeoman names. Yeomen were by far the largest class among freeholders. The freeholders of Eynsford and Farningham in 1701 comprised one gentleman and five yeomen, while in Shoreham and Otford there were two gentlemen, one esquire and seven yeomen.¹⁰⁴ Nine yeoman names are on a Jury List for Shoreham and Otford in 1696, being 'inhabitants have in lands the yearely value of Tenn Pounds or upwards' ¹⁰⁵ which qualified them to vote in Parliamentary elections.

Other contemporary documents throw further light on their more public life. In 1641 a Petition was presented to Parliament from Shoreham and Otford relating to ecclesiastical evils,¹⁰⁶ containing 29 signatories. Of these six were identified as yeomen,¹⁰⁷ and another eleven as yeoman families.¹⁰⁸ In 1635 three of the six trustees of a charity were Eynsford yeomen.¹⁰⁹

TABLE II

Occupations of testators in the Shoreham Deanery Court

	[*]		[*]
Yeoman	57	Innholder	2
Widow	36	Oatmealman	2
Husbandman	13	Victualler	2
Spinster	7	Bachelor	1
Butcher	6	Hoopshaver	1
Blacksmith	5	Clerk	1
Bricklayer	5	Coachman	1
Gentleman	5	Collarmaker	1
Tailor	5	Freemason	1
Labourer	4	Fuller	1
Wheelwright	4	Gentlewoman	1
Weaver	4	Mercer	1
Maltster	3	Sawyer	1
Miller	3	Shopkeeper	1
Tanner	3	Tilemaker	1
Cordwainer	2		

[*]:- Number of wills proved during 1604-1714.

101. P.R.O., E179/128/657.

102. P.R.O., E179/127/566 and /597.

103. P.R.O., E179/127/588.

104. K.A.O., Q/RJf2/1.

105. K.A.O., Q/RJf1/1.

106. Clarke & Stoyel, *op. cit.* (note 100), plate V.

107. Geo. Dennis, Edw. Everest, John Stileman, John Round, Robert Oliver, William Hartnupp.

108. Polhill, Rogers, Ebbutt, Dennis, Smale, Stileman, Baker, Durling, Goldsmith, Hills, Edwards.

109. K.A.O., TR 2322/22.

Yeomen were also the largest class among those who made wills. The occupations of testators in the Shoreham Deanery Court ¹¹⁰ are given in Table II, and although not representing a true cross-section of the population illustrate the variety of occupations in this rural area. The predominance of the yeomen in that part of the community above the poor and labouring class is evident, as they constitute some 32% of the number of testators. ¹¹¹ Some widows were probably still farming, and if these and the husbandmen are included the number of farmers approaches half of the will-making inhabitants.

18. Summing up

We have tried here to look at the life and situation of a number of individuals described as yeomen. Can they be taken as typical of their class in the chosen place and period?

In the first place mobility between classes meant that men living as yeomen at some time may have fallen or risen in status, according to their fortunes, leaving no record as yeomen. Then there is the evidence of mobility on the ground, some yeomen coming into the area on buying or leasing property, some moving on elsewhere. Possibly only a minority had been born in the parish of their recorded residence, and the popular idea of a stable group that had been farming their lands for generations may be far from the truth. And finally there were various other reasons why yeomen could have lived in the community without leaving traces (see Sect. 4). The men that have left records were thus only part, and perhaps a small part, of the yeoman community that lived here at one time or another during the Stuart period.

Can we indeed think of a 'typical' yeoman? In the seventeenth century Thomas Fuller called the yeomanry "an estate of people almost peculiar to England, living in the temperate zone between greatness and want".¹¹² That zone was a very broad one, as is clearly seen when we consider the great range in the size of the houses in which the yeomen lived and the wealth, other than real estate, that they left. Some lived in only two or three rooms with modest furniture, while a few had extensive houses, lavishly equipped. But the majority lived in a considerable degree of comfort in medium-sized houses well stocked with furniture, linen and domestic ware, and often with silver and other luxuries. They were virtually self-sufficient for food and drink, and they enjoyed a good standard of daily living. Perhaps such men were the most representative of their class.

Farming was their primary occupation and for most of them their farming stock and equipment formed a major part of their total personal estate; those leaving little had probably retired. Most farms were large for the time, growing chiefly wheat, with sheep, pigs and bullocks, and a few cows mainly for domestic use. Some farms had large areas of woodland with important timber production. It was not unusual to have other occupations and sources of income as side-lines to farming. Money-lending seemed to be quite common, and there is evidence for crafts such as blacksmithing and brickmaking, and for alehouse-keeping.

110. From the Index to Shoreham Wills & Inventories K.A.O., PRS/IN/1, 2.

111. This was a higher proportion than was found in Sevenoaks, a more urban area (c. 25% for yeomen & husbandmen; Lansberry, *op. cit.* (note 58), 283).

112. Quoted in Thirsk, *op. cit.* (note 94), 301.

Ambition was a characteristic of the yeoman - to achieve wealth even if not to aspire to gentleman's rank himself. This was manifest in the accumulation of houses and land, either to enlarge his own farm or as an investment, sometimes in distant parishes. Such a property might eventually pass to a son, contributing to the dispersal of yeoman families. They were conscious of their own position (Abraham Polhill, 1624, speaks proudly of his 'mansion house') and efforts were made to keep the land in the family. Sometimes parental consent to marriage was required, or the sowing of wild oats by sons anticipated. James Watts (1649) forbade one son, under pain of forfeiting a bequest, to make any jointure or other assurance or conveyance of a lease 'to anie wooman'. Family strength was always an important element in the yeoman's life. Most were married, with several children surviving the high rate of early mortality, and success for the children was a major aim. There was concern for their education, though their fathers were for the most part illiterate; sons were set up on the land or apprenticed, and daughters provided with dowries. Widows were well provided for, usually having a life interest in at least part of a house, and sometimes being maintained by a son. There was much intermarriage between yeoman families, but upward social movement also occurred through marriage into the gentry.

The yeomen were at least conventionally religious, with no strong puritan leanings, though the Church benefited little from their wills. After the Restoration even small bequests for the poor were not common, and the only outstanding charitable endowment was by a man who left no relatives. Again we get an impression of the importance of the family from the pattern of bequests. Such were the more private aspects of the yeomen's way of life. But their importance in the community lay also in their strength as a group. Probably Royalist in sentiment, they were by far the largest group of freeholders, qualified as jurymen and as voters in parliamentary elections, and clearly seen as men of probity, responsibility and common sense.

The picture of them as the backbone of rural society has, then, after all, a solid basis of fact. But let us get beyond the dry documents and share their way of life by visiting a yeoman's house in 1652 :-

'... at a yeoman's table you might have as good entertainment as at the best Gentlemans, not for variety of messes, but for solid sufficiency and hearty welcome'.¹¹³

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113. Rev. N. Newbury, 'Sermon to the Yeomen of Kent', 1652. Quoted by Campbell, *op. cit.* (note 1), 249.

THE WILLS AND INVENTORIES

These have been transcribed in full, except for omission of the notation added on granting of probate. Abbreviations have been extended and ff given as F(;); otherwise the spelling is the original, as are dates in the documents. Probable interpretations are shown in square brackets:- []; missing or unreadable words or sections are shown thus:- The documents are listed in alphabetical order of testator's name, and numbered in sequence. The heading contains a number of items of information (see Abbreviations, below) and the reference for the document at the right hand end. The latter enables the source to be found from the Bibliography of Documents. In some documents two references are shown; in such cases both microfilm and original, or documents from two different collections, have been examined.

Abbreviations :-

- B - date of burial
- E - date of exhibiting inventory
- I - date of inventory
- P - date of probate of will
- W - date of signing of will.

All the above are expressed in the modern calendar.

1. Robert ATTWOOD of Shoreham.

PRS/W/1/63

W 27 Nov 1687
 B 15 Aug 1688
 P 29 Oct 1688

In the Name of God Amen The seaven and twentieth day of November In the yeare of our Lord one thousand six hundred Eightie and Seaven And in the third yeare of the Reigne of our Sovereigne Lord James the Second etc I Robert Attwood of Shoreham in the County of Kent yeoman being aged and Crasey in my body but of sound and perfect mind and memory praysed be God therefore Doe make and ordeyne this my last Will and Testament (hereby revokeing all former wills by me made) in manner and forme following That is to say First and principally I give and bequeath my Soule into the handes of Almightye God my Creator trusting assuredly for salvation through the Alsufficient meritts of Jesus Christ my blessed savyour and Redeemer And for my body I committ the same to the earth decently to be buried at the discretion of my Executor hereafter named Item I give and bequeath to my daughter Margaret the summe of Five poundes of Lawfull money of England to bee paid unto her by my Executor within Fower yeares next after my decease Item I give and bequeath to my grandson Richard the Sonn of my said daughter Margaret the summe of five pounds of lawfull English money to be paid into the handes of his Mother for his use to help place him out to be an Apprentice and to be paid by my Executor when he shall attaine the age of Twelve yeares Item I give

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and bequeath to my daughter Elizabeth the summe of Five pounds of Lawfull English money to be paid unto her by my Executor within two yeares next after my decease Item I give and bequeath to my loveing wife the summe of Fourty shillings of Lawfull English money to be paid her by my Executor within six months next after my decease Also I give unto her the bed whereon I commonly lye in the Chamber over the Parlour with the Bedsteddle Curtaynes Vallens and all other Furniture to the same belonging One Chest of Drawers and one wicker Chaire standing in the same Roome my warming Pann And one of milch coves which shee pleaseth to chuse And my will and mind is that my Executor hereafter named doe permit and suffer my wife (and my said daughter Margaret and her three children [this phrase crossed out]) to remaine and live with him in my now dwelling howse And to allow and provide for them sufficient meat drinke and lodgeing gratis for the space of six months next after my decease And to keep the Cow hereinbefore given to my wife with his own Coves without paying anything for the same dureing the said time of six months And my will and mind is that my Executor (after the expiration of the said six months) shall allow and provide for my said wife yearly and every yeare dureing the Terme of her naturall life gratis one full and good Coard & half of Wood and lay the same downe at her dwelling howse if it be not above three miles distance from the place of his abode And if he refuse and doe not performe the same according to the intent of this my present Will I doe then give and bequeath to my said wife as a Legacy in lieu thereof the summe of Tenn pounds of Lawfull English money Item I give and bequeath to my Sonn Robert one Featherbedd with the steddle and striped curtaynes and all other things belonging to the said Bedd and steddle as it now standeth in the Chamber over the Parlour Item I give and bequeath to my said Loveing wife and to my said Sonn Robert the Moyetie or one half of all my howshold goodes now remaining and being in my dwelling howse and not before bequeathed and also the Moyetie or half parte of all my Linnen to be equally divided between them Item I give devise and bequeath to my said wife the one Moyetie or halfe part of all that my Messuage Tenement or Farmehowse with the Barne Stable Garden Orchard and severall peices or parcells of Land Meadow pasture and woodground thereto belonging used occupied or enjoyed with their and every of their appurtenances scituate lying and being in the severall parishes of Hollingbourne and Hucking in the said County of Kent To have and to hold the said Moyetie of the said Messuage Landes and premisses with their and any of their appurtenances To my said wife and her Assignes for and dureing the terme of her naturall life shee keeping the same (with the other Moyetie which is already settled on her by deed) in good and sufficient repair But upon this Condicion neverthelesse That my said Wife doe and shall during the Terme of her naturall life out of the Rents yssues and profitts of the said Moyetie of the Said Messuage and Landes herein bequeathed to her Well and truly payed or cause to be paid to my said Sonn Robert Attwood or his Assignes yearly and every yeare soe long as my said wife shall hold and enjoy the same the summe of three poundes a yeare of Lawfull English money at the two most usual Feastes or Termes in the yeare That is to say the Feast day of the Annunciacion of the blessed Virgin Mary and St Michael the Archangel by even and equal porcions or within one and fourty dayes next ensueing either of the said Feast Dayes the first of the said paymentes to begin and be made at the next of the said Feastes or days of payment as shall next happen after my decease And if it shal happen that my said Sonn Robert doe depart this life before my wife leaving any yssue of his body lawfully begotten In that Case my will and mind is that the said summe of three poundes yearly shall be

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paid to such yssue male or Female as my said Sonn Robert shal have at the time of his decease and at the days of payment as aforesaid the yssue male to be first prefered and if my said wife doe not make good payment to my Sonn Robert or his yssue as aforesaid then my will and mind is that it shall and may be lawfull to and for my said Sonn Robert or his heires in Case of non payment as aforesaid to enter into and upon the said Moyetie of the aforesaid Messuage Landes and premisses hereinbefore bequeathed to my wife and the same to hold and inioy untill payment be made of the said summe of Three pounds per Annum and also at such Cost and charges as he or they shall be at for the Recovery of the same Item I give devise and bequeath unto Ellen Eaton my Grandaughter the summe of Five pounds of Lawfull money of England to be paid to her at her age of one and Twenty Yeares if shee live to attaine the same And my will and mind is that this Legacy of Five pounds shall be paid out of the said Moyetie of my Messuage and Landes in Hollingbourne and Hucking aforesaid by my said wife if shee be liveing at the time when the same becomes due by this my present Will but if not then by him to whom I shall here inafter dispose of the said Moyetie of the said Messuage and Landes. Item (from and after the decease of my said wife) I give devise and bequeath All that the aforesaid Moyetie of my Messuage Landes and Premisses in Hollingbourne and Hucking aforesaid with all and singular their & every of their appurtenances to my said Sonn Robert Attwood and his heires for ever But chargeable with the said Legacy of Five pounds if the same be not paid by my wife as aforesaid Item I give and bequeath to my Sonn William Attwood one shilling haveing giveing him a porcion in my life time Item I give and bequeath to my Grandaughter Sarah Atwood the daughter of my Sonn Roger the summe of Tenn pounds of Lawfull English money to be paid to her by my Executor at her age of one and Twenty yeares if shee lives to attaine it But if shee happens to dye before shee attaines to that age and leave a child lawfully begotten Then my will is that the said summe of Tenn poundes shall be paid to that Child The residue of all and singular my goodes Chattells Cattell Stock and personal estate whatsoever not herein before bequeathed (my debts & legacies being paid) I give devise and bequeath to my eldest Sonn Roger Atwood whom I make sole Executor of this my last Will and Testament desireing him to perform the same according to the true intent and meaning thereof In witnes whereof to this my last Will and Testament written in fower sheetes of paper to everyone of which I have set my hand and Seale the day and yeare first above written

Signed Sealed published and declared
by the said Robert Atwood to be his
last Will & Testament in the presence
of us. /.

Robert Atwood
his mark

Fran. Everest
Jane Everest
Elizabeth Casker
her mark

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2. Robert ATTWOOD of Shoreham.

PRS/W/1/31

B 15 Aug 1688
I 3 Sep 1688

A true and perfect Inventory of all and singular the goods and chattels of Robert Atthood late of Shoreham in the County of Kent yeoman deceased taken and appraized the 3d day of September 1688 by Thomas Charlewood and George Richardson as followeth

	£	s	d
Imprimis his wearing apparell and money in the house	5	0	0
In the Hall			
Item 2 tables 1 forme 4 chaires 2 cupboards 2 joyned stooles one dresser board 2 spitts 2 dripping pans 3 gridirons one fowling peice 3 iron potts 2 brass potts 4 pewter dishes and some other old lumber	3	6	0
In the Parlor			
Item one table one forme and fower chaires	0	10	0
In the Kitchin			
Item 1 paire of Andirons one paire of tonges 2 paire of Pothangers 1 furnace 8 drink vessells 7 old tubbs one cheese press 3 pailles and five leaden weights	3	5	8
In the Milke house			
Item 20 milke bowles 2 Charns and 3 powdring tubbs	2	13	0
In the Chamber over the Parlor			
Item 4 chests 4 chaires 1 old flock bed and trundle bedstead 10 paire of sheets 3 table clothes 6 towels and some small linnen	1	9	4
In the Chanber over the Hall			
Item 1 flock bed 1 old steddle and 1 paire of Creepers	0	10	0
In the Chamber over the [blank]			
Item 2 old flock beds	0	13	4
Item corne unthreshed in the Barne in the Barne at home	19	0	0
Item Tythe corne in the Barne at home	13	18	0
Item 1 stack of Pease	4	4	0
Item 1 old waggon and harness for 4 horses	2	0	0
Item 7 load of Clover and hay	3	0	0
Item 2 Dung Courts 2 ploughs 4 harrows 1 Scry and some plough tacklyng	2	0	0
Item 1 old saddle one pannell one pillion one bridle and other lumber and things forgot	1	5	...
Item 18 sheepe and lambs	5	16	...

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Item 7 horses	21	-	...
Item 2 Cowes and 2 Calves	6	-	...
Item 7 Hoggs and 9 young sheats	7	3	6
Item corne unthreshed in the Parsonage Barne	60	16	0
Item 10 old sacks	0	13	4
Item sixty acres of Coppice wood	60	0	0
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3. John BAKER of Shoreham

PRS/W/1/106

W 17 Feb 1635
 B 4 Mar 1635
 P 11 Mar 1635

In the name of God Amen the seaventeenth day of Februarie in the yeare of our Lord God One thousand six hundred and thirty fower I John Baker of Shorham in the County of Kent yeoman being weake in body but yet in good and perfect remembrance prased be God therefore doe make and ordeine this my Last will and testament in manner and forme followeing First I bequeath my soule into the handes of Almighty God my maker and redeemer in sure and certaine hope of resurrection to eternall life by the onely merritts and mediacion of my Lord and Saviour Jesu Christ and my body to be buried in the Church or Churchyard of Shorham aforesaid at the discrecion of myne Executor hereafter named Item I give and bequeath unto the poore people of the parish of Shorham aforesaid tenn shillings of lawfull money of England to be distributed amongst them on the day of ny buriall at the discrecion of myne Executor. Item. concerning my landes which God hath give me, I doe dispose of them as followeth. I doe give and bequeath unto Thomas Baker my youngest sonne all those my two houses of Tenements with all and singular there appurtenances scituate lying and being in West Peckham in the said County of Kent, together alsoe with one Annuity of five pounds three shillings and four pence of Lawfull money of England, payable yearelie out of the Landes and tenements of Thomas Baker my brother late of West Peckham aforesaid deceased to have and to hold to him the said Thomas and to his heires for ever Alsoe I will give and bequeath unto John Baker my eldest sonne all that messuage or tenement in Shorham aforesaid wherein I now dwell or inhabite together with all barnes, stables, Malhouses or other edefices or buildings whatsoever, Landes Gardens Backsides Yards, Gardens Orchards and all and singular other appurtenances profitts Comodities thereto belonging To have and to hold to him the said John Baker and to his heires for ever Item I doe give and bequeath unto Alice Baker my beloved wife twenty shillings of lawfull money of England yearely dureing the whole time and soe long as shee shall keepe her selfe a widowe by quarterly payments to be paid unto her by the said Thomas Baker my youngest sonne, but if She shall after my decease be married to another man then my will is that immediately after such her marriage, the said Annuitie shall cease and be noe longer paid unto her. Item I will give and bequeath unto Mary Suer my

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eldest daughter one flockbed one flock boulster one Coverlett two blanketts two paire of course sheetes Item I will and bequeath unto Henry Suer sonne of my said daughter one joyned chest standing at my bed head on that side towards the windowe. Item I give will and bequeath unto Jeane Baker my youngest Daughter fifty poundes of Lawfull money of England to be paid unto her by myne Executor when she shall have attained the age of fower and twenty yeares or at the birth of her first child which shall first happen. Item I give and bequeath unto my daughter Marie Suer two brasse pottes and two brasse kettles to be chosen and appointed by the two overseers of this my will. Item my will is and I doe hereby order appointe and bequeath all the rest of my household stufte unbequeathed to be equally divided betweene my three Children vizt. John Baker Thomas Baker and Jeane Baker at the discrecion of my Overseeres hereafter named All the residue of my goodes unbequeatheds my debts paid and my funerall rights discharged and legacyes performed I doe wholely give and bequeath unto John Baker my eldest sonn whome I doe make ordeine and constitute my full whole and sole Executor of this my last will and testament, And if my said Sonne John Baker shall refuse to take upon him the Executorshipp and prooffe of this my last will and testament then my will and desire is that my sonne Thomas Baker shalbe my full whole and sole Executor of this my last will and testament, And my desire is and I doe hereby intreate my loveing kinsman Mr George Baker of Hackney nere London gentleman, and my loveing brother in Lawe John Bridger of West Peckham yeoman to be the Overseers of this my last will and testament, And for their paines herein to be imploied I will and bequeath unto each of them twenty shillings of Lawfull money of England, And in witnes that this is my last will and testament I have hereunto sett my hand and seale the day and yeare first above written in the presence of
[signed] John Baker John Emerson Edward Everest

4. Edward BANKIN of Eynsford

PRS/W/2/85

W - Mar 1687?
 B 11 Jan 1691
 P 15 Jan 1691

... day of March in the Fourth yeare of the Raigne of our ... the second ... Annoque Dni. 1687 I Edward ...
 ... to my Eldest ... who liveth in the County of Essex ...
 ... to my Sonne J ... cordwayner ... one shilling ...
 ... to my Daughter Sara Bankin ... pounds ...
 ... unto my Daughter ... Tenn pounds.
 ... daughter Margaret Bankin the other halfe of my household goods ...
 ... my Daughter Jane Johnson the wife of Thomas ...
 ... Grandchilde Mary Johnson the Daughter of Thom ... Twenty shillings ...
 ... the wife of Thomas Johnson of Eynsford ...

Jacob Pope
 John Bankin
 Sam: Browne.

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[NOTE: This will is badly damaged.]

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5. Edward BANKIN of Eynsford

PRS/ I /2/29

B 11 Jan 1691
I 13 Jan 1691

A True and perfect inventory of all and singuler the goods and chattells of Edward Bankin of Eynsford in the county of Kent yeoman deceased as they were taken and valued by us whose names are hereunto written the thirteenth day of January Anno Domini 1690; as followeth (viz)

Imprimis his Weareing Apparell and money in his purse	xij li
In the Hall	
Item one Table one greate Cupboard three Joyn'd stooles six Chaires fire shovell and tongs and other small things	L s
In the Parlor	
Item one Table three Joyn'd stooles a Spining wheele some brasse and other small things	xx s
In the Buttery	
Item some small Drink Tubbs and one old powdring Tubb and other old things	vj s viij d
In the Out howse	
Item a few old Tubbs and one fourme	v s
In the Chamber over the Hall	
Item one old Flock Bedd and Bedsteddle with the Furniture one old presse to hang Cloaths in three old Chests one Trunk and two little stooles and one Deske	xxxv s
In the Chamber over the Parlor	
Item one old Flocke bedd and the Furniture a Joyn'd stoole and other small things	xij s iiij d
Item for Linnen	xxxv s vj d
Item for Twenty Quarters of Mault	xij li xv s
Item things out of sight and forgott	ij s iiij d
summa totalis . . .	xxxiiij li ij s x d

John Oliver and
Thomas Beckett Appraisers

6. John BANKIN of Eynsford

PROB11/159 f.58

W 27 Dec 1630
 B 10 Mar 1631
 P 13 May 1631

In the name of God Amen The seaven and Twentyth day of December Anno Domini one thousand & six hundred and thirty in the sixt yeare of the Reign of our Sovereigne Lord Charles by the grace of God King of England Scotland France and Ireland defender of the Faith etc I John Bankyn of the parish of Eynsford in the County of Kent yeoman being sicke and weake in body but of perfect mind & remembrance prayes bee God therefor doe make publishe & declare this to bee my Last Will and Testament in manner and forme following First I commend my soule into the hand of Almighty god my Creator & Redeemer trusting onely in the merritts of his death and passion to enioy everlasting life in the kingdom of heaven And my bodie I bequeath to bee buried in Christian buriall at the discrecon of my Executor hereafter named And I doe will give and bequeath my goods houses lands and Chattells as followeth First I give devise and bequeath my house with two acres of ground thereto belonging unto my eldest sonne John Bankyn to enioy after the decease of his mother Joane Bankyn and not before and from him to descend to his heires male lawfully begotten And for want of yssue male after his decease To descend to my second sonne Newington Bankyn and to his heires male lawfully begotten And for issue male [*sic*] To my third sonne James Bankyn and to his heires male lawfully begotten and for want of his issue male To my fourth sonne Edward and to his issue male And soe the rest of my sonnes and to their issue male lawfully begotten And for want of such issue To my daughter Joane and to her Children Item I give and bequeath moreover to my Eldest sonne John Bankyn the somme of Fortie pounds to bee paid him by my Executor within one yeare after my decease Item I give devise and bequeath to my second sonne Newington Bankyn the somme of Forty pounds to be paid him by my Executor when he shall come to his foure and Twenty yeares of age or before if perhaps my Executor and Overseers doe thinke it fitting. Also I give and bequeath to my third sonne James Bankyn the somme of forty pounds to be paid him at the same yeares and in the same manner as to my former sonne Newington Also I give to my fourth sonne Edward Bankyn the somme of Forty pounds to bee paid by my Executor at the same yeares & in the same manner as to my second sonne Newington Also I give to the foresaid Edward the somme of Forty pounds to bee paid him by my Eldest sonne John Bankyn out of my house within one yeare after the decease of his Mother Also I give and bequeath to ny Fift sonne George Bankyn the somme of Forty pounds to be paid him by my Executor as before to my sonne Newington Also I give to my youngest sonne Richard Bankyn the somme of Fortie pounds to be paid to him by my Executor as before to my son Newington Also I give and bequeath to my eldest daughter Joane Bankyn the somme of Forty pounds to be paid by my Executor at the day of her marriage or else within one yeare after my decease Also I give to my youngest daughter Elizabeth Bankyn the somme of thirtie pounds to be paid her by my Executor at the age of one and Twenty yeares or at the day of her marriage. Also I give and bequeath unto my kind and loveing wife Joane Bankyn my house with the two acres of land thereto belonging with all the rest of the appurtenances to enioy for her naturall life and after her decease to my eldest sonne John as is before mencioned Also I doe make and appoynt my loving wife Joane Bankyn my

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sole Executor of this my Last Will and Testament hoping that shee will truly performe the same as my trust is in her. Item I give and bequeath to my said Executor all the rest of my goods and Chattells unbequeathed Charging her to bring up finde and keepe or otherwise well to provide for the educacon and bringing up of my Children untill they shall come to their severall ages that their porcions and legacies above mencioned are to bee paid unto them Also I give and bequeath to the poore of the parish of Eynsford the somme of ten shillings to be distributed at my buriall Also I ordayne Constitute and appoynt my loving Friends Mr John Carpenter of the parish of Lullingston and Richard Round of the parish of Eynsford my Overseers of the due and true execucion of this my last will and testament And I give them for their paynes herein to be taken the somme of six shillings and eight pence apeece Also my will is that the Legacie of forty pounds given to my youngest sonne Richard Bankyn shall bee paid to my Overseers whom I make Feoffees in truste for the disposing of the said forty pounds unto his best advantage within one yeare after my decease In witesse whereof I have hereunto sett my hand and seale the day and yeare above written. The marke of John Bankyn Witnesses of this will John Gouldsmith The marke of Thomas Barre Richard Harriott

7. William BEST of Otford

PROB10/1148
PROB11/376 f.53

W 28 Jan 1684
B 23 Apr 1684
P 16 May 1684

In the name of God Amen the Eight and Twentieth day of January In the yeare of our Lord one thousand six hundred Eightie and Three I William Best of Ottford in the County of Kent yeoman being sick and weake in body but of sound and perfect mind and memory thankes be given to Allmightie God for the same Doe make and ordeyne this my last will & Testament (revokeing all former wills by me made) in manner and forme following That is to say First I doe give and bequeath my Spiritt into the handes of him that gave it trusting assuredly for salvation through the Alsufficient merritts of Jesus Christ my blessed Savyour and Redeemer And for my body I committ the same to the earth decently to be buried at the discretion of my Executor hereafter named And for that estate which it hath pleased God to bless me withall I doe give and bequeath the same in manner and forme following That is to say I give and bequeath to my Sonn William Best the summe of Tenn poundes of Lawfull money of England to be paid unto him by my Executor hereafter named twelve months next after my decease Item I give and bequeath to my two Grandaughters Sarah Best and Ann Best the daughters of my Sonn Henry Best the summe of Tenn poundes apeece of lawfull money of England to be paid them and either of them at their severall ages of one and Twenty yeares or at their severall dayes of marryage which shall first happen And if either of my said two Grandaughters happen to depart this life before shee attaine her age of one and Twenty yeares and unmarried in that Case I will that the Survivor of my said two Grandaughters shall have and receive the Tenn poundes herein before bequeathed to her sister And I doe hereby give devise and bequeath all my personal estate whatsoever & wheresoever to my said Sonn Henry Best whom I doe make STUART

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sole Executor of this my last Will and Testament desiring and requiring him to performe the same according to the true intent and meaning hereof In witness whereof to this my last Will and Testament written in one sheete of paper I have hereunto set my hand and seale the day and yeare above written

The marke of

William Best

Signed sealed published and declared by the said William Best to be his last Will and Testament in the presence of us

George Petty
Francis Smyth
Robert Polhill
George Small

8. Samuel BOSTOCK of Otford

PROB11/440 f. 195

W 20 Aug 1697
B 26 Aug 1697
P 16 Sep 1697

Memorandum that Samuell Bostock late of Otford in the County of Kent yeoman deceased being sick of the sicknesse whereof he dyed at his owne house at Otford aforesaid but of perfect mind and memory did on or about the twentieth day of August one thousand six hundred ninety and seven make and declare his last Will and Testament Nuncupative or by word of mouth in these or the like words following (vizt) I make my wife (meaning and speaking of Ann Bostock his wife) my sole Executrix of all my personall estate which words were so spake by him with an intent that the same should stand for and be his last Will and Testament in the presence of credible witnesses and that they should take notice thereof (vizt) that it was his will William Tooth Ellen Hamon signum Anne Piper

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9. Samuel BOSTOCK of Otford

PRS/1/2/114

I 26 Aug 1697

B 26 Aug 1697

An Inventory of the Goods and Chattles of Saml Bostock late of Otford in the County of Kent deceased taken and appraised this 26 day of August 1697 by Richard Stileman Richard Brasier Samuel Overy and Richard Brooker

Imprimis Weareing Apparrell and ready money in the house	30 - 00 - 00
In the Hall Chamber	
on bedstedle, Matt & cords, two feather bedds,	
on Redd Rugg, 3 blanketts with curtaine rodde,	
on boulster & on pillow	08 - 00 - 00
Another beddstedle with matt and cord on fetherbed	
3 blanketts, 2 boulsters, on pillow, on coverlett,	
with cloath colour curtains, and valans and curtain rodde	04 - 10 - 10
two tables two carpetts	01 - 10 - 00
14 paire of tow sheets	04 - 13 - 00
20 tow table cloaths, & 5 dozen of tow napkins	02 - 18 - 00
5 peeces of flaxen cloath about 3 ells apeece	01 - 05 - 00
six ells of Holland, and a peece of tow cloath	00 - 15 - 00
four dozen of flax, and hempen napkins	02 - 00 - 00
six flax, and hempen table cloaths	00 - 18 - 00
two Joyn chestes, 4 stooles, 3 chaires & on press	01 - 05 - 00
two paire of Anirons & two fire pans	00 - 14 - 00
In the Closett	
21 pewter dishes two py plates	02 - 11 - 00
4 pewter candlesticks, & 3 pewter porringers	00 - 05 - 00
3 pewter flaggons, on pewter tanker	00 - 04 - 00
4 pewter chamber potts, on pint pewter pott	
on half pint pewter pott, on pewter cupp with	
a cover to it	00 - 06 - 00
six pewter plates, & two brass candlesticks	00 - . . . - . . .
In the parlour chamber one bedstedle and on	
fetherbed, with cloath colour curtains,	
and valans and rodde on boulster, and on quilt	05 - . . . - . . .
More on bedstedle, on fetherbed and boulster	
with greene curtaines and vallans and rodde	04 - 00 - 00
Three turkie work chaires & ten other low chaires	01 - . . . - . . .
On Chest of drawers, on little table, on cupboard	
on Joyne chest, and 2 cupboard cloathes	02 - . . . - . . .
Two paire of Anirons, on fire pann on paire of	
tongs on paire of bellows, on sconce, on paire	
of snuffers	. . . - . . . - . . .
18 payer of flax and hempen sheetes	13 - . . . - . . .
More in the Parlour Chamber	
18 flax, and hempen pillow coates	01 - 00 - 00
five peeces of new cloath	01 - 10 - 00

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five window curtaines, with rodds, and a little basket	00 - 05 - 00
On silver Tanker, on silver Cupp, on smale silver taster and nine silver spoones	07 - 00 - 00
In the chamber over the wash house	
On bedstedle on fetherbed and a feather boulster on pillow, on blanket, and a coverlett	03 - 00 - 00
In the outer kitchen chamber	
7 paire of tow sheetes, and 5 table cloathes on press, 3 chaires and on litle stoole	02 - 13 - 04 00 - 15 - 00
In the inner kitchen chamber	
on bedstedle, on featherbed, with . . . curtaines and vallons, and rodds, two blanketts, & on coverlett two pillows, on large Bible, with other bookes	04 - 05 - 00
on litle table, on court cubboard, on other litle cubboard, & two chaires, 3 chestes & on Truncke	01 - 00 - 00
In the litle chamber over the kitchin	
on feather bed and boulster, on bedstedle, on old paire of curtaines, vallans and rodds, on blanket on coverlett	01 - 10 - 00
In the chamber over the seller	
on bedstedle, on flocke bedd, with curtaines valans and rodds, on Blanket & on coverlett	01 - 00 - 00
six joyne stooles, 7 old chaires, on table and other lumber, on radd saddle and on pannell	01 - 03 - 00
10 stone of swungled hemp, and flax	01 - 06 - 08
3 dozen of glass bottles	00 - 07 - 06
In the parlour	
4 litle tables, on paire of Andirons, & on . . .	01 - 17 - 00
In the Hall	
two large tables, 2 litle tables, 12 chaires 7 stooles, on cubboard, two paire of Andirons on paire of tongs, and on looking glass	01 - 17 - 00
In the Kitchin	
six brass kettles, 4 brass skilletts, two copper sauce panns, 4 brass scummers, two brass potts two tinn cullenders	03 - 04 - 00
10 copper drinking potts, 4 brass candlesticks, on dozen and a half of plates, ij pewter dishes and two tin pasty panns	01 - 13 - 00
More in the Kitchens	
on pewter cullender on brass chafing dish and on litle brass Ladle	00 - 04 - 06
two flaggons, 2 pewter candlesticks, 4 other candlesticks and on water pott	00 - 07 - 06
three plates 13 saucers, two warmeing panns	00 - 04 - 00
three old Mortars, and 3 vessells	00 - 05 - 00
two cubboards, on glass case, & on spice box	00 - 12 - 00
on Tinn pott on pewter pott, on cullender, on	

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sauce pann, on flower box: 12 trenchers	00 - 03 - 00
on Clocke	00 - 15 - 00
two tables on forme, 2 joyne stooles, 7 chairs and a settle	00 - 14 - 00
on Jack, 7 spitts, 3 dripping panns, 2 gridirons 3 pair of potthangers, two smoothing irons, on tinn candle box, 2 old toasting Irons, on flesh hook, on chopping knife, and on paire of tobacco tongs	02 - 07 - 06
on paire of Andirons, a brass chafeing dish on paire of tonges, and on fire pann	00 - 08 - 00
In the servant chamber: three flocke bedds, on stedle 3 blanketts 3 coverletts	02 - 00 - 00
In the buttery: on Iron pott: on Iron kettle, 3 fryeing panns on Joyne cubboard	01 - 05 - 00
In the milke house: 7 powdering tubbs	01 - 15 - 00
5 milk keelers, and 9 trays	00 - 19 - 00
6 milke leades	03 - 00 - 00
two tables	00 - 10 - 00
A beame, scales and weights	00 - 07 - 06
a wooden peelee, a platter and 2 bowles	00 - 01 - 06
In the inner celler	
8 drinke vessels, on Keeler & on Tunnel	02 - 02 - 00
In the outer celler: 12 drinke vessells	02 - 00 - 00
In the bake hous: 4 drinke vessells and 3 keelers	00 - 14 - 00
on tunn tubb and a kneading trough	00 - 16 - 00
In the brew house	
5 Iron potts on Iron Kettle on skillet on dripping pann on furnace	01 - 01 - 00 03 - 00 - 00
on brewing fate, 12 . . . tubbs	03 - 00 - 00
on litle furnace, on ch . . . & on cheese presse	01 - 00 - 00
In the malt house	
wood [?] and on table	00 - 15 - 00
on oasthaire and St Foyle seed	02 - 10 - 00
Farme: Wheat	129 - 00 - 00
Barly	72 - 10 - 00
pease	30 - 00 - 00
Oates	49 - 15 - 00
Beanes	02 - 10 - 00
Hopps on the poles, and the poles	50 - 00 - 00
Hay and St Foyle	30 - 00 - 00
Cattell	
7 fattig bullocks	28 - 00 - 00
on fattig ox	06 - 00 - 00
4 working oxen	18 - 00 - 00
5 two yeareling bullocks	12 - 10 - 00
7 twelve monthlinge bullocks	14 - 00 - 00
8 weaneing calves	08 - 00 - 00
8 horse and 2 colts	20 - 00 - 00
14 cows and on bull	50 - 00 - 00

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Hoggs & piggs	20 - 00 - 00
Sheepe	03 - 00 - 00
three waggons, 3 dung courts, 6 Harrows with plow and all other husbandry tackling and on set of Harness	30 - 00 - 00
for old Iron, Lumber and all other things unseene and forgot	01 - 10 - 00
Debts sperate and desperate	100 - 00 - 00
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Total sum'	833 - 14 - 06

Richard Stileman
Richard Brooker
Samuell Overy
Richard Brasyer

10. John BRASIER of Shoreham

PROB11/128 f. 111

W 1 Feb 1614
P 13 Nov 1616

In the name of God Amen The First day of Februarie Anno Domini 1613 I John Brasier of Shoreham in the County of Kent yeoman being sicke in bodie but sound in mynde and of perfect remembrance Thankes be Almighty God therefor Doe make and ordayne this my Testament and laste will in manner and forme Followinge, First I bequeath my soul into the handes of Allm\ghty God in hope of resurrection to eternall life by the onely merrytts of my lord and Saviour Jesus Christ, And my body I will shalbe buried in the Church or Churchyard of Shoreham at the discretion of myne Executor hereafter to be named, Item Concerning my landes, this is my very will and mynde vizt I doe give and bequeath my howse at Grindstreat in the parish of Chelsfeild and the landes thereunto belonging lyinge in the parish of Coodham which said howse and landes I purchased of John Mace of Bexley yeoman I saye I doe give the said howse and landes wholly unto Arnold Brasier my sonne, And I will that the said Arnold shall pay unto Wynifryde my daughter Twentie Poundes of lawfull money of England within two yeares next after my Decease, Item I doe give and bequeath unto John Brasier my sonne Six Acres of land more or lesse lyinge and being in Tatsfeild in the County of Surrey And I will that the said John shall paye unto Annise Brasier my daughter Tenn Poundes of lawfull money of England within three yeares next after my Decease Item I wil l and bequeath unto Thomas Brasier my sonne All my landes and Tenenents within the parish of Farmburrow in the said Countie of Kent, Item I give more unto the said Thomas Brasier my sonne Twentie Ewes and one Cowe and one Cowe bullocke of the age of Two yeares and the bed in the lofte which in my health I used to lye uppon and one blankett one Coverlidd one payer of sheetes one bolster one pillowe and the bedsteddle wherin the said bed lyeth and two platters and two pewter Dishes Item I give and bequeath unto Winniffryth my daughter Tenn ewes and one Cow bullocke of the age of Two yeares, And the bed in the parlor wheron Arnold my sonne useth to lye together with a Coverlid A

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blankett A payer of sheetes A bolster and a pillow therunto belonginge, and alsoe her bedsteadle as it standeth Item I give and bequeath unto Annice Brasier my daughter Tenn ewes and one Cow bullocke of the age of two yeares and one Joyned bedstead and one payer of sheetes and a littell ioyned Table with a Cubbord which standeth in the Parlor and two pewter platters and a pewter Dishe, Item I doe give unto Joan Brasier my Daughter Tenn Pounds of good and lawfull money of England to be payed unto her within Three Years next after my Decease, Item I will and bequeath unto Annice Brasier my Daughter Twenty Pounds of good and lawfull money of England to be payd unto her within three yeares next after my Decease by myne Executor hereafter to be named, Item I give and bequeath unto the Children of Dennise my Daughter to each of them an Ewe tegge Except my Godson unto whom I bequeath two ewe tegges, And I doe likewise give unto each of the Children of John Brasyer my sonne an Ewe tegge except my Godsonne unto whom I give two Ewe teggs, Item I give more unto Thomas my sonne the Chest which I used as myne owne private Chest And I doe give unto Annice my Daughter A Chest at the Discretion of myne Executor. All the residue of my goods Cattells and Chattells unbequeathed my legacies Debtes and Funerall expences beinge payed performed and Discharged I doe whoolly give and bequeath unto Arnold Braiser my sonne whom I Doe make full and sole Executor of this my last Will and Testament, And I doe intreat my brother Thomas Brasier And my brother in lawe Thomas Whyffyn to bee Overseers unto this my last will and Testament, And for their paynes herein I Doe bequeath unto each of them three shillings and Fower pence A peece of lawfull money of England And in wittnes that this is my very last will and Testament I have hereunto sett my hand and seale the Day and Yeare first above written. John Brasier his marke Witnesses unto this last will and Testament William Brasier and George Stowe this is his marke.

11. John BRASYER of Otford

PROB11/322 f. 140

W 23 Aug 1666
P 26 Oct 1666

In the name of God Amen the Three and Twentieth day of August In the yeare of our Lord one Thousand Six hundred Sixty and Six I John Brasyer of Otford in the County of Kent Yeoman being sicke and weake in body But of perfect mind and memory (Thanks be given to Almighty God) Doe make and ordayne this my last will and Testament in manner and forme following First I give and bequeath my Spiritt into the hands of him that gave it Trusting assuredly for salvation through the Alsufficient meritts of Jesus Christ my blessed Saviour and Redeemer And for my body I Committ the same to the Earth decently to be buried at the discretion of my Executrix hereafter named And for the settling and disposing of that Estate which it hath pleased God of his goodnes to bestow upon me I doe give and bequeath the same In manner following First I give and bequeath unto my loveing wife Joane Brasyer and to her heires for ever All my Messuages and lands Lyeing and being att Greenstreet Greene in the parish of Chelsfeild and in the parish of Halsted in the County of Kent Item I doe give and bequeath to my said wife during her naturall life and after her decease then to my brother Francis Brasyer and to his heires for ever All those my severall messuages and Tenements and lands

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scituate lyeing and being att Welhill in the aforesaid parish of Chelsfeild in the severall occupations of William Wakelin John Hibben and [blank] Aylward And as for my Personall Estate wheresoever it is I doe give and bequeath to my said wife she paying out of the same All such debts as I shall owe att the tyme of my decease And I doe make and ordaine my said wife Joane Brasyer sole Executrix of this my last will and Testament In witnes whereof I have hereunto sett my hand and seale to this my last will and Testament written in one sheete of paper the day and yeare above said. John Brasyer. Signed sealed Published and declared And all the words which are interlined betweene the Twelveth and Thirteenth line above written were interlined before the publication hereof in the presence of George Petty Robert Polhill Daniell Martin.

12. Hezekias BRYAN of Shoreham

PROB10/868

W 9 Nov 1657
P 19 Jan 1658

In the Name of God Amen the Nynth day of November in the yeare of our Lord God, One Thousand, Six hundred & Fiftie & Seaven, I Hezekias Bryan of Shoreham in the County of Kent yeoman, beinge sicke and Weake in Body butt of good and perfect memory (God be prayسد) I doe make and Ordeine, this my Last Will and Testament, in manner and forme followinge viz That is to saie, First I Commend and bequeath ny sinful sowle, into the handes of God the Father, whoe hath Created mee, To God the sonne, whoe hath Redeemed mee To God the Holy Ghost, whoe hath sanctyfyed mee, hopeinge assuredly through the onely merittes of Jesus Christ my Saviour, to bee made partaker of Lyffe everlasting, And I Commend my Body to the Earth, whereof it is made, to bee buried in the Parish Church, or Churchyard of Shoreham aforesaid, by the discretion of my Executrix heerafter named, Item I will to all the poore widdowes, and widdowers, in the parish of Shoreham, Six pence apeece lawfull money To be paid unto them, by my Executrix heerafter named, the next Sabbath Day next after my decease, Touching and Concerninge my house and Landes Item my Will and meaninge is, that my house wherein I now dwell, with the maltinge house, Barne, stable, Yardes Garden and Backside, with Thappurtenances, Conteyning by estimacion Seaven accres and a half, more or lesse, my said Field beinge Coppyhold Land I did surrender into the handes of the Lord of the mannor, of Otford, to the use of this my last Will and Testament, my Field Lyeinge and beinge in Shoreham aforesaid, And my Little house in Farningham, with the Backside thereunto belonginge, now in the Tenure or Occupation of [blank] Reynolles, my Will and meaninge is that my aforesaid houses and Lands shall bee all Sowld, to the best advantage, by my Executrix heerafter named, Towards the payinge, and dischardgeinge, of all my Guiftes, and Legacyes which I shall Give and Devise, in this my Last Will and Testament, Item I Will and Bequeath unto the Two Sonns of Richard Johnsonn of Horton, The Somme of Foty shilings apeece Lawfull English money, to bee payd unto them, and eyther of them, by my Executrix, heerafter named, within One Yeare next after my decease, Item I Will unto the aforesaid, Richard Johnsonns Fyve Daughters, the Somme of Foty shillings apeece Lawfull English money, to bee payd unto them, and each, and eyther of them, by my Executrix heerafter named, within One yeare

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next after my decease, Item I Will unto Elizabeth Hackett, Wyffe of John Hackett, The Somme of Tenn Poundes Lawfull English money, to bee payd unto her, by my Executrix heerafter named within One Yeare next after my decease, Item I Will unto Francis Everest, Sonn of Edward Everest, The Somme of Fyve Poundes, Lawfull English money To bee payd unto hym by my Executrix heerafter named, within One Yeare next after my decease Item I Will unto Richard Woodden, alias Palmer, Junior, The Somme of Forty shillings lawfull English money To bee paid unto hym, by my Executrix heerafter named, within One Yeare next after my decease, Item I Will unto Daniell Adlar sonn of Daniell Adlar of Croyden, in the County of Surrey, The Somme of Twenty shillings Lawfull English money To bee paid unto hym, by my Executrix, within One Yeare next after my decease Item I Will unto Rebecca Adlar, Eldest daughter of the aforesayd Daniell Adlar, The Somme of Twenty shillings Lawfull English money, To bee payd unto hir by my Executrix, within One Yeare next after my decease, Item I Will unto Elizabeth Britlinge, widdow, the Somme of Twenty shillings Lawfull English money, To bee paid unto hir by my Executrix. within One Yeare next after my decease, Item Whereas there is due, unto me From Robert Brouger of Sundrishe, uppon Bond rhe Somme of Fiftie shillings, which said Somme of Fiftie shillings I doe freely forgive the said Robert Brouger, and desyre that my Executrix shall delyver to hym the Bond, Item I Will unto Erasmus Lake Tenn shillings, Lawfull English money, To bee paid unto hym, by my Executrix the next Sabbath Day next after my decease, Item I Will unto my servant Joyce Nightingall The Flock Bedd, and Flock Boulster, shee doth Lye on, and Two Blankettes, and the Coverlett and one payer of hempen sheetes, and the Bedstedell the Flock Bedd doth Lye on, to bee delyvered unto hir, within One Moneth next after my decease, Item I Will unto my servant Jeane Palmer, Tenn shillings Lawfull English money, and One payer of hempen sheetes, to bee delyvered unto hir within One Moneth next after my decease, Item I Will unto Joane Reeve, Twenty shillings, Lawfull English money, To bee paid unto hir, within One Moneth next after my decease, Item I Will unto Mary Reeve, Twenty shillings Lawfull English money, to bee paid unto hir within One Moneth next after my decease, Item I Will unto Thomas Wattes sonn of Thomas Wattes of Westerham, the Somme of Fyve Poundes, Lawfull English money, To bee paid unto hym, by my Executrix heerafter named, within One Yeare next after my decease, Item I Will unto Ann Wattes daughter of the aforesaid Thomas Wattes, the Somme of Fyve Poundes Lawfull English money, To bee paid unto hir, by my Executrix heerafter named, within One Yeare next after my decease, Item to this my Last Will and Testament, I Make and Ordeine, my kinswoman Elizabeth Emerton, daughter of Thomas Emerton, my hole, sole, and Lawfull Executrix, whome I Require to see this my Will performed, and to pay & discharge all my Guiftes and Legacies, given and bequeathed in this my Last will, my Guiftes and Legacies beeing payd, and funerall expences beeing discharged, The Remainder of my Estate, houses Land howshold Goodes, Ready money, debts, Cattle, and Chattells whatsoever (not hereby given and bequeathed In this my Last Will) I Give unto my Executrix Elizabeth Emerton, To hold to hir and hir heires for ever, And Further I doe intreate my Loveinge Freindes, Edward Polhill, and Edward Everest, of Shoreham aforesaid, to bee Overseers of this my Last Will and Testament, and for their paines they shall take herein, I doe Give and bequeath, unto each of them, The Somme of Fyve Poundes apeece, Lawfull English money, To bee paid unto them, and eyther of them, within One yeare next after my decease, by my Executrix, beeforenamed,

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In wittnesse whereof to this my Last Will and Testament, Conteyned in Two Sheetes of paper, I have heereunto sett my hand and Seale, the day and yeaere beefore written.

Sealled published and declared,
by the said Hezekias Bryan, to
bee his Testament and Last Will
in the presence of

Hezekias Bryan
his marke

Abednigoe Hilles
his marke

Edward Polhill
his marke

Ed: Everest

Mary Steevens
hir marke

13. Thomas CARPENTER of Farningham.

PRS/W/3/265

W 25 Jan 1675
P 15 Jun 1675

In the name of God Amen I Thomas Carpenter of Farningham in the County of Kent yeoman being sick & weake in body but of sounde & perfect mind & memory (prayed be God) therefore Doe make & ordayne this my last will & testament in manner & forme following (vizt) First & principally I committ my soule into the handes of God who gave it unto me, assuredly hoping for Salvacion of the same through the precious death & passion of my blessed Lord & Saviour Jesus Christ who dyed for me & all mankind And my body I Commend to the Earth to be decently Interred according to the discretion of my deare & loveing wife Dennis whom I make sole Executor of this my last will & testament. And as touching my worldly estate which God in his mercy hath given me her on Earth I give & dispose thereof as followeth; First I give & bequeath unto my Eldest Sonne Edward Carpenter the summe of Fowerscore & tenn pounds of good English money to be payed unto him within one month nexte after he my said sonne Edward shall seale & execute A sufficient Release of all his righte & tyle which he shall or may clayme or demaund of into or out of my howse & landes with the appurtenances scituate & being in the parishe of Standstedd in the said County of Kent now in the occupacion of William Martyn or his assignes unto my sonne Henry Carpenter & his heires for ever; And my will is that if my said sonne Edward shall refuse soe to doe that then I give unto him my said sonne Edward Five pounds & noe more the same to be payed unto him within three months nexte after my decease; Item I give unto my Daughter Jane the wife of John Moyse the Summe of one hundred poundes of good Englishe to be payed unto her within one yeaere nexte after my decease; Item I give unto my Daughter Dennys the summe of one hundred pounds to be payed unto her within Eighteene months nexte after my Decease; Item I give unto my Daughter Joane the summe of one hundred pound of good English money to be payed unto her within three yeaeres nexte after my decease; Item I give unto the poore people of Farningham the summe of twenty shillings to be distributed amongst them within one month nexte after my Decease by & according to the discretion of my Loveing wife; Item I give unto Mr Thomas Browne vicar of

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Farningham aforesaid the summe of twenty shillings to preach A funerall sermon at my buryall; Item I will that in case my said Edward shall refuse to release & settle all his rights & tytle in unto & out my messuage & landes aforesaid; that then he shall pay unto my said sonn Henry the summe of one Hundred and Fifty pounds out of the monys which he owes me within three monethes nexte after he shall refuse soe to doe; And my will is that if he doe give A sufficient release of his right & tytle to my said messuage & landes to my said sonne Henry & his heires that then my executrix aforesaid shall release my said sonne Edward of all Debts Due & oweing unto me; Item I doe hereby give & Devise unto my said sonne Henry Carpenter & his heires for ever the Revercion expected from and after the Decease of my said wife of All my said messuage & landes in Standstedd aforesaid To have & to hold unto him my said sonne Henry Carpenter his heires & assignes for ever All other my goods Cattle Chattells husholdstufte ready mony plate Corne & personall estate whatsoever not formerly disposed of I doe hereby give & bequeath unto my said loveing wife Dennys whom I make sole executrix of this my last will: She paying my Debts legacyes & funerall expences; And lastly I doe hereby make voyd & revoke all former wills by me heretofore made And doe ordayne this to be my last will & testament,

In witness whereof I the said Thomas Carpenter have hereunto sett my hand & seale this five & twentyth day of January In the yeare of our Lord God one thousand sixe hundred seaventy & fower.

Read signed sealed published & declared to be for the last will & testament of the said Thomas Carpenter in the presence of

Thomas Carpenter

his marke

Edm Hodsoill
Robt Wharter

14. Robert CAUSTON the elder, of Shoreham

PRS/W/3/130

W 4 Jan 1615
P 6 Feb 1615

In the name of god Amen the forth daye of Januarye in the year of . . . in the yeare of the reigne of our sovrayne Lord James . . . England France and Ireland King defender of the faith etc the . . . Scotland the eight and forteth I Robert Causton thelder of Shoreham in the county of Kent yeoman sicke in bodye but of good and perfect remembrance for which I . . . god most hartye thanks doe make and ordeyn thys my last will and testament in manner and forme followinge, First and principally I give and Commende my Soule to god my maker and to his sonne Jesus Christ my onlye sayvor and Redeemer by . . . death glorious resurrection and heavenlie ascencion I doe stedfastlye beeleeve . . . Saved and my bodye to bee buried att the discretion of my executor hereafter named. Item I give and bequeath to my welbeeloved wyfe Elizabeth all my household stufte nowe beeynge and remayninge in my nowe dwellinge house called Sepham in Shoreham aforesaid, hopinge shee Will bestowe parte of them, when shee shall think fitt on Robert my

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Sonne as shee hath faythfullye promysed mee to do the residewe of my goods cattells and chattells whatsoever nott bequeathed my Funerall debts and legacies beinge well truelye and . . . dischargd and this my will and testament faythfullye performed I give and bequeath to Robert Causton my youngest sonne whome I make and ordeyne sole executor of this my present Last will and testament, In witness whereof I have hereto putt my hande and Seale the daye and yeare above written these beeinge witnesses

Read published and declared in
the presence of

David Polhill
Tho. Petley
John Stevens his mark

15. John CHARMAN of Otford

PROB11/173 f8

W 14 Sep 1635
P 30 Jan 1636

In the name of God Amen the Fourteenth day of September in the yeare of our Lord God one thousand sixe hundred thirtie and six And in the Twelveth yeare of the raigne of our soueraigne Lord Charles by the grace of God of England Scotland France and Ireland defender of the faith etc I John Charman of Otford in the County of Kent yeoman being in good and perfect memory prayed be god therefore doe make this my last will and Testament in manner and forme following First I give and bequeath my soule into the handes of Almighty God my maker and gracious Redeemer and my body to be buried in the Churchyard of Otford aforesaid my landes Tenements and other temporall goodes which God hath given me I doe bequeath as followeth Imprimis I give and bequeath unto the poore of Otford aforesaid Twentie shillings yerelie for ever to be paid and distributed amongst them by the Churchwardens of Otford for the tyme present and their successors in that office for ever after them in manner following vizt I will that fiteene shillings of the said Twentie shillings be distributed amongst the said poore in currant money of England and five shillings the remaynder of the said twenty to be layd out by the Churchwardens for bread And the said bread to be distributed amongst them the said poore of Otford aforesaid The first payment or distribucon as well of the said fiteene shillings as also of the said Five shillings worth of bread to be made on the first sunday in Lent next after my decease in the Church or Churchyard of Otford aforesaid And so to continue yerely after to be paid in manner aforesaid on the first sunday in Lent as aforesaid for ever And my will is that the Churchwardens of Otford aforesaid for the tyme being and their successors for ever or other Overseers for the poore of Otford aforesaid at any tyme when there shalbe noe Churchwardens living shall have full power and authority during their office to leavy the said Twenty shillings to the use aforesaid out of any of my landes lying in Otford aforesaid Item I doe give and bequeath unto my loving wife Alice Charman All that my housing and landes lying in Maidstone and Bexley in the County of Kent aforesaid and to her Assignes from the tyme of my decease for

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and during the naturall life of the said Alice Item I doe give and bequeath unto Rachell Mary and Sarah the daughters of my sonne in lawe Thomas Baker and my naturall daughter Rachell the wife of the said Thomas and to the heires of the said Rachell the younger Mary and Sara for ever All that my Tenement and landes scytuate lying and being in Kemsing in the Countie aforesaid to be equally divided amongst them Item I doe give and bequeath unto Jane and Alice the two other daughters of the said Thomas Baker and Rachell his wife And to the heires of the said Alice and Jane for ever All my tenements and landes scytuate lying and being in the parish of Otford in the Countie aforesaid to be equally divided betweene them excepting allwayes the legacie aforesaid given to the poore of Otford aforesaid and to be paid out of my landes in Otford as aforesaid Nevertheless my will is and I doe give and bequeath unto the said Thomas Baker and Rachell his wife and to the longer liver of them the Rents and Revenewes of all my said Tenements and landes as well in the parish of Otford aforesaid as also in Kemsing to their owne use and behoofe excepting as aforesaid the Legacy of Twenty shillings given to the poore yerelie out of my lands in Otford aforesaid untill the said Rachell (the daughter of the said Thomas and Rachell the wife of the said Thomas Baker shall attayne the Age of Eighteene yeres And afterwards the said Thomas and Rachell his wife shall enjoy the Rents and Revenewes of all my said Tenements & lands in Kemsing and Otford aforesaid except before excepted to their owne use and behoofe or to the longer liver of them belonging to any other of their said fower daughters under the age of Eighteene yeres so that my will and meaning is that as any one of the said five daughters of the said Thomas and Rachell shall attayne the age of Eighteene yeres the said daughter and so the rest of them as they shall successively attayne that age shall from thenceforth receive take and enjoy the porcion to them given and bequeathed to their owne use and behoofe and to their heires and Assignes for ever Item I give and bequeath unto William Wellington of Tunbridge in the County of Kent Carpenter and to his heires and assignes for ever one barne scytuate and being in Sevenock in the County aforesaid or his Assignes and abutting upon the landes nowe or late of Thomas Burges towards the South the Landes of [Hellen] Richardson towards the West And the Common streete of Sevenock aforesaid towards the North Item I doe give and bequeath unto my sonne in lawe Thomas Baker one Silver Bowle or drinking Cuppe to be delived unto him within one weeke next after my decease Item I doe give and bequeath unto my said sonne in lawe Thomas Baker my lease of the Parsonage in Otford aforesaid And I doe give unto my daughter Rachell Baker my silver salt with the Cover thereto Item I doe give unto my Grandchild Rachell Baker one Twentie shillings peece of Gould All the rest of my goods & chattells I doe give and bequeath unto my loving wife Alice Charman whome I doe make and constitute the sole executrix of this my last will and Testament sealed with my seale and dated the day and yeare above written. John Charman. Signed and sealed the day within written by the said John Charman in the presence of John Emerson Clerke George Soane Thomas Baldwyn John Sharpe

16. William CHRISTIAN of Otford

PROB11/220 f.25

W 30 Sep 1651
 P 16 Feb 1652

In the name of God Amen This Thirtieth day of September in the yeare of our Lord God one thousand sixe hundred Fifty and one I William Christian of Otteford in the County of Kent yeoman weake of bodie but of good and perfect memory (God be praised) commending my soule into the hands of God my Maker hoping assuredly through the only meritts of Jesus Christ my only saviour and Redeemer to be made Partaker of life everlasting and my bodie to the Earth whereof it is made doe make and ordayne this my last will and Testament in manner & forme following first I will and give unto Rachell my wife for and during the terme of her life my Messuage or Tenement wherein I now dwell called or known by the name of the Bull with the Barne stables Garden orchard and yards and one parcell of pasture land called the Crowne Croft conteyning by Estimacion one Acre being and scituate in Otteford and County of Kent aforesayd together with all and singular the profitts rents and appurtenances whatsoever thereunto belonging or appurteyning . . . as I now presently occupie or use the same And also I will and give unto my sayd wife all my goodes and housholdstufte (except these hereafter mentioned) whatsoever, that nowe we inioy belonging to my sayd house where I now dwell And my will meaning and full mynde is that after the decease of my sayd wife Rachell my sayd Messuage or Tenement called the Bull with the barne stables garden orchards and yards and the sayd parcell of pasture land called the Crowne Crofte the reversion remaynder and all the right tythe and Estate thereof I will and give unto my kinsnan John Cole of Sennocks in the County of Kent aforesaid his heyres and Assignes for ever he the sayd John Cole his heyres and Assignes observing performing and paying within one year next after my aforesayd wife Rachells decease these conditions bequests guifts and legacies in this my will mentioned and ensueing Item I will and give unto my kinsman Thomas Marriton Five pounds Item I will and give unto my kinsman Thomas Christian Tenn shillings Item I will and give unto my Cozen Henry Christian of Westerham Tenn shillings Item I will and give unto Alice Christian and her sonne Henry Tenn shillings to be equally devided betweene them. Item I give and bequeath unto my Cozen Rachell Godden Twenty shillings item I will and give unto my Cozen Ann Causton Tenn shillings Item I will and give unto Mary Langley Twenty shillings Item I will and give unto my Cozen Hannah Durking Five pounds Item I will and give unto my Cozen Elizabeth Buskridge Five pounds I will and give to the poore of Otteford Twenty shillings to be payed on the day of my buriall Item I will and give unto George Rogers my plough and all my plough tackling to be delivered unto him on the day of my buriall Item I will and give unto Samuel Walker the younger Forty shillings Item I will and give unto George Rogers Twenty shillings Item I will and give unto Henry Perry Tenn shillings Item I will and give unto William Rogers Tenn shillings Item I will and give unto John Rogers Tenn shillings Item I will and give unto my Godsonne William Walker Tenn pounds one bedd and bedsteddle and Coverlett one Blankett one boulster two chests one table and two formes standing in the Courthouse Parlour Item I will and give unto my Godsonne Thomas Godden Five pounds Item I will and give unto my Godsonne George Burton Five shillings And I will and give unto all the rest of my Godchildren two shillings and sixpence apeece And my will and full meaning is these legacies aforementioned

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shall be paid and discharged by my Kinsman John Cole within one yeare next after my aforesayd wife Rachells decease out of the Bull and Crowne Crofte And I doe by this my will binde and confirme my sayd lands and Tenements called The Bull and the Crowne Crofte in Otteford aforesayd after my wives decease to pay and discharge all these my legacies aforementioned Item I will and give unto my two sisters Rachell Weekes and Jane Whiting two shillings and sixe pence apeece Item I Will and give unto my Cozen Rachell [Swayselande] one shilling Item I Will and give unto Samuella Walker the elder two shillings and sixe pence Item I will and give unto Myles Darker and his wife Five shillings And lastly I will and give unto John Moncke one shilling and sixe pence And my will and meaning is that these my last mentioned legacies shalbe paid and discharged by my Executors hereafter named on the day of my buriall And of this my present Will and Testament I doe make and ordayne my wife Rachell and my brother Robert Whiting Executors And as touching and concerning one parcell of land called North feild conteyning by estimation Tenn Acres being and scituate in Otteford and County of Kent aforesayd I will and ordayne that the sayd parcell of land called North Feild be sould by my Executors to pay and discharge all my debts and for the Overplus or money that shall remayne in my executors hands more than doth discharge and pay my debts I will and give thereof unto my kinsman John Godden Twenty pounds if he come againe within three yeares next after my decease And the residue of the sayd overplus I will and give unto my executors In Witnesse whereof to this my Testament and last will conteyned in these two sheetes of paper I the sayd William Christian to both the sayd sheetes have subscribed my marke and to the last sheete thereof have put my seale dated the day and yeare first above written The marke of William Christian Read sealed subscribed published and declared in the presence of Tho: Carpenter Miles Darker Samuella Walker Junior

To be remembered that before the sealling & subscribing hereof there was one clause conteyning eleven lines in the first sheete by the within named Testator struck & blotted out [*here omitted*] his will therein being conteyned in the twenty seaventh lyne fayrely written

17. John COX of Lullingstone

PROB11/361 f. 145

W 23 Mar 1678

P 14 Nov 1679

In The name of God Amen

I John Cox of Lullingstone in the County of Kent yeoman being (God be prayed) in bodily health and of a sound and disposing memory but seeing the uncertainty of this life Doe make and ordaine this my last will and Testament in manner and forme following (That is to say) First I give my soule to God who gave it me my body to the earth from which it was taken Alsoe I doe give unto my Loving wife [*blank*] for and during her widdowhood All my lands Tenements and hereditaments with their appurtenances whatsoever lying and being within the Parishes of Shoreham Kemsing Pockhole alias Pockholt and Westerham or within any one of them. Alsoe I doe give unto my Two daughters Anne Cox and Sarah Cox and to their heires equally to be divided between them and their respective heires All my lands Tenements and hereditaments lying and being within the Parish

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of Wrotham in the said County of Kent upon speciall Condiçion neverthesse And it is my intent and meaning that if my Executors hereafter named shall and doe well and truly pay unto each of my said daughters the full summe of one hundred pounds of lawfull money in Liew thereof That then my said devise of the said lands unto my said daughters shall be void And then I doe give the said lands Tenements and hereditaments in Wrotham aforesaid unto my Two Executors and unto their heires to be equally divided between them and their heires respectively soe as the said Two Hundred pounds be paid unto my said Two daughters or their Assignes within the space of one yeare after my death with Interest for the same after the rate of six per Centum Alsoe I doe give unto John Cox my eldest sonne the summe of Tenn shillings of Lawfull money over and above what I have given him already To be paid within a yeare after my death Alsoe I doe give unto my eldest daughter Mary Browne the summe of Tenn shillings to be paid within the same time Alsoe I doe give unto my sonne Thomas Cox and his heires after my wifes death or marriage All my Lands Tenements and hereditaments in Westerham and Kensing aforesaid and in each of them Alsoe I give unto my sonne Isaack Cox and his heires after my wifes death or marriage all my lands Tenements and hereditaments in Pockhole aforesaid which I purchased of Thomas [Adgoe] Alsoe I doe give unto the said Isaack Cox one Hundred pounds of Lawfull money To be paid unto him by my Executors within the space of Seaven yeares after my death Alsoe I doe make and ordaine my said Loving wife and my sonne William Cox my full and absolute Executors of this my Last will and Testament And I doe give unto them (my debts Legacies and buryall duties discharged) All my goods and Chattells whatsoever and wheresoever both reall and personall To be equally divided between them share and share alike Alsoe I doe give unto my said sonn William and to his heires after the death or marriage of my said wife All my Lands in Pockhole aforesaid which I purchased of John Whiffen And I doe Revoake all former wills by me made And doe this 23rd day of March in the yeare of our Lord God 1677 make and ordain this to be my last will and Testament In witnes whereof I have hereunto sett my hand and seale the day and yeare aforesaid. / John Cox. / Memorandum this will was signed sealed and published by the said John Cox to be his last will and Testament in the presence of us George Gifford John [Vines] Finch [Umfrey]

18. Edward DARLING of Shoreham

PROB11/217 f. 114

W 7 May 1651
P 23 Jun 1651

In the name of God Amen: I Edward Darling of Shorham in the County of Kent yeoman being at this present sicke in body but of good and perfect memory God be praised Doe make & ordaine this my last will and testament in manner and forme following that is to say First I commend and bequeath my sinfull soule into the hands of God the Father who hath created me to God the sonn who hath redeemed me and To God the holy Ghost who hath sanctified me, hoping assuredly through the only merritts of Jesus Christ my Saviour to be made partaker of life everlasting And I commend my body to the earth whereof it is made to be buried in the parish Church or Churchyard of Shorham. Item I give to the poore of the parish of Shorham twenty shillings to be distributed amongst them at the day of my buriall

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Item I give unto my loveing wife Alice Darling the summe of one hundred poundes lawfull mony of England to be paid unto her by my Executors hereafter named within one whole yeare next after my decease my will is that it should be paid unto her quarterly Item I give unto Edward Darling my eldest sonne the summe of tenn shillings to be paid unto him within one month next after my decease Item I give unto my daughter Ellinor Lewin the summe of tenn shillings to be paid unto her within one month after my decease Item I give unto my daughter Elizabeth Darling the summe of Fifty poundes lawfull mony of England to be paid unto her by my Executors hereafter named to be paid unto her within one whole yeare next after my decease or day of marriage which shall first happen Item I give unto Mary Darling my youngest daughter the summe of Fifty poundes lawfull mony of England to be paid unto her by my Executors assoone as shee shalbee one and twenty yeares of age or upon the day of her marriage which of them shall first happen And my will is that if my Executors shall not keepe her untill she come to the said age of one and twenty yeares or day of marriage then to pay her fower poundes a yeare untill the said time All my said goods and Chattells unbequeathed I give unto my sonns Richard Darling and Henry Darling whom I make my whole and sole Executors of this my last will, and testament which I require and charge to see this my will performed And this my said goods and chattells unbequeathed to bee equally divided betweene them. And to this my will I doe intreate my loveing kinsman Mr William [Carnam] of Sutton and John Lightfoote of Shorham to be Overseers unto whom I give Fifty shillings apeece for their paynes and care to be taken herein to be paid unto them within one yeare after my decease In Wittnes whereof to this my last will and testament I have hereunto sett my hand and seale the Seaventh day of May 1651 Edward Darling his marke Sealed signed and delivered in the presence of John Lightfoot Edward Everest

19. Thomas DENNIS of Otford

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W 31 Jul 1643
P 18 Sep 1651

In the name of God Amen the last day of July in the yeare of our Lord Christ one thousand six hundred Forty and three I Thomas Dennis of Ottford in the County of Kent yeoman being of reasonable good health of body and of sound and perfect memory I praise God notwithstanding . . . and thereby as by dayly examples of mortalitie put in mind of my last end and of my . . . therefore in the time of my health and good remembrance for the ordering and settling of that estate wherewith god hath blessed me ordaine and make this my testament and last will in manner following First therefore recommending my soule to the gracious acceptance of Allmighty God . . . Jesus Christ my Saviour and my body to the earth in decent manner to be buried at the discretion of myne executrix hereafter named Item I will to the poore people of Ottford aforesaid Forty shillings And to the poore people of Shorham I will also Forty shillings to be paid and distributed amongst the said poor people by myne executrix with the help of the Churchwardens on the day of my buriall or within short time after. Item I will to my brother Clement Dennis the summe of tenn poundes of lawfull mony of England to be paid him by myne executrix within one yeare next after my decease Item I will to Susan the daughter

of George Soane of Otford aforesaid by . . . my deceased sister the summe of tenn pounds of lawfull mony of England to be paid her at the end of one yeare next after my death by myne executrix Item I will to Repentance the wife of Samuel Walker shee being my kinswoman if shee shalbe liveing at the end of one yeare next after my decease or else to her said husband Samuel Walker, the like summe of tenn pounds of like lawfull mony to be paid by myne executrix at the end of that said yeare. Item I will to every one of my Godchildren that shall demand the same of mine executrix within the said one yeare after my death five shillings of lawfull mony of England Item all my moveable goods cattell Chattells ready mony howsholdstufte and all other my personall estate whatsoever I wholly give and bequeath to Mary my loveing wife towards the payment of my debts and Legacies and the probation of this my will And I make and ordained the said Mary my wife to be the Executrix of this my Will This is also the last will of me the said Thomas Dennis made and declared the day and yeare first above written, touching the ordering and disposing of all my Lands and tenements I will to George Dennis my brother his heires and assignes All that messuage or Tenement wherein I now dwell and all the barnes buildings yardes gardens orchards and Lands arrable meadow and pasture to the said Messuage or Tenement belonging with their woods wayes waters Liberties proffitts commodities and appurtenances whatsoever scituate Lying and being in Otford aforesaid and all other my Landes and Tenements whatsoever To have and to hold the said Tenements Lands and premisses with their appurtenances to the only use and behoofe of the said George Dennis his heires and assignes forever Nevertheless my will and meaneing is that the said Mary my wife shall and may have hold and inioy the said Messuage wherein I dwell and the Tenements and those Lands and premisses thereto belonging which I assured unto her for her Joynture peaceably and quietly dureing her naturall life provided alwayes and upon this condition that the said George Dennis his heires and assignes doe and shall within one yeare next after the death of the said Mary my wife will and truely pay or cause to be paid to the said Clement Dennis my brother his executors administrators or assignes the summe of Fifty pounds of lawfull mony of England at or in my said dwelling house in Otford aforesaid And also doe or shall pay or cause to be paid to the said Clement my brother his executors administrators or assignes other Fifty pounds of like lawfull mony of England within the second yeare after the decease of the said Mary my wife at or in my said dwelling house without fraud or omission of the said payments or either of them But if the said George Dennis my brother his heires executors administrators and assignes shall make default or omission of both or either of the said severall summes of Fifty pounds in manner as aforesaid to be paid to the said Clement my brother his Executors administrators or assignes Then I will give and devise all the said Messuage or Tenement barnes buildings yardes gardens orchards and lands arrable meadow and pasture with their woodes wayes waters Liberties proffitts commodities & appurtenances in Otford aforesaid And all other my Lands and tenementes whatsoever unto the said George Dennis and Clement Dennis my brothers equally to be divided betwene them in this manner vitz the one halfe therof to the said George Dennis his heires and assignes for ever And the other half to the said Clement Dennis his heires and assignes for ever any guift of the premisses by this my will to the said George Dennis his heires and assignes to the contrary notwithstanding Further my will is if the said summe of Fifty poundes appointed to bee paid within the said first yeare after my said wives death shalbee accordingly paid then the said Clement my brother his executors administrators or

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assignes shall make an acquittance or discharge for the same. And that if the said summe of Fifty poundes appointed to be paid within the said second yeare after my said wives death shalbee accordingly paid then the said Clement Dennis my brother and his heires upon payment thereof shall release their right unto all my said Messuages Lands and Tenements to the said George my brother his heires or assignes by a lawfull release by the said Clement or his heires to be sealed and delivered in due forme of law Item I will that the said George Dennis his heires executors administrators or assignes shall pay or cause to be paid to the Churchwardens of Otford by them to be distributed amongst the poore people of that Feast day of Pentecost comonly called Whitsunday that shall happen to be in the second yeare after my death the summe of six pounds of lawfull mony of England which I will to the said poore over and above the said Forty shillings which I will to be paid by myne Executrix And if the said George Dennis his heires executors administrators and assignes shall make default or omission in payment of the said six pounds on the said Feast day Then I will that one Annuitie or Annual rent of twenty shillings of lawfull mony of England to be to the use of the poore of Otford aforesaid shalbee issueing out of a certaine parcell of Land aforesaid lyeing in Twetton Feild Conteyning by estimacion foure acres lyeing in Otford aforesaid to be paid by them to bee distributed amongst the said poore at the Feast of Pentecost yearly for ever the first payment thereof to be made on that Feast of Pentecost that shall happen to be in the third yeare after my decease. And if and so often as the said Annuity or Annual rent of twenty shillings shall not be accordingly paid I will that then and soe often it shall and may be lawfull to and for the Churchwardens of Otford aforesaid for the time from time to time being to enter into and upon the said parcell of Land lyeing in Twetton Feild there to distreyn for the same and the distress and distresses there taken and found from thence lawfully to leade drive carry away impound deteyne and keepe untill the said Annuity and every payment thereof and all arrearages thereof shalbee fully satisfied and paid from time to time according to the tenor and true meaneing of this my will Further my will is, that if the said George Dennis his heires executors administrators or assignes shall pay the said summe of six poundes according to this my will to the use of the poore of Otford then I will the said Churchwardens shall make seale and deliver an acquittance or release touching the receipt thereof and shall acquitt the said parcell of Lande of the said Annuitie of twenty shillings In wittnes whereof I the said Thomas Dennis to this my testament and last will conteyned in two sheetes of paper have annexed my seale and to both the said sheetes have subscribed my name the day and yeare first before written Thomas Dennis read sealed published and declared by the said Thomas Dennis to be his testament and last will. In the presence of the marke of Henry Walker of Heaver signed Robt Freind and George Hooper.

20. George DENNYS of Otford

PRS/W/5/31

W 10 Mar 1655
P 7 Mar 1667

In the name of God Amen I George Dennys of Otford in the County of Kent yeoman this Tenth day of March in the yeare of our Lord one Thousand six

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hundred Fifty & Fower being of sound & perfect health & memory thancks bee therefore given to Almighty God doe make & ordeyne this my last will & testament in maner and forme followinge First I recommend my soule & spirit into the hands of Almighty God assuredly trusting through the Alone merritts of my only saviour Jesus Christ to obteyne remission of all my sins And my body I comitt to the earth to be decently buried hopeinge for A Joyfull resurrection to lyfe everlastinge Item I give to the poore people of . . . parish of Otford aforesaid tenn shillings And in like manner to the poore people of the parish of Shorham Tenn shillings Item I give & bequeath to my daughter Rachael Dennys Forty pounds of lawful money of England to be paid unto her within One yeere next after my decease Item I give & bequeath all the rest & residue of my goods cattle Chattells howseholdstufte moveables & personall estate to my three sonnes John Dennys Thomas Dennys and David Dennys equally to be divided betweene them And I ordeyne & make them my said three sonnes John Thomas & David Dennys whole & sole executors of this my last will & testament This is also the last will & Testament of mee the said George Dennys made and declared the day & yeere first above written touchinge the disposicion of my messuage lands & tenements Item I give & devise unto the said Rachael Dennys my daughter one messuage one barne, one stable, one garden, one orchard & one parcell of woodland conteyning by estimation Two acres scituate lyinge & being on the Westhill in Shorham aforesaid which I late purchased of Arthur Francys & were somtymes the tenement of William miller To have & to hold the same premisses unto her the said Rachael for & dureing her naturall life And immediately from & after her decease I give & devise the same premisses unto my sonne John Dennys his heires & assignes for ever Item I give & devise to him the said John Dennys my sonn the messuage tenement or mancion wherein I now dwell together with the Barnes edifices Buildings gardens & orchards thereto belonging And also all the lands meadowes pastures & feedings whatsoever of mee the said George Dennys thereto used or occupied scituate lying & being in Otford aforesaid To have & to hold all the same messuage or tenement lands premisses in Otford aforesaid unto him the said John Dennys my sonn his heires & assignes for ever Item I give & devise to my two sonnes Thomas Dennys & David Dennys All & singular my messuages lands tenements & hereditaments with thappurtenances att or in Romny streete & all other my lands in Shorham aforesaid (whereof no estate is before herein devised) To have & to hold all the same my messuages lands tenements & premisses with thappurtenances unto them the said Thomas Dennys & David Dennys their heires & assignes for ever equally to bee divided betweene them In witnes whereof I have hereunto putt my hand & seale the day & yeare first above written

Signed Sealed Published &
declared in the presence of
Rich. Brabble Reg. Baxter .

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21. George DENNYS of Otford

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I 1667 [?]
E 15 Mar 1667

An Inventory of all & singular the goods Chattles and Debts of George Dennys late of Otford in the County of Kent yeoman deceased taken valued and appraised the . . . Anno domini 1666 by John Round Robert Hills & Edward Everist as followeth vizt.

Imprimis his wearinge Apparel and money in his purse	<i>li</i>	<i>s</i>
	<i>iiij</i>	
In the Parlor		
Item 4 feather beds 1 Chaffe bed 2 blanketts 1 Coverlett 2 pillowes 4 boulsters & one . . . Curtaines and vallens	<i>x</i>	
Item 3 Leather Chaires 2 Leather Stooles 1 Joyned Chest and Trunke 1 Table 1 paire of Andirons 1 payre of Tongs 1 fire shovell 1 payre of smale Andirons and one warminge pann & 1 paire of bellowes	<i>iiij</i>	<i>x</i>
In the Chamber over the Parlor		
Item 2 feather beds 2 flocke beds 3 blanketts 3 Coverletts 4 boulsters 2 pillowes 2 bedstedles Item 1 Chest & 1 payre of Tongs	<i>xj</i>	<i>x</i> <i>ix</i>
In the Chamber over the Hall		
Item 2 feather beds 2 flocke beds 4 blanketts 2 Coverletts 2 feather boulsters 2 flocke boulsters 2 pillowes and one bedstedle Item 2 Chests 4 Leather stooles 2 joynt Stooles 1 Table and one Leather Chaire	<i>xij</i>	<i>j</i> <i>v</i>
In the Two Kitchine Chambers		
Item 2 Chests 2 wicker Chaires & 1 box & 1 skrie		<i>x</i>
Item five Quarters of wheate	<i>v</i>	
Item seven quarters of malt	<i>v</i>	
Item 12 bushells of oates		<i>xv</i>
In the Loft over the Buttery		
Item Ten Quarters of Wheate	<i>x</i>	
In the Hall		
Item 2 Tables 2 formes 3 stooles 4 chaires 1 Cupboard 1 settle 2 fowlinge peeces 1 brass sconce 4 spitts 2 payre of Andirons one payre of Tongs & 1 fire shovell	<i>iiij</i>	<i>viiij</i>

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	<i>li</i>	<i>s</i>
Item 1 Iron Jacke 1 payre of bellows 2 payre of pott hangers 3 pailles and 1 Gridiron and one Iron backe		...
Item 16 pewter dishes 3 pewter pottle potts 3 pewter Quart potts 4 pewter Chamber potts 4 pewter Candlesticks 5 pewter porringers & other smale pewter	<i>iiij</i>	
Item 1 silver Tankard 1 silver salt 1 silver Cupp 9 silver spoones	<i>viiij</i>	
Item 3 brasse kettles 2 smale brasse potts 3 brasse Candlesticks and 1 brass warming pann and other brasse	<i>xx</i>	
In the Buttery		
Item 1 Hoggs head 4 barrells 2 powdering Tubbs & 2 Firkins 4 milk Trays and 3 Drippinge panns and 2 Iron potts 2 Leather bottles	<i>xj</i>	<i>x</i>
Item 2 powdering Tubbs		<i>x</i>
In the Kitchines		
Item 1 brasse Furnace 2 brasse kettles 1 Copper kettle 1 Iron Kettle 1 Iron beame & Leaden weights and 1 bucking Tubb a 4 Breweinge Tubbs 2 keelers one Flaskett 3 sives and 1 pannell	<i>v</i>	<i>x</i>
Item 1 bushell 1 halfe Bushell and 1 Gallon 2 shovells 1 spade 1 matthooke one axe 1 hand bill & 1 Iron Crowe & 1 Iron pitchar		<i>xvj</i>
In the Barne		
Item in wheate and barley	<i>j</i>	
Item in hay and Fother	<i>ij</i>	
Item 3 horses and one Mare	<i>xij</i>	
Item in horse harness	<i>j</i>	
Item 1 waggon 2 Harrowes 2 plowes and other plowe tacklinge	<i>iiij</i>	
Item 1 Sowe hogg 4 sheats & 4 piggs	<i>iiij</i>	<i>x</i>
Item 17 sheepe and Teggs	<i>v</i>	
Item in wheate upon the Ground	<i>xvij</i>	
Item 1 Road Saddle and a Bridle		<i>v</i>
Item 3 payre of sheets 6 Table Cloths and 5 dozen of Table Napkins 1 dozen of pillowe Coates and other smale Lynen	<i>x</i>	
In the Two houses In the parish of Shorham		
Item 2 Tables and 2 forme		<i>xx</i>
Item 1 Iron Jacke		<i>x</i>
Item one Cubboard		<i>xx</i>
Item one Iron backe		<i>iiij</i>
Item 2 Little Tables		<i>vj</i>

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Item 1 greate Chest	li	s	
Item one bedstedle		v	
Item 1 Court Cubboard		viiij	
Item 1 old Chest		v	
Item one Chayre		iiij	
Item Two Formes			xij d
Item 1 Flock bed 1 blankett 1 Coverlett 1 boulster and 1 half headed bedstedle & 2 old . . .		ij	
Item 7 acres of wheate which is upon the ground			xx
Item in old Lumber and things forgotten	vij		
Item in wheate Barley oates and Hay	iiij		
	x		
Summa . . .		CCij li xix s	

22. Henry DUNMOLL of Eynsford

PRS/W/5/5

W 21 Jun 1623

P 24 Jan 1626

In the name of god amen the xxjth day of June 1623 I Henry Dunmoll of Eynsford in the county of Kente yeman bing well in bodye I thank my lord god and of perfect mynde and remembrance dow make and ordayne this my present Testament and last will in manner and forme following first I doe be quearieth my sowle in to the hands of all myght god verily . . . and beleving that the same shalbe saved through the mereties & passon of his sonne Jesus Christ my savior and my body to be bureded wheare it shall please my executors. Item I will to the reparition of the chearch of Ainsford ten shelyngs to be payd within an yeare after my deces also I geav to the poore poepel fower sheelynge and to im that shall preache at my . . . syx sheleng . . . penceall . . . yeare . . . to be payd with in an yeare after my decese Item I geave to my [*daughter*] . . . fower pounds to be payd her with in an year after my decese and to her sonn Henry xx s & to John x s and to Richard x s to be payd within an yeare after my deces Item I leave to an . . . iiij poundes to be payd to her at her day of marryage or at the ayege of xxj yeres and to Thomas . . . xx s and the other iij chealdren xx s a peas to be payd with in an yeare after my deces Item I geve to my sonn Frances all my Landes and howseing that I have in my ocowpation with the . . . and Land . . . hath . . . to him my sayd sonn Frances and to his ayers for ever also I geve to heem the lese of the [*house*] wherin I dwell Item I geave to my sonn Henry al my howses & Landes in crakenhel to hem and to his ayers for ever . . . and if my sonn francis shall goe about to sele or morga any of the houses or lands laste gevene he shal forfet his estat to my sonn henry and his ayers Item I geave to my sonne henry forty poundes to be payd hem by myne executor with in on yeare after my deceas al the reste of my goodes I geve to my sonn frances whome I mak myn excutor of this my laste will and testament and I dowe a poynt overseers Willam . . . and Richard wheesen of this my last will and testament and geve them xx s a pes towards there charges and if there shal aryse anni dowte or contowrti consarning annithing in this Will my will is they shal . . . it

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and sete it down under there handes and that shal stand good as though I had don it my selfe

[*No signature or witnesses.*]

23. Henry DUNMOLL of Crockenhill

PRS/W/5/39

W 17 Oct 1673
B 1 Apr 1676
P 13 May 1676

In the Name of God Amen: The seaventeenth day of October in the five & Twentieth yeare of the Reigne of our Souveraign Lord Charles the second of England Scotland France and Ireland Kinge Defender of the Faith Annoque Domini 1673: I Henry Dunmoll of Crocken Hill in the parish of Eynsford in the County of Kent yeoman being sick In body but of good & perfect memory thanks bee to almighty god and calling to remembrance the uncertaine Estate of this transitory life and that all flesh must yeild unto Death when itt shall please God to call doe make constitute ordaine and declare this my Last will and Testament in manner and forme following, And first being penitent & sorry from the bottom of my Hart for my sins past most humbly desireing forgivenessse for the same I give and Committ my Soule unto Almighty God my saviour & redeemer in whom & by the meritts of Jesus Christ I trust and beleive assuredly to be saved and to have full remission & forgiveness of all my sins and that my soule with my body att the generall day of resurreccion shall rise againe with Joy and through the meritts of Christs death & passion possesse and Inheritt the Kingdom of heaven prepared for his elect and chosen, and my body to be buried in such place where it shall please my Executrix hereafter named to appoint; And now for the settlinge of my temporall Estate & such goods Chattells & debts as it hath pleased God far above my deserts to bestow upon me I doe order give and dispose the same In manner and forme following (that is to say) first I will that all those debts a duties as I ow in right or conscience to any manner of person or persons whatsoever, shalbe well and truely contented & paid or ordained to bee paid within convenient time after my decease, by my Executrix hereafter named Item I doe give and devise unto Alice Dunmoll my Loveing wife All those three severall messuages or Tenements commonly called or known by the name or names of Chapmans forde Hillfeilde and Malepitts with all barnes stables outhouses buildings orchards gardens and Lands with the appurtenances whatsoever thereunto now belonging scituate lying and being in the severall parishes of Eynsford & St Mary Cray in the said County of Kent To have and to hold unto my said wife and her Assignes for & dureing the Terme of her naturall life (If she the said Alice shall soe long live A widdow) Item I doe give and devise unto my Grandchild Henry Dunmoll All those two severall messuages or Tenements commonly called or knowne by the name or names of Chapmansforde and Malepitts & two peeces or parcells of Land called by the name or names of Davies woode & Little greene with all barnes stables buildings orchards gardens and severall peeces or parcells of Arable and woodland lying & beeing in Eynsforde & St Mary Cray To have and to hold the said messuages and premisses with Appurtenances from & immediately after the decease of my said wife (If she

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shall soe longe live a widdow) Item I doe give & devise unto my daughter Alice Miller the wife of George Miller All that my message or Tenement called by the name of Hillfeilde now in the occupation of one John Miller husbandman with all barnes stables orchards gardens and severall peeces or parcells of Land and all & singular other the premisses with the appurtenances to the said Alice Miller dureing her naturall Lyfe, from and immediately after the decease of my said wife (If she shall soe long live a widdow) and after the decease of her the said Alice Miller to the onely use & behoofe of George Miller Junior his heires and assignes for ever and for want of such issue to the onely use & behoofe of Thomas John Francis Henry and Robert Miller brothers of him the said George Miller to bee equally divided amongst them. Item I doe Give and Devise unto my daughter Luce Olliver All that message or Tenement now in the occupacion of Christopher Boomer with all and singular the appurtenances thereunto belonging from and immediately after the decease of my said wife paying unto the sonnes and daughters of George Miller the Elder namely Thomas John Francis Henry Robert Marie Dorothy and Elizabeth Miller the full and just somme of three pounds apeece to each of them to be paid within one yeare and a day after the decease of my said wife Alice Dunmoll, and after the decease of the said Luce Olliver to the onely use & behoofe of her sonn Henry Olliver his heires and assignes for ever And my mind and will is that if the said Luce Olliver or Henry Olliver her sonn shall refuse to pay the said three pounds to each of them as above said that is to say Thomas John Francis Henry Robert Marie Dorothy and Elizabeth Miller itt shall & may bee Lawfull for any one of them to have full Liberty to Enter into and upon the premisses given to her the said Luce Olliver above mentioned and keepe and possess the same untill she or he shall pay the said three pounds apeece to each of them as aforesaid. Item my mind and will is That if itt should happen that the said Henry Dunmoll my Grandchild should departe this Lyfe without Issue then the Messuage and Lands before devized unto him to be equally divided betweene Alice Miller and Luce Olliver and their heires of their two bodyes; and oute of the said Messuages & Lands shall and will pay the some of Twenty pounds unto Mary Dunmoll late wife of Henry Dunmoll which was ny Eldest sonn within one yeare and a day after the decease of the said Henry Dunmoll my Grandchild & if in Case the said Alice Miller & Luce Olliver shall refuse to pay the said Twenty pounds then the said Marie Dunmoll shall have free Liberty to enter into and upon the messuages & Lands before mencioned & keepe and possesse the same untill they shall pay the Twenty pounds aforesaid Item I give and bequeath unto the poore of the parish of Eynsford the summe of thirty shillings to be paid by my said Executrix & distributed to the poore the same day that my funerall sermon shal be preached. Item I doe give to him that shall preach my funerall sermon the somme of Tenn shillings to bee paid by my said Executrix; And doe make my Loveing wife Alice Dunmoll full and sole Executrix of this my Last will and testament And I doe revoake all former wills and Testaments by mee in any wise here to fore made & declared In witnes whereof I the said Henry Dunmoll have hereunto sett my hand and seale the day and yeare above written

Signed sealed published & declared
to bee the Last Will and Testament
of Henry Dunmoll in the presence of us.

Henry Dunmoll

The mark of Henry Durling John Evans

24. Henry DUNMOLL of Eynsford

PRS/I/4/42

I 14 Apr 1676
 B 1 Apr 1676
 E 13 May 1676

A true and perfect Inventory of all and singular the goods chattells and Debts of Henry Dunmoll late of Eynsford in the County of Kent deceased taken vallued & appraised the 14 day of Aprill Anno Domini 1676 by us Sam: Dolton, Thomas Launder and Jo [Water] as followeth viz.

In the Chamber over the Malt House	<i>li</i>	<i>s</i>
Imprimis his wearing apparel and money in his pocket	<i>v</i>	<i>x</i>
Item 2 Joynd bedstedles 1 feather bed 1 flock bed		
2 blanketts 1 rugg 1 Coverlid 1 feather boulder		
2 feather pillows 1 side Gubbord . . . Joynd Chests		
one Deske & some Lumber belonging to the Room	<i>viiij</i>	<i>v</i>
Item 14 paire of sheetes 1 dozen of napkins		
3 pillowcoates 7 table Cloaths 4 towells		
2 pewter dishes 1 dozen of spoones two Candlesticks		
one pewter Pott & 1 salt	<i>v</i>	<i>xij</i>
In the Kitchin		
Item 2 brass potts 1 iron pott 3 kettles 3 brass		
Chafers 2 brass skymmers and one Chafing dish		
2 brewing tubbs 3 kettels and some otber old		
Lumber belonging to that roome	<i>iiij</i>	<i>v</i>
In the Hall		
Item 2 Joynd presses 1 table 2 formes 5 chaires		
6 Joynd stooles 4 three legg stooles one paire		
of Andirons a paire of tongs one fire shovell		
1 paire of bellowes 2 spitts 2 tin dripping pans		
1 paire of pothangers one Muskett 1 Glass case		
2 dozen of trenchers with some other Lumber		
belonging to that roome	<i>iiij</i>	<i>v</i>
In the Parlour		
Item 1 Joynd bedstidle 2 feather beds 3 feather		
pillowes 2 blanketts 3 coverlids 1 striped Carpet		
one Joynt Trundle bed one side Cubbord . . . Joynt		
Chests 3 litle Joynd stooles one paire of Curtaines		
and vallance one Joynd box 1 litle Cabbinnett		
4 cushions one paire of Andirons shovell and tongs		
13 trayes 4 firkins 3 powdering tubbs one		
spinning wheele and some other old Lumber		
belonging to the Roome	<i>ix</i>	<i>...</i>

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In the Stable	<i>li</i>	<i>s</i>
Item 4 horse 2 colts 4 cart harness 4 plough harness & other Lumber there	<i>xij</i>	<i>x</i>
Item in the Yard 3 plowes 1 waggon & a Dung cart	<i>vij</i>	<i>vj</i>
In the Barn		
Item a parcell of wheat & a parcell of barley a parcell of Oats & a parcell of Misslin	<i>iiij</i>	<i>v</i>
In the feilds		
Item 40 Ewes 35 Lambes 4 Cowes 2 Calfes and a young bullock	<i>xxvj</i>	<i>...</i>
Item 4 hoggs 7 sheats and 6 piggs	<i>ij</i>	
Item 5 Acres of wheate 6 Acres of Misslin 8 Acres of Barley 11 Acres of Oates 4 Acres of Tares and three Acres and a halfe of pease	<i>xxxxij</i>	<i>x</i>
Summa Totalis . . .	<u><i>Cxxxij li</i></u>	<u><i>xvij s</i></u>

25. Thomas DURLING the Elder of Eynsford

PRS/W/5/40

W 29 Aug 1678
B 7 Sep 1678
P 20 Sep 1678

In the Name of god Amen The nine and Twentieth day of August In the Thirtieth year of the Reigne of our Sovereigne Lord Charles the second by the Grace of God of England Scotland France and Ireland Kinge defender of the Faith etc. Annoque Domini one Thousand six hundred Seaventie and Eight I Thomas Durling the Elder of Eynsford In the County of Kent yeoman Being sicke in body butt of good and perfect memory thanks bee to almighty God and Calling to Remembrance the uncertainty of this Transitory Lyfe and that all flesh must yeild unto death when itt shall . . . please God Almighty to call me do make Constitute ordaine and declare this my last will and Testament revoking and adnulling by these presents All and everie Testament and Testaments will and wills heretofore by me made and declared either by word of mouth or writeing and this to bee taken onely for my last will and Testament and none other and first being penitent and sorry from the bottom of my hart for my Sins past most humbly desireing forgiveness for the same I give and Commit my Soule to Almighty God my Saviour and redeemer In whom and by the merrits of Jesus Christ and beleiving assuredly to be saved and to have full remission and forgiveness of all my sins and that my Soule with my body att the Generall Day of resurrection shall rise againe with Joy and through the meritts of Christs death and passion possesse and Inherit

the Kingdom of heaven prepared for his Best and Chosen Servants and my body to bee buried in such place where itt shall please my Executor hereafter named to appointe and Nowe for the setting of my Temporall Estate and such goods Chattells and debts as it hath pleased God farr above my deserts to bestowe upon me I doe order give and dispose the same in manner and forme following (that is to say) First I will that all those debts and duties as I owe in right or Consience to any manner of person or persons whatsoever shall be well and truely contented and paid or ordeyned to be paid within convenient tyme after my decease by my Executor hereafter named Item I give and bequeath unto my sonn John Durling my Best Suite of Apparell to bee delivered unto him presently after my decease by mine Executor hereafter named item I give unto my said sonn John Durling the somme of Tenn Pounds to be paid within a Twelve moneth and a day Item I give and bequeath unto Ann Durling daughter of him the said John Durling the somme of Five pounds to bee paid to the said Ann Durling att the Age of one and Twenty yeares or the day of marriage which shall first happen Item I give and bequeath unto Elizabeth Durling daughter of him the said John Durling the like somme of five pounds to bee paid her att the Age of one and twenty yeares or day of marriage which shall first happen Item I will and Bequeath unto John Durling sonn of him the said John Durling All that small Cottage or Tenement and backside with the appurtenances conteyning by Estimation three rods more or less in the occupacion of my said sonn John Durling Item I will and Bequeath unto my sonn William Durling the some of five pounds to bee paid to the said Wm Durling his Executors Administrators or assignes within A Twelvemoneth and A day next after my decease: Item I will and bequeath unto my sonn Thomas Durling All that Messuage or Tenement with the Appurtenances thereunto belonging or appurteyning Together with the Cherry Orchard and one peece or parcell of ground conteyning together by Estimacion fower Acres more or less now in the occupacion of Nicholas Court his assignee or assignees. Item I give and bequeath unto my two sonnes George Durling and Thomas Durling all the rest of my Estate with all Lands goods Chattells moveables & utensills of Household stuffe And all the stocke with the appurtenances thereunto belonging to my now dwelling house commonly called or knowne by the name of Parke Howse Farme scituate and being in Eynsford aforesaid. And I do make and ordeyne George Durling and Thomas Durling Executors of this my last will and Testament And I doe order and appointe my Executors to pay the somme of one hundred pounds oute of my Stocke being uppon a mortgage of the house where Nicholas Court nowe liveth And I Doe appoint my Executors George Durling and Thomas Durling to pay unto the Minister which shall preach my funerall sermon the somm of Tenn shillings And I doe revoke all former wills and Testaments by me in any wise heretofore made and declared In witnes whereof I the said Thomas Durling the Elder have herunto sett my hand and seale the day and yeare above written

Memorandum that I Thomas Durling doe give and bequeath unto Jane [Long] the some of Five pounds to be paid by mine Executors above named within A yeare and a day next after my decease And I Thomas Durling doe Charge and require my Executors to deliver unto my wife Elizabeth Durling such goods as by right or Consience were hers in the tyme of her widdowhood or else to the full value of them. In witnes whereof I have hereunto sett my hand and seale the day & yeare first above written

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Signed sealed published and
declared to be the Last Will
& Testament of Thomas Durling
the Elder in the presence of us

the marke of
Thomas

Durling
the Elder

The marke of Richard . . .
John Evans David [Peage]

26. Thomas DURLING of Eynsford

PRS/1/4/45

I 12 Sep 1678
B 7 Sep 1678
E 27 Sep 1678

A True and Perfect Inventory of all and singular the Goods Chattells Cattells and
Creditt of Thomas Durling of Parke House in the parish of Eynsford yeoman
deceased praised att Parke house the Twelveth day of September Anno Domini
1678: by us Thomas Kingsland Joseph Nash and David Dennis etc: as followeth
etc.

	<i>li</i>	<i>s</i>	<i>d</i>
Imprimis his Purse Apparel and money in his Pocket	004:	00:	00
Item in the Parlor one Feather bedd one feather Boulster Two Bedstades One Flock Bedd with curtaines and valance & Linnen in the said Roome	013:	05:	00
Item in the Milke Cellar some Bowles powdering tubbs and other lumber	001:	07:	000
Item in the other two Cellars Tubbs and some other lumber	001:	10:	00
Item in the Corn Lofts Wheat Oates Chaffe with Bushell Shovell & other Lumber	002:	14:	00
Item in the Kitchin Brasse and Pewter	002:	19:	00
Item Iron worke and other old lumber in the Kitchin	001:	13:	00
Item other lumber in the Kitchin	000:	13:	00
Item in the Hall One Old Cupboard Two Hayes and other Lumber	001:	15:	00
Item in the Parlor One Drawing Table and other lumber	001:	00:	00

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	<i>li</i>	<i>s</i>	<i>d</i>
Item in the Parlor Chamber one Feather Bedd Boulster Curtaines and valence & other Lumber	003:	10:	00
Item in the Hall Chamber Old Lumber	000:	05:	00
Item in the Kitchin Chamber old lumber	001:	02:	00
Item in the Brewhowse One Furnace and some other lumber	002:	15:	00
Item Sackes and Old Iron	001:	05:	00
Item wood in the Barne Fower Loades	030:	00:	00
Item Horses in the Stable	050:	00:	00
Item three coves and other younge Cattle in the yard	018:	00:	00
Item Hoggs and piggs in the yard	018:	00:	00
item Sheepe or Lambs	013:	00:	00
Item Horse Harness	008:	10:	00
Item a Waggon and two Courts	003:	00:	00
Item Plowes and Plow Tacklings	002:	15:	00
Item Harrowes and other Lumber in the Cart house	001:	00:	00
Item Eight Loads of Clover	008:	00:	00
Item for Tares	011:	00:	00
Item for Oates	023:	00:	00
Item for Pease wheate and Barley	120:	00:	00
Item Three Shawes & the Fallowes	003:	10:	00
Item The Groweth of Woodland Timber together with the Lease of Parke howse	025:	00:	00
Item Money owing in desperate Debts	017:	03:	06
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Summa totalis	371:	11:	06
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Appraised by Thomas Kingsland
Joseph Nash
David Dennis

27. William EBBUTT of Eynsford

PROB10/1209

W 15 Nov 1684
P 10 Jul 1690

In the Name of God Amen I William Ebbutt of petham Courte in the parishe of Eynsford in the County of Kent yeoman being weake in Body by reason of Age But of A sound and perfecte mynde and memory (prayed be God) doe therefore make and ordayne this my last will and testament in manner and forme following, First

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And principally I Commend and Committ my soule to God who first gave it, Trusting and assuredly beleaving that my sinns shall be forgiven me and through the precious merritts death and passion of my Blessed Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ who shedd his most precious Blood for me. And My Body I commend to the Earth to be decently buried According to the discretion of my dear wife Mary But at the charge of my Executors hereinafter named And I doe appoynt that Twenty pounds shall be expended upon my decent Interment or as neere that summe as may be. And as touching my worldly estate which God of his great mercy hath bestowed upon me here on Earth I make disposition thereof in manner and forme following (that is to say) First I doe give unto my Loveing wife Mary the summe of Five pounds of good English mony to be payed unto her within three monethes nexte After my decease, And whereas and because I did at & before my marriage with the said Mary my nowe wife buy of her All her goods and householdstuffe which she was possessed of for sixty pounds which I payed for her only use; therefore I doe give unto my said Loveing wife one feather Bedd One feather Bolster Two feather pillowes Two payre of sheetes Two payre of pillow Coates Two Blanketts one Coverlett one sett of Curtaynes and vallance one Bedstedle matt and Cord and Curtayne Rodds to be delivered unto her within one monethe nexte after my Decease by my Executors hereinafter named and I will that my wife shall have the use of the parlour & parlour Chamber in the house where I nowe dwell sixe monethes after my decease if she please rent free Item I doe give and bequeath unto my daughter Mary the summe of Five hundred pounds of good Englishe money (In case my wife shall not be with child at the tyme of my decease) But yf my said wife shall happen to be with child at the tyme of my decease then I doe give and bequeath unto my said daughter Mary (in case such child shall be born alive) But the summe of Three hundred pounds only & no more, to be payed unto my said daughter Mary Att her age of One & twenty yeares or day of marryage which shall first happen And the use & Interest that shall be made thereof in the meane tyme I appoynte shall be payed & employed towards the educacion of my said daughter Mary; Item I doe give & bequeath unto the Child which my said wife shall be with child of at the tyme of my decease the like summe of three hundred pounds of good English mony to be paid when he or she shall attayne unto his or her age of one & twenty yeares or day of marriage which shall first happen And the interest thereof in the meane tyme to be employed & payed towards his or her educacion And my will and mynd is that in Case either my said daughter Mary or such Child as my said wife shall be with child of att the tyme of my decease shall happen to dye before he or she shall have attayned her or his age of one & twenty yeares or day of marriage that then the porcion of her or him soe dyeing shall goe to the survivor of my said Children & be payed unto her or him when she or he shall attayne the said age or day of marriage which shall first happen: And the Interest in the meane tyme for Educacion & mayntenance And in Case both my said daughter Mary & such Child as my wife shall happen to be with child of at the tyme of my decease shall happen to dye or departe this life before the tymes of payment of their Legacyes before said then I doe give their severall Legacyes unto my sonne Castle Ebbutt to be payed unto him att his age of one & Twenty yeares or else within one yeare nexte after the decease of my said Children in case they or either of them shall soe dye as aforesaid after my said sonne Castle shall have attayned unto his said age of One & Twenty yeares Item I doe give & bequeath unto the three Children of my Nephew Nicholas Ebbutt; namely John Ebbutt, Nicholas Ebbutt & Anne Ebbutt the summe of Forty shillings apeece to be payed them severally Att their respective

ages of Eighteene yeares Item I doe give & bequeath to the poore people of Eynesford the summe of Forty shillings to be payed & distributed unto & amongst them within one Moneth nexte after my decease; Item I doe give and Devise unto my said sonne Castle Ebbutt All my messuages Lands tenements & hereditaments whatsoever & wheresoever within the said County of Kent To have and to hold the same unto him my said sonne Castle Ebbutt his heires and assigns for ever Item I doe give and bequeath unto my said sonne Castle Ebbutt All my Lynnen whatsoever which I doe desyre my Executors hereinafter named to keepe for him & Deliver to him at his age of one & Twenty yeares & yf he dye before that age then I give my said Lynnen unto such other child or children as I shall leave to be delivered to them him or her at their his or her age or ages of one & twenty yeares or day of marriage respectively share and share alike: Item I doe make ordayne & appoynte my honoured Freinds Edwyn Wyatt serjeant at Lawe Thomas Gifford Esquir & Edmund Hodsoll Gent to be joynt Executors of this my last will & Testament Desyreing them to performe the same And for their care & paynes therein to be bestowed I doe give unto each of them the summe of Five pounds of good Englishe mony which I desyre them to Accepte of And to pay themselves what Charges & expences they shall expend in & about the management of this my will; And I doe make Constitute & appoynte them the said Edwyn Wyatt Thomas Gifford & Edmund Hodsoll to be Guardians to all my children desyreing them to take care of my Childrens estates & to give them respectively accompts at their respective ages or dayes before herein respectively appoynted deducting their charges and expenses; And I doe desyre my said good Freinds & guardians to my Children to lett my wife have the Educacion of all my children during her life And to allow her for their mayntenance what they shall thinke fitt And I desyre that my sonne Castle may have good educacion; And I doe give & leave unto my said Executors All my goods Cattle Chattles plate ready mony householdstuffe Corne Leases securities for mony & personall estate whatsoever & wheresoever whereof I shall dye possessed of or . . . & not before herein given or disposed of for the payment of my Debts Legacyes & Funerall Charges & the probacion of this my will & the performance thereof And If any overplus shall be I appoynt my Executors to pay the same unto my said sonne Castle at his age of one & twenty yeares And if he dye then to my other Children equally; And my will & meaneing farther is that in case my personall estate that I shall dye possessed of will not pay all my debts & Legacyes & funerall Charges that then my Executors shall pay the remaynder out of the rents & profitts of my messuages & Lands devised by this will unto my said sonne Castle Ebbutt as soon as they can; And in case all my said Children shall happen to dye and departe this life before they or any of them, shall have attained their or any of their severall & respective age or ages of one & Twenty yeares And without heires of their or any of their Bodyes lawfully to be begotten That then in such case I doe give and bequeath unto my Deare and loveing wife Mary the summe of one hundred pounds more of good English mony to be payed unto her within three monethes nexte after the decease of my said Children soe dying as aforesaid in Case shee shall be then liveing, by my Executors out of my personall estate; And I doe then likewise in case my said Children shall all dye as aforesaid give unto my three Nephewes William Ebbutt Thomas Ebbutt & James Ebbutt the sonnes of my loveing brother John Ebbutt the summe of Tenn pounds apeece of lawfull mony of England to be payed to them severally within sixe monethes nexte after the decease of all my said Children soe dyeing as aforesaid in case they shall respectively live soe long And then likewise in case my said Children shall all dye

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before they or any of them shall have attained their said respective age or ages of one & twenty yeares & without heires of their owne Body or Bodyes that then I doe give and bequeath unto every one of my Brothers and Sisters Children the summe of Tenn pounds of good English mony to be payed unto them severally within sixe monethes nexte after the death of all my Children in case they shall be then liveing they or any of them and not otherwise; And in case all my said Children shall happen to dye before their age or ages of one & twenty yeares or day or dayes of marriage respectively And without heires of their respective Bodyes that then I doe hereby give unto my nephew Nicholas Ebbutt the sonne of my Brother Nicholas Ebbutt the remaynder of all my personall estate & the profitts & rents of all my Landes which I doe desyre my Executors to pay unto him after this my Will performed within sixe monethes nexte after the decease of the survivor of all my Children; And in Case all my Children shall All happen to dye without heires of their or any of their Bodyes & before they or any of them shall have attained their severall & respective age or ages of one & twenty yeares That then I doe give & devise unto my said Nephew Nicholas Ebbutt All my messuages Landes tenements & hereditaments whatsoever & wheresoever scituate & being in the said County of Kent to have and to hold to him my said Nephew Nicholas Ebbutt & to his heires & assignes for ever And lastly I doe revoke all former wills by me made & doe ordeyne this to be my last will Conteyned in three sheetes of paper whereof I have to every sheete put my hand or marke & to this last sheete have sett my seale dated this Fifteenth day of November in the yeare of our Lord God one thousand six hundred Eighty & foure

Signed sealed published & declared by the said William Ebbutt the testator for his last will & Testament these words first Interlyned in the first sheete (& I will that my wife shall have the use of the parlour & parlour Chamber in the house where I now dwell sixe monethes after my decease if she please rent free) in the presence of

William Ebbutt
his marke

Henry Hayward
Jeremy Mannynge
... .. kightly

28. John EDWARDS of Otford

PRS/1/5/7

I 30 Dec 1685
E 31 May 1686

A true and perfect Inventory of all and singular the goods Cattle Chattells and Debts of John Edwards late of Otford in the County of Kent yeoman deceased taken valued and appraised this thirtieth day of December Anno Domini 1685 by Richard Stileman and Nicholas Goldsmith as followeth

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In the Hall

Imprimis two brasse Kettles two brass skilletts two
brass potts one iron pott one iron kettle 3 pewter
dishes 9 pewter plates 3 sawcers two spoones two
porringers two warming panns one tynne Cullender
two tinne dripping panns one Iron dripping panne
one brasse skimmer one little brasse mortar and
pestle three grid Irons three spitts one jacke
one Iron Forke two pair of pothangers one paire
of bellows three . . . and irons one paire of
tonges one iron Fender one settle three chaires
one little table one iron Rack one Candlestick
three dozen of trenchers one wooden bowle three
wood platters two earthen Basons three earthen
plates one salt seller with other lumber

iiij *li* xiiij *s*

In the Parlour

Item one little table one still one Plow one
Musquit one spinning wheele one pillion

j *li*

In the Buttery

Item two drink tubbs one . . . one little keeler
three milk trays one little powderinge tubb
one frying panne one wooden funnel and one
wooden pestle

xviiij *s*

In the Chamber over the Hall

Item one feather bed and bolster one pillow one
bedstedd with curtains and vallence fower
blanketts one Flock Bed one little Feather
bolster one trundle bedstedd one Clock two
little tables two . . . one trunke one deske
one greate chaire two smal chaires one looking
glass two pairs of Andirons fire shovell and
tonges two Cushions two little silver salts.

vij *li* jx *s*

Item seaven paire of sheets 4 table cloaths
7 changes 9 corse towells 7 napkins one
pillow beere one Cubboard Cloath

ij *li* iij *s*

In the Chamber over the Parlour

Item one feather bed one rug one blankett with
Curtains vallence and bedstedle one feather
bolster three feather pillowes one table two
truncks one old chest one flaskett, one sive
three diaper Napkins one Chaire

ij *li* vj *s*

Item fower pewter dishes 6 porringers two
Candlesticks one pewter salt one flagon
one tankard one close stoole panne one
Chamber pott

j *li* v *s*

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In the Malthouse

Item a large beere tubbe 1 bucking tubb
and three keelers
... of wood and 50 ... faggotts

x s
xij s

Summa totalis ...

xxj li xvij s

29. Edward EVEREST of Shoreham

PRS/W/5/173

W 25 May 1669
B 2 Jun 1669
P 12 Jun 1669

In the Name of God Amen the Five and Twentieth day of May in the yeare of our Lord God 1669 I Edward Everest of Shoreham in the County of Kent yeoman being Weake and Sick in Body but of good and perfect memory, thanks bee given to God for the same, Doe make and Ordeine this my Last Will and Testament in manner and forme following, First I Commend my Soule, to Allmighty God, my maker, and unto Jesus Christ, his only Sonn my Saviour and Redeemer And my Body to the Earth to bee Buryed in the parish Church or Churchyard of Shoreham aforesaid in Sure and Certaine hope of A Joyfull Resurreccion, to Lyffe eternall, Item I Give unto the Minyster that shall preach my Funerall Sermon Twenty Shillings, Item I Give to the poore people of the parish of Shoreham, Forty Shillings to be distributed amongst them, at the day of my Buryall, Item I Give and bequeath unto my loveinge wyffe Susan Everest, the somme of Fyfteene Pounds by the yeare, of lawfull money of England To bee payd unto hir by my Executor hereafter named, yearly dureing hir naturall Lyffe, at Fower Feastes or Termes in the yeare, That is to say at the Feast of St Michaell tharchangell, the Nativitie of Christ, the Annunciation, of the Virgin Mary and the Nativitie of St. John the Baptist by even porcions, the first payment to begin at the first of the Fower Feastes which shall first happen after my Decease; Item I give to my Loveing Wyffe Susan Everest my Messuage or Tenement wherein my Sonn Francis now dwelleth with the Barne yards gardens orchards and other housing there unto belonging with Thapurtenances dureing her naturall Life, And after her Decease to my Sonn Francis Everest and his heires for Ever; alsoe all my household goods standing and beeing in the house where I now dwell I give unto Wyffe Susan To be and Remaine att her disposing; Item Where as Formerly my Daughter Elizabeth Piggott had five and Twenty pounds Given her by her grandmother Elizabeth Everest which said five and Twenty pounds I will my Sonn Francis shall pay unto my daughter Elizabeth Piggott the Wyffe of Thomas Piggott within three monthes next after my decease, Item I give unto my daughter Elizabeth Piggott the somme of five pounds Lawfull money to be paid unto her by my Executor, within Six

monthes after my decease; Item I give unto Edward Piggott sonn of Thomas Piggott one Messuage or Tenement with the backside thereunto belonging with thapurtences Lying and being in the parish of Chittingstone and now in the Occupation of one Deudney; But my will and meaning is that my sonn Francis Everest shall Receave and take the yearely Rent of the aforesaid Messuage or Tenement and backside To his owne use, untill the said Edward Piggott shall atteyne the age of sixteene yeares And then to have and to hold the said messuage Tenement and backside to the said Edward Piggott and to his heires for Ever; Provided that if itt shall happen the said Edward Piggott doe dy without heires, then my will and meaneing is that his two sisters Elizabeth Piggott and Sarah Piggott shall have the said Messuage or Tenement and backside with thapurtences, Equally to be divided betweene them; item I give unto Elizabeth Piggott Daughter of Thomas Piggott the some off Twenty Pounds Lawfull money of England to be paid unto her by my Executor here after named when shee shall atteyn the age of one and twenty yeares, Item I give unto Sarah Piggott Daughter of the aforesaid Thomas Piggott the some of Twenty, Pounds Lawfull money of England to be paid unto her by my Executor, when she shall atteyne to the age of one and Twenty yeares Item I give unto all my brother Thomas Everest his Sonnes and Daughters Tenn shillings apeece Lawfull money to be paid unto them within six monthes after my decease; Item I give unto all my brother Crundwells Sonnes and Daughters Tenn shillings a peece Lawfull money to be paid unto them within six monthes after my decease; Item I give unto my Sonn Francis Everest all my Landes Lying upon the East hill called by the name of Loothinges Landes and Windgatte Conteyning by Esteemation Tenn acres Lying in the parish of Shoreham afore said, Item I give unto my Sonn Francis Everest one Messuage or Tenement with the Backside with Thapurtences thereunto belonging Lying and being in Shoreham and Now in the Occupation of Beniamyn Brightling: alsoe I give unto my son Francis Everest one other Messuage or Tenement with the backside thereunto belonging, Lying and being in the parish of Shoreham aforesaid, and now in the Occupation of James Marchall, To have and to hold the aforesaid Landes Lying upon the Easthill and the two Messuage or Tenements with the Backsides thereunto belonging unto my Sonn Francis Everest and his heires for Ever; Item give unto my Sonn Francis Everest one Messuage or Tenement with the Barne yarden garden Orchard and two peeces of Land thereunto belonging Conteyning by Esteemation five acres or there aboutes Lying and being neare hillders in the parish of Chittingstone and now in the Occupation of William Medhurst; to have and to hold the said Messuage or Tenement Barne yarden garden orchard and the two peeces of Land with Thapurtences unto my Sonn Francis Everest and his heires for Ever; Item I give unto my Sonn Francis Everest two peeces or parcells of Land Called by the names of Tylefield and Long Landes Conteyning by Esteemation five acres and a half Lying and being in the parish of Penshurst and now in the Occupation of John Wells, To have and to hold the said two peeces or parcells of Land unto the said Francis Everest and his heires for Ever Item to this my Last Will and Testament I make and ordeine My Sonn Francis Everest my whole and sole Executor whome I Require to see this my will performed; In Wittness whereof I the said Edward Everest to this my present will and Testament have sett my hand and seale the day and Yeare before Written

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Sealed published and Declared
to be my last will and
Testament in the presence of

Robert Letts

. . . French

Memorandum before the Sealeing
hereof I give and bequeath unto
my son Francis Everest his two
daughters Elizabeth and
Susannah Twenty pounds apeece
Lawfull money of England to
be paid att their Severall ages
of one & Twenty yeares; and
then sealed in the presents of: -

Ed: Everest

30. Edward EVEREST of Shoreham

PRS/I/5/22

I 11 Jun 1669
B 2 Jun 1669
E 18 Jun 1669

A true & perfect Inventory of all and singular the goods Chattles and debts of
Edward Everest late of Shorham in the County of Kent . . . deceased Taken
vallued and appraised the Eleaventh day of June in the year of our Lord 1669 by
John Round Wm Hartnupp and Joseph Nash as followeth vizt

Imprimis his wearing Apparell *v li* *x s*

Item in ready money *v li*

In the Hall

Item 1 greate Cupboard one settle six joynd
stooles 5 Chaires 1 Jacke 1 spitt 1 dripping
pan 2 fowling peices 1 payre of Cobirons one
payer of Tonges 2 brass Chaffers 2 little Iron
potts with other old things *iiij li* *viiij s*

In the Chamber over the Parlor

Item 1 feather bed 2 blanketts 1 Coverlett
one Boulster 2 pillows 1 bedstead 4 Curtaines
3 Chests 1 warming pann one payer of bellows *v li* *ij s*

Item 5 payre of sheetes vj napkins 4 Table
Cloaths 6 Towells 8 lb of hempen yarne *iiij li* *iiij s*

In the Chamber over the Hall

Item one Flockebed 2 old pillowes 1 Coverlett
2 blanketts one old bedstead 1 Chaire *j li* *xij s*

Item one Bushell of Misling & halfe a Bushell
of Wheate *v s*
Item 35 lb of pewter *j li* *x s*
Item 1 Little Silver Bowle and one Spooone *j li* *x s*

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In the Kitchin

Item Two brasse Kettles one Smale breweing
 Tubb one drink Tubb Two keelers and two
 firkins with other Lumber

j li x s

Summa totalis . . .

xxvij li viij s

31. William FISHER of Eynsford

VH96/4177

W 13 Apr 1683
 B 7 Aug 1683
 P 2 Oct 1683

In the name of God Amen, I William Fisher of Eynsford in the County of Kent Yeaman, being sick in body but of good and perfect memory; thanks be to Almighty God, doe make ordaine and declare this my last Will and Testament in manner and form following Revoaking and adnulling by these presents all and every Testament and Testaments Will and Wills heretofore by me made and declared either by word or writing. And this to take only for my last Will and Testament and none other: And first being sorry from the bottome of my heart for my sins past most humbly desiring forgiveness for the same, I give and committ my soule unto Almighty God my saviour and Redeemer, And my body to be buried. Item I give unto my son William Fisher all my house Lands sett Lyeing and being in the Parish of Eynsford in the County of Kent aforesaid after the decease of Elizabeth my Wife and to his heires for ever Item I give to Elizabeth my Daughter one Shilling of Lawfull mony of England to be paid out of the Land by my son William Fisher within one whole year next after the decease of Elizabeth my Wife Item I give and bequeave to Mary my Daughter Thirty pounds of Lawfull mony of England to be payd out of the Land by my son William Fisher within one whole year next after the decease of Elizabeth my Wife. And lastly I Constitute and appoint Elizabeth my Wife and Mary my Daughter to be sole Executrices of all my personall Estate and of this my last Will and Testament. In wittness whereof I have hereunto sett my hand and seale this thirteenth day of Ap & in the thirty fift yeare of our soveraigne Lord Charles the second by the grace of God of England Scotland France and Ireland King Defender of the faith etc Annoque Domini 1683.

Witness

William Fisher

Christopher [Bowmer] his marke
 John Scudder his marke
 Edm. Millington

his marke

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32. William FISHER, Senior of Crockenhill, Eynsford

PRS/1/6/23

B 7 Aug 1683
I 8 Aug 1683
E - Oct 1683

An Inventory made the Eight day of August one Thousand six hundred eighty and Three of the goods and Chattells in and about the howse of William Fisher senr. of Crocken Hill in the Parish of Eynsford in the County of Kent lately deceased

Imprimis In the Parlor His weareing Clothes & five shillings at his pockett	1:	5:	0
Item 2 Bedds and Bedstedds with Curtaines and vallens two Bolsters three pillowes two Blanketts one Rugg one Coverlett to the value of	5:	10:	0
Item fower Leather Chaires, three Flaggen Chaires, to the value of	0:	6:	0
Item three Chests to the value of	0:	6:	0
Item two Paire of Pillowcoates, halfe a dozen of Napkins two Table Cloathes to the value of	0:	10:	0

Imprimis In the Hall

One Firegrate, two spitts, one Gridiron two brandirons, two Smoothing Irons, one Jack, one Box Iron, two Candlesticks, one Brasse Skimmer, one Brasse warmeing Pan, one Paire of Tonges two fire Shovells A paire of Potthooks one paire of Bellowes one Pestle and Morter one brasse mortar to the value of	1:	5:	0
Item Eight Pewter dishes one Pye Plate, one Pewter quarte Pott, three Pewter Candlesticks, two Salts two Pewter Cupps to the value of	0:	14:	0
Item one Table one Fourme one Presse, two Joynd Stooles fower Chaires three Milk pailles to the value of	0:	10:	0

Imprimis In the Buttery

three Brasse Kettles two Brass Skillets, two Brasse Potts, three drink Tubbs, one Powdring Tubb, fower Milk bowles two paire of Brasse Scales, one frying pan to the value of	1:	10:	0
Item three Coalers one Meashing Tubb to the value of	0:	6:	0

Imprimis in the Chamber over the Buttery

Six paire of Sheetes one Chest, one Trunk one Flock bedd and Bedsteddle to the value of	1:	10:	0
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Inprimis in the Chamber over the Parlor
 One Table, one Kneading Trough to the value of 0: 2: 0

Inprimis in the Yard
 Two Cowes one Bullock to the value of 4: 10: 0
 Item one horse to the value of 0: 15: 0
 Item three hoggs and three piggs to the value of 1: 15: 0
 Item In the Barn one parcell of peas to the value of 2: 0: 0

Summa totalis . . . 22: 14: 00

John Mosier his marke

John Collins his marke

32A. William FISHER of Eynsford (Supplementary Inventory) PRS/1/6/24

B 7 Aug 1683
 I 24 Aug 1685
 E 7 Sep 1685

A true and perfect Inventory of the goods and Chattells yet unadministered of William Fisher of Eynsford in the County of Kent yeoman late deceased Taken valued and Appraised the twenty fourth day of August Annoque Domini 1685 by us whose names are hereunder written as Followeth Vizt

Inprimis two Feather bedds with the Furniture
 and two paire of Sheets 5: 0: 0

Item some Tubbs & other small things 1: 0: 0

summe is 6: 0: 0

Thomas Kingsland

John Collins

33. Richard FREIGHT of Shoreham PRS/W/6/11

W 9 Mar 1623
 B 12 Mar 1623
 P 24 Apr 1623

In the name of God Amen the Nynth daye of March 1622 & in the yeare of the Raigne of our Souveraigne Lord James by the grace of god of England France & Ireland kinge defender of the fayth etc the Twentyeth & of Scotland the Six & Fifteth I Richard Freight of the parish of Shoreham in the County of Kent yeoman weake in body but of good and perfect memory (prayed be god) doe make & ordayne this my last will and testament in manner & forme followinge that is to saye First I commend my soule into the hands of Almighty god my maker stedfastly beleavinge through the onely meritts of Jesus Christ my Saviour to be made partacker of life everlastinge. And my body to the earth whereof it is made decently to be buried att the discretion of my executors hereafter named. Item I give to the poore of the parish of Shoreham aforesaid Forty shillings lawfull English mony to be distributed to the said poore att my funerall att the discretion of my executor & superviser of this my last will & testament hereafter named. Item I give to the minister of the said parish to macke a sermon att my funerall tenn shillings. Item I give to those that shall ringe that daye five shillings. Item I give unto Five men which shall tacke the paynes to carry me to Church Five shillings, Item I give Fower pounds Lawfull English mony to be bestowed uppon those which shall accompany my body to the church. Item I give unto Thomas Petley of Shoreham aforesaid in the said County of Kent gent & to his heires for ever All that my tenement together with all Barnes out houses buildings gardens orchards with all and singular their appurtenances sett lyeng and being in Otteford in the County of Kent aforesaid & now in the tenure or occupation of William Browne or his assignes under this condicion following (viz) That he the said Thomas Petley or his executors or assignes shall prove this my last will and testament within six monethes next after my decease. And also that hee or they or some of them shall macke payment of all sutch severall somme or sommes of mony bequeathed [to] those persons . . . severally named in this my Last will & testament within six monethes next after my decease iff it be lawfully demanded att the now dwelling house of the said Thomas scituate in Shoreham aforesaid. Item I give unto [Erasmus] Lucke my kensman of Shoreham aforesaid Fower pounds Lawfull English mony. Item I give unto Nicholas Roots my kensman of the parish of . . . Twenty shillings. Item I give unto John Rots his Brother Twenty shillings. Item I give unto John [Gibson] & Fridiswid his wyfe of the parish of Stanstead in the said County of Kent Fower pounds Lawfull English mony. Item I give unto William Browne of Otteford my servant & Ann his wyfe Fower pounds Lawfull English mony uppon condicion that neither hee the said William or his executors administrators or assignes or any other person or persones whatsoever by his or their meanes assent consent or concurment pull downe or otherwise deface any of the buildings which are now erected & builded uppon the premysses aforesaid. Provided allways that yf hee the said William Browne uppon the receipt of the said Fower pounds doe refuse to enter into a bond of tenn pounds unto Thomas Petley of Shoreham aforesaid with condicion that neither hee the said William his executors administrators or assignes or any other person or persons by his meanes or concurment shall pull downe or otherwise wilfully deface any of the said buildings now erected but shall yeld them upp sufficiently repayed into the hands of the said Thomas Petley his heires or assignes. That then hee to loose the benefitt of this legacie hereby given unto him & his wife & then the same is to continue unto the use of my executor hereafter named Item I give unto Alexander Lewin & Catherine his wyfe of Shoreham aforesaid three pounds Lawfull English mony. Item I give unto Wydow Fletcher of the parish of Kemping in the said County of Kent three pounds Lawfull English

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mony. Item I give unto Alexander Fletcher hir sonn Twenty shillings. Item I give unto George Gibson & Barbary his wyfe of Shoreham aforesaid Five pounds Lawfull English mony. Item I give unto Ann Reade my kenswoman of Shoreham aforesaid Twenty shillings. Item I give unto Wydow Petley of the said parish Twenty shillings. Item I give unto Wydow Monck of the parish of Shoreham aforesaid Twenty shillings. Item I give unto Mistress Petley of Shoreham aforesaid One pounds & two shillings. Item I give unto Mr Michaell Petley of the said parish Two & Twenty shillings. Item I give unto Mistress Fynche wyfe of Beniamen Fench gent. of Gravesend in the said County of Kent Two & Twenty shillings. Item I give unto Mistress Benet Petley daughter of Thomas Petley aforesaid Two & Twenty shillings. Item I give to Benet Petley my fellow servant Two & Twenty shillings. Item I give unto Nyne of my Godchildren (viz) Richard Moncke of the parish of Shoreham aforesaid Jone Pullenger wyfe of William Pullenger of Horton in the said County of Kent & daughter of Roger Petley Agnes daughter of Nicholas Fletcher of the parlsch of Shoreham aforesaid George Gibson the younger of Shoreham aforesaid Margarett Clay daughter of Edward Clay of Becknam in the said County of Kent Ann [Overy] daughter of James [Overy] of Sundridge in the said County of Kent Jane Leich daughter of Daniell Leich somtyme of the parish of Shoreham aforesaid Christofer . . . sonn of Christofer . . . of the parish of Shoreham aforesaid & [blank] dally sonn of Robert dally of Shoreham aforesaid Fower pounds & tenn shillings to be equallye devided betweene them. Item I give unto the aforesaid Thomas Petley of the parish of Shoreham aforesaid all my other goods and chattells whatsoever unbequeathed who I macke my sole executor of this last will & testament & I appoynt Thomas Streatfeild & John Bucker both of the parish of Shoreham aforesaid my supervisors of this my last will & testament desiringe them to see this my will performed according to my true intent & meaning & I doe hereby revoack & adnull all other former wills legacies bequeths . . . by me in any wise before this tyme named willed & bequeathed. In witnes whereof I have hereunto put my hand & seale the day & yeare first above written In the presence of Tho: Streatfeild [Margarett] Browne John Barrett his marke.

Richard Freight

his marke

34. John GOLDSMITH of Shoreham

PRS/W/7/30

W 24 Jul 1634
 B 29 Jul 1634
 P 14 Aug 1634

In the name of God Amen I John Goldsmith of Shorham in the Countie of Kent yeoman beinge sicke in body but yet of good and perfect remembrance praised be God therefor Doe make this my last will and Testament in maner and forme followinge imprimis I doe commend my soule into the handes of Almightye God my maker and redeemer and my bodie to the earth in decent maner to be buryed when it shall please God to take me out of this Vale of misery, my temporall goodes I dispose as followeth Imprimis I give and bequeath unto my daughter Jean

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Goldsmith the summe of twenty pounds of lawfull monie of England to be payed unto her at the age of foure and twentie yeares if she shall so longe live. Item I give unto my daughter Alice Goldsmith the summe of twentie pounds of lawfull monie of England to be payed unto her at her age of fowre and twenty yeares if she shall live so longe. And my will is that if eyther the said Joan or Alice shall depart this life before they or eyther of them shall come to the age of foure and twentie yeares that then their or eyther of their portions so dyinge shall returne or remayne to the Executor and the Executrice of this my last wil and Testament. Item I doe give unto the poore of the parish of Shorham the summe of five shillings to be distributed amongst them at the discretion of mine Executors upon the day of my buriall All the rest of my goods and chattells whatsoever ungiven I give and bequeath unto my lovinge wife Alice Goldsmith and to my sonne James Goldsmith to be used and employed ioyntly by them duringe both their lives or to be equally parted and distributed between them whensoever eyther of them shal require such particon And I doe make and constitute the said Alice and James the ioynt Executors of this my last will and Testament signed in my hand marke and dated the foure and twentieth day of July in the tenth yeare of the reigne of our Sovereigne Lord Charles by the grace of God kinge of England Scotland Fraunce and Ireland defender of the faith etc.

[In left margin] the marke of John Goldsmith

Witnesses

John Emerson

Edmond Atwood

Thomas A Court

35. John HACKETT of Otford

PRS/W/8/128

W 3 Aug 1671

P 21 Oct 1671

Memorandum. that on or about the third day of August Anno Domini 1671 John Hackett of the parish of Otford in the County of Kent yeoman being sick in body but of perfect mind and memory being asked how he would dispose of his estate as to whether he would give any thinge to his Children he answered noe he would give and leave all to his wife Elizabeth Those words or the selfsame in effect he spoke in the presence and heareing of John Hackett and Elizabeth Hackett his Sonne and Daughter

Sign' John [mark] Hackett

Sign' Eliz: [mark] Hackett

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36. John HACKETT of Otford

PRS/I/8/1

I 3 Oct 1671
E 7 Nov 1671

Kent An Inventory Indented of all and singular the goods & Chattells of John Hackett of Ottford in the County aforesaid husbandman [*] deceased taken & appraised the third day of October In the year of our Lord one Thousand six hundred seaventy & one . . . dennis and Robert Hills as followeth

Imprimis the Testators wearing apparell 01-10-00

In the lower roomes

Item two pewter dishes one Iron pottage pott
one skillett two chaires three little drink
tubbs one powdring tubb & three milk bowles 01-10-00

In the upper roome

Item one flock bedd two chests three paire of
sheetes one blankett one Coverlett & one
old bedstedd 01: 06: 08

Item Corne in the Barne 18: 00: 00

In the Yard

Item two Cowes one bullock three small hoggs
fower little piggs one Mare six young Sheep
& one old Cart 10: 10: 00

Summa totalis . . . 32: 06: 08

37. Thomas HALTROP of Shoreham

PRS/W/8/231

W 10 Sep 1706
P 28 Jan 1707

IN THE NAME OF GOD AMEN The tenth day of September in the year of our Lord God One thousand seaven hundred and six and in the fifth yeare of the Reigne of our Sovereigne Lady Queen Anne etc. I Thomas Haltrop of Shoreham in the County of Kent Yeoman being at this time infirme and weake in body but of sound and perfect memory (prayse be given to God for the same. And being mindful of my latter end and disirious to settle that Estate which it hath pleased God of his infinite mercy to lend me hereby revoking all former Wills by me made either by word or writing DOE make and ordeine this my last Will and Testament

* Described as yeoman in his nuncupative will, document no. 35.

in manner and forme following (vizt) First and principally I remitt my soule into the hands of Almighty God my Creator and Redeemer hoping assuredly through the merritts death and passion of Jesus Christ my Blessed Saviour to obteine full and free pardon and remission of all my Sins And my body to the Earth from whence it was taken to be decently interr'd at the discretion of my Executrix hereafter named in sure and certain hope of a joyfull resurrection to life eternall. ITEM I give devise and bequeath to Anne my loveing Wife All my goods Cattell Chattells and personal Estate whatsoever and wheresoever And I doe hereby constitute ordeine & appoint Anne my said loveing Wife to be sole Executrix of this my last Will and Testament ITEM I give devise and bequeath to Anne my saide loveing Wife All that my Messuage or Tenement called Little Portars with the Barne Stable Backside Garden and Orchard And also my part of all those severall peices or parcells of land called Curtreedfeild ThunderCroft and the Barnefeild heretofore called the Great feild conteyning together by estimacion in the whole seaventeene acres more or less out of which seaventeene acres I have by Deed settled upon my sonn William and his heires eight acres or thereabouts as the same is now divided from the feild above mentioned and are now called or known by the several names of Dale Croft Bramley Croft the two shawes adjoining to Bramley Croft and one peice of pasture land called Pondfeild all which said parcells of land and the two shawes conteyne together in the whole Eight acres more or less All which said Messuage lands and premisses are scituate standing lyeing and being on the East Hill in the Parish of Shoreham aforesaid and now are in my occupacion To have and to hold To Anne my said Wife and her Assignes during the Terme of her naturall life and from and imidiately after her decease Then I give devise and bequeath All the aforesaid Messuage or Tenement Barne Stable Outhouses lands and all other the premisses with their appurtenances To my said sonn William and his heirs forever (Upon condicion nevertheless that my said sonn William or his heires so soon as he or they shall have possession of the said premisses Doe and shall well and truly pay or cause to be paid unto my sonn George Haltrope for and dureing the Terme of his naturall life One Annuitie or yearly Rent charge of twenty shillings of lawfull money of England (freed and discharged of and from all manner of Taxes and deductions whatsoever yearley at the Feast of St Michael the Archangell or within tenn dayes after and for default of such payment Then my said sonn George to enter into and upon all that peice or parcell of land called Curtreedfeild, with its appurtenances and have receive and take the Rents Yssues and profitts thereof untill he shall be fully satisfyed and paid his said Annuitie and all such Costs and charges as he shall at any time be at to recover the same. Also I give and bequeath To my Sonn John Haltrope the summe of forty pounds of lawfull money of England to be paid him by my said Sonn William Haltrope within one yeare next after the decease of Anne my said Wife out of the Messuage lands and premisses herein before bequeathed to my said Sonn William Haltrope and in default of such payment Then my said Sonn John Haltrope to enter into and upon All and singular the said Messuages lands and all other the premisses with their and every of their appurtenances and have receive and take the Rents Issues and profitts thereof untill he shall be fully satisfyed and paid his said Legacie of forty pounds with Interest for the same (if it be not paid at the time appointed) and all such Cost and charges as he shall be at to recover the same IN WITNES whereof to this my last Will and Testament written in four sheets of paper to each of which I have set my Marke and Seale the day and yeare first above written.

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Signed sealed published and declared
by the said Thomas Haltrope to be his
last Will and Testament Witnessed in
the presence of the aforesaid Thomas
Haltrope by us

the marke of
Thomas Haltrope

Richard Danks
the marke of Margaret Danks
Robert Petty

38. Thomas HALTROPE of Shoreham

PRS/I/8/14

I 25 Nov 1706
E 28 Jan 1707

A True and Perfect Inventory of all & Singular the goods Chattells & Creditts of
Thomas Haltrope late of the parish of Shoreham in the County of kent Yeoman
deceased taken valued & appraised on the 25th day of November 1706 by Francis
Randall and James Rumney as followeth vizt

Imprimis his Weareing Cloathes	j li v s
Item the money in his Pockett	v s
Item all the goods in the Hall Roome	xv s
Item all the goods in the Back Roome	v s
Item all the goods in the Brewhouse	j li v s
Item all the goods in the two little butteries	x s
Item in the two chambers one bedd and steddle Curtaines and vallens	j li xv s
Item one flock bedd & steddle and vallins	x s
Item Cheste and other small things	vij s vj d
Item six paire of sheetes and six Napkins and other table linnen	j li xv s
Item two old horses	ij li xv s
Item one Cow Bullock	j li x s
Item one weaning Calfe	xv s
Item one hogg	ij li
Item three Acres and a halfe of Wheat on the ground	v li v s
Item Wheat in the barne	iiij li
Item barley in the Barne	ij li
Item Oates in the Barne	xv s
Item Hay in the barne	j li
Item one Carte two harrowes & the harnessse	xij s

Summa totalis xxviiij li iiiij s vj d

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39. William HARTNUP of Shoreham

PROB11/364 f. 148
PROB10/1115.

W 18 Aug 1673
P 3 Nov 1680

In the name of God Amen the eighteenth day of August In the yeare of our Lord one thousand six hundred seaventy and three I William Hartnup of Shoreham in the County of Kent yeoman being aged and Crasey in my body but of sound & perfect minde and memory prayed be God doe make and ordeyne this my last Will and Testament in manner and forme following That is to say First I give and bequeath ny Soule into the handes of him that gave it trusting assuredly for salvation through the alsufficient merrittes of Jesus Christ my blessed Savyour and Redeemer and for my body I committe the same to the earth decently to be buried at the discretion of my Executors hereafter named And as for & concerning that worldly estate which it hath pleased God of his goodness to bestow upon me I dispose thereof as followeth (that is to say) First I give to the Minister that shall preach my funeral sermon Twenty shillinges Item I give to the poor people of the parish of Shoreham aforesaid the summe of six poundes of lawfull English money to be paid them within one month next after my decease by my Executors and the Officers of the parish Item I give to my Grandaughter Jane Round the wife of John Round my silver Cup and the great brass pott Item I give to my loving wife Hester all my other houshold goods whatsoever which now or shall be and remaine in my dwelling house at the time of my decease Item I doe give and bequeath to my said wife the summe of thirty poundes of lawfull money of England to be paid unto her by my Executors hereafter named within one month next after my decease But if my said wife shall goe about by . . . either in Law or Equitie to recover any dower or other Interest in my Landes (other than the Jointure which I have already made her) then I will that the goodes and money hereinbefore bequeathed to her shall be distributed and paid to my fower Grandsons Thomas Round John Round William Round & Israel Round by an equal division Item I give and bequeath to my said Grandson Israel Round fourth sonn of Thomas Round late of Brasted in the said County of Kent deceased who married Jane my daughter the summe of Tenn poundes of lawful money of England to be paid unto him by my Executors hereafter named at his age of One and Twenty yeares Item I give and bequeath unto Agnes Oliver my Goddaughter and daughter of Edward Oliver Minister of Shoreham aforesaid the summe of five poundes of lawful English money to be paid by my Executor within a yeare next after my decease into the handes of Mr John Oliver her uncle for the use and benefit of the said Agnes Item I give all the rest and residue of my goodes Chattells and Cattell not before herein devised and all my ready money Bills Bonds Mortgages and debts (after my Funerall expences and debts are paid and discharged I give and devise to my Executors hereafter named Towards the enableing them to pay my aforesaid Legacyes And what shall remaine after my aforesaid Legacyes and Funerall expenses are paid and discharged I give and bequeath to my fower Grandsons Thomas Round John Round William Round & Israel Round And I doe hereby nominate ordeyne and appoint my Grandson John Round and my Loving Freind and kinsman Francis Everist of Shoreham aforesaid my Executors And I doe give unto him the said Francis Everist for his care & paines therein the summe of five poundes of lawful English money desiring him to be careful to the utmost of his power to see this my last will and Testament performed And as for touching and concerning the disposition of all & singular my

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Messuages Landes and Tenementes I doe give and dispose thereof as followth First I doe give and bequeath to my Grandson William Round third sonn of the said Thomas Round deceased All that Messuage or Tenement with the Barnes buildings yardes Tanyards orchards and severall peices or parcells of land & premisses with their appurtenances thereunto belonging used or Enjoyed conteyning by estimacion five acres more or less scituate lying & being in the parish of Ottford in the aforesaid County of Kent and now or lately in the tenure or occupacion of Thomas Smither or of his Assigne or Assignes And also one other Messuage or Tenement commonly called or knowne by the name of Conies or by what other name or names soever the same is commonly called or knowne by and all the Barnes buildings outhouses yardes Gardens orchardes and severall peices or parcells of Land therunto belonging used and injoyed conteyning by estimacion Tenn acres more or less scituate lying and being in the parish of Westerham in the aforesaid County of Kent and now or late in the tenure or occupacion of Edward Greene his Assigne or Assignes And also one other Messuage or Tenement commonly called or knowne by the name of Sandes or by what other name or names soever the same is called or knowne by and all the Barnes buildings outhouses yardes gardens orchardes and severall peices or parcells of Land and other the premisses with the appurtenances thereunto belonging used or Enjoyed Conteyning by estimacion fower acres more or less Scituate lying and being in the parish of Seale in the aforesaid County of Kent and now or late in the tenure or occupacion of Richard Browne his Assigne or Assignes To have and to hold all & singular the aforesaid messuages or Tenements and premisses thereunto belonging with their and every of their appurtenances unto the said William Round and his heires for ever Item I give and bequeath to my Grandson John Round Second Sonn of the said Thomas Round deceased All those my two Messuages or Tenementes which I lately purchased of Thomas Goldsmith commonly called or knowne by the name of Cotmans Ash or by whatsoever other name or names the same are commonly called or knowne by with all the Barnes buildings yardes gardens orchardes and severall peices of land therunto belonging used or Enjoyed conteyning by estimacion Thirty acres more or less scituate lying and being in the parish of Kemsing in the aforesaid County of Kent and now or late in the severall tenures or occupacions of Richard Wingate and Beniamyn Goodwyn or of their Assigne or Assignes And also all those my Two Messuages or Tenements with the Barnes and all outhouses yardes Gardens Orchardes and Landes thereunto belonging used or Enjoyed with the appurtenances conteyning by estimacion two acres of land more or less scituate lying & being in Horton Kirbye in the aforesaid County of Kent and now or late in the severall tenures or occupacions of one Saunders & [Nortwel ?] Blacksmith and the widow Sandcock or of their some or one of their Assigne or Assignes To have & to hold the aforesaid Messuages or Tenements landes and premisses last mencioned with their & every of their appurtenances unto the said John Round his heires and Assignes for ever, Provided always nevertheless and my will & meaning is that the said John Round or those who shall hold and Enjoy the said Tenements and landes in Horton Kirbye aforesaid shall out of the same well & truly pay or cause to be paid unto my Grandson Thomas Round eldest Sonn of the said Thomas Round deceased the summe of fower poundes by the yeare of lawful money of England yearly & every yeare for & dureing the Terme of his natural life at two usuall Feasts or Termes in the yeare (that is to say) the Feast of St Michael the Archangell and the Annunciacion of the blessed Virgine mary halfe yearly to be paid by even and equall porcions the first of the said payments to begin at which of the aforesaid

Feastes or dayes of payment as shall next happen after my decease And my will is that if the said fower poundes by the yeare or any part therof shall at any time or times dureing the naturall life of the said Thomas Round be behinde & unpaid by the space of one & twenty dayes next ensueing either of the said Feastes or dayes of payment on which the same ought to be paid as aforesaid being lawfully demanded That then it shall and may be lawfull to & for him the said Thomas Round to enter into & upon the aforesaid Messuages landes a premisses with the appurtenances lying in Horton Kirbye aforesaid And the said Messuages & Landes To have & to hold to him the said Thomas Round and his heires for ever. Item I give and bequeath unto the said Israell Round fourth sonn of the said Thomas Round deceased All that my Message or Tenement called Cokeham or by what other name or names soever the same is called or knowne by being a Coppyhold Tenement formerly surrendered to the use of my last will and all the Barnes buildings outhouses yarges Gardens Orchardes and severall peices or parcells of Land Coppyhold or Freehold thereunto belonging used or Enjoyed conteyning by estimacion Thirty and seaven acres more or less scituate lying and being in Westerham aforesaid To have and to hold the same Message or Tenement called Cokeham and the Landes and premisses thereunto belonging with their appurtenances unto the said Israell Round his heires and Assignes for ever Provided always nevertheless and my will and meaning is that the said Israell Round or those who shall hold & enjoy the said Tenement called Cokeham and the Landes and premisses thereunto belonging shall out of the same well and truly pay or cause to be paid unto the said Thomas Round my Grandson the summe of fower poundes by the yeare of lawfull money of England yearly and every yeare for & dureing the Terme of his naturall life at two usuall Feasts or Terms in the yeare (that is to say) the Feast of St Michael the Archangell and the Annunciacion of the blessed Virgine mary halfe yearly to be paid by even and equall porcions at or in the said Message called Cokeham the first payment thereof to begin & be made at which of the aforesaid Feasts or dayes of payment as shall next happen after my decease And my will is that if the said fower poundes by the yeare or any part thereof shall at any time or times dureing the naturall life of the said Thomas Round be behind and unpaid by the space of one and Twenty dayes next ensueing either of the aforesaid Feasts on which the same ought to be paid as aforesaid being lawfully demanded That then it shall and may be lawfull to & for the said Thomas Round to enter into & upon the Barne belonging to the aforesaid Tenement called Cokeham the said Barne being Freehold And also into and upon a parcell of Freehold land belonging to the said Tenement called Cokeham And the said barne & peice of Freehold land To have & to hold to him the said Thomas Round his heires and Assignes for ever Item I doe give and bequeath unto my aforesaid loveing wife Hester (in Consideration of the great paines shee hath taken with me in my age and sickness over & above the Joynture which I have made her and besides the Legacyes in this my last will before bequeathed to her any Clause therein conteyned to the contrary thereof in any wise notwithstanding) All that my peice or parcell of Land commonly called Crowch Croft with the appurtenances scituate lying & being in Westerham aforesaid now or late in the tenure or occupacion of one duedny his Assigne or Assignes To have & to hold to my said wife Hester for & dureing the Terme of her naturall life And after her decease I give devise and bequeath the said parcell of land called Crowch Croft with the appurtenances unto my said grandson Israell Round and his heires and Assignes for ever And further my will & minde is and I desire that my Executors should expend & bestowe upon my funerall the

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summe of twenty poundes to accommodate my Freinds & loveing Neighbours who will take the paines to come to my funerall and to see my body decently buried Also my will & minde is and I desire my aforesaid Executors to order and appoint a post to be placed at each end of my Grave with a Rayle over my Grave fixed into the said posts and the like to be done to the graves of my deceased wife Sonn & daughter within two months next after my decease according to the usuall manner & Custome for such like occasions In witnes whereof I the said William Hartnup to this my present last Will & Testament written in six sheetes of paper to every one of which I have set my marke and set my seale to the whole the day & yeare above written

Signed sealed published &
declared in the presence of

George Petty
the marke of Robert dallyn
William Peach

40. William HARTNUP of Shoreham

PROB4/9624

I 6 Sep 1680

An Inventory of all and singular the Goods chattells and credits of William Hartnup late of Shoreham in the county of Kent yeoman deceased Taken vallued and appraised the 6th day of September In the yeare of our Lord God 1680 and in the 32th yeare of the Raigne of our Sovereign Lord Charles the Second by the Grace of God of England & Scotland France and Ireland King Defendere of the Faith etc by Benjamin Porter and Robert Hills are as followeth first

Imprimis his wearing apparell and ready money
in his pockett

iiij li

In the Parlor

Item 1 feather bed 1 flock bed 1 Rugg 3 Blanketts
bedstedle with curtaines and vallance 2 feather
pillows 1 feather bolster and one flock bolster
Item 1 Cupboard 6 chaires & 1 Table 4 stooles &
4 Chests

v li

Item 1 silver Bowle

xv s

Item 3 paire of Andirons 2 paire of tongs 2 fire
shovells 1 creeper 2 Gridirons 1 Tosting Iron
1 chopping knife 2 Spitts 2 dripping panns 2 paire
of pott hangers & 1 paire of pott hooks

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Item 1 Jack

xvij s iiij d

Item 1 warmeing pann 1 paire of bellowes & 1
Morter and pestle

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Item 2 smoothing Irons some earthenware & some
other odd things

ij s vj d

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In the Buttery

Item 2 Iron Pottes 2 Iron kettles 1 Iron Trevett
3 brass skilletts 2 Drinke vessells 1 powdering
Tubb 1 Tunn Tubb & 1 little keeler & some other
odd things xiiij s

In the Chamber

Item 1 feather Bedd 1 flock bed 2 feather bolsters
2 flock bolsters 4 feather pillows 2 blankets
& two coverletts & 2 bedstedles iiiiij li
Item 4 brass kettles 2 brass potts 1 still and
1 bedpan ij li x s
Item 15 pewter dishes 2 basons 2 chamber potts
4 candlesticks 1 flagon 6 porringers and some
other small pewter ij li j s vj d
Item 3 chests 2 Boxes and 1 old wicker chaire xij s vj d
Item 12 paire of flaxen sheets 1 paire of hempen
sheetes & 3 paire of . . . sheets 2 long table
clothes six short Tableclothes 4 dozen of
Napkins and 6 Towells xv li
Item 3 old Tubbs 1 keeler & some old Lumber iiij s vj d

In the yard

Item a parcell of wodd & Bavons & two wheeles
2 pailles some other old things ij li vj s

Item due upon bonds from John Miller Lxxx li
Item due upon bonds from George Miller xx li
Item due upon bonds from Robert Hilles L li
Item due upon bonds from William Round xxxv li
Item due from Benjamin Porter v li
Item ready Money in the house Cxxiiij li x s
Item in Debts due for Rent xxvj li xiiij s viij d

Summa Totalis hujus Inventarij CCCLxxxiiij li
vij s v d

41. Christopher HAYWARD of Eynsford PROB11/316 f 49

W 1 Mar 1645
P 9 May 1664

In the name of God amen: I Christopher Hayward of Eynsford in the County of Kent yeoman being of a sound and perfect memory praise be given to god for the same but being very aged and weake and not knowing at what watch of the night it will please god to call mee to himselfe And haveing a great desire to settle things in order in my famylie before I goe hence and be noe more seene, the first day of

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March in the seaventeenth yeare of the raigne of our soveraigne Lord Charles the Second of England Scotland France and Ireland King defender of the Faith Annoque domini one Thousand six hundred forty and fower doe make and ordayne this my last will and testament in manner and forme following First and principally I give and bequeath my soule into the handes of the great god of heaven and Earth who first gave it unto me and my body to the earth from whence it was taken to bee decently interred by my executors hereafter named in full assurance of a ioyfull resurrection of Soule and body at the second coming of the Lord Jesus Christ And for that worldly estate which it hath pleased god in his mercy to lend unto me in this my Pilgrimage here on earth I make dispoicion thereof in manner and Forme following First I doe give the summe of forty shillings of lawfull money to be distributed among the poore people of the said parish of Eynsford according to the discrecion of my said executors Alsoe I give unto my well loved good wife Joane the summe of one hundred pounds of lawfull money of England to be paid unto her within three months after my decease And whereas I have settled all my lands whatsoever and wheresoever upon her for her life for feare there should bee any fault on settling the same I doe give unto her and her assignes during her life All my lands tenements and hereditaments whatsoever Alsoe I doe give unto my sonne John the full somme of tenn pounds of lawfull money to be paid him within six monethes after my decease I haveing given to him his full portion already Alsoe I doe give unto my daughter Alice Peake the full somme of fiteene pounds of lawfull money to be paid unto her within two yeares after my decease Alsoe I doe give unto every grandchild which I shall have living at the time of my death the full somme of forty shillings to be paid unto every one of them respectively within five yeares after my decease Alsoe I doe give unto my daughter Sarah Phillipps the full somme of eight poundes of lawfull money to be paid unto her within two yeares after my decease And whereas I have a bond of my sonne in law John Budden for the payment of forty pounds unto me I doe give the said bond unto my daughter Joane Budden his wife and to all her children to be equally divided betweene them share and share alike And whereas he the said John Budden doth alsoe presently owe unto mee the full somme of Sixtie pounds more for the payment whereof he hath agreed to mortgage certaine lands unto me which mortgage is ready made but not sealed I doe give the said sixtie pounds unto my sonne Christopher And doe appoint that he shall permitt my said sonn John Budden to keepe the said sixtie pounds paying only interest for the same according to tenor of the said mortgage and noe more Alsoe I doe give the lease of my farme I now dwell in unto my sonne Thomas upon condicion that he doe performe this my will in all things with his brother Christopher namely That he doe pay unto his said mother the said somme of one hundred pounds for the stocke of Conyes which are upon the said Farme and that then all the housholdstufte goods and Chattells whatsoever both within dores and without in and upon the said Farme be equally and indifferently apprized the said stocke of Conyes as the propper goods of him the said Thomas which he bought only excepted And that then the same be equally divided into two parts whereof he the said Thomas is to have one part to him selfe and the other moyety is to be equally divided betweene him the said Thomas and him the said Christopher My other debts Legacies and funeral expences being first paid and discharged Alsoe I doe make my said two sonnnes Christopher and Thomas Hayward my full and sole executors of this my last will and testament Charging them not to dyffer but to see the same performed in all thlngs All the remainder of my goods Chattells bills bonds debts money and other estate what soever I doe give equally to be

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devided betweene my said two executors share and share alike. Lastly I doe revoke and make voyd all former wills by me made and doe make and ordaine this my last will and testament the day and yeare aforesaid In witnes whereof I have subscribed my hand and sett my seale to both sheets of paper. The marke of Christopher Hayward.

Memorandum This will was read over signed sealed & published by the above named Christopher Hayward the elder in the presence of us Geo: Giffard The marke of John C. . . The marke of Nicholas Court

42. Christopher HAYWARD of Eynsford

VH96/4605

W 5 Apr 1704
B 18 May 1708
P 21 Jun 1708

In the name of God Amen The Fifth day of Aprill in the Third yeare of the Reigne of our Sovereigne Lady Anne by the grace of God of England Scotland France and Ireland Queene Defender of faith etc Annoque Domini 1704 I Christopher Hayward of Austin Lodge in the Parish of Eynsford in the County of Kent yeoman being well in bodily health And of a sound and disposing mind and memory praise be therefore given to Almighty God, But calling to mind the uncertainty of Mans life doe make this my last will and Testament in manner and forme following (that is to say) First and principally I Commend my soul into the hands of Almighty God that gave it me fully trusting to be saved from all my Sins and Transgressions in and through the only merritts death and passion of my Deare Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ, And my body I Committ to the earth to be decently buried at the discretion of my Executors hereinafter named, And as touching and Concerning all such Worldly Estate as it hath pleased God to bestow upon me, I doe give and dispose thereof as followeth And first it is my Will and mind that all my Debts and Funerall Charges shall be first payed and discharged Item I doe hereby order and appoynt that my Executors hereafter named doe within one week after my decease raise and pay Fifty pounds to my Deare wife in full discharge of a Bond which I made in trust for her to Francis Instice [or Justice] before marriage for One hundred pounds penaltie for payment of Fifty pounds beareing sute about the Tenth day of March in the yeare of our Lord God One Thousand six Hundred Nynety and six, And also I doe hereby order and appoynt that my Executors hereafter named doe Raise and pay Five pounds apeece to the six Children which my Deare wife had by her former husband John Marshall late of Eynsford aforesaid Yeoman deceased, for which said severall summes of five pounds apeece to the said Six Children I also made a Bond before marriage to the said Francis Instice [or Justice] in Trust for the said Six Children bearing even date with the said First writted Bond desiring my said Executors to pay the said severall five pounds apeece att the severall and respective dayes and times in the said last writted Bond Limited and appointed for payment thereof Item I doe give and bequeath unto my loving Wife Twenty shillings to buy her a Ring in Remembrance of me Item I doe give and bequeath unto my loving sonne Thomas Hayward the summe of Fifty pounds of lawfull money of England to be payed unto him at his age of One and Twenty yeares by my Executors hereafter

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named out of my personall Estate Item I doe give and bequeath unto my fower other sonns (namely Christopher Hayward John Hayward Henry Hayward and William Hayward) the Summe of One hundred and Twenty pounds apeece to be payed unto them at their severall and respective age and ages of One and Twenty yeares by my Executors hereinafter named Out of my personall Estate Item I doe give and bequeath unto my Three daughters (namely Margarett Hayward Mary Hayward and Sarah Hayward) The Summe of One Hundred pounds apeece To be raised and payed unto them by my Executors hereafter named out of my personall Estate at their respective age and ages of One and Twenty yeares or day or days of marriage which shall first happen Provided all my said daughters shall marry by and with the Consent and good likeing of my said Executors And it is my will and mind that if any of my said Sonnes or daughters shall happen to dye or depart this life before their Severall and respective Legacy or Legacyes shall become due and payable as aforesaid That then the Legacy or Legacyes of him or them soe dying shall be Equally divided betweene the Survivours or Survivour of him her or them soe dying, Share and Share alike equally to be divided amongst all my said Children then livinge And I doe make nominate and appoint my Loving Brother in Law Thomas Beckett the Elder of Eynsford aforesaid Mercer And my Loving Brother Thomas Hayward of Shoreham in the said County of Kent Yeoman Joynt Executors of this my last Will and Testament in Trust for my said Children And I doe give and bequeath unto each of them Tenn shillings to buy them Rings to weare in Remembrance of me Desiring them to be Aiding and Assisting to my Deare Children in the due and true performance of this my Will And desiring them that they will take a True and perfect Inventory of all my goods Chattells and Creditts within Fourteene dayes after my decease And it is further my will and mind that the residue of my personall Estate not by me before bequeathed shall be equally divided betweene all my Children Share and Share alike soe as my said Executors be Allowed all their reasonable Charges and expences in and about the Execution of this my Will And Lastly I doe Revoke all former will or wills by me made and doe make and ordaine this to be my last Will and Testament In witnes whereof I the said Christopher Hayward the Testator have hereunto sett my hand and Seale the day and yeare first above written.

Signed Sealed Published and
Declared by the said Christopher
Hayward the Testator to be his
last will and Testament in the
presence of

Christopher Hayward

Richard Jessupp
Sam: Browne
Walt: Loveden

43. Christopher HAYWARD of Eynsford

PRS/I/8/53

I 27 May 1708
B 18 May 1708

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A True and perfect Inventory Indented of all & singular the Goods cattell chattells debts creditts and . . . of Christopher Hayward late of Eynsford in the County of Kent yeoman deceased taken and Aprized the Seaven and Twentyeth day of May in the Seaventh year of the Reign of our Sovraign Lady Ann by the Grace of God of Greate Brittain France & Ireland Queen & defender of the Faith Annoque Domini 1708 by John Capon and James Rumney as followeth (that is to say)

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Imprimis the deceaseds wareing Aparell & ready money in his purse 1 - 15 - 0

In the Kitchin in the deceaseds dwelling house
 Item Fower payer of pothangers one payer of Andirons Fyer shovell and tongs one racke one fender one Jacke six spitts three tinn dripping pans five Grid Irons one toasting Iron five chopping knives one cleaver one clocke three Gunns one pistole one box Iron three smootheing Irons two tables two old settles two formes two chayers one payer of bellowes one spice box six brass kettles five bellmettle porridge potts one warmeing pann two Copper drinkeing potts one brass pottell two brass Candlestickes one brass Flowr box one brass peper box two Iron Potts two Iron kettles one Iron pott lidd and two Iron Candlesticks 10 - 9 - 4

In the Hall

Item two payer of Andirons two payer of tongs one Fyer pann two tables one forme Fower Joyne Stooles Eight Kaine Chayers six Leather chayers one parcell of pickters 2 - 8 - 6

In the Brewhouse and outlett

Item one brasse Furnace one old Iron pott one cheese press & all belonging to it two dressers Fower old tinn dripping pannes two pasty pannes one Iron beame & waites one Skalder nine old tubbs one forme a p[ar]cell of Trenchers & wodden dishes three brass skilletts two payer of skailles Four pailles two leather bottles & two old basketts 2 - 17 - 0

In the Milkehouse

Item one charne Fower & twenty Milk trayes two dressers and Four shelves 1 - 15 - 0

In the Bunting Roome

Item one Boulting Mill two Kneading troffes two sives one skalder one Forme one little table and two Rowleing pinns 1 - 7 - 0

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In the Cellers

Item two Skalders twelve drinke tubbs six
powdering tubbs two old tubbs one bottle
Cupboard & Four dozen of Glass bottles 4 - 5 - 0

In the Low Chamber

Item one beddstedle Flocke bedd & all things
belonging one table a parcell of woll Five
netts one Sithe a parcell of sickles Five
wodges one Iron Crowe three Matthockes two
howes one Iron dogs one Auger & a parcell
of old Iron 6 - 5 - 0

In the Menns Chamber

Item two old beddstedles Flock bed & old
Covering & one lanthorne 0 - 6 - 8

In the Kitchen Chamber

Item two old bedstedles two feather bedds Four
boulsters Five pillowes and all to them
belonging one chest one press one sideboard
one chayer and a box of drawers 5 - 12 - 6

In the Maides Chamber

Item one old bedstedle one Feather bedd & all
thereto belonging & one little table 2 - 12 - 0
Item one silver Tankard Four silver Cupps &
nine Silver spoones 11 - 0 - 0

In the Parlor Chamber

Item one payer of Andirons one payer of Creepers
Fyer shovell & tongs two bedstedles two
Feather bedds two boulsters Four pillowes
blanketts Coverlett Curtaines vallance & all
to them belonging six Turkeworke chayers two
wodden chayers one Stoole one sideboard one
lookeing glass two quishions one chest of
drawers one case & three Knives two Cuppboard
cloathes one baskett . . . & a parcell of earthen
& Tinn ware 8 - 8 - 6

In the Greene Chamber

Item one beddstedle one Feather bedd one bolster
two pillowes coverlett blanketts curtaines
vallance & all thereto belonging one payer of
brass Andirons two payer of Iron brand Irons
Fyer shovell & tongs one payer of bellowes one
little Iron Jacke one chest of drawers one box
of drawers two tables one sidebord one chest &
Fower chayers 4 - 8 - . . .

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Item Seaventeene payer of Fine sheetes twenty payer of course sheetes Five & Thirty towells & other cloathes twelve table cloathes nine pillowbeerers three dozen & eight napkins six curtaines one Silke Mantle & other childebed linnen	27 - 12 - 0 6 - 7 - . . .
In the passage	
Item two sale Cloathes two pillions one Side Sadle & one shorte pannel	1 - 0 - 0
In the Corne Chamber	
Item one press bedstedle one old malte Mill 22 bushells of oates & a parcell of wheate	3 - 10 - 0
Item for Malte and Barly	31 - 0 - 0
In the barnes	
Item Six quarters of oates a parcell of wheate & Misling thresht & unthresht one scrye one wyer sive three other Sives one Form one bushell one pack one gallon Fower Shovells and six and twenty sakes	16 - 15 - 6
In the Carthouse	
Item one Wagon three Courts Five plowes Four harrows one ox harrow plow tackling for twelve horses, harness for twelve horse and other husbandry tackleing and a parcell of wole	27 - 10 - 0
Item about nine load of timber	9 - 0 - 0
Item Six Cowes Eight drye cattell and Four weeneing Calves	23 - 10 - 0
Item Twelve horses and Mares	[58] - 0 - 0
Item two hundred sheepe and Eighty Lambes	[74] - 0 - 0
Item Twelve sheates	6 - 0 - 0
Item a parcell of wheelers Ashe and plow [. . .]	3 - 7 - 0
Item Hoppoles	2 - 2 - 0
Item Eighteene Cord of coppice wood & Five hundred of Bavins	6 - 18 - 0
Item att the Wharfe three load & a halfe of hopps nine hundred & a half of Birch Five load and a halfe of Staves & about Eight Thousand of pimps	26 - 15 - 0
Item wheate sowed on the ground and fallowes	130 - 0 - 0
Item for Barly sowed on the ground	135 - 0 - 0
Item for Oates sowed on the ground	135 - 0 - 0
Item for peas & tares sowed on the ground	55 - 0 - 0
Item for the growth of the underwood	47 - 10 - 0
Item the deceased's ready money	15 - 0 - 0
Item debts sperate & desperate	10 - 0 - 0
Item old Lumber	0 - 6 - 8

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Aprizers	John Capon James Rumney	Sume Total	910 - 02 - 08
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44. Richard HERMAN of Farningham

VH96/4531

W 4 Mar 1677
P 20 Apr 1677

In the name of God Amen I Richard Herman Senior of the Parish of Farningham in the County of Kent yeoman, being ill and weake in body, but of sound and perfect mind and memory, God be prayed for it, not knowing how suddenly the time of my Temporal life may bee expired, therefore for the quieting of my mind, and for the ordering, disposing and settling of that final estate which it hath pleased God to give and lend unto mee, doe constitute, make and ordaine this present writinge conteyned in one sheet of paper for my last will and Testament, in manner and forme following, First and principally I humbly render my soule to Almighty God my ever blessed Creator, firmly beleeving and hoping to be saved by the alsufficient meritts of Jesus Christ my most blessed Redeemer, and my Body to be decently buried at the discretion of my Executor hereafter named. Item I will and give unto my son John Herman of the Parish of Sutton at Hone in the County of Kent aforesaid the summe of one shilling to bee payd unto him the said John Herman within the space of one month next after my decease by my Executor if lawfully demanded, having otherwise before given unto him: Item I will and give unto my two Grandchildren Anne Herman, and Henery Herman the daughter and son of my said son John Herman five shillings apeice to either of them severally to bee payed within the space of one yeare next after my decease, if lawfully demanded, and in case either of them dye before the space before mentioned then the survivor to have the whole ten shillings: Item I will and give unto my son Richard Herman of Sheerehall in the Parish of Wilmington in the County of Kent aforesaid the summe of one shilling to bee payed unto him the said Richard Herman within the space of one month next after my decease, if lawfully demanded: Item I will and give unto my six Grandchildren, Elizabeth Herman, Sarah Herman, Richard Herman, Joane Herman, John Herman and [space] Herman all the sons and daughters of my said son Richard Herman The summe of five shillings apeice to each of them severally to bee payed within the space of one yeare next after my decease by my executor if lawfully demanded: And in case either of my said Grandchildren happen to dye before the space before mentioned, then the five shillings of him or her, or of them that soe dye, to be equally divided amongst the survivours: Item I will and give unto my son Henery Herman of the parish of Farningham aforesaid The summe of thirty pounds of good and lawfull mony of England to bee payed unto him my said son Henery Herman by my executor hereafter named, that is to say ten pounds within the space of one whole yeare next after my decease, other ten pounds within the space of two whole years next after my decease, and other ten pounds being the third and last ten pounds within the space of three whole years next after my decease, all the said three ten pounds being lawfully demanded at the times before appoynted, Item I will and my mind is that in case my said son Henery Herman should happen to dye before any or all the said three dayes of payment of the said three severell ten pounds, then all

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or any of the said three ten pounds to bee payed to my five grandchildren hereafter named the sons & daughters of my said son Henery Herman or to such of them as shalbee then liveing to bee equally devided amongst them: Item I will and give unto my Granddaughter Elisabeth Herman the daughter of my son Thomas Herman of Farningham the summe of fourty shillings to bee payed unto her at the age of one & twenty yeares Item I will and give to my other three Grandchildren the children of my said son Thomas Herman, Mary Herman, Ellen Herman and Francis Herman the summe of five shillings apeice to each of them severally within the space of seaven yeares next after my decease: Item I will and give unto my five Grandchildren the sons and daughters of my son Henery Herman aforesaid, that is to say John Herman, Richard Herman, Sarah Herman, Elizabeth Herman & William Herman the summe of five shillings apeice to each of them severally within the space of one yeare next after my decease, by my executor if lawfully demaunded: And in case either of my said Grandchildren happen to dye before the space before mentioned, then the five shillings of him, or her, or of them that soe dye to be equally devided amongst the survivours: and last of all I will and give all my goods, mooveables, stocke, utensills, chattells & debts both within doores and without to my son Thomas Herman aforesaid hee paying my debts and Legacies and dischargeing and paying all funerall rights & duties, and I doe by these presents constitute, make and ordayne my said son Thomas Herman the sole & only executor of this my last will and testament, hereby revokeing and makeing wholly frustrate and voide any other will or testament heretofore by mee made whether in writeing or by word of mouth or by any other way or means whatsoever, and I doe heereby declare this present writeing contayned as is aforesaid in this one sheet of paper to bee my last will and Testament

In witness whereof I have set to my hand and seale to this my last wil and Testament this fourth day of March in the 29th yeare of the Reigne of our Sovereigne Lord charles the second by the grace of God of England, Scotland, France and Ireland King, defender of the faith etc Annoque Domini 1676.

Signed, sealed, published and
declared by the said Richard
Herman to bee his last will
and testament in the presence
of us

The mark of
Richard Herman senr.

Thomas Browne
John Brasyer

45. Richard HERMAN of Farningham

PRS/I/8/65

I 9 Apr 1677
E 20 Apr 1677

A true and perfect Inventory of all and singular the goods chattells and debts of Richard Herman late of the parish of Farningham in the County of Kent . . . taken valued & appraised the 9th day of Aprill 1677 by us Thomas Kingsland and John Brasyer as followeth vizt.

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Imprimis his weareing apparell and mony in his purse	<i>ij li: x s</i>
Item in the Hall one table a litle side table an old table an old Cubbord 4 chaires 1 joyned stoole and a forme	<i>j li: x s</i>
Item 2 brass bottles one brass pott 3 skilletts a warming pan 1 brass mortar 1 brass candlestick	<i>j li: vj s</i>
Item in the Kitchen 1 brass furnace two Iron Kettles 1 Iron pott 1 Iron dripping pan 2 Spitts an Iron Shovell and tongs & grindiron and Andiron	<i>ij li: x s: iiij d</i>
Item 5 old tubbs a tun tubb 2 payles halfe a dozen of wooden dishes and 2 dozen of Trenchers	<i>xiiij s: viij d</i>
Item in the Buttery 4 drinke tubbs a bunting hutch 2 sives a woolen wheele & lynnens wheele	<i>j li: j s: viij d</i>
Item in the milk house 2 poudring tubbs 1 litle table 6 milk trays 6 Crocks 1 Churne 1 Keeler bason and forke	<i>ij li: x s: iiij d</i>
Item in the Hall Chamber one feather bed bedstedle Curtaines valence & Coverlett 2 blanketts one litle trundle bed 1 litle table 4 rush Chaires 2 chests 2 boxes 2 trunkes 2 joyned Stooles and a pair of Andirons	<i>v li: xj s: vj d</i>
Item in the Milke house Chamber 1 feather bed bedstedle vallence curtaines coverlett blankett two litle flock beds one table 2 Chests and one forme	<i>vj li: v s: vj d</i>
Item 12 paire of sheetes 12 pewter dishes 3 flaggons 2 candlesticks 2 Chamber potts 2 Salt Sellers 12 pewter spoones 4 pillow beares 2 dozen of napkins 2 table Cloathes	<i>vij li: iiij s: vj d</i>
Item without Doores 4 Cowes 4 bullocks 45 sheepe 17 Lambs 15 Sheats	<i>x li: viij s</i>
Item 6 horses and harness one waggon one Court 3 plowes one paire of plow wheeles 4 harness and all other plow tackling	<i>xxx li: x s</i>
Item 10 Sacks 1 bushell one Scrie 1 fann one Spade and 2 shovells	<i>j li: iiij s: vj d</i>
Item 40 Acres of Winter Corne more or less	<i>Lxxx li:</i>
Item 60 Acres of Sumer Corne	<i>Lxxx li:</i>
Summa Totalis hujus Inventarij	<i>CCLxiiij li: xvj s: 00 d</i>

46. Edmund HERRET of Otford

PRS/W/8/137

W 28 Apr 1675
P 26 May 1675

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In the name of God Amen I Edmund Herret of the parish of Otford yeoman being sick and weake in body but of sound & perfect memory prayed be God therefore doe make constitute and ordain this my last will and Testament in manner and forme That is to say first I doe commit & Commend my Soule into the hands of Almighty God my Maker, & doe trust to be saved by the only meritts of Christ my Saviour And my body to be decently buried at the discretion of my Executrix herein after named And for that worldly Estate that God in his mercy hath bestowed upon me I doe give it in manner & forme following, Imprimis I give to my Dear & Loving wife Elizabeth Herret & to her heires & Assignes for ever all that my Cottage Barne Stable yard, Orchard & Hemplot conteyning by Estimation half an acre of ground more or less, Scytuate lying & being in the Severall parishes of Chelsfield & Farmbrough & now in the Occupation of Sarah Rawlence Widdow Item I give to my said Wife all other my Estate as well real as personall mony plate goods chattells, & household stuffe And I doe hereby nominate & ordaine & make my said Wife my whole and sole Executrix of this my last Will & Testament renouncing hereby all former wills by me made. In witness whereof I have hereto set my hand & seale this Eight & twentieth day of April in the seven & thertieth year of the Kings reigne 1675

[In left margin]:-

Signed Sealed & declared
in the presence of
Robert Woodroffe

Edmund Herret his mark

47. Edmund HERRETT of Otford

PRS/ I/8/67

I 26 May 1675
E 28 May 1675

An Inventory of the goods Chattells and debts of Edmund Herrett late of Otford in the County of Kent deceased taken vallued and apprayed the 26: day of May 1675 by us Robert Woodroffe Rob: Hills his marke

Imprimis his purse and apparell	xx s
Item in the Hall 2 tables a forme a Cubbord 6 Chairs 2 Stooles 2 flichtes of Bacon and other small things	j li xij s
Item 2 Iron potts 3 skilletts 2 brass bottles and a warming pan	j li v s
Item in the next Roome a Chest a table 4 drinke tubbs wood and other lumber	xvj s
Item in the Chamber over the Hall 1 feather bed a Court Cubbord 1 Chest & a box 12 paire of Sheetes 2 truncks 4 table Cloaths & 12 Knapkins	ij li

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Item 2 flock beds 2 Chests & 3 boxes in the Inner Chamber	j li	viiij s
Item 10 pewter dishes 2 Candlesticks 2 spitts & a dripping pan	j li	ij s
Item 2 Hoggs	j li	iiij s
	Summa Totalis hujus Inventarij	xj li vj s

48. John HIBBEN of Eynsford

PRS/W/8/109

W 1 Feb 1667
B 8 Feb 1667
P 19 Feb 1667

In the Name of God Amen I John Hibben of Eynsford in the county of Kent Yeoman being very sick and weake in body but of a sound and perfect mind and memory (the Lord be praised I do make and declare this my last will and Testament the first day of February in the year of our Lord according to the computacion of the church of England One Thousand six hundred threescore and six in manner and forme following viz Imprimis I give and bequeath my soule into the hands of my only . . . Saviour Jesus Christ beseeching him to wash it in his own most precious blood and to present it blameless unto God the Father; And for my body I wish it to be decently buried in the Churchyard of Eynsford according to the discretion of my Executor hereafter in this my will named; And for those worldly goods which it hath pleased God to bestow on me I dispose of them as followeth, vizt Imprimis I will that all my lands Tenements & Hereditaments whatsoever be sold by my Executors immediately after my decease to the use hereafter in this my will expressed Item I will all my Goods Chattells whatsoever to be sold by my Executor for the payment of my debts & defraying of my funerall charges, Which debts being paid and funerall charges defrayed my will is that the remainder of my estate arising as well from my Lands Tenements and Hereditaments as from my goods and chattells be equally distributed among my forre children following Vizt William Hibben Thomas Hibben James Hibben and Elizabeth Hibben part and part alike Excepte onely and allways riserved unto my younger sonne James Hibben Ten pounds over and above the said monyes which shall be due unto him from the said division of my estate, for the bringing up of my said sonn James or putting out to some trade as shall seem most convenient to my Executors hereafter named Item I ordain and make my Brothers Thomas Hibben of Hayes in the county of Kent husbandman and John Hibben of Farmborough in the said county Husbandman; and my sonn in law John Partridge of Eynsford aforesaid Executors of this my last will and testament: I Revoke all former wills by me made In witness whereof to this my last will and testament I have hereunto sett my hand and seale the day and yeare above written

Memorandum that before thensealing hereof my will is that if my estate be not immediately sold for the time that it is unsold a faire account be given to my

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children of the rents or comodityes that were made of it, and distributed to my children And that the rest of my said estate shall be fairly divided amongst my children when they come of age which arise from it during their minority or nonnage.

Memorandum also before thensealing hereof that the meaning of this my will is that every one of my children have a faire accompt from my Executors and receive their portions left unto them by this my will from my Executors at the age of one and Twenty years.

Memorandum also that those severall words Day, is, James, will, my, did, were interlined and that two words were crossed out, one in the fifteenth and the other in the fower and twentieth line before the ensealling and delivery of these presents

Sealed signed and Delivered in the presence of us

Francis Aungier
Robert Hookley his marke
Susanna . . . her marke

John Hibben his mark

49. John HIBBEN of Eynsford

PRS/I/8/71
VH96/4640

I 1 Feb 1667
B 8 Feb 1667
E 26 Feb 1667

An Inventory of all and singular the goods Chattles and debts of John Hibben late of Eynsford in the County of Kent deceased, taken and apprayed by George Miller and Thomas Hayward and Richard Miller as followeth vizt.

Imprimis for the Goods in the Parlor	L	s
Item for the Goods in the Buttery	x	
Item for the Goods in the Hall	iiij	
Item for the Goods in the Drinke house	ij	
Item for the Goods in the Chamber	-	xij
Item for the Corne in the Barne	ij	
Item for the Two Cowes and one mare and three sheates	vj	
Item 9 acres of wheat	viiij	x
Item for 24 sheep	xviiij	
Item for 3 Acres and an halfe of wood	viiij	
Item money due to the deceased upon bond	ij	ij
	xv	
Summa totalis hujus Inventarij	Lxxvj	iiij

50. Robert HILLS the elder of Shoreham

PRS/W/8/139

W 1 May 1675
 B 3 Sep 1675
 P 30 Sep 1675

IN THE NAME OF GOD AMEN the first day of May in the seaven and twentieth yeare of the reigne of our Sovereign Lord Charles the Second by the grace of God King of England Scotland France & Ireland Defender of the Faith & Anno Domini 1675 I Robert Hills of Shoreham in the County of Kent the elder yeoman being of reasonable good health and of perfect mind and memory thanks be given to Almighty God therefore, And being mindful of my later end, And desireous to settle that estate as it hath pleased God of his infinite mercy to lend me hereby revoking al former Wills by me made either in word or writinge Doe make or ordeyne this my last Will & Testament in manner and forme following (Vizt) First and principally I remit and commend my Spiritt into the hands of him that gave it trusting assuredly for salvation through the al sufficient meritts of Jesus Christ my blessed savyour & Redeemer And for my body I commit the same to the earth decently to be intered in the Churchyard of Shoreham aforesaid at the discretion of my Executor hereafter named In sure and certeyne hope of a ioyful resurrection to life eternal -

Item I give and bequeath to the poor people of the parish of Shoreham aforesaid the summe of tenn shillings of lawful money of England to be distributed amongst them on the day of my buryal Item I give and bequeath unto my eldest Sonn William Hills the summe of Twenty pounds of lawful money of England to be paid to him by my Executor hereafter named within three yeares next after my decease Item I give and bequeath unto my third Sonn Edward Hills the summe of Two Hundred pounds of lawful money of England to be paid unto him by my Executor hereafter named in manner following (vizt) the summe of One Hundred pounds parcel thereof the first year next after my decease And also the like summe of One Hundred pounds other parcel thereof the second year next after my decease Item I give and bequeath unto my youngest sonn John Hills the summe of One Hundred and sixty pounds of lawfull money of England to be paid to him by my Executor as hereafter is set down & expressed (vizt) sixtie pounds part thereof the first yeare next after my decease And One Hundred pounds residue thereof the second yeare next after my decease item I give and bequeath unto my two daughters Jane Round and Ann Barrett twelve pence apeice of lawfull money of England to be paid them by my Executor within one month next after my decease if the same shall be personally demanded I having already given them their several portions in marriage Item I give and bequeath unto my eldest daughter Joane Child the summe of Twenty pounds of lawful money of England to be paid unto her by my said Executor hereafter named the third yeare next after my decease Item I doe give devise & bequeath unto my said daughter Joane Child (In case she happen to survive and overlive Nicholas Child her husband) the summe of twenty shillings per Annum dureing her widowhood, the same to be paid unto her at or upon the fower most usual Feasts or days of payment in the yeare that is to say the Feast dayes of St Michael Th'archangel the birth of our Lord God, the Annunciation of the blessed Virgin Mary and St John the Baptist by even and equal porcions The first payment thereof to begin & be made on the next of the said Feasts which shal next happen after shee (the said Joane Child) shall be discovert which said summe of

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twenty shillings per annum for as aforesaid to be paid my will and meaning is shall be paid yssuable and going out of all that Messuage or Tenement and Smith's forge and thirteen acres of Land with the appurtenances called Whitehill which peice of ground I lately purchased of Martha Manning widow and are scituate lying and being in the aforesaid parish of Shoreham and are partly in my own occupation and partly in the occupacion of David perritt Blacksmith or his Assignes, And further my will and meaning is that if default of payment be made of the said summe of Twenty shillings per Annum or any part thereof in manner aforesaid by the person or persons who shall have the Interest and Inheritance of the said Messuage or Tenement, Smiths Forge Land and premisses with the appurtenances or any part or parcell thereof That then and from thenceforth and soe often it shall and may be lawfull to and for my said daughter Joane and her Assignes into the said Messuage or Tenement land and premisses before mentioned with the appurtenances or any part thereof to enter and distreyne and the distresse and distresses there found to take, load, drive, carry away, deteyne, impound & keep untill shee be fully satisfied & paid the said summe of Twenty Shillings per annum and all arrears thereof, Together with all her costs, charges, damages and expences in that behalf to be susteyned Item I give devise and bequeath unto my Grandchild Robert Hills Sonn of my Executor hereafter named At his age of fower & Twenty yeares and to his heires for ever All that Messuage or Tenement Smiths forge and Thirteen acres of Land with the appurtenances before mentioned called Whitehill scituate in Shoreham aforesaid And in the Interim my Executor and his Assignes to have receive and take the Rents yssues and profitts thereof to and for his & their owne proper uses and behoofes Upon condicion nevertheless that he and they duely pay the said Twenty Shillings per Annum in manner aforesaid and according to the true intent and meaning of this my last will Item I give and bequeath unto my three Grandchildren, John Hills, Ann Hills, & Mary Hills Sonn and daughters of my Sonn Robert Hills the summe of fourty shillings apeece of lawful money of England to be paid them and each and every of them at their severall and respective ages of one and Twenty yeares if they severally attaine to the said age. Item I give and bequeath to my Grandson William Round the summe of Tenn shillings to be paid him at the age of one and Twenty yeares if he shall attaine to that age All the rest and residue of my Messuages, Lands, Tenements, hereditaments, goods, Chattells, Debts, and personal estate whatsoever not herein before given and bequeathed My debts Legacyes and funeral charges being paid satisfied and discharged out of the same I give devise and bequeath unto my Second Sonn Robert Hills his heires and assignes for ever whom I make and ordeyne sole Executor of this my last Will and Testament And I doe desire my loveing freind and Kinsman Francis Hills of Seavenoaks in the said County of Kent yeoman and Richard Hills his Sonn to be Overseers of this my said Will desiring them to be aideing and assisting my Executor in the true performance and due execucion of the same And I doe devise and give to each of them for their . . . and care therein the summe of five shillings of lawfull money of England to be paid to them and each of them by my said Executor within one month next after my decease In witness whereof I the said Robert Hills the elder to this my last Will and Testament written in three Sheetes of paper to every one of which I have set my hand and seale the day and yeare first above written

Signed sealed published and
declared in the presence of
George Petty Ann Petty

The mark of Robert
Hills sen'

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51. Robert HILLS of Shoreham

PRS/I/8/133

I 17 Sep 1675
 B 3 Sep 1675
 E 4 Oct 1675

A true and perfect inventory of all and singular the goods Chattells and debts of Robert Hills late of Shorham in the County of Kent Yeoman deceased taken vallude and appraized the 17th day of September Anno Domini 1675 by us Francis Everest and John Rawlings as followeth vizt

Imprimis his weareing apparell & money in his purse *x li*

In the Parlour

Item one feather bed and boulster 2 pillowes
 1 Coverlid 2 blanketts 6 curtaines with
 bedsteade Matrice Cords one Cupbord 2 Chests
 4 Chaires 1 little Table 4 joyned stooles
 1 paire of Andirons and five Cushions *v li ix s*

In the Hall

Item 2 Tables 1 forme 4 Chaires 5 Stooles
 1 jack 2 iron Dripping pans 4 Spitts 2
 Paire of Pothangers 1 paire of Andirons
 fire shovell Tongues & bellowes one
 warming pan one fowling peece *ij li x s*

In the Kitchen

Item 1 Copper brewing Furnace one brasse
 kettle 4 brass Skillets 1 brass pott 2 Iron
 potts 1 Iron Kettle 6 pewter dishes 1 table
 a forme five pailles *iiij li*

In the Bakehouse

Item one Mault and 5 drinke tubbs 10
 other tubbs and keelers one old Cubbord
 one Cheese presse *ij li*

In the Seller

Item 7 Drinke tubbs 3 powdring tubbs 10
 Milke bowles 2 milke boards & 1 Cherne *j li vj s viij d*

In the Chamber over the Parlour

Item 1 Feather bedd 2 flock bedds 2 bedstedles
 1 trundle bed 5 boulsters 1 pillow 5 Coverlids
 3 blanketts 6 chests and one box *v li*

In the Chamber over the Hall

Item 2 flock beds 2 old bedstedles 4 blanketts
 fower boulsters *j li*

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Item 20 paire of sheetes one dozen and halfe of Napkins 6 Table Cloaths 2 paire of pillow beeres 6 towells		vij li iiij s
In the Malt lought		
Item 15 quaters of Malt 20 sacks 2 skries 1 paire of pullies 1 Tymber chaine & corne sive 1 paire of scales & weights with other lumber		xx li
Item the growth of one hundred and seaventeen Acres of underwood and shawes		CCv li
Item Corne in the Barne unthreshed		CxL li
Item 5 Milk Cowes 9 young bullocks 20 Ewes 35 weathers & Tags 29 Lambs		Lvj li ij s
Item 4 horses & harness 1 waggon 2 dunge carts 2 plowes and other husbandry tackling		xx li xiiij s iiij d
Item 1 Acre of hay		x li
Item 14 Hoggs & 16 Piggs		xiiij li
Summa Totalis hujus Inventarij	CCCCCiiij li	vj s iiij d

52. Robert HILLS of Shoreham

PRS/W/8/213

W 31 May 1698
B 3 Jun 1698
P 5 Jul 1698

In the Name of God Amen I ROBERT Hills the Elder of Shoreham in the County of Kent yeoman being sick & weake in body but of A sound a disposing mind & memory prayse be God for the same Doe therefore make and ordayne this my last will & Testament in manner & forme following (That is to say) First I bequeath my soule to God that gave it hoping for Salvation thereof only by and through the precious merritts & satisfacion of my Blessed Redeemer Jesus Christ And my body I Commend to the Earth to be Decently buryed According to the discretion of my Eldest Sonne Robert Hills whom I Doe make and ordayne full & sole executor of this my last will & Testament And for my worldly estate I Dispose thereof As followeth (that is to say) And First I give to the poore people of the parish of Shoreham aforesaid Twenty shillings to be payed & distributed amongst them by the said Executor within one moneth nexte after my decease Item I doe give to my Elder Daughter Anne now the wife of William payne the summe of Tenne pounds to be payed her by my said Executor within one yeare nexte after my decease Item I doe give and bequeath unto my daughter Mary Hills the summe of Fifty pounds

of good English money to be payed by my said Executor within one yeare nexte after my Decease Item I Doe give and bequeath unto my sonne John Hills five shillings And I doe will & order my said Executor to deliver up to him the Mortgage which he lately made to me for fifty pounds upon the Reversion of a house & lands in Beckenham in the said County of Kent which said Fifty pounds I doe release to him Item I doe give to my said daughter Mary Hills Two small silver Cupps one silver spoone and Two payre of fine sheetes Item I doe give to my sonne William Hills my Chest of Drawers my bedd whereon I now lye and the bedsteddle and all the furniture to the same belonging now standing & being in the parlour Chamber in my nowe dwelling house and Alsoe my bedsteddle now standing in my best Chamber one Table sixe Joyned stooles standing in the parlour in my now dwelling house Alsoe I doe give to him my silver Tankard and my silver Cupp commonly used about house one silver spoone & two brasse potts nowe standing in the garrett my least brewing fate one Cauldron now used to Drie Bucking in, two Kilderkyns out of the Celler, five payre of fine sheetes one payre of pillow Coats one fine table cloth & one dozen of Napkyns; Also I doe give to my said sonne William Hills my horse mill one Fan one Skry the biggest mault baskett and Tenn sacks one Bushell six large pewter Dishes foure pewter plates three pewter sacers Alsoe I doe give him my rideing Nagg my mare two spitts & my best Dripping pan Item I doe give to my sonne Edward Hills my biggest silver Bowle one silver spoone foure payres of fine sheetes one Table cloth one dozen of Napkins one Bedd & bedsteddle & all that belongs to it that my said sonne Robert nowe lyes on five pewter Dishes foure pewter plates one spitt & one Dripping pan. All which said goods and Chattles Cattle & plate before mentioned I appoynt my said Executor to Deliver to my said Children severally within one moneth nexte after my decease Item I doe give to my said sonn William Hills one payre of And Irons and fire shovell one payre of Tongs and all my Mault (Excepte Tenn quarters) to be delivered to him when & as he desyres the same; Item I doe will order and appoynt John Gyles of Bromely in the said County Butcher to pay to my said sonne William Hills all the mony that shall remayne in his hands of the purchase of the houses in Bromely after the mony payed which I owe him, & my Landlord Dunmoll payed the mony I owe him on a Bond; and I have had of John Gyles Fifty pounds soe there will be coming to me of the purchase mony about one hundred twenty & five pounds which I doe will & bequeath to my said sonne William Hills, And whereas I have full power to lymitt will give & devize one Messuage or tenement scituate & being in Shoreham aforesaid with the Mault House barne & buildings & the orchard garden & backsyde with the appurtenances now in the ocupacion of Richard Feilder And all those two parcell of land called Mellands & Crouchland Conteyning together about Nyne Acres lying in Shoreham aforesaid now in my owne ocupacion: Now I doe will give and bequeath the said recyted message Lands tenements & premisses with theirs appurtenances unto my said sonn William Hills & to his heires & assignes for ever upon Condicion that he doe pay to my said sonn Edward Hills the summe of one hundred pounds within sixe moneths after my decease: And I doe desyre my Loveing Brother Richard Wood & my Loveing Kindsman Edward Hills of Cockerist to be Guardyans to my said sonn Edward Hills & to take care of his mony till he come of the age of one & twenty yeares And I desyre them to give my Children their Advise in their Affayres And for their paynes I give to each of them tenn shillings and If my sonne William doe not pay My said sonn Edward Hills according to the true meaning of this my will then I appoynt the said Edward to enter into my said Howse & Lands in Shoreham

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aforesaid soe as aforesaid lymitted & given to my said sonne William Hills & his heires; And to holde the same & the rents & profitts till payment of the said Hundred pounds & all Interest costs & expences by that occasion sustayned; And I doe give & bequeath to my said Executor All the rest & residue of my goods Cattles Chattells & personall estate whatsoever not before my me hereby disposed of for the performance of this my will and the overplus I doe give him for his owne use And Lastly I revoke all former wills by me made & appoynt this to be my last will and testament Conteyned in two sheetes of paper in witnes whereof I the said Robert Hills the testator have to each sheet of this will sett my hand & seale Dated the one & thirtyth day of May in the yeare of our Lord God one thousand sixe hundred Nynety & Eight

Signed sealed published & Declared by the said Robert Hills the testator for his last will & Testament after these words (about one hundred twenty & five pounds) in the firste sheete, and these words (to my sayde Executor) in the last sheete were so interlyned in the presence of us who subscribed our names as witnesses hereof in the Testators presence

Robert Hills, the elder
his marke

Rich Saxbee John Hills
Tho Peryer Edm: Hodsoll

53. Robert HILLS of Shoreham

PRS/1/8/73

I 16 Jun 1698
B 3 Jun 1698

A True a perfect Inventory of all and singular the goods Chattells of Robert Hilles Late of Shoreham in the County aforesaid yeoman Deceased taken & appraised the sixteenth day of June 1698 by John Round & Francis Everest as followeth

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Imprimis his Weareing apparrell & money in his purse

5 = 0 = 0

In the hall

Item one table six Joyned stooles fower Chaires
one Boulting hutch one Jack Seaven Spitts three
Iron dripping pann & other household goods

4 = 19 = 0

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In the Parlour

Item one Feather two Boulsters one Counterpane
two blanketts on bedstedle Curtaines &
Vallions 5 = 0 = 0

Item one Table six Joynd stooles one Clocke
one dozen of hemp two payre of andlrnes fire
Shovell & tongs 2 = 10 = 6

In the Chamber over the parlor

Item two Feather Bedds Fower Bolstars five
pillowes fower blanketts three Coverings two
bedsteds Curtaines and Vallions 5 = 0 = 0

Item six chests one Press one payer of andlrnes
one payer of tongs & one Chaire 1 = 10 = 0

In the Chamber over the hall

Item one flock Bed one Bolstar fower Blanketts
two Coverletts two Bedstedles Curtaines &
Vallions and one Chest 1 = 15 = 0

In the Chamber over the milkhouse

Item one Feather Bed three bolsters two
blanketts one Coverlett one Countarpaine
one bedsted Curtaines and vallions 4 = 0 = 0

Item one Chest of drawers three Chests fower
chaires 1 = 10 = 0

Item in Silver plate 10 = 0 = 0

Item Seaventeene payer of fine sheetes ten
payer of Course Sheets six table Cloathes
five dozen of napkins six pillow Coats and
one dozen of towells 20 = 1 = 0

In the Kitching

Item Forty peutar dishes two flagons one
dozen of plates & small peuttar 4 = 3 = 4

Item one Furnace one brew fate one Caldron
Fower brass kettles fower brass skilletts
one Ladle & skimmer two brass potts two
Irne potts and one Irne Kettle one Bucking
tubb and other old Tubbs 6 = 15 = 6

Item two Leads and two milk Bowles 1 = 10 = 0

In the sellar

Item Eleaven drink Vessells one tun Tubb five
poudring tubbs and one old Table 3 = 1 = 6

In the mault house

Item one hors mill one quarne two Brass potts
three fourmes and other old Lumber and
things forgott 4 = 10 = 4

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Item dryed Mault 50 = 0 = 0

In the yard

Item Fower Cowes Nine young bullocks and
two Calves 24 = 0 = 0

Item six horses and two Colts 16 = 0 = 0

Item twelve hogs and 14 piggs 7 = 0 = 0

Item seaventy Sheepe and Thirty Lambs 25 = 0 = 0

Item Thirty accres of Wheat & wry sixteene
accres of pease Sixteene accres of Oates & two
accres of Tares 125 = 10 = 0

Item the Growth of the Wood 40 = 0 = 0

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Somme is 369 = 06 = 2

John Rounne

Franc: Everest

54. Richard KINGSLAND of Eynsford

PROB11/313 f. 5

W 22 Dec 1663

P 26 Jan 1664

In the name of God Amen I Richard Kingsland of the parrish of Eynsford in the County of Kent yeoman being weake in body but of a sound and perfect memory prayse be given to god for the same And having a great desire to settle things in order beefore I goe hence and be noe more seene, this two and Twenty day of December in the fifteenth yeare of the raigne of our Sovereigne lord Charles the second of England Scotland France and Ireland king Defender of the Faith etc Annoque domini 1663. doe make and ordaine my last will and testament in manner and forme following First and principally I doe give my soule into the hands of the great god of heaven and earth who first gave it unto me And my body to the earth from whence it was taken to be decently buried in such manner as to my executor hereafter named shall seeme convenient And for that worldly estate which the Lord in mercy hath lent unto me hereon earth I doe make disposicion thereof as followeth First I doe give unto the poore people of the said Parrish of Eynsford the somme of three pounds of lawfull money to be distributed within a fortnight after my decease by the Churchwardens and the parrishioners of the said parrish Alsoe I doe give Twenty shillings to the minister of Eynsford aforesaid to preach at my buriall Alsoe I doe give unto my beloved wife Elizabeth the somme of sixty pounds of lawfull money of England to be paid unto her within six monethes after my decease Alsoe I doe give unto her for and dureing the terme of her naturall life All

my Tenement with the appurtenances in Eynsford aforesaid in the possession of Henry Coffin my son in law And alsoe all my tenement with the appurtenances in Eynsford aforesaid in the possession of John Deane Shee my said wife keeping the same in as good repayre as they shalbe at my death Alsoe I doe give unto her one fatt hogge one quarter of good wheate and one quarter of good barley to be paid unto her yearly and every year for and dureing the terme of her naturall life Att Michaelmas' day by my sonne Thomas Kingsland out of my moyetie parte and purpartie of the farme wherein I now dwell And out of Beaneloyds at Hiltes And the other lands I hold from Sir Stephen Lennard All which Legacies I give unto my said wife in liew and recompence of her dower and Tytle of dower And my meaning is that if my said wife doe not lawfully enjoy the said two Tenements dureing her life that then my said sonne Thomas Kingsland his executors administrators and assignes doe and shall well and truly pay unto my said wife quarterly the full somme of six pounds per annum dureing her naturall life out of my said moyetie parte and purpartie of the said farme and premisses Alsoe I doe give unto my daughter Elizabeth and her assignes for and dureing the terme of her life All those my two tenements with their appurtenances lying and being at Spekegate in the parrish of Faukeham in the said County of Kent in the severall tenures of goodman Carryer and goodman Smith Alsoe I doe give unto her dureing her life All that my Close or field called Chalkey Field lying and being at Speke gate aforesaid And the herbage of Chalkey wood there adioyning now in the tenure of my sonne Richard his assigne or assignes Alsoe I doe give unto my said sonne Richard his heires and assignes all my said Tenements land and premisses immediately after the death of his said sister And I doe alsoe give unto him and to his heires and assignes for ever All my messuages lands Tenements and hereditaments whatsoever lying and being in the parrishes of Fakeham aforesaid and Horton kerby in the said County of Kent or in any one of them Alsoe I doe give unto my daughter Alice Coffin the wife of the said Henry Coffin the somme of fortie pounds of lawfull money to be paid unto her within one year after my decease Alsoe I doe give unto my daughter Amie Hayward the somme of Forty pounds To be paid within one year after my decease Alsoe I doe give unto my daughter Mary Fryth the wife of Henry Frith gentleman alsoe the somme of forty pounds To be paid within the same time [*in margin*: I doe give unto my grandchild Mary Tunbridge who liveth with me the somme of Tenn Pounds to be paid within three yeares after my decease Alsoe I give unto my grandchild and godson Richard Coffin The somme of Tenn Pounds to be paid within three yeares after my decease] Alsoe I doe give unto all other my grandchildren not before named four pounds a peece to be paid unto them and every of them within three yeares after my decease And I doe further give unto my said wife dureing her naturall life All my freehold messuages lands and tenements whatsoever lying and being within the said Parrish of Eynsford in the said County of Kent Alsoe I doe give unto my said sonne Thomas all my moytie part and purpartie of all my stocke of Corne Cattle utensills of Husbandry and householdstuffe whatsoever both within doores and without doores And all my interest right and Tytle to the lease of the farme wherein my said sonne and I have and hold of from the said Sir Stephen Leonard he my said sonne paying and discharging all my said legacies iustly and truly before by me given to his mother dureing her naturall life and after giveing iustly and allowing unto his said mother a full moytie of all the goods and housholdstuffe which are within doores upon the said Farme house wherein I now dwell Alsoe I doe make my said sonne in law Mr Henry Frith my Full and Sole executor of this my last will and

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Testament desiring him to see this my will performed in all things iustly And to be most carefull my said wife be duely paid all my said Legacies And to rayse my said legacies in money by me given as aforesaid out of my ready money which I shall leave behind me And out of the felling or next . . . of Chalkey wood lying in Fawlkeham aforesaid by me before given to my said sonne Richard and his heires My will intent and meaning being that my said sonne Richard shall not have the said wood or woodground untill the next felling after this felling which wilbee the next yeare so that my said executor shall have the felling and whole profit of my said wood called Chalkey wood saveing the herbage given unto my said daughter for the full space of Eleaven yeares from the date of this my last will And I doe give to my said executor full power to fell all the Tymber and timber trees dureing the said eleaven yeares which are or shalbee standing upon the said wood or woodground he leaveing onely twelve principalls upon every acre in such manner as by lawe I am bound to doe if I had lived to fell the same Alsoe I doe renounce and make voyd all former willes by me made And doe declare this to be my last will and Testament contayned in two sheets of paper In witnes whereof I have sett my hand and seale to each sheete of paper the day and yeare above said the marke of Richard Kingsland Memorandum this will was read over unto him the said Richard Kingsland And by him declared to be his last will and Testament in the presence of us Geo. Gifforde The marke of Abraham Daulton

55. Thomas LAUNDER of Eynsford

PRS/W/10/143

W 6 Nov 1669
B 13 Nov 1669
P 16 Nov 1669

In the name of God Amen: I Thomas Launder of the Parish of Eynsford in the County of Kent yeoman being very sicke and weake in body, but of sound and perfect memory for which God bee praised, doe make, constitute and ordayne this present writing for my last will and testament in manner and forme following: First I humbly commend my soule to Almighty God my ever blessed Creator hoping to bee saved by the meritts of Jesus Christ my most gracious Redeemer, my body I committ to the earth from which it was first taken to bee decently buried at the discretion of my Executor hereafter named. Item I give ten shillings to the poore people of the said Parish of Eynsford to bee distributed amongst them by my Executor hereafter named: Item my will and mind is that my loveing wife Elizabeth Launder shall hold enjoy and possesse my two houses and the land belonging to them and all the appurtenances in any wise pertinneng to them scituate lying and being in Crockenhill in the said Parish of Eynsford dureing her naturall life; And after the decease of my said wife Elizabeth Launder my will and mind is that my son Thomas Launder of Eynsford aforesaid shall have; hold; possesse and enjoy the said two houses and all the lands; and all appurtenances to them belonging being in Crockenhill in Eynsford aforesaid to him and his heyres for ever: Item I will and give my best Feather bed and bedsteddle; coverlett; blanketts; and 3 payre of sheets; and the little pied Cow and two [big] young sheats: to my loveing wife Elizabeth Launder to bee by my Executor hereafter named delivered to her within one month after my decease if shee shall require them: And my will and mind is

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that my son Thomas Launder aforesaid shall have all the rest of my moveables Chattells stocke; utensills; household stuffe; and all my goods of what kind or nature soever both within doors and without doors; and I hereby give all the said moveables chattells: stocke; utensills; household stuffe and all my goods whatsoever; to my said son Thomas Launder; whom I hereby; constitute; make and ordayne the sole and only executor of this my last will and testament; desiring him to pay my debts and discharge my funeral rites; and I doe constitute and appoynt this present writeing contained in one sheet of paper for my last will and testament, In wisse whereof I have hereunto set my hand and seale this sixth day of November 1669 and in the one and twentieth yeare of the reigne of our Sovereigne Lorde Charles the second King of England; Scotland France and Ireland defender of the faith etc sealed; signed; published and declared in the presence of us

Thomas Browne
The marke of John Launder
The marke of Joane Stevens
The marke of Mary Launder

The marke of
Thomas Launder
senior & testator

56. Thomas LAUNDER of Eynsford

PRS/W/10/163.

W 28 Jun 1689
B 6 Jul 1689
P 20 Sep 1689

In the Name of God Amen I Thomas Lander of Crocken hills in the parish of Eynsfford in the County of Kent husbandman [*] being sick and weake in body but of sound & perfect mind and memory prayed be God for the same Doe therefore make and ordayne this my last will and testament in manner following (that is to say) First I bequeath my soule to God and my body to the earth to be decently buryed According to the discretion of my Loveing wife Elizabeth but At the Charges of my Executor hereinafter named And for my worldly estate I dispose thereof as followeth, First I doe give and bequeath unto my Loveing wife Elizabeth & her assignes for & During the terme of her naturall life If she shall soe long contynue my widdowe for & towards the bringing uppe of such Childe or Children as she nowe goeth with & for & towards her owne mayntenance & livelyhood & in Recompense of her dower and third out of my estate Reall & personall one Annuity or yearly rent Charge of Eighte pounds of lawfull money of England to be yearly & every yeare During her naturall life, yf she contynue my widdow; had taken received yssuing & going out of & in All my messuages Lands & tenements whatsoever scituate lying and being in the said County payable on two of the most usuall Feasts or termes in the yeare (that is to say) The Feasts of St Michael the Archangel & the Annunciation of the Blessed Virgyn Mary halfe yearly by even and equall porcions And if it shall happen the said yearly rent of Eight pounds or any parte thereof to be behind or unpaid by the space of one & twenty dayes nexte ensueing after either of the said Feasts of dayes of payment wherein or on which the same is or oughte to be payed as aforesaid That then & from thenceforth it shall

* Described as yeoman by appraisers of his inventory, document no. 57.

& may be lawfull to & for the said Elizabeth my wife & her assignes (she beeyng herselfe my widdow) into all & every or any of my messuages Lands & tenements or any parte thereof to enter & to distreyne for the said Annuity or yearly rent Charge of Eight pounds: And the distresse & distresses then & there found from theire to beare load drive away ympound & keepe untill the said Annuitie soe behind & the arrearages thereof if any be, shall be unto her and them fully satisfied Contented & payed Together with all her Costs & expenses & damages by that omicion sustayned, Item I doe give unto my said wife All the goods & household stuffe that were hers before our Inter-marriage, And my will & mind further is that in Case the Childe which my said wife nowe goeth with shall happen to dye That the said Annuity of Eight pounds shall cease & be voyde; And then I doe give & devise unto my said wife & her assignes one Annuity of Forty shillings per Annum only to be yssueing out of all my messuages lands & tenements payable on the same Feasts & doe give her the same power to distreyne for the same As I have appoynted the said Eight pounds to be payed & distrayned for; And I doe give her the said Forty shillings per Annum dureing her naturall life And in case my said wife shall dye & the Childe which she nowe goeth with shall outlive her Then I doe give will and order my good freind William Coxe of Lullingston in the said County of Kent to be guardian to such Childe as my said wife goeth with And I doe give and devise to him the said William Coxe his heires & Assignes one Annuity or yearly rent Charge of five pounds per Annum to be yearly had & taken yssueing & going out of all my messuages Lands & tenements aforesaid untill such Childe shall attayne unto his or her age of Fifteene yeares payable Att the Feasts aforesaid in such manner by the said Annuities before mencioned are appoynted to be payed & with the same power for distrayning for the same; In Case such Child shall soe long live & my said wife shall dye & not otherwise, upon trust that he the said William Coxe his heirs & assignes shall bring up the said child with the said five pounds per Annum untill his or her said age of Fifteene yeares Item I doe give unto my daughter Mary Lander the summe of thirty pounds to be payed unto her at her age of one & twenty yeares or day of marriage which shall first happen by my Executor hereinafter named; And I doe hereby make & ordeyne him the said William Cox my full & sole Executor of this my last will & testament; And I doe hereby will & order him to sell & dispose of All my personall estate whatsoever or wheresoever And with the money thereby arising to pay all my Debts Legacyes & funerall Charges & the Charges of proveing this my will & his owne reasonable Charges & to pay the moneys which I owe by Mortgages or otherwise And to keepe the Mortgages on foote to wayte upon the Inheritance of my Lands & tenements And to make good the Annuities & Devises Conteyned in this my will from dower & other Incumbrances; Item what money shall remain after . . . Charges payed I will shall be equally payed & shared unto & amongst all my Children and the survivors of them [att their] Ages of one & twenty yeares or day or dayes of marriage which shall first happen; And I doe give and devise unto my foure sonnns Thomas James Samuel & John Lander and equally to be divided betweene them & to their severall & respective heires & assignes for ever equally to be divided Betweene them All my messuages Lands & tenements whatsoever & wheresoever Chargeable with the said Annuity before herein mencioned & given; And lastly I doe hereby revoke any former wills and appoynte this to be my last will & testament Conteyned in two sheetes of paper where I have to each sheet set my hand & seale this Eight & Twentieth day of June in the yeare of our Lord God one thousand sixe hundred Eighty & Nyne.

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Signed sealed published & Declared
by the said Thomas Lander the
testator for his last will &
testament in the presence of:

Thomas Lander sen^r

his mark

Josephe Corneford his mark
henery Chapman
The mark of John Hawes
Edm: Hodsoil

57. Thomas LAUNDER of Eynsford

PRS/1/12/23
VH96/5049

I 26 Jul 1689
B 6 Jul 1689

A true & perfect Inventory of all & singular the Goods Chattells & personall Estate
of Thomas Launder late of Eynsford . . . yeoman taken & apprized the six &
Twentyth day of July Anno Dominl One Thousand six hundred Eighty & nine by
us John Small & John Evans as followeth viz:

Imprimis His purse wearing apparel and money in his purse	li = s = d 03 - 00 - 00
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In the parlour

Item one Feather bed bedsteddle two bolsters one green Rugg two blanketts with sheetes upon the Bed one long Table one court cupboard four chests five Chaires five joined stooles & one sugar Box	05 - 10 - 00
Item seaven pair of sheetes one table cloth & other Linnen	03 - 00 - 00

In the chamber over the Hall

Item Two flock bedds three Chests one great sawe and other lumber	1 - 9 - 0
Item five quarters of mislyne wheate and three old sacks	4 - 10 - 6

In one other chamber

Item one feather bed bolster & other linnen	1 - 10 - 0
Item . . . and other fruitering . . .	1 - 00 - 0

In the Lofte

Item one flock bed . . . bolster one table three joined . . . one greene Rugg	2 - 11 - 0
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In the Kitching	
Item one Furnace & other lumber	1 - 10 - 0
In the Hall	
Item one long table one Fourme one cupboard three or Four chaires	1 - 2 - 0
Item Fourteen pewter dishes	00 - 19 - 0
Item two kettles three skilletts one warming pann three pair of Andirons shovell and tongs	1 - 13 - 0
Item two gridirons two pair of pothookes one tinn Dripping pann one spitt four candlesticks one fire shovell & tongs	0 - 6 - 6
Item two Drinke Tubbs	0 - 4 - 0
In the milke house	
Item Four powdering Tubbs seaven milk trayes two wooden dishes & other Lumber	1 - 17 - 0
In the yard	
Item Two old coves and two heifers	5 - 0 - 0
Item Seaventy & two sheepe & lambs	18 - - 0
Item seaven hoggs thirteene sheete & piggs	8 - 9 - 6
In the stable	
Item horses	9 - 5 - 0
Item horse harnessse	0 - 10 - 0
Item One load of Hay	1 - 10 - 0
Item One plowe three [Toes] and other plow Tackling with six Harrowes	2 - 10 - 0
Item One Dungecart and one Carte	1 - 5 - 0
Item Two Rolls and one Grindstone	0 - 10 - 0
Item Four pewter dishes and two plates	0 - 8 - 0
Item One feather Bedd & feather bolster three Blanketts two Fourmes and one old Coverlett	3 - 14 - 6
Item Five Drinke Tubbs one bushell three other Tubbs & five Keelers	1 - 4 - 6
Item one wicker Chaire & one other Chair	0 - 6 - 0
Item Wheate	7 - 10 - 0
Item Twelve Acres of Barley	17 - 0 - 0
Item Sixteene Acres of Oates	12 - 0 - 0
Item Wheate more	1 - 0 - 0
Item Tares	1 - 0 - 0
Item White Oates	3 - 0 - 0
Item Barley	7 - 15 - 0
Item More Barley	1 - 0 - 0
Item more pease & Tares	4 - 0 - 0
Item more pease	1 - 0 - 0
Item One shawe of wood	1 - 10 - 0
Item more wheat	1 - 0 - 0
Item One other shawe	0 - 15 - 0

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Item Other woodland	4 - 0 - 0
Item the Groweth of Wood in westedwood	150 - 0 - 0
Item Fruite in the Grounds	4 - 0 - 0
Item the Groweth of another wood Bought of Henry Chapman	7 - 0 - 0
Item Two Cowes and two young Calves	3 - 0 - 0

The totall summe is- 314 - 10 - 6

58. John MARSHALL of Eynsford

PRS/I/13/13

I 6 Jan 1693
B 23 Dec 1692

A True and perfect Inventory of all and singular the goods Chattells & Creditts of John Marshall late of Eynsford in the County of Kent Yeoman deceased taken valued & appraised by us whose names are hereunder subscribed this sixth day of January in the yeare of our Lord God 1692 as followeth vizt

Imprimis his weareing Apparell & money in
his purse 05 = 00 = 00

In the Parlor

Item one Feather Bedd with the furniture
thereto belonging one Table one fourme one
Chest of Drawers seaven old Chaires & other
small things 05 = 01 = 00

In the Hall

Item one Table one fourme two spitts three
Dripping pans two Iron Potts one Gunn three
Brasse Kettles five old Chaires & other old
Lumber 02 = 05 = 00

In the Kitchin

Item one old Brasse Furnace and Querne & three
Tubbs 01 = 17 = 00

In the Drinke Buttery

Item the Drink Tubbs and one Kneading Trough 00 = 10 = 00

In the Milke House

Item fower powdering Tubbs one Churne & the
Milk Vessels 02 = 10 = 00

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In the Parlor Chamber

Item two old Feather Bedds & the Furniture
thereto belonging and one Flock Bedd one
Chest & some other old Lumber 03 = 13 = 00

In the Mens Chamber

Item two old Flock Bedds 01 = 00 = 00
Item for all sortes of Lynnen)
Item for all the pewter) 02 = 15 = 00

In the Malthouse

Item for twelve quarters of Malt one Oast haire
and fower Bushells of Misceling 14 = 11 = 00
Item a Fat with wet Malt in 01 = 06 = 08

In the Wheate Barne

Item three Bayes of Wheate & Misceling in
the straw 120 = 00 = 00
Item for the Skryes Bushells & . . . 00 = 15 = 00
Item pease & Oates in the straw in the
Wheate Barne 06 = 06 = 00

In the Kitchin Barne

Item for Barley thrashed & in the straw 66 = 00 = 00

In Symons Barne

Item Barly in the straw 35 = 00 = 00

In the Yard

Item one Stack of barley 30 = 00 = 00
Item one Small Stack of Oates 15 = 00 = 00
Item two little Stack of horse meale 10 = 00 = 00
Item for Cowes & Young Bullocks 27 = 00 = 00

In the Stable

Item horses Mares Colts and one sett
of old Waggon harnesses 35 = 10 = 00
Item for plowes & plow tackle Harrowes Dung
Court and one Waggon and an old Waggon
without Wheelles 10 = 06 = 08
Item hoggs sheates & piggs 11 = 06 = 08
Item Weathers Ewes & Lambs 33 = 00 = 00

Item for Wheate & Misceling upon the ground 111 = 00 = 00
Item for three Quarters & a halfe of Wheate
sold for 08 = 00 = 00
Item for sacks to put Corne in 01 = 15 = 00
Item for things out of sight & forgot 00 = 13 = 04

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Item for the growth of fifty acres of Wood 45 = 00 = 00

summa totalis huius Inventarij 611 = 05 = 00

Appraisers William Cox &
Thomas Hayward

59. Henry MASTERS of Eynsford

PROB11/288 f 146

W 28 Feb 1659
B 17 Mar 1659
P 20 Mar 1659

In the name of God Amen I Henry Masters of Eynsford in the Countie of Kent yeoman being very aged but of sound and perfect memorie for which I prayse my good God and well knowing that nothing is more certaine than death all though the time be most uncertaine and being desirous to settle things in order before I go hence and be no more seene this present last day of February, In the year of our Lord one Thousand six hundred and fiftie eight doe make and ordeyne this my last Will and Testament in manner and forme following: First I give my soule into the hands of God which gave it And then my bodie to the earth from whence it was taken To be decently buried in such manner as to my Executors hereafter named shall seeme meet and convenient. And for that worldlie Estate which the Lord hath blessed me withall I make dispoicion thereof in manner & forme following First I give and bequeath the summe of twentie shillings to the poore of Eynsford To be distributed among them according to the discrecion of my Executors hereafter named. And I do give tenn shillings to the minister of Eynsford to preach at my buriall to those which shalbee then present. Also I doe give unto my wife Anne All the goods Chattles and Utensills which are now in the Chamber wherein I now doe lye and also all the pewter and brass and . . . which I have in any place whatsoever: Also I doe give unto Katherine Durlin my daughter the summe of twentie pounds To be paid unto her within one yere after my decease upon this speciall Condicion That her husband William Durlin doe give a generall release of all Claimes and demands Whatsoever unto my Executors hereafter named upon the payment thereof which he doth or can . . . (of in or by annie manner of waies) whatsoever. Also I doe give unto my daughter Anne Powsey the summe of twenty pounds to be paid unto her within the same time and upon the same Proviso that her husband give a generall Release as aforesaid Also I doe give unto Elizabeth Whiffin my daughter the summe of Fortie pounds to be paid within one year as aforesaid She the said Elizabeth and her husband Samuel giving a general Release as aforesaid and delivering up to be Cancelled All billes bonds and writeings for monie whatsoever whereby I . . . to them or either of them Also I give and bequeath unto Alice Stephens the summe of twentie pounds of lawfull monie To be paid within one yere as aforesaid She the said Alice and her husband Attwood giving a generall release to my Executor as aforesaid Also I doe give unto Thomas Powsey my Grandchild the summe of Tenn pound To be payd within two yeres after my

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decease. And I give to every other of my Grand children to each of them Tenn shillings To be payd within two yeres after my decease Also I doe give to every servant which shalbe dwelling with me at the time of my death twelve pence apeece over and besides their severall wages The remainder of all my goods Chattles reall and personall and of all other my estate whatsoever my debts Legacies and Funerall Expenses being first paid & discharged I doe give and bequeath unto my said beloved wife Anne and to my sonne Henry equallie to be divided betweene them share and share alike And I doe make my said wife and my said sonne my full and absolute Executors of this my last will and Testament desiring them to have great care that it be honestlie performed according to the true meaning thereof: Lastlie I doe renounce and make voyd all former willes by me made and doe make this my last will and Testament the day and year above written conteyning one sheet of paper

In witnes whereof I have sett my hand and seale the day and year aforesaid. The mark of Henry Masters: Memorandum This will was read signed sealed and published in the presence of us Ri . . . Geo: Gifford John Ar . . .strad.

60. John MEAD of Eynsford

PRS/W/11/144

W 26 Jul 1699
P 10 Oct 1699

In the Name of God Amen The Eight and Twentiyth day of July in the Eleaventh yeare of the Reigne of our soveraigne Lord William the Third by the grace of God of England Scotland France and Ireland King Defender of the faith etc Annoque Domini 1699: I John Meade of Eynsford in the County of Kent Yeoman being sick and weake in body, but of a sound and disposing mind and memory thanks be given to Almighty God therefore Doe make and ordaine this my last will and Testament in manner and forme following (that is to say) First and principally I Commend my soule into the hands of Almighty God who gave it and my body I Commit to the Earth from whence it was taken to be decently buried at the discretion of my Executrix hereinafter named And as touching such personall estate as it hath pleased God to bestow on me here on Earth I doe dispoe thereof as followeth First I doe give and bequeath unto my Deare mother Mary Meade the summe of Five pounds of lawfull money of England to be payed to her within one yeare next after my decease by my Executrix hereinafter named Item I doe give and bequeath unto my Loveing Brother James Meade of Shoreham in the said County of Kent the summe of Twenty shillings of lawfull money of England to be payed to him by my said Executrix hereinafter named within one yeare next after my decease Item all the rest of my Goods Cattle Chattells and personall estate whatsoever and wheresoever (not before by me herein disposed of) I doe give and bequeath unto my very good freind Mistress Friswith Collins (she paying my Debts and Legacyes) whome I doe make and Constitute sole Executrix of this my Last will and Testament Revokeing all former willes by me heretofore made I doe ordaine this to be my Last will and Testament IN Witnes whereof I have hereunto sett my hand and seale the day and yeare first above written

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Memorandum this will signed sealed
published and declared to be the last
will & testament of the above named
John Meade the Testator in the presence
of us who subscribed our names as
witnesses in his presence

John Mead

Robert Jessupp his mark
Elizabeth Goldsmith her mark
Walt: Loveden

61. John MILLER of Farningham

PRS/W/11/36

W 10 Apr 1632
B 20 Jun 1634
P 19 Jul 1634

In the name of god amen I John Myller of Farnyngham in the County of Kent yeman being in good and perfytt health Doe macke & ordayne this my last Will and Testament in manner and forme followinge. first and principally I doe bequeath my soule to Allmighty god my saviour & Redeemer and my body to be buried in the Church yard of Farningham Item I give unto John Myller sonne of Robart Myller my sonne the bedstedd fether bed bolsters Coverly . . . thereto belonging wher in I Doe lye Item I give him the joynd Chest standing at my bedesytt and my silver spone to be deliveryd him by his Father my Executor when he shal be of the Age of Eighteen yeares. Item I geve unto my daughter Jone my daughter Elizabeth and to Edward Metthurst my godsonne Twelpence apeice to either of them. Item whereas my sonne Thomas Myller owes me tenne powndes I will and apoynt he pay the sayd Tenne pownds to my sonne Robart myller to be Employed and bestowed whom I mack my whole and sole executor in maner and forme Followinge) fyrst I will Forty shillinges thereof to be spent & bestowed at my buryall item I will fower pownds thereof to be payd to my sonne in Lawe Edward Methurst as in lew of a debt to him formerly owing Item the other fower pownds I will and bequeath unto the fower children of my sonne Robart Myller to be Employed by their father Robart Myller in maultyng untill they shalbe eighteen yeares ould apeice and then the sayd fower pounds with the proffytes thereof Increased to be dyrectly shared and devided betweene them or the survivors of them. Item all my goodes Cattell Chatles hous hold brewing and backing vessels beding brase pewter lynen wollen whatsoever I have debt or debtes I geve and bequeath wholly unto my sonne Robart myller whome I mack and ordayne my whole and sole executor or this my last will and testament, Revokeing all former wills and In wyttnes of the . . . I have caused this my last will & testament to be made and have hereunto sett my seale the tenth day of aprill in the eight yeare of the Raigne of our Sovereigne Lord Charles by the grace of God of England Scotland Fraunce & Irland King defender of the faythe
1632

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Sealed Read Signed and Confyrméd
as my acte and deade & last
will & testament in the presence
of John . . .
Thomas Miller

John Myller
his marke

Memorandum wheras Thomas myller sonne of the sayd John Miller at the Request of the sayd John hath lent to his brother Robart myller forty shillings to be payd to the sayd Thomas his executors or assignes at my . . . but yf the sayd Robart shall mack default of Repaying the sayd forty shillings at the Day aforesaid that then the sayd forty shillings shall be in part of payment of the sayd tenne pounds as is within mensioned written the tenth day of July 1632 in the presence of John . . . and the sayd John myller . . .

. . . John [mark] myller

62. John MILLER of Farningham

PRS/W/11/75

W 1 Apr 1663
B 4 Apr 1663
P 13 Apr 1663

In the name of God Amen I John Miller of Farningham in the Countie of Kent yeoman being weake in body but of good and perfect memory for which I return prayse to God the first day of Aprill in the sixeteenth yeare of the reigne of our Souveraigne Lord Charles the second of England Scotland France and Ireland King defender of the faith etc Annoque Domini 1663 doe make and ordaine this my last Will & Testament in manner & forme following. First and principally I give and bequeath my Soule into the hands of the greate God of Heaven and Earth who first gave the same unto me And my body to the Earth from whence it was first taken to be decently buried in such manner as to my Executrix heereafter named shall seeme meete and convenient And for that smale worldly estate which it hath pleased God to lende unto me in my pilgrimage heere on earth I make disposition thereof in manner & forme following First I doe give unto Elizabeth my wife whom I make my sole executrix of this my last will & testament All my messuage or tenement wherein I now doe live in Farningham aforesaid and all my messuages lands tenements and hereditaments whatsoever in Farningham aforesaid or elsewhere in the said Countie of Kent for and during the terme of her naturall lyfe she the said Elizabeth bringing up my Daughter Marie during her minority And from and immediately after the death of my said wife in case my said wife shall depart this lyfe before my said Daughter Mary I doe give and bequeath all & singular my said messuages lands tenements and hereditaments unto my said Daughter Marie and to her heirs and assignes for ever But if it shall please God to take my said Daughter Marie out of this lyfe living my said wife Elizabeth, then and in such case onely I doe give all & singular the premises with their appurtenances unto my said wife Elizabeth and to her heirs and assignes for ever And my will intent & meaning is that my debts and buriall duties beeing first payed and discharged all my goods chattells reall & personall whatsoever and of what nature and kinde soever bee indifferently appraized and bee equally divided betweene my

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said wife and Daughter shaire & shaire alike

Lastly I doe renounce and make voide all former wills by me made and doe declare this to bee my last will & testament the day and year aforesaid In witness whereof I have hereunto sett my hande and seale

Memorandum this will was read over
unto him the said John Miller and
by him signed Sealed and published
to bee his last will & testament
in the presence of

The marke of

John Miller

Geo: Gifford
Henry Pound

63. Thomas MORRANT of Eynsford

PRS/W/11/105

W 3 Mar 1680
B 21 May 1680
P 4 Jun 1680

In the name of God Amen the Third day of March in the two and thirtieth yeare of the Raigne of our Sovereigne Lord Charles the second by the grace of God of England, Scotland, France and Ireland Kinge Defender of the faith etc Annoque Domini 1679: I Thomas Morrانت beinge sicke and weake in body but of Sound and perfect minde and Memory praise bee therefore given to Almighty God doe make this my last will and Testament in manner and Forme Followinge (that is to say) First and principally I Comend my Soule into the handes of Almighty God my creator, Assuredly beleiveinge that I shall Receive full pardon for all my Sinnes and bee Saved by the precious death & Meritts of my Blessed Saviour & redeemer Jesus Christ, And my body I comitt to the Earth to be decently Buryed att the discretion of My Executor hereafter named And as touchinge all such worldly estate as it hath pleased God in his Mercy to bestow on me My will and meaninge is the same be Employed as is hereafter expressed, And first I doe revoke renounce and make voyd all wlls by me formerly made And declare and appoynt this to bee my Last will & testament. Item I doe give and devise unto my two Sonnes Thomas Morrانت and John Morrانت All that my Messuage or Tenement and Fower acres of Land with their Appurtenances situate Lyeinge and beinge in the parish of penshurst in the County of Kent Equally to be devided betweene them and their heires Forever Item I doe give and bequeath unto my Daughter Ellinor Williams the wife of Symon Williams of Eynsford the summe of Eight pounds of good and Lawfull money of England To be payd by my Executor hereafter named within Sixe monthes after my decease Item I doe give unto my Daughter Jane Hibbin the wife of Thomas Hibbin of Eynsford aforsaid the full summe of Eight pounds of Like Lawfull money of England to be payd by my Executor within sixe monthes after my decease as aforesaid Item I doe give unto my Daughter Agnis Glover the wife of Robert Glover of Cobham the full summe of three pounds of Like Lawfull money of England to be payd her within sixe monthes after my decease as aforesaid. Item I doe give unto Walter Bath of Eynsford the summe of one shilling

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to bee payd within six monthes after my decease Item I doe give and bequeath unto my Daughter Katherine Marrant the full summe of Tenn Pounds to be payd her within sixe monthes after my decease by my Executor hereafter named Item all the rest and residue of my estate whatsoever whether reall or personall I doe give unto my Sonne John Marrant And doe make him the said John Marrant my Sonne Sole Executor of this my Last will and Testament In wittnes whereof I the sayd Thomas Marrant the Elder have sett my hand to the first sheete and my hand and seale to the second sheete the day and yeare first above written

Signed sealed published and Declared to bee
the Last will and Testament of Thomas
Marrant the Elder in the presence of us:

Thomas Marrant
his Marke

William Morrey his mark
Henry plumer his mark
Sam: Browne: .

64. Thomas MORRANT of Eynsford

PRS/I/13/74

B 21 May 1680
I 28 May 1680
E 4 Jun 1680

A true and perfect Inventory of all and singular the goods Chattells and Debts of Thomas Marrant Late of Eynsford in the County of Kent yeoman deceased taken valued and Apprized The Twenty Eight day of May Annoque Domini 1680 by us whose names are here under written [*] as Followeth vizt

	li	s	d
Imprimis his wearing Apparrell & money in his purse	4	0	0
In the Hall			
Item one Table two Cupboards four Chaires two old Stooles Some Brasse and pewter and other Small things	3	11	0
In the wash house			
Item for Tubbs and other small things	0	10	3
In the Milk house			
Item one powdring tubbe seaven Trays & two Kettles	1	11	0

* No names are shown

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In the Chamber over the Hall	
Item one old feather bed and one flocke bed with their furniture two boxes and Linnen	3 - 0 - 0
In the Chamber over the Milk house	
Item three quarters of Maslinge & other Corne	3 - 0 - 4
In the yard	
Item One old Duncart and one old plow and two Harrowes	1 - 0 - 1
Item two Cowes Sixteene Ewes Twelve Lambs and one Mare	14 - 0 - 8
Item two Hoggs and one sowe and piggs	1 - 9 - 11
Item two Acres of woad upon the Ground	1 - 10 - 0
Item nine Acres of Barley five Acres of Oats foure Acres of peas and two Acres of Marslinge	25 - 5 - 0
Item debts sperate	8 - 0 - 0
Item for things out of sight and forgot	0 - 5 - 2
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Summe	66 - 17 - 3
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65. John MOSYER of Eynsford

PRS/W/11/129

W 28 Mar 1690
P 3 Jun 1690

In the Name of God Amen I John Mosyer of Crockenhill in the parishe of Eynsford in the County of Kent yeoman being Aged sick & weake in body But of a sound and disposeing mind and memory (praysed be God for the same) doe Therefore make and ordayne this my last will & Testament in manner following (that is to say) First I commend My Soule to God that gave it, and my Body I commend to the Earth to be decently buryed according to the discretion of my Loveing wife Joane but at the Charges of my Executrixes hereinafter named; And for my worldly estate I dispose thereof as followeth; First I give & bequeath unto my loveing wife Joane & her assignes for & during the terme of her naturall life One Annuity or yearly rent Charge of Fifty shillings of lawfull mony of England to be yearely Issueing & going out of & in All those my two peeces or parcells of arrable land Commonly called by the severall names of Darens hill feild & wastsstead Conteyneing by estymacon together Nyne Acres more or lesse lying & being Lullingstayne in the said County of Kent now in my owne occupacion payable on two of the most usuall Feasts or termes in the yeare (that is to say) the Feasts of the Annunciacion of the Blessed Virgyn mary & St Michael the Archangell halfe yearly by Even & equal porcons the First payment thereof to begin & be made on that Feast of the Feasts aforesaid which shall nexte come after my decease; And that if the said Annuity shall happen to be behind by the space of one & twenty dayes nexte after

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any of the said Feasts on which the said ought to be payed; That then & soe often I will that it shall & may be lawfull to & for my said wife & her assignes to enter into & upon the said two parcell of land or either of them & to distrayne for the said Annuity or yearly rent of Forty shillings soe behind And the distresse & distresses there found & taken to lead draw beare away ympound detayne & Keepe untill the said Annuitye soe behind or unpaid shall be fully satisfied & payed together with all costs & damages by that occasion sustayned; Item I doe give unto my said wife Joane Furniture for one Roome (to wit) sufficient goods of All sortes such as she shall choose to furnishe one Roome for her owne use & well being; Item I doe give & devise unto my eldest daughter Joane Hobbs widdowe the full summe of Twenty pounds of Lawfull mony of England to be payed unto her within five yeares nexte after my decease by my sonne Thomas Mosyer; Item I doe give & bequeath unto my youngest daughter Mary Mosyer the summe of Fifty pounds to be payed unto her within one yeare nexte after my decease by my Executrixes hereinafter named; Item I doe give & devise unto my said sonne Thomas Mosyer & to his heires & assignes for ever; All my message building Lands & wood grounds whatsoever & wheresoever scituate lying & being in the said County of Kent and the reversion or reversions Remaynder & remaynders thereof Chargeable with the Annuity of Forty shillings before herein granted to my said wife Joane for her life; And upon Condition that he doe pay unto my said daughter Joane the said Legacy of Twenty pounds according to this my will; And my will is that in case he shall neglecte or refuse to pay the said Legacy of Twenty pounds to my said daughter that then it shall be lawfull for her her Executors & Administrators or assignes to enter into all the said message lands & woodgrounds soe devised to my said sonne Thomas & to have & hold the same & to take & receive the rents yssues & profitts thereof to her & their owne & soe untill she shall be fully satisfied the said twenty pounds & all her & their Costs damages & Charges sustayned by reason of the non-payment thereof; All the rest & residue of my goods Cattle Chattells corne & personall estate whatsoever & wheresoever my debts & the legacy appointed to be payed by my said Executrixes funerall & other Charges being first payed I doe give & bequeath unto my two Eldest daughters Margaret Mosyer & Mary Mosyer equally to be divided between them share & share alike; And I doe give & bequeath & devise to them the said Margaret Mosyer & Mary Mosyer All my message Buildings arable & pasture grounds & alle benefitt & profitts thereof during & untill the Nyne & twentieth day of September nexte ensueing the date hereof paying only one pepper Corne therefore to my said sonne Thomas (Anything herein conteyned to the contrary notwithstanding) And I appoynt my said daughters to paye my said wife twenty shillings till Michaelmas nexte for her first half yeares Annuity herein granted her And I doe will that my said daughters shall not cut any wood other than to mend the hedges about the said ground; And I doe make and ordayne them the said Margaret Mosyer & Mary Mosyer Joynt Executors of this my last will & testament Revokeing all former wills; In witnes whereof I the said John Mosyer have hereunto sett my hand & seale, to every sheete of this my will Conteyned in three sheetes of paper this Eighte & twentieth day of March in the yeare of our Lord God one thousand sixe hundred & Nynety

Signed sealed published & Declared
by the said John Mosyer for his
last will & Testament in the
presence of

John Mosyer
his marke

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Edm: Hodsoll
 Willi: Cox
 The marke of Elizabeth Caverly

66. John MOSYER of Eynsford

PRS/I/13/81

I 1 Jul 1690
 E 17 Jul 1690

A True & perfect Inventory of all and Singular the goods & Chattells of John Mosyer late of Eynesford in the County of Kent yeoman deceased as the same were taken valued & Apprized by us whose names are hereunto subscribed the First day of July Anno Domini 1690 As followeth (vizt)

	<i>li s d</i>
Imprlmis his weareing apparell & money in his purse	2 - 0 - 0
In the parlour chamber	
Item one Bedd & all things belonging to it	5 - 0 - 0
Item Lynnen Chaires & other things	15 - 0 - 0
over the Kitchin	
Item Two Bedds with other things	4 - 10 - 0
In the parlour	
Item one Table & fourme Chaires and some pewter	3 - 10 - 0
Item one Table & Chaires	2 - 0 - 0
In the Kitchin	
Item one Table & fourme some brasse and some pewter	2 - 0 - 0
In the Cellars	
Item Some Tubbs & other small things	2 - 0 - 0
In the Brewhouse	
Item Some Tubbs & other old things	1 - 10 - 0
without doors	
Item Three scoure Sheep & Lambs	15 - 0 - 0
Item for woods	30 - 0 - 0
Item for three coves & three other bullocks	12 - 0 - 0
Item five young bullocks	5 - 0 - 0
Item five horses	15 - 0 - 0

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Item one waggon two Courts two harrowes harnesse & plows	10 - 0 - 0
Item Six & Thirty acres of Corne	50 - 0 - 0
Item for foure acres of wood	10 - 0 - 0
Item for nyne Hoggs	5 - 0 - 0
Item fruite	3 - 0 - 0
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The totall summe is	192 - 10 - 0
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William Cox)
Jas: Browne) Apprizers

67. Joseph NASH the elder of Shoreham

PRS/W/12/53

W 28 Jan 1640
B 1 Feb 1640
P 4 Mar 1640

In the Name of God Amen I Joseph Nash of Shorham the elder in the County of Kent yeoman being sick in body butt yett of good remembrance praised bee God doe make this my last Will & Testament in manner & forme following First I bequeath my soule into the handes of Almighty God my maker and Creator and my body to the earth in certain hope of a ioyfull and glorious resurreccion att the comming of Christ Jesus my gracious Redeemer unto Judgement The worldly goods which God in his mercy hath given I bequeath as followeth Imprimis I give & bequeath unto my loveing wife Joane Nash All my howses and lands whatsoever in the parish of Earith in the Countie aforesaid and also one Feild in the parish of Shorham aforesaid called Parfeilde or Burrefeild, or by whatsoever name else itt is called And alsoe the one half of my Feild called NeatherFeild lying or being in the said parish of Shorham; And alsoe one Meade or Meadowe called the lower Meade with a yarde or rodd of ground in breadth from the highway leading from Shorham Crosse towards Filliston and in length unto the said Meadowe for a way uppon all necessarie occasions unto the said Meadowe, To have and to holde all the said premisses unto my said wife Joane Nash during her naturall life, And alsoe to dispose of by her last will and Testament as shee pleaseth, Next I give & bequeath unto my Sonne Joseph Nash All my howses and landes whatsoever scituate and being in the parish of Shorham aforesald, Excepte the landes before given & bequeathed unto my wife as aforesaid To have and to hold to him the said Joseph and his heires for ever, Next I give & bequeath unto my said sonne Joseph One hundred pounds of lawfull & Currant money of England to bee paid unto him when he shall be of the age of Fowerteene yeares, Item I doe give & bequeath unto my daughter Mary Nash One Hundred pounds of lawfull monie of England to be paid unto her att her age of Fowerteene yeares, All the rest of my goods and Chattells whatsoever I doe give & bequeath unto my said Wife to dispose of as God shall putt her in mynde for the best behoofe of her and the Children which God hath given us And I doe make and constitute the said Joan Nash my loveing Wife

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the sole Executor of this my last will and Testament Sealed with my Seale and signed with my hand marke the Eighte and Twentieth day of January in the year of our Redemption by our Lord Jesus Christ, one thousand sixe hundred thirtie nine, And in the Fifteenth yeare of the Reigne of our Souvraigne Lord Charles by the grace of God King of England Scotland France and Irelande Defender of the Faith etc I doe give unto the poore of the parish of Shorham Fortie shillings of lawfull money of England to bee distributed amongst them on the day of my buriall The marke of the saide Joseph the seale of Joseph Nash the elder, This will or Testament was written and Reade to the said Joseph Nash and by him approved sealed and signed the day and yeare aforesaid in the presence of John Emerson Clerke, John Rogers:

68. Joseph NASH of Shoreham.

PROB11/437 f. 60

W 13 Jan 1697
 B 6 Feb 1697
 P 4 Mar 1697

In the name of God Amen. I Joseph Nash the younger of Shoreham in the County of Kent yeoman being sick and weake in body but of sound and disposing mind and memory praised be God for the same And calling to mind the uncertainty of this Life doe make and ordaine this my last will and testament in manner and form following That is to say First and principally I comit my soul to God who gave it hoping for salvation thereof and by and through the precious merrits and satisfaction of my blessed Redeemer Jesus Christ, and my body I commend to the Earth to bee decently buried according to the discretion of my deare and loveing wife Mary and my honoured Father Joseph Nash whom I doe make and ordaine Executors joyntly of this my will during soe long time as shee my said Wife shall continue my widdow And immediately after her marriage then I doe will and order that her Executrixship shall cease And that my said Father Joseph Nash shall be sole Executor of this my will during his Life And I doe hereby farther declare my mind to be that in case my said Father shall happen to depart this life before my said Wife marry shall marry or bee married againe after my decease: That then I doe hereby make and ordaine my two eldest brothers that shall bee then liveing joynt executors with my said wife Mary untill her marriage And after her marriage then I doe make my two eldest brothers joynt Executors of this my will without my said wife Mary And now as touching such Worldly Estate as God of his great Mercy hath bestowed upon me here on Earth I doe dispose thereof as followeth (That is to say) Whereas my Wife will after my decease bee intituled to the Moyety or one half part of all my Freehold Lands in Kent according to the Custome of the said County during her Widdowhood But in case shee shall happen to Marry againe shee will forfeite and loose both her dower and Customary part of my Messuages lands and Tenements in Kent Now I doe therefore in case my said Wife happen to marry againe or bee married after my decease give and demise unto her my said loveing wife Mary and her Assignes for and during the terme of her naturall Life One Annuity or yerely rentcharge of Tenn pounds of lawfull money of England to bee by her and her Assignes had taken recived issuing and going out of and in All my Capitall Messuage wherein I now dwell commonly called or knowne

by the name or names of Okeburne alias Ogburne And out of all the Maulthouses Barnes Stables Outhouses Buildings Closes Yards Orchards Gardens Lands Arrable Meadow Pasture and Woodgrounds thereunto belonging with their appurtenances containing together by estimation Eighty Acres more or less scituate lying and being in Shoreham aforesaid and [blank] in the said County late in the occupacion of Daniel Monck or his Assignes and now are in my owne occupacion or in the occupacion of my Assignes payable and to bee paid unto her my said Wife Mary and her Assignes during her naturall Life on four of the most usuall Feasts or Termes in the yeare That is to say the Feast of the Annunciation of the blessed Virgin Mary St John the Baptist St Michael the Archangell and the Birth of our Lord Christ quarterly by even and equall porcions Tax free and without any abatement whatsoever And my mind and will is that if it shall happen the said Annuity or yearely Rent of Tenn pounds of any part thereof To be behind and unpaid by the space of one and twenty dayes next ensuing after any of the said Feast dayes on which the same ought to be paid That then and from thenceforth it shall and may be lawfull to and for the said Mary my wife and her Assignes into my said Capitall Messuage Maulthouse Barnes Stables Buildings Closes Yards orchards gardens lands all other the premisses before mentioned with their Appurtenances and to distreine for the said Annuity soe behind And the distresse and distresses then and there taken lawfully from thence to beare lead drive have take keep carry away and impound sell and dispose of according to Law untill shee the said Mary my Wife and her Assignes shall bee of the saide Annuity or yearely Rentcharge of Tenn Pounds and all Arreares thereof And of all her and their costs Damages and Expences by that occasioon sustained fully satisfied contented and paid And I doe appoint the First payment of the said Annuity to begin and to bee made on the next Feast of the Feasts aforesaid which shall next come after my said Wife's next Marryage and not before Item I doe give and bequeath unto my eldest sonn Joseph Nash and to his Heires and Assignes forever the Moyety or one half part of my said Capitall Messuage Farme and Lands with their Appurtenances Chargeable with the one half part of the said Annuity of Tenn pounds per Annum to my said wife after her next marriage Item I doe give and bequeath unto my sonn John Nash and to his heires and Assignes forever one full quarter part of my said Capitall Messuage Farme and Lands with their Appurtenances chargeable with one quarter part of the said Annuity of Tenn pounds per Annum to my said Wife after her next Marryage Item I doe give and devise unto my youngest sonn Benjamin Nash the other quarter part of my said Capitall Messuage Farme and lands with their Appurtenances to him and his heires for ever Chargeable with one quarter part of the said Annuity of Tenn pounds per Annum to my said Wife Mary after her next Marryage Provided allwaies and my will and meaning further is and I doe hereby soe order that in case my Eldest sonne Joseph Nash shall bee desirous to buy my said sonn John and Benjamin Nash their or either of their quarter parts of my said messuage farme and Lands and doe and shall well and truly pay unto Each of them one hundred and fifty pounds of good English money in manner following (That is to say) Seaventy and Five Pounds apeece thereof when they the said John Nash and Benjamin Nash his Brothers shall respectively attaine unto their severall ages of one and twenty yeares and the other seaventy pounds [*sic*] to each and either of them within six moneths next after the decease of my said Wife Mary That then the respective devises to my said two younger sonns and their respective Heires and Assignes shall cease and bee void And that then I doe give and devise the said respective quarter parts soe devised to my said two youngest sonns unto my sonn Joseph Nash and to

his heires and assignes forever And my Will is that in case my said Sonn Joseph Nash shall happen to dye before hee shall have attained his age of one and twenty yeares and without heires of his Body lawfully to be begotten That then I doe give and devise that Moyety of the said Messuage Lands and premisses hereby given to him unto my said sonn John Nash and to his Heires and Assignes forever Upon condicion nevertheless that hee my said sonn John Nash and his heires doe pay unto my said sonn Benjamin Nash one hundred pounds of good England money in manner following (that is to say) Fifty pounds thereof when hee the said Benjamin Nash shall attaine unto his age of one and twenty yeares and the other Fifty pounds thereof within six Moneths next after my said Wife's decease And if hee refuse to pay the said one hundred pounds to my said sonn Benjamin in manner aforesaid then I doe give and devise the said Moyety of my said Messuage lands and premisses soe given to my said sonn Joseph Nash and his Heires unto my said two younger sonnns John Nash and Benjamin Nash equally to be devided betweene them and to their severall heires and Assignes forever And my will is if my said sonn Joseph Nash shall dye as aforesaid that then also John paying to his Brother Benjamin one hundred and fifty pounds in such manner as so before appointed for Joseph to pay him that then my said sonn Benjamin's Devise of the aforesaid Quarter part of my said Messuage farme and lands shall cease and bee void That then I doe give his said quarter part of the premisses to my said sonn John Nash and his heires and Assignes forever Item I doe give and bequeath unto my two sonnns John Nash and Benjamin Nash the summe of fifty pounds apeece of good English money to be paid them severally by my said Executors in manner following (That is to say) Five and twenty pounds apeece within six Moneths next after the decease of my said Wife But if my said sonn Joseph shall happen to dye before he shall have attained unto his said age of one and twenty yeares and without heires of his Body That then the said two Legacyes of Fifty pounds apeece to my said two younger sonnns shall cease and be void And my will is that in case my said Farme and Lands shall descend and come to my said sonne Benjamin Nash or his Heires by the death of his said two Brothers That then hee the said Benjamin Nash his Heires and Assignes shall pay to his three sisters namely Elizabeth Mary and Anne Nash the summe of one hundred pounds of good English money in manner following (that is to say) fifty pounds thereof when hee shall attaine his Age of one and twenty yeares And the other Fifty pounds thereof equally to be all devided amongst them within six months next after the decease of my said Wife Mary All the rest and remainder of my personall estate I doe leave will and bequeath in manner following (that is to say) I doe desire my Executors to pay my debts legacyes and funerall expences and to keep such Household goods as shall bee needfull for my wife and children and to sell and putt off my personall estate as neare as they can and put the same out at interest And I doe will and appoynt that my said wife shall receive all Interest and profit that can bee made thereof for and towards the Educacions of my Children and appoynt that they shall imploy all the Rents of my said farme and Lands towards all my said Childrens maintenances till they shall bee able severally to maintaine themselves without any Accompt to be rendered for the same And I will and appoynt that my said Wife shall have the tuition of all my Children And if she dye or Marry That then my said Father shall have the tuition of them And if hee dye then I desire my two eldest brothers that shall bee then liveing to take care of them And I doe give All such remainder of my personall estate unto and amongst all my said three daughters equally to bee devided betweene them and to bee paid to them in manner following (that is to say)

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the one half of every ones share when they shall have attained unto their severall ages of one and twenty yeares And the other half part of every one of their shares within six moneths next after the decease of my said Wife And my will is that if any one or more of my said daughters shall dye before shee or they shall have attained unto her or their age or ages of one and twenty yeares That then the Legacy part or share of her or them soe dying shall bee equally devided amongst all my surviving children sonns and daughters And if my said wife shall marry again Then I will that the last half of my said daughters parts and shares shall bee paid to my said daughters at their severall ages of one and twenty yeares And Lastly I revoke all former Wills and appoint this to bee my last Will contained in Four sheets of paper In Witnesse whereof I have to every sheet thereof set my hand and to this last sheete I have hereunto set my seale also this thirteenth day of January In the yeare of our lord God one thousand six hundred ninety and six 1696 Joseph Nash signed sealed published and declared by the said Joseph Nash the Testator for his last Will and Testament after severall single words were interlined and these words (and shall bee paid to) were soe interlined in this sheete in the presence of us who subscribed our names hereto as Witnesses in the said Testators presence Fran: Everest Tho: Levett Margret Levett.

69. Joseph NASH Junior of Shoreham

PRS/1/14/2
PROB4/15092

B 6 Feb 1697
I 18 Feb 1697

A True and perfect Inventory of all & singular the goods & Chattells of Joseph Nash Junior Late of Shoreham in the County of Kent yeoman deceased, taken & appraised the Eighteenth day of February in the yeare of our Lord one Thousand six hundred ninty & six by Thomas Levett & Francis Everest as followeth

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Imprimis his Weareing apparell and money in the house

5 = 0 = 0

In the Hall

Item one Long Table & fourme three Joynd stooles and one Settle and other household goods

1 = 15 = 0

Item thirteene pewter dishes 2 dozen of pewter plates three Brass Kettles two Skilletts one warmeing pann one skimer & three brass

5 = 9 = 0

Candlesticks two Irne potts & one clock
Item a salt box and a payer of Andirons & other od things

0 = 5 = 6

In the parlor

Item one Table to draw out; one round Table six Leather Chayers one Press on Cubbard & payer of Brass Andirons

1 = 16 = 0

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In the Brewhouse & Sellar

Item three Barrell two Kilderkins two Runletts
two Tun Tubbs one Coollar one bucking tubb
& som other old tubbs $2 = 3 = 0$
Item one Furnace one Brewing Fate $1 = 10 = 0$

In the milk house

Item two milk Leds five powdering tubs a
churne an old Jack & some other old things $3 = 10 = 0$

In the chamber over the Hall

Item one Feather Bedd one Bolster two pillowes
one Covering two blanketts one Stedle Curtaines
vallions matt & Cord $2 = 10 = 0$
Item one Chest of drawers one little table
two Chaires five Stooles & one Joyned Chest
& one Looking glass $1 = 17 = 0$
Item one & Twenty payer of Sheets six table
cloathes Five dozen of napkins thirteene Towells
five payer of pillow Coats & some other old Linnen $14 = 17 = 6$

In the Garrett

Item fower old horse harness and some old Irne $2 = 0 = 0$

In the Great Chamber

Item two Feather Beds three Bolsters one Rug
fower blanketts one Covering two stedles
Curtaines & vallions $3 = 5 = 0$
one table three Chests one Trunk six boxes
one payer of Andires fire shovell and tongs $0 = 15 = 0$

In the Inner Chamber

Item one Feather Bed one Bolstar two pillowes
one Covering & two blanketts $1 = 16 = 4$
Item one press & one old trunk $0 = 3 = 8$
Item thirteene Silver spoones fower Silver
Cups & one silver Bowle $7 = 10 = 0$

In the Mault House

Item one Leaden Cistarne $6 = 0 = 0$
Item one querne $1 = 10 = 0$
Item one skry one bushell & other Small
measures & a parcell of old sacks $0 = 15 = 0$
Item Mault & Barley $150 = 0 = 0$

In the Stable

Item one Mare & one horse $12 = 0 = 0$

In the yard

Item three sheats $1 = 0 = 0$

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Item two old wagons two old Courts and
some plow tackling 10 = 0 = 0

Item Debts speratt and hopefull to be
Recovered 236 = 6 = 0

Item in Lumber & things forgot 0 = 13 = 4

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	in all	4

Tho Levett

Fran: Everest

[This inventory is unusual in that similar copies were exhibited in both PCC and Shoreham Deanery Court.]

70. Robert OLIVER of Shoreham

PRS/W/12/ 110

W 12 Jul 1666
Died 19 Jul 1666
P 9 Aug 1666

In the Name of God Amen The twelveth day of July In the yeare of our Lord one thousand six hundred sixty and six I Robert Oliver of the parish of Shoreham in the County of Kent yeoman being sicke and weake of body but of good and perfect memorie Thankes be given to God Doe make and ordeyne this my last will and Testament in manner and forme following revokeing all other wills whatsoever formerly by me made either by word or writing and this to be taken for my last will and noe other that is to say First I Commend my Soule unto Almighty God my Creator trusting assuredly for salvation by the precious death and merritts of Christ Jesus my blessed Saviour and Redeemer And for my body I committ the same to the earth decently to be buried as to my executors hereafter named shall be thought meet and convenient And as touching such worldly estate as the Lord in mercy hath lent me my will and meaning is the same shall be employed and bestowed as hereafter is expressed and declared Item I give and bequeath unto George Gardner of Longfeild five poundes Item I give and bequeath unto Susan Gardner his sister Tenn poundes Item I give and bequeath unto Susan Olliver the daughter of George Olliver late of Seale deceased Tenn pounds Item I doe give and bequeath unto Frances Wyatt and Dorothy Wyatt Five Poundes apeice And my will and meaning is that the aforesaid George Gardner Susan Gardner and Susan Olliver shall be paid their Legacies aforesaid by my Executors hereafter named within two yeares next after my decease And the aforesaid Frances Wyatt and Dorothy Wyatt when they shall attaine unto their severall ages of one and

Twenty yeares Item I give and bequeath unto Richard Spurling Five pounds and unto Thomas Spurling his sonne Ten pounds Item I give & bequeath unto Robert Spurling the sonne of Robert Spurling Tenn pounds And my Will and meaning is that the said Richard Spurling and Thomas his sonne and Robert Spurling shall be paid their Legacy as aforesaid by my Executors within one yeare next after my decease Item I give and bequeath unto Katherine Herring Fortie shillings Item I doe give and bequeath unto the Widdow of Richard palmer late of Shoreham Tenn shillings Item I doe give and bequeath unto Agnes the daughter of Edward Olliver Minister of Shoreham my Goddaughter five poundes And my will and meaning is that the aforesaid Katherine Herring the widdow of Richard Palmer and Agnes Olliver be paid their Legacyes aforesaid within one yeare next after my decease Item I doe give and bequeath unto George Palmer the sonne of Richard five poundes to be paid unto him by my Executors when he shall attaine the age of one and Twenty yeares And whereas Robert Goodwyn of Falkeham oweth me the summe of Twenty poundes upon bond I doe give and bequeath unto the same Robert Goodwyn the said Twenty poundes due unto me as aforesaid: And as touching and concerning all my Messuages Landes Tenements and hereditaments scituate lying and being in the parish of Milton next Gravesend in the aforesaid County of Kent my will and meaning is and I doe give and bequeath the same unto my Kinsmen Abraham Olliver of Ashe and George Olliver the sonne of George Olliver late of Seale deceased To be equally divided betweene them and after their decease to their heires lawfully begotten for ever. Provided neverthelesse and my will and meaning is That my said Kinsmen Abraham Olliver and George Olliver doe and shall equally betweene them pay or cause to be paid out of my aforesaid Messuage Landes and premisses in Milton next Gravesend aforesaid unto Elizabeth my wife dureing her naturall life the yearly summe of Eighteene poundes of Lawfull money of England to be paid Quarterly unto her by even and equall portions the first payment thereof to beginn on the quarter day next after my decease; And my will and meaning is that if it shall happen the said yearly summe of eighteene poundes or any part thereof shall be behinde and unpaid unto the said Elizabeth my wife by the space of Tenn dayes next after either or any of the quarter dayes in which as aforesaid the same ought to be paid that then it shall and may be lawfull To and for the said Elizabeth my wife her Assigne or Assignes to enter into and upon my said bequeathed Messuages Landes and Tenements in Milton next Gravesend aforesaid or into any part or parcell thereof and to distreyne And the distresse and distresses there found to take beare drive and carry away And to and for her owne use to deteyn impound and keepe untill shee be satisfied and paid the said yearly summe of Eighteene poundes and the Arrearages thereof if any be due unto her in manner and forme as aforesaid Item I doe also give and bequeath unto my said wife dureing her naturall life the yearly summe of Twelve poundes more of Lawfull money of England to be paid quarterly unto her by even and equall porcions by my executors hereafter named out of the Stock the first payment whereof to beginn on the quarter day next after my decease; And my will and meaning it that if my Executors do not nor shall not duely and truely pay or Cause to be paid the said yearly summe of Twelve poundes unto the said Elizabeth my wife in manner and forme as aforesaid within the space of Tenn dayes next after either or any of the quarter dayes as aforesaid then I will and bequeath that my Executors shall pay unto the said Elizabeth my wife or her Assigne or Assignes the summe of One hundred Poundes for a forfeiture in the name of a *Nomine penae*, the which one hundred poundes of lawfull English I give and bequeath unto my

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said Wife if default of payment be made as aforesaid Item I doe give and bequeath unto my said wife the summe of five poundes to be paid to her within one month next after my decease Item I doe also give more unto my said wife the summe of fiftye poundes to be paid unto her within one yeare next after my decease And I doe declare my will and meaning to be that my said wife Elizabeth shall have the aforesaid thirtie poundes the year in Lieu of her Joynture and right and title of dower and that shee shall not have the same over and above the Joynture. Item I doe give and bequeath unto my aforesaid wife Two bedstedles and the Beddes and other things thereunto belonging standing in the Chamber where I now lye and three Trunkes Two Chaires and Two Joynd stooles in the same Chamber and halfe my Lynnen and halfe my pewter and all my brasse excepting my Furnace: Item I doe give and bequeath unto Alice Gardner of Longfeild Widow dureing her naturall life the yearly summe of Twenty shillings of Lawfull money of England to be paid Quarterly unto her by even and equal porcions by my Executors hereafter named out of my Stock The first payment whereof to beginn on the quarter day next after my decease And my will is that if my Executors doe not duely and truly pay unto her the said yearely summe of Twenty shillings as aforesaid Then I doe give unto her the summe of Tenn poundes of Lawfull English money for a forfeiture *Nomine penae* to be paid unto her by my Executors within one moneth next after default of any of the aforesaid quarterly payments And lastly I doe hereby make constitute and ordeyne my aforesaid Kinsmen George Olliver and Abraham Olliver sole Executors of this my last will & Testament Giveing & bequeathing unto them all my goods and Chattells whatsoever herein before not bequeathed They in all things performing keeping and paying all matters Legacyes and bequests Conteyned in this my last will and Testament and all debts whatsoever by me owing And I desire my Trustie and beloved Freind Edward Everest of Shoreham Overseer of this my Testament and last Will hoping he will be ayding and assisting in all things to my said Executors In the performance and execution of this my last Will and Testament And I doe hereby give and bequeath unto him for his paynes the summe of forty shillings to be paid unto him within six monethes next after my decease In witness whereof I the said Robert Olliver to this my last Will and Testament conteyned in three sheetes of paper To the first two thereof have sett my hand and to this last sheet thereof have sett my hand and seale the day and yeare first before written

Signed sealed published
and declared in the
presence of

The mark of Robert Olliver

George Petty
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Beniamin Porter
John . . .

71. Robert OLIVER of Shoreham

PRS/I / 15/ 2

Died 19 Jul 1666
I 3 Aug 1666
E 17 Aug 1666

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An Inventory of all and singular the goods Chattles and Cattell of Robert Oliver late of Shorham in the County of Kent Gentleman, deceased Taken and appraised the third day of August Anno Domini 1666 by John Round William Hartnupp Benjamin porter & Edward Everest as followeth vizt

Inprimis his wearing Apparell & money in his purse v li

In the Chamber over the Hall

Item 2 Bedstedles 2 feather beds 2 feather boulsters 3 pillowes 3 blanketts 1 Rugg Curtaines and vallens	ix li
Item 4 Trunks 1 Chest 3 Joynt Stooles 2 Chaires	j li ij s
Item 7 payre of sheetes 14 Table Napkins 3 Course Sheet 3 payre of pillowe Coates 12 Towells	iij li xvj s
Item in Newe Course Lynen Cloath	j li
Item 3 Cushions	iij s

In the Chamber over the milke house

Item 2 bedstedles 2 blanketts 1 old Rugg 2 flock boulsters 1 feather boulder and 2 payre of course sheetes & 1 old flock bed	j li ij s
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In the Newe Chamber

Item 2 Quarters of wheate	ij li
Item 12 Bushells of Oates	xv s
Item Thirty pound of wooll	xviiij s

In the Newe Roome

Item 2 skries	xv s
Item 12 sives 2 Scopitts and one Shale	v s

In the Buttery

Item 7 drinke vessells 2 keelers and 2 other Tubbs	j li
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In the milke house

Item 2 powdering Tubbs 12 milke bowles 1 Churne 1 Table 1 frying pann 4 Crokes	xiiij s
Item 2 joynt Stooles	iij s

In the Brewhouse

Item 1 brasse furnace 2 greate Tubbs 1 Cheese presse and 1 Hogg Tubb	j li ij s
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In the Hall

Item 1 Table and Tressles, 1 forme 2 Chaires 2 stooles 1 payre of pott hangers 2 Hobirons 1 GridIron 3 Spitts 1 dripping pann & 1 warming pann and 1 Dozen of Trenchers	j li vj s
Item 1 fire Shovell 1 payre of Tongs 1 payre of bellowes	ij s

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Item one Gunn	<i>viiij s</i>
Item in pewter	<i>ij li</i>
In the Wash house	
Item 2 brass kettles 3 Iron potts 3 brasse chaffers 1 Chaffinge Dish 2 Skimmers and 3 payles 3 wooden platters & 12 dishes and 1 Brush & 1 basket	<i>j li xj s</i>
Item 4 Oxen	<i>xiiij li</i>
Item 2 Steares	<i>vj li</i>
Item 2 Twelvemonthing Bease	<i>iiij li</i>
Item 1 Two yeareing Cowe bullocke & 1 Two yeareing steare bullocke	<i>iiij li v li</i>
Item 2 Cowe Bease	<i>ij li</i>
Item 1 Twoyearinge Bullock	<i>viiij li xiiij s</i>
Item 29 Sheepe and lambs	<i>xx li</i>
Item Fower horses	<i>x li x s</i>
Item 3 Mares	<i>v li xij s</i>
Item 8 Hoggs	<i>viiij li x s</i>
Item 2 Waggon	<i>j li x s</i>
Item 2 Dung Coortes	<i>ij li</i>
Item 2 payre of waggon wheeles	<i>viiij s</i>
Item 2 payre of plowe wheeles	<i>j li v s</i>
Item 3 plowes and 2 yokes	<i>ij li</i>
Item in horse harness	<i>ij s</i>
Item one Grinstone	<i>j li x s</i>
Item . . . Harrowes	<i>x s</i>
Item the old Cart harness & plow harness	<i>xij s</i>
Item in plow . . .	<i>iiij s</i>
Item 1 Rudd Saddle & one panell	<i>xij s</i>
Item 12 Sacks	<i>Cx li</i>
Item 56 Acres of Wheate	<i>xviiij li</i>
Item 12 Acres of Barley	<i>xxij li</i>
Item 16 Acres of Oates	<i>xxxvj li</i>
Item 25 Acres of Pease and Tares	<i>ij li vj s</i>
Item 7 Acres of Fallowe	<i>xxx li</i>
Item by Hay	<i>lxxx li</i>
Item 40 Acres of Coppice Wood	<i>iiij li</i>
Item 4 Quarters of Malt	
Item Debts due to the deceased upon a Mortgage and uppon Bonds, and other wise	<i>CCCxx li</i>
Item in old Lumber & things forgotten	<i>ij li</i>

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[Robert Oliver described himself as a yeoman in his will, doc. no. 70]

72. Richard PEAKE of Shoreham.

PROB11/153 f. 57

W undated
P 14 Jun 1628

In the name of God Amen I Richard Peake of Shoreham in the Countie of Kent Yeoman being sicke in body but of perfect memory, praised bee god therefore, doe make this my last will and Testament in manner following First I bequeath my soule into allmightie god my maker, And my body to the earth in Christian maner to bee buried in the Churchyard of Cheeveninge in sure hope of resurrection to eternall life through the passion merites and Resurrection of Jesus Christ my saviour and Redeemer The temporall estate which god hath given mee I bequeath and dispose as followeth Imprimis I give and bequeath unto Anne my loveinge wife All that my Tenement and lands thereunto belonging scituate and being in the parish of Cheeveninge the tenement being nowe in the occupacion of [blank] Colgate or his assignes to have and to hold the said Tenement and lands with all profits and appurtenances therto belonging to the said Anne during her naturall life And after her decease to bee equallie devided betweene my two Sonnes Richard and John Peake, to the which Richard and John I doe give and bequeath my said Tenement and landes To have and to hold the same, and all and singular the appurtenances therto belonging unto the said Richard and John from and immediatly after the decease of the said Anne And to the heires males of their bodies lawfully begotten for ever And, for want of such heires male I doe give and bequeath the said Tenement and lands unto my two Daughters Elizabeth & Naomie and to their heires for ever Item I doe give and bequeath unto my said two sonnes Richard and John the somme of fifteene pounds apeece viz to each of them severallie the somme of fifteene pounds of Currant English monie to bee paid within one yeare next after my decease And my will is that the fifteene pounds given to my sonne John shal bee paid to my loveinge brother John Woodstocke of Oxsted in the Countie of Surrey yeoman within the tearme aforesaid and by him to be ymployed unto the best profitt and behoofe of the said John Peake untill he shall come to the age of eighteene yeares and then both the said somme of fifteene pounds with the profitts therof to bee paid unto the said John Peake And touching the aforesaid legacie of fifteene pounds to my said sonne Richard bequeathed, my will is that if the said Richard shall or will not staie and abide with his mother and bee dutifull and helpfull to her in the furtheringe of her businesse, and doeing such necessarie worke as belongeth to her affayres whereby shee maie bee the better able to paie such legacies as by vertue of this my will she shall stand charged with and that for longe and upon such covenants and condicions as shall seeme good unto my said loveing brother John Woodstocke and my loveinge friend Olive Staple that then my said sonne Richard shall wholly loose the benefitte of the bequeath and gift of the said fifteene poundes Item I doe give and bequeath unto my daughter Joane Peake the somme of tenn poundes of lawfull monie of England to be paid unto her within one yeare and a halfe next after my decease Item I give and bequeath unto my daughter Elizabeth tenne poundes of lawfull monie of England to bee paid unto her within one yeare and halfe after my decease, the said somme to bee putt forth and ymployed to the best use and behoofe for the said Elizabeth by the discretion of my Executrix and Overseers of my will. Item I give and bequeath unto my daughter Naomie the somme of fifteene poundes of lawfull money of England to bee putt forth within one yeare and halfe next after my decease to the best profitt and

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behoof of the said Naomie by mine Executrix with thadvise of mine Overseers. Item I give and bequeath unto my daughter Anne Peake fourtie shillings of lawfull money of England to bee paid within one yeare next after my decease And I doe alsoe give unto John and Anne the two Children of my said daughter Anne to each of them one Yeawe and Lambe to bee delivered to my said daughter Anne within one moneth next after my decease the said Anne givinge an acquittance to mine Executrix for the discharge of my said Executrix hereafter nominated and appointed Item I give and bequeath unto my daughter Dorothie Peake fourtie shillings of lawfull monie of England to bee paid within one yeare next after my decease Item I give and bequeath unto the poore of the parish of Shorham three shillings and foure pence of lawfull monie of England to bee distributed amongst them by the advice of mine Executrix and I doe also give and bequeath unto the poore of the parish of Cheevening five shillings of lawfull English monie to be distributed amongst them at the tyme of my buriall Item I doe give and bequeath unto the forenamed John Woodstocke and Olive Staple to each of them sixe shillings eight pence All the rest of my goods and Chattells whatsoever unbequeathed I doe give and bequeath unto my said loveinge wife Anne Peake whom I doe make and constitute the sole Executrix of this my last will and Testament upon condicion that she shall paie and discharge all my debts and legacies herein bequeathed And shall redeeme my Tenement & lands before mentioned mortgaged unto Allen Taylor of Woodmansterne in the Countie of Surrey yeoman. In witness whereof I have hereto sett my hand and seale in the presence of the persons whose names are here underwritten John Emerson Clearke John Woodstocke Olliffe Stap[le]

73. Thomas PLUMMER of Farningham

PRS/1/16/71

B 13 Sep 1688

I 20 Sep 1688

A True and perfect Inventory of all and singular the goods Cattle Chattells and Debts of Thomas Plummer late of Farningham in the County of Kent yeoman deceased taken valued and Appraised this Twentiyeth day of September Anno Domini 1688 by us whose names are hereunder subscribed as followeth vizt

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Imprimis his weareing apparell and money in his purse

04 : 00 : 00

In the Kitchin

Item one Table one Fourme one settle one
 Little Cupboard one Gunn three Chaires one
 warmeing pan three spitts one paire of
 Andirons fire shovell and Tongs one Iron
 Kettle two iron potts three Brasse Kettles
 fower Brasse Skilletts one Jack two Dripping
 panns and other small things

03 : 10 : 00

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In the Hall

Item Two old Tables one Fourme fower Leather
Chaires fower Joyn'd Stooles one Clock two
Andirons one wooden Chaire 02 : 06 : 00

In the Parlor

Item one Feather Bedd one old Flock bedd Bed
stedle Matt and Cord Curtaines and vallenge
one greate Cupboard one old Court Cupboard one
little Chest one Wicker Chaire and two other
Chaires with some other Furniture for the Bedd 04 : 10 : 00

In the Chamber over the Parlor

Item Two old Flocke bedds and steddles with
some old blanketts and one Coverlett and
three old chests 09 : 00 : 00

In the Chamber over the Milk = howse

Item one old Feather bedd and Bedsteddle
Curtaines and vallens and other Furniture
thereunto belonging one Table three
Chaires & one Cheste 02 : 15 : 00

In the Chamber over the Hall

Item one old Flock bedd and Bedsteddle with
the Furniture and one old presse 01 : 01 : 00

In the Chamber over the Kitchin

Item one Feather bedd and one Flock bedd
And the Furniture thereto belonging one
Table three Leather Chaires two Flagg
bottom'd Chaires one Chest one old Court
Cupboard and one paire of Andirons 04 : 05 : 06

In the Beere Buttery

Item five drink vessells three powdring Tubbs 01 : 05 : 00

In the Cheesehouse

Item fower Tubbs two Cheese presses one old
Querne one old Trough 01 : 08 : 00

In the Celler

Item six Drink Tubbs Two Churnes and a Keeler 00 : 15 : 00

In the Inner Celler

Item one Lead to put Milk in fower Trays two
Bowles and two small Keelers 00 : 10 : 06

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In the Brewhouse

Item one greate Furnace one Little Furnace the
 Brewing Fat three payles and other old Tubbs 02 : 08 : 06

In the mens Chamber

Item some old Lumber 01 : 04 : 00

Item all the pewter 02 : 10 : 00

Item seaventeene paire of sheetes of hemp and
 Tow three dozen of Napkins fower paire of
 Pillow Coates and some other Table Linnen 05 : 00 : 10

Item for about fowerteene Hundred of Hopps soe
 neere as wee can guesse 35 : 00 : 00

Item Nyne Cowes one Bull and fower young Bullocks 24 : 00 : 00

Item for about Eight score and Tenn weather
 Ewes and Lambs 55 : 10 : 00

Item for the Hopp Poles upon Two acres and an
 halfe of Hopp ground 05 : 00 : 00

Item Fowerteene poore horses and Colts with
 the Harnesse 37 : 00 : 00

Item Two old waggons Two old Dung Cartes three
 plowes two plowes and their Tackle & six
 Harrowes sixteene old sacks one old Scry
 two Cieves one Bushell two Dew Rakes and
 fower forkes 11 : 10 : 00

Item for Wheate in the Barne 85 : 14 : 00

Item Missceling in the Barne 12 : 00 : 00

Item Barly in the Barne 80 : 00 : 00

Item Oates in the Barne 43 : 00 : 00

Item peas in the Barne 29 : 00 : 00

Item The Hoggs and piggs in the yard 10 : 06 : 00

Item things out of sight and forgott 00 : 06 : 08

Summa totalis . . . 465 : 14 : 4

74. Abraham POLHILL of Shoreham

PRS/W/12/167

W 30 Mar 1624

B 6 Sep 1624

P 12 Nov 1624

In the name of God Amen the thirtith day of March in the yeare of the reigne of our Sovereign Lord James by the grace of God of England France and Ireland King, defender of the faith; etc the two and twentieth and of Scotland the seaven and fiftith I Abraham Polhill of Shorham in the countie of Kent yeoman weake in body but of good and perfect remembrance (God be prayسد) doe make this my

last will & testament in manner and forme followinge First I Commend my soule into the hands of God my maker and redeemer hopeinge assuredly through the only merits of Jesus Christ to be made partaker of life everlastinge And my body to the earth decently to be buried in the Churchyard of Shorham aforesaide or elsewhere at the discretion of mine executor hereafter named. Item I give and bequeath unto Alise my wife dureing the tearme of her life the use and occupacion of all my houses landes tenements . . . appurtenances whatsoever situat and beinge in the parish of Shorham aforesaid Item I give & bequeath unto my sonne Edward Polhill and to his heyres for ever after . . . decease of Alise my wife all those two parcells of Land called Goddingston land lying and beinge in Shorham aforesaid and also all my howses edifices and buildings and all profitts and commodities thereof belonginge and appurteyning . . . followinge viz. that the sayd Edward his heyres executors or assignes . . . pay or cause to be payed unto my sonne John Polhill the summe of foure pounds of . . . English monie yearly after the decease of Alice my . . . sayd John Polhill by four equall payments at the Foure most usuall feasts or dayes of payment in the yeare viz. at the feast of thannunciacion of the Blessed Virgin Marie twentie shillings, at the feast of St John the Baptist twentie shillings, at the feast of St Michael the Archangell twentie shillings, and at the feast of the Nativitie of our Lord and Saviour Christ twentie shillings And my will is that if the sayd Edward nor his heyres executors or assignes make not payment of the sayde annuitie of foure pounds in maner aforesaid That then my sonne John Polhill or his assignes shall enter into and upon the sayd two parcells of Land called Goddingstone and the same to hold occupie . . . to him and his assignes untill the sayde annuitie with the arrearages if any be, shall be fully satisfied and payed. Also my will is that if my sonne John shall refuse to acquit and discharge my sayde sonne Edward of all and every severall summe of monie which shall be payed unto him accordinge to the playne meaninge of this my will (if the sayd Edward shall tenter an acquittance to the sayd John to be sealed or signed by him the sayd John at the time of the payment of every severall summe as aforesayde) that thenceforth viz: From the time of such refusal the sayd John Polhill shall lose the benefit of this bequeath and the annuitie . . . and by this my will to him given. Item I doe give and bequeath unto the sayd Edward Polhill my mansion howse wherein I now live together with all edifices and buildings thereunto belonginge and Also one parcell of land called and known by the name . . . Goddingstone house or by what other name or names the same is called or knowne set lyinge and beinge in Shorham aforesaid and conteyninge by estimacion one acre of land more or lesse and purchased by me the sayde Abraham of Thomas Dunmole and others To have and to holde unto the sayde Edward his heyres and assignes for ever after the decease of my wife before named. Upon this condition followinge (this is to say) if he the sayde Edward Polhill or his heyres executors or assignes or any of them shall pay or cause to be payed unto Jane Johnson the daughter of my daughter Joane Johnson deceased the summe of tenne poundes of lawfull English . . . and onlie payment when she shall attayne to the age of one and twentie yeares. And if my sayde Sonne Edward shall refuse to make payment of the sayd summe of tenne poundes unto the sayde Jane if she shall live as aforesaid to the age of one and twentie yeares, that then it shall be lawfull for the sayd Jane or her heyres or assignes to enter into and upon the sayd messuage or tenement together with all edifices thereunto belonginge and the same to occupie and inioy together also with the foresayd acre of areable lande untill the sayde tenne poundes be payde unto her or to her assignes. Item I give and bequeath unto my daughter Dorothe the wife of John Eversfielde the

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summe of twentie pounds of lawfull English monie to be payde unto her or to the heyres or assignes of John Eversfielde aforesayde within . . . next after the decease of Alice my wife. Item I give unto Margarett my daughter and unto my daughter Frisweede to either of them the summe of twelve pence to bee payed by mine executors within one moneth after my decease. And for the more sure performance of the legacie before bequeathed unto my daughter Dorotheie my will is that if my sonne Edward shall refuse to make payment thereof accordinge to this my will that then the whole benefit of this my will shall be voyde and frustrate on the parte and behalfe of the sayde Edward and that the sayde Dorotheie shall inioy all my houses landes and other the premisses to her and her heyres for ever after the decease of my sayde wife the sayd Dorotheie or her heyres and assignes payinge and discharginge all legacies and bequeaths in this my will specified and declared. Item I give & bequeath unto Alice my wife two ioyned chests which are in the chamber over the hall and all other . . . shall be remayninge in the chamber wherein I now lye at the time of my decease All my other goods and chattells whatsoever unbequeathed I doe also give and bequeath unto my sonne Edward whom I doe make and constitute the sole Executor of this my last will & testament which I doe ratifie and confirme, and all other former wills I revoke and make frustrate In Witnesse whereof I have hereto set my hand and seale the day and yeare first above written, And I doe ordeyne and constitute my lovinge friendes Edward Staple and Edward Miller the overseers of this my will and I do give unto eyther of then the summe of three shillings foure pence

Read sealed and signed
in the presence of

Abraham Polhill
his mark

John Emerson
Thomas Pearch
Robert Causton his mark

75. Edward POLHILL of Shoreham

PROB10/1031

W 4 Dec 1670
P 4 Feb 1671

In the Name of God Amen the Fourth day of December in the yeare of our Lord one thousand six hundred and seaventy I Edward Polhill of Shorham in the County of Kent yeoman being sicke and weake in body but of perfect and sound mind & memorie (praysed be God for it) but not knowing how suddainly it may please God to call me out of this world To the intent therefore that the estate which God hath here blessed me withall may be held and enioyed with peace and amitye amongst those to whom I shall herein afterwards dispose of the same I doe make and ordaine this my last Will and Testament in manner and forme following vizt First and principally I will and resign my Soule into the handes of him that gave it trusting assuredly for salvation through the alsufficient merritts of Jesus Christ my blessed Saviour and Redeemer and for my body I committ the same to the earth decently to be buryed according to the discretion of my Executors hereafter named Item I give and devise to Ann my Loveing wife the bedstedd bedd boulster Coverlett and

blanketts with all other things thereunto belonging now standing and being in the parlour of my now dwelling house, and also two Chests being in the same parlour, and also All my Linnen whatsoever and wheresoever, likewise one Kettle and one posnett to be taken by her immediatly after my decease Item I give and devise unto Jane the wife of Adam Raifes my Second daughter the summe of One hundred pounds of lawfull money of England the same to be paid within Three Monthes next after my decease out of the Stock of Corne and Cattell or whatever personall estate I shall leave behind me at the tyme of my decease (Except the goods and furniture of my house) And if it shall happen that the said stocke of Corne Catell and other personall estate doe not amount to the summe of One hundred pounds Then my will and mind is that what it wants of that summe shall be paid out of my lands and Tenements herein after given and bequeathed Provided alwayes that if my said daughter Jane shall receive the said summe of One hundred pounds herein before bequeathed to her or any part thereof dureing my life Then my will and meaning is that the aforesaid Legacye (as to so much thereof as shalbe soe received at the tyme of my death) shall cease and be voyd And that my Executors shall only pay unto her so much of the said summe as shall be justly and truly behind and unpaid at the tyme of my decease Provided also and my will and minde is that if my said daughter Jane shall happen to dye before the said summe of one hundred pounds be paid unto her according as the same is given and bequeathed by this my present Will leaving no issue of her body lawfully begotten then my Will is that so much of the said summe as shall remaine unpaid at the tyme of her death shall remaine and be paid to my daughter Nash and the children of my daughter Everist lately deceased equally to be divided betweene them Item I give and bequeath unto my sonne Edward Polhill and my Two daughters Ann and Jane and the children of my daughter Everist all my household goods whatsoever which shalbe and remaine in the house where I now dwell at the time of my decease the same to be equally divided betweene them Except such goodes and householdstufte as I have herein before given to my wife And also except the Cupboard and Table which are now standing in the Hall of my dwelling howse the which my Will and minde is that they shall passe with the inheritance of that same Item I give and devise unto Ann my said wife (in lieu and recompence of all such dower and Title of dower as she shall may or might have or claime out of, in, or to all or any of my landes and Tenenents whatsoever) one Annuity or yearly rent charge of eight poundes of Lawfull money of England (freed and discharged of and from all payments of Taxes and deductions whatsoever) to be yearly issueing going forth and received out of and in all and singular the Messuage or Tenement where in I now dwell commonly called Goddingstones scituate and being in Shoreham aforesaid and out of and in the edifices and buildings Barne Closes yards gardens orchards and Landes with the appurtenances thereto belonging and now in my tenure or occupation To be paid to my said Wife or her Assignes dureing her naturall life Quarterly That is to say at the Feasts of the birth of our Lord Christ The Annunciacion of the blessed Virgin Mary St John the Baptist and St Michael Tharchangell by even and equall porcions the first of the said payments to be made at the next of the said Feasts or dayes of payment which shall happen after my decease Item I give and devise to my said Sonn Edward Polhill one Annuity or yearly rent charge of fower poundes of Lawfull money of England (freed and discharged of and from all payments of Taxes and deductions whatsoever) to be yearly issueing going forth and received out of and in all and singular other my Messuages Lands and Tenements whatsoever (herein before not charged) scituate

lying and being in the County of Kent or elsewhere to be paid to my said Sonn dureing his naturall life Quarterly on the Feast dayes aforesaid the first of the said payments to be made at the next of the said Feasts or dayes of payment which shall happen after my decease And if it shall happen that my said Sonn Edward Polhill doe survive and overlive my Wife then my Will and minde is and I doe hereby give and bequeath unto my said Sonn fower poundes more of like lawfull money to be yearly issueing going forth and received out of and in all and singular my aforesaid Messuage and Landes called Goddingstones to be also paid to my said Sonn dureing his naturall life Quarterly the first of the said payments to be made at the next of the aforesaid Feasts or dayes of payment which shall happen after the decease of my wife Tax free and without any deduction, And if it shall happen that my said Sonn doe depart this life before Mary his now wife Then my will and minde is and I doe hereby give and bequeath to his said wife for and dureing the Terme of her Widowhood one Annuity or yearly rent charge of fower poundes of Lawfull English money to be Quarterly Paid hir out of all and singular my Messuages and Landes whatsoever (Except my Messuage and Landes called Goddingstones) scituate in the aforesaid County of Kent Tax free and without any deduction the first of the said payments to be made at the next of the said Feasts or dayes of payment which shall happen after the decease of my Sonn And if it shall happen that the said Annuities or yearly rentes or any of then shall be behind and unpaid in part or in the whole by the space of one and Twenty dayes next after any of the said Feasts or dayes of payment upon which the same ought to be paid as aforesaid (being lawfully demanded) Then and soe often I will that it shall and may be lawfull to and for my said wife or her Assignes and my said Sonn and his Assignes into all or any part of the Messuages Landes & Tenements out of which the same Annuities are yssueing and payable as aforesaid to enter and distrayne and the distresse and distresses then and there found to take lead drive and carry away and the same to deteyne and keepe untill the said Annuities or yearly rentes with all arrearages thereof (if any be) and all charges and expences occasioned by reason of the taking of such distresse or distresses and non payments of the said Annuities or any of them be fully satisfied contented and paid But if my said Wife shall at any time after my decease goe about by suite either in Law or Equitie to recover any dower or other Interest or estate whatsoever Then and from thenceforth I will that the said Annuitye of eight poundes shall cease and determine to all intents and purposes whatsoever and that the Messuage and premisses out of which the same is issueing and payable shall be thereof altogether acquitted and discharged And that in such Case my Wife shall loose and forfeite all and every other thing and things Legacyes and bequests before given and bequeathed to her And my will and minde also is that if my said Sonn Edward Polhill shall at any time after my decease by suite either in Lawe or Equitie goe about to recover any other Interest or estate than what is here in before bequeathed to him Then from thenceforth I will that the said Annuitie of fower poundes herein before bequeathed to be issueing and paid (after the decease of my wife) out of my Messuage and Landes called Goddingstones shall cease determine and be void to all intents and purposes whatsoever And that the same Messuage and Landes shall be thereof altogether acquitted and discharged And that the Legacye of fower poundes yearly issueing out of my other Landes as aforesaid shall only be paid him and noe more Item I doe give and devise to my Grandson Edward Polhill all and singular my Messuages Landes Tenements hereditaments and premisses whatsoever scituate and being in the aforesaid County of Kent or elsewhere Together with the barnes

edifices and buildings Closes Yardenes gardens orchards Profitts Commodityes and appurtenances whatsoever to them or any of them belonging or in any wise appurtenyng Chargeable with and lyable to the Annuities or yearly rents above mencioned To have and to hold the aforesaid Messuages Landes & premisses with their and every of their appurtenances (subiect to the said Annuities as aforesaid) unto my said Grandson Edward Polhill and the heires of his body lawfully begotten or to be begotten and for want of such issue of his body lawfully begotten I doe give and devise my aforesaid Messuages Landes Tenements and premisses afore mencioned with their appurtenances to the Child which my daughter in Law Mary Polhill is now Ensient withall (if it be a Son) and the heires of his body lawfully begotten and to be begotten but if it be a daughter and my Grandson Edward Polhill dye without issue of his body lawfully begotten then I doe give my aforesaid Messuages Landes Tenements & premisses with their appurtenances unto that daughter and my other fower Grandaughters Mary Elizabeth Frances and Sarah Polhill and to their heires and Assignes for ever by an equall division amongst them (chargeable notwithstanding with the Annuities or yearly rents above mencioned) But if it shall happen that my said Grandson Edward Polhill doe live to the age of Twenty and one yeares to enjoy my Messuages & landes herein before bequeathed to him Then my will and minde is and I doe hereby give and bequeath to my Grandaughter Mary Polhill the summe of Thirty poundes and to my other Three Grandaughters and the Child which my daughter in Law is now Ensient withall and to every of them the summe of Twenty poundes apiece of Lawfull English money to be well and truely paid by my said Grandson Edward Polhill out of my Messuages and Landes herein before bequeathed to him in manner following That is to say I will that he doe pay unto my Grandaughter Mary Polhill the summe of Thirty poundes when shee shall attaine the age of one and twenty yeares and to my Grandaughter Elizabeth Polhill the summe of Twenty poundes of lawfull English money at her said age of one and Twenty yeares And I will that he doe also pay unto my two other Grandaughters and the Child which my daughter in Law is now Ensient withall and to every of them the summe of Twenty poundes apiece of lawfull English money when they shall attaine their severall ages of one and Twenty yeares But if it shall happen that my Grandson Edward Polhill dye before he attaine the age of Twenty and one yeares and the Child which my daughter in law is now Ensient withall be a Sonn and that my aforesaid Messuages landes and premisses with their appurtenances doe descend unto him I will that my said Grandaughters Mary and Elizabeth be paid their Legacyes herein before bequeathed to them at their severall ages of one and Twenty yeares and that my said Grandaughters Frances and Sarah be paid their Legacyes at their severall ages of one and Twenty yeares out of my said Messuages landes and premisses as aforesaid But if it shall happen that the Child which my daughter in law is now Ensient withall be a daughter and my Landes herein before bequeathed descend to that daughter and my other fower Grandaughters or the survivors of them as aforesaid Then my will and minde is And I doe hereby give and bequeath unto my Two daughters Ann and Jane and to either of them the summe of Thirty poundes of Lawfull English money and to the Children of my late deceased daughter Joane Everist the like summe of Thirty poundes of Lawfull English money the same to be paid unto them out of my Messuages Landes and Tenements (herein before bequeathed to my said Grandaughters) in manner following That is to say I will that my daughter Ann or her Children in Case shee be dead be paid her Legacye of Thirty poundes within one yeare next after my landes shall descend unto them as

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aforsaid And that my daughter Jane or her Children in Case shee be dead be paid her Legacye of Thirty poundes the Second yeare next after my landes descend unto them And that the children of my daughter Joane be paid their Legacye of Thirty poundes the third yeare next after my landes shall descend unto them Provided nevertheless and my will is that my aforsaid wife shall hold and inioy all that my Messuage or Tenement wherein I now dwell with the appurtenances thereunto belonging and all the goods and householdstufte therein conteined for the space of three months next after my decease shee permitting my Executors hereafter named to take a view of the said goods and householdstufte in the said howse and suffer them with two other honest and sufficient men to take an Inventory of all my said goodes and householdstufte at such convenient time after my decease as they shall require the same Item I desire and appoint Mr Olliver of Shoreham to preach at my Funerall And I doe give him for his paines therein Tenn shillings Item I doe give to the poor of the parish of Shorham aforsaid Tenn shillings to be paid them upon the day of my Funerall All the rest and residue of my goodes and Chattells herein before not bequeathed I doe give and bequeath unto Frances Everist and Joseph Nash my Sonns in Law whom I doe make sole Executors of this my present Last Will and Testament And my will and mind is that my said Executors and noe other person whatsoever shall receive the rentes issues and profitts of all and singular my Messuages and Landes herein before bequeathed to my Grandson Edward Polhill in trust to and for his use without being liable to give an account to any person or persons whatsoever untill he shall attaine his age of one and Twenty yeares Except my said Grandson dye before his said age of one and Twenty yeares And I doe make Overseers of this present Will William Baldwyn of Wrotham and Edward Hills of Shoreham whome I desire to see this my will performed in all things And I doe give to either of them for their paines therein Tenn shillings a peice In witnes whereof to this my present Last Will and Testament written in five sheetes of paper to every one of which I have set my marke and set my seale to the whole the day and yeare first above written

Signed sealed published
and declared in the
presence of

The marke of
Edward Polhill

John Hall
George Petty

76. Edward POLHILL of Shoreham

PROB4/7091

I 10 Feb 1671

... Inventory of all & singular ... of Edward Polhill late of Shoreham ... taken ...
by John Round & David Dennis

Wearing apparel & ready money

...

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In the Hall

... Table & ... old ... Chaires 2 old Joyned
stooles 4 brass kettles ... skilletts 4 ...
kettles 2 brass Pott Kettles 1 Iron dripping Pann
3 Tinn Panns 3 iron Potts 3 Spittes ...
Forke paire of Cobirons paire of tongs
fire shovell 8 pewter Dishes ... & grates
... quart Pott 1 Pewter chamber Pott 2
pewter ... with other old Lumber . . .

In the Parlour

... feather Bedd Coverlidd 2 old blanketts three
... Pi llowes 1 Bedstead 3 Curtains 1 Joynd chest
... chest 1 Bedd pann 2 old Chaires . . .

In the Chamber over the Parlour

... Flock Bedds 1 Flock bolster 1 Feather pillow
one Flock pillow 1 Coverlidd 2 Blanketts 1 old
Bedstead ... an old Coverlidd 1 Table & 3 old
Chests ... sheets 7 pillow Coates 5 Table Cloaths
8 napkins . . .

In the Buttery

... Beare Tubbs 1 Brewing Fatt 4 other Brewing Tubbs . . .

In the Milke House

20 Milke Bowles 1 Charne 5 pailles . . .

In the Wagon Barne

... Loads of Fodder 2 Dozen of Pannyers & [Maunds]
... Tables 3 old Cartharnes 2 Shovells 2 Spades
with other old Lumber . . .

In the Shoppe

Smiths vice 1 Envill 1 Shovell 1 Spade 2 Pitchers
and Lumber . . .

In the Corne Barne

... threshers and threshers two loads of hay
... 1 shovell 1 hay [Crotter] ... Sives 6
pitch forks . . .

In the Cartlodge

Carte 1 Court Plough & Wheelles with some
other plow tackle . . .

In the yard

... coves 1 old Mare 2 Piggs . . .
... Ladders ... Dewrake with other Lumber
and things out of sight . . .

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Debts desperate & hopeful to bee . . .	Cxx . . .
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Debts desperate	. . .

77. John RAWLINS of Shoreham PRS/I/18/5

B 4 Dec 1679
 I 17 Dec 1679
 E 19 Mar 1680

A true & Perfect . . . Inventory of all & singuler the Goods and Chattells of John Rawlins late of Shoreham in the County of Kent yeoman deceased Taken & appraised the Seaventeenth day of December, one thousand sixe Hundred seaventy and nine by Robert Hilles, Benjamine Porter and John Round as followeth: -

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Imprimis his Wearing Aparell and Money in the house	10 : 00 : 00
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In the chamber over the Kitchen	
Item sixteene Paire of sheetes six Table Clothes Twelve Napkins and seven Pillow coates	05 : 06 : 08

Item one Clock, three Chests one Bedstead Curtaines and Vallance, one Coverlett and one Blankett	02 : 15 : 00
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In the Closett

Item Fower and Twenty Pewter Dishes, two Flaggons and a pewter Pott, Two Chamber Potts, two Candlesticks three pottingers Two Salts one Basson, one Warming Pann, one Brasse Kettle, one Brasse Pann and two Skilletts	03 : 00 : 00
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In the Chamber over the Entry:

Item one Flock bedd two Flock Boulsters, one Coverlett and two Blanketts	00 : 00 : 00
Item two old Tables and an old Chest	00 : 02 : 06

In the Chamber over the Hall

Item two Feather bedds three Feather boulsters and three Pillowes, one Flock bedd, Two Coverletts and two Blanketts	04 : 00 : 00
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Item two Bedstedds one Chest, one Table and
Forme three Chaires and one Stoole 00 : 18 : 00

In the Parlour

Item one Feather bedd two feather Boulsters
one pillow, one Rugg one Blankett one
Bedstedd with Curtaines and Vallence 04 : 00 : 00

Item two Chests, two tables 2 Chaires Five
Stooles one paire of Bellowes Andirons
and Tongs 00 : 12 : 00

In the Hall

Item one Table, six Joined Stooles, Five
Chaires, one Side bord A paire of Andirons
Fire Shovell & Tongs 00 : 18 : 00

In the Kitchen

Item one old table and Forme two Chaires
Fower Stooles, two fowlin Peeces one Jack
Fower Spitts three Drippin Panns two Iron
Potts, two Iron Kettles, one paire of
Brandirons, a paire of Tongs one Slice
two paire of Pott hookes, one Gridiron
one Morter one paire of Bellowes and one
Scofe 02 : 10 : 00

In the Milk house

Item twelve Milke Traves and two Keelers 00 : 08 : 00

In the Brewhouse

Item one Brewing Fatt, six other Tubbs
one Churne, one Cheese Presse, one Furnace
and an Iron Peele 01 : 10 : 00

In the Cellar

Item Thirteene drinke vessells seaven
Poudring Tubbs, two Leather bottles 02 : 01 : 00

In the Entry

Item fower old Hayes 00 : 15 : 00

In the Kitchen Chamber

Item two Flock Bedds, three boulsters two
Coverletts and two Blanketts and three
old Bedsteads 01 : 10 : 00
Item twenty sacks 01 : 00 : 00

In the Chamber over the Stable

Item one Flock bedd one Coverlett one Blankett
and a Bedstead 00 : 10 : 00

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Item one Timber Chayne	00 : 03 : 00
In the Mault House	
Item two baggs of New Hopps and three baggs and a Pockett of old Hopps	08 : 00 : 00
Item two Quarters of Pease	01 : 16 : 00
Item one old oast-haire	00 : 05 : 00
In the Stable	
Item twelve horses	33 : 00 : 00
Item two Sett of harnesses	07 : 00 : 00
Item the Plowes, Plowtackling and Harrowes	03 : 16 : 00
In the Barnes	
Item wheat and Rye unthreshed	30 : 00 : 00
Item Barley unthreshed	63 : 00 : 00
Item Oates Pease and Taires	14 : 18 : 00
Item two Skryes and three Sives	00 : 08 : 00
In the yard	
Item tenn Coves	25 : 00 : 00
Item Five Steeres	08 : 15 : 00
Item Five Heffers	07 : 15 : 00
Item One Bull	02 : 10 : 00
Item Five Weaning Calves	04 : 00 : 00
Item two Sucking Calves	00 : 10 : 00
Item one & thirty Hoggs & Sheates	16 : 05 : 00
Item Fower & Fifty acres of Wheat and Ry upon the ground	64 : 10 : 00
Item Fifty Tages	12 : 10 : 00
Item Forty Ewes	14 : 00 : 00
Item Thirty Weathers	13 : 10 : 00
In the Carthouse	
Item three waggons and 3 Duncoats	09 : 00 : 00
Item old Iron and other old Lumber out of sight	00 : 05 : 00
Item Debts sperate and hopeful to be received	06 : : 00

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Robert Hilles
his marke

Benjanin Porter

John Round

78. Thomas ROGERS of Otford

PRS/W/14/6

W 1 Nov 1616
 P 24 Oct 1617

In the name of god Amen the first day of November Anno Domini 1616 & in the yeares of the Raigne of our sovaryne Lorde Jeames by the grace of god of England France & Irelande Kinge defender of the faith etc the fowerteenth & of Scotland the Fyfteth I Thomas Rogers thelder of Otteforde in the Countie of Kent yeoman sicke in bodye but of good and perfect remembrance, for the which I give to god most hartie thanks doe make and ordayne this my last will & testament in manner and forme followinge, And first & principally I give and Commend my soule into the hands of almightie god my maker thoroughe whose mercye in Jesus Christ my onlye saviour & redeemer I stedfastlie beleeve to bee saved and my bodye to bee buried in the Churtche or Churtchyearde of the parrysse-churtche of Otteford aforesaid att the destcretion of my executrix hereafter named Item I give & bequeath to the poore people of the parrysse of Otteford aforesaide six shillings & eight pence to be distributed amongst them att thedaye of my buryall All the reserve of my goods and cattells whatsoever nott bequeathed my debts & legacies payed my funerall dischardged & this my last will & testamant performed I give & bequeath to Rachell my wyfe whome I make & ordeyne executrix of this my last will & testament And as touchynge the disposition of my messuages Lands tenenents & hereditaments whatsoever my will & mynde is as followeth Imprimis I will give & bequeath unto Thomas my sonne all & every my messuages Lands tenements and hereditaments whatsoever within the parrysse of Otteforde aforesaid To have & to hold to the said Thomas my sonne his heires and assignes for ever uppon condition that the said Thomas my sonne his heires executors administrators or assignes shall pay or cause to be payed unto Willyam Rogers my youngest sonne the full summe of one hundred pounds of good & lawfull money of England in manner & forme followinge (that is to saye) Fiftye pounds parte of the said one hundred pounds within one yeare next after my decease and also Fiftye pounds residewe of the said one hundred pounds within one yeare next after the decease of Rachell my wyffe when itt shall happen. The said payments to be made att or in the Churtche portch of the parrysse Churtche of Otteford aforesaid as they & either of them shall growe due to bee payed as aforesaid, (the said Willyam Rogers my sonne tendinge the tyme and place aforesaid sufficient acquittance & dischardge for the receipt of the paymente aforesaid unto the said Thomas my Sonne his heires executors administrators or assignes) Item I give & bequeath to John Rogers my sonne all those my Lands & Tenements whatsoever scituate Lyeinge & beinge within the parrysse of Kemsinge in the County aforesaid, To have and to hold to the said John My sonne his heires & assignes for ever, Item I will that Thomas my sonne his heires executors administrators or assignes or some of them shall yeerlie dueringe the naturall lyef of Rachell my wyfe paye or cause to be payed unto the said Rachell or her assignes att or in nowe dwellinge house of mee the said Thomas Rogers thelder for and in liewe & full recompence of all sutch dower and title of dower as shee maye anyewayes challenge or clayme of in or to anye the Lands tenements or hereditaments before mencioned to bee given or bequeathed to the said Thomas the full somme of seaven pounds and tenn shillings of good & Lawfull money of England att the fower most usuall Feasts or termes in the Yeare (that is to saye) the Feasts of the birth of our Lord god, the Annunciacion

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of our Blessed Ladye St Mary the Virgyn, the Nativitie of St John Baptist & St Michael the Archangell by equall porcions & the first payment thereof to begynne at sutch of the Feasts aforesaid as shall happen to come & bee next after my decease, Item I Will that John my sonne his heires executors administrators or assignes shall in like manner paye or cause to be payed yerelie unto Rachell my wyfe or her assignes dureing her naturall lyfe for and in Liewe and recompence of all sutch joynture & dower as shee maye anyewayes challenge or clayme of in or to anye the Lands or tenenents within the parrysse of Kemsinge aforesaid scituate Lyeing and beeyng, and the which are given & bequeathed by this my last will & testament to the said John as aforesaid the full somme of Fifty shillings of good & Lawfull money of England att or in the nowe dwellinge house of mee the said Thomas Rogers aforesaid att the fower most usuall Feasts of the birth of our Lord god the Annunciacion of our Blessed Ladye St Mary the virgin, the Nativitie of St John the Baptiste St Michaell tharchangell aforesaid by like equall porcions, And the first payment thereof to begyne att sutch of the Feasts aforesaid as shall happen to come next after my decease, And yf and as often as itt shall happen the said Yerelie payment of seaven pounds and tenn shillings & the said yerelie payment of Fifty shillings or any parte of the said seaven pounds & tenn shillings or of the said Fifty shillings respectivelie to be behynde & unpaid att anye the Feasts or dayes of payment in which they or anye of them or anye parte of them ought to bee payed as aforesaid att the place beforemencioned for the payment of them & of either of them that then & soe often itt shall or maye bee Lawefull to and for the said Rachell & her assignes into the said Lands and tenements aforesaid respectivelie to enter & distreyne for sutch arrerages & payment then behynd & due to be payed as aforesaid And the dystresses then & there founde to leade drive carrye away withoutde deteyne and keepe untill that the said Rachell or her assignes bee fullie satisfied and payed as well of the said severall & respective payments as of the arrerages thereof if anye shalbee Provided allways & the true intent & meanynge of this my last will is that the Lands & tenements of the said Thomas my sonne for and in respect of his payments as aforesaid to my said wyf, and lykewyse the Lands & tenements of my said sonne John for & in respect of his payments to my wyf as aforesaid shall be respectivelie chardged with the distresse aforesaid & with the costs
In witness whereof to eache sheet of this my present will & testament I the said Thomas Rogers have sett my marke and to the third and last thereof have putt to my seale the day and yeare aforesaid

[Witnesses names, etc. faded & illegible]

79. William ROGERS of Otford

PROB11/267 f. 329

W 27 Aug 1657

P 28 Sep 1657

In the name of God Amen the seaven & twentieth day of August in the yeare of our Lord one thousand six hundred Fifty & seaven I William Rogers of Otford in the County of Kent yeoman being sicke and weake of body but of good and perfect memory thanks be given to Allmightie God doe make & ordeyne this my last will

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& testament (hereby revoking a making voide all former wills by me made) in manner and forme following That is to say first I give and bequeath my Soule unto Allmightie God my Creator trusting assuredly for salvation by the alsufficient merritts of Christ Jesus my blessed Saviour & Redeemer as for my body I Comitt the same unto the earth to be decently interred in the Churchyarde of Ottford aforesaid as neere to my wife as conveniently may be ITEM I give to the poore of Ottford tenn shillings to bee distributed amongst them at the discretion of my executor hereafter named ITEM I give to my grandchilde Elizabeth Ware twenty shillings ITEM I give unto Elizabeth Hills my maide which nowe liveth with me tenn shillings ITEM I give unto my sonne George Rogers and to his heires for ever all that my peice or parcell of land called Copstone lying in Ottford aforesaid Contayneing by estimacion six Acres bee the same more or less And as for such personall estate as it pleased God to blesse me withall (my just debts being paid and my Funerall Charges discharged) I give & bequeath as followeth ITEM I give unto my said sonne George Rogers & to my two daughters Elizabeth Rogers & Susanna Rogers all my personall estate whatsoever to be equally divided betweene them And my desire is that my said sonne George Rogers (after my estate shall be appraized) doe pay unto my two daughters aforenamed their equall shares & portions in money as shall arise & growe due unto them within fower monthes after my decease And I doe hereby make & ordeyne my sonne George Rogers sole executor of this my last will & testament And I desire my loveing Freindes Mr George Denis and George Werie to bee overseers of this my last will and testament And I doe hereby give to either of them for their paines two shillings & six pence desireing them to bee aideing & assisting to my executor in the appraising of my goods & settling of my estate according to the Intent of this my last will In witnes whereof I have hereunto sett my hand & seale the day & yeare above written. William Rogers. Signed sealed & pronounced by the said William Rogers to bee his last will & testament. In the presence of . . . Rob Petty . . . Edw Smith . . . Tho Dennis

80. Anthony ROSE of Shoreham

PRS/W/14/16

W 26 Sep 1626
 B 28 Sep 1626
 P 16 Oct 1626

In the name of God Amen I Antonie Rose of Shorham in the Countie of Kent yeoman beinge sicke in bodye but yet in goode and perfect remembrance praised be God therefore doe make this my last will and testament in maner and forme followinge Imprimis I bequeath my soule into the handes of Almightye God my maker and Redeemer and my bodie to the earth to be buried in the parish Church of Shorham aforesayde my temporall goods which God hath given me I bequeath as followeth. Imprimis I bequeath unto Mr Emerson minister of Church tenn shillings, Item I give unto the poore of Shorham five shillings in monie and five shillings worth of bread to be distributed amongst them at the time of my buriall Item my will is that my wife shall dispense three pounds for the solemnizinge of my buriall. All the rest of my goods and Chattells whatsoever I doe give and bequeath unto marie my wife whom I doe make and constitute the sole Executrix of this

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my last will & Testament made and confirmed the six and twentieth day of September in the seconde year of the reigne of our Sovereigne Lord Charles by the grace of God Kinge of England Scotland France and Ireland defender of the faith etc.

Witnesses hereunto

John Emerson Clearke
Marie Baker her marke
Benedict Brian

81. John ROUND of Eynsford

PRS/W/14/15
VH96/5920

W 8 Nov 1625
P 21 Apr 1626

In the name of god amen the eight daye of November Anno Domini 1625, and in the first year of our Moste gracious Kinge, Charles, bye the grace of god of England, Scotland France and Irelande; defender of the faythe etc. I John Round thelder, of the parish of Eynsforde, in the Countie of Kent yeoman, beinge sicke in bodye, but of good and perfit remembrance god be prayed for it. Doe institute, ordayne, and make, this my last will and Testament, in manner, and forme, followinge, vid. first I give and bequeath my soule unto almighty god my saviour and redeemer, and my bodie to be buried, in christian burial at the discretion of my executor. Item I give and bequeth unto the poer of the parish of Eynsford *vj s viij d* Item I give and bequeth unto my daughter Elizabeth Rounde the widowe of Henry Ketley, *iiij li* of good and currant monie of England, to be payed her within halfe a yeare after my decease Item I give and bequeth unto Mathie, my daughter in lawe, the wife of Richard Rounde, my sonne, *xx s* of good and currant monye of Englande, to be payed unto her within halfe a yeare after my decease Item I give and bequeth unto my daughter, Jane Round, the widdowe of William Langridge *xij li* of good and currant monnye of England to be payed unto her within halfe a yeare after my decease, but yf my daughter Jane shall happen to die before shee have received her bequeth then my will and pleasure is that her porcion of *xij li* shall be equallye devided betweene her children, at the time above written. Item I give and bequeth unto my daughter Cisley Rownde, the widowe of Richarde Christover, *xij li* of good and currant monnye of England to be payed unto her within halfe a yeare after my decease, but yf my daughter Cisley shall happen to die before shee have received her bequeth then my will and pleasure is that her said porcion of *xij li* shalbe equally devided betweene her children at the time above written Item I give and bequeth unto my daughter Theodocia Ronde *xij li* of good and currant monnye of England to be payed unto her within halfe a yeare after my decease Item I give and bequeth unto John Rownde the sonne of my sonne Thomas Rownde, deceased *vj li* of good and currant monnye of England to be payed unto him within halfe a yeare after my decease. Item I give and bequeth unto Francys Rownde, the daughter of my sonne Thomas Rownde, deceased *vj li* of good and currant monnye of England, to be payed unto her within halfe a yeare after my

decease, and yf it shall happen, that either John Rownde or Francys Rownde the sonne and daughter of my sonne Thomas Rownde shall die before they have receaved theyr Bequests, then my will and pleasure is that the survivor of them shall have the others part.

. . . [several lines illegible] . . .

Item I give and bequeth unto the rest of my sonne Thomas his children xij *d* a peace
 Item I give and bequeth unto John Rownde, the sonne of my sonne Richarde Rownde xl *s* of good and currant monnye of England, to be payed unto him within halfe a yeare after my decease. Item I give and bequeth unto Robert Rownde the sonne of my sonne Richarde Rownde xl *s*, of good and currant monnye of England, to be payed unto him within halfe a yeare after my decease but yf eyther of then shall die before they have receaved theyre bequeths then the survivour shall have the others part, at the time above limited. Item I give and bequeth unto William Langridge the sonne of my sonne in lawe, William Langridge, xx *s* and unto Winifriith his daughter x *s* of good and currant monnye of England, to be payed unto them within one halfe yeare after my decease. But yf eyther of them shall happen to die before they have receaved theyr bequesths then the survivour of them shall have the others parte at the time above limited. Item I give and bequeth unto the rest of his children xij *d* a peace, Item I give and bequeth unto John Rownd, the sonne of my sonne Richarde Rownde my lease of my two orchardes at Orpington and he to have and enjoy it immediately after my decease. Item I give and bequeth unto John Rownde, the sonne of my sonne Richarde Rownde, my cloke. item I give and bequeth unto Richard Rownde his two daughters x *s* a peece to be payed unto them within halfe a yeare after my decease. Item I give and bequeth unto Richarde Rownde, the sonne of my sonne Richard Rownde xl *s* of good and currant monnye of England, to be payed unto him within halfe a yeare after my decease. Item I give and bequeth unto Robert Christover, the sonne of my daughter Cisley, x *s* and unto Elizabeth Christover her daughter, x *s* to be payed unto them within halfe a yeare after my decease, but yf eyther of them shall die before they have receaved theyr bequeths, then my will is that the survivour shall have both partes, at the time above limited. Item I give and bequeth unto the rest of my daughter, Cisleys children, xij *d* a peace. Item I give and bequeth unto Mr Mark Burne nowe Vicar of Eynsford v *s*. Item I give and bequeth unto him that preacheth at my buriall vj *s* viij *d*. Item the residue of all my goodes catteles and chatteles whatsoever, unbequethed, my debts and legases payed, and my funerall expenses discharged I give and bequeth unto my sonne Richarde Rownde whom I make sole executor to this my last will and testament and I ordayne Overseer to this my last will and testament John Bankin thelder and I give him for his paynes v *s* In witnes whereof I have hearunto set my hand and seale In the presence of Mark Burne vicar of Eynsford and

the marke of John Rounde

martha Roum'

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82. John ROUND of Shoreham

PRS/I/18/48,

B 21 Oct 1669
I 26 Oct 1669
E 24 Nov 1669

An Inventory of all & singular the goods Chattles & debts of John Round late of the parish of Shorham in the County of Kent yeoman deceased taken valued and appraised this xxvj th day of October Anno domini 1669 by William Hartnep Joseph Nash and Thomas Gould as followeth vizt

Imprimis his wearing Apparrell	iiij li
Item in money	ij li
In Hall Chamber	
Item a bed & furniture to the Roome with some Lynen and other things	x li x s
Item Table & Chaires & other smale goodes	ij li
In the Brewehouse	
Item one Copper & severall Tubbs	ij li xv s
In the Milke House	
Item powdering Tubb & Trayes and other smale things	j li x s
In the Buttery	
Item Brasse & pewter and beare Tubbs and a Churne	ij li x s
Item in the Milke house Chamber 2 beds & bedsteads and some Lynen	iiij li
In the Corne Loft	
item wheate and in the next Roome a bed and severall Lumber & some Cheeses	vij li x s
In the Two Barnes	
Item barley and wheates and Oates	lxxx li
Item 3 Cowes 5 young beasts 2 steares a bull and threescore & Twelve sheepe	lvj li x s
Item 5 horses & 18 piggs	xxj li
Item a waggon a Timber Carriage & plowes, Harrowes with the tacklinge & horse harnesses	xv li
Item 12 Load of Hay	xij li
Summa totalis hujus Inventarij	<hr/> CCxx li v s <hr/>

83. John ROUND of Shoreham

PRS/W/14/79

W 20 Sep 1674
 B 3 Oct 1674
 P 10 Oct 1674

In the name of God Amen the twentieth day of September in the yeare of our Lord one Thousand six hundred seaventy and fower I John Round of Shoreham in the County of Kent yeoman being sick & weake in body but of perfect mind and memory (praised be God for it) but not knowing how suddenly it may please God to call me out of this world To the intent therefore that the estate which God hath here blessed me withall may be held and inioyed with peace and amity amongst those to whom I shall herein afterwards dispose of the same I doe make and ordeyne this my last will and Testament in manner and forme following vizt First and principally I will and resign my Soule into the hands of him that gave it trusting assuredly for salvation through the alsufficient merritts of Jesus Christ my blessed Savvour and Redeemer and for my body I remitt the same to the earth decently to be buryed at the discretion of my Executor hereafter named Item I give to the poor of the parish of Shorham tenn shillings to buy tenn dossen of bread to be distributed amongst them on the day of my buriall by my Executor and the officers of the said parish Item I give to my grandson Thomas Round my best suite and Coat Item I give to Mary Watford my grandaughter fourty shillings of lawfull English money to be paid unto her in one year next after my decease Item I give & bequeath to my other two Grandchildren the sonn and Daughter of my Daughter Mary Watford deceased Twenty shillings a peice to be paid as they shall attaine their severall ages of one & Twenty yeares Item I give and bequeath to my three Grandchildren John Fleet William Fleet & Elizabeth Fleet the summe of fifty shillings a peice of lawfull English money to be paid as they shall attaine their severall ages of two & Twenty yeares and if any of them happen to dye before they attaine that age then my will is that the Legacye of him or her soe dying shall be paid to the survivor or survivors of them at the said age of two & Twenty yeares Item I give and bequeath to my Grandson Edward Fleet the summe of five pounds of lawfull English money to be paid him by my Executor hereafter named within two yeares next after my decease Item I give and bequeath to my brother in law Richard Dallyn of Ottford the summe of fower pounds of lawfull English money to be paid him with in one yeare next after my decease Item I give and bequeath to Ann Round & Margaret Round the Daughters of my Sonne John Round deceased the summe of Tenn pounds a peice to be paid them at the severall ages of two and twenty yeares and if either of them happen to dye before that age the survivor to have the Legacye of her soe dying Item I give and bequeath to my kinsman William Round of Riverhead the summe of five pounds of lawfull English money to be paid him within one yeare next after my decease Item I give and bequeath to my Cossen Leonard Round the summe of fower pounds of lawfull English money to be paid him within one yeare next after my decease Item I give and bequeath to my Grandaughter Jane Round one of the daughters of my sonne Thomas Round deceased the summe of one hundred pounds of Lawfull English money And my will & mind is that my Executor hereafter named doe pay the said summe of One hundred pounds within three months next after my decease into the hands of my trusty and loving Freinds Joseph Nash & Francis Everest both of Shoreham aforesaid to be by them put out & disposed of to the best advantage of my said

Granddaughter Jane Round and to be paid her with what profit shall be made of the same at her age of two and Twenty yeares Item I give and bequeath to my Grandson John Round sonn of my sonn John Round deceased the Leaden Cisterne standing at the head of my Malthouse and the leaden pump belonging to my dwelling house Item I give and bequeath to my said Granddaughter Jane Round and to my Grandson Edward Fleet all the howsehold goods of what kind soever (except the said Cisterne and pump) which shall be and remain in my dwelling house at the time of my decease Item I give and bequeath to my said Grandson John Round my Clock now standing in my house and my will and mind is that the same be delivered to my aforesaid Freind Francis Everest to be kept for my said Grandson John Round untill he attaine his age of Twenty and fower yeares and then to be delivered to him and not before Item I give and bequeath to my Granddaughter Elizabeth Fuller wife of Anthony Fuller Fifty shillings of lawfull English money to be paid her within three yeare next after my decease Item I give and bequeath to my Granddaughter Margaret Miller wife of John Miller the younger the summe of fifty shillings of lawfull English money to be paid her within three yeare next after my decease Item I give and bequeath all the rest & resdue of my goods Chattells and Cattell not before herein devised and all my ready money Bills Bonds Mortgages and debts (after my Funerall expenses and debts are paid and discharged I give and devise to my sonne in Law John Medhurst towards the enabling him to pay my aforesaid Legacyes and whom I make sole Executor of this my last will and Testament And as for touching & concerning the disposition of all & singular my Messuages Lands and Tenements I dispose thereof as followeth that is to say I give and bequeath unto my daughter Lucy Fleet widow all that my Messuage or Tenement and backside thereto belonging with the appurtenances wherein shее now liveth scituate lying and being in Shoreham aforesaid to have & to hold to my said daughter Lucy Fleet during the terme of her natural life and after her decease I give the said Messuage & backside with the appurtenances to Edward Fleet her sonn and his heires for ever Item I give and bequeath to my said Grandson John Round sonn of my said sonn John Round deceased all that peice or parcell of Land commonly called or known by the name of Lanes Leas or by what other name or names soever the same is called or known conteyning by estimacion thirteen acres more or less scituate lying and being in Shoreham aforesaid and now in my occupacion and also all that other peice or parcell of land called the three acres scituate in Shoreham aforesaid and now in my occupacion to have & to hold the said two peices or parcells of land called Lanes Leas and the three acres unto my said Grandson John Round and the heires of his body lawfully to be begotten and for want of such heires I give the said two peices of land to my Grandsonns William Round and Israil Round Sonns of my eldest Sonn Thomas Round deceased and their heires for ever Provided alwayes nevertheless and my will and mind is that the said John Round or those who shall hold and enjoy the said peice or parcell of Land called Lanes Leas shall out of the same well and truly pay or cause to be paid to my aforesaid Daughter Lucy Fleet widow the summe of three pounds by the yeare of lawfull money of England yearely and every yeare during the Terme of her natural life at two usual Feasts or Termes in the yeare that is to say the Feast of St Michaell the Archangell and the Annunciacion of the blessed Virgin Mary halfe yearely to be paid by even and equal porcions the first payment to begin and be made at the Feast day of St Michaell the Archangell which shall be in the year of our Lord one thousand six hundred seaventy and six And if it shall happen that the said Annuitye or yearly rent or summe of three pounds shall be

behind & unpaid in part or in the whole by the space of one and Twenty dayes next ensuing either of the aforesaid Feasts or dayes of payment upon which the same ought to be paid as aforesaid (being lawfully demanded) then and soe often I will that it shall & may be lawful to & for my said daughter Lucy Fleet or her Assignes into the aforesaid peice or parcell of Land called Lanes Leas out of which the same Annuitye is issueing & payable as aforesaid to enter and distreyne and the distresse & distresses their found to take lead drive & carry away and the same to deteyne & keep untill the Annuitye or yearly rent with all arrearages thereof (if any) be and all charges & expences occasioned by the takeing of such distresse be fully satisfied contented & paid Item I give and bequeath to my aforesaid Grandaughter Jane Round all that my Messuage or Tenement which I lately new built together with all Barnes Stables outhouses edifices buildings gardens orchards to the same belonging and also all those severall peices or parcells of Land meadow & pasture therewith used occupied or Enjoyed conteyning together by estimacion tenn acres more or less scituate lying and being in the parish of Wilmington in the said County of Kent and in the tenure or occupacon of Edward Boman his Assigne or Assignes To have and to hold the aforesaid Messuage lands and premises with the appurtenances unto my said Grandaughter Jane Round and the heires of her body lawfully to be begotten and for want of such heires I give the said Messuage & the Lands to my aforesaid Grandson John Round and his heires for ever And my will and mind is and I hereby constitute and apoint my aforesaid loveing Freinds Joseph Nash & Francis Everest Gaurdians to my said Grandson John Round & Grandaughter Jane Round and to receive the rents Issues and profits of all & singular the Messuage & Lands herein before bequeathed to them for their use & benefit untill they shall attaine their severall ages of five and Twenty yeares allowing for their educacion & maintenance as they or either of them shall thinke fitt And lastly I desire my said loving freinds Joseph Nash & Francis Everist to be Overseers of this my last Will & Testament and I doe give to either of them for their paines one Suite of silver buttons and Twenty shillings a peice in money In witnes whereof to this my present last Will & Testament written in five sheetes of paper to every one of which I have set my mark and to the last have set my seale the day & yeare first above written

Signed sealed published and
declared in the presence of

William Beard

William perch

Memorandam before the sealing hereof I doe give & bequeath unto my Brother in Law Robert Dallyne the Somme of Twenty shillings to be payed by my Executor within two yeares next after my decease and then Sealed published & declared as before said

John Round

His Mark

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84. John ROUND, Senior, of Shoreham

PRS/I/18/49
VH96/5925

B 3 Oct 1674
I 7 Oct 1674
E 16 Oct 1674

A true and perfect Inventory of all and singular the goods Chattells and debts of John Round Senior late of Shorham in the County of Kent Yeoman deceased taken vallued and apprayed the seventh day of October Anno Domini 1674 Anno Regni Regis Caroli secundi Dei gratia etc vicesimo sexto by us Benjamin Porter and John Rawlines as followeth vitz

Inprimis his weareing apparell & money
in his purse
Item ready money in the house
Item one sylver bowle & 2 gold rings
Item due upon bond
Item due by debts

v li
xviiij li
iiij li x s
xxxviij li
xxxiiij li

In the Hall Chamber

Item one feather 2 bousters 2 pillowes
2 blanketts one coverlid
Item one bedstedle cord and matt with
Curtaines & vallents & curtaine rods
Item 3 leather chaires 3 cushions
Item a table & forme and three chests
Item 2 paire of Andirons a warming pan
& a paire of tongs
Item six paire of sheetes
Item one dozen of napkins

iiij li v s
ij li
viiij s
j li x s
xij s
ij li v s
v s vj d

In the Inner Chamber

Item four chests and a Trunke
Item a press and a cupbord
Item 14 pewter plates and a flaggon
Item 4 pewter candlesticks 3 sauce
dishes & 2 porringers
Item a pewter pott and 3 pewter dishes
Item one flock bed and two bolsters
Item one paire of Sheetes one blankett
& one Coverlid
Item one bedstedle matt and cord curtaines
and vallants and curtaine rods vallued at
Item one featherbed 2 bolsters one blanket
& one coverlid
Item one Trundle bed matt and cord
Item 3 paire of sheetes 3 table cloathes
one wallet and two towells and two
pillowcoats

v s
x s
j li x s
viiij s
iiij s vj d
xij s
xiiij s
xviiij s
ij li
v s
j li x s

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In the Kitching Chamber

Item one bedstedle matt and cord one blanket and one rugg vallued at	x s
Item one chest	j s
Item old Irons	v s

In the Inner Buttery

Item 4 drinke vessells & one Powdering tubb	x s
Item 2 Trayes and a side board	iiij s

In the outer Buttery

Item 4 drinke vessells	x s
Item one Trivet a dripping pan & one Keeler	vj s

In the Hall

Item a table forme carpett one cupbord and a drawer and cupbord cloath	vj s
Item 4 chaires and a Joyned stoole	vij s
Item a paire of Iron rakes andiron	x s
Item one lookeing glass one gridiron one tosting iron one paire of potthangers and 2 spitts	viiij s
Item one Grate Table and one chest	ij li iiij s

In the Barley house

Item 3 bushells of mislan	xij s
Item 17 sacks	v s
Item one sadle and one leather bagg	iiij s
Item 9 sheetes one table cloath and one pillowcoate	j li

In the Kitchen

Item one Furnace	j li
Item 3 Iron potts	viiij s
Item 5 bruing vessells	xij s
Item one table and Forme	ij s vj d
Item 3 chaires and a Joyned stoole	ij s vj d
Item one Jack a paire of Andirons a paire tongs a fier shovell & a paire bellows	xij s vj d
Item a mortar and pesle and a chafeing dish	iiij s
Item 2 spitts and the Iron in the Chymney	ij s
Item 2 ketells 6 skilletts and a copper pott	j li j s
Item one Iron peeel and four Trayes	iiij s
Item one Iron Kettle a frying pan & a kneadeing trough	vj s
Item one bushell	iiij s
Item other lumber not seene and forgott	v s

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In the Malting House
 Item one leaden cisterne & one leaden pompe x li
 Item Malt worth iij li

In the Stable
 Item one horse iij li x s

In the Barne
 Item for Barley xxx li
 Item for hay x li

In the Wagon House
 Item one wagon and one Duncart vj li x s
 Item one paire of sawes and one paire of
 plow wheeles 2 paire of files and one chaine xvj s
 Item one wheele barrow iij s
 Item for wood j li iij s
 Item one saw and fower shetes iij li

Summa Totalis
 huius Inventarii CCLxxvij li v s x d

85. John ROUND the younger, of Shoreham PRS/I / 18/50

B 20 Aug 1705
 I 4 Sep 1705
 E 6 Nov 1705

A true and perfect Inventory of all and singular the Goods and Chattells debts and Creditts of John Round the younger late of Cockerist in the parish of Shoreham in the County of Kent yeoman deceased taken & apprized by us John Round the elder and John Capon this Fourth day of September Anno Domini one Thousand Seaven hundred and Five as Followeth (vizt)

Imprimis his wearing apparell and money li - s - d
 in his purse 08 - 02 - 00

In the Chamber over the parlour
 Item one Bedsteddle one Feather Bedd Bolster and other things thereto belonging
 Item one little table six Chaires two stooles one chest one high Chest of Drawers one pair of Andirons fire shovell and tongs, one pair of bellowes, and two joined stooles and some earthen ware 02 - 02 - 00
 Item for Linnen in the great Chest 01 - 10 - 00
 Item for other Linnen in the Chest of Drawers 01 - 10 - 00

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In the Closet in the said Chamber	
Item for wool	00 - 05 - 00
In the Chamber over the Hall	
Item one joined Bedsteddle one Feather Bedd and all other the furniture thereto belonging	02 - 00 - 00
Item one Flock bedd & bolster and other things thereto	00 - 10 - 00
Item one presse Cupboard one Court Cupboard three Chests and two joined Stooles	01 - 10 - 00
Item some Linnen in two Chests	01 - 15 - 00
In the Chamber over the Drinkehouse	
Item one bedsteddle two blanketts & other things thereto belonging	00 - 05 - 00
Item three Chests one table one joined stoole and other wooden ware	00 - 15 - 00
Item two Leads for Milk and pewter in a chest	02 - 05 - 00
Item for some Course Linnen in a Chest	00 - 10 - 00
Item for tow and wool	00 - 12 - 00
Item for Hopps	00 - 06 - 00
In the outer Chamber	
Item some small things and Lumber and thirty sacks	01 - 10 - 00
In the Chamber over the Bakehouse	
Item three Flock bedds three beddstedds & things thereto belonging	01 - 10 - 00
In the Hall	
Item one Table & Fourme one great Court cupboard one black Table one Table Chaire & some old Chaires	00 - 10 - 00
Item one Jack Five spitts one Iron Dripping pan one GridIron two pair of And Irons fire Shovell and Tongs tinn ware & other small things some Iron potts, kettles one Furnace & about twelve pounds of pewter & other small things of iron	01 - 11 - 00
In the parlor	
Item one Feather Bedd one Blankett a pair of and Irons	01 - 10 - 00
Item in the Milk house Twelve Milk Treyes some earthen panns & Crocks & other Lumber	00 - 14 - 00
Item in the drink house four Brasse Kettles five brasse Skilletts one warming pann	01 - 00 - 00

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Item two Iron potts & two Iron Kettles	00 - 15 - 00
Item Twenty Two Tubbs of all sortes one little Table & fourme & one Cheesepresse one Charne & other Lumber	02 - 10 - 00
Item in the Strong drink Buttery Nine drink tubbs two powdering Tubbs one Bacon trough and other small things	01 - 10 - 00
Item In the Bunting house for a kneading trough & some Sives	00 - 02 - 00
Item In the New Barne for Fifty quarters of Barley	40 - 00 - 00
Item for Tenn quarters of pease	10 - 00 - 00
Item in the fodder Barne for Oates	06 - 00 - 00
Item for hay & fodder	12 - 00 - 00
Item in the Stable Waggon harnessse & plow harnessse	06 - 00 - 00
Item in the Wheat Barne for Wheat	80 - 00 - 00
Item in the yard six Milk Cowes five dry Bullocks one Calfe	16 - 00 - 00
Item Tenn Horses & Mares and Two Colts	22 - 00 - 00
Item two waggons & two dung Carts three plowes & Tacklyn & one water Barrell & Caske and Harrowes	16 - 05 - 00
Item Tenn Hoggs & Twenty piggs	10 - 00 - 00
Item sixty two Sheepe & Thirty Eighte Lambs	22 - 00 - 00
Item for wood growing on the Farme	30 - 00 - 00
Item for a debt due from Wright of Collyer for wood	50 - 00 - 00
Item for fallowes on the Farme	32 - 10 - 00
Item for an old watch & two Silver spoones	00 - 15 - 00
Item for an old skry one fann some sives a bushell and forkes	01 - 00 - 00
Item for things out of sight & forgott	00 - 05 - 00
Summa totalis . . .	<u>397 - 04 - 00</u>

86. John ROUND of Shoreham

PRS/W/14/127

W 31 Mar 1707
 B 25 Apr 1707
 P 13 May 1707

In the Name of God Amen I John Round of Shoreham in the County of Kent yeoman being sick in body but of sound mind and memory praise be given to Almighty God for the same But calling to mind the certainty of death and the uncertainty thereof doe make this my last will and Testament in manner and forme following (that is to say) First I bequeath my soul into the hand of Almighty my Creator hoping and assuredly beleiving in and through the meritts of Jesus Christ his Sonne and my alone Saviour to have free remission of all my sins and to inheritte eternalle life And my body I comitt to the Earth to be buried in such a decent manner as to my Executors hereafter named shall seem meet and as touching such worldly estate as the Lord in his mercy shall bless me with att the time of my decease I dispose thereof as followeth Item I give and bequeath to the poor of the parish of Shoreham aforesaid the summe of Forty shillings of lawfull money of England to be paid and distributed amongst them by my Executors hereafter named within one month after my decease Item I give and devise to Francis Scadbury of Willmington Gardner the summe of Fifty shillings of lawfull money of England to be paid to him by the Executors or Administrators of my Loveing wife Jane within one yeare after her decease Item I give & bequeath unto Edward Fleet the Elder of Shoreham aforesaid Taylor the summe of five pounds which he is indebted to me by bond and all interest that shall be due for the same and I doe hereby order my Executors hereafter named to deliver up the said bond to him within one month after my decease. Item I give & bequeath unto my God daughter Ann Hills daughter of Robart Hills of Shoreham aforesaid yeoman the summe of one pound one shilling and six pence to be paid to her by my Executors hereafter named within one month after my decease. Item I give and bequeath unto my Sonn John Round the bedd in the Parlour Chamber where I now dwell and five paire of sheetes and all the brewing vessels in my now dwelling house and alsoe the clock standing in my now dwelling house to be deliverd to my said Sonn John within two months after my decease by my Executors hereafter named but in case my said wife shall dwell in my now dwelling house my will is she shall have the use of the said goods soe long as she shall continue in the said house Item I give and bequeath unto my said Sonn John Round the summe of Two hundred pounds of lawfull money of England to be paid to him by my Executors hereafter named within six months after my decease. Item I give and bequeath unto my Granddaughter Jane Round daughter of my sonn William Round the summe of Two pounds and three shillings to be paid to her by my loveing wife her Executors or Administrators out of my personal estate hereafter bequeathed to her when my said Granddaughter shall attain her age of of one and twenty yeares Item I give and bequeath unto my Sonn William Round the summe of one hundred pounds which he is indebted to me and is now in his owne hande Provided allways and uppon this Condition that he the said William Round shall give security by his owne bond within two months after my decease to my said Loveing wife Jane to pay to my said Loveing wife Jane the summe of five pounds a yeare of lawfull money of England yearly and every yeare dureing the terme of her naturall life tax free and without any abatement or deduction whatsoever at the two most usuall Feastes in the yeare

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(that is to say) the Feast of the Annuntiation of the blessed virgin Mary and St Michall the Archangell by even and equal portions at or in my now dwelling house the first payment to beginn at which of the said Feasts shall next happen after my decease And also provided and my Will and meaning is that in case my said Sonn William Round shall not give security to my said wife Jane for the payment of five pounds yearly dureing her naturall life as aforesaid within two months after my decease then the bequest of the said summe of one hundred pounds given to him as aforesaid shall cease and be void and then I give all the said summe of one hundred pounds to my said wife Jane. Item I give and bequeath unto my Loveing Freind Mr Thomas Streatfeild the younger of Seavenoaks the summe of five Guineas to be paid to him out of my personal estate hereafter bequeathed to my said Loveing wife Jane within three months after my decease by my said Loveing wife Jane. Item I give and bequeath unto my said Loveing wife Jane and her assignes for and dureing he terme of her naturall life the Lease of the Messuage or Tenement lands & premises I now dwell in (uppon this condition that she shall not sell dispose or assigne over the same to any person or persons whatsoever) And after her decease I give the said Lease and all the terme of yeares which shall be then to come and unexpired and all the benefit and profitt thereof unto my Sonn John his Executors Administrators and assignes he and they paying the rent and performing the Covenants thereof. Item I give and bequeath unto my said Loveing wife Jane All my household goods Linnen wollen plate Catell and all other goods whatsoever both within doors and without that is not herein before disposed of Item all my ready money and money att interest and due on bills bonds and mortgages and other my personall estate whatsoever after all my debts Legacyes and funerall expences are paid and discharged I Give and bequeath unto my said Loveing wife Jane. Item I doe hereby make and ordaine my said Loveing wife Jane and my aforesaid Loveing freind Thomas Streatfeild the younger of Seavenoakes aforesaid Gent full and sole Executors of this my last will and Testament. And I doe hereby order that whatsoever charges both or either of my aforesaid executors shall be putt unto by reason of their Executorships or in recovering or getting in any my debts or otherwise howsoever concerning my estate that they shall be paid the same out of my personal estate And as touching my Messuages lands and Tenements I give and dispose therof as followeth (that is to say) Item I give and devise unto my said Loveing wife Jane All those my three messuages or Tenements with the barnes stables outhouses edifices and buildings yards gardens orchards lands hereditaments and appurtenances whatsoever thereunto belonging scituate lying and being in Horton Kirby in the said County of Kent and now in the tenures or occupations of William Sandes, Stephen Mills and Michaell F . . . or their assignes To Hold to my said Loveing wife Jane and her Assignes for and during the terme of her naturall life she paying one Annuity or yearly rent of four pounds . . . with which the premisses are chargeable and after the decease of my said Loveing wife Jane I give and devise the said three Messuages or Tenements barnes stables outhouses edifices and buildings yards gardens orchards lands and premisses with the appurtenances whatsoever unto my aforesaid Sonn John Round and to the heirs of his body lawfully begotten or to be begotten for ever Item I give & devise unto my said Loveing wife Jane All those my two messuages or Tenements with the barnes stables outhouses edifices and buildings yards gardens orchards lands and hereditaments with the appurtenances whatsoever scituate lying and being att Crockinghill in the parish of Eynsford in the said County of Kent and now in the tenures or occupations of the widdowe Skinner and [blank] Cronk their or one of

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their Assignes or Assignes to hold to my said Loveing wife Jane for and dureing the terme of her naturall life and after her decease I give and devise the said two last mentioned Messuages or Tenements lands and premisses with the appurtenances whatsoever unto my said Sonn John Round and his heirs and Assignes for ever Item all other my Messuages or Tenements lands and hereditaments with the appurtenances whatsoever either in possession or reversion scituate lying and being in the County of Kent or elsewhere . . . same or any part thereof And all my estate right and title both in Lawe and equity to the same I give and devise to my said Sonn John Round and his heirs and assignes for ever And lastly I doe hereby revoake all former wills by me made and doe publish ordaine and appoint this to be my last will and Testament In witness whereof I have to this my last will contained in three sheets of paper to each sheet thereof sett my hand and seale this one and thirtyeth day of March in the Sixth year of the Reigne of our Sovraigne Ladv Ann by the grace of God of England Scotland France and Ireland Queene Defender of the Faith Annoque Domini 1707.

Signed Sealed published and declared
by the said John Round as and for his
last will and Testament after the words
(but in case my said wife shall dwell
in my now dwelling house my will is
she shall have the use of the said
goods soe long as she shall continue
in the said house) being interlined
in the first sheet in the presence
of us whoe have sett our nanes as
witnesses hereunto in the presence
of the said Testator

John Round

Elizabeth Collyer
her mark

Robart Hills

Thomas Peryer

87. John ROUND of Shoreham

PRS/I/18/51

B 25 Apr 1707
I 2 May 1707
E 13 May 1707

A true and perfect Inventory of all and singuler the Goods cattell chattells debts creditts and personall estate of John Round of Shoreham in the County of Kent yeoman deceased taken and Aprized the second day of May Annoque Domini 1707 by Nichalas Goldsmith and Robert Hills as followeth (that is to say)

Imprimis the Deceased wareing appareall & ready money

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In the Hall in the deceased dwelling house

Item one Andiron a payer of creepers Fyer
shovell and tongs one backe two payers of
pothangers one fatt three spitts two tinn
dripping pans one Gridiron one payer of
Bellows two tables five chayers two stooles
one forme one warmeing pann two skimers
one ladle a brass Morter and pessell two
kettles three skilletts twentyeight pewter
dishes small and grate twelve plates five
porrengers and twelve spoones and one gunn

L s d
06 : 00 : 00

In the parlour

Item one Feather bedd beddsteadle curtaines
vallance blanketts coverlett Matt and cord
one Trundle bedd flocke and all thereto belonging
one sideboard one little table five chayers one
Little truncke and box one close stoole window
curtaines and a parcell of Little picktures

L s d
05 : 00 : 00

In the Brewhouse

Item one copper Furnace one brewing fate one
Tunn Tubb six keelers one bucken tubb three
iron potts three Iron kettles two Iron
skilletts one sider press three payles one
payer of Fetters Grabhooke and lanthorne

L s d
04 : 00 : 00

In the Drinke Buttery

Item Four Kilderkins three Firkins two little
pinns five powdering tubbs and one old
cupboard

L s d
01 : 00 : 00

In the Milkhouse

Item six milke trayes one Iron dripping pann
and one Fryeing pann

L s d
00 : 10 : 00

In the Hall Chamber

Item one payer of Andirons and two payer of
tongs one payer of bellows one Feather
bedd bedsteddle curtaines vallance blanketts
counterpaine Matt and cord one Chest of
Drawers two Court Cubbords two chests one
box seaven chayers one Joyned Stoole one
lookeing glass and widdowe Curtaines
one silver bowle one copp and three spoones

L s d
10 : 00 : 00

Upon the stayers

Item one clocke three chests two Trunckes
one box and one chayer

L s d
01 : 10 : 00

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In the parlour Chamber

Item one Feather bedd bed stedle curtaines vallance blanketts coverlett Matt and cord one sidebord Four chests one box and two chayers	L s d 05 : 00 : 00
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Item Forty six payers of Sheetes Good and badd eighteene pillowcoats twenty table cloaths Four douzen of Napkins Four douzen of towells and other old Linnen	L s d 23 : 18 : 00
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Item a parcell of cordwood	L s d 01 : 00 : 00
Item one horse one Cow and one hogg	03 : 00 : 00
Item Barly sowen in the ground	01 : 10 : 00
Item Debts Sperate and desperate	283 : 00 : 00
Item Old Lumber and things unseene	00 : 06 : 08

350 : 04 : 08

Aprizers The Marke of
 Nicholas Goldsmith

Robart Hills

88. Richard ROUND of Lullingstone

DRb/Pwr19A 433

W 14 May 1604
B 18 May 1604
P 23 Jun 1604

Testamentum Richard Rownd

In the name of god Amen I Richard Rownd of Lullingstone in the Cowntie of Kent yeoman beinge of good and perfect memory thankes be to god therfore the fowetteenth day of May 1604 Doe ordeyne and make this my last will and testament in manner and form following First I bequeath my sowle in to the hands of Almightye god my Creator and his sonne Jesus Christ my sweete saviour and redeemer and my body to the earthe Item as for my lands I give and bequeathe them wholly unto Jane my wife duringe her naturall lyfe . . . yf my sayde wife shall live to continwe . . . with my sonne william Rownd my will is that she shall have to her owne proper use one bed which she best liketh with the best bedstedle and best fetherbed and bolster and two pyllows and two blanketts and two payre of sheets and shall have sufficient meate and drinke and washinge at the Cost and Charges of my sayde sonne and yf it shall happen that my sayde wife shall dislike and part household from my sayde sonne my will is that he shall pay unto hir six pounds of Lawfull English mony at these fowre Feastes Following videlicet at the Feast of the nativity of our Lord at the feast of the annuntion at the Feast of St John Baptist and at the feast of St micahill the Archeangell or within eight dayes after any of the said

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Feastes, the somme of thirtie shillings the First payment to begin at which of these Feastes shall first come after the parting of household and also shall deliver unto hir yearly at the Feast of all Saints one quarter of wheate and two quarters of Barley and to deliver unto hir the sayde bedstedle and beddinge above remembered with eight payre of sheets more of the best sorte with so much brasse and pewter as shall be thought meete in the discretion of my overseers Item I give to Elizabeth my daughter fiveteene pownds to be payed unto hir or hir assignes within one yeare next after my decease Item I give unto my daughter Hester the wife of Robert dullen five pownds to be payed unto hir or hir assignes within one yeare like wise after my decease Item I geafe to Elisabeth the wife of John Letcotte xxx s. to be payed to hir also within one yeare after my decease . . . Item I geve to Emma the wife of Wyllyam Moore xl s. to be payde unto hir likewise within one yeare after my decease. Item I geve to Henry Letcote the sonne of John Letcote of Chelsfeld lx s. to be payed at the like tyme after my decease Item I give to Elizabeth my sister wife to . . . Johnson the somme of lx s. to be payed hir at the sayde limited tyme after my decease Item I give to my sonne william Rownd and to his heires for ever all my lands and tenements whatsoever after the decease of my wife above sayed the residue of my goods Cattells and Chattells whatsoever in this my last will and testament unbequeathed and my will proved and funerall expences discharged I give and bequeath unto my welbeloved wife above sayed and to my sonne William Rownd whome I ordayne and make my joynt executors of this my last will and testament and I make overseers of this my will my two brotheren John Rownd of Eynsford and Thomas Rownd of Shorham in witnes whereof I have subscribed and sette my hande the day and yeare above written in the presents of Mikahell Anstey rector the marke of william Knockstone the marke of Richard Rownde testator delivered into the hands of micahell Anstey as the deede of the the the [sic] testator for the uses above remembered in the presents of William Knockstone and Elizabeth Johnson Jone Reeve and others

89. Richard ROUND of Eynsford

PRS/W/14/35

W 3 Jul 1634
P 9 Apr 1635

In the name of God Amen One the third day of July, In the Tenth yeare of the Raigne of our Sovereigne Lord Charles by the grace of god of England . . . France, and Ireland king, defender of the faith etc: And in the yeare of our Lord god one thousand sixe hundred thirty and foure. I Richard Round the elder of Parke House in the parish of Eynsford in the County of Kent, yeoman, beeing sicke in body, but in my perfect minde, and memory, praised be god for it, doe make, and declare this my last will and testament in manner and forme following. First I surrender, and yeild upp my soule into the hands of Almighty god my eternall Creator, trusting assuredly that hee will have mercy one my soule for the meritts sake of my onely Saviour, and Redeemer Christ Jesus, and I bequeath my body to the ground to be buried at the discretion of my Executrix whom I shall hereafter name, and appoint. Also I doe give, and bequeath unto my eldest son John Round the Summe of foure score pounds, and I will that it be paid unto him when hee shall come to the age of two and twenty yeares. I doe likewise give and bequeath unto my second son

Robert Round the like summe of fourescore pounds to be paid him when hee shall come to the like age of two and twenty yeares. Allso I doe give unto my third son Richard Round the like Summe of fourescore pounds to be paid him when hee shall attaine to the like age of two and twenty yeares. I doe likewise give unto my fourth son William Round the like summe of fourescore pounds to be paid him when he shall come to the like age of two and twenty yeares. And to my fifth, and youngest son Lennard Round I give and bequeath the like Summe of fourescore pounds to be paid him when he shall come unto the foresaid age of two and twenty yeares. And if it shall so please Allmighty god that any of my foresaid Children shall depart this life before they shall come unto the foresaid age of two and twenty yeares, my will is, That then the aforesaid portion, or Legacy of the Child, or Children soe dying shall bee equally divided amongst the rest of my Children which shall be living at the time, whenas the said Child, or Children so dying should have attained unto the foresaid age of two and twenty yeares. Furthermore, my will is, That all my five Children aforesaid shall bee brought upp with my wife, neither shall they pay any thing for their diett or apparrell untill they shall come to the foresaid age of two and twenty yeares, and I doe earnestly intreate my loving wife Martha to be carefull of their education. Also whereas my loving wife Martha hath a joynture in two tenements, and two litle orchards thereto belonging, of the yearly value of five pounds per annum more or less lying in Orpinton my will is, that after her decease, those two tenements, and orchards with all the appurtenances thereto belonging shall descend unto my eldest son John Round according to the entaile, and to the heires of his body lawfully begotten. Moreover I doe give and bequeath unto my foure loving sisters, namely, Elizabeth Barrett, Jane Langridge, Cicely Christopher, and Theodocia Rose the severall Summes of five shillings apeice as a token of memoriall to be paid them at the time of my buriall. And I doe give unto my loving frend Mr Richard Harriott the summe of thirteene shillings, and foure pence, for which I would intreate him to preach a sermon at my buriall, and I doe give him moreover ten shillings for his paines taken in writing this my last will. And I doe give to the poore of the parish of Eynsford the summe of thirteen shillings and foure pence to be distributed amongst them in mony at the time of my buriall, and I doe give them moreover sixe shillings and eight pence to bee bestowed in bread, and so to be distributed amongst them. Allso for certaine considerations mee thereunto [meaning], I doe give, and bequeath unto my loving sister Elizabeth Barrett during the terme of her naturall life an Annuity of three pounds and four shillings per annum to bee paid unto her by my Executrix hereafter to be named at two severall payments by equall portions at the two feasts of Christmas and Saint John Baptist usually called Midsommer. All so I doe constitute, ordaine and appoint my deare, and loving wife Martha Round the onely, and sole Executrix of this my last will, and Testament, and I doe give unto her all the rest of my goods, and other Chattles whatsoever that are not bequeathed in this my last Will, and I intreate, and charge her truely and faithfully to performe the same according as shee hath promised, and seeing that I have done nothing herein but by her full consent and agreement in every behalfe, my will therefore is, that if shee the said Martha shall chance to marry againe after my decease, I say, my will is, that her husband whom shee shall marry, shall before the time of marriage give sufficient land to the Overseers of this my will hereafter to be named for the true payment of my Childrens portions, and of all other Legacies given, and bequeathed in this my last will, or otherwise shee the said Martha shall loose the benefite of all Legacies, and other commodities whatsoever appointed, and given hereby to her and the same to remaine amongst

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all my Children. Lastly I doe ordaine and appoint my deare and loving frend Mr John Carpenter of Lullingston and my very kind and loving Cosen John Round of Willmington the Overseers of this my last will and testament, and I doe give, and bequeath to each of them twenty shillings apeice for their paines that they shall take herein, and if any doubt, scruple, or ambiguity shall any wayes arise touching the sence, and meaning of this my last testament my will is, that it shall bee expounded according to the litteral sence and meaning of the Words herein written, as they shall bee interpreted by my two Overseers before named. In witnes whereof I have hereunto set my marke and seale.

In the presence of

Richard Rounds marke

Anne Rounds marke

Richard Harriott

90. John SCUDDER of Eynsford

PRS/W/15/157

W 4 Feb 1689
B 7 Feb 1689
P 7 Mar 1689

In the name of God Amen the Fowerth day of February: In the Fowerth yeare of the Reigne of our Sovereigne Lord Kinge James the second of England Scotland France & Ireland Defender of the Faith et Anno Domini 1688: I John Scudder of Eynsford in the County of Kent yeoman, beeing sick and weake in body butt of sound and perfect memory praise bee given to God for the same and knoweing of uncertainty of this Life on Earth & being desierous to settle things in Order do make this my last will and Testament in manner and forme following (that is to say) first and principally I Commend my Soul to Almighty God my Creator assuredly beelevinge that I shall receive A full pardon and free remission of all my Sins and bee saved by the precious death and meritts of my blessed Saviour and Redeemer Christ Jesus and my body to the Earth from whence itt was taken to be buried in such decent and Christian Like manner as to my Executor hereafter named shall bee thought meete and convenient and as touching such worldly Estate as the Lord in mercy hath lent me my will and meaneing is the same shall be employed and bestowed as hereafter by this my last Will and Testament is expressed And first I doe revoake renounce frustrate and make void all wills by mee formerly made and declared and appoint this to bee my last Will and Testament, Item I give and bequeath unto my Loveing freind John Collins Blacksmith All that my house together with the Smiths Forge and all orchards gardens and one Little peece or parcell of Land commonly called the hopett With all outhowsees Barnes Stables and buildings thereunto belonging to my said howse or Tenement which said house is Called by the name of Ash howse Scituate lying and beeing within the parish of Eynsford in the said County of Kent now in the Tenure or occupation of him the said John Collins, Also I give and bequeath unto my loveing freind John Collins one other orchard called by the name of Moores Garden conteyning by estimation halfe an Acre more or lesse lying in the parish of Eynsford in the said County of

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Kent which said howse and all the landes herein mencioned I will and bequeath unto my said Loveing freind John Collins for and dureing the Terme of his naturall Life and After his decease To the onely use and behofes of John Collins his sonn his heires and assignes for ever. Item I give and bequeath unto the said John Collins all my other Landes whatsoever That do or ever did belong to me the said John Scudder, I doe freely give and bequeath unto the said John Collins desireing the said John Collins to Satisfie all my funerall rights and pay and discharge all my debts; Item I will and bequeath unto Elizabeth Wright the wife of Thomas Wright the somme of five shillings to bee paid her within one Moneth next after my decease Also I do appointe that this my last Will and Testanent shall be lockt upp in the till off my great Chest and the key to bee given unto my loveing freind George Miller Whom I doe desire to take the paines uppon him as to bee Overseer of this my will, and do desire my Executor hereafter named to satisfie him for his paines in seeing me decently buried And I doe desire my Overseer to deliver the key of my great Chest presently after my decease unto my Executor And do Nominate and appointe him the said John Collins to bee Executor of this my last will and Testament revokeing all other wills by me the said John Scudder made either by word of mough or writeing, Item I do also give and bequeath unto my Loveing Kinswooman Dorothy Morris my best bedd and all the furniture thereunto belonging to bee delivered unto her after my buriall as soone as she shal be pleased to demande it of my Executor also I give and bequeath unto Thomas Wright my Kinsman my best Coat and breeches to bee delivered to him by my Executor presently after my buriall I do also appoint my Executor to pay unto the Minister of the Parish Tenn shillings for my funerall sermon And do desire my body to be buried in the Parish Churchgard off Eynsford And I doe revoke disanull and make void all former wills & Testaments by me heretofore made In witnes whereof I the said John Scudder to this my last will and Testament contained in two Sheetes of paper have sett my hand and seale this said fowerth day of February, Anno Domini 1688

Signed sealed published and
Declared to be the last will
and Testament of John Scudder
In the presence of

the marke of
John Scudder

John Evans

George Miller

the marke of

Jayne Mace

91. John SCUDDER of Eynsford

PRS/1/19/18

B 7 Feb 1689
I 12 Feb 1689
E 7 Mar 1689

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A true and perfect Inventory of all & singular the goods and Chattells of John Scudder late of Eynsford in the County of Kent Yeoman deceased taken valued and Appraised the Twelveth day of February Anno Domini 1688, by us whose names are hereunto subscribed As followeth vizt.

	L	s	d
Imprimis his weareing Apparell and money in his purse	08	00	00
Item in the Parlor where the said John Scudder did lye one Bedd and Bedsteddle Coverlid and two blanketts with a bolster belonging to the same bedd	02	10	00
Item sheetes and other Linnen in the same Roome	02	00	00
Item one presse Cupboard in the same Roome	00	05	00
Item in the greate Chest in the same Roome one Coverlidd and the greate Chest and other things in the said Chest valued at	01	10	00
Item in the same Roome two Chests one Trunk and two boxes	00	14	06
Item in the same Roome two Andirons two skilletts one Dripping pann two spitts one gun and some other small Lumber	00	18	06
Item Pewter in the same Roome	00	11	00
Item two old Bibles and other things in the same Roome in sight	00	18	06
Item one powdering Tubb and porke in it	01	08	06
Item one Cart Cart Saddle Coller and other belonging to the said Cart and some vessell	01	03	06
Item two Iron potts two kettles	00	14	00
Item fruite in the Loughte	01	00	00
Item some Drink Tubbs and other Brewing vessells	00	11	04
Item Bills Axes planes and other tooles	00	09	09
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summa totalis hujus Inventarii	20	04	07
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Thomas Kingsland	}	Appraisers
George Miller	}	

92. George SMALE or SMALL of Otford

PRS/W/ 15/ 165

W 2 Apr 1690
B 6 Apr 1690
P 27 Nov 1690

In the Name of God Amen the second day of Aprill 1690 I George Smale of

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Otford in the County of Kent yeoman being sick & weak in body but of sound & perfect mind & memory (praised be God therefore) doe make & ordaine this my last will & Testament in manner & forme following First I will & resign my soul into the hands pf Almighty God who gave it me trusting assuredly for salvation through the alsufficient merritts of Jesus Christ my blessed Saviour & Redeemer & for my body I commit the same to the earth to be decently buried according to the discretion of my Executor herein after named And as touching the temporall estate which it hath pleased God of his infinite Goodness to lend me I dispose thereof as followeth Item I give devise & bequeath unto Anne Smale my loveing wife (in lieu & recompense of all such dower & title of dower as she shall may or might have or claime out of in or to all or any part of my messuage lands tenements & other premisses whatsoever one Annuity or rent charge of five pounds & five shillings of lawfull money of England (freed & discharged of & from all Taxes & deductions whatsoever) to be yerely issuing & going forth & received out of & in all & singular my messuages lands tenements & other premisses hereinafter by me given & devised, to be paid to my said wife during her naturall life quarterly that is to say at the Feast dayes of St Michael the Archangel the birth of our Lord Christ the Annunciacion of the blessed Virgin Mary & St John the Baptist by equall porcions, the first of the said payments to be made at the next of the said feast dayes or dayes of payment which shall next happen after my decease. And if it shall happen that the said Annuity or rent charge of five pounds & five shillings shall be behinde & unpaid in part or in all by the space of one & twenty dayes next after any of the said Feast dayes or dayes of payment upon which the same be or ought to be paid as aforesaid Then and soe often I will that it shall & may be lawfull to & for my said wife & her Assignes into all or any part of the said Messuages lands tenements & premisses hereby given to enter & distrain & the distresses & distress there found to take lead & drive & carry away & the same to detaine & keep untill the said Annuity or yearly rent of five pounds & five shillings with all the arrearages thereof (if any be) & all charges & expences occasioned by the taking & detaining of such distress & distresses for non payment of the said Annuity be fully satisfied & paid. But if my said wife shall at any time after my decease shall comence any suite either in law or equity for the recovery of her dower or other interest whatsoever in the aforesaid messuage lands & premisses Then & from thenceforth I will that the said Annuity of five pounds & five shillings shall cease & determine to all intents & purposes whatsoever & that the messuage lands & premisses aforesaid out of which the said Annuity is issuing & payable shall be thereof clearly acquitted & discharged And in such case my will & minde further is that my said wife shall forfeit & lose all & every other thing & things legacyes & bequests whatsoever by me to her herein given & bequeathed. Item I give & bequeath & devise all that my messuage or Tenement lands tenements & premisses with the appurtenances thereto belonging scituate standing lying & being in the parish of Heaver in the said County of Kent & also a peice or parcell of land called Highfeild & a wood called Highfeild wood with the Coppices & Shawes thereto belonging scituate in Shoreham in the County aforesaid to my two sonnns Robert Smale & George Smale & their heires & to the Issue now in the body of my said wife (in case the said Issue be a son) & to the heires of such Issue as aforesaid, the said messuage lands & premisses above devised to be equally divided amongst the said Robert & George & the Issue aforesaid (subject nevertheless & chargeable with the Annuity of five pounds & five shillings as above said & also to the severall payments herein after mencioned) Item I give & bequeath unto my Daughters Ann Elizabeth & Rachel Smale ten pounds of lawfull

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money of England apiece & to the Issue now in the body of my said wife being the like summe of ten pounds (if such Issue be a daughter) the said severall summes of ten pounds to be paid by my Executors hereafter named at their severall ages of twenty yeares with the interest & product thereof but if they or any of them doe dye before the attainment of their said ages my will is, that the said moneyes of her or them soe dying shall be paid to the eldest of my sons that shall be then living. Item I give devise & bequeath unto my said daughters and to the issue in the body of my said wife now being (if such Issue be a daughter) to every of them the summe of twenty pounds a peice to be paid them at their severall ages of three & twenty yeares by my said sonnes out of the messuage lands & premisses above to them devised provided nevertheless & my will & minde is that if the said summes of twenty pounds be not paid to my said Daughters according to the direccion of this my will That then I will that it shall & may be lawfull to & for my said Daughters or any or either of them to enter into all & singular my said messuage lands tenements & other premisses herein devised or into part thereof in the name of the whole & the same hold injoy & detain untill the said summes of twenty pounds & all charges by reason of the nonpayment thereof be fully satisfied & paid. Item I give & bequeath unto my loving wife the three beds & the furniture thereto belonging being in the parlour, Parlour Chamber & Hall Chamber & the Table & Forme in the Hall three chests which she pleases to choose, six chaires; the Great brass kettle; the little Pottage pot, four pewter dishes & a pewter flagon which she pleases to choose three Beer vessell & six pair of linnen sheetes & one paire of Andirons firepan & tongs & caseiron. Item I give unto my Kinsmen John Smale & Francis Everest whom I make Executors of this my last will & Testament five pounds each of them & soe much of my goods chattells & personall estate (not herein before bequeathed) as will pay & discharge all the said legacyes of ten pounds to my said Daughters in manner aforesaid & all the rest & residue of my goods & chattells whatsoever (not before given) I bequeath to my said wife. And further it is my will & minde that my said wife shall have take & receive all the rents Issues & proffits of all my messuage lands tenements & other premisses aforesaid by me given to my said sons untill they shall attain their severall ages of one & twenty yeares for & towards their maintenance & education Item I give & bequeath unto the said John Small & Francis Everest five pounds each of them to be had & taken out of my personall estate aforesaid Lastly I doe revoke all former wills by me heretofore made & doe declare this to be my last will & Testament contained in two sheets & halfe of paper
In witness whereof I have to every of the said sheets sett my hand & seale the day & yeare above written

George Small

Read signed sealed published & declared by the said George Smale first herein named to be his last will & Testament in the presence of us whose names are underwritten & witnessed in the presence of the said George Smale the said testator by us

Will Bloome
Thomas Hills John Petty

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93. George SMALE or SMALL of Otford

PRS/I / 19/69

B 6 Apr 1690

I 8 May 1690

A True & perfect Inventory of all & singular the goods & chattells of George Smalle late of Otford in the County aforesaid yeoman deceased taken appraized this eight day of May in the yeare of our Lord one thousand six hundred & ninety by Joseph Nash the elder & Richard Stileman yeoman as followeth -

Imprimis his wearing Apparell & money
in his purse

v li : 00 : 00

In the Hall

Item one Table one forme five chaires three
andirons fire shovel & tongs three spitts
two gridirons one Jack one Iron & two tin
dripping pans two Tosting Irons one Box
Smothing Iron two paire of pothangers eight
pewter dishes four Brass kettles one Brass
skimer one Cupboard one fowling peice two
Iron potts four Candelsticks one pewter
flagon one warming pan with some other Lumber

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In the Parlour

Item one Table & forme two charies two Joynd
Stooles one chest of one Trunck one paire of
Andirons with fire shovel & tongs one musket
& bandileers one Feather bed one blanket one
rugg two Feather boulsters with curtains
vallens & bedsteddle one Bushell & halfe of
cloverseed

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In the Milkhouse & Buttery

Item fourteen milk trays one Churne one
table planck one pair of Stockcards and
frame three powdring tubs one frying pan
four drink Tubbs & drinke bottle

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In the wash house

Item one brewing fatt five kelters one
bucking tubb two wartubbs seaven drinke
tubbs one brass Furnace one kneading
trough three skalders ten Augers one
broad Axe one hammer two hand Sawes &
one doteing Axe one pitched well Rope
one Iron Beame & wooden Scales one
halfe hundred iron weight one quarter
Leaden weight with other Lumber

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In the Parlour Chamber

Item one Feather Bed two Feather pillows
 one feather boulder one flock boulder
 one Coverlett one blanket one Bedsteddle
 with curtaines & vallence two Chaires
 one Clock one . . . saddle & three pitch
 forks

v li ix s
26 : 6 : 2

In the Hall Chamber

Item one Little feather Bed two Flock
 beds two bedstedds with coverletts &
 blanketts two curtaines & one paire
 of vallens three chestg two saddles
 & one bridle & one hayhooke & one paire
 of Sheepshears

iiij li 00 s 00 d

In the Corne Chamber

Item one great Chest one press seaven cane
 sives one wyor sive three Corne Shovells
 six rakes five forks fowerteen sacks one
 pair of Timber Pulleyes wheat tares &
 sanfoyne seed with other Lumber

v li xj s

Item the Linnen ten paires of Sheetes
 six table Cloaths two napkins two towells

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In the Milkhouse Chamber

Item one old flock bed one coney hay one
 seed codd with other Lumber

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In the yard

Item one Cow three twelve monthing calves
 & two suckling calves

vj li

Item seaven sheep five lambs six sheetes
 one sow & ten piggs

vj li

Item six mares & horses

xv li

Item waggon harnes & plough harnes

oj li x s

Item one old waggon two dung carts four
 harrowes two ploughs with other plough
 tackling

vj li

Item five Acres of pease five acres of oates
 sixteen Acres of barley & seaven acres
 of wheat

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26 : 6 : 02

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Richard Stileman

Joseph Nash

94. Richard SMALE of Otford

PROB11/368 f 147

W 24 Jan 1681
 B 13 Sep 1681
 P 25 Oct 1681

In the name of God Amen The Fower and Twentieth day of January In the yeare of our Lord one Thousand Six hundred and Eighty I Richard Smale of Otford in the County of Kent yeoman being sick and weake in Body But of sound and perfect mind and memory (Praised be God therefore Doe make and ordaine this my last will and Testament in manner and forme following (that is to say) First I give and bequeath my soule into the hands of him that gave it Trusting assuredly for salvation through the alsufficient meritts of Jesus Christ my Blessed Saviour and Redeemer And for my Body I Comitt the same to the Earth decently to be buried att the discretion of my Executor hereafter named Item I give and bequeath to my daughter Margaret Smale the summe of Three hundred pounds of lawfull money of England to be paid unto her by my wife att her day of marriage or age of one and Twenty yeares which shall first happen And in the meane time the proceed and Interest that can be made thereof to goe towards the increase of her porcion And for her education and maintenance And if it shall happen that she dye unmarried and before she attaine the age of one and Twenty yeares Then I give and bequeath the aforesaid summe of Three hundred pounds To my Two sonns equally to be divided betweene them Item I give and bequeath to my two sonns Richard & John Smale the summe of Fifty pounds apeice of lawfull money of England To be paid unto them by my wife when they shall attaine their severall ages of one and Twenty yeares And if either of them happen to dye before he attaine his said age then I will that the survivor of my Two sonns shall have and enjoy the Legacie hereby bequeathed to his deceased Brother Item I give and bequeath to my Loving wife Mary All and singular my goods Chattells Cattell Stocke and personall Estate whatsoever whereby to enable her to pay such debts as I shall owe & if the debts that are owing to me will not be sufficient to discharge the same els alsoe to enable her to pay and discharge the Legacies herein before given and bequeathed to my Children the which I doe hereby require and Charge her to be carefull to pay and discharge the same according to the true intent and meaning of this my present will Item I doe give and bequeath unto my said Loveing wife Mary Smale All that my Messuage or Tenement . . . outhouses Edifices Buildings yards gardens orchards and woodground therewith used occupied or enjoyed Conteyning Together Thirty and one Acres more or less: And is scituate lying and being in the severell parishes of Farnborough Downe and Cudham in the said County of Kent and now in the Tenure or occupation of one William Sage his Assigne or Assignes and was formerly the messuage and lands of one John Smale and by a particion betweene my Brother and myself was agreed to be my share To have and to hold the said Messuage and lands to my said wife for and during the term of her naturall life And after her decease I give devise and bequeath the same To my said sonne Richard and his heires for ever And lastly I doe hereby Constitute and appoint my said loveing wife and my Brother John Smale my Executors And I doe give unto him for his paines therein the summ of Fourty shillings And my will and mind is that all such Charges and Expences as my said brother shall be put unto about the execution of this my will shall be made good and repaid him by my wife out of my personall Estate In witnes whereof to this my last will and testament written in two

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sheets of paper To both which I have here unto sett my hand and seale the day and yeare first above written

Memorandum that before the sealing and publishing hereof I doe hereby give devise and bequeath to John Towne the summe of Seaven pounds and to William Towne the summe of Five pounds To be paid them and either of them if they come to attaine the severall ages of one and Twenty yeares by my said wife out of my personall Estate Also I give and bequeath to the poor of Ottford above said the summe of Fourty shillings To be distributed and given amongst them in Bread and money att the discretion of my Executors within one month next after my decease. Richard Smale. Signed Sealed published and declared by the said Richard Smale to be his last will and Testament And the memorandum was written before the publication hereof in the presence of us George Petty George Martin George Wigsell

95. Richard SMALE of Otford

PROB4/9524

B 13 Sep 1681

I 26 Sep 1681

A True and perfect inventory . . . of all and singular the Gods cattell chattells housholdstufte debts creditts and personall estate of Richard Smale late of Otford in the County of Kent yeoman deceased taken and Apprized the six and Twentyeth day of September in the three & Thirtyeth year of the reigne of our Sovereigne Lord King Charles the second & Anno domini 1681 By us whose names are hereunder written as followeth (that is to say)

	<i>L s d</i>
Imprimis the deceaseds wearing apparell of all sorts	8 - 0 - 0
In the kitching in the deceaseds dwelling house	
Item one brass Furnace and one Iron Furnace	1 - 10 - 0
Item five Iron potts one Iron kettle Fower brass kettles three brass skilletts three brass pots two Iron dripping panns one fryeing pann three warmeing pans and one brass mortar	6 - 10 - 6
Item two payer of potthangers three payer of cast iron Andirons one payer of tongs one Fire shovell one Iron Fork and one iron to lay before the Fire	0 - 12 - 0
In the Hall	
Item two Jacks three payer of pott hangers one payer of Iron Brandirons one payer of Creepers one payer of tongs one fire slice one iron to lay before the fire two Gridirons two toasting Irons one Iron Trevett on payer of bellows two box irons & six heaters seaven of Spitts three iron pothooks two brass skimmers and two brass Ladles	2 - 7 - 0

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Item two brass Candlestickes one brass sconce two other
 candlesticks on Chopping knife one cleaver one
 Iron Chaffing dish one Iron Morter one stone mortar
 one Glass Cage & earthen ware in it 0 - 9 - 3
 Item one Clocke 1 - 5 - 0
 Item one table one foorme two Joynd stooles one
 little topp for a table one settle one ioyned
 Chayer Fower Chayers and one Cradle 1 - 8 - 9
 Item one Muskett two Fowleing peeces two pistells
 three sords one Javeling and one holbert 1 - 10 -

In the parlor

Item onae payer of Andirons on payer of creepers
 one payer of Tongs Fire shovell one still and frame
 and one brass Sconce 1 - 1 - 6
 Item three tables Tenn ioyned stooles three
 Quishing Stooles eight leather Chayers and three
 carpetts 3 - 18 - 0

In the Parlor Chamber

Item one Feather bedd one blankett on Coverlet one
 Feather boulder one bedstedle Curtaines vallance
 Matt and Cord 2 - 15 - 0
 Item Fower trunks one joynd chest one sidebord
 one payer of Andirons tongs & fire shovell 1 - 10 - 0

In the Blew Chamber

Item one Feather bedd one Feather boulder one
 Blankett one Rugg bedstedle Curtaines vallance
 Matt & Cord 3 - 10 - 0
 Item one Chest of drawers one joynd chest one little
 table two stooles one wicker chaire one leather
 chaire two payer of Andirons Fire shovell and
 Tongs and one payer of bellows and a parcel
 of old hangings 2 - 7 - 6

In the Stayerhead Chamber
 and the light chamber

Item one Feather bedd one Feather boulder bedstedle
 Curtaines vallance Matt and Cord 2 - 5 - 0
 Item Fower chests one old cubbord & one table one
 box and one deske 1 - 5 - 0

In the hall Chamber

Item one Feather bedd one Feather boulder one
 blankett one Coverlett one bedstedle curtaines
 vallance Matt and Cord one Flockbedd and
 boulder one blankett one kiverlett one Trundle
 bedstedle Matt and Cord 5 - 2 - 6

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Item one press one ioyned Cubbord one Joyned chest
 one old trunk three boxes one other chest one
 ioyned stoole one old chair one payer of Andirons
 & one payer of tongs 2 - 3 - 6

In the Closett

Item two old chests one old trunk one deske one
 table one stoole and one looking glass 0 - 6 - 8

In the Closett next the Court yard

Item one Feather bedd three Blanketts one little
 bedstedle Matt and Cord 1 - 15 - 0

Item about a packe of Woll 9 - 0 - 0

Item six payer of flaxen sheets Five flaxen table
 cloaths one dyaper tablecloth three dozen and a
 half of flaxen napkins one douzen of dyaper
 napkins one dyper cubbord cloath one flaxen
 cubbord cloath two dyper towells fower payer
 of flaxen pillow coates tenn payer of hempen
 sheets fower payer of hempen pillowcoates
 fifteen payer of towe sheets one douzen and a half
 of towe towells and one douzen of towe napkins
 one payer of fine towe pillowcoates and a small
 parcell of other Lynnen 20 - 6 - 8

Item six old Feather pillowes 0 - 18 - 0

In the Brewhouse Chamber

Item three flocke bedds two Feather boulsters
 three flocke boulsters three old bedstedles Fower
 blanketts and two Coverletts with all thereto
 belonging and Two Chests 3 - 0 - 0

In the Milkehouse

Item two milke keelers sixteene Milk bowls one
 cherne one cheespress one old table one little
 Forme two butter platters and one payer of
 scayles 1 - 6 - 8

In the Bunting house

Item one old bunting hutch three keelers Five
 brewing tubbs two hogsheads fower barrells
 Twelve small drinke vessells one Runlett one
 scalder Fower powdering tubbs two bucking tubbs
 one running tubb two wash keelers one old
 Cubboard one table one Joyned stool 6 - 0 - 6

Item Five and twenty pewter dishes one douzen of
 plates six small dishes two sawcers two salt
 sellers Fower porringers two tankards fower
 candlesticks one old quart pott one bedd pann
 one close stoole pan & three chamber potts 2 - 16 - 0

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In the Malt lofts	
Item about eight score Quarters of Malt	160 - 0 - 0
Item about Forty sacks	2 - 0 - 0
Item a parcell of sinckfoyle seed	10 - 0 - 0
Item about a load of old Wheate	7 - 10 - 0
Item a parcel of Missleing and Oates	1 - 10 - 0
In the barne att hoome	
Item about thirty quarters of wheate in the mowe	40 - 0 - 0
Item a parcel of peas in the mowe	20 - 0 - 0
Item a parcel of sinck foyle in the barn	3 - 0 - 0
In the Lower barne	
Item two Bays of Barly	75 - 0 - 0
Item a Bay of Peas	12 - 0 - 0
Item a parcell of Woold	10 - 0 - 0
Item about nine load of hay	9 - 0 - 0
Item a stack of hay in the ground	6 - 0 - 0
Item a parcell of tares in the Feild & barne	1 - 0 - 0
Item a parcell of hay & straw in George Marlings barne & in the Stacke neer the barne	8 - 0 - 0
Item two waggons with Carts plowes harrowes & husbandry Tackling	20 - 0 - 0
Item eleaven Milch Cowes and one Calfe	28 - 0 - 0
Item one Cowe and seaven weaneing Calves	10 - 0 - 0
Item three steeres and one bull steere	18 - 0 - 0
Item Tenn three yeareing bullocks	27 - 0 - 0
Item one ox in Mr Stagg's possession	6 - 0 - 0
Item five Fating Cowes	17 - 0 - 0
Item two oxen and two Runt steeres	20 - 0 - 0
Item eleaven horses and Mares & one Colte	30 - 0 - 0
Item three and twenty hoggs and sheats	16 - 0 - 0
Item twenty fatt sheep	7 - 0 - 0
Item Five and Forty Sheep and Rams	15 - 0 - 0
Item Five and Forty Lambs	11 - 5 - 0
Item Sixty Fower weathers and yews	22 - 8 - 0
Item one silver Cupp and six silver spoones	2 - 0 - 0
Item debts sperate and desperate	68 - 5 - 0
Item for a legacy to Martin Smale deceased given by Martin Jeffery	100 - 0 - 0
Item old Lumber and things seen unseen and forgotten	0 - 13 - 4

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96. Henry SMITH of Eynsford

VH96/6125

W 2 Feb 1616
 6 Feb 1616 (codicil)
 P 11 Jun 1616

In the Name of God Amen The seconde daye of Februarie in the yeare of Our Lorde god One thousand sixe hundred and fifteen, I Henrie Smythe of Eynesforde in the countie of Kent yeoman, Sick of bodie but of good & perfect memorie god be prayed Doe make and ordayne this my last will and Testament in manner and forme following, that is to saye, First I commend my Soule into the hands of god my Maker, hoping Assuredlie through the onelie merites of Jesus Christ my Saviour to be made partaker of Life everlasting And I commend my bodie to the Earth whereof It is made therein to be buried in Christian and comely manner According to the good discretion of my Executrix heereafter in this my Laste will and testament nominated and Appointed. Touching the Lands which it hath pleased god to give me in the parishe of Eynesforde wherein I nowe Dwell, . . . messuage or Tenement wherein Henry . . . nowe dwelleth I give the same unto Johane my nowe wife during the terme of her life doing no waste and after her decease to my twoe sonnes Thomas Smythe and John Smythe begotten of her bodye and to their heires for ever equallie betweene them twayne to be devided except they agree to buy one Another . . . they . . . so to doe And if it happe my wife to live after such tyme as those my twoe Sonnes shall have atteyned to the Age of Twentye Yeares my minde and will is that shee shall thenceforth yearelie paye during the course of her life unto eyther of them Forty shillings a peece towards their maintenance and if they both or eyther of them depart this Life . . . they come to enioy these my Lands to them and their heires for ever given and bequeathed I give the same to Parnell my daughter & her heires for ever And for want of such to the right heires of me Henrie Smyth and their heires for ever.

Concerning my goods which god of his goodnes hath vouchsafed me I dispose of them as followeth First I give unto my three sonnes Robert Henrie and Richard which I had by my first wife, each of them tenne Shillings to be paid them by mine Executrix within twoe yeares next following my departure, and to my Sonne Henrie among the forenamed because I have not in times past bestowed so much as upon the twoe others I give over and above the forenamed x s one quarter of barley to be paid him twoe yeares next after my decease. Item to my three daughters Agnes Johane and Elizabeth (which I had by my First wife) i give in like manner tenne Shillings a peece to be paid unto them by my Executrix within twoe yeares next following my departure, and if eyther of them depart this life . . . they receive these my giftes and Legacies then I will the summe to be devided . . . of them that shall be remayning a live, and this I will to be . . . as though all of my Sonnes . . . as them. Item I give unto Parnell my daughter Twenty poundes of Lawfull English moneye to be paid her by my Executrix when shee shall come to the age of one and twentye yeares, or when shee shall happen to be married, which of them shall first come. And if shee chance to depart this life before shee marries or come to the age of xxi yeares aforesaid then my mind is that those Twentie poundes shallbe equallie devided among the rest of my children that shalbe living. Item I give unto Thomas my Sonne my great Joynde Chest & my big Joynde table which standeth in the parlour wherein I nowe lie and twoe payre of Sheetes. Item unto John my Sonne I give my little Joynde Chest and the bed in the loft with the Little table in the same

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Lofte, and twoe paire of Sheetes. Item I give unto the parish Church of Eynesforde five shillings to be payed within one yeare next after my departure. Item I give unto my two menservantes John Burrowes & William Warde eache of them five Shillings to be paid within one yeare next after my decease.

All the residue of my goods and chattels unbequeathed I give and bequeath to Johane my wife whom I make my whole and sole Executrix to this paying of my debts defraying of my funerall chardges and dischardging of these my legacies in this my Last will and testament given & bequeathed and the full performing of the same. Also I appointe my Loving Freind Henry . . . [Supervisor] to this my said will to . . . the same in all points diligentlie and faithfullie fulfilled . . . respect of any person or persons whatsoever and for his paines therein I give and bequeath him tenn Shillings to be paid by my Executrix. In witnes whereof I have heereunto subscribed my name and set my seale unto this my present last will and testament the daye and yeare First above written in the yeare of the Reigne of our sovereigne Lord James by the grace of god of England Scotlande France & Irelande king defender of the faythe etc. of England France and Irelande the thirteenth and of Scotland the Five & fortieth in the presence of William Perneby and Christopher Marshall

Sealed and published
in the presence of
William Perneby
Christopher Marshall

the marke of
Henrie Smithe

As a codicil to this my last will and testament to be Annexed I moreover give unto my twoe Sonnes Thomas & John Smythe in this my will forenamed eache of them a great Brasse pott and eache of them five Ewes to be delivered unto them by my Executrix in this my will appointed within the space of twoe yeares nexte Immediatlye following my decease. Item I give unto Susan Johnson my [wives] kinsewoman one Quarter of Barlie to be paied her within three yeares after my departure. In witnes whereof I have heereunto subscribed my name and set my seale the Sixt daye of Februarie in the yeare of the Reigne of our Sovereigne Lorde James by the grace of god of England Scotland Franncce and Ireland king defender of the faith etc. of England France & Irelande the thirteenth & of Scotland the Five and Fortieth in the presence of the above named.

Sealed & published
in the presence of
the above named
William Pernebye
Christopher Marshall

the marke of
Henrie Smithe

97. Henry SOANE or SONE of Shoreham

PRS/W/14/211
VH96/6175

W 14 Jan 1615
P 30 Apr 1617

In the name of God Amen the Fowarteenth day of Januarie in the yeare of our lord

God, one thousand six hundreith and fowrteene and in the Twelfth yeare of the reign of our Sovereigne Lord James by the grace of God, king of England Fraunce and Ireland defender of the Faith etc, And of Scotland the Eight and Fowrth. I Henry Sone of Shorham in the County of Kent yeoman, beeing at the tyme of writing hereof in reasonable good health of bodye, and of perfect mind and remembrance (thanks therefore bee given to almightie God), Notwithstanding subiect to deceasses, which make mee thinke upon my last end, knowing that I shall change this life, but the tyme thereof beeing altogether uncertaine, and willing to sett in order my transitorie possessions which God hath lent mee, that no contention fall owte abowte the same after my decease: Therefore I doe ordeine and make this my present Testament and last will, in manner and forme following And firste and principallie I give and commend my soule into the handes of Almighty God, trusting (by an assured faythe which I have in the merittes and passion of my lord Jesus Christe his sonne my aloane Salvioire,) that the same shalbee presented pure, and without spott beefore the Throne of his maiestie, and my bodie to bee buried in the Church of Shorham aforsaid in the Space against the Seate where I use to sitt in, in sure and certaine hope of a joyfull resurrection. Item I will there shalbee distributed amonges the poore resorting to my buriall x s Item I give and bequeith to Johane my wel beloved wife my leasse of the howse and Farme wherein I now dwell, and which I now occupie lieing in Shorham aforsaid, (Except the Felling of these Coppize woodes hereafter named, that is to say the Scrubbs, Petspring, longspring, westwoodspring, Hollowes woodspring, and Barnetts) To have and to hold the same leasse (except beefore excepted) unto the said Johane my wife during the terme of yeeres therin to come after my deceasse if shee the said Johane so long live and keape herself a wedowe Paying all the rentes in the said leasse res . . . ed and dooing and performing all the Covenants and agreements in the same leasse on my parte to bee performed. Also I give unto her my said wife the moitie or one half of all my godes commonlie called howsholdstufte to bee equallie divided after my deceasse betweene her my said wife and my sonne Thomas, and Executor hereafter named, by myne Oversears hereafter named. Further I will that my said wife shall have the use and occupation of all my working horsses and Cattell with their furniture for husbandrie untill my said sonne Thomas and Executor; shall atteine to his full age of One and twentie yeares, without allowance of anie thing for the same Shee my said wife, putting herself in such sufficient bond, with two such sufficient Sureties with her, to my two Oversears hereafter named, within convenient tyme after my deceasse, as my said two Oversears, shall thinke fytt and convenient, that shee my said wife her Executors or assignes, shall well and trulie delyver to my said sonne and Executor, all my said working horsses and Cattell, with their furniture for husbandrie aforsaid, in as good case, as the same shalbee at the tyme of her taking the same, or els the true value of them, And to that effect I Will that they shalbee all prized and taken in an Inventorie by my said Oversears and others whome they shall please within convenient tyme after my deceasse. Also I gyve unto her my said wife Two kyne to be taken at her choice, Item I give and bequeith to my sonne Henry Sone the somme of One hundred poundes of lawfull money to be paid to him at his age of One and twentie yeares, Item I give and bequeith to my two sonnes Richard Sone and William Sone the somme of fowerscore poundes apeece of lawfull money to bee paid to them and either of them, at their severall age and ages of One and twentie yeares. Item I give and bequeith to my Fower Daughters viz Johane, Agnes, Jane and Marie Sone, to everie of them the somme of three score poundes apeece of lawfull money to bee

paid to them and everie of them at their severall full ages of Twentie yeares apeece, And I will that yf anie of my said daughters happen to deceasse beefore their severall ages aforesaid, that the portion of her or them so deceassed shalbe equally devided betweene the survivors of them lyving, And I further will that yf anie of my said sonnes happen to deceasse beefore their said severall ages, that the portion of him and them so deceassed, shalbe equally devided amonges my other sonns and daughters then living (except my said Executor. And I further provide that yf my said sonne Thomas Sone myne Executor hereafter named happen to deceasse beefore his said age of One and Twentie yeares, Then I make my said sonne Henry Sone myne Executor, And yf the said Henry Sone happen to come to bee myne Executor, then I will hee shall looze his portion of a *C li*, which *C li* I will shalbee equally devided betweene all my children, as well sonnes as daughters.

The Residue of all my goodes, Cattells, Chattells, and all other my moveable goods whatsoever, with my said horses, Cattell and implements of husbandrie aforesaid, I wholie, fullie, and with good effect, intent and purpose give and bequeith to my said sonne Thomas, or Henry aforesaid, to see all my legacies and debtes paid, and discharged according to the true meaning of this my will And I doe ordeine and make my . . . brotherinlawe Simon Medhurst, and my trusty friend James Stile to bee Oversears of this my will, to whome (jointly or severally) I gyve full power and authority, to prove this my will to the use of my said sonnes Thomas, or Henry which of them shalbee living as afore in this my will declared. And I will like libertie to my said Oversears, that they shall receyve and take all the yssues and profitts of all my landes and Tenements (except those hereafter limited to my said wife) to the use and behooff of those of my sonnes Thomas or Henry which shall happen to bee myne Executor untill the age of him which shall so come to bee myne Executor, and the felling and sale of all the Coppize woods aforesaid . . . to the use aforesaid making a true and . . . accompt to him my said sonn and Executor of all and everie the same, according to the true meaning of this my will. And I give unto my said Oversears, or either of them full power to take the bond aforementioned of my said wife, and sureties, according also to the true meaning of this my will. As also yf anie ambiguitie or doubt happen to arize in anie point or parte of this my will, That the same shall be decided and sett and made plaine, and agreed by my said Oversears. To which my said Oversears, I give *x s* apeece, desiring them to take some paynes in the probation of this my will, and in the true performance thereof to their powers (as my trust in them lieth) according to the true meaning thereof. All their expences and charges everie way about this my will to bee laid owte, I will, shalbee deducted owte of their accompt aforesaid, together with such other expences as shalbee by them laide out about reparacons, lords rent or otherwise. This is the last will of mee the said Henry Sone made and declared the day and yeare first above written, concerning the order and disposition of all my landes and Tenements whatsoever, Item I give and bequeith unto the said Thomas Sone my sonne, All my landes, Tenements and hereditaments whatsoever within the parishes of Sct. Maries Cray, Orpington, and Occolt alias Nocholt, or elsewhere within the County of Kent To have and to hold to my said sonne Thomas his heires and assignes for ever, after his said age of xxj yeeres. But yf it shall happen my said sonne Thomas to deceasse beefore his said age Then I Will and gyve all and everie the same with all and singular thappurtenances unto my said sonne Henry Sone his heires and assignes for ever. Provided alwaies, that my said Oversears, or their assignes, shall pay oute yeerelie out of the Revenewes and profittes of my landes to my said wife, the summe of Eighte poundes towards the bringing upp of my yonger

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children, untill the age of the said Thomas or Henry my sonnes which of them shall happen to come to my landes aforesaid In wytnes whereof to this my last will I, the said Henry Sone, have set my hand and Seale, containing Fower sheetes of Paper, geven the day and yeare first above written

N H [*]

Read Sealed and acknowledged
as the true and last will of
the said Henry Sone, in the
presence of

Henrie Soane

Roboart Suer, and

Nicolas hooperson writer

98. Henry SOANE of Otford

PRS/W/15/156

W 2 Sep 1688
B 15 Sep 1688

In the Name of God Amen The Second day of September In the yeare of our Lord one thousand six hundred and Eightie and Eight I Henry Soane of Otford in the County of Kent yeoman being sicke and weake in body but of sound and perfect mind and memory praised be God for the same Doe make and ordeyne this my last Will & Testament in manner and Forme following that is to say First and principally I give & bequeath my Soule to Almighie God that gave it me trusting assuredly for salvation through the meritts death and passion of Jesus Christ my blessed Savyour & Redeemer and for my body I Comitt the same to the earth decently to be buried at the discretion of my Executor hereafter named And as touching and concerning the disposition of that estate which God hath blessed me with I give a bequeath all and singular my goods Chattells and personal estate whatsoever & wheresoever unto my sonn Henry Soane he well and truely paying out of the same unto my Daughter penelope Soane the summe of Fourty pounds of Lawfull money of England at her age of one and Twenty yeares or day of marryage which shall first happen And in the meane time untill the said summe be paid her my will & mind is and I doe charge my said sonne Henry to take care and provide and allow to my said daughter Penelope meat drinke apparell and all other necessaries untill shee be able to shift for herself And if at any time before the said summe of fourty pounds be paid unto her shee shall goe away from her said Brother to live as a Servant then in that case i will that my said sonn Henry doe pay unto her yearly and every yeare whilst shee is gon from him & in service the summe of fourty shillings the same to be paid her halfe yearly by equal porcions. Item I give & bequeath to my Kinswoman Mary Allen the summe of Twenty pounds of lawfull English money to be paid unto her by my Executor within twelve months next after my decease. And I doe nominate & appoint my said sonn Henry Soane

[* Decorative monogram of the writer, Nicholas Hooperson.]

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Executor of this my last will & testament in witnes whereof to this my last will & testament written in halfe a side of a sheet of paper I have set my hande and seale the day & yeare above written

Signed sealed published and declared by the said Henry Soane the Testator to be his last will & Testament in the presence of us

the marke of
Henry Soane

the marke
Barbara Gardiner

Geo Petty

99. Henry SOANE the elder, of Otford

PRS/1/19/100

B 15 Sep 1688
I 4 Oct 1688
E 29 Oct 1688

A true and perfect Inventory of all and singular the goods and chattells of Henry Soane late of Otford in the County aforesaid the elder yeoman deceased taken and appraised the fourth day of October in the yeare of our Lord 1688 by Richard Hills and Samuell Bostock as followeth

	<i>li</i>	<i>s</i>	<i>d</i>
Imprimis the testators wearing apparel and money in his Purse	3 -	0 -	0
In the Kitchem			
Item one table and forme 18 pewter dishes 2 flagons one paire of Candlesticks two pewter potts 3 iron potts 1 iron kettle three brass kettles one skillett one bras mortar and pestle five chaires one paire of Andirons one fire shovell and tongs	3 -	0 -	0
In the Hall			
Item one table one cupboard ii Cony Haynetts	6 -	13 -	4
In the Brewhouse			
Item one little furnace 7 brewing tubbs and 2 pailles	2 -	0 -	0
In the Buttery			
Item 6 beere tubbs one milke lead 3 trayes 4 powdring tubbs	1 -	10 -	0

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In the Hall Chamber

Item one feather bed one boulster one Coverlett
 one bedsteed curtains & vallants five paire
 of flaxen sheets one dozen of diaper napkins
 2 flaxen table cloathes six paires of hemp
 and tow sheetes 6 coarse table cloaths napkins
 12 coarse towells six fine towells 3 paire
 of pillow bers two chests and one trunk

11 - 5 - 4

In the Buttery Chamber

Item 2 flock beds ruggs and blankets one
 cloth one Court cupboard

2 - 0 - 0

In the Kitchin Chamber

Item one feather bed with curtains and
 vallents one rugg 2 blankets 4 feather
 pillows one feather boulster 2 chests one
 paire of Andirons with fire shovel and tongs

3 - 15 - 6

In the Chamber over the Brewhouse

Item one sack of malt 5 sives 1 seed codd
 1 scuppitt 1 shawle 1 bushell one halfe bushell
 and 10 sacks with other Lumber

1 - 16 - 8

In the Yard

Item 4 Oxen two Cows 2 steeres 2 heifers
 Item 1 horse and one Mare
 Item 18 sheepe
 Item one waggon 2 ploughs one dung court
 two Harrowes and other Plough tackling
 Item 15 loads of hay
 Item wheate barly oates pease and beans
 all unthreshed

29 - 0 - 0
 6 - 5 - 0
 5 - 10 - 0
 9 - 15 - 0
 15 - 0 - 0
 50 - 10 - 0

In the Warren

Item the stocke of Conyes
 Item 4 Hoggs

15 - 0 - 0
 1 - 6 - 8

Summe total

167 - 12 - 6

100. John SOANE of Otford

PRS/W/14/229

W 9 Feb 1624
 13 . . . 1624 [codicil]
 P 4 Jun 1624

In the name of god Amen the nynth day of Februarie in the xxi th year of the

reigne of our Sovereigne Lord James by the grace of god Kyng of England France Ireland etc And of Scotland the lvii th & in the yeare of our Lord 2623 [sic] I John Soane of Otford in the County of Kent yeoman being of good & perfect memorie & in reasonably good health of body (god be prayed) for the setting of my temporal estate that no contencion may arise thereabout after my decease doe ordeyne & make this my testament & last will in manner & forme following First & principally yeelding my soule into the hands of Almighty god my maker with an assured hope of salvation through his mercy in the merite & mediation of his deare son Jesus Christ my saviour & my body to the earth in decent manner to be buried. Item I will & bequeath unto George Soane my son the somme of fyteene poundes to be paid by fyve poundes in the yeare viz fyve poundes the next yeare after the decease of me the said John Soane or Margret my wife or the surviving party of us two fyve poundes the second yeare and fyve poundes in full discharge the third yeare after our decease by myne Executor hereafter named. Item I give unto William my son whom I have already preferred two shillings. Item to Bennet my daughter whom I have already also preferred one shillinge. Item to Jane my daughter whom I have also already preferred one shillinge of lawfull English money as tokens of my Remembrance & love towards them.

The Residue of all my goodes cattels and Chattells I wholly & fully gyve & bequeath to Richard my loveing son whom I make the sole and onely Executor of this my testament & last will to see the same proved & all my debts & legacies truly paid upon condicion that the said Richard do & shall from and after my decease well & sufficiently keep mayntayne & sustayne Margret his mother my loveing wife with meat Diet Clothing fire washing attendance & all other necessaries from tyme to tyme so long tyme after my decease as shee shall like well and be pleased to tarrie or reside with him the said Richard in my now dwelling house, scytuat in Otford afforesaid And if shee shall thinke fit to remove her selfe & shall . . . to live and reside with my said son Richard then I wil that my said son Richard Shal gyve her eight poundes by the yeare to be paid quarterly by even porcions dureing her naturall life and such convenient bedding & houshold as shee shall need for the tyme of her life In witnes whereof I have sett my hand & seale to this my last will & testament the day & yeare first above written.

Sealed & declared in the
presence of

John Soane his

marke & seale

Robt Brownell [mark]
Daniell Walker [mark]

Bee it knowen unto all menn by these presents that whereas I John Soane made my Last will & testament in wrytinge bearing date the nynth daye of Februarie Anno Domini 1623 and in the yeare of the reigne of our sovraine Lord the Kinge that nowe is of England France and Ireland the one and twentieth & of Scotland the seaven & fyfteth that nowe forsmutche as I have changed my mynde touchynge a certayne Legacye in the same Last will conteyned given & bequeathed unto George Soane my Sonne And for and concerning all other things in the said Last will mencioned I doe by this present Codicill confirme and ratifie the said Last will And whereas by my said Last will I did will & bequeath unto my said sonne George Soane the somme of fyfteen poundes to bee paid as in the same my Last will is mencioned my will nowe is that he shall have the full somme of twentye poundes of

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good and lawfull money of England to be payed unto hym the said George his executors adminstrators or assignes in manner and forme followinge (that is to saye) five pounds parcell thereof within the first yeare next after my decease and one other five pounds Lykewyse parcell thereof within the second yeare next after my decease. And yf itt shall happen Margaret my wyfe to bee in full lyfe in thend and terme of two whole yeares next after my decease then I will one other five pounds thereof Lykewys parcell thereof to be payed within one whole yeare next after the decease of my said wyfe Margaret, and the other five pounds residue of the said twentye pounds to be payed within the second yeare next after the decease of my said wyfe. Butt yf itt shall so please god that Margaret my wyfe shall departe this Lyfe within the tearme and space of two whole yeares next after my decease then I Will the said two severall payments of five pounds Last mencioned to be payed in this manner unto the said George his executors administrators or assignes (that is to say) one five pounds within the third yeare next after my decease and the other five pounds within the fowerth yeare next after my decease, And my will is that this Codicill or schedule bee & bee adiudged & taken to bee parcell of my Last will & to bee of force by the right of a Codicill or by anye other right in the best manner that maye be And I hartilye requyre my executor or in default thereof myne administrator that they doe cause all thynges in this schedule or Codicill conteyned to bee faithfully performed and to my true intencion In wittnes whereof to this my present Codicill I have sett to my hand . . . thirteenth of . . . 1623 Annoque regni Jacobi . . .

The marke of John Soane

In the presence of

David . . .
Robert Plumley his mark
& Daniell Walker his mark

101. John STILEMAN of Otford

PRS/W/15/123

W 1 Aug 1673
B 16 Nov 1678
P 16 Dec 1678

In the Name of God Amen the first day of August 1673 in the twentyfifth yeare of our most Gracious Lord Charles the second of England Scotland France & Ireland king defender of the Faith etc I John Stileman of Otford in the County of Kent yeoman being sicke in body but of good, sound and perfect memory (thanks be to Almighty God therefore) doe make & declare this my last will & testament in Manner & forme as followeth: First I Committ my soule into the hands of Almighty God my creator and my body to be buryed according to the descretion of my Executor (hereafter mentioned) in sure hope of the Resurrection thereof at the last day by the power of Jesus Christ my Redeemer whom I believe died for my sinnes & rose agayne for my Justification. And as for my worldly estate I thus bequeath it: Item I give & bequeath unto Bridget my loveing wife all my lands in the County of

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Surrey for and dureing her naturall life & after her decease I give & bequeath the said lands unto my eldest Sonne John Stileman & to his heires for ever: Item I also give unto Bridgett my wife the Feild at Riverhead street abutting to the highway leading from thence to Chipsted with the Hemplatt and the tenement now in the occupation of Tho: Norton dureing her naturall life & after her decease I give the sayd feild, Hemplatt, tenement with all & singular the appurtenances thereto belonging unto Richd. Stileman my second sonne & to his heires for ever: all which premisses lyeth at the upperend of Riverhead street abutting to the highway leading from thence to Chipsted on the west and to the lands of Mr. Ralph Botly on the north. Item I also give unto my loveing wife on Moety or halfe part of all my houshold goods within doores and the use of the Chamber over the Parlour in the house which I now live in; and liberty to come and goe there and dress her diett at their fire who live there dureing her naturall life, & to dispose of the sayd halfe part of the houshold goods at her owne will & pleasure: Item I give unto John Stileman my eldest sonne twenty shillings to be payd onto him within six months after my decease. Item I give unto my sonne Samuell Stileman my younger sonne twenty shillings to be payd unto him within six months after my decease: Item I give unto Elizabeth my daughter now wife of Thomas Overy (alias) Avard ten pounds to be payd her within twelve moneths after my decease and after the expiration of three yeares after my decease I doe likewise give to the said Elizabeth my daughter forty shillings a yeer dureing her naturall life, out of the rent of my houses in Riverhead: street on the right hand of the way leading to Chepsted, and right over agaynst the houses of the Shorreys towards the south, and now in the occupation of Will. Fen & on [demand] to be payd her by my Executor and in case that the sayd forty shillings a year shall be denied, neglected, or unpaid after due demand from myne executor his heires, or assignes, that then it shall be lawfull for the said Elizabeth to enter or make distress on the house or any part or premisses thereof, until such time as she shall be satisfied for so much of this legacy as shall be then due to her: provided always that if the sayd Elizabeth or her husband shall any wise bargayne or put to sale this sayd Annualty contrary to the true meaning and intent of this my last will & testament that it shall Fail, & be voyd, and of non effect, but remayne in the executors hand as if not given. Item I give unto all and every of my grandchildren which are or shall be borne at the time of my decease tenn shillings a piece to be payd into the hands of their parents as they or either of them shall accomplish or come to the age of fifteene years by mine Executor; and not after.

And the better to enable Richd. Stileman my second sonne whom I doe hereby make mine Executor of this my last will & Testament I doe give & bequeath to him all my lands, houses, barnes, hoppehouses, buildings, orchards, or backside by what name or names soever they may be called, or in what parish or place soever they ly with all my Goods, Cattells & Chattells, whatsoever (not before given and bequeathed) to the said Richard Stileman and his heirs for ever My debts and legacies to be all payd by him & my Funeral expences: In witness whereof I have hereunto put my hand & seale the day and year above written In the presence of

Thomas Norton

John Stileman

The marke of William Wooden

Thomas Query

The mark of John Garland Junr.

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102. John STILEMAN of Otford

PRS/I/19/137

B 16 Nov 1678
I 26 Nov 1678
E 26 Nov 1678

A True and perfect Inventory of all and singular the goods Chattells & household stuffe of John Stileman of Otford lately deceased taken and appraised this 26 day of November 1678 by Robert Woodrofe and Robert [Stapes]

Imprimis his weareing apparell & money in his pocket	<i>ij li x s</i>
Item in the Hall a Cupboard with furnace chaires Table spits and other utensils	<i>iiij li</i>
Item in the Parlor a table fourme sideboard chaires carpetts andirons and tongs	<i>[v] li x s</i>
Item in the Parlor Chamber a feather bed and furniture 6 paire of fine sheetes 1 pair of pillowes 3 dozen of Napkins a presse a 3 chests 2 boxes 1 Trunk & 1 joynd stoole	<i>xij li xiiij s</i>
Item in the garrett to that Chamber Pewter Glasse and other small thinges	<i>j li xv s</i>
Item in the Hall Chamber a feather bed and boulster one flock bed one trundle bedstead boulsters covering and furniture	<i>v li</i>
Item A pair of course sheets [10] towells & 5 Table Clothes 3 chests & 9 feather pillowes	<i>ij li xj s</i>
Item in the Chamber over the Milke House 2 beds and bedsteads & Covering	<i>[1 li]</i>
Item in the inward Buttery a kneading trough two drinke Tubbs and Lumber	<i>j li iiij s</i>
Item in the Milke House trayes Coolers and pans tubs and Lumber	<i>ij li</i>
Item in the outward Buttery 4 brasse kettles 4 skilletts a copper pott 2 dripping pans 3 iron potts drinke tubs a funnel and other Lumber	<i>iiij li iiij s</i>
Item Hay and Clover	<i>xviiij li</i>
Item wheate barley pease & Oates	<i>xxiiij li</i>

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Item bricces & tiles unburnt	iij li xij s
Brickes & tiles burnt	v li
Hoppoles abroad	xxxij li x s
Item a waggon Court and husbandry Tackling	iiij li
Item debts due to the deceased & things unseen & forgotten	[x li]
summa	<hr/> Cxxxij li x s <hr/>

103. Thomas TERRY of Shoreham

PROB10/460

W 21 Apr 1628
P 6 May 1628

In the name of God Amen I Thomas Terry of Shorham in the County of Kent yeoman being weake in bodie but in good and perfect remembrance Thanks be to God for the same doe hereby ordaine and make this ny last will and Testament in manner and forme following That is to say First and principally I Comitt my sowle to Almightye God my maker Steedfastly Trusting to have free forgiveness of All my sinns through the merritts of Jesus Christ my only saviour and redeemer And my bodie to be decently buried in the Church of Shoreham aforesaid by the discretion of my executor hereafter named Item I give and bequeath unto those whose names are hereunder written these severall Legacies and bequests here after following That is to say unto Wynifreith who liveth with Goodwife Williams of Maydston v li to widow Browne of Ottford Tenn shillings And to the eldest sonne of the said widow Browne Tenn shillings To Goodman Gibson of Stansted . . . Tenn shillings To Jno . . . Late of Shoreham Twenty shillings To Roger Petlies widow of Shoreham Twentye shillings To the Widow Pullinger Ten shillings To Henry Soane of Ottford Forty shillings To Elizabeth Petley Daughter of Roger Petley of Shoreham Tenn shilings To Mary Reeve of Shoreham Tenn shillings To Francis Filder of Wolledge Sonne of Frauncis Filder of Osting lodge Forty shillings To Jane Filder of Cray Tenn shillings To dorothy Filder Tenn shillings To Richard Filder of Shoreham Tenn shillings To Thomas Laurence of Greenestreetgreene Wheeler Forty shillings To the eldest sonne of Abraham Goodwin of Longfield Twenty shillings Item I give and bequeath to my fower servants William Filder Robert Hills thelder George Gibson & John Lightfott All of Shoreham as followeth That is to say To William Filder Three pounds [~~Three pounds~~] To Robert Hills Tenn shillings To George Gibson Tenn shillings To John Lightfott Twenty shillings Item I give and bequeath to John homewodd Thomas homewodd and William Gibson All of Shoreham Tenn shillings apeece Item I give and bequeath to John Deane sonne of [Neathen] Deane of Westram Tenn shillings To Elizabeth Lightfott of Lollingston Tenn shillings To Thomas Ibitt the younger Lucey Ibitt Mary Johnson Jane Johnson and Edward hylles All of Shoreham Tenn shillings apeece Item I give and bequeath to Jane Baughurst of Horton Kerby Tenn shillings To Jone Terry servant to Richard Amherst of Ightham Esq Twenty shillings To Agnes Reede Tenn shillings To Thomas Ebbutte of Chelsfield Twenty shillings To George Lightfott thelder David Perrett the yeonger and George

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Lighfott the yeonger All of Shoreham Tenn shillings apeece And to Joseph Causton Twenty shillings And to the two daughters of the said Joseph Causton Tenn shillings apeece To Thomas Foreman servant to my Cozen Cheesman of Charte Sutton Forty shillings Item I give and bequeath to my son Thomas Terry of Dartford in the County of Kent Butcher the some of Twenty Poundes Item I give and bequeath to Robert Baker of Seale in the Cownty aforesaide Clarke Forty shillings whome I intreate to preache at my Funerall. Item I give and bequeath to John Emerson of Shoreham Clarke Tenn shillings intreating him to pemit Mr Baker of Seale to preach at my funerall. And I doe hereby Institute and appoint Nicholas Miller of Wrotham in the County of Kent esquire And George Dennys of Seanocke in the said Cownty yeoman executors of this my last will and Testament and unto them (my debts and Legaces being paid and my Funerall expences being discharged) I doe give and bequeath all the rest and residue of all my goods and chattells whatsoever Item my will and meaning is that my said executors shall lay out and disburse at my Funerall the some of threescore Powndes in manner following That is to say To bestow Twelve Powndes thereof uppon six mourning Cloakes (and then to deliver unto these men hereunder written uppon whome I bestowe the said Cloakes) That is to say John Dobbble John Page William Filder John Lighfott Henry Rowett & John [homewood] which Cloakes I desire the said men to weare at my Funerall. And the residew of the said Threescore Pounds to bestowe at my funerall by the discretion of my said Executors. Item I give and bequeath to my Loveing frend John Page of Shipborne Tenn shillings to be paid by my said executors. Item I give and bequeath to Elizabeth Rowett the wife of Henry Rowett of Shoreham Twenty shillings

This is the Last will and Testament of me the said Thomas Terry concerning the disposition of my Landes and Tenements Item I give and devise unto Sr Edward Gilborne and Sr Thomas Polhill both of Shoreham aforesaid knts Thomas Petley and Michell Petley of Shoreham aforesaid gents John Baker Joseph Nashe Robert Hills John Gowldsmith of Shoreham aforesaid yeomen All that my Messuage or Tenement Lying at Deans within the parish of Horton Kurby in the said Cownty of Kent wherein one Thomas Baugherst now dwelleth, with the Barne Garden Orchard and severall peeces of land and all the appurtenances thereunto belonginge or apperteyning and now used by the said Thomas Baugherst or his assignes To have and to hold unto them the said Sr Edward Gilborne Sr Thomas Polhill Thomas Petley Michell Petley John Baker Joseph Nashe Robert Hills and John Gouldsmith their heires and assignes forever uppon Trust and Confidence & to this intent and purpose, that they the said Sr Edward Gilborne, Sr Thomas Polhill, Thomas Petley and Michell Petley John Baker, Joseph Nashe Robert Hills, John Gouldsmith and their heires shall imploy the same yerely to the use of the poore of the parish of Shoreham aforesaid for ever Item I give and devise unto Sr Henry Bosvile of Aynsford in the Cownty aforesaid knight, Francis Dunmole Henry Dunmole William Payne Thomas [Ralin] and Phillip Usher of Aynsford aforesaid yeomen. All that my messuage or Tenement Lying at Crockenhill within the said parishe of Aynsford wherein one James Hibin now dwelleth with the Garden Orchards and all other the appurtenances thereunto belonginge as it is now used by the said James Hibin or his assignes To have & to hold unto them the said Sr Henry Bosvile, Francis Dunmole Henry Dunmole William Payne Thomas [Ralin] and Phillip Usher and their heires & assignes for ever uppon Trust and Confidence and to this intent and purpose that they the said Sr Henry Bosvile, Francis Dunmole, Henry Dunmole William Payne Thomas [Ralin] and Phillip Usher and their heires

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shall inply the same yerely to the use of the poore of the said parishe of Aynsford for ever. Item I give and devise unto Randalfe Batherst and humfry Brown late of Horton Kerby in the Cownty aforesaid Esquires William Lane John Marshall and Henry Wodden of Horton Kerby aforesaid yeoman, All that Messuage or Tenement Lying at Deans aforesaid within the said parish of Horton Kerby wherein one [blank] Canon now dwelleth with the barne Garden Orchards and all other the landes and appurtenances thereunto belonginge as it is now used by the said [blank] Canon or his assignes To have and to howld unto them the said Randalfe Batherst humfry Brown William Lane John Marshall Henry Wodden their heires and assignes for ever uppon Trust and Confidence and to this intent and purpose that they the said Randalfe Batherst humfry Brown William Lane John Marshall Henry Wodden And their heires shall inply the same yerely to the use of the poore of the said parishe of Horton Kerby for ever Item I give and devise unto William Huson of Sutton at Hone in the County of Kent gent John Beast John Fletcher William Caper and Thomas Smale, All of Sutton at Hone aforesaid yeomen All that Messuage or Tenement Lying at Deans aforesaid in the said parish of Horton Kerby wherein one [blank] Harwood now dwelleth with the Barne Garden Orchards and all other the landes and appurtenances thereunto belonginge as it is now used by the said [blank] Harwood or his assignes To have and to hold unto them the said William Huson John Beast John Fletcher William Caper and Thomas Smale their heires and assignes for ever uppon Trust and Confidence and to this intent and purpose that they the said William Huson John Beast John Fletcher William Caper Thomas Smale and their heires shall inply the same yerely to and for the use of the poore of the said parishe of Sutton at Hone for ever In witness whereof I the said Thomas Terry have hereunto putt my hand & seale the one and Twentieth day of Aprill in the Fowrth yeer of the Raygne of our Sovaigne Lord Charles by the grace of God king of England Scotland France & Ireland defender of the faith etc annoque domini 1628

Read Sealed Published &
declared for the last will
& testament of the said
Thomas Terry in the presents
of us & the said Thomas Terry
hath unto every sheet of
paper of this his said will
conteyning three sheets &
three quarters of a sheet putt his hand.

T' mas

Terry

Witness hereunto

John Dobbie
John Page

104. Thomas USHER of Eynsford

PROB11/201 f. 176.

W 8 Apr 1647
B 30 Jul 1647
P 9 Aug 1647

In the name of God Amen The eight day of Aprill in the yeare of our Lord Christ

one thousand six hundred fortie and seaven. I Thomas Usher of the parish of Eynsford in the Countie of Kent yeoman being at this present of sound & perfect minde and memorie, for which I prayse God, yett aged, and being admonished by daylie spectacles of mortality that the tyme of my dissolucion draweth nigh, for the setting of my house in order and for the disposing of that temporall Estate which God hath bestowed on mee here on Earth, doe therefore make and ordaine this to be my Testament and last will in manner and forme following, That is to say: First and principally I will and assigne my Soule into the gracious acceptance of Almighty God my maker, hoping and assuredly trusting to have the pardon and remission of all my synnes and Eternall life by thonly merritts death and passion of his dearly beloved sonne Jesus Christ my alone Saviour and Redeemer. And my bodie to the Earth in decent manner to be buried in the Churchyard of Eynsford aforesayed at the discretion of my Executors hereafter named, willing and enioying them my sayd Executors to expend and bestowe the full value or somme of six Pounds of lawfull money of England Upon provision for a Dynner on the day of my buriall for the enterteynment of such of my Neighbours and Freinds as shall repayre and accompany my Corpse to its buriall. I will and give to the Poore people of the Parish of Eynsford aforesaid the somme of Fourtie shillings of lawfull English money to be payd and distributed amongs the said Poore by myne Executors with the helpe of the Minister and Churchwardens there on the day of my buriall. Item I give towards the repaying and amending of the Church of Eynsford aforesayd the like somme of Fourtie shillings of lawfull money of England to be payed by mine Executors to the Minister and Churchwardens there for the tyme being within three monethes next after my decease and by them to be employed layd out and disposed upon the repayre of the sayd Church as they shall thinke fitt. Item I give to John Hunt my Couzin the somme of Twentie pounds of lawfull English money to be payd unto him within one yeare next after my death by myne Executors. Item I will and give to Thomas Hunt sonne of the sayd John Hunt the somme of Tenn pounds of like lawfull money to be payd unto him also within one yeare next after my death. Item I will and give to my Couzin William Love the somme of Twelve Pounds of lawfull money of England to be payd unto him also within one yeare next after my death by mine Executors. Item I will and give unto Every of my Tenants that shall inhabite and dwell in anie of my houses or Tenements at the tyme of my decease the somme of Two shillings and sixpence of lawfull money of England to be payd unto them within one moneth next coming after my decease. Item I will & give to my Couzin William Durling the elder the somme of twentie shillings of lawfull English money to be payd within one moneth next after my decease. Item I will and give unto my loving Freind Henry Sewer the somme of Tenne shillings. Item I will and give to Mr Richard Harryott my reverend Minister Tenn shillings for which I desire him to preach my Funerall sermon. Item I will and give to Mary Durling, Helen Durling and Joane Durling to each and every one of them the somme of Tenn pounds of lawfull English money to be payd unto them the sayd Mary Hellen and Joane they being the daughters of my Couzin Thomas Durling within two yeares next after my death by mine Executors. All my goods Cattle Housholdstufte debts ready money and Chattells I wholly will give and leave to Joane Durling my Couzin and William Durling the younger her sonne equally to be divided betweene them. In consideracion and upon condicion that they equally by and between them pay and discharge all the debts which I truly owe and in iustice ought to pay and do pay and discharge all my Legacies before bequeathed. And I make and ordaine the said Joane Durling and William Durling

her sonne to be the ioynt executors of this my last will and Testament to see the same proved and my bodie decently buryed. And I desire my good Freinds the sayd Mr Richard Harryott and Edward Everest of Shoreham mercer to be the Supervisors or Overseers of this my Testament and last will entreating them to be ayding and assisting to my sayd Executors that this my will may be duly performed according to my minde herein declared. And for their paynes herein to be taken over and above anie charges by them to be susteyned I give and will to the sayd Mr Harryott and Edward Everest the somme of Twentie shllings a peice of lawfull English money to be payd unto them by my sayd Executors within one Moneth next after my decease.

This is also the last will of mee the sayd Thomas Usher made and declared the sayd eight day of Aprill Anno Domini 1647. touching the ordering and disposing of all and singular my Lands and Tenements which I doe order will and dispose of in manner and forme following. That is to say. First I will that my sayd Executors Joane Durling and William Durling her sonne and their Assignes shall or may have hold receive and take the uses occupation rents and revenewes of all and singular my Lands and Tenements and hereditaments whatsoever for and during the space of one whole yeare and one half yeare next after my decease towards the better paying and discharging of my debts and Legacies before bequeathed. Item from and after the end of the sayd First year and one half after my death I will and give unto the said William Durling the younger one of my Executors and to the Heires of his bodie lawfully begotten and to be begotten and for want of such heires the right heirs of the sayd William, one Messuage or Tenement and the barnes edifices and buildings closes gardens orchards and Lands called or known by the name of Mabbescome which I purchased of Henry Rumney and John Rumney conteyning by estimacion six and fourtie acres with all and singular their Hereditaments and appurtenances lying and being in the Parrishes of Mabbescombe and Shoreham. To hold to the only use and behoofe of the sayd William Durling the younger and of the heires of his bodie lawfully begotten and to be begotten and for want of such issue to the right heirs of the sayd William Durling for ever. Notwithstanding my will and minde is that there shal be an Annuity of Six pounds per Annum of lawfull money of England which I give unto Joane Durling the mother of the sayd William Durling during her naturall life. And also one Annuitie of Twentie shillings of lawfull English money which I give unto Anne Love my couzin during her naturall life charged and issuing out of the aforesaid Messuage tenements Lands and premisses before willed to the sayd William Durling payable at the Feasts of the Annunciacion of the blessed Virgin Mary and St Michael tharchangell yearly and in every yeare by equall and even porcions during the severall and respective lives of the sayd Joane Durling and Anne Love. And the first payment of the sayd Annuities to begin and to be made at that Feast of the Feasts aforesayd that shall next happen to come and be after the end of one yeare and an half yeare next after my decease. And if and as often as it shall happen the sayd Annuitie of Six Pounds before willed to the said Joane Durling or the sayd Annuitie of Twenty shillings before willed to the sayd Anne Love or anie part of the same annuities shall happen to be behind and unpaid by the space of one and twentie days next ensuing after either or anie of the Feasts aforesayd on which the same ought to be payd being demanded at or in the sayd Messuage called Mabscombe That then and so often and at anie time after it shall and may be lawfull to and for the said John [sic] Durling and Anne Love and either of them so unpaid their sayd respective Annuities into all and singular the before mencioned Messuages Tenements Lands

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and premisses before willed to the said William Durling the younger to enter and distreine and the distresse and distresses then and there taken and found lawfully from thence to beare lead drive carry away impound & deteyne and keepe untill the said Joane Durling and Anne Love and either of then so unpayed shalbe fully payd their sayd severall and respectie Annuities and all arrearages thereof if anie be, and all costs and charges occasioned by taking impounding and keeping of such distresse and distresses from tyme to tyme. Item from and after the end of the sayd first yeare and an half yeare after my decease I will give and devise to Thomas Durling the elder my Couzin one Messuage or tenement and the barnes edifices and buildings closes garden orchards and Lands with thappurtenances which I purchased of Henry Sewer lying in Eynsford aforesaid conteyning by estimacion Five acres. To hold to the said Thomas Durling the elder and the Heires of his bodie lawfully begotten and to be begotten, And for want of such heirs to the right heirs of the sayd Thomas Durling for ever hee the sayd Thomas Durling and his sayd Heires paying out of the sayd Tenements and Lands to the sayd Anne Love during her naturall life also one Annuitie or yearly stipend of Twenty shillings at the Feasts of the Annunciacion of the blessed Virgin Marie and St Michaell Tharchangell yearly and in everie yeare by equall porcions The first payment thereof to be made on the first of those Feasts aforesayd that shall next happen to come and be after the ende of one yeare and an halfe yeare next after my death. And if and so often as the sayd Annuitie of Twenty shillings or anie part thereof shalbe behinde and unpayd by the space of one and twenty dayes next after either or anie of the Feast dayes aforesaid on which the same ought to be payd. Then and so often and at anie tyme after I will it shall and may be lawfull to and for the sayd Anne Love and her Assignes into all and singular the said Messuages Tenements Lands and premisses before given to the sayd Thomas Durling and every or anie part thereof to enter and distrayne and the distresse and distresses there taken from thence to carry away lead drive inpound deteyne and keepe untill the sayd Annuitie and all the Arrearages thereof and all charges by taking and keeping such distresse and distresses shalbe fully payd and satisfyed. Item I will and give to William Durling sonne of the said Thomas Durling the elder my two Crofts or parcells of Land and one Orchard lying at Crockenhill in Eynsford aforesayd conteyning by estimacion two acres and commonly called Sounds and Butts with thappurtenances To hold to thonly use and behoofe of the sayd William sonne of the sayd Thomas Durling and of the heires of the body of the sayd William lawfully to be begotten. And for want of such issue I will and give the sayd two Crofts or parcells of Land and orchard with thappurtenances to be and remayne to Thomas Durling the younger sonne of the said Thomas Durling the elder and to the heires of the bodie of the said Thomas Durling the younger. And for want of such Heires to remaine to the right heires of the sayd William Durling sonne of the sayd Thomas Durling the elder forever. Item I will and give to the sayd Thomas Durling the younger two other Crofts or parcells of Land commonly called Hillyfeilds conteyning by estimacion five acres, and the barne and house thereupon late built lying in Crockenhill aforesayd in Eynsforde aforesayd with thappurtenances, To hold to the only use and behoofe of the sayd Thomas Durling the younger, and of the heires of his bodie lawfully to be begotten. And for want of such heires to the right heires of the sayd Thomas Durling the younger for ever. Item my will and minde neverthesse is that the sayd Thomas Durling the elder and his Assignes shall or may have hold receave and take the use occupacion rents and revenewes of the sayd Tenements lands and premisses before willed and given to the sayd William

and Thomas his sonnes during and untill the sayd William and Thomas shall attaine their severall and respective ages of one and twentie yeares. Item I will and give to the sayd Joane Durling one of my Executors during her naturall life the use occupation rents and profitts of my Croft or parcell of Land commonly called Pollyhaw, and my barne or Maulthouse with thappurtenances lying and being in Eynsford aforesaid. And from and after the decease of the sayd Joane I will and give the said Croft or parcell of Land called Pollyhaw and the said barne or Maulthouse with thappurtenances unto John Durling sonne of the sayd Thomas Durling the elder and to the heires of his bodye lawfully to be begotten. And for want of such issue To the right heires of the sayd John forever. Item I give & devise unto my Godsonne Usher Love and his Heires one of my houses scituate in the Town of Shoreham where in Robert Willis and John Leaver severally now dwell and the Backsides and Orchards with thappurtenances therto belonging. To hold to him the sayd Usher Love and his heires for ever from and after the end of the first yeare and one half yeare after my death. Item I give and devise unto Elizabeth love my Couzin and her heires my other house or Tenement in the Towne of Shoreham aforesayd and the backside with thappurtenances thereto belonging adioyning to the Vicaridge house of Shorehan, And also one Barne and Stable and one Croft of land now in thoccupation of Robert Willis conteyning by estimacion two acres with all & singular thappurtenances lying and being in Shoreham aforesaid. To hold to thonly use and behoofe of the said Elizabeth Love and her heires for ever from and after the end of the first yeare and one half yeare next after my death. And my desire is that if the sayd Usher Love and Elizabeth Love or either of them shalbe at anie tyme hereafter minded to putt to sale the aforesaid Tenements and premisses or any part thereof before willed unto then that then they make the first proffer thereof to my Executors or one of them, to whome my desire is the same may be sold rather than to anie other person. Item I will and give to Catherine and Anne Durling Daughters of William Durling one of my Executors equally to be divided betweene them and to their heires my five Crofts or parcells of Land called Eastfeilds conteyning by estimacion two and twentie acres with thappurtenances lying in Crockenhill in Eynsford aforesayd. Notwithstanding my will is that the sayd William Durling their Father shall or may have hold receive and take the use and occupacion and rents of the sayd five Crofts or parcells of Land untill the sayd Catherine and Anne shall have attained their severall and respective ages of one and twentie yeares from and after the end of the first yeare and one half yeare next after my death. In wittesse whereof I the sayd Thomas Usher to this my Testament and last will conteyned in six sheets of paper to every of the sayd sheets have subscribed my marke and to the last sheet have sett to my seale and have filed them together with a Labell of parchment whereunto I have annexed my seale the daye and yeare first above written. Thomas Usher his marke. Read sealed published and declared by the sayd Thomas Usher to be his Testament and last will in the presence of Richard Round his marke. Edward Everest.

105. James WATTS of Farningham

PROB11/212 f. 102

W 18 Jun 1649
P 12 Jun 1650

In the name of God Amen I James Watts of the parish of Farningham in the countie of Kent yeoman being weake in bodie, but of sound and perfect memorie doe constitute or ordeyne and appointe the present writing hereafter following for my last will & testament First I commend my soule to God hopeinge to be saved by the precious merritts of my blessed redeemer Jesus Christ And my bodie I will to be decentlie buried at the discretion of my executor hereafter named Hopeing that both soule and bodie at the generall resurrection shalbee united together to enjoy eternall glorie Imprimis I give unto the poore of the parishe of Farningham tenn shillings of lawfull money of England to be paid by my executor to the minister of the parishe of Farningham within one weeke next after my decease and the same to be forthwith distributed and disposed of to the poore of the said parishe where, and how hee shall see cause Item I bequeath and give unto my nowe wife Maria Wats, all the houses and landes that are mine scituate and being in the parish of Wilmington in the countie of Kent aforesaid being three houses and some twentie acres of land or thereabouts, with all barnes, outhouses, orchards or whatsoever else is belonginge to the aforesaid houses and landes To have and to hold, quietly possessed; and enjoy unto the said Marie Watts and her use and profitt onelie untill the three children that she the said Maria Watts hath borne unto mee the aforesaid James Watts shall severallie attaine unto the age of twentie one yeares, which three children are James Elizabeth and Joane who when they shall attaine unto the age of twentie and one yeares before expressed my will is, that then they as each of them severally shall attaine unto the age of twentie one yeares afore said shall have the aforesaid three houses, and twentie acres of land aforesaid devided and given unto them there heires executors and administrators for ever in manner and forme followinge First my will is that my Sonne James Watts aforesaid, when he shall come to the age of twentie one yeares aforesaid, shall then have possesse and inioy to him and his heires, executors and administrators for ever the house and land called Riddeens scituate in the parishe of Willmington aforesaid with all peeces, parcellls of land thereto belonginge as namelle Ashcrofte, being an acre more or lesse and halfe an acre of Woodland in Rowhill more or lesse, and also foure acres of land arrable land, and Woodland more or lesse belonging to the said Riddens, with all other peeces, and parcellls thereto pertaineing And further my will is that all trees as Oakes, and staddles, and such trees as were not heretofore felled shall be kept, and preserved untill my said Sonne James Watts shall attaine unto the age of twentie one yeares aforesaid, excepting allwaies that it shalbe lawfull for my said wife Marie Watts att anie time when shee shall thinke fitt dureing the time aforesaid to fell any woods belonginge to the premisses soe be it done without anie wilfull spoyle or [mast] of the said woods AND further my will is that when my aforesaid daughter Elizabeth Watts shall come to the age of twentie one yeares aforesaid that then shee shall have, hold and possesse to her, and her heires, executors, and administrators for ever the house and land that is called Broomefeild ioyneinge to Dartford Heath, that one Andrew Cherkefeild now liveth in, the land being about foure acres more or lesse, with all other appurtenances whatsoever perteyninge to the said house, and land called Broomefeild that is not otherwise in this my will disposed of And further my will is, that when my aforesaid daughter Joane Watts

shall attaine unto the age of twentie one yeares aforesaid that then she shall have the little house that one Humfrey Kempe dwelleth in at the writeinge hereof, and the land belonging to the said house being about half an acre the which said house and land are neere adioyning to the aforesaid messuage and land called Broomfeild, And further my will is that the aforesaid Joan Wats my daughter shall have nine acres of land belonging to Broomefeild aforesaid lying and being Eastward to Wilmington aforesaid, and Northward to Dartford Heath aforesaid, All which little house, halfe acre of land, and nine acres pertyninge to Broomefeild, my will that shee my daughter Joane Watts shall have, and hold, when she shalbe of the age of twentie one yeares aforesaid to her and her heires, executors and administrators for ever But if it shall happen anie of my three children aforesaid James Elizabeth and Joane to die before they shall come to the age of twentie one yeares aforesaid that then the part or porcion of him or her that soe dieth before the time and age aforesaid shalbe equally devided betwixt those him or her that shalbe left liveinge But if all the said three children shall happen to die before they shall come to the age of twentie one yeares, or all of them to die afterwards without lawfull heires, then my will is that my said wife Marie Watts shall enjoy all the premisses, that is all the houses and lands before expressed that are mine in Wilmington aforesaid dureing terme of her life And further my will is in case the said three children James Elizabeth and Joane, shall die before they come of age as aforesaid or after they come of age without lawfull heires as aforesaid, that then after the decease of my said wife Marie Watts my sonne Thomas Watts of Wilmington aforesaid or his heires, executors, or administrators shall have and hold to him and them for ever all the houses, and landes aforesaid that are mine in Wilmington aforesaid Item I will and bequeath unto the said Marie Watts my wife all the goods, and houseould stuffe in the chamber wherein I nowe lodge which is over the Hall except one chest and one table, belonginge to my daughter Anne Watts Alsoe I give unto my said wife the table and forme in the hall, and the Cubboard in the boarded Roome Alsoe I give unto my said wife the greate brasse kettle, the brass pott, and one little dripping Pann and a spitt, and three pewter dishes, two brass candlesticks, one pewter drinkinge pott, and one chest Alsoe I give unto my said wife Marie Watts one little drink tubb, and one . . . of Barme one bowle, one payle, and one bushell of malt. Also my mind and will is that my said wife Marie Watts shall live and remaine in the house I nowe live in called Petham place, with my son Edward Watts one whole yeare next ensueing my decease whensoever it shall please God to call for mee, without paieing for itt, and dureing the whole time of the yeare aforesaid after my decease to have and quietlie possesse to the use of her my said wife Marie Watts, and her children aforesaid onelie the Hall and the next roome to itt. Also I doe give unto my said wife Marie Wats one halfe pecke, of wheate, and one halfe pecke of barley everie weeke, weeklie to be paid to her the said Marie Watts by my said Sonne Edward Watts for the space of halfe a yeare after my decease, whensoever it shall happen to bee Also I doe give and will unto my said wife Marie Watts one whole quarter of wheate and one whole quarter of Barley to be paid and delivered unto her my said wife Marie Wats by my said son Edward Watts within three monethes next ensueing after my decease Item I give unto her my said wife Marie Watts one of my Cowes, which is blacke and white, and one of my best fat hoggs, and one sheath, which Cowe, hogge, and Sheath aforesaid are to be present her after my decease delivered into the possession of my said wife Marie Watts by my Son Edward Watts aforesaid. But my will is that the Cow hogg and Sheath aforesaid are to be well kept at the

charge of my aforesaid sonne Edward Watts so long as my wife Marie Watts aforesaid shall continue with him the said Edward Watts in the house being the space of one whole yeare as is before expressed but shee my said wife Marie Watts receivinge the profitt and benefitt which may be received of the said hogg cow and sheath Item I give unto my wife Marie Watts aforesaid one linnen and woollen wheele the which linnen and woollen wheele, and all the goods, and moveables before given and bequeathed by mee unto mee [sic] my said wife Marie Watts I will and appointe to be by my said sonne Edward Watts delivered unto my said wife Marie Watts immediatelie after my decease, excepting onelie such goods and moveables as have an expressed time limited and appointed for their paieament and deliverie as before appeareth Item I will and appointe my said Son Edward Wats to paie unto my said wife Marie Watts twentie poundes of good and lawfull money of England according to a bond that shee my said wife Marie Watts hath from mee to shewe for it upon the deliverie of the said bond by her the said Marie Watts my wife, unto the said Edward Watts my Sonne the which twentie poundes I will and appointe to be paid to her my said wife Marie Watts within the space of halfe a yeare next after my decease by my said Sonne Edward Watts Item I will and bequeath unto my said wife Marie Watts other tenn poundes also of good and lawfull money of England to be paid to her the said Marie Watts by my said Son Edward Wats within the time and space of eleaven monethes next and immediatelie after my decease Item I give unto my Sonne James Watts aforesaid all my sheepe which are marked with holes in their eares which were usuallie called his sheepe; the which sheepe hee the aforesaid Edward Watts my sonne is to keepe as well as hee keepeth his owne sheepe for the time that my said wife Marie Wats continueth in the house with him the said Edward Watts, which is one whole yeare next after my decease as is before expressed, But my minde and will is, that my said wife Marie Watts shall take, and receive in that yeare her profitt, and benefitt of the said sheepe in Lambe and wooll to the use of my said sonne James Watts onelie And my minde and will is, that my said wife Marie Watts after that yeare is expired shall keepe or cause to be kept the said sheepe untill my said sonne James WAats shall attaine unto the age of twentie one yeares, and then the sheepe and all the profite of them dureinge all time to be by his said mother delivered up to him the said James Watts Item I will and appointe my said Son Edward Watts to keepe and bring up my said Sonne James Watts untill hee shall attaine unto the age of sixteen yeares and for him to provide give and allow convenient meate, drinke apparrell, lodgeinge and washinge and all at the charge of the said Edward Watts And also hee the said Edward Watts at the charge of him the said Edward Watts is to send and sett the said James Watts to Schoole untill hee can reade well, and write a good legible hand But in case my said wife Marie Watts shall [mislike] the keepinge and educacion of him the said James Watts with his said brother Edward Watts then my will and appointment is that hee the said Edward Watts shall forthwith paie tenn poundes of good and lawfull money of England to my said wife Marie Watts towards her keeping and bringinge upp of the said James Watts my Sonne Item I give unto my daughter Elizabeth Watts, one Ewe to be kept by my said Sonne Edward Watts by the space of one yeare next after my decease as well as hee keepeth his owne sheepe but my will is that the benefitt, that shall arise from thence, my said wife Marie Wats shall take and receive for the use and benefitt of my said daughter Elizabeth Wats onelie and after that yeare is expired my will is that my said wife Marie Watts shall keepe the said Ewe, and the increase that maie be therefrom in that time and after untill my said daughter Elizabeth Watts shall

come to the age of twentie one yeares, And then my said wife Marie Watts, my will is shall deliver unto the said Elizabeth Watts the ewe, and the profitt that shall arise from thence Item I give one Ewe unto John the Son of Thomas Wats my son of Willmington aforesaid to be presentlie after my decease delivered to my said Sonne Thomas Wats for the use of his said Sonne John Watts Item I give unto my daughter Ann nowe living att S. . . in Essex twelve pence of lawfull money of England to be paid her by my said Sonne Edward Watts presentlie after my decease, And my will is that the table and chest before mencioned standing in the chamber where I now lodge shall be delivered to her by my said sonne Edward Watts whensoever shee shall demand them. Item. I will and bequeath unto my said Sonne Thomas Watts of Wilmington aforesaid the Lease of Warnel Dale, the land woods and all the appurtenances thereto belonginge scituate and beinge in the parishe of Wellmington aforesaid; and to the heires, executors and administrators of him the said Thomas Watts To have and to hold to him and them dureinge the time I the said James Watts was to have and use the same. But the rent for the said Lease of Warnell Dale I will & appointe the said Thomas Watts to paie all the time hee holdeth and useth the same or his heires executors or administrators accordinge to the times of paiement prescribed in the said lease Allwaies provided that when the wood conteyned in the said lease of Warnell Dale shall next be feld or sold by the said Thomas Watts, or by his heires, executors or administrators or assignes, that then at such time hee or they that shall soe next fell or sell the said wood shall immediatelie paie unto my three children aforesaid namelie James Elizabeth and Joane seaven poundes ten shillings of lawfull money of England fiftie shillings to each of them severallie of lawfull money of England And further my will is that my said Sonne Edward Watts shall paie unto my said three children aforesaid James Elizabeth and Joane other seaven poundes and tenn shillings of lawfull money of England fiftie shillings to each of them severally of lawfull money, the which seaven poundes and ten shillings, my will is that my said Sonne Edward Wats shall paie unto my said children James Elizabeth, and Joane at the time of the next felling or sellenge the said wood of Warnell Dale by the said Thomas Watts or by his heires, executors or administrators or assignes, but in case that anie of the three children aforesaid shall die namelie James Elizabeth and Joane before the time of paiement before expressed (Which is the felling next or next sellenge of the said woods, that then the five poundes of him or her, or both that so dieth shalbe devided given and paid to or betwixt him or her or them, that shalbe left liveinge But if it shall happen all the aforesaid children James Elizabeth and Joane to die before the time of paiement before expressed, then my will is, that the whole fiteene poundes shall remaine in the hands and to the use of Thomas and Edward Watts aforesaid, and to their heires, executors and administrators AND further my will is that the said fiteene poundes five poundes to each of my three children aforesaid James Elizabeth and Joane, shall at the time of paiement before expressed be paid unto my said wife Marie Watts by my said Sons Thomas and Edward Watts to be by her forthwith after the receipt thereof put forth to use in the beste and safest way that now bee for the benefitt and profitt of my said children untill they shalbe of the age of twentie one yeares, and then my will is, that both principall and profitt shalbe paid unto them James Elizabeth and Joane, by my said wife Marie Watts Item I doe give and bequeath unto my said Sonne Edward Watts all my moveables, utensills, debts due to mee, goods, stocke, corne that is or shalbe either upon the ground or in the barne or house, househould stuffe, chattles cattell and all my goods, whatsoever that are not before in this my will given and disposed of. And I

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doe constitute ordaine appointe and make my said Sonne Edward Wats my sole executor of this my last will and testament and this present writing I doe appointe and make for my last will, and testament; revoaking and makeing void all other wills whatsoever by me heretofore made, and my will is, that my said Sonne Edward Watts shall have and enjoy the lease of the Farme called Petham place aforesaid that I nowe live in In Wittnes whereof I have sette my hand and seale to this my last will and testament the eighteenth daye of June Anno domini 1649 The marke of James Watts Sealed & subscribed in the presence of Thomas Browne The mark of Thomas Greenaway memorandum my will is that my said sonne Thomas Watts shall not make anie ioynture or anie other assuerance or conveyance to anie wooman of the said Lease of Warneldale wood, and in case he doe, my will is, that then my aforesaid wife Marie Watts, and Edward Watts my Son aforesaid, shall presentlie enter upon hold and possess to them and their use equallie devided betwixt them the said lease of Warneldale, and all the appurtenances thereto be longinge and profitts thence arisinge, and memorandum that this condicion was written before thensealinge and subscribinge hereof.

106. Robert WEARY of Otford

PROB11/183 f. 78

W 4 Apr 1640
 B 8 Apr 1640
 P 23 Jun 1640

In the name of God Amen I Robert Weary of Otford in the County of Kent yeoman being sicke in body but yet of good and perfect remembrance (praised be God therefor Doe make this my last Will and Testament in manner & forme followinge. First I bequeath my Soule into the handes of Almighty God my maker & gracious Redeemer And my body to the earth in Christian manner to be buried according to the rites of the Church of England in hope of a ioyfull resurreccion through the power & merritts of my Lord & Saviour Jesus Christ My temporall goodes which God hath given mee I bestowe & dispose of as followeth. Imprimis I geve & bequeath all my Houses Landes Tenementes with the profittes and appurtenances thereto scituate lying & being in the parishe of Seale or Wheresoever else in the County of Kent unto my sonne Robert Weary & his heires forever And alsoe all other my goodes & Chattells Except what is in this my Will otherwise bequeathed & Provided that he shall pay & discharge all my debts & all Legacies in this my will bequeathed And also all Charges perteyning to my buryall & probacion of this my Will and Testament First therefor my Will is that he the said Robert Weary shall pay unto my loveing wife Elisabeth Weary mother of the said Robert every quarter of a yeare from yeare to yeare dureinge her naturall life Three poundes & fiftene shillings of Currant and lawfull English money. Item my Will is & I doe bequeath unto my said wife all my housholdstuffe & moveable goodes with my house to be disposed of by her for the benefit of herselfe & her Children as shee shall please. Item I give and bequeath unto my two other Sonnes John and George Weary one hundred pounds apeece severally to be payd unto them within the terme expressed as followeth viz: Fifty poundes to each of them within one yeare next after my decease And other Fifty poundes to each of them within one yeare next after the decease of my said wife Item I doe give unto my daughter Ann

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Weary Fiftie Poundes of lawfull English mony, whereof fourtie poundes to bee payd to her within one halfe yeare next after my decease And Tenn poundes to be payd unto her within one halfe yeare next after the decease of my said wife Item I doe give unto my daughter Rachell Weary Fiftie Poundes to bee payd unto her within the termes followinge viz: Thirty poundes to be payd unto her within one yeare next after my decease: And Twenty poundes to bee payd unto her within one yeare next after the decease of my said wife Item I doe give unto George the sonne of William Rogers of Otford & Mary the daughter of the said William Elizabeth & Susanna the other daughters of the said William the summe of Tenn poundes to be equally distributed amongst the said fower Children or soe many of them as shall be liveinge within three monethes after the decease of my said wife Item my will is that my said wife shall have two Convenient rooms in the house wherein I now dwell dureing my Lease of the said house if shee live soe long And afterwards alsoe if my Lease shall be renewed by my said sonne Robert Weary & taken in his name. Item I doe give and bequeath unto the poore of the parish of Otford Twentie shillings of lawfull money of England the one half whereof to be bestowed in bread to be distributed amongst them on the day of my buryall And the other Tenn shillings in money to be devidid amongst them alsoe on the day of my buryall. And I doe make & constitute my sonne Robert Weary aforesaid the sole Executor of this my last Will & Testament And I doe request my loveing sonne in lawe to be the Overseer of this my Will.

And my Will is that my sonne Robert Weary shall within one moneth next after my decease binde himselfe & his heires in an Obligacion of the summe of Five hundred poundes unto the said William Rogers for the performance of this my Will And I doe bequeath unto the said William Rogers Twenty shillings to be payd unto him with in three monethes next after my decease And I doe give and bequeath unto my sister Anne Hilles Twenty shillings to be payd unto her on the day of my buriall And this is my last will sealed with my seale & dated the fourth day of Aprill 1640, Robert Weary Witnesses hereto John Emerson Clarke William Martin

107. John WELLS of Otford

PRS/I/23/39

B 30 Sep 1707
I 7 Nov 1707
E 20 Nov 1707

A true and perfect Inventory of all and singular the goods and Chattells of John Wells late of Otford in the said County of Kent yeoman deceased valued & apprized by James Allen and Robert Allen the younger the seaventh day of November Anno Domini One Thousand Seaven hundred and Seaven as followeth (that is to say)

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In the parlour	
Item One Bed and Steddle one presse Cupboard one Chest one Trunk and other things	03 - 15 - 00
In the Kitchin	
Item one Table & frame three Joined Stools one Clock one Iron pott one Brass pott & other furniture	05 - 10 - 00
In the Brewhouse	
Item one Furnace six Tubbs one Bushell one Seed Codd and other Lumber	03 - 05 - 00
In the Milke house	
Item Seaven Milke Trays three powdering tubs two drink tubbs & two spinning wheels	01 - 14 - 00
In the Chamber over the Milkhouse	
Item Twenty Bushells of St Foyne seed & one Bushell of Clover seed	03 - 00 - 00
In the Chamber over the Brewhouse	
Item Four quarters of Nonesuch seed one Chest two Bushells of Wheate & other things	05 - 15 - 00
In the Chamber over the Kitchin	
Item One Bedd & Steddle and other things	00 - 15 - 00
In the Chamber over the parlour	
Item One Bedd and Steddle and one Chest of Linnen	03 - 00 - 00
In the yard	
Item one Waggon and Two Dung Carts	10 - 05 - 00
Item more for plows and plow tackle	01 - 15 - 00
Item more for Five Harrowes	01 - 10 - 00
In the Barne	
Item for pease	08 - 00 - 00
Item for Oates	15 - 00 - 00
Item for Barley	18 - 00 - 00
Item for Wheate	22 - 00 - 00
Item for Sives & Swipps & other implements	00 - 10 - 00
Item for two Steeres & Five Cows	16 - 10 - 00
Item for Twenty Ewes	08 - 00 - 00
Item for Four Sheates	02 - 00 - 00
Item for Five hoggs	07 - 10 - 00

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In the Stable

Item Five Horses and their harnesses	24 - 05 - 00
Item more for Fodder	15 - 00 - 00
Item for Sacks	00 - 18 - 00
Item for Wood	06 - 10 - 00
Item for Clover in the Lower barne	1 - 00 - 00
Item for things unseen & forgott	00 - 05 - 00

Summa totalis . . . est 236 - 12 - 6

108. Timothy WELLS of Shoreham PRS/1/23/40

B 26 May 1709
I 7 Sep 1709
E 14 Nov 1709

A True . . . all and singular the goods Cattell Chattells debts credits and personal estate of Timothy Wells late of Shoreham in the County of Kent yeoman deceased taken and appraised this seaventh day of September Anno Domini 1709 by us, whose names are hereunder wri ten as followeth (that is to say)

li s d

Imprimis the deceased purse & Wearing Aparell 05 : 00 : 00

In the Parlour

Item three Round Tables one pair of Andirons
a pair of Creepers fire pan & tongs 01 : 10 : 00

In the Hall

Item Two tables one forme Six Chaires one
pair of Andirons one paire of Creepers one
Clock and other small things 03 : 08 : 00

In the Buttery

Item Two powdering tubbs a frying pan and
shelves 00 : 16 : 00

In the Chamber over the Parlour

Item One bedd & Stedle one Chest of draws
one Walnutt table & a glass Seven Caine
chaires two Small Stools one pair of Andirons
one pair of bellowes fire pan & tongs & one
Chest with Linen 20 : 15 : 00

In the Chamber over the Hall

Item Two bedds & stedles one Chest with
drawers two Chestes one trunck one box one
Close stool two Chaires 09 : 11 : 06

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In the Chamber over the Buttery
 Item One Flock bedd one Chest & one . . .
 tubb and a Side Sadle 01 : 12 : 06

In the Kitchin
 Item Twelve pewter dishes and four and
 twenty plates two Coper potts one Iron pott
 two brass Kittles three Skilletts a brass
 Ladle and a Culender one Jack two Spitts
 Andirons fire pann and tongs one table three
 Chaires one joynt Stool one warming pann
 and other small thinges 06 : 01 : 06

In the Cellar
 Item Tenn drinke tubbs two Skalders. . . : . . . : 06

In the Brewhouse
 Item One Furnace one fatt a Tunn Tubb and
 Six Keylers other thinges 03 : 08 : 00

In the Mault House
 Item One hundred & tenn Quarters of Mault 137 : 10 : 00
 One Oast hair a Skry and Shovell & and one
 Mill and Thirty Sacks 10 : 05 : 00

Corne in the Ground
 Item Five Acres of Wheat & half an acre of peas 22 : 10 : 00
 One horse and two hoggs 03 : 00 : 00
 Item for thinges unseen & forgott 02 : 00 : 00
 Item Debts Sperate and Desperate 147 : 15 : 10

376 : 15 : 10

Thomas Levett)
) Appraizers
 W . . . Everest)

109. Richard WILSON of Farningham

PROB11/105 f.21

W 31 Aug 1604
 B 26 Feb 1605
 P 13 Mar 1605

In the name of god Amen I Richard Wilson of the parish of Farningham in the
 Countie of Kent yeoman being of good and perfect health both of body and minde,

thankes be given to the almightie god, doe make ordeyne and publish this to be my last will and testament the last day of August in the yeare of the Raigne of our soveraigne Lorde James by the grace of god kinge of England France and Ireland the seconde And of Scotland the eight and thirtie defender of the faith etc And in the yeare of our Lord god 1604. disanulling and making voide all other my former willes and testaments what soever first I commend my soule into the handes of almightie god my creator and to Jesus Christ his onely sonne my redeemer, in and by whose merrits and passion I hope assuredly to be saved, And my bodie I will to be buried within the Church or church-yarde of Farningham aforesaid at the discrecion of my executrix hereafter to be named Item I give and bequeath unto that learned preacher that shall preach at my funerall for his paines *vj s. viij d.* Item I give unto the poore people that shall in respect of neede come to my buriall hoping to be releived six dozen of peny loaves of bread to be divided amongst them at the discrecion of my overseers hereafter to be appointed Item I give and bequeath unto John Nott my godsonne the sonne of John Nott the younger of the parish of Sutton Authone in the Countie aforesaid Maltman the somme of tenn poundes of lawfull money of England which I will shall be truelie payed and delivered into the handes of John Nott his father within the space of one quarter of a yeare next after my decease, to be employed to the onely use and benefit of the said John Nott my godsonne. The Residue of all my goodes chattels cattell debt & duties housholdstuf corne leases bonds and bills whatsoever my debts legacies and funerall expenses paid and discharged I wholly give and bequeath unto Marie Reade of Farningham singlewoman my daughter in law, whom I make and ordaine my sole executrix of this my last will and testament: And for the better performance of the same I make and appoint Henry Dunmoll of Eynesford and Nicholas Rolfe of Staple in Holborn London Gentleman my Overseers, And for their paines and frendlie counsell to be taken and given to my saide executrix in the executing of this my last will I give unto each of them beside all charges they shall be put to *iiij s. iiij d.* apeece: This is also the last will and testament of me the said Richard Wilson made the daie and yeare abovesaid touching my landes tenementes rentes charges Annuities and hereditaments whatsoever within Countie of Kent First I give and devise unto the above named Mary Reade all that my messuage or tenement wherein I now dwell with all the landes thereunto belonging And also all that my messuage or tenement called Copped-Hall scituate and being in Farningham aforesaid And all that my messuage or tenement scituate and being at Seale in the said County And also one Annuitie or yerelie rent of *viiij li.* by the yeare granted to me and my heires for ever by one William Porter of Seale aforesaid yeoman out of certaine his landes and tenementes in Seale and Kemsing or els where in the said County And one other Annuitie of *iiij li.* by the yeare granted to me in like manner by one William Porter out of certain his landes in Seanock or els where, And also all other my landes tenementes reversions rentes charges Annuities and hereditaments whatsoever within the Countie of Kent or els where within the Realme of England To have and to hold unto the said Mary her heires and assignes for ever.

In witnes whereof I have hereunto set my hande and seale And published this to be my last will. Theis being witnesses. Edward Manning Henry Dunmoll Nicholas Rolfe John Reve his mark. Ri chard Wilson his marke.

110. James WOOD of Shoreham

PROB11/141 f. 1

W 10 May 1620
P 31 Jan 1623

In the name of God amen the Tenth daye of Maye Anno Domini millesimo Sexcentesimo vicesimo I James Wood of Shoreham in the Countie of Kent yeoman beyng sicke in bodye but yet in good and perfect remembrance (prayed be god therefore) do make and ordayne this my last will and Testament in manner and forme following First I give and bequeath my Soule into the handes of Almightye god in true and certayne hope of Resurrection to eternall life thorough the mediation of my onlie Lord and Savyour Jesus Christe: And my bodie to be buried in the Churchyard of Shoreham aforesayed att the discretion of myne Executor hereafter nominated. Item I will and bequeath unto the poore people of the parishe of Shoreham aforesayed Tenne shillings to be distributed among them by the Churchwardens of the sayed parishe for the tyme beyng at the decease of me the sayed James Wood. Item I will and bequeath unto Susan Tegg my daughter fower payre of sheetes fyve Tablecloathes and one newe Chest. All other my leases gods and Chattells whatsoever I give and bequeath unto my loving Sonne in lawe Thomas Ibbutt whome I do make ordayne and Constitute the sole Executor of this my last will and testament. To the end that he should paye my debts and discharge that which by this my last will and testament I have given and bequeathed And this my last will and Testament I doe ratifie and establishe and all other willes by me formerlie made I doe revoke and make frustrate. And I do request my loving Neighboures John Baker and Thomas Poucye of Shoreham aforesaid to be the Overseers of this my last will and Testament. And I doe give unto either of them twelve pence for their paynes herein And this my last will and Testament I have sealed and signed with my hand marke the daye and yere first above written James Wood his marke. Witnesses hereunto John Emerson John Baker Thomas Poucie his marke Richard Leaver his marke

111. Thomas WOODGATE of Farningham

PRS/W/18/76

W 6 Nov 1701
B 10 Nov 1701
P 22 Nov 1701

In the name of God Amen. the Sixth day of November Anno Domini 1701. I Thomas Woodgate of Farningham in the County of Kent Yeoman being sick and weake in body but of a sound and disposing mind and memory praise be therefore given to Almighty God And desiring to settle my Estate which God in his goodness hath given me on Earth Doe make and ordaine this my last will and Testament in manner and forme following First and principally I Commend my soule to the hands of Almighty God who gave it hoping through the merretts of my Blessed Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ to have full pardon & remission of all my sinnes And my body I Commit to the Earth from whence it was taken to be decently buried at the discretion of my Executrix hereinafter named Item I doe give devise and bequeath unto my Deare and Loveing wife Elizabeth Woodgate All

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that my messuage or Tenement commonly called by the name of Dutnalles with the appurtenances And alsoe all the Landes thereunto belonging conteyning by estimacion seaven and Twenty acres and an halfe more or lesse scituate standing lying and being in Penshurst in the said County of Kent neere a place called Pounds Bridge Mill and now in the occupacion of Henry Hubbard To have and to hold the said messuage Landes and premisses unto my said deare and Loveing wife Elizabeth Woodgate her heires and assignes for ever Item I doe give and bequeath unto my said Loveing wife Elizabeth Woodgate All the Bedding and goods and Furniture whatsoever belonging to all the Chambers in the house wherein I now dwell. Item I doe give and devise unto my Loveing Sister Mary Chapman the wife of Edward Chapman of Farningham And to her heires for ever All that peece or parcell of meadowground with the appurtenances thereto belonging lying in Penshurst aforesaid conteyning by Estimacion three acres and an halfe more or less in the occupacion of Robert Evans Item I give and bequeath unto my said Loveing sister Mary Chapman all the rest of my goodes Cattle Chattelles and personall estate whatsoever and wheresoever not by me before herein given & bequeathed Provided nevertheless and it is my will and meaneing that my said sister Mary Chapman shall pay unto my loveing sister Jane Cakett the wife of Robert Cakett of Brasted in the said County within one yeare after my decease the summe of Twenty poundes And I doe hereby make ordaine and appoynt my said Loveing sister Mary Chapman sole Executrix of this my last will and Testament And doe Revoke all former wills by me heretofore made and doe ordaine this to bee my last will and testament In witnes whereof I have hereunto sett my hand and seale the day and yeare first above written

Thom Woodgate

Signed sealed published and
Declared to be the last will and
Testament of the above named
Thomas Woodgate the Testator
after these words (in the
occupacion of Robert Evans)
and these words (the summe of
Twenty poundes) were soe
Interlyned in the presence of

Mary Herst her mark
Margarett Middleton her mark
Walt: Loveden

112. Thomas WOODGATE of Farningham

PRS/1/23/98

B 10 Nov 1701
I 18 Nov 1701

A true and perfect Inventory . . . of all and singular the goods chattells and credits of Thomas Woodgate late of Farningham in the County of Kent yeoman deceased taken valued and apprized the eighteenth day of November Anno Domini 1701 by John . . . and Michael D[rane] as followeth vizt:

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Inprimis his wearing apparell and money in his purse	x li
In the Hall	
Item One table and fourmes dressers Jack all the pewter two spitts 3 iron dripping pans one Iron pot and pot hangers 1 iron Grate 4 Chaires Andirons fire shovell and tongs and other small things	ix li vj s viij d
In the Parlour	
Item One table 6 leather Chaires 1 pair of Andirons and a paire of bellowes	ij li v s
In the Inner Buttery	
Item three powdering tubbs one keeler and a Flaskett	ij li
In the Outer Buttery	
Item One Chaire and two cheese tubbs one forme and other small things	xij li vj s
In the Milk house	
Item Two Leaden milk pans four milk trays two milk pailles and some earthen ware	j li vij s iiij d
In the Cellers	
Item Four firkins 2 kilderkins 1 Keeler 1 barrell and an old table and 6 dozen of glasse bottles	ij li ij s vj d
In the Brewhouse	
Item One Copper 1 fatt 1 tun tub 3 keelers 1 cheesepresse and 2 scalders and other old lumber	vij li
In the Washhouse	
Item two brasse kettles 3 iron pottage pots 3 brasse skilletts 3 pails and other small things	j li xv s vj d
In the parlour Chamber	
Item One feather bed 1 feather bolster and 1 flock bolster bedstedle Curtaines vallens and other furniture thereto belonging 4 chests and a court cubbord and a small looking glass	v li iiij s

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<p>In the Chamber over the milkhouse</p>	
Item two flock beds and bedsteddles and the furniture thereto belonging one . . . yarne and 1 seed cord	j li x s
<p>In the Hall Chamber</p>	
Item one old flock bed bedsted and furniture thereto belonging	j li j s vj d
Item Linnen of all sorts	ij li iiij s
<p>In the Welhouse</p>	
Item two bucketts and 2 Ropes	j li xv s
<p>In the Stable</p>	
Item Fower Geldings and 2 mares 2 setts of Cart Harnesse and one sett of plow harnesse 2 shovell dung fork and other small things	xxxvj li v s
<p>In the Wheate Barne</p>	
Item Wheat thrashed and unthrashed	xxij li
Item Barley unthrashed	xx li
Item Four Crowes a Fann 2 shovells a bushell measure a skry 4 forkes a chaffe baskett Fifteene sacks and other small utensills	ij li j s
<p>In the Oate Barn</p>	
Item Oates thrashed and unthrashed	xij li xiiij s
Item peas thrashed and unthrashed	v li
Item Fodder	j li j s vj d
<p>In the Carthouse</p>	
Item a Waggon and 2 dung Carts 6 harrowes 3 plowes and other utensills of husbandry	xvj li
<p>Without Doores</p>	
Item Wood in the yard	j li x s
Item 3 fat hogs 3 leane hoggs and 6 sheates	xiiij li
Item Fower Cows and 2 Bullocks	iiij li
Item Thirty Sheepe	xiiij li
Item Fifty five acres and a half of wheat upon the ground	x C li
Item Dinging seaven acres of Land sown with wheat	x li
Item the growth of Underwood	viiij li xiiij s
Item things out of sight and forgott	xiiij s iiij d

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APPENDIX I: COMMON ITEMS IN INVENTORIES AND WILLS

(Excluding crops, stock & most agricultural items, for which see General Index)

Andirons	Earthenware	Powdering tubs
Bed, flock	Fats [= vats]	Presses
Bed, feather	Fenders	Quilts
Bed, chaff	Fire shovel	Ready money
Bed pan	Fire tongs	Rolling pins
Bedstead, bedsteddle	Flags	Rugs
Bedstead, trundle	Forks	Sacks
Beer tubs	Forms	Saddles
Bellows	Frying pans	Salt cellars
Blankets	Furnaces	Saucepan
Bolsters	Gridirons	Saucers
Bottles, glass	Harness, cart	Scalders
Boulting hutch	Harness, horse	Scummers
Boulting mill	Harness, plough	Settles
Box iron	Iron utensils	Sheets
Bowls	Jacks	Sheets, coarse,
Boxes	Joined furniture	Sheets, fine
Brass utensils	Keelers	Sheets, flaxen
Brewing vessels	Kettles	Sheets, hempen
Brewing tubs	Kneading trough	Sheets, linen
Bucking tub	Knives	Sheets, tow
Candlesticks	Ladles	Sideboards
Carpets	Linen	Sieves
Chafing dishes; chafers	Mashing tub	Skillets
Chairs	Mat & cords [for bed]	Smoothing iron
Chairs, cane	Measures, various [e. g.	Spice boxes
Chairs, flag [= rush	bushel, half-bushel,	Spits
seated]	gallon]	Spoons
Chairs, leather	Milk bowls	Stools
Chairs, wicker	Milk leads	Sugar box
Chamber pots	Milk trays	Table cloths
Cheese presses	'Money in his pocket'	Tables
Chests	Mortar & pestle	Tankards
Churns	Napkins	Tin utensils
Close stools	Pails	Toasting irons
Cobirons	Pasty pans	Tongs
Colanders	Peeles	Towels
Coverlets	Pewter utensils	Trivets
Court cupboards	Pillows	Trenchers
Creepers	Pillow beeres	Trunks
Cupboards	Pillow coats	Tubs, various sizes [e. g.
Curtains & rods	Plates	barrel, kilderkin, firkin,
Drawers, box of	Platters	tun, runlet, pin,
Drawers, chest of	Porringers	hogshead]
Drink vessels	Pots	Valance
Drink tubs	Pothangers	Warming pans
Dripping pans	Pothooks	Wearing apparel

APPENDIX II: GLOSSARY OF LESS COMMON WORDS

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Andirons - irons at side of open fire to keep logs in place; or supports for spit.

Baulking mill - [uncertain - a domestic item]

Bavin - bundle of brushwood as used for firing baker's oven. Bound with one wither or band instead of two as in a faggot.

Bed - a mattress.

Bedsteddle (= bedstead) - wooden framework laced with cord on which rests a mat and the 'bed'.

Bucking tub - used for steeping clothes in lye of wood ashes, etc.

Bunting house - outhouse in which meal is bunted or sifted.

Bunting hutch (= boulding hutch) - bin in which meal is bunted.

Cobirons - similar to andirons.

Court, Coort - cart.

Creepers - low irons between andirons in grate.

Crotter, hay - [not found]

Dew rake - [not found]

Fan - for winnowing threshed grain.

Fat - vat.

Flaggen [of chairs] - rush seated.

Flaskett - shallow basket or tub.

Fother - a load; a cart-load; a definite weight.

Furnace - a boiler.

Hay crotter - [not found]

Hay(e) - net for catching rabbits.

Hog tub - [uncertain - a domestic item]

Hog hutch & trough - [uncertain - a domestic item]

Keeler - cooler; broad, shallow vessel for cream to separate or wort to cool.

Lead, milk - open vessel, not necessarily of lead.

Mane - [not found]

Maslin, misceling, mislan, misling, etc. - mixture of grains, usually wheat and rye, for making common bread.

Maund - large basket for carrying hops, fodder, etc.

Mustard ball - ball used for grinding mustard seeds.

Pannell - cloth placed under saddle to prevent galling.

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- Peele* - baker's shovel.
Pillion - light saddle; or extension behind for second person.
Pimp - small faggot or bundle of firewood.
Powdering tub - used for pickling meat.
Scry, skrie - a type of sieve.
Scuppet, scoppit - large wooden spade, e. g. for moving hops in kiln or grain.
Seed codd - seed basket.
Shale - dish, cup, goblet; mesh of a net.
Shaw - small hanging wood; narrow plantation dividing 2 fields.
Shawte - [not found]
Snippitt - [not found]
Staddle - stump of a felled tree.

APPENDIX III: NAMES OF ROOMS AND FARM BUILDINGS IN THE INVENTORIES

(*Spelling modernised*)

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|-------------------------|---------------|----------------------|
| Back room | Cheese house | Maltloft |
| Bakehouse | Closet | Malting house |
| Barley house | Corn barn | Milk cellar |
| Barn | Corn chamber | Milk house |
| Beer buttery | Corn loft | New room |
| Brewhouse | Court yard | Outhouse |
| Bunting house | Drink buttery | Outlet |
| Bunting room | Drink house | Parlour |
| Buttery | Entry | Passage |
| Cart house | Garret | Shop |
| Cart lodge | Granary | Stables |
| Cellar | Hall | Stairs |
| Chamber - qualified in | Hop house | Strong drink buttery |
| many ways: e.g.:- | Kitchen | Wagon barn |
| ... over the parlour; | Kitchen barn | Wash house |
| hall ... ; maids ... ; | Loft | Wheat barn |
| mens ... ; green ... ; | Lower room | Yard |
| new ... ; stairhead ... | Malthouse | |

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Peake, Richard	PROB10/461	Smith (Smythe), Henry (1616)	VH96/6125
Plummer, Thomas	PRS/1/16/71	Soane (Sone), Henry (1615)	PRS/W/14/211; VH96/6175
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Abbreviations:

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O	=	overseer of will
S	=	supervisor of will
T	=	trustee
W	=	witness of will
X	=	any other mention

The wills and inventories in which the names below occur are shown by the testator's name as listed in alphabetical order in the text, rather than by document number, so that name relationships may be more easily seen.

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A'Court, Thomas	(W) Goldsmith 1634	Baker, Mary	(L) Charman 1635
Adgoe, Thomas	(L) Cox 1677	Rachel	(L) Charman 1635
Adlar, Daniel	(L) Bryan 1657	Robert	(L) Terry 1628
Rebecca	(L) Bryan 1657	Sarah	(L) Charman 1635
A'kitchen, John	(T) Terry 1628	Thomas	(L) (X) Baker 1635
Allen, Mary	(L) Soane 1688	Thomas	(L) Charman 1635
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Ashridge, Elizabeth	(L) Christian 1651	George	(L) Bankin 1630
Attwood, Elizabeth	(L) Attwood 1687	James	(L) Bankin 1630
Margaret	(L) Attwood 1687	Joan	(L) Bankin 1630
Richard	(L) Attwood 1687	John, the elder	(O) Round 1626
Robert	(L) Attwood 1687	John	(L) Bankin 1630
Robert	Will, prob. 1687; inv. 1688	John	Will & inv. 1630
Roger	(L) (E) Attwood 1687	John	(W) Bankin 1687
Sarah	(L) Attwood 1687	Margaret	(L) Bankin 1687
William	(L) Attwood 1687	Newington	(L) Bankin 1630
Atwood, Edmund	(W) Goldsmith 1634	Richard	(L) Bankin 1630
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Jane	(L) Charman 1635	Bathhurst, Randalf	(T) Terry 1628
Jean	(L) Baker 1635	Batte, Thomas	(L) Terry 1628
John	(O) (W) Wood 1620	Baughhurst, Joan	(L) Terry 1628
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Name	Occurrence	Name	Occurrence
Bennet, Margaret	(W) Nash 1697	Burne, Mark (vicar of Eynsford)	(W) (L) Round 1625
Best, Anne	(L) Best 1684	Burrows, John	(L) Smith 1616
Sara	(L) Best 1684	Cakett, Jane	(L) Woodgate 1701
William	(L) (E) Best 1684	Robert	(X) Woodgate 1701
William	Will & prob. 1684	Cannon, ...	(X) Terry 1628
Bloom, William	(W) Smale 1690	Capon, John	(A) Round 1705
Boman, Edward	(X) Round 1674	John	(A) Hayward 1708
Boomer, Christopher	(X) Dunmoll 1673	Carpenter, Dennys	(E) (L) Carpenter 1675
Bostock, Ann	(E) Bostock 1697	Edward	(L) Carpenter 1675
Samuel	(A) Soane 1688	Henry	(X) Carpenter 1675
Samuel	Will, prob. & inv. 1697	Joan	(L) Carpenter 1675
Bosville, Sir Henry	(T) Terry 1628	John	(O) Bankin 1630
Botly, Ralph	(X) Stileman 1673	John	(O) Round 1634
Bowmer, Christopher	(W) Fisher 1683	Thomas	(W) Christian 1651
Brabble, Richard	(W) Dennys 1655	Thomas	Will & prob. 1675
Brasier, Annice	(L) Brasier 1614	Causton, Joseph	(L) Terry 1628
Arnold	(L) (E) Brasier 1614	Robert	(W) Polhill 1624
Dennise	(X) Brasier 1614	Causton <i>see also</i> : Cawston	
Joan	(L) Brasier 1614	Caverley, Elizabeth	(W) Mosyer 1690
John	(L) Brasier 1614	Cawston, Ann	(L) Christian 1651
John	Will 1614; prob. 1616.	Elizabeth	(L) Cawston 1615
Thomas	(L) (O) Brasier 1614	Robert	(L) (E) Cawston 1615
William	(W) Brasier 1614	Robert	Will & prob. 1615
Wyniffryth	(L) Brasier 1614	Cawston <i>see also</i> : Cawston	
Wynifryde	(L) Brasier 1614	Chapman, Edward	(A) Plummer 1688
Brasyer, John	(A) Herman 1677	Edward	(X) Woodgate 1703
Francis	(L) Brasyer 1666	Henry	(W) Launder 1689
Joan	(L) (E) Brasyer 1666	Mary	(L)(E) Woodgate 1701
John	Will & prob. 1666	Charlewood, Thomas	(A) Attwood 1688
Brian, Benedict	(W) Rose 1626	Charman, Alice	(L) (E) Charman 1635
Brian <i>see also</i> : Bryan		John	Will 1635. Prob. 1636
Bridger, John	(O) Baker 1635	Checkfield, Andrew	(X) Watts 1649
Brightling, Benjamin	(X) Everest 1669	Cheesman, ...	(X) Terry 1628
Britlinge, Elizabeth	(L) Bryan 1657	Child, Joan	(L) Hills 1675
Robert	(L) Bryan 1657	Nicholas	(X) Hills 1675
Browne, Ann	(L) Freight 1623	Christian, Alice	(L) Christian 1651
Humfrey	(T) Terry 1628	Henry	(L) Christian 1651
James	(A) Mosyer 1690	Rachel	(L) (E) Christian 1651
Margaret	(W) Freight 1623	Thomas	(L) Christian 1651
Mary	(L) Cox 1677	William	Will 1651. Prob. 1652
Richard	(X) Hartnup 1673	Christopher, Cicely	(L) Round 1634
Samuel	(W) Morratt 1680	Christopher, Cicely	(L) Round 1625
Samuel	(W) Bankin 1687	Elizabeth	(L) Round 1625
Samuel	(W) Hayward 1704	Richard	(X) Round 1625
Thomas	(W) Watts 1649	Robert	(L) Round 1625
Thomas	(W) Launder 1669	Clay, Edward	(X) Freight 1623
Thomas (Vicar of Farningham)		Margaret	(L) Freight 1623
(L) Carpenter 1675		Coffin, Alice	(L) Kingsland 1663
(L) Terry 1628		Henry	(X) Kingsland 1663
widow		Richard	(L) Kingsland 1663
William	(L) Freight 1623	Cole, John	(L) Christian 1651
Brownell, Robert	(W) Soane 1623	Colgeate, ...	(X) Peake 1628
Bryan, Hezekias	Will, 1657; prob. 1658	Collins, Friswith	(L) (E) Mead 1699
Bryan <i>see also</i> : Brian		John	(A) Fisher 1683
Budden, Joan	(L) Hayward 1645	John	(A) Fisher 1685
John	(X) Hayward 1645		
Burgess, Thomas	(X) Charman 1635		

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Collins, John	(L) (E) Scudder 1689	Dullen, Robert	(X) Round 1604
Collyer, Elizabeth	(W) Round 1707	Dunmoll, Alice	(L) (E) Dunmoll 1673
Cooper, William	(T) Terry 1628	Francis	(L) (E) Dunmoll 1623
Cornford, Joseph	(W) Lander 1689	Francis	(T) Terry 1628
Court, Nicholas	(W) Hayward 1645	Henry	(W) Wilson 1604
Nicholas	(X) Durling 1678	Henry	(L) Dunmoll 1623
Thomas A'	(W) Goldsmith 1634	Henry	(T) Terry 1628
Cox, Anne	(L) Cox 1677 .	Henry	(X) (L) Dunmoll 1673
Isaac	(L) Cox 1677	Henry	Will 1623. Prob. 1626.
John	Will 1677; prob. 1679	Henry	Will 1673. Prob.,
John	(L) Cox 1677		inv. 1676.
Sarah	(L) Cox 1677	John	(L) Dunmoll 1623 .
Thomas	(L) Cox 1677	Mary	(L) Dunmoll 1673
William	(X) Hayward 1645	Richard	(L) Dunmoll 1623
William	(E) (L) Cox 1677	Thomas	(X) Polhill 1624
William	(E) (G) Lander 1689	...	(X) Hills 1698
William	(W) (A) Mosyer 1690	Durkin, Hannah	(L) Christian 1651
William	(A) Marshall 1693	Durlin, Katharine	(L) Masters 1658
William	(X) Round 1707	William	(X) Masters 1658
Cronk, ...	(X) Everest 1669	Durling, Anne	(L) Usher 1647
Crundwell, ...	(X) Freight 1623	Durling, Ann	(L) Durling 1678
Dally, Robert	(L) Freight 1623	Elizabeth	(L) Durling 1678
son of Robert	(L) Round 1674	George	(L) (E) Durling 1678
Dallyn, Richard	(L) Round 1674	Helen	(L) Usher 1647
Robert	(W) Kingsland 1663	Joan	(L) (E) Usher 1647
Dalton, Abraham	(W) Dennis 1643	John	(L) Usher 1647
Henry	(W) Haltrope 1706	John	(L) Durling 1678
Danks, Margaret	(W) Haltrope 1706	Katherine	(L) Usher 1647
Richard	(W) Christian 1651	Mary	(L) Usher 1647
Darker, Miles	(L) Darling 1651	Thomas	(L) Usher 1647
Darling, Alice	(L) Darling 1651	Thomas	(L) (E) Durling 1678
Edward	Will & prob. 1651	Thomas	Will & prob. & inv.
Edward	(L) Darling 1651		1678
Elizabeth	(L) (E) Darling 1651	William	(L) (E) Usher 1647
Henry	(L) Darling 1651	William	(L) Durling 1678
Mary	(L) (E) Darling 1651	Eaton, Ellen	(L) Attwood 1687
Richard	(L) Terry 1628	Ebbutt, Anne	(L) Ebbutt 1684
Deane, John	(X) Terry 1628	Castle	(L) Ebbutt 1684
Matthew	(A) Polhill 1670	James	(L) Ebbutt 1684
Dennis, David	(A) Durling 1678	John	(L) (X) Ebbutt 1684
David	(L) (E) Terry 1628	Mary	(L) Ebbutt 1684
George	(O) Rogers 1657	Nicholas	(L) (X) Ebbutt 1684
George	Will 1655. Prob., inv.	Thomas	(L) (E) Wood 1620
George	1667	Thomas	(L) Ebbutt 1684
Mary	(L) (E) Dennis 1643	Thomas	(L) Ebbutt 1684
Thomas	(L) Dennis 1643	William	Will 1684. Probate
Thomas	(W) Rogers 1657		1690
Thomas	Will 1643. Prob. 1653	Ebbutt <i>see also</i> : Ibitt	
Dennys, David	(L) (E) Dennys 1655	Edwards, John	Inv. 1685.
John	(L) (E) Dennys 1655	Emerson, John	(W) Wood 1620
Rachel	(L) Dennys 1655	John	(W) Polhill 1624
Thomas	(L) (E) Dennys 1655	John	(W) Peake 1628
Deudeny, ...	(X) Everest 1669	John	(W) Baker 1635
Dobble, John	(L) (W) Terry 1628	John	(W) Goldsmith 1634
Dolton, Samuel	(A) Dunmoll 1676	John	(W) Charman 1635
Dullen, Hester	(L) Round 1604	John	(L) Ebbutt 1684

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Emerson, John 'clerk'	(W) (L) Rose 1626	Friend, Robert	(W) Dennis 1643
John 'clerk'	(W) Nash 1640	Frith, Henry	(E) Kingsland 1663
John 'clerk'	(W) Weary 1640	Marie	(L) Kingsland 1663
Emerton, Elizabeth	(L) (E) Bryan 1657	Fuller, Anthony	(X) Round 1674
Thomas	(X) Bryan 1657	Elizabeth	(L) Round 1674
Evans, John	(W) Durling 1678	Gardiner, Barbara	(W) Soane 1688
John	(W) Scudder 1688	Gardner, Alice	(L) Oliver 1666
John	(A) Launder 1689	George	(L) Oliver 1666
Robert	(X) Woodgate 1701	Susan	(L) Oliver 1666
Everest, Edward	(W) Baker 1635	Garland, John Jr.	(W) Stileman 1673
Edward	(O) (W) Usher 1647	Gibson, Barbara	(L) Freight 1623
Edward	(W) Darling 1651	Fridiswid	(L) Freight 1623
Edward	(O)(E)(X) Bryan 1657	George	(L) Terry 1628
Edward	(A) (O) Oliver 1666	George	(L) Freight 1623
Edward	(A) Dennys 1655	'goodman'	(L) Terry 1628
Edward	Will & prob. & inv. 1669 .	John	(L) Freight 1623
Elizabeth	(L) (X) Everest 1669	William	(L) Terry 1628
Francis	(L) Bryan 1657	Gifford, George	(W) Hayward 1645
Francis	(L) (E) Everest 1669	George	(W) Kingsland 1663
Francis	(L) (E) Polhill 1671	George	(W) Miller 1663
Francis	(E) Hartnup 1673	George	(W) Cox 1677
Francis	(W) Attwood 1687	Thomas	(W) Masters 1659
Francis	(L) (E) Smale 1690	Thomas	(E)(G)(L) Ebbutt 1684
Francis	(A) (W) Nash 1697	Gilborne, Sir Edward	(T) Terry 1628
Francis	(A) Hills 1698	Glover, Agnes	(L) Marrant 1680
Jane	(W) Attwood 1687	Peter	(X) Marrant 1680
Susan	(L) Everest 1669	Godden, John	(L) Christian 1651
Susannah	(L) Everest 1669	Rachel	(L) Christian 1651
Thomas	(X) Everest 1669	Thomas	(L) Christian 1651
...	(A) Wells 1709	Goldsmith, Alice	(L)(E) Goldsmith 1634
Fen, William	(X) Stileman 1673	Elizabeth	(W) Mead 1699
Fielder, William	(L) Terry 1628	James	(L) Goldsmith 1634
Filder, Francis	(L) Terry 1628	Joan	(L) Goldsmith 1634
Jane	(L) Terry 1628	John	Will & prob. 1634
Finch, Benjamin	(L) Freight 1623	John	(W) Bankin 1630
wife of		John	(T) Terry 1628
Benjamin	(L) Freight 1623	Nicholas	(A) Edwards 1685
Fisher, Elizabeth	(L) (E) Fisher 1683	Richard	(A) Round 1707
Mary	(L) (E) Fisher 1683	Thomas	(X) Hartnup 1673
William	(L) Fisher 1683	Goodwin, Abraham	(X) Terry 1628
William	Will & prob. 1683. Invs. 1683 & 1685	Robert	(L) Oliver 1666
Fleet, Edward	(L) Round 1674	Goodwyn, Benjamin	(X) Hartnup 1673
Edward	(L) Round 1707	Gould, Thomas	(A) Round 1669
Elizabeth	(L) Round 1674	Greenaway, Thomas	(W) Watts 1649
John	(L) Round 1674	Greene, Edward	(X) Hartnup 1673
Lucy	(L) Round 1674	Gyles, John	(X) Hills 1698
William	(L) Round 1674	Hackett, Elizabeth	(L) (X) Hackett 1671
Fletcher, Agnes	(L) Freight 1623	Elizabeth	(L) Bryan 1657
Alexander	(X) Freight 1623	John	Will & inv. 1671
Nicholas	(X) Freight 1623	John	(X) Hackett 1671
widow	(L) Freight 1623	John	(X) Bryan 1657
Fortman, Thomas	(L) Terry 1628	Hailes, Adam	(X) Polhill 1670
Francis, Arthur	(X) Dennys 1655	Jane	(L) Polhill 1670
Freight, Richard	Will & prob. 1623	Hall, John	(W) Polhill 1670
		Haltrop, Anne	(L) (E) Haltrope 1706
		George	(L) Haltrope 1706

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Haltrop, John	(L) Haltrope 1706	Hibben, James	(X) Terry 1628
William	(L) Haltrope 1706	Jane	(L) Morratt 1680
Haltrope, Thomas	Will & prob. & inv. 1706	John	(E) Hibben 1667
Hamon, Ellen	(W) Bostock 1697	John	(X) Brasyer 1666
Harriott, Richard	(W) Bankin 1630	John	Will & prob. & inv. 1667
Richard, (vicar of Eynsford)	(L) Round 1634	Thomas	(L) (E) Hibben 1667
Richard (vicar of Eynsford)	(O) Usher 1647	Thomas	(X) Morratt 1680
Hartnep, William	(A) Round 1669	William	(L) Hibben 1667
Hartnup, William	(A) Everest 1669	Hills, Abednegoe	(W) Bryan 1650
William	Will 1673. Prob., inv. 1680.	Ann	(L) Weary 1640
Hartnupp, William	(A) Oliver 1666	Ann	(L) Hills 1675
Harwood, ...	(X) Terry 1628	Ann	(L) Round 1707
Hawes, John	(W) Launder 1689	Edward	(O) Polhill 1670
Hayward, Ann	(L) Kingsland 1663	Edward	(L) Hills 1675
Christopher	(L) (E) Hayward 1645	Edward	(L) (G) Hills 1698
Christopher	Will 1645. Prob. 1665 .	Edward	(L) Terry 1628
Christopher	(L) Hayward 1704	Elizabeth	(L) Rogers 1657
Christopher	Will 1704. Prob., inv. 1708	Francis	(O) Hills 1675
Henry	(W) Ebbutt 1684	John	(L) Hills 1675
Henry	(L) Hayward 1704	John	(W) Hills 1698
Joan	(L) Hayward 1645	Mary	(L) Hills 1675
John	(L) Hayward 1645	Mary	(L) Hills 1698
Margaret	(L) Hayward 1704	Richard	(A) Soane 1688
Mary	(L) Hayward 1704	Richard	(O) Hills 1675
Sarah	(L) Hayward 1704	Robert	(L) (T) Terry 1628
Thomas	(L) (E) Hayward 1645	Robert	(X) Usher 1647
Thomas	(L) (E) Hayward 1704	Robert	(L) (E) Hills 1675
William	(L) Hayward 1704	Robert	(L) (E) Hills 1698
Heaver, Richard	(W) Wood 1620	Robert	(A) Dennys 1665
Herman, Anne	(L) Herman 1677	Robert	(A) Hackett 1671
Elizabeth	(L) Herman 1677	Robert	(A) Herrett 1675
Ellen	(L) Herman 1677	Robert	(A) Rawlins 1679
Francis	(L) Herman 1677	Robert	(A) (W) (X) Round 1707
Henry	(L) Herman 1677	Robert	Will & prob. & inv. 1675
Joan	(L) Herman 1677	Robert	Will & prob. & inv. 1698
John	(L) (E) Herman 1677	Thomas	(W) Smale 1690
Mary	(L) Herman 1677	William	(L) Hills 1675
Richard	(L) Herman 1677	William	(L) Hills 1698
Richard	Will & prob. & inv. 1677	Hobbs, Joan	(L) Mosyer 1690
Sarah	(L) Herman 1677	Hodsoll, Edmund	(W) Carpenter 1675
Thomas	(L) (E) Herman 1677	Edmund	(E) (G) (L) Ebbutt 1684
William	(L) Herman 1677	Edmund	(W) Hills 1698
Herrett, Edmund	Will & prob. & inv. 1675	Edmund	(W) Launder 1689
Elizabeth	(L) (E) Herrett 1675	Edmund	(W) Mosyer 1690
Herring, Katherine	(L) Oliver 1666	Homewood, John	(L) Terry 1628
Herriott, Richard	(W) Round 1635	Thomas	(L) Terry 1628
Herst, Mary	(W) Woodgate 1701	Hooper, George	(W) Dennis 1643
Hibben, Elizabeth	(L) Hibben 1667	Nicholas	(W) Soane 1615
James	(L) Hibben 1667	Horton, George	(L) Christian 1651
		Hubbard, Henry	(X) Woodgate 1701
		Hunt, John	(L) Usher 1647

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Name	Occurrence	Name	Occurrence
Hunt, Thomas	(L) Usher 1647	Levett, Thomas	(A) Wells 1709
Ibitt, Henry	(L) Terry 1628	Lewin, Alexander	(L) Freight 1623
Thomas	(L) Terry 1628	Catherine	(L) Freight 1623
Ibitt <i>see also</i> : Ebbutt		Lightfoot, Elizabeth	(L) Terry 1628
Jessupp, Richard	(W) Hayward 1704	George	(L) Terry 1628
Robert	(W) Mead 1699	John	(L) Terry 1628
Johnson, Elizabeth	(L) (W) Round 1604	John	(O) Darling 1651
Jane	(L) Polhill 1624	Loony, Jane	(L) Durling 1678
Jane	(L) Terry 1628	Love, Ann	(L) Usher 1647
Jane	(L) Bankin 1687	Elizabeth	(L) Usher 1647
Joan	(X) Polhill 1624	Usher	(L) Usher 1647
Mary	(L) Bankin 1687	Loveden, Walter	(W) Mead 1699
Morris	(L) Terry 1628	Walter	(W) Woodgate 1701
Richard	(X) Bryan 1657	Walter	(W) Hayward 1704
Susan	(L) Smith 1616	Lowe, William	(T) Terry 1628
Thomas	(X) Bankin 1687	Lucke, Erasmus	(L) Freight 1623
Kemp, Humphrey	(X) Watts 1649	Mace, Jane	(W) Scudder 1689
Ketley, Elizabeth	(L) Round 1625	Manning, Edward	(W) Wilson 1604
Henry	(X) Round 1625	Martha	(X) Hills 1675
Kingsland, Elizabeth	(L) Kingsland 1663	Mannynge, Jeremy	(W) Ebbutt 1684
Richard	(L) Kingsland 1663	Marshall, Christopher	(W) Smith 1616
Richard	Will 1663. Prob. 1664	James	(X) Everest 1669
Thomas	(L) Kingsland 1663	John	(T) Terry 1628
Thomas	(A) Herman 1677	John	Inv. 1693
Thomas	(A) Durling 1678	Martin, Daniel	(W) Brasyer 1666
Thomas	(A) Fisher 1685	George	(W) Smale 1680
Thomas	(A) Scudder 1688	William	(W) Weary 1640
Knockstone, William	(W) Round 1604	William	(X) Carpenter 1675
Lake, Erasmus	(L) Bryan 1657	Masters, Anne	(L) (E) Masters 1659
Lander <i>see</i> : Launder		Henry	(L) (E) Masters 1659
Langley, Mary	(L) Christian 1651	Henry	Will & prob. 1659
Langridge, Jane	(L) Round 1626		(died aged 94)
Jane	(L) Round 1634	Mead, James	(L) Mead 1699
William	(L) (X) Round 1626	John,	Will 1699
Winifrith	(L) Round 1626	Mary	(L) Mead 1699
Launder, Elizabeth	(L) Launder 1669	Medhurst, John	(E) Round 1674
Elizabeth	(L) Launder 1689	Simon	(O) Soane 1615
James	(L) Launder 1689	William	(X) Everest 1669
John	(W) Launder 1669	Metthurst, Edward	(L) Miller 1632
John	(L) Launder 1689	Middleton, Margaret	(W) Woodgate 1701
Mary	(W) Launder 1669	Miller, Alice	(L) Dunmoll 1673
Mary	(L) Launder 1689	Dorothy	(L) Dunmoll 1673
Samuel	(L) Launder 1689	Elizabeth	(L) (E) Miller 1663
Thomas	(L) (E) Launder 1669	Elizabeth	(L) Dunmoll 1673
Thomas	(A) Dunmoll 1673	Frances	(L) Dunmoll 1673
Thomas	Will & prob. 1669	George	(X) Dunmoll 1673
Thomas	(L) Launder 1689	George	(A) (W) (O) Scudder 1688
Thomas	Will & inv. 1689	George Junr.	(L) Dunmoll 1673
Lawrence, Thomas	(L) Terry 1628	Henry	(L) Dunmoll 1673
Leaver, John	(X) Usher 1647	Joan	(L) Miller 1632
Leich, Daniel	(X) Freight 1623	John	(L) Miller 1632
Jane	(L) Freight 1623	John	(L) (X) Dunmoll 1673
Lennard, Sir Stephen	(X) Kingsland 1663	John	(X) Round 1674
Letcote, Henry	(L) Round 1604	Miller, John	Will 1632. Probate 1634
Levein, Elinor	(L) Darling 1651		
Levett, Thomas	(A) Nash 1697		

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Name	Occurrence	Name	Occurrence
Miller, John	Will & prob. 1663		1697
Margaret	(L) Round 1674	Nightingall, Joyce	(L) Bryan 1657
Mary	(L) Miller 1663	Norton, Thomas	(W) (X) Stileman 1673
Mary	(L) Dunmoll 1673	Nott, John	(L) (X) Wilson 1604
Nicholas	(L) (E) Terry 1628	Oliver, Abraham	(L) (E) Oliver 1666
Robert	(X) (E) (L) Miller 1632	Agnes	(L) Oliver 1666
Robert	(L) Dunmoll 1673	Agnes	(L) Hartnup 1673
Thomas	(W) (X) Miller 1632	Edward	(X) Oliver 1666
Thomas	(L) Dunmoll 1673	Edward	(X) Hartnup 1673
William	(X) Dennys 1655	Elizabeth	(L) Oliver 1666
...	(L) Miller 1632	George	(L) (E) Oliver 1666
Millington, Edmund	(W) Fisher 1683	Henry	(L) Dunmoll 1673
Mills, Stephen	(X) Round 1707	John	(X) Hartnup 1673
Monk, Richard	(L) Freight 1623	John	(A) Bankin 1687
widow	(L) Freight 1623	Lucy	(L) Dunmoll 1673
Monk <i>see also</i> : Munck		Robert	Will & prob. & inv. 1666
Moore, Emma	(L) Round 1604	...	(X) Polhill 1670
William	(X) Round 1604	Overy, Ann	(L) Freight 1623
Morrant, John	(L) (E) Morrant 1680	Elizabeth	(L) Stileman 1673
Katherine	(L) Morrant 1680	James	(X) Freight 1623
Thomas	(L) Morrant 1680	Thomas	(X) Stileman 1673
Thomas	Will, prob. & inv. 1680	Page, John	(L) (W) Terry 1628
Morrey, William	(W) Morrant 1680	Palin, Thomas	(T) Terry 1628
Morris, Dorothy	(L) Scudder 1689	Palmer, Jeane	(L) Bryan 1657
Morrison, Thomas	(L) Christian 1651	George	(L) Oliver 1666
Mosier, John	(A) Fisher 1683	Richard	(L) Bryan 1657
Mosyer, Joan	(L) Mosyer 1690	Richard	(X) Oliver 1666
John	Will, prob. & inv. 1690	widow	(L) Oliver 1666
Margaret	(L) (E) Mosyer 1690	Partridge, John	(E) Hibben 1667
Mary	(L) (E) Mosyer 1690	Payne, Ann	(L) Hills 1698
Thomas	(L) Mosyer 1690	William	(X) Hills 1698
Moyse, Jane	(L) Carpenter 1675	Peake, Alice	(L) Hayward 1645
John	(X) Carpenter 1675	Anne	(L) Peake 1628
Munck, Daniel	(X) Nash 1697	Dorothy	(L) Peake 1628
Munck <i>see also</i> : Monk		Elizabeth	(L) Peake 1628
Nash, Anna	(X) Nash 1697	Joan	(L) Peake 1628
Benjamin	(L) Nash 1697	John	(L) Peake 1628
Elizabeth	(X) Nash 1697	Naomi	(L) Peake 1628
Joan	(L) (E) Nash 1640	Richard	(L) Peake 1628
John	(L) (E) Polhill 1671	Richard	Probate 1628
John	(L) Nash 1697	Pearch, William	(W) Round 1674
Joseph	(T) Terry 1628	William	(W) Hartnup 1673
Joseph	(L) Nash 1640	Perneby, William	(W) Smith 1616
Joseph	(A) Everest 1669	Perret, David	(L) Terry 1628
Joseph	(A) Round 1669	Perrit, David	(X) Hills 1675
Joseph	(A) Durling 1678	Peryer, Thomas	(W) Round 1707
Joseph	(L) (E) (G) Nash 1697	Petcoffe, Elizabeth	(L) Round 1604
Joseph the elder	Will & prob. 1640	John	(X) Round 1604
Joseph the elder	(A) Smale 1690	Pether, Philip	(T) Terry 1628
Joseph the younger	Will & prob. & inv. 1697	Petley, Benet	(L) Freight 1623
Nash, Mary	(L) Nash 1640	Elizabeth	(L) Terry 1628
Mary	(L) (E) (X) (G) Nash	Michael	(L) Freight 1623
		Michael	(T) Terry 1628
		Petley, Roger	(X) Freight 1623
		Roger	(X) Terry 1628

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Petley, Thomas	(W) Causton 1615	Poucie <i>see also</i> : Powsey	
Thomas	(L) (E) Freight 1623	Pound, Henry	(W) Miller 1663
Thomas	(T) Terry 1628	Powsey, Anne	(L) Masters 1659
widow	(L) Freight 1623	Thomas	(L) Masters 1659
widow	(L) Terry 1628	Powsey <i>see also</i> : Poucie	
Petty, Ann	(W) Hills 1675	Pullenger, Joan	(L) Freight 1623
George	(W) Brasyer 1666	William	(X) Freight 1623
George	(W) Oliver 1666	Pullinger, widow	(L) Terry 1628
George	(W) Polhill 1670	Query, Thomas	(W) Stileman 1673
George	(W) Hills 1675	Rawlence, Sarah	(X) Herrett 1675
George	(W) Hartnup 1673	Rawlins, John	Inv. 1679
George	(W) Smale 1681	Rawlines, John	(A) Round 1674
George	(W) Soane 1688	Read, Mary	(L) (E) Wilson 1604
John	(W) Smale 1690	Reade, Ann	(L) Freight 1623
Robert	(W) Rogers 1657	Reede, Agnes	(L) Terry 1628
Robert jun.	(W) Oliver 1666	Reeve, Harriet	(L) Terry 1628
Robert	(W) Haltrope 1706	Joan	(W) Round 1604
Phillips, Sarah	(L) Hayward 1645	Joan	(L) Bryan 1657
Piggott, Edward	(L) Everest 1669	Mary	(L) Bryan 1657
Elizabeth	(L) Everest 1669	Reynolles, ...	(X) Bryan 1657
Sarah	(L) Everest 1669	Richardson, George	(A) Attwood 1687
Thomas	(X) Everest 1669	Helen	(X) Charman 1635
Piper, Anna	(W) Bostock 1697	Rogers, Elizabeth	(L) Weary 1640
Plumer, Henry	(W) Morrart 1680	Elizabeth	(L) Rogers 1657
Plumer <i>see also</i> : Plummer		George	(L) Weary 1640
Plumley, Robert	(W) Soane 1624	George	(L) Christian 1651
Plummer, Thomas	Inv. 1688	George	(L) (E) Rogers 1657
Plummer <i>see also</i> : Plumer		John	(L) (A) Rogers 1616
Pocock, William	(X) Charman 1635	Mary	(L) Weary 1640
Pococke, William	(X) Wilson 1604	Rachel	(L) (E) Rogers 1616
Polhill, Abraham	Will & prob. 1624	Susannah	(L) (A) Weary 1640
Alice	(L) Polhill 1624	Thomas	(L) Rogers 1616
Anne	(L) Polhill 1670	Thomas	Will 1616. Prob. 1617
David	(W) Cawston 1615	William	(L) Rogers 1616
Edward	(L) (E) Polhill 1624	William	(L) (A) Weary 1640
Edward	(L) Polhill 1670	William	Will & prob. 1657
Edward	(O) (W) Bryan 1657	Rolfe, Nicholas	(W) Wilson 1604
Edward	Will 1670. Prob., inv. 1671	Roots, John	(L) Freight 1623
Elizabeth	(L) Polhill 1670	Nicholas	(L) Freight 1623
Frances	(L) Polhill 1670	Rose, Anthony	Will & prob. 1626
Frisweed	(L) Polhill 1624	Mary	(L) Rose 1626
Jane	(L) Polhill 1670	Theodocia	(L) Round 1634
John	(L) Polhill 1624	Round, Ann	(W) (A) Round 1634
Lidya	(L) Polhill 1670	Elizabeth	(L) Round 1604
Margaret	(L) Polhill 1624	Frances	(L) Round 1626
Mary	(L) Polhill 1670	Israel	(L) Hartnup 1673
Robert	(W) Brasyer 1666	James	(A) Haltrope 1706
Robert	(W) Best 1684	Jane	(L) (E) Round 1604
Sir Thomas	(T) Terry 1628	Jane	(L) Round 1674
Pope, Jacob	(W) Bankin 1687	Jane	(L) Hills 1675
Porter, Benjamin	(A) (W) Oliver 1666	Jane	(L) Hartnup 1673
Benjamin	(A) Round 1674	Jane	(L) (E) Round 1707
Benjamin	(A) Rawlins 1679	John	(O) Round 1604
William	(X) Wilson 1604	John	(L) Round 1626
Poucie, Thomas	(W) (O) Wood 1620	John	(X) Kingsland 1663
		John	(A) Dennys 1655

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Round, John	(A) Oliver 1666	Sewer <i>see also:</i> Suer	
John	(A) Everest 1669	Sharpe, John	(W) Charman 1635
John	(A) Polhill 1670	Simms, John	(L) Terry 1628
John	(L) Round 1674	Skinner, widow	(X) Round 1707
John	(A) Rawlins 1679	Smale, Ann	(L) Smale 1690
John	(X) (L) (E) Hartnup 1673	Elizabeth	(L) Smale 1690
John the elder	(A) Round 1705	George	(L) Smale 1690
John	(L) Round 1707	George	Will & prob. & inv. 1690
John	Will & prob. 1626	John	(L) (X) Smale 1681
John	Inv. 1669	John	(L) (E) Smale 1690
John	Will & prob. & inv. 1674	Margaret	(L) Smale 1681
John	Inv. 1705	Mary	(L) Smale 1681
John	Will & prob. & inv. 1707	Rachel	(L) Smale 1690
Leonard	(L) Round 1634	Richard	(L) Smale 1681
Leonard	(L) Round 1674	Richard	Will & prob. & inv. 1681
Margaret	(L) Round 1674	Robert	(L) Smale 1690
Martha	(L) (E) Round 1634	Smale <i>see also:</i> Small	
Mathie	(L) Round 1626	Small, George	(W) Best 1684
Richard	Will & prob. 1604	Small, George	(A) Launder 1689
Richard	(L) (X) (E) Round 1626	Thomas	(T) Terry 1628
Richard	(O) Bankin 1630	Small <i>see also:</i> Smale	
Richard	(L) Round 1634	Smith, Agnes	(L) Smith 1616
Richard	(W) Usher 1647	Edward	(W) Rogers 1657
Richard	Will & prob. 1634	Elizabeth	(L) Smith 1616
Robert	(L) Round 1626	Francis	(W) Best 1684
Robert	(L) Round 1634	Henry	Will & probate 1616
Thomas	(O) Round 1604	Henry	(L) Smith 1616
Thomas	(X) Round 1626	Joan	(L) (E) Smith 1616
Thomas	(L) Round 1674	Joan	(L) Smith 1616
Thomas	(L) (X) Hartnup 1673	John	(L) Smith 1616
William	(E) (L) (X) Round 1604	Parnell	(L) Smith 1616
William	(L) Round 1633	Richard	(L) Smith 1616
William	(L) Round 1674	Robert	(L) Smith 1616
William	(L) Hartnup 1673	Thomas	(L) Smith 1616
William	(L) Round 1707	Thomas	(X) Hartnup 1673
(wife)	(E) (L) Round 1604	...	(X) Kingsland 1663
Rowe, John	(W) Wilson 1604	Soane, Agnes	(L) Soane 1615
Rowett, Elizabeth	(L) Terry 1628	Bennet	(L) Soane 1624
Henry	(L) Terry 1628	George	(L) Soane 1624
Rumney, Henry	(X) Usher 1647	George	(W) Charman 1635
James	(A) Hayward 1704	George	(X) Dennis 1643
John	(X) Usher 1647	Henry	(L) Soane 1615
Sage, William	(X) Smale 1681	Henry	(L) Terry 1628
Sandes, William	(X) Round 1707	Henry	(L) (E) Soane 1688
Saunders, ...	(X) Hartnup 1673	Henry	Will 1615 Prob. 1617
Scadbury, Francis	(L) Round 1707	Henry	Will & inv. 1688
Scudder, John	(W) Fisher 1683	Jane	(L) Soane 1624
John	Will & prob. & inv. 1689	Johane	(L) Soane 1615
Sewer, Henry	(L) Usher 1647	Margaret	(X) Soane 1624
		Marie	(L) Soane 1615
		Penelope	(L) Soane 1688
		Soane, Richard	(L) Soane 1615
		Richard	(L) (E) Soane 1624
		Susan	(L) Dennis 1643

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Soane, Thomas	(L) (E) Soane 1615	Watts, Elizabeth	(L) Watts 1649
William	(L) Soane 1615	James	(L) Watts 1649
William	(L) Soane 1624	James	Will 1649. Prob. 1650
Sone, William	(L) Usher 1647	Joan	(L) Watts 1649
Spurling, Richard	(L) Oliver 1666	John	(L) Watts 1649
Robert	(L) Oliver 1666	Mary	(L) Watts 1649
Thomas	(L) Oliver 1666	Thomas	(L) Watts 1649
Staple, Edward	(O) Polhill 1624	Thomas	(L) Bryan 1657
Oliver	(X) (W) Peake 1628	Weary, Ann	(L) Weary 1640
Steevens, Mary	(W) Bryan 1657	Elizabeth	(L) Weary 1640
Stephens, Alice	(L) Masters 1659	George	(L) Weary 1640
Attwood	(X) Masters 1659	George	(O) Rogers 1657
Stevens, Joan	(W) Launder 1669	John	(L) Weary 1640
John	(W) Cawston 1615	Mary	(L) Weary 1640
Stile, James	(O) Soane 1615	Rachel	(L) Weary 1640
Stileman, Bridget	(L) Stileman 1673	Robert	(L) (E) Weary 1640
John	(L) Stileman 1673	Robert	Will & prob. 1640 .
John	Will 1673. Prob., inv. 1678	Weekes, Rachel	(L) Christian 1651
Richard	(L) Stileman 1673	Wellington, William	(X) Charman 1635
Richard	(A) Edwards 1685	Wells, John	(X) Everest 1669
Richard	(A) Smale 1690	John	Inv. 1707
Samuel	(L) Stileman 1673	Timothy	Inv. 1709
Stowe, George	(W) Brasier 1614	Wharter, Robert	(W) Carpenter 1675
Streatfield, Thomas	(W) (O) (S) Freight 1623	Whiffen, John	(X) Cox 1677
Thomas	(L) (E) Round 1707	Whiffin, Elizabeth	(L) Masters 1659
Suer, Henry	(L) Baker 1635	Samuel	(X) Masters 1659
Mary	(L) Baker 1635	Thomas	(L) Brasier 1614
Suer <i>see also</i> : Sewer		Whiting, Jane	(L) Christian 1651
Taylor, Allen	(X) Peake 1628	Robert	(L) (E) Christian 1651
Tegge, Susan	(L) Wood 1620	Wigsell, George	(W) Smale 1680
Terrie, Joan	(L) Terry 1628	Williams, Eleanor	(L) Morrart 1680
Thomas	(L) Terry 1628	'goodwife'	(X) Terry 1628
Terry, Thomas	Will & prob. 1628	Simon	(X) Morrart 1680
Tooth, William	(W) Bostock 1697	Wilson, Richard	Will 1604. Prob. 1605
Towne, John	(L) Smale 1680	Wingate, Richard	(X) Hartnup 1673
William	(L) Smale 1680	Wodden, Henry	(T) Terry 1628
Tunbridge, Mary	(L) Kingsland 1663	Wodden <i>see also</i> : Woodden; Wooden	
[Umfrey], Finch	(W) Cox 1677	Wood, James	Will 1620. Prob. 1623
Usher, Thomas	Will & Prob. 1647	Richard	(G) Hills 1698
[Vines], John	(W) Cox 1677	Woodden, Richard	(L) Bryan 1657
Wakelin, William	(X) Brasyer 1666	Woodden <i>see also</i> : Wodden; Wooden	
Walker, Danaiel	(W) Soane 1624	Wooden, William	(W) Stileman 1673
Repentance	(L) Dennis 1643	Wooden <i>see also</i> : Wodden; Wooden	
Samuel	(X) Dennis 1643	Woodgate, Elizabeth	(L) Woodgate 1701
Samuel	(L) (E) Christian 1651	Thomas	Will & prob. & inv. 1701
William	(L) Christian 1651	Woodroffe, Robert	(A) (W) Herrett 1675
Walmer, Jean	(L) Bryan 1657	Robert	(A) Stileman 1673
Ward, William	(L) Smith 1616	Woodstock, John	(W) (X) Peake 1628
Ware, Elizabeth	(L) Rogers 1657	Wright, Elizabeth	(L) Scudder 1689
Watford, Mary	(L) Round 1674	Thomas	(L) Scudder 1689
Watts, Ann	(L) Watts 1649	Wyatt, Dorothy	(L) Oliver 1666
Ann	(L) Bryan 1657	Elwyn	(O) (E) (L) Ebbutt 1684
Edward	(L) (E) Watts 1649	Frances	(L) Oliver 1666