



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

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73.

The Will of THOMAS BENET of Nubury, mercer.—1 March, 1536. To be buried in the prsshe churche of Saynt Nicholas in Newbury. To yong John Benet my son the house that Florie dwellith in when 21 years of age, with remainder to son Edward, then to son Silvester, then to son Roger, then to son William, then to John Benet my eldest son and his heirs, &c. To Anne my daughter vj^{li} xiijs^a iiij^d and her mother Margaret's best gyrdell. To Ellen my daughter vj^{li} xiijs^a iiij^d. To Elizabeth my wife thuse of the said house unto the tyme the children come to lawfull age or marriage. The residue to Elizabeth my wife full executrice. Robert Arnold and Willm. Dewk to be overseers. Witnesses, Maister John Wayte, pson of Newbury, Mathew Child, John Davy, Alic Goldwrige, and John Adene.

Proved at Lambeth, 18 June, 1537, by the executrix. (6, Dyngeley.)

74.

The Will of THOMAS BENNET of Clapcott wthin the parish of Alhollowes in Wallyngforde.—4 April, 1547. To be buried in the church yarde of Alhollowes. I will that all the mynysters of the Colledge in Wallyngforde, both priestes, clerkes and quyrestors shalbe at my dyrige and masse and my buryall daye and moneths mynde. To the chappell of Newnam Moren xx^d. To the chappell of Moulesforde iij^s iiij^d. To Nicholas Askewe, to Richard Nayle my servaunt, to Henry Justys, to Aves my dawghter and John Southbye her sone, to John Bell the yonger, sundry bequests. Agnes my wiffe shall have all my farmes and leases and porcyons of tieth to me belongyng wthin the towne and precynktes of Wallyngforde and also my leases grownde called the ffrise in co. Oxford duryng her wyddowedhed And assone as she shall be assured or

maryed to any other man she shall have the farme of Clapcott &c. for the terme of yeres yet to cum And I will that all my other farmes &c. shall from that time remayn and be to the use and proffyt of Agnes my wiff and my thre sones Rycharde Bennet, Edmund Benet and Thomas Benett (minors). My daughters Johan Bennet the elder, Elizabeth Bennet, Margaret Bennet, Avelen Bennet, Johan Bennet the yonger, and an expected child. To my eldest sone Rycharde my lands in Wallyngforde which I lately bought of Mayster Lynell Woodward of Abyngton that is to say a tent &c. against the Kyng's Mill, a close called Beansheaves a ponde housse togeather with the appurtenances to him and his heirs for evermore. The said Agnes my wife and Rycharde Bennet my son exors. And I ordain John Stampe of Newnam Moren and Robert Southby my son in lawe my overseers.

Witnesses, John Asshedale, preste and curat of Alhallowes, John Stampe, Rycharde Emley whith other.

Proved 7 Feb., 1547 [-8], by Agnes, the rel. and exix., power reserved for Rd. B. the other exor. named. (4, Populwell.)

75.

The Will of WILLIAM BENETT of the parish of St. Nychas. in Newbery.—28 Aug., 1522. To be buried before our lady in the foresaid parishe churche. To Mawde Parat my daughter iij^{li}. vj^s. viij^d. The residue to Margery my wife whom I make my hole executrix. Witnesses, John Wayt, parson of the said parishe, Thomas Chipperfeld, clerk John Benet.

Proved, 20 April, 1523, by Margaret the rel. and exix. (5, Bodfelde.)

76.

The Will of JOHN BERES of Renneham co. Berks.—4 August, 1501. To be buried in chyd of Henley upon Thames near wife Christian. To my daughter Alice Wydmere and my da. Margaret Bulle, to Margaret Carpenter, to Isabelle Fuller my servant sundry bequests. The residue to Thomas Beris my son, executor.

Wit^s, Sir John Barratt, rector of Renneham, William Widmeré, John Peise and Thomas Wagge.

Pr. at Lambeth, 25 August, 1501, by the exor. (2, Blamyr.)

77.

The Will of THOMAS BERYs.—23 April, 1515. To be buried in the churchyard of Henley uppon Tamys in the north syde within the same place wher my fater and my mother lye in. To my suster

Margaret Bolt x quarters malte. To Thomas Cortman, to William Uxbridge, to John Gyldon, to John Bett, to Wyllyam Style, to Robert Taylrer, to Isabell Avery, to Isabell Style, sundry bequests. To Thomas my sonne horses, kyne &c. To every child of Wyllyam Wydmorys thelder ij shepe a pece. To John Bell the yonger iiij shepe. To Isabell my wiff the housys within the hye strete of Henley that was sometyme maistres Jane Stoners with a house in Fryday strete wⁱⁿ the lordeshyp of Rodyrfyeld that was sometimes Maister John Devynys as long as she kepys her sole and yf she mary the sayd houses shall remayn unto my chylder. I make my executors Isabell my wyff and Robart Colyns. Wyllyam Wydmor thelder overseer. The residue to Isabell my wyff and to hir chyldern and myn.

Witnesses, Wyllyam Wydmore of Remham, S^r Jamys Thornley my curate and Jane Gylbard otherwise Whatley of Henley.

Pr. at Lambeth 17 June, 1515, by the exix. (7, Holder.)

[In the same register, "Holder," folio 8, is another copy of the above testator's will. The reading does not, however, agree, the discrepancies being as follows:—"My sister Margaret *Bull*." "To Thomas *Coreman*"; "to John *Gelding*"; "to Wyllyam *Seyle*"; "to Robert *Taylor*"; "to John *Bull*." Witness: *John* Gylbard otherwise Whatley of Henley. Proved at Lambeth 13 August, 1515.]

78.

The Will of DAME ALICE BESELLIS, widow, vowes.—24 May, 1526. To be buried within the church of Syon. And if I dye within xxvj. myles of Besellisly that then to be buried at freres prechours in Oxforde where my husbonde is buried. To Edmund Fetyplace all my stufte in Besellisly. And my doughter Susan Kyngeston with my doughter Dorathe Fetyplace the said Edmund's mother, and my son James Yats to have the keping of it unto the said Edmund be xxiiij. My sonne John Fetyplace yongest sonne unto my doughter Dame Elizabeth and the land that I gave him lying in Scippon and Abynton. To my doughter Fetyplace my ring with the baleffe also to Edmond Fetyplace wife my rynge w^t the emarod. To my sonne Edward Fetyplace another ring. My da. Susan Kyngeston vowes myn executrice. Witnesses, Bartilmewe Langford prest, Willm. Consell, John Hannys, and Paule Laurence.

Pr. at S. Paul's, London, 19 June, 1526, by the executrix. (8, Porch.)

79.

The Will of WILLIAM BESYLIS, Esquire.—4 May, 1515. To be buried in the church of the ffryers prechors in Oxenford. My goods to be equally devyded and Alys my wyf to chose the oon half. To Doctor Howden nowe pryour of the sayd house of ffryers prechors xx^s. To the grey ffryers in Oxenford vj^s. viij^d. To the wyte ffryers of the same vj^s. viij^d. To the ffryers Austeyns of the same vj^s. viij^d. so that every of the houses kepe masses for the soules of myselfe, of my father and moder Thomas and Clemens, Willyam Warbelton and Margery his wyf, and Thomas Saye and Jone his wyf. My lands and tenements in Longworth. Legacies to the par. ch. of Besylslye, the parish chapell of Ratcot, &c. John Fetyplace sonne and heyre of Rychard Fetyplace, squyer, executor. Wit^{es}, Brian Rose, clerk, Robert Pege, clerk, with Lawrence Falowis his curate with others.

Proved at Lambeth, 18 May, 1515. (6, Holder.)

80.

The Will of ALYN BETRYNGE *als*. COOKE, doctor of lawe and parson of Boxworthe, co. Berks.—1554, Dec. 5. To be buried before the highe Aulter of Boxworth. I bequeathe to every poore housholder having no holde xij^d. And unto evry other poore bodye that soyorneth within other xij^d. Except those that repayer and soyorne wth Oswaelde Dalmon the whiche be co^mon beggers. To my brother's sonne 40/- To Mr. Ludford for keping my plate a drinkeinge cupp of silver. To Alen Poste iij^s. To Alice Broke xl^s. To Katheryn Bever vj^s. viij^d. To John Barnes my husbandman two quarters of myslyne. To Alice Dowman my servant a quarter of malte. To S^r. Thomas Bentleye xxvj^s. viij^d. To S^r. Henry Falns my preest my workday gowne, &c. To Edmūde Briges my godsone my best salt seller of silver doble gilte and two portignes. To my lady Briges my castinge kettell and a casting bottell and a gold ringe with a gryselet stone in yt. To S^r. Richarde Briges, knight, a square table. The residue unto Stephen Johnson, sole executor. Sir Richard Bryges, supervisor. (Signed) Alen Cooke. Witnesses, S^r. Henry Falus, Nicholas Wilkynson, Hughe Knappe, John Symes, William Alen.

Proved at London, 1554 (?), by the executor. (16, More.)

81.

The Will of MARGERY BYRCHE, wydowe, of the par. of Sainte Maryes the moore in Wallingford.—15 March, 1532. To be buried

in the chapell of Saincte Nicholas in the Castell of Wallingford. I bequethe to Margaret and John Adeane her husband my sonne in lawe all my landes and tenements sett and lying wⁱⁿ and w^{out} the borowe of great Wyecame otherwise called Cheping Wycam to them and their heires, and also a mease called the long downe sett and buyldid in greate Kymbell and lands therto belonging, the which lyeth in great Kymbell, little Kymbell and Hamden. Also I will that Margaret and John shall fynde an honnest preeste to say masse for my husband soule and myn, &c., at the Chapell at Marye Grace in Wallingforde for the space of halfe a yere. To Maister Deane xx^d. To the said Margarete's daughter Margarete and Alice eyther of them a fethurbed. The residue unto the said Margaret and John her husband executors. And also I desire and praye maister Randall, sub-deane of the saide college of Wallingford, and Willm. Adeane the yonger, Alderman of the saide Towne, that they will of their charitie to take uppon them to be Wyttnes and overseers to this my last Will and testament. Hiis testibus maister Thomas Pollenton, mayour, John Cheyny of the said towne, Sir Symon Asteley psonne of Mugewell w^t other moo the day and yere above-said.

Proved 13 Nov., 1532, by the exor. and exix. (19, Thower.)

82.

The Will of HUGH BYSELEY [BESELEY].—20 September, 1415. To be bur^d in the par. ch. of All Saints of Byseley. My wife Johanne. Land in Sandhurst, co. Berks. John Gerald and William Moleyns. John Gerald executor.

Proved, 1415? (2, Luffeman.)

GEO. F. TUDOR SHERWOOD.

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(To be continued.)

