

was in the form of a diary of some fourteen pages containing a detailed account of the dangers and difficulties he experienced, the first at the hands of the Blacks, the second from the dilatoriness of the authorities at headquarters.†

† Treasury Papers, v. ccxlv., No. 63. P.R.O.

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171.

The Will of WILLIAM COLLEY thelder of Burwescotte.—17 Oct., 1552. I bequeathe to every of my sonnes and doughters by my first wief (except John and Robert) ten shepe, and to eyther of the said John and Robert I give thirtie shepe. I give unto George my sonne one hundreth pounds. Unto Annes and Joane my doughters by Katheryn my wief to every of them fyftie poundes at 21 or marriage. Unto Robert Hardyng my shepperde of lynte and to Willym Sturte sundry bequests. I bequeath unto Katheryn my wief my lease of the Manor of Burwescotte held of Thomas Bekyngham Esquire, deceased. Wife Katheryn sole executrix. Alexander Phetiplace, John Yate, Thobye Pleydell and Thomas Stephyns, gent., overseers. To John Haywarde my sonne-in-lawe two kyne.

Witnesses, Henry Wynman, John Rodlay, curat ther, Willyam Brodnam, Symon Blagrove, William Elys, Thomas Gerynge, John Colley, Robert Colley, Willyam Davis, John Davis, John Grene, John Clifton, Thomas Edmunds, Willyam Sturte, John Yate, Thobye Pleydell, Edward Snodman, John Heywarde.

Proved 9 July, 1553, by Edward Snodnam, attorney, for the executrix. (15, Tashe.)

172.

The Will of WILLIAM COLYN of Newbury, fuller.—14 March, 1459. To Katherine my wife my house in Newbury, &c. To

Juliana my mother x^a. &c. To Nicholas Manwell, William Wigge, Thomas Turner my servant, John Wyks, sundry bequests. To Sir Roger Chesshir, rector of St. Mary, Wolnoth, xx^d. To the wife of John Wormesdale, Thomas Greche of Cheryngton, Thomas Curteys my servant, John Bedford, John Gifford and Vincent Walter, sundry bequests. The Residue to my wife Katherine, she and Thomas Love of Newbury, fuller, executors.

Witnesses, Sir Roger Chesshir and Thomas Wellys, citizen and clothier of London.

Proved at Lamehith 18 March, 1459.

(20, Stokton.)

173.

The Will of THOMAS COLYNS of Newbery.—23 May, 1494. To be buried in the churchyard of St. Nicholas. I give to my son Thomas my filling mill in the parish of Spene. To Godelese my daughter xx^a. &c. To Agnes my daughter x^h. &c. To Katherine my daughter x^h. &c. To my wife Constance two tenements on the east side of Chepestrete in Nubery, land in Onborn field, &c. Bequests to Johanne Butteler and Agnes, daughter of Johanne Zemer. The residue to my wife Constance, sole executrix. John Hogett and John Zemer, supervisors.

Witnesses, Master John Esterfelde rector of Nubury. Sir John Bruer, William Mayhowe.

Proved at Lamehith 5 June 1494.

(11, Vox).

174.

The Will of JOHN COLSONNE of Burchefilde.—12 May, 1558. I give to William Colson my brother two kyne being in the keping of Will'm Stubbyngton of Upham. To my sister Ann Colson two kyne in the keping of my mother-in-lawe. To my brother John Colson two kyne in the keping of Mr. Richarde Ticheborne of Upham. I surrender to Mr. Nicholas Williams of Burghfelde afore-said, gentilman, to the use of my sister Anne Colson my house in Assheton and to my brother John Colson my house in Upham. The residue I give to Mrs Elizabeth Williams wif of Mr. Raynolde Will'ms of Burchfelde in the countie of Barkeshire, executrix. The said Mr. Nicholas Williams overseer.

Witnesses, Mr. Nicholas Will'ms gent., Edmund Cooper, prieste, John Norres, Chrofer Wilson.

Proved 5 Nov., 1558, by John Incent, notary public, attorney for the executrix.

(68, Noodes).

175.

The Will of JOHN COMBYS.—30 Nov., 1514. To be buried at Newbury. My son Richard Combys and my wife Joan Combys. My brother Thomas Combys and Joan Combys my wife. Master Roger Upton, provost of Eton, supervisor.

Witnesses, Master John Wayte, rector of Newbery, and Sir John Smyth, and Sir Richard Iremonger chaplain of Sandelforde.

Proved 1 Feb., 1514[-5].

(4, Holder).

176.

The Will of RICTARD COMPTON.—30 July, 1486. To be buried in the church of St. Andrew of Hackeburne. I give to the church of St. John the Baptist in Cirencester xx^s. To the church of Compton iij^s. iiij^d. To the church of Preston iij^s. iiij^d. To Alice my wife and my son John my goods &c. To Philipp Smyth and Agnes my daughter two houses in Cirencester in Diers strete called Whetoms and a messuage in Gosedich called Hopkin Barnard's. To Alice my wife and John my son a messuage &c., held of St. John of Jerusalem in England and three closes in Chesterton &c., and two messuages in London street, Reding, executors.

[No witnesses named].

Proved 15 Oct., 1486.

(26, Logge).

177.

The Will of NICHOLAS COMPTON, gentelman.—6 August, 1504. To be buried at Guldeford. Testator leaves his lands in the counties of Surrey and Berks to his wife Agnes.

Proved at Lamehith 22 Oct., 1504.

(17, Holgrove).

178.

The Will of GEORGE COOKE of Hungerford.—10 June, 1502. To be buried in the church of Hungerford whin oure Lady Ile. To Master Bayly, to John Bailey, to my wife's daughters, sundry bequests. To Katherine my wife all my lands &c., in Westcote. My cousin John Walron, Thomas Walron of Bristowe, Robert Howard. Katherine my wife executrix. Thomas Brynsdon my brother-in-law to be overseer.

[Witnesses not given].

Proved at Lamehith 14 Sept., 1502.

(16, Blamyr).

179.

The Will of SIR ROBERT CORBET, senr., knight.—[Septbr., 1404]. Friday before the feast of the Nativity of the Blessed Virgin Mary.

To be buried in the church of Mercham. I give to Matilda my wife all my moveable goods in the Manor of Tobbeney after the expenses of my funeral and my debts are paid. I give to Elizabeth my daughter all my other goods towards her marriage. My said wife and John Winton executors.

[No witnesses named].

Proved 26 January, 1404[-5] by John Winton. Power reserved
etc. (8, Marche).

180.

The Will of ROBERT COOK of Makeney co. Berks.—18 April, 1509. To be buried in the Conventuall church of Walingforde above the ymage of our Lady the virgyn towards the high awter there. To the Prior of Walinford for the grounde of my sepulture xx^s. To the p'she church of Brightwell x^s. I give towards the reparacon of the brigge of Walingforde vj^{li} xiiij^s iiij^d. Unto Johane my wyf my place at Makeney for life and I make her and Nicholas Molens of Clyfford's Inne myn executours. Remainder of the Manor of Makeney to the said Nicholas and his heirs and for want of such heirs to William Molens, elder brother of the said Nicholas and his heirs, and for want of such heirs remainder to Thomas Molyneux the sonne of Hugh Molyneux and Agnes his wyfe of Cranborne co. Dorset, and his heirs. To John Wilkinson my servant the profits of my land at Huntercombend in the p'she of Nuffeld for lyfe. To John Power, Alexander Dyksonne, to Johane Moleyns apprentice in London towards hir marriage, sundry bequests.

Witnesses, Richard Hampden, Andrew Kene, John Wilkynson, William Pope, Robert Kene, Robert Wodye, John Uppatonne.

Proved at Lamehith 3 July 1509 by Nicholas Moleyns and Johane the relict. (15, Bennett).

181.

The Will of WALTER COWPER of Boxford,* senior.—18 Aug., 1495. I give to Katherine my wife my house called Cupys in Boxford. The residue to my sons Thomas and John.

[No witnesses named].

Proved at Lamehith 18 Nov., 1495.

(27, Vox).

* Qy., Berks or Suffolk.