

SOME SURREY WILLS IN THE PREROGATIVE COURT OF CANTERBURY

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PART I

ALL wills in England were proved in the Ecclesiastical Courts up to the year 1858. If a testator owned land in more than one diocese, the will had to be proved in a higher court since a bishop had no jurisdiction over the affairs of another diocese. Such wills had to be proved in the Prerogative Court of Canterbury in London.

All Ecclesiastical jurisdiction over Probate ceased in 1858, and these P.C.C. wills are now preserved in the Principal Probate Registry at Somerset House. They represent the wills of almost all people of substance in England, and most great men. Each will was copied into a folio and the original was stored. The manuscript copies of wills are bound in large folios, in order of date, the folio being named after the first testator in the year. The MSS. indices to each year entered each will, in order of date, under alphabetical order. The years date from Lady Day (25th March) to Lady Day, as did Church Registers up to the Reform of the Calendar. In counting the years of a monarch's reign the year dated from the actual day and month of his accession to the Throne.

The spelling of names and words often varies widely in the same will. The word "cosen" means nephew or niece, more often than not. (For example: 1615 P.C.C. 84 Rudd, Mrs. Malyn Palmer, widow of Sir Henry Palmer of Lambourne, "My cosin Malyn wife of Mr. E. H. one of the gentlemen of the King's Chappell"; and 1621 P.C.C. 67 Dale, Edmond H. . . . Esq. "Mrs. Malyn Palmer, my wife's Aunt.") Son-in-law, father or brother-in-law generally means stepson, stepfather or stepbrother.

It is unfortunate that the Marriage Settlements are unavailable; they provided for the issue of the marriage and would shed more light on the wills if any had been preserved. A few wills recapitulate the terms of the Marriage Settlement, but this is rare. An Inquisition Post Mortem was held, not to discover the cause of death, but to determine who were the rightful heirs. Many of these are to be found at the Record Office. There was an I.P.M. to every tenant-in-chief who held lands from the crown. The British Record Society has printed indices to all wills in the P.C.C. 1383 to 1685, indexed as to name and place. I have taken all wills up to 1566 to places in Surrey, beginning with the letters "ST" recording names, place-names and the main substance of the will.

My thanks are due to Mrs. A. E. Rowan, of Belsize Road, who did the Latin ones for me.

Some of the wills are very long. I have tried to indicate what information would reward a study of the entire document, and, above all, to preserve everything that gives a clue to the personality of the man behind the will.

1471 P.C.C.2 Wattys

Sir Thomas COBHAM, Knight, STARBOURGH

Dated 2nd April 1466. To be buried in parish church of St Peter within my college of Lyngfeld. My standing cross with the fote of silver and gilt to remain in said college and a suit of vestments of blewe cloth of gold. To repairs of said church xx^{li}. To the church of S. Thomas the Apostle¹ in the Ryall of London for any dues by me to the parson and curat. To same church my gowne of crimson velvet upon velvet. To Merton Abbey a velvet gown with prilled gold. To the Prior of the House of Chanons at Donnowe co Essex my chalices at Starbourgh and myn old masse books. To parish church of Stonbrig co Kent my litill pairs organes standing within the chapell of my castell of Starborough. To Sir Gervoyes of Clyston knight my sawter book with silver and gilt clasps which he claimeth to be his own. Gifts to poor within a mile about my castle of Starbourgh, xx^d to each householder having a wife, to marriage of poor maidens, and other gifts of charity in parishes of Cowden Chiddingston Lyngfeld Stonebrige. To the most Rev. father in God my gracious Lord Thomas Cardinal and Archbishop of Canterbury and primate of all England a book called Crayell. To Elizabeth Codington my servant iii^{li} vi^s viii^d. To Elizabeth Cobham dwelling with John Gayneford iii^{li} vi^s viii^d. To my base son Reynold called Reynold Cobham silver a salte made like a woman a little primer book a cross of gold with the four evangelists garnished with pearls and stones. These goods to be put into the hands of John Donne the elder citizen and mercer of London until Reynold is age twenty. If Reynold die, executors to sell the jewels etc. and devote proceeds for the wealth of my soul and Reynold's soul and to charity. Residue to Anne Vere my most entirely beloved lady and wife. Executors Thomas frowch and Richard fiord gent and wife Ann. My daughter Ann Cobham. If her mother die Ann to be under the governance and keeping astis the good advice and discretion of my said Lord Cardinall and of the right high and mighty princess and my good lady the Duchesse of Bokyngham² unto the time

¹ Tower Royal, at the eastern end of the Church of S. Thomas the Apostle across the present College Hill. The wine merchants of La Reole, near Bordeaux, settled here during the reign of Edward I.

² The Barony of Cobham was originally in the family of the Duke of Buckingham. In the fifteenth century the family lived at Starborough Castle, near Edenbridge, and they rebuilt at that time the Church of S. Peter and S. Paul at Lingfield. Reynold Cobham (d. 1440) married Eleanor Colepeper. Their second son Thomas married Anna, widow of Aubrey de Vere and daughter of Humphry Stafford, Duke of Buckingham. See her will, 1472. See Calendar of I.P.M. and other documents preserved in P.R.O., Vol. II, Henry VII, pp. 585, 6, Nos. 920, 923, also 884. I.P.M. Thomas Cobham, Commission of Concealments, 26th February, 20 Henry VII.

that Anne come to her lawful age or marriage. In witnes whereof to this my present testament I have sett my seal the day and year above writyn.

This is the last wil of me Thomas Cobham of Starborough co Surrey, Knyght made at London 26 March 1471. The manor of pentlowe called pentlowhalle with the advowson of the church of the same town co. Essex and a pece of land in the town of Camndishe co Suffolk, with advowson of the church there and all the lands & tenements with appurtenances called Symond Londes in parish of Stowbrigge, co. Kent and of all my place and Inne called Ypres Inne¹ in the Parish of S. Thomas the Apostle in ye Ryall in ye Cittie of London that is to say first I wil and require that all such persons as are enfeoffed with me or to my use of said lands and manors suffer my right trusty friend Gerveis Cliston squire and uncle unto Reynold my base son called Reynold Cobham and Hugh Mathewe my servant by the oversight of John Clopton squire, co Suffolk to have the rule and governance of said lands till Raynold come to age twenty or marriage and then by deed indented the estate shall be to him and his heirs for evermore. And if Raynold die then the manors to be sold, and of the proceeds I bequeath to Sir Gerveis of Cliston Knight one hundred marks if he then be on life and to . . . Cornynestrm and to his children one hundred marks; to Gerveis Cliston squire and to his children one hundred marks thereof. The residue of the money to be distributed in releiving of poor householders and bedred people within seven miles next about my Castell of Starborough and other dedes of charitie. Further more my wife to have and occupy my place called Ypres Inne at her pleasure during an hoole year next since my decease. And if John Denham knight Lord Denham and Dame Elizabeth his wife daughter and heir of Water Fitzwater late Lord Fitzwater do pay to my said entirely beloved Lady and wyf & myn Executors one hundred pounds of lawful English money at the ende of the year next after my decease then the said place and Inne to be unto Lord Denham and Dame Elizabeth and their children, Remainder in default of such heirs to the right heirs of Water ffitzwater. And if John Lord Denham and Dame Elizabeth will not paie the said c^{li} then the said Ypres Inne to be sold and the money disposed in alms to poor people and in dedes of charity. In witnes thereof I put my seal.

Probate 10th July 1471 to Executors.

1413 P.C.C.28 Marche (Latin will)

Thomas SWYFT, STOCKWELL, Surrey

Dated 27th September 1413. To be buried in the church of S. Mary Northlambhithe co. Surrey facing the altar of St. John. To repairs of said church twenty pounds and to said altar of

¹ Ypres Inn was a mansion built by William of Ypres, a favourite of King Stephen.

S. John a missal chalice and vestment etc. For my burial twenty marks. For the poor in said parish of Northlambhithe. For prayer for me and for souls of the faithful departed twenty marks. Thirteen torchbearers to follow my body three chaplains to be at the ceremony and to pray for my soul. Twenty shillings for the road which leads to the said church lying between the tenements of Peter Swyft and of John Archer. Twenty pounds for repairing the King's Highway which leads to Southlamhithe. All residue of goods and chattels and all debts owing paid I give to my Executors namely Peter Swyft John Sondford John Werying John Fox, to lay out for my soul and the souls of my parents.

Proved 3rd October 1413 by Executors Peter Swyft John Sondford John Clevynge John Fox.

Note.—Lambeth originally Lambhithe, *cf.* Queenhithe, Rotherhithe, Stebonhithe (now Stepney). The earliest record of Lambeth is a charter of King Edward the Confessor, dated 1062, confirming a grant of Lambehithe with all fields, pastures, meadows, woods and water thereto belonging to the Abbey of Waltham, Essex.

1509 P.C.C.24 Bennet

Rauf LYGH, of STOCKWELL, LONDON, LAMBETH

Dated 7th November 1st year of Henry VIII. My body to be conveyed to Lamhithe at expense of xⁱⁱ there should not be above vⁱⁱ spent at my funeral. I require my wife to cause three trentals to be sung for me one at the freers of Greenwich another at Charterhouse of London and a third at Syon. I bequeath to God and my broder all my children if my brother will have them desiring him of brotherhood to be good to them. Executrix my wife and to her I commit the rule of my children goods and land.

Probate Feb. 1st 1509-10 to Executrix.

Note.—See the recorded inscription on his tomb in the Legh Chapel at Lambeth, now destroyed: "Raufe Legh son of Raufe Leghe of Stockwell Esquire and brother to Sir John Leghe of Stockwell Knight which Raufe Legh deceased Nov 6th 1509."

Rauf Legh's children were John, Rauf, Isabel, Joyce, Margaret, the eldest son John being under age twenty-four in 1523.

The Legh Chapel of S. Nicholas at Lambeth Church, now destroyed. John Leigh of Ridge in Cheshire married Alice, daughter and heir of John Alcock. He bore arms "argent, a chevron sable with three cocks heads erased gules." The inscription on his brass in Lambeth is recorded as "John Lighe armiger quondam serviens ad arma cu Domino Rege duo decimo quinto Aprilis 1445." He had a son Roger who married Eleanor, daughter of Robert Leigh, one of the same family. Their son Roger married Eleanor, daughter of . . . Sutton, but died childless. John Leigh's third son, also named John Leigh "of the Rigge," Esquire, changed the Leigh coat of arms to "gules a crosse eng. engraved ar. within (a bordure) invected ar." He died 1453. His son Rauf (Ralph)

Leigh of Stockwell purchased the manors of Stockwell and Levehurst in 1461 and had a lease of the manor of Leigham in Streatham. He was Knight of the Shire for Surrey in 1460. The manor of Leigham was granted by Ela, wife of Jordan de Sackville, in 1152 to the Prior and Convent of Bermondsey. It was conveyed to Henry Knight in 1534 and passed to Henry VIII in 1549.

A recorded inscription on a tomb in Lambeth Chapel was to "Elizabeth late wife of Rauf Legh Esquire sometyne lord of the Manors of Stockwell and Levehurst which Elizabeth was daughter of Henry Langley of Richinge Co. Essex Esquire. The said Elizabeth died August 2nd 1479 and the said Rauf was son of John Legh of the Rigge Esquire in the Shyre of Cheshire which Rauf died 22 August 1470 and is buried in the Church of Abbey of St Maria at Winchester." On the same brass are shown four sons and nine daughters to the said Rauf.

According to *Miscellanea Genealogica et Heraldica*, Vol. I, pp. 163, 213-4, 246, another inscription read, "Rodolphus Leghe generosus serviens et consanguinens Joh'is Leghe de Surrey armiger qui obiit 1490." Also: "Raufe Legh son of Rauf Leghe of Stockwell Esquire and brother to Sir John Leghe of Stockwell Knight which Raufe Legh deceased Nov 6th 1509." *Miscellanea Genealogica* has a pedigree which states that Ralph Leigh married "Joyce daughter of Richard Colepeper who bare arms 'ar a bend eng. g. with an annulet or'." There is no reference to any such marriage in the will of Dame Isabel, who refers to the children of Ralph Legh as her "cosens."

An inscription on a marble tomb ran: "Sir John Leghe Knight of the Bath son of Rauf Legh Esq., Lord of the Manors of Stockwell and Levehurst and Isabel his wife daughter of Otwell Wurseley which Sir John deceased Aug 28 1523."

Isabel Wurseley, of Stanworth, married (1) Richard Culpeper of Aylesford, Kent, son of Sir William and grandson of Sir John Culpeper. Their children were Thomas, who died young, and daughters Margaret and Joyce. She married (2) Sir John Legh. Margaret married William Cotton of Oxenhoath, Esquire, and Joyce married Sir Edmund Howard. Her youngest child was Katherine, fifth Queen of Henry VIII. The Culpeper arms were: ar, a bend engrailed gu.

John Legh, son of Ralph (deceased 1509), was married by 1522 to Elizabeth, daughter of Sir Roger Darcy, deceased, by his wife Elizabeth, daughter of Sir Henry Wentworth. Elizabeth's mother married (2) Sir Thomas Wyndham, who died 1522, and whose name is mentioned in Sir John Legh's will in the matter of the marriage settlement. John Legh and Elizabeth had an only child Anne, who married (1) Sir Thomas Paston, and (2) Edward Fitzgarrett.

Ralph, younger brother of Sir John, married Margaret, daughter of William Ireland, armiger, and died before 1563. Their son John married Margery, daughter of William Sanders, and their

son, Sir John Leigh, Knight, married a daughter of Thomas West, brother to Lord de la Warr.

In the "glasse window" of the Chapel were shown the arms of Langley and Walden matched together, then Walden and Legh, and after, Legh and Culpeper.

The manor of Stockwell was conveyed to Henry VIII in 1547 by John Legh.

1523 P.C.C.15 Bodfield

Sir John LEGH, Knight of the Bath, STOCKWELL

Dated 16th June, 1523. To be buried in the Chapell by me late byyelded in the Parish Church of Lameheth co Surrey. To mother church of S. Swithyn in Winchester vi^s and to the Gray freres in London whereof I am a brother, and the Chantry of Stockwell in parish of Lamehith. My new Stockwell Chapell to be repaired at need from revenues of the manor of Stokwell and Levehurst. My neveve John Legh my brother Rauf Legh's son and heir to have manors as by indenture made by me and Sir Thomas Wyndham Knight late deceased and he therewith to hold him well contented for it is a c^{li} more than my father left me. My manor of Stokwell to my wife Dame Isabel for life and after her death to John Legh at age twenty four. If she die before then the manor to remain in Executors hands during interval. At death of wife Executors to hold all such lands etc. as my wife hath to the value of cc^{li} as my said wife holdeth in dower of the Dowment of her first husband until John Legh be age 24. If John die without lawful issue the remaynder to Rauf Legh brother to said John. Executors to take lands except those of the joynture of the wife of said John Legh, except manor of Effingham.

Failing Rauf remaynder in turn to Isabel Legh sister of John and Rauf & her lawful issue to Joyce Legh my neece and sister to said Isabel to Margaret Legh my neece another sister then failing these to Erasmus fforde Dorothy Martyn Elizabeth Spilman Johane Illingworth. Failing all these and their heirs remaynder to my cosyn Roger Legh to Thomas Legh his brother to George Legh his brother to William Legh to Frances Langley my cosyn. To my nephew Rauf Legh my brother Rauf Legh's son my great cheyne and my cross of gold and a flat hope that was his fathers and to have lands at Padyngden Co Surrey and in parish of Abingworth otherwise Abyngrowe Valued at Lⁱⁱ II^s II^d 1 lb. wax a capon, etc at age twenty four. Also all those manors bought of Thomas Bareham and of John Holden and Anne his wife in Kent to John Legh. If he have no heirs then to Henry Howard son of Lord Edmond Howard and Dame Joyce his wife, with remaynder in turn if no heirs to Charles Howard George Howard Isobel Legh Joyce Legh Margaret Legh Erasmus fford Dorothy Martyn Elizabeth Spilman Johane Illingworth Roger Legh Thomas Legh George Legh William Legh Francis Langley his heirs. If the Howards trouble the Executors they are to have

nothing. If any others make trouble the difficulty to be expounded and ordered by Sir Richard Broke Knight of Kings Bench John Rooper the Kings attorney John Spylman Serjeant at law and Roger Legh. My wife to have my park at Layham for life the parsonage of Epsom which I have in ferm of the Abbot and convent of Chertsey. My nephewe Rauf Legh to have x^{li} to find him at Clifford's Inn for three years and at the Temple xvi^{li} vi^s viii^d yearly till age 24. John Legh to have my manor of Effingham. Annuities to servants William Parre xx^s Randall Goldsmyth xx^s to Francis Langley LXvi^s viii^d. To Edmund Benet my horse keeper x^s. To St Christofer ye eld at Lamethith vii^s viii^d. To parson of Clapham for tithes to parson of Batersey. William Woodward to be clerk to Executors. Overseers my cosyn John Gaynsford Knight of Crowhurst and my cosyn Erasmus fforde. Signature to date 12th June 15th Henry VIII Witness Rauf Legh Sir Richard Deane priest Francis Langley William Woodward Nicholas Hill William Hill John Savage and others.

List of lands with yearly values over the quit-rent

Manor of Padyngton xviii^{li} vii^s xi^d 3 lbs wax a capon and a pounce of pepper.

Lands in Cranlegh Albery & Wonersh called Strodeland xl^s.

Manor of Westland in Ockley l^s vi^d.

Lands in Cranlegh Wonersh and Albery late Northowe lx^s.

Lands in Shyre which John Seymon hath to ferm vii^s v^d & 2 hennes.

Lands in Shyre late bought by William Sawyer xlviiii^s iii^d.

Lands in Wotton which Thomas Beldhm and John Ulvan hath to ferm xlviiii^s.

Lands in Shalford Hastcombe Bramlegh which Robert Combes and John Michell hath to ferm xl^s.

Lands in Okleigh which John Shalford hath to ferm and Thomas Shalford xxiii^s v^d.

Lands in parish of Oxsted x^{li} viii^s ii^d.

Lands in West Landon and Merew late bought of William Leger xxvi^s viii^d.

The manor of Effingham hannsarde xxxix^s vi^d.

Manor of Samers in Asshested xlii^s ii^d.

The sum of all the values of said rents l^{li} ii^s i^d and three lbs wax a capon a pound of pepper two hens.

A codicil 26th August gives leave for part of the land to be used in marriage settlements.

Probate to Dame Isabel Legh relict, Executrix Dec 10th 1523.

See I.P.M. Chancery Series C142/40/12 (2) John Leigh, 16th Henry VIII.

1527 P.C.C.18 Porch

Dame Isabel LEIGH late wife of Sir John LEIGH, STOCKWELL

Dated 6th April 18th year of Henry VIII. To be buried in the Chapel of S^t Nicholas where my husband lieth buried. To the brotherhood of S^t Christopher in said Church and to repairs of ornament in the chantry chapel of Stockwell. To my daughter my Lady Howard wife of my lord Sir Edmunde Howarde knight my best gold chain with a cross hanging upon the same my gown of black velvett lined with crimson velvett and my gown of chamlett furred with marterns my last wedding ring, jewellery and plate (described). To my daughter Margaret Cotton wife of William Cotton Esquire my collar of gold a harness of gold for a girdle my gown of black velvett furred white also one of black chamlett lined with bokera and black velvett, etc. To my daughter Elizabeth Legh wife of my cosen John Leygh jewels. To my cosen John Legh Esquire plate and all my goods in Leigham Park and my yeares interest in the mores Londe and meadow in parish of Batersey holden to ferme of the Abbot and Convent of Westminster To my cosen Rauf Leigh goods plate a S^t Anthony Cross and my ring of gold called hoopess. To Elizabeth Leigh if unmarried at my departing a crosse of gold with the four Evangelists. To my servant Margaret Metcalfe. To my cosens Joyce Stanney and Joyce Carleton and goddaughter Joyce Welbeck xx^s apiece and vi^{li} to be divided equally between Margaret Welbeck¹ and the children of my daughter Cotton and her husband. My said Lady my daughter to have x^{li} to find Richard Lee and Agnes Lee if they be living. To every wife in Stockwell an ell of linen cloth price xii^d or else xii^d in money. To Humphrey Charrossez wife vi^s viii^d to my nece Noks xx^s to my nece Welden xx^s To Margaret Legh x^{li} silver, clothing and a playne mazer. To Charles Howarde Henry George Margaret Catherine Howarde xx^s each to Mary Howarde my goddaughter x^{li} To said Elizabeth Legh wife to John Legh my long harness of gold with a pearl To my sons Sir Edmund Howarde and William Cotton to pray for me xx^{li}. To repairs of the Highway from Harreys field to the crosse toward Lambhithe vi^{li}. All the Residue to my daughter Lady Howarde upon condition that her husband redeem all lands the inheritance of my daughter in co Kent from her father Richard Colpeper and her brother Thomas Colpeper so that the lands descend to her heirs according to the will of Sir John Colpeper Knight. The said Lord Edmund and Joyce his wife shall find sureties for true performance within a month after my decease Executors my nephew Edward Lee clerk the Kings Almoziner John Carleton gent John Legh Esquire Witnesses my lord Edmund Howard knight John Legh Esquire Rauf Legh gent.

¹ Joyce and Margaret Welbeck, daughters of William Welbeck or Welbek, Citizen and Haberdasher in London.

Sir Richard dean preste John Carleton gent my lady Howarde Elizabeth Leigh Joan Kelycke.

Codicil 28 April 18th Henry VIII made one John Leigh Esquire of one Executor of my last will written with the hand of John Carleton being dated 11 April 1527 the which testament I wil shall stand in his full strength to be obeyed in every part except Thomas Argall be put out of said will and to be noon of my executor.

Probate 26th May 1527 to Edward Lee and John Carleton and John Legh Executors.

It seems clear that Thomas a Lee of Streatham, who died 1504 (see P.C.C.7 Holgrave), was one of the above family.

1565 P.C.C.3 Crymes

Sir John LEGH, Knight, of STOCKWELL, LONDON,
LAMBETH

Dated 30th April 1563. To be buried in Parish Church of Lambeth in chappel made by my uncle Sir John Legh late of Stockwel knight deceased, or else in Parish church of S. Margaret Lothbury in the City of London where I do partly inhabit. A tombe at cost of xx^{li} to be made with my Image and arms to be graven in Lattyn and the similitude of the Cross of Jerusalem that is on my breaste cutt in my flesh. If I die more than sixty miles from London to be buried where convenient. For cost of funeral c^{li}. To poor xx^{li}. To Richard Blonte my servant fifty poundes of English money. To Thomas Rice my sisters son one hundred marks if the said Thomas be with me at howre of my decease. To my cosen Marie Marten x^{li} and to ffrances Martyn her sister x^{li}. To Sir George Hawarde knight c^{li} to my goddaughter my lord William Hawarde daughter c^{li} to Jane Arundell daughter of Sir Thomas Arundell knight one hundred marks. To children of my sister Joyce Staney deceased c^{li} to be divided among them at age 21 or marriage. To John Henry Arthur Lovelace and Elizabeth Lovelace children of John Leigh Esquire late deceased x^{li} apiece at 21 or marriage. To Richard Rice and Elynor Ryce children of my sister Margaret deceased c^{li} to be divided as above said. To Frances Leigh daughter of my brother Raffe Leghe c^{li}. To my son in lawe Edward ffitzgarrett my collar of golde with stories enameled and to him and my daughter the Ladie Agnes Paston his wife L^{li} worth of my plate. Item three hundereth poundes lawful English money to the daughters of the said Edward ffitzgarrett by my daughter Agnes Paston provided the said Edward ffitzgarrett shall find two sureties to be bound in the sum of six hundreth pound to my executors at the receipt of the said ccc^{li} that it shal be put in a stock for his daughters at age 21 or marriage. If the daughters die then to the sons of said Edward and Agnes. To Edward Paston the younger son of Sir Thomas Paston knight c^{li} to Katherine Paston his sister cc^{li}. To Mr. Whetill Esquire c^{li} Bequests and provision made for servants in Lothbury. The

Residue of my goods chattels plate ready money furniture apparel to my nephew John Legh. Overseers of will Sir Nicholas Bacon Knight Lord Keeper of the great seale of England, Lord Montague Roger Manwoode Esquire. Executors Thomas Lovelace Esquire Sir Thomas Cotton knight Thomas felton of Clerkenwell co Mdx Esquire and my servante Richard Blonte. Elizabeth my wife in recompence of her joynture which she had of certayn manors in co Surrey shall be paid an annuity of xxxiii^{li} vi^s viii^d out of my manor of Hilton co. Dorset. An annuity of vi^{li} xiii^s iv^d out of my manor of Hilton Dorset to Richard Blonte if with me at time of my death. My nephew John Leghe to grant to Thomas Rice if he be with me at time of my death an annuity of xiii^{li} vi^s viii^d out of the Manor of Co Williton co Somerset. To Henry Rice brother of said Thomas an annuity of x^{li} out of my manor of Hilton. To my nephewe John Legh son and heir of my brother Raffe Legh deceased manors in countie of Buckingham and Oxford late bought of Sir Frances Stowe Knight and all lands. Witnesses John Birche John Jefirey Thomas Bradshawe, mercer, Nicholas Barham William Sleywright Richard Bostocke Peter Baker and others.

March 8. 1563

Codicil One hundred pounds more to Dame Agnes Paston. Her husband to have three of my best furred gowns all my furs that be to make up. To Xtopher Lacelle Esquire c^{li}. To my cosen Whetelle daughter dwelling with my lady of Pembroke the c^{li} which Sir James Stompe knight deceased gave me in his will the which some my sister Stompe must pay. To my servants John Dyckby x^{li} Jacob x^{li} Anthony v^{li} John Colly x^{li} to Harmon Johnson the horsekeeper v^{li}. And to Richard Blonte xiii^{li} v^s viii^d more. To my Lord Keper my best hobbye or fifty pounds. To my Lord Montague my best hobbye or one of my best horses. To Mr. Baker scryvenor viii^{li}.

Probate 5th Feb. 1565-6 to Thomas Lovelace Richard Blonte, Executors.

Note.—See Inquisition Post Mortem Sir John Legh, 20th August, 1565, at Guildford. C142 141/26.

Before Edward Bray, milite, Edmund fforde Thomas Brown William More armiger. The Jury are Ralph Ellingworth gent Lawrence Ellyott Richard Myddleborowe Alain Colcoke Edmund Cutton Chrystopher Brystowe. The manor of Boddeles and Ugrove and messuage Lyon Inn in Guildford. On 7th March 5th Elizabeth, John Legh, by deed indented, granted to Thomas Felton Roger Marwood and Richard Blont gent said manor and messuage to the use of John Legh himself for life and after to John son of Rauf Legh his brother deceased and his heirs for ever. Failing issue to him, to Agnes Paston wife of Edward ffitzgarrett, said Agnes is age 34 at death of her father. Failing issue to her, then in turn, remainder to Thomas, Henry, Richard Rice, George Stanney, Henry, Francis Baynton, Matthew Arundel, Charles

Arundel. Failing all these, to right heirs of John Legh. John Legh son of Rauf Legh entered into said manor.

1416 P.C.C.33 Marche. (Latin will)

William CREYSER Esq., armiger. of STOKE D'ABERNON

Dated 17th October 1415.

To be buried in the chancel of the parish church of St Mary Stokedabernon, & bequest to building of said church. Bequests to Winchester Cathedral to the poor at my funeral to the preacher at Gildesford. To John Talworth.

Executors Sir Henry Hyde rector of parish church of Fecham, and William Smyth rector of Stokedabernon and my wife Edith. All residue to my said wife Edith.

Witnesses present Master Robert Levick and Henry Hampshire at Stokedabernon said day and year.

Probate 17 April 1416 to Edith, the widow of testator.

Note.—See Inquisition Post Mortem, 17th August, 6th Henry V. William Croyser Refer S.A.C., Vol. X, pp. 283-287 inclusive. Daughter Ann, age 9 years plus, was his heir.

In 1404 William Croyser was Knight of the Shire of Surrey. William Croyser died Monday, 9th November, holding jointly with Edith his wife manors of Stoke D'abernon, Aldbury and Fetcham. I.P.M. 21 May, 14th Henry V, Edith Croyser. June 1st, 1418. Anne, next heir aged 13, married to Ingleran Bruyn, son of Sir Maurice Bruyn, Knight. Edith Croyser married (2) Sir Maurice Bruyn.

See brass of Lady Ann, daughter of William and Edith Croyser and wife of Sir Henry Norbury, Knight. She died 12th October, 1464.

1418 P.C.C.41 Marche. (Latin will)

Edith BRUNE (BRUYN) formerly CROYSER, STOKE-DABERNON

Date 25th April 1418. Edith wife of Sir Maurice Bruyn Knight mentions "my manor of Stokedabernon." The mother church of Winchester, the church of Stokedabernon and the poor there and in Fechinam and Aldebury. My tenements in town of Stokedabernon and of Fechinam and Aldbury.

Executors Sir Maurice Bruyn knight, my husband, Sir Thomas Welton Sir John Mawry clerk, Sir John Bryunne, Master Robert Ketton.

Examined in presence of witnesses William Wolsey John Clerk Willimo Langley of Bokenham diocese of Kent.

1431 P.C.C.14 Luffenham. (Latin will)

Richard TYRRELL Esquire of STOKDABERNOUN

Dated 26th May 1431. To be buried in the church of Soppewell. I give ten marks for repairs there and to the nuns of the said church and to the Freres of Gilford for repairs of the church and especially the rode lofte of Stoke. The remainder of my goods I give to William Estfold, Mercer and Alderman of London

Dame Alionore Hull Roger Husewyff prest and to Amy my wife whom I make Executors of my testament to dispose for the profite and wel of my soul after their discretion.

Overseer Sir Nicholl Dixon, Clerk. Written at Stokdabernoun 26th May 1431 "with myn owen hand"

Proved 10th July 1431 by Executors named, and on 23rd September execution completed.

1464 P.C.C.5 Godyn and 8 Godyn. (Latin will)

John RYPON of STOKE NEXT GULDEFORD

Dated 5th September 1464. To be buried in the Church of St. John Evangelist of Stoke. I leave to the mother church of Winton six pence. To Margaret my daughter ten marks sterling. I give to John Clerke of Stoke a russet cloak. The residue of all my goods to Agnes my wife she to be my executor. And I appoint John Sturmyn Executor with her.

Proved at Lamethith 14th September 1464 by the Executors named in the will. A full Inventory to be made of all and singular goods etc.

P.C.C.8 Godyn. (Latin will)

Will of John Rypon of Stoke next Guildeforde 5th September 1464 (Identical with the will registered 5 Godyn).

1503 P.C.C.22 Blamyr

William COMBES of STOKE nygh GULDEFORD, gent.

Dated 31st January 1500-01. To be buried before the Rood in Stoke Church if I happen to be there. To the High Altar of Stoke XIII^s IV^d for tithes. To the repairs of Trinity Church to S. Mary's Church and S. Nicholas church xx^d apiece. To the frdres of Guldford for a trental¹ to be done for me there XIII^s IV^d. After my departure LXVI^s VIII^d to be dealt to poor people in alms. Also I will that Anne my wife bring me conveniently to my long home. I will that my executor do lay a stone upon me within a yere after my departing and shall receive the profits of my lands besides my wifes joynture during nonage of my son William till the some of XL^{li} be fully received the which some of forty pounds I bequeath to my daughters every of them twenty marks and every of them to be others heir. I will that the overplus of said lands to be stored upon fynding of my children to schole and upon reparacon of lands. My brother Thomas shall have my team of oxen with the Weyne and harness thereto belonging and my best horse and the half occupying of the ferm of Stoke during my yeres. Also my brother Henry fifteen marks towards his lerninge and mete and drynke with my wife till he be provided of a master. My sister Julian to have in money at her departing to household LXVI^{li} VIII^d. Residue to wife Anne. Executors my wife Ann and Thomas Combez my brother Supervisor William Coope.

Probate 11th April 1503 to Executors.

¹ A trental is either masses for thirty days or a mass on the thirtieth day after decease.

1503 P.C.C.24 Blamyr

John WHELAR of STOKE next GULDEFORD

Dated 5th August 18th year of Henry VII. To be buried in chapel of our Lady in parish church of the blessed Trinity in Guldeford. To the mother church of Wynchester xii^d. To high altar of parish church of Trinity for tithes xx^d, and x^s. To parish church of the Blessed Lady at Guldford and S. Nicholas in Guldford xx^d. To house and church of freres preacher in Guldford xiii^s iii^d. To parish church of Stoke next Guldford and parish churches of Worplesden Compton Shalford and Merowe. To my godchildren who are living fourpence. Residue to Isabell my wife and to John Chabeleyn, Executors. Isabell immediately after my death shall have to her and her heirs for ever all my lands tenements barns gardens etc in burgh of Gulford also all the lands with a barn set there-upon within burgh of Gulford which I late purchased of Robert Sandes. Witness Sir Richard Chapman preest Sir Thomas Gate preest, John Perkyn Thomas Greene William Baker and many others.

Probate 16th August 1503 to Executors.

See Register F at Canterbury.

1529 P.C.C.5 Jankyn

Thomas POLSTED the elder of STOKE next GULDEFORD Surrey

HENLEY upon Thames Oxford

Dated 6th March 20th Henry VIII. To be buried in church of Stoke next Guldeford before the Rood there. To church of Holy Trinity in Guldeford xx^{li}. Prayers to be said for my soul and my father's and mother's soul and of Henry Elyott Robert Bekingham and Elizabeth his wife and for Laurence Harryson's soule for six year. An annual rent of xx^s to be granted out of the Londes called Craces as of all other lands in Guldford which were somtyme Henry Cowpers to such persons as Alice Cowper widow late wife of said Henry Cowper shall name to the intent that there be a yearly obite kept in parish church of S. Marie Guldford according to the will of Henry Cowper. Alice Cowper to occupy all the lands for her lifetime. To Margaret my daughter £50 at marriage if she marry with her mothers consent. Residue of goods to be divided in three parts among my wife Agnes and sons Thomas and Henry Polsted. My wife to have my lands in Stoke next Guldford and a wood called Swanmede for life and after her decease and the decease of Alice Cowper all lands to my son Thomas Polsted. Failing issue to him remaynder in turn to Henry Polsted Margaret Polsted Henry Polsted my brother John Polsted my brother and Thomas Jones of Wytley. My wife and two sons to have rule and guidance of Anthony Elmes to be well brought up in learning and all lands that were his fathers and mothers to said Anthony at age 21. My two sons to see the chantry priest at Henley his wage paid every year so

that they sing for every yere yerely an obite to value of twenty pounds for the soules of Humfrey Elmes and Elizabeth his wife. To Blackfreres at Guldford. Executors, wife Agnes and sons Thomas and Henry Polsted & John Polsted Witnesses John Parkyns David Yngge John Coke John Polsted.

Probate 22 April 1529 to Executors.

Note.—See S.A.C., Vol. II, p. 59, for pedigree of the family of Polsted. Also S.A.C., Vol. XV, p. 37. "Henry Polsted gent citizen and merchant taylor of London died 1556, Dec. 25." Palimpsest brass at Sanderstead.

1556 P.C.C. Ketchyn

Henry POLSTED Esquire, ALBURY, Surrey

Dated 1st August 1555. Executors wife Alice William More Esquire and John Brace gent, and Richard Polsted my son to be an executor at age 21. Richard Polsted to have farm of Wonersh in Surrey and the farm of the parsonage of St. Osites co. Essex and my farm at Stoneham at age 21. If he die then to my daughter Jone wife to Thomas Sambourne, and her sons Henry and Hugh Beke to have Stoneham and Henry Perker and Brian Ansley the farms of both parsonages. My wife to take profits of my farm of Prailand and if Richard Polsted die, then after my wifes death to Henry Weston my servant. My wife to take profit of farm commonly called Lolesworth otherwise Spitalfields in Middlesex solong as she liveth unmarried. If she marry my overseers William More and John Brace to take profits towards bringing up of said Henry Beke until my son Richard be 21. If he die the farm to said Henry and failing him with remainder in turn to Hugh Beke or to their mother my daughter Samborne. To poor of Gilford and to the Spital there III^{li}. To my brother John Maynard.

I am not seized of any manors or land in capite. To wife Alice my manors of Albury and Wildwood and my house called Channtery House and lands of Shere and other lands in Alfold Shere and Albury for life and after to son Richard. Failing him to my uncle Henry Polsted for life with remainder to Thomas Polsted failing him to Francis Polsted his brother. To wife in satisfaction of her dower lands etc. in Pagham and Yaxton co Sussex being sometyme Chantry lands and also farme land called Byrkley and farm called leyth in psh of Shalford and woods etc. called Kingefold Southland and hobbis and lands in Ridgwyke co Sussex sometime also chantry lands my manor of Speldherst co Kent and advowson there and a messuage and storehouse in psh of Allhallows Berking London and after her to son Richard. To Anthony Elmes Squier my nephew my manor called Bayliss in Sussex and lands in Wratlinge which were Elizabeth Elmes widow my sisters daughter and heir of . . . Pakker and mother of said Anthony which same Elizabeth left me in her will in the Prerogative Court. To my daughter Jone Samborne my barne and close in psh of S. Giles

Redinge Berks. If my son Richard die my parcel of land and wood in Billinghamurst Sussex my copies wood called Tillinghokes in Shere to Ann the wife of Robert Clerk gent and remainder to Brian Ansley her son and Nicholas Ansley his brother remaynder to Henry Berde. My messuage called Horne meads and pasture called Watforde Close in Stoke and all my litel pightell there by Mongers house and land in Cranley to Elizabeth the wife of John Henningwer for life. Julyan Both widow her son Cuthbert Blackden and her son John Both. Overseers John Carrell Wm More Esq John byrche John Agmondesham John Brace John Statham gent to have order and disposing of lands until son Richard be 21. John Gawdye Esq Sergeant at law Robert Kylwaye Richard Blackwell Richard Randall Sir Guy Wade Esquier to advise from time to time. Witness William More John Byrch John Brace gent.

Probate 15th May 1556 to relict Alice Polsted and John Brace.

Note.—See *S.A.C.*, Vol. XV, p. 132. Richard Polsted of Albury, Esquire, marriage to Elizabeth, first daughter of William More of Loseley, Esquire.

See wills: 1511 Dame Elizabeth Elmes, P.C.C.1 Fetiplace; 1526 Elizabeth Elmes, Humphrey Elmes, P.C.C.11 Porch; 1576 Richard Polsted, P.C.C.6 and 33 Carew.

Francis Polsted Albury, P.C.C.38 Langley.

1516 P.C.C.25 Holder

Gilbert STOUGHTON, CHALGROVE, Oxford, BEACONSFIELD, Bucks, STOUGHTON, Surrey

Date 7th April 1516. To be buried Beaconsfield Buckinghamshire. To Marion my wife the Manor of Stoughton in Suthery for life she making no waste. To my two daughters fourty pounds to be paid at marriage out of the rent of the manor of Stoughton and a ground called Aldham. To John my son the manor of Estbury. The freres of the place of Gilforth to have a yearly rent of ten pounds out of my ground calld Mowrtyesley for evermore. Executrix my wife Marion. Supervisors of will Master William Yong dwelling at Wytham in Berkshire and William Westbroke dwelling in Suthery. Witnesses Domino henrico Rither Thomas Halfarre Phillippo Purtey John Elyott.

Probate at Lamhithe 7th November 1516 to Marion, relict and Executrix.

Note.—Gilbert Stoughton, educated for the Bar, was Escheator of Surrey and Sussex in 1492 and 1493. He lived at Chalgrove in Oxford, where he died. See *History of Surrey*, by G. W. Brayley, pp. 444-5. See *S.A.C.*, Vol. XII, for the pedigree of Gilbert Stoughton, wife Marianna, daughter of Robert Beardsey of London. Eldest son Laurence and sons Anthony, John and George. See will of Laurence Stoughton, 1572, P.C.C.12 Daper, and of George, 1563, P.C.C.23 Chayre.