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SOME CHICHESTER WILLS, 1483-1504

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FROM the Sussex wills proved in or before 1560 which were abstracted by the late Mr. Garraway Rice there is one considerable omission. Mr. Rice failed—it is not surprising—to discover the testamentary matter contained in two volumes of the records of the peculiar court of the Dean of Chichester, Nos. 4 and 5, which were known, during part of his search, to the late Mr. E. W. H. Dunkin as 'Borelle' (the name is written on the back cover in a sixteenth-century hand, perhaps it should read 'Bordle') and 'Morgane' (the surname of the first testator mentioned in the book).

'Borelle' measures $12\frac{1}{2}$ in. by $9\frac{1}{2}$ in., and is in a limp cover of parchment which proved, on examination, to be made of the somewhat damaged engrossments of two Papal bulls of the fifteenth century. One, appointing a collector of dues, is of little interest; the other, by Pope Eugenius [IV], dated xi kal. Maii (21 April) 1438, provides a new pastor for the Church of Chichester on the death of Simon [Sydenham]. Of the name of the new bishop only the initial letter remains; but the year-date alone is enough to establish that we have here the bull of provision of Bishop Richard Praty, the text, and even the date, of which is preserved, I believe, nowhere else.

The book itself contains about 129 leaves of paper, the later ones being in poor condition. There are at least five watermarks: 1. A unicorn (resembling in his build a water-buffalo rather than a horse) passant. 2. An ogee-sided flagon. 3. Three fleurs-de-lis on an escutcheon surmounted by a Latin cross, into the arms of which nails have been driven. 4. A lower-case black-letter **p** surmounted by a quatrefoil. 5. A cross-staff debriused by an escutcheon charged with two bendlets,

each, apparently, intended to represent a tree-trunk. The book contains the record of the proceedings of the court of the peculiar of the Dean of Chichester, which included Fishbourne and Rumboldswyke as well as the City of Chichester, the parish of All Saints in the Pallant excepted. The first entry is dated Friday 7 May 1484; the last date that I have been able to read is Saturday 13 Jan. 1503[-4].

The business recorded is largely, though not wholly, testamentary; there are, for instance, records of matrimonial differences, and of other normal business of Church courts. With the non-testamentary matter I have not dealt; but I have attempted to make a complete calendar of the wills (which are all, unless the contrary is stated, in Latin). I have not rearranged the ecclesiological information under parishes, but have made an abstract of all material information contained in each will, whether it concerns the genealogist or the student of parish history. It should be remembered that the paper of the book is often in poor condition, that the ink has often faded, and that the handwriting sometimes degenerates into a scrawl; consequently many readings are uncertain. Even at the time the standard of registration was not high, as the blunders in dating show; for the scribe frequently records the day of the week as well as that of the month (or the Saint's day), furnishing a means of checking his accuracy which does not lead to a good opinion of it. But satisfaction at having any records at all may well temper any feelings of disapproval of their inaccuracy.

I have first calendared all wills the text of which is registered; I have then gone back to the beginning of the book and noted all other testamentary cases, such as litigation about wills, claims for legacies, and grants of administration of intestates. There is here a good deal of material for a picture of life and death (more particularly, of course, death) in the City of Chichester in the early days of King Henry VII. It will be noticed how general was the custom of making bequests for pious uses, from routine bequests of a few pence each to

the testator's parish church and the Cathedral to cases where the whole personal estate is to be used to promote the testator's salvation. The scanty quantity of the goods of this world in the hands even of the wealthier inhabitants is proved by the careful way in which even 'my third best gown' is bequeathed. Perhaps the extreme case of this is that of Thomas Englysh, whose will (p. 17) is almost entirely concerned with the various hands through which a griddle was to pass before being sold to promote his salvation.

Interesting, also, are the wills of three chantry-priests, Sir John Atkyns, chantrist in the Lady Chapel, probably for Bishop Gilbert de St. Leophard,¹ Sir John Dalehowse, chantrist for the Earl of Arundel,² and Sir John Lewyshe, chantrist for Dean Thomas de Lichfield,³ and that of an ex-chantrist, Mr. Richard Aspynhalgh, successively Oakhurst's chantrist, King's Chaplain, and Precentor;⁴ Atkyns's will is of particular interest because it tells us what was, in the opinion of a chantry-priest, a fair remuneration in 1488 for saying seven Masses a week.

Of 'Morgane' I have little to say. The book is in bad condition; and I have hesitated to handle it much. But there is evidently far less material in it; its bulk is considerably less, and I am by no means certain that any wills (as opposed to probate acts and administrations) are entered in it. According to Dunkin it covers the years 1554-64.

f. [13] r.

Richard Vovle, 1488, to be buried in the graveyard of St. Mary, Fyschbourne. To the Cathedral fabric 4*d.* To the church of St. Mary, Fyschbourne, a cow to provide 6*d.* a year to the Rector to keep my obit, and another 6*d.* for the keep of a parishioner of

¹ p. 8; cited to visitation 29 June 1478 (Reg. Story I, f. 5 r.).

² p. 10; instituted 17 Jan. 1483[-4] (Reg. Story II, f. 24 v.), successor inducted, on his death, 24 July 1493 (Dean's Ct. Act bk. 4, f. 53 v.).

³ p. 16; instituted to the Dean's chantry at the altar of St. Cross and St. Augustine between 27 Jan. 1478[-9] and 25 Feb. 1481[-2] (White Act bk., f. 160 r., and Reg. Story I, f. 70 r.); a new chantrist inducted 16 April 1497 (Dean's Ct. Act bk. 4, f. 86 v.).

⁴ p. 14; occurs as Oakhurst's chantrist 29 June 1478 (Reg. Story I, f. 4 v.), admitted King's Chaplain 13 Dec. 1481 (White Act bk., f. 158 r.), collated Precentor 28 July 1485 (Reg. Story II, f. 2 v.).

Fyschbourne. To my son John Vowlle a house in the parish of St. Bartholomew in the suburb of Chichester, $\frac{1}{2}$ acre of arable in Vynyllfylld belonging to Fyschbourne parish, and two calves from my cows breeding last year. To Joan Paynter, daughter of Richard Paynter, a calf. To Agnes Gaylard, [wife] of Matthew Gaylard, 13s. 4d. which her father left her. To each of my godchildren eight bushels of barley. Residuary legatees and exors. my wife Alice Vowll and Thomas Lane to promote my salvation. Witnesses, Jeyne Warde and Peynter.

Registered on page headed 30 June 1486.

Alice Walshe, widow of Ralph Walshe of Fysborne, to be buried in the graveyard of St. Mary of Fyschborne. To that church for the upkeep of the light of Holy Cross and St. Katherine 4d., to the Cathedral fabric 4d. To my daughter Maud a cookpot, two pairs of sheets (*lintheorum*), and one of my best pieces of linen (*lintheamenta*), a pair of beads of jet (*gargat'*) stones, two platters and a dish of pewter. To St. Mary of Fyseborne one of my best settles (*scamnerorum*). To the four sons and daughters of my son and his wife a piece of linen each. To Elizabeth Laane, daughter of Thomas Laane of Fyshborne, my goddaughter, a platter and dish of pewter. To Edward Walshe my son my house that he lives in; an obit is to be kept yearly in Fyschborne church for the souls of Ralph Walsh and Alice his wife. Residuary legatee and exor. Edward Walsh to promote my salvation. Witnesses, Thomas Laane, John Cartar.

Registered on page headed 8 May 1487.

Richard Myldewe, citizen of Chichester, dated 3 Jan. 1483[-4], to be buried in the graveyard of the Friars Preachers, Chichester. To the Cathedral fabric 12d., to the fabric of the parish church of St. Peter the great 12d.; to the Friars Preachers, Chichester 3s. 4d., to the Friars Minor, Chichester 2s.; to Sir John Wyllovghby, Rector of St. Peter the great, 20d. To the poor of the hospital of St. Mary Magdalene in le porteffelde 6d., of the hospital of St. Laci (*sic*) of Loddysdowne 6d., of the hospital of St. James nigh Chichester 8d., of St. Mary's hospital 6d. My house in Chichester nigh Lytyllondon to Joan Asshle, widow, for life, rendering to Richard Dorkyng 4d. a year chief rent, on her death to the said Richard Dorkyng, his heirs and assigns. All my other lands in Chichester and its suburbs and in le Portefeelde and Wykefeelde or elsewhere in Sussex to Richard Dorkyng, his heirs and assigns, charged with the keeping of my anniversary for the next ten years in the church of the Friars Preachers at a cost of 10s. a year with *placebo* and *dirige*, a Mass on the morrow (*in crastino*) and other services for the dead, with six priests, three of the House (*loci predicti*) and three Friars Minor; the rest of the 10s. to be spent on food and drink for the refreshment of my executors, friends, and poor neighbours. If my obit is not celebrated within a week the Mayor and citizens of Chichester may make entry on any of my tenements in Lytyllondon and on a barn

inside the east walls and take the rents and profits for the repair of the city walls so long as my obit is not kept. Residuary legatees and exors. the said Richard Dorkyng and the said Joan Ashle to promote my salvation. Witnesses, Thomas Orgar, Thomas Wyllman. Supervisor, Mr. John Vyncent, to have for his pains at my executors' discretion. My garden outside le estgate, late of William Mildeu my brother, is, after my death and that of my wife, to be sold and the money used to promote the salvation of the said William and his wife.

Proved 4 Sept. 1487.

f. 23 r.

Henry Mavncer of St. Olave, Chichester, 4 Nov. 1487, to be buried in the Cathedral graveyard near the Lady Chapel. To the Cathedral fabric 12*d.*, to the church of St. Olave 8*d.*; to my curate serving St. Olave 12*d.*, to the parish clerk there 4*d.* To the Friars Minor of Chichester 8*d.*, to the Friars Preachers 8*d.* To Thomas my son when he comes of age my fulling mill at Cokkyng and the house where William Fuller dwells; 40*s.* each to my daughters Maud and Alice. Six priests are to be at my burying; and on the day of it 40 pennyworth of bread is to be given to the poor. To John Mavncer my brother my russet gown; to Isabel my wife's daughter a wool loom (*unum textorium laneum*). Residuary legatee and entix. my wife Joan. Witnesses, Sirs W[illiam] Coper, Thomas Appurley, Simon Pott.

Proved 12 Dec. 1487 by Joan Mavncer, wife of the deceased.

f. 23 v.

James Offerton of St. Olave's, Chichester, 3 Sept. 1487, to be buried in the Cathedral graveyard. To the Cathedral fabric 12*d.*, to the church of St. Olave 8*d.*; to Sir William Coper, curate, 20*d.*, to John Spen 20*d.* To my brother Geoffrey a bow and half my arrows, to my brother Nicholas another bow and the other half of the arrows. 78*s.* 8*d.* to be paid within 12 days after Christmas to John Goff of Stenyng, tanner, for leather that I bought of him. Residuary legatee and exor. William Carter; supervisor Sir William Coper. Witness, Sir William Coper.

Registered between 19 Dec. 1487 and 30 Jan. 1487[-8].

f. 24 v.

Thomas Bachelor alias Vensey, citizen and burgess of Chichester, 15 March 1486[-7], to be buried in the Cathedral graveyard south of the Lady Chapel. To the Cathedral fabric 12*d.* To Simon Molence my curate 6*s.* 8*d.* to pray for me, and my furred gown of musterdevelyorse, to the Subdeanery parish clerk 4*d.*; to Friars Preachers and Friars Minor of Chichester 12*d.* each. All my lands in Chichester to my wife Joan for her life; after her death my house in West St. in which I dwell, called 'le george', to my eldest daughter Agnes and the heirs of her body, remainder to the Subdean of Chichester to keep my anniversary in the Subdeanery [Church] in the Cathedral. Eight priests to be present at the exequies and the Mass, each to

celebrate and to have 6*d.*, those not celebrating to have 4*d.*; the parish clerk to have 4*d.* for dressing the hearse (*pro ornatu feretri defunctorum*) and for all clerk's duties; the Subdean shall provide four 4 lb. wax candles to burn about the hearse at my exequies and Masses; 2*s.* to be spent on bread, ale, and cheese for the refreshment of the clerks and laymen present, 4*s.* to be given to the poor. In bidding prayers on Sundays and holydays for his dead parishioners the Subdean or his deputy shall commemorate myself, my wife, and my sons and daughters. If my will is not observed the Dean and Chapter of Chichester may enter upon the George to carry it out. Residuary legatee and extix. my wife Joan to promote my salvation. Witnesses, Simon Molence my curate, Richard Warwyke, Thomas Grenehull.

Proved 9 Feb. 1487[-8].

f. 25 r.

John Bartelott, citizen of Chichester, 6 Nov. 1487, to be buried in the graveyard of the Friars Minor, Chichester. To the common chest of Chichester Cathedral 6*d.*, to the church of St. Peter the less 12*d.*, to the Friars Minor 3*s.* 4*d.* To the church of St. Peter the less a candle weighing 8 lb., such as I used to find for the Easter Sepulchre, and a torch weighing 12 lb., to be lit on feast days at the Elevation of the Host. To William, son of Robert Barttelot, a . . . (*unum coeliar vulgariter nuncupatum a gemido spoone*) worth 3*s.* 4*d.* To Edward ? Penen of Kyngston on Thames my best ankle-length blue gown, to Joan his wife, my daughter, my second best ankle-length blue gown and 6*s.* 8*d.*, to Eleanor my daughter 40*s.* in cash and kind. At my burying four priests are to be at the service and to sing Mass in the parish church aforesaid; for the first six years after my death 13 Masses a year are to be said. Residuary legatees and extices. my wife Joan and my daughter Isabel to promote my salvation; supervisor Robert ? Glazaer.

Registered between entries both dated 13 Feb. 1487[-8].

f. 37 v.

Sir John Atkyns, 30 Jan. 1487[-8], to be buried in the Cathedral cloisters. To the Cathedral fabric 20*s.*, to the Subdean for tithes forgotten 3*s.* 4*d.*, to his parish clerk 4*d.* For five years after my death a priest is to celebrate for me, saying on Sundays the Mass of the Trinity, on Mondays, Tuesdays, Wednesdays, and Thursdays that of the Holy Ghost, on Fridays that of Requiem, on Saturdays that of the Commemoration of Our Lady, to be paid £33. 6*s.* 8*d.* The Warden of the Friars Minor is to say the same Masses for two years, and to be paid £12. Mr. John Kyng to celebrate for me for one year with the same Masses, to have £5. On the day of my burying the Dean to have 12*d.*, each Canon 8*d.*, each Vicar 6*d.*, likewise on my trental. To each chorister 2*d.*, thurifer 2*d.*, sacrist 4*d.*, bellringer 2*d.*, 26*s.* 8*d.* in all. The same sum is to be spent at my trental, and at my year's mind; on each of these days 20*s.* is to be given to the poor,

£3 in all; for 40 years my anniversary is to be kept with a payment of 6s. 8d., £13. 6s. 8d. in all. To the church of Holy Trinity and St. Richard, Chichester, a cope, price £10; to the Lady chapel there two frontals (*pallia*) for the altar, price £5; to the Vicars' Common Hall 40s. To William Atkyns a silver-gilt cup with a figure of St. George on the cover, left me by Mr. John Plente, also 12 silver spoons, a fetherbedde, and £5 in cash, for him to pray daily for my soul. To John Atkyns, Canon of Newerke nigh Gilford, a fetherbedde and £3 in cash. On the days of my burial and trental each of six poor men is to have a gown of white fryse down to the feet with a hood, and to hold in his hand on each day a 4 lb. candle; at my burial 60 shirts and smokkes to be given to the poor. To the four priests carrying my body to church 16d. for their pains. The priest who celebrates for me for five years is to do so in the Subdeanery, and is to pray for my father and mother, my brother, Sir William Lucy, and Mr. John Plente; these names are to be written in a list and put on the altar, lest they be forgotten. To each godehild 12d. To Sir William Copar my best gown and hood, to Sir William Lane another gown and hood. Residuary legatees and exors. Mr. Simon Molens, William Atkyns, and Sir John Stubber to promote my salvation; to Simon Molens a flatt peece of silver, a lawn surplice, and 13s. 4d., to William Atkyns 13s. 4d., to Sir John Stubber a mazer, a surplice, and 13s. 4d.

Proved 2 Nov. 1489.

f. 38 v.

William Bayle of St. Pancras, 20 Oct. 1489, to be buried in St. Michael's litten near the grave of my wife Agnes. To St. Pancras parish church 12d., to my curate for tithes forgotten 12d., to the Cathedral fabric 4d. Residuary legatee and extix. my wife Joan to promote my salvation. Witnesses, John Arter and Thomas Lokyer.

Proved 12 Nov. 1489.

f. 39 v.

John Tracy, 1 Feb. 1488[-9], to be buried in the graveyard of St. Mary of Fyshbourne. To the Cathedral fabric 3d., to the lights of the brotherhoods of St. Mary of Fyshebourne and St. (*alme*) Katherine 4d. To my son Thomas Tracy a pan containing four gallons, a dish (*scutella*), and a candlestick, to remain for the use of his mother for her life, and afterwards to be delivered to him. To my daughter Alice Tracy a pan containing six gallons, a brass pot containing three gallons, a two-year-old calf, and a candlestick, to be delivered to her at her marriage by my executors. Residuary legatees and exors. my wife Isabel Tracy and my son William to promote my salvation. Witnesses, William Rudby, John Warde, John Carter, William Tyly.

Proved 14 Feb. 1489[-90].

f. 41 r.

Richard Champyon, citizen of Chichester, 27 April 1490. To be buried in the graveyard of St. Michael without the east gate. To the

Cathedral fabric, 4*d.*, to my parish church of St. Peter the great next Guildhall 3*s.* 4*d.*, to Sir John Wyllughby, Rector, my confessor, 12*d.* To my wife Eleanor Champyon all my lands and houses for a year after my death, thereafter those in the City to my son Thomas Champyon and the heirs of his body, remainder to my younger son John Champyon and the heirs of his body. My wife and my son Thomas are jointly to inhabit the house in which I dwell so long as my wife remains unmarried; if she marries she is to have, at my son's delivery, one of my cottages opposite rent free for life. To my son Thomas all my bodily ornaments, gowns, coats (*tunicas*), shirts, and the like, and a debt of 20*s.* due to me from Peter Cutler. To my younger son John 10*s.* for his marrying. To each of my daughters Joan the elder and Joan the younger 10*s.* for their marrying; if either die her share to go to the survivor. My obit is to be kept in the church of St. Peter the great next Guildhall at the ordinance of my son Thomas. To Giles my executor 3*s.* 4*d.* for his pains, the like to Symon his fellow. My exors. are my residuary legatees to promote my salvation.

Proved by exors. 8 July 1480.

f. 42 r.

John Robarde, citizen of Chichester, 16 Aug. 1490, to be buried in the Cathedral graveyard near the grave of my late wife Joan. To the Cathedral fabric 4*d.*, to Simon Molens my curate 12*d.* to pray for my soul, to the parish clerk 4*d.* To Plesance my wife my house in South St. Chichester in which I dwell. Residuary legatee and extix. my wife Plesance to promote my salvation. Witnesses, Simon Molens my curate, Christopher Derwyn, William Rumbene.

Proved by extix. 25 May 1491.

f. 45 r.

Robert Glasyar of Chichester, 'Bocher', dated 27 Dec. 1491, to be buried in the church of the Friars Minor, Chichester. To the Cathedral fabric 6*d.*, to my parish church 12*d.*, to my curate 2*s.* 2*s.* for six priests on the day of my burying, the like at my month's mind. To my daughters Alice and Joan 5 marks each provided they are governed by my wife Margaret, otherwise 33*s.* 4*d.* only. To my wife Margaret my corner house opposite the church of St. Peter the less on the south of the highway, opposite the wall of the Friars Minor on the west, late of John Glasyar my father. Residuary legatee and extix. my wife to promote my salvation. Witnesses, Sir Edward Harryson, curate of St. Peter the less, Henry Eyr, Richard Howyk.

Proved by extix. 29 Feb. 1491[-2].

f. 47 v.

Oliver Kyrkby, citizen of Chichester, 3 April 1492, to be buried in the Cathedral graveyard near the grave of my late wife Nicola. To the Cathedral fabric 12*d.*, to Simon Molence my curate 20*d.* To Robert my servant my green gown and a basin and ewer, to Lucy

my maidservant two platters and a pewter dish. Residuary legatee and extix. my wife Joan to promote my salvation, supervisor Richard Webb. Witnesses, Simon Molence my curate, and Joan my wife.

Proved by extix. 25 May 1492.

f. 49 r.

Richard Dorkyng, citizen of Chichester, 31 July 1492, to be buried in the church of the Friars Preachers, Chichester. To the Cathedral 6*d.*, to the fabric of the parish church of St. Andrew, Chichester, 20*d.*, to the Rector thereof 12*d.* To Robert Gylys my servant 2*s.*, to Agnes Coper, Alice Durant, and Agatha, my maidservants 12*d.* each, to Edmund my servant 6*d.*; to each of my godchildren 4*d.* To the poor of the brotherhood of St. George 6*d.*, to the hospitals of St. James, Loddysdown, and St. Mary Magdalene nigh Chichester, 4*d.* each, to the poor of St. Mary's hospital Chichester 6*d.* For the use of the brotherhood of St. George a tablecloth; to the Friars Preachers of Chichester 6*s.* 8*d.*, to the Friars Minor of Chichester 20*d.* My lands and tenements in Litellondon, Chichester, of which two are in Safreyslane, and another was late [of] Rawlyns, to my wife Agatha for life, remainder to my son Richard and the heirs of his body. The rest of my estate in my leases in Chichester to my wife Agatha. My barn and six cottages in Litellondon, and my land in Portefyld, Wykfyld, or elsewhere in Sussex, to my son Richard; for five years after my death he shall provide an obit and anniversary at a cost of 10*s.* in the church of St. Andrew for the souls of Richard and William Myldew and their friends; after these five years he or his executors are to provide for my anniversary at a cost of 5*s.* for ten years in the church of the Friars Preachers on the feast of St. Faith or within three days of it. If Richard dies without heirs the premises to the Mayor and citizens of Chichester to keep my anniversary, in default to the Prior and Convent of Boxgraue to do so. Residuary legatees and exors. my wife Agatha and my son Richard; supervisor John Redman with 6*s.* 8*d.* for his pains. Witnesses, William Holte, Mayor, Thomas Cressweller, late Mayor, of Chichester.

Proved by exors. 26 Oct. 1492.

f. 50 r.

Joan Mawncer, 26 July 1492, to be buried in the Cathedral graveyard. To the Cathedral fabric 12*d.*, to the church of St. Olave 12*d.* To my two younger daughters, Maud and Alice, the house in which I dwell. Residuary legatees and exors. John Spicer and Richard Spycer. Witnesses, Sir William Coper, Joan Deryng, Joan Gest.

Proved 27 Oct. 1492.

Isabel Web (*sic*), wife of John Webb, of Subdeanery parish, 1 Sept. 1492, to be buried in the Cathedral graveyard. To the Cathedral 4*d.* To Joan my mother a gown, to Isabel, wife of John Coote, another gown; all my other clothes and gear to be given to the poor by the

said John Coote. Residuary legatee and exor. the said John Coote to promote my salvation. Witnesses, John Boteler, William Baker.

Proved Saturday,¹ (*blank*) Jan. 1492[-3].

f. 50 v.

Sir John Dalehowse, 17 Jan. 1492[-3], to be buried in the Cathedral cloisters next to the grave of Sir John Atkyns. To the [Vicars'] common hall 6s. 8d., to the Cathedral two copes for the choristers, to the chapel of St. John Baptist in the Cathedral a vestment and all its purtenance. To my mother my best gown. Residuary legatees and exors. my son William Dalehouse and Elyatt Alfons, merchant, of London, to promote my salvation. Witnesses, John Champyon his (*suo*) curate, and Robert Fulsham, Vicar choral.

Proved 26 Jan. 1492[-3] by William Dalehowse.

f. 51 r.

William Marlat of Subdeanery parish, 1 Dec. 1492, to be buried in the Cathedral graveyard. To the Cathedral 4d. Residuary legatee and extix. my wife Alice to promote my salvation. Witnesses, Dr. Molens, John Champyon his curate.

Proved 26 Jan. 1492[-3].

f. 52 v.

Robert Meryfyld of St. Mary in the market, 21 March 149[2-]3, to be buried in the Cathedral graveyard next to my father's grave. To the Cathedral fabric 12d., to my parish church 12d., to my curate 3s. 4d. To Joan Steer my maidservant a pair of sheets. My wife Joan is to find food and clothing for my mother for her life. Residuary legatees and exors. my wife Joan and Richard Howyk, citizen of Chichester, to Richard Howyk my best gown for his pains: supervisor Thomas Wlgar, to have my silver seal for his pains. Witnesses, Sir William Lane my curate, John Shamler, William Connysby.

Proved by exors. 5 June 1493.

f. 53 r.

Thomas Wood, citizen of Chichester, 9 March 149[2-]3, to be buried in the church of the Friars Preachers. To the Cathedral fabric 2s., to the fabric of St. Andrew's church 3s. 4d., to the church of the Friars Preachers with my body 6s. 8d. To the Friars Minor 3s. 4d. To my mother, if living, 20s., otherwise to be disposed of for the salvation of her soul and that of my father. To my curate 12d., to the parish clerk 6d. To my brother in London 6s. 8d. and a gown, to my sister Marian 6s. 8d., to Thomas Ruke my son 20s. and a gown, price 6s. 8d., to Joan Cokkyng 13s. 4d., to John Ruk my son 6s. 8d. To Alice Wode my maidservant 20s., to each godchild 12d., to each of the poor of St. George and St. Mary's hospital a shirt. My exors. and supervisor are to find for a year, at a cost of £3. 6s. 8d., a priest to celebrate for my soul in the church of St. Andrew twice a week, one Mass of the Holy Ghost and one of Requiem, with *placebo* and

¹ i.e. 5, 12, 19, or 26 Jan.

dirige; the trental of St. Gregory is to be said for my soul. Residuary legatee and extix. my wife Margaret to promote my salvation; supervisor my curate Sir Robert Gaynsbrugh, to have 6s. 8d. for his pains. Witnesses, Sir Robert Gaynsbrugh and Mr. Richard Holwyk. To St. Andrew's church 6s. 8d. to buy a cope; to my brother my horse.

Proved 13 July 1493.

f. 53 v.

Elizabeth Drynkwatyr, 20 June 1493, to be buried within the Cathedral cloister called 'le paradyse'. To the Cathedral 12d., to my curate 20d. and a brass pot. To my son William a silver cup and six silver spoons. Residuary legatee and exor. my son Mr. Robert to promote my salvation. Witnesses, John Champyon and Edmund Herdham.

Proved 3 Aug. 1493.

f. 55 r.

John Shamler, 17 Aug. 1493, to be buried in the Cathedral graveyard north of the church. To the Cathedral fabric 8d., to the Subdean 12d., to the Vicars choral 3s. 4d., to the parish clerk 4d. To my master the Precentor my shawm and its garnishings (*calamodum cum sc(r)ipt' hernisat'*). To each chorister 2d., to the four bellringers 4d., to Sir William Lane all my instruments. To Thomas Cewook my wife's father my best russet gown, to my brother John Shamler my green gown. Residuary legatee and extix. my wife Gillian to promote my salvation. Witnesses, Mr. John Champyon, Subdean, Thomas Cewook, Thomas Mores.

Proved 4 Oct. 1493.

John Lokyer, 12 Aug. 1493, to be buried in the graveyard of the Friars Minor. To the Cathedral fabric 4d., to the church of St. Peter the less 8d., to Sir John Newton my curate 3s. 4d. On the day of my burying my extix. is to keep my obit with five secular priests. Residuary legatee and extix. my wife Alice to promote my salvation. Witnesses, Sir John Newton, William Glazyar, Nicholas Hulys.

Proved 4 Oct. 1493.

f. 55 v.

William Ryman, 17 Sept. 1493, to be buried in the church of the Friars Preachers. To the fabric of that church 6s. 8d., to each friar of the convent 4d., to the Cathedral fabric 4d., to each Vicar choral 4d., to the Subdean 12d. Residuary legatee . . . (*unfinished; registered between acts of 4 Oct. and 11 Oct. 1493*).

f. 56 r.

John Mawncer, citizen of Chichester, 12 Sept. 1493, to be buried in the Cathedral graveyard. To the Cathedral fabric 6d., to the Subdean 8d., to the parish clerk 4d. My house in South St., Chichester, to my son William Mawncer and the heirs of his body, remainder to my daughters Isabel and Joan and the heirs of their bodies and to the longer liver of them, remainder to my brother

Christopher Mavncer to keep an obit for myself and my parents. To my son William Mavncer my tools of the fulling trade, to my mother 12*d.* and my best gown. To my son Christopher Mavncer 24 lb. 20*d.* weight of wool, to Richard Walter of Fysseborne 32 lb. 3*s.* 4*d.* weight of wool, to William Cracell the elder 32 lb. 3*s.* 4*d.* weight of wool. Residuary legatees my daughters Isabel and Joan Mavncer, exors. Richard Walter and William Cracell aforesaid. Witnesses, Mr. John Champyon, Subdean, Thomas Mores, Richard Denby, John Trowe.

Proved 11 Oct. 1493.

John Humberston, 7 Sept. 1493, to be buried in Paradise. To the Cathedral for my burial 6*s.* 8*d.*, to the Subdean for my mortuary an ox, to the Vicars choral to pray for my soul another ox. On the day of my burying to each Vicar 4*d.*, to each exorcist 1*d.* To Hunstan church a red cow and a calf, to Wyke church another cow . . .
(*unfinished*)

f. 56 v.

Edward Walshe, 1 May 1493, to be buried in Fyshebourne graveyard. To the Cathedral 4*d.*, to Fyshebourne church 4*d.*, to my confessor Friar Adam Weston, O.P., 4*d.* To Alice Lane a platter and a paten (*discum et discellum aliter vocatos vulgariter a plater and a pateng*). Debts owing to me to be paid to my wife Agnes. I owe 6*s.* 8*d.* to William Clerk of Chichester, 2*s.* to Fyshbourne parish church, 10*s.* 8*d.* to my son John Walshe. Geoffrey Fans owes me 4*s.* 6*d.*, to be paid to my wife Agnes, who is my residuary legatee and extix. to promote my salvation, after her death to be succeeded by my son John.

(*No P.A.*)

f. 59 r.

Agnes Molens, 15 March 1494 (*sic*), to be buried in the Cathedral graveyard near my husband Henry Molens. To the Cathedral fabric 20*d.*, to my curate 20*d.*, to the clerk 4*d.* To poor John Carter a sheet of canvas, to Alice Buttler a pair of beads of jet (*gete*), to Alice Jogull my servant a folding table (*mensam volubilem*), a spit, an andiron (*ypporgium*), a pair of sheets, three pewter dishes, and a spinning-wheel (*unum instrumentum quo mulieres nere solent an[gli]ce a terne*). To John Crucher a canvas sheet, to Margaret Bayle a kerchief of grogram (*de filo grosso*), to Greenhill's wife a gown of vyolett, to her mother my russet gown, to widow Stere a green gown, to Wlfe's wife my best hood and a kerchief of grogram, to Grenehyll's wife a kerchief of grogram. Residuary legatees and exors. my sons Simon Molens and William Molens to promote my salvation. Witnesses, John Hamond, John Champyon.

(*No P.A.*)

Richard Dorkyng of St. Andrew, 23 May 1494 (*sic*), to be buried in the church of the Friars Preachers. To the fabric of St. Andrew

3s. 4d., to the fabric of the church of the Friars Preachers 6s. 8d. for my burying, to the Cathedral fabric 12d., to Sir Robert Gaynsbrugh my curate 12d., to the parish clerk 4d. There are to be eight priests at my burying, month's mind, and year's mind. Residuary legatee and extir. my wife Joan to promote my salvation. Witnesses, Sir Lane, John Lawrens, Henry Wudlad, William Cardmaker.

Proved 26 July 1493.¹

f. 59 v.

Joan Darkyn, widow, of Chichester, 1494 (*sic*), to be buried in the church of the Friars Preachers. To the fabric of that church for my burying 6s. 8d., to the Cathedral fabric 6d., to the fabric of St. Andrew's church 12d., to Sir Robert Gaynsbrugh, Rector, 3s. 4d., to the parish clerk 4d. To my brother John Wayte 10s., to my brother William Wayte 6s. 8d., to my sister Agnes a basin and ewer, a platter, a pewter dish, a pair of sheets, and two silver spoons. To my sister Margaret a basin, a platter, a pewter dish, a pair of sheets, and two silver spoons, to my sister Joan a basin and charger, a charger (*magnum parapsidem vulgariter nuncupatum a charger*), a pewter dish, a pair of sheets, and two silver spoons, to my mother Agatha Darkyn a piece of silver. To the fabric of Estergate church 6s. 8d. To Alice Fowle a blue gown, to Agnes Cowper a gown of mustervyls, to Alice Dorant a green gown. To my father the best gown of my late hysband. My best ring for the repair of the cross in St. Andrew's church. Residuary legatee and exor. my father Robert Wayte to promote my salvation, supervisor Thomas Cresweller with 3s. 4d. for his pains. Witnesses, Sir Robert Gaynsbrugh my curate, William Holt, Mayor of Chichester, Thomas Cresweller.

Produced for probate by exor. Saturday, 4 Oct. [1494].²

f. 64 r.

Alice Saymer, 10 June 1495, to be buried in the Friars Minor. To the Cathedral fabric 20d., to William Bernham a table and a cup (*cipharium*), to James Tayler a dish (*scutellam*). Residuary legatees and exors. my curate John Champyon and Giles Capron to promote my salvation. Witnesses, Richard Waller, John Rineby.

Produced for probate Friday, the feast of St. Firmin (25 Sept.) 1495.

f. 65 r.

Joan Basse, to be buried in the graveyard of the Friars Preachers. 20d. for five Masses to be said there on the day of my burial, and the like on the day of my obit. To the Prior and convent there 10d. and a pair of sheets for prayers for me, to be agreed on between the Prior and my son John Laake. To the Cathedral 4d. To my son John Laake a house in Worthing next Brodwater. To Brodwater

¹ The date is given as 'Friday, the feast of St. Anne, in the year aforesaid'. 26 July fell on a Friday in 1493.

² The preceding date is that of the last probate; the next, on f. 60 v., is Wednesday, 20 Nov. 1494; but 20 Nov. fell on a Wednesday in 1493.

church 4*d.* Residuary legatee and exor. my said son John to promote my salvation. Witnesses, the Prior, licensed curate of the round church of St. Bartholomew (*Sancti Bartholomei rotunde permissiue plebano*), and my son John, dated 9 Oct. 1495.

Produced for probate 4 Nov. 1495.

f. 65 v.

William Fry of St. Bartholomew, Chichester, to be buried in the graveyard of the Friars Preachers. To the Prior thereof 4*d.*, to the Cathedral fabric 4*d.*, to the round church of St. Bartholomew 4*d.* My house in that parish to Felice my daughter. Residuary legatee and extor. my daughter Felice, supervisors William Marten and Robert Martyn his kinsman. Witnesses, the Prior aforesaid, William Zone, blacksmith, Thomas Berwell, and John Dyer, dated 8 Nov. 1495.

Proved by Felicia Fry 10 Dec. 1495.

f. 67 r.

William Nycholatt, citizen of Chichester, 21 Nov. 1495, to be buried in the Cathedral graveyard north of the church. To the Cathedral fabric 12*d.*, to the Subdean my curate 12*d.*, to the parish clerk 4*d.*, to the church of St. Pancras 8*d.* To the guild of tanners of Chichester 20*d.*, to the brotherhood of St. George 2 lb. of wax. To my daughter Joan 13*s.* 4*d.*, to my son Thomas a feather-bed, a mattress, a bolster, three pairs of sheets, and a coverlet, to my son John a feather-bed and bolster, a mattress, three pairs of sheets, a pair of blankets, and a coverlet, to my son William a feather-bed and bolster, a mattress, three pairs of sheets, a pair of blankets, and a coverlet. After the death of myself and my wife Juliane, my house in South St., Chichester, in which I dwell to my son Thomas, remainder to my son William, remainder to the heirs of the body of my son Thomas, remainder to the heirs of the body of my son William, remainder to my right heirs, charged in all cases with a dole of 3*s.* 4*d.* on my anniversary in the Subdeanery for myself and my wife Juliane; if the anniversary is not kept my house to go to the Mayor and citizens of Chichester to keep it. Residuary legatee and extor. my wife Juliane to promote my salvation, supervisor Thomas Tewkok to have 20*s.* for his pains. Witnesses, Mr. John Champyon and Mr. Richard Holme.

Proved 12 March 1495[-6].

f. 68 v.

Mr. Richard Aspynalgh, Precentor, 13 Nov. 1495, to be buried in the Cathedral near the tomb of Bishop John Arundell. To the Cathedral a carpet worth 40*s.* to lie on the steps of the high altar, to Ovyng church a printed missal, to Mr. Subdean 3*s.* 4*d.*, to the parish clerk 4*d.*, to the Vicars choral 6*s.* 8*d.* On the days of my burial and month's mind my obit to be kept in the Cathedral choir with a dole of 12*d.* to the Dean, 8*d.* to each canon present, 12*d.* to the two King's

chaplains, *6d.* to each Vicar, *20d.* to the choristers and thurifers, *2d.* to each sacristan, *2d.* to each bellringer, *4d.* to the porter, *4d.* each to all other priests attending and saying Mass, *20d.* to the Friars Minor and the Friars Preachers of Chichester, *2s.* to the brethren and sisters of the hospitals of St. Mary, St. James, and St. George. Residuary legatees and exors. John Harris, clerk, and my kinsman Richard Ryshton to promote my salvation. Witnesses, Sir John Hyll and Sir Richard Bramley, clerks.

Produced for probate 30 April 1496.

f. 69 v.

Edward Lane of Chichester, 4 July 1496, to be buried in my parish church of St. Mary, Chichester. To the Cathedral fabric *3s. 4d.*, to the said church of St. Mary *6s. 8d.* for the belfry, to the light of St. Mary of Fissebourne *20s.* To my daughter Joan *20 marks*, to my mother a gold ring, to my father Thomas Lane a russet gown, to my sister Alice *3s. 4d.*, to my brother John Lane a short gown. To my Friars Minor *2s.*, to the Friars Preachers *2s.*, to William Holte, late Mayor, my best ring. Residuary legatee and extix. my wife Joan, supervisors the said William Holte and my father Thomas Lane. To each of my servants *8d.* Witnesses, Mr. John Hamonde, William Holte, Thomas Lane.

f. 81 r.

Mr. John Kybow, Canon residentiary, 22 April 1496, to be buried (*where not stated*). To the fabric of Byrpton church, *6s. 8d.*, to the fabric of Brodwater church *6s. 8d.*, to the convent of St. Edith, Wilton, *20s.*, to the nuns of Wroxhall *40s.* To Robert Pylton my house servant *26s. 8d.*, to John Smyth *6s. 8d.*, to Mr. John Hamond *20s.*, to Mr. Edward Asheley *13s. 4d.*, to the Subdean *6s. 8d.* To Edward Apeleg *£3* to be distributed by him under the direction of Mr. Hugh Sandres. Residuary legatees of my goods moveable and immoveable in my house in Chichester or elsewhere, and exors., Mr. Hugh Sandres and John Kybow, supervisor Dr. Molence, D.D., with *40s.* for his pains. Witnesses, Mr. John Hamand and Mr. Edward Asheley.¹

Proved 1 July 1496 by Mr. Hugh Sandres.

f. 81 v.

Wa[l]ter Maryng of Subdeanery, 6 July 1493, to be buried in Paradise beside my first wife Margery. To the Cathedral fabric *6s. 8d.*, to St. Richard's shrine a gold ring. To every priest Vicar choral at dirge and Mass at my burying *4d.*, to every priest Vicar saying Mass then *6d.*, to every priest of the country at dirge and Mass *4d.* To the Friars Preachers *12d.*, to the Friars Minor *12d.*, to the poor men of St. Mary's hospital *8d.*, to the poor men of St. George *6d.*, to the poor men and women of St. Mary Magdalene and St. James *8d.*, to every bedridden man and woman in Chichester *4d.*

¹ Testator died 27 June 1496 (White Act bk., f. 142).

To my daughter Alys Maryng for her marrying 10 marks in money, chatells, plate, or other household stuff, such as pots and pans, at my executor's discretion: to my daughter Annes Maryng for her marrying 100s. in money, sheep, or other goods. My two houses and gardens outside the west gate to my wife Joan and her heirs, that is to my son John Maryng the younger, Margaret Maryng, and Jone my daughter, and their heirs, remainder to Margaret Maryng and her heirs, remainder to Margery (*sic*) Maryng and her heirs, remainder to my youngest daughter Jone Maryng and her heirs, remainder to my eldest son John Maryng and his heirs, remainder to the children of my first wife Margery. My house in South St., Chichester, that I bought of the exors. of William Jacob to my wife Jone, remainder as my houses outside the west gate. My land at Ludsey which goeth for 3s. a year besides the lord's rent to my wife and her heirs: my land at Wayneffet 'in what parishe that they be yn', also my lands in the Isle of Wight in Norwode called Rygge, and in Newport, to my eldest son John Maryng and his heirs, remainder to their sisters and daughters of my first wife Margery to be divided among them. Residuary legatees and exors. my wife Joan and William Beuerley.

English.

Proved at Lambeth before the Cardinal Archbishop of Canterbury 8 May 1497.¹

f. 85 r.

Richard Lydsey, to be buried in St. Michael's graveyard in St. Pancras parish next to the 'beryall' of my mother. To my mother [church] 12*d.*, to my parish church 12*d.*, to my curate 20*d.* To my brother W. Lydsey 6*s.* 8*d.*, to his two children 20*d.* each, to Kempe my servant 3*s.* 4*d.*, to Thomas my servant 20*d.*, to each of my godchildren 4*d.* To each of the four men that bear me to church 4*d.*, to the black Friars 8*d.*, to the grey Friars 8*d.* Residuary legatee and extix. my wife Julyan to promote my salvation. To William Lancyng and his children 6*s.* 8*d.* whom (*sic*) I desire to be overseer.

English.

Exhibited Thursday (16 Feb.) after St. Valentine's Day 1496[-7].

f. 85 v.

Sir John Lewyshe, Vicar choral, 12 Jan. 1496[-7], to be buried in the Cathedral cloister next to the grave of Sir John Stubber.² To the Cathedral a coverlet worked with lilies and other flowers to lie before the high altar, to the Subdean 12*d.*, to the parish clerk 4*d.*, to the Vicars a cup called 'a Nutt' with a cover silver-gilt. To my godson Richard a Lee a silver spoon, to Alice, daughter of William Baker, a silver spoon, to Rose Stallwarthman of Aschewell, Herford-

¹ The P.C.C. reference is 6 Horne, *S.R.S.* xli. 338.

² In 1498 the Communar accounts for 12*d.* from Sir John Newton for stones (*petris seu lapidibus*) to cover the grave of Sir John Lewys. (White Act Bk., f. 143 v.)

[shire], a bed and its purtenance with the cloths (*vestibus*) hanging round my upper chamber, or 40s. instead. To her eldest son John my breviary, if he takes Holy Orders, also a book called 'Dextra pars oculi', and 'sinistra pars oculi', an illuminated tropar, and all his (*sic*) other books of grammar, also the bed on which I now lie, and the 100s. owed to me by Humphrey Redman of Chichester to be dealt to him by my exors. if he applies himself to study. Residuary legatees and exors. Sir John Newton, clerk, and John Shamler, notary public; to Sir John Newton for his pains my best gown, to John Shamler my bed coverlet painted with peacocks. Witnesses, Mr. John Champyon, Subdean, Thomas Meres, parish clerk.

Produced for probate by exors. 16 March 1496[-7].

f. 86 r.

Edward Howell, 18 March 1496[-7], to be buried in Paradise. To the altar of benefactors of the Vicars of the common hall 12*d.*, to James Sandys my curate 12*d.* Residuary legatee and extix. my wife Elizabeth to promote my salvation. Witnesses, William Pynpo, William Howell.

No P.A.: registered along with entries of 7 April 1497.

f. 86 v.

Humphrey Fynch of Subdeanery, 19 March 1496[-7], to be buried in the Cathedral graveyard. To the high altar of the Subdeanery 4*d.* To my sister Joan Shorter a gown of musterdevyls. Residuary legatee and extix. my wife Margaret to promote my salvation, supervisor Richard Ruston. Witnesses, Richard Ruston and William Basse.

Proved Friday xx(*blank*) April¹ 1497.

f. 87 r.

Thomas Englysh, 1497, to be buried in the Cathedral graveyard. To the Cathedral fabric 4*d.* To my daughter Joan a griddle (*vnum instrumentum ferreum quo coquitur panis*), which my wife Joan is to have for life; if my daughter predeceases my wife to go to my wife's daughter Elizabeth, after the death of both daughters it is to be sold and the money given in doles to pray for my soul. Residuary legatee and extix. my wife Joan to promote my salvation. Witnesses, John Champyon my curate and Thomas Meres.

Proved 26 May 1497.

f. 96 r.

William Boorden of Chichester, yeoman, 15 June 1498, to be buried in the graveyard of the Friars Minor or where God wills. To the common chest of the Cathedral 6*d.*, to the high altar of St. Olave's 12*d.*, to the warden and convent of the Friars Minor 6s. 8*d.*, to the prior and convent of the Friars Preachers 3s. 4*d.* to pray for my soul. Within three days of my death my exors. are to have three trentals celebrated for 30s., they are also to have the office for the

¹ i.e. April 21 or 28.

dead, placebo and dirige, and the Mass of requiem said for me in St. Olave's by the Rector and the parish clerk for fifteen days after my death. My house and garden on the east side of North St., Chichester, between that of William Smith alias Holt to the north and that of the guild of St. George to the south, to my wife Alice during her widowhood, on her remarriage to my next heir. To each of my six sons and daughters 40s. when they come of age, if any die earlier their shares to be given to the rest, in the meantime the money to be in the custody of Sir Robert Gaynsbrugh my curate and Thomas Morye. To my brother John Boorden my violet gown and a quarter of salt, to my brother Richard Boorden 6s. 8d., to each of my children a ewe, to Sir Thomas Pend of Boxgraeue my pair of beads of chalcedony to pray for me, to Thomas Bedone 6s. 8d. or its worth in goods, to William Knight a whole quarter, and to John Truslove half a quarter, of salt. Residuary legatee for my salvation my wife Alice, exors. said Alice and Thomas Morye, to the latter 20s. for his pains. Supervisor Roger Lewknor Esq. with 20s. for his pains. Witnesses, Sir Robert Gaynsbrugh my curate, Thomas Clarke, Thomas Morye.

Proved 21 July 1498.

f. 97 v.

Robert Gold of Chichester, 15 July 1498, to be buried in the Cathedral graveyard. To the Cathedral fabric 4d. To my brother John Gold a gown. Residuary legatee and extrix. my wife Joan to promote my salvation. Witnesses John Champion my curate and John Gold.

Produced for probate 25 Aug. 1498.

f. 101 v.

John Meres of St. Bartholomew without the west gate, 6 Feb. 1498[-9], to be buried in the Cathedral graveyard at the east end of the church by my wife, sons, and daughters. To the common chest of the Cathedral 4d., to my curate 6d. To my nephew (*nepoti*) William Mares, his heirs and assigns (*sic*) my house, with the houses and lands belonging to it, if he dies without heirs remainder to Alice Mares, her heirs and assigns. Residuary legatee and executor to promote my salvation said William. Witnesses, John Cardewell, John Symond, William Pypoll.

Produced for probate 22 March 1498[-9].

f. 104 r.

Richard Redyng of St. Olave, 2 April 1499, to be buried in the graveyard of the Friars Minor, Chichester. To the Cathedral fabric 6d., to St. Olave's church 6d., to my curate 6d., to the Friars Minor 6d. My land in Chichester, Rogate, and Tordewyke to my wife Alice for life, remainder of the Rogate and Tordwyke land to my son John and the heirs of his body, remainder to his right heirs. On death of the said Alice my house in North St., Chichester, to my son William and the heirs of his body, remainder to my right heirs. My

lands in Alton to be sold by my extix. and the money used to promote my salvation. Residuary legatee and extix. my wife Alice to promote my salvation, supervisor William Holt. Witnesses, Robert Gaynsbrgh, clerk, John Roysse, Nicholas Tabyll.

Produced for probate 31 May 1499.

f. 113 r.

John Gunter of Chichester, 28 Aug. 1500, to be buried in the Cathedral near the rood-loft (*pulpitum*). To the Cathedral for my burying 6s. 8d., to the Subdean for tithes forgotten 3s. 4d., to the Cathedral fabric 20d. To a priest celebrating a great trental for myself and my parents 12 marks, or, if that is not enough, £10; 20 Masses to be said on the day of my burying and 10s. given to the poor. An obit is to be held yearly for ten years with ten Masses and 3s. 4d. given to the poor; if my wife Cristina dies within that time the profits of a parcel of land in Pettworth called Nymhawe to be used for the obit. My land in Pettworth, Yapton, Chichester, Heyshoot, Wasshyngton, Estclayton to my wife Cristina for life, charged with the obit; after her death an annuity of 10 marks to my cousin Margaret Elveden is to be charged on the land in Nymhawe, Yapton, and Asshington (*sic*); after payment of the annuity and obit the land in Petworth and Nymhawe to my cousin Nicholas Elueden, the land in Yapton to my cousin Robert Elueden, the land in Asshington to Henry Heyfeld. To Nicholas Elueden aforesaid after my wife's death a mazer that was my mother's, to Margaret Prior my servant 20s. or its worth, to John Elueden two gowns, two doublets, and a pair of boots and shoes, to Eliner my servant 6s. 8d. or its worth, to Margaret Radeler 10s. or its worth, to each of my godchildren 8d., to Sir William Scolethorpe my best gown and a pair of beads of 'whyte amber'. After the death of my wife my house in Heyshette to my servant William Carver if he has stayed with her, and my house in East St., Chichester, to Isabella Tomson. If my wife does not perform my will my feoffees are to sell the land, receive the profits, and perform it. The profits of my land in Estclayton in the parish of Wasshyngton to be used for an obit, at the ordinance of my wife, in Chichester Cathedral for myself and my parents John and Marion, after her death the land to go to the Dean and Chapter for the same purpose, the dole to be: to the Dean, if present, 12d., to each Canon present 8d., to the Subdean 8d., to each King's chaplain and Vicar present 4d., to the ten boys 10d., to the porter 3d., to each sacrist 3d., to each bellringer 2d. Residuary legatee and extx. my wife Christina to promote my salvation, supervisors Mr. John Champyon, Subdean, and William Scolethorpe, chaplain. Witnesses, Mr. John Champyon, Subdean, and William Scolethropp, chaplain.

Produced for probate 10 Oct. 1500.

f. 116 r.

Alice Lane of Fyshbourne, 8 Jan. 1500[-1], to be buried in Fyshbourne chancel before the image of the Assumption of Our Lady.

To the Cathedral fabric 12*d.*, to the fraternity of St. Mary of Fyshbourne a cow, to St. Cross light there 8*d.*, to St. Katherine's light there 8*d.*, to the high altar there 4*d.*, to the curate for a trental 2*s.* 6*d.*, to the curate for tithes forgotten 12*d.*, to the Friars Minor, Chichester, 2 pecks of wheat. To my son Richard Lane an old cookpot, a pair of sheets, and 8 lb. wool; to John Lane the elder my son two silver spoons, to Joan Lane, daughter of Edward Lane, a silver spoon, to William Lane my son a pair of sheets, a chest, and a silver spoon, to John Lane the younger my son a pair of sheets and a silver spoon, to Elizabeth my daughter, wife of John Currat, my best gown, to Alice my daughter my violet gown, to Agnes my sister 'a red kertyll', to Joan Wylby my maidservant a pair of sheets, 3 sheep, a bed coverlet, and a brass pot. Residuary legatee and exor. my son Thomas Lane, supervisor my son John Lane the elder aforesaid. Witnesses, Sir John Peion my curate, William Kneller, William Bud.

Produced for probate 29 Jan. 1500[-1].

f. 116 v.

John Mayn alias Coper of St. Olave's, Chichester, 1 Jan. 1500[-1], to be buried in the chapel of St. Katherine in the church of the Friars Minor. To my curate 20*d.*, to the mother church 12*d.*, to the fabric of St. Olave's 8*d.* To Margaret Wallys, my daughter's daughter, a feather-bed and bolster, a pair of sheets, a coverlet, a pair of blankets, three silver spoons, a pan price 3*s.* 4*d.*, a brass pot price 5*s.*, and a dozen pieces of pewter. To my wife Elizabeth for life my house in which I dwell, after her death it is to be sold and the price used to promote the salvation of myself and my wives Margaret and Elizabeth; if my wife becomes so feeble that she cannot support herself the house is to be sold and she is to live on the price of it. Residuary legatee and extix. said Elizabeth, supervisor Thomas Tearcock with 6*s.* 8*d.* for his pains. Witnesses, John Yong, late mayor, Richard Ryshton, J. Cressweller, Edmund Herdham, John Phylp.

Registered with entries of 29 Jan. 1500[-1].

f. 119 v.

William Gracy of Fyshebourne, to be buried in the church of Our Lady of the Assumption of Fyshbourne. To the mother church of Chichester 4*d.*, to the high altar of Fyshbourne 20*d.*, to the rood light 12*d.*, to the light of Our Lady of the Assumption 12*d.*, to the light of St. Katherine 6*d.* To my daughter Jone 6*s.* 8*d.*, to my daughter Agnes 6*s.* 8*d.* Residuary legatee and extx. my wife Elynor. Witnesses, Sir John Peion my curate, William Bud, William Kneller, John ? Casey.

English.

Produced for probate Friday,¹ 21 Oct. 1501.

¹ But 21 Oct. 1501 was a Thursday.

f. 124 r.

John Champyon of Chichester, fuller, 20 Oct. 1502, to be buried in the Friars Minor, Chichester. To the Cathedral fabric 4*d.*, to the Friars Minor for burial 6*d.*, to Friar Robert Emys to pray for me 4*d.* To my mother a pair of shears, to my sister 40*d.* Residuary legatee and exor. my brother Thomas Champyon to promote my salvation. Witness, Friar Robert Emys.

Produced for probate 26 Nov. 1502.

f. 124 v.

Thomas Asheley of Chichester, fuller, 19 Sept. 1502, to be buried in the Friars Minor, Chichester. To Chichester Cathedral 4*d.*, to the Friars Minor for my burial 20*d.* My wife is to provide for my daughters Margaret and Elizabeth. Residuary legatee and extx. my wife Beatrice to promote my salvation. Witnesses, Robert Gaynsbough (*sic*) clerk, John Mundy, Dominic Fuller, John Wryght.

Proved by extx. 26 Nov. 1502.

f. 125 r.

John Wellys of Chichester, 8 Oct. 1502, to be buried in the church of the Friars Minor near my wife's mother. To Chichester Cathedral 8*d.*, to St. Martin's church 12*d.*, to John Kendall, chaplain, my confessor, for tithes forgotten, 12*d.* To my sister Alice 20*s.*, if she predeceases me this to be divided among my kin. My manservant Roger to be rewarded at my wife's discretion. Residuary legatees and exors. my wife Margaret and Robert Warwyck to promote my salvation, to the said Robert a quarter of barley for his pains. Dated in my house in Chichester. To John Lewys a chest and a furred jacket (*vnum le jaket penialat'*).

Proved by extix. 26 Nov. 1502.

f. 125 v.

John Palmer of St. Mary in the Market, 22 Sept. 1502, to be buried in the graveyard of the Friars Minor, Chichester. To the Cathedral fabric 12*d.*, to my parish church four pieces of timber in the wood called Goodewode. Thomas Brammer is to have restored to him his three 'grossos', commonly called peyse grotes, pledged to me, he is also to have my 'vyolet' gown and two pecks of malt. To Sir William Lane my curate 3*s.* 4*d.*, to Margery Streter the 4*s.* which she owes me, Thomas Palmer is to have restored to him his two silver spoons, to (*blank*) wife of Thomas Weyver 8*d.* Residuary legatee and extix. my wife Joan, witnesses Sir William Lane, curate, and Thomas ?Bram.

Proved 26 Nov. 1502.

f. 2 r.

Elizabeth Burell, daughter of John Husshe, deceased, plaintiff, v. John Whussh (*sic*), exor. of said John Whussh, defendant, 8 Oct. [1484] and subsequent dates.

f. 6 v.

Mr. John Vyncent, exor. of Mr. John Goswell, Canon residentiary, v. Henry Dye, 12 March 1484[-5].

f. 11 r.

Will of George Robertson proved 22 Nov. 1486.

Will of Thomas ? Orger proved by his widow 1 Feb. 1486[-7].

Thomas Ayldwyn of St. Martin's proves the will of his mother Joan 28 Feb. 1486[-7].

f. 16 r.

Will of William Hayton proved (n.d., between 12 Aug. and 12 Oct.) 1485.

f. 20 v.

Thomas Webbe of Subdeanery, cited to prove the will of Sir John Hyll, says that he made none, 4 Sept. 1487.

Elizabeth, wife of Thomas Royse, cited to prove his will, says that he has goods in divers jurisdictions, 4 Sept. 1487.

Joan Tennysly cited to prove the will of Giles her ? son says that he made none, 4 Sept. 1487.

f. 21 v.

The will of Robert Bartelott proved, 26 Sept. 1487.

Elizabeth Vynche appeared and said that the will of Thomas Vynch her husband is not written, 26 Sept. 1487.

f. 22 r.

Christiana Crow to prove the will of Richard Crow her husband, 18 Oct. 1487.

f. 22 v.

Thomas Lane of Fyshborne and John Grace sworn as to the will of William Chylton, lately deceased. Joan, widow of said William, ordered not to alienate his goods before making an inventory, 12 Dec. 1487.

f. 24 r.

Will of Thomas Bensey proved by Joan his widow, 8 Feb. 1487[-8].

f. 40 v.

Admon. of John Rumbrigg intestate to William Gysbourne of St. Pancras parish, 12 May 1490.

f. 48 r.

Agatha Dorkyn, widow of Richard Dorkyn, exhibited his will, the morrow (10 Aug.) of St. Romanus 1491, the witnesses to be produced next Friday (12 Aug.). They were then produced, William Holt, Thomas Creswell, John Redman. The will was proved by Agatha and Richard (*sic*), exors., 26 Oct. 1492.

f. 51 r.

Robert Shotton produced the will of Henry Shotton his father, 5 Feb. 1492[-3].

Case of the subtraction of a cow given to the brotherhood of

St. John Baptist by the will of Henry Shotton; William Bredman, Thomas Fynch, Thomas Englysh, and William Cracall, wardens of the brotherhood, *v.* Robert Shotton, exor. of Henry Shotton, 1 March 1492[-3].

f. 57 r.

William Butlar, administrator of Thomas Hay, tailor, exhibited inventory 24 Feb. 1493[-4]. He says that Isabella, wife of William Hay, took away eight pieces of pewter (*electri*), one brass pot, and other goods—to be cited.

f. 65 r.

Sir John Wyllugby exhibited the will of Joan Bensey 6 Nov. 1495.

f. 80 v.

Agatha Dorkyn to produce the inventory of the goods of Alice Wovle, deceased, intestate 14 May 1496.

Alice Phylp to produce the inventory of the goods of her husband Thomas Phylp 14 May 1496.

Sir John Harris and Richard Ryschton, exors. of Mr. Richard Aspynalgh, to exhibit inventory 14 May 1496.

f. 82 v.

Richard Spycer cited to exhibit the will of his mother (not named), says that she made none; decreed that her goods should be sequestered.¹

f. 84 v.

In a case of subtraction of ecclesiastical rights, 20 Jan. 1496[-7], Mr. William Beverley *v.* William Hanwell and William Smyth, the plaintiff says that Sir Robert Chylton left to the church of St. Bartholomew money for an obit of 12*d.* a year.

f. 86 r.

Mariona Tylman extix. of (*blank*) mentioned 16 March 1496[-7]; John Walter brought an action against her for perjury.

William Hust of Arundell to prove the will of one David (*about four words illegible*) St. Pancras parish 7 April 1497.

f. 87 r.

Constance, widow of Thomas Drapyer alias Lokyer of St. Pancras summoned to prove his will, 26 May 1497, says that he died intestate; sequestration ordered.

f. 87 v.

Richard Caldell and Richard Syteteler, churchwardens of Funtington, proceed against Alice Peryer, extix. of her husband, 26 May 1497, Thomas Lane appears for her and denies debt—a day given to prove the will. The case recurs at subsequent dates.

¹ The date is doubtful; and the entry evidently misplaced; it comes between acts dated 24 Sept. 1496, being the Saturday after the [Translation] of St. Edward [King and Confessor] (which it was not, that was 15 Oct.), and acts of Thursday (24 Nov.) before St. Katherine; it itself is dated on the feast of St. Wolstan, whose *depositio* was on 19 Jan. and his translation on 7 June.

f. 93 v.

In a testamentary case, Thomas Platt *v.* Robert Warde of Fyshbourne, the plaintiff claims for himself a pan and for his brother a brass pot and a kirtle.

f. 98 r.

Katherine, widow of Richard Gaynell, produced his will 6 Oct. 1498 (*not registered*).

f. 98 v.

Will of John May proved by Eleanor his widow 26 Oct. 1498.

Will of Richard Richarson proved by Margaret his widow same day.

f. 99 r.

Anna Myll extx. of William Myll exhibited his will 22 Nov. 1498.

f. 99 v.

Will of William Caruell proved by Alice Garvell (*sic*) his widow 15 Jan. 1598[-9].

f. 100 v.

'Thomas More the other exor. of William Borden appeared and made fine for 10s. 10 Feb. 1498[-9].'

f. 101 r.

Testamentary case William Arter *v.* Margaret ? Betain, extx. of Humphry Fynch.

f. 102 v.

Testamentary case Thomas Jeleff alias Sadeler *v.* Juliane widow of John Deane 26 April 1499.

f. 103 r.

Sir Richard Hakett, Rector of St. Peter the great, proceeds against Sir William Wyllyughby, exor. of Sir John Wyllyughby 26 April 1499.¹

f. 103 v.

Christian Exton of St. Martin's to exhibit the will of her late husband John Exton which was written by Sir John Kendall 10 May 1499.

Testamentary case Juliana Dene, extx. of John Den *v.* Thomas Jely alias Sadeler, 10 May 1499.

Christian Exton of St. Martin's swears that she does not know where the will is. John Wellys and Robert Warwyk have a day to produce the witnesses 31 May 1499.

f. 104 r.

Joan (*Gest struck out*) exhibited the will of William Gest her husband; proved 11 July 1499.

f. 109 r.

Margaret, widow of William Gysbourne, produced his will, renounced execution of it, and was granted administration of his goods (*sic*), 19 March 1499[-1500].

¹ Cf. *S.R.S.* xli, 265, quoting P.C.C. 30 Horne.

f. 109 v.

Alice Ward and John Ward produced the will of John Ward her (*sic*) husband and proved it 9 April 1500.

f. 111 r.

Nicholas Smyth of St. Mary in the Market to produce his mother's will 19 June; he did not appear then but (f. 111 v.) he proved the will of his mother Agatha Smyth 11 July 1500.

f. 112 r.

The will of William Elge alias Taillour of St. Bartholomew proved by Agnes his widow 18 Sept. 1500.

f. 114 v.

Admon. of Joan Gest intestate to Richard Sawyer and wife Maud and Michael Hudman 30 Oct. 1500.

f. 115 r.

Testamentary case Christina, widow and extx. of John Gunter *v.* William Peres 11 Dec. 1500.

Elizabeth Zerber proved the will of J. her husband 11 Dec. 1500.

(*blank*) extx. of Edward Gybbys proved the will of her husband 11 Dec. 1500.

f. 115 v.

Henry Aylwyn exor. of Thomas Aylwyn produced his will 8 Jan. 1500[-1].

Elena Barnam proved the will of Robert Bernham her husband 8 Jan. 1500[-1].

Testamentary case Christina Gunter *v.* Gabriel Smyth 18 Jan. 1500[-1].

f. 117 r.

Testamentary case Robert Wayte *v.* John Cobden. Defendant denies claim, and has a day to prove. The widow of ? Richard Derkyng makes Mr. William Beurerley her proxy 5 March 1500[-1].

William Chawndler alias Arter produced the will of Alice Phyllyp 5 March 1500[-1].

Sir Richard (*blank*), Vicar of Arundell, and Walter Russell, witnesses produced by Margaret Hanwell, daughter of William Hanwell deceased, appeared and testified to his will (*not registered*) and that he was of sound mind at the making of it 5 March 1500[-1].

f. 117 v.

In a testamentary case John Holmes of St. Andrew claims from Alice wife of John Essex of Fyshbourne 5s. 26 March 1501.

f. 118 r.

In a testamentary case Joan Tanner, [late] wife and extx. of William Tanner of Arundell, claims from Robert Quarley of Subdeanery 13s. 4d. 24 April 1501.

A testamentary case Joan Holmys extx. of Mr. Robert Holme her

husband *v.* Alice Essex of Fyshbourne was compromised on the award of Thomas Wade, John Reyse, and J. Browne 24 April 1501.

f. 118 v.

In a testamentary case Joan Tychebourne of London, extx. of the 'testament or last will' of Edward Lane her late husband *v.* Sir John Peion Rector of Fyschbourne, the plaintiff appeared by her proxy John Shambler, 18 June 1501.

In a testamentary case John Ward claimed from Joan Essex 35s. 18 June 1501.

Joan widow of Humphrey Redman proves his will 14 Sept. 1501.¹

f. 120 r.

The will of Maurice (*blank*) of Subdeanery whose extx. is Isabel his widow (*unfinished*) 19 Nov. 1501.

Roger son of William Sylke of Subdeanery says that he made no will; admon. granted to him 17 Dec. 1501.

Isabel wife of Maurice Wever alias (*blank*) proved his will 17 Dec. 1501.²

f. 122 v.

In a testamentary case Alice Gace extx. of John Gace claims from Agnes Gay extx. of Robert Dove her late husband 7s. 10d. 17 June 1502.

f. 123 r.

Alice widow of William Humfrey renounces admon. of his will, and is granted admon. of his goods 29 July 1502.

f. 123 v.

Catherine widow of William Tyly of Fishbourne renounces probate of his will; the Court decreed that he died intestate 23 Sept. 1502.

Thomas Grenehyll senior exor. of Sir William Spragon, chaplain, renounced admon. 23 Sept. 1502.

The will of John Phylp of Subdeanery, whose extx. is Margaret his wife (*unfinished*) 15 Oct. 1502.

The will of Margery, ? servant of Edward Downer of Wyke proved by Edward Downer exor. 15 Oct. 1502.

f. 124 r.

The will of Joan Skyenner, admon. granted to Richard Lane 15 Oct. 1502.

f. 124 v.

Alice widow of William Jeffrey says that her husband died intestate and was granted admon. 26 Nov. 1502.

¹ 'Wednesday, the Exaltation of the cross.' But 14 Sept. 1501 was a Tuesday.

² Cf. f. 121 r., where Isabel Mores, widow of Maurice Synett, is before the Court for a different matter 17 Feb. 1501[-2].

f. 125 v.

Will of Thomas Stretton, smith, proved by Joan his widow 26 Nov. 1502.

f. 127 r.

The will of Alice Swyfte proved by Symon Pott of St. Olave's 15 Sept. 1503.

The will of (*blank*) Prykett of St. Pancras (*unfinished*) 15 Sept. 1503.

The will of William Fry proved by Alice his widow 15 Sept. 1503.

The will of Maud Burges of Fyshbourne, whose exor. is John her husband (*unfinished*) 15 Sept. 1503.

f. 127 v.

The will of William Pere of St. Peter the less. Agnes Pere his wife extx. (*unfinished*) (*Date illegible*).

f. 128 r.

Will of Thomas Priket of Subdeanery (*blank*) his wife and son.¹

The Rector of Fyshbourne claims a mortuary from Eleanor extx. of John Cokys her husband 12 Jan. 1503[-4].

Testamentary case, Joan Colemer of Hertyng *v.* Sirs William Scolethorp and William Shut, exors. of Mr. John Chambre, 12 Jan. 1503[-4].

f. 129 v.

The will of J. Hamond proved 29 Nov. (?1504).

¹ The date is illegible, as is much on this and the following leaves.