

Hassett's House, Pockthorpe,

NORWICH.

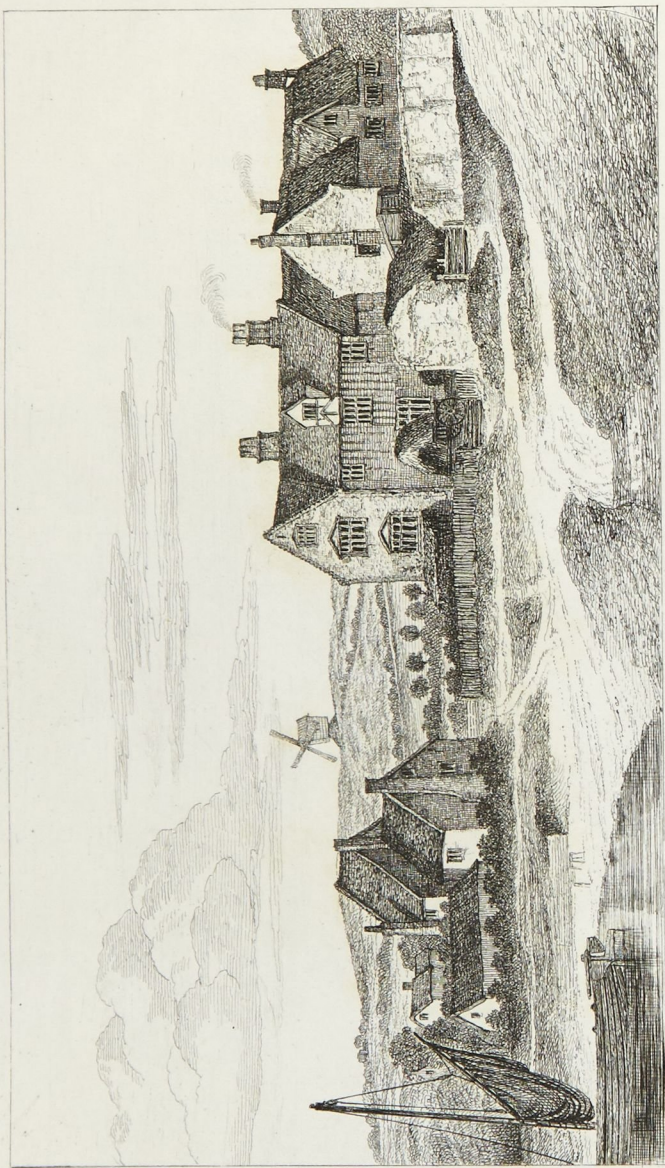
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ON ground to the right of the junction of the old roads leading from Bishop's bridge and Pockthorpe gates towards the coast, now included within the site of the present Barracks, stood the Grange, the Lathys Yard, and other premises formerly belonging to the Monks of the Cathedral. On the dissolution of the monastery, these premises were granted to the Dean and Chapter as part of the Manor of Pockthorpe, and were soon after leased by them for a long series of years. Among the early lessees the name of Blen-erhasset, or Blevhasset, and, for shortness, Hassett, occurs; and his residence as it appeared in 1791, according to a drawing then taken with a camera by the elder Ninham, is represented in the etching here given.

The house seems at this time to have been uninhabited and falling to ruin. The local traditions relating to the ghosts and apparitions at the time of its last occupation,¹ are mentioned in the privately printed volumes of the "House of Gournay;" and, as a haunted house has been ever a convenient hiding-place for those who needed one,—Woodstock, with its apparitions and unearthly terrors, as described in the

¹ By Edward Hassett?



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HASSETTS HOUSE POKKTHORPE. 1791.

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pleasant pages of Sir Walter Scott, will occur to every one,—these traditions may probably have had their origin in the use to which smugglers, before the introduction of gas or the city police, may have put the ruined edifice, or been invented to secure to them a greater freedom from interruption when engaged in their lawless calling; for the old house was very conveniently situated as a receptacle for smuggled goods, which in those days of prohibition tariffs were brought with comparative facility to this part of Mousehold, outside the city gates, by the trackways leading in from the coast. Mr. Gurney gives a wood-engraving of the house from a point of view different to that of the etching, and many particulars of the family of Hasset:—that they were a junior line from those at Frenze, in Norfolk; that William Blennerhasset obtained his lease in 1547; that the house was taken down about the year 1792; that it was haunted; that his informant, an aged Pocktorian, gave him the particulars of some of the apparitions; that a dead body was seen to roll across a room; that there was a closet which never had been opened; and that the doors of two rooms had been plastered up, and in attempting to open them, two persons had been struck blind. His account also gives the legend, common as well to Barsham Hall, in Suffolk, “that old Hasset had been seen in his coach and four driven over Bishop’s-gate and the tops of the houses, by a coachman and horses without heads, and when the whip was cracked, flashes of fire came from it and illuminated the whole city.”—*House of Gourney*, p. 1001 et seq.

In addition to these particulars, I propose to give some, relating to the property and its early history; which, if not less authentic than the ghost stories of the old Pocktorian, I cannot hope will be quite so interesting.

How early the Grange was built on this spot, or what part of it was contained in Hasset’s house, it is now very difficult to learn; but there is evidence of the existence of the Monks’

Grange as early as 1306. Bishop Herbert (1096—1119) took the whole manor of Thorp into his own hands, and gave the Monks for their part of Thorp, Pockthorpe and certain lands, which *now*, says the narrative written about 1306, “belong to the Monks’ Grange.”

“Herbertus vō Episcopus memorat⁹ opibz misericordie sedulus insistens ad sucep̄tionem leprosorē quādam domū ex civitate Norwyc⁹ in solo ecclie sue in honore beate marie magdalene fundav^t ⁊ ad eorē sustentatōnem quasdam t̄ras ⁊ possessiones p̄dē Ecclie dedit. Ceterē quia dcūs Epūs monastio suo honeorosius esse noluit quod utiqz necessario fieret si iux^{ca} Norwycū nich haberet vbi in adventu suo declinare posset: *Man’ium de Thorp* ob causam p̄dēam in *manu sua retinuit. Set eisdem p̄pte sua de Thorp: Pockthorp ⁊ quasdam t̄ras que nunc spectant ad G^{angias} monachos donav^t verum quia monachis videbat^r q^d de dco manio parum eis contulerat eisdem sātfacere volens manium de Gnatintōn cū faldagijs eis dedit ⁊ alia que in carta sbsc^rpta continent^r.”—*Reg. 1. Eccles. Cath. Norw.* fol. 21.²*

In a “Compotus Magistri Cellarii,” dated 1535, Pockthorpe is not named, but the Monks’ Grange is. From this account, part of which is translated in the note below,³ we

² “Now the memorable Bp. Herbert, being diligent in the works of mercy, founded without the city of Norwich, on the land of his church, a certain house, in honor of B. Mary Magdalen, for the reception of lepers; and for their support he gave certain lands and possessions of the aforesaid church. But because the said Bishop was unwilling to be too burdensome to his monastery as to what might be necessary if he had not (a place) near Norwich, where he might sojourn at his coming, for the aforesaid cause, he retained the manor of Thorp in his own possession. But to the same for their part of Thorp, he gave Pockthorp, and certain lands which now belong to the Monks’ Grange. But because it seemed to the monks that he had conferred on them too little of the aforesaid manor, wishing to satisfy them, he gave to them the manor of Gnatintong, with the faldage, and other things which are contained in the underwritten charter.”

³ The account of Lord William Castleton, Prior of Norwich, of the office of the Master of the Cellaries, from the feast of St. Michael the Archangel A.D. 1535 and in the 27th year of the reign of K. Henry VIII. to the feast of St. Michael

gather that the Lathes⁴ Fold-course, the Lathes Close, and the Lathes Yard were in the monks' own occupation.

In the charter of 1 Edw. VI. (1547) "Pro dotatione Ecclesie," Pockthorpe Manor, otherwise called the Monks' Grange, occurs.

In the "Parliament Survey," taken in 1649, under the Act for abolishing Bishops and Deans and Chapters, and for the sale of their lands, we find among the demesne lands of the Manor of Pockthorpe, this: "A faire howse built on a peece of inclosed ground heretofore called y^e *Lathes-yard* lying in Pokethorpe street near y^e Gates of the city of

then next following, the 28th year of the reign of the same King, and of the aforesaid Lord W^m Castleton Prior of Norwich the 6th, (*inter alia*)

Receipts from the Monks' Grange	Of the Rents of assise there 37 ^s 3 ^d . Of the Profits of one Court and lete held there this year beyond that given 2 ^s 6 ^d . Of the rent of one Inclosure lying near ffybryggat 6 ^s 8 ^d and of the rent of another Inclosure adjacent to the grange there, nothing here in money because it was reserved this year for the support of our ewes and lambs there. Of the digging of sand there, nothing this year because without a farmer. Of two men for leave to place the Tenters upon our ground there this year 16 ^d . Of Thomas Randolf for the rent of land between the Barregatys and ffybriggates together with the rent of a lime kiln near there and of the barn within the grange aforesaid 50s. And for certain of our lands lying for the pasture of our sheep there this year 33 ^s 4 ^d .
	Sum of the Receipts £6—11—1

Payments for the Monks' Grange.	Imprimis paid our Precentor for the rent of a tenement formerly Walter ffrances 6 ^d . And to the same for the land called Catton Hyll 2 ^s 6 ^d . In expenses at the Court there 1 ^s 8 ^d . In the fee of our bailiff there and for the keeping of our part of Thorpe Wood 20 ^s . And allowed to our same Bailiff for rents irrecoverable there 10 ^s $\frac{3}{4}$. And so there remains clear 105/6 $\frac{3}{4}$.
	Sum of the payments 25/6 $\frac{3}{4}$

Among the expenses of the flock of sheep belonging to the Master of the Cellaries—

In pasture for our sheep at the <i>monks' grange</i>	33 ^s 4 ^d
In the wages of our shepherd at the <i>lathes</i>	53 ^s 4 ^d

⁴ Lathys, from Lathe, lect.

Norwich called Pockthorpe gates conteyning many faire necessary roomes wth divers out buildings & a yard, orchard, & garden & about 2 acres of pasture ground inclosed wth a stone wall lying next y^e said howse all w^{ch} wee estimate to bee worth p ann.”

“A small Close of arable land adjoining to y^e aforesaid orchard in y^e north pte of the s^d howse conteyning by estimation one acre w^{ch} wee vallue to bee worth xx^s p annum.”

“A close of arable land abutting vpon Pokethorp lane on y^e west, y^e street on y^e South, the Shooting ground on y^e North, & y^e afores^d great mansionhouse on y^e East, conteyning by estimacōn 5 acres w^{ch} at xx^s y^e acre amounts to v^l per ann^l.”

As late as the 16th of Charles II., 1665, one of the abuttals in a lease of property in Pockthorpe is thus worded: “The *Grange* now called the *Lathes-yard*, now used for a garden.” And in 1718, when a survey was taken of this property for Dean Prideaux, it is described as “Messuages, lands, and tenements belonging to the Mansion house, built upon a piece of ground called the *Lathes yard*.”

Here we have evidence that the Monks’ Grange, the Lathes Yard, and the Mansion, &c., were one and the same property; and we get an accurate notion of the extent of the curtilage which, with the mansion, was so long leased to the Hassets.

After the dissolution in 1538, the Dean and Chapter did not follow the example of the Prior and Convent of farming their own lands, but granted them to tenants; their first lease of the Lathe Yard, dated 10 January, 31 Henry VIII. (1540), being to one Harryson and his assigns, styled “Hugh Harryson, yeoman;” the description including “all that ther lathe yarde in Pockthorpe afore-named,” “and with all the howses and edyfiengs being edified and buylded at the daye of makinge of the same writing indented wⁱⁿ and upon the saide lathe yard.” The term was for forty years, of which, says another lease of 4th Edward VI., “twenty-nine years be yet to come.”

Which term of twenty-nine years "William Blenerhaysett late hadde of the bargayne and sale of George Catton, of Norwich, fysiçōn, and Margaret his wife, late wife of the said Hugh Harryson, and administrators of the goods and chattels of the said Hugh."

At the end of the ledger in which this lease is entered, there are some short notes, which shew that there was "exceptyd owte of the leas one *Berne* bylded uppōn y^e sayd lathe yard called y^e *Amners*⁵ *berne*."

We find that Blenerhasset surrendered Harryson's lease and obtained a fresh one to himself for eighty years, 4th Edward VI. (1551) in which the Dean and Chapter demised the Cellarer's meadow, "the fould course called the Lathes course, oon close ther called the Lathes close." "The chapple yard called St. Wyllm's in the wood,⁶ and all that ther Lathe yard in Pockthorpe *aforenamed*, w^t all the pasturyng and fedyng of the same yard, and all the howses and edifyngs beyng edified and buylded at the day of the date of the sayd deed (April 8, 1551), wⁱⁿ and upon the seyd Lathe yard," for the term of eighty years.

This lease is recited in a later deed, with a covenant to repair, "also oon other insett house w^t all the edyfyngs of the same beyng wⁱⁿ the saide Lathe yard, and oon barne,"

⁵ There was a manor called "Amners sub quercum," Amners under the Oak, or the Almoner's Manor; and in other early leases mention is made of the "Almery oke." The place seems to have been in the Close, for the Almonry was on the south side of the Ethelbert gateway. The barn was on the Pockthorpe side of the river.

⁶ The Cellarer's or St. Leonard's Meadow was demised by the Prior and Convent, in 27th Henry VIII., to Dame Jane Calthorpe of Norwich, widow, for eighty years. The Lathes Course, the Lathes Close, and St. William's Chapel Yard, were leased for sixty years, in the 30th Henry VIII., to the said Dame Jane and Thomas Calthorpe her son. The terms of years of these two leases were held at the date of the above indenture (1551) by William Blenerhasset "as assigne to the said dame Jane by vertue of a certen ded of gyfte and graunte therof to him lately made by the said dame Jane."

probably the barn excepted out of Harryson's lease, "standing upon the west syde of the same Lathe yard."

We learn that the whole Lathe Yard was enclosed by a wall, the south and east sides of which yet remain and form part of the boundary wall of the barracks.

In another ledger is a copy of a lease to William Bleñhaysset, of Norwich, Gent., dated the last day of February, 9th Elizabeth, (1567), of the same premises with others for a fresh term of ninety-nine years, to commence at the end or determination by surrender or forfeiture of the other lease.

By indenture dated 3rd March, 9th Elizabeth, (1567), we find that the Dean and Chapter demised the *Manor of Pockthorpe* to Sir Thomas Woodhouse⁷ and Henry Woodhouse of Waxtonesham for ninety-nine years, and on the 30th April, 12th James I. (1615) it was leased to Sir Edward Bleñhasset, of Horning, Knt. The recitals of the lease shew that the interest, title, and term of years yet to come of Woodhouse's lease of and to the premises was conveyed to one Thomas Hopkins, of Norwich, gent.; and that by indenture dated 9th June, 27th of Elizabeth, the Dean and Chapter demised the same premises, namely the *Manor of Pockthorpe*, to the said Thomas Hopkins for the term of eighty years, and that the interest, title, and term of years yet to come, together with the indenture of lease, was lawfully conveyed to the said Sir Edward Bleñhasset, who having surrendered the same, received a fresh one for the remainder of the term yet to come of the original lease to Woodhouse.

In 1649 the manor, which in the meantime must have reverted to the Dean and Chapter, was sold by virtue of an ordinance of Parliament, with other capitular property, to

⁷ This is explained by the fact that the mansion-house, with the demesne lands and manor, had been and were at this time severed and under distinct leases.

Gabriel Barbor,⁸ who held his first general Court 16 April, 1650. Upon the Restoration it again reverted to the Dean and Chapter, who have not since leased it out.

From subsequent leases of other properties in Poekthorpe and the Manor Court-books, it appears that the Lathe Yard, &c., was successively in the possession of the following members of the Blenerhassett family.

William Blenerhassett, ob. 1598, ⁹ the original lessee.	
┌	Sir Edward Blenerhassett, ob. 1618, ¹ his eldest son.
┌	Ralph Blenerhassett, ² ob. c. 1660, do.
┌	Edward Blenerhassett, ob. c. 1668, do.
┌	Augustine Blenerhassett, ob. c. 1679, eldest son.
└	Edward ³ Blenerhassett, ob. c. 1702. ⁴

From the preceding extracts, which might be multiplied

⁸ Clause Roll 1649, Pars 13^a n. 18.

⁹ *St. Martin's at Palace Register, Norwich.*

Anno Dni, 1598.

Willms Blenerhayset Armiger sepultus fuit 16 die Decembris.

¹ Blomefield, vol. iv. p. 370.

² At a Court held for the Manor of Poekthorpe, Nov. 14th, 1661, it was presented by the Homage that Ralph Blever Hassett, Esq., died since the last Court (Dec. 2, 1659) and that Edward Blever Hassett, Esq., is his son and heir.

³ In the Register of Baptisms of the parish of St. James, Norwich, are six entries of members of this family. Five extracts are printed in "The House of Gournay," and the other entry in 1650 of "Edward, son of Mr. Edw^d Blenner hassett baptized May 31st," has been since copied.

On a fly leaf of the same Register are three licenses to eat meats during Lent, dated 1631—2—6, granted by John Barnham, curate, and a churchwarden, to the dau'r of Ralph B. and to Ralph B. and his dau'r Rebekah. These are also printed in Mr. Gurney's book, page 1006-7.

⁴ On Oct. 23, 1702, at a Manor Court the Homage presented that Edward Blenerhasset died since the last Court. At a Court held Oct. 18, 1704, the third proclamation was made, and *no one coming to claim* the copyhold, it was seized into the Lord's hands, and at the same Court was granted to Nicholas Helwis, Esq., who was admitted to it. A map of the estate was made in 1718 for Doctor Prideaux, Dean of Norwich, and N. Helwis; and in 1745 we find in the Court-books the description, "lands late of Edward Hasset, gent."

to weariness, it appears that the Blew^hhassets were lessees under the Dean and Chapter of Norwich of the Monks' Grange and its curtilages, otherwise the Lathe-yard, from 1551 to about 1702, when Edward Hassett died; and from that time Mr. Helwis seems to have been the lessee, and thenceforth the lease was held by other parties until about 1792, when the destruction of the premises became necessary for the purpose of building the present barracks.

In Kirkpatrick's large view of Norwich, published by his brother, there is a back view of the Lathes, and from the survey taken in May, 1718, for Dean Prideaux and Nicholas Helwis, Esq., of Morton, we learn the extent of the enclosures; ten acres, one rood, and three perches were excepted from the last lease of the Pockthorpe estate for the site of the Barracks, and this quantity exactly agrees with the Lathes-yard, Lathes Close, house, lands, orchards, and gardens.

To these details I subjoin some extracts from the will of William Blenerhasset, Esq., the first lessee of the Grange, who died in 1598, by which this property is devised; but the will appears to me to be of more interest in other particulars which it contains, illustrative of the style and manners of the period, and of the character of the testator, who would seem to have been a very worthy gentleman.

Will of William Ble^hhayset.

5th Dec^r. 1598. William Ble^hhayset of the Cittie of Norw^{ch} Esquier beinge sicke in bodye but of good and pfect remembrance god J gyve hym thanks.

my bodye to be buried in the Church of S^t Martins at Pallace gate in Norw^{ch} by the ladie Calthrops Toombe there on the north syde thereof vnto w^{ch} Church J gyve fortye

shillinges yerly to be payde oute of my howse in the prishe called Roomehall and the Tenementē adioyninge toward the p̄chinge of the word of god there duringe one and twentie yeres next following after my decease, vpon this Condiçōn that the mynister there be a precher such as my sonne in lawe Raphe ffurnes shall like of otherwise not, Jtem J gyve and bequeathe vnto the poore of the same prishe fortie shillingē to be disposed by my executors, Jtem J will and my mynde is that there shal be disposed in blackē and other necessarye chardges for and aboute my funeraff by my execut^{or} Twentie powndē and not above in suche manor and to suche psons as my executors shall thinke good Jtem J gyve ⁊ bequeathe vnto the poore people of S^t Jeames ⁊ S^t Powles pishes to either of them fortie shillinges to be disposed by my executors Jtem J will and my mynde is that my howse called the lathes and aff my landes and Tenementē in Pockthorp w^{ch} J houlde by c̄teyne leases from the Deane and Chapter of Christē Churchē in Norwich except those that J have heretofore disposed by deed of gifte indented to Rebecka ffurnes her now husband and Children shall goe and be disposed in maner and forme followinge that is to saye that my eldest sonne Edward Bleñhayset⁵ and Susane his wife their executors and assignes shall from and after the terme of one whole year fullie to be compleate and ended next after my decease have them for and duringe the whole terme of yeres thē to come and vnexpired in the said leases, so as they the saide Edward and Susan their executors or assignes doe paye or cause to be payde vnto Raphe Bleñhaysett their sonne Twentie powndes yerly after their or eny of their entry into the same, for and towardē his bringinge vpp at schoole or other wise in any good callinge and alsoe doe paie vnto everie one of the other sonnes of the saide Edward and Susan and to Edward the sone of my

⁵ *St. Martin's at Palace Register, Norwich.*

Susanna Vxor Edwardi Blenerhayset gen'osi sepulta fuit 24 die Decembris.

sonne Thomas Bleñhayset tenn pounde yerlye and everie yere for and toward their bringinge vp vntil eūye one of them shall come vnto his age of one and twentie yeares at the mansion howse where J now dwell in Pockthorp called the lathes Jtem J will and my mynd is that my saide sonne Edward Bleñhayset and Susan his wife their executors or Assignes shall yerly and every yeare paye oute of the saide lease lands in Pockthorp fower powndes for and towarde the preching of the worde of god in S^t Jeames Church and S^t Powles Church in Norw^{ch} for and duringe the space of one and twentie yeres next to come after my decease to such one as my saide sonne ffurnes shall thinke meete for that purpose. Jtem J will and gyve my Chayne of goulde to my sonne Edward and Susan his wife so as they put in good band to my Executors to pay or cause to be paide oute thereof twentie poun des to Susane their daughter and other twentie poun des to Margret daughter of my sonne Jeremye and tenn poun des a pece to twoe daughters of my sonne Thomas Margare^t & Marye at eūye of their ages of eighteen yeares and J gyve to Susane daughter of my sonne Edward tenn poun des in plate such as hir mother will chouse to be paide by my executors, Jtem J giue to Susane wife of my saide sonne Edward my best bed Tester of Satteyn & vellet imbroidered wth Dolphins and Lyons and my best silver and gilte salte wth the Cover vnto yt Jtem J doe giue and forgiue vnto my sonne Edward all such bandes and writinge as are betwyn hym and me for eny manor of cause together wth all that my orchard called scholehows yarde lyeinge and beinge in the saide prishe of S^t Martyn for and duringe the terme of yeares therein yet to come and not expired, so as he be not troublesome to my Executors or either of them in the pformance of this my last Will and Testament or eny pte thereof or to eny other that maye might or shoulde have eny benefitt by any of the saide bande and writings and yf my saide sonne Edward his execut^r or assignes shall

vniustlye sue or troble or cause to be vniustlye sued or trobled my Executors or either of them or eny others as aforesaide then J will that my executors take the advantage of the said bande & writinge & scholehowse yarde & shall sell the saide schoolehouse yard towardes the pformance and fulfillinge of this my saide last will and Testament. Jtem J giue and bequeathe vnto Thomas Myhillē my Clarke fyve poundes to buy hym a nagge wth all and to Annes Holmes and Margaret Monyman my mayde sarvantē to eyther of them fyve powndes.

Executors to have the "Lathes howse" and take all the rents and fermes of all his Lands, &c. in Pockthorpe for one year after his decease.

And J desyer and praye the right worshipff Nathaniell Bacon esquier my alwayes good and loveing frinde to stande in steade of a Sup^avisor and ayde for the pformance of this my last will as eny occation shall serve, and for a remembrance thereof J gyve and bequeathe vnto hym my pinked bowle of silver and gilt wth the Cover havinge a rownde ringle vpon the toppe thereof, And J gyve vnto Henry Hobart my godsone sonne of Henrye Hobart esquier my standinge pott of silver and gilte wth the Cover fastned to yt, also J gyve and bequeathe to my saide sonne Edward all such leasse & interresse as J haue of in or to Sellery m^she in Horninge and J giue and bequeath vnto my sonne Thomas and my sonne Jeremye Blehⁿhayset all my lease leasse and enteresses in Horsford as is now in their se^uall occupa^on to houlde to them their executors and assignes in se^ualtie as they now doe Jtem J gyve and bequeathe vnto my saide sonne Thomas all those pcells of grounde of Horsford pke w^{ch} are now in my owne occupa^on or in any my fearmes there, except aff that now in the tenure and occupa^on of Edmund Garne w^{ch} J gyve and bequeathe vnto John Busshop my grandsone vntill he come to his age of fower and twentie yeares for and towardē his bringing vpp at

schoole, and then the remaynder thereof to my said sonne
 Thomas his executors or assignes Jtem J give and bequeathe
 vnto frances Bleh̄hayset my sonne Danyellē daughter
 Twentie powndes to be paide to the saide Henrye Hobart
 esquier at her age of one and twentie yeares and to be so
 disposed vppon hir by hym as it maye not come into the
 handes of the saide Daniell hir ffather. Jtem J gyve and
 bequeathe vnto my saide sonne Edward my great goulde
 ringe ingraven wth the wolfe and my best syett gowne
 garded wth vellet and my beste tuft taffata Coate, Jtem J
 give and bequeathe vnto Raphe ffurnes my sonne in lawe my
 newe clothe gowne, Jtem J giue and bequeathe my best
 clothe gowne that is laced wth vellet lace vppon the slevs
 vnto Edward Breese my sonne in lawe Jtem J gyve vnto
 M^r Ashe the duche p̄cher for a remembrance tenne shillingē
 in goulde and to Thomas Plumstead Clarke to M^r Henrye
 Hobart ffortye shillingē The residue of my plate howshoulde
 stuffe monye goodē and Cattallē J will and bequeathe vnto
 the saide Raphe ffurnes & Edward Breese whom J doe
 hereby make and ordeyne my executors of this my last will
 and Testament, And in witnes hereof J have herevnto put my
 hande & seale the daye and ye^{re} first aboue written Theis
 beinge witnesses herevnto Thomas Lane George Byrche
 William Hearne Thomas Myhiff.

Will^m Bleh̄hayset.

The vijth of December 1598.

J Will^m Bleh̄hayset esquier doe further make and publishe
 this to be and stande for pte of my last will first J giue to
 Thomas my sonne six heffers in Horsford Parke and my
 great white mare and hir ffoale, and to Jeremy my sonne J
 gyve Twentie powndes for and in dischargde of one Obligaçōn
 w^{ch} is to be payde to M^r Bently in trust to the vse of one
 Baldwyns children and J gyve vnto Jeremye also the fower

neat Cattall residue of those in Horsford parke, Jtem I doe gyve vnto ffances my daughter ffuller Twentie powndes to be paide wthin a yeare next after my decease, and J gyve vnto Hanna and Elizabeth ffurnes my sonne Raphe ffurnes daughters to either of them twentie powndes, and I gyve vnto Henrye Hobart esquier my cosen all my hanginge clothes of Arres conteyninge fyve peecel Jtem J gyve vnto my man Robert Allen fortye shillins Jtem J gyve vnto John Busshop my meare called the myllers meare, Jtem I gyve and will vnto the poore people of the Towne of Horninge to be disposed by my sonne Edward Bleñhayset fortye shillins to be distributed wthin one yeare Jtem J gyve and will vnto suche good p^rcher as shall preache the worde of god in Horsford to be disposed by my sonnes Thomas and Jeremye fortie shillinge to be paide in fower yeares tenn shillins a yere Jtem J gyve vnto Margaret my sonne Thomas his daughter six shillins eight pence Jtem J gyve vnto the prisoners in Norw^{ch} Castle fortye shillinge to be distributed by the appoyntm^t of my executors wthin a quarter of a yeare next after my decease Jtem J will and gyve all my armor wth the furniture vnto my sonne Edward, and J gyve vnto Margret Hayset my sonne Jeremyes daughter one little hooped goulde ringe and J gyve vnto St Johns Colledge in Cambridge to be bestowed in suche bookes as M^r Alvye and my sonne ffurnes shall thinke most meete, three pownde thirtene shillins and fower pence, Jtem J gyve and will vnto my saide sonne Edward all my bookes of Statut^e and service bookes.

Teste me Thomas Myhille.

Proved at Norwich 22 Dec^r. 1598.—Reg^r Adams fo. 49.