

II. THE REGISTER OF NICHOLAS BUBWITH, BISHOP OF LONDON 1406-1407

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A CALENDAR of the entries in Bubwith's register, similar to that of his predecessor, Walden, follows below. As before, the original documents are in Latin, and the benefices are rectories, unless otherwise stated. The names of patrons of benefices, when given in the register, follow the benefices, but are printed in brackets. A re-arrangement of folios 1-7 has been found necessary however. In the register all admissions to benefices have been entered chronologically and institutions, collations and exchanges have not been separated. Since admissions cannot satisfactorily be calendared in this way they have been divided into separate sections (institutions, collations and exchanges) and the folio references have been given in an additional column. As before, place names have been given in their modern form. The following abbreviations have been used:

A.	abbey	Fo.	folio	pr.	priest
chap.	chaplain	l.d.	letters dimissory	tit.	title
cl.	clerk	P.	priory	vic.	vicarage

INSTITUTIONS

Fo.	Date	Name	Benefice	Patron
	1406			
1	26 Sept.	John Breche pr.	Cadington Major prebend, St. Paul's cathedral	King.
1	30 Sept.	John Milner chap.	Ulting vic.	Beeleigh A.
1	— Sept.	Philip Crulle chap.	Bradfield vic.	Prior of St. Bartholomew's, Smithfield.
1	7 Oct.	Richard Broun chap.	Great Stanmore	St. Alban's A.
1 ^v .	24 Oct.	Geofrey Michell pr.	Mucking vic.	Barking A.
1 ^v .	21 Nov.	William Blount chap.	chantry, St. Mary's chapel in church of West Bergholt	Colchester A.
2	29 Nov.	William Bylton chap.	West Thurrock vic.	John Hermesthorp.
2-2 ^v .	9 Dec.	William Birchemor pr.	Hadstock	Bishop of Ely.
2 ^v .	18 Dec.	Robert Tunstal cl.	Great Dunmow	King.
	1407			

Fo.	Date	Name	Benefice	Patron
2 ^v .	10 Jan.	Robert Westwode chap.	Kelvedon-Hatch	Thomas del Hagh.
3	29 Jan.	Richard Fox cl.	Great Holland	Hugh Burnell.
3	1 Feb.	Robert Tele chap.	East Donyland	Colchester A.
3 ^v .	22 Feb.	William Sokaborn pr.	chantry at altar of SS. Katherine and Margaret, St. Swithin's London	John Whityngton and John de Preston.
3 ^v .	28 Feb.	Peter Ode chap.	Chadwell	Walter and Margaret Grey.
3 ^v .	1 Mar.	Robert Wytton A.M. D.D.	Thaxted vic.	John Stynede.
3 ^v .	3 Mar.	Thomas Whyteby chap.	chantry at St. Mary's altar, St. Michael-le-Querne, London	John Hadele.
4	25 Mar.	William de Langeton A.M. pr.	St. Clement Danes, London	Bishop of Exeter.
	2 April	John Bys cl.	St. Magnus London Bridge	Thomas Kemys and Edmund Bys.
4 ^v .	14 April	Henry Rumworth A.M.	West Tilbury	King.
4 ^v .	19 April	William Clement pr.	Feltham vic.	Burton Hospital.
5	28 May	Roger Colman pr.	St. Mary Axe, London	Prioress of Bishopsgate P., London.
5	9 June	William Wilfete cl.	Berdon	Berdon P.
5	9 June	Robert Eston	East Hanningfield	William de Bello Campo.
5 ^v .	13 June	Robert Thornton chap.	Fyfield	Marjory Lescrop.
5 ^v .	28 June	William Serle chap.	Rainham chantry	John Godeston.
5 ^v .	2 July	William de Wyke cl.	St. Clement Danes, London	Bishop of Exeter.
5 ^v -6	10 July	Roger Aldenby pr.	St. Mary Whitechapel	Robert Crull.
6	12 July	Simon Tyler <i>alias</i> Brunne chap.	chantry at Holy Trinity altar, St. Peter Cornhill, London	John Whitby, Richard Manhale, John Conysburgh, Peter Mason and John Benet.
6	12 July	Richard Eton pr.	Arkesden vic.	Walden A.
6	15 July	Thomas Bryd pr.	Stanway	John, son of William Doreward.
6	15 July	John May pr.	Chigwell	John, son of William Doreward.
6	25 July	Henry Harburgh A.M. cl.	St. Bride, Fleet St., London	Westminster A.
6 ^v .	29 July	William Spillesby pr.	Little Warley	John Tyrell.

Fo.	Date	Name	Benefice	Patron
6 ^v .	31 July	Thomas Sewale pr.	Little Henny	William Charteseye.
6 ^v .	31 July	John Westlond cl.	Hadleigh	Edward, Duke of York.
6 ^v .	3 Aug.	John Seward cl.	Chadwell	Walter and Margaret Grey.
6 ^v .	3 Aug.	William Baker pr.	Stifford	King.
7	29 Aug.	John Martyn chap.	St. Catherine Coleman, London	Richard Derham.

COLLATION.

6 ^v .	3 Aug.	Peter Ode pr.	Bishop's Wickham.
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EXCHANGES

Fo.	Date	Name	Benefice	Benefice	Name	Benefice
1	1406 14 Oct.	Roger Herde	Winwick vic.	exchanged with	John Inglewod	Margaretting vic. (Blackmore P.).
1 ^v .	6 Nov.	Richard Morburn	Broxted vic. (Walter Grendon)		Robert Haukesworth	St. Mary's chantry, Bourn.
1 ^v --2	23 Nov.	John Wisebeche	Trunch		Bartholomew Waryn	Hadstock (Bishop of Ely).
1 ^v .	21 Nov.	John Burnham	Wennington		Robert Langley	prebend, St. Andrew Auckland (Bishop of Durham).
2	2 Dec.	Thomas Kyrton <i>alias</i> Gamull	St. Michael Royal (Christ Church P. Canterbury)		John White	Willingale-Spain (noma- tion of bishop and presen- tation of Blackmore P.).
2 ^v .	1407 8 Jan.	William Sholdam	Grays Thurrock vic. (Prior of St. John's Clerkenwell, London)		John Bertelot	Feltham vic. (Master of Burton Hospital).
2 ^v .	12 Jan.	John Mallyng	Offham		John Mannyng	Fairsted (bishop).
3	25 Jan.	John Fendour	Wold Newton		Walter Byrche- moor	Hadstock (Bishop of Ely).
3	6 Feb.	John Covyn	Great Birch vic. (nomination of bishop and presentation of Leighs P.)		John Greve	Wivenhoe (John de Walton)
3-3 ^v .	8 Feb.	Thomas Nicol	Newnham vic.		William atte Crosse	Little Wakering vic. (John Wakeryng).
3 ^v --4	3 March	Richard Watton	Ashby Fenby		Richard Chamberleyn	Holy Trinity, Colchester (Colchester A.).
4	20 March	Robert Wyntryngham	Anstey (Edward duke of York)		William Gylot	Harthill (Lewes P.).

Fo.	Date	Name	Benefice	exchanged with	Name	Benefice
4	20 March	Thomas Taylour	Ogbourn St. George vic.		William Broun	South Shoebury (Prittlewell P.).
4 ^v .	7 April	Thomas Whithed	St. Michael Cornhill, London (Evesham A.)		William Bryght A.M.	Foulmire (John Howard).
4 ^v .	9 April	John Touthorp	Thorp le Soken vic.		John Leman	Beaumont (John Hermes-thorp).
4 ^v -5	22 April	William Bailly	Sausthorpe		Thomas Carleton	Iselworth vic. (St. Mary's College, Winchester).
5	29 April	John Lynne	Newenden-Liberty (Archbishop of Canterbury)		John Toser	Langdon-Hills (Beeleigh A.).
5-5 ^v .	12 June	Edmund Barbour	Little Baddow (John Bohun)		John Vmfrey	Orpington vic. (John Wakeryng).
5 ^v .	5 July	Robert Hunte	Laindon (bishop)		William Halle	Newton by Sudbury.
5 ^v .	6 July	Stephen Thomasson	Great Gransden vic.		Henry Bachous	Nevedon (Joan de Bohun Richard Fitz Scymond, John Baryngton and John Sumpter).
6	19 July	John Appulton A.M.	Strixton		Simon Flaundre	Lambourne (Waltham A.).
6 ^v .	13 Aug.	William Conyngburgh	Cobham vic.		William Sumpter	St. Mary's Chantry, Becket's Chapel, Brentwood (John Lychlade and Richard Martyn).
6 ^v -7	25 Aug.	John Richeman	Rainham vic. (Lesnes A.)		William Wylby	Shalford vic. (Bishopsgate Hospital London).
7	29 Aug.	John Tailour	Strubby vic.		William de Bilton	West Thurrock vic.
7	2 Sept.	William Spillesby	East Warley (John Tyrell)		William Selowe	St. James' Colchester (Colchester P.).

MANDATES

A Command for Special Devotions.

(Fo. 7^v.) 20 July 1407. Thomas archbishop of Canterbury to Nicholas bishop of London. The archbishop declares that when the people are guilty of grave sin, God sends them great trials to teach them obedience. The present situation is miserable. Because of the people's sins

savage quarrels, grievous disorders, defeats, plagues and diverse schisms have lamentably traversed and daily and repeatedly traverse and invade the kingdoms of the world. And the glorious realm of England, especially, which used to enjoy the sweetness of peace, is brought at the present time to such an unhappy state of dissension and discord by the instigation of the enemy of peace that immediately the calm of peace has, as it seems, arisen, the same realm is subjected to such perils by enemies lying in wait on every side that many fear that terrible desolations will befall her.

Only God can help the people and therefore solemn processions are to be held throughout the province to implore the divine mercy. The bishop of London is commanded to send letters to his fellow bishops ordering them to have processions held every Wednesday and Friday with litany and mass, if possible, or with at least a special collect, and to arrange for similar devotions in his own diocese. An indulgence of forty days is offered. The processions and masses are to continue until mandates are received to the contrary.

Execution of this Mandate.

(Fo. 8.) The above mandate was received on 20 July 1407 and executed for the province of Canterbury on 23 July.

A Concession of the Office of Notary.

(Fo. 8-8^v.) 26 October 1406. Nicholas bishop of London to all the faithful. The bishop has received a letter dated 6 November 1405 from pope Innocent VII, presented to him by Thomas Hyll, an unmarried clerk of the diocese of York, in the presence of a notary and the subscribing witnesses, requiring him to examine the said Thomas, and if he is worthy, receive the notarial oath from him and grant him the office of notary. The bishop has examined Thomas and found him worthy. He has received his oath and invested him with pen, ink, pence and paper. Witnesses John Knyght rector of Burgh Clere, Richard Gabryell rector of Pyworthy and master John Shuford bachelor of laws.

Notarial Subscription.

Thomas Horstone *alias* Shapewyk, clerk of London and notary public, declares that he was present with the aforementioned witnesses and testifies to the correctness of the facts stated above.

ORDINATIONS

(Fo. 9.) Ordination celebrated by William bishop of Tournay by licence of Nicholas bishop of London, 18 December 1406, in the priory of Holy Trinity Aldgate.

Tonsure

Thomas Weluwys. Richard Garleke. William Telton. John Arnold.

Acolites

John Dyra, Exeter I.d. William Mersur. John Whittewell, immediate jurisdiction of Canterbury I.d. Brothers Thomas Plays and Thomas Gyldeford dominicans of London. John Seward rector of Bishop's Wickham. Thomas Deuenyssh, Lincoln I.d. Clement Denston. Brother John Preston carmelite of London.

Subdeacons

William Huntyngdon rector of St. James Garlickhithe London tit., his benefice. Andrew Smyth tit., St. Bartholomew's P. Smithfield. Robert Bateson, Lincoln I.d., tit., Stixwould P. Brother William Clerk carmelite of London. (Fo. 9^v.) Brother John Stebbyng Dunmow P. Brothers John Asschwell and John Clere friars of the cross of London. Brothers Richard Lydgate and Bernard de Burgo augustinian friars of London.

Deacons

Herman Perys tit., Maidstone college. Brothers William Myssynden and Richard Wendouer Missenden A. I.d. Brother John Dertford dominican of London. John Godyn, Lincoln I.d., tit., Holy Trinity P. London. Simon Tomson, Lincoln I.d., tit., Swineshead A. John Benet, Lincoln I.d., tit., Ashridge college. Thomas Crofton tit., Bishopsgate hospital. Brother John Bette friar of the cross of London. Brothers Thomas Thorp, Nicolas Waght and John Wygtoft augustinian friars of London.

Priests

Adam Redyforth, York l.d., tit., Nutley A. Brothers William Chilston and William Roger dominicans of London. Brothers Edmund Colcestre and John Horkkesley Colchester A. Thomas Capgrave and William Bruxill augustinian friars of London. (Fo. 10.) John Gyles, Exeter l.d., tit., Hurley P. John Tylton canon of St. Martin-le-Grand, London, tit., his prebend. John Cook, Lincoln l.d., Holy Trinity P. London.

Ordination celebrated by Nicholas bishop of London 19 February 1407 in the chapel of his dwelling in the parish of St. Clement Danes.

Tonsure

Thomas Loweden. Thomas Hyll. Thomas Gentyll. Thomas Ingram. Thomas Farlton. William Corby. John Sturton.

Acolites

Augustin Strode, Exeter l.d. John Kere. Walter Towker, Wells l.d. Brothers John Claueryng, Edmund London, Robert Ely and Robert Halstede Walden A. (Fo. 10^v.) John Holder-nesse, York l.d. John Stafford rector of St. Nicholas, Durham l.d. Brother John de Durdraco augustinian friar of London. Brother John Chyrche carmelite of London. John Hatton. William Moore. John Burell rector of Clist St. George, Exeter l.d. John Strete, Wells l.d., tit., Holy Trinity P. London.

Subdeacons

John Whitewell, immediate jurisdiction of Canterbury l.d., tit., his patrimony. William Fleccher, Lincoln l.d., tit., St. John's hospital Northampton. John Squyer, Norwich l.d., tit., Dunmow P. Thomas Shepey, Exeter l.d., tit., Atherington church. William Mersour tit., Colchester P. John Kempe, Lincoln l.d., tit., Kirkby-Kendal hospital. Thomas Knoyle, Worcester l.d., tit., Bristol A. Brother Roger Cristylton St. Alban's A. John Dyra, Exeter l.d., tit., Bisham P. William Curtays, Chichester l.d., tit., Tortington P. William Bristowe rector of Little St. Peter's, York l.d., tit., his benefice. Thomas Frampton rector of Norton under Hambdon, Wells tit., his benefice. John Cowper, Lincoln l.d., tit., Chicksands P. John Burell rector of Clist St. George Exeter, l.d., tit., his benefice. (Fo. 11.) Brothers James Salcote, John Boniface, John Preston, John Offham and Thomas Bryce carmelites of London. Brother Francis Sprynger franciscan of London. Brother

Roger Bolton of St. Mary Graces A. London. Thomas Deuenyssh, Lincoln l.d., tit., Eynsham A. Walter Smale, Exeter l.d., tit., Barlinch P. John Nycoll, Exeter l.d., tit., Exeter P. Hugh Gode, Exeter l.d., tit., Buckfast A. John Whelere, Worcester l.d., tit., St. Oswald's hospital Worcester. Thomas Rede, Worcester l.d., tit., St. Bartholomew's hospital Smithfield. Clement Denston tit., Stratford A. Thomas Brayton, Worcester l.d., tit., St. John's hospital Warwick. John Palmer, Worcester, l.d., tit., St. John's hospital Warwick. John Beare, Exeter l.d., tit., Buckfast A. Ralph Hyllary, Exeter l.d., tit., Rewley A. Thomas Bande, Exeter l.d., tit., St. Frideswide's P. Oxford. Vivian Godyn, Exeter l.d., tit., Bodmin P. Walter Marker, Exeter l.d., tit., Tavistock A.

Deacons

John Jewell, Rochester l.d., tit., Dartford P. Thomas Warre, Exeter l.d., tit., Uplowman church. Brother William Stokesby of Ashridge college, Lincoln l.d. William Huntyngdon rector of St. James Garlickhithe London tit., his benefice. Brothers John Kymbel, William W(o)lston and Hugh Eyton of St. Alban's A. (Fo. 11v.) Brothers John de Colcestr and William Lammersk Coggeshall A. Thomas Combe, Exeter l.d., tit., Frithelstock P. Robert Bateson, Lincoln l.d., tit., Stixwould P. Brothers John Asshwell and John Clere friars of the cross of London. Lawrence Hayward, Canterbury l.d., tit., St. Gregory's P. Canterbury. John Gretham, Lincoln l.d., tit., Thornton-on-Humber A. John Norton, Lincoln l.d., tit., Oselveston A. Andrew Smyth tit., St. Bartholomew's hospital Smithfield. Henry Eton rector of Doddinghurst tit., his benefice. Brother Richard Lydgate augustinian friar of London. Brothers William Clerke, Richard Acton, Raymund de Labatuto and Arnold de Turney carmelites of London. Brothers William Botilisham, William Chipstede and Hugh Gueryngham franciscans of London. Henry Garston *alias* at Garston, Winchester l.d., tit., Merton P. Thomas Passewater, Lincoln l.d., tit., Bushmead P. Thomas Strongfer, Worcester l.d., tit., St. Bartholomew's hospital Gloucester. John Edward, Worcester l.d., tit., Hayles A. Henry Kempe, Worcester l.d., tit., St. Bartholomew's hospital Gloucester. John More, Worcester l.d., tit., Cookhill P. John Frenssh, Lichfield l.d., tit., Stone P. Thomas Barbour, Worcester l.d., tit., St. John's hospital Warwick. Robert, Lichfield l.d., tit., St. John's hospital Oxford.

Priests

John Cockerell, York l.d., tit., Merton P. John Benet, Lincoln l.d., tit., Ashridge college. Simon Tomson, Lincoln l.d., tit., Swineshead A. (Fo. 12.) John Neel, Worcester l.d., tit., his vicarage in Chichester cathedral. Thomas Crofton tit., Bishopsgate hospital. Herman Perys tit., Maidstone college. John Godyn, Lincoln l.d., tit., Holy Trinity P. London. Brothers John Rokesdon, John Albon and John Burton Dunstable P. Lincoln l.d. Brother Ralph Achelew Royston P. Brother Thomas Thorp augustinian friar of London. William Kyrkeham rector of St. Mathew's, Ipswich, Norwich, l.d., tit., his benefice. Robert Couche, Salisbury l.d., tit., St. Mary's A. Winchester. John Robyn, Exeter l.d., tit., St. German's P. Thomas Durnell tit., Waltham A.

Ordination celebrated by Nicholas bishop of London 21 May 1407 in Fulham church.

Tonsure

John Heynes.

Acolites

John Milnare. Richard Roslyn. John Bys rector of St. Magnus', London. Brother Thomas Hert dominican of London. John son of John Eynesford rector of Widmer-Pool, York l.d. John Heynes.

(Fo. 12^v.) Subdeacons

John Seward rector of Bishop's Wickham tit., his benefice. John Snellyng, exempt jurisdiction of Steyning l.d., tit., Sele P. John Stafford rector of St. Nicholas', Durham, tit., his benefice. Brothers Robert Ownesby and Richard Clere St. Alban's A. William Moor tit., Elsingspital hospital. Thomas Paule, York l.d., tit., Pipewell A. John Bys rector of St. Magnus', London tit., his benefice. John Albyne, exempt jurisdiction of St. Alban's l.d., tit., Lavendon A.

Deacons

William Fleccher, Lincoln l.d., tit., St. John's hospital Northampton. John Dyra, Exeter l.d., tit., Bisham P. Clement Denston, Norwich l.d., tit., Stratford A. John Squyer, Norwich l.d., tit., Dunmow P. Brother Thomas Albon Merton P. Winchester l.d. William Mersour tit., Colchester P. Thomas Deuenyssh, Lincoln l.d., tit., Eynsham A. Walter Fouler

rector of Long Whatton Lincoln, l.d., tit., his benefice. William Walkelayn, Winchester l.d., tit., Titchfield A. Brother John Sebbyng Dunmow P.

Priests

Andrew Smyth tit., St. Bartholomew's hospital Smithfield. Brother Philip Crofte dominican of Oxford. John Frenssh, Lichfield l.d., tit., Stone P. (Fo. 13.) John Blok, Lincoln l.d., tit., Chicksands P. Thomas Burton rector of Withybrook, Lichfield l.d., tit., his benefice. Henry Eton rector of Doddinghurst tit., his benefice. William Huntyngdon rector of St. James Garlickhithe, London tit., his benefice. Thomas Passewater, Lincoln l.d., tit., Bushmead P. John Fax, Exeter l.d., tit., Poughley P.

ROYAL WRITS

A Pension for a Royal Clerk.

(Fo. 13.) 14 January 1406. The king to Nicholas bishop of London. The king reminds the bishop that because of his new creation as bishop of London, he is obliged to grant an annual pension to a clerk nominated by the king, until he has provided him with a suitable benefice. He desires the promotion of William Benet, a clerk of his closet, and therefore nominates him to receive a pension of this kind from the bishop.

The Appointment of Collectors of a Subsidy.

(Fo. 13-13^v.) 1 November 1406. The king to Nicholas bishop of London. At the last convocation of the province of Canterbury held from 10 May to 16 June 1406, the clergy granted, for the defence of kingdom and church, a tenth, to be levied on

all ecclesiastical benefices of the said province, exempt and not exempt, taxed and accustomed to pay the tenth, notwithstanding any liberties, immunities or royal privileges conceded to the contrary, excepting only the benefices of poor nuns and hospitallers and benefices in the parts of Wales and the marches of the same.

This tenth was to be paid in two instalments, the first half on 25 November 1406 and the second on 25 March 1407, providing always that the clergy were not burdened with any other tenths or taxes during the year beginning 25 November.

Convocation also made a grant of half a mark to be paid by every

stipendiary or hired chaplain, secular or religious, even of the order of mendicants, or those receiving a salary or stipend; and by every chaplain or warden of chantries and by every other beneficed clerk holding any benefices, parsonages or offices whatsoever, not accustomed to pay the tenth or tenths previously granted to us; and by all vicars and others holding benefices in cathedral and collegiate churches; and by all rectors and vicars of churches similarly not accustomed to pay a tenth of this kind.

This was to be paid by a day already past. Both the subsidies were to be spent according to the advice of the king's council. The grant of half a mark was to create no precedent and the collectors were not to be forced to make a payment before the dates fixed.

The king says that a writ was sent to the keeper of the spiritualities of the diocese ordering him to appoint collectors of these taxes and to inform the exchequer of their names before a day now past. The keeper, however, had not appointed collectors of the tenth. The bishop is therefore ordered to appoint trustworthy men from among the diocesan clergy to act as collectors and to inform the exchequer of their names before 11 November at the latest.

Execution of this Writ.

(Fo. 13^v-14.) The following were deputed to collect the tax; in the archdeaconry of London, the prior and convent of Elsing Spittal; in the archdeaconry of Essex, the abbot and convent of Stratford and the prior and convent of Prittlewell; in the archdeaconry of Middlesex, the abbot and convent of Tiltey and the prior and convent of Royston; and in the archdeaconry of Colchester the abbot and convent of Coggeshall. The authorities were informed before the appointed day.

A Writ concerning Bastardy.

(Fo. 14.) 8 July 1407. The king to Nicholas bishop of London. When John Marchaunt impleaded John Ascowe and Philip Gilder in the royal court about a brew house with its appurtenances, with two adjacent shops, in Fleet street in a suburb of London, and another shop with rooms above annexed to it, asserting that he was the relative and heir of Agnes, daughter of Geoffrey Bonere, namely that he was the son of Peter the son of Peter, brother of the aforesaid Geoffrey, the father of Agnes, John and Peter objected that he could not be

the heir because he was said to be a bastard. Cognizance of such cases belongs purely to the church court and the king therefore orders the bishop to inquire into the truth of the charge and to inform him of his findings before 6 October. Witness W. Gascoigne.

Before this date the bishop was translated to Salisbury.

MISCELLANEA

The Will of John atte Grove Junior of Fulham.

(Fo. 14^v.) John atte Grove expresses his wish to be buried in Fulham churchyard. He then makes several pious bequests. One shilling is left to the fabric fund of the "old work" of St. Paul's cathedral, three shillings and four pence to the vicar of Fulham and six pence to the clerk. Six and eightpence is left to the light of the Holy Cross in Fulham church and twenty shillings are to be used for the repair of one of the church walls. Twenty shillings are also appropriated for the repair of Bryddys Crost lane. Bequests are made to certain individuals. Isabel Frayday is to receive half a quarter of barley and a bee hive with bees. A sheep is left to one of his godsons. The residue of his estate is to be disposed of for the good of his soul by his brother Thomas atte Grove, who is also appointed his executor.

Probate.

Probate of the above nuncupative will was granted 7 January 1407.

Acquittance.

Acquittance was granted 10 January 1407.

A Vow of Chastity.

(Fo. 14^v.) On 9 April 1407 Elisabeth Willford made the following vow:

In your presence, reverend father in Christ and lord, lord Nicholas, by the grace of God bishop of London, I Elisabeth Willford, widow, with true knowledge and resolved mind, absolutely and of my own free will promise and make a vow to God of perpetual chastity and continency, and firmly vow that while my bodily life lasts I will firmly live and dwell according to this vow.

A Similar Vow.

(Fo. 14^v.) 26 June 1407. A similar vow to that above was made by Alice Langhorne (*words of vow in English*).