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BARTHOLOMEW GOSNOLD.

A COLLECTION.

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GENEALOGICAL GLEANINGS AMONG THE ENGLISH ARCHIVES.

AMONG the names connected with the founding of our Commonwealth, there is no more interesting personality than that of the distinguished navigator and discoverer, Bartholomew Gosnold, and yet, strangely enough, there is none whose personal and family history have been so uniformly neglected by our historians and genealogists; the former dismiss him with a few brief lines of comment on his eminent services, while the latter seem satisfied to accept his own statement that he was son and heir of Anthony Gosnold of Grundisburgh in Suffolk,* without the curiosity to verify the fact or follow out the pedigree of the gentle and adventurous race of whom he sprung.

Surely, the hardy pioneer of the shorter route across the Atlantic, the discoverer of the Elizabeth Islands, and the founder of the first settlement of white men on the shores of New England, to say nothing of his services in the Council of the Virginia Company, in whose behalf he laid down his life among the pestilent swamps of the lower Chesapeake, deserves a better fate than such semi oblivion.

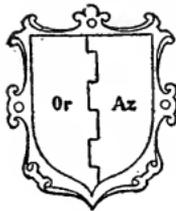
With this feeling strong in my mind, I have for years been making collection of whatever I could find regarding this family, and it was with no little pleasure that I ascertained that the statement as to his parentage was verified in every particular, while the proven facts carry his lineage back clearly to the 15th century. In the evidences which follow, we may trace not only the gallant commander of the "Concord" and the "God-Speed," but also the others of his name and blood who sought our shores; while the connection with the Wingfields shown in the wills is especially interesting in view of the statement that Gosnold was the only member of the Council in Virginia with whom its hot headed President, Edward Maria Wingfield, could agree.† Letheringham, the ancient home of the Wingfields, is only three or four miles from Otley and Grundisburgh.

Will of ROBERT GOSNOLDE the elder of Otteley in the Countie of Suff, Esquier. Dated 20 October 1572. To be buried in the Church of Ottelie. To Anne my wife all household stuff and plate that was hers at marriage, all the redie money which she hath of hir owne gatheringe and all hir Inells with a pott of siluer and thirten siluer spoones with Apostles, and also £100, which I am bound to by indenture dated 10 October 1 Edward vi. To my grandchild Robert Gosnold a bason with a Ewer of siluer parcell gilte and a standinge cuppe of siluer double gilte which I bought of him with a bowle of siluer doble gilte with a couer, to remain to his eldest son. To the said Robert. I give my capital message in Otteley and my lands and tenements called hawes, Lorkins, Bakers, Walles Medowes, Erles

* Savage, Vol. II., p. 283.

† Doyles' English in America, p. 158; Neill's Virginia Company, p. 21.

in Swyneland and Brodemeadowe and my tenement called Cloddes with lands called Shribbes in tenure of Thomas Pettawe. And whereas I have assured to Anne my wife for a jointure, my manor of Netherhiall in Otteley and other lands and tenements amounting to £20-10s-8d yearly, I give my grandson Robert Gosnolde all those lands and tenements with the reversion of the said manor to him & his heirs male. To Anthonie my grandson, my message called Gardiners with its lands and my meadows called Packards and Reves, and my tenement called Prattes & its lands, and my lands & tenements called the Falle. To Robert, John, Richard, Edmond, Elizabeth and Dorothy Gosnold, children of Robert, my grandson, £20 each at 21 years or marriage. To my grandchild John Gosnold £40. To Anthony my grandchild £40. To Edward Gosnold £20 at marriage. To my daughters Christian Ryvett and Johan Bromley £10 each. To John and Richard Gosnolde, sons of my grandchild Robert, all my lands and tenements in Ashefeld, Cretingham and Some. To Cicelie and Judith Gosnold, my grandchildren, £7-10s-each, to "fulfill the request of my sone John Gosnold deceased, made to me by his last will." To William Gosnolde £20 that he owes me. To Robert Rivett and two of his unmarried sisters £5 each. Elizabeth Bakon. Elizabeth Frent. Servant Edward Gosse. To Bartholomew son of Anthonie Gosnold £20. To Robert son of John Gosnold £20 which I have delivered to his father. Servant William Jolly. Robert Gosnold my grandson shall pay to his brother Edward £100 at 24 years, "to perform the will of my sonne Robert Gosnold deceased," and where the said Edward is admitted teñnt to certaine landes, parcell of landes called Chamblaines lying in Grundisburghe being copyhold, which landes, with others, were given to Anthonie Gosnolde by the will of my said son Robert, the said Edward shall surrender the same to his brother. My Grandchildren Robart and Anthonie Gosnold, Exors. Sir Robert Wingfeld, knight, Overseer. Witn: Richard Ryben & Edward Gosse. Proved 4 February 1573 by the Exors named in the will. P. C. C., Martyn, 6.



This will of the great-grandfather of Bartholomew Gosnold is most valuable in that it links together by its references, with absolute certainty, the family of our explorer and the pedigree of the Otley Gosnolds as given in the Visitations,* and leaves no possible doubt as to their identity.

The accompanying cut is a facsimile of a contemporary sketch drawn on the margin of the Register volume, probably by the engrossing clerk, from the seal of the testator. The arms, *Per pale crenellée or and azure*, being those of the Gosnolds of Otley.

Will of EDMUND GOSNOLDE of Codenham in the Countie of Suff. Dated ultimo March 1559. To be buried in the Chauncell of Codenhām. To Sr. James Glover, vicar of Codenham, xxvj^s viij^d. Bequests to parishes of Codenham, Hempstone, Crofeld, Gosbacke and Nedham. To my wife Grace my best bedstede, best fetherbed, bolster, & coverlet, best cofer, table standinge in the parlor withe the frame, ye capet lyinge on the same table, my Salte of Siluer and gilte that I am s^ued with dayly, and xx^{marks} yearly, besides v^m. yearly that she hath by will of her first husband John Kingeman, And she shall have my parlour and the chamber over it at my dwelling house which I have sold to my son-in-law Christopher Vngle, who shall pay her vj^{li}-vj^s-vij^d yearly for life. And I will that my son-in-

* Metcalfe's Visit. Suff., p. 36; MS. in Coll. of Arms., Vincent, 144, p. 77.

law Thomas Kindlem^sh shall pay my wife vij^{li} yearly out of my farm at Leyston and Feverton called huntmans, which farm I give to him and to Anne his wife. To Elizabeth Dameron x^{li}. To Anne my daughter £100. To my son-in-law Christopher Vngle my farms and leases held of Lord Wentworthe & others. I give him my best Salte of Siluer and gilte, which shall remain to my godson Edmunde Vngle. To my godson Edmunde Kyndlem^sh, son of Richarde Kindlem^she, x^{li}. To godsons Edmunde Vngle, Edmunde son of Thomas Kindlem^she & Edmunde Dameron, god-child Edmund Pottes and god-daughter Gosnolde. Servant Wiffm Whitcloke. My boy Thomas Toftes. To each of the children of my daughters Margaret Kindlem^sh, Anne Kindlem^she, Jone Vngle and Elizabeth Dameron xl^s each. To the said Anne Kindlem^she one of my siluer bowles parcell gilte, to remain to my godson, her son Edmunde. To Richard Kindlemersh of Dunmowe, my son-in-law, one bowle of Silver parcell gilte, with rem^r to Edmunde my godson his son. Residue of household stuff to my daughters Anne Kindlem^she & Elizabeth Dameron. Residue of goods to my four daughters. Exors: My son-in-law Xp̄ofer Vngle, thomas Kindlem^she and Robert Gosnolde. George Goldinge, Overseer. Witn: Marmaduke Dew, Stephen Tillytt & Henry Yonge. Proved 8 October 1560 by Christopher Vngle & Robert Gosnold Exors., Thomas Kyulemersh being dead. P. C. C., Mellershe, 47.

Will of RICHARD KYNWELMARSH the elder of muche dunmowe in the countye of Essex, Gent. Dated 1 October 1574. To be buried in the parish church. To Thomas Kynwelmarsh my son £3 yearly for life and the same to Richard Kynwelmarsh my son. To Katherin Gosnoll my daughter 40s. yearly for life and the same to my daughter Jane Kynwelmershe, a minor. To Philippe my wife £40 yearly, in recompense of dower, out of my lands in Essex and Derbyshire. My son Androwe Kynwelmershe shall collect my fee farm rent out of my manor of Longe Eton, to maintain him at the University of Cambridge, until he be preferred to a benefice of £20 yearly, by my son Robert or others, when the same annuity shall remain to my son Robert and his heirs male, with remainder to sons Thomas, Richard and Andrewe, and further remainder to my daughters Katherine and Jane, and to Richard Kynwelmershe, my brother's son of Sainct Oseith. My wife to have her dwelling at the manor of Newton Hall, which I give to my son Robert. Also I geve vnto the said manno^r for the service of the prince whensoever the same shall be charged all my Armor, (that is to saie,) one corslett twoo Almonrivettes* one Jacke one caliver one hagbutt† with flasks and tutsche boxes one sword one daggar one blacke bill one bowe and a shefe of arrowes. My brother Christopher Scott of Barneston. My brother Humfrie Kynwelme^she & my sons Thomas and Robert, Exors. John Holland, gent., and William Longe, Overseers. Witn: John Holland, Xp̄ofer Scotte, Wiffm Louge, Raphe Smith. Proved 6 May 1575 by Robert Kyndelmershe, power reserved for the other exors. P. C. C., Pickering, 18.

Will of WILLIAM GOSNOLDE of Brantham in the Countie of Suff., milner. Dated 19 June 1587. To be buried in the Churchyard there. Gregorie Stannarde my wifes son. My three sisters. My son Thomas Gosnold shall have my house called Maggetts Halle with its lands in Edwardston. My goods to be sold for benefit of my four children Thomas, Anne, Amye

* Almain-Rivets, a light kind of armor, used originally in Germany.

† Hackbutt, the same as Harquebus, a matchlock.

and John Gosnolde, at 21 years or marriage. Thomas Gosnolde, my brother. Exor., who shall be bound in £100 to Anthonie Winkefelde, gent. of Brantham, Thomas Harman and Thomas Dowe. With: Anthonie Wingfelde, Thomas Harman, Thomas Dowe, John Harris, Robert Gosnold & John Cocke. Proved 21 September 1587 by Exor.

P. C. C., Spencer, 52.

Will of ROBERT GOSNOLD of Ea^flesōā (*Earl Soham**) in the Countie of Suff., Esquire. Dated 15 August 13 Jac. I. To be buried at Oteley near my late wife. To Elizabeth my daughter, wife of Thomas Keene, £8 yearly for life. To son Anthony Gosnold my tenement in Suillon, † called Eales, with its lands. To Thomas Gosnold my son £200. To Robert Gosnold my grandchild, all my moveable goods in my house at Oteley. Grandchildren Henery and Thomas Keene. To my son John Gosnold £500 w^{ch} I lent him towards the buying of his office at the Court. Son Anthony Gosnold and Thomas Cornewalleis of Ea^fesohā Esq., Exors. To John Joanes a tenement in Oteley after death of Francis Butterhā and his wife, who now hold it, and £10. To my Exors the lands lately purchased of John Gosnold my son towards the performance of my will. With: Rob^t Gosnold, John Cornwaleys, Francis Fowkes, Rob^t Grimble and Richard Webster. Proued 1 November 1615 by Anthony Gosnold one of the Exors, power reserved for other Exor.

P. C. C., Rudd, 101.

Will of ROBERT GOSNOLD of Hintlesham in the Countie of Suff., yeoman. Dated 10 March 1617. To my eldest son Rob^t Gosnoll & his heirs, one tenement in Stratford called Buckes, with its lands, paying my son Jeffery Gosnoll £4 yearly for life, and the same sum to my sons John and Edmond. To Bridget my wife a tenement in Ardley in Essex, called Pewes, with its land, for life, with remainder to Lazarus Manninge my grandchild and his heirs, remainder to Edmonde my son and his heirs. To Justiny my daughter a tenement and two closes in Arleleigh. To Elizabeth my daughter a tenement she dwelleth in, in Ardeleigh, with remainder to Henrye Boyse her son. To Mary my daughter a tenement in Arleleigh street, occupied by William Cooke, with remainder to Agnis Boyse my grandchild. To Robert my son a tenement & orchard in Arleleigh, in tenure of one Hager, paying his sister Joane Manning 40^s yearly for her life. Residue of goods to pay my debts and rent. My eight children and Lazarus Manning my grandchild residuary legatees. Son Robert Gosnoll Exor. John Bennet Overseer. With: Clement Crakes, Edwarde Lewes, George Richardes. Proved 21 April 1618 by Exor. named.

P. C. C., Meade, 31.

Will of RICHARD GOSNOLD of Beconsfeild in the Countie of Buckes, gent. Dated 21 September 1621. To be buried in the chancel of the parish church, where my wife and children lie. My farm called Overs farme in Beconsfeild shall descend to Richard Gosnolde my sonne and heire apparant and to his heirs as a full third part of my lands. My wife Elizabeth Gosnolde shall enjoy for life the ground called Waddendon meade with Bawmers Close and all other lands &c. parcel of the reputed parcel of the Inne called the Swanne in Beaconsfeild, with remainder to my son George Gosnold in the ground called Waddendon, and remainder in the rest to my sons Thomas and George. I gave the Swanne Inne with

* Earl Soham lies about six miles to the north of Otley.

† Swilland, a village about a mile from Otley, lying nearly equidistant between that place and Grundisburgh. See will of the son Anthony. (P. C. C., St. John, 122.)

the Swann meade to my son Thomas. My brother Henry Gosnolde Esq., and my sister M^{rs} Jane Nutten. My niece Dorothe Lynford (*a minor*). My wife shall portion my daughters as they marry. Agnes Grace, my wifes sister (*unmarried*). My wife Elizabeth Gosnolde Executrix. My brother Henry Gosnolde and my friend Mr. Raphe Atkinson the elder of Woburne Overseers. Witu: Thomas Drewe, John Whitfeild, Elizabeth Shetterdon.

Codicil dated 24 September 1621. My inne called the Checkquer in Beconsfeild to be sold, with a close called Collmorens and grounds called Derondells, for benefit of my three daughters Jane, Susan and Elizabeth. My kinswoman M^{rs} Elizabeth Chatterden. Witu: Ro: Atkinson Thomas Drewe, Richard Arnold Juñ: . Proved 13 December 1621 by the Extrx named in the will.
P. C. C., Dale, 106.

The above will I introduce here, although the exact connection with the Otley family is not apparent, as the arms of these Beaconsfield folk, as given by Burke,* *viz.*, *Per pale crenellée or and vert*, are so evidently a variant of the Suffolk arms that there can be no doubt of the community of the two families.

Will of JOHN GOSNOLD of Oteley in the Countie of Suff., Esquier. Dated 24 January 1627. To my wife Wynifred Gosnold my message and freehold lands in Oteley and my lease of lands of the manor of Overhall in Oteley, with remainder to my son and heir Robert Gosnold, to whom I give £30 yearly out of the said lands during my wifes life. And I give him one silver Bason and a silver Ewer at his mothers death. And he shall pay £300 towards the portions of his two brothers and sister, *viz.* —Marie, John and Raphe Gosnold. To my daughter Marie £300 at her marriage. To my son John £108-18^s-11^d and also £10 more, which sums are owing me by S^r William Winsor, my brother, at his age of 21 years. To my son Raphe Gosnold £100 at 21 years. My servant Peter Parry. Residue to wife Wynnefred my Extrx. Witu: Robert Tovill, William Draue, Ric: Harte, clef. Proved 10 June 1629 by the Extrx. named in the will.
P. C. C., Ridley, 55.

Will of ANTHONY GOSNOLD† of Swilland in the Couñ: of Suff., genl. Dated 3 May 7 Car. I. To be buried in the churchyard of Swilland. To my son Thomas Gosnold and his heirs, all my messuages, tenements, lands, etc., in Witesham and Henley in Co. Suff., and also my messuages in Ipswich. To Walter, Anthony, Robert, Henrie, Vrsula, Dorothy and Ann Gosnold, my other children, £200 apiece, provided that they release to Thomas Gosnold my son, all their interest in any lands of mine. To Elizabeth Keene, my sister-in-law, an annuity of £8 in recompense of sums bequeathed her by the will of my father, Robert Gosnold Esq., deceased. To Thomas Gosnold, my brother, £10 and to his wife 20^s. My servant Margaret Drane. Residue to son Thomas and he Exor. Brother Thomas Gosnold and Robert Call of Boyton Overseers. Witu: Anthony Gosnold, John Kinge, Olipher Beacham. Proved 8 November 1631 by the Exor named.
P. C. C., St. John, 122.

Will of WALTER GOSNOLD lately abidinge att much Bromley in Essex and nowe att Ipswich in the County of Suff., gent. Dated 21 July 1638.

* General Armory.

† This will was entered in the official Calendar at Somerset House as Anthony Gornold.

To my brother Anthony Gosnold, to my sisters Dorothy and Anne Gosnold and to my brother Robert Gosnold £40 each. To Henry Gosnold my brother £60. To my sister Vrsula, wife of James Rosington, clerk, £40. To Robert Hatch of Lawford in Essex £20. To Dorothe Kinge, daughter of John Kinge of Culpho, Co. Suff., £10 at 21 or marriage. To my uncle Thomas Gosnold of Bentlie, Co. Suff., gent., £10, and to Elizabeth Barrington who is, or is called, his daughter-in-law, £10, and to Elizabeth his wife £5. Thomas Clopton, servant to Mr. Martyn, salter. Lettice, wife of William Drane of Olye, Co. Suff. Elizabeth Smith, maidservant to the widow Cornelius of St. Mary-at-the-Tower in Ipswich. Mary Coates, Abigail Baters, and Thomasine Smith, servants to John Baxter of Ipswich. My friend M^r William Tyler of Ipswich. My brother Anthony shall have my library of bookes as the same nowe is in my chamber att the howse of S^r Thomas Bowes in Essex. Residue of goods to my brother Henry Gosnold my Exor. Witn: Richard Denny, John Girling, Lyonell Gosnold. Proved 4 December 1638 by the Exor. named.

P. C. C., Lee, 172.

Will of GEORGE GOSNOLD of London, mariner, now bound forth for a Trumpeter to the East Indies in the good ship called the Mary of London whereof is Commander (vnder God) Captaine Mynors. Dated 6 March 1644. My late uncle Thomas Gosnold of London, Esq., by will dated 27 Dec.* 1640, gave me £300 which is not yet paid, and I have given my father-in-law, William Rolfe, citizen and white baker, a letter of Attorney to recover the same. I give to my wife Elizabeth £100 and to the child she goeth with £100. To the said William Rolfe and his wife £50, and the said William Rolfe Exor. Witn: Walter Croxton ser. and Tho: Baker. Proved 4 August 1646 by the Exor named.

P. C. C., Twisse, 115.

Will of PEETER GOSNOLD of Stratford in the County of Suff., yeoman. Dated 14 December 1632. I give all my lands and tents in Stratford, Holton, and Eastbergholt, both free and copy, to William Brutnell, my grandchild, and his heirs, at 21 years. If he die before then, Mr. Edward Cardinall of Stratford and Thomas Barker *als* Payne shall sell the said lands to distribute the proceeds amongst my kindred. Residue to the said William Brutnell. The said Edward Cardinall Exor. Witn: Arthur Rande & Thomas Went.

Admon granted 9 January 1639 to William Brudnell the elder, father of William Brudenell, a minor, the principal legatee, the Exor being dead before taking execution.

Admon. *de bonis non* 16 July 1641 to Anthony Brudenell, the uncle of William Brudenell the younger, a minor, William Brudenell, the father, being now also dead.

P. C. C., Coventry, 2.

Will of THOMAS GOSNOLD of London, Esquire. Dated 27 September 1640. To the poor of Seale in Kent, (where I was christened) £5. To my daughters Jane and Elizabeth Gosnoll, the yearly rents of my parsonages of Brough-in-the-Marsh and Winthrope, co. Lincoln, being about the yearly value of £320 above the Bishop's rent of £86-6-8, to be divided between them at their ages of 18 or their marriage. My late wife's

* *Sic* in register, but will of Thomas Gosnold of London, Esq., was dated 27 September, and its codicil 28 December, 1640 (q. v., Evelyn, 5).

brother, Bennett Richardson of Hereford, gent., hath entered into a statute of £600 for payment of £300 to my then three daughters Anne, Jane & Elizabeth. To my nephew George Gosnoll, (son of my brother Lambert Gosnoll, deceased,) £300 at 22 years, to be put forth in stock or adventures for him in his Voyages at sea, and I do give my niece, his sister, Katherine Gosnoll, £50. I give to my sister Anne Wenham, wife to William Wenham of Dorkinge, co. Surrey, gent., £20 yearly for life out of the rent of my Jan called the Cardinalls hatt at Dorkinge, and I give to their twelve children, viz.—Roger, Anne, Freesan, Katherine, William, Elizabeth, Richard, Abigail, Gabriell, Martha, Bethsheba and Francis £50 each, viz.—to Roger Wenham, Anne wife of Lyonell Wright, and Freesan, wife of William Mercer, within six months of my death, and to the rest of the sons at 21 years and to the rest of the daughters at 20 years or marriage. My leases of Brough and Winthrope are for the lives of the three sons of St John Browne of Lincolnshire, deceased, the eldest being not over twenty years. If my said daughters die before 18 years or marriage I give the said rents, with all the money, plate, jewels & household stuff, to the children of my brothers and sisters before mentioned. I give my leases of the Cardinalls hatt to my said daughters and I give to my brother and sister Wenham the lease of their dwelling house, with remainder to Roger their son and his heirs and in default of heirs to his other brothers in tail. My niece Katherine Clerke, dau. to my sister Clerke in Kent. To my brother and sister in lawe Thomas Moore and Elizabeth his wife a Bason and Ewre of silver of twentie poudns price wth my Armes engraven, and to their son, my godson, £10. To my friend M^r Richard Woshington and his wife a Bason and Ewre of silver of twentie poudnes price wth my armes engraven. Servants Oliver Huntley, Henry Leppington, Joane Armstronge & Thomas Price. Residue of goods, plate, household stuff, etc, to my said daughters. Exors: my friends mathewe Davies of Shaftsbury, co. Dorset, esq., William Wenham of Dorkinge, gent., and John Clotterbooke of Westminster, gent. Overseer: Robert Hatton of the Middle Temple, Esq., Recorder of Kingston. Witn: Oliver Huntley, Henry Leppington, Thomas Price.

Codicil, dated 28 December 1640. Whereas Anthony Croftes hath granted to Henry Cogan & his heirs all those rectories and parsonages of Burgh and Winthrope during the lives of Valentine, Edward and John Browne by a deed 4 July 13 Car. I, which grant was made for me and my use. I appoint that the said Henry shall convey the same to such uses as my Exors shall direct. Witn: Olyver Huntley, Henry Leppington, Thomas Price. Proved 18 Jany 1640 by Matthew Davies and John Clotterbooke, power being reserved for the other Exor.

P. C. C., Evelyn, 5.

Admon of ELIZABETH GOSNALL of London granted 1 February 1573-4 to Arthur Samuell, kinsman, (*cognato*) but revoked by Decree 16 February 1573-4 and a fresh grant made to William Gosnall the brother.

P. C. C., Ad. Act Bk., 44.

Admon of EDMOND GOSNOLDE of St. Magnus the Martyr, London, granted 3 February 1607-8 to Thomas Gosnolde the brother.

P. C. C., Ad. Act Bk., 106.

Admon of WILLIAM GOSNOLD, in parts beyond the sea deceased, granted 8 May 1611 to William Gosnolde the father.

P. C. C., Ad. Act Bk., 17.

Admon of JOHN GOSNOLDE of Stratforde, Co. Suffolk, granted 24 January 1619-20 to John Gosnolde the son.

P. C. C., Ad. Act Bk., 53.

Admon of ROBERT GOSNOLDE of St. Mary Abchurch, London, bachelor, granted 17 January 1633-4 to Henry Gosnolde the brother.

P. C. C., Ad. Act Bk., 4.

Admon of HENRY GOSNOLD of St. Giles extra Cripplegate, London, granted 23 June 1647 to Thomas Fitch, a Creditor.

P. C. C., Ad. Act Bk., 80.

Admon of HENRY GOSNELL, late in the States service in parts beyond the seas deceased, granted 7 April 1653-4 to Edward Gosnell, the brother.

P. C. C., Ad. Act Bk., I.

Admon of REBECCA GOSNOLD of St. Martin in the fields, widow, granted 23 November 1702, to David Ramage uncle (*avunculo*) and guardian of Thomas Gosnold, the son and only issue of the deceased, during his absence and minority, the said Thomas Gosnold now dwelling in Virginia (*durante absentia et minori aetate dei Thome Gosnold modo in partibus Virginiae commorantis*).*

P. C. C., Ad. Act Bk.

Will of THOMAS GOSNOLD of Mosse in the County of Essex, Yeoman. Dated 14 September 1617. To be buried in the churchyard there. To William Gosnold my son one sheep. To Edmund Runting my son in law one ewe. To William Carter, my kinsman, and to Susan Carter 5^s each. To Agnes Gosnold, my wife, the residue of my goods with remainder to said William Gosnold & Edmund Runting. To the poor of Mosse vj^s viij^d. My wife Agnes Extrx. With: Rob^t Baker, George Gibbes, John Burton. Proved 1 (*Dec.?*) by the Extrx named. Arch. Suffolk files.

Will of ROBERT GOSNOLD of Otley in the County of Suffolke, Esq^r. Dated 1 April 1663. After the discharge of my will, I give all my manors & lands to Lyonell Gosnold, my brother, for his life and to his heirs male, remainder in tail male to my second brother Charles Gosnold, my third brother Edward Gosnold, and my youngest brother Sackford Gosnold, remainder to my right heirs. My dear mother Dorothy Gosnold and my friend James Wythe the elder of Framsdon to be Exors. With: Sackford Gosnold & Robert Gaull. (*Signed* R. Gosnold, with seal of the arms of Gosnold of Otley—Per pale crenellée Or and Azure.) Proved 25 Feby: 1668 by Dorothy Gosnold, power reserved.

Arch. Suffolk files.

Will of ANTHONY GOSNOLD of Hempton in the County of Norff., gent., Dated 13 January (*sic*). To be buried at the discretion of my mother. My close, late purchased by me of fraunces Kytmer, to my brother Henry Gosnold; and a piece of copiehold land to my said brother and his heirs forever. To my brother Raynolds children, Mary, Ann, Thomas and Robert Raynoldes, twenty pounds, ffyve pounds apeece. My sister Athowes two sonnes and their sister Mary, ffyve pounds a peece. To Jane, my brother Richards daughter, tenn pounds. To Robert his sonne tenn pounds, and to his third child ffyve pounds. The rest to my sister Hellen

* For calling my attention to this interesting document I am indebted to my esteemed friend Oswald Barron, Esq., of the Middle Temple, London.

to pay my debts and she to be sole executrix of my will and my mother supervisor. Probatum 9 May 1601—Administratio Bonorū executrici.

Arch. Norwich—A^o 1600-1, fo. cxxij.

Will of JOHN GOSSENOLD of Otley in the diocese of Norwich, dated 26 January 1510 [11]. I bequeath my body to be buried in the churchyard of our Blessed Lady St. Mary of Otteley. I give to the high altar of Otteley in recompensation of my tithes, 6s. 8d. To the high altars of Swillond and Helnyngham (*sic*), for the like, 3s. 4d each. To the white, grey and black freeres of Ipswiche, severally, 10s to make a trental. I give to the making of the steeple in the churchyard of Otteley, 20 marks. To the reparation of the chapel of St. Bottell in Burgh, 6s 3d, and of the church of St. Peter of Thorpe, 6s 8d. I will that Robert Gosnold my son have my tenement I dwelled in, with all lands as well free as bound to the same belonging, with certain lands lately purchased of William Clood, etc. in the townes of Otteley, Helmingham and Framysden, he paying 40 li to my executors. Item, my son Edmond Gosnold shall have my tenement Pakkerles and lands lately purchased of Thomas Edgore and of the executor of Margaret Gardiner, widow, as well free as bound, in Clopton, and my part of Dorehawod in Moneden, and lands lately purchased of William Fostdike, the executors of Symon Shilby and of William Walle, he paying to Johane, sister of the said William Walle, 13s 4d. yearly. Item, I give to Margaret Gosnold, daughter of Edmond Gosnold, 5 marks on her marriage; and the like to Katherine Gosnold, daughter of Robert Gosnold. I will that William Gosnold my son shall sing at Cambridge for my soul the space of three years, and have nine marks a yere. I give to Sir John Clood 20s. To every godechild, 12d to pray for my soul. My executors shall have my lands lately purchased of William Barfoote in Homyngeston, Burgh and Swiland, and I make Robert Gosnold my son, Thomas Baldry of Ipswiche and Robert Gardiner of Grettyngham the elder my executors, to dispose it in deeds of alms and charitie as they shall see most pleasure to God and profit to my soul. Witn: Lionell Talmage, esquier, Sir William Base, preest, Jeffrey Hille of Bokkyng Ashe,* John Armiger senior, John Mors. Proved 17 February 1511 [12] by Robert Gosnold, with power reserved, etc.

P. C. C., Fetiplace, 6.

Will of JAMES GOSNOLDE of Edwardston Halle, co. Suffolk, dated 29 January 1522 [3]. I bequeth my body to be buried in the churchyard of Edwardstone. I give to the high awter of the same, for tithes forgotten and to be prayed for, 3s. 4d. To the high awters of Boxford and Polsted 20d apiece. I give toward the painting of a tabernacle of Mary Magdalayn, 6s. 8d. I will that a priest shall singe for my soul in the parish church of Edwardstone for one whole year after my decease. I will that my wife Johane shall have all my lands, as well free as copy, in Edwardstone for her life, and my whole household stuff etc., to be divided at her death equally among my children and hers then alive. At my wife's death I will my son Robert shall have my lands called Randalles and Quyks, he paying to my three daughters 15 marks. I give him also certain land called Plashe Croftes held by copy of court roll. I give to William my son 10 li, and the house and land I bought of Master William Walgrave called Maggetes ;

* Ash Bocking, E. Suffolk, 7 m. n. of Ipswich. Robert Gosnold, eldest son of the testator, married, for his first wife, Agnes, dau. of John Hill of that place. (Visit. Suff., 1561, p. 7.)

and the copyhold called Hobbes Hartt. If my son Robert shall fortune to occupy and keep in his hands after my decease the halle place called Edwardstone Halle as I do myself, if my master Sir William Walgrave and he can agree, I will he shall have as much catell and grain on his entrance as he needeth. Residuary legatees and executors: my wife and said two sons. Witn: Roger Bocher, vicar of the said town, Robert Kyng, William Bogas, George Crispe, and others. Proved 6 March 1522 [3] by Thomas Argall, proctor for the executors named. P. C. C., Bodfelde, 3.

Will of JOHN GOSNOLDE of Shryblonde, co. Suffolk (*undated*). I will that my executors shall let to my servant Robert Galle certain lands and tenements he now holds of me, and included in the site of the late abbey of Sibton of which I hold a lease of the Duke of Norfolk's grace; and I give the said Galle 20 li. Item, to my servants Henry Crosner, Edward Rolleston, John Ap Williams and John Culpepper, annuities of 26s. 3d., 20s, 10s and 10s respectively during the term of my said lease of Sybton. I give to my wife the said lease charged with these annuities and with 80 li to my executors. If she refuse I give the said lease to my brothers Robert Gosnolde, J. Eyer,* and J. Blennerhasset successively upon the same condition. I give more to Kateryn my wife three geldings and half my household stuff. To Robert Gosnolde my father, my best gown of cloth furred with sables. To my nephew Robert Gosnolde, my gown furred with genettes, and my jacket of velvet at London. To my uncle Edmond Gosnolde, my gown of Russels. I will to William Stephenson, 20s. To the daughters of my brother Robert Gosnolde, 60 li. towards their preferment in marriage. If my wife be content to resign her title to lands in Ottery, Framsdene, Clopton and other lands adjoining, assigned for her jointure, and yet in the occupation of my father, I give her my moiety of the manor of Layborne, co. Kent, which I hold jointly with my said father; to remain at her death to my brother Robert Gosnolde. I beseech my father to grant a lease of lands in Pethaw and Wynston, parcel of our lease of the manor of Burg-hasshe, to my servant Thomas Fastolf; and to bequeath the residue of the term of the said manor at his death to my brother Robert Gosnolde. Executors: John Eyer, John Blennerhasset, and my brother Robert Gosnolde. Overseer: my father Robert Gosnold the elder. (*signed*) John Gosnold. Witn: John Rouse, George Gilding, Robert Merks, William Gaseley.

A codicil bequeathing the residue of his estate to his brother Robert's children (*undated*), witnessed by Willyam Stevenson, Henry Cresener and Robert Galle. Proved 7 November 1554, by Robert Gosnold, with power reserved, etc. P. C. C., More, 11.

John Gosnold of Shryblonde was son and heir of Robert Gosnold of Otley by his wife Agnes, daughter of John Hill of Ashe, Esq. He married Katherine, fifth daughter of Sir Thomas Blennerhasset of Barham, Knt., but had no issue by her, dying before his father. She married second, Anthony Wingfield of Sibton, fourth son of Sir Anthony Wingfield, K. G., and left issue.† This Sir Anthony was own cousin to Thomas Maria Wingfield, the father of Edward Maria, the first Governor of Virginia; while Robert Gosnold, next brother and heir of the above John, was grandfather, through

* Margaret, fourth dau. of Sir Thomas Blennerhasset by his second wife, Margaret Braham, and sister of Katherine, wife of the testator, married first, John Spillman, judge, and second, John Eyre of Bury St. Edmunds. John Blennerhasset was eldest son and heir of Sir Thomas. (*Visit. Suff., Metcalf, p. 7.*)

† *Visit. Hunt., in Camden Soc., xliii, 112, 127.*

his second son Anthony, of our Bartholomew Gosnold the explorer. The Blennerhassets were closely related by marriage with the Culpepers of Kent, so well known in connection with the Virginia colony.*

Will of ROBERTE GOSNOLD the younger, of Ottley, co. Suffolk, dated 26 January 1558[9]. I bequeath my body to be buried in the churchyard of Ottley, nigh unto my wife's grave. Item, to John Gosnold my son all those lands I have had in occupation by the space of certain years, parcel of Chamberlaines, sometime called Alfrdye's chantry, for 21 years after my decease; then to remain to Anthony Gosnold my son and his heirs male, the said lands, nevertheless, to remain at liberty to the performance of the will of Robert Gosnold my father. I give to Robert Gosnold my son, my manor called Cardon haulte in tail male. To my daughters, viz. Anne, Alice, Dorothy, Kathe, Mary, Agnes, Cicely and Judith, 50 li apiece on their marriage or several ages of 24, viz. 30 li apiece from myself, and 20 li of the gift of Robert Vesey,† my father in law to every of them. I give to my executors my farm of Charefeld Closse for the bringing up of my children for 10 years, and the residue of my term therein to him that shall be owner of the tenement I now dwell in. I bequeath to my son Robert, my two double gilt bowls, and a bed which he hath of mine in London etc. I will that all things in my hall and parlour etc. shall remain to him that shall have this house, according as it may appear by an inventory made by own hand, 1 February 1557 (8). To William Gosnold, my son, a littill white boule of silver. To Edward Gosnold, my son, 6 silver spoons. I give to Elizabeth Morse my servant, one of my best brass pots. To Johane Stowford my servant two pairs of sheets. To William Gosnold, my son, 200 li. out of my moiety of the manor of Leyborne. I bequeath to Edward Gosnold, my son, 100 li. as appointed in the will of my father Robert Gosnold, and a further 100 li. at his age of 21. Small money legacies to Robert Wythe, Robert Bonde, Thomas Dryner, Thomas Stamperd and Thomas Chantnes. If any of my sons refuse the advertisement and counsel of my father and their grandfather, their portions shall be at the will of my said father. Executors: my sons Robert and Anthony Gosnold. By me Roberte Gosnold Junior. Witn: Lyonell Morse senior, Wyllyam Armigerd, Roberte Tovell. Proved 27 April 1559 by Robert Gosnold, one of the executors, with power reserved, etc. P. C. C., Chaynvay, 2.

Will of JOHN GOSNOLDE of Codenham, co. Suffolk, gent., dated 10 September 1583. I bequeath my body to be buried in the church of Codenham aforesaid, and I make my wife Catherine my universal legatee and sole executrix. By me John Gosnold. Witn: Edmond Davers, John Stile. 12 November 1583 commission issued to Catherine Gosnould, relict of the deceased, to administer the goods etc. of the said deceased, she having expressly renounced the execution of the above will in the person of Christopher Robinson, notary public. P. C. C., Butts, 11.

Will of THOMAS GOSNOLD of Stonham Aspoll, co. Suffolk, gent., dated 27 September 1648. I bequeath my body to be buried in the church, chancel or churchyard where as I shall depart this life, which I hope shall

* Visit. Suff., Metcalf, p. 7.

† See will of Robert Vesey of Hadley, co. Suff., clothier, dat. 11 Oct. 1559, pr. 7 May 1561 (P. C. C., Loftus, 16) printed in Muskett's Suffolk Manorial Families, I, 58.

be in Bently, for I desire to be laid by the side of my late deceased wife. Whereas my nephew Robert Gosnold of Ottley, co. Suffolk, esq. is indebted unto me in several sums of money, my will is that my executor shall use his best endeavour to get in the same, and shall then pay to my nephew Robert Gosnold of Ottley, esq. grandchild of my eldest brother Robert Gosnold, 30 li, to his wife Dorothy, 20 li and to Elizabeth Gosnold his daughter, 20 li; to Anthony Gosnold and Henry Gosnold sons of my brother Anthony Gosnold, 10 li apiece; to Thomas and Elizabeth Gosnold, son and daughter of my nephew Thomas Gosnold, 40 li. and 20 li respectively; and to Dorothy and Robert Gosnold, daughter and son of my brother Anthony, 10 li. apiece. When the debt of 130 li. due to me from John Barrington, my late wife's son, is recovered I give to Robert Gosnold, son of my nephew Anthony Gosnold, 20 li.; to Mary and Elizabeth Gosnold, daughters of the said Anthony, 15 li. apiece, to be paid into the hands of their father or mother until the said Robert is 21 and the said daughters 16. I bequeath to John Rewce, incumbent of Bentley, 20s. To Stephen Blomfeild of Stonham Aspall, 5 li. and I do make him supervisor of my will. I give to my sister Ann Warner, in remembrance of her brothers deceased^d .i. Residuary legatee and executor: Robert Gosnold, son of my brother Anthony Gosnold. (*signed*) Thomas Gosnold. Witn: Dorothy Gosnold, Elizabeth Blomfeild, the mark of James Roper, Edmund Porter, scrivener. 11 February 1653[4] commission issued to Ann Gosnold, relict and administratrix of Robert Gosnold, deceased, the executor named.
P. C. C., Alchin, 163.*

Will of ANTHONY GOSNOLD of Worlingworth, co. Suffolk, gent., dated 24 September 1655. I give to the poor of Worlingworth 4 li. at the discretion of my brother-in-law Mr William Godbold of Walingworth aforesaid. To the poor of Malsford, 20s. Item, to my brother Thomas Gosnold, 10 li. To Thomas Gosnold his son, and to Elizabeth, Mary, and Anne, his three daughters 5 li. apiece. I will to Abigall Gosnold, daughter of my late deceased brother Robert Gosnold, 15 li. at her age of 16. To my sister Ursula, wife of Mr James Rossington, minister, 30 li. If she die before receiving it, it shall be divided among her children at their ages of 13. I bequeath to my sister Dorothy, now wife of the said Mr. William Godbold, 60 li. To my sister Anne, now wife of Mr Bond, minister, 30 li. To my cousin Mrs Mary Alston, widow, of London, my cousin Thurston Parson of Walingworth, Mr Edward Dunston of the same parish, to John Morse, mariner, master of the ship *William & James*, and to William Drane of Otle, to each a ring of 20s., and the like to Mr William Harvey, now or late of Walingworth. I give to Mr William Godbold, son of my said brother-in-law, my library of books, desiring his mother, my sister, to preserve them till he shall come to some years of discretion. To Dorothy Godbold, his sister, my diamond ringe. All my houses and lands I give to my brother Henry Gosnold. If I continue to live with my said brother-in-law Mr William Godbold my executor shall pay him 10 li. Executor: my said brother Henry Gosnold. (*signed*) Anthony Gosnold. Witn: John Stockton. Proved 14 December 1657 by the executor named.

P. C. C., Ruthen, 529.

*This will is also registered in the Cons. of Norwich, Bk. 134, fo. 13^b, for calling my attention to which I am indebted to my friend, Dr. J. J. Muskett, of Lincoln's Inn, London. Stonham Aspall is about 5 miles northwest of Otle. There are no other Gosnolds in the Norwich Cons. Court before 1650.

Will of ROBERT GOSNOLD of Otley, co. Suffolk, esquier, dated 28 January 1651 [2]. I give to my wife Dorothy all my messuage etc called Andrewes and other tenements in the occupation of — Ryvers, my lessee, in Otley, and my messuage etc. in the occupation of John Pepper and Thomas Goodinge, to hold for her life in addition to her jointure, she having at my request levied a fine to Thomas Edgar of Ipswich, esq. of part of her said jointure. I give her also three score acres of my copyhold lauds at her choice. To my eldest son Robert Gosnold, all the tenements assigned for my wife's jointure after her decease, and all other my copyhold tenements, my wife having the profits thereof till my son be 24, for the education of my younger children. Executors: my said wife and son, and my friend James Wythe of Framdsen. The residue of my personal estate shall be equally divided among all my children except the said Robert, and my daughters Dorothy and Elizabeth. (*signed*) Robert Gosnold. (13 November 1652.) With: William Palmer, Thomas Goodwyn, Joseph Bird, James Wythe, Joseph Cornwallys junior, Sackforth Gosnold, the mark of George Vertue the elder.

Codicil, 18 November 1656 providing for the payment of an annuity to testator's mother Ann Hassell out of the lands in Otley, in case she shall not enter into manors and lands sold to Thomas Edgar, lying in Witnesham, Henley and Swilland. The interest of the 10 li. which was given to my son Charles by a friend shall be paid him over and above his portion. I give to my brother Sackford Gosnold 10 li. The 600 li. for which I am trustee for Anne Mosswell, wife of John Mosswell, shall be paid to such person as she shall nominate. (*signed*) Robert Gosnold. With: Michaell Grigge, Richard Younge, James Wythe. Proved 25 May 1658 by Robert Gosnold and James Wythe, executors, with power reserved, P. C. C., Wootton, 354.

Will of JAMES GOSNELL, of Eppinge, co. Essex, gent., dated 31 January 1655 [6]. I give all my estate, goods and chattels whatsoever to my well beloved wife Mary Gosnell, whom I make executrix of my will. (*signed*) James Gosnell. With: Martin Master, Edward Harris. Proved 14 July 1658 by Mary Gosnell, the executrix named. P. C. C., Wootton, 373.

Admon. of RALPH GOSNOLD, late in parts beyond the seas deceased, granted 16 September 1653 to Mary Gosnold, spinster, the sister. P. C. C. Ad. Act Bk., 1653-4, I., fo. 32.

Admon. of ROBERT GOSNOLD, late of Worlingworth, co. Suffolk, granted 11 February 1653 [4] to Anne Gosnold, the relict. P. C. C. Ad. Act Bk., 1653-4, II., fo. 389.

Admon. of RICHARD GOSNELL late of the parish of St. Andrew, Holborn, granted 25 November 1658 to Elizabeth Gosnell *alias* Evans, wife of Richard Evans, and relict of Richard Gosnell, deceased, to administer, etc. P. P. C. Ad. Act Bk., p. 294.

In the preceding notes I have included all of the Gosnolds of Suffolk who occur as testators or intestates in the Prerogative Court up to the year 1650. There is another family of Bristol, who spell it *Gosnell* with great persistence down to the 18th Century, who also appear and of whom I made many notes during my work in Bristol, but, as there is no apparent connection with the Otley family, I have omitted them here. It may well prove, however, that they sprang from the same stock in Clopton.

IN the "Legal Opinion" which follows, from an ancient MS. volume in the possession of the Secretary of the Suffolk Archaeological Society (to whose courtesy I owe the permission to make this extract), labelled "Opiniones Doctorum," occurs the only trace of the will of an Anthony Gosnold, whom I fully believe to have been the nephew of our Bartholomew and the son of his brother Anthony (who was drowned in the James River in Virginia, in Jan., 1609). This son Anthony, whom I take to be the testator, was living and in Virginia in Oct., 1621, but may have returned to England in the eighteen years interval, and, as I find no trace of him in America after that, I believe that he did so. Unfortunately, the quotation is so brief that it is impossible to verify the fact from the evidence in hand. At present I can only hazard the conjecture that he was so. It is at least noteworthy that this Edmund was *beyond seas* at the making of this will, and thus shows himself in touch with the roving disposition of this hardy stock of adventurers. The quotation is given verbatim:—

ANTHONY GOSNOLD, gent., by his last will and testament bearing date the second Day of Aprill 1639 nōiated Roger Segrot gent his Extor & did give and bequeath the residue of his effects in manner and forme following

The rest & residue of all & singular the rest and residue of my goods and chattells whatsoever, and of whatsoever kind nature or quality the same be of leases, plate, ready money or money due or oweing to me upon mortgages, judgements, bills, bonds or otherwise whatsoever I doe hereby give and bequeath to the aforesaid Roger Segrot to his owne sole and proper use forever, wch Roger Segrot I doe hereby make and ordaine sole Extor of this my last will and testament.

In his said will and testament he formerly gave and bequeathed as followeth—

Item I doe give and bequeath unto Edmond Gosnold my naturall Brother the sume of C li. of lawfull money of England to be paid out of my psonall estate by my Extor within six monethes next after my decease if he shalbe then liveing otherwise not, & for as also he come in his own pson eyther within the foresaid six monethes or after, & clayme the same at the hands of mine Extor hereafter named his Extor & Adstors, & doe make seale & as his deed deliver unto him or them a sufficient acquittance & discharge thereof.

The said Anthony Gosnold the testator after the making of his will vizt. 11 November 1639 made a Codicil in writeing & did dispose therein as followeth

Whereas I the said Anthony Gosnold have by my last will & testament given and bequeathed unto my loving brother Edmund Gosnold gent certaine moneyes to be paid unto him at a certaine time mentioned in my said will, as in & by my said last will more plainly may appeare, now I doe give and bequeath unto my said brother Edmund Gosnold the sume of 200 li. of lawfull money of England to be paid in manner & forme & at such tyme as the said moneyes are specified & mentioned to be paid to him in or by my said last will in writeing.

And further pro vt sequit

The rest and residue of my bookes remayning in my said Study or library (except the said six bookes) I give and bequeath unto my said loving brother Josua Wade of Chevington gent, the wch said Josua Wade I doe nominate, appoint & ordaine one of my Extors of my said last will & testament And doe also give unto the said Josua Wade halfe my plate.

QUERENDUM.

1. first whether that if Edmund Gosnold doe not come over from beyond the seas can he demand his legacie by proxie. I am cleare of opinion he cannot because of these words in the will "come in his owne person &c."

2. What if Edmund Gosnold dieth within six monethes to whom doeth this legacie of 300 li. fall, is not the sune to be devided between the two Extors Roger Segrot named Extor in the will, & Josua Wade named Extor in the Codicill. I am cleare of opinion it belongeth wholly to Roger Segrott because to him alone is given the rest and residue of all and singular goods & chattells whatsoever &c.

3. Both the Extors have proved the will & Codicill now the psonall estate is wholly in the hands of Roger Segrott, is not he bound to pay unto Josua Wade his Executor the halfe of the said legacie of 300 li. given to Anthony Gosnold (*sic*), and the halfe of other legacies given to other legataries to remayne in his hands in regard he is liable to be sued aswell as Segrott for the same, if not, how shall the legataries recover their legacies & whom shall they sue for it if Mr. Segrot dieth, and Mr. Wade be surviveing Extor. I am of opinion that Segrot is not to deliver into the hands of his Executor any pte at all of the said 300 li. or of any other legacie: because if this 300 li. should prove a legacie vizt by the hapning of the condition yet the pfitt of it in the meane while doeth solely belong to Segrott to whom residuum bonorum is given & soe of the other legacies. But I conceive that Segrott ought to give security to Wade to save him harmlesse from any suite or claime of the said legacie of 300 li. in case he the said Segrott should die before the said Wade.

5 Martij 1639.

(Signed) THO: EDEN

The following entries, from the Town Books of Bury St. Edmunds, seem certainly to refer to the above testator, from the Wade connection shown, and exhibit him as resident in Bury from 1614 to 1636, a fact which certainly conflicts with his supposed residence in Virginia in 1621. It is probable that Samuel Wade was a kinsman as well as a servant, and closely connected with the "loving brother Josua Wade of Cherington"; the latter was probably the third son of Thomas and Mary (Brend) Wade of Brun-dish in Suffolk,* but whether Anthony Gosnold had married one of his three sisters, or Joshua Wade had married a sister of Anthony's, or if they were uterine half brothers, I cannot say.

Names of the Inhabitants of the Parish of St. Marie, Bury St. Edmunds, which are Dezaners and owe Service at the Leet holden for the Borough aforesaid and taken the 20th October 1614:—

The Guildhall Street: Mr. Anthony Gosnold
Sam^r: Wade his servant

The Roll of all the able men untrained from the age of xvi to lx within the Burghe of Bury St. Edmunds in the County of Suffolk upon the view taken of them by Robt. Martyn alderman of the same burgh the xxixth day of May in the xi th year of the reign of our most gracious soveraigne lord King Charles (1636) as followeth:—

North Ward: Anthony Gosnold gen.

1632, July 30—Admon of the goods of NICHOLAS GOSNOLD of Belton granted to William Osborne, the principal creditor.

Archdeaconry of Suff. Act. Books.

* Visit. Suff., 1612, p. 173.

Will of EDWARD GOSNOLD of Great Yarmouth, co. Norf., gent., Dated 20 October 1673. Whereas John Mayhew of Buttley, co. Suff., gent., and Mary his wife have, by a surrender bearing date 28 July last past, surrendered out of their hands into the hands of the Lord of the Manor, by the hands of Christopher Milton, Esq., Steward of the said Manor, certain copyhold lands and tenements to the use of me and my heirs, upon condition that the said John Mayhew or his heirs shall pay to me, my heirs, etc., the sum of £212 on the 29th of July 1674, therefore I do dispose of the said sum of £212 as follows: To my brother Lionel Gosnold, gent., £20. To my two neeces Dorothy Grigg and Frances Grigg £20 apiece. To my two nephews Edward Grigg and Robert Grigg £20 apiece, and to my neece Bridget Grigg £20 at their ages of 16 years. To my nephew John Girling, son of John Girling, my brother in law, £40. To my neece Susan Girling, dau. of the said John Girling, my brother in law, £40. Sole Executor my brother Lionel Gosnold. Wit: Sam. Pallant, Wm. Game. Proved 5 Dec. 1673 by Exor. named in will.

Archdeaconry of Suff. File 1673, No. 119.

1610, July 31—Admon of the goods of EDMUND GOSNOLD, gent., of Walleham, granted to Anthony Gosnold, the eldest son.

Archdeaconry of Sudbury. Act. Books.

It seems probable that this Edmund Gosnold was the brother of Anthony (the father of Bartholomew) but called *Edward* in the Visitation Pedigrees. He was born about 1548, being aged 24 in 1572, and married Catharine, daughter of Henry Clifton of Tofts, co. Norfolk.* Nothing is yet known of his descendants. Or, it is possible that this was Anthony's nephew, the sixth son of Robert and Ursula (Naunton) Gosnold, but the former theory is more plausible.

Will of THOMAS TYLNEY of Shelley Hall, co. Suffolk. Dated 20 Jan. 1618. "My estate being formerly settled." To my three younger children Fredericke, Elizabeth & Thomas £1000 to be equally divided at 21 years if they take direction from their mother & eldest brother Phillip Tylney & he to increase their portions as god shall in able him & they deserve. To wife Elizabeth remainder of goods & she Extrx. Witn: R. Webster† & Nicholas Mann. To son Thomas my great Aggatt Jewell & his bedd. Witn: R. Webster & N. Mann (*sic*). Pro. 8 Nov. 1620 by Phillippe Tylney, son of Thomas Tylney of Shelley Hall, co. Suff., the relict & Extrx. having renounced. P. C. C., Soame, 95.

Admon. of ELIZABETH TILNEY late of Shelley in co. Suffolk, deceased, granted 22 May 1655 to Philipp Tillney the son.

P. C. C. Ad. Act Bk., fo. 80.

Elizabeth, eldest daughter of Anthony and Dorothy (Bacon) Gosnold of Grundisburgh and Clopton, and sister of Capt. Bartholomew Gosnold, married Thomas Tilney of Shelley Hall in Suffolk, son of Emery Tilney of Hoxton, by his wife Winefred, daughter of John Davis of Cranbrooke in Kent.‡ Francis and Thomas, two of the younger sons of Phillip Tilney (son of Thomas & Elizabeth) went to Barbadoes.§

*MS. Ped. in poss. of Mr. Walford-Gosnold of Chelmsford.

† This Richard Webster was also a witness to the will of Robert Gosnold of Earl Soham, in 1615—q. v. page 4.

‡ Davy's Suff. Colls. in Brit. Mus., Add. MS. 19152, vol. lxxvi., 27; Blois MS. 203; Visit. Suff., 1612, Harl. MS. 1820, 21.

§ *Ex penes* Dr. J. J. Muskett.

Will of THOMAS GOLDINGE of Poslingforde, co. Suff. Dated 4 August 1575. To son George my message in Glemsford called Pannetts, with the land both free and copyhold, now in tenure of John Howe, provided said George release unto Roger Golding my son, & unto Thomas Golding, the son of my son Thomas, all his title to the lands I have given to the said Roger and Thomas. To the said Roger my son all my lands, free and copyhold, in Clare, co. Suff., and Assham & Belchamp St. Pauls in co. Essex, also portion of title in Clare & Assham late belonging to the late College of Stoke next Clare; except the title of one parcel of ground in Bolye hall, which the said George hath now in occupying. To Thomas, son of my said son Thomas, I give all my copyhold land in Cavendysh, that is to say Fatons Copy & Goosewent Coppie, now in the tenure of Richard Rote; except one parcel lying under Mr. Colt's park pale, in the occupying of my son Roger, which I give to my son George. To my son John my message and land purchased of John Pettywatt in Glemsford & a message there in tenure of ——— Brede. To son Henry 140 li. To dau. Alice 20 li. and my son George shall enter bond to find her a convenient dwelling house and annuity of £5 for her life. To son Roger two pieces of ground in Pentlowe, co. Essex, in tenure of Thomas Brewster, and four butchers' stalls in Sudbury, co. Essex, charged with an annuity of 4 li. to my dau. Alice, and 40s. to my dau. Anne and during lives of my said two daus he shall pay 20s. yearly to the poor of Cavendish and the rest of the profits to be equally parted among my sons and daughters' children now living; after death of said daus. to remain to said son Roger and his heirs. To my said dau. Alice all household stuff as was her late husband Edward Byke's. To the children of the aforesaid Alice, namely George and Alice, 6li. 13s. 4d. and to Katherine and Edwarde 3li. 6s. 8d. at their several marriages or ages of 21. Moreover to said George 6li. 13s. 4d. more if he be diligent at his book and studious by the space of one year after my decease. To my dau. Anne 10 li. To every one of my son Warde's children which he had by my daughter 3li. 6s. 8d. and a bed at their ages of 21 or marriage, and the like to every one of my son Gridley's children which he had by my daughter. To my dau. Struttes children, Margaret, Margery, Mattheve & Grace, 40s. apiece at 21 or marriage. To every one of my godchildren being duly proved and required 3s. 4d. To godson Thomas Boram 20s. on his marriage. To Davy Edwardes 10s. To Elizabeth Carlton 10s. To Hugh ——— 6s. 8d. To Thomas Cowarde & Katherine Crane 6s. 8d. each. To William Stable and George Stable 10s. each. To John Cawstrete the younger and John Sergent 6s. 8d. each at marriage. All debts, wools, yarns and broadcloth equally between sons George and Roger. Witn: Richarde Fyche, Thomas Goldinge, Anthonye Carter & Henry Goldinge. Pro. 4 Dec. 1575 by the Exors. named.

P. C. C., Pyckeryng, 48.

Will of ROBERT GOLDINGE of Water Belchampe, co. Essex. Dated 11 March 1591-2. To wife Elizabeth 100 li. and all household stuff was her late husband's and 10 li. yearly and best piece of plate. To son Francis 100 li. at 21 and same to my sons Josias and Peter at said ages. To daus. Sarae and Marie Goldinge 60 li. apiece at ages of 20 or marriage. To sons Robert, Israel, William and Richard 100 li. apiece at 21. To my dau. Margerie 60 li. at 20 or marriage, if she die to be divided between my daus. Elizabeth, wife of John Ogles, and Rachel, wife of Hughe Johnson. To Joane Brymeley my mother, 40s. yearly during the term I have of Bel-

champe Hall, if she happen so long to live. To William Buckley, my servant, 40s. To Thomas Buckley 20s. To Thomas Warde, my servant, 10s. To John Potter and Thomas Pannell, my servants, 3s. 4d. apiece. To Allen Graves and Robert Haxall, my boys, 3s. 4d. apiece. To Edward Bradley my servant, 20s. To Barbara, my maid servant, 10s. To Grace Ruste, my servant, 6s. 8d. To Agnes Fyrmyn, 3s. 4d. To Annes Jackson, 20d. To John Golding, my son, the bedstead whereon I now lie. To Roger Goldinge, my son, a feather bed. To Peter my son a feather bed with 5 silver spoons. Executors:—William Bragg of Bullmer, yeoman, and Richard Goldinge of Aucton, my brother. Witn: John Brymeley and Richard Astley. Codicil of 11 March 1591-2, bequeathing to son Edward Goldinge, being about 12 years of age, 100 li. at 21; Roger Golding, another son, to have the keeping of said 100 li. and the bringing up of said Edward and if said Edward at his age of 21 should not become of such discretion and government to govern himself, the 100 li. should then remain to the said Roger, charged to the maintenance of his said brother. Witn: as above. Proved 1 July 1592 by the Exors named. Confirmed by Definitive Sentence of Easter Term 1593.

P. C. C., Harrington, 61.

Katherine and Joane, daughters of Robert Gosnold of Otley, by his first wife Agnes, daughter of John Hill of Ashe Bocking, and the aunts of Anthony Gosnold of Grundisburgh, married respectively to Thomas Golding of Postlingford, co. Suff., and John Golding of Walton Belechamp, co. Essex, brothers, and sons of Robert* (or Roger†) Golding of Grays, co. Suff.

Of the above wills, the first is that of the husband of Katherine. The second, of the son of Joane,‡ and from it we learn that she was still living in 1591, and had remarried a Brymeley, probably the John Brymeley who appears as witness to her son's will.

We will now turn from the consideration of the direct GOSNOLD line, with which the past pages have been occupied, to that of the family of BACON, from which Bartholomew Gosnold was descended through his mother, called "Dorothy Bacon of Hessel" in the pedigrees, but whose paternity has remained hitherto unknown. A long and patient search, involving the reading of several hundred wills, has at last resulted in the complete demonstration of her identity as the daughter of George and Margaret Bacon of Hessel in Suffolk, as will be seen in the wills which follow.

These wills are most interesting, for not only do they prove the important connection above stated, but the family pedigree includes also the well known Nathaniel Bacon, "the Rebel" of Virginia, and his cousin, Nathaniel Bacon, the Councillor and acting Governor there, with the New England families of Peck§ and Mason, and a more than suspected connection with the New England and Barbadoes families of Bacon,|| while the English line is brilliant with the names of Sir Nicholas Bacon of Redgrave, Lord Keeper of the Great Seal, and his still more famous son, Lord Verulam,

* Visit. Suff., p. 93.

† Visit. Essex, Harl. Soc., xiv., 580.

‡ She is said, in Visit. of Suff., to have died without issue (*op. cit.*), but this seems to have been an error which is corrected in the Visit. of Essex (*ut supra*).

§ See will of Robert Pecke of Hingham, co. Norf. (P. C. C., Wootton, 153), in Waters's Gleanings, I., 93-94, and notes by John Ward Dean on the same.

|| REGISTER, Vol. 37, pp. 189-198.

Viscount St. Albans, better known as Lord Bacon, "The wisest, brightest, meanest of mankind."*

Will of THOMAS BACON of Heggesset, co. Suff., gentleman. Dated 10 March 1546-7. To be buried in the Church of Heggesset aforesaid. To every man and woman and child inhabiting in the said town 2d., and to the parson 12d., and to every priest inhabiting in the said town 8d., and to every strange priest 4d., and to every lay person being strangers and present on the day of my burial 1d. To an honest priest to sing for my soul for three years in the said church 5 li. every year. To Anne my wife, one half of my household stuff except my plate and all such chapel stuff as she caused to be made since she was my wife; to my sons George, Edward and Francis the other half of my said household stuff. To my wife Anne a bason & one ewer of Silver etc., and 300 of my best wethers in Thurston and Berton; also 40 li. due to me for the sale of a tenement in Nayland. To Edmond my son, my best gilt standing cup and 40s. because he hath no stuff of my household; and all the other chapel stuff that was mine before I married Anne my wife. All my lands and tenements in Becton, Berton, Thurston Rowgham, Hessel, Mouks Bradfelde and Packenham, shall descend to my said son Edmonde according to the laws of this realm. All my lands in the tenure of one Thomas Heywarde of Becton, I give to my son John, and all my pasture in Tostock in the tenure of Martin Bode, to the intent he shall do all things as appointed by the will of my father. To son Edmond my lands, both free and copyhold, in Wolpie, Elmeswell, Wetherden and Norton, the profits whereof were wont to be employed about the finding of a priest, to the intent that he find a priest to pray for my soul. To son Francis all my land in Gisingham and Fornham Jeneve. To sons Edmond and George, my lease of Eastwretham, which I have of the provost of Eton, and to my sons John and Francis, my lease of Westwretham, which I hold of the College of Cambridge. To my son-in-law Robert Keene, 100 wethers. Whereas I have heretofore made an assurance to my wife Anne of the manor of Netherhall, co. Suff., in full recompense of dower, I will all legacies herein made to her shall be forfeit if she press any claim for dower. Item, To the daus. of Roger Brastret of Ratyllyden 6 li. 13s. 4d. apiece. Res. Legatees and Exors: my sons Edmonde, John and George Bacon. Overseer: Nicholas Bacon, † attorney.

Witnessed, subscribed and read by me Nicholas Bacon in the presence of the said Thomas. 1 June 1 Edward vi. With: Robert Bacon, Edmonde Bacon, John Bacon & George Bacon. Proved 30 June 1547 by John Adams, proctor for the Exors. named.
P. C. C., Alen, 41.

It is noteworthy that in a list of names of eligible persons to be Keeper of the Great Seal during the time of the Lord Chancellor's sickness (in 1551, or seven years before Bacon's appointment), occurs Mr. (*Roland*) Gosnell.‡

Thomas Bacon, the above testator, married Anne, daughter of Richard Doggett§ of Groton in Suffolk, who, after his death, married second, Robert

* Essay on Man, iv, 282.

† Afterward Sir Nicholas Bacon, Knt. (1558-9), Lord Keeper of the Great Seal. See will of John Bacon (*seq.*) in 1559, son of this testator, who was first cousin of Sir Nicholas.

‡ Hatfield MSS., pt. I, page 94, No. 377, in Hist. MSS. Com. Report.

§ Visit. of Suff., p. 36; Suff. Man. Fams., i, p. 344.

Gosnold of Otley* as his second wife (marriage settlements dated 10 October 1547), by whom she had no issue; but her granddaughter by her first marriage, through her son George Bacon, became wife of Anthony Gosnold of Grundisburgh, and mother of Bartholomew Gosnold. I have recently discovered her will in the Consistory Court of Norwich, but the abstract has not been received and must be deferred for publication in a future number.

Will of JOHN BACON of Bury St. Edmondes, co. Suff., gentleman. Dated 7 April 1559. To son George 900 li. in consideration of such lands and tenements as I have sold that was left to me by my father and should have descended unto him; to be paid him at his age of 21. Also all my interest in the farm and lease of Wretham, co. Norf., and all my plate, jewels and household effects. To my daughter Dorothy 200 li. to be paid on her day of marriage if she be then 16 years of age; also all my late wife, her mother's, apparel now remaining. To my daughter Boyes, my daughter Fostall and my said daughter Dorothy, my chain of gold equally to be divided between them. If my son die before the age of 21, I give 200 marks to the marriage of one of my brother George's sons, which he will; and all my household stuff to my daughter Dorothy, and all my apparel to my brothers George and Francis; and my interest in the lease of Wretham to my brother Francis. To John Barker, my servant, 40s. To William Sigar, my servant, 5 li. To Anne Humfrey that was my servant, 5 li. To my brother Francis Bacon, my sonne Fostall, and to Mr. Boyes my son-in-law, two aungells apiece to make them rings. To John Holte of Bury, gent., my black harnests† furnished as it is. To Thomas Badby, gent., 3 aungells to make him a ring; and to his wife one aungell. To John Eyre, esq., 3 aungells. If my son die before his said age of 21 the residue of his portion not above bequeathed shall be divided among my said daughter Dorothy and my grandchildren. To the governors of the grammar school of Bury St. Edmund's 3 li. 6s. 8d. Exors: my son George, my brother George Bacon of Hessesett, gentleman, and Thomas Andrewes of Bury St. Edmunds, gentleman. Overseer: the Rt. Honourable Nicholas Bacon, Knt., Lord Keeper of the great seal of England. Wits: p. me George Bacon, by me Thomas Andrewes. Proved 10 May 1559 by George Bacon of Heggessett and Thomas Andrewes, with power reserved, etc.

P. C. C., Chaynay, 16.

Will of EDMUNDE BACON of Hedgesett, co. Suff., gentleman. Dated 2 June 1553. To be buried in parish church of Hedgesett. To poor of same town 20s. yearly for 5 years. To wife Elizabeth my manor called Hedgesett Hall and my capital house where I dwell in, and all such lands etc. as I late purchased of Sir Thomas Jermyn, Knt., in Hedgesett and Bradfield, to hold for her life. To my eldest son John Bacon my basin and ewer of silver, a standing cup with a cover, etc., he suffering my wife to enjoy the same for her life, for the fulfilment of which condition he shall give a bond to Robert Kene, my brother in law. I give to my said wife all my horses, neet, sheep, etc. in Hedgesett, Beighton, and Bradfield, to give and sell at her pleasure, all such northen‡ beasts as shall happen to be then and there pasturing only excepted. I will my tenement called Bartimemere shall be

* See will of Robert Gosnold of Otley (P. C. C., Martyn, 6), page 1, *ante*.

† Harness, i. e. body armor.

‡ i. e. *Northing*, wild.

sold by the said Robert Kene (my son John to have it if he will for 200 marks). My tenement lying in Thurstone in the nether strete, in the occupation of one Chenery, shall remain in the hands of my executors, during the natural life of one Anne Gosnolde, my brother in law (*sic—but see below*), now the wife of Robert Gosnold of Otley, gentelman, for the payment of an annuity of 6 li., which I am bound to pay to the said Anne, to remain at her death to William Bacon, my son, to whom I give all the stock of sheep going upon the premises, and 4 marks yearly, during the life of Anne Gosnold, above named, my mother in law. My executors shall occupy my lease of a moiety of the manor of Estwretton, co. Norfolk, till my youngest son Fraunces Bacon be 21; when he shall have and enjoy the same. To my son Edmund Bacon 40 l. sterling to be paid him yearly till the sum of leavenscore marks be fully paid. To John Bacon my son, of Callys, 60 l. sterling. To Marie Futtmer my daughter 10 li. Res. Legatees and executors: my said brother in law Robert Kene and my eldest son John Bacon. Supervisor: George Bacon, my brother. Witu: Mr. Ambrosiū Jermyn, Anthony Jermyn, by me Robert Kene. Proved 13 November 1553 by the executors named. P. C. C., Tashe, 20.

The will of GEORGE BACON of Hedgesett, co. Suff., gent. Dated 6 Oct. 1569. To the High Altar for tythes forgotten 5s. To my wife Margaret my message in Hedgesett and all my lands which I have in fee simple, by coppie or term of years, in Hedgesett, Drinkson and Bagton, co. Suffolk, to hold for her life, with all my stock unbequeathed, except all my rams which I now have within the county of Suffolk or lately bought out of Norfolk, also all my horses except one which I give to my nephew George Bacon. To every one of my daughters unmarried, not being widows at the date of my death, 100 li. apiece on their marriages or when 21. To John my son my moiety of the lease in Westwreatham, which I hold of the King's college in Cambridge, and my lease in Eastwreatham, which I hold of the King's college in Eaton; he paying to his mother 10 li. yearly during the life of Anne Gosnolde, her mother (*in law*). Also to my said son at his age of 22, two gilt salts with a cover and one goblet with a cover which plate was my father's, and six silver spoons. To my son Thomas an annuity of 4 li. out of my manor or message called Borfeldhall in Wymondham, co. Norfolk. To my son Edmund my manor of Stalworthies in Wymondham, in the occupation of Robert Brayme, to hold for 21 years, and after the said term be expired to have out of the same manor 8 li yearly, upon condition that he continue at his book and in studie, whereby he may be either some devyne or else a lawyer spirituall or temporall. To my son Thomas another annuity of 4 li. out of my message in Pakenham, co. Suffolk, which I lately purchased of William Sterne, late of Pakenham. To Robert my son an annuity of 8 li. out of my part of the manor of Easthorpe, co. Essex, which I purchased of Maister Robert Spring of Pakenham, Esquier. I will my parsonage, manor and lands in Cretingham, which I lately purchased of Frauncis Bouldro and Robert Thorpe, gent., and all my tenements in Wilbie, co. Norfolk, which I purchased of John Buxton of Tibenham, shall be sold by myne executors for the performance of my will. To my son Edward an annuity of 3 li. out of my manor of Bourfeldhall in Wymondham. The residue of my goods I give among my children that be unmarried, provided my eldest son have no part therein. Exors: Mr. Thomas Badbie, esquier, and Mr. Thomas Andrewes of Burye, gent. Witu: Anthonye Gosnolde, John Bacon, Frauncis Bacon, Roberte

Cottenn, Willm Burton, clerk, vicar of Thurston, Phillipp Page of Thurston, Henry Hunte with others. Proved 28 Nov. 1569 by George Harryson, proctor for the Exors. named. P. C. C., Sheffield, 24.

Will of MARGARET BACON of Hedgsett, co. Suff., widow, late wyffe of George Bacon of the same towne and countie, gentillman. Dated 18 March 1573-4. To the poor of Hedgesett for tythes forgotten v^s. To my mother one silver pece to drink in. To Edward my son all my lands, etc., in the town of West Mersea, Essex. To my son John my lease which I lately took to farm of my nevye Edmund Bacon, the said John to pay unto my son Robert £10. I gyve and bequeth vnto my dowghter *Dorothe Gosnold* my silver salte gylte with a couer belonginge to the same, And I gyve vnto euerye one of her Children weh she hath at the date hereof x^{li} to be payd by myne execvtors at Michelmas nexte into the hands of *Anthony Gosnolde, gent.*, ther father, till they come to lawfull age and then to be deliuered to them seuerally, and yf any of them dye before they come to lawfull age then his her or ther pte soc diseased to be equally deuided amongst the rest then livinge. To my daughter Anne £20 and three milch neatt. To my daughter Elizabeth same. To my daughter Mary same. To Thomas Andrewes, Esq., my best goblet. To Sir William Burton, Vicar of Thurston, £10. To euerye poor bodye in the towne of Hedgsett ijd. a pece, as well children and seruants as householders. To every one of my servants 5s., except Abraham Hoye, to him I gyve xx^s. Res. Leg. and sole Exor: Edmund, my son. Supervisor: Sir William Burtone, Vicar of Thurston. With: John Bacon the elder, John Bacon junr., Thomas Boyton, clk., Wm. Burton, clk. Proved at Bury St. Edmunds, 11 June 1574, by the Exor. named in will. Arch. Sudbury, Vol. 1574-78, fo. 34.

Will of GEORGE BACON of Gedding (co. Suffolk). Dated 14 Oct. 1597. To poor of Hessesett (in the churchyard of which place I desire to be buried), of Drynnexton and Gedding, 4 li. To my brother Edward Bacon my tenement with all the lands, both free and copy, which I bought of my cousin John Bacon, lying in Hessesett & Drinexton, he to pay the following legacies—I pray forgiveness of my sins, most specially against Margaret Sowgate, sometime my servant, by whom I have had two children, the boy's name William, born at Castle Henningham in Essex, at the house of one Rawlines, where he is now brought up, and the wench born at Deram Market, at the house of one Master Warner, and is now brought up at the house of one Luke Raven, brother in law to the said Margaret Sowgate, dwelling in ———, a mile from Hemingham Market in Norfolk; I charge my Exors. to see these poor infants brought up in fear of God. To the said Margaret my tenement that I bought of one Kinster and Master Jackson, lying in Gedding and Rattlesden, to hold for her life, and to remain at her death to our said William. Also 4 neet in the hands of Richard Worth of Ratelsden and one Rushe of Hitchem, brother in law to the said Margaret. Also the bed wherein I used to lie in my chamber at Pages of Gedding, where I now live, and an annuity of 5 li. out of my tenements in Hessesett. And I pray God forgive her and me. To my said son William I bequeath 40 li. To my said daughter ——— 30 li. To John Howe, my late servant, 6 li. To John Franke 10 li. The rest of my goods, leases, etc., I give to my brother Edward Bacon, whom I ordain my Exor. "Theis being witnesses George Bacon." Proved 5 June 1600, by John Price, not. pub., proxy for the Exor. named in will.

P. C. C., Wallopp, 46.

The Will of JOHN BAKON of Hesse. Dated 1st. November 1536. I bequeath to the high altar of Hesse 6s. 8d., and to be bestowed at my buryall and att my thirte daye 10 li. For dirges and masses and distribution amongst the poor, during seven years after my death, I bequeath 40s. a year, and 8 marks a year for a priest to sing for my soul in the church at Hesse for two years. I give to Margery my wife, 40 li., and for the term of her life my tenement in Hesse, with all lands etc., in Hesse and Bectun, a meadow in Dreynston, called Caldwellyardes, in full recompense for her dowry, so that she pay the rents and sufficiently repair all the said tenements, except the old barn, and one little house standing on the copy ground, the which standeth on Crotehis. Remainder to the heirs of my body. Item I wyll that all the resydewe of my tenementes and groundes shall remayne after the last will and fourme of John Bacon my Father bothe in Dreynston and Tostocke. I give to my said wife all the apparell belonging both to her body and to my body except three of my best gowns of which I give the best to John Freer my son-in-law and the other two, to George Taylour and Thomas Fryer my sons-in-law. I give to my son John my interest in the Manor of Brandon Ferye, which I hold jointly with Robert Bakon my brother, of the Bishop of Ely, until my son reach the age of 20 years, the same together with 600 sheep to be held by my brother-in-law John Fryer of Wyckom Skey, to whom, in case my said son die before he reach the age of 20 years, I give my lease of the same manor. One half of the residue of my household stuff I bequeath to my wife and the other half to be equally divided amongst my children. I give to Margery Fryer, my daughter, 20 marks. To Elizabeth, my daughter at her age of twenty, 20 li. I will have two trentalls at the Freers of Babwell, giving them 20s. I give to every godchild 12d. I desire to have bought for me and my two wives, one gravestone of marbyll of 20s., and to have graven thereupon "We praye yowe for to praye for the soules of John Bakon and Agnes and Margerye his wyffes on whoes soules Jesu have mercye, Amen." Exors: Robert Bakon, my brother, and John Fryer, my son-in-law. Supervisor: William Maye of Wolpitt, to each of whom I give 20s. Witn: Henry Creme, John Schepperde, Thomas Hyngerde and Roberte Rende et alii. Proved 27 September 1538, by John Thorpe, proxy for the executors named. P. C. C., Crumwell, 10.

Will of ROBERT BACON of Hesse. Dated 10 August 1548. To be buried in the churchyard of Hesse. To the high altar of Hesse 3s. 4d. To the high altar of Drinkstone 20d. To the poor of Hesse 10 li. To my wife Isabel, my tenement and lands, both free and copyhold, where I do dwell at the day of making hereof, lying in Hesse & Drinkston, with all the lands I have in lease of Mr. John Drure of Rowham; to remain at her decease to James Bacon my son. I will that my said son shall pay to Isabel my wife, 3 li. yearly out of the tenements in Drinkston where one William James dwelleth. To my wife my tenement in Drinkston where Roger Creme dwelleth and my tenement in Hesse late purchased of John Brown; also all my farm stock and house hold stuff. To Thomas Bacon, 20 marks yearly out of the manor Ynghan in co. Suffolk, according to the covenants of certain indentures made betwixt Robert Bacon (*quere—if the testator?*) and Nicholas Bacon his son. I give to my son Nicholas Bacon all the sheep I have going upon the farm he and I have in farm of the Mayor and chamberlains of our Lady Guild in Thedforthe. To the poor of Hesse and other townes adjoining, on the day of my burial, 5 li. Res. legatee and Exor: my son James Bacon. Witn: Thomas Nuue, clerk,

William Page, Alexander Richardson, Thomas Baxstar, Edward Starre (?*Stauce*). Proved 10 Dec. 1548, by John Adams, proctor for the Exor. named in will.
P. C. C., Populwell, 19.

The above testator, the eldest son of John Bacon of Drinkstone in Suffolk, was elder brother of John and Thomas Bacon, whose wills have been given. He married Isabel, daughter of Sir John Cage of Pakenham in Suffolk, and had issue by her Thomas Bacon, his son and heir, of Northaw, Herts.; Sir Nicholas Bacon,* Lord Keeper, second son; James Bacon, citizen and Alderman of London (whose will follows), third son; and two daughters, Barbara, wife of Robert Sharpe, and Anne, wife of Robert Blackman of Bary St. Edmunds.† The pedigree of the knightly and enobled line of this family may be omitted in these notes. We will follow only the fortunes of the third son, James, of London, the progenitor of the Virginian families and probable ancestor of the New England Bacons as well.

Will of JAMES BACON, citizen and fishmonger of London. Dated 22 April 1573. I late purchased of Richard Brittein keye called Dice Keye in psh. of St. Dunstan's in the East, London, for 900 li, of which 450 li is paid to said Richard, the remaining 450 li to be paid after death of Elizabeth Gascoyne, mother of the said Richard Brittein, to whom, during her life, 50 li. to be paid yearly; the said 450 li to be raised from my property & placed in hands of Anne, my wife, for discharge of said debt. Should my wife die, then to go to my friend William Webb, citizen and salter of London. Of remaining property I give one third to Anne my wife, one third to my two sons James and William Bacon and one third in legacies as follow:—Gowns to 20 poor men of the Fishmongers Company and 30 others. Black gowns to each of the following—Thomas Bacon my brother in law and his wife, Sir Lyonell Duckett, knt., Lord Mayer, and the Lady his wife, Lady Barbara Champion, widow, the swordbearer Sir John White and the Lady his wife, Sir Christopher Draper and his wife, Sir Roger Marten and his wife, Mr. Recorder and his wife, Mr. Alderman Langley, Mr. Alderman Bonde and Mr. Alderman Oliff and their wives, my brother Paston and his wife, my brother John Lambert and his wife, my brother Coles and his wife, Robert Blackman, my sister Heleman, my brother William Packington and his wife, Mr. John Jackman, son of Edward Jackman, my brother Edward Pakenton, Robert Bacon, the foresaid William Webb and his wife, my sister Amy Hill, widow, my brother Williamson and his wife, Michael Goldstone and his wife, my daughter Tyrell, and my household servants, Robert Goldstone and his wife, Oliver Goldstone and his wife if he have not any at time of my decease, Helen Flowerdale, widow, my son Ryvett and his wife, Thomas Bankes and his wife, Thomas Sharpe, my cousin Cokes in Lumbardstrete and his wife, Mr. John Cooper and his wife, my neighbour Pyrowe Cottie, George Lordinge, clerk of the fishmongers' Com., the deputies of my ward and the bedell of my warde, the goodman Golding of Hornechurche, co. Essex and his wife, Humfrey Bawdriek and his wife, William Ashebolde, M.A., and Thomas Cattell, curate of St. Dunstan's in the East. To the following money for rings:—My Lord Keeper‡ and his wife, my cousin Nicholas Bacon my lord's eldest son and his wife, my cousin Woodhouse and his wife, my cousin Windoam (?)

* His will proved P. C. C., Bacon, 1.

† Visit. of Suff., 1561, Metcalf, p. 2.

‡ Sir Nicholas Bacon, Knt.

and his wife, my cousins Nathanyell Bacon and his wife, Edward, Anthony and Fraunces Bacon, my said son Ryvett and his wife, my said brother Thomas Bacon and his wife, my cousin Robert Bacon, my cousin Thomas Banckes and his wife, my cousin Robert Blackman, my cousin Robert Browninge and his wife, my cousin Thomas Sharpe, Bartholomew Kemp and his wife, the sd. Sir Lyonell Duckett, knt., Lord Mayor, and his wife, the sd. Sir John White and his wife, and others mentioned above, Nicholas Packington and his wife, the sd. William Webb and his wife, my said daughter Tyrell and her sisters Margaret and Martha and to their brother Richard Goldestone, the ring which was his fathers with a cornelin therein, Mr. John Broxholme, Sir Valentine Browne and his wife, my cousin Craifford and his wife, Mr. Lilgrave and his wife, John Gardiner the elder, John Gardiner the younger and his wife, my brother John Packington the elder and his wife, Margerie Burbridge, Mr. Edmond Burton and his wife, John Dudley and his wife, my cousin Owen and his wife, Mr: William Sebright, William Meggs and his wife, John Jackman and his wife, Fraunces Bowyer and his wife, John Nayler's wife, Richard Weekes of Battell, Bartholomew Jeffrey, Clement Hicmon (*Hicins?*), David Willard, Robert Davis, Thomas May and Henry Davis. Bequests to St. Thomas' Hospital, Southwark, Christs Hospital, Bartholomews Hospital, Smethfield, and to Bridewell, Ludgate and Newgate Prisons and the two compters, etc. Two young men of the Fishmongers Company to have use of 50 li. each, for which they must provide two loads of coals for poor of sd. Co., and to the sd. Company I give 13 li. 6s. 8d. for a dinner. To Robert Bacon son of my bro. Thomas Bacon 100 li. and he to be good to his sister Jane. To son Ryvett and his wife 66 li. 13s. 14d. Legs. to friend William Webb, Thomas Sharpe, (To John ——— I forgive his debts,) Margaret and Christopher the two children of the sd. Wm: Webb (at their age or marriage) and my wife Anne. To repair of church of St. Peter where I an now a parishioner 3 li. 6s. 8d. and to poor there 4 li. Forgive beadle of my ward, Richard Spueling, all debts. To poor of Hornechurch 3 li. 6s. 8d. Legs. to Henry Amcottes, John Davies, Thomas Emson, Michael Collett, Edward my boy in the kitchen, maidservants, the four children of Richard Goldstone, viz. to Jane Tyrell and Margaret, Martha and Richard, to be paid at age or marriage (of last three). To poor at gate of house where I now dwell & in psh of St. Dunstans in the East, to preachers for sermons in St. Peters and St. Dunstans, to goodman Golding of Hornechurch and his wife and Mary their maiden, Robert Holeman at age, my cousin Cokes and his wife, Robert Blackman & my poor kinsfolk above named. Res. Legs. sons James and William. Exors: wife Anne and son James. Supervisors: my son Ryvett, brother Cole, and William Webb. To Henry Jaye 3 li. 6s. 8d. Witu: Willm Webbe, William Ashebolde, Thoms. Cattell, Georgio Lordinge.

My farm and lands in Hornechurch, co. Essex, in tenure of Edmonde James *als* Pynner to my son William and his heirs, remainder to my son James and his heirs, and my daughter Ryvett and her heirs. My tenmt. called ye signe of ye bores Hedd in Thames Strete, in psh. of St. Mary at Hill, in the tenure of William Pennington, George Jackson and the Lady Barbara Champion, also tenmt. called the sign of the neates Foote, in psh. of St. Dunstans in the East, in tenure of George Quernebie, to my son James, rem. to son William and to daughter Ryvett and their heirs. To son James keye called Dice Keye in Thames Strete, in psh. of St. Dunstans afsd., and in tenure of Lawrence Mellowe, William Yonge, Walter Dypen-

rack, stranger, and ——— Thurstan, widow, and of the above named William Webbe, remainder as before.

Codicil of 5 May 1573, relating to repair of houses on Dice Key and profit under copartnership with William Webbe, salter. Witn: as above. Proved 2 October 1573, by Anne the relict and Extrx. named.

P. C. C., Peter, 28.

James Bacon, the above testator, was married three times; by his first wife, Mary, dau. of John Gardiner of Grove Place, co. Bucks., he had a daughter Anna, who married John Ryvett of Bramston, co. Suff., Esq., and three other children who all died in infancy. By his second wife, Margaret, daughter of Richard Rawlins of London, and widow of Richard Goldstone of London, salter, he had issue Sir James Bacon of Freston Hall, Suff., Knt., and William, second son, as well as two other children who did not survive.* His third wife was Ann, dau. of Humphrey Packenton, and relict of Edward Jackman, Alderman and Sheriff of London, by whom he had no issue. The eldest son, Sir James Bacon, by his wife Elizabeth, daughter of Francis and Anne (Drury) Bacon, left issue Nathaniel Bacon,† his son and heir, who was grandfather, through his eldest son Thomas, of Nathaniel Bacon of Virginia, "the Rebel," and, through his second son, Rev. James Bacon, Rector of Burgate in Suff., by his wife Martha Honeywood, of the other Nathaniel of Virginia, Councillor and acting Governor.‡

Martha, the widow of Rev. James Bacon, married second, Rev. Robert Peck, for 30 years Rector of Hingham in Suff., afterward of Hingham in Massachusetts, who had had issue by his first wife, a daughter, Anne Peck, who became the wife of Major John Mason of Seabrook, Conn., distinguished in the Pequot War.§

RESUMING the theme of the Gosnold family, I will now revert to the direct Gosnold line, and have pleasure in giving the long sought and most valuable will of Anne (Doggett), widow successively of Thomas Bacon of Hesselton and of Robert Gosnold of Otley. It is noteworthy that she speaks of her husband Gosnold's grandchildren as her own, but the known dates render it certain that they were the issue of his first wife Agnes (Hill), and her *step* children only.

Will of ANNE GOSNOLD of Otley, co. Suffolk, widow, late the wife of Robert Gosnold, Esquire, deceased. Dated 20 July, a thousand five hundred three score and eighteen. My body to be buried in the Church of Otley neare unto my said husbonde. To Mrs. Naunton a stone pott covered with silver. To Robert Gosnold my grandchild a cypress chest and to his wife a Portigew. To my grandchild John Bacon my bason and ewyr of silver peell gilt and to his wife a Portigew, and to the children of the said John Bacon twentie pounds of monye equallie. To Anthonye Gosnold my grandchild twoe silver booles gilt, and to *Bartholomew Gosnold*, his son, tenn poundes of monye and a goblet of sylver. To Elizabeth Gosnold, one of the daughters of the said Anthonye, tenn poundes of monye and a pott of sylver. To Margaret Gosnold, his daughter, fortie poundes of monye and a goblett of sylver. To Dorothe Gosnold, his daughter, tenn poundes of monye and six sylver spones with appostles heades. To Anne Gosnold, his daughter, tenn poundes of monye and six spones

* Visit. of London, 1568, Harl. Soc., i, 19.

† See his will in Arch. Suff., 1644, printed in *Misc. Geneal. et Her.*, 2d Ser., Vol. v, page 180.

‡ See his will in REGISTER, Vol. 37, p. 194.

§ See will of Robert Pecke and notes already cited, Waters's Gleanings, I., 93-94.

with apostles heades. To Marye Gosnold, his daughter, tenn poundes and a trencher salt of silver. To Anthonie Gosnold, his son, tenn poundes of monye; and I will that this said monye and plate shalbe deliuered into the handes of Anthony Gosnold thir ffather to thir use. To my grandchild Dorothee Gosnold my bedd in my upper chambre complete and to hir sister, my grandchild Elizabeth Coxall, tenn poundes of monye and twoe sylver saltes. To Mary Bacon, my grandchild, tenn poundes of monye and a goblet of silver that was hir sister Annes. To Anne Wilkes, daughter of Richard Wilkes, Twentie poundes of monye. To Alice More, my grandchild x li. To my sister Spenser three poundes six shillings eight pence, and to her daughter that is unmarried fortie shillings. To my niece Alice Edgar twoe ould Rialls. To Alice Tovell my bowle of silver. To Anne Tovell, daughter of Simon Tovell, sixe poundes xiijs. iiijd. To Elizabeth Gosnold, my god-daughter, one ould riall. To Edmond Gosnold, my godson, one ould noble, and to his sister Dorothee Gosnold one ould noble. To Robert Bacon, Edward Bacon and Thomas Bacon, my grandchildren, tenn poundes apiece, to be deliuered into the hands of thir brother in lawe Anthony Gosnold. To servant Ann Mann xx s. To William Jollye xx s. To Edmond Coxall, my grandchild, tenn poundes, and to his brother George Coxall tenn poundes. To Elizabeth Coxall my cupbord in my chambre. To Robert Gosnold, son of John Gosnold of Coddendam and my godson, one ould riall. To enerie seruant in my son Robert Gosnoldes house xij d. To the poore mens box in Otley. Residiary legatees and Executors: my grandchildren Elizabeth Coxall and Mary Bacon. Supervisor: my grandchild Anthonie Gosnold, and I give unto him my ring with a Deathes head. Witn: John Coggeshall, John Threlkeld, clerk, William Jollye and others. Proved 11 November 1578 by the Exors. named in the prson of John Coxall.
Cons. of Nerwich, Reg. Woodstock, 140.

Will of THOMAS THORNE of Hemingston, co. Suffolk, clerk. Dated 22 April 1628. To the poor of Hemingston 5 li. To Syceley my wife my message and lands now in tenure of Catherine Sergeaut, widow, and myself, for the term of her life (conditionally that she demand no dower) with remainder to Oliver Thorne my son. To five of the children of my daughter Dameron, viz. Thomas, John, George, Anne and Mary Dameron, 20 li. apiece at age or marriages. To my son in law Thomas Ellis, gent., and my daughter Thomasine his wife 40 li., and to my grandchild Phillip Ellis their son 60 li. To my grand children Thomas, John and Christopher Deering and Sicely his late wife, my daughter deceased, 20 li. apiece at age or marriage. To my son in law John Micklefield and my daughter Mary his wife 40 li., and to their three children, Thomas, Edward and Ann Micklefield, 20 li. apiece at 21 or marriage. To my daughter Bridget, now wife of Roger Prosser, gent., an annuity of 5 li. for her life. To John Lea, son of my said daughter Bridget 50 li., and to Thomas Lea, her other son, 50 li. at their ages of 21 or marriages. To my said daughter Bridget for the education of her two sons 5 li. apiece payable half yearly. To my wife 20 li. My corn to be devided amongst my wife, my son, and my three daughters. Exor: my son Oliver Thorne, but he to be bound in a bond to my son in law Thomas Ellis, gent., for the payment of the legacies, if he refuse then the said Thomas Ellis to be Exor. Witn: Robert Studd, *mark*, Thomas Whitman and Nich^o Allen. Proved 4 December 1630 by Oliver Thorne the son and Exor. named.
P. C. C., Scroope, 114.

Cicely, daughter of Robert and Mary (Vesye) Gosnold of Otley, and

sister of Anthony Gosnold of Grundisburgh, married Rev. Thomas Thorne, Rector of Hemingstone, co. Suffolk and of Feltwell, co. Norfolk. In some pedigrees he is called *Robert* Thorne, an evident error.

Will of CHRISTIAN RYVETT of Witlesham, co. Suffolk, widow. Dated 3 February 1587/8. To be buried in the churchyard of Witlesham. To Ursula Ryvett, my grandchild and god-daughter, daughter of Robert my son, £ 5 at her age of one and twenty years. To Robert, Katherine and Rose Ryvett, my grandchildren, children of Robert my son, £ 5 apiece at their several ages of one and twenty years. To Rachel Stiles, my daughter, wife of Edmund Stiles £ 7. To John, Edmond, Rachel, Rose, Alice and Anne Stiles, children of Edmond Stiles and my grandchildren, 20 s. apiece at their several ages of one and twenty. To daughter Alice Daynes, wife of John Daynes, £ 7. To Rachel, Robert and Anne Daynes, children of John Daynes and my grandchildren, 20 s. apiece as before. To my daughter Margaret Scrutton, wife of Samuel Scrutton, £ 7. To Priscilla, James, Samuel, and Thomas Scrutton, children of Samuel Scrutton and my grandchildren, 20 s. apiece as before. To daughter Marie Yorke all such sums of money as William Yorke, her husband, oweth me. To Robert, William, Thomas, Anthony, Edward, Anne, Marie, Rachel, Margaret, Rose and Grace Yorke, children of William Yorke, 20 s. apiece as before. My nowe dwellinge howse giving unto me duringe my naturall life by James Ryvett my husband, father unto the said Robert. To the poor of Witlesham 20 s. Exors. and Residuary Legatees: Edmund Stiles and Samuel Scrutton, my sons in law. Wits: Richard Whetcroft and Robert Church. Proved at Ipswich 2 April 1589 by the Exors named.

Arch. Suffolk, 1578/9, fo. 544.

Will of ROBERT REVETT of Witlesham, co. Suffolk, yeoman. Dated 21 April 1616. "Being aged." To be buried as neere unto my soune Robert Revett deceased as may be in the psh church of Witlesham. To Ursula my wife her dwelling place in the house wherein I now dwell, with annuity of £ 13-6-8 for her life. Lands in Witlesham and Tuddenham. John Collins. Daughter Katherine, wife of Samuel Stebbing, £ 50. Mention of (*blank*) Stebbing, father of the said Samuel, as living. To grandchildren Thomas and Ursula Seager, children of Thomas Seager, at 21. To Rose Seager my grandchild, daughter of Thomas Seager, £ 5 at 21. Mentions legacies which Christian Revett, my mother, gave unto Ursula my daughter deceased, late wife of the said Thomas Seager. To poor of Witlesham, as a towne stocke, 40 s. To James Revett my son all my lands, messuages, etc. and he Exor. Supervisor: my trustie friend and brother in law John Daynes. Wits: Wm. Plumer and Thos. Seaman. Proved at Snape 26 Sept. 1616 by James Revett the Exor named.

Arch. Suffolk, 1616, fo. 132.

Christian, daughter of Robert and Agnes (Hill) Gosnold of Otley, married James Ryvett of Witlesham and Mendlesham, co. Suffolk.

Will of JOHN GOULDINGE of Poslingford, co. Suffolk. Dated 27 June 1590, proved 31 July, 1593. Cousin Thomas Gouldinge. Bequeathes largely to his wife, whom he makes Exor., but her name is not given, either in will or probate note.

Arch. Sudbury, 1591-4, fol. 406.

I strongly suspect this John Goulding to have been husband of Johan Gosnold, and aunt of Anthony.*

* See wills of other members of the Goulding family in REGISTER, vol. lvii, pages 219-20.

Will of Sir THOMAS BARRINGTON, Kt. Dated 6 Feb., 1580-1. My executors shall sell all my wood & timber growing in the grounds called Garlands, & also within the parish of Hatfield, towards the performance of this my will, & I bequeath them also for the payment of my debts and legacies all my term of years in the rectory and parsonage of Hatfield, co. Essex. To the eldest daughter of my daughter Harris, 40 li. To every of my household servants that hath served me by the space of a year or upwards, 20s. Richard Clarke, in respect of his honest service, to be by my executors largely considered. To my son Francis 800 li., beseeching him to be dutiful & loving to my dear wife, his mother. To my son Henry, 100 li., and during the time he shall be beyond sea, 80 li., wishing him to be dutiful and obedient to his said mother. To Thomas Byrles, that waiteth on my son Henry beyond the sea, 10 li. a quarter during the time he shall remain with my said son. Executors: my said wife, the Right honourable Henry, Erle of Huntingdon, Sir William Cordell, Sir Gilbert Gerarde, knights, and Andrew Grey, esquier; to each of whom I give 10 li. for their pains. To the poor of Hatfield, 20s. Witn: John Gybon, Jhon Symynges, Edward Doddinge, R. Yonger, Richard Waron, Frances Cromwell, William Netton. Proved 2 May 1581 by Mr. William Babham, notary public, proxy of Dame Winifred Hastings *alias* Barrington, relict of the deceased, and one of the executors named, with power reserved, etc. P. C. C., Darcy, 16.

In the preceding will I *suspect* that we have that of the father in law of our BARTHOLOMEW GOSNOLD. It is well known that his wife was a Barrington and probably of the Essex stock. In the Visitation of Essex in 1612,* an only daughter Catherine is assigned to Sir Thomas Barrington, who is not named in the will, and who may have been the missing wife of Bartholomew, but no evidence has yet been found to substantiate or disprove this theory.

Will of RICHARD GOSNOLL of Chigwell. Dated 19 April, 34 Elizabeth. To be buried in Chigwell churchyard. To my son Thomas Gosnoll, £10 when he shall come to the age of 20 years. To my daughter Anne, £10 when she shall come to the age of twenty years or on marriage. To my servant William Burton a pair of screws and two rowles. To my servant Elizabeth, 13/4. Residuary legatee and Extx: my wife, Anne. Witn: John Preston, Alice Fullum. Proved 2nd May 1592 by William Skinner, not. pub. procurator to Anne Gosnoll. Arch. Essex, Stephen, 43.

Will of ROBERT GOSNOLD of Bulmayre, co. Essex, yeoman. Dated 30 June 1601. To Elizabeth my wife all my goods and chattels whatsoever, she paying unto John Carter and Ann Carter 3 li. 6s. 3d. apiece, to Josias Carter and Joseph Carter, sons of my brother Thomas Carter, 30s apiece, and 5s. apiece to Philip Carter, Thomas Carter, Elizabeth, wife of John Smith of Wiebro Brocke, Judith, wife of Thomas Kightt of London, and Sarah, wife of Edward Scott of Glemsford, sons and daughters of my brother-in-law Thomas Carter; and I make my said wife my extx. The mark of Robert Gosnall. Witn: John Fyrmin, Clerk, Richard Carter. Proved 6 October 1601 by Mr. William Cole, proctor for the executrix.

Com. London (Essex and Herts), w. p. 6 Oct., 1601.

Will of RICHARD GOSNOLD, of Mosse, co. Essex, singleman. Dated 13 December 1616. To the poor of Mosse 20s. To the towne of Beamond, 10s. To John Burton, the servant of Thomas Gosnold, 20s. if he

* *Op cit.* in Harl. Soc., vol. xiii, page 148.

dwell with the said Thomas and Angnes his wife at my departure. To Ann Warren and Joan Pye, 20s apiece upon the same condition. To the first child of William Gosnold my brother, 5 li. To Robert, Margaret and Mary Runtinge, children of my brother Edmund Runtinge and Presilla his wife, 10 li. amongst them. Residuary legatees and Exors: Thomas Gosnold and Angnes Gosnold, my father and mother. To William Gosnold my brother, 37s. 8d. in the hands of Richard Haris. The mark of Richard Gosnold. Witu: Robert Baker, Robert Wade, the mark of Edmund Runtinge. Com. London (Essex and Herts), w. p. 1616.

Will of PETER GOSNALL, of Wrabnes, co. Essex, husbandman. Dated 16 November, 5 Chas. I. To be buried in the churchyard of Wrabnes. Universal legatee & Extx: my wife, Mary. Peter Gosnall, his mark. Witu: William Pipple, John Andrewes, his mark, Thomas Edgar, his mark. Proved 10 December 1629, by Mary Andrewes and Martha Titman, executrices of Mary Gosnall, executrix of Peter Gosnall, deceased.

Com. London (Essex and Herts), 74.

Will of MARY GOSNALL of Wrabnes, co. Essex, widow. Dated 23 November, 5 Chas. I. To be buried in the churchyard of Wrabnes. To John Ramson, son of my daughter Martha Titman £5 when he shall accomplish the age of 21, which money I have committed to the care of Thomas Edgar of Wrabnes; should he die before that age, the money to go to my daughter Martha Titman. To my said daughter, the bed whereon I now lie. To my son, Joseph Gayer, if he return from beyond the seas, £5. Residuary legatees & executrices: my two daughters, Mary, wife of John Andrewes of Dovercourt, and the said Martha Titman. The money given to John Ramson to rest in the hands of Thomas Edgar, and my daughter Titman to take bond of him for the payment thereof and the bond to be committed to the keeping of William Pipple, of Wrabnes, clerk. Mary Gosnall, her mark. Witu: William Pipple, Thomas Edgar (*mark*), Thomas Crispe (*mark*). Proved 10 December 1629 by the executrices named in will.

Com. London (Essex and Herts), 73.

Will of ROBERT GOSNAILE, the elder, of Langham, co. Essex, say weaver. Dated 25 October, 16 Chas. (II.) To Frances, my wife, my message and land in Langham for her life. To Robert Gosnall my son, my message called Oatthouse in the occupation of Samuel Southgate. To Hester Dobbito, wife of Sammel Dobbito, the tenement I live in, after my wife's decease, she paying unto Mary Southgate, now wife of Samuel Southgate aforesaid, shoemaker, 4 li. To the said Mary Southgate I give my message called a parcel of Boulings grove in the occupation of Annie Chilson, widow, immediately after my wife's decease. To Frances Hills, now wife of Henry Hills, my message in the occupation of Samuel Debito, being a parcel of Boulings grove, after my wife's decease. If any of my four children die without issue, the survivors shall be heirs of such deceased child. Exors: my wife and Hester Dobbito aforesaid. The mark of Robert Gosnall. Witu: Samuel Warner, Godfrey How. Proved 22 June 1666 by Frances Gosnall, Extx. Com. London (Essex and Herts), Waller, fo. 186.

Will of ROBERT GOSNALL of St. Giles' parish in the town of Colchester, co. Essex, yeoman. Dated 20 September 1602. To Simon Gosnall, my eldest son, all my lands in the said parish called Reades and Hankyns, to remain, if he die without issue, to Mark Gosnall my son. To the said

Mark, 30 li. To Peter Gosnall, my youngest son, 30 li. at his age of 21. To the poor of the said parish, 6s 8d. To Johan Barker of Langham, my sister-in-law, one bullock which she has in her possession. To Thomas Fenner, one ewe. To Robert Ingram and Tomazine Wynde, my maid servant, one ewe apiece. I will that my son Peter be honestly brought up at the charge of my son Simon, whom I make my residuary legatee and executor. Supervisor: my friend John Duke of St. Botolph's parish in Colchester. The mark of Robert Gosnall. Witn: William Cocke, the mark of John Millington. No probate act. Arch. Colchester, Downing, 163.

Will of THOMAS GOSNELL of Clopton. Dated 20 December 1464. My body to be buried in the Chancel of the Clopton church. To the — — — * Brothers of Norwich 4d. To the High Altar of Clopton 10d. To the — — — — * Brothers of Ipswich 12d. All the rest of my goods I leave to Isabell my wife and William my son, whom I appoint executors. Proved at Ipswich 9 February (1464-5).

Arch. Suffolk, vol. ii, fo. 134.

Court Book of Manor of St. John of Jerusalem in Coddendam, Co. Suffolk

- 1642—Thomas Gosnold and Elizabeth his wife were tenants of lands in Hemingstone, co. Suffolk, held of the Manor of Coddendam St. John's.
- 1652—The said Thomas Gosnold surrendered such lands to the use of Robert Gosnold, Esq., of the mansion house called Otley Hall situate in Otley in the county of Suffolk, and further bound himself to pay to the said Robert a yearly sum of money.
- 1655—The said Thomas Gosnold having made default in the payment of the said yearly sum, the said Robert was admitted tenant to the lands.
- 1656-9—The said Robert Gosnold having died in this period, his son Robert was admitted.
- 1660—The said Robert the son surrendered the lands to one George Godbold.

Marriage Licenses in Archdeaconry of Suffolk, 1613 to 1674.

- 1619/20 Feb. 15—Thomas Wilkin, single, and Ann Gosnold of Brantham, widow, at Brantham. Book 4, fo. 28.
- 1634 July 1—James Rossington of Heveningham, and Ursula Gosnolde of Swilland, both single. Book 13, fo. 10.
- 1640 Oct. 12—John Goodding of Ipswich, widower, and Bridget Gosnolde of Washbrook, single, at Washbrook. Book 18, fo. 22.

The parish register notes which follow represent gleanings in many parishes in the neighborhood but not exhaustive search in any.

Ipswich Registers.

St. Mary Stoke, 1563 to 1650.

- 1651 Nov. 30—Bridget, dau. of Thomas & Mary Gosnell bapt.

St. Mary Tower, 1538 to 1650.

- 1647 Aug. 25—Henry son of Henry Gosnold bapt.
1648/9 March 8—Henry son of Henry Gosnold bapt.

* Illegible.

St. Nicholas, 1539 to 1710.

- 1651 June 15—George the son of James Gosnell and Mary his wife bapt.
 1652 July 11—Mary the daughter (*of*) James Goslin of the Key pish and
 (*blank*) his wife bapt.
 1653/4 Mar. 24—Jeames the some of Jeames Gosnall and of Mara his wif
 bapti.
 1662 April 27—the wife of George Gosnold gent Buryed.
 1689—George Gosnall of St. Mary Kee was buried in the Chancell of this
 Church february ye 7, 1689.

St. Matthews.

- 1620—Henry Gosnall son of Robert and Anne 29 December, bapt.
 1638—William Gosnell son of William and Catherine 11 November, bapt

St. Lawrence.

- 1714—Daniel Sherman and Bridget Gosnold married.*

Sundry Gleanings.

- 1578 July 23—Anthony son of Edmund and Mary Gosnoulde baptized at
 Sproughton, Suffolk.
 1597/8 February 18—Edmund Gosnall, senior, of Wattisham, Suff., and
 Rose Cowell were married at Rattlesden.
 1638—Mrs. Christian, wife of Anthony Gosnold, buried at Cowling, co.
 Suffolk.
 1638—Ann Gosnold, daughter of Robert and Trephena, buried at Kettle-
 baston, co. Suffolk.
 1717—Robert Gosnold, gent., “of ye ancient family of the Gosnolds in
 Otley, was buried Nov 7th, 1717” at Otley.

Nayland, Co. Suffolk.

- 1620, 17 April—Peter Gosnold and Dennis Heard married.
 “ 24 December—Mary dau. of Peter Gosnold bapt.
 1622, 29 September—Peter son of Peter Gosnold bapt.
 1624, 31 October—John son of Peter Gosnold bapt.
 1627, 13 May—Henry and Margaret children of Peter Gosnold bapt.
 1629, 23 July—Anna dau of Peter Gosnold bapt.
 1638—John Gosnold, son of Peter, buried.*

Great Horkesley, Co. Essex.

- 1580—Mr. Smyth and Joan Gosnalle marr. 27 July.

Little Horkesley, Co. Essex.

- 1569—Peter, son to Richard Gosnold and Agnes, bapt. 2 Oct.

Colchester, St. Nicholas.

- 1586—Robert Gosnold, son of William, bapt. 18 Dec.
 1608/9—John Clerke and Joan Gosnold marr. 1 Feb.
 1632—Robert Gosnole and Frances Ford marr. 8 Oct.

Stoke-by-Nayland, Co. Suffolk.

- 1572 June 29—Thos. Bullard and Joan Gosnold married.

* From Cookson's Index.

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Will of ANTHONY GOSNOLD of Bury St. Edmunds, gent. Dated 2 April, 1639. I desire to be buried in the Chancell of the psh Church of Cowlinge soe nere unto the body & corpes of my most intirely loving and dearly beloved wife (there now lyeing interred) as with conveniency possibly mai bee. Whereas by a certain Indenture bearing date 13 March, 14 Charles, between me on the one part Joshua Waad of Chevington gent Roger Segrodt of Bury gent and Robert Underwood of Chevington clk on the other part I have granted unto the said Waad and Segrodt their heirs and assigns all that messuage called Winters and a messuage adjoining sometime Baker's with the lands etc. thereto belonging situate in Cowling, Suffolk, late in the tenure of Thomas Finche and Margaret Halles widow containing 54 acres,—also all and every the parts of me the said Anthony Gosnold in those messuages called Hildershams and thentofore known by the name of Sibbils and Boyses with all appertnes thereto belonging containing one hundred and three score acres and sometime in the occupation of Henry Lovitt, Edward Gibson, Thomas Webb and John Wright lying in Cowling aforesaid,—also my part or purparts in 3 pcs of land in Cowling containing 4 acres purchased by Roger Heigham Esq., of one Charles Worlich the elder of Thetford gent,—also the messuage where in I now dwell and wherein William Stanhope esquire did lately inhabit (being freehold) in Bury St. Edmunds in a certain street called the High Street alias Northgate Street between the messuage of Eustace Darcy esquire (now of John Bright gent) and the messuages of Robert Brown and Robert Barrett,—and also all my other messuages, etc, being freehold and charter lands in Cowling and Bury;—to the said Joshua Waad and Roger Segrodt their heirs and assigns to the use of such persons as by me shall be nominated,—now I do by this my last will declare that all the said lands from and immediately after my decease shall be and remain and that the said Waad and Segrodt shall be thereof seised to the sole use of the said Roger Segrodt and to his heirs male the said Roger accepting the same (as well he may) in discharge of the sum of £250 for payment thereof (after the death of Anne Higham widow) he hath my obligacon. To the said Roger Segrodt one customary meadow in Bury purchased of William Stanhope,—also the yearly rent charge of £15 by me lately purchased, (during the life of Anne Higham widow) of one Arnold Segrodt gent,—also another rent charge of £15 out of the capital messuage called Branches for the term of one hundred years if the aforesaid Anne Higham shall soe long live. To my brother in law Joshua Waad and Margaret his wife my copyhold lands in Great Horningsherth bought of Thomas Scott for their lives with remainder to Roger Segrodt and heirs. To Edmund Gosnold my natural brother £100 soe as he come in his owne pson & clayme the same. To Arnold Segrodt gent brother to Roger £100. To the poor of Northgate Street, High Street, and in the Almes Howse of Brick nere unto the end of Mr. Castleton his orchard £5 regard to be had of the most aged lame sick weake, & impotent & especially such as are godly and religious people & are diligent in going to church. They which have least to have sixpence. My cosen John Blemell preacher of the word of God in the psh of St. James wherein I live £5 and to his son my godson fourtie shillings. Anne Woodward my god daughter twentie shillings, and Avis Willan my wives kinswoman & now my servant £10. The rest and residue of my goods and estate I leave to Roger Segrodt to his own sole use forever which Roger Segrodt I doe hereby make sole executor of this my will. My mortgages on the lands of George Hible of Hartest to be released unto

him on conditions. And nowe in the last place of this my will I thought good to make this declaracon of the reason moveing me in giveing (in a maner all) my poore estate to the aforesaid Roger Segrodt, haveing some of mine owne kindred & name though remote: Hee is naturall Brother to my deare & loveing wife deceased and one whom shee dearly loved. To them who well knew her & what maner of a wife shee was to me that is sufficient. To them that did not so well know her I doe thinke myself (who best knew her) in a maner bound to make this much of her knowne, videlt, etc. Witn: James Cobbe, Robert Browne, Anth Adams, Wm Maninge.

CODICIL, dated 11 Nov. 1639. My loveing brother Edmund Gosnold gent £200 more. Brother Joshua Wade and Margaret his wife to them and their heirs the lands before bequeathed for life. My cosen Edward Balles of Cowlinge gent sixe printed bookes to be chosen by him out of all my bookes except my law bookes. Joshua Wade to be one of my executors. Legacies to servants. Witn: John Bright, William Munings. Proved with Codicil, 13 Dec. 1639, by Roger Segrodt and Joshua Wade.

Arch. Sudbury, 1639-42. fol. 96.

With this interesting will, evidently that of the Anthony Gosnold on whose will I have already printed legal opinion, I will close these somewhat lengthy notes upon this family. I cannot do so, however, without expressing my cordial appreciation of the kindness of the many friends who have aided me in the extensive researches which I have made. In particular, I would acknowledge the courtesy of John Desborough Walford-Gosnold,* Esq., of Bentley in Suffolk, the present worthy representative of the family in that county, to whom I am indebted for permission to copy a very fine manuscript pedigree of his family, which has been of the greatest assistance in my work, being much more full of detail than the published pedigrees in the Visitations. I must also express my gratitude to my esteemed friend and correspondent, Mrs. M. B. Hutchinson of Ipswich, who has been tireless in chasing down obscure names and cross references in my behalf. To my friend Mr. Oswald Barron, of the Temple, London, I am also indebted for some valuable aid in the Prerogative Wills, including the sketch of the arms from the will of Robert Gosnold of Otley in 1573, with which this essay opened.

* Descended from Robert Gosnold of Otley, who died in 1605, the elder brother of Anthony of Grundisborough.













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