

# THE WILL OF THOMAS QUENELL, OF LYTHE HILL, CHIDDINGFOLD, YEOMAN, 1571.

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**T**HIS document, of which the following is a transcript, is in the possession of Mr. J. R. Stilwell, of Killinghurst, and is a good specimen of the last will and testament of a substantial Surrey yeoman of the sixteenth century. The original is written in a tolerably legible hand, the scribe being, as the document relates, Richard Haredonne, a cousin of the testator.

Amongst the very numerous items of which the will consists are some of considerable importance to local history; the acquisition by the Quenells of the manor of South Imbhams, for instance; also of several of those small holdings, survivals of ancient divisions of land, which marks the gradual development of the farm into its present state. Other items throw light on the plan of the house; on the farm stock, such minute details as descriptions of horses and cattle being given, even the name of the cow, "Lustye;" on household goods, &c. There are also many words and expressions which will interest many readers. And though nothing is said about an iron furnace, it is significant that the testator had lately purchased from Mr. Covert a close of ground adjoining land called Rovers, with the water-course. From its position this close is evidently what is now Imbhams pond, which formerly supplied the furnace which Viscount Montagu of Cowdray had lately started on leasehold land at the south corner of Imbhams farm. The mention of Richard Crampe, from whom the testator

farmed the tithes of the "parsonage of Hasilmore," adds one more to the list of curates of that place.

The testator, Thomas Quenell, was the eldest of the five sons of Peter Quenell, of Lythe Hill, who died 1558-9. The family is found settled in Chiddingfold in 1480, when another Peter Queynold or Quenell was its representative. The name is such an uncommon one that it is fair conjecture that the family at Lythe Hill—not the residence of the late Mr. J. Stewart Hodgson, but the farm of that name, with its picturesque home-stead on the right of the road leading from Haslemere to Anstead Brook—originally came from Hertfordshire, and was perhaps directly descended from John Quyneld, who is found, in 1373, holding land in the manor of Ware, where his ancestors had been settled for several generations.

The burial place of the family at Chiddingfold was "against the east end of the Chancell within the Churchyard" though nothing unfortunately remains to mark the exact spot. Here Thomas Quenell, who had married Alice Ireland, member of another good yeoman family in the neighbourhood, was buried near his father.

His brother, Robert, who succeeded him at Lythe Hill, did much to consolidate the property and also added a wing to the east end of the house. He became an ironmaster, working the furnace at Imbhams in succession to Lord Montagu. In 1612 he was buried at Chiddingfold. His wife was Elizabeth, daughter of George Hall of Compton. Their eldest son, Peter, and their grandson of the same name, were perhaps the most noteworthy members of this family. The former by marriage with Alice, daughter of Emery Cranley of Wisborow, Sussex, and granddaughter and heir of Thomas Hall of Field Place, Compton, became possessed of that estate. It was this Peter Quenell who raised the family from its yeoman state, receiving about 1624 a grant of arms, namely, az. a cross arg. between two roses in chief or, and as many fleur-de-lys in base of the second. His name occurs amongst the chief landowners in Surrey, who subscribed to the loan levied by the King in 1625,

his own share being £10. Later on he with his son shared in the troubles of the Civil War. The Quenells appear to have been staunch Royalists, and as long as they were permitted to do so, "made Gunns and shott for supply of his Ma<sup>ties</sup> stores" at Imbhams furnace. After a married life of just over fifty years the elder Peter died in 1649-50, and was buried at Haslemere, where in the Church there is a stone to his memory with a Latin inscription.

His son received his education at Magdalen Hall, Oxford, and afterwards held a commission in the Royalist army, though in the same month as the King set up his standard at Nottingham "Captaine Quenel with his band" was compelled by the Roundheads, who appear to have been a strong party in the neighbourhood, to lay down his arms. For his loyalty and that of his father, "Peter Quinnall, Esq<sup>r</sup>" was at the Restoration one of the thirty-two persons in Surrey selected as Knights of the Royal Oak, an Order, however, which for political reasons was never instituted. The value of his estate is given at the time as £600 a year, a very good income in those days. On his marriage with Elizabeth, daughter of the Rev. Edmund Grey, he went to live at Field Place where he died. He was buried "in the north part of Compton Church under the uppermost arch in the wall there" on May 7th, 1666, in the vault probably of the Halls of Field Place, whose heir he was.

Peter Quenell, elder son of the above, was the last of the family at Lythe Hill. When and to whom he sold the estate I have not been able to discover, nor do I know what became of him beyond this, that in 1695 he is found spoken of as Captain Quynnell.

For many generations representatives of collateral branches of the family continued to reside in the parish of Chiddingfold; some were small holders of land, others were tradesmen, but by far the greater number filled very lowly positions. The last male representative was George Quennell, a stone-breaker, who having carried on his vocation till upwards of eighty years of age, was

compelled to retire a few months ago to the workhouse infirmary. It will thus be seen that the family was represented in Chiddingfold with varying fortunes for upwards of four centuries, a reason why this brief notice should appear by way of preface at the head of the Will of one of its members.

In the name of God Amen the thirde daye of Aprill Anno dñi 1571 And in the xiiij<sup>th</sup> yeare of the Raigne of o<sup>r</sup>) Soūayne Ladie Elizabeth by the grace of God Qwene of Englonde ffrancee and Irelande defendor of the faythe &c. I Thomas Qwenell of Chidingefolde in the countye of Surrey beinge sicke in bodye but of good mynde & pfyete Remembrance (god be prayسد) Do make and ordeyne this my laste will and testament in maner and forme followinge ffirste I geve and bequeve my sowle into the hande of Almightye god my maker and his sonne Jesu Christe my redeamer throughe whose deathe & passion I truste to be saved and to have a gloryous and Joyefull resurection emonge the nūber of his electe, & I will my bodie to be buryed in the churcheyearde of Chidingefolde nere vnto the place where my father Peter Qwennell was buryed Itm̄ I geve to the mother church of Wynchester o—ij*d*. Itm̄ I geve towarde the Repaçōns of the bodie of my sayde pishe church of Chidingefolde o—vjs. viij*d*. Itm̄ I geve to the poore mens boxe of my pishe church of Chidingefolde aforsayd o—iij*s*. iiij*d*. Itm̄ I geve towarde the Repaçōns of the pishe church of Hasilmore o—xx*d*. Itm̄ I geve to the pore people of Hasilmore aforsayd, xx*s*. to be distrybuted emonge them by John Brodefolde my brother-in-lawe my cofsyn Rycharde Haredonne and my executo<sup>r</sup>) w<sup>th</sup>in one monthe next after my deathe Itm̄ I will that there be geven to the poore people of my sayde pishe of Chidingefolde in breade dryncke and monye the some of fortye shillings to be distrybuted by my executor at the tyme of my buryall Itm̄ I geve & bequeve to Agnys my wyfe enduringe the tyme of her naturall lyfe my parler in the weste syde of my house at Lyethehill w<sup>ch</sup> adionethe to the hawle there, the chamber over the same pler, the Garret above the same chamber, the lofte over the hawle and the kytchen lofte w<sup>ch</sup> free ingres egres and regres Roome and fyer in the sayd hawle at all tymes and also halfe the kytchen, and fyer boote<sup>1</sup>

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<sup>1</sup> *Fyer boote* : wood or fuel. (*Dictionary of Archaic and Provincial Words*, J. O. Halliwell, F.R.S.)

to dresse meate and drinke, bake and brewe, and to doe all other necessaryes mete and conveyent in the same kytchen at all tymes and halfe the newe coope nowe standinge in the sayde kytchen w<sup>th</sup> free ingres egres and regres into the same kytchen at all tymes and also all my oulde stable w<sup>ch</sup> adioynethe to the weste syde of my house, the weste ende of my Raynge<sup>1</sup> to laye haye or strawe in, and halfe the reste of my Raynge, and also the vpper gates for her cattayles It<sup>m</sup> I geve to the sayde Agnys my wife all my herber<sup>2</sup> w<sup>ch</sup> adioynethe to the easte syde of my sayde house And all my orcharde w<sup>ch</sup> adioynethe to the sayde herber on the sowethesyde of my sayde house from the newe pale that adioynethe vnto the sayde herber on the eastesyde vnto the homefelde on the weste syde and extendethe from the sayde house on the northe syde vnto the lyttle meade on the sowethe syde To have and to houlde all the sayd herber and orchard vnto the sayd Agnys and her assignes endurynge the tyme of her naturall lyfe And after the death of the sayd Agnys my wife I will that all the sayd pler chambers loftes garrett hawle kytchen Coope stable Raynge gates and herber and rochard aforsayd shall Remayne wholly vnto Robt Qwennell my brother and to the heires of his bodie lawefully begotten for ever It<sup>m</sup> I geve and bequeve vnto the sayd Agnys my wife duringe the tyme of her naturall lyfe (w<sup>th</sup>oute strype<sup>3</sup> and waste) all my lond<sup>e</sup> called Anstroode and Anstroode fields w<sup>th</sup> all and singuler Rente proffytte and comodities of the same w<sup>th</sup> one barne thereon w<sup>ch</sup> some tyme was the londe of one Mr. Denham as by evydences thereof made vnto me from one M<sup>r</sup> Covert maye appeare Also I geve and bequeve vnto the sayd Agnys my wife all that my one pece of londe called Rovys<sup>4</sup> w<sup>th</sup> all and singuler the appurtennes And also one close of grounde w<sup>th</sup> the watercourse w<sup>ch</sup> I boughte of the sayd M<sup>r</sup> Covert adioynynge to the sayd Londe called Rovys endurynge the tyme of her naturall lyfe w<sup>th</sup>oute strype and waste by yealding and payynge therfor yearly enduryng her sayd naturall lyfe vnto the sayd Robt Qwennell his heires or assignes o—vjs. viij*d.* of good and lawefull monye of Inglonde at twoe feasts and termes in the yeare moste vsuall by even portions And yf yt fortune the sayd Annuall Rente of vjs. viij*d.* or

<sup>1</sup> *Raynge* for *Grange*: a barn or granary. (Halliwell.)

<sup>2</sup> *Herber*: a garden. (Halliwell.)

<sup>3</sup> *Strype*: destruction. (Halliwell.)

<sup>4</sup> Not Rovers or Rovehurst near Ramsnest Common, but 40 acres of land on that portion of Imbhams farm which is in the parish of Chiddingfold.

anye pte thereof to be behinde and not payed by the space of xvj dayes  
 after anye the feaste in w<sup>ch</sup> it oughte to be payed The same beinge  
 lawefully asked or demaunded of the said Agnys or her assignes  
 That then yt shalbe lawefull to and for the sayd Robt his heires &  
 assigē into the sayd londes called Rovys and the sayd close therevnto  
 adioyninge (w<sup>ch</sup> I boughte of M<sup>r</sup> Covert as aforsayd) to enter and  
 distrayne; and the distres so taken lawefully to beare leade dryve and  
 carye awaye ympeke and ympounde And the same to w<sup>th</sup>houlde &  
 deteyne vntill the sayd Annuall Rente of vjs. viijd. & eūy pte therof  
 be vnto the sayd Robt his heires and assignes fully satisfied contented  
 and payed, And after the deathe of the sayd Agnys my wife I  
 will that all the sayd Londe called Anstroode & Anstroode felde  
 w<sup>th</sup> all and singuler Rente proffytte and comodyties of the same  
 & barne The sayd londe called Rovys w<sup>th</sup> all and singuler the  
 appurtennece and the sayde close of londe w<sup>th</sup> the watercourse  
 w<sup>ch</sup> I boughte of the sayde M<sup>r</sup> Covert shall also Remayne wholye  
 vnto the sayde Robert Qwennell my brother and to the heires of  
 his bodye lawefully begotten for ever Itē I give & bequev  
 vnto the sayde Agnys my wife duringe her sayde naturall lyfe  
 (w<sup>th</sup>oute stripe and waste) all those my londe called Padbrooke  
 w<sup>th</sup> all and singuler the appurtennece w<sup>ch</sup> I houlde of the sayde  
 M<sup>r</sup> Covert of Hascombe Also I will that the sayd Agnys my wife  
 shall have houlde occupie and enioye duringe the tyme of her  
 naturall lyfe wythout strype and waste all my moytie pte and  
 purparte<sup>1</sup> of the manor of Sowethe ymbham wyth all the appur-  
 tennece and comodyties therevnto belonginge togethers w<sup>th</sup> all  
 Rente service yssues fynes amercyamentē wardē heryotē pquisatē of  
 courte and courte baron to the sayd moytie pte and purparte belonginge  
 or in anye wise apperteyninge And that in as large and ample mañ  
 and forme in eūy thinge and condicōn as she the sayd Agnys ys  
 joyned purchaser w<sup>th</sup> me in the same And after the deathe of the  
 sayde Agnys my wife I will that the sayd londe called Padbrooke  
 w<sup>th</sup> all and singuler the appurtennece and all my moytie pte and  
 purparte of Sow<sup>th</sup> ymbham w<sup>th</sup> all the appurtennece and comodyties  
 thervnto belonginge togethers w<sup>th</sup> all rentē service yssues wardē  
 heryotē escheatē pquisite of courte and cōte baron to the sayde  
 moytie pte and purparte belonginge or in anyewise apperteyninge  
 shall also remayne wholy vnto the sayd Robt Qwennell my brother

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<sup>1</sup> *Purparty*: equal portion.

and to the heires of his bodie lawefully begotten for ever And yf yt shall fortune the sayd Agnys my wyfe to marye at anye tyme enduringe her naturall lyfe Then I will that my sayd wife shall let (the sayde pler chambers loftē orcharde and gardyne aforsayde The sayd londē called Anstroode The Londē called Raves w<sup>th</sup> the sayd close of londē and watercourse that I boughte of M<sup>r</sup> Coverte togethers w<sup>th</sup> all the sayd Londē called Padbrooke and also the sayd moytie pte and purparte of the manor of Sow<sup>th</sup> ymbham w<sup>th</sup> all and singuler the appurtenncē comodities rentē serviceē yssues fynes amercyamentē wardē heryotē escheatē pquysitē of courte and corte baron to the same belongingē) to ferme vnto the sayd Robt Qwennell my brother & his heires or assignes for so muche Annuall or yearly rente vnto the sayd Agnys or her assignes to be payed enduringe the naturall lyfe of her the sayd Agnys as shalbe thoughte meete by my overseers and twoe other ffrendē of my sayde wyfe whome she will chose Itē I geve & bequeve vnto Peter Qwennell my brother all those my londē in chidingefolde called Harwells the Lee crofte and Harwels meade To have and to houlde all the sayde londes called Harwels the Leecrofte and Harwels meade vnto the sayd Peter Qwennell his heires and assignes for evermoore excepte and alwayes reserved vnto my sayd brother Robert Qwennell and to his heires for ever twoe reasonable loadē of Indyfferent haye oute of the sayde meade called Harwels meade to be yearly pceved<sup>1</sup> mowen made and caryed by the sayd Robert Qwennell or his heires wythin sevenighte after the feaste of S<sup>t</sup> John the baptiste for evermore So that he beare and paye all ma<sup>n</sup> of Rentē and serviceē yssnyngē oute of all the same pmisses for ever : and therof acqyite exōffate and save harmeles the sayd Peeter Qwennell his heires and assigē for evermore Itē I geve and bequeve vnto the sayd Robt Qwennell my brother and to the heires of his bodie lawefully begotten for ever all that my meswage called Lyethehill in Chidingefolde aforsayd w<sup>th</sup> all and singuler londē tenementē services rentē reversiones and heredytamentē wyth all and singuler the appurten<sup>ancē</sup> thervnto belongingē And also all other my londē tenementē medowes pasturs feedingē reversiones & cōmons w<sup>th</sup> all and singuler the appurten<sup>ancē</sup> togethers w<sup>th</sup> all rentē serviceē yssues fynes amercyamentē pquysitē of courtē and corte baron whatsoever I have w<sup>th</sup>in the countye of Surrey (The Righte tytle and estate of the sayde Agnys my wyfe of and in the pmisses vnto her geven & bequethed in this my laste will

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<sup>1</sup> *Perceived* ; received,

and testament for terme of her naturall lyfe alwayes forþsed<sup>1</sup> and excepted and also excepte and alwayes reserved vnto the sayd peter Qwennell my brother the sayde londꝛ called Harwels the Leecrofte and Harwels meade to him and to his heires for evermore excepte the sayd twoe loades of haye before excepted vnto my sayd brother Robt Qwennell and his heires vnder the condiiton aforsayd oute of the sayde medowe called Harwels meade And yf yt fortune the sayd Robt Qwennell my brother to dye w<sup>th</sup>oute heires of his bodie lawefully begotten Then I will that all the sayd meswage called Lythehill w<sup>th</sup> all and singuler londes tenem<sup>t</sup>ꝛ services rentꝛ reuertions and heredytam<sup>t</sup>ꝛ w<sup>th</sup> all and singuler the appurtenntꝛ therunto belonginge and all other my londꝛ tenem<sup>t</sup>ꝛ medowes pasturꝛ fedinge reuertions and co<sup>m</sup>ons w<sup>th</sup> all and singuler the appurteñneꝛ together w<sup>th</sup> all rentꝛ serviceꝛ yssues fynes amercyamentꝛ pquysites of courtes and courte baron whatsoever I have w<sup>th</sup>in the sayd countye of Surrey shall remayne wholly vnto my brother John Qwennell (excepte before excepted) and to the heires of his bodie lawefully begotten for ever And for defalte of suche yssue of his bodye lawefully begotten I will that all my sayd Londꝛ tene-mentꝛ rentꝛ reuertions and heredytamentꝛ w<sup>th</sup> all and singuler the appurteñneꝛ before spified in my sayd last wille and testam<sup>t</sup> (excepte before excepted vnto the sayd Agnys my wife) shall remayne wholeye vnto the Righte heirs of me the sayd Tho<sup>m</sup>s Qwennell and their heires for evermore It<sup>m</sup> I geve and bequeve vnto my sayd brother John Qwennell tenne poundꝛ of currant monye of Inglonde and one cowe to be payd & deli<sup>u</sup>ed to him or his assignes wythin three yeares next after my deathe It<sup>m</sup> I wille that Richard Hardonne my cosy<sup>n</sup> shalbe gardyan and have the custodye of my sayd brother Peter Qwennell and also have the tenure, occupa<sup>c</sup>õn and Receve the Reutꝛ of all his landꝛ tenem<sup>t</sup>ꝛ & heredytamentꝛ whatsoever vntill the sayde Peter shall accomplyshe his full age of twentye and fower yeares and then at that age of xxiiij to render any accompte therof vnto him It<sup>m</sup> I geve and bequeve vnto Catharyn Qwennell my sister Six poundꝛ xiijs. and fower pence to be payed and dely<sup>u</sup>ed to her w<sup>th</sup>in three yeares after my deathe It<sup>m</sup> I geve and bequeve to Elynor Qwennell my cossyn twoe eweshipe to be dely<sup>u</sup>ed to her w<sup>th</sup>in one yeare next after my deathe And vj<sup>li</sup> xiijs. iiij<sup>d</sup>. to be payed to her at the daye of her maryage And I will that she contynue vntill the tyme of her maryage in service w<sup>th</sup> Agnys my wife It<sup>m</sup> I geve to

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<sup>1</sup> *Forprised* : excluded. (Halliwell.)

Robert Page my servant one cowe to be delyūed to him w<sup>h</sup>in one monthe next aft<sup>r</sup> my deathe and Sixe pounde xiiij*s.* iiij*d.* to be payed to him w<sup>h</sup>in one yeare next after my deathe It<sup>m</sup> I geve to Wi<sup>th</sup>m Wodier my servant one hecforde<sup>1</sup> bullocke of the age of three yeares suche one as my supvisors will appoynte to be delyūed w<sup>h</sup>in one monthe next after my deathe It<sup>m</sup> I geve to Wi<sup>th</sup>m Allyn my servante three ewe tegge to be delyūed to him wythin twoe monthes next after my deathe It<sup>m</sup> I geve to Agnys Todman my servant one hecforde bullocke of twoe yeares oulde to be delyūed w<sup>h</sup>in vij yeares nexte after my deathe It<sup>m</sup> I geve to John Irelonde my wyves brother one eweshipe of twoe yeares oulde to be delyūed to him w<sup>h</sup>in one monthe after my deathe It<sup>m</sup> I geye to Tho<sup>m</sup>s Brodefolde and John Brodefolde my Sister Brodefolde children vij ewes and wethers shipe w<sup>h</sup> are in kepinge w<sup>h</sup> one M<sup>r</sup> Lussher of Hyndehed in the pise of Thurseley for tenne yeares And also I will that the sayd Tho<sup>m</sup>s and John shall also have my oblyga<sup>ç</sup>on therof made and the kepinge of the sayd shipe all the terme of yeares comp<sup>s</sup>ed in the sayd oblyga<sup>ç</sup>on It<sup>m</sup> I geve to eūy one of my godechildren xij*d.* that will requyre to have the same It<sup>m</sup> I geve and bequeve to Elizabethe Brodefolde my Sister (yf she fortune to Survyve and overlyve John Brodefolde her husbände) one Annuall pention of twentye shillinge by the yeare to begynne and be payed from and after the deathe of her sayde husbände enduringe her naturall lyfe by my executor his executors or assignes at twoe feaste and termes in the yeare moste vsuall by even portions It<sup>m</sup> I geve and bequeve to the sayd Agnys my wyfe Sixe of my beste keene (excepte one cowe named Lustye) fower hecforde wherof one blacke w<sup>h</sup> a whitte sterre in the forhed, one Redde wyth a whitte backe, one other Redde w<sup>h</sup> a chynned face<sup>2</sup> and one browne w<sup>h</sup> a whitte face Also I geve to the sayd Agnys my wyfe sixe of my beste oxen w<sup>h</sup> yokes and chaynes meete for them my newe wollen wheles my yonge baye Amblynge mare my blacke Amblynge mare w<sup>h</sup> a whitte steare in the forhed twoe steares nowe goynge in Anstroode the one havege a breded<sup>3</sup> face and the other beinge a vallowe steare w<sup>h</sup> a whitte face, one browne hecforde goynge w<sup>h</sup> the sayd ij steares in þsayd grownde of Anstroode and one other hecforde of

<sup>1</sup> Halliwell has *heck-far*, a heifer.

<sup>2</sup> *Chynned face*; *i.e.*, with a narrow strip of white on the face.

<sup>3</sup> Brindled or streaked.

cooler Redde w<sup>th</sup> a sterre in the forhed It<sup>m</sup> I geve to the sayd Agnys my wyfe twelve of my beste ewes and xij Lambes my fyve hogge of one sorte beinge aboute twoe yeares oulde at Michaelmas laste, twoe Redde hogge goynge emonge my wyld hogges and halfe my wheate and Rye that nowe I have growinge on the grounde and also halfe my otes that I have nowe growinge on the grounde (excepte all the otes nowe growinge in the twoe Snowefeldes) It<sup>m</sup> I geve to the sayd Agnys my wyfe one acre of grasse in the Hearnelonde w<sup>ch</sup> I boughte of one Wittm Wakeforde for this one yeare To be mowen made and caryed awaye w<sup>thin</sup> fortynighte after mydsomer nexte (yf the sayd Wakeforde have no cattayle goynge therin this springe tyme but yf his cattayle eate yt this springe Then the sayd Agnys to cause the same to be made mowen & caryed at some seasonable tyme after mydsomer as the sayd Wakeforde and she can agree therfor, and my sayd wife to paye him in monye xij*d*. at the caryinge away of the sayd haye w<sup>ch</sup> I owe him Also I geve to the sayde Agnys my wyfe all my poultrei whatsoever my three beste beddes w<sup>th</sup> boulsters pyllowes and pyllowe coate belonginge to them my beste bedstedle (excepte one) all my sheat<sup>e</sup> (excepte three payer of canvas sheat<sup>e</sup>) all my beste blancket<sup>e</sup> (excepte one payer) my three beste coverlett<sup>e</sup> & one Qwylyte all my pewter vessyll, (excepte fyve pewter platters twoe pewter disshes and one basone w<sup>ch</sup> were my fathers) my beste and my leaste twoe candlestyck<sup>e</sup> my beste brasse potts, my beste and my leaste twoe kettles, and my kettle w<sup>ch</sup> was bounde w<sup>th</sup> yron by Hewghe the Smythe, my posnet<sup>1</sup> of belle brasse, my leaste Skyllet<sup>2</sup> of brasse, and the occupa<sup>o</sup>n of my Cawdron as often as she shall have nede, so longe tyme as she shall be dwellinge at Lyethehill aforsayde and also halfe of alma<sup>n</sup> of my wodden vessill to be equally devyded (excepte my beste vate and my best kyfe<sup>3</sup>) It<sup>m</sup> I geve to the sayd Agnys my wife halfe my bakon at the beame (excepte the twoe greateste flytches and the twoe leaste flytches) half my Larde and greace twoe of the beste flytches of dryed beefe, twoe of my beste table clothes, twoe of my beste towels, halfe of all my table napkyns, one dozen of my beste spones, my three beste stone cuppes, my beste cheste w<sup>ch</sup> I nowe have to my selfe, and all the resedue of my cofers (excepte the beste of them) w<sup>ch</sup> cofer ys nowe ys in the tenure of my sayd wyfe

<sup>1</sup> *Posnet*: a little pot. (Halliwell.)

<sup>2</sup> *Skyllet*: a small pot with a long handle. (Halliwell.)

<sup>3</sup> *Kyfe* for keeve: a large tub or vessel used in brewing. (Halliwell.)

and also Sixe pounde in monye w<sup>ch</sup> remayneth in the hande of one Withm Bonyngefolde of Darkinge It<sup>m</sup> I geve and bequeve vnto the sayd Agnys my wyfe and my brother Brodefolde all that my moytie or halfe of all the tythes comodyties proffette emolument<sup>e</sup> offeringe and advantage of the psonage of Hasilmore w<sup>ch</sup> I have in ferme of one Richard Crampe pson<sup>e</sup> there vntil michaelmas next after the date hereof, to be equally devyded betwene them And I will that they shall paye the sayd pson<sup>e</sup> his wage accordinge to the purporte of a bylle made therof by the sayd pson<sup>e</sup> vnto me so that my sayd brother Brodefolde will at his owne cost<sup>e</sup> threshe all the Rye to them before geven, and suffer my sayde wyfe to have all the Ryestrawe to her owne vse, and also that my sayde brother Robt Qwennell maye have all the ote strawe for the threoshinge of the otes It<sup>m</sup> I geve and bequeve to my sayd brother Robt Qwennell one hundred of the beste okes of w<sup>ch</sup> one oke ys already felled that are standinge growinge & beinge in and vpon the manor of Sowethe ymbham w<sup>ch</sup> okes I boughte of one Robt Coop & of Henry Brodefolde, as maye appeare by Indenturs thereof made It<sup>m</sup> I geve and bequeve to Anne Wodyer vidue my beste barryn cowe (of fyve) excepte two to be delyd<sup>d</sup> to her w<sup>thin</sup> one monthe nexte after my deathe The Resedewe of all my good<sup>e</sup> cattayls and chattayls moveables and vmmoveables not geven nor bequethed in this my laste will and testament my debtes and legases beinge pformed and payed and my funerall ended in suche maner and forme as ys before spified I geve and bequeve vnto Robert Qwennell my sayd brother whom I make my sole whole and fulle executor of this my laste will and testament And I ordayne constytute and appoynte Rychard Haredonne my cossyn and george Wakeforde of Gretham my supvisors of this my laste will and testament to see this my laste will pformed and kepte by my sayd executors according to the trewe meanynge thereof And I geve vnto the sayd Richard Haredonne for his paynes in and aboute the execucon of the pmisses o-xxviij<sup>s</sup>. viij<sup>d</sup>. and to the sayd George for his travayle and paynes in and aboute the same o-xxs. And thus I make an ende of this my laste will and testament In wytnesse whereof I the sayd Thom<sup>s</sup> Qwennell vnto the same have subscobyed my marcke w<sup>th</sup> myne owen hande and also have putte my Seale the daye and yeare above wrytten In the p<sup>s</sup>ence of John Brodefolde Walter Gace Robt Philippe Robt Page and Richard Haredonne the wrytter hereof.

Part of a seal attached bearing the effigy of S. Andrew.

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