

1. Charity Duncumb.
2. { Thomas Duncumb,
George Duncumb
William Duncumb
3. George Duncomb
4. Mary Duncomb
5. Tho^r Duncumb
6. Tho^s Duncumb.

1. Witness to an Indenture 14 Jan: 1680 between Edward Bray of Sheire and Thomas Duncumb of Sheire D.D. — 2. Parties to the Indenture of 11. Oct. 1694; being the settlement on the intended marriage, of George Duncumb & Anne Heath. — 3. To an Indenture of 1729; the corner of the deed has been cut off, probably for a direction. The name is written on both sides of the seal. — 4. To her first will of 1758. in her own hand-writing. She was Widow of the Rev. Geo: Duncumb. — 5. To the Release of Rev. Tho: Duncumb, 1796. — 6. To a Bond in the sum of \$2000 to Mary Duncumb

A NOTE OF SOME DEEDS AND WILLS RESPECTING THE FAMILY OF DUNCUMB OF SURREY.

BY THE REV. GEORGE H. DASHWOOD, M.A., F.S.A.

ON looking at a small parcel of deeds, I observed this memorandum on the dorse of the first:—"Thus terminates the long Chancery suit occasioned by the marriage of one of the daughters of Christopher Dering with the Rev. G. Duncumb."

Not having been aware of the intermarriage, I turned to the deed for information: it was one of release of actions from the Rev. Thomas Duncumb, of Shiere, co. Surrey, grandson and heir-at-law of George Duncumb (sometime of the same place, clerk), deceased. The said Thomas as heir had become liable to the payment of a sum of money in discharge of a certain bond entered into by the said George Duncumb. It was also discovered that a sum of money was still standing in the name of Mary Duncumb, deceased, as executrix of the said George, in trust, with a considerable arrear of dividends. The heirs-at-law of the said Mary were required to take out administration *de bonis non* of the said George Duncumb; but they declining to do this, were willing to renounce, and so doing thereby enabled the said Thomas Duncumb as a creditor on the personal estate to obtain administration. In consequence of such renunciation, he gave the heirs-at-law the release in question, dated 1st Feb. 1796. It proved so full of genealogical information, that I thought the accompanying pedigree, derived from it, with a note of the other deeds and wills, might be considered worthy of being put on record; I accordingly submit them to the consideration of the Surrey Archæological Society.

G. H. D.

DEEDS.

10th Oct., 1664.—Indenture tripartite, so dated, between Henry Pollexfen, of the Inner Temple, London, Esq., of the first part; George Duncumb, of Shalford, co. Surrey, Esq., Sir Francis Duncumb, of Tangle, co. Surrey, Bart., Richard Symes, and William Waltham, of Clifford's Inn, gentlemen, of the second part; and Mary Duncumb, daughter of the said George Duncumb, of the third part.

Being the settlement by the said Henry Pollexfen, upon his intended marriage with the said Mary Duncumb, of the manor, capital messuage, and the demesnes, of Stancombe Downey, in the county of Devon.

10th Oct., 1664.—Indenture between the same parties; being the defeazance of the above settlement.

10th Oct., 1664.—Indenture tripartite between Henry Pollexfen, of the first part; William Steele and John Waltham, of Shalford, co. Surrey, gentlemen, of the second part; and George Duncumb, Sir Francis Duncumb, Richard Symes, and William Waltham, on the third part.

Being a deed for additional security on estates in Devonshire, in case the said Henry Pollexfen should die before Mr. Anthony Pollexfen, his father.

2nd Jan., 1677.—Indenture tripartite between Henry, Duke of Norfolk, of the first part; Arthur Onslow, of West Clandon, co. Surrey, and Sir William Turner, Knt. and Alderman of the City of London, of the second part; and Thomas Duncumb, D.D., Rector of Shiere, co. Surrey, of the third part. Being the bargain and sale of a close or pasture containing three acres, abutting on a piece of glebe called the Parsonage Croft, to the said Thomas Duncumb, in consideration of the sum of ten pounds fifteen shillings to the said Duke in hand paid.

1st April, 1679.—Indenture between Thomas Riley, of Dorking, co. Surrey, yeoman, and Mary his wife, on the one part, and Thomas Duncumb, D.D., on the other part. Being the conveyance of a messuage and land in Shiere to the said Thomas Duncumb in fee.

14th Jan., 1680.—Indenture between Edward Bray, of Shiere, co. Surrey, Esq., Lord of the Manor of Shiere, Vachery, and Cranley, in the said county, on the one part, and Thomas Duncumb, of Shiere, D.D., on the other part. Being a deed of manumission of a messuage and land called Burdens, held of the said manor by copy of court roll.

11th Oct., 1694.—Indenture tripartite, so dated, between Sir Richard Heath, of East Clandon, co. Surrey, Knt., and Anne Heath, spinster, daughter of the said Sir Richard Heath, of the first part, and Thomas Duncumb, Rector of the parish church of Shiere, in the said county of Surrey, Doctor of Divinity, and George Duncumb, the eldest son of the said Doctor Thomas Duncumb, and Rector of the parish church of Albury, in the said county of Surrey, clerk, of the second part, and William Duncumb, of Ashted, in the said county of Surrey, clerk, and William Heath, of Shalford, in the said county of Surrey, gentleman, brother of the said Sir Richard Heath, on the third part.

Being the settlement on the marriage intended shortly to be had between the said George Duncumb and the said Anne Heath.

17th Oct., 1698.—Indenture of demise for twenty-one years of the tithes of the rectory of Shiere, from Thomas Duncumb, D.D., to John Amey and other parishioners, at the yearly rent of two hundred pounds.

17th Oct., 1729.—Indenture tripartite, so dated, between George Duncumb, of Shere, clerk, of the first part, and Edward Bray, of Shere, Esq., and George Heath, of Clifford's Inn, London, gentleman, of the second part, and Thomas Duncumb, of Baddow, co. Essex, clerk (son and heir-apparent of the said George Duncumb), of the third part.

Being the conveyance (by lease and release,—the former wanting) and settlement of certain lands and messuages, by the said George Duncumb, upon his said son, Thomas Duncumb, charged with an annual payment to the poor of the parishes of Albury and Shere.

28th May, 1744.—Indenture between Richard Cheslyn, of Doctors' Commons, gentleman, on the one part, and George Duncumb, of Shere, co. Surrey, clerk, on the other part. Being a declaration of trust and release of the estate of Whibley Farm, in the parishes of Worplesden and Ash, in the county of Surrey.

WILLS.

PROBATE OF THE WILL OF ANTHONY DUNCUMB. A^o 1709.

I Ant. Duncumb gent.' being in perfect health of body and mind but well knowing that the soundest and most established state of these is very easily disabled and overthrown by the diseases and accidents which human life is subject to and which no arm of flesh or wisdom of man or force of medicine is able to ward off or prevent or cure; as also that the days of my pilgrimage are passing away like a smoake or shadow and my body hastening downwards to the bed of dust and ashes where there is noe device or knowledge or worke, account it my duty as well as priviledge in this happy intervall to make my last will and testament and not defer it to hereafter, a time as unsafe, as uncertaine to me. And first I offer up my immortal soul to the hands of Almighty God in all humillity beseeching him to receive the same thro' the merits and mediacon of my great Redeemer and Intercess^r Jesus Christ and out of his own infinite bowells of love and pittie towards repenting sinners that call upon him in sincerety and truth and in the anguish and sorrow of their souls cry to the throne of his mercy for pardon and forgiveness. My body I bequeath to the earth to be very privately and frugally interred in or very near unto my grandfathers grave in the church of Albury and direct and enjoyne to have noe manner of expence or pomp at my funeral but what cannot be avoided and only wish and hope to have a glorious and joyfull return from the earth at the last day. And as touching the estate it hath pleased God to commit to my steward^p I appoint and dispose of the same as followeth; to the parishes of Shalford and Albury I give fifty shillings a peice to be given to such aged and sick poor people there as by their honest lab^r and good example and instructions have endeavoured to maintain and bring up their families in a sence of religion and in the fear of God. To my brother the Rev^d D^r Duncumb I give ten pounds, To my three surviveing neices, the late S^r W^m Duncumbs sisters I give twenty pounds a peice and if they or any of them happen to die, I give the whole or the share or shares of the deceased to my neice Erringtons and my late niece Kemps children, that shall be living to be equally divided amongst them. To my three nephews and two nieces the s^d D^r Duncumbs children I give one hundred pounds (viz^t) to each twenty pounds, and give over the dividend or dividends of him, her, or them that shall happen to die equally to the children of the Rev^d Geo. Duncumb of the parsonage in Albury, and further I give to Charity ten pounds to be laid out upon what she likes best to keep in memory of me and allso those gold buttons that have the coate and crest of the family graved thereon, and these two last legacies I give to Ann the daughter of the said Rev^d Geo. Duncumb in case the said Charity should die, and the other gold buttons that have

the crest only I give to the said George. To my four nieces the daughters of the late Lady Pollexfen I give twenty pounds a piece, and if the Lady Drake the eldest shall happen to die I appoint and give her part to Eliza : and Frances her two eldest children equally between them, and if the second my niece Duncumb shall die I direct and order her share to be paid equally to her own daughter and to Pollexfen the Lady Drakes second son in her roome, and if the third my niece Butler dies I bequeath her legacy to her two daughters equally between them and if the last my niece Jane shall die my desire and intent is that Duncumb and George the youngest sons of the Lady Drake receive and have her proportion between them. And to Henry the ^{s^d} Lady Pollexfen's son I give ten pounds and *case in* (sic) of his death I leave the same to Gertrude his beloved wife. To D^r Duncumb afores^d, to George his son, to the aboves^d Henry Pollexfen, to Sir Francis Drake, Bar^t, and to James Gades gent. and Rich. Wooldrige Stationer I give a gold ring of twenty shillings price a peece, and to Mary and Martha his daughters I give a gold ring a piece each to be abt the value of ten shillings To my sisters in law, to my four nieces aboves^d the daughters of the ^{s^d} Lady Pollexfen to Gertrude her sons wife to Charity Hester and Ann the daughters and daughter in law of the aboves^d D^r Duncumb I leave a gold Locket of abt fourty shillings price a piece, as also to M^{rs} Austen of Shalford afores^d the like to her, likewise my pair of silver candlesticks with snuffers, snuff^{rs} box, extinguisher and savalls in silver belonging to them, and ten twenty-shilling pieces of broad gold and ten pounds in silver, a small expression of the great esteem I have for her worth. To my Lady Drake I leave my large silver hafted knife and forke, to Eliz^z: her daughter I give my silver tankard and my ring with seven diamonds in it, and to Ann the Rev^d Geo. Duncumbs daughter I give my silver porringer, and my two larger spoons and my rose ring with eleven diamonds, To Catherine his daughter I give my Shagreen case and silver things in it, my tea spoons and tortise shell case edged with silver and the instrum^{ts} therein, and my hand candlestick of silver, To Thomas his son I leave my silver Ink-box with the arms of the family at the one end, and my watch with the chain and seal which I weare therewith and one half of my Books, the other half I give to the father but desire such as I have marked down at the end of my Almanack for the year 1705, and there set apart for other uses be either accordingly first applyed or else laid by for those purposes before the partition is made. And M^{rs} Towsey a very useful helpfull person in health and sickness I leave twenty shillings. To Geor., Charity and Hester D^r Duncumbs children I give one pair of good sheets, and one pair of good pillow bears a piece, and to the late Lady Pollexfen's four daughters I give one p^r of good sheets and one pair of good pillow bears a piece, and to each of her three elder daughters I give a damask table cloath and a dozen of damask napkins, and to her youngest Jane I give a diaper table cloath and a dozen of napkins of the same. And now that this my last will and testament may be justly pursu'd and fulfilled according to the direc^tions and appoint^{ts} therein, I nominate make and declare The Rev^d Geo. Duncumb afores^d my sole Execut^r having an

intire good confidence in and respect for him, and desire and order the legacies I have given in mony not to be demanded or paid under half a year at least after the day of my decease and what little interest or profits may accrue in the mean time the same to go to my Execut^r towards the charges, 'tis probable he may be at in journeys and attendancies to gett in the mony. And at last all the rest and residue of my goods, chattels and personall estate I hereby further give to my said Execut^r to his own use. And thus having disposed of my little concerns in this world very much to my mind and content I find an ease within, in hopes to have no intruding thoughts or cares about them in the day of sickness or at the hour of death but entirely to set loose to all the things of this life and to have no other consideracons or sighs or longings but for that happy place where there is no sin or sorrow or sickness or death, but one constant state of holiness and joy of health and immortality, that never ceases or satiates, or decays or ends. And now to put it out of doubt that this is my last Will and testament, and contains the real desires and dictates of my mind, I have written and reviewed it all myselfe and to give it its due force and efficacy have likewise given it the testimony and impression of my hand and seal this 12th day of Apr^r in the year 1707.

ANT. DUNCUMB.

Signed sealed and published in the presence of us
who were Witnesses, attesting the same in the
presence of the Testator,

THO : MINSHULL

PETER MINSHULL, M^r Minshull's 2 Son.

MARY BIRD, the above M^r Minshulls
Servant at Chiswick.

Proved P. C. C. 6 March 1709.

PROBATE OF THE WILL OF CHARITY DUNCUMB. A^o 1712.

I CHARITY DUNCUMB of the Parish of Shere in the County of Surry widow being weake in body but blessed be God well in mind do make this my last Will and Testament in manner and form following (that is to say) In the first place I commend my Immortal Soul into the hands of my Creator trusting in his manifold and great mercies through the merits and mediation of my gracious Redeemer the Lord Jesus Christ. And as for my body I desire that it may be decently but frugally interred at Albury by being deposited in or very near the grave of my dear husband deceased. As for my personall Estate and the worldly goods wherewith it hath pleased God to intrust me I dispose of the same as follows, viz^t. Imprimis after all Debts and funerall charges are satisfied, I give unto the poor of Albury twenty pounds and to the poor

of Shere twenty pounds. Item I give unto my honoured Mother (provided it shall please God that she survive my ever honoured father) the full produce of my Lottery tickets as the same shall be paid by the Government for and during the term of her natural life, to commence from the time of her widowhood; and after her decease I give the said Tickets or orders upon them to my niece Ann Duncumb with the profits arising therefrom for ever. I do moreover give to my said mother in like manner and upon the same condition the full interest as it shall become due of one hundred pounds now in the hands of M^r John Constable, and after her decease I give the said hundred pounds to my nephew Thomas and niece Katherine Duncumb one moiety to each. To my Father and Mother Ten pounds each for mourning, To my brother Thomas six pounds, to my sister Hester my Diamond Earrings for life and after her decease to my niece Ann. To my sister Hester my Tippet and two best heads, with my Cabinet. To my niece Ann my Diamond buckle, To M^{rs} Clifton the interest of one hundred pounds in M^r Constable's hands untill my mother is entitled to it as above. I desire that a suitable gratuity be made to M^{rs} Johnson M^{rs} Clifton and M^r Wooldridge his daughters. The residue and remainder of my personall Estate I leave to my brother George Duncumb of Albury whom I do hereby constitute my sole Executor. In witness whereof I have hereunto set my hand and seale this 17th day of April anno Domini 1712.

CHARITY DUNCUMB.

Signed Sealed and declared in the presense of us

HENRY SHUTE, JOHN SMYTH, JANE SIDEBOTTOM.

MEMORANDUM, M^{rs} Charity Duncomb upon her bed declared that it was her will that the Executor M^r George Duncomb should pay to her brother William six pounds, and to M^{rs} Dowsey five pounds, as being omitted in this her last Will and Testament, Witness our hands

HENRY SHUTE, JOHN SMYTH.

Proved P. C. C. 25 June Anno Domini 1712.

(Copy) WILL OF GEORGE DUNCUMB. A^o 1746.

IN the name of God Amen. I George Duncumb Rector of the Parish of Shiere in the County of Surry being weak in body, but of sound and disposing mind and memory, praised be God for the same Do make this my last Will and Testament in manner following; First I commend my soul to God hoping to be saved by the death of Jesus Christ my Redeemer, and my body I recommend to the Earth. And as concerning my worldly Estate I give and dispose thereof as follows (that is to say) First I give and bequeath to my dearly beloved wife

Mary the sum of one Thousand pounds Lottery Annuity, Also I give and bequeath unto my said Beloved wife Mary my Annuity Rent charge of Thirty pounds p añ issuable out of an Estate belonging to M^r Stevens of Wipley in the parish of Worplesdon in the County of Surry To hold to my said wife for and during the term of her naturall life, and from and after her decease I give the said Annuity or Rent Charge of Thirty Pounds per añ. to my son Thomas Duncumb and to his heires and assignes for ever. Also I give and bequeath to my said Son Thomas Duncumb one Thousand Pounds Bank Stock. Also I give and bequeath to my three grandchildren the son and daughters of my Daughter Katherine Martin widow the sum of Three hundred Pounds South Sea Annuitys to be equally divided between my said three Grandchildren Share and Share alike, Also I give and bequeath to my three grandchildren, the children of my daughter Anne Bray widow the sum of ninety Pounds Old South Sea Annuity to be equally divided between my said three grandchildren Share and Share alike, And all the rest residue and remainder of my personal Estate not herein before disposed of I give and bequeath to my Dearly beloved wife, And I hereby make and ordain my said wife Mary sole Executrix of this my last Will and Testament, And I do hereby revoke, disanul and make void all former Wills by me at any time heretofore made. In testimony whereof I have hereunto set my hand and Seale this second day of September in the year of our Lord One thousand seven hundred and forty-six.

GEORGE DUNCUMB.

Signed, sealed, published and declared by the said Geo. Duncumb the Testator to be his last Will and Testament in the presence of us who have hereunto subscribed our names as Witnesses in the presence of the said Testator and at his request and in the presence of one another.

R. MITCHELL
JN^o SHAW
PHILL. BOWBRICK.

It appears from the release of Thomas Duncumb in 1796, that this Will was proved by Mary, widow of the testator, on the 19th day of the said September, 1746.

PROBATE OF THE WILL OF MARY DUNCOMB. A^o 1759.

IN the name of God, Amen. I Mary Duncomb widow of the Reverend M^r George Duncomb late Rector of the Parish of Sheere in the County of Surrey being in perfect mind and memory do make this my last Will and Testament in manner and form following; First I bequeath my Soul unto God who gave it me in hopes of pardon for all my sins and transgressions through the merits of Jesus Christ my

blessed Saviour and Redeemer and by his mercy to rise again to a joyfull resurrection at the last day, and my body I commit to the ground to be privately interred in the vault at Sheere with the remains of my late husband, and of my faithful friend M^{rs} Mary Bowes therein also interred. Imprimis I make my nephew the Reverend M^r John Dering sole Executor of this my last Will and Testament to dispose of what God hath blessed me with as hereinafter mentioned. Item I give and bequeath to my neice Mary Burges widow the sum of Fifty pounds I give to my neice Mary Collington, daughter of my late neice Grace Collington, the sum of Fifty pounds. I give unto the two sons of my late neice Grace Collington John and Charles Collington to each of them twenty pounds, I give to my neice Nethersole wife to my nephew Captain William Nethersole the sum of five pounds, I give unto my neice Mary Sharp wife to the Reverend M^r John Sharp my diamond Rose Ring I give to my neice Elizabeth Dering the wife of my nephew the Reverend M^r John Dering my diamond hoop Ring, I give to M^r Read general accountant to the South Sea a plain gold Ring, I give unto his wife my Indian Chest with drawers now at the South Sea house, I give unto the poor of the parish of Charing the Sum of ten pounds, I give unto the Reverend M^r Shackelford Rector of St. Peters Cornhill the sum of five pounds, I give unto M^r Peter Flutter grocer in Guilford the sum of five pounds, All my moneys, plate, jewells, Chest of China I give and bequeath to my above named Nephew the Reverend M^r John Dering who I make sole Executor of this my last Will and Testament revoking all others made before this, made at any time past by me. In witness whereof I have hereunto set my hand and seal October the twenty first in the year of our Lord one thousand seven hundred fifty eight

MARY DUNCOMB (L. S.)

Signed and sealed by me and declared and witnessed
in the presence of us herein named

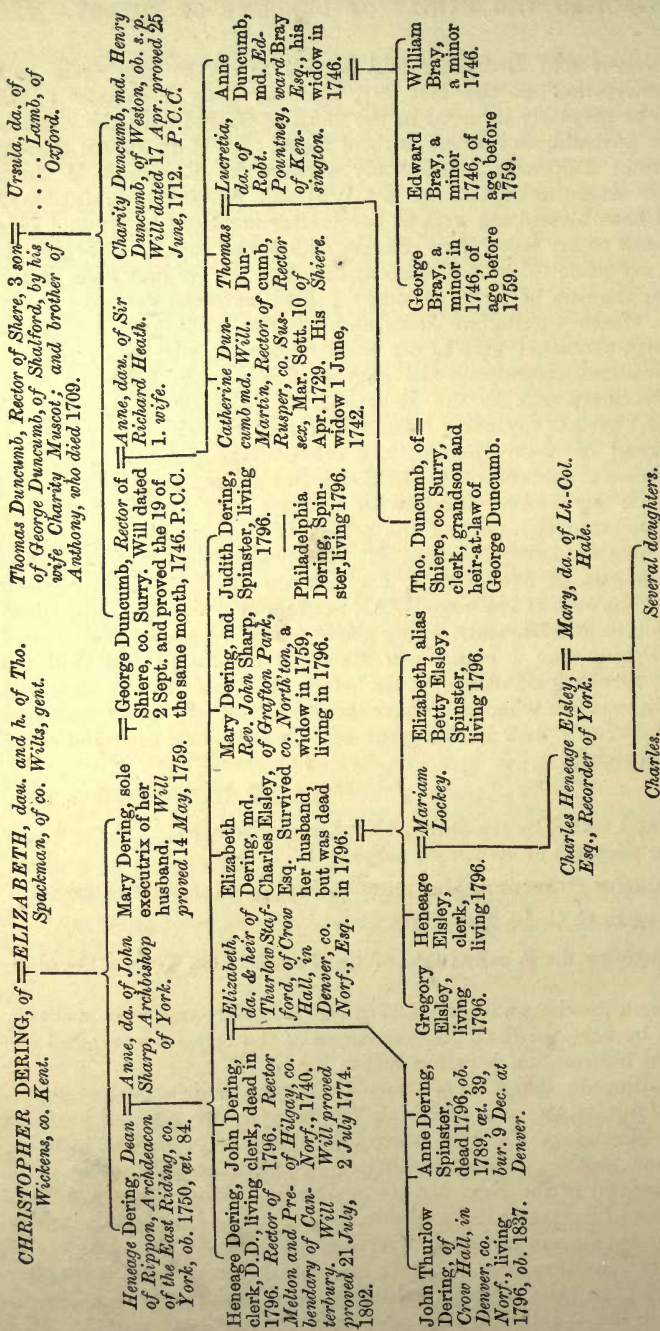
THURLOW STAFFORD, HARRIOT STAFFORD, ELIZABETH DERING.

Proved in P. C. C. 14 May 1759.

In the probate she is called late of the Parish of St. Peter's, Cornhill, London.

She made a previous will dated 17th April in the same year, written, it appears, by her own hand; the amounts of the legacies vary, and the genealogical information is rather fuller.

Mary Collington, daughter of Grace Collington, is described as grand-daughter of testatrix's sister Elizabeth Wheler; the two younger brothers (John and Charles) of the said Mary Collington are described as being by the same mother, Grace Collington; — *mentions* her niece Ann Dering, daughter of the Rev. Mr. John Dering. Mary Burges, widow, and daughter of her sister Philadelphia Nethersole; — her niece Elizabeth Nethersole, daughter of her nephew William Nethersole. The mention of these sisters identifies the testatrix as the daughter of Christopher Dering, who, in the Dering pedigree, has two previous husbands attributed to her, — 1st Morphest, and 2ndly Evans.



Mem.—The parts printed in Roman type are derived directly from the Deed of Release; those in italic from other sources.