

Upton Church	N. and S.
Wallingford, St. Leonard's Church	N.
Waltham, Bright, Church... ..	N. and S.
Waltham, White, Church... ..	N.
Wantage School	
Wargrave Church	N.
Welford Church	N. and S.
Wokingham Church... ..	S.
Woolhampton Church	S.
Woolstone Church	N. and S. Chancel.

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Thomas Southam, Archdeacon of Berks and Oxon.

SOUTHAM, THOMAS (d. 1403/1404), Archdeacon of Berks and Canon of Sarum, was Archdeacon of Oxon 1368; he exchanged for that of Berks in the Diocese of Sarum with his nephew John Southam (see Vol. 3, No. 3, of these transactions), and was admitted 30 January, 1403/4. He was possessed of the prebend of Leighton Manor in 1371, and the appointment was ratified 26 December, 1372.

On the resignation of William Waltham, 22 March, 1397/8, he was appointed to the prebend of Kentish Town in the Diocese of London. At the time of his death he was prebend of Combe and Harnham. He visited "Avignon and other places abroad" in 1373, and this may have been caused by the receipt of a notification from Pope Gregory XI. "requiring him to cause restitution to be made of all tithes and other possessions abstracted from Christ Church" (Canterbury).

As patron of King's Sutton Church, Co. Northants, he instituted John Wayte de Wodhous, Pbr., as Incumbent, 1389.

He was charged, with others, to assemble at Westminster on the octaves of St. Michael, 1389, "for the consideration of the business

concerning the Earl of Salisbury and Sir John Montague his brother," and other matters. (Minutes of Council held at Clarendon, 13 Sept. 13 Rich. II., 1389.)

When he was Archdeacon of Oxon, and thereby connected with the Diocese of Lincoln, he gave to the Cathedral "A Cope of white cloth of gould of Bawdkin haueing in ye Orfreys & Tabernacles & in ye Morse T et S of gould couered with Pearle" (inventory of vessels, vestments, etc., Lincoln Cathedral, I. Edward VI., 1548).

His anniversary was jointly held at Lincoln College, Oxford, with that of his nephew John Southam, the Archdeacon of Oxon, mentioned above, who proved his Will at Lambeth, 28 April, 1404, in which Will, dated 8 March 1403/4, he left bequests to the Cathedral Church of Sarum, and to the Church and parish of Southam, Co. Warwick: this town was no doubt his birthplace.

I shall be very glad if any of my readers can give me any further information regarding him, and also explain the extract from Nicholas's transcription of the notes of the Privy Council proceedings, I. April 4, Henry IV. (1403). Reference is therein made to the Parliament that met at Westminster 30 Sept., 1402, and among several names appears the following: "Les Executors du testament de maistre Thomas Southam nadgairs (the late) chanon de Sar."

I am indebted to E. Calvert, Esq., L.L.D. (Shrewsbury), for the epitomised translation of the following Will, which I have had transcribed from the original.

WILL OF MASTER T. SOUTHAM, ARCHDEACON.

In the name of God Amen. A.D. 1403/4 March 8. I Thomas Southam Archdeacon of Berks in the church of Salisbury and Canon of the same Church and further prebendary for the prebend of Combe and Harpham in the same, make my will as follows: 1st I bequeath my soul to God and the Blessed Virgin Mary and to the whole Court of Heaven, and my body to be buried in the Cathedral Church of Salisbury, by license of the Dean and Chapter, in front of the new image of St. Mary in the nave of the Church. Further, I bequeath to every canon of the said church present at my funeral 40d., to every vicar of the said church 12d. and to every chaplain holding a Chantry in the said church of Salisbury who is personally present at my funeral 12d. Further, to every chorister 12d. for every of them to chant a psalter to my soul, and to the same

choristers I bequeath a *linguicio** to remain for ever in possession of the choristers of the same church of Salisbury.

Further I bequeath to the fabric of the Cathedral Church of Salisbury 40s. moneys which the Clerk of the Works of the said church owes to me, and further other 40s. which the same clerk shall receive from my executors. Further to the Master and Brothers of the Hospital of St. John at Oxford 13s. 4d. to pray for my soul. Further, I bequeath to the fabric of the church of Southam 20s. Further I bequeath to my Vicar choral of the church of Salisbury my better vestment or the value of it. Further I bequeath to every poor inmate of the Hospital in the City of Salisbury 1d. Further I bequeath for the fabric of the Hospital of St. Nicholas without the city 12d. Further I bequeath to the Provost of St. Edmund 12d, and to each fellow if present in his habit at my funeral 6d. Further I bequeath to be distributed among the poor on the day of my funeral 20s. in farthing loaves.

It is further my will that £20 be deposited in the treasury for the holding of my obit during 20 years, 20s. in each year. Further I bequeath to Alice relict of my brother Richard of Southam £30, moneys which she owes to me, so that she find a priest for 2 years to celebrate in the Parish Church of Southam at the altar of St. Thomas for the souls of my father and mother and for my soul and for the souls of all faithful departed. And if she owes me nothing I bequeath nothing to her. Further I bequeath £20 to be distributed among my poor relations within the fourth degree of consanguinity. Further I bequeath 20 marks for the repair of the highroad from Zyftele (? Iffley) to Oxford. Further I bequeath 10 marks for the repair of the roads about Southam. Further I bequeath to John Bakere, alias Bokyngham, my serjeant, 5 marks. Further I bequeath to John Mason at fforde 5 marks. Further I bequeath Zenere (?) my better breviary that he may pray for my soul and further at the discretion of my executors. Further I bequeath a cloth of Bawdekyn to the Church of Harnham. Further I bequeath another cloth of silk of the same colours to the Church of Gyftele (Iffley), and another cloth of the same colour to the Church of Morton. Further I bequeath my great breviary to the Church of Southam to abide there for ever. Further I bequeath to John Heryng my serjeant, 5 marks. Further to Hankens my serjeant 5 marks . . . and the coach at Stratford with all

* I shall be glad of any suggestion as to the meaning of this word as it seems difficult to explain,

its gearing and my better bed. Further I bequeath to John Newbery a Corpus Juris Civilis.

Further I bequeath 5 marks that he may hold lectures, keep schools, and my second better bed. Further I bequeath to John Wrokyngham 5 marks and to Thomas Drayton 5 . . . after the disposition of my Executors, and to John Barber the little 5 marks and cloth in like manner. Further to Robert Beale 6s. 8d. Further to John Tayllour my serjeant 6 . . . to Sir John my Chaplain 5 marks, that he may celebrate for my soul for one year. Further I bequeath to John Sedman of Combe 6s. 8d. Further I bequeath to John ffaukes . . . with all furniture being at Harnham. Further I bequeath to Sir John, Chaplain of Harnham 20s. Further to Walter Salon of Harnham 13s. 4d. Further to Richard Dille of . . . Further to John Ascote 6s. 8d.

Further I bequeath to every little godson and daughter of mine of Combe and Harnham 13s. 4d. Further to the son of Thomas Branderer my little godson 40 . . . of Roger Wodeford 6s. 8d. Further I bequeath to Alice daughter of the said Roger 13s. 4d. Further to Henry Adam 20s. Further I bequeath to Thomas Wilmyngton 6s. 8d. Stone the boy 6s. 8d. Further I bequeath to the Convent of Goryng 40s. ; to the Convent of Lytelmore 40s. ; to the Convent of Stodley 40s., to pray for my soul. . . To Thomas Fawkes 20s.

I bequeath the residue of all my property not above bequeathed to my executors undermentioned to dispose and ordain as shall appear well to them for my soul's health. And for the good and faithful execution of this my Will I ordain, appoint, and make my executors Master John Southam, Archdeacon of Oxford, and Robert Newby, Rector of the Church of Whitchurch.

Witnesses—

ROBERT NEWBY, aforesaid

JOHN LODEWELL

JOHN NEWBERY, Notary Public

NICHOLAS SOUTHAM

JOHN WOKYNGHAM, literate and others.

In witness whereof I have set my seal to these presents at Salisbury on the day and year aforesaid.

PROBATE OF WILL OF T. S.

According to the tenor of these presents, we, Thomas, &c. (Archbishop of Canterbury), make known to all men that there has

been proved before us the Will of Thos. Southam, Archdeacon of Berks, lately deceased, who while he lived and at the time of his death was seized of property, as in the schedule annexed, in various dioceses of our province of Canterbury; of which &c. Upon which plea proof of the Will, &c., and by us it was proved, enrolled, and lawfully authorized, and administration of all the property concerned in the said Will in our province of Canterbury, was granted to our son beloved in Christ, Sir John Southam, Archdeacon of Oxford, named executor in the same Will, and by the same were admitted the debts in the form of law. Power being reserved to us of granting, &c.

In witness whereof &c. Given in our Manor of Lambeth.

April 28, 1404, and the Eighth year of our translation.

DISCHARGE OF JOHN SOUTHAM.

Know all men by these presents that we Thomas, &c., being fully confident of the fidelity of John Southam, Archdeacon of Oxford &c., executor of the late Thos. Southam, Archdeacon of Berks, whose will was proved and enrolled in the archives of this province, hereby discharge and release him from any further account or reckoning in respect of the administration of the property demised.

(Epitomised).

Lambeth, May 1, 1404.

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