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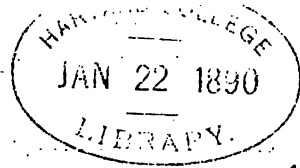
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In an Appendix is printed a series of abstracts of one hundred and forty-one wills, &c., the originals of which were examined at Chester by the Messrs. Piccope, but have been since then either lost or destroyed. Although these abstracts are very short, they give information which will be found of very great value to the genealogist, and which, owing to the loss of the original wills, &c., cannot be found elsewhere. These abstracts are taken from vol. 10 of the Piccope *MSS.* in the Chetham Library.

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LANCASHIRE AND CHESHIRE WILLS AND INVENTORIES.

THE INVENTORY OF THE GOODS OF ALEXANDER STANEY.¹ 1477.

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praised by Richard Raynford Richard Sharpe Robt Notrvile
and Wifm Snede the — Day of Septembr in the xvij yere of the
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by the Deane of the — of Chester and truly to c^tefie the same
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Inprimis

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¹ This inventory is copied in vol. 9 of the Piccope *MSS.*, now in the Chetham Library, p. 338. Mr. Piccope does not state where the original was preserved, but it is not now to be found at the Probate Court, Chester. The prices of various articles here mentioned will be found very useful for comparison.

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half j yarde of Damaske price	iiij ^s iiij ^d
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half a lb. [pound] Safurne price	iiij ^s
j lb. graynes	ix ^d
half a lb. longe peper price	x ^d
half a lb. cloves price	xviiij ^d
half a lb. Maces price	xx ^d
ij lb. Annes Sede price the lb. ij ^d	iiij ^d
half a pece bultell price	iiij ^s
j Dosen bultell price	xvj ^d
half a Reem [Ream] wrytyng pap price	xx ^d
j lb. Silk Ribbens price	xij ^s
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iiij borde clothes	v ^s
vj Towell	v ^s
iiij Matras	x ^s
j flok bed	iiij ^s
v Coſletts	xiiij ^s iiij ^d
ij hyllynges to beddes	xx ^s
ij paire blankettes	iiij ^s
iiij plowes [pillows]	ij ^s
j garneshh pewt vessell	xiiij ^s iiij ^d
A Tee w th other Coofers	x ^s
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A fire Chymney w th Crabbes A Gredill A broche	
and ij gobartes belongyng therto	viiij ^s
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THE WILL OF [JAMES] GERARD [OF INCE AND
ASTLEY, IN THE COUNTY OF LANCASTER.]¹

[Date torn away.]

THE Will of
god an
Chapell Wm
which I am indeb
bequeth to the same gilb[ert]
the same gilbert tooe Bedds
w^t the hangyngs and the cov^o
flaxyn shets A payer of blanketts
of oñ sorte, and iij of a nother
executors And the largest panne w^t the oñ halfe of all my
pew^o to be dely^oved
golde rynges and to my brother peris vj^s viij^d Also I gif to my
suster Agnes vj^s viij^d and to John Rigby A Styrke. Also to
Mawde Irlam A styrke and to the wif of hugh Anderton oon of
my yonge kye bests of ij yer Age. And to Emme [? Anne] my
doughter in lawe my wiffs gowne lyned w^t shanks and her wolsted
kirtill. Also to Jane lee her cha^olett kirtell and the rest of all her
apparell to be indifferently Devidet betwixt my ij doughters. Also
it is my will that aft^o my fuñall expenses my bequests and my
Debts takyn up that then the residue of my goods to be indiffer-
ently Devidet betwixt my ij Dought^os upon cōdicōn that they be

¹ Although this will is so much torn that neither the name of the testator nor the date is preserved, yet it is almost certainly that of James Gerard of the Ince and Astley, in the county of Lancaster, Esq., second son of William Gerard of Ince, gent. He married Margaret, daughter of Sir John Holcroft, knt., and had two sons and two daughters. His eldest son, Gilbert, was subsequently Master of the Rolls to Queen Elizabeth.

ordered and councelled by myn executors and supvisors in such thyngs as shall appartayn both for ther honesties and profects. And yf they or eny other child I haue refuse and wilnott be counselled as is aforesaid then it is my will that shuche of theym as so wilnott be councelled and ordred then myn executors shall Dispose such pte of goods of eny such child unto such other of my children as wilbe ordred and councelled by theym. Also it is [my] will yf myn executors be put to eny costs vexacon or busynes for the true executyng of this my will then it is my will that they be re^compensid of my goods or lands. Also I orden &c. my true and faithful executors my brother Ric. gerrard pson of grop^ehall Elisabeth Ma^lley [Manley] my sust^r And Wi^llm my son. And I Dowe make my supvisors John holcroft my brother in lawe squyer And Tho^ms Gerrard of Ince squyer my brother, Desyryng theym as my trust is in theym to see that this my will be truly executyd and pformyd accordyng to the true intent of this my said will.

[No date of Probate.]

THE WILL OF JOHN BRADSHAW OF BRADSHAW,
IN THE COUNTY OF LANCASTER, ESQ. 1548.

Año Dñi Mccccxlvij^o et Año Regni Edwardi sexti &c. scdo. I Johaⁿ [bradshagh of bradsh]agh in the countie of lanc' esquier beyinge syke in bodie and yet ne^vyelesse . . . goode and p^right Re^mebrance laude and prayse be therfore gyven to my lorde god, m^ydyng the holpe socor and p^rfermēt of my younger chyl dren and that they and ev^{ry} of them shulde haue helpe socor and Relyeffe of and with pcell of the Revenue of my lands and heredytamēts after my deceasse do therfore make and declare my last wyll and testamēt touchyng that p^rpose in manⁿ and forme

as heraft^r ensueth That ys to saye fyrst I Wyll that Marye now the wiffe of me the sayde Johanⁿ bradshaw shall haue and holde for terme of twelffe yeres next ensuyinge the deceasse of me the same Johanⁿ bradshagh yf the same Marye shall happen so longe to lyve and do so longe kepe her sole and unnmaryed, All and synglar my lands tents and hereditamēts in bradshagh and Revyngton in the sayd countie of lanc^r hereafter in these sayde p^rsents specified and exp^rssed That ys to wytte all y^t my chieff howsse called the halle of bradshagh in bradshagh w^t the app^rtenⁿces And also all that my close of lande in bradshay afforesayde y^e morts hyll and also oon other close there callyd y^e greate Marlyd yorthe and one other close of land ther^r callyd beysyngley, and one other close of lande there callyd y^e longe felde, and also ij closes of land ther^r callyd y^e chapell ffields And also ij closes of lande and pastur ther^r nowe callyd y^e holmes after y^e Water and hertofo^r named Thomhurststyde, and also one close of lande there called the berne fylde otherwyse called y^e fylde at y^e bak of y^e berne. And also One close of lande ther^r called y^e horsse close. And also one close of lande ther^r callyd y^e longe holme after y^e Water. And also ij closes of lande and pasture ther somtyme called y^e parke and now callyd y^e more close and y^e lesse close. And also one other close of lande ther called y^e Rydde yorthe. And also one oy^r close of lande ther called y^e marled yorthe. And also One other close of lande ther called y^e berne crofte. And also ij closes of lande ther wherof one ys called y^e greate newe heye and y^e other ys called y^e lytle newe heye. And also one other close of lande ther called Oldeh^m. And also one other close of lande ther called Ad^m fylde. And also one other close of lande ther called the Rough heye. And also all that and those my tents and lands in bradshagh afforsayde now or late in voynte or sevall tenurez or occupa^cōns of Alexander bradshagh Roger bradshagh leonarde bradshawe Johanⁿ Grenaulgh and law-

rence taylior. And also my lands and tents in Revyngton afforsayde now or late in y^e sev^lall tenures or occupa^{co}s of y^e late Wiffe of Wyllyam hepson, Rauffe Whitell, henry bradsby and — Grene late y^e son of tho^ms Grene deceassed, to and for y^e intent and p^opose that y^e sayde Marye and her assignez duryinge the sayde terme shall aswell ymploye use cōvert and bestowe all y^e rentts yssuez and pfetts that shall aryse com^o or growe of y^e sayd lands and tents in bradshagh afforsayd durynge y^e sayd terme to and for the helpe socor Releffe and p^ofermēt of Rauffe bradshagh, Robert bradshagh, Alexander bradshagh, and Rycharde bradshagh younger soñez of me y^e sayd Johaⁿ bradshagh and of evy or of any of them so and in suche wyse and after suche maⁿ and forme as y^e sayd Marye nowe my wiffe or her assignez from tyme to tyme durynge the sayd terme shalbe advysed wyllled or councelled by my Ryghte trusty and lovyng frynds Edwardde hollande esquier, Johaⁿ Grymesdyche and Edwardde holt gentylmen, or by the survyvors or survyvor of theym. And also to and for the intent and p^opose that y^e sayd Marye and her assignez from tyme to tyme durynge the sayd terme shall ymploye use cōvert and bestowe the yerely Rents Revenuez yssuez and pfetts that shall aryse come or growe of y^e sayd p^omisses in Revyngton afforsayd to and for y^e Relieff helpe socor and p^ofermēt of Agnez, Elyn, Margaret, Añe and Elizabeth doughters of me y^e sayd Johaⁿ bradshagh, so and in suche wise as my sayd wiffe or her assignez shalbe advysed wyllled or councelled by my sayd trusty frynds Edwardde hollande, Johaⁿ Grymesdyche, and Edwardde holt or by the survyvors or survyvor of them or by the executors of the same survyvor, prydet always, and it is my full wyll and mynde that if y^e sayd Marye my wiffe or her assignez do or shall deceasse or shall happen to be maryed durynge y^e sayde terme, that then y^e sayde Edwardde hollande, Johaⁿ Grymesdyche and Edwardde holt and ther assignez shall haue holde and enyoie all the p^omisses in bradshagh and Revyng-

ton afforsayd durynge y^e terme affore mēcioned, and shall from tyme to tyme durynge the sayd t^{me} cōvert use ympleye and bestowe y^e rentts and p^fetts of y^e p^rmisses in bradshawe afforsayd to and for the Relieff helpe socor and p^rfermēt of my said sonez affor named. And shall ympleye use cōvert and bestowe the rentts and p^fetts of y^e p^rmisses in Revyngton afforsayde to and for y^e helpe socor Relieffe and p^rfermēt of my doughters affornamed, so and in suche wyse as by y^e sayd Edwarde hollande, Johaⁿ Grymesdyche and Edward holt or by the survyvors or survyvor of theym or by the executors of y^e same survyvor shall in that behalfe be thought moste expedient or cōvenyent p^rvydet more Over and it is my wyll and mynde that after that six of y^e fyrst yerez of y^e sayd terme of twelffe yers shalbe fully expyred that then y^e sayd Marye or suche other p^rson or p^rsons as shall then have interest in y^e p^rmisses by — or meane of thesез p^rsents shall at y^e Request of suche p^rson as shall then happen to be Ryght heyre of me y^e sayd Johaⁿ bradshagh, then demyse and let y^e sayd p^rmysses to y^e same p^rson or p^rsons wiche then shall happen to be my Ryght heyre, for and durynge the Rest of y^e sayd t^{me} of twelffe yerez Reservynge upon the same leas the yerely rent of tenne poundes, at the usuall dayes of paymēt of rent in bradshagh afforsayd by even portions yerely to be payed with a clause of Reentre to be cōteyned in the same leas for want of paymēt of the sayd rent by the space of faurtie dayes next ensuyng any of y^e dayes of paymēt therof, wyche rent so Reserved I wyll shalbe ympleyed to and for the helpe socor Relyeffe and p^rfermēt of my chyldren affor named accordynge to the tenor effecte and true meanyng mēcyoned aboffe in these p^rsents touchynge the dysposicon of y^e rents and p^fetts of y^e landez and tents aboue mēcyoned. And touchynge the buryall of my body and the disposicon of my goods and catalls yt is my wyll as foloweth, that is to saye fyrst I cōmēde my saule into y^e hands of Almyghtie god my Maker most hūbly besechyng hym of hs mercyfull good-

nes to accept the same to the fruyconⁿ of his eternel glorye through the meryts of y^e passyon of his only begoten son oure lorde Jesu chryste, And I wyll that my body be buried wthin the poche church of bolton nere unto the place Wherein myn Auncestors haue accustomed byn used to be buried. And I wyll that suche some of moneye shalbe payed for my mortuaries as shall and maye agree wth y^e tenor of y^e statute in suche case lately made and p^{ro}vydet. Item I beqweth to S^r thom^s pendylburye to pray for my saule and all chrysten sauls iij^s iiij^d Itm I beqweth to ev^{er}y of my god chyl dren viij^d Itm I beqweth to Johaⁿ bradshagh my sone and heyre apparent all suche heyrelomes as are specyfyed in my fathers last Wyll. And moreo^{ver} I beqweth to y^e same Johaⁿ my soⁿ my best Geldynge, A great Arke standynge in y^e berne, and all my harnes. Itm I beqweth to Thom^s Wodde ij^s Itm I beqweth to ev^{er}y of my servants that shall happen to be in servyce wth me at y^e tyme of my Deceasse xij^d The Resydue of all my goods and catalls, not before bequested by these p^{re}sents o^{ver} and aboffe my debts and fun^{er}all expencez payd and sattisfied, I wyll shalbe devydet equally in thre parts, wherof I wyll that the sayd Marye my Wiffe shall have one part, And y^e other ij parts and Resydue therof I wyll and beqweth to my doughters affor named to be bestowed amonge theym towarde theyre p^{er}formet and Maryags, And of ths my testamēt and last wyll I ordayne and make my lawfull executors the sayd Marye my wiffe, Johaⁿ bradshagh my sone and Johaⁿ Grymesdyche gentylman, And I desyre my moste specyall good maisters S^r Edmund Trayfforde Knyght and Henry bradshagh esquier to be sup^{er}vysors therof to se y^e same be duely executed &c. Given at bradshagh the daye and yere aboffe Reten, These beyinge Witt- enessith Edwarde holt gētylman, Henry bradleye, Thomas Wode, Thrustan Walshe, Johaⁿ harp gētylman, S^r Arther pylkyngton, S^r Tho^ms pendelburye, p^{re}sts, and others.

[No date of Probate.]

THE WILL OF WILLIAM MINSHULL OF ERDESWICK,
IN THE COUNTY OF CHESTER.¹ 1554.

IN the name, &c. The xxth daye of July in the yere of o^r lord god A thousaund fyve hundreth [and] liiiij [1554] I Wiffm Mynshull of Erdiswicke in the Countie of Chester calling to Remembraunce all mankynd to be mortall not knowing the place where nor when it may please the Almyghty god to call me owt of this transitory world And at this p'sent being of good and pfect memory mynding to dispose this my last will and testament in suche sorte as may be acceptable to o^r onely Savyo^r Jesu Christ and to the Contentacoⁿ of all godly bredren in earth, moost humbly and hartly comending my soule to o^r Savyo^r Jesu Cryst who redemed the same wth his p'sious body and bludd in the tyme of his moost bytt^r passyon And my body and boones to be buryed wthowt any funerall pompe in the next ecclesiastycall buryall unto the place of my deptime. Itm. I bequest to Peter and ffrauncs my yong^e sonnes for their p'ferements all those lands tents and heredytaments wth their apptenns in Wymbaldisley in the Countie of Chester w^{ch} I purchased and had of the gyfte and graunt of John Whitmore deceased and Elizabeth his wife according to my dede of feffement to them two therof made. Itm to Wiffm Mynshall my godson to his p'ferement all those lands tents and heredytaments wth thapp'tamts whiche I purchased and had of the gyft and graunt of Richard Cotton esquier and Margarette his wyfe in Wymbaldisley

¹ The testator, who married Margaret, daughter and co-heiress of Thomas Fitton of Pownall, in the county of Chester, became possessed of the Hall of Erdeswick, *jure uxoris*, and lived there. He died 28 May, 1558. This will gives some additions to the pedigree of this family as printed in Ormerod's *History of Cheshire*, new edition, vol. iii. p. 225.

forsaid, To have and enyowe the p'misses to the said Wyllm from and ymedyatlie after my decesse duryng the terme and space of fourscore yeres then next insuyng fully to be completed and ended, if the said Wyllm so long do Lyve, And yf wthin the said Terme it happen the said Wyllm to decesse, Then the p'misses after his decesse to remayne and come to the right heyres of me the said Wyllm the testato^r for ev^r. Itm. to Thomas my eldeste son my beste horsse or gelding myne Almayne Revetts best splents and best pollaxe. And to Peter Mynshull my seconde sonne my Jestionⁿ coved wth fustyan my secund Salett splentts and polaxe my secund best horsse gelding or mare. And all my detts or somes of money that Randle Wade John Alexand^r and Thomas Wetenhall or any of them att my decesse shalbe indetted to me. Itm. to ffrauncs my thirde son my thirde best salett morrys pyke my third best horsse gelding mare or els colt, And all detts or somes of money that peers Amery att my decesse shalbe indetted unto me. Itm. all Due Detts that I att my decesse may happen to be indetted to any pson or psons, And also my funerall expencs to be upon my whole goods and catals Discharged and pade, Always except the legacyes above spec^dified And also excepted suche pcels of my goods and catalls as att any tyme duryng my naturall lyfe I shall otherwise dispose whether it be by wryting paroll or otherwise. And all the rest and residue of all and singler my goods catals and detts then remaynyng to be in thre pts equally devydid, One pte therof to Thomas my eldest son, An other pte to peter my secunde sonne, And the thirde pte to ffrauncs my thirde son. And for the executing of this my last will and testament I constitute and ordeyne to be my faythfull executors peter and ffrauncs my two welbeloved sonnes. And to be unto them Overseers my entyarly beloved Nephewes peter hocknell Phylippe Wetenhall and Richarde M'bury [Marbury]. In Wytnes Wherof I the said Wyllm Mynshull have wth my owne hande scrybeled

this my last will and testament and subscribed my name the Daye and yere first above wryten, by me Willelm Mynshull, Sir Gylbert Southworke, Thomas Walker, John Brayne.

[No date of Probate.]

THE INVENTORY OF THE GOODS OF THOMAS
TYLDESLEY OF WORDLEY, ESQ.¹ 1556.

AN Inventorye of the goodes and Chattals of the Late deceased Thom^s Tyldysley of Wordley wthin the countye of Lancaster Esquyer the xxth daye of July last past and also of Jane Tyldysley Late wiff unto the sayd Thom^s Deceased At Greenhalghe Myerscooghe Looer Croshawe or els wheare wthin the sayde cowntye, 1556. [Here follow the names of the appraisers.]

Inprimis at Grenehalghe aforsayd

on ffetherbedd w th all things therunto belonginge	xl ^s
iiij stoned horses on of A gray color ij yeares oulde	xl ^s
on other of a baye color iiij years owlde	iiij ^{li} vjs viij ^d
on other of a white color x yeares owlde	iiij ^{li}
iiij styrkes	xxiij ^s iiij ^d
x Lodes of haye	xxvj ^s viij ^d

At Myrescoghe or els wheare.

Inprimis ix ffetherbeds	viiij ^{li}
xxiiij pyllows	xxiij ^s iiij ^d
xl payre of sheetes fflaxen and canvas	ix ^{li}
xij payre of pilloow beares	xvj ^s viij ^d
xl coverlets and ij Quyltes	xjij ^{li}

¹ Thomas Tyldesley was the son and heir of Thurstan Tyldesley of Tyldesley, Esq., by his wife Parnell, daughter of Geoffrey Shakerley, Esq. He married Jane, daughter and heiress of Hugh Birkenhead, Esq., the marriage settlement being dated 26 October, 1518. The will of his father, Thurstan Tyldesley, Esq., has been printed by this Society. (*Lanc. and Chesk. Wills*, vol. i. p. 97.)

xl blankets	v ^{li}	
on payre of ffustyon blankets	xvj ^s	vj ^d
In coveryngs of Ares and tapsterye woorke Rede saye and greene	xl ^s	
In bordclothes Dyaper fflaxen canvas and teare of hempe	xxv ^s	
In Towels bord nabkyns and coverynges ffor Cupbordes	xviiij ^s	
In pewter vessell of all sortes sawsers more Dysshes and borde vessell lxxviiij	iiij ^{li}	x ^s
on Shavynge bassen on pewter peece on bassen and euer	vij ^s	
on other bassen and euer w th on voyder	vj ^s	
xviiij Candylsticks of brasse and iij of Tyne	xxiiij ^s	
on Cawdron ij pottes and on chawffer	lj ^s	
on great ponne ij Lytell pons and vij skelletts	xiiiij ^s	
on brendreth and on ffriyng pōne	iiij ^s	
on masshe towmbe on deassione on yilynge toobe and on saltyng toobe	xx ^s	iiij ^d
ij Quooffers	xij ^s	
iiij bedehanginges and vj Quisshyons	xxviij ^s	
on Clocke	xx ^s	
In chapell stooffe w th on Challis on Cover on Albe and all other suche nessesaris ffor a preeste to say Masse wythall	iiij ^{li}	
Somme hujus	lxxj ^{li}	ix ^s vj ^d
In arkes beare barrell stoondes and Leades	vj ^{li}	
In bordes treasles fformes and bedstokes	iiij ^{li}	xiiiij ^s
In spyttes and Galb Irons	xl ^s	
hanginges In all the chambers at wordley w th the halle the great and Lytell Chamber Excepte	xl ^s	

on Goblet percell gylde w th on cover to the same	v ^{li}
xj Sylver Spones	xl ^s
on sylver salt gylde	xlvj ^s viij ^d
In Apparell,	
ffirste on damaske gowne and on Velvet coate	iiij ^{li}
iiij dooblets vj payre of hose and ij cloath cooates	xxx ^s
on Saten coate garded w th velvet	xiiij ^s
the apparell of the late wif of Thom ^s Tyldesley deceasede, ij Damaske gowns gardede w th velvet and Kyrrels thair unto belongynge	iiij ^{li} vj ^s viij ^d
In gownes of broad woowstede and of clothe garded w th velvet kercheffs Reals neker- cheffes w th all other her Aparell w th ij Ryngs of gowld at x ^s a peace and on owlde Angell	iiij ^{li} x ^s
ij ffrenche hoodes w th A billiment of sylver gylde	xl ^s
In flax and wool	vj ^s viij ^d
on geldynge and on nagge	iiiij ^{li} iiij ^s
In masshe Coumbes stondes and saltynge toobes at the garret	xxvj ^s
In wheles ploowes Iron sydropes ij shode wheles w th suche nessessaryes	xxv ^s
In Corne at Greenehalghe and Pylkynton Ten S and ffyve booshell of barlye by Estymatyon	vj ^{li} vj ^s viij ^d
Soma hujus	liij ^s viij ^d
Soma totalis	Cxx ^{li} xxxvj ^s ij ^d

THURSTAN TYLDYSLEY,
ESQUIRE.

THE WILL OF JOHN DAVENPORT OF HENBURY,
IN THE COUNTY OF CHESTER, ESQ.¹ 1556.

IN the, &c. 15 Dec^r in the yere of o^r lord god A thowsand fyve hundrethe fyfthe and syxe. I John Davenport of Henburye wⁱⁿ the Countye of Chest^r esquier sycke in bodye hole and p^{fy}te in mynde and Remembrance dredyng naturall deathe do make my last Will and testament in the maⁿ and forme folowyng that is to witt fyrst I comytt my sowle unto Almyghtye god and to all the selestiall Companye of heyven And my bodye to be buried in o^{ur} ladye Chapell at prestburye. Also I will that Kateryn my wyfe shall haue Aft⁹ my forthe bryngyng my fuⁿall expencys discharget, The rest and resydue of all my hole goods moveable and unmoveable what so e^v they be. And further more I will that Kateryn my wyffe shall haue the Custodye of All suche heyr lomes as I dyd Receyve at my entre, tyll my s^{on}e Randulphe Come to the Age of xxj yeres yf God so p^rserve hym or Anye other of my Chyldren at tyme. Also I do constytute ordeyn and make my welbeloved wyffe Kateryn davenport Thomas standley of Wev^{er} the yong^{er} esquier and John davenport of bredburye gentylm^an and Wiltm davenport of bredburye gentylm^an my true and faythfull executors to that intent y^t this my last will and testament may be p^{er}formed and kepte. Wrytyn the xv daye of December In the Reyngne of o^r most sufferand lords phelipe and marye Kynge and quene of England &c. the third and fourt. These beyng wittenes

¹ The testator was the eldest son of Thomas Davenport of Henbury, Esq., by Elizabeth, daughter of John Fitton of Gawsorth, Esq. He married Katherine, daughter and coheiress of Sir Randle Mainwaring of Peover, Knt., the marriage settlement being dated 1 September, 1535 [? 1545]. He died in April, 1557. (*East Cheshire*, vol. ii. pp. 416-18.)

of the last will of John davenport of henburye essquyer for the destrebucon of his seid goods and Catells, Edward byrtylls, Rawffe benetson, Edward thornele, Rog^d fene, Wiſſm benetson w^t others.

[No date of Probate.]

THE INVENTORY OF THE GOODS OF DAME ANNE
RADCLIFFE, LATE WIFE OF SIR WILLIAM
RADCLIFFE OF ORDSALL, KNT.¹ 1551.

THE Inventorye of the goods and Cattels of Anne Radecllyff late wyf of S^r Wyſſm Radecllyff knyght of Ordesall in the Countye of lancast^r taken y^e xxviiijth daye of december A^o Dñi 1551 and praysed by Wiſſm Radecllyff of Ordesall gentylman John domvyll gentylman &c.

Imp'mis.

ij velvet gowns	xx ^{li}
iiij gowns of damaske	x ^{li}
ij satten gowns	vj ^{li} viij ^s viij ^d
iiij clothe gowns	[defaced]
iiij velvett kyrtels	[defaced]
iiij satten kyrtels	[defaced]
ij damaske kyrtels	iiij ^{li} vj ^s viij ^d
one kyrtell of taffata	xx ^s
iiij petycots of scarlet	v ^{li}
iiij borders for frenche howds of gold- smythe worke	li

¹ Dame Anne Radcliffe was the daughter of Ralph Catterall and the widow of Sir John Townley of Townley, Knt. She was the second wife of Sir William Radcliffe, but predeceased him. Her will, dated 1 October, 1551, does not appear to have been proved till September 6, 1565. It is not now at Chester, but a short abstract of its contents, from the Piccope MSS., will be found in the second part of this volume.

iiij cheens of gold	xlii
Eight Rings of gold v w th stoans	iiij ^{li}
iiij Bruchas of gold	xxx ^s
ij Tablettis of gold	xl ^s
on nest of playn flaske bowles of sylv	xx ^{li}
on nest of silv goblets dowble gylte	x ^{li}
on nest of goblets of sylv	vj ^{li} xiiij ^s iiij ^d
iiij Salts of sylv dowble gylt	vj ^{li}
iiij Cuppes for Bear dowble gylt	liij ^s iiij ^d
Sum̄ totalis ij hundrethe iiij ^{li} ij ^s	

THE INVENTORY OF THE GOODS OF GEORGE
COLLIER, CLERK, WARDEN OF
MANCHESTER.¹ 1558.

INVENTOR⁹ om̄i et singulor⁹ bonor et Cattalor⁹ que nup fuer⁹
Georg⁹ Colyer cler nup guard⁹ de coll b^{te} Marie de Mam-
cestr in temp vite sue appreciat⁹ p quatuor vir⁹ honest et discret⁹
Quor⁹ nom̄i et cognom̄i hic infer subscribunt⁹ viz. Milo wilson
Johes Blomeley, Riçus shoughsmythe, Thomas yonge, Wiſſms
hakyn and Wiſſmus Alyne.

Imprimis.

one gowne lyned withe blacke Lambe and faced
withe Budge

xlvj^s viij^d

¹ George Collier, the son of Robert Coleire, a Frenchman, who settled at Darlaston, in the county of Stafford, *temp.* Henry VI., was born in 1488, and on October 2, 1528, was appointed Warden of Manchester Collegiate Church. Although a zealous Roman Catholic, he retained this office till the College was dissolved in 1547, and then retired on a pension. He was restored by Queen Mary in 1556-7, and died at Manchester about 1557, and is said to have been buried in the Byron, now the Chetham, Chapel in the Collegiate Church. (Canon Raines' *Lancashire Chantries* (Cheth. Soc.), vol. i. pp. 7-8, notes.)

an other gowne lyned w th blacke lambe and faced with the Budge	xvj ^s
an other olde gowne of bristowe fryce lyned with the blacke faldinge and faced with lambe	v ^s
an other gowne unlyned and faced with wurstede	xxxiii ^s iiij ^d
an other gowne lyned throwe with the wurstede	xx ^s
a shorte gowne	xx ^s
an other gowne lyned thro w th wurstede	xij ^s
a cloke	x ^s
too hatts	ij ^s viij ^d
a Jaket of Chamlett	vj ^s viij ^d
a Jaket of ffryceadoc	viij ^s
too Jaketts of wurstede	ix ^s viij ^d
two dobletts of wurstede	vj ^s
a Petycote	viij ^d
too Cappes	ij ^s
two close cappes of velvet	xij ^d
one Sarsanet Typpett	iiij ^s
thre payre of hoose	vj ^s viij ^d
one standing bedd	xvj ^s
too fetherbeddes	xxxvij ^s
two Matresses	v ^s
a Blanket and a bolsterr	xij ^d
thre Coverings	xviij ^s iiij ^d
two Coverletts	iiij ^s viij ^d
one Quylte	iiij ^s iiij ^d
viij payre of shets	xxv ^s viij ^d
viij pillow beeres	ij ^s viij ^d
thre curtens for a bedde	x ^s
foure blanketts	v ^s iiij ^d
two Pillowes	iiij ^s
two longe Carpetts	xviij ^s vj ^d ..

two other lytle carpetts	ij ^a
ix quysshons	xij ^a iiij ^d
v Table clothes	viiij ^a
two dyaper towells	iiij ^a iiij ^d
xvj table Napkins	v ^a
two Candlestickes and payre of Snuffers	ij ^a
a bason and Ewer	iiij ^a iiij ^d
a brode voyder of pewterr	iiij ^a
fyve loomes for Ale one runge and iiij Esshons	vj ^a viij ^d
too keyres	vj ^a viij ^d
one Dosen of Trenchers	viij ^d
one Cooferr	vj ^a viij ^d
one other Cooferr	ij ^a
a close presse	xvj ^a
one other small presse	ij ^a viij ^d
too cheres	xij ^d
a chamberr boole	x ^d
iiij hangings of saye color grene and redd	xxij ^a
iiij other hangings of grene saye	vij ^a iiij ^d
a shaving basen	xx ^d
two Amesese	liij ^a iiij ^d
two surplyses and Amese clothes	viiij ^a iiij ^d
viiij brode Dysshese vij small Dysshese and viij Sawcers	xxvij ^a vj ^d
thre potts one posnet and a lytle Cawdron	iiij marks
a broche a gowbert ij Gryddyrons and checkinge knyves	iiij ^a
two fyre shovles and too peyre of tonges	xvj ^d
two secks and two lesse pookes	xvj ^d
a saddle and brydell	iiij ^a
one horse	iiij ^{ll}
foure sherts	vj ^a

iiij night Carchers	iiij ^s
xliiij loode of Turves	xliiij ^s viij ^d
v ffoother of Coles	vij ^s vj ^d
one standing Cuppe duble gylte w th a cover	v ^{li} xviij ^s ix ^d
one greate goblett parcell Gylte	iiij ^{li} xij ^s
one lesserr Goblett pcell gylte	lvj ^s vj ^d
one small Goblett	xviij ^s x ^d
one Salte pcell Gilte w th a cooverr	iiij ^{li} iiij ^s ij ^d
Sixe meate spoones	xlvi ^s viij ^d
xiiij other spoones	iiij ^{li} vj ^s iiij ^d
one Cruet pcell gylte	xix ^s vj ^d
At Stooone [Stone in Staffordshire].	
thre bedde stede and a Trucl bedd	xij ^s
too fetherbeddes	xx ^s
too matreses	x ^s
vj Bolsters	x ^s
iiij Pillowes	iiij ^s
olde coverletts	iiij ^s
thre coverings	xxx ^s
one Blankett of playne whyte and one other of whyte ffryce	iiij ^s
a greate close presse	xij ^s
a folden Table	iiij ^s
thre other tables upon Trestells	iiij ^s
one ffourme	viiij ^d
thre coofers	vij ^s
iiij cheres	iiij ^s
iiij Quysshons	ij ^s
iiij buffe stoles	ij ^s
too cupburdes	ij ^s
two styllertoryes	ij ^s
a pewterr Canne	vj ^d

an axe and a bill	viiij ^d
a ffyre shoell and a payre of tongs and too hande	
yrans	iijs
one Cowe	xxiijs
Su ^m a totals	lxiix ^{li} xiiij ^s xj ^d

Detts whiche were owynge unto y^e sayd George Colyer late warden.

Imp'mis.

Sr Wylliam Radcliffe of Ordesall in y ^e Countie	
of Lanc' Knyght	viiij ^{li}
Robert C — of Danlaston, Countie of Staf-	
forde Esq ^r	xliij ^{li}
James Webster of Manchester	xl ^s
the wyffe of John Shelmdyne of Manchester	xxvj ^s viij ^d
Su ^m a	liij ^{li} vj ^s viij ^d

Detts whiche y^e said warden did owe.

Itm. to Nycholas fawden of soofort in y ^e Countie	
of Stafforde	iiij ^{li} v ^s

exhibi^t xij die mensis Julii 1558.

THE WILL OF JOHN STRINGER OF CREWE,
IN THE PARISH OF FARNDON, IN THE
COUNTY OF CHESTER. 1560.

THE testament and laste wyll of John Strynger of crewe in y^e thryde and forthe yere of Philyp and Marye Kinge and quene &c. p^rsynt. In the name &c. I beinge sike in bodye and hole of mynd and in good Remembrance make my wyll and testement after this maner fyrst I bequethe my soule unto almyghtye god and to ou^r ladye sente Marye and to all the blessed companye of heaven and my bodye to be buryed in farndon church. Also I

bequethe unto y^e makinge of y^e wyndowe anēds the rood soler that they have stopped up iij^s iiij^d. Also I bequethe y^t y^e Marche lane y^t I hould by crewe be paved ther as ned Requerethe as fare as I hould. Also I bequethe unto ev^eye of my iiij yongeste doughters xl^s and Katheren v marks at they marryage and p^rferment off them. And I wyll y^t John my sonn and heyre do paye out of my lands in farndon y^t money. Also I bequethe unto my syster Katherin the newe chambere and the orcherd longinge therto and I bequethe unto my wyff my fathers house and y^e orcherde, ij bayes of y^e berne and y^e kylne and to my welbeloved wyff the old orchard, the crofte of y^e dille [or dalle] and the medoyng whyche I occupied my self and ij beasts gresse in farndon heye and after my mothers decease I gyve &c. unto my wyff in name of her Jontrye y^t hathe byne my mothers Jontrye that ys to wyt a crofte [which] is called y^e newe heye the pease crofte and y^e ij beasts gresse in farndon hey and vij lands in y^e felds y^t is to wyt a land in longe sydes the iiij lands by y^e longe hegge called the hype gresse and ij lands in y^e longe feld y^t whitley and bethell occupiethe and all betwyxe the gren waye and y^e vij Ryggs and y^e land in wales in wryxhame pryche I gyve unto my wyffe [for] her lyff and after she to leve it unto suche chyld as she is pleased wth. Also I bequethe unto Robert my sonne y^t house y^t was Rycharde wryghtes wth all The apptenaunces xxij lands of grounde and iij of medoinge and iiij beastes gress and a half y^t is iiij beastes in farndon heye and a nother and a halfe in Churton moure and all y^e lands y^t Rycharde wryght occupiethe and a land I occupied shontinge on stenyfort Reane and a land wyffm Clubb occupiethe and a land . . . wth John . . . for it he shall have y^e beste haland shōtinge to the hey of my viij butts o^v everye end of y^e weetslate a londe one John sharpe occupiethe and y^e other Wyffm bythell occupiethe and a land iij butts in Reese slede by . . . Ryc^r ferror hathe occupied and John Johnson yords and

iiij lands in y^e steds paying . . . unto . . . my wyff my executoure and to another sone Ellen taylers houldinge in calcott. Also I gyve unto my wyff one butt lyinge in Reese felde y^t John Sharpe dothe occupye and viij buttes Joyninge to y^e same, also I gyve unto my welbeloved wyffe y^e meddowe next dee dewringe hyr lyffe and all y^e heyrable ground that my mother doth occupye of myn I gyve it houilly unto my wyff and a croft called Tarltyns croft lyinge by John a crewes hors mylē. My welbeloved frend Thomas calcot I leave my overseer. Also I gyve unto my sonne Raffe xiiij^s iiij^d by yere durringe his lyf.

[Proved by Anne Strynger, his wife, October 5, 1560.]

[I have copied this will merely for its local interest. J. Piccope.]

THE WILL OF THOMAS WINSTANLEY OF
WINSTANLEY, IN THE COUNTY OF
LANCASTER, ESQ. 1562.

IN the name &c. I Thomas Wynstanley of Wynstanley in the countie of Lancaster, esquier, sicke in bodye and of hole and pfect Remembrance do make my last will and testamente the viijth daie of Septembre in the thrid yere of the reigne of oure most dredd soveraigne Ladie Elizabeth &c. [1561] in maner and forme followinge, ffirste I yelde upp and bequethe my Sole to the handes of Almightye god &c. And as touchinge the disposition of my Lands and goodes, ffirste where I haue knowledged all my landes and tenements a fine to thintente I might stande seased of suche estate as I mighte Lawfullye dispose or charge the same by will or otherwise, I do will and graunte all and singler my messuags Landes tenements rents Revercions and servics and all other my hereditaments to my welbeloued in Christe Richard Lathome of pbolde in the countie of Lanc^y esquier, John Longtree of Longtree

esquier, Peter Langton of the Lowe esquier, and John Crosse of highlye esquier, To haue and to holde to theime and to their heires to the uses and ententes hereafter in this my will expressed &c. ffirste my will is that they my said feoffes and their heires shall stande and be seased of and in all and singler these and so-muche pcelles of my enheritans aswell of my demeane as Cole mynes as shall amounte and be of the clere yerelye value of xx^{li} to the use of Elizabeth my wief for terme of hyr lief for and in the name of her Jointure. Item to thintente she shall and maye bringe upp my childreyne in nurture I will that they my said feoffes and their heires shall stande and be seased of and in all that the resydewe of my chief howse and all my demeanes w^{ch} I occupie and cole mynes and of other my Landes and tenements &c. untill Edmund Wynstanley my sonne and heire shall come and be of the full age of xxx^{ti}e yeres to the use of the said Elizabeth my wyfe to the entente that she shall receive all the pffitts arisinge of the same yerely during the same yeres beinge xv and above to be employed &c. to and for the p^rfermente of my Doughters marriages and the fyndinge of my sonne and heire competentlye and convenientlye And if my said wief do dye wthin the terme of xv yeres then I will that my feoffes shall receive the said Summe and pffitts to and for the like use and entente. Also I will that my brother James shall have during his naturall lief in money of my Rents everie yere duringe his lief xxvj^s viij^d Item I will that all my debts shalbe paid for discharging of my soule. Item I further will that my said wief if she lyve duringe the said terme, and if she dye my feoffes shall of the proffitts to be gathered and received of the said resydewe of my said Landes and tenements over and besides that appointed to my wyffe for hyr Jointure contente and paye to my said doughters Dorithie and Margaret after the rate of xx^{ti}e marks by the yere somuche as shall make upp the same portion and childs parte w^{ch} I haue geaven theime of my

goodes iiijC markes that is to saye to everie of theime the said Dorithie and Margaret ijC marks a pece towards their Mariage. So that my will and meaninge is that everie of my daughters of their childe's parte of goodes and of the profitts of my Landes to be received duringe the minoritie of my sonne, and oute of the said Landes charged after the rate of xx^{tie} marks that is to everie of theime ten markes shall haue ijC marks a peece, towards their Mariage. Item I will that they the said feoffes and their heires after my sonne shall come to his full age of xxx^{tie} yeres and after the deceasse of my wief and after the charges discharged shall stande and be seased therof to the use of the said Edmund my sonne and of the heires males of his bodie Lawfullye begotten and for default of suche issue then I will that my said feoffes and their heires shall stande and be seased of all my Lands and tenements to the use of theime and their heires untill they haue received of the pfitts therof the some of other iiijC marks towards the mariage of my said daughters, So that my will is that if my sonne and heire die w^{thout} heire male that my Landes shalbe charged to paye to everie of my daughters iiijC marks a pece towards their better p^rfermente in mariage be they then married or not, before anye of my bretherne shall haue the same. And my will is that after the deathe of my said sonne so dying w^{thout} heire male as is afforsaid and after the paymente and Recepte of the said iiijC marks that my said feoffes and their heires shall stande and be seased of all my Lands and tenements to the use of James Wynstanley my brother and of the heires males of his bodie Lawfullye begotton. And for default of suche issue to the use of my brother Edmund Wynstanley and the heires males of his bodie Lawfullye begotton. Item as touchinge my goodes furst I will that owte of the hole my debts funeralls [and] bequests be discharged And then I will the same be devided into two partes, the one pte I will and geave to my wiffe and the other to my dough-

ters. Item I constitute and make Executors of this my last will and testament my welbeloued brother in Lawe Wiſſm Gerrarde esquier Recorder of Chester, Elizabeth my wief and my brother James Wynstanley, and Gilbert Gerrarde esquier the quenes attorney generall and the said Wiſſm Gerrarde supvisors and overseers of this my last will. In witnes &c.

Memorand⁹ that we the feoffes and I Wiſſm Gerrarde the Executor haue considered the Jointure of the said Elizabeth and have thought the same reasonable.

[Proved Dec^r 18th 1562.]

THE WILL AND INVENTORY OF JOHN REDDISH
OF REDDISH, IN THE COUNTY OF LAN-
CASTER, ESQ., MADE 1569.¹

IN the name of god Amen the xxiiijth daie of June in the yeare of our Lorde god 1569, I Johnne Reddiche of Reddiche in the countie of Lancast^r esquire Beinge deseased and impotent of bodye howbeit of verye good and pfecte remembraunce Thanks be geuen to almightie god Do ordeyne and make my last will and testament in maner and forme followinge, ffirst and principallye I commytte and commende my soule into the hands of almightie god my Redemer Trustinge by y^e merritts of his most blessed passioun to be one of those that shalbe saved at the generrall daie of Judgmēt and my bodye to be buriedd where it shall please allmightie god. And because I do verye well knowe and conceyve that the tyme of deathe is most uncerteyne and that it is fitt and

¹ John Reddish of Reddish, Esq., was the eldest son of Otes Reddish of Reddish, by his wife Alice, daughter of Ralph Prestwich of Hulme. He married Margaret, one of the daughters and co-heirs of Sir Robert Langley of Agecroft, in the county of Lancaster, Knt., by whom he had issue.

mete for evy⁹ true christiaun man, To do what in hym liethe in his liffe tyme, so nere as he canne. To take suche order and staie w^t suche landes tenements and hereditaments and w^t suche goodes and cattalls as god hathe blessed hym w^tall in such sorte as all contrev⁹ce and contencion maye be avoydedd, I do Therfore for the bestowinge of myne inherytaunce and possions, Devyse will and bequethe in maner and forme followinge, That is to saie, I geve will devise and bequethe unto Margaret my welbeloved wiffe These pcells of Landes here after under recytedd, That is to witt one close called the nerer Indde field and certayne other ffildes or closes called the great Riccroft, y^e litle Riccroft, the asshen meddowe, y^e horly meddowe, the furth^r Indde field, the wheat croft, the hiest wynyates, the brode wynyats, the wynyats meddowe, the yorne croft, and all the wodd betwene the howgate and the waie that desendethe from the Sounthorle gappe Downe to the waterside. And also I geve wyll devyse and Bequethe to my said welbeloued wyffe the mesuages landes and tenemēts hereafter next specified and declared. That is to saie one tenemēt nowe or late in the tenour or occupacoun of Nicolas hide of the yerelie Rent of xxiiij^s vjd^{ob}. one other tenemēt nowe or late in the occupa^{co}n of Edmunde Tayliour of the yerelie Rent of xiiij^s xd^{ob}. one other tenemēt nowe or late in the occupa^{co}n of nicolas ambrose of the yerelie Rent of xiiij^s xd^{ob}. one other tenemēt nowe or late in the occupa^{co}n of Nicolas brooke of the yerelie Rent of xxx^s vjd^{ob}. one other tenemēt nowe or late in the occupa^{co}n of Wylliam nychollasson of the yerelie rent of xxj^s vjd^{ob}. one other tenemēt nowe or late in the occupa^{co}n of Rauffe Wood of the yerelie Rent of xlvij^s ij^d one other teñte nowe or late in the occupa^{co}n of Robte Aspinall of the yearlie Rent of xvij^s. The therd pte of the tenements and Rents of george brodley and John Smithe whiche said therd pte is of the yearlie value or Rent of xxxiiij^s jd^{ob} Item one other teñte nowe or late in the holdinge or occupa^{co}n

of Adam hollande of the yearlie Rent of xxix^s one teñte nowe or late in the holdinge and occupaçon of John Shepde of the yerelie Rent of xxxiiij^s vj^d ob. one other teñte nowe or late in the occupaçon of Renolde nycholson of the yerelie Rent of xxvj^s viij^d one other nowe or late in the occupaçon of John Bowker of the yerelie Rent of xxxiiij^s ij^d ob. Itm. [one] walkemylne now or late in the occupaçon of the said John bowker of the yerelie Rent of xl^s To have all and singul^r the said p'myss; w^t their appurtenncs other their Commodityes and p'fetts to my said wyffe, and her assignes dureinge her naturall lyffe ffor and in the name and Recompence of her wholle Joynture and Dower, whiche she is to have of all my Landes tenementes and hereditaments. Item I geve and bequethe unto my welbeloued sonne Alexaund^r Reddicke all these closes fields and pcells of grounde followinge, That is to saie, The barearsse, the brounde earthe, the calf croft, the glasebroke field, the town eye, the asshebothm̄, the woodheis, the litle horse hey, the beanecroft, the blacke croft, the Ryshecroft, The Willcocke hey, w^t all the wood of the sowtheside of the Wayne whiche desendethe from the sountehoole gappe to the waterside. Item I geve devise and bequethe unto my said sonne Alexand^r one Tenemēt w^t appurtenncs now or late in the tenour or occupaçon of Robte chetham of the yerelie Rent of xxvij^s vj^d ob. Item one other tenemēt nowe or late in the occupaçon of John holme of the yerelie Rent of xxj^s xj^d q. Item one other tenemēt nowe or late in the occupaçon of the wiffe of Robte holme and Robte holme of the yerelie Rent of xxj^s xj^d q. Item one other tenemēt now or late in the occupaçon of Thomas asshetoun of the yerelie Rent of xxvij^s ij^d ob. Item one other tenemēt now or late in the occupaçon of the wyffe of John oldham and Wiffm oldham of the yearlie Rent of xxj^s ij^d Item one other tenemēt nowe or late in the occupaçon of the wyffe of hughe brooke and John brooke of the yearlie Rent of xxiiij^s vj^d ob. Item one other tenemēt now

or late in the occupa^{co}n of Robte nicholsonne of the yerelie Rent of xvij^s ij^dob. Item one other tenemēt now or late in the occupa^{co}n of the wyffe of John barrlowe of the yerelie Rent of iiij^s Item one other tenemēt now or late in the occupa^{co}n of Rauf Deconsonne of the yearlie Rent of xij^d Item one other tenemēt now or late in the occupa^{co}n of Thomas hampsonne of the yearlie Rent of iiij^s iiij^d Item the therd pte of one other tenemēt now or late in the occupa^{co}n of George brodley and John Smithe w^t the therde pte of the rent therof the same therde parte of the Rent beinge xxx iiij^s Item the Walkemylne now or late in the occupa^{co}n of Adam hollande of the yerelie Rent of xxvij^s Item one other messuage or tenement now or late in the occupa^{co}n of the wyffe of henrye Rodleye in Manchester of the yerelie Rent off v^s iiij^d Item one other tenement now or late in the occupa^{co}n of Lawraunce wallwork of the yerelie Rent of xxv^s ix^dob, Item the tenements now or late in the occupa^{co}n of Rauf Rydings John lightollers, Tho^ms lawe and the late wyffe of John Rydings of the yerelie Rent of xxiij^s viij^d Item one other tenement now or late in occupa^{co}n of Geffraie bowker of the yerelie Rent of xxiij^s Item one other tenement now or late in the occupa^{co}n of Thomas Travis of the yerelie Rent of xxvj^s iiij^d Item one other tenement now or late in the occupa^{co}n of Edwarde Rydings of the yerelie Rent off ij^s Item one other Tenement now or late in the occupa^{co}n of George Sedall of the yerelie Rent of xx^d Item in heatonfaughfield the tenement of Edmund Scolles theld^r of the yerelie Rent of ij^s Item the tenement of george Kenyon of the yerelie Rent of iiij^s Item the tenement of the wyffe of John halle of the yerelie Rent of xvj^d Item the tenement of John sclater of the yerelie Rent of v^s viij^d Item the tenement of ffrauncys baguley of the yerelie Rent of iiij^s iiij^d Item the tenement of Ambrose haworthe of the yerelie Rent of iiij^s iiij^d To have and to holde all and singul^r the said closes fields grounds Rents

and oth^r the p'misses To the said Alexand^r Reddich his heirs and assignes for ever. To Thonlye use and behove of the said alexand^r reddich his heirs and assignes for ever. Item I geve will and bequethe to my welbeloued wiffe all these landes and tene^mets hereaft^r Resited to suche uses and intents as are likewise hereaft^r sett furthe and declared, That is to saie, the newe meddowe, the heicroft, the blacke earthe, the midle egecrofte, the lowest egecrofte, the Sewdaiefielde, the mylne field, the brode meddowe banke, the heigheste egecrofte, the barne crofte, the longe wynyate, the great horseheye, the gardenne, and all the wood comenelie called the pke from the howe gate westwardes. To have and to holde the said closes, landes, and groundes with their appurtenncs unto my said wyffe to thend and intent, That she shall take, levie, and receyve of the issues and p'fetts therof The sum of fyve hundrethe marks To Thonlie use and behove of Anne Reddiche my dowghter, for and towardes her good educacion and p'fermēt in maryage, and if my said wiffe shall happenn to deccase before the said summ of ffyve hundrethe marks be levyed, as is aforesaid, Then I will the said last resytted p'misses w^t their appurtenncs to my said Dought^r Anne Reddiche untill she and her Assignes shall have taken levyed and Receyved of the issues and p'fetts of the said last resited p'miss³, the sayd sum of ffyve hundrethe marks of leafull englishe monye or so muche therof as shalbe then unlevyed to the use before Remēbredd, and after the said sum of ffyve hundrethe marks levied as is aforesaid then I will and devise the said last resited p'miss³ w^t their appurtenncs to the right heirs of me the said John Reddiche for ever. Provyded alwaies that yf my said Doughter Anne shall happen to desease before she shalbe p'ferred in marriage or before she come to thage of xxj years, Then my will is that the said sum of ffyve hundrethe marks, or so muche therof as shall then be levied, shalbe equallie Devyded betwene my saide sonne alexaunder reddiche and my yong^r sonne Edwarde

Reddiche, or the survyvour of them to have the wholle if ether of them shall fortune to die before my said doughter Anne Reddiche.

Item I will and bequethe to my welbeloued Brethern Edmund Reddiche, George reddiche, Tho^ms Reddiche one Anuyte or yere-lye Rent of ffyve marks yssuyng Gowinge out and to be taken of the messuags and tents whiche now or late were or Are in the sevall occupacons of henry Sedall, of the yerelie rent of xxviij^s ix^d The tenement of tho^ms nyhollassonn of the yerelie Rent of iiij^{li} xv^s viij^d the tenement of Richard Knolles of the yerelie Rent of xxiij^s vj^d ob the tenement of Rauffe bybby of the yerelie Rent of ij^s The therd pte off the tenement and Rent of George Brodley and John Smithe the said therd pte of the Rent beinge of the yerelye value of xxxiiij^s j^d the tenement of Charles Brodley and Wi^{llm} nychollassonn the elder of the yerelye Rent of xxx^s vj^d ob the tenement of Lawraunce broodley xvj^s vj^d ob, the tenement of Robert Bordman xxj^s vj^d ob. the tenement of wi^{llm} Marlaunde vj^d the tenement of Luce James iiij^s viij^d The tenement of the Wyffe of John halle iiij^s viij^d the tenement of John Kenyon of heaton xxxij^s The tenement of the wyffe of Richard beconne xx^s viij^d the tenement of Richard ogdenne xx^s viij^d The tenement of the wiffe of Renolde byromme xij^s ix^d the tenement off Tho^ms baguley xv^s vj^d The tenement of Roger hunte x^s the tenement of Edmund Scolles thonger iiij^s iiij^d the tenement of Johne Whornebye iiij^s iiij^d the tenement of Adam Pendletonn iiij^s iiij^d the tenement of the wyffe of Peter String^r xij^d the tenement of ffrauncs wroe of cromsalle xiiij^s viij^d To have and to hold the said severall Anuities of ffyve marks a pece for the terme of their sevall naturall lyves all whiche said teⁿts and their rents, I will be equally Devyded sett furthe and apointed to and for the paymēt of the said anuytes Accordinglie as I the said John Reddiche shall duringe my lyffe at any time hereafter lymitte and Apointe, or in Defaute therof as my executors after my Desease shall lymytte and Apointe Provdyed

alwaies and my will is that if att anye tyme hereafter my said three brethern or anye of them, shall make Anye title or cleame to anye landes teñts or heredytaments anuyte or other charge out of the same lands whiche weare Otes Reddiche the ffatherr or Johnn Reddiche y^e groundfatherr by Reason or colour of anye graunte heretofore to them or anye of them made, ether by Otes Reddiche late father of y^e said John Reddiche, or yett of John Reddiche groundfather of the said John the Testatour, that then and from thence furthe, suche legasie as shalbe by this my p'sent testamentte dew unto Anye of my said brethern so makinge Anye cleame, by Reason or colour aforesaid shall utterlye cease and be voyde, and he and they to lose the benefyte therof, To all intentes construtyons and porposes. Item I will and devyse that the Resydue and over plus of the said teñts and Rents last Resyted and assigned for the said sevall Anuytes and paymēt̃ therof, and the Remainder of the said lands and tenements afr the decease of my said sevall brethern shall whollie Remeane and be to Edward Reddiche my yonger sonne untyll suche tyme as he shall accomlishe the full age of xxj years and afterward the said overplus before Resytted to Remeane and be to my sonne Edward for terme of his lyffe. And the said Remainders after the desease of my said three brethern, and after that the said Edwarde hathe accomplished the said age of xxj yers shalbe to my said sonne Alexaund^r and to his heirs for euer, and after the desease of my said sonne Edwarde the said overplus to Remaine to my Right heirs for euer. Item I geve and bequeth unto my welbeloued wyffe my leases and intēst of Kersall mylne and the tithe of reddiche duringe the number of yers in them conteynedd if she my said wyffe shall so longe leve, and yf she shall fortune to desease wthin y^e said termes the yers therof not experedd, Then I will and bequeth the said leases to my said sonne Edwarde and my said doughter Anne untyll suche tyme as my sonne Alexand^r shall come to and accomlishe the full age

xxj yers and Afterwardes the said leases and intests w^t all and singul^r their appurtennces shall Remeane and be unto my said sonne Alexand^r and his assignes for and duringe the terme of yers then to come and not expere. Item I geve and bequeth unto my said wyffe all others my godes cattalls detts and dewties whatsoever for and to thentent To paie and discharge my detts and legasies and to pforme this my last will and testement. Item I will y^t who-soever shall happenn to have and injoie the said leases shalbe chargedd w^t the findinge of thoms shottleworthe my s^vauant w^t meate drinke clothes and lodginge, or els to haue of them liij^s iiij^d yerelye towards his said findinge Duringe his lyffe. Item I will devise and bequeath to my welbeloued and faithfull servaunt John brodley xl^s Item I geve and bequeath to my welbeloved servaunt Henrye Burgine xxvj^s viij^d Item I geve and bequeth to my s^vauant Gregory scolles x^s Item, I geve to Adam pendleton my s^vauant v^s Item I geve and bequeth to my s^vauant yonge Thomas bordman v^s Ambros taliour v^s Item I geve and bequeth to my welbeloued s^vauant nycolas bordman x^s Item, I geve and bequeth to my s^vauant yonge Thomas bordmā v^s If I geve and bequeth to my s^vauant margaret harrissonne xiiij^s iiij^d Item I geve and bequeth to my seruauant Alice Savaydge x^s Item I geve and bequeth to my seruauant elizabethe groundye x^s Item I geve and bequeth to my s^vauant elnorr chetham v^s Item I geve and bequeth to my lovinge and faithfull s^vauant James thorpe x^s Item. I geve to my welbeloued wyffe the therde pte of my manour howse of Reddich w^t other out howses as followth that is to witt, the halle, the litle sellour, The dynnynge plarre, y^e chamber over it, the innarre plarr, y^e olde deyhowse, the furmost barne, y^e kylne, the wayn howse.

Also I geve unto Alexand^r my sonne one other therd pte of my manour howse of Reddich w^t out howses as followethe viz. the butt^ye, the ketchine, y^e bruehowse, y^e larderr, the bultinge howse, the chamb^r o^f the butterye, all the newe buyldinge that Otes

reddich my father buelled, the stable, the haybarne and two bayes of the turfehowse next the halle. Item [I] res've the last therd pte of my said mancion howse of Reddiche, and out howses, viz. The chappell, y^e chamb^r o^v y^e chapell, the seyled chamber w^t all y^e Rest of the newe buildinge betwene them, the oxe howse, the mydlest barne, two furthest baies of the turfe howses, and this therd pte my will is shalbe occupiedd by my said welbeloued wyffe together w^t those lands which I haue sett out and apointed for the p'fermēt of my said dowghter Anne Reddiche. Item it is my will and mynde y^t my s^uauante Tho^ms nichollassonne shall haue holde and peaceably enioie all that howse and teñt wherin nowe he dwellethe w^t the landes therunto belonginge, now in occupa^{co}n off the same Tho^ms w^t all commodityes and p'fetts to hym and his assignes for and duringe the terme of xxj years from the daie of the date herof yeldinge payinge, and dowinge all a^uages boynes, Rents and s^rvyces heretofore dew and accustomedd for the same. And for the true p^rformaunce and accomplishment of this my true and Last will and testemēt. I ordeyne constitute and make my welbeloued wyffe Margaret Reddich my true and soyle executrix trulie and faythfully to accomlishe the same In all things as my especiall trust is in her only and my Righte wo^rshypfull cosyns, Edmunde Traford esquier Edwarde hollande esquier and Alexaund^r Barlowe esquier and my verye Trustie and wo^rshipfull ffrendes o^vseers of the same these being wittnes John holland Rafe hartley hamlet grene frauncs — Tho. nicolson John bradley w^t oth^rs.

[No date of Probate.]

The Inventorie belonginge to the Right worshipfull John Rediche of Reddiche esquier deceased &c. &c. the tenth Day of Decemb^r 1569.

ffirst xiiij melche keye and one calfe xviiij^{li} — two Bulles liij^s iiij^d — vi ffeedinge oxen ix^{li} xiiij^s iiij^d — tow twynt^r bullockes xlv^s — sex ffeedinge kye ix^{li} x^s — one sterc and an hefer xl^s — two styrkes

xxxvj^s — tow stoned horses viij^{li} — ffyve geldinges xij^{li} — ffoure mares and tow coltes ix^{li} — three twynter coltes iiij^{li} — vij olde Swyne liij^s iiij^d — xvj shotes (or shetes) xl^s — In pullene xxix^s — in wollene beddinge xxxiiij^{li} — In the chamb^r over the dining parler iij^{li} v^s — in the syled chamb^r v^{li} — In the grete chamb^r l^s — In the chamb^r at the steare head xij^s iiij^d — In the hale xx^s — In the butterie v^{li} xiiij^s — in the ketchin vij^{li} xij^s iiij^d — in the nurserie viij^s — in the Inner chamb^r wⁱⁿ the nurserie xx^s — in the Lyttle pler xij^s iiij^d — in the chamb^r ovⁿ the buttrie xij^s iiij^d — in the chamb^r over the diehowse xx^s — in the dyninge parlarr iiij^{li} xij^s iiij^d — in the bruchouse vij^{li} xvj^s x^d — in the diehouse xxj^s iiij^d — in the lodge xij^s — in the meale house iij^{li} — in lynene clothes xv^{li} xij^s iiij^d — in the kilne xx^s — In y^e chamb^r over the gates ix^s — in the lome house xij^s iiij^d — in husbantrie geare vij^{li} viij^s — in otes by estimacion growinge lx^{li} — in Barley by estimacion growinge xx^{li} — in wheat by estimacion growinge x^{li} — in beanes by estimacion iiij^{li} — in grasse and haye by estimacion xiiij^{li} vj^s viij^d — Sum^m xvj xviij^{li} xij^s x^d.

These be the pticular soñes and debts w^{ch} I John Reddiche of Reddiche Esquier do owe as playnlie and pticularlie appeareth viz in Rediche.

My Aunt Luce Reddiche	xxvj ^{li} xij ^s iiij ^d
Robte Johns	v ^{li} xiiij ^s iiij ^d
Edmund Tailior	xiiij ^{li} vj ^s
Nicolas Ambrosonn	xl ^s
Ellen brooke	iiij ^{li} iij ^s iiij ^d
Nicolas brooke	iiij ^{li}
Robte nicolason	xlvj ^s viij ^d
John Smithe	iiij ^{li}
the same John	viiij ^s iiij ^d
Rauffe holme	x ^{li} xvj ^s viij ^d
Nicolas hyde	xlviij ^s

uxor Otiwell Reddiche	xlvj ^s	viiij ^d
Wiffm Ambrosonn	iiij ^{li}	
Robte Asmall	xxiiij ^{li}	xiiiij ^s
Robte boordman	xl ^s	
Wiffm Nicolson	xj ^{li}	xij ^d
Robte Chetham	xlvj ^s	viiij ^d
charles brodley	xxx ^s	
Rauffe bibbie	liij ^s	iiiij ^d
John browne	xliiiij ^s	ij ^d
nicolas boardman	xiiiij ^{li}	ij ^s viij ^d
the same nicolas	ix ^s	viiij ^d
bartholomewe boardman	xv ^s	
Thomas Reddiche senior	xxvj ^s	viiij ^d
Edward Sedall	xxvj ^s	viiij ^d

[Five or six other names torn off.]

In heaton faughfie[ld].

to my mother Alice Reddiche due

at Midsomer next as appeareth

by a bill of my hand iiij^{li} vj^s viij^d

to my sister m^garet Reddiche xiiij^{li} vj^s viij^d

to my sister Isabell Reddiche xiiij^{li} vj^s viij^d

to my sister Elizabeth Reddiche x^{li}

to John Keneon xxxvj^s ij^d

S^mmm xliij^{li} xvj^s ij^d

Prestwyche.

Gyles walwarke xx^s

ffraunces hilton xxx^s

Robte Gartsyde xl^s

uxor Robte Rydinges l^s

uxor petri Rydinges iiij^{li}

ffraunces hilton x^{li}

Thofms hilton v^{li}

John Lees		vj ^{li}	
Cromsall.	S ^m	xxxij ^{li}	
John Bowker		vj ^{li}	xij ^s iiij ^d
Thomas Loowe		vj ^{li}	xij ^s iiij ^d
uxor thome loowe		iiij ^{li}	
John lightowlers		xiiij ^{li}	
Pendleburye.	Su ^m	xxx ^{li}	vj ^s viij ^d
Thomas feelds		xxxvj ^s	ij ^d
James Sedont		v ^s	
	S ^m	xl ^s	xiiij ^d
Prestwyche and tetlowe for one whole yeres Rents and service borrowed of the teñnts wherof pte dicharged and crossed and freelie geven by y ^e teñnts of their own accord and good willes.			
Robte Langley		xxx ^s	
ffraunces hilton		xx ^s	iiij ^d
John Rydinge		xv ^s	vj ^d
Wiſſm hilton		xxx ^s	iiij ^d
Richard worsley		xxiiij ^s	v ^d
gyles walwarke		xj ^s	iiij ^d
Robte dygle		xxviij ^s	iiij ^d
Wiſſm dygle		xxviij ^s	iiij ^d
James gartside		xxxiiij ^s	iiij ^d
Robte holden		xxviij ^s	iiij ^d
James Eccersall		x ^s	vj ^d
Ric. hardman			xx ^d
ux) Robte scolles		ij ^s	
Ales Lees		ij ^s	
Tetlowe.	Su ^m	xiiij ^{li}	vj ^s v ^d
John holme		xviij ^s	
Robte urmeston		xvj ^s	viij ^d
hughe boardman		xxxj ^s	iiij ^d
	Su ^m	iiij ^{li}	vj ^s

THE WILL OF ROBERT BARTON OF SMITHELLS, IN
THE COUNTY OF LANCASTER, ESQ., MADE 1570.¹

IN the name and to the glorie and hono^r of th' father, of th' Sonne and of the holye Ghoste one god eternall, amen. The xxvjth daye of October in the yeare of o^r lord god one thousand five hundrethe and seventye and the xijth yeare of the Reigne of o^r sovaigne ladye Elizabeth by the grace &c. I Robt^e Barton of Smythilles in the countye of lancaster Esquier, of houle mynde and p^rfitte Remembrance Consideringe howe certayne I am to dye, and the uncertentye of the tyme thereof, and preparinge my selffe so to depte this worlde that by the merites of christs passion I maye ever Lyve, doe now make my testament and last will in maner and fourme followinge ffirste I bequethe and most hartelie Comēde my soule to thandes of almightie god the father Celestiall yeldinge and rendringe that thinge unto him that he onlye hathe Created and made, and by the deathe of his onlye sonne hath onlye redymed, faythfullie trustinge that throughe the merites of my moste m^ecyfull redymer and savi^or x^pe to have the felowshippe of his Angelles and the fruicon of his godlie majestie Item I will (when it shall please god to call me from this transitorye worlde) that my bodye and harte be conveyed from the place wher it shall so depte to the pishe Church of Bolton in the said countie of Lancaster, there to be buried and to reste untill the geⁿall resurrection. Item I will that all suche debtes and — as I owe by obligacōns

¹ The testator was the eldest son of Andrew Barton of Smithells, Esq., by his wife Anne, daughter of Sir William Stanley of Hooton, co. Chester, knight. He married Margery, daughter of Sir Peter Legh of Lyme, co. Chester, knight, by whom he had no issue. His widow married for her second husband Richard Shuttleworth, Esq., Chief Justice of Chester, and was living in 1589.

or billes of my hande to anie pson or psons be well and trulie contented and payde by my wyffe, who I will herafter in these p'ntes name and appointe my executoris. And after my debtes and funerall expences pformed Item I will and bequethe that Margerie my wiffe shall have to her owne proper use for ever all my goodes and cattell, Chattelles moveable and unmoveable quicke and deade whatsoever with all my housholde stuffe, Beddinge, brasse, pewter, plate, Juelles and all other my goodes and cattels whatsoever Together with all those my leases as well of tythes, as also Leasses of anye landes or tentes or anie other profittes whatsoever in the said countie of Lancaster, or els where within this realme of Englande. AND for the accomplyshmente, true pformance and fullfillinge of this my laste will and testamente and of the thinges therin conteyned I ORDEYN constitute and make Margarie my wiffe my sole executoris faythfullie and trulie to see the same executed and fulfilled in all thinges accordinglie AND I also constitute and make the right worshipfull Sir Thomas Gerrarde Knighte and my lovinge father in lawe Sir peres Lighe Knight Supvisors of this my laste will and testament as my especiall truste is in them, That they wolde be assistance to my said wiffe as supvisors to see the same pformed in all thinges accordinge to the true intent and meaninge thereof. AND I utterlie revoke and annull all and evie other testamente will legacies and bequestes by me in anywise before this made these beinge witnesses. Robte Barton M^d that the xth daye of June anno Regni dne nre regine xxij^o [1580] this will was altered as apperethe by the rasure and ther-uppon acknowledged and confessed by the within named Robert Barton to be his laste will and testam^t in the p'sence of Richard Neild henrie eccleston Richard urmeston Wiffm webster John douben Wiffm Gradell henrie pker.

THIS CODICILL and augmentacon to this testamente and laste will of me the said Robte Barton shalbe reputed and taken to all pur-

poses as peell of my said will and as effectual to all intendes as if [it] had ben under my scale vidett ffirste I give and bequethe to my dere frend Richard Leaver of Little leaver gentleman my beste yonge geldinge of three yeares olde for a remembrance towardes him, and to Richard Leaver his sonne my servante and to Thomas and Rauffe his two sonnes, I will and grante that they shall have to them and to the longest lyver of them one teñte in flixton which one Thomas lowe latelie dyed possessed of yeldinge and payinge the yearlie rentes and services accustomed Saving to the widowe of the said Thomas deceasede suche portion of grounde and howsing as is assigned her for tearme of her liffe. Item I will and grante unto the said Richard Leaver the sonne one anuitie or yearlie rente of fourtie shillinges for tearme of his naturall liffe to be receyved of my executrix of the rentes of Bolton and wigan at the rent dayes then accustomed. Item I give and grante to Robte Leaver one anuitie or yerelie rent of iiij^{li} vj^s viij^d to be in like maner taken of my said rentes of Bolton and wigan and paide him by my said executrix as to his father. Ifm I give &c. to George Longworthe gentleman one anuitie or yearelie rente of xl^s for tearme of his naturall lyffe, to be receyved of my said executrix and of the rentes of my landes in Horwiche at rent dayes accustomed. Ifm I give &c. to Allexander longworthe one anuitie or yerlie rente of iiij^{li} vj^s viij^d for tearme of his naturall liffe to be paid as to his father out of my said rentes of horwiche. Ifm I give to Edmund Bolton one anuitie or yearelie rente of xx^s for tearme of his naturall lyffe to be paid of my rentes of horwiche and by my said executrix as abovesaid to others. Ifm I gyve will and grante to Roger Gelli-bronde one anuitie or yearelie rente of xxxij^s iiij^d for terme of his naturall liffe to be paid him as aforesaid of my rentes of horwiche and Bolton or thone of them by my said executrix AND if my said rentes in those places be not sufficient or of value to paye and discharge the said annuities or yearlie rentes before sett downe Then

it is my mynde and full intente that my said executrix take of some other my landes or rentes and fullfill the wante notwithstandinge anie grante before made therenends gyvinge unto my said executrix absolute and full power aswell to deale withe the foresaid landes rentes and teñtes before appointed for this purpose as also anie my other landes to these intentes till the laste of the said annuities or yearlie rentes aforesaid be discharged by deathe of the pties AND for the more surer paymentes to be made of the said annuities aforesaid I will that after the deathe of my wiffe her executors shall have like power in the said landes appointed for this purpose and to paye the same accordinglie as my said wiffe wolde or oughte to doe if she were then lyvinge. Item I will that ev̄ie one of my householde servantes attendinge in daily wages shall have of my gifte one whole yeares stypende besides that whiche pteynethe for their service Trustinge that where I have bestowed certeyne annuities and other legacies to my servantes that they and ev̄ie of them will contynue faythfull true and serviable to my said wiffe as they wold have done to me if I had ben lyvinge, and in like maner I desire my said wiffe to stande good mistris to my said servantes and spetiallye to those whom she fyndethe faythfull and true, And all thinges then thus done I have a faythfull truste [and] sure hope to rest in joy unspeakable for ever and ever Amen. published and set downe as my verye purpose will and mynde x^o die Junii anno Regni dne nr̄ Elizabeth Regine vicessimo secundo [1580].

M^d this Codicill was declared by the said testator to be his mynde and wille in the p'sence of the said executrix who promised to pforme the same, And for the testimonie therof subscribed her name together with these others followinge, By me Margarie Barton, Robte Leaver and Xpofer hill with others.

[No date of Probate.]

THE WILL OF MATTHEW WOOD, CLERK, VICAR OF
WYBUNBURY, IN THE COUNTY OF CHESTER.¹ 1572.

IN the name &c. the ix day of June in the year of the raigne of Elizabeth &c. the xijth [1570] I Matthew Wood clerke and Vicker of Wybūbury in the county of chester being at this p^rsent of p^rfect mind and good remēbraunce but some thing . . . and sycke but knowinge that ther is nothing in this world so certen and sure as the dethe naturall of my body and the time therof most uncerten and minding to leve such goods debts and cattells to such of my frends and kinsfolks as I wold shold quietlye enjoy the same without eny suche cōtroversye or conten^cōn to arise among my sayd frends for the same Do make this my last wyll and testament in manner and forme followinge fyrst I bequethe my sowle to almightie god trusting and stedfastlie believing y^t throughē y^e merits of his blessed passion and shedingē of his most pretious blood to be one of them y^t shall inherite y^e kingdome of heaven whose names are written in y^e booke of lyffe Item I bequethe my bodie to be buryed in y^e chancell of Wybūbury aforesayd nere unto y^e place wher was buried Nicolas Darington late vicar of the church foresayd and my p^rdecessor Item I do geve &c. to my cosyn S^r Matthew wood clerke y^e Advowson w^{ch} I

¹ According to the new edition of Ormerod's History of Cheshire, Matthew Wood, who was instituted to the Vicarage of Wybunbury June 22, 1569, retained possession till his death in 1618, a period of nearly 50 years. This is, however, a mistake, there having been two Vicars of the same name—uncle and nephew, the former dying in 1570, the latter in 1618. The following is the entry of the burial of the former, as recorded in the Wybunbury Registers: "1570 June 17, died S^r Matthew wood vicar of Wibunbury who was buried the xxj day of the same moneth." His nephew succeeded him the same year, and there are many entries relating to him in the Registers. His burial is thus entered: "1618 April xxth was buried Matthew Wood, vicar of Wibunbury."

have of y^e Vicarage of Wybūbury to have and enioy after my death during his naturall lyfe. Item I do geve &c. to y^e sayd S^r Mathew one fetherbed one bolster one pyllow one my best covering one coverlett one payre of blankets of clothe two payre of shetes one payre of flaxen another payre of canvas Also y^e hanginges in my parler wth y^e bed testor and curteynes. Item to y^e sayd S^r Mathew y^e two long tables in y^e hall wth y^e formes and trestles to y^e same tables belonging and also my standing in y^e same hall wth y^e hanginges in y^e hall and in y^e thre chambers above and also one basin and one yewer of pewter and also I do geve &c to my sayd cosyn S^r Mathew my damaske cote and my best sylver spone having and two throwen cheares wth all my books and my best gowne lyned wth blacke bayes also I do gyve to my nyce Alis Wood doghter to my brother John Wood decessed my best blacke cowe my best gelding or mare One fetherbed y^e she lyeth in my best coveringe two payre of blankets one of fustyon an other of clothe two coverletts one Mattres two bouldsters and one pillow wth a pillow beare syx payre of shets iiij of flaxen and iii of canvas and y^e best standing bed wth cords wth y^e testor over the same my best brasse pan Two small pannes of viij gallons A peece my best brasse pot and my third brasse pott one Cauldron, one Chafron, one Skellet, one frieng pan one dreping pan one warming pan one payre of tonges wth A fyre shew [shovel] two broches y^e best and y^e third y^e best payre of golberts iiij my best candlestyckes wth my best chaffingdysh vj of my best voiders vj pottingers two sawsers y^e best salt seller vj counter fett² two potage dyshes of y^e best London makinge two of my best table clothes two towells of y^e best my table napkings vj silver spoones y^e best but one. Item whereas S^r Lawrance Smyth Knight standeth duliae indebted to me in y^e some of xx marks vj^s iiij^d my will is to remit and forgive to y^e sayd S^r Lawrance vj^l xij^s iiij^d pcell of y^e same some uppon condiçon y^e he wyll be good M^r unto my sayd cosyn S^r Matthew

and alic wood his sister and pay to y^e sayd Alice y^e some of vij^{li} being y^e rest of y^e same debt w^{thin} one hole yeare next after my deceasse w^{thout} any suit in y^e Law or els he to pay y^e hole some of xx marks vj^s viij^d to y^e sayd Alice. If wheras S^r Raffe Egerton Knight standeth to me dulia indebted in y^e some of vj^{li} xiiij^s iiij^d for y^e tythes of all such Lands as he ownithe w^{thin} y^e pysshe of Wȳbubury wth his water mylne by y^e space of xvj^j yeres after y^e rate of x^s for every yeare I do remit to y^e sayd S^r Raffe iiij^{li} vj^s iiij^d pcell of y^e same debte uppon condiçōn y^t he do pay The rest being other iiij^{li} vj^s viij^d to y^e sayd Alice wood my cosyn w^{thin} one hole yeare next after my decesse w^{thowt} eny sute in y^e law or els he to pay y^e hole some to y^e sayd alic. Also I do geve unto y^e sayd alic wood y^e long carpet and y^e short table in y^e hall or els in styd of y^e same carpet her brother to give her xiiij^s iiij^d in money and Also I geve &c. unto y^e sayd Alice my best gowne faced wth chamlet. Itm I geve &c. unto Rychard wood my brothers son my blacke mare wth her colte If to george wood son to y^e sayd Rychard wood vj^s viij^d Item to ellen wood bastard doghter to my brother John wood iij^s iiij^d. Item to Elizabeth wood dwelling wth my syster in law Alice Olton xx^s wth I lent to Rychard wood and yf he deny paym^{te} thereof to y^e sayd Elsabeth then I wyll y^t she shall have y^e sayd blacke mare and her colt before bequethed to y^e sayd Rychard and he to lose y^e benefyte of y^e same legacye. Also I do gyve to y^e sayd Elsabeth wood one woole bed one bolster one payre of canvas shets wth a coverlet and A twyll shet and iiij peces of pewter. Itm I do geve &c. unto Margarey wood my brother John's doghter my yonge ābling filie my iiijth fetherbed one coverlet one bolster one payre of shets of canvas one silver sponne Itm I geve to Margaret bromelow my brothers doghter my ruffed [or russed] gowne furred wth fox and to Robert her son my best cloth jacket If I bequethe to Wyllm Wood my bastard brother my blacke frise gowne If I geve &c. to Elsabeth lightwood one bushell of barlye

malt and one bushell of barle. Also I geve unto Raffe
 iij^s iiij^d and to Katheryn billinton iij^s iiij^d And to Ellen Parker
 xij^d and to Raffe Shore one payer of cast hose. Also my wyll is
 y^t after my deceasse A true inventorie be had and taken of all my
 goods cattels and detts and y^e same to be devided into two pts y^e
 one pt to pay my debts and legacies and y^e other pt to pay my
 funeralls and yf ther be any over plus of y^e pt my debts and
 legacyes payd and funeralls discharged then I wyll y^t y^e same over
 plus shalbe bestowed emong my pore frends by y^e discretion of
 myne executors. And wheras I have heretofore bequethed to my
 nyce alice wood divers legacies and debts my wyll is y^t yf y^e same
 legacies do not amount to xx^{li} they shalbe made out xx^{li} of all y^e
 rest of my goods debts and cattels by y^e good discretion of myne
 executors w^{thin} one yeare next after my deceasse and for y^e true
 pformance of my sayd last wyll and testament I do orden and
 make my true and lawfull executors M^r Wyf^m Dodworth of Lon-
 don Merchant taylor S^r Rog^r hoghton clerke Mathew wood clerke
 my newew Thomas Olton of cholmeton my brother in law Robart
 harwar of bridesurce (?) to se this my last wyll and testament
 Lawfullie executed and fulfilled in every behalfe in wittnes wherof
 I the sayd matthew wood clerke y^e testator to this &c. I do also
 make overseers of this my sayd last wyll y^e right worshipfull S^r
 Lawrance Smith Knight and Edward holland of Denton esq^r
 Lawrance woodnet of Rope to see y^e same fulfilled &c.

MATHEW WOOD.

Witnes at y^e delivz of this wyll by y^e testator to y^e executors as
 his dede these psons whose names be subscribed, Randolph Daven-
 port, Thomas . . . , Randle wright, Robart grene.

[Proved Sep^r 8, 1572.]

THE WILL OF JOHN HURLSTONE, CLERK,
ARCHDEACON OF RICHMOND.¹ 1572.

Jesus Emanuel.

IN dei noie amen. xiiij die Januarij Anno Dñi 1572. M^{du} that I Johs hurlestone Clerke, Archedeacon of Rychemonde hole in Bodie and of pfecte mynde and memorie make my Laste Will and Testamente in man^r and fforme ffollowinge, ffirste I Bequeathe my soule into the handes of almightie god, God the ffather, god the son and god the holie ghoste, one true and verie god, one in three psons, devided according to the scriptures, and utterlie forsake and renounce the devill and all his works, ydolatrie wth all supstition and hipocrisie, and stycke faste to Christe my saviour By whose blood sheidinge I truste to be saved and ac-compted wth his blessed electe; My Bodie to the earthe to be buried wheare y^t pleasethe almightie god, at the discreacon of myne executors: my gooddes temporall I will to be devided in three parts: The ffirste my ffun^{al}les and debts discharged of the whoole, secondelie I bequeath to John hurlestone my sonne x^{li} when he commes oute of his prentishippe in full contentacōⁿ of his Childes parte, to be delivēd to him by his Brother in Lawe Alexand^r Turn^r and if yt Chaunce the said John hurlestone to depte this Liffe before his prentishippe be expyred, then I will and bequeathe the said x^{li} to Elizabeth Turn^r my daught^r and to her Children of her bodie Lawfully begotten: Also I bequeathe to Tho^ms hurlestone my soune x^{li} in consideraⁿ that he hath hadd his childs parte alreadie, as appeareth by aquyttaunce of his owne hande made and delivēd to Alexand^r Turn^r his brother in lawe before sufficient witnesse I^m I bequeathe to Anne Turner the daughter of Alexand^r turner a cove and a yewe and a Lambe I^m I bequeathe to Anne Wrighte my s^rvaunte iij yewes and iij Lambes

¹ John Hurlstone is not mentioned in Le Neve's *Fasti*, nor in Whitaker's *Richmondshire*.

Iſm I bequeathe to Alexand^r Turn^r my ſon in Lawe all and ſingular thoſe tackes and grounds w^{ch} I have paid for alreadie, as he knowth and hathe the wrytings of the ſame Iſm I bequeathe to Elizabethe my daught^r his wyffe my ſecounde ffetherbedde, wth the ſeconde covinge, and alſo to the ſaid Elizabethe my daughter thoſe peics of pewter that I boughte of M^r Garratt and to her children of her bodie Lawfully begotten, and if yt chaunce anie of her children to depte, then I will that parte to be devided amonge the ſurviv^{rs} And I do conſtitute and ordeane and by this my Laſte Will make my truſtie and worſhippfull ffriende M^r Rychard hurlestone Eſquire (if yt pleaſe him) wth my ſon in Lawe Alexand^r Turn^r the executors of this my Laſte will. Debts y^t I owche Iſm to M^r Garrett of the newcaſtle as by Billes doethe appeare Iſm to Robert Childe my S^rvante vj^s All the residue of my goodds movable and unmoveable I give &c. to myne executors towarde the payinge of my debts, and to the poore where moſte neede is, at the discrea^on of myne executors. Theis witnesses John Smalwoode clerke, John Shawe, clerke, John Berington wth others.

[Proved Oct. 3, 1572.]

THE WILL OF PHILIP MAINWARING OF PEOVER, IN
THE COUNTY OF CHESTER, ESQ.¹ 1573.

IN the name &c. the ſeventh day of Januarye in the yeare of our Lorde God one thowsand fyve hundrethe threescore and twelve, And in the fiftenthe yeare of the Reygn of our Sovereyn

¹ Philip Mainwaring was the ſeventh ſon of Sir John Mainwaring of Over Peover, knt., by his wife Katherine, daughter of John Hondford of Hondford, in the county of Cheſter, Eſq. He ſucceeded his brother, Sir Randle Mainwaring, knt., in 1557, who died without male iſſue. He married Anne, daughter of Sir Ralph Leyceſter of Toft, in the county of Cheſter, Eſq., by whom he had iſſue. His widow ſurvived him till 1587; her will has been printed by this Society, vol. li. p. 196.

Ladye Elizabeth by &c. I Phyllipp Maynwaringe of Pe^v in the County of Chester esquier beinge of perfecte minde and good remembrance thanks be to God nev^thesse dreadinge the uncerteyn tyme of death naturall do therefore make &c. my last will and Testamente in manⁿ and forme folowinge That is to wytt ffirste I bequeath my soule to God the father Almightye trustinge by the merits of the Passion of our Lord Jesus Christ his only sonne to be one of the electe number in the Kingdome of heaven And my [body to be] buried in the Church or Chapell of O^v peover in the Northe syde there Also I will that my debts funerals and bringinge home shalbe discharged . . . performed of the whole of my goods And after that is done then I will That Anne my wyff shall have the thridde part of all my goods and catales [moveable and] unmoveable according to the Lawes of this Realme Also I gyve and bequeathe to the said Anne my wyff all the Apparell Reyments and garments . . . apperteyning to her bodye, And also one chayne of goulde and all such Rings of goulde or silver and other Juels and implements of goulde sil^v and other things . . . in her custodye or kepinge And also that the sayd Anne my wyff shall have the thridde part of all my Lands and tenements for the terme of her Lyffe. Also I gyve &c. to Rondulph Meynwaringe my sonne and heyre apparente my best chain of goulde, and my velvet gowne . . . which hathe my sealle of Armes therein, And also all such goods implements and stuffe of howsehold as Margaret Wilbrahm my Late sister . . . and Testamente to be and remeyne after my deceasse to the sayd Rondulph Meynwaringe my sonne accordinge to the tenor effect &c. [of the said Will] and Testament. Also I gyve &c. to the sayd Rondulph Meynwaringe my sonne one sil^v bootle w^{ch} I had of my sayd syster Wilbrahm . . . horses or geldings to choyse at his pleasure one sil^v salt and a cov^v w^{ch} is occupied in my howse daylie. Also I gyve &c. to the said Rondulph [Meyn-

waringe my] sonne my beste bull and boare and oñ yoke of my best oxen and oñ cheyne of yron thereto belonginge one yron bounde wayne of the oñ plow and a harrow. Also I give &c. to Margaret Meynwaringe my Dowghter in Lawe one Angell of goulde. Also I gyve &c. to Lawrence Leycester sonne of Sr Raff Leycester [Knight] Deceased one geldinge of three or foure yeares age. Also I gyve &c. to Marye Meynwaringe dowghter to my brother Henrye Meynwaringe deceased fyve markes. Also I gyve &c. to Sr Raffe Dutton prieste if he do remeyne and be wth me at Pever at the tyme of my deceasse twentye shillings. Also I gyve &c. to Anne Wharmbye six shillings eyght pence. Also I gyve &c. to Elen birche my Dey servant a heyffer of oñ or two yeares age by the discretion of Anne my wyffe. Also I gyve &c. to e^vye of my Servants dwellinge or remeyninge wth me at the tyme of my deceasse [a] halfe yeares wages o^v and besydes that w^{ch} shalbe then Due to theym. Also I gyve &c. to e^vye of my Godchildren xij^d a peece. Also I gyve &c. to John . . . my servant one cow or heifer. Also I gyve &c. to Humfreye Alcocke xij^s iij^d. Also I gyve &c. to the Parish Church of Rosterne to the reparelling thereof ten shillings. Also I gyve &c. to the church or chapell of O^v pe^v to the reparellinge thereof twentye shillings. Also I gyve &c. to my brother George Meynwaringe oñ geldinge or forty shillings of moneye. Also I gyve &c. to my brother Edwarde Meynwaringe oñ double duckett of Gould. Also I gyve &c. to Phillippe trafforde sonne of Withm Trafforde Late of the Parishe of Wilmslow, deceased forty shillings of money in recompense of and for such brasse and pewter as I had of the Late goods of the said Withm Trafforde so that the same forty shillings shall and be hands and custodie of Anne my wyffe untill such tyme as the sayd Phillippe Trafforde shall come to and accomlishe the age of twenty and one yeares. Also I gyve &c. to frances Newton of Moberley

twentye shillings of money. And also I will that after my sayd Debts fuⁿals, Legacies, bequests and other things be done and performed &c. That then the Residue of all my goods and cateyles moveable and unmoveable shalbe and rev[ert unto the] sayd Anne my wyff and to Edmonde Meynwaringe my yonger sonne to be equallye devyded betweene theym Provyded alwayes that if the sayd Anne now my [wyff] shall after my Deceasse marye and take to her husbände any other pson, That then the moytye or one half of her prte of the same residue of the sayd goods &c. remeyne to the sayd Edmonde Meynwaringe my yongⁿ sonn accordinge to the true intent and meaninge of theisse p^rsents. And moreov^r I the sayd Phillippe Meynwaringe have ordeyned &c. the said Anne my wyffe and Edmonde my sonn to be my true executors &c. In wytnesse &c. Sealed &c. in the p^rsens &c. Rondulph Meynwaringe Edward Meynwaringe, Lawrence Leycester, Richarde Davenport Raffe Dutton ffrances Newton.

[Copia concordat cum originali.]

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THE WILL OF LAURENCE WINNINGTON OF THE
HERMITAGE, IN THE COUNTY OF
CHESTER, GENT.¹ 1573.

IN the name of god the ffather the soⁿe and the holy ghost three psons and one god The xxth day of June in the yeare of o^r Lord god a thousand fyve hundreth seventie and twoe, and in

¹ Laurence Winnington of the Hermitage, in the parish of Sandbach, in the county of Chester, gent., was the eldest son and heir of John Winnington of the Hermitage, gent. He married Ellen, eldest daughter of William Brereton of Brereton, Esq., and the widow of John Carrington of Carrington, gent., but had no issue by her. He was succeeded by his brother, Thomas Winnington, gent.

the xiiijth yeare of the Reigne of o^r soveigne Ladie Elizabeth &c. I Laurence Wyuington of the harmitage in the countie of chester gent callinge to Remembraunce the ffayltie of this mortal lyffe, and that as nothings ys more certeyne to man then deathe, even so the tyme thereof is to man most un^cteyne and unknowne, and so manye tymes by the sudden approche thereof men are p^rvented to doe that w^{ch} they gladlye would doe, and by the lawes of god and nature they are bounde to doe, and albeyt I have con^cnige ^cteyne p^eels off my gooddes made and devysed such Assurance to such p^{er}sons and in such order as righte equitie and Reason Requyreth, yet to supplye that w^{ch} wanteth, and cannot well and orderly be executed and done otherwyse then by this p^{re}sent meanes nowe in hand, To the ende that beinge disburdened from the care of disposinge my worldly thinges when goddes mercyfull visita^cõn shall fall upon me, to draw me from this world I may then quyetly and cherefully p^rmedytate the heavenly Joyes then at hande. I THEREFORE make &c. my Testament conteyninge my last will in maner and forme folowinge ffirst I commend my sole to the mercye of almightie god, belevinge stidfastely that by the free grace and mercy off this my eternall god, and by the merites and passion of Jesus Christ my full and onely savior and Redemer, my sinnes be forgiven and covered I renounce man and all that is of man as any mediation or propitiation for my sinne, save onely the glorified man Jesus Christ, who is the onely mediator betwene god and man, by whose strypes we are healed, and this faythe I beseche god I may stand in to the ende, I comitte my body to the earth to be buried in such order as apperteyneth to A member of christes churche at the discretion of myne executors, there to Repose till the generall resurrection when of A mortall and corruptible bodie it shall Arise and be conioned wth my sole, and everlastinglie from thencefoorth to lyve and Reigne in heaven wth god and his saintes. Also my wille ys That the funerall charges ffor my buriall shalbe

firste defrayed and that all such dettes as I shall justely owe at the
 tyme of my deceasse (w^{ch} by goddes grace shall appere in A scedule
 hereunto annexed) shalbe paid and discharged wth such dettes as
 shalbe owinge unto me w^{ch} by goddes grace shall also be annexed
 in a scedule. NEXT^E It is my wille that such legacies and bequestes
 as are hereafter specified and declared shalbe lykwys trulye payd
 and discharged wth the residue of the same dettes owinge unto me
 w^{ch} remayne That is to say ffirst I give and bequethe to M^r good-
 man M^r Lane or such other learned man as shall take the peanes
 to make A Sermon at the tyme of [my] buryall xxvj^s viij^d To the
 reparacons of hullmes churche xxvj^s viij^d To the poore people
 dwellinge wthin hulmes parishe iiij^{li} To the poore people dwellinge
 in goostrie paryshe xx^s To the poore people dwellinge in swetnam
 paryshe xx^s To the poore people dwellinge in Brereton paryshe
 xx^s To the poore people dwellinge in the towne of middlewyche
 xx^s And my minde and wille is That all the legacies before speci-
 fied shalbe paid and delyved wth all convenyent speede that may
 be Immediatlye aft^r my decease. And that the devision and dis-
 tribution of such severall somes of money as are before geven and
 bequethed to the poore of the sayd paryshes and towne shalbe at
 the discretion of my executors or some one or more of theym call-
 inge to y^{em} the Churchwardens and foure honest Inhabitants off
 every the said parysshes and towne, for theyr better knowledge
 and Instruction howe to bestowe the same. Also I gyve &c. to
 Richard Smalewood my Sarvante iiij^{li} vj^s viij^d To Thom^s Wayne-
 wright my sarvante xl^s To ev^{ry}e other of my sarvingmē dwellinge
 wth me in howse at the time of my deceasse, eche of theym one
 halfe yeres wagis. To everye of my hired sarvantes beinge woorke
 folkes and to ev^{ry}e of the sarvante maydes dwellinge wth me in
 howse, at the tyme of my deceasse, eche of y^{em} one quartars wagis
 To be paid and delyved to the same sarving mē hynd sarvauntes
 and sarvunte maydes wthin one moneth nexte after my deceasse.

Also I give &c. to margarete Boothe my sistars daughter dwellinge wth me for her p^rferment twentie poundes. To the Residue of my sister boothes daughters eche of theym one old aungell. To my brother in lawe John boothe oⁿ old aungell. To my cosin John cotton of cotton an old aungell. To Laurence Baskervile my god sone fourtie shillings. To Richard Davenporte my god sone an old aungell. To Jenkin henburye fourtye shillings. To Robert nedham of Shavinton in the countie of Salop esquier my yonge greate blacke Trottinge stagge [nag] as yet unbroken. To Thom^s venables esquier soⁿe and heyre appente off S^r Thom^s venables Knight A blacke Amblinge geldinge. To henry maynwaringe of carincham esquier my blacke Trottinge geldinge w^{ch} I bought of Ri^d Smalewood. To my cosin Richard Steventon esquier iij^{li} vj^s viij^d To my cosin Richard Davenporte of Wheltrough fourtie Shillings. To my cosin Thom^s Baskervile of blackeden, my longe gowne of blacke clothe furred and gardid wth velvet, and all suche money as he oweth me. To John davenporte of merton gentelm^a fourtie shillings. To W^m Carington my wyves soⁿe iij^{li} vj^s viij^d To Andrewe carington an other of my wyves soⁿes iij^{li} vj^s viij^d And my wille and meaninge is That aswell my Dettes as also the severall legacies bequestes and devises beq^{uested} and by these p^rsentes geven limitted and appoynted and every of y^{em}, shalbe payd and discharged wth soche so^mes of money as are due and payable to me, by specialties or otherwyse, w^{ch} god willinge shall lykewyse appere in the said scedule hereunto annexed. Also I give &c. To Thom^s Wynnyngton gent^l my yonger brother the so^me of one hundreth and teⁿe poundes under and upon these condi^{ti}ons folowinge, That is to saye That the same Thom^s and two sufficient suarties wth him at the least, shall wthin the space of two monethes nexte after my deceasse enter into a bond by obliga^{ti}on to the Residue of my executors in the so^me of twoe hundreth poundes, wth Condi^{ti}on thereupon endorsed and in due forme of lawe to be

made, That he the same thōms his heyres executors and assignes shall well and truly contente and pay, or cause to be contented and payd to Margery Wynnyngton my sister for her furtherance and p'ferment the Sōme of fourtie poundes pcell of the said hundreth and tenne poundes in maner and forme folowinge, in full Recompence and satisfaction off all that she can aske clayme or demaund of me myne executors or administrators by any waye or meanes whatsoever, That is to saye ffoure poundes yerely from my deceasse at the feastes of the nativitie of S^t John baptiste, and St. Martyn the bishope in wint⁹ by evon porcions, or wthin tenne Dayes nexte ensuinge eyther of the same feastes, yf it be lawfullye Requyred by the same margery, untill the said sōme of fourtie poundes by such yerely paymentes be fully payd. yf the same Margery doe so longe Lyve. And allso that the same thōms his heyres executors and assignes shall well and truly contente and pay or cause to be contented or payd to Elizabeth Wynnyngton my sister, for her furtherance and p'ferment the some of fourtye poundes an other pcell of the said hundreth and tenne poundes in maner and forme foloinge in full recompence and satisfaction of all that she can aske clayme or demaund of me myne executors or administrators by anye waye or meanes whatsoe⁹. That ys to saye foure poundes yerely from my deceasse, at the said feastes of the nativitie of S^t John baptiste &c. [exactly as before.] And also that the same Tho^{ms} his heyres executors and assignes shall well and truly contente and paye or cause to be contented and payd To Elynor Wynnyngton one other of my sisters, for her furtherance and p'ferment the sōme of thrittie poundes pcell and residue of the said hundreth and teune poundes in man^r and forme foloinge in full Recompence and satisfaction of all that she can aske clayme or demande from myne executors or administrators by anye waye or meanes whatsoe⁹. That is to saye, foure poundes yerely from my deceasse at the said feastes of the nativitie of S^t John baptiste

[exactly as before]. And further That in the same condiçõn so to be indorsed, be Inserted and putte the proviso folowinge, That yf the said Margery, Elizabeth, and Elynor my sistars or any of y^{em} doe deceasse before they have Receyved their severall porçõns before limited That then so moche of her or their porçõns, so dis-seasinge as shalbe then unpaid, shall cease and be no longer paid, any thinge before mencyoned to the contrary notwthstandinge PROVIDED allwayes that yf my sayd brother Thom̃s wynnyngton doe not enter into any such bond to the Residue of my executors as is aforesaid That then the said legacye of one hundrethe and tenne poundes and ev^y pcell thereof to be to him wardes frustrate and utterly voyde. And that from thensefoorthe myne excutors shall levye the said Some of one hundreth and tenne poundes of my goodds and cattalls and contente and pay the same to my sayd sisters Margery, Elizabeth and Elynor, accordinge to theyre severall rates afore limited, as by the good discretion of myne executors shalbe thought conveniente any thinge before in these p'sents mencioned to the contrary thereof in any wise notwthstandinge. THE RESIDUE of my gooddes and cattells not heretofore disposed and given awaye, nor herebefore in these p'sentes bequested I geve &c. to Ellyn wynnyngton my wyffe, and the said Thom̃s wynnyngton my brother equally to be devided betwene theym AND for the true pformaunce of this my last will and testament I constitute and make the sayd Roberte neideham henry maynwaringe esquyers, and Thom̃s wynnyngton my brother myne executors &c. &c. IN WITNESSE whereof &c. These beinge wittenesses &c. Richard Steventon, Richard Davenporte, Thom̃s Baskerville, Edward hollynshed.

(Signed) LAURENCE WYNNYNGTON.

[Proved 19 December, 1573.]

THE WILL AND INVENTORY OF JOHN CHETHAM OF
NUTHURST, IN THE COUNTY OF LANCASTER,
GENT., MADE 1557, PROVED 1573.¹

IN the name of God Amen the iiijth daye of Auguste in the yere of o^r Lorde God a thousande fyve hundrethe fyftie and seven and in the iiijth and fyfte yeres of the Reignes of our Soueigne Lorde and Lady Phillipe and Mary by the grace of God Kinge and quene of England Spayne Fraunce both Sicilies and Jerusalem and Irelande defenders of the faythe Archdukes of Austria, Dukes of Burgundye, Myllan and Brabant Countes of Haspurge Flaunders and Tirolls. I John Cheth^m of Nuthurste in the Countie of Lancaster Gentle^mn holle in mynde and of good and pfyte remembrance and yet fearinge the houre of deathe w^{ch} is uncertayne doe notifie expresse declare make and shewe my last Wyll and Testament in Wrytinge concernynge the order and dysposy^{co}n of all my Messuags Lands Ten^{ts} and heridy^taments and the disposi^{co}n of all my goods and cattels moveable and unmoveable in man^r and fourme followynge Fyrste I comende into the handes of the highest my Spyrite which albeyt [I] acknowledge vnworthie to be accepted of his devyne ma^{ty} yet I undoubtedlye hope it shall . . . in . . . deathe and bloude of o^r Savioure Christe Jhu and in the immence multitude of his m^{er}cyes receave a place wythe him as he hath pmy^sed his Servants in his everlasting worde my bodey I wyll be buried in the Parysshe Church of Manchester where my Friends think good and where

¹ The testator was the eldest son of Thomas Chetham of Nuthurst, gentleman, by his wife Elizabeth, daughter of Thomas Hopwood of Hopwood, gent., and widow of Alexander Lever, gent. He was buried at the Collegiate Church of Manchester December 7, 1573, his widow Isabel being buried there on January 5, 1596-7.

I the said John Cheth^m at this psente tyme am lawfullye seased of and in twentye messuags foure cotags foure Tofts and xvj gardens xvj orchards towe hundereth Acres of Lands Fourtie acres of medowe towe hundreth Acres of Pasture xx^{ta} acres of woodde xx^{ta} acres of heathe and bruer an hundrethe acres of More and Turbarye one water Milne ye moyetie of one other water mylne and of xl^s rent wyth thappurteññes in Nuthurste Crompton slowshe-howses Baldeston worth and Moston in the said Countie of Lañc whiche be all the Lands and teñts whereof [I am] seased in fee symple and which be of the clere yerely value of xxiiij^{li} iiij^s nowe I the said John Cheth^m by this my said laste Wyll and testament doe wyll geve dispose and devyse unto Isabell my welbeloved wyffe certain Messuages landes teñts rents medowes feedyngs and pastures wythe th' appurteññes sett lyng and beyng in Nuthurste Moston Crompton slowshehowses aforesaid pcell of the premisses now in the severall tenures and occupacons of Geffray Myllnes Thomas Wirrall James Hill Rauffe Collynge Rogger Wylde John Wyrall and iiij^s rent in Moston aforesaid one pcell of Ground named and called y^e park lyng and beeyng in Crompton aforesaid the moyetie of one mylne wythe th'appurtenñes in Crompton aforesaid now in the occupacon of me the said John Cheth^m pcell also of the premisses w^{ch} premisses before devysed in the . . . of the clere yerely value and rent of vij^{li} xv^s ov^d and above all . . . and reprizes to have and to hould the said messuages Landes teñts rents medowes feedyngs pastures and all and singler other the p^omisses w^t th' appurtenñes before expressed and devysed to the said Isabell my wyffe and her assignⁿ immediatlye from the Daye of my Deathe duryng the natural lyffe of the said Isabell my wyffe to her onlye use for and in the name of the joyntture and of the said Isabell my Wyffe the remaynder thereofe after her dysceasse to the right heyres of me the said John

Cheth^m for ever. Item I geve wyll and devyse unto the said Isabell my wyffe my mansion howse of Nuthurste wythe the appurteññcs and all my Lands tenements rents reveññcs serviñ medowes feedyngs pastures and heridytements wyth th' appurteññcs sett lyinge and beyng in Nuthurste aforesaid to the said Mansion house adioyning apptaning and belongyng or together occupied wythe the same pcell of the p^omisses before first menñoned and also one mease or teñt w^t all coñmodities and pfetts to the same belongyng lyinge and beyng in Crompton now in the tenure and occupañon of Alexander Collyng beyng of the yerelye value of vij^{li} xiiij^s ij^d over and above all charges and rep^res to have hould occupie and Inioye the same Mansion house of Nuthurste and all the said Landes teñts rents reveññcs serviñ medowes feedyngs pastures and heridytements wyth all and singler theyr appurteññcs before last menñoned and expressed to the said Isabell my wyffe from the daye of my deathe duryng the naturall lyffe of the said Isabell my wyffe to and for the use and behoofe of the bryngyngge uppe and maryage of Elizabeth Martha and Anne my daughters the remaynder thereof after her deceasse to the right heyres of me the said John Cheth^m for ever. Itm I wyll that all the resydue of my said Lands Messuages teñts and heridytements wyth th' appurteññcs first before expssed and menñoned and not devysed by these psents which be and amount to a full thyrd part of the same and more that is to saye to the yerely value of vij^{li} v^s ij^d over and above all charges and reпрыses shall descend remayne and come to Henrye Cheth^m my sonn and heyr apparent Itm I wyll that the sayd Isabell my wyffe shall have all my Goods cattelles moveable and unmoveable whatsoever over and besydes my funeral expences and I do constitute ordayne and make the said Isabell my wyffe my true sole and lawful executryxe of this my said last Wyll and Testement. In witness wherof to these psents I the said John Cheth^m haue sett my seale the daye and

yeres First aboue wrytn in the psens of Edmund Chadderton Sr Rauffe ryder Clerke, John Scholfield and others.

[I do hereby Certify that the Writing within contained is a true Copy of the last Will and Testament of John Cheth^m late of Nuthurste Gentleman bearing date the seventh day of August one thousand five hundred and fifty seven remaining in the Public Episcopal Registry of Chester but there is not any entry on record by which I can ascertain the date of the Probate¹ or to whom it was Granted, if it ever was. As witness my [hand] the 17th day of September One thousand Eight Hundred and thirty three.

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An Inventorye taken at Nuthurste y^e viijth day of Decembre in the xvjth yere of the Reigne of oure Soveigne Ladye Elizabeth Quene &c. [1573] of all the goods and catells whiche late app-
tayed to John Chetham of Nuthurste now decessed praysed and
prysed as hereafter ys expressed.

Cattell.

Inp'mis viij Kye

x^{li}

Itm. one Bull

xiij^s iij^d

a fatte cowe

xxx^s

¹ This is a strange mistake, as the will, which is still at Chester, is endorsed as having been proved before Roger Wrigley, clerk, Curate of Oldham, 1573. The Inventory, which is a long one, was taken at Nuthurste, 8th December, 16 Elizabeth [1573].

ij heffers	xxxij ^s	
ij kye styrks	xx ^s	
one olde geldinge	xxiiij ^s	iiij ^d
v mares	v ^{li}	
ij yonge staggs	xxxiiij ^s	iiij ^d
xxxij sheepe	xl ^s	
iiij hoggs and a Sowe	xx ^s	
iiij piggs	iiiij ^s	
vj geese	ij ^s	
vij Cappons	ij ^s	iiij ^d
vij henns		xiiij ^d
	Sum xxvj ^{li}	xviiij ^d
Implements of husbandrye		
Inp'mis, one Corne carte		xij ^d
ij torve cartes		xij ^d
a stone carte		xij ^d
ij marle carts or tombrills	ij ^s	
one mucke carte		xij ^d
vij peyr of wheiles	xiiij ^s	iiij ^d
vij Axletrees		xx ^d
twooe plowes		xvj ^d
twooe peyr of plowe yrons	ij ^s	iiij ^d
iiij harrowes w ^t teethe of Iron	v ^s	iiij ^d
iiij payre of treas		xvj ^d
vj peyr of tights (?) for harrowes		vj ^d
v barghes		x ^d
ij payr of Thillhomes		j ^d
ij carte sadles		vj ^d
one hackney sadle	ij ^s	
ij mattocks		viiij ^d
ij shovulls		viiij ^d
ij spades		viiij ^d

iiij axes		ij ^s	
A hedginge bill			iiij ^d
v nowgars			x ^d
one Chesill			ij ^d
ij Iron Wedges			viiij ^d
one bay of otes to xij syvs	iiij ^{li}		
one other bay parte Ots pte Barley to			
vij syvs and . . . bussells	iiij ^{li}		
A Bay and a halff of hay		liij ^s	iiij ^d
A bay of torves		vj ^s	viiij ^d
certayn sawed bordes		vj ^s	viiij ^d
one great Arke to keepe corne in		v ^s	
one Garn ^r for y ^e same purpose		vj ^s	viiij ^d
In the kylne,			
Inp ^r mis one great Combe to keepe Malte in		v ^s	
one other combe to kepe malt in			xx ^d
	Su ^m	xiiij ^{li}	vj ^s iiij ^d
In the hall and other places,			
Implements of houshold stuff,			
Hall and other places,			
Inp ^r mis, one folden borde		ij ^s	
one other lounge borde			xij ^d
one cupborde there			viiij ^d
twooe Settles there		ij ^s	
viiij chears		ij ^s	
xvj quysshens		v ^s	iiij ^d
in y ^e parler next y ^e Corte one standinge bed		ij ^s	
one cuppeborde there			vj ^d
one other borde there			vj ^d
ij coffars there		iiij ^s	
in y ^e parler next the Orcharde one standinge			
bed and a Truckle bed		iiij ^s	

one presse in the same pler				viiij ^d
one lounge Cupborde there				vj ^d
in y ^e highe Chambr next y ^e Corte one stand- inge bed			iiij ^s	iiij ^d
one truckle bed in the same chamber				xij ^d
iiij coffars in the same chamber			vj ^s	
in y ^e Chamber next y ^e Orcharde a stand- dinge bed			ij ^s	
iiij coffars there			vj ^s	
one round table there				vj ^d
in the kytchen chamber twooe bedds				xvj ^d
in twooe chambers wythout iiij other bedds			ij ^s	viiij ^d
xvj coverletts			xxxij ^s	
x peyr of blanketts			xx ^s	
ij coverings			iiij ^s	
vj mattrysses			xiiij ^s	iiij ^d
v ffetherbedds			xxxiiij ^s	iiij ^d
xvij payre of small sheets			xxvj ^s	viiij ^d
xix peyre of Pounder (or Rounder) sheets			xix ^s	
xij bolsters			viiij ^s	
viiij pyllowes			iiij ^s	
xij pillowbears			iiij ^s	
x syvs				x ^d
vj wiskeyts				vj ^d
viiij sacks			ij ^s	viiij ^d
iiij Spynnyng wheiles				viiij ^d
ij peyr of wull cards				vj ^d
	Sum	x ^{li}	xvj ^s	vj ^d
Buttrey.				
x candle stycks				viiij ^s
ij fyre dysshes				xx ^d
xliij pewter dysshes				xx ^s

xvj sowcers	iiij ^s	
xvj poddage dysshes	iiij ^s	
viiij trenketts		xx ^d
A cupborde there		vj ^d
one other borde there		viiij ^d
one sylver salte	xiiij ^s	iiij ^d
iiij tynne Salts		x ^d
a dossen and a half of sylver spones	liij ^s	iiij ^d
ij dossen and a halff of smalle napkyns	v ^s	
xij Rounde napkyns		xx ^d
vj Rounde Table clothes and iiij smalle tableclothes		ix ^s
vj stonnds	iiij ^s	
xij drinkinge cupps		vj ^d
ij dossen of trenchars		ij ^d
in y ^e Larder house ij kye in salte and a fatte hogge		xi ^s
iiij Tubbs to salte fleshe in	iiij ^s	
ij barrells to keepe varies in		xij ^d
a greate Arke to keepe mayle in	iiij ^s	
Brewhouse.		
one brewinge keare and a troghe for y ^e same		ij ^s
A yailinge keare		xij ^d
ij great stonnds and a smaller stonnde in the same place		xij ^d
iiij Esshens and one piggen there		viiij ^d
one great Arke there to keepe meale in	ij ^s	
	Sum ix ^{li}	ij ^s
Kytchin.		
vij great potts	xxviij ^s	
viiij smaller potts	xxj ^s	iiij ^d

iiij great pannes	xl ^s
v lytle pannes	xv ^s
ij skelletts	ij ^s
oue fryinge panne	vij ^d
one drippinge panne	vj ^d
ij flesshe hooks	ij ^d
A skymmer	ij ^d
one Cowdryn	ij ^s vij ^d
iiij spyts	iiij ^s
ij peyr of gowbyrons	xij ^d
An Iron to sett potts on	ij ^s
twoe payr of Tonngs	vij ^d
hys Apparell	iiij ^{li} vj ^s vij ^d
Sum total	^{xx} iiij xix ^{li} x ^s j ^d

The names of the prayzers and valluers of the } Thomas Shaghe.
 goods and catells afore wrytten scilt } Thomas Chethm̄.
 John Werrall.
 Thomas Mellone.

THE WILL OF ROGER MILLINGTON OF MILLINGTON,
 IN THE COUNTY OF CHESTER, GENT.¹ 1573-4.

IN Dei &c. the xiiijth daye of december Anno Dñi 1573 and in the sixteenth yere of the Reign of o^r Soveigne ladie Elizabeth &c. I Roger Myllyngton of Myllyngton in the Countie of Ches^r gent and in the pishe of Rothstone sick in bodie and [of] a good

¹ Roger Millington of Millington, son and heir of William Millington of Millington, married Elizabeth, daughter of James Domville of Lymm, in the county of Chester, by whom he had nine sons and one daughter. John Millington, his son and heir, married Anne, daughter of Edward Holland of Denton, in the county of Lancaster, Esq.

and pfect Remēbrance thanks be geven to god, Do mayke this my p'sent Testament conteyninge theire in my last Wyll in mañ and forme folowyng, ffyrst and most pryncypally [I] geve and begeth my soule to god Almyghtie my maker and redemer and my bodie to be buryed wthin the churche of Rothestone in suche decent order as shall please my executors heraft⁹ to be [na]med. Itm. I geve and bequeth towards the repacons of the sayd churche vj^s viij^d to be payed [by] my executors of my goods and cattells. Itm. I wyll &c. that George Myllyngton and Wiñm Myllyngton young^r sonnes of me the sayd Roger shall have to either of theym the full som of twentye m̄ks to be payed to theym by my executors of my goods and Cattells in full reōpence &c. of their porcon of goods due to theym at the Death of me the sayd Roger. Itm. it is my full wyll &c. that Roger Myllyngton of london young^r sonne of me the sayd Roger shall have nor porcon^ñ of my goods and cattells, but to be pleased and contented wth suche soms of money as I have heretofore geven to hym which somes amount to the Som of xx^{li} Itm. I wyll &c. that Geffrey Myllyngton hugh Myllyngton . . . Myllyngton and henry Myllyngton young² sonnes of me the sayd Roger, to whom [I] have geven sevall Anñyties for the t^rme of their lyves, shall in lyke mañ have no . . . nor porcon^ñ of my goods and cattells aft⁹ the deceasse of me the sayd Roger, but suche as I shall geve and delyv^r to theym or to eny of theym in the lyff of me the seyð [Roger]. Itm. I wyll &c. that my Debts be contented and payed and my fuñall expences and legacs deducted out of my whole goods and Cattells. The rest and resedewe of my goods and Cattells I geve &c. to Elizabeth my wieff and [Dorothe] my Dought² equally to be Devided betwixt theym. And I ordeyn &c. Elizabeth my wiff and Dorothe my Dought² my whole executors &c. And I desyre the right worshipfull Wyñm bouthe [of] dunh^m esquier to be overseer of this my sayd last Wyll and testament. In [witt]nes

wherof &c. Itm. I geve &c. to John Myllyngton my sonne and Heyre all my bords and formes in the hall wth all my waynes and all other Implements of husbandrye and to my sayd sonne and heyre John Myllyngton the fetherbed that I the sayd Roger do Lye and all thyngs that belonge to the sayd fetherbed nowe lying upō the whole bed viz. . . . bed one flocke bed one bolst⁹ one pillowe and two blankets. Thesse beyng Wittnes John domvyle, Jhon domvyll, hughe meyre, Wiffm goodyer.

[Proved 4 Feb. 1573-4].

THE WILL OF JOHN BOOTH OF BARTON-UPON-
IRWELL, IN THE COUNTY OF LANCASTER,
ESQUIRE.¹ MADE 1571, PROVED 1576.

IN the name of god, Amen the fife daie of Auguste in the xiiijth yere of the Raigne of o^r sovaigne ladie Elizabeth by the grace of god &c. And in the yere of o^r lord god a thousand fyve hundreth threscore and eleven [1571], I John Boothe of Barton uppon Irwell wthin the Countie of lanc: Esquier, sicke in bodie but of good and pfect mynde and remembr^ounce, I give lawde and praise unto almighty god, And fearinge the sodennes of uncerten death and beinge of good will and mynde to declare and p^rnounce howe and in what man^r my goods Cattalles and debts shalbe imploied used and bestowed after my death doe make and give up this my testament wherein is conteyned my last will in man^r and forme followinge

¹ John Booth, Esq., was the eldest son and heir of John Booth of Barton, Esq., by his wife Ann, daughter of Sir Richard Brereton of Worsley, knt. He was married at Middleton on November 22, 1547, to Anne, daughter of Richard Ashton of Middleton, Esq., by whom he had no issue. He married, secondly, c. 1560 or earlier, Ellen, daughter of Sir Piers Legh of Lyme, in the county of Chester, knt., by whom he had four daughters, co-heiresses, Margaret, Anne, Katherine and Dorothy.

ffirst and principally I doe comitt and give my soule to almightie god my Maker and Redem^r and my bodie to be buried wthin the pishe church of Eccles in suche chappell or place as my Aunces-
tors have heretofore bene buried in Next unto that I will that my Executors shall after my deathe bestowe uppon my funeralles and bringinge furthe and uppon suche blacks as shalbe necessarie and nedefull for the furniture of the same, the sūme of fiftie pownds or more at their discreçōns And it is my will that the saide blacks shalbe bestowed in gownes and coats as is hereafter sett furthe and mençoned in this my will That is to saie first to my ladie my mother one gowne and to my worshipfull cosins Wiffm boothe of dunh^m, John Radcliffe, Ric. Bolde, and Thomas butler Esquiers, Ellen my weif my foure doughters and my frend wiffm kenion evy one a gowne. Also it is my will that my frend Robt Edge and evy one of my servūts that doe nowe weare my clothe shall haue evy one of them a blacke coate And it is further my will and mynde that my Executors shall after my deathe in suche convenient tyme as they well can discharge and paie all suche debts as I am indebted and doe owe to any pson or psons of my saide goods Cattalles and debts yf the same will so farre extende And yf they will not Then to paie so farre as the same goods catalles and debts will extende and amount And whereas there is owinge unto me by Edmund Trafford Esquier the sūme of one Thowsand pownds or there abouts for the mariage of my eldest doughter, yf the same mariage maie take effect betwixt my cosin his sonne and my said eldest doughter.¹ And where also there is owinge unto me by my father in lawe Sr Peers Leighe knight the sūm of one hundreth and six pownds xiijs and iiij^d And further whereas I am at libtie to give by my last will or otherwise out of my lands in Irlam, the sūme of one hundreth pownds or more It is my will and mynde that my Executors

¹ Margaret Booth, the eldest daughter of the testator, aged 15 in 1576, married Edmund Trafford, Esq., son and heir of Sir Edmund Trafford, knt.

shall receave and take the said se^vall sūmes of money as they shall hereafter fortune to fall and growe due And the same to bestowe and paie for the discharge of this my last will and as is hereafter expressed and men^cōned in the same That is to saie first to Ellin boothe my weif the sūme of one hundreth pownds and to my thre youngest doughters towards the amendement of theire mariage goods evy one of them one hundreth pownds And yf it fortune any of my said youngest doughters to die before they be maried or come to yeres of discrecon Then it is my will and mynde that the said money shalbe and remayne to those that survive And so to contynewe from one to another And yf it fortune that they all die afore they come to yeres of discrecon or be maried Then it is my will and mynde that my eldest doughter shall haue the benefite thereof And yf it fortune that my said eldest doughter die afore she come to yeres of discrecon or be maried Then it is my will and mynde that the saide sūmes of money given and bestowed to my said doughters shalbe imploied used and bestowed at the discrecon of my Executors And it is my will further that my father in lawe S^r Peirs leighe knight Ellen my weif, my worshipfull cosins Wifm boothe of dunh^m, John Radcliffe, Ric. Bolde and Thomas Butler Esquiers shall haue the bestowinge in mariage of my eldest doughter yf the mariage betwixt my cosin Trafford and my said doughter doe not take effect And my will &c. is my Executors shall take and receave all suche sume and sumes of money as shall fortune hereafter to be gotten for the mariage of my said eldest doughter And the same to imploie and bestowe uppon the discharge of this my laste will and testament and the legacies and bequests therein conteyned And yf my said Executors cannot receave and haue the benefite of the mariage of my said eldest doughter together wth the other debts and sūmes of money aforesaid accordinge to the true intent and meaninge of this my last will and testament Then it is my will that the said legacie and

bequest of CCCC^{li} given to my said weif and doughters shalbe utterly void Any thing herein conteyned to the contrarie notwithstanding And it is my will further that my Executors shall bestowe and give to the psons hereafter named suche se^vall sūme and sūmes of money as are lymited appointed and set furth by this my last will and testament yf my said goods and Cattalles will so farre extend and amount That is to saie to my bastard doughter towards her mariage xx^{li} to e^vy one of my yeomen w^{ch} weare my clothe one yeres wages Item to the repaire of the Chappell in Eccles church where my Auncestors were buried and doe lie the sūme of x^{li} Item to my frend wifm Kenion iij^{li} vj^s viij^d Item to John foxxe xx^s Item to Nicholas Thirlwinde xx^s Item to Roger Thirlwinde xl^s Item to Edmund barlowe xx^s Item to m^rgerie foxxe xiiij^s iiij^d Item to Thomas Tildesley v^s and a blacke coate If to James hunt x^s If to Philip dalton x^s If to e^vy childe that I am godfather unto xij^d And all the reste and residue of my goods cattalles and debts This my last will and the true intent and meaninge thereof beinge discharged and pformed, yf there be any, I will be imployed used and bestowed by the discrecōn of my said Executors And I doe ordeyne &c. my trustie frends wifm kenion and Robt Edge and also my welbeloued servūnts humfrey barlowe and Roger Bexwicke my true and lawfull Executors of this my last will and testament And I desire and heartily require my worshipfull cosins wifm Boothe of Dunh^m, John Radcliffe, Ric. Bolde and Thomas Butler Esquiers to be supervisors of the said will And to see the same pformed accordinge to the true intente and meaninge thereof as my spīall truste is in them It is my will and mynde and I doe give to e^vy one of my said supervisors an olde Aungell for a remembrūnce And whereas I have heretofore made and sealed two se^vall dedes of geift of my goods and cattells [the one to] my Cosin butler and homfrey barlowe and the other to S^r Robt Worseley my cosin Boothe of dunh^m

and my cosin Trafford, I doe here by this my will pñounce and declare that the true intent and meaninge of the makinge of the saide [deeds] was to no other ende and purpose but for the safetie of suche of my frends and servñnts as at those tymes entred into bounds for suche sūmes of money as I was indebted and did owe in london and other places and to be a suertie unto them, if I had fortunēd to die afore the said debts were discharged and not to give ppertie of my said goods and cattalles to any of the forenamed pñsons any longer then the said bounds they entered into were discharged. In witness &c. John Boothe. Witnes at thensealinge and delivý hereof viz. Ellis hey Steven Costerdine And me Andrewē worthington.

[Proved October 29, 1576.]

THE WILL OF ROGER NOWELL OF MEARLEY, IN
THE COUNTY OF LANCASTER, GENT.¹ 1580.

IN the &c. the xth daie of Julii 1579. I Roger Nowell of Mearley in the countie of Lancaster gentleman beying secke in my bodie, and yett of good and pñtte memorye Thancks be unto almightie god therefore doe ordeyne and make this my last will and Testament in manⁿ and forme followynge ffirste I gyve and bequethe my soule &c. Also I wyll that my bodie be buryed in the pishe Churchē of Cliderowe or ells where ytt shall please almightie god &c. Also whereas I have maid a lease of my capitall and cheiffe messuages in lyttle Mearley greate Mearley and Clider-

¹ The testator, the eldest son and heir of Christopher Nowell of Little Mearley, married, first, Elizabeth, daughter of Thomas Paslow of Wiswall, in the county of Lancaster (not Thomas Haslow of Wise Hall, as printed in the last edition of Whitaker's *Whalley*), by whom he had issue, and secondly, Ellinor, daughter of Hugh Shuttleworth of Gawthorp, Esq.

owe wth th'appurtennces and all and singular the said Mannors, Mess^s, burgags, cotags, h[ouses], edifys, orchards, gardins, mylnes, dove howses, crofts, closes, lands, Tēnts, meadowes, leasses, pastures, woods and underwoods, waters, ffishings, moores, mosses, wasts, waies, comons and heredytamets and all and evere one of the p'misses wth th'appurtennces to Rauffe Tetlowe ats Paynter¹ from and after the daie of the decesse of me the said Roger Nowell for and duringe the terme of ffourescore yeres, then next ensuyng fullie to be complete and endyd upon trust and confydence, as by the said lease bearinge date the xxviiij daie of September in the Sextenth yere of the Reigne of oure Sovaigne ladie Elizabeth by the grace &c. [1574] more playnelie dothe and maie appeare and for and to the uses and Intents assigned lymtyed and appoynted by this my last will and Testam^t to such pson and psons as here after in this my said last will &c. shalbe nōiated and appoynted That is to saie I will and bequethe Sextene yeres ffirste of the said terme of ffourescore yeres of Two pts of the foresaid lands Tēnts hereditam^{ts} and p'misses hereaffore mençōned and exp'ssed and all the Rents yssues and proffets yerelie comynge growyng and encreasing upon the said Two pts shalbe Receyved and taken by the said Rauffe Tetlowe ats Paynter, John Crommocke George Talbotte their executors &c. for and towards the dischargeynge and saveyng of theme and everie of theme harmeles of one obligacon wherein they stond bounden Joyntlie and sevallie wth me the said Roger Nowell to one Hughe Shuttleworthe in the Some of ffoare hundred marks, as sureties for me the said Roger Nowell Provyded alwaies That if my executors of this my last will hereafter mençōned named and appoynted shall and doe save and keepe harmelesse the said Rauffe Tetlowe ats Paynter John Cromocke and George Talbotte their executors &c. . . . everie of theme of the said obligaçon of ffoure hundred marks That then I will that

¹ This person is subsequently called Rauffe *Cotton*, *alias* Paynter.

my said executors shall not onelie take and Receyve the yssues Rents and Proffetts yerelie comyng growyng &c. of the said Two pts of the said lands Tēts &c. for and duringe the said terme of Sextene yeres here before lymtyed and appoynted to the said Rauffe Cotton als Paynter¹ John Crommocke and George Talbotte their executors &c. But also I gyve will and bequethe That my said executors shall Receyve all the yssues Rents and proffetts of the fforesaid lands Tēts &c. in little Meareley greate Meareley and Cliderowe afforesaid for and duringe the said hole terme of ffourescore yeres ane thinge whatsoev^r here affore Recyted. And yf it happen my said executors hereafter named That they doe not Save and keepe harmlesse the said Rauffe Cotton als Paynter John Crommocke and George Talbotte their executors &c. of the said obligacon of ffoure hundreth marks Then I gyve &c. to my said executors here after named That they shall take and Receyve all the Issues &c. yerelie comyng growynge &c. of the fforesaid lands Tēts &c. for and duringe but onelie the terme of Threescore ffoure yeres after thend of the said terme of Sextene yeres fullie endid beyng Resydewe of the said terme of ffourescore yeres equallie yerelie to be devyded emongest theme And yf it chaunce anie one or moe of my said executors hereafter noiated to goe aboute to wthdrawe and detynene to him or theme S[elves] more of the said profitts comynge &c. of the said lands Tēts &c. affore mentioned Then they by this my last will is lymtyed and of righte oughte . . . and doe not yelde and paie the same Issues and proffitts of the said lands to others of my said executors w^{ch} of righte oughte to have the same by force of this my last will Then I will that suche [one or] moe of my said executors so deteynyng more then his pte and porcon of the said yssues &c. comyng and [growing] of the said lands Tēts &c. from anie one or [more] of my said executors w^{ch} of righte oughte to have the same contrarie to

¹ Previously called Rauffe Tetlow, alias Paynter.

the true meanye of this my laste will shall from thenseforth not have nor take anie benefyte of this my last will and T[estament] anie thinge or things whatsoev^r hereafter Recyted to the contrarie not wthstanding And yf yt shall happen anie of my said executors hereafter named to dye havinge noe Issue of ther bodie or bodies lawfullie begotten wthin the said terme of Threescore ffoure yeres Then it is my will that all suche pte and pts of the Issues Rents &c. yerelie comyng &c. of the said lands Tents &c. to be Receyved and taken by my said executors as is afforesaid shall Remayne and come to the Resydewe of my said executors survyvinge equallie yerelie to be devyded emongs theme. Also whereas my Cosigne John [Paslow] of Wiswall in the Countie of lancaster gentleman Stondith bounden unto me the said Roger Nowell by Statute or Recognizance knoweleged and taken at Preston in amoundernes in the said countie . . . before the maior of the same towne and others authorisshed in that behalffe in the So^me of one hundreth and Twentie pounds upon Condicoⁿ or defeyzaunce for the assur [ance of] certen Copie holde lands and hereditam^{ts} lyinge in Penhulton in the said countie pcell of the Mannor of Chatteburne Worston and Penhulton nowe or late in the tenor holdinge &c. . . late wief of Robt. Whippe, unto me the said Roger Nowell and my heires for ever accordinge to the custome of the said Mannor AND whereas before this tyme I the said Roger Nowell by deede . . . specyall trust and confidence, myndinge Rather to procure pformaunce of the said condicoⁿ and defeyzaunce then to take the penaltie or some of money conteyned and menconed in the said Statute or Recognizaunce have auctorisshed xpofer Nowell my sonne and heire apparaunte for me and in my name to sue and exicute the p^rmisses againste my said Cosigne John Passelowe in forme of Lawe, Sythence w^{ch} tyme as I am enformed my said sonne xpofer Nowell myche contrarie to my expectacon and speciall trust and confidence Reposed in him by force [and] coloure of my said

deede beyng to my Remembraunce onelie a letter of attorney, and was to be Repealed and Revocated at my will and pleasure haith converted thexecucon of the said Statute to his awne use w^{ch} is much contrarie to my [trust] Reposed in him as is afforesaid for if anie covenāte article or agreem^t be conteyned in my said deede to anie other effecte, or dothe gyve anie ffurthre auctoritie to my said sonne the same w . . . nevtheles to be and . . . accordinge to my true Intente and meaninge afforesaid viz: that neyther I the said Roger Nowell my executors or assignes shoulde be concluded or barred of oure interests rights and tytill in the p^rmisses neyther shoulde the said John Passlowe my said cosigne his executors nor assignes be used wth anie extremitie in that behalffe, but as a good neyboure and wellebelovede Cosigne. And that if the said copieholde lands coulde not nor shoulde not be conveyed according to the said defeyzance That then in Reasonable tyme after defaulte maid in that behalffe I the said Roger shoulde have paied unto me my executors &c. by the said John Passelowe his heires &c. the Some of Threescore pounds w^{ch} said Some of Threescore pounds the said John Passelowe haith often tendered unto me. And because I have haide harde by credible Report that my said sonne xpofer Nowell haith exicuted by the said Statute as afforesaid and Susteyned some things in lawe in that behalffe, whereof he is not as yett fullie Recompensed, and also as I heare saie [my sa]id sonne makethe some p^rtense to have the full benefyte of the said Statute and Some of money therein conteyned to his awne use w^{ch} is myche contrarie to my true Intent and meanyng But [fur]ther that I my Selfe or my executors after my decesse to th^ruse of my younger children shoulde have the benefyte of the said Statute accordinge to my true Intente and meanyng afforesaid And f[or] the better avoydinge of all contrav^sies w^{ch} mighte happen to aryse and growe in that behalffe I have thoughte good to suspend and staie the Receyte of the said

Some of Threescore pounds by thannds of the said John Passelowe, Trusting hereafter god spare me healthe to p'vent all suche contrav'sies as maie thereby happen, and [if] god call me owte of this miserable worlde before order shalbe fullie taken therein Then my trust is that my said sonne xpofer Nowell considering the p'ferrement I have otherwaies bestowed upon him, will lyke an obedyent sonne p'mitte and suffer my executors to have and [enjoy] the benefyte and avale of the said Statute to th'use of my wief and younger children not maryed And to the'ntente nev'theles that my said sonne xpofer Nowell maie lovinglie according to equitie be us . . . the p'misses I the said Roger Nowell by this my last will and Testam^t have Referred and comytted th'order and determynacoh therein hollie unto my trustie and welbeloved Cosignes Wiffm lyster of Thorneton in Craven and Edward Braddill of Whalley esquyers, and I charge my said sonne as he will aunswere when everie soule shall Receyve Rewarde accordinge to his Righteous dealinge to stande to and obey in everie thinge towchinge the p'misses the order awarde and Judgem^t of my said trustie Cosignes Wiffm lyster and Edward Braddill And my wief executors and children for their behalffe I charge everie of theme to pforme the same. And yf it shall fortune that noe suche Awarde can be maid nor obeyed and pfitted w^{thin} one yere next after my decesse then my will mynd and purpose is and I gyve dispose and devyse by this my p'sent last will and Testament the said Recognizance and Statute, all Somes of money therein conteyned, and the hole excuson thereof, and my hole estate righte &c. and demaunde of in and to all lands Tents &c. in extente by vertue thereof, and all Somes of money and benefytes receyved or to be Receyved by my said sonne Xpofer Nowell in that behalffe hollie and absolutelie to my said executors named to th'use of my said welbelovid wief and younger children and to be equallie devyded emongs theme as my other goods detts and chattells, accordinge to the lawes of this

Realme and custome of the [? province] of Yorke and dyocs of Chester AND FURTHER I will geve &c. all my goods and chattells movable and Imovable w^{ch} I shalbe possest of at the daie of my deathe, That is to saie to Grace Nowell, Marie Nowell, John Nowell, Kateren Nowell my children whome I doe ordeyne &c. and make my sole executors to exicute this my last will &c. and I doe ordeyne &c. the said W^m lyster and Edward Braddill Supvy-sors hereof &c. These beyng witnesses Edward Braddill, Richard Crommocke, Richard Whyteheade, Robte Whittingham, Wiffm Dawson, Robte Scotte and Edward Balay.

[Proved April . . . 1580.]

THE WILL OF MARGARET WRIGHTINGTON, WIDOW
OF RICHARD WRIGHTINGTON OF WRIGHTINGTON,
IN THE COUNTY OF LANCASTER, ESQ. 1580.

IN the name &c. the xxvijth daie of Januarie in the yeare of oure Lorde god 1578[-9]. I Margaret Wrightintone, Wydowe Late wyeffe of Richard Wrightintone of Wrightintone esquire deceased Doe make my Testam^{te} wherein ys Conteyned my hoole mynde and laste wille concnyng^e my soule my bodie and my goods of the whiche fyrste and principallie I geve and Bequeythe my soule to god Almyghtie my maker. And redem^r trusting assuredlye by the merytes of christs passion to have the ffuycion of his blessed p^rsence wth all his Saints and Aungels in heaven And my bodye I will to be buried at the pishe Church of standyshe in the place wherin my said husband Lyeth. And my goods I will to be used ordered and bestowed accordeinge as shalbe men^code &c. in this my Laste will and Testamente that is to saie I geve &c. towards the buildinge [of the parish] Church of standyshe the some of ffourtie shillings If I doe confesse and knowledge my selfe to be in-

debted and owinge to my foure children Alexander Elizabeth Anne and Agnes for theire hoole ptes and filiall porçons and children Partes of goods due unto them after the decesse of their father the said Richard Wrightintone the hoole and Entier some of ffyftine pounds and Eleven shillings viz. to evy one of them three pounds seventene shillings nyne pence If I wille and my mynde is that my saide Legacie debtes and funerall expences beinge discharged, then I will and my mynde ys That all the residue of my goods shalbe equallye devided amongste my saide foure Children Alexander Elizabeth Anne and Agnes If I doe ordeyne &c. Edwarde Standyshe of Standyshe esquire and John Wrightinton of Wrightinton esquire my true &c. Executors of this my Testam^{te} and laste will Desiringe them to Execute the same Accordinge to suche truste as I doe Repose in them above all others and I desyre And praye my faythfull frendes Thomas Lathome of Perbolde esquire James Worsley of Pemberton and Nycholas Rigbye of Harrocke gent^l to be supvisors and overseers of this my said Testam^t and laste wille Theise beinge Wytnesses of the same, Henry Laithwait, Hughe Toppinge, Robarte Lawe and others.

[Proved 12 December, 1580.]

THE WILL OF ALEXANDER HOUGHTON OF
PENDLETON, IN THE COUNTY OF
LANCASTER, ESQ.¹ 1580-1.

IN the name &c. the viijth daye of May in the yeare of o^r Redemption 1577. I Alexander houghton of Penhulton in the Countie of Lancaster esquier somewhat sicke in bodie and of good

¹ A pedigree of the family of Houghton of Little Pendleton, in the Chapelry of Clitheroe, will be found in Whitaker's *Whalley*, 4th edition, vol. ii. p. 28, from which it appears that Alexander Houghton, the testator, was a younger son of John Houghton of that place. He is said to have married Maud, daughter of James Aspinall, but died without issue.

and pfect Remembrance thanks be geven to Almightye god knowinge that everie man is mortal and that the tyme of everie mans death is most un²tain have therefore thought expedient for th' avoyding of con²versies and suts wth by want of due provision in my lief might happen amongst my kinsfolks and frends after my decease for my goods and Cattels to constitute and make my Last will and testament in maner and forme followinge ffirst I give and bequeathe my soule to Almightye god my maker and Redeemer trustinge in his passion and mightie resureccon together wth his unspeakeable mercie to be saved and to be partaker of th'inheritance purchased by him for the elect. Itm. I will that my Bodie shall be buried in my Quiere at Clytherowe Church under the same stone neere unto my forme there where my mother doeth Lye. Itm. I geve &c. to John Towneley of Towneley esquier my best horse or mare such as yt shall please him to chuse desyringe him lyke as he hath e^v stande good M^r unto me even for that he woulde continue favorable unto myne executors wth his helpinge hand and good counsell in whose goodnes Resteth most of ther savegarde. Itm² I geve &c. unto Anne Shutleworth Doughter of Gilbert Shutleworth late of Afterleighe decessed the some of vj^{li} xiiij^s iiij^d towards her p^rferment in marriage or otherwyse. Itm. I geve &c. the residue of all my goods and Cattels whatsoever Except some pcon to be geven at my Waygate to my servants as I shall then thinke convenient and my funeralls honestlie discharged to Mary houghton and Katherin houghton doughters of the executors of this my last Will and to such doughter and doughters as they shall hereafter happen to have of their bodies begotten equallie to be devided amongst theme savinge that my will is that the said Marie shall have of my said goods xl^{li} more then eny of the rest of her sisters. Itm. I constitute ordain and make my welbeloved cosin John houghton sone of henrye houghton my Brother and Agnes nowe his Wief my true &c. executors of this my Last will &c.

Witnesses w^{ch} were p'sent when this will was declared by the testator x^{mo} die may Anno Reg: Elizabeth xxj. 1579. Thomas hamond &c.

[Proved Feb. 6, 1580-81.]

THE WILL OF ELIZABETH DOD, WIDOW OF
RANDLE DOD OF EDGE, IN THE COUNTY
OF CHESTER, ESQUIRE.¹ 1581.

IN the name of God the xvijth daye of Octob^r in the yere of o^r lord god a thowsand fyve hundreth fourescore and one and in the xxijth yere of the Raigne of o^r so^vaigne Ladye Elizabeth the quenes mat^{ie} I Elizabeth Dod of Edge in the countie of chester widow beinge visyted wth sicknes in my bodye but whole and pfyte in mynd and of good and pfectte memorye I Lawd and prase god and dowinge the uncteyn tyme of death and mynding to leve all thyngs in p^{ro}fit readynes for the better quyeting of my chyldren or any of my soune in lawes for the avoiding of stryffs and varyaunces amongst theym at after my decease do therfore ordeyn and make this my Last will and testament in maner and forme following ffirste I Comende and bequethe my soule unto allmightie god and to my Savyour Jesus Christ who dearlye bought the same with his p^{re}cious blud sheadyng And my bodye after my deathe to be buried and Leyd in the pishe Church of Malpas. Itm. I will

¹ The testatrix was the daughter and heiress of Thomas Horton of Tatternall, or Toternhoe, in the county of Bedford, and the second wife of Randle Dod of Edge, in the county of Chester, Esq., son and heir of David Dod. This Randle Dod had two daughters by his first wife, Anne, daughter of Sir Randle Brereton of Malpas, knt., and five daughters by his second wife, one of whom, Margaret, married her first cousin, Randle Dod, son of John Dod, second son of David Dod. (See *Miscellaneous Genealogica et Heraldica*, vol. i. pp. 223, &c. 1867.)

and my full mynd is y^t all such detts and dutyes as are dew of Right owing by me to any pson or psons shalbe well and truly contented and payed by my executo^r hereafter named and ordered as convenyent tyme shall Requiere. Itm. I geve and bequethe to Randulphe dod my sonne in Lawe all my goodes and cattells movable and unmovable what so evⁿ aswell wthin my howse as wthout and of also suche Detts as are Rightfully owing unto me the said Elizabethe by any pson or psons either by specialtie or otherwise he the said Raundulphe payinge and discharging all such detts as I do rightfully owe to any pson or psons and also discharging my funerall expences and suche Legacs as hereafter I shall geve and bequeth. Itm. I geve &c. unto the said Raundulphe Dod my sonne in Lawe and to M^rgett Dod his wiff and my dowghter, and to my dowghters Anne Massye, Katheryn Golborne, Ales Dod and Elizabethe Dod to their heires and assignes for evⁿ all that my capitall mease and all my lands, teñts, and hereditamts wth thapurtences what so evⁿ sett Lying and beyng in Tatternall in the countye of Bedford or els wher wthin the same Countye of Bedford Equealy to be devyded amongst them in fyve sevall ptes That is to saye one pte of the same lands, teneñts and other the p'misses beyng a fyfte pte therof to Remayne to the said Raundulphe Dod and margett Dod his wife and to their heires and assignes for evⁿ, one other pte of the said Lands teneñts and other the p'misses Being another fyft pte to remayne to the said Anne Massye to her heires and assignes for evⁿ. Itm. one other pte being a fyfte pte of the said Lands to Remayne to Kathern Golborne my dowghter and her heires and assignes for evⁿ. And one other pte or portion being a fyfte pte of the said Lands to Remayne and be to my dowghter Ales Dod and her heires and assignes for evⁿ. And one other pte being also a fyfte pte of the said Lands and tēnets to remayne to Elizabethe Dod my dowghter and her heires and assignes for evⁿ. PROVIDED and my full mynde and will is that if

it please god to call for either of my said dowghters Ales or Elizabethhe Dod havinge no yssue of their bodies Lawfully Begotten then her pte and portion of the said Lands and tēets bequethed unto theym so deyng by this my Last will and testament shall be and remayne unto my said sonne in Lawe Raundulphe Dod and Margaret his wif to their heires and assignes for ev̄. Itm. my full mynd and will is That in case Hugh massye or John Golborne my sonne in Lawes or other of them either of theym selves or by the full agreement assent and consent of their wyves my dowghters at any time After my decease do vex trouble or molest by suit of Lawe or otherwise my said sonne in Lawe Raundulphe Dod for any pte or portion of goods cattells Lands or tēets wch I have geven and devysed unto my said sonne in lawe and his wiff by this my last will and testam^t or by any other acte or dede donne by me The said Elizabethhe in any respecte then I will that suche p^{ti}on and pte of Lands tēets as I have lefte and bequethed unto my dowghters the wyves of the said Hugh Massye and John Golborne by this my laste will shalbe and Remayne as my gyfte unto my said sonne in Lawe Raundulphe dod and Margaret his wiff and to their heires and assignes for ev̄ wthout Lett or int^{ru}ption of them the said hugh Massye and John Golborne. And y^t my gyfte and bequest made unto the said anne Massye and Kathren golborne by this my last will shalbe utterly voide and of none effecte for theym or hym y^t shall so contende and make any clayme tytele or sute to or for any of the said goodes cattells lands or tēets geven unto my sonne dod or his wiff as afforsaid But they only to Rest therin upon the curtesie and good will of my said sonne dod towards them upon their deserte to hym. Itm. I will and desire my sonne Dod that when it shall please my sonne Massy or my sonne Golborne to take their wives to Lyve wth them as they owe [ought] to do y^t he my sonne dod upon his good will and curtesye will geve and bestow upon my said sonnes and their wyves such thyngs as he

shall thynk and se most expedient for them or other of theym so gowing to theire husbands to the contentation of my said sonne dod and other o^r frendes. Itm. my full mynde will and my desire is that my said sonne dod shall have the keaping orderynge Rulynge and gover'ynge of my said dowghters Ales dod and Elizabethe untill they shall happen to come to p^rferment of mariage if god p^rmite theym to Lyve so Longe or els my said sonne dod otherwise to pvide for theym in the meane tyme. Itm. I give &c. unto my said dowghters Ales and Elizabethe dod to either of theym a C^{li} in money to be payd theym by my said sonne dod at suche tymes as they or other of theym shall fortune to be maryed by the consent of my said sonne dod and other o^r frendes, and if it fortune that my said dowghters Ales and Elizabethe not to be p^rferred in mariage as afforsaid before they shall come and be of the full age of xxjth yeres Then I will y^t my sonne dod shall paye and delyver unto theym so comynge to the age of xxj yeres aswell the said somme of an C^{li} as pte and portion of suche Lands and teñts as I have given theym by this my said Last will and testament. Itm. my will and mynd is that my said sonne Dod shall fynde and geve unto my said doughters Ales and Elizabethe Dod meate drynke clothes and Lodgyng untill suche tyme as they shall be marryed if they shall so longe agre togeather and they will accepte the same And for that charge I will y^t my said sonne dod shall have The use of the said somes of CC^{li} in his hands before geven unto theym and also to receyve to his use the Rents yssues and p^rfyttys of theire ptes and portions of Lands also geven unto theym by this my Last will and Testament untill the tyme of theire Marriage or such tyme as they shall accomplyshe the age of xxj yeres as afforsaid. Itm. my full mynde and will is y^t yf it shall please god to call to his mercye either of my said two Doughtors Ales or Elizabethe before the[y] come to marriage, that then aswell y^t portion of Lands before geven unto theym so dyng before their Marriage as the soñes of

money before bequeathed unto them shalbe and Remyne as my gyfte unto my said sonne dod and to his wiffe And to their heires and assignes for ev^r. PROVIDED And my full mynd and will is that if my said Doughtors Ales and Elizabethe or either of theym their executors or assignes do at any tyme after my Deceasse aske Clayme or demaunde of my said sonne Dod any other pte or portion of my lands and teñts goodes or Chattells or aske demaunde or Clayme to have any some or soomes of money or other thyng Leste geven or bequethed unto theym by the Last will and testament of Raundulphe Dod my Late husband their father¹ or by any Legacye Leste unto them by Uryān dod my sonne theyre brother² by his Laste will or by any other graunte or dede made unto them the said Ales and Elizabethe by their said father or by the said Uryan dod their brother or other of theym That then suche of theym so Claymeynge any thyng by or frome their said father or brother shall not clayme or have any pte of Land or soomes of money geven and bequethed unto theym by this my Last will and testament, but shalbe therof barred for ev^r to aske or clayme the same by reason of this my Last will and testament. Itm. my will and desire is that my said sonne Dod shall fynd and geve unto [my] dowghter Massye and to my dowghter Golborne mete drynk and Lodgyng untyll suche tyme as they shall go to their husbands, wylling and desyringe my said sonne dod to stand good brother in Lawe and frend unto my said Doughters to Ayde and helpe theym that they maye have reason at their husbands hands either by Lawe or other wise. And I do ordeyne and make my said sonne in Lawe Raundulphe Dod to be my sole executor of this my Last will and Testament to se the same truly executed and pformed

¹ The will of Randle Dod of Edge, Esq., proved 7 June, 1577, has been printed by this Society. (*Lanc. and Chesh. Wills*, vol. iii. p. 107.)

² The will of Urian Dod of Clement's Inn, London, gent., proved 19 May, 1582, has been printed by this Society. (*Lanc. and Chesh. Wills*, vol. iii. p. 30.)

according to my true intente and meaninge therin. And I do Leave the Right worshipfull my good M^r S^r hughe Chomleye Knight to be supvisor and overseer of this my Last will and testament to see the same truly pformed in all thyngs humbly besekyng hym to stand good M^r to my poore Dowghters as he evⁿ hath done. In wittnes wherof to this my said Last will and testament I have putt my seale the daye and yer above wrytten. Wrytten by me Richard holland by the comaundm^t and assent of the said Elizabethe Dod. Wittnes hugh Chomleye Knyght Richard holland M^{rs} Anne dod wido hugh dod, &c.

[No date of Probate.]

THE WILL OF JOHN ORRELL OF TURTON, IN THE
COUNTY OF LANCASTER, GENT.¹ 1581.

IN dei &c. x die Maii In Año Dñi Millissimo CCCC^{lxxxj} [1581]
ac In año Elizabethe &c. xxij. I John orell of Towereton
In the Counte of Lanc. gente hole In Mynde and bodye laude and
prase be gifen unto my lorde god Make this My laste Wyll and
Testyamente Consernynge the buryall of My bodye and the dispo-
syson of my Moveable godes after My departynge owte of thys
Worlde in Manⁿ and forme ffolloyng first I giffe and beqwethe
My Saulle unto almyghtye god My Maker and my Redemer our
Ladye Sancte Marye and unto all The Coumpany In heyven, And
my bodye to be buried In the Chappell of Jesus betwix my father
and y^e churche Wall wⁱⁿ the parrisshe churche of bolton In the
Mores. And I giffe unto y^e curet of bolton Ten shillyngs for to

¹ The testator, who was the eldest son and heir of Ralph Orrell of Turton, married Elizabeth, daughter of Nicholas Butler of Rawcliffe, by whom he had three sons, William, Richard and Francis, and several daughters. (See *Visitation of Lancashire*, 1533, Cheth. Soc., p. 203.)

praye for my auncesters saulles my Saulle and all Crysten saulles
 And I wyll and desire My Sonne and heyre My Wiffe and all my
 Chylder that haue anye thyng to do wth anye of my Tenands
 Wyche haue payed anye ffyne or gressound unto anye of My aun-
 cystors or unto Mee shall haue and occupye theyre Tenementts
 and fermeholdes accordynge unto the true Intente [and mean]ynge
 of the bargan and pmys betwix any of My auncystors or Mee and
 my seyd Tenands, and That none of [my] Tenands be noute hurtte
 of no parte ner parcell of theyre seyd Tenementts qwether that
 they haue Wrytyngs of theyr seyd Tenemetts or but by pmys of
 Words of Mowthe betwyx theyme and Mee as they and Ichon of
 Theym shall aunswere affore god. And I Wyll that all the parcells
 of godes of Wyche I haue Namyd and appountyd for harelomes
 as More playnlye shall appere by a byll of y^e parcells theyre of and
 here unto anexd and subscribyt w^t my hande shall Remayne and
 Contynue at my Too Chiffe hosses Towreton and Wygan To My
 nexte heyre Malle appon thys condycyon that my Nexte heyre
 Malle do suffer my executrice or her Assingnes peaseablye and
 quyetye for to fullfille and accomplesse Thys my Wyll. And if
 anye of my heyres do vex lette or Trowbyll My executrice or her
 Assingnes for to do and execute thys my Wyll, Then It is My
 Will that none of my heyres Malle shall haue no partte ner parcell
 of [my] seyd godes, The Wyche I haue Namyd and appountyd to
 Remayne for heyre lomes. And I Will y^t Elsabethe [my] Wiffe
 shall haue free lybertye to occupye all y^e seyd parcells of godes
 Wyche I haue appountyd and Namyd to Rem[ayne] for heyre
 lomes So longe as she levyn contynue and dwell at Towreton
 qwether that she Marrye or Marrye notte excepte the Too grette
 Kystes In the Heygmaste chamber and the folden bourde In y^e
 Myddylmyste chamber Wyche [has my] Evydence In ptunynge
 my anherytance and dyv^se of my frynds. And I heretyllye desire
 My Wiffe notte for to cla[yme] ner aske no parte ner parcell of

the godes. And if it fortune My Wiffe for to dye or for to be Married and to dwell In anye other place then at my chyffe hosse In Towreton Then I will y^t my nexte heyre Malle shall haue all y^e parcells of godes Wyche I haue Namyd and appountyd for harelomes, and shall paye or cause to be payed unto my seyd Wiffe her executor or executors assingne or assingnes or unto y^e admynystrator or Mynystrators of hir go[des] The soum of Ten pounds wⁱⁿ fourtye dayes nexte after her decesse or nexte after her goynge fro Towreton to dwell And I Will that Elsabethe my Wiffe shall haue all the parcells of godes Wyche I haue Namyd and appountyd and Written appon a paper and subscrybet W^t my hand and here unto anexed unto hir awne use and behove And if it plesse my Wiffe for to lette my Soūne and heyre for to haue all the seyd parcells of godes or grette parte of theyme for to contynue and abyde In the places qwereas they now be I wolde be veray gladde and my Soune for to Agree w^t my Wiffe and giffe her a Soume of Money for theyme and at the Syght of Indifferente frynds and I desyre theyme bothe so for to do. And I Wyll that elsabeth my Wyffe shall haue the Rulle and orderynge of all my dougters that be unmarried and Theyre godes and I hertyllye desire her for to be gud Mother unto all my chylder and helppe theyme unto Soume honeste levyng unto y^e uttermaste of her power, and If My Wiffe deye or be Married Then I hertyllye desire hir for to leyve my chylder and theyr godes that be In hir Rulle w^tsoever threof hyr Moste trustye and frynds Wyche she Thynketh Wylbe the beste and frynds unto my chylder. And I Wyll y^t all the Saued bourdes That be In my chiffe hosse In Wigan postes and that are framyd for a grette arke or gerner shalbe by my Wiffe or hyr Assinges for the Moste pffette of my dougters y^t be unmarried If y^t I . . . other Wayes . . . and order theyme In my liffe tyme And I giffe unto Ichon of my Three Sounes a gowne and for

to chousse Wyche . . . Wyll haue, And y^e . . . gowne I giffe to my cosyn Gylbarte leyver, And it Is [my] Wyll Intente and Mynde That none of my Thre Sounes shall haue noe parte or parcell of anye of my moveable godes for I haue giffen theyme large anuytes for to lyffe appon, and haue a grette Nounber of dougters for to p^rpare and gette levyngge fore, and I Wyll y^t all my Soun yn laues and theyre Wiffes and all my chylder haue Ichon a blacke gowne or cotte, and all my servands that I haue giffen any leffray cottis [livery coats] unto wⁱn Too yeres affore my departyngge. And The Residue of all my parte of all my godes I giffe unto Elsabeth my Wiffe hertylle desiringe hyr to be gud Mother unto all hir chylder and myne as my truste is in hir. In Wyttnese that thys Is the True Wyll of me the seyd John orell I haue Wrytten selled and subscrit the same W^t my hande The Day and yere afforeseyd I orden and make Elsabeth My Wiffe My True and lafull execu-tryce to execute and fulfyll Thys My laste Wyll and Testyamente, p me Johenⁿ orell de Towreton.

Wytnesse hearof, John Wryghtinton, James hauworth, Cleark, signum, Alex. Orell X senioris. Edward worthington.

In a Memorandum attached to the Will, and signed by the Testator, containing a list of "goods to remayne as heirlomes at Towreton and Wigan," are the following entries:

"In the Chappell of Towreton a bybille a Comunion booke and other boks to say servys appon now comandit to be sede, the grette Kiste In the Chappell w^t the plate locke and bands of Iron Wyche I have Caused to be Made and y^e bell."¹

[Proved July 25, 1581.]

[I have not collated this Will, and regret having taken the very great trouble to copy it, containing as it does so very little interest-

¹ A bell, bearing the Orrell arms and the date 1597, is still preserved at Turton Tower. It has often been attempted to read this date as 1287, the 5 bearing some slight resemblance to a 2.

ing matter. To explain this statement it may be necessary to say, that the Will is the original, written in the most awkward handwriting that can be possibly imagined, a writing which must surely have been peculiar to the scribe himself. Indeed I have a suspicion that it was written by the testator himself, for I have seen some papers among the Orrell deeds in the late Mr. Charles Barrett's custody, as agent for the Turton property, in the same handwriting. In copying, it was necessary to decypher almost every word and letter, and I hoped that each next sentence would be more interesting than the former, but was ultimately disappointed.

J. P.]

THE WILL OF WILLIAM CHARLTON, CLERK, RECTOR
OF BANGOR MONACHORUM, IN THE COUNTY
OF FLINT.¹ 1583. •

IN the name of god Amen the seconde day of the monethe of March in the yeare of o^r Lorde 1582[-3] I William Charlton, Clerk, pson of Bangor feelinge my self sycke in body but of pfecte remembrance god be praysed therfore, make my Testament and laste Will in manor and forme followinge, ffyrst I bequethe my sowle to almightie god my maker and redemer, and my body to be buryed in the upper Chauncell at Bangor. I geve and bequethe to the poore of the pishes of Bangor, Orton, and Worthinbury vj^{li} xij^s iiij^d videlicet to Bangor iiij^{li} vj^s viij^d to Orton xl^s to Worthinbury xxvj^s viij^d to be devyded by the Churchwardens of the sayd pishes amongst the poore therof. Item I geve towards the reparations of the Bridge of Bangor v^{li} further I acknowledge my self

¹ For an account of the Rectors of Bangor Monachorum, or Bangor-is-y-coed, see *The Palatine Note Book*, vol. ii. pp. 186, 212, &c. The exact date of William Charlton's appointment is not known. There was formerly a window to his memory in Bangor church.

to owe towardes the repaicon of the same Bridge x^{li} pcell of the bequeses of Alene Charlton Clerk late pson of Whitchurch deceassed. Item I geve towardes the repaicon of the body of the Church of Bangor xx^s. Item I geve &c. to my Cosen Andrewe Charlton Esquier my gylte goblett to remayne to his heyres after his deceasse while it will endure. Item I forgeve my brother Wifm Charlton all that debte the sayd Wifm owethe me. Item I geve to my brother Alene Charlton my beste geldinge my cloake and the Armo^r that I had from the hay(?) Item I geve to my sister and every of my sisters in lawe one payr of flaxen sheets. Item I forgeve to my brother Roger Charlton all those debts that are betwixe him and me. Item I geve to Anne Charlton dawghter of the sayd Roger, one cowe. Item I geve to William Charlton my godson, the soñe of my brother Alene Charlton, one sylv^r Cuppe, nowe at the makinge. Item I confesse my self to owe to my sister Elizabethes children iiij^{li} bequethed to them by mine uncle the sayd Alene Charlton, Clerk. Item I geve to the sayd Elizabethes children iiij^{li} equally to be devided amongst them. Item I geve to Sara the sayd Elizabethes dawghter xx^s. I geve &c. to my brother henry Smithes children xx^{li} to be distributed accordinge to the discrecion of their sayd father. Item I geve &c. all my books to Richard Smithe soñe of the sayd henry Smithe, savinge I will that my brother William Charlton shall have twoe books of the Statuts the w^{ch} I had of the sayd Wifm. Item I geve to Henry Busshe his wife and his children x^{li}. Item to the sayd Henry, my Bay Nagge. Item I geve to John Charleton, Wifm Busshe, and his sister, the Sheepe that are in the kepinge of M^r Dockerd equally to be devided amongst them. Item I geve to S^r Richard Morgan xx^s and my gowne faced wth damaske. Item I geve to david ap Edward Three bushels of wheate, and also I forgeve him that money he owed me. Item I geve to Eve Shiffhton and his wyfe a Bushell of Rye and as much of otes, and a Bushell of Malte, and

also the righte I have in a Closse taken of Lewes ap Edward, and all the Croppes of woodd that I have payd for to Robte Edsbury. Item I geve to Jane Munslowe my serv^unte one Cowe, a fether-bedd and bolster that my Cosen Busshe used to lye on, wth twoe payer of sheets, viz. a payer of hempen and one other of hurden(?) and twoe Coverletts, and also all my sheepe wth M^r Thomas Pulson and wth wydowe Colly. Item I geve to Katherine Pawva my serv^unte one cowe, twoe payer of sheets one of hempen and an other of hoggen, and a Coverlett. Item I geve to hugh my serv^unte xx^s Item To Thomas Martin vj^s viij^d Item to David my servaunte vj^s viij^d Item to redd Roger vj^s viij^d Item to John Maddock vj^s viij^d Item to John Lie x^s Item to Roger my Cooke x^s Item to the boy of the Kitchen vj^s viij^d Item to S^r Isaack lloyd my Curate my heavy gowne, my grogram dowblett, my best blacke coate and my hose, my white nagge and the sadle therto belonginge wth a payer of bootes and spurres. Item to every of my god children ij^s vj^d Item to Dorothe Pulson Three sylver spones wth nobbes at thends. Item I geve to my brother William an iron bownde Wayne, and a salte I had of my father. The reste of my goodes after my debts payed my legacies pformed and my funeralles discharged, I bequethe the one halfe therof to my brother Smithes children, and thother halfe to be equally devided amongeste myne Executors. And of this my p^sente Testament and last will I make and ordeyne William Charlton, Alene Charlton, and Roger Charlton my bretherne and Henry Smithe my brother in lawe myne Executors, and I shall desier the righte Worshipfull Roger Pulson Esquier to be myne overseer of this my will and Testamente. These beinge witnes whose names be subscribed Richard Raynoldes, Humfrey Brokesbie, John Roberts, Henry Busshe and others.

[Proved 1583.]

THE WILL OF JOHN ROBINSON, CLERK, RECTOR OF
ASHTON-ON-MERSEY, IN THE COUNTY OF
CHESTER.¹ 1583.

IN the &c. The sixte daye of October in the xxjth yeare of the Raigne of oure soveraigne ladie Elizabeth &c. [1579] I John Robynson mynister Clarke and pson of the pishe and Church of Ashton uppon marcie bancke in the Countie of Chester beinge sicke of bodie, yeate of pfecte mynde and of good memorie thanks be geaven to god, Do ordayne make constytute and appoynte this my last will and Testament in mannor and forme followinge ffyrste I will and bequethe my sole unto Almighty god and his unspeakable mercie beleavinge wthout any doubte or mistruste, that by his m^ocye and the merytts of Jesus Christ and by the vertue of his passion and of his resurrection I have and shall have remysion of my synnes and Resurrection bouthe of bodye and sole, Accordinge as it is wrytten by holye Jobbe I beleave that my Redymer lyvethe and y^t in the last daye I shall ryse out of the earthe And in my fleshe shall see my savyoure, This my hoppe is leaid upp in my bosome and towchinge the wealthe of my soule, the faithe y^t I have pfessed and Rehersed is sufficient as I supposse wthout any other supstysiousnes as masse worke or suche lyke, my onlie faythe is this That there is but one god and one medyatoure betwixte god and man w^{ch} is Jesus Christ onlie, soe that I accepte nō in heaven nor earthe to be my medyatoure betwixte god and me, but Jesus Christe onlie my m^ocyfull Redemer And therefore I will bestowe noe pte of my goods temporall that god haith lent me to th'entente

¹ John Robinson was instituted to the living of Ashton-on-Mersey in 1550, on August 3rd of which year he paid his composition for first fruits to the Exchequer, London, and he remained there till his death.

that any mannor of pson shulde saye or doe to the helpe of my soule, further then I trust onlie to the pmysses of god, he that beleaveth and is baptyseed shall be saved, and he y^t beleaveth not shall be damned Towchinge the buryall of my bodie I will (y^t order shall be used as I have leafte wrytte in A sedule) for it avealeth not what is donne soev^r thereto as S^t Augustyne sayeth de cura agenda p mortuis that the funerall pomps are rayther the solace of theym y^t lyve then the comfort or wealthe of theym y^t be deade And therefore I will have neyther Ringinge modemeate makinge banckatinge And towchinge the distrubition of my temporall goods my purpose is by the grace of god to bestowe theym to be accepted as the frutes of faythe soe y^t I doe not suppose y^t my merytte is by the good bestowinge of theym but my mearytt is the onlie faythe of Jesus Christ by whome suche workes are good according to the words of Christ I was houngrye and thou gavethe me meate &c. And it folowethe that yee have donne to the least of my bretheren yee have downe it unto me. And ever we shulde consyder the true sentence y^t a good work maketh not a good man, but a good man maketh a good worke, for faithe makethe the man bouthe good and righteous for as St. Paule saithe A righteous man lyvethe by fayth, and whatsoev^r springethe not of faithe is synne, I confesse by the understandinge y^t the lorde haithe geaven me, y^t all benefytts, gracs, gyfts, indowments y^t ever I had or hereafter shall have bene granted me of the meare favoure of god for the w^{ch} I most hartelie thanke the lorde my god And as his owne I restore theym to him agayne, be my synnes, if I shuld goe before gods p'sence I weare utterlie damned, if I weare mynded to make satisfaction I could not, nor yeat any Sa . . . heaven, there is non whosse love is soe great to take my burthen of synne uppon him and s . . . for theym And appeace gods wraithe but Christ onlie, wherefore to him I bequeth all my syn[n]es I leave to him my pryde, veayne glorie, Ipocresie, dissimulacōn, and lecherye, my

unbelyf wyk . . . and imbesillitie, mistrust, envye, wrayth, wth
 all others my Innewmerable inyquyties, I make one fagotte of all
 my synnes bouthe p^rsent, past, and for to come And geave theym
 all to my m^ocyfull savyoure Jesus Christ havinge sure faithe and
 stydfast hoppe y^t he will accept them for his owne for he onlie
 haith satisfied uppon the crose for theym, and I knowe y^t god haith
 saved me by his m^ocye in the bathe of regeneration and renewinge
 of the holie gost whom he haith powered uppon me plenteouslie
 by Jesus Christ o^r saviour That I beinge maid righteous by his
 grace maye be inherytoure of ev^llastinge leife My beinge y^t is my
 devyne solle I geve to god my father, he gave it me and the holie
 gost p^rserved it by whose inspiracion and foresight [I] have bene
 thrust forwards towards the feare of god from whom of myne owne
 will I weare ever drawinge backwards, nowe seing I have leaft all
 my synnes to Christ and geven to god my being wth all other geifts
 and graces y^t ever he bestowed uppon me I . . . and wthowt
 ether good or evell and trulie to saye I am rayther nothing in y^t I
 have restowred to god my beinge y^t I had by gods devyne Inspy-
 racoⁿ but because it is unpossibile y^t . . . shuld save me
 wthout being, and yeat soe it is y^t he will save me therefore I take
 wth m[e] Christ my advocate weche is my lyffe soe that for possi-
 bilitie of my salvation I have a being but I lacke treasures to dis-
 charge my greate Dettes and to appere riche in gods sight werefore
 I take wth me christes fastenge traveles p^rers psecutions sclanders
 teares agones and blodie sweate wth hys Deathe and passion and all
 y^t he suffered in xxxij yeares I calenche [challenge] them as my
 owne, and wth lyvelye fathe I doe imbrasse them, I am now throgh
 christ so riche of treasures . . . and graces y^t I shall be able
 by hym to purches y^e unspeakeable Joyes of heven, whoe shalbe
 able nowe to accuse me or cōdeme me seinge y^t Jesus christe hath
 thus clothed me wth hys holenes Innocētie Ryghteousnes and love,
 yea wth all hys vertues g^rces [graces] tresures mearetēs yea wth hys

owneselfe, now I may wth no les holdenes then christe hymselfe appere before god I am hys sonne and heyre and adopted chylde by hys mercie wherefore I may call hym father father, it ys now as possible y^t god my father scholde nott love me as it is y^t he scholde not love christ hys naturall sonne by resone whereof I say wth synt paull whoe schall Devide me frō y^e love of god w^{ch} ys in christ Jesus, I loke not to be saved by any mearetēs of my owne or of oyr bott onlye and solelye by the mearetēs Death and passiō of Jesus christe, wherefore yf any mā will pray for me lett hym not tarrye till I be Deade for then I can incresse no more in feath and g^āce [grace]. Truthe yt is y^t yff I have any tempall goods thosse most I leve to the powre flocke of christ not by be cause they scholde pray for me w^{ch} am saved alredi bot rather y^t they may know y^t they schall not lacke yf they put ther trust in christ Jesus to whome wth god the father and y^e holie goost be all honor and glorie for ev^ē and ev^ē amē. first of my tempall goods I do gyve and bequethe to my powre sist^r Em bayred and Jhon bared her son y^e feather bed w^{ch} I lye upō wth y^t belongethe to it wth a byll of c^ōten Detts weche I meane to Delev^ē wth my owē hands, more I do bequethe to them three pewt^r Dishes three soters two lettle brasse pottes wth one busshall barlye or otes or y^e p^{ce} thereof. Itē I doe geve &c. to my servant Jhon wereall tow feather bedes wth all y^t aptenethe to them y^t is myne, tow of the greatest brasse ponnes y^e great brasse pott one cupborde standyng in y^e howse threē of y^e best pewt^r Dyshes three saltyng tubbes three cowers nene stondes fowre Keres ij broches one greate brassene mort^r one chandler a lande yrne a great arke a drypyng pone a chaffeynge Dysshe too lyne [linen] Borde clothes too syl^ē spones tow brasse lawdeles. Itē I do gyve &c. to my servant Mode Typppyng y^e bed y^t she lyes in tow ronde pones fowre esshenes a frying poune tow sceletts one cower a brasse pott a chandler three pewter Disshes and the soters. Itē I doe gyve &c. to John Thomasson a greate brasse

pott and Detts y^t he oweth me. Itē I doe geve &c. to my newew Jhon Robinson one bussell of barlye or y^e p^{ce} therof. Itē I Doe gyve &c. to Roger Wytleg y^e best cow y^t I schall have at y^e tyme of my Deathe and tow syl^v spones wth the bed y^t he lyeth in. Itē I Doe &c. to Robert Vaudre and Jamys Wyll^mson ether of them a syl^v spone for a token of remēbrance. Itē I Doe gyve &c. to the use of y^e churche of Assheton all thosse my bee howses y^t I schall fortune to have at y^e tyme of my Deathe to be sett abrowde in y^e parysshe by y^e Discession off Thomas Wylli^mson and he to ov^{er}see y^e same Duryng hys lyffe and ev^{er} to place them were he thynges good, now laste of my will is y^t yff I Dee betwyne y^e fyrst day of october and y^e fyrst day of June y^t then ther schalbe twentie hopes of barlye and twentie hops of otes Distributyd to y^e powre of y^e parisshe by y^e Discession of Robert Vaudre Thomas Rensha Jamys Wyll^{yā}son and Thomas Wyll^{yā}son. Itē I Doe omitte all thesse Detts y^t be woyng to me of my paryssenrs att the tyme of my Deathe, and for a further Distribution to be made to y^e powre of my parysshe I have Delevyd to Jamys Wyll^{yā}son both y^e mone and y^e byll, y^e remādre of my goods aft^r y^t all resonable Demands be acquete and Discharget I Doe gyve to my executores to be Devidet amungest them by equall portions, and I Doe ordē and make George Elkoc of heyton, Robert harde of mynchester, Jhon Wereall my sevāt, my truwe and leafull executores sealyd and subscribet wth my owne hands and fullye pfitid and finisshet ye . . .¹ These being wittenesse John Barret, clerke, pson of northenden, John Boodde nowe minister of Didesburye.

[Proved November . . . 1583.]

¹ Thus the will ends ; it is written in two different hands, and the first sheet being in a different hand, the scribe perhaps did not, till just about finishing it, find out that it had been dated. J. P.

THE WILL OF RICHARD HALL, FELLOW OF THE
COLLEGIATE CHURCH OF MANCHESTER.¹ 1585.

IN the name &c. the 22 day of October Año dñi 1584 and the
vj and twentithe year of our soverayne Lady Elizabeth by the
grace &c. I Richard Hall one of the felowes of the College of
Manchest^r not sicke but knowing the houre of my death to be un-
certayne do make my Testament on this maner, first I comend my
soule to godes handes who gav it in whose mear merci and not of
any workes or merites ether of my owne or of any other creature
ether angel saynt or mann but only my dear advocate and my dear
saviour and my trust I do say and do beleve the same in full hope
remission of my sinnes through Jesus Christ his death and blode
shedinge and to be in joy in heven whear I shall eternally in body
and soule reigne wth all the elect people of god world wthout end
and [my] body to be buried whear hit shall please the livinge god
wthout any ringinge or supersti^{co}n but if god so provide to haue a
sermon and in the same but will my frendes to be thankfull unto
god for my health welth and libertye his manyfould loving kindnes
mercy and grace but spetially for that on oblation ons for all men
I mean my saviour Jhus christe by his death and passion I mak

¹ Richard Hall, the younger son of Thomas Hall, by his wife Alice, daughter of John Valentine, was brother of the Thomas Hall, priest, who was a friend and correspondent of John Bradford the martyr. He was ordained deacon by John Bird, Bishop of Chester, 23 December, 1541, and priest 10 March, 1542. In addition to his fellowship at the Collegiate church, which he held in 1559, he seems to have practised medicine. He was bursar of the college and deputy for Dean Alexander Nowell, whom he states in the list of debts at the end of his will owed him £30. At one time he held a prebendal stall in Worcester cathedral. (Canon Rainer's *Lanc. MSS.*, vol. xli. pp. 129-30; *The Spending of the Money of Robert Nowell*, p. 152.) He was buried at Manchester 4 January, 1584-5; his daughter Anne was buried there on February 6, in the same year, and his widow Margery on June 5, 1588, the entry being, "Margery widow to Richard Hall mynister."

no other petition but thankeſgeving I prayſe god I am not afrayd [of] hell nor yet of purgatory lately and faſely invented y^t ſhall after my departure better knowe what I was and my good will to all men this at my laſt farewell I ſay ſince the time of my entre to be miniſt^r My conſciens acused me not of any notorious crime although affore this time I was moſt ſinfull I pray youe prayſe ye god for it if I haue not brought forth frutes of repentens the fault is in me for I feyle that god hath geven me ſwet comfort a renued tender and broken hert I thanke god the greateſt riches I haue are theſe fayth mercy grace pity patience love peace in conſciens and knoledge theſe I can not give youe but I wiſh youe them and youe muſt embrace pray and dilligently ſeek for them hearinge gods word and pratise it in livinge repent and eich day crepe from on ſin or other thus doing you ſhall get your conſciences lov god and your neyboure and ſo the law in you is fullfilled and you godes elect children and inheritous of his Kingdom whear I hope imediatly after my departure wth god and his Angelles and now firſt I give my ſonn Augustine Hall all my boukes and other inſtuments of Phisike and ſurgery and ſuch thinges as are wthin my Chriſt conteyned as I haue and after my forth bringinge the reſt of my goodes to be devided equally to my wif and Children alſo I make and ordeyne my wife and my daughter mine executoures and the right worſhipfull James Ashton Eſquier and Thomas Telliour overſeers.

[Proved January 16, 1584-5.]

Among the “dettes owinge to” the teſtator are the following:—

The executors of Leonard Langton late baron of Walton xij^{li}

S^r Edmond Trafford Knight of lent money vij^{li} x^s

M^r Alexander Nowell deane of Paules for my wages 30^{li}

[Through this laſt item a line is drawn as if paid.]

Katerin Pendilton 3^{li}

that is to ſaye 40^s for her ſonnes table, 20^s lent money.

In the Inventory, the sum total of which is only vij^{li} xix^s viij^d are the following Items.

in divinitye bookes	xx ^s
in schoule bookes	vij ^s
in bookes of phisicke and surgerye	xxvj ^s viij ^d

THE WILL OF JOHN WARREN OF POYNTON, IN
THE COUNTY OF CHESTER, ESQ.¹ 1587.

IN the name of god [amen] . . . of October in the yeare of o^r lord god A thowsand ffyve hundrethe ffoure s[core and seven] [and the nine] and tweentithe yeare of the reigne of o^r Sovereaigne ladie Elizabeth^e &c. [1587]. [I John Warren of] Poyntone in the Countie of Chester esquire beinge sicke in bodie, but thanks be to god of pfect memorie, knowinge that nothinge is more certayne then deathe, and that the tyme thereof is mooste uncertayne And myndinge the paym^{ent} of my debts and quiettnes of my wief and Children and the Saffetie of all suche my firendes as stande bounden ffor mee or wth mee att my requeste and desire, doe ordeyne, make, and declare my laste Will and testam^{ent} in manner and fforme ffollowinge, That is to witt, ffirste I bequeath my soule to Almyghtie god beseechinge hime ffor his sonne Jesus Christe Sake to have mercye uppon mee and to pdone mee all my Synnes and offencs: Assuredlie trustinge, that Althoughhe neither I nor any lyvinge man can by o^r owne meanes, works or deedes

¹ The testator was the second son of Sir Edward Warren of Poynton, knt., by his wife Dorothy, daughter of Sir William Booth of Dunham, knt. He succeeded his father in 1558 (his eldest brother Francis being disinherited), and was High Sheriff of Cheshire in 1577. He married Margaret, daughter of Sir Richard Molyneux of Sefton, in the county of Lancaster, knt., who survived him for thirty years, and by whom he had a large family. He was buried at Stockport 14 December, 1587.

have or deserve to have fforgeevenes of o^r synnes, yett I shall ffree-
 lie obteyne the same throughe the merits death and passione of o^r
 Savior Jesus Christe, And thereby shall att the gef^hall daye of
 Judgment rise agayne in the ffleshe and have everlastinge lief, Joye
 and ffelicitye boothe in bodie and soule mooste humblie beeseech-
 inge Almightye god to contynue this ffaithe in mee unto my lyves
 ende that I be not ffounde waveringe or unsteadfast therein. Itm.
 I will that my bcdie be honestlie buried in the Chauncell of the
 pishe Church of Stockport in the said Countie of Chester in the
 place where my grandfather was buried or as neare unto the same
 place as convenientlie maye be. Itm. I geeve and bequeath to
 Margaret my wief all and singler Brasse, Pewter, Plate, bedding
 and all other househould Stuffe or ymple^{mts} of househould w^{ch} att
 the tyme of my death shalbe att or in my Capitall or mansione
 howse called the Hall of Plumpton in Woodplumtone in the
 Countie of Lancaster, Together wth all the Corne and heye w^{ch} att
 the said tyme of my death shalbe att or in the said Capitall or
 mansione howse, or att or in anye housinge or buildinge thereunto
 belonginge or Counted to be belonginge Or in anye place att in or
 uppon the deameanes of the said Hall of Plumptone, or in or uppon
 anye landes or tents whatsoever nowe used occupied or Counted
 reputed or taken as pte or pcell of the Demeanes of the sayde Hall
 of Plumptone, or the demeanes of Lewthe Together wth the
 moytie or one halffe of all suche my horses, mares, Geldinges, Kyne,
 oxen, Sheepe, and other beasts and Chatell whatsoever, w^{ch} att the
 said tyme of my deceasse shall remeyne or be in or uppon the said
 demeanes or in or uppon any pt or pcell thereof or in any other
 place or placs whatsoever, in woodplumpton afforesaid. Itm fforso-
 muche as some of my Children be already p^rferred in Marriage
 And the reste be otherwaies pvided ffor by Suffycient Conveyauns
 and Assuranncs heretofore by mee made or Suffred, whereby my
 lands teneme^{nts} and hereditame^{nts} or greate pte thereof is greatlie

charged, and likelie soe to remeyne longe tyme after my death, And ffor that alsoe I doe stand indebted to dyvers and soundry psones in dyvers Somes of money and Soundrie of my good ffrends stand bounden wth mee and ffor mee in Soundry writings obligatory ffor the true payme^{nt} of Some of the same somes of money as by the same Severall writings maye appeare All w^{ch} said severall somes of money Edward Warren my soune and heyre apparante haith ffaithffullie p^mised to Contente and paye unto the psones to whome the same are due or payable In manner and fforme as I shoulde paye the same (yf yt pleased god) soe longe to spare my lief. And alsoe to discharge or otherwayes to save and keepe harmelesse all and every such my ffrends as be bounden att my desire in any writing or writings obligatorie of ffor and concⁿinge the same writings obligatory and every of them. Therefore I doe geve &c., unto my said sonne Edward Warren all and everie my goods, Chatells, leases, tackes and ffarmes whatsoever ffor and in some pt of recompence of the greate charge afforesaid w^{ch} hee haith taken in hande and p^mised to doe and pforme Savinge alwaies and except all and everie such goodes and Chatells as I have before by this my p^rsent will and Testamen^t geaven willed or bequeathed to the said Margaret my wieff. If I doe ordeyne and make my said sonne Edward Warren my sole and lawfull executor of this my p^rsent last will and testam^{nt} willing and desiring him &c. And in wittnesse hereof &c.

JOHN WARREN.

In presence of &c. Wiffm Davenport. John Davenport. George Glayve. John Warren.

[Proved December 23, 1587.]

THE WILL OF GEORGE REDDISH OF REDDISH,
IN THE COUNTY OF LANCASTER,
GENTLEMAN.¹ 1588.

December xvth Anno 1587 et Regni dñe nre Eliz. xxx^o.

IN the &c. I George Reddicke, gentleman being sicke in body but whole in mynde and of good and pfect remembraunce do make my last will and testament in manner and forme following That is to saie I comend my soule to god and my body to the grounde and my worldlie goodes to be disposed as followeth. Imprimis I will that all my Tenements or farme holde taken of Mr Worseley of the Boothes shall remayne unto Dorathie Reddidge my wife during her life and after to return to my two sonnes Otes and William Reddidge. Item I give also to my said wife all the Terme and occupacon of James Claytons feildes at the will and pleasure of my good nephewe. Item I give the lease of my howse in Manchester unto my said wife. And as for the rest of my worldlie goodes I will that they be equallie devided into three even parts and porcons whereof I geve the one part to my wife the seconde to my children, and the third and last part I reserve to myself and to myne use And this I will to stand and remayne as my last will and testament. And to this my last will I make and appointe my lawfull executo^{rs} Dorathie Reddidge my wife and William Bruereton of handford esquier my brother in lawe. And in

¹ George Reddish was the fourth son of Otes Reddish of Reddish, Esq., by his wife Alice, daughter of Ralph Prestwich of Hulme, Esq. He married Dorothy, one of the daughters of Sir Urian Brereton of Handforth, knt., by his second wife Alice, daughter of Sir Edmund Trafford of Trafford, knt., the widow of Sir William Leyland of the Morleys, in the county of Lancaster, knt. George Reddish was buried at the Collegiate Church of Manchester, 27th December, 1587, and his widow was buried there 20th January, 1623-4.

witnesse hereof I have set to my marke because I cannot at this present wryte my name wth my owne hand.

[Proved Oct. 29, 1588.]

The heading of the Debts due to the Testator describes him as George Reddiche late of Reddiche. These debts amount to about £300, and his Inventory to £125 9s. 5d. He had "things" at the Bothes in Manchester, and at Chetham Hill.

THE WILL OF JOHN STRINGER OF CREWE, IN THE
PARISH OF FARNDON, IN THE COUNTY OF
CHESTER, GENTLEMAN. 1588.

IN the &c. the foureteenth day of Maye in the yere of o^r Lord
god According to the Computacoⁿ of the Church of England
one thousand fyve hundred Eightie Eight I John Stringer of Crue
in the pishe of farnedon in the Countye and Dioces of Chester,
gent, Beynge visyted of god with sycknes but yet of goode and
pfect Remembraunce Laude and praise be unto Almightye god
make and ordayne this my last will and Testament in maⁿ and
forme followinge ffyrst I Commende my soule into the hands of
Almightye god &c. And as for my bodye I Commyt it to the Earth
from whence it Came and to be buryed (if God shall so Appoynt)
in the highe Chansell of the pishe Church of farnedon and I geve
and bequeth towards the Repacons of the same Church iij^s iiij^d
Itm I geve &c. towards the makinge of a pavement betwixt my
house and Thomas lay his house in Crue iij^s iiij^d Itm I geve &c.
unto my Brother Roger Stringer and to the heires male of his
Bodye Lawfully begotten all my Lands Mesuages and Tenements
wth all and singuler their Appurtennecs that I have within the
Countye of Chester or els where as my heire Apparant, Together

also wth all my Copyholde Lands wth thapp^rtenncs that I have within the Towneship of howlinton in the Countye of Denbighe comonly called the Ryddings for s^rvics thereof Due and Accustomed. And for default of heires male of the said Robert Stringer of his bodye lafullye begotten, I geve &c. all my sayd Lands messuages and Tenements together also with my sayd Copyhold Lands w^t all and singuler their App^rtenncs unto my brother Thomas Stringer And to the heires male of his bodye Lawfully begotten for S^rvics thereof Due and Accustomed in manⁿ and forme aforesayd. And for default of heires male Lawfully begotten of the sayd Thomas I geve &c. all my sayd Lands mesuags Tenements and Copyhold Lands wth all other the p^rmiss's wth their App^rtenncs unto my Brother Raphe Stringer, Clerke, and to the heires male of his bodye Lawfully begotten for s^rvics thereof And in manⁿ aforesayd And for default of heires male of the Bodye of the sayd Raphe Lawfully begotten I geve &c. all my sayd Lands mesuages Tenements and copyhold lands aforesayd with all and singuler their Appurtenncs unto Olyv^r Payne als Stringer of Hordley in the Countye of Salopp, beyng my eldest sisters sonne And to the heires male of his bodye Lawfully begotten for s^rvics thereof due and Accustomed in manⁿ and forme aforesayd. Itmⁿ my mynde and last wyll is that Anne my wiffe shall have and receyve out of all my Lands and Tenements the full some of fiftene pounds yerely to be payd her by my sayd heires for and duringe her naturall lyffe for and in the name of a Joynture. Or els yf she mislyke of the same then she to have the thyrd part of all my free hold Lands and Tenements wthin the Countye of Chester whether she wyll. Itmⁿ I geve &c. unto my heires in manⁿ aforesayd all the waynescott and glasse that is in and about my house parler and Chambers Together also wth two Tables uppō frames that stand in my house wth all the Joyned formes and stooles wth one great Chest that now standeth in my parler wth one other Chest that now standeth in my

Bed Chamber wth one great brasse pott, together also with one Joyned Bed that now standeth wthin my sayd parler. Itmⁿ I geve &c. unto Anne my said wiffe the better of the Joyned Beds that now stand in the loft or highe Chamber with one fether bed with the furniture thereof Together also with my best mare that I shall have at my decease together also wth her syde saddle and brydle wth their Appurtenances. Itmⁿ I geve &c. unto Lancelott Baker one Bushell of Rye. Itmⁿ I geve &c. unto the poore of the p^{is}he of farnedon x^s to be distributed amongst them Accordinge to the discretion of myne executors hereafter named And at the o^vsight of the Curatt of farnedon for the tyme beyng. Itmⁿ I geve &c. unto hamnet Moores my sisters sonne one heifer of ij yeres olde to be putt forth to his use by myne executors hercafter named. Itmⁿ I geve &c. unto my base sonne Richard Stringer fower marks yerely to be payd him or his Assignes q^{ter}ly by myne heires out of all my Lands and Tenements, for and duringe his naturall lyffe. And if default of payment be made of the sayd Some at any tyme hereafter Contrarie to this my last wyll and Testament then it shalbe Lawfull to and for the sayd Richard my base sonne to streefe and strayne in or uppō all my Lands and Tenements in Crue in the said Countye of Chester and in or uppō any part thereof, and the same streefes so taken to Retayne and hold untill the sayd some of fower marks be well and truly satisfyed and payd in maⁿ and forme aforesayd. Itmⁿ my wyll is that my sayd heires shall have the kepinge governaunce orderinge and placinge of Thomas Thomson Accordinge to their discretion Itmⁿ I geve &c. unto my thre S^rvant mē evychone of them vj^s viij^d Itmⁿ to Phillis Brane vj^s viij^d And to Anne Wyne xx^s Itmⁿ my wyll and mynde is that my sayd heires in Respect of the p^rmisses aforesayd shall geve unto Marget Ashmor the full Some of xxvj^s viij^d besyde that pt and porcon that she now hath of a Certayne Cowe that is nowe wth me, and the same to set forth to her best Comodytye and

profett. Itmⁿ the Rest of all my goods and Cattells aswell moveable as unmoveable after that my debts my Legacs and funerall expenses be fully discharged and payd out of the whole my mynde and last will is shalbe equallye devyded into two sevall parts whereof the one halfe or moytye I geve &c. unto Anne my Lovinge wiffe and the other halfe or moytye I geve &c. unto Olyvr Payne als Stringer of hordley aforesayd in the sayd county of Salopp. And I make them two my Lawfull executors of this my last wyll and Testament Charginge them and either of them in the name of god to execute pforme Accomplishe and fulfyll this my last wyll and Testament as they wyll Answere before god at the last Judgement day and I make my Cosyn Willyam Colly of Ebnall and my neighbour Thomas Yeardeley of Crue ovseers of this my last wyll and Testament trustinge they wyll see the same executed &c. in manⁿ and forme aforesayd Accordinge to the trust I repose in them. In wytnes &c. &c. in the p'sens of these psons &c. Richard Withmson, clearke, Jo. Yeardeley and Robt. Downes, Clerke, wth others.

The marke T and seale of John Stringer.

[Proved June 19, 1588.]

THE WILL OF JOHN SINGLETON OF STAINING, IN
THE COUNTY OF LANCASTER, ESQ.¹ [1589.]

IN the &c. I John Singleton of Steaning in the Countie of Lanc'. Esquier, doe make Constitute and ordain this my last will and Testament in manner and forme ffollowinge That ys to saye ffirst I Bequeath my soule to Allmightie god And my bodie

¹ John Singleton was the second son of William Singleton of Staining or Steyning, in the parish of Poulton-le-Fylde, and succeeded his brother Thomas, who died *s.p.* in 1563. He married Thomasine, daughter of Roger Anderton, Esq., by whom he had two daughters, co-heiresses, Alice and Elizabeth. He died 2nd August, 1589.

to Xpian Buriall in the parishe Church of Poulton. Item ytt ys my will that my wief and my Brother George Singleton shall have the government Rule and Bringing up of my twoe daughters wth all suche porcoⁿ of Landes and Leases as by this my Will shall be sett downe That ys to saye that my saide wief and my brother George shall have the proffitts of all my Landes and Leases for the discharging of my debts and untill the so^me of fourtene hundreth poundes be paide and discharged for and to the p^rferment of my twoe daughters Alice Singleton and El[isabeth] Singleton, vid, eyther of theym Seaven hundreth pounce Apeece. And after [the] discharge of my detts and the so^mes aforesaide paide, Then I geve unto my said Brother George Singleton and to the Heyres males of his bodye lawfullye begotten all my said Landes Tenements and hereditaments what soe^v (my Wives pte onelye excepted duringe her lief) and yf he have noe heyres male of his bodye lawfullye begotten then I geve unto my Brother Richard Singleton and to the heires male of his bodye lawfullye begotten all my saide landes Tenements and hereditaments what soe^v. And yf he have noe heyres male of his bodye lawfully Begotten then to my Righte heyres for ever. And where my Brother Richard Singleton hath one Anuitie of five poundes by yeare, my will and mynd ys ytt shall be made upp Twentie poundes to be yearlie paide and goeing out of all my Landes and Tenements during his naturall lief. Item I geve unto my Brother Massie Archers Tenement w^{ch} he hath in occupa^coⁿ untill the boye come to twentie yeares of age and then the said Boie to have ytt. Also ytt ys my will that Robt. Greene shall have his Tenement for Twentie one yeares. [There are neither witnesses nor date.]

[The date of probate is not legible.]

NUNCUPATIVE WILL OF WILLIAM RADCLIFFE OF
FOXIDENTON, IN THE COUNTY OF LANCASTER,
ESQ. 1590.¹

MEMORANDUM that the xvijth day of June in the xxxijth yeare of the Quenes Matie Reigne that nowe is [1590] and in the p'sens of these p'sons whose names are heer under written, William Radcliffe of ffoxdenton in the Countie of Lancaster esquire visited with extremitie of sicknes yet in sound and good memorie beinge mocioned by Arthur Radcliffe for the avoydinge of Contrayses suits and other inconvenyences w^{ch} might Arise and growe about his goods and Catteles that he would make his Will, and Declare his mynd therof, and beinge moved, whether he wolde bestowe all his said goods upon his Wyfe and his sonne Water [Walter] in expresse words, said he would that they should be soe devided betwixe them, meaning his said wyffe and the same Water, and further beinge Required, whether that they towe to witt his said wyfe and sonne should bee his executors, or the one of them should execute the same did after some short tyme of pawse in expresse words wthout writinge, sayd whye what els, but both Joyntlie together to execute the same. Edmund Assheton, Rycharde Assheton, Arthur Radcliffe, Robert Street, Henrye Taylor, Phillip Ogden, John Tonnge, wth others.

[Proved September 23, 1590.]

¹The testator was the eldest son and heir of Thomas Radclyffe of Foxdenton, Esq., whose will, dated 2 October, 1567, and proved 27 April, 1568, has been printed by this Society. (*Lanc. and Chesh. Wills*, vol. ii. p. 163.) He was aged 40 years at his father's death, in 1568. He married Margery, daughter of . . . Hawkyard, who survived him, and by whom he had an only son, Walter Radclyffe.

THE WILL OF ANDREW HOLDEN OF HASLINGDEN,
IN THE COUNTY OF LANCASTER,
GENTLEMAN.¹ 1590.

IN the name &c. the eighte day of August in the twoe and thirtithe yeare of the reigne of o^r sovaigne Ladye Elizabeth by the grace &c. and the yeare of o^r Lord god one thousand fyve hundredrethe [and] nyntyte. I Andrewe holden of Haslingden in the countye of Lancaster gent sycke in bodye but of good and pfect remembrance praysed be god doe ordeyne and make this Testamente conteyning my laste Will in manner and forme followinge viz. ffirst I bequeath my soule unto allmightye god to be obtaigned into e^vlastinge glory through the merits of Jesus christ Secondly I gyve my body to be buryed in the pyshe Church of haslingden And thirdly I bequeath all my moveable goods and unmoveable (after my debts payd) to be mynistred into three equall pts, the first pte to me the saide Andrewe holden, the seconde pte to Jenett my wyef, and the thirde pte to Margrett and Elizabeth my daughters, and all that pte pteigninge to me, my funerall expenses dyscharged, I gyve and bequeath unto Lettis holden a^ts gregory my bastarde daughter, and to her assignes for ever, fynally I ordeyne and make my welbeloved Robt^e Holden, esq^r and Charles gregory my true and lawfull executors, to execute and pforme the effecte of this my last Will and testament as my trust ys in them. Item Whereas c^otyne feoffies stand seased to them and to their heires as feoffies in trust, of and in one tēnt wth thapp^ttnances in Haslingden called Todehole by the surrender of the saide Robt^e Holden to me

¹ Andrew Holden of Tode hole, or Todd Hall, in Haslingden, gent., was son and heir of Adam Holden, who was living at the time of his son's death. By his wife Jennett, who survived him, he had a son and heir, Andrew, and two daughters, Margaret and Elizabeth.

the saide Andrewe and my assignes for and duringe my naturall lyef, and the lyef naturall of Jenett Holden my wief, and after to suche pson and psons as by my last Will in Wrytinge I shall devise declare and appointe for and duringe one naturall lyef longer, my will therefore ys that the saide feoffies and their heires or the survivor of theme and his heires shall stand seazed of and in the p'misses ymedietelye after my decease to thuse and behoof of Jenett Holden my wief dureinge her Widowhood in consideracon of her Joynture or dower, throughout all my lands, aswell copieholde as freeholde, And yf it fortune the saide Jenett to mary, myscary, or naturally decease, or hereafter to clayme, demaunde, or aske any dower in any my lands, eyther freeholde or copieholde, Then I will that the saide feoffies, and their heires or the survivor of them and his heires, shall stand seazed of and in the p'misses to the use of Andrewe Holden, Margrett Holden, Elizabeth Holden and Lettis Holden ats Gregory my children to and for their educacon mainteynance and bringinge upp, untill suche tyme as the saide Andrewe my sonne, shall accomlishe the full age of twenty one yeares and then and from thenceforth my will ys that the saide feoffies and their heyres, or the survivor of them and his heires shall stand seazed of and in the p'misses to the sole and pp use of the saide Andrewe Holden my sonne for and dureinge the terme of his naturall lyef all that porcon thereof nowe in the holdinge of Adam Holden my father for and dureinge the lyef naturall of him the saide Adam and Margrett nowe his wief, and for and dureinge the lyef naturall of the longer lyver of them, allwayes excepted any thinge herein before recyted to the contrary notwthstanding. If further whereas c'ten feoffies stand seazed to them and to their heires, as feoffies in trust, accordinge to the custome of the mannor of Accrington, of and in one mēss other buildings six acres and three roods of lande by estymaçon wth y^r app^rtenns in Haslingden called holmecrofte to c'teine uses conteyned and specified in a payre

of Indentures betwene Lawrance Banester of Alth^m in the countye of Lanc' gent on thone ptye and me the saide Andrewe Holden on the other ptye bearing date the xvjth daye of Januarye in the twenty sixth yere of the Queenes Ma^{tie} that nowe ys [1584-5] and after the expira^{cion} of suche uses then lastly to thuse of my last Will and testament in Wrytinge as by the same Indentures more at large doth and maye appeare. Nowe my wyll ys that the sayd feoffies and their heyres, or the survivor of them and his heyres shall (after suche other uses fulfilled as are in the saide Indentures men^{cioned}) stand seased of and in the p^rmisses to thuse and behoof of Raynold haworth now tennant of the same, Elizabeth now his wief and John Haworth their oldest sonne for and dureinge their naturall lyves and the longest lyver of them, Yeldinge and payinge yearlye thfore to o^r Sov^{er}aigne Lady the queenes Ma^{tie} her heyres and successors rents and services accustomed, and also to Adam Holden my father and margrett his wief for and dureinge their naturall lyves and the longest lyver of them, and after their decease to my heires and assignes dureinge the saide tearme the yearlye Rente of tenne shillinges att the feast of S^t Giles or w^{thin} twenty dayes then next following wth the boones and averages accustomed And after those uses fulfilled then I will that the saide feoffies and their heires or the survivor of them and his heyres shall stand seased of and in the p^rmisses, to the use and behoof of Andrew Holden als gregory bastard sonne of me the saide Andrewe and to the heyres of his body lawfully begotten, and for defaulte of suche yssue then to the use and behoof of Margrett, Elizabeth and Lettis my said daughters, for and dureinge the terme of their naturall lyves and the longest lyver of them, and after their decease, then to thuse and behoof of Raphe Holden my brother and his heyres for ever. If whas further c^oteine other feoffies doe stand fyned and seased to them and their heires as feoffies in truste accordinge to the custome of the mannor of Accrington of and in one mess

other buildings and three acres of lande by estymacōn wth thap-
 purtenncs in Haslingden to suche use and uses as are declared and
 specified in an Intent to the surrender thereof annexed as by the
 Courte Rolls thereof at lardge dothe appeare, w^{ch} last use therein
 conteigned ys to the use of me and my heires or to suche pson and
 his heires as by my last Will and Testament in wrytinge shalbe
 noiated and appointed my will therefore ys, and I devyse and ap-
 pointe that the said feoffies and their heires or the survivor of them
 and his heires shall (after suche other uses fulfilled as are in the
 saide Intent mençoned) stand seased of and in the p^rmisses to the
 use and behoof of Thurstan Holden now tenant of the same for
 and duringe his naturall lyef, Yeldinge and payinge yearly therfore
 to the queenes mat^e her heyres and successors the rents and services
 accustomed, and allso to Adam Holden my father and Margrett
 his wyf duringe their naturall lyves and the longer lyver of them
 and after theyr decease to my heires and assignes duringe the said
 terme the yearelie Rent of tenne shillings at the feast of S^t gyles
 or wthin twenty dayes then next followinge, wth boones and services
 accustomed and after his decease, then I will that the said feoffyes
 and their heires or the suruivor of them and his heires shall stand
 seased of and in the p^rmisses to the use and behoof of Andrew
 Holden a^ts gregory bastard sonne of me the saide Andrewe, and to
 the heyres of his body lawfully begotten and for defaulte of suche
 yssue then to the use and behoofe of Margrett Elizabeth and Lettis
 my said daughters for and duringe the terme of theyr naturall
 lyves and the longest lyver of them, and after their decease then
 to the use and behoofe of Raphe Holden my brother and his heyres
 for ever. If Wheras I have purchased of Xpofer Royd of Soyland
 in the county of Yorke yoman an Anuitie or yearly rent of Six
 pounds xij^s iiij^d yssuinge out of c^teine land [iu] Soyland afore-
 saide wthin the graveship of Sorbye and now in th^e occupaçōn of
 the said Xpofer or his assignes for and duringe the naturall and

sevall lyves of Lawrance Banister of Alth'm in the county of Lanc' gent and Margrett Holden daughter of me the saide Andrewe and the longer lyver of them and payable at and uppon the xvijth day of June and the xxth day of November by even porçons yearly, my Will ys and I devyse and appointe that Jenett my wief during her widowhood shall yerely receave and take the same soñe of six^{li} xiijs^s iiij^d duringe the saide terme to such uses as hereafter is exp^{ss}ed, that ys to saye sixe^{li} pcell of the saide Anuitie to the use of the saide Lawrence Banister for terme of his lyef, the resydue of the saide Anuitie in the lyef tyme of the saide Lawrance Banister due and receyved, together wth y^e hole Anuitie after the death of the said Lawrance Bannister to the use of the aforesaid Margrett Elizabeth and Lettis my daughters equally to be devided amongst them. And if it fortune the said Jenett my wiffe to marry, miscarrye or naturallie decease then my will is that my said executors shall yerely receive and take the same somme of vj^{li} xiijs^s iiij^d duringe the said terme to the same uses abovesaide. And yf it fortune the saide Annuitie of vj^{li} xiijs^s iiij^d to be unpaide in pte or in all at any day of payment when the same ought to be payde as aforesaid soe as th'inheritance of the said land whereout the same is yssuinge doe revert and come agayne to me and my heires, my will ys that the said Andrewe my sonne shalbe heire therof after my decease as of the rest of my other lands, and receave his fyne according to the custome of that mannor. If whereas I have after my deceasse for the terme of c'teine yeares then next followinge reserved the yerely rent of viij^{li} yssuinge out of c'teine freeholde lands lying in Lyntwath and Northcrosland wthin the county of Yorke to the saide Robte Holden and Charles gregory and the survivor of them to [be] ymployed to suche uses as by my last will and testament in wrytinge I shall declare and appointe as by a deede of feoffam^t therof made and executed w^t a schedule Indented therunto annexed at lardge dothe and maye appeare, Now

my will ys that the saide Robte Holden and Charles gregory or the survivor of them shall yerely duringe the saide terme paye or cause to be payde unto Adam Holden my father and Margrett his wief for terme of their naturall lyves and the longer lyver of them the some of foure pounds vj^s viij^d pcell of the rents soe reserved at suche dayes and tymes as they doe receave the same, and my will further is that yf the Inventory of my goods will not extend to y^e full payment of all my debts, that then the residue of the saide rents shalbe ymployd by the saide Robte and Charles, or the survivor of them, to and for the dischargd of the same, and after my debts dischargd then for and towards the educacon and bringinge upp of Andrewe Holden my said sonne in learninge And yf yt fortune that the saide Adam and Margrett doe naturally decease wthin the saide terme and afore my said debts be fully answered Then I will that the saide whole rent of eighte pounds be likewise bestowed to and for the payment of the said debts and they beyinge dyschargd then for and towards the better and more sufficient mainteynance of my saide sonne in learninge. Wytnesses Adam Holden, John Holden and me hy: Grimshawe.

[Proved Sept. 22, 1590.]

THE WILL OF ROGER NOWELL OF READE, IN THE
COUNTY OF LANCASTER, ESQUIRE, MADE
1585, PROVED 1591.¹

IN the &c. I Roger Nowell of Reade in the Countye of Lanc' Esquier seeke in bodye yet of pfect remembrance god be prased, do Institute ordeyne and make this my Last will and testa-

¹ The testator was the second son of Roger Nowell of Read, Esq. (who died 1567), by his wife Grace, daughter of Sir Richard Sherburne of Stonyhurst, knt. He was married at Padiham, 25 January, 1581-2, to Florence, daughter of Reginald Atkinson of Skipton and relict of Laurence Starkie of Huntroyd, Esq., by whom he had issue. He died May 9, 1591.

ment in maner and forme folowinge, that is to saye first I bequeath my soule &c. and my bodye to be buried in Christian Buryall in the pysshe Church of Whalley under the throughe stoune upon the Southe syde of the Church wheras my ffather and my sonne John wear buried. Also I will that all my goodes moveable and unmoveable shalbe Devyded into three Equall parts the first pte Whereof I give and bequeath unto fflorance nowe my Wyffe The seconde pte I give &c. unto Alys my doughter, nowe Wyffe unto Wiffm Shootleworth, and the thirde and Laste pte I geve &c. unto Roger Nowell my sonne and heire apparent and unto Alys my doughter nowe wyffe of Wiffm Shootleworth to be equallie devyded betwixt theym, all suche goods as heretofore I have given unto the saide Roger Nowell my sonne and heire ap^t and unto Roger Nowell his Sonne and heir app^t by a Dede of gyfte bearinge date the xxth daye of Aprill in the sex and twentieth yeare of the reigne of o^r moste gracious so^vaigne Ladye Elizabeth &c. [1584] beinge forprysed and excepted, Also one Lease w^{ch} I had of Alys nowell Late wyffe of Thomas Nowell my brother deceased of her Joynture and Dower, the w^{ch} said Lease wth the assurance thearof I haue geven and assigned unto the said Roger Nowell my Sonne and heir app^t being Lykewyse forprysed and excepted. And moreover all suche woods and stones as I haue gotten and geven unto the said Roger Nowell my Sonne and heir app^t towards the buildinge of a Barne being also forprised and excepted. FFYNALLYE I constitute &c. my welbeloved in Christ florance Nowell my Wyffe my sole executrix of this my Last will &c. Also I will and desyre her that evye servante of my howse may have towe shillings. In Wittnes &c. the xxxjth daye of this Instant August 1585. By me Roger Nowell. Sealed &c. theise psons being wytnesses, Edmunde Starkye, John holcar, John Moreton, hugh Wittacir, John + Seller.

[Proved June 11th, 1591.]

THE WILL OF EDMUND WINSTANLEY OF WINSTANLEY,
IN THE COUNTY OF LANCASTER,
GENTLEMAN.¹ 1591.

IN the &c. the xxth daie of September in the xxiiijth yere of the Reigne of oure so^vaigne Ladie Elizabeth &c. [1591] I Edmund Winstanley of Winstanley in the Countie of Lan^c gent^l sicke in bodie and whole in mynde and of good and pfecte Remembrance prayed be almightie god doe make this my last will and testamente in maner and forme folowinge, first I yeld upp and bequeth my soule to the hands of almightie god beseeching hym for his deare sonnes sake that thorowe his marcy and presious bludd sheedinge my formir sins and wickednes may soe be wasshen taken away and purged as I maye when death hath shutte upp my Bodely Eyes, assuredlie have my soule to Rest wth hym and all the Blessed Company in heaven in ppetuall Blysse w^{ch} I fullie beleeve to attayne unto and enioy for ev^r. And as tuching all my goods and Cattalls movable and unmovable w^{ch} is nowe Remayninge in the towne of Winstanley my will is that it shall be devyded as is hereaft⁹ expressed by my such [said] executors as shall be hereaft⁹ Appointed and to be taken away by my executors Appointemente hereafter named, ffirst all my goods w^{ch} is at the Halle at Winstanley that is to say all my plate viz. one Sylv^r salte gylte wth a Cov^r, one sylv^r Cupp gilt with A Cov^r, one Longe Cov^d Cupp, nyne silver spoones and all oth^r debts wthin Winstanley or els where as shall appeare

¹ The testator was the only son and heir of Thomas Winstanley of Winstanley, Esq., whose will, proved in 1562, has been printed in this volume, p. 24. He married Mary, daughter of Sir Thomas Langton, knt., Baron of Newton, and the widow of Thomas Byrom of Byrom, but had no issue. He is called Edmund Winstanley of Wigan, gent., in the will of his father-in-law, printed by this Society. (*Lancashire and Cheshire Wills*, vol. ii. p. 246.)

by writinge and shall be demaunded and of Right oughte to be payde also all my housholde stuffe and other debtes w^{ch} is owinge me w^{thin} Winstanley that is to saye Jane Winstanley one meadowe ffyve yeres from Candlemas next and the oth^r James Winstanley of the mylne one pyce of grounde w^{ch} doth appeare by a Bill and Rauffe Winstanley als Rollyn Winstanley Certeyne grounde w^{ch} doth appeare by writinge and also the said Rollen w^{ch} I have noe writinge of xlviij^s and also I am suretie for the saide Rollen unto Richard Worthington aboute xiiij^s iiij^d Humffrey Atherton glov^r ix^s Humffrey Atherton gent xxxviij^s v^d Henrie Winstanley of bil-linge and his sonne Laurence xvij^{li} as appeareth by writinge Thomas Orrell of the Coale pitts xxx^s Wiſſm Barton of the Coale pitts xvj^{li} or there abouts Alexand^r Rylons owinge vj^s viij^d a yere duringe a writinge and ij^s viij^d w^{ch} the said Alexand^r is behinde for this yere and also M^r Baron of Walton uppon his ffaithfull pmise and my Cosyn Langton of the lowe knowinge of his pmise x^{li} and also a bill of his hande of iiij^{li} vj^s viij^d Thomas Aynsworth Bayliffe of Neuton for the florfaytinge of one obligacōn iiij^{li} James Wackfeilde of Wigan owinge as appereth by writinge Olyv^r Asley of Wigan xiiij^s ij^d and for the kepinge of halffe a Calffe James Wayte x^s If I doe Constitute and make my true and Lawfull executors, M^r Roger Rigbie beinge my nephewe and Edwarde Pembton &c. Also I geve &c. unto my sust^r Alis Childeren xl^s to be equally devyded amongst them. Also I geue unto Elynor my mayde xx^s Also I geve unto Wiſſm Barton viij^{li} I geve unto Gydlowe Wyffe at Wigan vj^s viij^d I geve unto my Suster Alis my Best Cloke my best gowne. Witnes at making &c. Edwarde Pembton, Alis Atherton the wiffe of Humffrey Atherton, Kathyren Barton wyffe of Wiſſm Barton, Thomas Pembton.

[Proved in 1591.]

THE WILL OF THOMAS WINSTANLEY, CLERK,
RURAL DEAN OF WARRINGTON, IN THE
COUNTY OF LANCASTER. 1593.

IN the name &c. the viijth daye of Aprill in the yeare of o^r lorde god 1593. I Thomas Wynstanley, Clerke, late Dean of the Deanrye of Warrington, sicke in bodye, but whole and pfecte in memorye doe make and declare this my last Will and testament in mann^r and forme followinge ffirst and princypallye I bequeth my soule to almightie god my Saviour and Redemer, trustinge by the merites death and passion of his sonne Jesus Christe to be an Inheritor of the Kindome of heaven, my bodye I bequeth to Christian buriall wthin the Quenes ma^{ties} Chappell of Upholland in the place wheare I have appointed. And as concⁿginge my goods and Cattalls I will the same to be devided into three partes whereof I will one parte to my selffe, and an other pte to Alice my Wieffe and the thirde pte to Edwarde and Cycelye Wynstanley my children. Itm. I will that my funerall Expences and Lawfull debts shalbe dischargd of the whole, and the Reste of my owne pte I give to Alyce my Wieffe and to Edwarde and Cycelye my said Children to be Equallye devided amongeste them three. Itm. it is my will that Alice my said wieffe shall have duringe her naturall lieffe, the Chamber wherein she nowe lyeth and the lofte over the same together wth the Kitchen, wth ffree egresse Regresse and accesse to and from the same. And also the moytie and the halfe of all the landes belonginge to my nowe dwellinge howse, wth the Rent of one tenement nowe in the occupacon of Edwarde Smethey and Edwarde haswall lyeinge in Orrell for and duringe her naturall lyeffe. Itm. it is my Will that my sonne Thomas Wynstanley shall enter and have the reste and Residewe of my howse and

Landes unbequethed ymediatlye after my decease, Provided alwayes that if my said sonne Thomas will not pforme this my Will and mynde, and suffer the said Alice his mother to have and occupie the lands and Rents before menconed accordinge to the lymittacon of this my Will and in mann^r aforesaid, That then and in suche case the said Thomas my sonne shall not have nor Enioye the howse nor landes nor anye pte thereof Otherwyse he the said Thomas to have all the Revⁿcon of the same lande to him and to his heires males for ev^r ymediatlye after the decease of the said Alice anye thinge before to the said Tho^ms given or bequethed to be voyde and of none effecte in the lawe to the Contrarye notwth-staunding. And yet nev^rthelesse the true Intente and meaninge of this my last will and testament is, that under and upon the condi^{ti}on and provisoe aforesaid all my said landes and tenements wth the Reversion and Revⁿcons shalbe to the said Thomas my said sonne and to the heires males of his bodye lawfullye begotten and to be begotten, And for defaulte of suche yssue, then to the use of Alexander Wynstanley an other sonue of me the said Thomas the father and to the heires males of his bodye lawfullye begotten or to be begotten, And for defaulte of suche yssue, then to the use of Edward Wynstanley an other sonne of me the said Thomas, And to the heires males of his bodye Lawfullye begotten and to be begotten, And for defaulte of such yssue then to the use of the right heires of me the said Thomas Wynstanley the father for ever. Also it is my will, that if I doe fortune to lyve untill the feast of St. Mychaell the archangell nowe nexte Ensuinge the date hereof, that Edwarde, Alexander, Cycelye and Elizabeth my children shall have all suche pensions as is dewe unto me by the Quenes ma^{tie} her heires and successors Equallye to be devyded amongst them. And also I doe constytute &c. Alyce my said wieffe my true and Lawfull executor &c. And fynallye I doe make overseer of this my said will Roger Charnocke Esquier desiringe him to see the same

trewlye pformed. In Wittnes whereof &c. These beinge wittnes. Peter Orred, Lawrance Robye, Roger Chorlesse, and Wiilm Prescottt.

[Proved September 6, 1593.]

[From the Act on this Will it appears that Rob. Colleign, A.M., was Dean of Warrington at the time of proving it.]

THE WILL OF JOHN HURLESTON OF IDENSHAW, IN THE COUNTY OF CHESTER, ESQUIRE.¹ [c. 1593.]

IN the &c. the fourth daye of November 1593. I John Hurleston of Idenshaw in the Countye of Chester, Esquire, make, declare, and pronounce my last will and testam^t in wrytinge in man^r and forme followinge ffirst I Comend my soule to the lord fully assuringe my self that I am one of his electe. Itm. I doe geve devyse and bequeth to my doughter Ales Hurleston fyve hundreth pounds. Itm. I doe geve and devyse to my doughter Dorothy fyve hundreth pounds to be sevvally receyved levyed and taken by my executors hereafter named out of all my mannors lands tenem^{ts} and heredytam^{ts} lyinge and beinge in hurleston ats hurleton in the County of Lancaster and Wervyn Croughton Newton and Idenshaw in the County of Chester, and out of all and other Landes wthin the Realme of England. And whereas I have

¹ John Hurleston of Hurleston, in the county of Lancaster, and Picton and Idenshaw, in the county of Chester, Esq., was the eldest son and heir of Richard Hurleston of Picton, Esq., by his wife Elizabeth, daughter of James Shallcross of Manchester. He was twice married — (1) to Mary, daughter of Sir Lawrence Smith of Hough, knt., by whom he had no issue, and (2) in 1589 to Jane, one of the daughters and co-heirs of George Massey of Puddington, in the county of Chester, Esq., who survived him, and married, secondly, John Done, of Utkinton, Esq. He was buried at Plemondstall in Cheshire, 14 November, 1593, leaving John, his only son and heir, and two daughters, Alice and Dorothy.

heretofore by my deed executed beringe date this fourth daye of November 1593, made to my father in Lawe George Massye Esq^r and to my welbeloved brother in Lawe Richard Brereton esq^r ¹ bargayned and sold all my moveable goods, plate, Jewells, Corne, Cattle, ymplemts of housold to have to such uses as I the said John have or should declare sett downe and appoynt by my last will and testam^t. Nowe knowe that I in full declaracon to what intent and purpose the same is, Doe declare appoynt and hereby make knowne, That first my will and intent is, that out of all my said goods my debts and funeralls shalbe first paid and dyscharged. And after my will and mynde is that my lovinge Wyfe Jane hurleston shall have fyfteene of my best melche kyne, my best bull, sixe of my best draught oxen, one Iron bounde wayne, plowe harrowes Cheynes and Yockes to yt belonginge, all my plate (exceptinge three silver bowles and exceptinge my sylver salte gylte) All my beddinge (except my two best beddes and bedstedds) all my houshold stufe in Idenshaw. Itm. I do geve to my sonne John my three bowles, my gylt salte, and two best beddes and bedstedds furnished, [and] my signett of gould. And my will is that my Wyfe shall have the use of the said sylver bowles salte and beddes, duringe her Widowhoode. Itm. I geve to my wyfe all her appell and Jewells. Itm. I doe geve to my base sonne John hurleston one hundreth pounds to be payd him at his full age of twenty and one years. And my will is that he shalbe brought up by my said exccutors. Itm. I doe geve to my servante Richard Gill Tenne pounds. Itm. I do geve to my Welbeloved sister Elizabeth hurleston twentye pounds. Itm. I doe geve to Christopher Gill three pounds six shillings eight pence. Itm. I doe geve to Elizabeth Brereton my neese and god doughter sixe pounds throteyne shillings foure pence. Itm. I doe geve to my fatherinlawe George

¹ The testator's sister, Matilda Hurleston, was married to Richard Brereton of Eccleston, in the county of Chester, at Plemondstall, 11 January, 1573-4.

Massye my best geldinge at his election. Itm. I doe geve to my brother Brereton my gray geldinge. Itm. I doe geve to Ales dode fortye shillings. Itm. whereas James Banaster oweth me forty pounds I doe forgeve him twenty pounds thereof. Itm. the rest of my goods not gyven I doe geve equally to be devyded amongst my three Children John my sonne and heire, Ales and Dorothy. Itm. my will mynde and intent ys, that myne executors shall allowe to my daughters se^vallie their mayntenance out of the encrease of the money that shalbe se^vallie and yerely receyved for them. And my will ys that my daughters shalbe payd their se^vall por^{ci}ons of money devysed them at their se^vall ages of eighteene yeres wth y^e increase thereof that shall remayne. And my will is and I doe entreate my executors yerely to ioyne in accompt and to keepe a booke under their hands whereby yt maye appeare what somes are yerely receyved for my said daughters por^{ci}ons. And my will is that my father in lawe duringe his lyfe shall have the bringinge up of my Children, and after his decesse my brother in lawe Richard Brereton. And I doe entreat my executors to ymploy the money the[y] shall yerely receyve for my daughters and base sonne to their best profit and not to lye dead. And my will and intent is that yf yt fortune eyther of my said daughters Ales or dorothy to dye before there se^vall ages of eighteene yeaeres, then the por^{ci}on given to such of them that dyeth shalbe and remayne to my other daughter that lyveth. And yf yt happen both of my said daughters to dye before they accomplish there se^vall ages of eighteene yeres then my will and mynd is that their se^vall por^{ci}ons shalbe answered to my sonne and heire John at his full age of twenty and one yeaeres. Itm. my mynde is that yf John my base sonne dye before he accomplish thage of twentie and one yeaeres then the porcon geven him shalbe and remayne to my sonne and heire John at his full age of xxjth yeaeres to be payd him. Itm. my will is that my executors shalbe allowed such true

and iust somes of money as they or eyther of them shall spend in and about the leavinge opteyninge or defendinge of anye suytt or suyts that shalbe had or pseinted by to or for the opteyninge or defendinge of the said sevall porcions geven to my said daughters. Itm. Whereas I have payd to my cosen Thomas Bunburye Esq^r Certaine money for lands lyinge in Picton my will is that thassurance that shalbe taken for the same shalbe to the use of John hurleston my base sonne for terme of his lyfe, the remainder after his death to John hurleston my sonne and heire apparent and his heires for ev⁹. Itm. of this my last will and testam^t I doe ordeyne and make my welbeloved ffather in lawe George Massey Esquire and my lovinge brother in lawe Richard Brereton Esq^r my exccutors, And doe no^yat and entreate my lovinge brother in lawe Edward Penruddocke esquire¹ over seyer of this my last will entreatinge them all to have a lovinge and ffatherlye care to see this my last will pformed. In wytnese &c. Sealed and signed in p'sentes of us Thomas Trafford, Rob^t Commaunder pson of Tarpley, [Tarporley]² Thomas Done, ffawke Edwards, James Banaster, Richard Gill.

[Date of Probate illegible.]

¹ Edward Penruddock, Esq., married Mary, the other daughter and co-heir of George Massey, Esq., and sister of Jane, wife of the testator.

² Robert Commander or Commaunder was instituted to the rectory of Tarporley in 1571, as he paid his composition for first fruits to the Exchequer on October 4 in that year. He remained there till his death, in 1613.

THE WILL OF ROBERT ROGERS, CLERK, ARCHDEACON
OF CHESTER.¹ MADE 1580, PROVED 1596.

In the name of God. So be it.

I Robert Rogers, Archdeacon of Chester and pson of Goosewoorth in comitatu Cestrie Consideringe with my selfe the uncertayne and frayle estate of mans condition continuance in this lif creation and the time of his death ever doubtfull and not certaine, seeinge dayly before mine eyes many to departe out of this life intestate making no will: Being at this present (I prayse god therefore) of perfect memorie will and understanding, and also in good health of bodye, do make this present day being the xvij day of June, año dñi 1580 my last will and testament in maner and forme folowing.

ffirst I yeald and bequeath my soule into the handes of God, who is the god thereof who hath geven the same and united it unto my body in most assured confidence and belefe beleving that all the siñes which I have in this wicked world comitted are forgiven mee through the crosse bloodshed and death of Christ Jesus y^e sonn of the pure virgin Marye; who was the lamb of god takinge awaye the sinnes of the whole world: And therefore among all the rest mine also, how great and many soever they be, I refuse my selfe and all the healpe of man and I looke for no other succour but to

¹ Robert Rogers was appointed to a Prebend in Chester Cathedral on November 25, 1580, and was made Archdeacon of Chester early in that year. He made collections relating to Chester and the miracle plays, &c., performed there, which are now among the *Harleian MSS.* in the British Museum. His wife Elizabeth, the daughter of John Dean of Wallingford, in the county of Berks, gent., survived him, and was buried at Eccleston, near Chester, in 1617, where an inscription was placed to her memory. They had a large family of ten sons and five daughters. He was appointed to the rectory of Gawsworth, in the county of Chester, about 1565. (See *East Cheshire*, vol. ii. p. 588.)

be saved by the merites of Jesus the son of god. Apocalypst. 1. who hath loved mee and washed mee from my sinnes in his blood.

Secondly I bequeath my fleash blood and bones my body to be buried in the earth Dñi est terra with decent buriall Christian like without all maner of pomp and supstition in full and perfett hope of the resurrection and union booth of body and soul in the day of Judgment whan god shall come to judge booth the dead and the quicke: psuading my selfe y^t afterward I shall see god my saviour in heaven and there abide with him in ioye for ever.

Thirdly concerning my worldly goodes and substance I bequeath them after this maner and no other.

After y^t my debtes be paied and my funirall expenses by mine executor discharged what soever shalbe remayning of all my goodes moveable and imoveable money plate Juels ornamēts leases tackes household stufe bookes cattle corn debts right of debts in remainder accompts claymes or interest or what soever is now due of right unto me or any waye forth may of right be due unto mee heareafter: All and every part thereof from one penyee unto the whole what soever it be, I bequeath it unto Elizabeth Rogers now my wife whose name was before I married her Elizabeth Dean to her solely and wholly and to none other or others as freely and with as good a hart as ever God gave them unto me and in as ample maner as I can or may geve them: forbidding and excluding all other psons as well my children frends kindesfolkes as all others to make any clayme unto them or any part of them any way forth or to molest or trouble her. And if any shall move sute or molest her herein my will is that my goodes shall be spent in y^t cause And I am right hartely sorie y^t I have no more to geve her. My trust is in her that she will see my children and hers brought up in the fear of god.

ffourthly my will is that at my buriall (if it may conveniently be don) there be a sermon made by some godly wise learned man,

wherein he is to exhort the people to prepare them selves towardes heaven to despise this world to amend their lives and to repent and he to have for his paynes x^s Provided all wayes y^t this my will be acted and performed and fullfilled as my true and last will for there is [no] will made by mee but this only.

And of this my last and true will I make ordayne constitute and leave sole and onely executor Elizabeth Rogers my most dear and loving wife.

In witnes y^t this is true and my last will I have subscribed it with my hand written it with my pen and sealed it with my seall Año Dni 1580 the xvij daye of June.

By mee ROBERTE ROGERS.

[Proved Jan. 20, 1595-6.]

THE WILL OF THOMAS LEGH OF ALKRINGTON, IN
THE COUNTY OF LANCASTER, ESQ.¹ 1597.

IN the &c. the tooe and twentieth day of October in the neene and thirtieth Yeaere of the Raigne of our sovaigne Lady Elizabeth &c. and in the yeaere of our Lord god 1597, I Thomas Leigh of Alkrinton in the County of Lanc' esq^r sicke in body but of good and pfect memory prayes bee god Doe ordaine and make my testament^t conteynynge therein my last will in manⁿ &c. &c. I geve

¹ Thomas Legh was the fourth son of Sir Peter Legh of Lyme, in the county of Chester, knt., by Margaret, daughter of Sir Thomas Gerard of Bryn, in the county of Lancaster, knt. He married Catherine, one of the four daughters and co-heiresses of Sir Robert Langley of Agecroft, knt., in whose right he inherited Alkrinton, and by whom he is said to have had no issue. His "reputed" children named in the will were possibly illegitimate. His widow Catherine survived till 1620, in which year her will, dated 18 March, 1619-20, was proved at Chester. It is, however, noteworthy that in that will she speaks of these children without any qualification, thus, "I give to my son Robert," &c.

and bequeth my soule &c. my body I comitt to Christian buriall &c. Item Whereas in and by tooe sevall Indentures of demise and Lease both of them bearinge date the xxvth day of March in the xxxj^xth yeare of the raigne of the Queenes Ma^{ty} that now is, [1597] made betweene Edmond Trafford of Trafford in the said County of Lanc' esq^r of the one pte and me the said Thomas Leigh of the other pte ytt is lymitted and agreed by sevall pvisoos or condiçõs in the said sevall Indentures Conteyned to this effect followinge, that is to saye, if the said Edmond Trafford his heires executors &c. or any of them should well and truly content and pay or tender to bee paid unto me the said Thomas Leigh my executors &c. the some of seaven hundreth pounds att one whole and intire paym^t in and upon any feast day of the purification of the blessed Virgine Mary w^{ch} should be duringe or within the space of three yeares next ensuinge after the day of the date of the said sevall Indentures of Lease att or in the south porch of the pishe Church of Manchester in the said County of Lanc' that then and from thence forth the said sevall Indentures of Demise or Lease and all and every the Covenants, graunts, Clauses, articles, and agreem^{ts} therein conteyned shall bee frustrate and voyd as by the said sevall Indentures att Large appeareth, if therefore the said Edmond Trafford his heires executors &c. or any of them doe well and truly content and pay the said some of seaven hundreth pounds unto my executors or admⁿtors accordinge to the purport and effect of the said sevall pvisoos or Condiçõs, then I will demise and bequeath unto Thomas Leigh my reputed sonne the some of three hundreth pounds prcell of the said some of seaven hundreth pounds And unto John Leigh and Roger Leigh tooe other of my reputed sonnes the some of ffoure hundreth pounds Residue of the said some of seaven hundreth pounds equally to be devided betweene them And if ytt fortune any of the said John Leigh, Roger Leigh and Thomas Leigh to dye before they shall accomlishe the law-

full age to dispose the said se^vall somes to them bequeathed as aforesaid or before such tyme as they shall lawfully dispose the same, then I geve &c. the pte and portion of such of them as so shall dye to the survivour or surviours of them. And ytt is my mynde and will and intent that Kathrine my wief my executrix hereafter named shall have the education, rule, order, governaunce, and disposition of the said John Leigh, Roger Leigh, and Thomas Leigh and every of them and also of all the Lands tenem^{ts} and hereditam^{ts} whatsoever lyinge and beinge in Barton uppon Irwell in the said County w^{ch} they have of my assignm^t and w^{ch} I had of the demise and graunt of the said Edmond Trafford by the said se^vall recited Indentures if in case the same be nott redeemed by force of the prisoos and Condi^cions aforesaid and in such case of redemption then of the said se^vall somes bequeathed as aforesaid for and duringe such tyme and untill the said John, Roger and Thomas shall se^vallye accomlishe the age of xxjth yeares, if the said Kathrin so longe doe lyve sole and unmarried and if the said Kathrin doe marry or depte this lief then ytt is my will that my lovinge brother in Law S^r Richard Shuttleworth Knight shall haue the education, rule, government, and disposition of my said three reputed sonnes, and of the said Lands, tenem^{ts}, and hereditam^{ts}, and also of all suche goods and Chattells as I shall hereafter by this my last will and testam^t geve devise or bequeath unto them. Also ytt is my will and mynd and I geve &c. to Creator¹ Leigh my reputed daughter three hundreth pounds. Itm. I geve &c. to Margaret Leigh my reputed daughter three hundreth pounds. Itm. I geve &c. to Elizabeth Leigh my reputed daughter three hundreth pounds. Itm. I geve &c. to Elizabeth Leigh reputed daughter of Robert Leigh my sonne fforty pounds all w^{ch} se^vall somes before by me geven to my reputed daughters and to my sonnes reputed daughter, ytt is my will and mynd shall bee levied and taken of the yssues

¹ This curious Christian name has been verified by a reference to the will at Chester.

and pfitts of the messuags, Lands &c. w^{ch} I haue demised and graunted to the said Right Wor^{ll} S^r Richard Shuttleworth Knight and unto Richard Midgley of Rachdale in the County of Lanc Clarke¹ for tenne yeares for that intent and purpose by one Indenture of Lease bearinge date the xxth day of this October in the said xxxix yeare of the Queenes Ma^{ty}s raigne that now is [1597] Also ytt is my will and mynd that if any of my said reputed daughters doe depte this lief before the[y] shall haue receyved there said portions or shall marry wthout the Consent of the said S^r Richard Shuttleworth that then her or there ptes and portions shalbe devided amongst the survivor or survivours of them and if ytt shall please god that all my said daughters doe depte this lief before the[y] shall haue receyved there said portions or be married as is aforesaid Then ytt is my will and mynd that the said some of neene hundreth pounds before bequeathed and geven unto them shall bee geven and devided amongst my said three younger reputed sonnes, that is to witt, John Leigh, Roger Leigh, and Thomas Leigh. Also ytt is my will that if Elizabeth reputed daughter of the said Robert Leigh depte this lief before she bee married Then ytt is my will and I geve &c. the said xl^{li} before to her geven to be devided emongst all my said younger reputed Children that then shalbee lyvinge. Also ytt is my will that my ffunerall Chargs and my debts shall bee taken out of my Whole goods and after that ytt is my will that all the rest of my goods shall bee devided into tooe equall ptes Whereof one pte I geve to Kathrin now my wief accordinge to the Law and usage of the Countrey the other pte I reserve to bee bestowed as hereafter I shall sett downe and appointe. I geve &c. to the said S^r Richard Shuttleworth Knight one portigne of gould as a simple token in remembraunce of my good will. Itm. I geve &c. to my brother James Leigh one dapple dune Nagge. Itm.

¹ For an account of Richard Midgley, Vicar of Rochdale, see Canon Raines's *Lives of the Vicars of Rochdale*. (Chet. Soc.)

I bequeth to every one that I am god father unto vj^s viij^d a peece. Itm. I bequeath to my reputed sonne Robert Leigh my Chaine of gould. Itm. all the rest of my pte of goods I geve &c. to my reputed sonne Thomas Leigh. Itm. ytt is my Will that the said Kathrine my Wief shall haue the education, rule, order, government, and disposition of my said three reputed daughters, and also of my said sonnes reputed daughter, and of their portions untill they shall se^vally come to Mariage if my said wief soe longe doe lyve and keepe herself sole and unmarried, but if she doe marry or depte this lief Then ytt is my Will that the said S^r Richard Shuttleworth knight shall haue the education, rule &c. of my said daughters and of the said Elizabeth daughter to the said Robert Leigh and of the se^vall portions untill such tyme as they shall se^vally come to mariage And I doe Constitute &c. Kathrine my Wief sole executrix of this my last will &c. And I doe desire my said lovinge brother in Law S^r Richard Shuttleworth Knight to be overseer of the same. In Wittnes &c. Wittnesses hereof, Edward Ashton, Clarke, pson of Midleton, Richard Midgley, Clarke, vicare of Ratchdale, Robert Walken, John Gee, Ambrose Jackson, and Robert Leigh the younger.

[Proved 1597.]

THE WILL OF LAWRENCE SWETENHAM OF
SOMERFORD, IN THE COUNTY OF CHESTER,
GENTLEMAN.¹ MADE 1592, PROVED 1598.

AN Abstract of the Will of Lawrence Swettenham of Somerford, Gent. 9th of April 15 . . . 84 Eliz: [1592]. He directs his body to be buried in the South Isle of the par. Church of Astburie "with or next unto my Auncestors," "to Anne my daughter [wife of Robert Thorley], Elizabeth my daughter wife of Thomas Tirrell and Margaret my daughter wife of Thomas Jollie." "To Edmund Swettenham my sonne and heyre," "to Anthonie Swettenham and Wiffm Swettenham my two younger sonnes." "Elizabeth my wife, Fraunces my Daughter wife to Roberte Mayhew."² In treaty for the Marriage of his daughter Marie Swettenham to Richard Sutton. To Ales his daughter wife of Thomas Moreton. Elianor Swettenham his daughter. "My daughters w^{ch} are unp'ferred viz. . . . Margerye and Ursula Swettenham." "To be exōrs my said wife Elizabeth and my daughter Margarie." Witnesses W. Drakeford signum, Margaret Jollye, Marie Swettenham &c.

[Proved January 20, 1597-8.]

¹ The testator was the son and heir of William Swetenham of Somerford Booths, in the parish of Astbury, in the county of Chester. He married Elizabeth, daughter and heiress of John Oldfield of Sutton, near Macclesfield, who survived her husband till 1608. He had a large family, three sons and eleven daughters, whose marriages, &c., will be found in the pedigree in *East Cheshire*, vol. ii. p. 647.

² In some pedigrees this Robert Mayhew is called Robert Matthews of Essex.

THE WILL OF EDWARD TILDESLEY OF MORLEYS,
IN THE PARISH OF LEIGH, IN THE COUNTY OF
LANCASTER, ESQUIRE.¹ MADE 1586, PROVED 1599.

IN the Name of god, amen. The firste daie of Maye in the Twentith and Eighte yeare of the Reigne of o^r moste dread and sovaigne ladie Elizabethe by the grace &c. and in the yeare of o^r lorde god 1586. I EDWARDE TILDISLEY of Morleys in the countie of Lanc', Esquier, of good and pfecte healthe of bodie Thanks be to almyghtie god, yet neverthelesse callinge to memorie the uncertentie of this lyffe, and also the paynes in sicknes wherewith the mans bodye ys afflicted near the tyme of deathe, in which tyme mans sawle ys chefelie to be Regarded, and in that tyme, Especiall, all temporall causes are to be omitted and sett apte, Therefore Respectinge the p'misses in Tyme of helthe and good memcrye, I The saide Edwarde Tildisley, have thoughte good (by gods p'mission) to putt my lands teñts goods and chattells in pfectt disposicon and Redines in maner and forme followinge FIRSTE and principallye I coñende my sawle unto almightie god my maker and Redemer, Trustinge by his deathe and passion to be one of the electe and saved number, and my bodie to be buried (yf my chaunce be to dye in the Countie of Lanc^d, or near to the same) in my chappell in

¹ Edward Tildesley of Morleys, Esq., was the second son of Thurstan Tildesley of Tildesley and Wardley, Esq. (who died about 1552-3), by his *second* wife, Jane, daughter of Ralph Langton, Esq., Baron of Newton. He married Ann, only daughter and heiress of Thomas Leyland of Morleys, Esq., an estate in the township of Astley, in the parish of Leigh. His son and heir, Thomas Tildesley, predeceased him, being buried at Leigh, March 1, 1585-6, as "Thomas Tyldesley generous," leaving issue a son Edward, who was heir to his grandfather, and three daughters, Anne, Dorothy, and Elizabeth. The testator was buried at Leigh, 30th September, 1587, as "Edward Tyldesley de Morlais, Esq." Although he was buried in 1587, his will, as shown by the endorsement on the original, still at Chester, and by a reference to the Act Book, was not proved till May 11, 1599.

the pishe churche of leighe in the said Countie of lanc⁹ neare the bodies of my late wyfe Anne Tildisley Dough⁹ and sole heire of Thomas leyland of Morleys, Esquier, and the bodie of Thomas Tildisley sonne and heire of me the said Edwarde Tildisley, Deceased AND I will that one large stone shalbe provided and erected in Tombewise in the chappell withe fflower Imags or picturs of Brasse Representinge The said Thomas leylande, my said wiffe Anne Tildisley, my said sonne Thomas Tildisley, and me the said Edwarde Tildisley, withe supscription in Brasse, upou the border of the said Tombe, to be Ingraved, conteyninge the daie and yeare of o^r sevall deatthes, as god hathe, and shall appointe, withe o^r Armes upon the said Tombe to be likewise Ingraved, (yf I in my lyfe tyme doe not cause the same Tombe to be made and pfected accordingle) AND my will ys, that My bodie shalbe Entred and buried as aforesaid in decen^te maner withoute overmuch^e or supfluous charge, as to the discre^{co}n of my executo^r shalbe thoughte mete and conveniente, and neare to the propor^{co}n in charge of the buriall of my said wyfe (The pticl^rs wheareof be conteyned in A booke of accompts withe me the said Edward Remyning^e towching the said buriall) ALSO my will ys that all my lands teⁿts Rents Rev^{co}ns, ³vics and hereditaments, whiche I the said Edwarde Tildisley have, as well within the countie of Lanc⁹, as in the countie of Yorke, in the Right of my said late wyfe Anne Tildisley deceased, as also all my lands whiche I have by gyfte or graunte of anye pson or psons, late the Inheritaunce of George Entwissell esquier deceased, and likewise all and singler my lands teⁿts Rents Rev^{co}ns, ³vics and hereditaments whatsoev^r with all and evye their appurtenn^{cs} whatsoev^r whearsoev^r the same lye or bee, shall ymediatlie after my deathe, come and be as the shall happen to growe or fall in possession rev^{co}n or otherwise to Edward Tildisley, sonne and heire apparaunte of my said sonne Thomas Tildisley, after that he the said Edwarde shall accomplishe the

Age of twentie and one yeares, and to the heires males of the body of the said Edward Tildisley to be lawfullie begotten, And further accordinge to suche uses and lymitacons as be sett downe and conteyned in a paire of indenturs leadinge [to] the use of a fyne conteyninge the Inheritaunce of my said wyfe, and other lands in the countie of lanc., which said Indenturs be enrolled Amongste her ma^{tie} Records at lanc^y, And doe beare date the ffirste daie of februarye in the ffourthe year of the Reigne of or so^vaigne ladie the quenes ma^{tie} that now ys [1562] AND my will ys that the said uses conteyned in the saide Indenturs shall Remayne contynewe and be, as they be sett downe in the same Indenturs from heire to heire, withoute discontynuaunce or alteringe the same to the dishenherison p^rjudice or hurte of mye heire or heirs whiche maye or oughte to take benefite by the said indenturs Inrolled or uses therein conteyned NEVERTHELESSE yt is my meaninge will and mynde that he the said Edward Tildisley sonne and heire of my said sonne Thomas Tildisley, and his heirs males and the heirs males of me the said Edward Tildisley (beinge in actuall possession of the said lands) maye from tyme to tyme, make to his or their wyffe or wyffs lawfull Jointure or Jointurs for terme of lyfe of suche wyffe or wyffs in name of their ffeoffamente and dower, of anye lands pte of the p^rmisses (The capitall howse and demayne lands of Morlies onlie forprised and excepted) so that the same lands so to be assured in Jointure or ffeoffamente and dower to such wyffe or wyffs doe not extende above the thrid pte of the whole Inheritaunce. AND also to graunte Reasonable por^con of lands or Annuytie, or Annutys to his or their yonger sonne or sonnes for terme of their sevall lyves for their maintennce and p^rfermentes AND ffurther to charge the p^rmisses or anye pcell thei^rof, withe conveninte and Reasonable some or somes of money for the Advancemente in mariage of ev^erye suche dought^r or dought^{re} as he the said Edward Tildisley, or the heirs males of me the

said Edwarde shall happen to have AND also to make leasses for terme of three lyves, or twentie one years accordinge to the statute of the xxxijth yeare of the Reigne of Kinge henrie the eighte maid concerninge leasses to be maid by teñts in taile. ALBEYT yt is and shalbe lawfull for the said Edwarde Tildisley sonne of the said Thomas Tildisley and his heirs males, and the heirs males of me the said Edwarde Tildisley beinge in Actuell possession as is aforesaide, to make Alienacon and sale of anye quilitie or porcon of lands distante from the capitall howses and demayne lands of Morleys, Withgill, and Entwissell, so that the money for whiche suche landes so to be solde be bestowed and Employed upon other lands to be purchased more coñodious for the said Edwarde Tildisley sonne of the said Thomas Tildisley, and his heirs males, and the heirs males of me the said Edwarde Tildisley, and the same to be tyed in use accordinglie, as thenheritaunce of my said wyfe is lymitted and sett downe in the said Indenturs Inrolled, and the same to be done and pfyted within the tearme of two years next after such said quilitie or porcon of lands so to be solde as aforesaide. AND whearas sute in lawe haith byn heartofore dependinge, As well in the highe Courte of Chauncerie at Westm[]] Betwixte Robte Worseley and xpofer Anderton Esquiers pl, and me the saide Edwarde Tildisley, Deft, as also in the Dutchie Chamber at Westm[]], betwixte the said Robte Worsley pl, and me the said Edward, deft, as by the Records in the saide sevall Corts Remayninge yt maye fullie appeare, for the Righte Interesse and tytle of three messuags or teñts in Tildesley in the countie of Lanc, some tymes the Inherataunce of my late ffather Thurstan Tildisley esquier deceased, now in the sevall tenures or occupacons of Charles Davenport, xpofer mon, and Roger Mather, or their assignes of the aunciente and yearlie rente of seven pownds or their abouts, whiche They the saide Robarte Worseley and xpofer Anderton doe p'tende tytle unto, by force of certen Indenturs of

Bargaine and sale, amongeste other conveyances to them and their heirs made by my nephewe Thurstan Tildisley deceased, late ffather to my cosen Thomas Tildisley of grais Inne gent,¹ Whiche Indenturs doe beare date aboute the ffirste daie of februarie anno octavo Elizabethhe Regine [1565-6] whiche Indenturs and other conveyance by them the saide Robte Worsley and xpofer Anderton, sett forthe for the maintenaunce of their said tytle in and to the saide three messuags in Tildesley, was cowntⁿpleaded by me the said Edwarde in bothe the saide Corts by force of the said Indenturs Inrolled bearinge date the ffirste daie of februarie anno quarto Regine Elizabethhe &c. [1561-2] whearupon an order was sett downe in the said Corte of Duchie Chamb^r Termino trinitatis Anno 23 Elizabethhe Regine [1581] That the said Robte Worsley maye (if he will) bring his acco^unt of Waste at lanc. againste me the said Edward Tildisley, for that ende to trye by issue at the comen lawe in whome the Revⁿcon and Inheritaunce of the saide three messuags or teⁿts in Tildesley ys, or of righte oughte to be, whearin he the said Robte Worsley haith not as yet pceded. And for that my said cosen Thomas Tildisley of grais Inne, haith Released and quyte claymed from hym and his heirs, to me the said Edwarde Tildisley, and to my said sonne Thomas Tildisley and to o^r heirs all his Right intereste tytle and demaunde, Which he the said Thomas Tildisley of grais Inn, or his heirs haith, or of Righte oughte to have in or to the said three messuags in Tildisley, withe warrantie againste him the said Thomas Tildisley of grais Inne, and his heirs, as by his said Release under his hande and sealle, withe me the said Edwarde Tildisley Remayninge, yt may fullie appeare.

¹ This Thomas Tildesley of Gray's Inn, gent., afterwards Sir Thomas Tildesley, knight, Attorney General for the county of Lancaster, was the son and heir of Thurstan Tildesley of Wardley, Esq., the testator's nephew, the eldest son of Thomas Tildesley of Wardley, Esq., the testator's elder brother, son of Thurstan Tildesley, Esq., by Parnell Shakerley, his *first* wife.

By force of whiche Indenturs Inrolled bearinge date the firste daie of februarie Anno quarto Regine Eliz. [1561-2] p^dict together withe the ffyne upon the saide Indenturs Remayninge of Recorde at lanc⁹, bearinge date die lune in quinta Septimanie quadragesime, Anno quarto Eliz. Regine pred. [1562] Together withe the said Release, workithe suche matter, as the saide Robte Worseley and xpofer Anderton and their heirs be excluded from the saide three messuags in Tildesley late the Inheritaunce of my said late father Thurstan Tildisley, both in lawe and conscience. THEREFORE my will and mynde ys, That neither he the saide Edwarde Tildisley sonne of the said Thomas Tildisley, nor his heirs males, nor the heirs males of me the said Edwarde nor anye of o^r heirs shall at anye tyme hereafter, alienate the said three messuags or teñts in Tildisley to anye pson or psons to the Dishinheritinge of anye of my heirs. And the rather for that the said three messuags lye in Tildesley, whearof I have my name, And also was pcell of thenheritaunce of my said late father Thurstan Tildisley deceased, whiche movethe me the Rather to contynewe the said lands in my name and to posteritie, AND in Remembraunce of my said Cosen Thomas Tildisley of grais Inne his good will, my will and mynde ys That my said cosen Thomas Tildisley shall have towards his exhibicon at grais Inne the some of twentie pounnds of lawfull money of Englande for terme of ffyve years nexte ensuyuge the date of this my will, at the feasts of the Nativitie of sancte John Baptiste, sancte Michaell tharkangell, the nativitie of o^r lorde god, and the Annunciason of o^r ladie by equale porcons yearlie to be paide upon Reasonable demaunde, yf my said cosen Thomas Tildisley shall fortune so longe to lyve, AND whearas yt haithe pleased God to sende to my said sonne Thomas Tildisley at this p^rnt^e, yssue three Dought^r, vidz. Anne Tildisley, Dorathie Tildisley, and Elizabethe Tildisley, whome I accepte as myne owne children, and myndfull of their p^rferments accordinge to the bonnde of nature, Theirfore

my mynde and will ys, That she the saide Anne Tildisley shall have for her p'fermente in mariage, the some of one Thouzande marks of lawfull &c., and to be paid to the said Anne Tildisley at convunyente Daies of paymente, before that she the said Anne shall accomlishe the age of Twentie years, And to be levied of all my goods and chattells, as well Realls as psonalls, whiche I the said Edwarde Tildisley shall be possessed of, the daie of my deathe (not Infringe the trewe meaninge of this my will to charge suche smale porçons of goods and chattells as I have by this my will gyven and bequethed in pticularits to any pson or psons, But to be taken and goinge forthe of the Residue of my goods and chattells as ys afore mençoned), yf the valewe of my goods whearof I shal be possessed of, and the cleare valewe of the pfetts arysinge forthe of my said farms firome the daie of my deathe, untill she the said Anne shall accomlishe the said age of twentie years will extende so ffarr, So THAT she the said Anne Tildisley be Ruled in the choyce of her husbaude by the advyce and Councell of my sonne in lawe James Anderton of lostocke, gent, my said cosen Thomas Tildisley of grais Inne, gent, and my sonne Thurstan Tildisley¹ or anie two of them, AND my will ys, that the said Dorathie Tildisley shall have for her p'fermente in Mariage the soñe of ffyve hundrethe pownds of lawfull money &c. to be paide accordinglie as ys mente and sett downe afore for the advauncement in mariage of the said Anne Tildisley, suster of the said Dorathie, And to be paid to the said Dorathie before she shall accomlishe the age of twentie and one yeares, at suche conveniente daies as shalbe thoughte conveniente by the discrecon of my executor², and withe suche spede as the money comynge to their hands arisinge of the yssues and pfetts of my said goods and ffarmes will extende, so that

¹ Thurstan Tildesley, the second son of the testator, lived, subsequently, at Stan-acre, and is said to have married Mary, daughter of Robert Charnock of Charnock, and Astley, Esq.

the said Dorathie be ordered and advised in the choyce of husbände accordinglie as is afore sett downe on the behalfe of the said Anne Tildisley her suster, AND my will ys that the said Elizabethe Tildisley shall have for her p'fermente in mariage the some of ffyve hundrethe pownds of lawfull money of Englande, to be paid accordinglie as ys mente and sett downe afore for the advauncement in mariage of the said Anne and Dorathie sisters of the said Elizabethe, And to be paide to the said Elizabethe before she shall accomlishe the age of twentie one years, at suche conveniente daies as shalbe thoughte conveniente by the discreçon of my executor^s, and with suche spede as the money comynge to their hands arysinge of the issues and pfetts of the said goods and ffarmes will extende unto, so that the said Eliz. be ordered and advised in choyce of her husbände accordinglie as ys sett downe on the behalf of the said Anne Tildisley and Dorathie Tildisley, sisters of her the said Elizabethe Tildesley AND my will ys further That my dought^r in lawe Elizabethe Tildisley¹ during the terme of nynetene years nexte ensuyng the date of this my will (if she so longe doe lyve, and kepe her selffe sole and unmarried) shall have her aboade and beinge at my howse called the lodge in mirescoughe for the bringinge uppe of her saide fflower children, vidz. Edwarde Tildisley, Anne Tildisley, Dorathie Tildisley and Elizabeth Tildisley, withe the pfetts and coñodits arisinge and growinge of these pcells of grounde followinge, vidz. the horse copie, nexte adioynninge to the said lodge in Mirescoughe, The Amblinge mare hey, being pcell of the outwoods of Mirescoughe, the hoppe yarde, The Cowpasture greves, The close lyinge upon the west syde of the barne at Mirescoughe, The Cowe pasture medowe, and the close in the pke of Mirescoughe neare the howse of Randulphe pensaye comenlie called the olde ffeilde, with the barnes, stables, and other

¹ Elizabeth, the wife of Thomas Tildesley, deceased, son and heir of the testator, was the daughter of Christopher Anderton of Lostock, Esq.

howses, within the outwoods of Mirescoughe, and near adioyninge to the said lodge of Mirescoughe Together withe the orchards and gardens to the said lodge belonginge, with conveniente and sufficiente turbarie for her fewell Duringe her said aboade at Mirescoughe Payinge therfore yearlie to my executo^r the so^me of ffyve shillings at the feaste of Easter, and sancte Michael tharchangell, yearlie by even porcons, AND my will ys, that my said [sonne] Thurstan Tildisley shall have the use orderinge disposicon and Rule of the Residue of my said farme of Mirescoughe nowe in my occupcon, together withe the p^rmisses assured to the said Elizabeth Tildisley for the bringinge uppe of her said children, when the same shall fall by her mariage or otherwise, to him the said Thurstan and his assignes, for the terme of nynetene years next ensuyng the date of this my will, Paying theirfore to the quenes Ma^{tie} the yearlie rente of twentie fyve pownds at the rente daies usuall and accustomed. And further answeringe yearlie towards the p^rferment in mariage of the said Anne Tildisley, dorathie Tildisley and Eliz. Tildisley dought^r of my said sonne Thomas Tildisley, the so^me of one hundreth marks at the feasts of Easter and sancte Michael tharchangell by equall porcons, AND my will ys, that my said sonne Thurstan Tildisley shall have likewise for terme of nynetene years next ensuyng the date of this my will, (if my intereste in the same shall contynewe so longe) The comodits arisinge and growinge of my Tyethes, in Amoundⁿes, whiche I have by graunte from the quenes Ma^{tie}, of the yearlie Rente of twentie three pownds nynetene shillings eight pence, Payinge to her Ma^{tie} the said Rente at daies usuall. And also Aunsweringe towards the p^rferment in mariage of the said Anne, dorathie, and Eliz. the so^me of one hundreth marks of lawfull &c. at the feaste of the Nativitie of sancte John Baptiste, Duringe the said terme of nynetene years. AND my will ys further, That my said sonne Thurstan Tildisley, shall have for terme of nynetene

years from the feaste of sancte Michael tharchangell nexte ensuynge the date of this my will, the comodits and proffetts arisinge and growinge yearlie of my tyethes of Gosen'ghe, whiche I have by graunte, from Cuthbte Clifton late of Westbie in the said countie of lanc esquier deceased, by his Indenture bearinge date the twelveth Daie of Maye in the thridde of the Reigne of the quenes Ma^{tie} that nowe ys.[1561] of the yearlie rente of twentie fyve powns and nyne shillings of lawfull Englishe money. Payinge theirfore to the said Cuthburte Clifton and his assignes, the said yearlie rente of twentie fyve powns nyne shillings at Daies menconed in the said lease; and also payinge to the Curate or minister servinge the Cuere at Gosen'ghe Church, the so^me of twentie sixe shillings eighte pence, at the feaste of sancte Michael Tharchangell yearlie. And further answeringe yearlie towards the p^rfermente in mariage of the said Anne, Dorathie, and Eliz., the so^me of ffortie powns of lawfull &c. at the feaste of sancte Michael tharkangell onlie, WHICH said se^vall so^mes Res^rved for and towards the p^rferments and the advauncement in mariage of the said Anne Tildisley, Dorathie Tildisley, and Elizabeth Tildisley, upon my saide farme of Mirescoughe, tyethes of Amoundⁿes and tyethes of Gosen'ghe, My will ys that the same shalbe aunswered and paied by my said sonne Thurstan Tildisley, at the Requeste of my said sonne in lawe James And^rton and my said dought^r in lawe Elizabeth Tildisley at suche tyme and tymes as the said Anne, Dorathie, and Elizabeth, or anye of them shalbe p^rferred in mariage upon Reasonable acquittaunce under thands and sealles of the said James Anderton, and Elizabeth Tildisley my said dought^r in lawe or the one of them witnessinge the Recypte of the same. PROVIDED alwaies that the said Thurstan Tildisley shall not be charged nor chargeable withe the paymente of the said yearlie somes of money, Reserved upon my said farme of Mirescoughe Tyethes of Amoundⁿes, and tyethes of Gosen'ghe,

Intended and ment for the p^rfermente in mariage of the said Anne Tildisley, Dorathie Tildisley, and Elizabethe Tildisley, as above is declared for the said terme of nynetene years, But Ratablie accordinge to the tearme and nu^ober of years as the said Thurstane shall possesse and enioye the said farme of Mirescoughe, tyethes of Amoundⁿes, and tyethes of Gosen^rghe aforesaid, after the deathe of me the said Edward Tildisley anye thinge before menconed in this my will to the contrarie thei^rof notwithstandinge. AND my will ys that my said sonne Thurstan Tildisley shall have and possesse all my goods psonalls, over and besids my farmes above menconed, whiche shall appteyne to me the said Edward Tildisley at the Daie of my deathe, for the f^rurther p^rfermente and advancemente in mariage of the said Anne Tildisley, Dorathie Tildisley, and Elizabethe Tildisley, accordinge to the trewe intente and meaninge of this my will (other then suche goods remayninge at Morleys or els wheare) as heartofore weare gyven by me the said Edward Tildisley and my said late wyfe Anne Tildisley to my said sonne Thomas Tildisley as heirelomes by deede Indented thei^rof made, And others then suche goods as I the said Edward Tildisley shall gyve in p^ticularities to anye pson or psons by this my last will or otherwise, NEVERTHELESSE yt is my meaninge That suche bedds, bedstocks, pewter, brasse and other Implements of howsholde as shall Remayne in or at the said lodge in Mirescoughe, at the tyme of my deathe, that the said Elizabeth Tildisley my dought^r in lawe shall have the same at Reasonable pryces, and as the same shall fortune indifferentlie to be praised, Defalkinge and allowinge to my sonne Thurstan Tildisley the prises of the same in the money, intended for the p^rfermente in mariage of her said three dought^r as aforesaid ALSO my will mynde and Intente ys, That if all my goods and Chattels in maner and forme before menconed will not extende for the advancemente in mariage of the said Anne, dorathie and Elizabethe accordinglie as is before de-

clared, within the said terme before specified That then suche so^me or so^mes of money so wantinge shalbe supplied by Edwarde Tildisley sonne of the said Thomas Tildisley in conveniente tyme after that he the said Edward shall accomplishe thage of twentie one years. To whome I gyve and bequethe, after that he the said Edwarde shall accomplishe the said age of twentie one years my said ffarmes of Mirescoughe The tyethes of Amound^rnes, and the tythes of Gosen^rghe aforesaid, withe Intente and meaninge and also upon Condi^con, That for defaulte of Issue Male of the bodie of hym the said Edwarde lawfullie to be begotten, That then the said ffarmes and tyethes shall remayne and be to the heirs males of me the said Edwarde Tildisley accordinglie, as the Inheritaunce of my said late wyfe Anne Tildisley ys lymitted and appointed by the said Indenturs Inrolled as aforesaid. AND ffurther my will ys, that if it shall fortune my said ffarmes of Mirescoughe, tythes of Amound^rness and my tyethes of Gosen^rghe together withe my goods psonalls Charged by this my will for the p^rfermente in mariage of the said Anne Dorathie and Elizabethe, before that the said Edwarde Tildisley sonne of my said sonne Thomas Tildisley shall accomplishe the age of Twentie and one years will extende to a greater some then ys sett downe for the said Anne, Dorathie, and Elizabethe, That then the surplusage and overplus arisinge of the said ffarmes, tyethes and goods psonalls, shalbe devided and distributed into three equall pts, vidz. one pte to the said Edwarde Tildisley iff he shall then be lyvinge, one other pte to the said Thurstan Tildisley, and the thridd and laste pte to my said sonne Wifm Tildisley, AND ffurther althoe that my Intente will and meaninge ys that my said sonne Thurstan Tildisley shall have the tyethe Cornes usuallie Inned at Thornton barne pcell of my tyethes of Amound^rnes, together withe the tyethes whiche shall growe or Renewe within the Grange of Rossall pcell of the Townshippe of Thornton, in the said countie of lanc,

for the terme of lyeffe of him the said Thurstan, yf my Intereste in the said tyethes shall so longe contynewe. Yet neverthelesse for so muche as I have charged my said Chattells and goods psonalls somwhate depely for the pfermente in mariage of the said Anne Tildisley, Dorathie Tildisley and Elizabethhe Tildisley, Theirfore my will ys that the said tyethes of Thornton and Rossall shalbe in suspence, and not to be Receyved by the said Thurstan to his p^rp use, untill suche tyme as the money mente for the pferments in mariage of the said Anne Tildisley, Dorathie Tildisley, and Elizabethhe Tildisley shalbe fullie satisfied contented and paid, WHICH done and pformed my will ys, that my said sonne Thurstan Tildisley shall have the said tyethes of Thornton and Rossall grange, for the terme of lyve of the said Thurstan (if my intereste in the same shall so longe contynewe) Payinge theirfore yearlie to the said Edwarde Tildisley sonne of the said Thomas Tildisley and to his heirs males, after that he the said Edwarde Tildisley shall accomplishe the full age of twentie and one years the some of fflower pownds of lawfull money &c. at the feaste of sancte Michael tharchangell yearlie. AND my will ys further that my said sonne Thurstan Tildisley shall have to him and his assignes, Durlinge his lyve naturall those lands and tennts in Asheley in the countie of lanc', nowe in the occupacon of the said Thurstan Tildisley, and late in the sevall tenurs or occupacons of George Sailburie, John loxholme, the late wiffe of Roger Saleburie, and the late wyfe of John Saleburie of the aunciente and yearlie Rente of fyve marks or their abouts, with oute anye thinge to me, or to my heirs yeldinge payinge or doinge for the same, AND the tyethes of Corne onlie yearlie comynge and Renewinge in the townshippes or hamletts of Coinbrall, Asheley and Kidsnape pcell of my said farme of Gosen^rghe for terme of fortie years nexte ensuyng the Deathe of me the said Edwarde Tildisley (if the said Thurstan shall fortune so longe to lyve) yeldinge payinge or allowinge yearlie to my

executo^{rs} towards the p^rforminge of this my will, the some of fflower pownds fyfene pence of lawfull &c. vidz. for the tyethe cornes of Coinbrall, xliiij^s iiij^d for the tyethe cornes of Asheley xxx^s iiij^d and for the tyethe cornes of kidsnape vj^s viij^d at the feaste of Assumptonⁿ of o^r ladye, or within twentie daies then nexte ffollowinge upon lawfull demaunde of the same. AND my will ys further, That my said sonne Thurstan Tildisley shall have to him and his assignes, all my estate tytle and terme of years intereste and demaunde which I the said Edward Tildisley have in or to that ten^te in Mirescoughe aforesaid in the said countie of lanc' late in the occupaⁿ of John Adamson yoman deceassed or his assignes of the yearlie rente of Threttie fyve shillings Aswell my estate and terme of years whiche I have by graunte from the said John Adamson, as also my terme of years Intereste and demaunde in the said ten^te whiche I have in rever^con by graunte from one John Abington of henlyppe in the countie of Worcestre esquier deceassed, by his Indenture bearinge date the xxjth daie of June in the xvijth yeare of the Reigne of o^r said so^vaigne ladie the quenes ma^{ty} that nowe ys [1575], with all escripts, muniments, and writings concerning the same. The said Thurstan upon his p^rtie and upon the p^rtie of his executo^{rs} and assignes p^rforminge and accomplishinge all suche articles as be sett downe in certen articles in paper indented sealed syned and deliv^red, made betwyxte me the saide Edward Tildisley of the one p^rtie, and the said John Abington upon the other p^rtie, bearinge date the ffyfthe daie of November, Anno RR^{no} Eliz. xxj. [1579.] AND my will ys further, That my said sonne Thurstan Tildisley shall have to him and his assignes, the Water Corne Milne in Mirescoughe, scituate upon the ten^te their then late in the occupaⁿ of Thomas Richardson deceassed together with all my p^rte and porcon of the said ten^te in Mirescoughe when yt shall fall called the overwoodde, netherwoodd, the Cawsey, and the Cawsey hey not heartofore graunted by my lease and

deede Indented to Wifm Richardson my s'vaunte, together withe all Rents and somes Res'ved by the said lease indented, and hear-after payable to me the said Edwarde Tildisley or my assignes, by force of the said lease indented PROVIDED alwaies, that aswell I the said Edwarde Tildisley, as the said Wifm Richardson and or assignes shall have or Cornes to be spente as well at the lodge in Mirescoughe, as also at the house of the said Wifm Richardson in Mirescoughe, to be gronde at the said milne Justlie and trewlie tolle free, withoute paymente of anye tolle Corne at the said milne, And if the milner shall use deceyte, or abuse him selfe in gryndinge, or orderinge the said Cornes, their to be gronde, Then the said Thurstan to Recompence the faulte, accordinge to good conscience, so often as occason shalbe mynistred, upon Dewe prooffe of the same. AND yt is my will, that Wifm Tildisley my yongeste sonne, shall have duringe lyve, all those lands, Rents, teñts, Rev'cons, s'vics and hereditaments sett lyinge and beyng in the townes of Chyppen, Wheatley, thornley, and hambleton, in the Countie of lanc', of the aunciente yearlie Rente of nyne pownds fflower shillings and tenne pence of lawfull money &c. accordinge to the purporte and trewe meaninge of a paire of indenturs, conteyninge the graunte of the same, maide betwixte me the said Edwarde Tildisley and my said sonne Thomas Tildisley deceassed upon the one ptie, and the said Wifm Tildisley of the other ptie, bearinge date the firste daie of November, anno vicesimo s̄do Reg. Eliz. [1580] AND my will ys further, that if the said Thurstan Tildisley my sonne by the death of John Adamson shall have and possesse the said teñte called Stanzaker, by force of this my will in lewe and place of whiche said devise to the said Thurstan made, not meaninge nor Intendinge that the said Thurstan shall have boethe the said teñts, vidz. the one called Stanzaker, and the other teñte in Asheley late in the occupacon of the said George Saleburie, But the Choyce of the one of them, at the election of the

said Thurstan, and my said sonne Wiſſm to have the other, **THEIR-FORE** my will ys, that as the said tenſte called Stanzaker casuallie shall come to the possession of the said Thurstan, be yt in pte or in all, so Ratablie the said tenſte in Asheley, to come and be to the said Wiſſm Tildisley for terme of lyfe of the said Thurstan Tildisley, and for the terme of three years nexte and Imediatlie ensuyng the deathe of the said Thurstan Tildisley, and his estate of s'render of the same tenſte to be made by the said Thurstan to my said sonne Wiſſm Tildisley upon Reasonable Demaunde. **AND** my will ys fſurther that my said sonne Thurstan Tildisley shall have the tuicon educacon and bringinge uppe of my said sonne Wiſſm Tildisley withe his whole lyvinge and coſmodits whatsoever, upon Reasonable accompts to be made to the said Wiſſm Tildisley when he shall accomplishe the age of twentie years, and in the meane tyme to see him the said Wiſſm carefullie and sufficientlie broughte uppe to gods glorie in Vertue and learninge, and if it shall happen my said sonne Thurstan Tildisley, by the deathe of the said Edwarde Tildisley sonne of the said Thomas Tildisley, dyinge withoute Issue male of his bodie lawfullie begotten (whiche god defende) casuallie to come to the Inheritaunce of me the said Edwarde Tildisley and the Inheritance of my said late wyffe Anne Tildisley, or that the said Thurstan shall fortune to dye, havinge neither wyffe nor children, **THEN** my will ys, that the said Thurstan Tildisley my sonne shall Imediatlie after his entrie into the said lands and tenſts so fallinge to him as is aforesaid, or dyinge withoute wyffe or children, That then he the said Thurstan shall convey and assure the p'misses, and e'vie pte theirow, before to him lymitted by this my will, To the said Wiſſm Tildisley and his assignes, yf he the said Wiſſm Tildisley shall then fortune to be lyvinge, or have issue male of his bodie lawfullie begotten. **AND** whereas my doughter Jane (withe my consente) hathe taken to her husbände, Wiſſm Anderton of Anderton in the countie of lanc'

esquier, for whiche mariage, I the said Edwarde Tildisly have promysed to paie to the said Wiffm Anderton the some of fflower hundrethe marks at daies agreed upon, whearof pte is paid, my will ys that suche somes of money not paid, pcell of the said soñe of fflower hundrethe marks, shall be paid to the said Wiffm Anderton, accordinge as his occasion shall Requier, yf I in my lyfetye doe not paie the same, And to be goinge forthe of my said ffarmes of Mirescoughe Goosehnghe and tyethes of Amoundrues aforesaid. AND my will ys, that my Cosine Gilberte Tildisley shall have duringe his lyffe the soñe of ffortie shillings of lawfull &c. at the feasts of sancte Martin the buysshoppe in winter, and pentecoste by even porcõns yearlie to be paid so that he doe not Alienate the same or anye pte theirow. Also my will ys, and by these pñts I gyve and bequethe to my Cosin Richarde massie duringe his naturall lyve, one Annuytie or yearlie Rente of fflower marks of lawfull &c. at the feasts [as before] to be paid by my executo^r and to be yssuyng and goinge fforthe of my said ffarmes of myrescoughe, gosen'ghe, and tyethes in Amoundrues, yf my intereste in them or anye of them Indure so longe. Also my will ys, and likewise I gyve &c. to my s'vaunte Wiffm Sale in Recompence of his good s'vice to mee done one Annuytie or yearlie rente of ffyve marks of lawfull &c. duringe the terme of his naturall lyffe, and to be paid at the said feasts [as before] by even porcõns, and to be likewise yssuyng [exactly as the last bequest]. Also I gyve &c. to my s'vaunte John Carter in Recompence of his good s'vice to me done one Annuytie &c. of fflower marks of lawfull &c. duringe the terme of his naturall lyffe, and to be paid at the lyke feasts [as before and from the same places]. Also my will ys, that Wiffm Richardson my s'vaunte shall have for the terme of twelffe years nexte ensuyng the date of this my will the soñe of fortie shillings of lawfull &c. at the said feasts, and to be goinge forthe of the said ffarmes, yf the said Wiffm Richardson shall for-

tune so longe to lyve. AND my will ys further that the said Wiſſm Richardson shall have to him and his assignes, my estate, tyle &c. whiche I have in and unto the moietie &c. of that tenēt in Mires-coughe of the yearlie rente of ffyve marks, whiche I have by graunte of the said John Abington esquier late one of the quenes Clarks Comptrollers by his indenture bearing date &c. Also my will ys that Richarde wilkinson my s'vaunte in Recompence &c. shall have duringe his lyve, all those Closurs of grounde nowe in his occupacon, vidz. &c. payinge theirfore yearlie sixe shillings eight pence. Also my will ys, that John Durhame my s'vaunte shall have duringe his lyve, that tenēt in Astley late in the occupacon &c. payinge theirfore the auncient rente, withoute anye fyne to be payde for the same. AND my will ys, that my s'vaunte John Strerzaker shall have duringe his lyve, all that messuage or tenēt in Broughton, nowe in the tenure of the said John Strerzaker, Payinge theirfore yearlie the aunciente rente and s'vices due for the same. Also my will ys, That my s'vaunte Thomas woodburne shall have duringe his lyve the some of ffyftene shillings yearlie over and beside the some of xxv^s gyven to the said Thomas duringe his lyve, by my said late father in lawe Thomas leylande, and the same to be allowed in his rente reserved upon his tenēt, and my will ys that the Rente so reserved upon the same tenēt shall con-tynewe as yt now doethe vidz. at fflower marks p ann' and not to be Inhaunsed as the same was founde by my said father in lawe. AND my will ys that Margarett hodgekinson late my s'vaunte maide shall have duringe lyve that cottage in Astley nowe in her occupacon Payinge the Rente accustomed, and also one cove gresse yearlie in my Demayne at Morleys, and likewise one Roodlande of medowe yearlie in the same Demayne, withoute anye thinge payinge for the same. Also I gyve to my s'vaunte Richarde Carter for a Remembraunce one incalfe heffer, the best that he will Choise, and that the said Richarde shall quietlie enioye his tenēt in widnes

duringe his lyve, Payinge the ascustomed Rents &c. withoute anye fyne or Ingresseome payinge for the same. ALSO my will ys, that Anne leylande dought^r of wittm leylande of london, gent. deceased, shall remayne and be withe my said dought^r in lawe Elizabethe Tildisley, and to be mainteyned withe conveniente clothinge meate drinke and lodgeinge at the chargs of my said dought^r in lawe Elizabethe Tildisley, for thentente to attende and wayte upon my said dought^r in lawe and her children at myrescoughe or elswheare, and for the further p^rfermente of the said Anne, my will ys, that my said executo^{rs} and dought^r in lawe shall further the said Anne withe some conveniente mariage to some of my tennts sons or others haveinge reasonable maintenncs, and for her said furtheraunce in mariage the some of twentie sixe pounnds threttene shillings fower pence at Reasonable daies to be paide, yf I in my lyfetime doe not bestowe the said Ann in mariage. AND my will ys, that my executo^{rs} shall have speciall care to see Thomas worthington sufficientlie maynteyned and kepte during his lyve withe clothinge meate drinke and lodgeinge he doinge suche works by the appointmente of my said executo^{rs} as he Reasonable maye, and not to be Reiected in his old age, of whose goods for that purposse so to be kepte duringe his lyve, my said late wyfe Anne Tildisley did receyve twentie marks of lawfull money &c. AND my will ys, that my executo^{rs} shall have a speciall care and Regard to see my olde s^rvaunt John ffraunce mainteyned and kepte convenientlie in his old age in suche maner and sorte as by the discrecon of my said executo^{rs} shalbe thoughte conveniente. AND I will that all my s^rvaunts not havinge anye legacie by force of this my will shall have as of my gifte, in remembrance of their s^rvice ev^eye of them one whole years waigs. AND my will ys, that twentie pounnds of lawfull &c. shall in conveniente tyme after my deathe be bestowed upon a newe stone Bridge in the highe waye over the water called brocke neare mirescoughe in the place accustomed for the ease of

travellers, and in mendinge other highe waies theirabouts. And also I gyve to the Righte hon'ble henrye Earle of derbie my good lorde and M^r as in humble remembrance of my dutye my beste horse or geldinge suche as his lordshippe will Choyse. To my brother in lawe John Rigmaiden esquier my beste horse or geldinge of three years olde, suche as he will Choose. To my brother in lawe xpofer Anderton esquier my beste horse or geldinge of like years nexte to that my said brother Rigmaiden shall choose. To my sonne in lawe Walter Rigmaiden and my dought^r Anne his wyfe to either of them two Angells. To my son in lawe James Anderton and my dought^r Margarett his wyfe to either of them two Angells. To my son in lawe Wiffm Anderton and to my dought^r Jane his wyfe two fether bedds with all bed cloethes to the same belonginge, And likewise sixe yonge heffers wheareof three to be of three years olde, and the other three to be of two years olde. And ffynallie I the said Edwarde Tildisley doe ordeyne &c. my welbeloved soñs the said Thurstan Tildisley and Wiffm Tildisley executo^{rs} of this my laste Will and Testamente, and my said lorde and M^r and the said John Rigmaiden supvisors &c. In witnes wherof &c. [No witnesses.]

A codicil follows, but contains nothing of interest.

[Proved 1599.]

A trew and pfect Inventorie of all the goods and Cattalls w^{ch} dyd late apptaine and belonge unto Edwarde Tildisley esquier late of Morles, deceased, valued and praised by foure honeste men, viz. Thomas Gilibrande, gent. Richarde Carter Wiffm Spakeman and Gilberte Taileor, yeomen, the xijth daye of October 1587.

Inp'mis, horses of all sorts

Ciiij^{li} ij^s iiij^d

Cattall of all sorts at Morles and Mirs-

cowes

CClxiiiij^{li} xvj^s viij^d

Sheepe

xxxvj^{li}

Swyne	xxij ^{li}	viiij ^s	iiij ^d
Geese at Mirscowe		xx ^s	
Corne at Mirscowe Morles and Pulton	CCClvj ^{li}	xij ^s	viiij ^d
haye	xliiiij ^{li}		
Beddinge	Cj ^{li}	x ^s	x ^d
Carpetts		xxxvj ^s	
Quissions at Morles and Mirscowe	iiij ^{li}	vij ^s	iiij ^d
Napperye at Morles and Mirscowe	xxviiij ^{li}	xiiij ^s	
Brasse	xiiij ^{li}	xiiij ^s	iiij ^d
Pewter	x ^{li}	xv ^s	ix ^d
Bedstockes	v ^{li}	ix ^s	iiij ^d
Chists at Morles and Mirscowe	viiij ^{li}	v ^s	iiij ^d
Chese and butter at Morles and Mirscowe	ix ^{li}	xvij ^s	iiij ^d
hoppes at Mirscowe	vj ^{li}		
Salte at Mirscowe		xxxj ^s	
Bords and formes at Morles and Mirscowe	iiij ^{li}	xix ^s	x ^d
Cheires at Morles and Mirscowe		x ^s	viiij ^d
Boffett stooles		v ^s	
Cupbord Clothes at Morles and blew clothe		iiij ^s	vj ^d
Beaste skynes at Morles and Mirscowe	viiij ^{li}	iiij ^s	viiij ^d
Wolle at Mirscowe	v ^{li}	ij ^s	
Salte fishe at Morles		xxx ^s	
hempe and yearne at Morles and Mirscowe	iiij ^{li}	xj ^s	viiij ^d
Spinninge Wheales hecles and Wolle cards			
at Morles and Mirscowe		x ^s	v ^d
Tallowe candles and soope		xlj ^s	
Almeryes at Mirscowe	iiij ^{li}	viiij ^s	
Glasse at Mirscowe		xl ^s	
Window sheetts sackes and sives		xviiij ^s	iiij ^d
Turves and Coulls	xij ^{li}	x ^s	
Webster Lomes		xxv ^s	
lyme at Morles		xx ^s	

Clockes at Morles and Mirscowe	v ^{li}	xij ^d
Timber at Morles and Mirscowe	vj ^{li}	iiij ^d
Irone stuffe at Morles and Mirscowe	v ^{li}	vj ^s ix ^d
Leadds at Morles and Mirscowe	iiij ^{li}	xvij ^s iiij ^d
Woodden vessell at Morles and Mirscowe	ix ^{li}	xij ^s x ^d
Earthen potts		x ^s iiij ^d
Breeke at Morles	iiij ^{li}	
husbandrye stuffe at Mirscowe	v ^{li}	xiiij ^s v ^d
Two Coulfers at Bilsborowe Mylne		viiij ^s
his appell belonging to his bodye	xxx ^{li}	
Plate	xxix ^{li}	iiij ^s
Moneye	xix ^{li}	
Sum ^a totalis aleven Clxvj ^{li} iiij ^s v ^d ob.		
[£1166 8s. 5½d.]		

THE WILL OF THOMAS STANDISH OF DUXBURY,
IN THE COUNTY OF LANCASTER, ESQUIRE.
MADE 1593, PROVED 1600.¹

IN the name &c. the xviiijth daye of June in the yere of o^r lorde
god one thousande fyve hundrethe nynty and three And in
the xxxvth yere of the Reigne of o^r soveigne ladye Elizabeth by
the grace &c. I Thomas Standishe of duckesburye in the Coūtie
of lanc^r esquier sycke in bodye but of good and pfecte mynde and
Remembrance laude and prayse bee unto almyghtie god, doe
ordeyne and make my Testamente Conteyninge herein my laste

¹ The testator was the eldest son and heir of James Standish of Duxbury, Esq., by his wife Elizabeth, daughter of John Butler, Esq. He married Margaret, daughter of Sir Richard Hoghton of Hoghton, knight, by whom he had issue. His *Inquisition post mortem*, which was taken at Leigh on October 9, 1599, states that he died at Duxbury April 13, 1599, and that Alexander Standish, his son and heir, was then 29 years of age.

Will in maner and forme as hereafter dothe appeare. That is to wyte fyrste and pryncipallie I gyve and bequethe my soule to almightie god my only maker and Redeemer trustinge in his great mercy and by the meryts of Christs Passion and Resurrection whereby I faithfullye doe belyve, that I shalbe one of the number of those that shalbee saved And my bodye to bee buried wthin the pishe Church of Chorley And for the disposynge of my worldlye goods I gyve and bequethe in man^r and forme followinge, ffyrste and pryncipallie for all my howseholde goods belonginge to mee, w^{ch} are for the furnisshinge of my howse, and for all my Implements of howseholde, of what sorte or kynde so ever they bee of, whether of playte, pewter, copp, brasse, Iron, or woodde, or of any other sorte or kynde whatsover. And also all man^r of furniture and necessities belonginge unto husbandrye beinge of hempe Iron or woodde, my will and mynde is that all the p^rmisses be devyded into three Equall pts whereof one thyrde pte I doe gyve unto Margaret my welbeloved wiffe to her owen use, And the other two thirde pts my will and mynde ys and I doe gyve the same unto my sonne Allexander Standish to his owen use. And for the Reste of my goods Cattell and debts what so ever quicke or deade after my debts and fuⁿall dischardged my will and mynde is to have theym equallye devided into three equall pts whereof the fyrste pte I doe gyve &c. unto Margaret my said welbeloved wiffe to have and enioye to her owen prop use. And one other thirde pte my will and mynde ys that my daughter Ellyn shall have to and for the p^rfermente of her mariage, soe as shee be cōtented to be Ruled and doe not marrye wthoute the pryvitie Consente or lykinge of Margaret my said Wiffe, or my sonne Allexander, w^{ch} said thyrdd pte is to bee payed unto her by my Executors at suche tyme as shee shalbe married. And in the meane tyme to bee used to her moste benefytte and profytt att the disposition and discrecion of Margaret my said wiffe and my said sonne Allexander Standish, and for the

laste thirde pte of the said goods my will and mynde is, that yt shalbe to and for the paymente of my legacs and bequethes w^{ch} heareafter followe, fflyrste I gyve &c. unto e^vye one of my chyldrens chyldern w^{ch} I am grand father unto iij^{li} vj^s viij^d a peece. Itm. I gyve &c. of the said thirde pte unto my sonne Leonarde Standish xl^{li} soe as the said leonarde bee Contented and pleased to bee obedyente and Ruled by my said Wiffe untill suche tyme as hee shall accomlishe the age of xxj yeares and then to doe suche acts or acte as my said Wiffe shall in reason require of hym to bee downe for the unitinge and knytinge of hym in an assured and lovinge frendshippe and amytie w^t hys brother Allexander w^{ch} I pray to god maye soe bee as yt may bee for the greate comforte of all those that dothe love theym bothe. Also I gyve &c. unto e^vye one of my three daughters Elizabethe, Jayne and Alice vj^{li} xiiij^s iiij^d a peece also I gyve unto e^vye one of my yomen suche as are my howseholde ſvants over and besyds their waigs xx^s a peece. Itm. I gyve &c. unto e^vye one of my worke ſvants o^v and besids their waigs x^s apeece. And unto e^vye one of my maide ſvants over and besids their waigs v^s apeece. Itm. I gyve &c. unto my brother Xtofter Standish xl^s and to e^vy one of his chyldren x^s apeece. Itm. I gyve &c. unto my sister Clemens xl^s and for the resydue of the said last thirde pte if there bee anye remaninge I gyve &c. the same unto my sonne Allexander Standish. Itm. yt is my mynde and will and I gyve and assigne by these p^onts unto John Wygan and his assignes all that messuage and teⁿte lyinge and beeing in heapy w^t all howses and lands there unto belonginge nowe in the se^vall occupa^cō of the said John Wygan excepte that pcell of lande lyinge and beeing upon Copthurste neare unto John Johnsons howse To have and to holde the said messuage howses and lands there unto belonginge excepte before excepted to the said John Wygan and his assignes for terme of lx yeares yf the said John Wygan doe fortune to lyve so longe by the yerelye rents and ſvyce

thereof due and accustomed. Itm. yt is my will and mynde and I gyve and assigne by these p^{re}sents unto Roger leylande and his assignes for his 3rd vice downe all that messuage and teñte lyinge and beinge in Whytel in the Woodds wth all howses and lands there unto belonginge nowe in the tenure holdinge or occupacon of the said Roger or of his assignes To have and to holde the said messuage howses and lands there unto belonginge unto the said Roger leylande and his assignes for terme of lx yeres if the said Roger leylande and Alice nowe his Wiffe or other of them so longe doe fortune to lyve by the yerely rents and 3rd vices thereof due and accustomed, and of this my laste will or testamente I doe constitute &c. Margaret my welbeloved Wiffe and my lovinge sonne Allexander Standish my true and lawfull executors and for supvisors of the same I require to be my lovinge sonneinlawes and friends Xpöfer longworth, Ric' houghton of houghton esquier and phillippe Manwaringe and my lovinge brother in lawe Rauffe Assheton gyvinge unto eche of theym for a token of Remembrañce x^s a peece. Also I doe by this my will Revoke and adnihillate all former Wills what soever they be whether by woorde or wrytinge.

(Signed) THOMAS STANDISHE.

[Proved September 29, 1600.]

THE WILL OF JAMES CHETHAM OF NUTHURST, IN
THE COUNTY OF LANCASTER, GENTLEMAN.

MADE 1618, PROVED 1615.¹

IN the name of God Amen the last daye of January in the
yeare of o^{ur} Lord God One thousand six hundred and thirteene

¹ James Chetham of Nuthurst, the son and heir of Henry Chetham of Nuthurst, succeeded his father about 1577. He married Margery, daughter of John Cudworth of Werneth, by whom he had issue. He was buried at the Collegiate Church, Manchester, December 27, 1614.

and in the eleventhe yeare of the raigne of our Sovereigne Lorde James by the Grace of God Kynge of England France and Ireland Defendor of the Faythe &c. and of Scotland the seaven and fortythe. I JAMES CHETHAM of Nuthurst in the County of Lancast^r Gentleman beinge in good healthe and pfect memorie (the Lord be prayسد) being mynded (by gods assistance) to sett suche Landes and Goodes in order as the Lord in mercy hath bestowed uppon me for the avoydinge of futer troble and inconvenience do proceede to make this my last Will and Testament in maner and forme followinge that is to wytt, First and principallie I comend my Soule unto almyghtie God trustinge by the only merrittes of Jesus Christ my Redeemer to be saved and to be of the number of the elect and to enjoy his everlastinge Kyngdom and my bodie to be buryed in the ^Pishe Church of Manchester where my Auncestors are buryed or where yt shall please God to appoynt the same. AND AS TOWCHINGE the disposinge of my Landes my Will and mynd ys that all my Landes Tenements and Hereditaments shall be devided into three equall ptes. That ys to wytt, theise severall partes and portions of my Capitall Messuage called Nuthurst and theise Closes Fields and parcells of Lande beinge pcell of the demesne Lands appteyninge to the same and hereaft^r pticulerlie expressed, that ys to wytt, the Kytchin, the Lower-Howse, the Brewhowse and all the rest of the newe buyldinge as well belowe as above, the Newbarne wth the Cowhowse adjoyninge to the same, the Kylne and the Water Corne Mylne together wth the suyt and mulcture belonginge thereunto wth one Garden and the Orchard and Croft And the great Copthornhill, the lytle Copthornehill, the Six Acre, the Fyve Acre, and all the Syddgraves—and all theise Messuages and Tenements in Nuthurst aforesaid now in the severall occupations of Robert Ogden, Thomas Mellor, George Wyrall, William Travys, Hugh Kempe, Rychard Hill, Isabell Jackson Wydowe and of

Katheryn Jackson Wydowe, Together wth the yearlie Rent of Fortie one shillings issuinge owt of one Messuage and Tenement wth th' app^rtenance comonlie called Flothe howses wthin the pishe of Rachdall and Countee of Lancast^r aforesaid nowe in the occupation of Edward Mylnes or of his assignes shall be and remayne unto Margerie Chetham nowe my Wyff for and duringe the terme of her naturall lyff in line of her Joyneture or dower And one other third pte of my said Messuages Landes Tenements and Hereditaments wth th' app^rtenance and hereaft^r ptyculerlie mentioned and expressed that ys to wytt, The Hall, the Parler, two Chambers over the Parler and all the ould buyldinge adjoyninge to the Kytchin, the one longe Sclated Barne wth two Cowhowses adjoyninge upon eyther end of the said Barne, one other Bay to lay in Hay and one Cowhowse under the same, one Stable wth two lytle Chambers adjoyninge to the end thereof, the great Arch Shawe the Meadowe thereunto adjoyninge, The three Pyncrofte wth the Woodlandes thereunto belonginge, The Rysshiefield, the Blackarm And also one Messuage and Tenement wth th' app^rtenance nowe in the occupation of Thomas Wyrall in Crompton wthin the Pishe of Ouldham and Countie afforesaid And also three other Messuages and Tenements wth th' app^rtenances scituate in Crompton afforesaid nowe in the severall tenures or occupations of Thomas Mylnes, Roger Wyld, and John Henthorne theire Assigne or Assignes Together also wth all ffine Rents and Rent Charges due unto me and Yssuinge owt of certen Landes in Balderston Tinyhill Aeshworthe and Moston in the County afforesaid shall be and remayne unto Thomas Chetham my Sonne and Heire apparent for and untill suche tyme as he shall accomplishe the age of Twenty and one yeares. AND also yt ys my Will and mynd that one other third pte of my sayde Messuages Landes Tenements and Hereditaments wth th' app^rtenance and hereaft^r ptyculerlie expressed that ys to wytt the Foure Acre wth a pcell of Land called the Rysshes

adjoyninge to the sayd Four Acre and one other pcell of Land called the Roughe hey adjoyninge to the moyreditche And also adjoyninge unto Thomas Whyttycar his Newe marled Close, one other Meadowe at the back of the Garden, one other pcell of Land called the Intack and one Meadowe lyinge at the back of the Orchard And also one Close new Feyed to be marled adjoyninge to the Grownd of Hughe Kempe And the same Turffmosse or Rowmes as are nowe inclosed and the Rente of all the said Rowmes belonginge to me the said James Chetham And also theise severall Messuages Landes tenem^{ts} and hereditaments wth th' app^rtenance thereunto belonginge scituate lyinge and beinge in Crompton aforesaid, nowe in the severall tenures or occupations of William Taylor, Arthure Collinge, John Wyrrell, Danyell Hylton, Thomas Hall, Jenet the Wydowe of Lawrence Leeze, deceased, Raphe Haslam, Andrewe Crompton, and Thomas Crosley their Assigne or Assignes And also the Rent of Eight shillinge Together also wth the Boones and services yearly yssuinge owt of one pcell of Land called the Turner Meadowe lyinge in Crompton aforesaid nowe in the tenure of the heires of Thomas Crompton deceased or their assignes And also the yssues and proffett settinge and lettinge of one Cole myne comonly called and known by the name of Lenardyne and wth libertie to sett downe more shaft or shaftes and to digg and myne for the Fyndinge and gettinge of Coles there when and as often as neede requirethe shall be and remayne unto my Executors hereaft^r named wth free authoritie and libertie to them and eyther of them to take and receyve the yearelie yssues and proffitts arrisinge owt of the last mentioned third pt of my said Messuages Lands Tenements and p^rmyses for and towards the payment of my detts the education advancement and p^rferment of Sara, Martha, Anne and Elizabeth Chetham my daughters for and untill suche tyme as everie of my said foure Doughters shall have receyved or maye receyve out of the yssues and proffits of the said

last mentioned third pt of my said Messuages Landes tenements and hereditaments the severall somes of Fortie poundes a peece AND FURTHER yt ys my full will and mynd that my Executors hereaft^r named and the survivo^r of them shall have hold possesse and enjoy the said last mentioned third pte of my said Messuages Landes Tenem^{ts} and hereditaments to them formerlie lyimited from and ymmediatlie aft^r that they shall have levyed and receyved owt of the yssues and proffitts of the said third pt the some of One hundred and three score poundes more for and towards the advancement and p^rferment of my said foure yonger daughters for and untill suche tyme as they or the survivo^r of them shall have levied taken and receyved owt of the yssues and proffitts of the sayd thirde pte of my said Messuages Landes Tenem^{ts} and Hereditaments the full some of Foure score poundes more of lawfull Englishe money for and towards the payment of my detts (except that Thomas Chetham my Sonne and heire apparent or his Guardian for the tyme beinge will pay and discharge the said some of Foure score poundes unto such pson or psons as I shall happen to be indetted unto at the tyme of my deathe yf my sayd detts doe happen to amount to so muche) And from and aft^r the said ptyculer Estates ended Then yt ys my Will and mynd and I doe gyve and devise all my sayd Messuages Landes Tenem^{ts} Rents and Hereditaments whatsoever unto the said Thomas Chetham my Sonne and heire apparent and to the heirs males of his body lawfully to be begotten And for default of suche yssue Then I doe gyve and devise all my said Messuages Landes Tenem^{ts} Rents and Hereditaments wth th'app^rtenance unto George Chetham my Sonne-in-lawe and to the heyres males of his body uppon the body of Isabell nowe his Wyff and doughter of me the said James Chetham lawfully begotten upon condyson that he the said George Chetham and his heires males begotten upon the body of the said Isabell his Wyff as afforesayd doe wthin one yare next and ymmediatlie

aft^r that they shall enjoy my said Messuages Landes Tenem^{ts} Rents and Hereditam^{ts} pay or cause to be paid unto my six doughters to wytt Alyce the nowe Wyff of Adam Holland the Yonger, Mary the nowe Wyff of William Bowcker the Yonger, Sara, Martha, Anne, and Elizabethe Chetham and to the survivors or survivo^r of them the some of Six hundred poundes of lawfull Englishe money for and towards theire better and further p^rferment. And for default of such yssue Then I will gyve and devise all my said Messuages Lands Tent^s Rents and Hereditam^{ts} to the heys males of Thomas Chetham my brother lawfully begotten and to be begotten upon condyson that the said heirs males of the said Thomas Chetham do wthin one yeare next aft^r that suche heire male shall happen by force of this my last Will and Testament [to] enjoy and be interested of and in my said Messuages Lands Tent^s Rents and Hereditam^{ts} pay or cause to be paid unto my said Six doughters and to the survivors or survivo^r of them the full some of Six hundred poundes of lawfull Englishe money for and towards their better and further advancement. And for default of such yssue I will gyve and devise the remaynder of all my said Messuages Landes Tenem^{ts} Rents and hereditaments to the right heirs of me the said James Chetham for ever. And as towching the disposinge of my Goodes and Chattels yt is my Will and mynd that my Funerall charges shall be taken owt of all my Goods and Chattells before any divisyon be made thereof and aft^r the same ys donne then yt is my Will that all the rest and residue of my said Goodes and Chattells shall be divided into three equall ptes That is to wytt one third pt therof I gyve and bequethe unto Margerie Chetham my Wyff to her prop use and behoof and one other third pt therof I gyve and bequethe unto my said foure yonger doughters Sara, Martha, Anne and Elizabeth Chetham equally to be divided amongst them And if it please God that any of them doe deyt this lyff in theire minoritie then it is my Will and mynd that her

pt shall be equally devided amongst the survivors of them And as towchinge my said third pt of my Goodes and Chattells yt is my Will and full mynd and I doe gyve and bequethe unto my said Sonne Thomas Chetham all the seelinge or waynscott and glasse belonginge sett or beinge wthin or about my said Capitall Messuage called Nuthurst Hall together also wth all suche heire loomes and howshold Goodes as are pticulerlie mentioned expressed and sett downe in one Indenture or Scedule to this my last Will and Testament annexed. And all the rest and residue of my said pt and porcon of goods I gyve and bequethe unto my said daughters Sara, Martha and Elizabethe Chetham equally to be devided amongst them. Also yt is my Will and mynd and I doe desire my lovinge Wyff Margerie Chetham to pmyt and suffer my Sister Anne Chetham to have howserowme for her selff so longe as she keepethe herselff unmarried and will accept of the same if she do not otherwise provide for her selff. And I doe institute ordayne and make my said Wyff Margerie Chetham and my lovinge tenant William Taylor my true and lawfull Executors of this my last Will and Testament. And I do desire my lovinge brother in lawes John Cudworth and Edward Shacklock Gentlemen to be oversars of the same and to see the same truly executed as my trust is in them. In witnesse whereof I the said James Chetham have hereunto sett my hand and seale the day and yeare first above wrytten in the presence of theise psons whose names be subscribed.

Sealed and Subscribed in the presence of theis Wytnesses — Nicholas Kempe, Robert Ogden, John Ogden, Thomas Chetham.

[This Will was proved at Chester in common form of Law on the nineteenth day of January, One thousand six hundred and fifteen, by Margerie Chetham and William Taylor, the Executors therein named. The right of every person being saved and time allowed to exhibit an Inventory. — H. RAIKES, Registrar.]

THE WILL OF RALPH CHETHAM OF SHAWFIELD,
IN THE COUNTY OF LANCASTER.
MADE 1612, PROVED 1619.

IN the Name of God, Amen the 21th daie of Auguste in the
yeare of our Lord one thowsand six hundrethe and twelve.
I Rauffe Chitame of Shawfielde the vnprofitable Servant of God
sicke in bodie but in perfect memorie I prayse God for the same
doe constitute ordayne and make this my laste Wille in man^r and
forme followinge, **FIRSTE** I give my soule into the handes of
almightie God trustinge by the merites of Jesus Christ to have
free remission of all my sinnes and my bodie to be buried in the
Parishe Church Yard of Rachdall or ells where yt shall please
God to dispose And as concerninge that porcion of worldly
Goodes the whiche yt hathe pleased God to blesse me withall yt
ys my mynde as followethe **Firste** I give unto Thomas Chitame
the sonne of Thomas Chitame Fyve poundes and vnto Elizabethe
Chitame the daughter of John Chitame Fortie shillings — Itm. I
give vnto Thomas Chitame one Cowe or a Cowe Pryce whether he
will have — Itm. I give vnto James Healey Two Shillings — Itm.
I doe give vnto my sonnes John Chitame and Thomas Chitame two
partes of my lease that is to spend whiche I have in occupacon
in myne owne handes Also I doe give vnto my sonnes John
Chitame and Thomas Chitame (after my debts and funerall ex-
penses and legacies beinge discharged) all the reste of my Goodes
to be equally to be devided betwix them — Itm I ordayne and
make my two Sonnes John Chitame and Thomas Chitame my
true and lawfull Executors to execute this my laste Wille and
Testament as my Truste is in them.

AND WHEREAS I have gyven vnto Thomas Chitame the sonne of

Thomas Chitame my Sonne Fyve pounds yt is my Wille that my Sonne John and Willme Rydinge take yt up of my goodes before anie be stirred and to put yt furthe for hym untill he come unto the age of twentie and one yeares.

Debtes owing unto me.

Itm. The Executors of Ellis Chadwick	£1 8 0
Itm. The Executors of Edward Bayche [?]	5 8
Itm. The Executors of Arthure Glegge	4 8
Itm. The Executors of James Chitame	2 15 0
Itm. Adame Belstree	1 6 8
Itm. Ellis Haslame Sonne of Laurance Haslame	1 0 0

These beinge wytnesses of this Wille, Henrie Scolfeld and James Shepard Wryter of this Wille.

[This Will was proved at Chester in Common form of Law on the fifteenth day of July One thousand six hundred and nineteen by John Chitame and Thomas Chitame the Executors therein named The right of every person being saved and time allowed to exhibit an Inventory.— H. RAIKES, Registrar.]

THE WILL OF ROBERT LEES OF HASLEHURST, IN
THE PARISH OF ASHTON-UNDER-LYNE, IN
THE COUNTY OF LANCASTER. 1668.

IN the Name of God Amen The nynth day of February 1668.
I Robert Lees of Hazlehurst in the Parish of Ashton under line in the County of Lancaster Husbandman Knowinge the mortalitie of the flesh that death is certaine and the time uncertaine doe upon the consideration thereof make constitute and ordaine this my last Will and Testament in manner and forme following First I comend my Soul into the hands of Almighty God trusting through the mercie and meritts of Jesus Christ

mine only Saviour and Redeemer to have full pardou and remission of all my sines and an everlasting Joyfull life with y^e Lord of Life in the Joyfull Heavens for evermore and my body I comitte to the earth to bee buryed in Christian buryall where itt shall please God to appoint itt And for my worldly Goods I appoint that the[y] bee disposed of as followeth. First my Will is that my debts Legacies and funerall expences shall bee discharged and paid in the first place out of my whole Goods Then I give to my Grand-child Edward all the Stone Troughes one great Cupboard and a little one w^{ch} wee call a casement — Item I give to my Grand Child Mary Lees Sister of the said Edward a Cow — Item I give to John Taylor of the Barne one shillinge and likewise to Mary Taylor his Wife one shillinge — Item I give to the Children of my daughter Mary Stopford each one fourty shillings except those of them to whom or for whom I shall have given and paid the said sume of Fourty shillings in my life time. Item I give to my daughter Mary Stopford fourty shillings. Item I give to my Sister Martha Wife of James Walker that Five pounds which y^e said James her husband oweth mee. Item I give to the Children of William Breretton each of them ten shillings. Item all y^e rest of my Goods moveable and unmoveable Cattells and Chattells and all my Goods and money whatsoever in whose hands soever they shall bee found I give to Ann my Wife and John Lees my Sone to bee divided equally betwixt them. And I constitute ordaine and appoint Ann my Wife and my Sone John Lees and John Heawood of Taunton my lawfull Executors of this my last Will and Testament And I desire my kensman M^r Abell Oldham and Robert Hopkin of the Nether lees to bee overseers of this my Will trustinge that they will endeavour to performe the same accordinge to this my Will and mind as my trust is in them. MEMORANDUM that the way through the two high feilds of mine and hath beene thus That they should goe downe at May day And up at Michael-

mas and fetch and drive a rideinge Cow and Carte att pleasure and I through them lickwise The which thinge was inserted in my Grandfathers Will and I also for to cut of[f] all occasion of debate doe here mention itt, Furthermore to pvent all controversy after my decease in regard there was another Will written before and made by mee formerly which I cannot now gett into my hands Therefore I judge itt necessary to certifie that I doe renounce itt and that my Will and minde is utterly to renounce and for ever to frustrate make voyd and disanull all former Wills and bills whatsoever, finally for full assurance hereof that this is my last Will and Testament which I would have to stand and none other I have signed itt with mine owne hand sealed itt with mine owne seale the day and yeare first above written. ROBERT LEES [seal].

Sealed signed and for my Act and deed delivered in the psence and witnesse of Zachary Bardsley marke — Aun Holt — William Lees WL marke — Joseph Wyld his mark W.

[This Will was proved at Chester in Common form of Law on the tenth day of March, One thousand six hundred and sixty eight, by John Lees, one of the executors therein named. The right of every person being saved and time allowed to exhibit an Inventory.

WM. WARD, Dep. Reg^r.]

THE WILL OF WILLIAM ASHTON OF PENKETH, IN
THE COUNTY OF LANCASTER, GENTLEMAN.¹ 1669.

IN the name of God Amen. The 5th day of Feby 1668[-9] 21
Chas^s 2. I William Ashton [of] Penketh Co. Lanc. gent. beinge

¹ A pedigree of the Ashtons of Penketh appears in the *Lancashire Visitation*, 1613 (Chetham Society), when Thomas Ashton of Penketh, who married Katherine, daughter of Thomas Broock of Upton, was living. No pedigree was entered in the Visitation of 1664.

sicke and weake in Body but of sound and p'fect memory (prayse be given to God for the same) and knowinge the uncertayntie of this Life on Earth doe make this my last Will and Testament in mañer and forme followinge that is to say — First and principally I comēd my soule to Almighty God my Creator assuredly beleevinge that I shall receive full p'don and free remission of all my sins and be saved by the precious death and meritts of my blessed Saviour and Redeemer Christ Jesus and my bodye to the Earth from whence it was taken to be buried in such decent and Christian mañer as to my Executrix hereafter named shal be thought meete and convenient And as touchinge such worldly Estate as the Lord in mercy hath lent me my will and meaninge is the same shal be employed and bestowed as hereafter by this my Will is expressed. And first I doe revoke renounce frustrate and make voyd all Wills by me formly made and declare and appoint this my last Will and Testament. Item I give and bequeath to my Brother [?Thomas] Ashton a black dimicaster hatt and ten shillings in silver to buy him a mouřinge Ringe. Item I give and bequeath to my nephew John Ashton (his eldest sonne) my shoulder Belt with a Blacke fringe, my sword, my Blacke shagged Hatt and ten shillings to buy a Ringe. Item I give and bequeath to my Nephews Thomas Ashton and Peter Ashton and to my Neeces Katheren Ashton Frances Ashton and Magdelen Ashton Ten shillings apeece to buy each of them a Gold Ringe. Item I give and bequeath to my Brother and Sister Dupney eyther of them Ten shillings apeece to buy both of them Two Gold Rings. Item I give and bequeath to my brother Andrew Ashton my Black furred Capp and Fourty shillings. Item I give and bequeath unto my sister Starky one Cow at her owne choice. Item I give and bequeath to my Brother Andrewes son John Ashton my Gray Hatt and fourty shillings. Item I give and bequeath to my Brother Sanders son Peter Sanders my Buffe Doublet and Fourty shillings. And for all the Rest Residue and Remayn-

der of my Worldly Estate I give and bequeath unto my Welbeloved and deare Wife Elizabeth Ashton my funerall expences being first payd and discharged. Lastly, I doe make constitute and appoynt my Welbeloved Wife to be my sole Executrix trusting that she will see this my Will and Testament fully and truly p^rformed. In Witness whereof I have hereunto set my hande and seale the day and yeare above written.

(Signed) WILL. ASHTON [seal].

Sealed and signed in the presence of Tho^s Ashton s^r, Tho. Ashton Jun., Thomas X Booth, his mark.

[Proved 5 March, 1668-9, by Eliz. Ashton, his widow.]

THE WILL OF CAPTAIN EDMUND FERRALL,
WOUNDED AT THE BATTLE OF MIDDLE-
WICH, 1643. PROVED 1644.

MD. that Captaine Edmund fferrall of Ballebraunecan in the Countie of Longford in the Kingdome of Ireland being under the Comaund of Colonell Byron in his Ma^{ty}s service in the Countie of Chester in a battell att Middlewich ag^t his Ma^{ty}s Enemies being of good and pfect mynd and memorie yet wounded and mynding to dispose of his goods and estate by words wthout writing did upon Tuesday being the xxvjth day of december Anno Dni 1643 make and declare his will in mannor and forme following viz^t the said Captaine Edmund fferrall being required by his broth^r Nicholas fferrall then p^rsente to make his will or to declare howe hee would dispose of his said goods and estate and hee replyed and said to whom should I dispose of them but unto you or words to that effect (speaking unto the said Nicholas fferrall) and thereupon delivered his key of his truncke to the said Nicholas fferrall meaning and signifyinge by speaking the said words that the said

Edmund fferrall did give and dispose unto the said Nicholas fferrall his brother his goods and estate, in the pñce of John Markes Hugh Dulie and Adam Crosier.

[Proved January 4, 1643 [-4].

THE WILL OF JOHN TILSLEY OF MANCHESTER,
CLERK.¹ 1684.

IN the Name of God Amen, the twenty fifth day of November in y^e year of our Lord God one thousand Six hundred Eighty and four, I JOHN TILSLEY of Manchester in the county of Lancaster Clerk being Sick in body but of perfect memory thanks be to God for the Same and calling to mind y^e uncertain Estate of this transitory life, I do make ordain Constitute and declare 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 beleiving that I shall receive full pardon and remission of all my Sins by y^e precious death and merits of my blessed Saviour and redeemer Jesus Christ and my body to y^e Earth from whence it came to be buryed in such decent and

¹ This will, which is not in the collection of the Messrs Piccope, was found among Canon Raine's miscellaneous papers, and seemed worthy of preservation in print. The parentage of the testator, who was a Lancashire man, does not appear to be known. He was educated at Glasgow University, where he took his M.A. degree in 1637. He was for some years curate to Mr. Alexander Horrocks, vicar of Deane, and succeeded him there in 1643. He was married at the Collegiate Church, Manchester, 4th January, 1642-3, to Margaret, daughter of Ralph Chetham, gent. His sons and some of his daughters died before their father, but the others and their descendants are mentioned in his will. He was a friend of both Henry Newcome and Adam Martindale, and lived much in Manchester. In 1646 he published a pamphlet entitled "The Lancashire Petition to Parliament." He died in December, 1684, aged 70, and was buried at Deane church, 16th December, 1684, as stated in the inscription on a stone placed to his memory there. His wife was buried there April 29, 1663.

Christian manner as to my Executors hereafter herein named shall be thought meet and convenient. And as for touching and Concerning Such worldly Estate as God of his Infinite Goodness hath bestowed upon me I do order and dispose thereof in manner and forme following. First it is my will and mind that whereas I am concerned with my Brother John Cunliff touching y^e yearly maintenance of my Brother George Chetham that as well what shall be due to him for my proportion thereof with what else shall be due to him by me upon account as all other debts which of right or Conscience I shall happen to owe to any person or persons whatsoever at y^e time of my decease together with my funeral Expenses and Charges shall be first paid disbursed out of my whole Estate as well Reall as personall by my Executors hereafter herein named. All my Lands, Tenements, Rents, Reversions and Hereditaments whatsoever within y^e Kingdom of England or Elsewhere I doe hereby give devise and bequeath to my Executors hereafter herein named to be by them Sold and Converted into moneys to the best Advantage and as soon as Conveniently may be, upon this trust that they shall dispose of y^e moneys to be raised by Such Sale, and also all my personal Estate to Such uses behoofes intents and purposes, and upon Such provisos and Conditions as are hereafter herein in that behalf mentioned and Expressed (that is to say) The Sume of fifty pounds to my daughter Partington in consideration of y^e time I lived with her, Item, the Sume of one hundred pounds to be kept in the hands of my Executors hereafter herein named the benefit and Improvement thereof to be for the use of my said daughter during her life in consideration of filling up what Acrington Miln fell short of four hundred pounds, But this only Conditionally and in trust that she secure three hundred pounds of y^e three hundred and tenn pounds that she received for Acrington Milne for the use and benefit of John Partington her son or his Issue if he hath any after her de-

cease and this I desire my Executors may see performed by Said Daughter according to or in lieu of a certain Covenant of hers made to me under her hand and Seal which may be found amongst y^e papers in my Desk. Further my will and mind is that the Sume of six hundred pounds be placed and put in the hands of my Executors hereafter herein named, to and for the uses, behoofs, intents, and purposes, and under and upon the trusts and Limitations hereafter herein Specyfied, declared and appointed (to wit) the Sume of two hundred pounds wth y^e benefit and Improvement thereof to y^e use of John Hooper and Mary Hooper Son and Daughter of Joseph Hooper my Son in Law, and to y^e Issues of their Severall bodies and for want of such Issue to y^e Survivor of them and his or her Executors and Administrators. Item the Sume of two hundred pounds part of y^e aforesaid Six hundred pounds with y^e benefit and Improvement thereof to y^e use and behoofe of John Ogden and Mary Ogden Son and daughter of Edmund Ogden my son in Lawe and y^e Issues of their severall bodys and for want of such Issue to y^e Survivour of them and his or her Executors and Administrators. Item y^e Sume of two hundred pounds Residue of y^e aforesaid Six hundred, with y^e benefit and Improvement thereof to y^e use and behoof of John Partington Son of my Said Daughter Mary Partington and y^e Issue of his body his Exors or administrators. Item I doe hereby give devise and bequeath to Richard Percivall my son in law his Executors and Administrators the Sume of three hundred pounds. Item I do give to Robert Worthington of Wormley in Hartford Shire my nephew the Sume of ten pounds. Item to my Sister Ruth Hindley the Sume of five pounds and to John and James Hartley y^e Sonns and to Ann and Elizabeth y^e daughters of my Said Sister Ruth to each of them y^e Sume of five pounds. Item to my sister Elizabeth Croston twenty shillings to buy her a ring with all and to Elizabeth Croston my neice five pounds. Item to

Mr Henry Newcome Senior y^e Sume of five pounds, to Mr Henry Finch the Sume of three pounds and to Mr Jeremiah Schoals the Sume of three pounds and to Robert Eaton Clerk the Sume of twenty Shillings to buy him a Ring withall. Item to Katherine the wife of John Pike ten shillings, To Ann Digle ten shillings, to Mrs Elizabeth Bowker tenn shillings, To Ellin Robinson widow the Sume of twenty shillings to buy her a ring withall, To Mary the wife of George Holt forty shillings, To Hannah Aspinwall widow twenty shillings, To Mr Adam Martingdale, Mr Aspinwall late of Crowsall, Mr Malison of Melling, Mr James Bradshaw of Rainford, William White, Richard Harrison of Heaton, Marjery Morris of Rumworth and unto Sarah Wilkinson widdow each of them twenty shillings apeice. Item to Elizabeth Guest forty shillings and to Mary Lees three pounds. Item I doe hereby give to y^e poor of Manchester ten pounds and to y^e poor of Salford five marks to be distributed at y^e discretion of my Executors hereafter herein mentioned and my will is that there be no deal at my funerall. Item to y^e poor of Dean parish y^e Sume of twenty pounds to be distributed at y^e discretion of my Executors hereafter herein named especiall respect being had to the poor of West-houghton and Rumworth, and further my will and mind is that y^e overplus and remainder of Such my reall and personall Estate (I fancy such there be) be equally divided amongst so many of my grandchildren as shall be living at my decease. Further I doe hereby make, ordain, constitute and appoint Richard Percivall my Said Son in Lawe and my said daughter Mary Partington Executors of this my last will and Testament. And Lastly I doe hereby revoke and adnull all former wills and Testaments by me heretofore made and doe hereby make publish and declare this my last Will and Testament. In wittness whereof I have hereunto set my hand and Seale the day and year first above written.

IOH: TILSLEY.

Sealed signed published and declared in y^e presence and sight of Us. Jn. Wilcoxon, Thomas Wilcoxon, John Rydings.

[Proved at Chester, 18 June, 1685.]

THE WILL OF RICHARD SHERLOCK, D.D., RECTOR
OF WINWICK, IN THE COUNTY OF
LANCASTER.¹ 1689.

IN the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Ghost Amen. The fourteenth daye of June in the year of our Lord God one thousand six hundred eighty and nine I Richard Sherlock D^r of Divinity of the Church of England Priest and Rector of Winwick being tho' far in years yet (God be blessed) of sound mind and perfect memory. And mindfull of the great account I must give up before the just Judge of the world of all my actions and injoyments in this present life In order thereunto I do make this my last will and Testament Revoking all other by these presents heretofore declared by mee either in word or writing. **FIRST** In all humility and godly sorrow for my sins, my many, very many sins both of my youth and riper age I do bequeath my soul into the mercifull hands of my dear Redeemer who offered up his innocent soul a sacrifice for my soul and for the many sinfull pollutions thereof. All which I humbly beg may be washed away through faith in his blood which was shed for them. **SECONDLY**

¹ Richard Sherlock was the son of the Rev. Richard Sherlock, rector of Woodchurch, in the county of Chester, where he was baptized 11th November, 1612. He was educated at Magdalen Hall, Oxford, and Trinity College, Dublin, where he took his M.A. degree in 1633. He was presented to Winwick early in 1660, and remained there till his death, being buried there June 25, 1689. His portrait is still preserved in the rectory at Winwick. He was never married. He was a voluminous writer, some of his works passing through many editions. (See Keble's *Life of Bishop Wilson*, Beamont's *History of Winwick*, &c.)

As to this corruptible body of mine (when dead) that the stench thereof may not offend the senses of the living I desire it may be buried in such decent manner as by my executors shall be thought fit betwixt the Chancell and the body of the Church under a stone laid there for that end with this inscription upon the stone in Brass Exuvizæ RICHARDI SHERLOCK, D.D. Indignissimi hujus Ecclesizæ Rectoris. Obit 20^o die Junii Anno Ætatis 76. Annoque Domini 1689.¹ Sal infatuatum conculcate. **THIRDLY** As to that temporal Estate of goods Chattells and debts that god hath been pleased to bestow upon mee I do order give and bequeath the same as followeth. **INPRIMIS** Instead of a Doal at my funerall I bequeath to the Poor one hundred and fifteen pounds To be thus distributed Immediately upon my ffunerall (vizt) To the poor of Winwick and Holme ten pounds. To the rest of the poor of the Parish of Winwick ffifteen pounds. To the poor of Warrington parish ten pounds. To the poor of Prescot parish ten pounds. To the poor of Wigan Parish Ten pounds. To the poor of Leigh parish ten pounds. To the poor of Eccles parish ten pounds. To the poor of Wood Church parish in Werrall twenty pounds. To the poor of the Citty of Chester twenty pounds In all one hundred and fifteen pounds. And towards the finishing of the ffree school of Warrington I give ffive pounds. **MY WILL** and mind is that all sums of money that have by mee been laid out for the poors stock of bread and are concluded Irrecoverable shall be paid by my executors, So that all given and laid out for that use by mee and others be made Three hundred pounds compleat to be layd upon land for the use of the poor for ever. **ITEM** to my Cousen²

¹ Lest it should be thought that Dr. Sherlock had prophesied the exact date of his death, it should be stated that a careful examination of the original will, still preserved at Chester, shows that the figures 20, 76, and 1689, and the word "Junii," have been filled in after the will was written. The ink in which they are written is darker than the rest of the will.

² He is said to be nephew to the testator in the inventory.

Thomas Sherlock I do freely give him his bond of twenty five pounds which he owes unto mee. To Anne his now wife five pounds, Amongst all his children fifty pounds Twenty pounds whereof to my godson John, and to Henry, Thomas, and Cicely Ten pounds a piece which must be paid At or before they come to age as my Executors shall think fit. Moreover for my godson John Sherlock I order that the Lease be renewed for Hunts house in Oxton, and that he succeed his ffather in it. ITEM I do bequeath to my Cousen William Sherlock of Oxton in Werrall ten pounds, But my executors are to clear the rent of his house therewith for one year. And I give to his now wife fifty shillings, And hereby I order that the Lease for Oxton house be renewed for the use and behoof of Richard Sherlock his son, and that the Debts intrusted with Mr Crane and Mr Willett be employed for the taking of the said lease. Howbeit my will is that William Sherlock the father shall enjoy it whilst he payes duely the Lords rent which is ten pounds per Annum, And that fifty pounds be put forth for the use and benefitt of William Sherlocks children, his son Richard and the rest proportionably to be paid At or before they come to their age as my executors shall think best. ITEM I give to my Cousen Richard Sherlock of Oxford Twenty pounds and ten pounds amongst his children in all Thirty pounds. ITEM I give to Samuell Aynsworth my Steward Twenty pounds and to Mary his wife Thirty pounds and to each of his children five pounds a piece. ITEM I give to my brothers Nathaniell and Jonathan Wilson and to my Cousen John Wilson of Williston to each ten pounds (vizt) thirty pounds in all to be bestowed amongst their respective children. And moreover To my nephew Thomas Wilson¹ being my Curate I do give Ten pounds with a mourning Ring of twenty shillings price. ITEM to Margaret Bennet of Holme I give Twenty pounds and to my servant Thomas ffrith ten pounds, And to Alice

¹ Afterwards Bishop of Sodor and Man ; he wrote an account of Dr. Sherlock's life.

Pickering forty shillings, in all Thirty two pounds. **ITEM** I do give to him that shall preach my funeral Sermon two pounds¹ and a mourning Ring of twenty shillings price. To William Ellam Clerk twenty shillings. To Adam Orford Sextone ten shillings. **ITEM** I give to Elizabeth Lunt five pounds, And to Ralph Crook five pounds, But to be bestowed upon them at my executors discretion, And to each of my servants that have lived above twelve moneths with mee twenty shillings a piece. **ITEM** I do desire that Mr Thomas Bennet Attorney in the Exchequer of Chester and Mr Henry Prescott Deputy Register of the Ecclesiasticall Court would distribute the Twenty pounds ordered to the poor of Chester; and that each of them have a Ginney for their pains. **ITEM** I do order that if the arrears due to mee from Mr Widdowes for the Tythes of Lowton be discharged, That then five pounds shall be returned thereupon. **ITEM** it is my will that the remainder of my Estate shall be equally divided to the families of Thomas Sherlock of Winwick, William Sherlock of Oxton in Werrall, Richard Sherlock of Oxford and Samuell Aynsworth my steward for the use of all their respective children, and that each family have its proportion whether the children be more or less. **LASTLY** I do constitute and ordaine Mr Thomas Crane and my nephew Thomas Wilson my Curates Mr Henry Byrom of Lowton and Christopher Boardman of Risley Executors of this my last will and Testament And do bequeath to each of them five pounds a piece with mourning Rings to each of the four, Besides the charges in the execution of the same. Whereunto I have set my hand and seal the day and year first above written.

(Signed) RICHARD SHERLOCK.²

¹ The Funeral Sermon, preached by the Rev. Thomas Crane, one of his curates, was printed in 1690.

² This and the other signature are written in a very shaky hand-writing. The Doctor's seal bears a chevron between three fleurs-de-lis. The inventory filed with the will is an interesting document.

Signed sealed and Published in the presence of us. Jonah Cropper, Peter Eden, John Gerard.

WHEREAS it is expressed in my will that my godson John Sherlock the son of Thomas Sherlock shall succeed his ffather in Hunts house and that the lease of the said house be renewed. It is HEREBY further declared, and my will also is, That the lease for the Cottage that was formerly called Taylors house in Oxton now in the hands and occupation of my nephew Thomas Sherlock for the sole use of my godson John Sherlock be also renewed To and for the sole benefit of the said John Sherlock my godson. Unto which I have set my hand and seal, and caused this to be annexed as a Codicell to this my last will the eighteenth day of June Anno Domini 1689.

(Signed) RICHARD SHERLOCK.

Signed sealed and Published in the presence of us. Jonah Cropper, Peter Eden, John Gerard.

[Proved at Chester 5 August, 1689.]

THE WILL OF THOMAS HOLDEN OF TOAD HALL,
IN HASLINGDEN, IN THE COUNTY OF LAN-
CASTER, ESQ., MADE 1725, PROVED 1726.¹

IN the Name of God Amen. The twenty fowerth day of May in the year of our Lord 1725. I Thomas Holden of Toad Hall in the County of Lancast^r Gentleman being of good and pfect memorie although sick in bodie and being mindfull to setle mine Estate for the paym^t of my Debts and the pferm^t of my young^r Children in any sort manner and forme as is hereafter in these

¹ The family of Holden of Toad Hall, Haslingden, was one long seated there. The Will of Andrew Holden, proved 1590, will be found on p. 109 of this volume.

p̄sents declared do ordain make constitute this my last Will and
 Testem^t in manner and forme following, that is to say, First I be-
 queath my soul and spirit into the hands of Almighty God my
 Heavenly Father by whom of his meer and only grace I trust to
 be saved and received into Eternal Rest through the death of my
 Saviour and redeem^r Jesus Christ in whose pretious blood I sett
 the whole and only hope of my Salvation, my wretched body in
 hope of a joyfull resurrection I committ to the earth to be buried
 with such charges and in such place as my Executors hereafter
 named shall think good, and touching the distribution of my
 worldly goods, I dispose of the same as followeth (Viz) Whereas I
 Thomas Holden by deed and surrend^r have morgaug^d unto Roger
 Kay Clerk in the County of Wilts a watt^rcorn Milln called Accor-
 inton Milln as allso oth^r Lands and Tenem^{ts} speshified in and by
 the s^d deed and Surrend^r w^{ch} s^d sum and sums my will and mind
 is to be justly paid and all oth^r my just Debts whatsoev^r and aft^r
 the s^d paym^t my will and mind is y^t all my Lands or oth^r Heradit-
 aments whatsoev^r shall stand lyable and charg^d wth the sevrall
 respective Sums heareafter mention^d (that is to say) First I give
 to Elizabeth Holden my wife the great Howse in Haslingden
 opposite ag^t M^r Hargreaves Shop and now in the occupation of
 Jn^o Siddall and Tho^s Booth dureing her naturall life. Likewise I
 give to Sarah Place my Daught^r the sum of One hundred pounds.
 And to Lucy Allderson my Doughter the sum of sixty pounds and
 to Franchis Holden the sum of twenty pounds if he returns within
 the space of five years aft^r the death of me the Testator. Item I
 give to Ralph Holden my Sonn the sum of sixty pounds. Item I
 give to Rachell Holden my doughter the sum of Forty pounds and
 to Tho^s Holden my oldest Son I devise all my Lands Tennem^{ts}
 and hereditam^{ts} whatsoev^r in this or any oth^r County he the s^d
 Tho^s Holden haveing first paide of all the pmentioned Debts and
 legaseys or oth^rwise to suffer the Legaties to receive the pfitts of

all the pmentioned pmisses until such debts and Legasies be justly p^d They the Legaties nott to suffer aney increase of the use but duely to pay the use of such morgnage as is before mention'd nor to committ waste in any of the before mention'd pmisses. Lastly I make and ordain Tho^s Holden my oldest Sonn and Isaac Place my Sonn in Law to be my full whole and only Executors of this my last Will and Testam^t requireing them in the name of God to see this my last Will and Testam^t pformed accordingly but if the s^d Tho^s Holden my Sonn doe entermary with Deborah Pickop doughter of Geo. Pickop now living in Holden Then my Will and mind is y^t all my whole Estate wherev^r itt is be equally devided amongst all my Children all my Debts first being paid and I do hereby utterly revoake all form^r Wills and Testam^{ts} by me in aney-wise heretofore made or declared. In Witness whereof I the s^d Thomas Holden have subscribed this my last Will and Testam^t with my own hand and thereunto putt my Seale given the day and year first above written.

(Signed) Tho^s HOLDEN.

Sealed declared and delivered up by the s^d Thomas Holden in the psence of these Witnesses whose names are subscribed Jn^o Ormerod John Hoyle Daniel Dobson.

[This Will was proved at Chester in common form of Law on the seventeenth day of May in the year of our Lord One thousand seven hundred and twenty six by Thomas Holden and Isaac Place the Executors therein named. The right of every person being saved and time allowed to exhibit an Inventory.

WM. WARD, Dep. Reg.]

THE WILL OF RENALD TETLAW OF RAINFORD, IN
THE PARISH OF PRESCOT, IN THE COUNTY OF
LANCASTER, CLERK, DATED 1744, PROVED 1746.¹

IN the name &c. I RENALD TETLAW of Rainford Prescott Par: an unworthy Minister of the Gospel but one that desires to be found faithfull to X^t and to precious souls being under Indisposition of Body but of sound &c. do make &c. Imprimis I commend my pretious soul into the hands of God my Gracious Father hoping thro' the merits of my dear Redeemer to receive the free and full pardon of all my sins and an Inheritance amongst all them that are sanctified and my body &c. to be interred &c. in the Alley betwixt the Reading desk and my Pew Door in the new Chapell. And as touching that personal estate &c. Item my just debts to be paid &c. Item to my dau^r Hannah if alive the little silver cup the clock the Coach Chair in [the] House the fine chest of Drawers in the best Chamber w^{ch} I bought at Ormskirk the Brass Mortar and Pestil the Spice Box the little fall Table in the House that book case next to the parlour Door, the fire Iron in the Parlour and a pair of Tongues handsom ones to it, Map of Canaan and any other Maps she pleases she shall have her choice, half dozen of the best pewter plates and two or three of a worsor sort and three of the lesser sort of Pewter Dishes on the Shelf over Dresser the fry-ing pan half dozen of chaires where she pleases, the Bedstocks in the parlour with a feather bed Bolsters Blankets a good Quilt and two pair of good sheets the Curtains belonging to it, a Book called the History of the Bible with Cuts with a great many other Books

¹ The testator appears to have been a native of Mottram in Longdendale, in the county of Chester, where the name of Tetlaw is still commemorated by a farm called Tetlaw Fold. (See *East Cheshire*, vol. ii. p. 160.) This Will is of interest, as showing what were the books in use by a country minister in the middle of the last century.

mentioned in the Scedule belonging to this will The Toasting Iron the large Skellet my table in my Closset with Drawers in Little Coffe in my wife's Closet the Glass Book Box in Parlour I give Ann the little Table in Dining Room the Little Bed in my chamber with all things belonging to it and with Looking Glass in House these last from "I give," I give to my Daughter Ann. Item &c. to my dau^r Ann the Bedstocks in the best chamber with the Curtains Feather bed Blankets Quilt and Chaft bed with two pair of sheets the Warming pan, the Spits and Gobarts the Pik'd Toasting Iron, the Oval Table in Parlour, the Table in Little Chamber the Calamanco Chair with Cushion belonging to it all my Wife's Wax work with the other Book Case in the Parlour with all the Chairs in best Chamber and half a dozen in the Parlour and eight or ten maps and the rest of the Maps I give to my dau^r Mary Bispham. To Ann a considerable parcel of very good books mentioned &c. and [I] desire all my children to take special care of them that none be lost nor abused. I give her the Tea Kettle the Cheany cups Coffee can and cups belonging to it, the largest pewter dish on the lower Shelf, Sall another of them, Pegge another of them and Mally another of them. I give her the pair of Bellows in House the best Lanthorn Sifting tub and Train ware in Maid's chamber with the Bottle Crate in Garden, Side Saddle Pillion and Cloth and Chester Drawers in the best Chamber. Item to my son Thomas if alive my Rapier and Belt belonging to it, my Gun with all Flaskets my silver seal my silver Romer with a parcel of valuable good books &c. with the larg Looking Glass in Parlour, that Fire Shovel and Tongs w^{ch} hang over Fire in House, half Dozen of the Worser Pewter Plates my cloath press in my wife's closet But considering what great things I have done for him and how much money he hath cost me one way and another he shall have none of the money that I leave but some small legacy from it, the Legacy left him by my ffather in Law I have paid him as

the Receipt will manifest. Item to my dau^r Sarah Machin to be her dau^rs Legacy from me the Chest of Drawers standing in Chamber near door w^{ch} were bought at Manchester one of the Boxs Cases in my Chamber to lay her books in the other Book Case there I give to my dau^r Mary Bispham to lay &c. I give her half Dozen chairs after Hannah and Ann have chosen theres with Salt Box and Bed in my Chamber Curtain Rods Hangings Feather bed upon it and Chaft bed if there be any with blankets Sheets Quilt and Coverlid with little Table in Dining Room the Little Fire Iron in my closet and the Grate Bars in Little Chamber the Looking Glass in Little Chamber. Item to my dau^r Margaret Webster to be her dau^rs Legacy from me the fine Cloth Press in Little Chamber, the Book Case there, the Iron Dripping pan the Larg Coffe in my chamber and half dozen of Chairs if there be so many left either below Stairs or above the Bedstocks in Little Chamber Curtains Rods Feather Bed Blankets Sheets Quilt with little Long Table in my Closet that I write upon the little Fire Iron in my chamber and the large Table in Dining Room. Item to my d^r Mary Bispham my lead in Garden and Silver Clasps for a Bible and two Silver Anchors and Silver Tongues for to make her a pair of Buckles with, the silver chain and the chain and the key for watch, they are all folded up in a paper in my Drawer Table I write on, there are two keys. To her son W^m my desk in Chamber where I lye and to her and to her husband my watch till their son [be] brought up a Scholar and to the Ministry then he shall have it. Item considering I have done so much for my son Thomas &c. I leave him 10^s and a handsom parcel of good Books to keep and improve for my sake. As to my d^r Marg^t Webster and Sarah Machin if their husbands sh^d dye before them they will be left in poor circumstances &c. I desire my Exors &c. to put it [the money testator left them] out to use and give the interest to my two d^rs Marg^t and Sarah &c. and sh^d their pressing necessities require it

to give them some part of the Stock and sh^d any be left [at their death] let it be equally divided amongst the children. But W^m Webster and George Machin shall not receive either Stock or interest, but it shall be employed for the good of my two dr^s and their children. Both W^m and George have rec^d the Legacies left them by their Grandfather to their wives with more than was left them &c. however I leave to W^m and George 2^s 6^d apiece to cutt them off from all claims as to money matters hereafter. Item as to £100 left me by my fatherinlaw Samuel Dickenson &c. w^{ch} my brör in Law John Dickenson has p^d the Interest every year and whom I look upon to be a very honest Man and will take special care that none of it be lost &c. Item I give £20 of that money to John and Mally Bispham upon condiçõn that they bring up one of their children to be a Scholar and to the Ministry. Itm. £20 and £20 more of that money to my dr^s Marg^t and Sarah. Item £20 to my dr^r Ann and £20 more to my dr^r Hannah Tetlaw. Item as to my pew in New Chapel w^{ch} cost me £6 and is mine to dispose of and give to whom I please as justly as any person in the New Chapel can dispose of theirs unless the succeeding Minister give £4 for it he shall not have it nor shall any of his ffamily sit in it, But I give it to John Bispham and Mally and desire that he and Mally and his Family and my dr^r Hannah will sit in it. As to fire Iron in the House two pair of Tongues, the ffire Potter Fender and one Crow the Coach chair and cushion and board before it, the Clock and Case and Drësser probably the succeeding Minister will buy them [if not his sons in law to divide the money amongst themselves.] Item as to my little Yates and Doors about our House w^{ch} are of my own cost and my Harrow Treas Coller Pale Stones about Garden and Malt Mill Coffe in Gallery Grindle Stone, great Coffe in Kitchen Sadles Bridles Paquet boards in House and Barn Barrels Tubs brewing Vessels and all my Shelfes in House &c. probably the succeeding Minister will buy them for

the[y] fit the places and he cannot do well without them, I give them to John Bispham, W^m Webster and George Machin. Item as Stones about Garden Beds, the Washing Stone in Kitchen &c. my d^{rs} to divide amongst themselves. Item no hatbands or Gloves shall be given at my ffuneral to any Minister or relation, instead of that I have ordered valuable books to be given to my children, to Ministers and to my hearers w^{ch} I hope will make a good use of them (as by codicil &c.) w^{ch} I esteem vastly preferable to Hatbands and Gloves. Item my watch with Silver chain and two keys I give to my d^r Mally Bispham and John Bispham to keep safely for her son that is brought up to the Ministry, and when he enters upon it he shall have it, but not before, John Bispham to wear it carefully in his pocket for that will do better for it than lying by, but not to lend it. To John Bispham my Silver buckles at my shoes and a Silver Romer tho' some part of it is not Silver. Item to John Bispham W^m Webster and George Machin all my young apples trees that are fit to be removed (plenty left for the succeeding Min^{rs}). Item all my ladders Pikels &c. boards that made my wife's closet w^{ch} cost me half a guinea to Tho^s Worthington. To George Machand a sith. Item £60 to my d^r Hannah to carry her comfortably through the world. Item £50 to my d^r Ann Tetlaw. £20 to my d^r Mary Bisph. Itm. £20 to d^r Peggy and £20 to d^r Sarah. Item as to my books not one to be sold but my exōrs shall give them to the persons &c. Item my large silver cup, the Large Looking Glass, the Virginals &c. I give to my d^{rs} Mally Pegge Salle and Ann. John Bispham my son in law, W^m Tunstall Edmond's Son and Josia Lyon my exōrs. dat. 18 June 1744. In presence of John Brain, W^m Johnson, Peter Houghton.

THE CODICIL. A just and true account how my exōrs are to give the Books, where these books ly and to whom they are to be given &c.

Imprimis as to my first closet those books on the highmost shelf

over Closit Door I give to Ashton Church for the good of that Congregation, Brother Tetlaw is desired to acquaint the Parson and Heads of the Congregation with it, if they refuse to send for them they shall not have them. It may do well to send a list of the names of those books by Brör Tetlaw to them.

Item. Books on the Shelf under I give to Mottram Church for the good &c. Brör Tetlaw and brör Taylor are desired &c. (as before) they begin with Attersols Coñmentary on Numbers &c.

Item. Books on the Shelf under that I give to Duckenfield Chapel for the good &c. they begin with Burges Spirituall Refining. Bror. Tetlaw &c. (as before) they are books of value and may be of great advantage to the Congregⁿ there are twelve of them.

Item. books on the Shelf under that they begin with Balls treatise of ffaith I give to Tinsell [Tintwistle] Chappell for the good &c. there are 10 in number there are 8 or 10 books belonging to Tinsell at the end of the Shelf,

all the other books at this end of that Shelf I give to Gataker Chapel they begin with Hildersham on 51 Ps.

Item. books on the shelf under that I give to Hyde Congregⁿ there are 8 or 10 in number. I desire bror Tetlaw and bror Ashton &c.

Item all those Books on the Shelf under that and the fflore I give to my d^r Mary Bispham and to her children him excepted that is brought up a Scholar tho' he shall have the priviledge to read.

Go into the second Closit, all books on the Shelves above South window I give to Rille Bispham and his brörs excepting him &c. but their brör shall have liberty &c.

Return again to first Closit.

Item all books on Shelves from the Top to the flore &c. to my grandson or g^dsons br^t up a Scholar or [to] y^e Ministry.

Item all books from top to bottom Westward and all school books on shelves over the door to my grandchild &c. (as before.)

Item all books on y^e two highest shelves under y^e Summer there to brōr Taylor and his wife and children.

If all books on 3 and 4th shelves under y^e s^d shelves to my brōr Ashton and his wife and children.

[Many other bequests of shelves of books to his grandchildren and dau^{rs}. G. J. P.]

Item books to Tomme Webster, Bette and Ann.

Item books to my son Tho^s and desire him not to sell any of them, but to read them.

To my brōr Dickenson, Boys Exposition of 89 Artes a folio, Doctor Goodman's seven Sermons, his winter Evenings Confer- ences, good Man's Penitant pardoned, Clarendon's Hist^y abridged in one Vol., Chamberlands State of Great Britain, Spinks sick man visited, Pellings Discourse of the Existance of God, his Dis- course of Charity, Boyle of Seraphick Love.

Item to my sister Dickenson brother's wife, Adam's Sermons printed by Doctor Sacheverel, Bishop of Eley's Sermons, Arch Bp Wake's Sermons and Pelling on the Sacrament.

Itm. to Cousin Mally Dickinson, Ollyffes Exposition of Church Catechism in 2 Vol., Pains Discourses on Several practical subjects, Bragg of undissembled and persevering Religion.

To cousin Bettay Dickenson brothers daughter, Bp of Bristols 12 Sermons, Hopkins 17 Sermons publish^d by Hix, Dr Outrams 20 Sermons, Kettlewell Death made easy and comfortable.

To Cousin John Dickⁿ Piersons sermons on several Occasions, Pelling on Holiness, Nurse's Discourses on the Homilies in 2 Vol. and Callamy's Sermons on several Occasions.

To cousin Tho^s and to Lee Dickenson brothers Sons, Sherlocks Sermons on sev^l occasions in 2 Vol, Dr Hammonds practical Cate- chism a Dialogue betwⁿ two Protestants.

To Cousin Marg^t Dickⁿ brōr's dau^r Waples 80 Sermons with Dr Gale's Sermons on Holydays.

To cousin Tho^s Styth a Vol. of Sermons w^{ch} begins with Arch-Bp Williams Sermon before the House of Pears and another Vol w^{ch} begins with Dr Allestry Sermon before the King.

To cousin Styth his wife, Dorington family Devotion in 2 Vol. Nelson's Practice of Devotion, Patrick's Neglect of frequent Communion.

To Cousin Sally Bleake whole course of Catechetical Instruction, Days Communicant instructed, Horrocks 4 tracts.

To cousin Robert Berch, Crusoes 24 Sermons and Chandler of Happiness.

To cousin Mary Parr and her husband, Ashwoods Heavenly Trade, Ashwood best Treasure.

Item books to Sister Alice and her two daughters.

To my wife, Baxter's Saints Everlasting Rest, Collinges Cordial for a family Soul, Bolton's works in 1 Vol. a Quarto Vol: begins with Wright's Sermon at Evening Lecture, Council to the afflicted, Simpsons the most desirable Object, Scuders X^tian Daily Walk, Baxter's Directions and perswasions, Dyers Christ Famous Titles, Worthington geat Duty of self Resignation, Brooks precious Remedys, Heawood's Life in God's Favour, Dolittles Lord's last Sufferings, Polhills Treatise of Self Denial, Baxter's Directions for weak X^tians and Bolton's Dead Saints Speaking a ffolio, all these books ly on y^e 26 Shelf in 2^d Closit at the end of the Shelf near to the Table where I write just under the highest shelf Eastward, but she being dead they are otherwise disposed of as you will find hereafter.

To my dan^r Mary Bispham Mr Henry on the Pentateuch a Folio, Crook of Hipocrisy a Folio Coleman Parable of the Virgins Watson's Sermons and discourses a thick Quarto Guild Exposition of Canticles Beards Theater of God's Judgments a Folio a Vol: begins with Burys Two Sermons Morning Exercises in 4 Vol^s a Quarto Flavel Fountain of Life his Method of Grace his Immor-

talitv of the Soul with Ambrose Compleat Works a Folio and many other books in the closet and request her to take special care that none be lost or abused and to make good improvement of them. I give Mally one of the boxes to lay her books in, but seeing the box will not hold them I give her one of the book cases in second closet Westward to lay the books on w^{ch} the box will not hold with M^r Henry's Exposition on Isaiah Jeremiah &c. in one Vol: folio. But if one of her sons be bro^t up to y^e Min^r &c. I give that son, Ball on the power of Godliness, a fol. and Gurnall compleat Armour a Fot.

To my d^r Pegge Webster and her children M^r Henry's 2^d Vol. of Expositions on the Bible, a Fot. Tho^s Taylor's Works in Fot. in 2 Vol. Patrick's 15 Sermons on Contentment Berdels proofit of Godliness Foxton Joys of the Blessed Wright's Treatise of the Deceitfulness of Sin Ellis on the Parables of Dives and Lazarus Sibs soul Conflict Seidgwick Parable of the Prodigal Patrick's Hart'sease Barker of Meekness Fladell's preparation for suffering with the Quarto Bible in Pulpit with all &c. where D^r Manton's Works do ly, with a box to lay all the books in and Pegge shall have the use of them but her children the right to them I give her Shepherd Parable of the 10 virgins.

To my d^r Sarah Makand and her husband (the use of) and her children the right in M^r Henry 3^d Vol. of Expositions begins with Job, Sibs Saints Cordial Sibs Sermons and Discourses Newcomes Catechetical Sermons in 2 Vol Braggs Discourse of the Parables in 2 Vol Collinges Spouse under the Apple Tree Burges Help to Holy Walking, Wilkinson's Doctrine of Contentment Vines on the Sacrament Baxter's Mischief of Self Ignorance Goodwin's Family of Religion revied The octavo Bible I make use of in my Closet and Fenners Works in Fot. with one of the Book cases, with D^r Harris Works a Fol. and Dolittle Spiritual Antidote with Quarto Bible in our House.

To my dr Ann Tetlaw Cradock's Knowledge and Practice a Fol. Watson on the Assemblyes Catechism a Fol. Master Burkit on the New Testament in 2 Vol. a Fol. Evans on the Xian temper in 2 Vol octavo Norris of Humility Showers Sacramental Discourses Myriads Exalted Saviour M^r Bourns several Sermons with Octavo Bible we use in our House with Horton's Exposition on Eight of Romans.

To my grandson W^m Bispham Whateley's prototypes Clark's Lives of several persons with Horton's Expositⁿ on four select psalms a Fol. with Neal History of Puritans in 4 Vol in 8^{vo} with History of the Turks in 2 Vol.

To my dr Hannah M^r Henrys Expositⁿ on the New Testament in 2 Vol Fol. Doolittles compleat Body of Divinity in Fol. Clarks Examples a Fol. Wilcocks two Vol of Sermons Hornecks Sermons on 5th of Matthew in 2 Vol Edwards Theologia Reformata or Discourses on those Graces and Duties w^{ch} are purely evangelical one Fol. and a book case.

[His children and grandchildren are to have only one or two books out of the cases at one time, when read to be laid carefully in again and others taken out.]

To my sister Mary Taylor, Hopwood's blessed Rest Ranew Solitude improved a vol. begins with Baxter on Repentance.

To sister Ashton, Stockton's best Interest.

Itm. it is my desire that my brör Tetlaw brör Taylor and brör Ashton after divine service some Lords Day at night to acquaint y^e parson and heads of the Congregation both at Ashton and Mottram Church that there are a number of valuable books given to them upon sending for them and providing a Bookcase. They are given out of a sincere desire to promote the Glory of God the Intrest of X^t and the spiritual and eternal welfare of pretious souls in my native country and not out of Pride and vainglory, if one of the places sh^d refuse them the other upon sending for them shall enjoy them all.

The books given to Ashton Church are, Bp Taylor's course of sermons for the year, Bp Bramhall's works, Bp Brownrigs Sermons, Bp Hackits Sermons, Dr Hamonds sermons, Dr Farington 3 Vols. of Sermons, Dr Featley's Clavis Mystica, Boyes Expos^a of the Gospel and Epistles, Bp Andrews sermons, Hooker Ecclesiastical Polity, Dr Moores enquiry into the Mistery of Iniquity, Bp Sander-son's sermons, Fulkes Text of the new Testament, Bp Andrews Law Expounder and Mr Perkins works compleat in 3 Vol^s all these are Fol: Bp Stillingfleets six Sermons with an Appendix on X^t's sufferings, his discourse concerning Idolatry, his defence of his discourse of Idolatry, his answer to several discourses, Nicholson Expos^a of Church Catechism, Whitby of the Idolatry of the Church of Rome, Laroques History of the Eucharist, a second discourse in vindication of the Protestants Grounds of ffaith, Pierce sinner impleaded in his own Court, and Patrick's Jesus and the Resur- rection and two or three more.

ITEM to Mottram Church the place where my dear father and mother and brör ly buried.

Hierons Works, Bp Cowpers Works, Dr Mayers Commentary on part of Bible in 2 Vol^s Downam's Guide to Godliness, Attersolls Co^ment^r on Numbers, Bp Downam's x^tian warfare, Dr Reeods God's plea for Nineveh all these are Fol: Dr. Ayraies Lectures on Phillipians, Dr Preston's Saints Qualifications, his new Covenant, his breastplate, his threefold treatise, Bp Andrews on the Com- mandments, Bp Hall shaking of the Oliff Tree, Bright Treatise of Prayer, Dorington Discourse of singing, Dr Barrows duty and re- ward of Bounty, Patrick's Jewish Hipocrisy, Roger's ffaith and Doctrine of Church of England, Pemples Works a Fol: Benfield's Co^ment^r on Amos, Days Doomsday, Boltons general Directions for walking with God, Mayers English Catechism explained, King on Jonah, his Lectures on Jonah, Mayers Expos^a of James. Now it is my request that in both these churches a good bookcase be

provided with locks and doors opening both ways and these to be opened every Lord's Day Morning and at other proper seasons, &c.

ITEM I give &c. the ensuing books to be kept in one of John Bispham's houses [as] heirlooms to the house from Generation to Generation but do bind them out from selling any of them only they [may] lend any of them to my son Tho^s or any of my children but they shall return them carefully again.

The books are — Echard's General Ecclesiastical History, Williams best Religion, Hutchenson Expos^a of John Beards Theator of God's Judgements, Clark's Sermons, Gurnall X^tian Armour, Hall's Works compleat in three Vol^s, Civil Wars of Great Britain, Voyages and Adventures of Fern and Mendez, Josephus Antiquities, Guage Survey of West Indies, Petter on Mark in 2 Vol: Gogue Work, Ambrose Works, Crook of Hipocrisy, these are all folios. Taylor's Great Exemplar, A new survey of London in 2 Vol^s, Trail stedfast Adherence, Howes Thoughtfulness for the Morrow, Polhills Mistical Union, Lowths Vindication of the divine Authority, Scripture Truth confirmed, admirable Curiosities, surprising Miracles a Volume begins with Hills Sermon Season, Another begins with England's Ebenezer, Another with Seidgwick's Sermon at St. Mary's, another with Fifth of November, Hardyes several Sermons on Solemn Occasions, Abel Redivivus, Another with Glory of the Times, Astopoles English Annotat^{ns} on the Bible in 2 Vol I give to my son Tho^s Tetlaw.

To my wief these books viz. Gatakers Works in Fol. Baxters Saints Everls Rest, Boltons Works in 1 Vol. a Vol. begins with Wright's Sermons at Evening Lecture, Council to the afflicted, Simonds the most desirable Object, Scuders X^tian Dayly Walk, Baxter's directions and Persuasions, Dyers X^t famous Titles, Worthington's Great Duty of Resignation, Brooks pretious Remedies, Heawoods Life in God's Favour, Doolittle Lords last Sufferings, Polheils Treatise of Self Denial, Baxter's Directions for Weak X^tians, Bolton's dead saints speaking.

To John Bispham my Eñor, Usher's body of Divinity, Cradox Gospel Liberty, a book w^{ch} begins with Preparation for Xt., Burrough's Saints Inheritance, Owen Expos^a of 180 psalm, with the Woodframe on the top of the Well w^{ch} was made to be removed unless the succeeding Minister will pay him handsomely for it, and the Grindlestone in Orchard, Cotton's way to Tree of Life, my silver buckles for shoes, one Silver Romer.

To Bille Bispham my desk in my bed chamber.

To my son Tho^s my Silver hafted Knife and Fork and the other Silver Romer.

To W^m Tunstall Edmund's son another of my Eñors, Pycroft Reflections on the nature of Contentment, Baxter of Crucifying the World, S. M. Yearninge of X^ti Bowels, Bight 6 Sermons, Slater of the preciousness of Gods Thoughts, Ridder Discourse of the Ld^s Supper, Baxter Treatise of Self Denial, Stillingfleets seasonable advice concerning Quakers, Actons fruits from Canaan, Vincents conversion of the Soul.

To Josiah Lyon if he stands my eñor part of those books I had given to my wife, but she is gone, viz. Gataker's Works in fol. &c.

Itm. crowns apiece to all my grandchildren John Bisp^s W^m Websters George Machins children. Dat. 18 Oct. 1742.

Books "w^{ch} we made use of at the University." John Bispham to take viz :

Schebleirs Logic his Metaphisicks with Barloes Exercitations, Smiglecius Logick, Rohaults physicks, Windelins Theologia, Clark's physicks, Clark's Logick, Govean's Logick, Ars Cogitandi, Ramus Logick with Downam's Comment on Baronius Metaphisicks, Stalius Axioms 2 Vol., Burgersditijs Logick with Heereboards Comment, Amesius de Conscientia, Amesius Technometria, Castaneus Distinctiones, Windelins Logick, Miltons Logick, Frommus Metaphisicks, Amesius Medulla, Coleberts Philosophia in 2 Vol., Descartes Principia philoso-

phiæ, Legrands de carentia sensus, Herebords Meletomata with his Pneumaticks, Eustachius Philosophia, Stierius Philosophy, Heerebords Ethicks, Heerebords selectarum Disputationum et Heerebords Logick, Burgersditijs Metaphisicks, Wollebius Compendium, Amesius Xtiânæ Cateshesios, Moores Ethicks, Suicers Physicks, Malovius Distinctions, Burgersditijs Logick in English, Zouches Elementa Jurisprudentia, with many others.

To John Bispham's son,

Dr Manton's 5 Vol. of Sermons in fol. w^{ch} cost me £5 10^s.

Charnucks Works in 2 Vol. fol. w^{ch} cost ab^t £1 12s.

Dr Edwards Theologia Reformata 2 Vol. Fol. cost £1 7s.

Baxter's Methodus Theologiæ, Fol.

Walker's Sufferings of the Clergy, Fol.

Bp Ushers Life and Letters, Fol.

Taylor's Ductor Dubitantium, Fol.

Brant's Hist^y of Council of Trent, Fol.

Dr Owen's Expos^a of Hebrews 3 Vol. Fol.

Cambridge Concordance best Ed^a Fol.

Calvins Institutions, Fol.

Scots Discovery of Witchcraft, Fol.

Theses Sedanenses 2 Vol. 4^{to}.

Theses Salmerienses, 4^{to}.

Torretines Compendium Theologiæ, 4^{to}.

Torretines Institutio Theologica with his de Satisfactione in
4 Vol.

Tuckneys prælectiones.

Wall's Hist^y of Baptism, 4^{to}.

Parkers Law of Nature.

Baxter's Reasons of X^tian Religion.

Bythnars Lyra prophetica.

Burnet's Vindication of Ordination.

- Barnet's Past^l Care.
 Smith's Select discourses.
 Kenets Ecclesiastical Synods.
 Calamys inspiration of Holy writings.
 Hoadleys Measures of Submission.
 Dr Moores discourses on Several Texts.
 Gassandus Astronomy.
 Edwards Socinian Creed examined.
 Baxters Disputat^{ns} of right to sacraments.
 Ushers answer to a Jesuits Challenge.
 Baxters five Disput^{ns} of Church Government.
 Wells Antient and present Geography.
 Clarksons practical Divinity of Papists.
 Baxters confession of Faith, His infant Church Membership,
 His more proofs for Infant Baptism, His true and only
 way of Concord, His Key for Catholicks, His Treatise for
 Justifying Righteousn^t, His apology for the Nonconform-
 ists Ministry, His Church Concord, His Church History,
 His Treatise of Episcopacy, His universal Redemption.
 Fogs Schema Theologiæ.
 Bp of Worcester's answer to Lock, 2 Vol.
 Dally's Treatise of Use of Fathers.
 Grotius of War and peace.
 Lock of Government.
 Several Conferences betw^t a Romish Priest and a fanatick
 Chaplain &c.
 Nourse of Natural and Revealed Religion.
 Jurien Critical History, 2 Vol.
 Burgess Doctrine of Original Sin, Fol.
 Jurien Accomplish^t of scriptures prophecies, 2 Vol.
 Davenant's Determinations, Fol.
 Stripes Life of Cranmer, Fol.

A Septuagint Greek Bible a good one.
 Feilds Greek Testament best Edit^a.
 Another little Greek Testam^t.
 Hoadley's reasonableness of Conformity.
 Dr Owens Enquiry into the nature of the primitive Church.
 Norris of the Immortality of the Soul.
 Burnets four Discourses to his Clergy.
 Dissenters represented and condemned.
 Bernards Judgement of ArchBp Usher.
 Gates Court of the Gentiles compleat in 2 Vol. Valuable Books.
 Foulis Hist^y of Romish Treason, Fol.
 Hughes analiticall Expos^a of Genesis, Fol.
 Ainsworth on the Pentateuch and Psalms, Fol.
 Stackhouse State of the Controversy betw^a Wolstenholm and
 others.
 Whitbys several Tracts collected into one Vol.
 Cosins Scholastic Hist^y of Canon of Scripture.
 Owens Doctrine of Justification.
 Baxters Second Defense of Nonconformists.
 Sandersons de Juramento.
 Tenisons Examination of Hobs Creed.
 Lawsons of Hobs Leviathan.
 Straudius (?) Cronology.
 Helvicus Cronology, Fol.
 Lucy on Hobs Leviathan.
 Owen of Apostacy.
 Stillingfleets Vindication of the Trinity.
 Walker of Baptism.
 Tenison of Idolatry.
 Owen against Biddle.
 Bentleys folly of Atheism.
 Baxter of Knowledge and Love.

Stripes Life of Ailmer.

E. H. Remarks on new Philosophy.

Brett of Church Government.

How of God's præscience.

Howes Calm and sober Enquiry.

Tuckneyes prælectiones.

Bp Bedels Life.

Whiston on infant Baptism.

Solid Philosophy asserted by J. S.

Clarksons discourse of Liturgies.

Beveridg Thesaurus in 4 Vol.

Tyrell of the Law of Nature.

Swinden of the place of Hell.

Father Symonds Critical Enquiries.

Hoadley's institution of Civil Government.

Nicholsons Historical Library in 2 Vol.

Smiths select Discourses.

6 or 7 vol. of printed discourses ag^t the Papists in 4^{to} new
bound lying on Shelf next floor in 2nd Closit Westward,
excellent ones, with a great many more books.

Item. I give the following Books to the same use viz.

Parens on the Bible, 2 large Fol^s.

Junius and Tremelius on the Bible, large Fol.

Wilsons X^{ti}an Dictionary, Fol.

Durham on the Revelations, Fol.

Ravenellus sacræ Scripturæ Thesaurus, 3 Vol. Fol. large ones.

Willets Comēntary on several parts of Scripture, 5 Vols. Fol.

Reconider [?] of the Bible, Fol. bound in Parchment.

Adams Sermons, Fol. wants only Title page.

A Vol. of Tracts begins with Advice to Young Students, thick 8^{vo}.

A Vol. of Tracts begins with a Vindication of the true Deity
of our Saviour, by J. Boyse.

Goodwins Moses and Aaron, 4to.

A true account of a Conference held about Religion, by Tho.
Tenison, 4^{to}.

Popery not founden on Scripture, 4^{to}.

Another Vol. begins with Judgement of S^r Matthew Hale, 4^{to}.

Another Vol. begins with Salvation of protestants asserted, by
Dalhusius.

Another Vol. begins with purgatory proved by Miracles.

Richardson of the Canon of the New Testam^t.

Moore's Expos^a of the Seven Epistles.

Jeames Scholasticall divinity, 2 Vol^s.

Parens on the Revelations, Fol.

Leigh on the New Testam^t, Fol.

Traps Comentary on Ezra, Nehemiah, Esther, Job, and
Psalms, Fol.

Sherlock's Discourse of the Nature Unity of the Catholick
Church; Trap a Clavis to the Bible.

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PART II.

IN the Introduction to the "Index to the Wills and Inventories now preserved in the Court of Probate at Chester from A.D. 1545 to 1620," printed by the *Record Society* in 1879, I pointed out (pp. xxvii., xxviii.), that the Rev. J. Piccope and his son the Rev. G. J. Piccope, examined a great number of the Wills at Chester, and made either full copies or short abstracts of them. All the full copies, which they made, have now been printed, either in the three volumes published by this Society in 1854, 1860, 1861, or in Part I. of this book,¹ but when the volume of their *MSS.* (vol. 10) containing the short abstracts was examined, it was found that many of the original wills, which they had consulted, were not now to be found at Chester. How this has occurred is difficult to say, but it is possible that in removing the wills from one place to another, those which were in a mutilated condition, as many of these seem to have been, were put on one side and either lost or destroyed. A list of the "Wills examined by the Revs. J. and G. J. Piccope, and since lost or destroyed," between the years 1545 and 1620, was printed in the volume above referred to (pp. xxviii.-xxxii.), and another list of those between 1621 and 1650 appeared in the Index to the Chester wills for that period, printed in 1881. When it was decided by the Council of this Society to print the transcripts which appear in this volume, it was also arranged that the abstracts of these missing wills should also be printed. Short as most of them are, they are of great genealogical value, as they are the only records

¹ It may here be mentioned that the copy of the Will of Isabel Chetham, 1523, will be found in Canon Raines's *Lancashire Chantries* (Cheth. Soc.), pp. 42-3, and that the copy of the Will of John Booth, Doctor of Divinity, Archdeacon of Hereford, 1542, was too imperfect to print. A copy of this will occurs in *Harl. MSS.*, 1991.

of these wills which we now possess, and it was especially important to print them, lest by some unfortunate accident they too should disappear, like the originals from which they were made.

It is only right to point out that since the list of these missing wills was printed, I have accidentally ascertained, by searches at Chester, that a few of them are still to be found in the Probate Court there. Thus, the Will of "William Ashton [son of Arthur Ashton] of Rochdale, gentleman, 1602," is at Chester, wrongly indexed as the will of *Arthur* Ashton, 1602. The Will of "Gilbert Astley, clerk, 1620," is indexed under 1626, the year in which it was proved; the name read as "Suarte" should be "Snarte," and so on. But taken altogether, the wills so recovered only amount to about 12, out of nearly 200, and I have been enabled to add abstracts of 3 or 4 other wills, which I find are also now missing. It is possible that others in this list may from time to time be found at Chester, but it is not likely that many will be so discovered.

The abstracts which here follow are arranged alphabetically, first, those between 1545 and 1620, and secondly, those between 1621 and 1650, following the order of the two lists given in the two volumes of Indices to the Wills at Chester between those periods, printed by the *Record Society*. J. P. E.

ABSTRACTS OF WILLS, Etc., NOT NOW TO BE FOUND
IN THE PROBATE COURT, CHESTER, FROM 1545
TO 1620, ARRANGED ALPHABETICALLY.

ELIZABETH ASHALL, 1613. (*Administration.*)

October 30, 1613. Administration of the effects of Elizabeth Ashall of Rivington, widow, granted to Ralph Leaver, in prox' consang². In the Inventory she is said to be Elizabeth Asshawe, widow, late of Shaghe.

ARTHUR ASHTON OF CHADERTON, 1599. (*Will.*)

November 6, 1598. The Will of Arthur Asheton of Chaderton, in the county of Lancaster, husbandman. He mentions, "Elizabeth my wife, my son Robert Asheton, my daughter Kateren Asheton, my younger son James Asheton." "My son Robert and my cosin Richard Asheton" to be Executors, and "my cosin Thomas Asheton" to be supervisor. Proved Jan. 26, 1599 [-1600].

MARGARET BAMFORTH, 1613-14. (*Will.*)

February 15, 1613-14. Margaret Bamforth, county of Lancaster, spinster. To be buried in Bury Church. She mentions, "Richard Bamforth my brother," "the wife of William Bamforth, gentleman," "the wife of Emer Bamforth," "Jane daughter of Richard Bamforth," "Mary Bamforth of Mawdesley," and "William Bamforth, gentleman." "William Bamforth and Samuel Bamforth of Bamford my cosines, to be my executors." "My brother Richard Bamforth and Adam Bamforth to be overseers." Proved March 26, 1614.

RICHARD BANASTER OF THE BANK, 1548. (*Will.*)

June 28, 2 Edward VI. [1548]. The Will of Richard Banaster of the Banke, in the county of Lancaster. To be buried in the parish Church of Croston. He mentions, "Henry Banaster my son, William Banaster, my son and heyre." He also mentions his property "in the county of Oxford, or ellswere within the southe parts of England." "Margere Worthyngton" his daughter-in-law. He appoints "the said W . . . [I believe his son William], John Longtree Esq., Jane Crosse wydowe, my sister, and Sir Thomas Wyldynge, Priest," his executors. Among the witnesses are Sir Roger ffylden, Priest, Curate of Croston, William Banaster of . . ., Mathewe Clyfton of Mawdsley. This will is very much torn and defaced. The Inventory is dated December 20, 2 Edward VI. [1548]. No date of Probate.

GEOFFREY BARDSLEY OF ASHTON-UNDER-LYNE, 1541. (*Will.*)

October 1, 1541. The Will of Geffray Berdyslay of Ashton-under-Lyne. To be buried in Ashton-under-Lyne Church. "Elizabeth my daughter to be my executrix." He mentions, "George my son." Sir William Thomson, parson of Ashton-under-Lyne, and Charlys Alexander curate &c., are witnesses. Inventory dated November 25, 1541.

MARGARET BEXWICK OF STAYLEY, SPINSTER, 1616-17. (*Will.*)

March 11, 1616-17. Margret Bexweek of Stayley, spiuister. She mentions, "my sisters Mary Bexweek and Sibell Bexweek," "the two youngest children of my brother-in-lawe Lawrence Henshall." "The said Lawrence to be my executor, and my brother George Bexweek my overseer." John Mellor, John Whenhall, and Anne the wyffe of John Hawopp, are witnesses. Proved March 22, 1616-17.

GEORGE BOOTH OF DUNHAM MASSEY, Esq., 1544. (*Will.*)

July —, 35 Henry VIII. [1543]. George Bothe of Dunham Massey, Esq. He mentions, "lands and tenements in Assheton-under-Lyne now in the holdyng of William Leze"; "my daughters." To be buried at Wilmslow. "My mother living." "George Bothe my" "My wife if she chance to be delivered of a daughter," &c. "The Worshipful Sir Edmund Peckham, Knight, Cofferer to the Kyngs George Asshely Esq. my brother-in-lawe, Robert Tatton, my uncle my executors." Half of this will has been eaten away. Exhibited June 20, 1544.

MARY BOOTH OF SALFORD, WIDOW, 1600. (*Will.*)

April 8, 1600. The Will of Marie Booth of Salford, widow. To be buried in Manchester Church as near as conveniently may be to her late husband John Booth. She mentions, "Humphrey

Booth brother of my late Husband," "my eldest son John Booth," "my son George Booth and his two uncles Humphrey Booth and Richard Knott." "Robert Smith of the Smith Fold" mentioned, and "my daughter Margret Booth," "my brother Richard Knott," "my daughter Mary Booth and my daughter Isabell Booth." The remainder is much defaced and torn away. Proved May 6, 1600.

RICHARD BOOTH OF BURY, 1591. (*Administration.*)

October 2, 1591. "Be it knowne &c. that I Alice Booth late wiffe of Richard Boothe, deceased, have constituted &c. my wel-beloved Cosen Robert Holden Esq^r my true &c. attorney for me and with my consent" to administer to her late husband's effects, within the county of Lancaster. Witnesses, Rychard Tattersall, Edmond Slead, and Gilbert Holden, curate, &c.

In the Inventory the deceased is described as Richarde Boothe of the parish of Burye, gentleman, but in the Act on the Administration, as of the parish of Rochdale. The Administration was granted to Robert Holden Esq^r coram Gilberto Holden Curat de Church. Oct. 5, 1591.

ROGER BOOTH OF RIDEVALLS, 1542. (*Will.*)

May 9, 1542. The Will of Roger Bothe of Rydevalls in the parish of Bere [Bury], husbandman. To be buried in Bere parish Church. He mentions, "my sone Roger," "my iiij chylder, Thomas, Isabell, Margaret, and Elizabeth." "Thomas my sone and Isabell my doughter to be my executors." Overseers to be "Sir Alex. Radclyffe, Knyght, and Sir Ric. Smyth parson of Bere." No date of Probate.

ABRAHAM BRADSHAW OF DARCY LEVER, 1592. (*Inventory.*)

August 8, 1592. Inventory of the goods &c. of Abraham Bradshawe of Darcy Leaver. Administration was granted to Letitia his

JOHN BRADSHAW, 1574. (*Inventory.*)

May 14, 1574. Inventory of the goods, &c., of "Mr John Bradsha which was [taken on] 14th daye of Maye, Anno Domini 1574." The Administration appears to have been granted to Thomas Jones and Henry June 11, 1574.

BARTHOLEMEW BRERETON, 1529. (*Inventory.*)

1529. An Inventory of the goods, &c., of Bartholemew Brerton, late of Grafton, in the county of Chester, Gentleman.

THOMAS BRIDDOCK OF CHEETHAM, 1602. (*Administration.*)

May 25, 1602. Administration of the goods, &c., of Thomas Briddocke of Cheetham, Manchester, granted to Anne his relict and Richard his son.

HENRY BUNBURY, CO. CHESTER, Esq., 1546. (*Will.*)

December 13, 1545. Henry Bunbury, co. Chester, Esq. He mentions, "my son and heire," "my daughter-in-lawe," "my cosine Raufe Alderse," "my motherinlawe Elizabeth Alderse," "my sister emm . . .," "my nephewe Blundell," "a dager called a peyneadowe," " . . . in lawe Edward Frodsam," "my sister Margaret his wife." To William Bunbury "a balde stagg." He also mentions, "my aunte Marg . . . , and Richard Bunbury of Chester, Merchant." Proved August 3, 1546.

GILBERT BURSCOGH OF LATHOM, 1557-8. (*Will.*)

December 12, 4 & 5 Philip and Mary [1557]. The Will of Gilbert Burscogh of Lathom, in the county of Lancaster, gentleman. To be buried in Saynt Nicholas Chauncell within the parish Church of Ormyskyrke as nere unto the place where my father was buried as conveniently may be. He mentions, "my brother Sir William Burscogh, Rauffe Burscogh my bastard brother, my syster Elizabeth, my other ij systers Margaret and Anne. To

the almsmen at the chapell of Lathom every of them vj^d." He also mentions, "my cosyn John Moore Esq^r and M^r George Manwaryng." "Elenor my wyffe and Rauff Burscogh my said bastard brother" to be executors, and "John Moore Esq. and my brother Sir William Burscogh, clerke," to be supervisors. Witnesses, Richard Jolybrand, gentleman, Richard Mason, yeoman, Richard Marbury the yonger, Henre Webster and others. Proved January 11, 1557-8. Among the debts owing to the Testator is "S^r Edward Haystyngs, Knyght, xv^{li}."

EDWARD BUTLER OF BEWSEY, ESQUIRE, 1587. (*Will.*)

. 2, 28 Elizabeth [1586]. The Will [much decayed] of Edward Butler of Bewsey, in the county of Lancaster, esquire. "To be buried within my Chappell att the highe church of where my auncestors have beene usually buried." He mentions, "Item . . . for and towards the erec^cōn of a Tombe of All be sett over mee one hundreth pounds"; "to Margrett my wife"; "to M^r Ric. . . [Mai]sterson of the Nonntwiche Esq."; "to my servant Randall Rixton of gr[eat Son]key, gen."; "to John [Wackfeil]de, schoolmaster of Warrington"; "to my servant John Warburton of the gen," and he also mentions other legacies to servants. "Margarett my wife," "Richard Maisterson of the Nanntwiche, Esq." "Richard [Rixton] aforesaid, of great sonkey . . . ," and "John Wackfeild of Warrington, aforesaid, scool-[master]," to be executors. Proved November 28, 1586. Inventory dated August 8, 1587.

JOHN BUTLER OF KIRKLAND, Esq., 1568. (*Will.*)

May 8, 1568. John Butler of Kirklande, Esq^r. He mentions, "Alis my wief"; "John Butler my son and heir, until he be 16 years old"; "remainder to my brother Gregorie Butler"; "remainder to Albane Butler my brother"; "my wife now with child"; "my daughter Anne"; "my uncle Peter ffarrington";

"my cosen James Anderton" and "my cosen William Chorley." "My said uncle Peter ffarington, my brother-in-lawe John Westby, my said cosen William Chorley, and my brother Albane Butler" to be executors. "My fatherinlawe James Massie" and "Alis my wief" to be supervisors. In dorso May 12, 1568 [? the date of Probate].

JANE BUTTERWORTH OF BELFIELD, 1590. (*Will.*)

February 4, 1589[-90.] The Will of Jane Butterworth of Belfelde, in the county of Lancaster, widdowe. To be buried "in the parish Church of Rachdall." She mentions her "daughter Jane wife of James Baguley"; her "daughter Siceley wife of Gyles Aynsworth"; her "daughter Alis wife of Robert Chadwicke"; "William son of James Baguley"; "Katharen daughter of Gyles Aynsworth"; "Jane Aynsworth her sister"; "Jane daughter of James Baguley"; "Mary and Margaret daughters of Robert Chadwicke"; "Sicely daughter of John Belfeld of Clegswood"; "Sicely daughter of Nicholas Butterworth"; "Samuel son of Nicholas Butterworth"; "Lawrence Hey mynister at the Chapel of Mylnrowe." "Alexander Butterworth my son" to be sole executor. "Richard Midgley, vicar of Rachdall" and "Gyles Aynsworth, my son-in-lawe" to be overseers. Proved June 21, 1590.

MARGARET BYROM OF SALFORD, 1589. (*Inventory.*)

September 27, 1589. Inventory of the goods, &c., of Margaret Byrom, one of the daughters of Adam Byrom, late of Salford, deceased, gentleman. The "filiall Porcōne" or "child's part" of goods "beinge and belonginge unto the said Margaret by vertue of the deathe of the said Adam her late father, deceased, £xix." Her parte of a "desperate Debte not yet recovered, which was owinge to her said father in his liffe tyme by my Ladie Holecrofte, £xj." "Her Apparrell xx^s." Exhibited by Adam Byrom, Administrator of the said Margaret.

RALPH BYROM OF SALFORD, 1598. (*Will.*)

June 28, 1598. Ralph Byrom of Salford, gentleman. He mentions, "my now wife Jane." "To be buried in the Collegiate Church Manchester." He also mentions, "my younger children Adam, Edward, Homfreye, Mary, Margaret, Elizabeth, and Jane"; "Ralph my son and heir"; "my brother Thomas Byrom"; "my cousin Alexander Radcliffe."

JOHN CARRINGTON, 1581. (*Will.*)

July 2, 1581. The Will of John Carrington. He mentions, "John Laurens," "Margaret Prescotte," "my wief's children"; "my wief and my children." "Anne my wife" to be sole executrix, and "my uncle Bonaventure Carington" and "Hamlet Ashton, gentleman," to be overseers. In the Inventory the Testator is called "yeoman," and "of Yrlam, co. Lanc." [He was, probably, from the name of his uncle, a son of John Carrington of Carrington.] Proved September 9, 1581.

EDMUND CHADDERTON OF NUTHURST, 1589. (*Will.*)

April 21, 30 Elizabeth [1588]. The Will of Edmund Chaderton of Nuthurst, in the county of Lancaster, gentleman. He mentions, "Isabel my wife"; "my daughter Anne Chaderton"; "my son and heir Edmund Chaderton." "Isabel my wife" to be sole executrix. "My dear uncle and good lord, my Lord Bishop of Chester" and "my brother-in-law Robert Langley" to be supervisors. This will is much torn and defaced. Proved April 24, 1589.

ROGER CHADWICK OF CHADWICK, 1610-11. (*Will.*)

October 24, 1610. The Will of Roger Chadwicke of Chadwicke, in the county of Lancaster, gentleman. "To be buried in the parish church of Rachdall." He mentions, "Mary my daughter, late wyffe of Laurence Nuttall"; "to Olyver Chadwicke of Leigh-

field"; "to Marye Chadwicke sister of the said Olyver"; "my grandechilderen John, Roger, and Theophilus Chadwicke"; "Elize Scollfelde my son-in-lawe and Anne his wyffe." "Gabriell Chadwicke my sonne" and "the said Roger" to be my executors. "My son Olyver Chadwicke," "Henry Holte" and "my cosen Olyver Chadwicke of Moodycathill" [?] to be supervisors." Proved January 17, 1610 [-11.]

EDMUND CHETHAM OF CRUMPSALL, 1584. (*Administration.*)

November 5, 1584. Administration of the effects of Edmund Chetam of Croomsall, granted to Alice his relict.

EDMUND CHETHAM, M.A., 1602-3. (*Will.*)

December 28, 1602. The Will of Edmund Chetam, M.A., "Highe scholmaster of the gramer schole of Manchester." "To be buried in the Cathedrall [*sic.*] Church of Manchester." He mentions, "Henrie Chetam my father." The said "Henrie Chetam" to be sole executor. Signed in the presence of "Raphe Chetam" and "William Kenion."

In the Inventory the Books are valued at $iiij^li\ vj^s\ viij^d$. The whole amount being $xxxiiij^li\ v^s\ iiij^d$. Proved January 9, 1602 [-3].

HENRY CHETHAM OF MANCHESTER, 1589. (*Administration.*)

September 13, 1589. Administration of the goods &c. of Henry Chetame nuper dum vixit of the Parish of Manchester, granted to James Chetame of Nuthurst, gentleman, natural and lawfull brother of the deceased. "A note of the Inventorie of Henry Chetame of Manchester parish"—"One dagger and sorde xj^s "; "one Ringe of Goulde xxx^s "; "one other Ringe duple gilte $vj^s\ viij^d$ "; "in bookes $xxvj^s\ viij^d$." Total sum $iiij^li\ iijs\ iiij^d$.

ROBERT CHETHAM OF MANCHESTER, 1578. (*Will.*)

1573. The Will of Robert Chetham of Manchester. He mentions, "my sons Edward and Robert," and "Isabel my wife." The will much decayed. Proved 1578.

EDWARD COCKAR OF COCKAR HILL, 1599-1600. (*Will.*)

February 2, 1599[-1600.] I Edward Cockar of Cockar Hill. "To be buried in the parish Church of Ashton." He mentions "Anne Chitham," "Elizabeth Chitham," "M [torn out] Chitham," and "Ann Chitham," "daughters of Laurence Chitham"; "Mawrice Asheton," "Nicholes Asheton," "my sister Margaret Cockar." "My brother-in-lawe John Asheton and my sister Margaret Cockar" to be executors. "Edmunde Andrew" and "Henry Andrew" to be overseers.

JOHN CRABTREE OF BROUGHTON, near MANCHESTER, 1587. (*Will.*)

June 1, 1585. The Will of John Crabtree of Broughton [Manchester], Husbandman. He mentions "Alyce nowe my wyffe;" "George," "James," and "Katheryn" my children; "Genet and Margaret my daughters," "Alyce my wyffe and my son William Crabtree" to be executors. "My brother William Crabtree" and "my brother-in-lawe John Hardman" to be supervisors. Proved January 29, 1587-[8].

WILLIAM CRABTREE OF BROUGHTON, 1587. (*Will.*)

March 28, 1587. The Will of William Crabtree of Broughton, webster. "To be buried in the Churche or Churcheyorde of Manchester." He mentions, "Imyn my wife," "John Crabtree my sonne." "Imyn my wyffe" and "John Crabtrye" to be executors. Date of Probate torn away.

HUGH DICCONSON OF ECCLESTON 1581. (*Inventory.*)

September 28, 23 Elizabeth [1581]. Inventory of the goods, &c., of Hugh, son of John Dicconson of Eccleston, near Croston, deceased, gentlemen.

JOHN DICCONSON OF MANCHESTER, 1553. (*Will.*)

July 19, 1553. The Will of John Diconson of Manchester,

Merchant. To be buried "within the parishe church of Manchester." "To the helpe of the poore people of the towne and parishe of Manchester x^l to be put into the poore man's box bie myne Executors, with the oversight of the churchwardens and the Vicar of the said Church." He mentions "Isabell my sister dwelling in Yorkshire near unto Carnsley"; "my sisters Elizabeth and Anne;" "John Diconson nowe dwelling with me"; "iiij other children of my brother William Diconson"; "my brother Richard Shalcrosse"; "Rafe Diconson my sonne." Executors — "Richard Shalcrosse of Manchester, Merchant," and "Thomas Riddlestones" of the same place. One of the witnesses is "William Penketta, Clerk." From the Inventory it appears that his "sister Isabell" was Isabel Cleders, and his sister Elizabeth, Elizabeth Ireland. In the same, Anne Diconson, daughter of John Diconson, is mentioned, as also Raffe and Jone, evidently his children. The name of his wife does not appear. No date of Probate.

RICHARD ELTONHEAD OF ELTONHEAD, 1588-9. (*Will.*)

March 12, 1588[-9]. The Will of Richard Eltonhead of Eltonhead, gentlemen. "To be buried in the Church or Churchyard of Prescott, in the place of my ancestors." "Jane my wief and William Eltonhead my younger brother, these to be executors."

EDMUND ENTWISTLE OF ENTWISTLE, 1585. (*Will.*)

April 5, 1585. The Will of Edmund Entwissell of Entwysell, gentleman. "To be buried in the parish Church of Bolton in the accustomed place where my Auncesters are buryed." "Cycelye my wyffe" and "Richard Entwissell my brother," to be executors. "My good worshipfull maysters Edward Tyldesley and Thomas Tyldesley" to be overseers. He mentions "my brother Wylliam." Witnesses — "Alexander Bradshawe, John Entwissell, Thomas Entwysell, Hugh Chitam, Alexander Smythe vicar at Bolton," with others. Proved . . . June, 1585.

RICHARD FEARNHEAD OF FEARNHEAD, 1552. (*Will.*)

May 1, 6 Edward VI. [1552.] The Will of Rychard ffernihead of ffernhead, in the county of Lancaster, gentleman. "To be buried within the parishe Church of Weryngton." He mentions "Thomas ffernihed my son and heir"; "to my wiffe"; "to my children"; "Jane my dowghter"; "John my youngest sone." "My wiffe," "Thomas Hughson," "Thomas ffernihed," and Hughson," to be executors. No date of Probate.

JANE FOX, WIDOW OF JOHN FOX, 1580-1. (*Will.*)

October 24, 1579. Jane ffoxe, widow of John ffoxe of the Rodes in Pilkynghon. To be buried at Prestwich. "To Henry pre (?) my son, a ring." "Item, to Hollande." "To W m ffoxe." He mentions "Thomas, Anne, and Rychard ffoxe"; "The wife of Peter Horrocks"; "the wife of William Seddon." "My son William ffoxe, and his son John," to be my executors. "These present—Alexander Worthington, John Batersbye, Ralph Orrell," and others. Proved March 8, 1580[-1.]

RICHARD GERARD OF ASPULL. . . . (*Will.*)

(Date torn away.) The Will of Richard Gerrard of Aspulle. "To be buried in my Brother's Chapel at the Church of Wygan." He mentions "my children." "My brother Myles Gerard Esq^r to be my Executor." No date of Probate.

JOHN GRIMSDICH OF GRIMSDICH, CO. CHESTER, 1575. (*Will.*)

March 20, 17 Elizabeth [1575]. The Will [much torn and injured] of John Grymesdiche of Grymesdiche, in the county of Chester. "To be buried in the Church or Churchyourd of Derresbury neare to the place wher the body of Thomas Grymesdiche my latte father was buried." He mentions "Elizabeth my wife"; "To Thomas Grymesdiche my son and heir apparent"; "Henry Grymesdiche my son"; "to John Grymesdiche brother

of the said Henry, at my home called the Bache" [in Frodsham parish] "Houshold stuff at Grymesdiche"; "to Thomas Starkye my son-in-lawe," "my daughter his wife," "to their children"; "to John Riseley my son-in-lawe and my daughter his wife," "to their children"; "to John Hocknell my son-in-lawe and to my daughter his wife," "to their children"; "to John Assheton my son-in-lawe and to my daughter his wife," "to their children"; "to Th Isabell his wife"; "John Dutton Dutton, children of the said Th sabell"; "my cosyn Elyn Goodman" [The end of the will torn away].

Inventory of the goods, &c., of John Grymisdiche Esq^r who died at Grymisdiche Hall, on Monday, April 18, 1575, and was buried at Daresburie on the next thursdaie aged 78 years or thereabouts. "Henry Grymisdiche his son and Executor" mentioned.

ELIZABETH HALLIWELL OF EALEES, 1604. (*Will.*)

August 26, 43 Elizabeth, 1601. Elizabeth Hellywell of Ealees in Hundersfield, widow. She mentions "her son John Hellywell, who was married and had issue a son, James Hellywell;" "her son James and her daughter Isabel, married to Charles Stott." She also mentions "Margaret and Elizabeth Bamforthe daughters of my son-in-law James Bamforthe." Witnesses — "Ottiwell Scholfield, Michael Garside." "Written by me, Thomas Buckley." Proved 1604.

GABRIEL HESKETH OF AUGHTON, 1574. (*Will.*)

December 21, 1572. The Will of Gabriell Hesketh of Aghton, in the county of Lancaster, gentleman. He mentions "George Hesketh my brother"; "Bertilmewe Hesketh my father, deceased"; "my daughters Elizabeth and Grace"; "my sonn and heire"; "Myles Gerrard my brother-in-lawe," and "Jamys Gorsuche," gentleman, to be Executors. "The right hon^{ble} and my singler

good Lord and Master, Henry, Earl of Derbye" to be supervisor. Elizabeth Hesketh his widow exhibited his Inventory. Proved June 25, 1574.

GABRIEL HESKETH, 1615. (*Will.*)

December 8, 1615. A renunciation of the executorship of the Will of Gabriel Hesketh of Aughton, Esq., by Jane his widow and Robert Hesketh, Esq.

HENRY HOLCROFT OF CULCHETH, 1605. (*Administration.*)

April 4, 1605. Administration of the effects of Henry Holcroft of Culcheth, in the county of Lancaster, gentleman, granted to John Holcroft of Newhall, gentleman.

MISTRESS ELIZABETH HOLCROFT, WIDOW [DATE DESTROYED].

[The date and name obliterated.] "My brother Sir Rychard Ascheton, Knt.," "my sister my Lady his wyff," "my nephew Sir Robert Ascheton pson of Medylton," "my cosen Sir William Langley pson of Prestwych," "Elyn Gelebrant my s'vant," "Sir Robert Calle my chaplain," "John Tawbott my s'vant," "Elizabeth Bromley, Elizabeth Degle, Agnes Gest" mentioned. "The wyffe of Lawrence Tetlowe my goddaughter." "My nevewe Edmunde Hopwood Esq.," "Rychard Ascheton my godson." "The wyff of my cosen Edmund Hopwood a payre of omb' beyds [amber beads] wth p^r n^rs of gold, desyryng her to leyve them wth y^e wyff of my cosen John Hopwood at her deceasse." "My god-daughter Ann Urmyston," "my cosen Eliz. Anderton," "my nevews Thomas, John, Rauffe, and Leonard Ascheton," "Mary Ascheton my god-daughter." "My cosen Raufe Ascheton of Leyver," "Eliz. Chetham my god-daughter," "Sir Rychard Ascheton, Knt. and Sir W^m Langley pson of Prestwich my Executors." Witnesses—"Sir W^m Langley pst, Sir Roger Wrygley pst, Sir John Mosse pst, Lawrens Langley, John Tawbott, Sir John Hill pst, Sir John Degle, Lawrens Walwerke wth others.

On the back: Memorandum that "theys be y^e detts wych be oughyng to me Maystrys Elizabeth Holcroft wydow. Imp'mis, Edmund Ascheton iij^{li} xvij^s ix^d, Ryc. Radclyffe Liij^s iiij^d, Nycolas Langley xx^s." No date of Probate.

THOMAS HOLDEN OF EWOOD IN LIVESAY, 1588. (*Will.*)

A scrap of the Will of Thomas Holden of Ewood in Leveseye, dated the of July 1588. "To be bur my pishe Church of Blackeburne" "Margeret my" "Randulphe."

ELLEN HOLLAND OF CLIFTON, 1604. (*Inventory.*)

July, 1604. "Inventory of y^e Goods of Ellen Holland late of Clifton in Eccles Parish, widow." Administration granted to Thomas Holland, son of the deceased. One of the appraisers is Raphe Slade, Gent.

KATHERINE HOLLAND OF ECCLES, WIDOW, 1606. (*Will.*)

June 2, 1606. Katherine Holland of Eccles parish, widow. To be buried in Eccles Churchyard. She mentions, "Thomas Holland my son"; "my grandchildren." "Alis Holland my daughter to be sole executrix." "John Barlowe supervisor." Proved July 5, 1606.

RICHARD HOLLAND OF DENTON, Esq., 1619. (*Will.*)

November 10, 1618. Richard Holland of Denton, Esq. He mentions his "brother Edward"; his "brother William, now dead, and Ralph, son of the said William." He also mentions his "daughter Mary and her husband Adam Eccleston Esq. now dead"; his "daughter Jane, now dead, and her husband Robert Duckenfield Esq."; his "daughter Frances and her husband John Preston Esq."; his "daughter Elizabeth and her husband Arthur Aldeburghe Esq."; his "daughter Margaret and her husband

William Brereton of Honford, both now dead," and "their children William, Urian, Richard, and Margaret"; "my cousins Samuel Hyde of Norbury, and Richard Duckenfield the elder"; "Robert Hyde of Denton." Proved 1619.

JOHN HOLT OF BALDERSTONE, 1607. (*Will.*)

April 8, 5 James I. [1607]. The Will of John Holte of Balderstone, in the county of Lancaster, gent. Recites a fine levied at Lancaster in Lent the 19th of Eliz. [1577] to John Belfeld, gent., now deceased, and Arthur Whytehead, gent., yet living, of lands, &c., in Balderstone, Castleton, and Hundersfeld, to make his lands subject to his last will to be executed in his life. To be buried "in the parish Church or Churchyard of Rachdale." "I do give &c. unto Charles Holte, otherwyse called Charles Holte, son and heir apparent of me the said John Holte, otherwyse called Charles, begotten of the body of Jenet daughter of Allen Nayler, otherwyse called Jenet the late wyffe of Henry Kirshawe, late of Mawraude, deceased, all and singuler my messuages and lands &c. in Balderstone, Castleton, and Hundersfeld, To have and to hold &c. unto the said Charles Holte otherwyse called Charles Holte son and heir apparent of me the said John Holte, otherwyse called Charles, son of Jenet, daughter of Allen Nayler, otherwyse called Jenet the late wyffe of Henry Kirshawe &c. and to the heirs of his body lawfully &c. And for default &c. to Elin daughter of Henery Holte my brother and to the heirs &c. And for default &c. to Richard Holte of Mannsfeld, son of James Holte my brother &c. And for default &c. to the right heirs of the foresaid Charles Holte otherwyse Charles Holte, son and heir apparent of me the said John Holte, otherwyse called Charles, begotten of the body of the aforesaid Jenet &c." "The said Charles Holte my son to be executor." "Mr Robert Holte the elder of Ashworth Esq. to be supervisor." Proved May 8, 1607.

ROGER HOLT OF BRIDGE, BURY, 1594. (*Will.*)

January 29, 1593-[4]. The Will of Roger Hoult of Bridge, parish of Bury, in the county of Lancaster, gent. To be buried in the parish Church of Burie. There is a long account of an Indenture between himself and Francis Medowcroft and Richard Nuttall, gents., for a fine to be levied of certain property and its uses. He mentions, "Anne Hoult my wife"; "the Halle of me the said Roger and the demesne"; "Roger, Henry, and Edmund my younger sonnes and Elizabeth my younger daughter"; "Richard Hoult my son and heire apparent." Heirlooms to the said Richard. He also mentions, "Henry, Roger, John, Edmund, Katerin," children of his son and heir Richard Hoult; "my brother Richard Hoult"; "Francis Medocroft of Smetherst, gent., my nephewe Henry Hoult, my said s my son-in-lawe." "Mr Peter Shawe pson of Burie, John Grynall [Greenhalgh] of Brandlesom, and Robert Hoult of Asheworth my overseers." Proved October 10, 1594.

On the back of the said Will is a memor^a that Richard his son died in the life of the Testator.

JOHN HOUGHTON OF MANCHESTER. 1577. (*Will.*)

John Haughton of Manchester, Draper. He mentions, "my wife Joane"; "my children, Rafe, Anne, and Elizabeth Haughton." "My wife to be executrix," and "my brother Humfrey Haughton to be overseer." Dated August 11, 1577.

MARGERIE HULTON OF FARNWORTH, WIDOW, 1597. (*Will.*)

November 10, 1597. Margery Hulton of Farnworth, widow. "To Margaret Strangewaies and my goddaughter 13^{li} 6^s 8^d." "All the residue &c. to be divided amongst all my children, except Elizabeth Strangewaies, viz., George, Thomas, William, and Alexander, and Thomas Gerrarde of Garsewood, one other sonne of

mine, and Marie Openshaw my daughter." "Ralph Ashton of Leavor, Esq., to be supervisor." Proved 1597.

ROBERT IRELAND OF HALEWOOD, 1591. (*Will.*)

March 26, 1591, and 33 Eliz. The Will [very much injured] of Robert Ireland of Halewood, in the county of Lancaster, gent. To be buried in the Chapel of Hale. He mentions, "Blanch Ireland my wyffe"; "George Ireland my sone"; "Thomas Ireland my sone"; "to Elizabeth the wyffe of John Dutton"; "To and Catrine children of John Dutton"; "to the tow children of George Ireland my sone"; "to Margaret my daughter nowe wyffe to John Harrington, gent."; "to my sonne Robert"; "to William Sherlock, clerke, Curate of Hale"; "to the Right worshipfull my singuler good maister George Ireland, esquire, and to John Ireland, his son and heir apparent." "Blanch Ireland my wyffe, and Ireland my sonne to be executors." "My worshipfull Ireland, esquire, and John Ireland his sonne to be overseers." Witnesses, "John Ireland, Parsevall Haryngton, John Harringtonne, and William Sherlock, clerk." Proved April 10, 1591.

JOHN KEY, LATE OF BAMFORD, 1618. (*Computus.*)

July 15, 1618. In the computus of goods, &c., of John Key, late of Bamford ("Robert Holt of Ashworth, Esq., and Richard Key, executors") the following legacies appear: "M^{rs} Anne Birch, his sister, xvj^{li}"; "M^{rs} Anne Duckenfield his niece x^{li}"; "M^r Thomas Birch vij^{li} x^s"; "M^r William Birch xx^{li}"; "M^r Thomas Birch his yonge Master xl^s"; "Alice Jepson his cozen vij^{li} x^s"; "George Persivall his nephewe v^{li}"; "Margaret his sister x^{li}"; "Alice his sister xv^{li}"; "John Wolstencrofte his nephew xv^{li}"; "Jeremie Wolstencrofte his nephew x^{li}"; "Alice his niece, wyffe of Ralph Wardleworth x^{li}"; "Jane his cozen, wyffe of M^r Valentyne

Halghe vij^{li}"; "Alice his neece, wyffe of John Butterworth xl^{li}"; "Anne his neece, wyffe of John Burie x^{li}"; "Thomas Kaye his nephewe lxxx^{li}"; "Sara Kay his neece xl^{li}"; "Elizabeth his neece, wyffe of Roberte Maden v^{li}"; "Joseph Kaye his nephewe lx^{li}"; "Abraham Kaye his nephewe xli^{li}"; "John Kaye of Thornham, sonne of Richard Kaye his nephew v^{li}"; "Michael Walworke his nephew v^{li}"; "And the said Michael's sister his neece v^{li}"; "Richard Kaye of Langfeld his nephewe v^{li}"; "Richard and John Kaye sonnes of the said Richard Kaye xx^{li}"; "Abraham Sutcliffe's wyffe his neece v^{li}"; "The wyffe of Thomas Brerely his neece v^{li}"; "The rest of his property to be divided betwixt his nephews and neeces, viz., Thomas Kaye, Joseph Kaye, Abraham Kaye, Marie, wyffe of David Holte and Sarah Kaye."

RICHARD KNOTT OF ASHTON-UNDER-LYNE, 1595. (*Will.*)

December 22, 38 Elizabeth [1595]. "I Rychard Knotte of Ashton-under-Lyne, husbandman." He mentions, "George Knotte my younger sonne"; "Katheryne Knotte my daughter"; "Alys my wyffe"; "Thomas Knotte my sonne"; "Elizabeth Knotte my daughter"; "Thomas Knotte and George my sons under age"; "Alys my wyffe and Robert Bardesley of Hasleyhurst to be my executors." Inventory dated December 30, 1595.

ISABEL, WIDOW OF ROBERT LANGLEY, 1610[-11]. (*Administration.*)

February 23, 1610[-11.] Administration of the effects of Isabel, widow of Robert Langley of Manchester, gentleman, also deceased, granted to Laurence Langley of Manchester, gentleman, her son.

RICHARD LONGLEY, LATE OF SALFORD, 1557. (*Administration.*)

June 8, 3 & 4 Philip and Mary [1557]. Administration of the effects of Richard Longley, late of Salford, deceased, granted to his widow Ameria. Bondsmen, Thomas Sorowcolde, clothier, and Thomas Anyswurthe, sadleir, both of Salford.

ROBERT LANGLEY OF PRESTWICH, 1582. (*Will.*)

May 22, 1582. The Will of Robert Langley of the parish of Prestwich, yeoman. To be buried in the Church or Churchyard of Prestwich. He mentions, "my children Gilbert, Christopher, Richard, William, Josua, John, Cateran, Sisley, Elinore, Jane, Isabell, Ann, Dorothy, and Alice." "Johan Langley my wife, and William my son to be executors." Proved June, 1582.

ANNE LANGTON OF HIGHLEY, WIDOW, 1565[-6]. (*Will.*)

February 4, 1565[-6.] Anne Langton [widow of Edward Langton, Esq.] of Highley, in the county of Lancaster. To be buried "in Winwick Church near where my little cossins liethe, my sister Kighles children." She mentions, "my cossin Henry Kighley Esq."; "my cossin Cuthbert Clifton Esq."; "my cossin William Clifton"; "my sister Kighley widow"; "my goddaughter Anne Kighley vj^{li} xiiij^s iiij^d to be in the custody of her mother"; "my cossin Marie Kighley"; "my litell coesin Anne Kighley"; "my cossins William Hulton, Margaret Hulton, and Adam Hulton"; "my godson William Hulton"; "To Marie Hulton and Anne Hulton"; "my brother Gerard"; "my sister Gerard"; "my sister Mollineux"; "my goddaughter Anne Gerard."

[This will is incomplete, only one sheet.]

GILBERT LANGTREE OF LANGTREE, Esq., 1596[-7]. (*Administration.*)

February 7, 1596[-7]. Administration of the goods, &c., of Gilbert Langtree, late of Langtree, Esq., granted to John Langtree.

ELIZABETH, LATE WIFE OF HENRY LATHOM. 1620.

From "the Accompts of Elizabeth late wife of Henry Lathome of Mossebarrowe, gent., deceased, exhibited in court, April 19, 1620." "Henry Lathom his son and heir," "Frances his wife," "Gabriel Lathom a son of Henry Lathome, deceased," "Vincent

Lathome, another son," "Elizabeth Lathome a daughter, she married Hugh Sefton," "Margaret Lathome another daughter of Henry Lathome, deceased," mentioned.

MARGARET LEES, WIDOW, 1604. (*Administration.*)

September 29, 1604. Administration of the goods, &c., of Margaret Lees, widow of James Lees, of the parish of Ashton-under-Lyne, granted to Nicholas Lees her son.

ROBERT LEASE OF [ASH]TON-UNDER-LYNE, 15—. (*Will.*)

December 23, 15—. The Will, much defaced, of "Robert Lease, sick, &c." To be buried in the Church of . . . ton-under-Lyne. He mentions, "my son Rober . . . and Alys my daughter"; "my ffoure chyl dren"; "my son Christpoffer"; "my ij . . . Robert and Wylyyam"; "my bastard daughter Anne"; "Mar . . . wyffe, and Christofer my son to be executors." "My trusty and welbeloved Rauff Traves and John Hobson to be supervisors." No date of Probate.

ROBERT LEES OF AULT HILL, 1577[-8]. (*Administration.*)

February 19, 1577[-8]. Administration of the goods, &c., of Robert Leeze of Aulte Hill, granted to Isabell his widow.

ROGER LEES OF THE HIGH KNOWLES, ASHTON, 1591. (*Will.*)

August 22, 1591. Roger Lees of the High Knowles, Ashton parish, husbandman. He mentions "Thomas and George, his sons," "Jane and Grace, his daughters." No date of Probate.

THOMAS LEES OF HASLEYHURSTE, ASHTON, 1614. (*Will.*)

December 30, 1613. The Will of Thomas Lees of Hasleyhurst, Ashton Parish, Taylior. To be buried in the churchyard of Ashton-under-Lyne. He mentions, "my uncle Alexander," "Moade my now wieffe," "Anne, Alice, and Jane, my three daughters."

"Moade Lees my wieffe and Alexander my uncle to be executors."
"My brother Edward Lees and John Higenbotham to be overseers." Proved September 17, 1614.

RICHARD LEGH OF SWINEHEAD, CO. CHESTER, 1551. (*Will.*)

September 1, 5 Edward VI. [1551]. The Will of Richard Legh of Swynhed, in the county of Chester, gentylman. To be buried "in the Church of Rotherston, afore the Chancell gate." He mentions, "Gawen Legh my son," "Johan Legh my mother," "Anthony Legh my son," "Hamnet Legh my yongest son," "Gawen Legh my brother and Margaret his wyffe," "Johan my bastarde doughter," "my ij doughters Margery and Catheryne." "Johan my wyffe and Gawen my son to be my executors," and "Syr John Doone, Knyght, to be overseer." "Wittenes—Johan Legh my mother," "Mare Venables," "Richard Venables," "Gawen Legh," Gentylmen, "Wyllyam Wylkinson" and "Hañet Legh." No date of Probate.

ADAM LEVER OF GREAT BOLTON, CLERK, 1598[-9]. (*Will.*)

October 8, 40 Elizabeth [1598]. Adam Leaver of Great Bolton, clarke. To be buried in Bolton Church. He mentions, "my daughters Alice and Jane Leaver," "Edward Leaver my brother." and "John and Hamlet Leaver to whom I am uncle." "I requeste the Right Worshipful Rauffe Ashton Esq. and the gentlemen of our pishe that they woulde be good to my sonne Alexander Leaver, to permytt hyme to enjoye the clarkshippe of Boulton Church, as his ancestors have doone, he useing hyme selfe honestlie and dutifullie unto the parishe." "My two daughters Alice and Jenet Leaver to be my executors." "Mr Alexander Leaver of Chamber to be overseer." Proved February 17, 1588[-9.] The Inventory dated October 24, 1598. "Mr Alexander Leaver of Chamber," was one of the appraisers.

ALEXANDER LEYVER, 1539. (*Will.*)

April 20, 1539. The Will of Alexander Leyver. To be buried "in the Chapel of Our Blessed Lady within the parishe Church of Bolton." He refers to "Covenants with Christopher Worthington concerning the marriage of Jone my daughter." He also mentions, "Elizabeth my wife," "Elyn my daughter," "my son and heyre, Roger, a minor." "Executors — Elizabeth my wife," "Roger my son," "William Bolton my broder-in-lawe, and Hamnet Leyver my son." To be supervisors—"Maister Johā Atherton," "Maister Thomas Holcrofte," "Maister Miles Gerrard," "Richard Gerrard, Parson of Graḡnall," "Maister Robert Bolton," and "John Orrell."

ROBERT LEYVER, 1551. (*Will.*)

August 19, 1551. The Will of Robert Leyver. To be buried "in my parishe Church off Bolton." He mentions, "Alexander Leyver my sonne," "my two sonnes James Leyver and Thomas Leyver," "my daughters Elling and Margett," "Jenet Leyver my daughter," "my master Thurstan Tyllslay." "Unto Roberte Leyver, Bryan Leyver, Hue Herdman, and Henry Moris, iij^s and iiij^d apese," and "unto the Vicar off Bolton Edward Cokrell iij^s iiij^d to praye ffor me." "Executors — James and Thomas Leyver my sonnes." "Master Thurstan Tyllslay, Master Leyver, and Rauffe Heyton to be overseers." "Witnesses — Thomas Crompton," "Arthur Sharpplus," "Ellis ffogge," "Jhon Crompton," "Jhon Hardmon" and "the Vicar." No date of Probate.

ANTHONY MAGHULL OF AYNTREE, SEFTON, 1594. (*Will.*)

October 16, 1593. Anthonie Maghull of Aynetrie, Sefton parishe. To be buried "in Sefton Church." He mentions, "my brother-in-lawe William Moore Esq." and "my Ladie his wyffe," "my brother Richard Maghull," "Mary my wyffe," "my son Richard," "my

daughter Ellen his wyffe." "To Mary Maghull my son Richard's daughter xx^{li}. "My wyffe and Richard my son to be executors." "My brother-in-lawe W^m Moore Esq. to be supervisor." Proved 1594.

HAMNET MASSEY OF SALE, Esq., 1556[-7]. (*Will*)

February 6, 1556[-7]. The Will of Hamnett Massey of Sale, in the county of Chester, Esquire. To be buried "in the Chancell of Ashton upon Mersey." He mentions, "Alis Massy my mother," "my three daughters Julyan, Margaret and Elizabeth Massey," "my bastard sonnes, William, Henry, Edward, and Thomas Massey," "my bastard daughter Elizabeth Massey," "John Massey my uncle." "My executors—Edmunde Trafforthe the younger Esq., John Hollingworthe of Hollingworthe Esq^r. co. Chester, and Alexander Massy of Manchester, gent." "Edmund Trafford of Trafford, Knight, supervisor." Attached to the will is a Certificate of the executors having been cited in the Church of Manchester, signed by George Colyer, Master or Custos of Manchester College and Laurence Vawse, Socius ejusdem, March 6 (no year).

THOMAS MASSEY OF WHICKELSWICK, 1576[-7]. (*Will*.)

December 9, 1576. The Will of Thomas Massye of Whickeleswike, in the county of Lancaster, gent. To be buried "within the Church of Eccles nere my father and mother, under the stone where they lye." He mentions, "my sonne Thomas Massye," "my three sisters Margaret, Anne and Eleanor," "Kathern my wyfe," "my three daughters Dorothe, Elizabeth, and Anne." "My father-in-lawe George Lawthome, and Richard Hunt my brother-in-lawe, gents. and Kathern my wiefe to be executors." "My Right Worshipfull Master John Radclyffe Esq. and Edmund Radclyffe my loving cosin to be overseers." Proved January 16, 1576[-7.]

JOHN MOLYNEUX OF PEMBERTON, 1575[-6]. (*Will.*)

February —, 157—, 18 Elizabeth [1575]. "I John Molyneux of Pemberton, yeoman." To be buried at Wigan. He mentions, "Roger Molyneux my bastard son." "To my sister Jane Rigbie ij^{li} vj^s viij^d." "To Elizabeth Rigbie, Alexander Rigbie, Mary, Ellin, and Adam Rigbie, every of them xl^s, &c. (all under 18 years of age)." "To my suster Elizabeth Snarte ij^{li} vj^s viij^d, and to Alice, William, Jane, Richard, and John Snarte, children of the said Elizabeth Snarte, every of them xl^s, to be ordered by my ex-ecutors as beforesaid by the children of my said suster Jane Rigbie." "To my sister Margery Dowson ij^{li} vj^s viij^d and to her children 5 in number xl^s apece." "To my cosen Edmund Moly-neux, my brother's son ij^{li} vj^s viij^d if he be lyving and do come or send into the country to demand the same." "To my cosen Agnes wife of Alexander Leigh ij^{li} vj^s viij^d." "To my sister-in-lawe Agnes Molyneux xx^s." "To my hoost and hoostess Roger Molyneux and his wife iij^{li}." "To my cosen Humfrey Atherton xl^s." "To my cosen James Atherton and his daughter Jane Atherton my god-daughter xx^s each." "To Elizabeth Molyneux daughter of Thomas Molyneux x^s." "To Roger and James sons of Thomas Molyneux." "To my brothers-in-law John Rigbie iij^{li} and Raufe Snarte xx^s."

The rest destroyed by damp. Proved February 17, 1575-[-6.]

JOHN MORETON OF WHALLEY, 1609[-10]. (*Will.*)

November 12, 6 James I. [1609.] John Moreton of Whalley, gent. To be buried "at Whalley near my father and mother." He mentions, "Roger Nowell my grandchild," "Katherine my daughter now wief of Roger Nowell of Read, Esq.," "Anne Nowell daughter of my said daughter Katherine Nowell," "Elizabeth Nowell, now wief of Roger Nowell my grandchild," "Katherine daughter of Roger Nowell my grandchild," "Roger Nowell, Kath-

erine Nowell, ffeetwoodde Nowell, and Elizabeth Nowell, children of the said Roger Nowell my said grandchild," "Bridgett the wife of John Brukes gent. my cosine" "Gilbert Moreton my brother, deceased," "the son and two daughters of Ellen Hindle laite wife of Richard Hindle of Dinkley," "John Dugdaile my late sister's son." "Roger Nowell my grandchild to be executor." "Peter Ormerode witness." Proved February 6, 1609[-10.]

ALEXANDER NOWELL OF WOLDEN, ECCLES, 1544[-5]. (*Will.*)

January 10, 1544[-5.] The Will of Alexander Nowell of Wolden [Eccles Parish]. To be buried "in the parochial Church of Eccles." He mentions, "my chyl dren." "The right worshipfull William Radclif Esq., Thomas Catterall, and Grace my wife, to be executors." Witnesses — "Thomas Craven Vicar at Eccles, &c." No date of Probate.

JOHN OGLE OF PRESCOT, 1525. (*Will.*)

May 5, 1525. "I John Ogle." To be buried in the parish Church of Prescott. "I bequeath to my son John my gold seal." He mentions, "Alice Ogle, Margeret Ogle, Anne Ogle, Mawde Ogle, my daughters," "My mother (alive)," "John my son and heir," "Sir William Ogle priest, my brother," "My good Maister and kynsman Sir William Leylond, Knight," "Hamnet Haryngton Esq." "Maister Humfrey Ogle priest, to give counsel to my brother Sir William Ogle, priest, my executor."

THOMAS PATTEN OF WARRINGTON, 1579. (*Will.*)

August 19, 1579. "I Thomas Patten of Warrington, draper." "To Emme Patten my sister x^{li}." "To Emme Patten my brother's daughter xl^s." "To my mother Margaret Patten xiiij^{li} vj^s viij^d." "To my brother Robert xl^s." "To my brother Henry xx^s." "To my sister Ellyn xx^s." "Unto every chylde of my bretheren and

susters x^s." "To Jone Devyes v^{li}." "To my brother Richard iij^{li} vj^s viij^d." "Joan and Margaret Patten my two susters-in-lawe, to ether of them vj^s viij^d." "To goodwyffe Devyes and hir two doughters v^s to be devyded emongest them." "To Katherin Yate x^s." "My mother Margaret, and my bretheren Robert and Henry Patten to be my executors." "John Herne to be oversyer." "Wytnes John Herne, John Lynacar, Henry . . . and others."

The Testator is styled of "Cuerdley" in his Inventory taken August 31, 1579.

THOMAS PEELE OF BANK HEY, 1590. (*Administration.*)

September 8, 1590. Administration of the goods &c. of Thomas Peele of Bank Heye, Little Harwood, in the county of Lancaster, yeoman, granted to Anne Peele the widow, and Edward Peele, John Peele, Elizabeth Peele, and William Cleyton [*sic.*], children of the deceased.

The Inventory, dated the xxixth of Julye 1590, amounted to £97 6s. 8d.

ELIZABETH PENDLETON OF CHETHAM, 1598[-9]. (*Administration.*)

February 17, 1598[-9.] Administration of the goods &c. of Elizabeth Pendleton of Chetham, widow, granted to Stephen and Richard her sons.

RAFFE POOLE [OF WHITBEE], 1581. (*Will.*)

September 30, —. The Will of Raffe Poole [of Whitbee.] To be buried "in Estham Church." He mentions, "Edward my eldest sone," "Hugh my second sone," "my daughter Mary," "my cosen John Poole the younger," "my cosen John Poole the elder," "my brother John Masse," "my wiffe Anne [or Ame] Poole." "My cosens Thomas Bunbury of Stanhey, and John Poole of Sutton, to be executors." "My nephew John Poole of Poole Esq. to be overseer." Proved November 20, 1581.

DAME ANNE, WIFE OF SIR WILLIAM RADCLIFFE, 1565. (*Will.*)

October 1, 1551. The Will of Dame Anne, wife of Sir William Radcliffe, Knight, and late wife of Sir John Townley, late of Townley, Knight. To be buried "in the Collegiate Church of Manchester." She leaves all that she had from her late husband to her now husband, and appoints him her executor. Proved September 6, 1565.¹

JOHN RAWSTHORNE OF BROADWOOD EDGE, 1606 (?). (*Will.*)

March 24, 2 James I. [1604]. John Rawsthorne of Broadwood Edge. He mentions Margaret his wife, Nicholas his son, Alice and Anne his daughters, Richard his son, Catherine and Elizabeth his daughters, "Thomas Rawsthorne and John Rawsthorne my grandsons," and "Edward Rawsthorne of Lumme my Landlord." No date of Probate, but ? 1606.

ELEANOR RAWSTHORNE OF THE PARISH OF BURY, 1599. (*Will.*)

February 15, 40th of Elizabeth [1597]. The Will of Elinour Raustorne of the parish of Burye, widdow. To be buried in the parish Church of Bury. She mentions, "Alice Raustorne," "Margaret wyffe of Laurance Heye," "The wyffe of William Kaye," "The wyffe of Richard Nuttaugh," "The wyffe of Raphe Darden," "Edward Raustorne my sone to be executor." Witnes Edward Raustorne of Lomm [Lumm]. Proved December 22, 1599.

LAWRENCE RAWSTHORNE OF HASLINGDEN, 1617. (*Will.*)

October 21, 12 James I. [1614]. The Will of Lawrance Rostorne of Haslingden. He mentions, "Jenett my wyfe," "Myles Clayton, Lawrence Rostorne, Lawrance Mankentoles and William Lockwood my grandchildren," "Robert my sonn," "Richard Lockwood my son-in-lawe," "Robert Rostorne my sonne and

¹ For her inventory, taken December 28, 1551, see p. 17.

Jenett my wyfe, to be executors." No date of Probate. The above being from a copy used in a case "Miles Clayton and Isabella his wife, against Robert Rosthorn and Jenett Rosthorn, widow, 1617."

ALEXANDER RIGBY OF BURGH, Esq., 1612. (*Inventory.*)

June 25, 1612. Inventory of the goods, &c., of Alexander Rigby of Burgh, Esquire. His son Edward Rigbie, Esq., one of his executors.

THOMAS RODE OF ODD RODE, 1577. (*Will.*)

March 5, 19 Elizabeth [1576]. The Will of Thomas Rode of Odderode, in the county of Chester, Esquire. To be buried "at Astbury in the old Chancell where my auncestors lye." He mentions, "my eldest son Rondulfe" and "Thomas Rode his son," "my son Jamyes Rode," "my wife Helenor Rode." "My wife and Robert Brynkhyl, gent., to be executors." Proved, July 11, 1577.

JOHN SHAKERLEY OF NORTHERDEN, 1596. (*Will.*)

October 25, 1596. John Shakerley of the Northerden, gent. To be buried at Northerden. He mentions, "Avis my wife," "my son William Davenport," "Mr. James son and heir to Richard Massey, Esq.," "my son Rowland Shakerley alias Ashley," "my son Mr. Vaudrey." "Mr. Robert Pilkington . . . Shakerley, Esq., and Avys my wife and and Richard Warburton, gent., to be overseers." Inventory dated 1596.

JOHN SHAW OF HEATH CHERNOCK. (*Will.*)

. John Shawe of Heth Chernocke. To be buried at Revington. He mentions, "my two younger children Leonard and Jane." "Katren my wife" and "Thomas my son" to be executors. Witnesses Robert Pilkington and Sir

Richard Shawe, priest. "Debts which I owe my brother-in-lawe James Pilkenton iiij^{li}. x^s." The will is very much decayed. No date to the Inventory.

GILBERT SOROCOLD, 1544.

July 28, 36 Henry VIII. [1544.] The Will of Gilbert So[rocold]. One half of this will is unfortunately torn away. I can therefore recover only a name or two. His body to be buried before the Rode. He mentions, "my wyff and Edmunde Sorocold my son to be my executors," "my iiij daughters that be married unto Robart Pendleton [torn away]. . . . Browne every of theme to have v^{li}. sterlinge." "Rauff Sorocolde my Brother son" v markes. "To the mending of Salforde Lane v^s." Sir Alexander Radcliff, Knight, to be supervisor. The Testator was evidently of Salford. No date of Probate.

JAMES STARKEY OF OLTON LOWE, Esq., 1557. (*Inventory.*)

May 20, 1557. The Inventory of the goods &c. of James Starkye of Olton Lowe, in the county of Chester, esquire. "A cheyne of Golde solde for xxij^{li}. ix^s." "A mase for a Sergeant at armes solde for xxij^{li}."

JAMES STRANGWAYS, 1590. (*Inventory.*)

Inventory of the goods, &c., of James Strangways, exhibited April 6, 1590.

HUGH TAYLOR OF HARTSHEAD, 1575[-6]. (*Will.*)

February 5, 1575-[-6]. Heughe Taylear of Hartshead, Ashton-under-Lyne parish, yeoman. To be buried in Ashton Church "near my father." He mentions, "Parnell my wife and Henrie Taylear my son to have my tenement, each a half." "John my son to have Hartshead House," "my son James," "my daughters Anne

and Elizabeth Taylear," "my lands lying in Penyston and Sylkeston in the county of York." "Hugh son of William Taylear." "Pernell my wife" and "William and Henrye Taylear my sons" to be executors. "Robert Hobkin and Laurence Wright" to be supervisors. Proved February 17, 1575[-6].

JOHN TILDESLEY, CLERK [c. 1554-8]. (*Will.*)

[c. 1554-8.] The Will of John Tildesley. [This Will is very much decayed and has lost the name and date.] He mentions, Margaret Tildesley "daughter of me the said John by the said Isabell." "I the said John Tildesley," "lands in Ditton remaynder to the said Margaret and her lawful issue, then remaynder to Tildesley my brother then to Tildesley of Huyton, co. Lanc., and his heirs by Margaret" "the manor-house called the hall of Tildesley in Dytton," "Richard Tildesley my late Father," "Henry Tildesley clerke, my brother," "the said Isabell Holland," "the said Margaret my daughter when she shall accomplish the said age of xvij yeres."

From the Inventory I find that the Testator was in orders, he is called Sir John Tildesley, clerk. The Inventory is dated the xxvijth Ladie quē Marye.

JOHN TILDESLEY OF DITTON, 1588. (*Inventory.*)

Inventory of the goods, &c., of John Tildesley of Ditton, in the county of Lancaster, gentleman, exhibited October 31, 1588.

JOHN TILDESLEY OF MANCHESTER, 1580[-1]. (*Will.*)

December 23, 23 Elizabeth [1580]. The Will of John Tildsley of Manchester, tanner. "To be buried within the Parish Church of Manchester." He mentions, "my wyffe Elizabethhe," "the children of Hamelett Warburton," "my uncle Thomas Ogdyn," "Edward Bryddoge of Chethame," "Ellen Worsley my wieffe's neece," "Richard

Hankynson Usher of the free schole of Manchester." "Elizabeth my wyffe and Richard Hankynson, Usher of the free schole of Manchester to be executors." "My brother Heughe Tilsleye and Edward Briddogge of Chetham to be overseers." He also mentions, "my brother Heughe his three sonnes John, Lambert, and Geffray," "Richard Galley." [This Will much decayed.] Proved March 22, 1580[-1].

THOMAS TORBOCK OF TORBOCK, Esq., 1554. (*Will.*)

[No date.] Thomas Torbocke of Torbocke, Esquire. To be buried at Hyton. He mentions, "Elizabeth my wife," "William More Esq. my father-in-lawe," "William my son and heir," and ". . . .¹ my brother," executors. He also mentions, "my daughters Margaret Torbocke and Anne, Elizabeth, and Elene," "my brother Henry Torbocke," "my brother Richard," "Richard More my brother-in-lawe."

Inventory dated November 26, 2 and 1 [*sic*] Philip and Mary [1554]. [This will very defective.]

RICHARD TOWNLEY OF BOYLE, 1541. (*Will.*)

May 24, 15—. The Will [defective] of Richard Townley of Role, in the county of Lancaster, gent. To be buried in the parish Church of Brinley. He mentions, ". . . . my wif," "Barnard Townley my sone," "Ellyn Townley otherwayes called Ellyn Rish-ton," "Johane Townley and Issabell Townley my doughters." "Nicholas my son and heir apparant" to be executor. Proved August 20, 1541.

SETH TRAVIS OF BLAKELEY, 1592[-8]. (*Will.*)

May 19, 1591. Sethe Travis of Blakeley, husbandman. He mentions, "Hugh my eldest son," "Agnes my wife." "My son

¹ [Mr. Piccope adds — His name was Richard, as appears by a note appended to the will.]

Daniel," "my son Richard Travis," and to be my ex-
ecutors. "My brother Charles Travis" and "my friend John
Bex[wick?]" to be supervisors. Proved March 14, 1592[-3.]

JOHN URMESTON OF KYKNALL IN CULCHETH, 1591[-2]. (*Will.*)

February 25, 1591-[-2]. The Will of John Urmeston of Kynk-
nall in Culcheth, gent. To be buried in Leigh Church. He men-
tions, "William Bucke alias Urmston my bastard sonne," "Richard
Urmeston Esq," "the children of Richard Urmeston Esq," "John
son and heir of the said Richard," and "Jane, wife of John Butler
of Kyrkelande, esq'," "my son-in-law Roger Walmsley," "my
sister Agnes Chatterton." Several bastard sons mentioned.

ALICE VAUDREY, WIDOW, 1577. (*Will.*)

The Will (very much decayed) of Alice Vaudrey. "To be buried
in the Church . . . at or negh the place where the body of Robert
V[audrey my] husband lieth." She mentions, "John Vaudrey
and Richard Vaudrey my sons," Advowson and presentacons of
and to the Vicar . . . and also of in church of Churchyn-
heath, "Eliza Mary Vaudrey daughters of my late son
T" "John Mascy of Codyngton esq". [John] Robynson,
clerke, parson of Assheton, and Thomas Vaudrey" to be overseers.
Witnesses — "Thoñs Spode, clarke," "Wylliam Barneston,"
"George Vaudrey," "Robert Vaudrey" and others. Proved 1577.

EDWARD WARREN OF STOCKPORT, 1611. (*Will.*)

June 7, 1611. The Will of Edward Warren of Stockport, gent.
To be buried in the Chancell of Stopporth Church. He mentions,
"foure of my sonne-in-lawe Robert Boardman his children,"
"Katheryn Boardman my doughter," "Agatha Boardman," "Mr
Hamnet Hyde, gent., my overseer." Proved August 9, 1611.

THOMAS WERDEN OF CHESTER, 1598[-9]. (*Will.*)

February 21, 1597[-8]. Thomas Werden of Chester, Bierbruer. He mentions, "Mr Ratcliffe my brother," "my son-in-law John Ratcliffe," "my daughter Elizabeth Ratcliffe," "the children of Mr Richard Werden," "my wife Katherine." "My son-in-law John Ratcliffe" to be sole executor. Will decayed. Proved February 17, 1598[-9].

RICHARD WORSLEY OF PENDLETON, 1596. (*Will.*)

August 27, 1596. The Will of Richarde Worsley of Pendilton in Eccles parish, Gentilman. To be buried in Eccles parish Church. He mentions, "Ellyne now my wyf," She to be sole executrix. "Raphe Shelmerdyne and John Birche of Chowerton" to be overseers. Witnesses—"Ric. Tyldisley" and "John Smythe." Proved September 30, 1596.

JOSEPH WRIGLEY,¹ VICAR [? CURATE] OF ROCHDALE, 1605. (*Will.*)

December 3, 3 James I. [1605]. The Will of Joseph Wrigley, Vicar [? Curate] of Rochdale. No particulars given.

ROBERT WROE OF . . . PRESTWICH, 1565[-6]. (*Will.*)

December 7, 8 Elizabeth [1565]. Robert Wro of . . . Prestwidge, yeoman. He mentions, "Roger and Richard my sonnes," "Jane my daughter, now wyff of Henry Chetham," ". . . [A]nne Ravalde and her children," "Sir Roger Wrigley, priest" and "Katherine my wyffe" to be executors. "John Wrigley, William Haywoode, Robert Ravalde, and Robert Hylton" to be overseers. "Sir Elys Walwerke clerke and curat of Prestwich, Francis Wroo, Robert Hylton," witnesses. Proved February 25, 1565-[6].

¹ Although the entry stands as here given in Mr. Piccope's MSS., vol. x. p. 141, I think there can be little doubt that Joseph *Midgley*, the Vicar of Rochdale from 1595 to 1606 is the person meant. His will does not seem to be now at Chester, and it is most unfortunate that Mr. Piccope did not make any note of its contents.

JOHN YATES OF WHITWORTH, CLERK, 1574. (*Will.*)

June 13, 1574. The Will of John Yattes [Yates] of Whyt-worthe, parish of Rochdale, Clarke. To be buried in the parishe Church of Rachdall. Only one bequest in the Will — of vjs viij^d “unto the porest folkes in Worlde.” Proved July 13, 1574.

ABSTRACTS OF WILLS, Etc., NOT NOW TO BE FOUND
IN THE PROBATE COURT, CHESTER, FROM 1621
TO 1650, ARRANGED ALPHABETICALLY.

JANE ASHTON OF RIDGE HILL, ASHTON-UNDER-LYNE, 1627. (*Will.*)

April 15, 1627. The Will of Jane Ashton of Ridge hill in the parish of Ashton-under-Lyne, spinster. To be buried in the churchyard of Ashton Church. She mentions, “Ann Ashton my half-sister.” “Wheras John Ashton of Hei rods, gent., owethe to my ffather ffourty eighte shillings, as apearethe by a Letter of Attorney. It is my will that myne Executors shall deliver him that Letter of Attorney if ever hee come into this Countrye.” “Thomas Harrope” and “John Winterbotham” to be Executors. “Postscript I the said Jane Ashton doe give to my ffather my gould which was the King’s guifte.” [? Had she been touched for the evil.] Proved June 16, 1627.

WILLIAM BANISTER, UPPER BARAFORD, COLNE, 1637. (*Will.*)

July 17, 1637. The Will of William Banester of Upper Baraford, parish of Colne, gent. He mentions “Thomas Duckworth of Ringstonehaughe within Clayton-le-Mores, his son-in-law,” “Charles Banester, Thomas Banester, and William Banester,” his sons, “Luce, Mary, and Elizabeth, daughters of Henry Higgin.” “The

said Charles, Thomas, and William Banester" to be executors. Witnesses — "Charles Bauester," "John Banester gent." and "Henrie Higgin." Proved 22 Aug., 1637. A nuncupative will.

DOROTHY BANISTER OF ALTHAM, 1624[-5]. (*Will.*)

March 19, 1624-[5]. The Will of Dorothy Banister of Altham, spinster. She mentions, her father "Nathaniel Banister" and her mother "Elizabeth Banister," her sisters "Elizabeth and Mary," and her "eldest brother Richard," "my aunt Dorothy Holt of Castleton, widow," "my cousin Robert Holt of Stubley Esquire," "my cousins Mary, Dorothy, Charles, and Richard Holt," "my cousin Isabel Holt of Padiham, widow."

ABRAHAM BELFIELD OF BARCROFT, 1642. (*Will.*)

March 29, 1642. The Will of Abraham Belfield of Barcroft, gentleman. He mentions, "Deborah and Anne," his sisters. "My uncles Robert and Thomas Barcroft of Barcroft" to be executors. "Thomas Belfield" was a witness to the will.

DEBORAH BELFIELD OF BARCROFT, 1643[-4]. (*Will.*)

March 2, 1643-[4]. The Will of Deborah Belfield of Barcroft, spinster. She mentions, "Thomas Belfield," her brother, "Anne," her sister, "my uncles Robert Barcroft of Barcroft (then dead), and Thomas Barcroft his brother."

EDWARD BOSTOCK OF ALDFORD, 1624. (*Administration.*)

November 5, 1624. Administration of the goods &c. of Edward Bostocke of Aldford, gent., granted to Robert Bostocke of London, stationer, eldest son of the deceased. He is called "only Administrator."

ANNE BRADSHAW OF PENDLETON, 1637. (*Will.*)

December 18, 1636. The Will of Anne Bradshawe of Pendleton, widow. She mentions, her "daughter Katherine Baxter and her

children," her "grandchild James Chowreton," her "brother-in-lawe John Bradshawe," her "daughter Ellin wiffe of Hugh Chorlton." "Adam Warmingham" to be her executor. Nuncupative will. Proved March 29, 1637.

SARAH CAWDOE OF MANCHESTER, 1650. (*Will.*)

November 21, 1650. The Will of Sarah Cawdoe of the Marketstidd Lane, Manchester, widow of Robert Cawdoe, Linnen weaver, deceased. She leaves a legacy to "the poor householders in Marketstidd-Lane," and leaves to "Mr Richard Hollinworth Minister at Manchester, 20^s to preach at my funeral." She mentions, "M^{rs} Elizabeth Radcliffe, widow of William Radcliffe of Manchester, Esq.," "Mildred now wife of Richard Radcliffe of Manchester, Esq.," "Mary now wief of Leonard Egerton, gent.," "Margaret now wief of William Shrigley of Lower Ardwick, chapman," "Anne Shrigley their only daughter," "Samuel Harmer of Manchester, Ironmonger, and Margaret his wief," "Elizabeth Lees widow, mother of the said Margaret," "Francis Corcker of Manchester, glover," "John Brooke of the Fennell Street in Manchester, silkweaver," "Hugh Phillips of Manchester, glover," "William Shrigley and Samuel Harmer" to be executors. Debts owing by Testator to "Mr Edward Gawthorne, now Constable of Manchester viij^s," "to Mr William Byrom of Manchester, Linnen Draper ij^s." She is called "Midwife" in her Inventory. Proved November 30, 1650.

ISABEL CLOUGH OF ASHTON-UNDER-LYNE, 1637[-8]. (*Will.*)

February 16, 1637[-8.] The Will of Isabell Clough of Ashton-under-Lyne, widow. She mentions, "Jane wife of Samuel Clough," "my brothers John and George Andrew," "my brother Henrie Andrewes wife." "The residue &c. to Anne wife of John Lees of Ashton aforesaid, Phisitian." "The said Anne Lees" to be sole executrix. Inventory dated February 19, 1637[-8].

JOHN CLOUGH OF MOSTON, 1650[-1]. (*Administration.*)

January 22, 1650[-1.] Administration of the goods &c. of John Clough of Moston, deceased, granted to Edward Reddish of Pilkington, gent., principal creditor. Ralph Kenyon of Great Lever, gent., bondsman.

GEORGE CRABTREE OF BROUGHTON [MANCHESTER], 1630. (*Will.*)

June 2, 1630. The Will of George Crabtree of Broughton [Manchester], Husbandman. He mentions, "My brother William Crabtree." "Margaret Oldham of Broughton, Widow," to be executrix. Proved July 17, 1630.

EDWARD CROSLEY OF CLIVIGER, 1637. (*Will.*)

May 26, 1637. The Will of Edward Crosley of Cliviger, husbandman. He mentions, "Jenet my wiffe," "my seaven children viz., — Crosley, Susan Crosley, John Crosley, Grace Crosley, James Crosley, Anne Crosley, and Richard Crosley." "Jenet my wiffe" to be sole executrix. Witnesses, "James Hartley," "John Harclis," and "John ffielden." Proved July 14, 1637.

ANTHONY CUDWORTH OF WERNETH, 1649. (*Administration.*)

April 2, 1649. Administration granted to Thomas Cudworth of Wernith, in the county of Lancaster, gent., of the effects of Anthony Cudworth late of Wernith, gent., his Brother.

THOMAS FOX OF PILKINGTON, 1648. (*Administration.*)

June 29, 1648. Administration of the goods &c. of Thomas ffoxe of Pilkington, gent., deceased (his widow Grace having renounced), granted to Thomas ffenton of Tottington, husbandman.

WILLIAM HOLLINGWORTH OF MATLEY, CHESHIRE, 1624. (*Will.*)

December 12, 1623. The Will of William Hollingworthe of Mattley, in the county of Chester, yeoman. To be buried in

Mottram Church. He mentions, "my daughter Grace Hollingworthe," "George Greaves my brother-in-lawe," "Nathaniel Hollingworthe my brother Ewens sonne," "John, George, Joseph, Marie and Sarah, sons and daughters of George Greaves," "my syster-in-lawe Ellin Wynterbotham." "Towards the finisheinge of the Schoale howse now in building att Mottram xij^s iij^d." "My nephewe Nathaniel Hollingworthe." "William Walker of Smaleshawe in Ashton parish, yeoman, Robert Hyde sonne of John Hyde, Deane of Mottram, and John Harropp of Mottram" to be executors. "John Hyde Deane of Mottram, and my brethren-in-lawe Oliver Wynterbotham, George Wynterbotham, and George Greaves," to be overseers. Proved 1624.

EDMUND HOPWOOD, MANCHESTER, CLERK, 1646. (*Administration.*)

July 16, 1646. Administration of the goods &c. of Edmund Hopwood of Manchester, clerk. "John Hopwood son of the said Edmund. Josia and Martha children of the said Edmund, deceased," are mentioned.

RALPH HULTON, 1649[-50]. (*Administration.*)

January 22, 1649-[-50]. Administration of the effects of Raphe Hulton granted to his son Raphe Hulton of Great Leaver, in the county of Lanc. gent. One of the sureties was William Hulton of Chester, Draper.

EDMUND LEES OF OLDHAM, 1627[-8]. (*Will.*)

December 11, 1627. The Will of Edmund Lees of Ouldame, Husbandman. To be buried in Oldam churchyard. He mentions, "four children of my sonne Samuel Lees," "Abigail daughter of Thomas Lees," "my daughter Marie," "my daughter Susan," "Allis my wife," "my son Joseph Lees," "my son Thomas Lees"

and "Sarah my daughter." "Allis my wife" to be sole executrix. Witnesses — "Robert Lees the elder," &c. Proved January 12, 1627-[8].

JOHN LEES OF CLARKSFIELD, 1625. (*Will.*)

Dec. 15, 1624. The Will of John Lees of Clarksfield, husbandman. He mentions "Elizabeth" his wife, and his sons "John" "James" and "Robert." Proved 1625.

MARGARET LEES OF HASLEHURST, WIDOW, 1639. (*Will.*)

Dec. 20, 1639. The Will of Margaret Lees of Haslehurst, widow. To be buried in Ashton Parish Church. She mentions, "my daughters Elizabeth Deplitch, Margaret wife of Edward Holland, Alice Ramsbotham, and Anne wife of Robert Lees," "Sarah daughter of Edmund Lees my son," "Alice, wife of the said Edmund," "Anne, daughter of the said Edmund." "Edmund my son and Joshua my son" to be executors.

MARY LEES OF ALT HILL, ASHTON, 1637[-8]. (*Inventory.*)

An Inventory of the goods &c. of Mary Lees of Alt Hill, Ashton parish, exhibited February 17, 1637[-8]. "Anne" her daughter, Administratrix.

ROBERT LEES OF ASHTON-UNDER-LYNE, [BEFORE 1629]. (*Will.*)

Ante 1629. The Will of Robert Lees of Ashton-under-Line parish. He mentions his wife, "Margaret, third daughter of Ralph Hudson of Chorlton Rowe, in the county of Lancaster, yeoman."

HUGH MASSEY OF EGERLEY, 1624. (*Administration.*)

November 12, 1624. Administration of the effects of Hugh Massye of Egerley, in the parish of Aldford, in the county of Chester, gent., granted to John Massye of the same place, gent., son of the deceased. Bondsman, Hugh Massye, son and heir apparent of the said John Massye.

RACHEL MURREY, 1646. (*Administration.*)

May 27, 1646. Administration of the goods &c. of Rachell Murrey, deceased, granted to Lawrence Rawstorne of Nuttall, in the county of Lancaster, Esquire. Christopher Nuttall of Deadwenclough, gent., was a surety.

ALICE ORRELL, WIDOW, 1647. (*Will.*)

Nov. 20, 1647. The Will of Alice Orrell, widow of John Orrell of Turton, Esquire, being aged. To be buried at Wigan, "near my brother Roger Anderton and his wife," She mentions, "my niece Massey," "my niece Scaresbrick's eldest daughter," "Alice Littler my sister Littler's daughter," "William, son of my niece Massey," "my nephew John, son of my brother Roger Anderton," "Peter, son of my cousin William Anderton of Anderton." "My niece Dorothy Massey, widow," to be my executrix.

ELIZABETH RADCLIFFE OF FOXDENTON, 1648[-9]. (*Administration.*)

January 12, 1648[-9.] Susanna Radcliffe of Foxdenton, gentlewoman, administered to the effects of her sister Elizabeth Radcliffe of Foxdenton.

LAWRENCE RAWSTORNE OF SOMMERSEAT, 1630. (*Administration.*)

July 27, 1630. Administration of the effects of Lawrence Rawstorne of Somerseate, parish of Bury, granted to his relict Ellen Rawstorne.

DOROTHY REDDISH OF REDDISH, 1623. (*Will.*)

Dec. 28, 17 James [1619]. The Will of Dorothy Redish, widow of George Redish of Redish, gent. She mentions her "son Otes Redish," her "son Edward Redish and his children" [not named], her "daughter Margaret," her "daughter Jane and her husband, Thomas Piggott, and their children" [not named], her "daughter

Alice and her husband John Porter, and their daughter Alice," "Margaret Hardman my grandchild," "my sister Lady Mary Barlow," "my nephew William Brereton of Honford, Esq.," "my brother Urian Brereton," "my cousin Elizabeth Leycester of Tabley," and "my daughter-in-law Mary Redish." Proved 1623.

SIR HENRY SALISBURY OF LLEWENIE, KNT. AND BART., 1634. (*Will.*)

July 9, 1621. The Will of Sir Henry Salusbury of Llewennie, in the county of Denbigh, Knight and Barronet. To be buried in the Chappell in the late Monastery of St. Mary in Denbighe. "Unto Dame Elizabeth Salusbury my wedded wife, my lands within the counties of Denbigh, flint, and Anglesey, conveyed in trust to the right Hon. Arthur, Lord Cheechester, Lord Baron of Bellfast, Lord Highe Tresurer of Ireland, Sir Richard Trever, and Sir John Conway, Knights, William Salusbury, George Hope, and John Longherne, esquires, for a Joynture to the said Dame Elizabeth." He mentions, "my sonne Thomas Salusbury" and "my daughter Anne Salusbury." "Dame Elizabeth my wife" to be sole executrix. "That my said son Thomas Salusbury shall marry Lettice Moore, daughter of Sir Edward Moore, Knight, begatten upon the body of the said Dame Elizabeth my now wife if my said son Thomas Salusbury and the said Lettice Moore doe like one of another. And the £1200 portion of the said Lettice Moore shall be equally devyded betweene my two daughters Ursula and Elizabeth." Proved July 3, 1634.

MARGARET SHAKERLEY, 1636-7. (*Will.*)

January 7, 1636-7. The Will of Margaret Shakerley. She mentions "my cosen Peter Leicester," "my cosen Peter Minshull." To "My cosens John Shakerley vi^{li} and Geoffrey Shakerley iv^{li}." "My—H . . . and Thomas Cholmondeley" to be my executors. "Mr Stockley" overseer. No date of probate.

WILLIAM SAROCOLD OF MANCHESTER, 1627[-8]. (*Will.*)

No date. The Will of William Sarocold of Manchester, Sher-
man. "My brother George Sarocould" to be executor. He
mentions "George Chorlton my brother-in-law," "my brother-in-
law Richard Spencer," "my cossin Robert Sarocould," "my brother
John Sarocould." "My cossin Ellin Chadwick," "Francis Walken,"
overseer. Proved March 8, 1627[-8].

ELLEN WEARDEN OF FARINGTON, WIDOW, 1629. (*Will.*)

December 21, 1629. Elline Wearden of ffarington, widow. To
be buried at Leyland. She mentions, "my good Mistress, M^{rs}
Margerie fleetwood of Penwortham," "my Master, John fleet-
wood, Esq. and M^{rs} Ann fleetwood his wyffe, either of them an
angell of gould," "M^r Henry fleetwood, son of Richard fleetwood
late of Penwortham Esq. deceased, an angell &c." "M^r Richard
fleetwood son of the said Richard fleetwood an angell &c." "Anne
Westbie now wyffe of William Westbie late of Preston in
Amounderness, gent, an angell" &c. "M^{rs} Katherine fleetwood
daughter of the said Richard fleetwood Esq. an angell &c."
"Robert Clayton of ffarington, Linnen weaver 10^s." "Jane Clay-
ton of ffarington spinster, 10^s." "Joane ffarington, now wyffe of
Thomas ffarington of ffarington husbandman, 10^s." She also
mentions, "Agnes Critchlawe of Euxton, widow, my natural
sister." (?) No date of probate.

RICHARD WEEVER OF POOLE, 1639. (*Will.*)

May 14, 1639. The Will of Richard Weever of Poole, in the
county of Chester, gent. To be buried in the parish Church of
Acton. He mentions, "Robert Weever my sonn and heir ap-
parent," "Ellinor" his sister, "Anne" his sister, "Thomas Weever
one of my yonger sonnes," "Francis, another of my younger

sonnes," "Richard Weever, another of my younger sonnes," "Roger my sonne," "Peter my sonne," "Elizabeth Barker my daughter," "my younger children begotten by my late wife Ellinor, deceased, my son Robert excepted." "My kinsman Robert Mercer, gent. Thomas Prachett, Thomas Whitehead, and the said Robert Weever my sonne" to be executors. No date of probate.

LAWRENCE WRIGHT OF OFFERTON, 1650. (*Will.*)

February 11, 1649[-50]. The Will of Lawrence Wright the elder of Offerton, in the county of Chester, gent. He mentions, "Lyddia my nowe wief," "Anne Wright alias Knight, my daughter," "Thomas Wright my grandchild," "Roger Wright my brother," "Lawrence Wright, Thomas Wright, Edward Wright, and Margrett Radcliffe, my sonnes and daughter," "Samuell Wright alias Knight my sonne." "Lyddia my said wiefe and Raphe Grantham of Goyte, to be my executors." Proved April 15, 1650.

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THE Council regret that during the past year only one volume has been issued, viz., part ii. of *The Visitation of Lancashire and part of Cheshire in 1533*, by commission from Thomas Benalt, Clarencieux, forming vol. cx. This volume has been annotated with his usual accuracy by the editor, the late Mr. WILLIAM LANGTON; and Mr. J. P. EARWAKER completed the annotation of the last six Lancashire pedigrees. Prefixed to the volume is a memoir of Mr. Langton, and a medallion portrait presented by Mr. HERBERT PHILIPS. The chief pedigrees in this Visitation are those of Stanley of Cross-hall, Faryngton of Faryngton, Hesketh of Rufford, More of the Bank-house, and Leygh of Bradley. There seems to have been a disposition on the part of some of the gentlemen concerned to despise Clarencieux's mission, for the herald records of Bradshaw of the Ha (Haigh) that he was not at home, and of two others, "I spake not withal." The Visitation belongs to the close of the career of Benalt, who was a man of great mark, and had been engaged in stirring incidents. He is said to have been a foreigner; but at one time of his life he was "Bayly" of Boston in Lincolnshire, and as such presented to the Guild of B. V. Mary in that town a mantle of red and purple velvet with the arms of England thereon. Entering Heralds' College, he ultimately (1511) became Clarencieux; and Henry VIII., who was attached to him, gave him many offices of emolument, and employed him in delicate missions to Scotland and the Continent, which he discharged with discretion. He was selected to proclaim at the principal European Courts the jousts which were to be held on the Field of the Cloth of Gold; and he, with Guienne, King-at-Arms for France, was

sent by Wolsey to defy the Emperor Charles,—a mission he accomplished at Blois in that monarch's great hall, in the siege royal, before all the nobles and gentlemen of the court, 22 January, 1528. Benalt died 8 May, 1534, and was buried at Gt. St. Helen's, Bishopsgate-street, in which parish he resided when at home.

The volumes of the old series already due for the years 1881 and 1882 are in the following state :

(a) Mr. CORSER's *Collectanea Anglo-Poetica*, part xi., is printed up to page 440. Its issue has been delayed on account of the preparation of the Index to the complete work of eleven parts. This task has been committed to Mr. T. N. MORTON of Liverpool, who has had experience in compiling indexes ; and he has already made considerable progress. It is computed that this concluding part, including the index, will occupy upwards of 200 pages. The articles comprised in the present part extend from Ward to Zouche ; comprising notices of Warner, Warren, Wastell, Watson, West, Whetstone, Whitney (the Cheshire emblem poet), Williams, Willymat, Wither, Wortley, Wyrley and Yates. Appended to this volume is a list of the prices at which the volumes in the Corser library were sold ; and a memoir and engraved portrait of Mr. Corser are also given.

(b) The *Compotus of Henry de Lacy, Earl of Lincoln, respecting his lands in Lancashire and Cheshire*, A.D. 1297, is printed off as far as page 176. It is expected that the Editor, the Rev. P. A. LYONS, will shortly complete it.

(c) The *Inventories of Goods in the Churches and Chapels of Lancashire*, A.D. 1552. Edited by Mr. JOHN E. BAILEY. The Inventories for West Derby Hundred are printed off or are in type ; and there only remains the northern hundreds, to which the Editor is now giving his attention.

(d) *The Diary and Correspondence of Dr. John Worthington*, vol. ii. part ii., concluding the work. Mr. CROSSLEY's engagements during the past year have prevented him from completing the copy for the press ; but he hopes to be able shortly to give his undivided attention to it.

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of Mr. W. E. A. Axon, from whom an accurate and complete Index may be expected. He has been busy with it since last November, and expects to complete it within the year. These two volumes will thus complete the Old Series.

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I. The first to be issued will be a volume taken from the Raines MSS. entitled *The Vicars of Rochdale*, now in the press, under the care of Mr. H. H. HOWARTH. Canon Raines's collections on the earlier Vicars were, it was found, mere notes, and Mr. Howarth has amplified them as far as possible from other volumes of the Raines MSS. and elsewhere. The notices of the Vicars comprise much original information ; they include the Puritan Midgeleys, Bishop Tilson, Robert Bath ; Dr. Dunster, whose prose fell under the lash of Swift ; Tunstall, whose name recalls Conyers Middleton and the Ciceronian Controversy ; Dr. Forster, perhaps less remembered as an eminent scholar and the Chaplain of Bishop Butler than by Collier's epigram ; with the other dignified occupants of the benefice, up to the time of Vicar Hay, who presented Canon Raines to Milnrow.

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III. The third volume will either be *An account of the Old Church and School Libraries of Lancashire and Cheshire, with bibliographical and other illustrations*, by Mr. R. C. CHRISTIE, Chancellor of the diocese of Manchester ; or *The Statutes of Chester Cathedral, 4 June, 1544, with Historical and Illustrative Notes*, by the very Rev. Dr. HOWSON, Dean of Chester.

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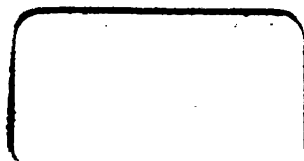
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