

to be invested in land. She also left him her "large crochet of diamond, a diamond ring, with one large diamond and a share of her silver dressing plate."

John Dodd was sent to Eton, where amongst his chief friends were Pratt, afterwards Lord Camden, Gray the poet, Whaley, and Horace Walpole, who was born on the same day and went on to King's College, Cambridge with him. In December, 1735, John Dodd matriculated at King's College, Cambridge, as a Fellow Commoner, but does not appear to have taken a degree. A Fellow Commoner had the privilege of dining at the High Table and of paying double for everything. It was the custom for him to present a piece of plate to the College on leaving. John Dodd presented the following, as seen in the Plate book, No. 25. iv. : "A pair of Candlesticks with Nosells, weight 68 ozs. 4 dwts., with arms of Dodd and inscription 'John Dodd de Swallowfield in agro Berch. anno 1740 Coll. Regal Cantab D.D.'" These were stolen. Also two spoons; these were exchanged in 1772. And a pair of Candlesticks and snuff dish (or pan for snuffers), weight 75 ozs. 4 dwts. Same inscription as the others. These are still in possession of the College.

*(To be continued.)*

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## Early Berkshire Wills, from the P.C.C., ante 1558.

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60.

The Will of RICHARD BEAUCHAMP, knyght, lord Seyntamande. 12 June, 1508.—To be buried in the church of the blake freers of London next Ludgate. My lands &c. in Bulkyngton. To the poor of Estlavington. Dame Anne my wife lady Seyntamande. Thomas Long, knyght. Richard Sacheverell, William Wrattsley, John

Lambe, Edmund Duddeley, squyer, overseer. Witnesses, John Henry Ketelton, curate of Seynt Dunstone in the West in London and others. My manors, lands &c. in the counties of Beds, Berks, Huntingdon &c. My manors of Bastelden, Overton &c. and lands lying in Chaldrington, Ashamstede &c. to Antony Seyntamande sonne of Mary Wroughton and his heirs. Richard Wrattesley and William his brother. The Manors of Estylesley and Grendon Underwode.

Proved 8 July, 1508. (2 Bennett.)

61.

The Will of ROBERT BEAMONT, clerk. 1 May, 1459.—To be buried in the parish church of Bustlesham montagu co. Berks. I give 8 marks to pray for the soul of John Kent late of Oxford. My lands in Cokeh'm, brother William, Robert Beamont my nephew, Mathew Philipp, alderman of London, William Morland, clerk, parson of the church of St. Mary at Arches, London, Sir John Chatten, chancellor, and Philip Laton, executors. Richard Quakmayns and William Lemyng, supervisors. Witnesses, Christopher Austyn, bachelor in physick, William Dagvile.

*Codicil.*—11 May, 1459. Legacies to William Bulkeley, Thomas Catlyn, Thomas Grene, Thomas Hogett, Thomas Monketon, arm., Sir Thomas Denome, chancellor, John Smith and Walter Blount.

Proved 16 June, 1459. (18, Stokton.)

62.

The Will of JOHN BECKET of the city of New Sarum. 24 Sept., 1416.—To the church of Estyldisle xx<sup>s</sup>.

Proved 20 Oct., 1416. (36, Marche.)

63.

The Will of EDMUND BEKYNHAM of Burton in the parish of Shrevenham, armiger.—12 May, 1498. To be buried in the aisle called Burton's aisle in the church of Shrevenham. My wife Margaret executrix. Witnesses, Sir Thomas Merton, rector of Staunton, Wm. Smythe, cap<sup>o</sup> et multis aliis.

Proved 14 Nov., 1498. (25, Horne.)

64.

The Will of THOMAS BEKINGHAM of Doklington, diocese of Lincoln.—26 May, 1509. To be buried in the church of Doklington aforesaid. To wife Mary the manor of Burwardscott otherwise called Beckinham's Court in Berkshire, charged with the payment of £30 to William Yong, gent. Daughter Anne Bekingham. The

residue to wife Mary, sole executrix. Witnesses, Laurence Dotson, William Yong, gentilman, Thomas Hore, yoman.

Proved 2 May, 1511, by the executrix. (1, Fetiplace.)

65.

The Will of JOHN BEDFORD, of Newbury.—9 Oct., 1493. To be buried in the church before the image of St. George near my father's grave. My sons Thomas and William. My son Richard Bedford, supervisor. Wife Agnes, sole executrix. Witnesses, Sir John Brewer, clerk, John Warner, Robert Saunderson, and many others.

Proved 5 June, 1494. (11, Vox.)

66.

The Will of RICHARD BEDFORD, clothemaker of Newbery.—11 Sept., 1494. To be buried near the image of St. George in the church at Newbery. Wife Cristian. Son William Bedford. Daughters Alice and Margaret. Brothers John, Thomas, and William Bedford. My tenement, &c. commonly called Colondys. Brothers John and Thomas Bedford executors. John Flaggot, John Warr and Robert Sawderson, supervisors. Witnesses, Master John Estyrfylde, rector of Newbery, Sir John Brewer and Sir William Palmer.

Proved 19 Nov., 1494, by the executors. (16, Vox.)

67.

The Will of Maister RICHARD BEDOWE, vicar of Sainte Lauraunce in Reading.—15 November, 1534. To be buried in the chauncell before the ymage of Sainte Lauraunce at the aulter's end To the reparacionnes of St. Lauraunce Church xl<sup>s</sup>. Legacies to the churches of Lukener, New Radnor, Glawster, Llandewy, Abaragh, Weston, Asten, Croy, Bozroth, and Adwell. My late uncle Sir John Ap Rice. The house next my father's house I will to Hughe ab Lewes and his heirs for ever. Item I will that after my mother's decease Thomas Jones shall have the cloas in the forest side to him his heirs, &c. for ever. To Richard Jones my kynnesman, 20 marks and to the freers mynours in Reading aforesaid xl<sup>s</sup>. To Richard Andro xl<sup>s</sup>. To an honest preest iiij. marks sterling to sing twoo yeres at Sainte Martyns in Oxford for the soules of John Powes and his wife. To my brother at Godstow, to Hughe Lewes, to Richard Bowler, to every daughter of Thomas Jones that be unmarried, to John Thomas, to my cousen Lewes ap Rice, to my cousen David ap llen, to Sir Edward my kynnesman, and to Sir John Mainforte

sundry bequests. All my bokes to all sowlen college in Oxforde. Maister Thomas Aphowëll sole executor. My lorde Hughe Abbot of Reading and Doctour Gwent Deane of Tharches my supervisors. Witnesses, Petir Shefforde, Davy Williams and John Mainforth, curat.

Proved 21 Jan. 1534-5, by the executor. (22, Hogen.)

68.

The Will of THOMAS BEKE of Erle Whiteknyghts, diocese of Sarum.—14 March, 1491. To Isabella Beke my wife my manor of White Knyghts with the lands, &c. Witnesses, Sir Alan Bell, John Hedde.

Proved 29 Oct., 1491, by the relict. (1, Dogett.)

69.

The Will of HENRY BENETT of Newbery.—7 March, 1484. To be buried in the west chapel of the parish church there. My father William Benett. My sons Robert and Richard. My house called le Digh hous near le Westmells. My sons Roger and Nicholas. My daughter Katherine. John Elys, senr., Henry Okeham and Richard Godard of Newbery, supervisors. My son Nicholas executor. Witnesses, John Howell, curate of the parish church of Newbery, William Cornyssh, Thomas Benett.

Proved 16 Jan., 1485. (15, Logge.)

70.

The Will of ROBERT BENNET of Radyng.—21 June, 1501. To ✓ be buried in the church of S. Marie of Radyng. Sons Robert and Thomas Bennet. Ralph Millington, John Darling. Wife Isabella executrix. Robert Bennet, Thomas Bennet and John Bennet supervisors. Witnesses, Sir William Kerver, vicar of the said church, Thomas Smyth, Robert Steleman.

Proved 25 Nov., 1501. (4, Blamyr.)

71.

The Will of ROBERT BENET of Redyng, the elder, clothier.—✓ 4 Sept., 1509. To be buried in S. Mary's church at the fete of my father's grave. To Julyan my wife my land, &c. in Southstoke, co. Oxford called Payabulys, and my land in Caversham called Barnvyles, and all my lands, &c. in Redyng, for life with remainder to William Benet my elder son and his heirs for ever. To Robert my son and his heirs my tenement on the southsyde of Castelstrete in Redyng. My tenement in the southsyde of the newe strete in Redyng next unto suche a lane called Grope lane to William my

son the younger and his heirs. My tenement in Mynster street, Redyng, called Bestneys, to Julyan my daughter and her heirs. To the said William Benet the elder to Robert Benet and to William Benet the younger my sons £5 apiece. The residue to Julyan my wife full executrice. Master William Swayne and Thomas Benet overseers.

Proved at Lambeth, 22 February, 1515, by the executrix. (14, Holder.)

## 72.

The Will of THOMAS BENETT of New Wyndesore.—18 October, 1528. To be buried in the chauncell of Clewere. To Sir James Cristoferson, pson. of Clewere xl<sup>s</sup>. To Sir Henry Thomas, curate of Clewere xx<sup>s</sup>. To Raufe Bradston my servant a gown. To Edward Scott my servant a gown, &c. To Moseley xx<sup>s</sup>. To Joane Moseley thre pounds. To Richard Wexsam, Thomas Brewer, Thomas Wells, and to Robert Wekes every oon of theym xx<sup>s</sup>. To the residue of my servants iij<sup>s</sup>. iiij<sup>d</sup>. Item I give to William Higgs xx<sup>s</sup>. and to every servant of Maister Doctour Benet tenne shillings. To Richard Lolesley a gown, &c. My debts being paid all my goods to be divided into three parts. The first parte to pfourme this my last Will and testament. The secunde parte I geve to Kateryn my wife. The thirde part to my children. To Kateryn my wife for life the house that I bought late of Maister Norres, w<sup>t</sup> both the brewhouses, &c., my lease of the mills of Newbery and my lease of the farm in Clewere. The residue to my son Maister William Benett, Doctour, whom I ordain my sole executor. My brother John Benett and Kateryn my wife to be supervisors. Witnesses, Sir James Xpoferson, Sir Henry Thomas.

Proved at St. Paul's, London, 12 Jan., 1528 [-9] by the exor. (1. Jankyn.)

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Brixton, S.W.

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