DEAR SIR,

THINKING as I do that one of the most useful objects of local Archæological Societies is to afford a fitting and convenient repository for documents relating to the history of the county or of its inhabitants, and that the wills of bygone inhabitants, owners of lands and tenements, and even of those who held no lands and tenements, afford very valuable materials for local history and genealogy, and most interesting illustrations of the habits, manners, and customs of former times, I send you, in addition to the copies of wills communicated by Miss Bocket, a collection of ancient wills and documents relating to Southwark, which, if the council shall agree with me in the views above expressed, may be an acceptable and useful addition to the transactions of the Society.

I remain, dear Sir, yours faithfully,

GEO. R. CORNER.

G. BISH WEBB, Esq.,
Hon. Secretary Surrey Archæological Society.

A.D. 1082, 16 Will. I.—ALWIN CHILD, citizen of
London, founder of the monastery of St. Saviour, Bermondsey, with the king's licence gave to the monks of that monastery certain rents in the city of London, before King William II. gave them the manor of Bermondsey, and thereby induced other donations, temporal as well as spiritual, to be given to the same.

Register of Bermondsey Abbey.

\[ A.D. 1096, 9 \text{ Will. II.} - \text{Peter of St. Olave's gave the land of Hoddesdon}^{1} \text{ to the Monks of Bermondsey, which gift was confirmed by King William II. and King Henry I.} \]

\[ \text{Annales Abbatice Sancti Salvatoris de Bermundsei, Harl. MS.} \]

\[ A.D. 1122. - \text{Thomas Arderne and Thomas his son gave to the Priory of Bermondsey the advowson of the Church of St. George, Southwark.} \]

\[ \text{Richard de Boterwick by deed poll gave to God and Saint Mary and the blessed Thomas the Martyr, and to the works of London Bridge, 8s. quit rent, which Robert de Bareuill, his uncle, annually paid out of a certain messuage called the Grange, in the parish of St. Olave, Southwark. Witnesses, Serlon Mercer and William Almain, then procurators of the bridge; Robert, chaplain of the said bridge; Walter de Folcham, &c.} \]

\[ A.D. 1378. - \text{On Tuesday next after the feast of St. Edmond the king (20th Nov.) 1378, John Mockyng, of} \]

\[ ^{1} \text{Sic in MS., but query if not Horsedon?} \]
Southwark (probably a relation of Nicholas Mockyng, who was instituted to the rectory of Saint Olave's 11th July, 1374) by his will of that date gave to the high altar of Saint Olave's 6s. 8d., to the church for his burial 6s. 8d., to the light of St. Mary 3s. 4d., to each chaplain there 12d., to the under clerk 8d., to the fabric of the church 13s. 4d., to the light of the holy cross 3s. 4d., to the light of St. Nicholas 12d., to the master clerk 12d., with provision for two chaplains to say mass in the said church for his soul for one year after his death and then for one to say it for six years.

Register of Bishop of Winton Wickham, ii. p. 3, fol. 177a.
Manning and Bray's Surrey.

A.D. 1407.—William Burcestre, Knt., by his will, dated at Southwark, in the parish of Saint Olave, the last day of July A.D. 1407, 8 Henry IV., desired to be buried in the Abbey of the Minories of St. Clare without, Aldgate, London. He willed that his feoffees, Richard Wakehurst and Richard Ayland, and Dns. Thos. Sakevyle, and all others who were enfeoffed of his lands, should permit his wife Margaret to receive the rents and profits of his manor of Burwash for her life, and after her decease that his feoffees should enfeoff his son, John Burcestre, therein, to hold to him and the heirs of his body for ever; and in default of such heirs, he willed that they should enfeoff his daughter Williama (or Williama), in the same manor, to hold to her and the heirs of her body for ever; and for want of such heirs, he directed the same to be sold.

He disposed of his manor of Sumerden in like manner, and made a similar disposition of all that his manor of the Maze, and his mills and quit rents in Southwark,
London; and in Havering, his manors of Ewell, Lesene, and Steers, and all his tenements and rents at the Conduit, London.

He left to his son John all his arms, swords, daggers, and other furniture of war; to the high altar of the parish church of St. Olave, Southwark, he left 20s.; to the fabric of the same church 40s.; to the use of the rector and the parishioners of the said church of St. Olave, in the same church, for ever, an antiphoner to pray for his soul and the souls of all his benefactors. He left to the said Dns. Thos. Sakevyle a cup called swaged cuppe with silver cover; to said Richard Wakehurst a silver cup with cover of silver; to Mary Redhogh 40s.; to William Hale 40s.; to John Cok 40s.; to John Wandon 5 marks; to Henry Bret 13s. 4d.; to Thos. Bret 20s.; to Thomas Stoneham 20s.; to Alianore Stratton 20s.; to Thomas de Coquinia 13s. 4d.; to Willm. de Colegne 6s. 8d.; to Edward Brandon 13s. 4d.; to John Wycking 6s. 8d.; to Thomas Prowde, his servant, 20s. and a green coat duplicat cu cavde; to the wife of said Thomas Prowde a gown vlo (?) furr.

He appointed said Richard Wakehurst and Richard Ayland executors, and Dom* William Genow, rector of St. Edward’s in Lombard Street, supervisor; and he gave said William Genow 40s. for his pains, and his silver cup with his arms.

_A.D. 1408._—John Gower, Esq. (the poet), by his will, dated within the Priory of the Blessed Mary Overy in Southwark, on the feast of the Assumption, A.D. 1408,

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2 This was the manor of Ewel, alias Tylehouse, in Stepney, Middlesex.
(inter alia) left to the four parish churches in Southwark, viz., St. Margaret’s, St. George’s, St. Olave’s, and St. Mary Magdalene near Bermondsey, each of them severally 13s. 4d. for the adornment and lighting the same churches; and to each parish priest or rector in the cure of the same for the time being, resident and serving the church, 6s. 8d., to sing and pray for his soul.

Gent.’s Mag., 1835; Todd’s Illustrations of Gower and Chaucer, 87—90; and Gough’s Sepul. Mons., ii. 25.

A.D. 1424.—Nicholas Mockyng, Master of the College of St. Lawrence, Pountney, by his will of this date, directs his obit to be celebrated in the church of St. Olave, Southwark, for two years after his death, and gives to the fabric of the said church 13s. 4d.

Prerog. Office.

A.D. 1428.—Thomas Mockyng, clerk, son of Thomas Mockyng, citizen and baker of London; his will in

Prerog. Office.

24th April, 1429.—Robert Mokkyng, citizen and vintner of London, by his will of this date, willed that Thos. Rolf, William Daventry, Robert Aubury, and Thomas Cok, feoffees of his messuages or tenements in Southwark—to wit, an inn or tenement called the White Horse; a tenement called the Castle; a house with two shops, which John Dekene held and inhabited; a tenement held and occupied by Robert Develyng Bocher; a mansion which Thomas Burgh held, near the church of St. Olave—should be sold; and out of the proceeds he gave 20 marks yearly for his obit in St. Olave’s church for 20 years, and the residue for works of charity. He
also devised a messuage or tenement called the Dolfyn, and a brewhouse called the Bere, with a tavern thereto belonging, in the parishes of St. Mary Magdalen and St. Olave.

7th Aug. 1466, 6 Edw. IV.—William Wykes, of Southwark, by will recommends his soul to Almighty God and his Saviour, and the Blessed Virgin Mary, his mother, and to all the saints, and his body to be buried in the churchyard of St. Olave's, next to the place where his father lay. And he gives to the altar of the same church, for his tithes and offerings forgotten or by negligence detained, for the discharge of his soul, xl. Also he gives to the brotherhood or order of St. Anthony in London xl.; and to the brotherhood of the Blessed Mary of the Church of St. Paul, London, xl., with several other like bequests.

A.D. 1466.—In the Name of God, Amen. The xxvjth day of October, the year of our Lord God, mcccclxvj and the vj year of the reign of King Edward the iiiijth. I John Burcestre, Knight, whole in mind and in good memory being, make, ordain, and dispose this my present testament of my last will, in this manner wise. First, I bequeath and recommend my soul to Almighty

3 William Wykes is one of the correspondents in the Paston Letters. He was probably a steward or retainer of Sir John Fastolfe at his house in St. Olave's, Southwark.

4 Sir John Burcestre, Burghchester, or Burcettor, was of the same family as Cardinal Thomas Bourchier, Archbishop of Canterbury. He possessed the manor of the Maze, in the parish of St. Olave, Southwark, in which parish was also the London residence of Sir John Fastolfe. Sir John Burceter is mentioned in one of the Paston Letters by Thos. Playters, dated London, 8th April, 1461, as having given him some intelligence.
God, my Creator and Saviour, and to our Blessed Lady the Virgin, his mother, and to all Holy Saints in Heaven, and my body to be buried in the wall beside the Holy King, Saint Olave, in Southwark, in the county of Surrey. Item, I will that after my burying as soon as Elizabeth, my wife, conveniently may, that all my debts which I owe be fully paid. Item, I bequeath to the high altar of the said Church of Saint Olave for my tithes and offerings forgotten or by negligence withheld, in discharge of my soul, xiijs. iiiijd. di. Item, I will that an honest priest be found of my goods, for to sing at the altar of Saint John, in the said Church of Saint Olave, by x years next following after my decease, for my soule and for the souls of my father and mother, for all my friends' souls, and for all Christian souls. Item, I will that x marks of money be observed and employed to and for my obite, to be kept by x years, solemnly to be done in the said Church of Saint Olave, for my soul and all the souls abovesaid, with Placebo, Dirige, and Mass of Requiem. Item, I will and bequeath that after the death of my said wife the ladies of the Minories, besides London, where my father lieth buried, have my blue vestement. Item, I give and bequeath to serve and be set upon the high altar of the said Church of St. Olave, in festfull days, ij little basons of silver with the arms of Burghersh. Item, I will that every of

5 There was an image or statue of St. Olave in the church which was removed or destroyed at the Reformation, and restored in the reign of Queen Mary, as appears from the following extracts from the churchwardens' accounts from 1556 to 1558:—"Item, paid to John Carowe for making a septor and an axe for St. Towle (Tooley, or Olave), iijs. iiiijd. Item, payd to Modyn for Saint Olyff, xxxs. Item, payd more for a den when we set him up, iiis. viijd."

6 These notices of the arms and church of Burghersh are remarkable, particularly as they appear to refer to an alliance which took place a
my servants be rewarded by the discretion of my said wife, after the quantity of their service. Item, I bequeath to the Brotherhood of St. Nicholas, clerks, in London, vjs. iiijd. Item, I will that after the decease of the said Elizabeth my wife, my white vestment with garters, and a chalice, be delivered to the Church of Burghersh. Item, I bequeath to the use of the Church of Saint Olave aforesaid a vestment of black velvet, with the apparel, ij curtains, and 1 frontell of the same, to be delivered to the same church of St. Olave incontinently after the decease of my said wife, and to serve for my obite there. Item, I bequeath to the Brotherhood of Our Lady in the same Church of Saint Olave, to pray specially for my soul, vjs. viijd. Item, I bequeath to the sisterhood of Saint Anne in the same Church vjs. viijd. The residue of all my goods, debts, and chattels, moveable and immovable, wheresoever they be after my debts plenary paid and this my present testament fully fulfilled, I bequeath freely and wholly to the foresaid Elizabeth my wife, to dispose after her own free will, willing and desiring her to do for my soul as she would I should do for her soul in like case, which Elizabeth my wife I make my sole executrix of this my present testament. In witness whereof, to this my present testament I have put my seal in presence of John Bennet, Thos. Hoy, John White, Thomas Hoddesdon, and Thome Auery, the day and year abovesaid.

Proved and Administration granted to the Widow, 27th Nov., 1466.—
Prerog. C. of Canterbury.

century before. Margaret, sister of Sir Bartholomew de Badlesmere, was married—1st, to — Pichard; 2nd, to Bartholomew Lord Burghersh, one of the founders of the Order of the Garter, who died without issue by her, April 4, 1369; 3rd, to William de Burecestre. She died in 1393, leaving William Pichard her son and heir.—Cl. 30, Exc. 17 Rich. II. No. 3; Beltz Memorials of the Garter, p. 47.
Master Robert Rogers, leatherseller, a bachelor, gave, among many other charitable gifts, to St. George’s Parish in Southwark, St. Sepulchre’s, St. Olave’s beyond the Bridge, St. Giles’ without Cripplegate, and St. Leonard’s in Shoreditch, to buy coals for the poor in each parish, £30 apiece.

And for relief of the poor in sundry parishes without the walls, as Newgate, Cripplegate, Bishopsgate, and the parish of St. George in Southwark, unto every one of them he gave £26. 13s. 4d.

Stow's London.

A.D. 1503.—John Webster, of St. Margaret’s, Southwark, by his will, dated the last of February, 1503, orders his body to be buried in the Church of St. Margaret, a trental of masses to be sung on the day of his burial; bequeaths his lands in Barwey in the parish of Latham and Streteham, Co. Cambridge, to Agnes his wife during life, and then to Robert his son for ever; constitutes Agnes, his wife, and her father, Hugh Renkyn of the town of Cambridge, his executors. Probate dated 24th April, 1504.


A.D. 1517.—Peter Maton, of the parish of St. Olave the king in Southwark, by his will dated in this year, gave to the Abbot of Battle and his successors, his greatest brass pot, belonging to his house, to remain in the abbot’s house (which was in the parish of St. Olave). He gave to the abbot and convent 20s., to be equally divided among them, to pray for his soul; and to the fraternity kept by all the parish clerks in London to the honor of St. Nicholas, 20d.

Manning and Bray’s Surrey.
A.D. 1543.—Johnes Alynson. In the name of God, Amen. In the yere of or Lord God, mccccxl, and in the reygne of our sovrayne lorde Kinge Henry VIII., by the grace of God, Kinge of Englonde, France, and Irelonde, defendor of the Faythe, and in erth under God supreme head of the Church of Englonde and Irelonde, the xxxvth. The xxiii\textsuperscript{d} daye of Maye, in the yere afsayde, I John Alynson, cyttyszen and harbor surgen of London, being hole in body and of pfect monde and remembrence, thanks be given to Almighty God, do make this my laste will and testament in manner and forme followyng and in renounsyng of all other willes and testaments afore made; I bequeathe my sole unto Almighty God and to the Blessed Virgin our Lady Saynte Mary, and to all the holy companye in heven, and my body to be buried \textit{w}in the church of Saynte Owlyffe, in Southwerke, as nere as may be to the grave of Agnes my late wyfe deceased. Itim, I bequeathe to the highe alter of the same church, for tythes negligently forgotten or w\textit{h}olden, yf any suche be, in dischargyng of my consyance, xijd. Itim, I bequeathe to evry of my god-chyldren xijd., if they com for yt. Itim, I wyll that at the day of my de\textit{p}tng, there be given to xijj pore peopl \textit{w}in the pish afore-named there inhabityng in almes, xijjd. in redye money, to praye for my soulle and all christen soulls. Also, I wyll that there be given to the company of the barbors, before my months mynde, iijs. iiijd. to make them a recreasyon. Itim, I bequeathe to x pore hows\textit{h}olders inhabityng \textit{w}in the p\textit{s}h of Saynte Awlyffe, to any of them iiijd. Itim, I bequeathe to Plene Wolverston, my wyffes daughter, a fether-bed with the bedsted with all other thynge thereto bolonging, when she come to her maryage, at the discretion of Joyan my wyfe.
A.D. 1544.—Richard Mynar. In the name of God, Amen. The xx day of the monthe of Maye in the yere, of our Lord God, mvxliii. I Richard Mynar of the Pyshe of Saynte Olave in Southwarke, hole of mynd and of good remembrance, thankyed be God, make my testament, conteyning my last will in this maner and forme folowing: Fyrst, I bequethe my sowle unto Almightie God, our Lady Saynte Mari, and all the Holy company of heaven, my body to be buryed in the churche yarde of Saynte Olave befoренamyd. Itim, I give and bequeathe to Agnes my wyffe, all my goods, movable and unmovable, whom I make and ordyayne my executrice, to pay my debts, and to dyspose for the welthe of my sowle as she shall thynke moste beste. Wytnes, Sr John Peerse, curate; Rychard Shepherd, Thomas ———, wyth others, the day of the monyth and yere of our Lord above wrytten.

A.D. 1543.—Thomas Colstone. In the name of God, Amen. The second daye of the monythe of September, in the yere of our Lord God a. m°v°xliij. I Thomas Colstone of Saint Olave in Southwarke, hole of mynde and good remembrance, thankyd be all God, make my testament, conteyning my wylle in this man'r and forme folowyng: Fyrst, I bequeathe my sowle unto Almighty God, our Lady Saynte Mari, and all the Holye companye in Heaven, my body to be burriede in the church yard of Sainte Olave befoренamed. Itim, I bequeathe to the hye alter within the foresaid church, viijd. Itim, I bequeathe to our Ladys awter iiijd. Itim, I bequethe to Sainte Clements w'in the forsad churche iiijd. The residue of all my goods not given nother bequest, I give to Elisabeth my wyffe, to nurycye
and kepe my chyldrene, whome I make and ordeayne my executrix, to pay my debts, and to dispose for the wealth of my sowle as she shall thynke most best. Wytnes, Sr John Peerse, prist, for the time curat; Nicholas Orrel, prist; Richard Shippard, with many more, the day of the monthe and yere of our Lord God above written.

A.D. 1560.—Henry Leeke, of Southwark, beer-brewer, by his will dated 12th March, 2 Eliz. (1560), gave out of the rents and profits of certain houses and tenements within the precincts of St. Martin’s-le-Grand, which he held by lease from the Dean and Chapter of Westminster, £20 a year, during the term of the said lease, to be applied as follows:—To the poor of St. Olave’s, St. George’s, St. Saviour’s, and St. Mary Magdalen, £5; towards the maintenance of a free school in St. Saviour’s parish, £8; but if, within two years of his death a free school should be built and established in St. Olave’s parish, then he gave the same £8 per annum towards the same; to the poor of the city of London, £5; to the preacher for a sermon at St. Olave’s, when the money should be distributed, 6s. 8d.; to the parson of St. Olave’s seeing the same performed, 6s. 8d.; and to the churchwardens of St. Olave’s, for their pains in distributing his legacy, £1. 6s. 8d.

Proved in Prerog. Court of Canterbury, 23rd April, 1560.

Henry Leeke, citizen and clothworker of London, son of the late-named Henry Leeke, who survived his father only three years, by his will dated 16th September, 1563, desired to be buried in the church of St. Olyve’s, Southwerke, of which he was a parishioner; and
he gave to the poor of this parish £10, to be distributed at the discretion of his executrix (his wife, Alice) and his overseers.


MASTER SAMPSON'S WILL.—Item, I give and bequeath these annuities ensuing, to be issuing out of certain tenements of mine, viz. (inter alia), twenty shillings yearly, for ever, to the churchwardens of St. Olave's, in Southwark, for the use of the poor of the parish. Dated 16th September, 1659.

Stow's London.