

which, we were informed, formerly belonged to Christ Church, Oxford, the Lay Rectors, by whom it was sold a few years since, after being dismantled of most of its carved oak panelling and other ornaments. The picturesque old house is now abandoned to the bats and owls, and it is entirely owing to the inherent vitality of its oak beams and joists that the whole of a marvellously curious fabric does not come down with the run. The other parts of the rambling structure have so ghastly and forlorn an air that we should be sorry to be in it on a dark November evening. But its capabilities are great, and by the aid of a cultured taste and an unlimited purse it might easily be made to blossom forth with much stately beauty.

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

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87.

The Will of MASTER EDWARD BLANDE, bachelor of Canon law and rector of the parish church of Burghfeld.—18 September, 1475. To be buried in the church of S. Mary de Burghfeld "coram ymagine sancte Trinitatis." Legacies to the Cathedral of Sarum, the parish churches of Burghstede, Swarford, and Bentham, to the brothers of St. Trinity at Houndeslowe, and to the friars minors of

Rading. To my brother Robert Bland 40/-. To George Bland five marks. Legacies to John Thacham cap^{no.}, John Hendon of Shenysfeld and Richard Philips of the same, to John Bland and Elizabeth Bland his sister, to Alice Plummer, to William Cooke of Tylehurst, to William Puecote, to John Upston, to Sir Richard Tennte and Richard Bland my executors, and to Giles Blande. The residue of my goods &c. I give my executors to be disposed for the good of my soul &c. John, Abbot of Reading to be supervisor. Witnesses, Master Henry Charde, William Puecote, John Upston and others.

Proved at Lambeth, 28 May, 1476. (23, Watlys.)

88.

The Will of RICHARD BONDE of Uffington.—1 May, 1501. To be buried in the chapel of St. Edmund in Uffington church. To the Gylde of St. Edmund in the said church xx^s. To Matilde Bond, to my daughters Elizabeth, Johanne and Fridiswide, to Master Richard Story my spiritual father and to Richard Dycar sundry bequests. To my son Thomas Bonde my house in Uffington &c. Master John Hewett, overseer. My wife Johanna Bonde and my son Thomas Bonde executors.

Witnesses, Master Richard Story, Sir Richard Rowland, chaplain, and Richard Dycar.

Proved 16 June, 1501. (21, Moone.)

89.

The Will of THOMAS BONDE of the parish of St. Nicholas in Newbery.—29 Dec., 1517. To be buried in the chauncell afore the high awter in Newbery. To my vj. children, Richard, John, Alice, Isabell, Johanne and Margery xl^{li}. between theym. My tenement in Norbroke strete to Alice my wyfe to whom the residue of my goods, hoole executrix. I make Thomas Flagot supervisour. Witnesses, Sir William Bailey, pisse preest of Newbery, Mathewe Childe, John Saunderson.

Proved at Lamehith, 31 Jan., 1517 [-8]. (4, Ayloff.)

90.

The Will of JOHN BOORNE of Readinge, clothier.—24 Nov., 1558. To be buried in the church of St. Maries in Reading, agaynst the Quere Dore near late wife. To the poore of the parish of Meare where I was borne x^s. To my son John Boorne, to Agnes Boorne, my sonne's daughter, and to his daughter Judith Boorne, to my eldest daughter Alice Johnson, to my ij^d daughter Elizabeth

Stele, and to my youngest daughter Bridget Harmer, to Thomas Heth, to Edward Kemes my daughter's child, to Richard Kemys, to Thomas Kemys, to John Kemys, to Elizabeth Kemys and to Edward Kemys their father, sundry bequests. My son's house in London. To my brother John Boorne and his children, to my brother Thomas Boorne and his children, to my brother Harry Boorne, to my sister Margaret Morwaie and her children, to my sister Jone Kynfitt and her children, to my sister Alice Boorne, to my cosin Alice Richardson and her husband, to my servants Marie Middleton, Elizabeth Thackham and Richard Dawson, to my son-in-law Richard Johnson, my son-in-law Robert Steele, to Arthur Harmer and his wife, to my brother William Kynsitt, sundry bequests. My son-in-law Richard Johnson shall have the ground that he doth already hold of me in —Picknaye. The residue to my son John Boorne, sole executor. Richard Johnson and Robert Stile my two sons-in-law, overseers. Witnesses, Johem Whetm, Ste. Marie vic., Richard Johnson, Robert Steele, William Kynfitt, John Boorne the younger.

Codicil. My eldest daughter's children now living that is to witt Gilbert Johnson, Richard Johnson, Elizabeth Johnson, and Agnes Johnson. 3 Dec., 1559. (sic)

Proved 29 Dec., 1558, by the executor. (19, Welles.)

91.

The Will of RICHARD BORN of Wyndesour, gentelman.—10 April, 1452. To be bur^d in the churchyard of St. John the Baptist in the said town. Wife Juliane and Thomas Westbroke, gentelman, of Godealmyng to be executors. Nicholas Watton, supervisor. [*No witnesses.*]

Proved at Lamehith, 4 Feb., 1455 by Thomas Westbroke.

(6, Stokton.)

92.

The Will of THOMAS BOTH.—31 Dec., 1503.

I make my testament according to my testament at London, in all things concerning my place in Saynt Andrew pisshe in London, and I give the said place at London to Dame Jane Talbot terme of hir liff according to my master S^r Humfrey Talbot will, with remainder to the church of S. Andrew aforesaid. Also I will that myn executors have the evidens of Glossope and tressame and to sell the reversion to performe my master S^r Humfrey Talbot will. I give my houses, lands, &c. in Fawler, Uffynton, Knygston, and Bagmor in the countie of Barkshire, to Margery my wif, with

remainder to Thomas Bothe my son gotten owte of wedlocke and his heirs, and in default of heirs remainder to John Both my son and his heirs. To my broder John Both xl^s. To William my broder iij^l. To Helyn my sister xxx^s. To Margaret my sister, to Hottewell Both, to Henry Jonnys, to Thomas Both, to Edith Both and hir moder, to Margaret Both, to Thomas Lucas, sundry bequests. To Hotewell and to here the twoo horses that they rodde on into their cuntry. To Johan Mude a cloth bandkyn and a booke of the Sege of Troye. Item: To Raufe Daconson x^s. to pray for me. Maist. John Talbot myn executor. To John Munde xl^s. Witnesses, S^r. Raufe Daconson, Henry Johnson, Thomas Robynnes, John Bunce.

Proved at Lamehyth, 18 Feb., 1497. [obviously wrong.]

(1, Holgrave.)

The above is registered again at "14, Holgrave." The second registering gives "Dame Johane Talbot," "Sawler," "Knyghton," "to Hotewell and to his wif," "to John Mundy," "S^r. Rauf Deconson," "Maister John Talbot and John Mundy my executors."

Proved at Lamehith, 26 July, 1504, by the executors.

(14, Holgrave.)

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(To be continued.)

