

ABSTRACTS OF SOME SUSSEX WILLS OF THE  
SEVENTEENTH CENTURY IN THE PREROGA-  
TIVE COURT OF CANTERBURY, PRESERVED  
AT SOMERSET HOUSE,

WITH GENEALOGICAL NOTES UPON THEM.

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[In deference to some scruples I have entertained as to the eligibility of his paper for general reading among our members, Mr. Ellis has been good enough to embody, in the form of an introduction to it, the following statement as an answer to my objections.—  
ED.]

I fancy that abstracts of some Sussex Wills will be quite as interesting to our members as those many dry and lengthy though useful papers, which have often appeared in our volumes. Of course, to merely literary persons, wills are not of much interest, but so are not many of the purely documentary articles in the S.A.C. And, as half the members are of Sussex families, and their ancestry is to be met with in the county for centuries, I conceive that Wills and Pedigrees of such families come home, if not to their businesses, yet to their bosoms, as much as many subjects treated of in the S.A.C. I have not pretended to "enliven" the paper; I think sentimental remarks more fit for a novel, or a poem, than for Archæological memoirs, although perhaps, in the history of a Parish and of its fortunes and families, they are admissible to a certain extent. But this characteristic, I think, should be avoided, and would be out of place, in a *documentary* paper. The amusing Diaries we have had in the S.A.C. speak for

themselves, and are, in every word, of interest; and so are those charming Letters from Shermanbury; and the equally attractive correspondence of Isabella Twysden in Archæol. Cantiana is every bit as interesting as the Letters in "Evelina" or "Pamela."

The wills I give are *unpublished*, and I think, with my Notes, will be looked at with approval, though I admit others of greater interest might have been abstracted. But who is to do it? Every one has not the time or taste for it. My purpose and object in giving these is to afford genealogical information to the readers of the Sussex Arch. Coll. on Sussex Families. One half of the Papers of the Collections subserves this purpose, although not in all cases avowedly. Mr. Blaauw's valuable contribution, in the second volume, of the Subsidy Roll for the Rape of Lewes, A.D. 1296, is a list of Names, and nothing more. Under his Editorship, I contributed a similar list of Names for the same Rape, *temp.* James I., vol. 9, p. 71. Partial lists of names from Subsidy Rolls are given in many instances, in Memoirs of certain parishes—East Grinstead, &c., and I think are of great value. Mr. Lower has given notes of many old Wills, and if Contributions of this nature have hitherto been scanty, I apprehend it has been chiefly because there has been a want of contributors who have enjoyed opportunities of consulting Wills.

Being one of few who have such opportunities, I hope I am now rendering a service to the Society by sending Notes of some Sussex Wills which have come under my observation. In the course of my researches I had occasion to inspect the wills here given; hence this contribution. It is hoped that those who may have the opportunity will present the readers of the Collections with another series of wills of better known Sussex families. Among the MSS. in the Library at Lambeth (open to Literary Inquirers Mondays, Wednesdays, and Fridays), are the following Sussex wills:—

Ponynges (5).

Lindfield John, Archdeacon of Chichester.

Halsham Sir Hugh, Knt.  
 Dalyngrygge Sir John, Knt.  
 Coulstock John.  
 Colepepper (3).  
 Bottinge Margaret.

It may be remarked, that I do not generally give the bequests contained in the wills. My object is to give genealogical information, and not uninteresting legacies. In some cases I give only "names," and this, I conceive, is useful *because* the genealogist knows at once where to find the will, and in the Calendar no parishes are given, nor the occupation of the Testator. The absence of those two items, as every one consulting the wills knows, is a great drawback to search.

As regards Genealogy generally, I know that the interest it inspires has increased tenfold within the last 20 years, as the materials have become more accessible. If it be objected that some of my Testators are "yeomen," I must remark that many of them are *cadets* of good families, *through whom* many gentry families of the present day are descended; and it is to help these latter in tracing their ancestry that wills are so serviceable. Burke's "Landed Gentry" set the fashion of making a man's ancestors a list of mythical Esquires and Knights. This has been so exposed and discredited, that I am glad a more honest and truthful spirit characterises pedigrees compiled in the present day, for which I refer as examples to Howard's "Miscellanea" and Marshall's "Genealogist." In a recent volume of Arch. Cantiana is a list of Jack Cade's followers. This is very long and comprehends most Kentish names—many now of high standing are found in it with the affix "Yeoman" and "Husbandman." And, as regards *dry* reading, I may remark that recent volumes of the Kent Society contain the lengthy but valuable documents of the "Book of Aid," 20 E. 3, and Fines, *temp.* Ed. 2.

No doubt there is a *primâ facie* objection to giving Notes of Wills of comparatively obscure persons as compared with families of greater importance, extinct

(as Poynings), or existing (as Barttelot), though I, for one, as a Sussex Genealogist, like to see disinterred and published *all* that can be got of the old families of the county. But I contend that for *popular appreciation* the humbler gentry and yeomanry classes are equally interesting, *ex. gr.*, such middle-class families as Elphick, Chatfield, Weekes, Luxford, Beard, Stapley, &c., whose descendants are to be found numerous amongst our present members.

Furthermore, I may remark that the Sussex volumes contain many "Lists of Names" in the shape of Synopses of Parish Registers (Streat, Glynde, &c.), and M. I. in Churches and Churchyards, a feature I should wish to see extended. I may add that Mr. Hugh Wyatt's article on the "Sussex Poll Book of 1734," in 23 S.A.C., contains a list of names, in which voters of that period are traced to their present representatives. I need hardly observe that this connection is most interesting, and Wills are a great help in that direction.

I think I have now placed before the Society some considerations that will relieve many minds from any anxiety or doubt whether I am consulting its interests or the tastes of its members by contributing this Paper.

ATTERSOLL MARIE, of Isfield widow (Evelyn 138) dated 1640. My cosin Thomas Chatfield—my cosin Jane Chatfield. Witness, Nath. Chatfield.

AUSTEN WILLIAM, of Northiam yeoman. Dated 26 Aug. 1652 (Brent 282). My cousin Mrs Quilter of Ewhurst—Wm. and Richard Austen sons of cosens John & Wm. Austen—My godson David Austen son of Nath. Austen deceased—My cosin Mrs Burditt of Little Waltham co. Hants—Wm. Jorden son of my cosin Wm. J.—Francis another son—Jeremy another son—Anne daughter—To each of my cosins Paul Laurence and John L. sons of my cosin Wm. L. My cosin Maria wife of James Sharpe late of Goudhurst—Mary my wife—Children of my son (in-law?) Tho. Jarvis late of Staplehurst dec<sup>d</sup>—Elizabeth Black d. of my cosin Richard B—Margaret

Shorte d. of my cosin Jeremy Jorden—my cosin Mary wife of Robert Cooper—To each of the two children of my cosin Henry Roots late of Benenden deceased—Dorothy d. of my cosin Robert Browne late of Itchingham—Other legacies to Burdit, Jorden, Sharpe, Hawes, &c.—To Capt. Walter Everden—Walter E. his son my godson—his other children. (Long will, 4 pages) Proved 20 May 1653.<sup>1</sup>

BLUNT ELIAS, of Horsham gent. d. 29 July 1670 (Duke 118). Mary B. my d.—To Elias B. my son—to Joseph B. my son—to my son John—to son Joseph—my son Samuel Blunt—his wife Margaret—overseers Allen Savage the elder of Cuckfield yeo., John Hills junior of Bolney yeo. and Wm. Coe of Horsham gent. Witn. Tho. Bennett, Robert Hall, mark of Wm. Daniel. Pr. 8 Oct. 1671.<sup>2</sup>

BREWER THOMAS, of Horsham gent. Dated 20 Feb. 1623 (Byrde 27). To the poor of Clayton where I was born. My d. Anne B. My d. Mary *ux.* Robert Scoles. My d. Frances *ux.* Richard Luxford—my two youngest daughters Elizabeth and Jane—Richard Brewer & Richard Luxford my son in law overseers.<sup>3</sup> Lands and tenements in Sussex & Kent—Land in Clayton called “Fryes” [Friar’s Oak ?] Tho. Reynolds gent. grand-

<sup>1</sup> The wills of Austen are very numerous at Rochester (now at Somerset House), Canterbury, and at Somerset House. Several of the wills and notices of the Kentish Austens, with pedigrees and arms, from the visitations are printed in Dr. Howard’s “Miscel. Geneal.,” monthly series, vol. 2.

<sup>2</sup> There is a will at Lewes, about this date, of Wm. Coby, gent., att. at law, who mentions his son-in-law, — Blunt, of Horsham, and his children. Samuel Blunt, Esq., was bur. Mch. 1, 1727, and Sarah, *ux.* Sam. Blunt, Esq., 1758 (Horsham Reg.)

<sup>3</sup> [There was a great distinction between the office of executor and that of coadjutor or Overseer. The latter had no power to administer or interfere otherwise than by counsel, persuasion and advice; and if that failed to remedy negligence in the executors, he might complain to the Spiritual Court. A quaint old law writer has taken occasion to wish that overseers might be made of more use, “although they be looked upon only as candleholders, having no power to do anything but hold the candle, while the executors tell the deceased’s money.”—Ed.]

father of my d. Frances, deceased. Lands in Hadlow co. Kent. Rich. Weller a witness.<sup>3</sup>

BARTON JOHN, of Wartling (Brent 282). Proved 1653—Cosin Mr. Tho. Dickinson — Names Clayton, Wheeler, &c.<sup>4</sup>

CHATFIELD EDWARD, of Hamsey, dated 29 Apl 1639 (Hervey 126)—lands in Hamsey—deceased wife Alice—8£ per ann. thereout for bringing up my daughter—my present wife; my sister Joan Browne—my br. Roger C. Roger Fillery my br. in law—my wife Dorothy. Pr. 6 July 1639.

CHATFIELD JOANE, of Sounting widow. D. 5 Apl 1637 (Goare 75). To my uncle Richard C. To the 4 daughters of my cousin John Brookes (Box ?) & his 2 sons—my sister Anne—2 s. & 2 d. of my cosin Richard Virger—3 children of my cosin Richard Guy of Arundel—Margaret d. of my cosin Tho. Olliver. Pr. 17 May 1637.

<sup>3</sup> Wm. Brewer, of Ditton, co. Kent, gent., living 1663, mar. Dorothy, d. of John Haward, of Faversham, by whom he had Richard, his s. & h., who had a s. Wm., and a d. Rachel. Tho. Brewer, of West Farleigh, had a d. Dorothy, ux. Vincent Harward, of Ashford.

<sup>4</sup> Several notices of the family of Barton are given in Suss. Arch. Coll., vols. 14, 15, 23, 25. The following are additional:—Mr. John Barton & Mrs. Margaret Dickinson were married Nov. 11, 1624 (Hurstmonceux Reg.).

Mr. Tho. Barton died Jan. 2, 1761. Mar. John Barton & Ann Roberts, gent., Nov. 27, 1608.

Tho. Barton inducted Rector of Warbleton 1732; ob. 1761, æt. 56.

— Barton, Patron (Warbleton Reg.).

Bur. Dorothy d. of John Bartin, gent, Dec. 6, 1637.

Bur. Mrs. Wheeler, sister of ditto, Nov. 16, 1646.

— Mary, d. of Samuel Barton, gent, & Eliz., July 18, 1668.

Bap. Mary, d. of John Barton, minister, Nov. 23, 1617.

Mar. Mr. Tho. Wood & Mrs. Anne Barton, Aug. 31, 1653.

— Mr. Samuel Barton & Mrs. Eliz. Luxford, Sep. 27, 1653.

Bap. Dorothy d. of John Burton, gent, Mch. 12, 1636.

Bur. Margaret, wife of John Burton, gent, Nov. 5, 1640.

— Mrs. Dorothy Diccinson, Nov. 5, 1643.

— Mr. John Burton, Nov. 18, 1652.

— Samuel, s. of Mr. Samuel Barton, of Hellingleigh, Nov. 26, 1684.

— Mrs. B., wife of Mr. Sam. Barton, Nov. 13, 1702.

— Mr. Samuel Barton, Jan. 27, 1710 (Wartling Reg.).

CHATFIELD HENRY, of Little Horsted, d. 10 Sep. 1652 (Brent 284). To Edward C. my son. 10£—to my son Henry 70£—to my son Thomas 20£—To Margaret my wife lands in L. H. then to son Edward—sons Harry & Thomas 10£ each—d. Anne C.—lands in Beddingham. Pr. 20 July 1653.

CHATFIELD THOMAS, of Isfield yeoman (Brent 284) my son John—my 3 sons, Nathaniel, Stephen & Arthur—Martha my wife—To each of my grandchildren. Proved 1653.<sup>5</sup>

CHATFIELD BERNARD, of Lancing yeo. (Fines 11). Proved 1646-7—To the poor of Chiltington, Westmeston, Fletching & Beeding—my cosin Mary Hoccum d. of Stephen H.—my son Bernard, my son Henry C. my cosin John Hall of Southwick—my father (in-law?) Tho. Botting of Tarring.

CHRIPPES THOMAS, of Rotherfield yeo. (North 88)—wife Alice—Joane C. d. of my Kinsman John C. deceased—Rich. C. a son of said J. C. Elizabeth Collin a d. John Cripps another son, my br. in law Wm. Lockyer of Rotherfield and my cosin Thomas Baker of Ticehurst yeo. overseers. Pr. 1669.<sup>6</sup>

<sup>5</sup> A pedigree of Chatfield is given in Berry's "Sussex Genealogies." Theobald de Chatfield is a witness, *temp.* Ed. I., to a charter of Gilbert de Ockley in Keymer (Chartulary of Lewes Priory).  
<sup>6</sup> The following pedigree is in the Visitation of Sussex, 1662:—

*Arms*—Arg. on a chevron vert 5 horseshoes or.

*Crest*—A doe passant vert collared or.

John Cripps of Home- stall co. Sussex.	—	Anne d. of Thomas Luxford of Key- mer.
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John Cripps of Home- stall.	—	Elizabeth d. & h of Wm. Walter, of Sevenoaks.
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John Cripps of Home- stall, gent. 1662.	—	Mary d. of Wm. Johnson of Tunbridge.	—	Cecily d. of Wm. Worger of Sussex.
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John Cripps.

ELPHICK<sup>7</sup> JOHN, of Rotherbridge in Petworth d. 11 Apl 1645 (Rivers 66)—To the poor of Selmeston—Elizabeth *ux.* Walter Elphick—Wm Lovett my br. in law—John Elphick of Arlington yeo.—Wm. & Edward E. brothers of said John—Joan Hallocke *ux.* Wm. H. of Ranscombe. Tho. Elfick of Selmeston, gent. exor. Pr. 16 May 1645.

ELPHICK ELIZABETH, of Seaford widow (May 95) my kinswoman Elizabeth *ux.* Richard Glydd of London<sup>8</sup>—To my niece Martha Shirley 10£—my poor kinswoman Cordelia Stapley—my 3 sons, John, Stephen & Robert Elphick—my son Thomas & his widow—my 2 daurs Elizabeth Brabant & Anne Walgrave—my 4 daughters in law—my grandchildren—my nephew Thomas Gard. Proved 1661.

ELPHICK<sup>9</sup> MARY, of Seaford spinster. D. 9 Mch 1651 (Bowyer 158)—my mother living—my loving aunt Sherley—my 4 brothers & sisters—my sister Braban—her husband—their children—my brothers John Elphick & Stephen E. exors. Proved 29 June 1652.

ELPHICK RICHARD, of Chiddingly yeo. d. 1 Feb. 1639 (Coventry 70)—my sister Thunder—Margaret, Joan & Agnes daughters of Rich. Thunder my sister's son—To Joan Brackpoole<sup>10</sup> d. of Susanna B. dec. John

There are several wills in the 17th century at Somerset House of Cripps of Northfleet, Rochester, and Maidstone, of the rank of gentry, many of whose sepulchral memorials are in Thorpe's *Registrum Roffense*.

<sup>7</sup> These arms are attributed to Elphick in Harl. MS., 1082, p. 11, viz., arg. on a chev. gules, 3 plates between 3 double-headed eagles gules, impaling Cawley.

<sup>8</sup> There is a pedigree of this family, in the Vis. of London, 1634, of four descents, descended from Richard Glydd, of Brightling, co. Sussex.

<sup>9</sup> Mr. Courthope, "Somerset Herald," compiled a copious pedigree of the Elphicks of Seaford and Rottingdean and their branches.

<sup>10</sup> In the Subsidy Roll of 1296 (2 S.A.C., 293), under the head of "Villata de NytyMBER et Pykcumbe," Ade de Brakepole is rated at 13d.; and under the head "Villate de Peccham et WYSDENE," another A. de B., or the same, is rated at 3s. 10½d. In Withdean, or Patcham, by the London road-side, is a barn called Bradpool Barn, probably the site of the residence which gave name to this family.



B. her br.—my kinsman John Norris—Sarah N. his sister—my cosin Susan Hoadley, their mother; Wm. & Tho. H. her sons—John Bowley alias Jorden my sister's son and his 3 d.—Wm. & John Reynolds sons of Wm. R. of Ripe—James Cruttenden son of John C. of Burwash deceased—Marie C. his sister—Agnes C. their mother—Richard Day my sister's son—Richard, Marie, Edward, & Robert children of said Richard Day—my cosin Tho. Relfe of Burwash—Richard Relfe his son—John, Thomas, & Joan Diker children of my cosin John Dicker of Buxted—my cosin Marie *ux.* John Simmons—Agnes S. their d.—Phœbe *ux.* Stephen Neate of Tenterden—3 ch. of John Goodman of Burwash—ch. of Tho. Goodman of Cranbrook—other names viz., Porter, Bowly, Alborne—3 sons of John Day of Hartfield—cosin Wickersham—5 d. of my cosin Tho. Elphick of Chiddingly—Samuel Eason my brother, John Elphick's widow's son—Sharpe, Miller, Rowtrell—To Rich. Elphick son of Tho. Elphick aforesaid of Chiddingly his lands in Cranbrook—Francis Day s. of Rich. Day of Uckfield—Tho. Day his br. (Long will). Pr. 6 May 1640.

EVERNDEN SIMON, of Cliffe Lewes, Grocer. D. 3 May 18 Charles II. (Mico 114)—Kinsman Walter Evernden of Sedlescomb Esq—4 children of my sister Elizabeth Godman *ux.* Henry Godman of Lewes gent.<sup>11</sup> sister Mary *ux.* John Humphrey of Harleston co. Suffolk gent.—to br. Walter E. 100£—eldest brother John E. gent. Witn. Richard Isted<sup>12</sup> Richard Crunden.<sup>13</sup> Pr. 2 July 1666.

EVERNDEN SIMON, of Cliffe, Lewes, gent. D. 13 Apl 1664 (Bruce 118) D. Elizabeth *ux.* Henry Godman

<sup>11</sup> A pedigree of four descents, with a coat of arms, is given of Godman, of Wivelsfield, in Berry's "Sussex Genealogies."

<sup>12</sup> A pedigree of six descents of Isted, of Framfield, is given in Berry. The arms are given in Add. MSS. 6346, p. 70 (Brit. Mus).

<sup>13</sup> Thomas Crunden was Vicar of Findon 1457. The name is met

with in the Glynde and Eastbourne registers. At the latter place Wm. Guthrie, gent, mar. Alice Crunden, widow, Aug. 7, 1637. The name of Gronden is met with in the Calendars; perhaps a form (with Crunden) of Graundyn, a Norman family in West Sussex, with a coat of arms.

—lands in Mayfield to his two kinsmen, Walter Evernden of Sedlescomb Esq. & John E. of Sedlescomb, gent. on trust—eldest son John—son Simon [*ut ante*] Witn. Rich. Asted [Isted?] Wm. Paynter. Pr. 16 Nov. 1664.

EVERNDEN JOAN, of Northiam widow. D. 20 May 1652 (Wooton 590)—Geo. Mottens & his children—John Frime & ch. Pr. 23 Sep. 1658.

FABIAN THOMAS,<sup>14</sup> Practitioner of Physick (Bowyer 57)—sister Elizabeth Eckles *ux.* Solomon Eckles—my cosen John Large minister of Rotherfield—Anne Cogger niece to the said John Large—my sister Anne Hammersley *ux.* John H.—my diamond ring & my cornelian ring to Hugh son of said John—my whole library—D. 10 Feb. 1651-2. Pr. 5 Mch 1651-2.

FARNFOLD<sup>15</sup> SIR THOMAS, Knt. of Gatewicks co. Sussex (Rivers 11)—“Written with my own hand.” To be bur. at Steyning near his wife—Goods &c in his house at Westminster—my eldest son Henry F. a minor—to daur. Dorothy F. 200£—Rest of my younger children—sons Thomas, Richard, John, Ralph & Edward, 200£ each—my first wife—my cosin Edward Culpepper. D. 1 June 1639. Pr. 17 Sep. 1644.

GATLAND<sup>16</sup> HENRY, of Cuckfield yeo. (Dycer 63).

<sup>14</sup> There was an arms bearing family of this name in Oxfordshire (see Visitation in publications of the Harleian Society). A Thomas Fabian is witness to the will of Jonas Eldridge, of Bidboro, yeo., d. 1646 & pr. 1649 (Fairfax 49). John Fabyan, of Thorpe, co. Surrey, gent., by his will pr. 1631 (Lee 131), mentions his four sons, John, Thomas, Francis, and William.

<sup>15</sup> Some notices of this family are given in 24 S.A.C., 32. A good pedigree is a great desidera-

tum. Their arms are still remaining on the porch of the old house at St. John's Common, formerly belonging to the Michelbornes and now to General Patton, of Clayton Priory.

<sup>16</sup> This is an extremely uncommon name. It does not once occur till this date in the “Calendar of Wills,” at Somerset House, from 1630. Mary Gatland's will, of Dartford, widow, was pr. at Rochester, 1666. Henry Gatland, of Cuckfield, occurs in the Subsidy Roll of 1621 (S.A.C., vol. ix.)—

D. 20 April 1675—To my wife Anne Gatland 5s. and an annuity of 14£—had surrendered lands in the manor of Cuckfield—d. Elizabeth Merchant—my grand children Henry Marchant, John M. & Wm. M.—Wm. Spurling<sup>17</sup> 12d—Grace Spurling 10£—my grand children, Elizabeth, Jane, Mary, & Dorothy G. children of my son Anthony G. dec. 12d each at 21—my d. Dorothy now wife of John Wood of East Grinstead tanner—to son Walter G. all his tithes in C. Recites settlement of his lands called Stockles in Hadlow & East Peckham co. Kent—son Walter resid. legatee. Witn. Jno. Pickering, Edward Jenner. Pr. 10 June 1675.

GILBERT THOMAS,<sup>18</sup> of Buxted gent. (Fines 27). D.

Gatland mar. 18 Apl., 1608, at Cowden, co. Kent, Dorothy Knight. The manor of Sugworth was released by — Board, after 1647, to Walter Gatland & another. 1775. Gatland was owner (Burr. MSS.). Aug. 8, 1750, Mrs. Ellinor Gatland, of Boord Hill, was buried at Cuckfield. About this time Henry Gatland, Esq., of Cuckfield, is met with (Berry's *Suss. Gen.*). Tho. Woolgar, of Lewes, *qui ob.* 1783, at. 72, was married to Eliz., d. of Jared Gatland, of Southeram, who was born Feb. 28, 1719, and died July 29, 1797 (*ibid.*).

<sup>17</sup> Richard Spurling, of Cuckfield, occurs in the Subsidy Roll of 1621.

<sup>18</sup> In Berry's "Kent Genealogies" is a pedigree of Gilbert, of Westbeere and Sandwich; and in the Sussex volume, one of Gilbert, of Bletchington and Eastbourne. As a match with Iden at an early period occurs in both volumes, it is probable they had a common origin. Further particulars of the Gilberts of Kent and of Marden and Hadlow are given in Howard's "Miscellanea," at the end of vol. ii. quar-

terly series. The Buxted Register contains these entries:—

Bur. Thomas, s. of Mr. Thomas Gilbert, Dec. 2, 1642.

— Mr. Thomas Gilbert, Dec. 24, 1646.

Mar. Mr. Wm. Bridgen & Mrs. Jane Lyndsey, Dec. 19, 1637.

Sibilla, wife of the Testator, was d. of Edward Lyndsey, of Buxted, Esq. (Berry, p. 317). She re-married Richard Knight, of Cowden, gent. (marr. settlement dated 18 Mch., 1647, 23 Charles I.), by whom she had issue two surviving d. & coh., viz., Anne *ux.* John Bridgland, gent., & Bridget *ux.* John Payne, of East Grinstead, gent., Richard K. aforesaid, & his nephew Richard K., jun., of Cowden, gent., had a grant of arms Aug., 1671, which, as the latter left an only d. & h., Sarah, *ux.* Leonard Gale, Esq., of Crabbett, in Worth, was inherited by no male descendant, and can only be borne as a quartered coat by the descendants of Bridgland, Payne, and Gale.

In Berry, p. 320, is given a pedigree of two descents from the Visi-

10 Dec. 1646—All lands & ten. in occupation of John Nash at Marden in Kent to Sibilla my wife for life then to Marie G. my only d.—lands in Goudhurst in occupation of John Baylie—Wm. Brigden of Buxted gent. & Robert Shoobridge of Uckfield gent. my brothers in law joint Exors. Witn. Robert Pickering, Tho. Moore.

GILBERT MARY, of Seaford widow (Coventry 44). D. 13 Jan. 1638—my d. Mary Elphick 100£—John E. her son—Daughters Mary, Anne, & Elizabeth—my son Curtis—my br. Bishop—my br. Walter Hawes—my son Thomas G. exor. at 21. Witn. John Porter, Henry Porter. Pr. 1640.

GILBERT NICHOLAS, of Bletchington gent. (Reeve 126) d. 10 May 1677—sons—brother Mr John G. &c. &c.

GILLIART LEWIS<sup>19</sup> senior (Reeve 141), of Rye. D. 1673—sons Lewis, Samuel & Claudius & their wives.

HARTRIDGE JOHN,<sup>20</sup> of Mayfield gent. (Pile 56) To my wife all my lease of Tithes in Mayfield & lease of house & land called Huntet in M.—to two daughters Elizabeth & Barbara—lands in Cranbrook—to my brother in law Tho. May esq. & George May gent. and two others in trust to sell & divide between my three sons George Wm. & John. D. 20 Mch 1636: Pr. 25 May 1636 by wife Elizabeth.

sation of 1634, of Gilbert, of Battle, with the same coat as those of Bletchington. John G., of B., is said therein to have had an "only son, about 13 years old, now living with his brother Elfick, of Seaford," and Mary, his sister, was the testatrix. If the testator, Thomas G., were her brother, he must have died at the early age of 26.

<sup>19</sup> Several entries of this family are in the register of St. Clement's, Hastings. The name of Gilliard

occurs in the register of Eastbourne. Richard Butcher and Judith Galliard, of Ashburnham, were mar. there Nov. 17, 1737.

<sup>20</sup> This is an ancient Kentish family, who lived principally at Pembury. Mathew H., who died ante 27 Henry VI., mar. Juliana, d. & coh. of John Gobyon, of Essex, by the heiress of Pevington (*vide* Add. MSS. Brit. Mus. 16, 279, p. 13). But the name is met with much earlier.

LUXFORD JOHN,<sup>21</sup> of Ockley in Keymer gent. 1673. (Bunce 22).

LECHFORD LEONARD,<sup>22</sup> (Bunce 22) Cousins Whitpayne—Brother Austen's sons, etc. 1673.

LECHFORD ANN, of Hurstpierpoint widow—1679—(Bath 23) long will 4 pages—cozens Austen, Whitpayne, &c.

LOCKYER JOHN, of Rotherfield yeo. (Twiss 59) Joan L. my d. 170£ at 21 or marriage—Jane L. my d. the same—Jane my wife—John L. my youngest son 100£ at 30—my kinswoman Ann Baker d. of my br. in law Robert Baker—Joan B. her sister—Robert their br.—my sister Dennis Baker—Wm. L. my br.—Thomas L. my eldest son lands called Westlands in Ticehurst. Pr. May 1616.

LAMB JOHN,<sup>23</sup> of Petworth yeo. (Alchin 456) lands in Wilts—Brothers Wm. & Geo. Lamb 1654.

LUCK<sup>24</sup> THOMAS the elder, of Wadhurst yeoman (Harvey 125) d. 8 May 1627—To the poor of W. and Lamberhurst—Martha Apps my sister's d. 60£—Christopher Lucke my br.—Stephen Apps my sister's son a tenement in Goudhurst, to him after Christopher's death—Dorothy, Mary, & Joane daurs of Richard L. my br. 10£ each—John Kingswood my br. in law—Tho. Homan of Ticehurst my sister's son—his 5 sisters—Tho. Kingswood s. of the said John K.—Thomas Lucke s. of

<sup>21</sup> A copious pedigree of this family was compiled by the late Mr. Courthope.

<sup>22</sup> Robert Austen, of Windsor, yeo., in his will pr. at D. C., 1679, mentions his br. in law Leonard Lechford, of Hurstpierpoint, parson, and Tho. Whitpain, son of his br. in law, W., of Hurst.

<sup>23</sup> This is an ancient Kentish family. Ælfegus Lamb occurs in the 13th century (Arch. Cant.).

The Lambs, of Lambden, in Chart Sutton, are traceable there to the 15th century. Several of the wills of this family are met with at Somerset House and at Canterbury, mostly of persons of the rank of gentry. Some of the wills are abstracted in Hasted's MSS. Brit. Mus. Add. MSS. 5528.

<sup>24</sup> A pedigree of Luck, of Mayfield, is in Berry.

Richard L. my br. house & lands in Lamberhurst. Pr. 1 July 1639.

LUCKE ELIZABETH, of Mayfield single woman (Audley 22), nuncupative<sup>25</sup> 1631—John Maynard Clerk her br. in law—Susannah L. widow her mother—her brothers & sisters.

MAYNARD THOMAS, of Mayfield (Hervey 78) D. July 1637 (long will)—To Timothy & Thomas Lucke sons of my br. Mr John Lucke deceased.

MAPLESDEN SAMUEL,<sup>26</sup> of Lamberhurst gent. (Alchin 440)—my eldest son Richard M. of London chirurgion—my youngest son Samuel M.—d. Ellen M.—my sister Ellen Ballard—Dated 19 Mch 1652; pr. Sep. 1654. Witn. Robert Steede & John Chamberlin.

MARCHANT WILLIAM,<sup>27</sup> of Edburton yeo. (407 Berkeley) d. 20 May 1652—Wm. M. my youngest son—Joan my d. *ux.* Tho. Averié—my d. Susan *ux.* Nathaniel Avery—Anne my d. *ux.* Robert Bennett—John M. my eldest son—my cosin John Luxford overseer. Pr. 24 Nov. 1656.

MERCHANT JOHN, of Beeding (Penn 149) 2½ pages—1670 John Woodgate s. of John W. of Horsham gent.—cosin Frere—Marchants of Ditchling Albourne and Edburton.

PORTER HENRY,<sup>28</sup> of Seaford gent. (Brent 284)—my little cosin John Evernden one gold seal ring—to little

<sup>25</sup> [Before the Stat. of Frauds, 29 C. 2 (1678), all personal estate might be bequeathed by word of mouth, provided it was *declared* by the testator *in extremis* in the presence of a sufficient number of witnesses, and afterwards reduced (by them) to writing. This was called a Nuncupative Will; and it required probate, like a written one. ED.]

<sup>26</sup> The late Mr. Courthope, Somerset Herald, compiled a

very full pedigree of this family. Pedigrees also occur in the "Visitations of Kent."

<sup>27</sup> See pedigree of Marchant, of Hurstpierpoint (S.A.C., vol. 25), related to those of Edburton, etc.

<sup>28</sup> There is a pedigree of Porter, of Lamberhurst, etc., in Berry. John Evernden mar. Joane Elphick, who was bap. at Seaford, July 3, 1586. Evernden is a name of Kentish origin.

Walter Evernden my cosin, the same—Winifrid E. eldest d. to my niece Winifred—my cosin John Saxby—my loving nephew Mr. Walter Evernden of Seaford gent. exor. Pr. 1653.

SARGISON GEORGE, merchant taylor of London (King 37) Lands in Cumberland & Westmoreland—wife Theodosia—witr. Charles Sargison, etc. 1659.<sup>29</sup>

TERRY JOHN,<sup>30</sup> of Seaford clerk (27 King) Martha Fuller 10£ a year my cosin Martha Bostick & my cosin Mary Gold her sister—lands & tenements in Minster in Isle of Thanet & Lyddon co. Kent to my br. Tho. Terry. Witr. Step. Elphick Harry Wymark Tho. Kidder. D. 17 Dec. 1677. Pr. Feb. 1678.

TYDY<sup>31</sup> JUDITH, of Easeborne co. Sussex (Carr 83) D. 12 Apl 1667—my 4 grand children Magdalen Tydy, Mary, Martha & Elizabeth T.—my son in law Arthur Hollist—my d. Munfield witr. Mary Hall. Pr. June 1667.

WOODGATE<sup>32</sup> ARTHUR the elder, of Horsham yeo.

<sup>29</sup> In the pedigree of Sargison, of Cuckfield (Suss. A. Coll.), the first of the family is Charles S., whose sister married a Westmoreland gentleman, in which county probably his ancestry may be found.

<sup>30</sup> This name is probably Thierry. John, Wm., and Thomas Terry occur in the Sussex Subsidy Roll of 1296 (S.A.C., vol. 2). It is also in the Kentish "Book of Aid," 20 Edw. III., and several Kentish wills of the name are met with.

<sup>31</sup> This name occurs in the Slaugham, Worth, and Crawley Registers. The following entries of the name of the rank of gentry have been met with:—

Bur. Mary, d. of Christopher Tidy, gent., 11 Apl., 1655 (Rye Reg.).

Mar. John Stone & Agnes Tidy, 3 June, 1629 (Rusper Reg.).

Bap. John, s. of Richard Tidy, gent., & Mary, 28 Jan., 1759.

— Richard, s. of the same, 29 Dec., 1759.

Bur. John, s. of Richard Tidy, gent., July 11, 1771.

— Mary, wife of Richard Tidy, gent., Feb. 2, 1760 (Brighton Reg.).

<sup>32</sup> This is a name of Kentish origin (12 Edward I.). Henry, s. of Ralph de la Wodegate occurs in a fine of lands in Sheldwich and Throwley. The name is met with chiefly at Chiddingstone and Edenbridge, in 1450, amongst the followers in Jack Cade's Rebellion (Arch. Cant., vol. 7). In Add. MSS. (Hasted's) Brit. Mus. 16279, p. 369, there is a copious pedigree of the family of seven descents.

(Twiss 92)—To Arthur W. eldest son house and lands at Slaugham called Sluttes farm for life then to Geo. W. son of said Arthur & his heirs male for ever—daurs of said Arthur—to son Richard lands in Worth son Henry—son John—d. Judith—Richard Mihill her uncle of Horsham long since deceased—Elizabeth my d. *ux.* John Rowland—d. Jane *ux.* Bryan Foyce—Elizabeth my wife—my cosin Hall Ravenscroft gent. my br. in law Edward Parkhurst. Pr. 1646.

WELLER THOMAS, of Jevington gent. the elder (Berkley 326)—my d. Catharine *ux.* Wm. Markwick of Jevington gent.—Elizabeth one of his daurs—other daurs, viz. Cath. & Susanna—son Thomas. Witn. Geo. Weller & 2 others. D. 13 May 1656: Pr. 8 Sep. 3.

WELLER AGNES,<sup>33</sup> of Frant widow (Evelyn 86)—my son Thomas Weller—my son John Weller—my son Stephen W.—my d. Mary *ux.* Alexander Rottenbridge—my grandchildren, Elizabeth, Sarah, Anne & Dorcas Weller, children of my son John—my grand children, Tho. W. Elizabeth W. & Henry W., my son Thomas's children—Wm., Richard, John, Stephen & Anne W. my son Stephen's children—Alexander, Anne, Marie, Elizabeth, & Joseph Rottenbridge, my d. Marie's children—my eldest son "Wm. Tho."—cosin Wm. Harmer. D. 20 May 1640. Pr. 14 July 1641.

WEEKES WILLIAM, of Birchington in Bexhill yeo. (Juxon 101) D. 23 Apl 1663. My br. Richard W. of Tenterden—To the two children of my said br. at 15—to Thomas & William my two sons 20£ each at 21—

<sup>33</sup> This is chiefly a Kentish name, and to be met with early at Cranbrook. In Berry's "Kent. Gen." is a good pedigree of the family. Some additions are given in Howard's "Miscellanea," and many sepulchral memorials are preserved in Thorpe's "Registrum Roffense." The testa-

trix would appear to be the d. of Wm. Terry, of West Malling and Wadhurst. gent., as in his will, dated 1652 (Brent 129), he mentions Mary Rottenbridge, my grandchild, wife of Alex. R.; though neither she (being then dead) or her other children are therein named.



child en ventre sa mere to have 100£—my friends Wm. Levett gent. & John Brithes yeo. to be overseers. Witn. Thomas Delves & Richard Boyes. Pr. 20 July 1663.

WYKES WILLIAM,<sup>34</sup> of Lamberhurst gent. (Lloyd 37.) As to the legacy of 1000£ which was given to me by the will of my kinswoman Mrs Mary Beswick, I give to my three friends, Mr Wm. Dew of London gent. Richard Francis of Lamberhurst mercer, & Thomas Martin of Lamberhurst gent. to be exors—my sister Eliz. Brooker—Anne Okeden, Martha Marsh & Rachel Hart, children of my three sisters—my son Richard Wykes, one shilling—my son Thomas Wykes my seale [and] gold ring—Elizabeth wife of the said Thomas—lands and tenements in Horsemunden—House wherein I now dwell in L. D. 8 Dec. 1682. witn. Steph. Barham, John Hodgkin, John Barham, Wm. Tollhurst. Codicil d. 9 Feb. 1684. Pr. 4 Mch 1685.

<sup>34</sup> An article giving an account of the Wykeses and Weekeses, of Kent and Sussex, is in Marshall's "Genealogist" for April and July, 1876. Some notices are given in 11 S.A.C., 82, "Hurstpierpoint." A pedigree of Weekes, of Westfield, in East Sussex, is in 14 S.A.C., 116. A pedigree of Weekes, of Tortington, is in Berry's Suss. Gen., and Cartwright's "Arundel Rape," beginning with Oliver Weekes, who m. the heiress of Gratwick, whose son Oliver m. Phillipa, d. of Sir Walter Raleigh, s. of Carew Raleigh, whose son, Carew Weekes, was M.P. for Arundel, 1702. The following Will elucidates that in the text:—

(Lee 3) RICHARD WYKS, of Horsemondon, Kent, gent. Dated 16 Sep. 1635. "To my son Wm. Wyks 100£. To John Hart & Edward Hart sons of my d. Rachel Hart 50£ each at 23." All his lands which he purchased of his uncle Tho. Woddy in Battell to his wife Anne for life, & also other lands held of the manor of Battell, then to son John W. other lands to son Arthur W. "My daur. Brooker 5£. Wife executrix. My son Richard Wyks, of Sevenoaks gent. and my friend John Austen, of Broadford, clothier, overseers." Dated (secondly) 18 Nov., 1637. Witn. Thos. Wyks, &c. Proved 12 Jan., 1637-8.