

and we must infer that St. Rumbold's was the Church of the southern portion of the town before St. Leonard's was erected for the increasing population brought by the Normans to the riverside. There are therefore two, if not three, of the fourteen Churches of Wallingford which may be reasonably assigned to a period anterior to the great development of the town under the Normans. The two are St. Martin's and St. Rumbold's, the third being St. Mary-the-More. The Domesday Survey mentions only one Church, which belonged to the Bishop of Salisbury by right of his lordship of Sonning; but it is not necessary to conclude that this was the only Church in the town.

*(To be continued.)*

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32.

The Will of JOHN AUDELET of Barton beside Abyndon, co. Barck, Esq.—4 Oct. 1533. To be buried before Our Ladie of Pety in the new chapell within the Conventuall church of our Blessed ladie in Abindon. To Maister Riche, vicar of St. Elyns in Abindon, to Maister Marble, vicar of the pishe church of Offington, and to other churches sundry bequests. To my servants Cecilye Comyshe and Johan Adean, to Edward Hynderling my wife's kinsman, to William Warner my servant, to Katheryn Read, sundry bequests. To William Boller my kinsman oder the ferme that I have of my lorde Abbot of Malmesbury, or else the ferme that I have of Maister Profest of Eton. Kateryn my wiff and Sir Thomas Yngilfeld, knight, executors. To wife Katherine and her heirs my manor and lands in Henbery and Salte march, co. Glouc., and also my manors and lands in Ipsden Basset and Ipsden Undercombe in co. Oxon. Witnesses, George Owey, docter of phesicke, and Thomas Read.

Proved 27 March, 1537, by Katherine the relict and executrix.  
(3, Dyngeley.)

## 33.

The Will of KATERYN AUDELET of Abyngdon, widowe.—27 Nov., 1539. To be buried in the gilde within the church of St. Elynes in Abyngdon which I have bylded. To the reparacon of the highway between Abingdon and Marcham £10. To Jone How my cosyn, to Marget How my cosyn, to Alice Rede, to Mary Rede, to Kateryn Rede, to Elizabeth Rede, to Anny Mayote, to Elnor Wroghton, to William Boller, to William Rushe, clerk, scrivener, to Jone Weix and her children, to William Cater, to John Bollard of Highworth, sundry bequests. To Edward Hynderlinge 100 shepe from my ferme at Offington. To Thomas Rede my cosyn my fermes at Barley, Suggeworth, Sonnywell and Offington. The residue to George Owyn, Thomas Rede and Thomas Ogle, gentilmen, executors. Doctor Lyndesey and Thomas How, overseers. Witnesses, Thomas Raynold, clerk, Reynold Welforde, Gylbert Freman.

Proved 14 Jan. 1539 by the executors. (1, Alenger.)

## 34.

The Will of AUGUSTINE AUSTEN.—1 Jan., 1505. To be buried in the church of St. Michael, Stepnynton. To William Weelder my mansion house in which I live and lands. Residue to William Austen and John Wylmot, executors. Robert Bolt, supervisor.

Witnesses, Master Richard Lloyd, vicar, John Hill, John Sharp.

Proved 28 Jan. 1505 by William Austen. (1, Adeane.)

## 35.

The Will of ROBERT AVENELL of Tachm (Thatcham).—13 Aug., 1510. To be buried in the churchyard of Tachm. To Philipp Halkyn and his son, to John my broder, to John Godfader, to Johane da. of Thomas Devely, to John son of Mathew Blocksam, to Jankyn Godfader, to Johane Blocsam, sundry bequests. Residue to Roger my broder, executor.

Witnesses, William Madocke, preest, John Smyth, John Calfe, William Cowper.

Proved 7 Feb. 1510, by Roger Avenell, the brother. (36, Bennett.)

## 36.

The Will of RICHARD AYLEF (AYLIFFE) of Laurence Wotton [co. Hants.].—18 Feb., 1540. To be buried in St. Laurence near my father and mother. To William A., my son, to Thomas A., to Richard A., my son, to Rowland A., my son, to Robard A., my sön, to Elizabeth A., my da., Joanne my wife, to Margaret A., my da., to young John Hyde, of Brymton, to Ellynor Wether, my kins-

woman, to Richard Lambden, to Thomas Dycar, to Alice Goodchepe, to Annys Wether, my godda., to Thomas Wether, my godson, to sir Conant (?) Eldred to pray for me, sundry bequests. John Pottenger, clarke, and Feron Rowland, clarke, overseers. Wife Joane and Edward Mothe, clarke, executors. Whereas I have enfeoffed Master John Pollatt, esquire, Mr. Robert Putnam, esquire, Mr. William Wareham, Esq., Mr. John Aylyff, clerk, John Lese, clerk, John Wether, Thomas Lok, Robert Chapman and Richard Spyre in all my lands &c. in Thacheam co. Berks &c. by Indenture dated 10 Aug., 15 Henry VIII. [1523] as trustees.

Witnesses, John Gret, clerke, Humphrey Quarre, clerk, vicar of Wotton, Rowland Feron, clerk, Robert Bartlot, John Wether, Richard Carter.

Proved 15 March 1540, by Edward Mothe, one of the executors.

Admon. 18 May 1565 to Thomas Ayliffe, the son. (24, Alenger.)

## 37.

The Will of WILLIAM AYSCOGH, Bishop of Salisbury.—1450. (12 Rous.) In this Will the testator refers to Sonnyng, co. Berks, and Threske, co. Yorks.

## 38.

The Will of HENRY AYTHORP, of New Wyndesore.—8 Nov., 1487. To be buried in St. Andrew's, Clewar. Johan my wife. Kath [? Rich.] heredibus Johannis Pynk. Wife Johanna and William Bromewych, clerk, executors.

Witnesses, Robert Cotyngnam, John Holme.

Proved, 20 Nov. 1487, by William Bromwich. (4, Milles.)

## 39.

The Will of JOHN BABHAM.—15 April, 2 Edward VI. [1548]. If I dye at Aston Clynte [Aston Clinton, co. Bucks] to be buried nygh my late wyffe there buried. If at Cokeham nigh my father and other friends departed. To Dorathee my wife and to her own children and to my da. Jones, household stuff, &c. To my said wife my lease in the Pryors Lesnes of Master Weldon and Master Alleyn demise. Arthur B., my son, shall have remainder of same. To wife for life my closes in Cokeham called Pryors Lesnes whereof I bought the revercon of Master Sewster. To my said wife the third part of my sygnetts or game of swans, of every three sygnetts that she shall yearly have she shall marke out one in my marke, but if one of three be not marked the game wyll decay. To my son Arthur B., all my lands &c. with my game of swanes. To my three sons Henry B., John B., and Robert B., 5 marks each yerely during

the terme I have yet to come in my ferme of Aston Clynton. To all my children begotten of Hellyn my wife all those legacies which their mother willed to them. So that Ursula do bestow unto Mary a herte of gold and Margaret unto Katheryn a crosse of golde. To Richard Blakeman, Thomas Sale, Wylliam Robynson, Robert Weston and John Sutton my servants 10s., and to Edmonde Marshall 6s. 8d. Mayster Doctor Wootton and Mayster Jones the scholemaster of Paules in London. The residue to be divided among my daughters Ursula, Margaret, Mare, Katheryn and Jone, to be delivered to them when married or 24. To my cosyn Mistres Elizabeth Lentall a gold ring. William Cutler and Alice his wife shall enjoy my ferme in Cokeham wherein they do dwell for life. My wife and Maister Paule Dorell my brother in law executors. My lady Peckham and my sister in law Mystres Restwoold, overseers. Witnesses John Overlpke, clerk, parson of Hedsor, Owen Nigh (?), vicar of Cobham, my sister Restwold, Thomas More.

Proved 19 June 1548, by Dorothy the relict, and 4 Nov. 1550 Paul Darrell renounced execution.

17 June 1566 admon. was granted to John Babham the son, Dorothy the relict having died. (8, Populwell.)

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(To be continued.)

HURLEY.—I lately identified the following cuttings on the wall of a shed in the old Vicarage grounds, viz.:—"D.A. Vic. 1718." One Daniel Ayshford was Vicar of Hurley from 1683—1723.

CORRECTION.—I desire to cancel the words "with the dint of an old flint axe cut in it," which occur in my paper on "Hurley" published in October, 1891. The words were used by me, in the place mentioned, in connection with a Norman capital.

F. T. WETHERED.

LONG WITTENHAM.—A most interesting discovery has been made in this parish; owing to the effect of the long drought, some curious patches and lines were revealed in some fields. The farmer, Mr. Hewett, made some excavations, and it was thought that an important Roman station had been discovered. Roman pottery of various kinds have been found, a large deposit of lime and some broken tiles; but Mr. Haverfield is of opinion that the finds indicate an extensive British and Romano-British farmstead, and do not mark the site of any important station.