



Early Berkshire Wills, from the P.C.C.,  
ante 1558.

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167.

The Will of JOHN CLYDESDALE *als.* HYDDEN in the county of Berks. 10 Aug., 1549.—Touching my lands, &c., in Hungerford the which George my sonne hadd in possession and thre acres of land in Charhamfelde I give unto the childe the whiche Elizabeth my wife nowe goeth withall and unto Ursula my doughter for xxj yeres. I give unto Thomas my eldest son lands in Oxfordshire provided he pay John my sonne iij<sup>li</sup>. vj<sup>s</sup>. viij<sup>d</sup>. yerely until Edward my sonne be xxj yeres, the same John to pay Katheryn Hull xl<sup>s</sup>. yerely for life. I give to the said Thomas my eldest sonne my house at Soley the whiche he now dwelleth in, with remainder to John his eldest son, and then to Thomas brother of the said John. I give unto George Alden and Elizabeth his wife and Johan his daughter the house that he nowe dwelleth in for terme of the my lease lyeing in Chilton parish paying unto the Manor of Hidden ij<sup>s</sup>. a yere. Unto George my sonne my farme called Little Hidden which William Lovelack did hold. Unto Anthony my sonne my ferme of Hidden and Hiddington at thage of xxij yeres. I bequeth unto Dorothee my daughter the which was by Jane my wyffe tenne poundes. Unto Johane my daughter w<sup>ch</sup> was by the same woman ten poundes. Unto Jane my doughter w<sup>ch</sup> was by the same woman ten poundes. Unto Brigett my daughter vj<sup>li</sup>. xij<sup>s</sup>. iij<sup>d</sup>. Unto Elizabeth my daughter w<sup>ch</sup> was by Elen my wiffe vj<sup>li</sup>. xij<sup>s</sup>. iij<sup>d</sup>. Unto Katheryn my daughter vj<sup>li</sup>. xij<sup>s</sup>. iij<sup>d</sup>. the whiche I promised her at the day of her marriage. Unto Dorothee my daughter whiche I hadd by my first wiffe iij<sup>li</sup>. vj<sup>s</sup>. viij<sup>d</sup>. To Robert Hidden, Eliz. Alden, Sybill Bocher my daughter and Eliz. Garrett sundry bequests. The residue to John my sonne, executor. Richard Bridges and Henry Clyfford Esquyers and John Wilmote, yeoman,

to be myn overseers. Tenants longing to the Manor of Hidden.—William Walton of Edington shalhave the house that he now dwelleth in during the lives of him his wiff and his sonne Elys. Richard ffrancklyn of Edington shalhave the house he now dwelleth in during the lives of him his wiffe and John his sonne. Rauff Parker of Edington shalhave his house during the lives of him and his wiffe. John Wake of Edington shalhave his house during the lives of him, his wiffe, and John his sonne. Alice Ryder of Edington shalhaue her widowhedd estate in her house and when that she doo mary then Robert Ryder her sonne to enjoye the same. Thomas Plank to have his house for him and his wiffe during their two lyves.

Witnesses, Eles Woldridge, Thomas Heddaye, George Lovelock, Will'm Reynold, Richard Flagatt, Will'm Walton and Thomas Hewett.

Proved at London 2 May, 1550.

(14, Coode.)

168.

The Will of JOHN COKKYS of Stevynton.—28 March, 1487. To be buried in the church of St. Michael tharkangell. I bequeth to every of my children v marcs in money. I will that Alice my wife have all my lands and t'n'ts in the lordshipp of Stevynton during her life with remainder to Richard my sonne and heyr. Said Agnes and Richard executors.

[No witnesses named.]

Proved at Lamehith 12 Nov., 1487.

(4, Milles.)

169.

The Will of JOHN COCKES, senr.—10 June, 1508. To be buried in the parish church of the Blessed Mary of Cholsey. To the chapel of St. John the Baptist of Molseford iij<sup>s</sup> iiij<sup>d</sup>. I give to John Bolter, John Deme, John Cokks, Johanne my sister, John Cokks my son, John Stampe, Agnes my daughter, and Isabel my daughter, sundry bequests. To Philippe my wife a house in Molseford called Ravenynys, a messuage called Bollys, and a messuage called Blythsetts with remainder to my son John. Said wife executrix. Richard Randall, vicar of Cholsey, Supervisor.

Witnesses, Robert Twys, John Stampe, Thomas Watts.

Proved at Lamehith 28 July, 1508.

(3, Bennett.)

170.

The Will of WILLIAM COCKS, of Hungerford.—19 Dec., 1557. To be buried there. I geve unto Richard Cocks my kynnesman xx<sup>th</sup> sheepe, &c., and to Thomas Cocks the younger, Margery Harris and my godsonne her sonne, Dorothie Hyves, my five children that is to saye Joane Cocks, William, George, Robert, and John Cocks, sundry bequests. The residue to my wife Johane Cocks and to my kynnesman Thomas Cocks the younger, executors. William Butler, John Wrenne, and Richard Wrenne, overseers.

Witnesses, Aristotell Webbe, preest and curate of Hungerford, Steven Whittington, John Wrene, William Butler, Richard Wrenne and Hansom, with other moo.

Proved 7 Feb., 1557 [8], by John Talkar, notary public, attorney for the executors. (5, Noodes.)

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## Rebiews.

HISTORY OF SURREY by H. E. Malden, M.A. (Elliot Stock). The new volume of the Popular County Histories has peculiar interest for Berkshire antiquaries, as Surrey is our close neighbour. The name of the author is a guarantee that the work has been written in a scholarly fashion and with sound historical knowledge. In our excursions we have often visited Guildford, and are glad to read all that Mr. Malden has to tell us about that interesting old town. The book contains a wealth of historical information, and the author has conquered many difficulties in treating of the history of a county, the story of which is somewhat complicated. Surrey never corresponded to the territory of a people nor of a tribe. When it was a Kingdom it was an insignificant dependent State, and only