

Genealogical Notes, &c., relating to Families of Parker.

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1342. John le Parker de Shiford (supposed Sheffield) occurs as a juror on an inquisition taken at Rotherham relative to the rights of the Abbot of Rufford, 16th Edw. III. (Guest's *Hist. Rotherham*, p. 25).
1344. John Parker stands first amongst several witnesses to a deed in which John, son of Avicia de Dungworth, in Bradfield, is a party, respecting a rent there.
1347. John Parker, de Sheffield, a witness to a grant from Rosa, daughter of John del Cliffe de Ecclesale, to Henry de Tapton, dated 13 December, 1347.
1347. John, son of Emma le Parker, of Medeburne, occurs as a legatee of one mark in the will of Thomas de Chaworth,* the elder, knight. *Test. Ebor. Surt. Soc.*, 1836, p. 48; Addy's *Beauchief Abbey*, p. 32.
1352. 26 Edw. III., Sept. 17, Ad.' Parker witness to a grant of land in Norton from Sir Thomas Chaworth, knt., to John and Isabell Tynet. (*Addy's Norton*, *Derb. Arch. Soc. Pub.*, vol. 2).

* Amongst the grants from Sir Thomas Chaworth to Beauchief Abbey, circa 1278, was one of a bovate of land, etc., which Adam, son of John of the Cliff, some time held of him in Norton. (*Pegge's Hist. B. Abbey*, p. 119.) In another grant from the same, of land at Eycliff, one of the witnesses was a Roger del Clyfe (*Ib.* p. 123, *Note*). Again, Roger, son of Adam del Clyf, was a benefactor to the Abbey, and Thomas, son of Roger, released all right which he had in land called Moseker, and land in le Wodesetes (*Ib.* p. 145).

- 1365-6. 39 Edw. III., Grant—William Selliok de Haselburgh, to John de Lictewod [Lightwood], of all lands in feodo de Norton. Witnesses (*int. al.*) Ade Parker.
1384. 7 Rich. II. Purification B. V. M. Thomas Parker and Adam Parker, witnesses to a grant of land in Little Norton, from Adam Bate to Hugh del Barkhous. (*Addy's Norton*. Derb. Arch. Soc. Pub., Vol. 2.)
1394. 17 Rich. II. William Parker, witness to a deed dated at Hannesworth. (Gatty's ed., *Hunter's Hallamshire*, 484.)
- 1402-3. 4 Hen. IV. John Parkar and Thomas Parkar, amongst the witnesses to a grand of land, &c., in Southfeld, at Lightwood, in Norton. (*Addy's Beauchief Abbey*, page 55, *n.*)
1423. 6 May, 1 Hen. VI. Sciant presentes et ffuturi quod nos Margareta fflecher et Robertus fflecher * dedimus concessimus et hac presenti carta nostra confirmavimus Thome Parkar de Grenehill, et Johanni Parker de Norton, omnia terras et tenementa nostra cum suis pertinenciis in Litol Norton que nuper fuerunt Ricardi Peyne;† habendum et tenendum omnia predicta terras et tenementa cum suis pertinenciis prefatis Thome et Johanni, heredibus et assignatis suis, de capitali domino, pro serviciis inde debitis, &c. Hiis testibus, Willelmo Cooke, Thoma ffox, Johanne Bullok, et alijs. Dat. vj. die Maij. anno regni Regis Henrici sexti primo, [1423]. (*From Mr. Swift.*)
1448. April 15, 26 Hen. VI. Thomas Parker, Robert Parker, John Parker, and John Parker, on a jury in an

* Amongst the grants from Sir Thomas Chaworth to Beauchief Abbey, was one of 5s. annual rent, which the Abbot and Convent paid for land held of him in the soke of Norton, *que quidem soca vocata fuit terra Roberti le Fletcher*. (*Pegge's B. Abbey*, p. 125.)

† A Peter Payne, of Norton, is among the witnesses to a grant from Sir Thomas Chaworth to Beauchief Abbey, of 2s. rent in Norton. (*Pegge's B. Abbey*, p. 132.)

inquisition taken at "Leghes, in dominio de Norton" respecting an enclosure of a lane or narrow way in Norton. (Addy's *Beauchief Abbey*, p. 148.)

In a pedigree of Moore, in M.S. G_g. 3, 34, in the Cambridge University Library, said to be written by the hand of James Gresham, of Fulham, co. Middlesex, esq., is the following:—"Memorand. that one Booth sometimes was Bishop of Yorke, * [23 H. 6] beeing before his promotion to that See Arch Deacon there and lay at Rotheram in the same county, had two sisters. The one of them, then hee beeing Archdeacon, married he unto one Mr. John Parker of Bulwell in com. Nottingham, esq^{re}, which Parker had by hir diverse children, and was of a C^{li} land by the yeare or thereabouts. . . . Memorand. that the aforesaid John Parker had a sister whose name was Elizabeth and was married to one Thomas More of Grenhill in com. Darby, grandfather to Christopher More, that is to say, son of John More son to the aforesaid Thomas More."

1471. Roger de Ecclesale conveys to Richard Bullok a wood called Cangull, in Onston. Amongst the witnesses are John Parkar of Leys, and John Parkar of Little Norton. (Deed *penes* Mr. Thorold, Welham, near Retford.)

1480. Jany. 12, 19 Edw. IV. Stephen Jonson and Margaret his wife to John Parker of Little Norton †—one messuage with a curtilage, and 3 acres of arable land in Greenhill, which were lately Robert Webster's father of the s^d. Margaret. Witness (*int. al.*) John Parker, of Norton Lees.

William Parker an "assistant brother" of Beauchief

* William Booth was Archbishop of York (previously he had been Bishop of Lichfield and Coventry) 1452-1464. His name does not occur in the list of Archdeacons. Neither this Archbishop nor his half brother, Laurence Booth, a subsequent archbishop, mention in their wills any connection of the name of Parker.

† Probably identical with John Parker of Little Norton, sythsmith, who held a messuage etc. (part of Beauchief Abbey estate), which Richard Webster late did hold in Little Norton, by a lease for 99 years, dated St. Thomas's Day, 1459. (Pegge's *Beauchief Abbey*, p. 79.)

- Abbey, of Eston [Cold Aston] and his wife, for whom a service of commemoration was made. (Addy's *Beauchief Abbey*, pp. 32-35.)
1482. 20 July, 22 Edw. IV. Indenture between Thomas Chaworth esq., lord of Norton, of the one part, and Thomas Parker of the other part. Lease to the said Thomas Parker, of one messuage and two bovates of land, with the app^{ts}, called Johnsett woodde* in Little Norton, then in the tenure of John Parker, father of the said Thomas Parker, to hold for 80 years. Rent 15s. Witnesses, John Parker de le Leys, Thomas Selyok, John Legh de Norton, and others.
1486. Sciant &c., I Richard Turton, son and heir of Agnes Turton, grant to Thomas Parker, of Ecclesfield, sithesmith, † lands at Dungworth and Ughill, which descend to me on death of my mother. Witnesses, John Parker of Norton Leghes, John Stede, of Wounsacre, John Morton, of Spouthouse, Thurston Morton.
1488. 13 Oct., 4th Henry VII. Roger Barker, of Dore, son and heir of John Barker, of Dronfield, deceased, to John Parker, of Norton Leys, and others, messuage, &c., to the use of me and Joan Owtram, dau. of Robert O.
1493. Sept., 9th Hen. VII. John Parker, of Little Norton, one of the witnesses to a grant of land in le Brendclyf, and in Ecclesale, from Wm. Machon, of Halume, to Henry Foljambe, esq., lord of Walton. (Gatty's ed. *Hunter's Hallamshire*, p. 372.)
- 1495-6. 17 Henry VII. John Parker, of Norton legh, and Alexander Rokisby of Roderham,—grant of lands in Cudworth, &c., to Ralph Eire, of Wykersley, and Margaret, his wife, for their lives.

* In the Particulars of the Norton estate, advertized for sale in 1850, is "Chauncit or John Set Wood—21a. or. 12 p."

† See the testator of 20 Aug., 1510, *postea*.

1505. July 3, 20 Henry VII. Thomas Parker, witness to a grant from Wm. Carr, of lands at Birley Edge in Ecclesfield. (Gatty's *Hunter's Hallamshire*, p. 503.)
1506. March 4, 21 Henry VII. Thomas Moldicliff, of Sheffield, to Robert Parker of the same,—grant of all lands, &c., in Stanynghon, co. York.
1509. Oct. 23, 1 Henry VIII. Robert Parker, of Sheffield, to Robert Greaves, the son of Richard Greaves, of the parish of Bradfeld—the last premises. Witnesses, Robert Hudson, bailiff of Sheffield, William Tripet and Robert Horner, of the same, with many others.
1509. Oct. 25, 1 Henry VIII. Robert Parker, of Sheffield, and Thomas Parker, son and heir of the said Robert—General release to Robert Greaves. Dated at Stanynghon. (*Mr. Swift.*)
1510. August 20. Will of Thomas Parker.* In the name of God, Amen, the xxth day of August the yere of o, Lorde a thousande cccccth and x, I Thomas Parker, of Whitley, make and ordeyn my testament in maner and fo^rme folowyng. First I bequeth my soule to Almighty God o^r blessed Lady seint Mary and the copany of hevyn, my body to be buryed wⁱn my pish chirch of Ecclesfeld. Itm I bequeth to my mortuary my best beest. Itm I bequeth to the seid chirch of Ecclesfeld for my tythes necligently forgotten vj^s viij^d. Itm I will that of all my goodes my detts be paid, and all wrongs by me doon, and trewly proved, be resonably recompensed spially in discharge of my soule. Itm I bequeth to the making of the rode-lofte and stalles in the seid chirch, xl^s. Itm to the reparyng of Seint Mychels chapell wⁱn the seid pish, iij^s iij^d. Itm I bequeth to Elyn Parker, my doghter, xl mrc to her mariage, if it may be born. Itm I will that Thoms Shircliff, of Ecclesfeld, John Wilkynson, of

* The copy of this will was obligingly supplied by Mr. Robert Hardisty Skaife, of York.

the same, and John Grubbe, of Netherhertley, or their heires imediatly aft^r my deceſſe ſurrender in to th'ands of my lorde of Sherusbury according to his cuſtome wⁱn the lordſhip of Halomeſhir, all and ev^{er} ſuch meſes, landes, tents, meadowes and paſtures, wⁱt their app^rtenncs, as I have in Whitley, or in the fields of the ſame, purchaſed of William Whete, in Woodſetts, purchaſid of William Houlle, holden of my ſeid lord as of his lordſhip of Halomſhir, by copy of court rolle, to the uſe of John Parker, my ſonne, and the heires of his body laufully begotten for ev^{er}. And for defaute of ſuch iſſew of his body laufully begoten, the remaynder therof to Richard Parko^r, his brod^r, and to the heires of his body laufully begotten for ev^{er}. And for defaute of ſuch iſſew of his body laufully begotten, the remander therof to the right heires of me the forſeid Thoms Pker for ev^{er}. Itm I will that the ſame Thoms Shircliff, John Wilkynſon, and Robert Grubbe, their heirs or assigneis, imediatly aft^r my deceſſe ſurrende into th'ands of the prior and covent of Coventre charterhouſe all ſuch meſes, lands, tents, wodds, medows, leſues and paſtures, wⁱt their app^rtenncs, as I have in Nether Hertley, late p^rchased of Thoms Barmley* holden of the ſeid p^ro^r and covent by copie of co^rt rolle, as of their lordſhip at Eccleſfeld to the uſe of Richard Pker, my ſonne, and heires of his body laufully begotten for ev^{er}. And for defaute of ſuch iſſhew of his body laufully begotten, the remand^r therof to John Parko^r, his brod^r, and heires of his body laufully begotten for ev^{er}. And for defaute of ſuch iſſhew of his body laufully begotten, the remander therof to the next heires of me the ſeid Thoms for ev^{er}. Itm I will that the ſaid Thoms Shircliff, John Wilkinſon,

* *Sic in reg. forsan Barmby.*

and Robert Grubbe, or their heires, immediatly aft^r they be required, surrende into the hands of the p^ro^r and Covent of the Charterhouse of Coventry, accord- ing to his custome, a mese, lands, medows, wodds, lesues and pastures, w^t their app^tenn^{cs}, as they lye in Neder Hertley, unto the use and behove of Ric. Pko^r, my sonne, and to the heires of his body lauffully begotten ; and for defaute of his body † lauffully begotten, the remander theroff to John Parko^r, his brodr^r, in like estate, the remander thereof to the right heires of me the forseid Thoms Parko^r for ev. Also I will that immediatly after the seid surrend^r maid unto the seid Richarde Pko^r, that the seid Richard shall make to Agnes Pko^r, my doghter, a sufficient surrende of a yerely rent of xx^s, to be taken and paid out of all the landes, medows, wodds, lesues and pastures, w^t their app^tenn^{cs} in Ned^r hertley aforeseid, to have and holde to the same Agnes and hir assignes during hir liff at ij termes in the yere, that is to say, at the feest of Penticost and Saint Martyn, by evyn porcions, w^t clause of distresse for noon payment of the same in the aforeseid mese, lands, wodds, medows, lesues and pastures. Itm I will that if, as God forbede, hit happen that the seid Agnes be decrepyd, or in such case that she may not stere herselff, or come to a grete necessite, then the seid Richard Parker, or his heires, shall pay yerely during the lif of the seid Agnes, ov and above the seid xx^s, vj^s. viij^d, that is to say, if the seid chaunce happen, xxvj^s. viij^d. Itm I will that Richard Parker, my sonne, shall have the takke of my water-wheles after my decesse. Also I will the seid Richard shall have a mese in Brokehouse, w^tin the pish of Laghton,

† Probably the words "such issue of" omitted ; but it stands so in the copy in the Register at York.

w^t th' app^rtenncs. Itm I will that the seid Richard shall have an annuall rent of ix^s. lyyng in Dennaby, in the holding of Wynter. Itm that the seid Richard shall have my right in ij closes, w^t a medow called Horbury, w^t a close called Longlands, and a croft callyd Ryfarecroft. Item that the seid Richard shall have at Neder Hertley a fournes, a fourmelede, a wort stoon, a kneding-trough, a mulding borde, a stepefatte, ij grete arkes, ij chayres, a mete borde, a folding borde, a chymney, ij bedds, an arke, a long chist, a saing borde, ij bedds in the new chambre, oon in the plo^r, and an awmery in the new plo^r at Whitley. Itm that the same Richard shall have ij stythes, ij bare bales, all od^r smythy gere, ij stoones troughed coul-troughed (*sic*). Itm I will that John Parko^r, my sonne, have at Whitley ij stones troughed called coltroughes. Itm at the whele a stythy and a pair of bellows. Itm at Whitley, a chayr, a chymney, iij mete bords in the chechyn, a kneding trough, a moldyng bord, a fournes, a wort stoon, a lede in a fo^rme, all the bedds in the plo^r, ij yronbonde coffers, an arke, an awmery in the chambre, an arke and a bedde in the new chamber, iij close bedds in the malthouse, a stepefatt, a close bedde, and the iij close bedds to stand still for the svntes. Itm I will that out of the meses, w^t th' app^rtenncs in Dalton my seid feoffes shall suffer, aft^r my decesse, the profetts yerely to be taken in fo^rme folowyng. First xiiij^s. vj^d. to find a preist at Ecclesfeld to sing yerely lx messes, that is, ij tymes Seint Gregory trentall, w^t svyce therto belonging. Itm of the seid mese yerely iij^d. to the vicar of the same chirche to pray for the soules of me, my ij wiffis, my fad^r and mod^r, and all myn aunceto's and child^r soules, on the Sondag in the chirch. Itm for an obijt evy yere to be made for Thoms Pko^r, Elsabt, and Agnes, his wiffis, his fad^r and mod^r soules, out of the seid mese v^r

yerely to be takyn and paid. Itm to the clerke for v mynnyngs yerely to be paid v^d of the said mese. Itm that the residew of the mese, that is ijs. iiij^d, that my childer ther being shall have yerely j^d, and the residew to poore folkes having most nede. Itm that seint Mychell warke if it may be shall have vj^s viij^d. Itm in likecase to the p^or and covent of the charterhouse, vj^s viij^d. Itm I ordeyn to be ovseers of this my last will M^r. Herry Evingh^m, esquier, to whome shalbe geven xx^s. Thoms Evyng^m, sonne of the seid Herry, to whome shalbe giffen x^s. Sir Thoms Thorley, p^on of Thorley, to whome xx^s. Robert P^or, my sonne, Robert Gilberthorp, Willm Crofte, to evy of the seid Robert and William for rewarde vj^s viij^d, and the costes of all my seid ovseers wher or whed^r so ev they be called to be borne at all tymes of my goodes. The residew of my goods before not bequethed, I will that my wiff shall have hir thirde parte theroff and the seconde pt to be disposed and spendyd at my buriall and afterwarde for the well of my soule. And the thirde pt therof I giff and bequethe to Richard P^or, my sonne. Itm I will that Robert P^or, my sonne, shall pay unto Agnes P^or, my wiff, yerely during hir liff, xiiij^s iiij^d. Itm I will that John Parker, my sonne, shall pay unto the same Agnes, his mod^r, evy yere during hir liff, xxvj^s viij^d, in mony of hir thirde and dowery. Itm I will that Richard P^or, my sonne, shall pay unto the same Agnes, his mod^r, every yere during hir lif xxvj^s viij^d in mony for hir thirde and dowery, if the for-seid my childer may their landes peasably enioy w^out trouble or recovy. Also I ordeyn and make Agnes Parker, my wiff, John P^or and Richard P^or, my sonnes, myn executo^rs of this my psent testament. In witnes wherof herunto I have set my seale, thes

being witnesses, sir Thoms clerck, vicar of Ecclesfeld. Thoms Robt Grubbe, and Shircliff, John Wilkinson, od^r moo, the day and yere abovesaid.

Probatum fuit p vicariu de Sheffield, p comissionem [1510].

Reg. Test. 8, fol. 55A.

1511. Dec. 10. Sciant &c. I, Robert Parker, of Little Norton, son and heir of Thomas Parker, late of Ecclesfield, grant to Richard Greve, of Haldisworth, all lands, &c., in Dungworth and Ughill, which descended to me by right of inheritance after the death of my father. (*Hunter's Notes* from Wilson's Yorkshire Deeds, Addit. MSS. 24467, p. 193.)

1535. April 8. Will of Robert Parker, of Lytyll Norton cos Derby—to be beryed in the p. ch. of Sant James at Norton—to S^t James on lb of wax to be bernt a for hym. I assyne my ferme y^t I have be leyise of the Abbot & convent of Bewecheff to ysabelle my wyffe, & to John my son aft hur decesse, durent my termes. Also, I beyng seke in my bode & whole in my mynd, do testyfy y^t y^e lands of my faders y^t they of Ekylsfield hold wrongfully were gyffyn to y^e chyrch of Sant James at Norton wher my faders bones lyeth, & y^t was hys last wylle & mynd os I shall make answere a for God at y^e dredfull day of dome—Gives rest of goods to be delt amongst my wyff & my chylder. Ex^{ors}, ysabell my wyff, John Parker my son, & gylbartt butteler. Mest. John Seleok m^r John Parker, overseers. Witnesses, S^r Thomas gylbart clerk,* John Alen, the elder, John berten, Ric. berte, Godfrey Holand and others.

Proved at Lichfield 1536.

1535. Sheffield. John Parker, of Eklesfield—bailiff. (Pegge's *Beauchief Abbey*, page 196.)

1536-7. 28 Henry VIII. Isabell Parker, of Norton, in the

* He was chanter at Beauchief Abbey, and Vicar at Norton 1524.

county of Derby, widow, and Thomas Parker of the same, husbandman, her son and heir apparent. Bond to John Greyves, of Windel, in the parish of Bradfield, yeoman, and Robert Greyves, of Haldsworth, yeoman, in £40, to suffer them to enjoy 40 acres of arable, meadow, and wood, in Woodhouse, Ughill, and Dungworth, late parcel of the inheritance of Robert Parker, father of the said Thomas. (*Wilson's Collections*. Abstracted by Mr. Hunter. Addit. MSS. 24467).

(Date not given.) Fine, between John Greaves and Robert Greaves, plaintiffs, and Isabell Parker, widow, and Thomas Parker, son and heir apparent of the said Isabell deforciant, of messuage and lands in Woodhouse, Ughill, and Dongworth.

1537. July 22. Will of Angnes Parkar of Lyghtwod in Norton, in my lafull meydonhowd—my bode to be bered in y^e chyrch yarde at Norton.—to my syster Margaret a new gowne cloth on made and all thyngs yrto belongyng yf y^t hur husband and my systers do agre well or ellz I put hyt to y^e discession of my syster Maud—to my syster Elenore my best gowne, and to Elsabz hur doghter (amongst sundry things) a peyr of beyds of geylt with iii ryngs of sylver and a crose of sylver—residue to Maud geyr my syster, and she executrix. Witnesses S^r Thomas Gylbartt, clerk, Phylp gylle and John gylle with oder more.

1537-8. 29 Henry VIII., (Dronfield, &c.,) Rent of tithe, grange, house, dove-cote, and a croft; also of the tithes of the grain of Hamdelame [*forsan* Hundelane] Somerley, Apernoll, Povey, and Cosley [? Cowley], hamlets in Dronfield parish, &c., &c., under lease to Henry Parker, of London, mercer - - £17 9 2
Rent of tithe in grain in Byrchett [? in Dronfield], with a croft, held by John Parker - £0 16 0

1540. Aug. 4, 32 Henry VIII., Sir Wm. West, knt., had a grant

from the king of the reversion of the site of Darley Abbey, &c., messuages in occupation of (*int. alios*) John Parker, in Hanley and Hinkersall, in the parish of Staveley, formerly belonging to the Abbey of Beauchief. Messuage, &c., in tenure of (*int. alios*) Thomas Parker and Henry Parker, in the hamlets of Woodseats, Little Lees, and Little Norton. (Pegge's *Beauchief Abbey*).

1545. August 14. Will of Isabell Parker, late the wife of Robert Parker, of Little Norton, in my lawful widowhood—to be buried in the churchyard of St. James, at Norton—bequeath third part of goods at the house to Jone Parker, dau. of John Parker, my son—make executor Thomas Parker, my son—Witnesses, Thomas Gylbart, clerk, Thomas Came, Martin Boswell. Proved at Lichfield, 1545.
1548. 1st Nov., 1 Edw. VI. Lease from Thomas Babington to Thomas Parker, of Little Norton, yeoman,* of all that his moyte parte & ppartye of all such toftes closes, lands, &c, whyche be sett lyenge or beyng

* "Yeoman" implies a condition of life a little better than that which would be now indicated by the word. The yeomanry of England, in the reign of Elizabeth, formed the class next to those who were the acknowledged gentry using coat-armour of right. They lived for the most part on lands of their own. Hunter's *Founders of New Plymouth*, 1854, page 105.

"The power which the country gentlemen and the country clergymen exercised in the rural districts, was in some measure counterbalanced by the power of the yeomanry, an eminently manly and true-hearted race. The petty proprietors who cultivated their own fields, and enjoyed a modest competence, without affecting to have scutcheons and crests, or aspiring to sit on the bench of Justice, then [17th century] formed a much more important part of the nation than at present. If we may trust the best statistical writers of that age, not less than a hundred and sixty thousand proprietors, who, with their families, must have made up more than a seventh of the whole population, derived their subsistence from little freehold estates. The average income of these small landowners was estimated at between sixty and seventy pounds a year. It was computed that the number of persons who occupied their own land was greater than the number of those who farmed the land of others." Macaulay's *History of England*, 1849, Vol. I., page 334, from the *accession of James I.*"

"Dr. Pegge, in *Hist. Beauchief Abbey*, p. 192, mentions one Arthur Kynder, yeoman, who died 22nd July, 4 Elizabeth (1562) possessed of lands at Brampton, and observes, that although he was styled a yeoman only, he held several other estates at Brampton and Hayfeild Magna, and must have been a person of some note.

in Lyttle Norton or elsewhere wth yn the lordsypppe of Norton, and that nowe be in the tenure or occupacyon of the sayd Thomas Parker or of any other p̄son or p̄sons &c., and somtyme were in the tenure or occupacyon of Robert Parker father of the sayd Thoms Parker. To hold for 21 years. Rent 15s. 7d. (*Mr. Swift.*)

1552. 6 Edward VI., February 26th. Will of John Parker, of Eggesfeld, co. York. My body to be buried by my wifes in the church of our Blessed Lady of Eggesfeld aforesaid—to the poorman's box there 3s. 4d.—to Thomas Parker my son a clock, a chime, a missall, a chalice, a superaltare, and vestments, and one altar-cloth, as heirlooms.—to said Thomas Parker my tenement which I hold of the demise and grant of the Right Hon^{ble} Francis Earl of Shrewsbury, with a water-wheel and watercourse to the said tenement belonging at Wadesley Bridge, during the term that I have.—to Thomas Parker and Richard Parker, my sons, my tenement or ferm of Wadsley Smithies, and Treeton Smithies, with Treeton Mill, during my lord's pleasure, with all the iron &c.—to Richard Parker, my son, Smithy at Whitley, my tacke of my wheel under Eggesfeld with a stithe &c., and my sithe-mark, if he be aminded to occupy the occupation.—to Thomas Parker and Richard Parker, Thomas Howsley, and George Mawer, all raiment unbequeathed, to be equally divided.—to the wife of the said Thomas Parker the best belt that was my second wife's.—to the wife of said Richard Parker a pair of the best beeds that were my said wife's.—to Ciclie Parker my wife all the silver and gold of mine that she hath in her custody;—one iron-bound chest, and all the silver and gold therein, as it standeth at Henry Savin's, to Frances Parker my daughter.—and also,

whereas there are eight keys belonging to the said chest, I will that Cicily my wife have the keeping of two of them, Nicholas Grace other two, Thomas Parker other two, and Thomas Howsley other two.—Nicholas Parker, son of Thomas Parker, Thomas Howsley and Elizabeth his wife and their children.—George Mawer, Agnes his wife and their children.—grand-daughter Margaret Parker, dau. of Thomas P.—Effiam Howsley.—Forty of the poorest people in Eggesfeld to have a peck of rye, or else sixpence in money.—Cicily P. my wife, Frances P. my daughter, Thomas Howsley my son-in-law, George Mawer my son-in-law, to be executors. Robert Swift, of Beighton, esq., Robert Blunt, gentleman, and Thomas Parker, Nicholas Grace, supervisors

Witnesses, Sir Edmund Robinson, chaplain, Robert Blunt, gentleman, Humphrey Staniforth and Edward Bower.

I have bought of Richard Parker, my son, a messuage, &c., in Eggesfeld, and other lands &c.—To the church of Eggesfeld xx^s. towards the buying of two bells, to be paid at such times as the parishioners shall fortune to buy and pay for the said bells, and not else. Cicily my wife to keep and find Frances my daughter meat, drink, and clothing till she comes to lawful age, of and for the profits of her lands.

Proved at York 27th April 1555.

1564. June 24. William Parker, of Whitley, yeoman, occurs as trustee, with others, of lands for Henry Bromhead.
1580. 22 Eliz., Sept. 30. John Parker, of Norton Lees, esq., to Thomas Littlewood of Stannington, tanner, and others—sale of land.

(To be continued.)