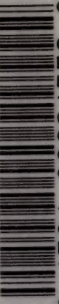


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## PREFACE

IT is the intention of the LINCOLN RECORD SOCIETY to issue a series of volumes containing abstracts of wills relating to the diocese and county of Lincoln. These ancient testamentary documents are of value because they throw much light upon the language, the religious customs and observances, and the manners and social life of our forefathers. Moreover, they are of very great service for genealogical purposes since, in the period prior to the institution of parish registers, they are often the only available source of information relating to families which did not hold land or use armorial bearings; and even when they relate to the same period as extant parish registers, they are no less important to the genealogist, for experience proves that, while it is generally impossible to compile a pedigree from either wills or parish registers alone, it is generally easy to do so when both these classes of records are available.

In 1888 the late Mr. Alfred Gibbons, edited a volume of *Early Lincoln Wills: an abstract of all the wills and administrations recorded in the Episcopal Registers of the old Diocese of Lincoln, 1280-1547*. The volume is full of interest, though some names, and also many details which are important as illustrating ancient manners and customs, have been omitted.

The late Canon A. R. Maddison, F.S.A., in 1888 and 1891, edited two volumes of *Lincolnshire Wills*, A.D. 1500-1600, and A.D. 1600-1617, containing abstracts of wills preserved in the Lincoln District Probate Registry. These volumes give abstracts, generally short, of some 550 wills out of the tens of thousands which are deposited in the Registry. The present work supersedes no more than three or four pages of Canon Maddison's first volume.

The disadvantages attaching to the method of selection are so serious that it has been considered desirable to make this book exhaustive for the period which it covers. Every will, therefore, in the District Probate Registry from 1271, the earliest date, to 1526, has been included, with the exception of the following wills which lie entombed in later volumes in the Registry, and were found too late to be included—

Maucer Marmyon of Ryngesdon [in the parish of Rippingale], esquire, dated 8 November, 1505 (Book 1532-4, folio 40).

James Washyngbourgh of Wyberton, maryner, dated 3 April, 1525 (Book 1520-31, folio 334).

John Warnar of Buknall, dated 6 July, 1526 (Book 1520-31, folio 396d.).

It is probable that a few more wills of the period may be discovered from time to time, and these, together with those just mentioned, will be printed in the next volume of this series. Further, this volume not only contains every will but also deals exhaustively with each one. Nothing has been omitted except that the substance of a document has sometimes been given in a shorter form in, *e.g.*, devises of real estate with various remainders, and in some other cases where there is much verbiage or needless repetition. Further space has been saved by omitting, in most cases, the usual preamble; the commendation of the soul to Almighty God, blessed Mary, and the whole company of Heaven; the words, 'Item, I bequeath', etc.; and the subject matter of many unimportant bequests, as *e.g.* a cow, a ewe, a lamb, a pot or a pan, which recur with a monotonous frequency. The wills, before A.D. 1500 however, have been given in full, and in those from that date to 1510, the compression is very slight indeed. In all the wills special care has been taken to include all names of persons and places, obsolete words, curious or unusual expressions, and also the preambles and commendation clauses, etc., when they depart from the common form. The editor has erred rather on the side of inclusion than on that of exclusion, since it is in the statement of minute details that much of the value of these early wills consists. When the wills of the next period come to be edited it will probably be found possible to use greater compression in many of the documents. The spelling of the original has been carefully followed. The grammar is, in many cases, indefensible, but the sentences are given as they appear in the wills. Many of the words might suggest that there has been an obvious mistake in copying or printing, but it may be said that great pains have been taken to ensure accuracy, and that where a word has been open to suspicion the original has been consulted again. Such words occur too often to admit of *sic* being printed after them.

It would have been possible to have illustrated the text with notes from many sources, but it has been decided to confine the notes to necessary explanations of the text. There are at Lincoln probably no fewer than 40,000 wills prior to the year 1600 and, with this vast mass of material awaiting publication, it has seemed the wiser policy to devote the funds of the Society to the printing of as much as possible of the original documents, and to leave students to make use of the raw material thus provided for them. In two instances of early and exceptional interest the editor must plead guilty to having departed from this decision, and perhaps the length to which the notes have run in those cases may be taken as illustrating the soundness of the general rule.

The books and bundles in the District Probate Registry from which the wills in this volume have been taken are—

Book 1506 etc., the whole of which has been printed.

„ 1520-31	} which contain some wills prior to A.D. 1527.
„ 1543-56	
„ 1545-6, part ii	
„ 1558, part iii	
„ 1566 etc.	
„ labelled VARIOUS	

Bundle labelled LYLE	}	in a portfolio labelled WILLS, 16th	
"   "   PYRN			CENTURY.
"   "   DEAN AND CHAPTER—MISCELLANEOUS WILLS.			

A glossary has been provided with a view to explaining some of the more difficult words and subjects. It may contain little that is new to scholars, but it may, perhaps, be found helpful by those members of the Society who, without being experts, feel a general attachment to antiquities.

Some explanation of the long delay in the appearance of this volume is due to members of the Society. The original arrangement was that the Society's fifth volume should be the ancient Cartulary of the Vicars Choral of Lincoln Cathedral, but Canon Maddison's untimely death made this impossible. It was then decided that the vacancy should be filled with a volume of wills, which was, in its turn, delayed by the long illness of the editor.

The thanks of the Society are due to Mr. Gordon L. Simpson, until lately H.M. Registrar of the Lincoln District Probate Registry, and now district Registrar at York, for the facilities which he willingly gave for access to the wills under his charge; and to the clerks of the Registry, Messrs. Panton and Handley, and especially Mr. Smith, for their invariable courtesy and helpfulness.

In the preparation of the volume the editor has availed himself of help and advice which he wishes thankfully to acknowledge. In the first place, he is very deeply indebted to Miss Rotha Mary Clay who, with a generous sacrifice of leisure, compiled the valuable Subject Index. To Mr. A. Hamilton Thompson, F.S.A., whose wide and accurate knowledge of mediæval literature is well-known, the editor has turned in many doubts and difficulties, and has always received prompt and willing help. The Rev. Andrew Clark, LL.D., has most kindly read the proofs, and given valuable help in connection with some of the entries in the Glossary. Dr. Henry Bradley, one of the editors of the *New English Dictionary*, and the Rev. J. T. Fowler, canon of Durham, have supplied notes about some obscure words. Dr. M. R. James, provost of King's college, Cambridge, and Mr. G. G. Coulton have helped in identifying ancient books. The editor wishes also gratefully to acknowledge the help which he has received throughout the preparation of the work from his clerks, the Misses R. E. and F. E. Thurlby and E. Kettleborough.

C. W. FOSTER.

Timberland,  
17th September, 1914.



# ABBREVIATIONS AND EXPLANATIONS

## GENERAL

Adm. . . . .	Administration
D. & C. <i>misc.</i> . . . .	DEAN AND CHAPTER MISCELLANEOUS WILLS ( <i>see</i> page ix)
<i>Halliwell</i> . . . . .	J. O. Halliwell, <i>A Dictionary of Archaic and Provincial Words</i>
L.R.S. . . . .	<i>Publications of the Lincoln Record Society</i>
N.E.D. . . . .	<i>A New English Dictionary</i>
Reg. . . . .	<i>Episcopal Registers of the Diocese of Lincoln</i>
<i>Subsidy</i> , 1526 . . . . .	<i>Subsidy collected in the Diocese of Lincoln</i> , 1526, ed. Rev. H. Salter
<i>Var.</i> . . . . .	<i>Various</i> ( <i>see</i> page viii)

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In the names of persons and places *italics* have been used when contractions have been extended.

The year of our Lord is given throughout the volume according to the old style, thus following the usage of the original records.

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## OFFICIALS OF THE ECCLESIASTICAL COURTS, BEFORE WHOM THE WILLS WERE PROVED

B.H. . . . .	HIGDON, Brian, LL.D., commissary and official of the archdeaconry of Lincoln
C 1. . . . .	CLIFTON, William, LL.B., commissary and official of the archdeaconry of Lincoln
C 2. . . . .	CLIFTON, William, LL.B., commissary of the archdeaconries of Lincoln and Stow
D. . . . .	DRAYCOTTES, Anthony, doctor of decrees, commissary and official of the archdeaconry of Lincoln
H. . . . .	HALAM, Robert, doctor of decrees, commissary and official of the archdeaconry of Lincoln
P. . . . .	PRYN, John, doctor of decrees, commissary and official of the archdeaconry of Lincoln
R. . . . .	RAYNE, John, doctor of decrees, LL.D., vicar-general of the bishop of Lincoln
S 1. . . . .	SMYTH, William, LL.B., commissary-general of the bishop of Lincoln in the archdeaconry of Lincoln
S 2. . . . .	SMYTH, William, LL.B., commissary and official of the archdeaconry of Lincoln
W 1. . . . .	WITTER, William, doctor of decrees, official of the bishop of Lincoln
W 2. . . . .	WITTER, William, doctor of decrees, commissary and official of the bishop of Lincoln, in the archdeaconry of Lincoln





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# LINCOLN WILLS

A.D. 1271-1526

[HENRY DE COLEBI OF LINCOLN, A.D. 1271.]

[D. & C., MISC., NO. 56.<sup>1</sup> *Translated from the Latin.*]

..... Amen. This is the testament of Henry de Colebi<sup>2</sup> in Lincoln, who, though weak in body, is of good and sound mind, etc. .... knowing and considering that nothing is more certain than death, nothing more uncertain than the hour of death, and not wishing to depart intestate. .... First, he gave and bequeathed his soul to God, and his body to be buried after the manner of the Church (*ecclesiastice*) in the churchyard of the church of the Blessed Mary of Wykeford, his parish church ..... of the same church for his mortuary his best garment. Also he willed and enjoined that his horses, cow (*vacca*), pigs and utensils ..... should be discharged (*acquietarentur*), and the residue of that money, after the payment of his debts, he left to his wife and John his son. Also ..... Also to Thomas makait one sword from Scotland (*de scotia*). Also to John nephew of Roger son of Benedict one sword ..... his silver seal. Also he bequeathed to John his son all his books except the book of bucolics, which he bequeathed to John Bachelor. Also ..... a red carpet which is pledged. Also to Maud Bachelor another red carpet. Also to Juliana his tunic (*tunicam*) of green ..... all his houses, except that in which he lives, shall be sold, and what is received for them ..... for his soul as far as it can be made to extend according ..... The rest of all and singular his moveable goods which are not contained in this schedule, nor bequeathed to any one ..... to pious uses ..... his beloved William de Coleby his brother, Thomas makait of Lincoln, and his wife executors of this his testament. .... Maud de Coleby. .... In the year m. cc. and seventy one ..... of the Blessed Mary, this will was made.

<sup>1</sup> A considerable part of this document has perished.

<sup>2</sup> The testator probably came from Coleby near Lincoln. William de Coleby held a free tenement there in 1257 (*Feet of Fines*, case 131, file 40, no. 45).

[CHRISTIANA, RELICT OF JOHN SON OF WILLIAM DE BENNINGTON,  
A.D. 1283.]

[D. AND C., MISC., NO. 53. *Translated from the Latin.*]

In the Name of the Father and the Son, etc. First I bequeath my soul to God, my Creator, and Blessed Mary, and my body to be buried in the churchyard of Bennington, with the best beast belonging to the house, that is, one horse. Also to the fabric of the mother church of Bennington half a mark. Also to the lamp before the cross *xijd.* Also to the lamp before the altar of St. Mary *xijd.* Also to the lamp of St. 'Nicholay' *vjd.* Also to the lamp of St. Leonard *vjd.* Also to the high altar *iiij s.* for oblations. Also to the work of the chapel of St. Mary *vs.* Also to the chalice of Bennington *xijd.* Also to the bridge of the marsh *xijd.* Also to the bridge of Haya *iiij d.* Also to the high altar of the mother church of Lincoln *xijd.* Also to the work of the same church *xijd.* Also to the Friars Minors of Lincoln half a mark so, nevertheless, that it may be at the disposition of friar Geoffrey Sampson. Also to the Friars Preachers *xijd.* Also to the Friars of the Sack *xijd.* Also to the Friars of Mount Carmel *xijd.* Also to the hospital for the sick (*firmar' hosp'*) at Lincoln *ijs.* Also to the lepers *vjd.* Also to the poor children and orphans of the same hospital *iiij d.* Also to the church of Foston *xijd.* Also to the lamp of the same church *vjd.* Also to the church of Colston *vjd.* Also to the lamp of the same church *vjd.* Also to the church of Westeburg *vjd.* Also to the lamp of the same church *vjd.* Also to the chapel of Dodinton *iiij d.* Also to the fabric of the church of Swelle *iiij d.* Also to the bridge of Graham *iiij d.* Also I bequeath *x* marks to be done in alms on the first day and the seventh day of my decease. Also I bequeath two stones of wax to make tapers [to burn] about my body. Also *xxs.* and *ij* quarters of malt and *j* quarter of wheat (*frumenti*) to be distributed to the poor on my year day. Also to Alice my sister *iiij* sheep and *j* napkin. Also to the children of Thomas the reeve (*prepositi*) *iiij* sheep. Also to the children of John Ryc' *ij* sheep. Also to the children of John the reeve *v* sheep. Also to Emma Albert *j* sheep. Also to the son of Mariora (*Marior'*) at the bridge *j* sheep. Also to Alan Biscop *j* sheep. Also to Walter son of Walter Albert *j* sheep. Also to Hugh son of Geoffrey son of Robert *ij* sheep. Also to the children of William Sampsun *xij* sheep. Also to William de Hoyland and his wife and their children *iiij* sheep. Also to Geoffrey son of Ralph the reeve *iiij* sheep. Also to Ralph de Westburg and his wife *j* sheep. Also to Thomas son of Richard son of Ralph *ij* sheep. Also to Laurence and his wife and their children *x* sheep. Also to Ralph son of William and his children *j* sheep. Also to Richard Husband *j* sheep. Also to Henry Goseling *j* sheep. Also to the daughters of William Sampsun *ij* leaden vessels (*plumba*). Also to Alice his niece *j* leaden vessel. Also to Christiana wife of William de Hoyland *j* napkin and *ij* linen sheets. Also to Alice his niece *j* napkin, *ij* linen sheets, *j* counterpane (*chalon'*), two pillows and *j* towel. Also to Sir G. the chaplain *xviiij d.* Also to Robert the clerk *vjd.* Also I grant out of mere good will to Laurence half the crop (*vesturam*). Also to Lecia my daughter *j* new towel and one carpet. Also to V. Sampsun one great brass pot (*ollam*) and a chaldron (*cacabum*) of metal. Also to Lecia his daughter one mantle (*capam*) of blue, *j* cloak

of burnet, j supertunic of blue, furred. Also to William son of V. Sampsun j chest bound with iron. Also to Robert son of the lady of Bingham iiij sheep. Also to William Sampsun the best table. Also to Christiana wife of William de Hoyland j tunic (*tunicam*) of watchet (*wachet*<sup>1</sup>). Also j cart<sup>1</sup> (*car<sup>o</sup>tamen*) bound with iron to be distributed to the poor. Also iiij marks and a half for one anniversary to be celebrated for a whole year, by the good will of the vicar, that is, once in the week at the chapel of the Blessed Mary. Also to the vicar of Bennington ij linen sheets new of the best. Also to the son of William ij linen sheets and j counterpane (*chalon*<sup>1</sup>). Also to Alice de Colston iiij sheets and one carpet. Also to Christiana de Hoyland j feather-bed (*plumale*). Also to the aforesaid Alice j counterpane (*chalon*<sup>1</sup>). Also to Lecia my daughter ij linen sheets. Also to Walter son of Hugh Hert j sheep. Also to Thomas of the Chamber v ells of linen cloth. Also to William son of William Sampsun iiij ells of linen cloth. Also to the daughters of Alice de Colston all the residue of the linen cloth, the cloth before bequeathed to Agnes and Ysabel [*sic*] excepted. Also to Lecia wife of William Sampsun and Alice de Colston all the utensils belonging to the house both of brass and of wood except those before bequeathed. Also to Christiana wife of William de Hoyland one robe of burnet (*burneto*), which has been in use (*usitatam*). Also to Emma de Dodington j bushel (*bussell*<sup>1</sup>) of grain (*bladi*), half of barley (*ordei*), half of wheat (*frumenti*). Also to Huigg<sup>2</sup> the carter j bushell of grain (*bladi*), half of wheat, half of barley. Also to Felix (*Felic*<sup>1</sup>) Herle half a bushel of grain (*bladi*), half of wheat, half of barley. Also to the wife of V. de Hoyland and Agnes her [*or his*] sister one coverlet (*tegmen*). Also to Nicholas Raum j horse, ij oxen, j cow and xij sheep, but so that those animals may be at the disposition of Laurence until the end of x years. And if there be any residue it shall be distributed amongst the poor of Bennington.

The inventory of the goods of Christiana, relict of John son of William de Bennington, on the day of the Decollation of St. John the Baptist in the year of the Lord m. cc. lxxx three. First, that is, j mare, value vjs. Also ij cows, value xs. Also j rouncy (*runcilus*), value xs. Also ij young oxen, value vjs. Also v pigs, value vs. Also vj score sheep. Also the straw in the yard, value j mark. Also ij quarters of malt, value viijs. Also half of my grain (*bladi*), as well of wheat (*frumenti*) as of barley (*ordei*) and peas; value of each quarter of wheat (*frumenti*) vs.; also value of each quarter of wheat (*frumenti*) [*sic*] of barley (*ordei*) and of peas iijs. viijd.; that is, xj quarters of wheat (*frumenti*), and xv quarters of barley and peas. Also in pennies vij pounds. Also iiij leaden vessels. Also ij napkins. Also ij towels. Also j cart bound with iron. Also j frock (*rochetum*), j shift (*camiseam*), j feather-bed, j 'wymple.' Also xiiij linen sheets. Also vj carpets. Also iiij pillows. Also j chaldron (*cacabum*), j mantle (*capam*), j cloak (*pallium*). Also j super-tunic (*supertunicam*) of blue, furred. Also j chest bound with iron. Also j table. Also j tunic (*tunicam*) of watchet (*wachet*<sup>1</sup>). Also xij ells of linen cloth, j robe of burnet (*burneto*), which has been in

<sup>1</sup> 'Caretamen' is an unusual form, and it is difficult to suggest a more likely rendering than that of the text. The article was evidently intended to be sold and its price distributed. See 7th line from the foot of the page.

<sup>2</sup> or 'Hingg'.

use. Also j brass pot. Also ij small brass pots. Also ij posnets (*pocenet'*). Also ij pans (*patellas*). Also j basin (*pelvim*). Also j laver (*lavaterium*), etc., the utensils between the ij sisters and Alice de Colston and Lecia Sampson.

These are the debtors of the aforesaid Christiana: John Auertauer vs. Also Thomas Rik ijs. Also Ralph de Westeburg vijs. Also Richard Husband iijs. Also Richard Batun iiijs. Also Geoffrey son of Richard de Costal iijs. Also Dyfrig (*D'fr'*) de Herdvike xs. Also John de Hoyland viis. vjd. Also Mariora (*Marior'*) at the bridge xs. ixd. Also Lecia wife of Hugh son of G. daughter of Robert ijs. Also Maud de Scaldeford for a certain pot pledged ijs. Also Geoffrey son of Ralph the reeve iijs. for half a quarter of wheat (*frumenti*). Also Laurence de Sibethorp ijs.

Also iiij cartloads of hay, value viijs. Also iij bushels of wheat (*frumenti*), value iijs. vjd. Also j quarter of barley, value iijs. and vjd. Also xl logs (*ligna*), value ijs. Also flesh in . . . . . (*carn' in vent'*) value ijs. Also iij roods of meadow, value ijs. Also j sheepfold (*oviale*), value xijd.

The sum of all the goods in the inventory .. xxijl. vs. ixd.

The sum of the expenses.. .. . xxjl. xxjd. ob'quad'

And the sum [in the hands of] the executors xxiijs. xjd. quad'

[HENRY BAUNDENEY, THE ILLUMINATOR, OF LINCOLN, A.D. 1296.]

[D. & C., MISC., NO. 54.<sup>1</sup> *Translated from the Latin.*]

In the Name of the Father, the Son and the Holy Ghost. On Thursday the morrow of St. Mark the Evangelist, in the year of the Lord m.cc. and ninety six, I Henry *Illuminator* make my testament in this manner. First I commend my soul into the hands of the Crucified who redeemed me with his precious blood, and my body to be buried in the churchyard of St. Rumwald in Butwerk, and with my body my best garment. Also I bequeath to my daughter Beatrice a certain chest; and to Osb[e]rt my son one ark. Also I bequeath to Beatrice my daughter all my land, with the buildings upon it, which I have and hold of the fee of Thomas de Faxflet for one pound of cummin in the parish of Bouon with all its appurtenances and the easement of the garden as it is contained in the charter of feoffment in length and breadth, saving the moiety of the aforesaid land to Cecily Baundeney my wife for her dower while she shall live. And I will that after the decease of the said Cecily it shall revert wholly to the aforesaid Beatrice my daughter by hereditary right, and by virtue of this testament, well and in peace; rendering to the lord of the fee one pound of cummin for all secular service. Also I bequeath to Beatrice my daughter one selion of land in the fields outside Lincoln towards the black monks, which I bought of Roger de Sutterton, which was formerly of John Fattimouth, rendering to Richard Fattimouth one halfpenny yearly, and saving the dower in respect of the moiety of the said selion to Cecily my wife. Also I bequeath to Henry Baundeney a certain plot (*placeam*) of land in the parish of St. Bouon in length and breadth as it is contained in a charter of feoffment which I have of Robert Oyler and Emma his wife, rendering yearly to the lord

<sup>1</sup> The will has been badly damaged by damp, and the last part has perished.

of the fee one halfpenny at Easter for all secular service. Also I appoint and grant all my principal messuage which I bought of . . . . . Hell' in the parish of St. Runwald, which land was once of Maud Drincalhout, to Cecily [Baun]deney my wife for the whole . . . . . after the death of the said Cecily the said messuage shall revert to the right heir. Also I bequeath to Osbert my son my five houses in . . . . . with their appurtenances to him and his heirs and assigns, saving the dower of Cecily Baundeney my wife. Also I will and grant . . . . . Beatrice my daughter die without an heir, that those lands which are bequeathed to her shall revert wholly to O . . . . . his heirs and assigns, so that Osbert shall be bound to maintain the aforesaid Beatrice if need shall press upon her . . . . . shall revert wholly to Nicol' son of Osbert . . . . .  
*de la Gild Sancti Roberti pro quinque solidis in quibus  
 la Gild. Et ut hec  
 mea donacio et dicti te . . . . .  
 videlicet Osbertum filium meum et Ceciliam . . . . .  
 ta ministrandi.*

[*On the dorse*] This testament was exhibited and proved before the dean of the Christianity of Lincoln, on the Saturday next after the Ascension of the Lord, 1296. Adm. granted to the executors.

[AVICE DE CROSSEBY OF LINCOLN, WIDOW, A.D. 1327.]

[D. & C., MISC., NO. 58.<sup>1</sup> *Translated from the Latin.*]

In the Name of the Father, the Son, and the Holy Ghost, Amen. I Auice, the relict of Adam de Crosseby, formerly citizen of Lincoln, etc., make my testament on Tuesday the morrow of St. Bartholomew the Apostle, in the year of the Lord one thousand, three hundred and twenty-seven. First, I bequeath my soul to Almighty God and Blessed Mary and all Saints, and my body to be buried in the church of St. Cuthbert in Lincoln near the tomb of Adam de Crosseby, formerly my husband; and with my body I bequeath to the said church my best super-tunic (*supertunicam*) in the name of my mortuary. I bequeath to the fabric of the same church half a mark of silver. To the fabric of the mother church of Lincoln two shillings. To the friars of the order of St. Augustin of Lincoln half a mark. To the canons of St. Leonard of Torksey half a mark. To the canons and convent of Barlynges one mark. To the friars Minors, the friars Preachers and the friars Carmelites, Lincoln, xijd. each. To Sir William, parochial chaplain of the church of St. Cuthbert, xijd. To Robert de Mumby, clerk, of the same church, xijd. and one board (*tabulam*) suitable for making wax tapers. To Agnes my niece, wife, that is, of William de Thame in Lincoln, one better brass jar (*ollam*). To Alice wife of William de Hull in Lincoln one robe of cloth mixed of brown colour. To Alice wife of William le Verroure in Lincoln my slashed (*pannet'*) robe, and one brass jar (*ollam*) containing two gallons (*lagenas*). To each of my godchildren in Lincoln vjd. I bequeath xs. to be distributed in bread to the poor of Lincoln on the first day of my burial. To brother Simonde Baumburgh, canon of the house of Barlinges, one pece or goblet (*ciphum*)

<sup>1</sup> The document is a copy of the testament, and there is one tag, but the seal has disappeared.

of silver. To the church of St. Cuthbert aforesaid one carpet of 'Raynes' to cover the bodies of the dead. To Auice daughter of William de Hull aforesaid three ewes. To Alice my niece, wife of John de Broughton in Lincoln, ten shillings. To Alice daughter of Alice de Cotum twenty shillings, one carpet, one feather-bed, and two linen sheets. I bequeath forty shillings to make an assemblage of my friends and neighbours on the first day of my burial. To Sir Robert de Brunne in Lincoln, chaplain, ten shillings. I bequeath one mark to make an assemblage of my friends and neighbours on the seventh day of my burial, and half a mark to be distributed in bread amongst the poor in the city of Lincoln on the same day. To Auice daughter of Isabel de Glenthams two carpets and two linen sheets. To Alice wife of William de Hull aforesaid one stuffed 'Materace.' I bequeath ten pounds of silver to celebrate three anniversaries in the church of St. Cuthbert, Lincoln, for my soul, and the souls of Adam de Crosseby, late my husband, and all the faithful dead. To Isoude my maid one courtepye and one hood of green cloth. To Isabel, mother of the same Isoude, my belt (*cinctorium*) without the appendages. To Magota my maid one blue super-tunic (*supertunicam*) with a hood of the same colour. To Sir Robert de Brunne, chaplain, aforementioned one goblet (*ciphum*) without a foot, which is called 'Nutte.' To Auice daughter of Maud le Verroure in Lincoln one chest without a lock. To Alice wife of Roger de Glenthams, the reeve (*prepositi*), my scarlet hood. To Alice daughter of my sister Aubree one hood of green cloth furred, with one tunic of the same colour. To Aubree my sister my best mazer goblet (*ciphum*). To Aubree de Glenthams, my niece, my best silver buckle with gems. To the wife of William de Northiby of Glenthams, my niece, another middling silver buckle. To a certain widow of Glenthams my old blue tunic. To Maud my laundress (*lotrix*) one carpet of a close texture (*spissum*). To Margaret my maid one carpet and one linen sheet. To Isoude my maid one 'Materace' on which she was wont to lie. To the high altar of St. Cuthbert aforesaid a towel of four ells. To the altar of the Blessed Mary in the same church a towel of three ells. To John de Essex, formerly my servant, one old carpet. I bequeath one very little leaden vessel (*plumbum*) to mend the eaves (*stillicidium*) or gutter of the church of St. Cuthbert. To William de Hull one leaden vessel for the hands containing two tubs (*tynas*). To each of the sons of William de Humberston the younger a silver spoon. To Sir John de Ouneby, chaplain, a silver spoon. To Walter my shepherd *xijd.* To Elen Crippe, formerly my servant, and to her son each a silver spoon. Also I give and bequeath all my tenement situate on the east side of the church of St. Cuthbert in Lincoln together with the garden adjoining and with the buildings and their appurtenances, which tenement lies between the highway on the south side and the tenement of John son of Richard de Burton on the north side, and abuts upon the land of John de Drax, rector of the church of Colyngam towards the east, and the churchyard of St. Cuthbert towards the west, and also two other tenements situate together on the south side of the said church, and lying between the highway towards the north, and the tenement of Gilbert de Humberston towards the south, and the tenement of William de Snartford the elder towards the east, and the tenement of William de Bliton and John de Draz on the west side, with



all their buildings, rights and appurtenances, to be sold for ever [sic] by my executors, after the custom and use of the city of Lincoln, to perform therewith divine offices for my soul and the soul of Adam my late husband and the souls of all the faithful dead. I will that the residue of my goods be at the disposition of my executors to do for my soul and the souls of all the faithful dead in the city of Lincoln as it shall seem expedient to them. I ordain as my executors of this my testament, Sir Robert de Brunne of Lincoln, chaplain, and Hugh le Bower in Lincoln. In witness whereof my seal with the seals of my executors is appended. Dated and signed in my house at Lincoln before witnesses called and specially asked for this purpose, the day and year above-written. And if it happen that any one of the executors aforementioned refuse to undertake the burden of execution, I ordain that Richard Gunne of Lincoln shall be added in his place.

[On the dorse] The present testament was proved before me, the dean of the Christianity of Lincoln, in the church of All Saints, Lincoln, iij Ides September, m.ccc. xxvij, and administration of the goods of the defunct was granted to Sir Robert de Brume [sic], chaplain, and Richard Gunne of Lincoln, the executors, Hugh Bower the co-executor refusing for certain and lawful reasons to undertake the burden of administration. In witness whereof I have to these presents appended the seal of my office.

[On the dorse] The present testament was lawfully proved in respect of the lay fee before William de Bliton, mayor of the city of Lincoln, Hugh de Belyngton and Robert de Bellafago, bailiffs of the said city, and other trusty persons, in full court of the same city, on the Monday next before the feast of the Apostles Simon and Jude, 1 Edward III, according to the custom of the said city; wherefore the said testament was accepted by the court as rightly proved, and the executors were directed to execute it according to the last will of the testatrix, and the custom of the city of Lincoln thus far preserved.

[RICHARD DE WHITEWELL, CANON OF THE CATHEDRAL CHURCH OF LINCOLN, AND PREBENDARY OF EMPINGHAM IN THE SAME, A.D. 1359.<sup>1</sup>]

[1566 &c., 24. Translated from the Latin.]

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First . . . . . [M]ary and all the  
Angels . . . . . of God, [my] body . . . . .  
. . . . . in the church of Lincoln. Also I will have

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<sup>1</sup> The top of the leaf on which the will is written has crumbled away, but the old index at the end of the volume shows that the testator is Richard de Whitewell, a fact which is amply confirmed by the internal evidence. Robert de Whitewell held the manor of Ketton, co. Rutland, in 38 Edward III [A.D. 1364-5] (*Inquisition ad quod Damnum*, file 351, no. 4), and the family probably took its name from Whitwell in the same county, a few miles distant from Empingham. Richard de Whitewell was instituted, when an acolyte, to the rectory of Little Bowden in the archdeaconry of Northampton, 5th January, 1324-5, on the presentation of Laund, a priory of Augustinian canons (*Reg.*, vol. iv, folio 173); this he exchanged for the rectory of Oadby, co. Leicester, a benefice in the same patronage, to which he was admitted 10th April, 1329, being then a priest (*Ibid.*, folio 125d.); he exchanged Oadby for the rectory of Bringhurst in the same county, being instituted 17 July, 1329

twenty-four tapers of wax around my body . . . . .  
 . . . . . that is, to the high altar two, to the altar where the Mass of  
 the Blessed Mary is celebrated two, and to the altar . . . . .  
 . . . . ., to the other altars in the church one, and to the  
 church of St. Mary Magdalene one, and to the church of St. Margaret  
 one. . . . . my executors shall do [for]  
 my burial according to the multitude and number of those who come  
 together, so that . . . . . wishing to  
 come and all the ministers of the church and others outside . . . .  
 . . . . may be received honestly according to their estate, and  
 . . . . they may have abundance. And  
 my executors shall make provision in the town in respect of victuals  
 which . . . . . to be kept for us by any  
 means beyond one night . . . . . Also I bequeath  
 xls. to be distributed among the poor of the parish of . . . . .  
 . . . . . Also to the reparation of the houses and vestments x marks,  
 provided that my successor shall not ask or demand more for . . . . .  
 . . . . . xls. to be distributed among the  
 poor of the parish of Swalclyf, and for the repairing of the houses and  
 vestments there . . . . . my successor shall not  
 demand more for dilapidations (*defectibus*). Also I bequeath xxs. to  
 be distributed among the poor of the parish of bryng[hurst] . . . .  
 . . . . . Also I bequeath xiijs. iiij*d.* to be distributed among  
 the poor of the parish of Little [*blank*]. Also I bequeath xiijs. iiij*d.* to be  
 distributed . . . . . of Oudeby near Leicester.  
 Also I bequeath to be distributed among the poor of the parish of Haynton  
 xs. Also among the poor of the parish of . . . . .  
 And among the poor of the parish of Scredyngton xs. And among the  
 poor of the parishes of Hameldon and braunston xxs. Also I bequeath  
 to the vicars [choral] of either form xxs. Also to the poor clerks xs.  
 Also to the choristers vjs. Also to the canons' chaplains and others  
 carrying (*portantibus*) [wands? (*cp.* p. 13, l. 7)] in the church xs. Also to  
 the ringers of the peal of bells (*classicum*) x*ld.* Also to every order of  
 friars of Lincoln xxs. Also to the friars . . . . .  
 Minors xs. Also to the poor of the hospital of St. Katherine without  
 Lincoln vjs. viii*d.* Also to every deacon (*diaconit'*) of Lincoln xs.  
 To the [prioress] and convent of Staynffeld xls. Also to the prioress

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(*Ibid.*, folio 126); and Bringhurst he exchanged for the rectory of Swalcliffe, co. Oxford, to which he was instituted 5th June, 1333 (*Ibid.*, folio 266), and which he held until his death (*Reg.*, vol. ix, folio 225*d.*). On 20th December, 1340, he received a grant of the prebend of Empingham in the church of St. Mary, Lincoln, which was in the king's gift by reason of the voidance of the see of Lincoln, and a mandate was issued in pursuance to the dean and chapter there. In this grant he is described as king's clerk (*Calendar of Patent Rolls*, 1340-1343, page 82). On 20th February, 1344-5, Richard de Whitewell paid a fine of five marks for a licence to alienate in mortmain two messuages and two virgates and a half of land in Great Hameldon, Little Hameldon, and Whitewell, co. Rutland, to a chaplain to celebrate divine service daily in the church of Whitewell for the good estate of Richard himself, and for his soul when he died, and for the souls of his father and mother (*Ibid.*, 1343-1345, page 431). On 1st July, 1348, Master Simon de Islep, king's clerk, canon of Lincoln, William de Sculthorp, parson of the church of Westerkele, and Richard de Whitewell, after an inquisition *ad quod damnum*, obtained a licence in mortmain to assign to the dean and chapter of Lincoln 20s. of rent in Navenby, not held in

and convent of Goukewell xxs. Also to the prioress and convent of . . . . . xxs. Also to the prioress and convent of St. Michael without Stamford xxs. Also I bequeath to Gilbert Cullul and his wife cs. Also I bequeath to . . . . . Whitwell and his wife v marks. And to Ralph brys and his wife v marks. Also I bequeath to William son of Elias de Whitewell and his children . . . . . Also to the prior and convent of Markeby for the building of the bell-tower v marks. Also to the wife of John de Casterton xxs. Also I bequeath to John de . . . . . v marks. And to John of the Kitchen (*Coquina*) ij marks in which he is bound to me. Also to John of the Stable (*Stabulo*) xxs. Also to John de Merston xxs. Also to W . . . . . Brys xls. And to Nicholas brys xls. To Sir William de Wyssendon ls. for his stipend. Also I bequeath to William de Scamlesby, late reeve (*preposito*) of Normanby, xls. Also to John Proche of Folkyngham xls. Also to John Epwell ij marks in which he is bound to me for one breviary. Also I remit to the rector of Rasen his bond. And to Walter Hardsische his judgement (*statutum*). To William Curteys his bond. To the heirs of Thomas Ally their judgement (*statutum*). Also I remit to the lady Margaret Comyn and to the executors of Sir Thomas Comyn all the bonds made to me, provided that they raise no dispute or contention against my executors. Also I bequeath to Sir John de Welburn the treasurer<sup>2</sup>, my little breviary of the use of Lincoln. Also I bequeath to the executors of Master William de Oxonia xls. to distribute for the soul of the said Master William. Also to each of my men-servants and women-servants in my manors one quarter of barley or of maslin (*mixtilionis*) beyond their wages. To Master John de Carlton, rector of the church of Sutton, my tapestry of 'Jesse' (*aulam meam de Jesse*), that is, one dossal (*dosser*) with costers (*Costis*). Also I bequeath to little Alan of Empyngnam xs. Also I bequeath to Henry the brewer (*braciatori*) xs. And to Walter the cook (*coco*) xs. Also I bequeath to William the Chamberlain (*Camerario*) xxs. ; also his stipend. Also I bequeath to John my brother and his wife cs. Also to Master Galfron' the Mason (*Sementarius*) for two white stones xxs. Also I bequeath to the fabric of Lincoln v marks. Also I bequeath to John de Seutho one bed, also I bequeath to William brys one bed, suitable to their estate in the opinion of my executors. Moreover, I will that the great altar in my Chapel, which I had borrowed (*ex Mutuo*) be delivered

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chief, towards the sustenance of two chaplains to celebrate divine service daily in the cathedral church of Lincoln for the good estate of the grantors in life and when they were dead, and for the soul of Master Hugh de Walmesford (*Ibid.*, 1348-1350, page 112). Walmesford, who was prebendary of Buckden, died about 1344, and Islip and Whitewell, and William de Kele, who is, no doubt, identical with William de Sculthorp, were the executors of his will. Islep and Whitewell were among the beneficiaries of the prayers of two chantry priests whom Walmesford endowed to celebrate divine service in Lincoln cathedral (*Ibid.*, 1345-1348, page 24). In 1347, on 13th June, Whitewell, on the request of Henry earl of Lancaster and other magnates attending him and bearing witness and laudable testimony concerning him, received the king's pardon for an alleged offence in carrying a suit to a foreign court (*Ibid.*, pages 541, 542). On 1st August, 1350, he received from the king a grant of protection and safe conduct on going beyond the seas with some members of his household and four horses (*Ibid.*, 1348-1350, page 560).

<sup>2</sup> He was treasurer of the cathedral church of Lincoln 1351-81 (Le Neve, *Fasti*, ed. Hardy, vol. ii, page 88).

to the altar in the greater church where Mass of the Blessed Mary is celebrated. And I will that my chantry of Whitewell shall have my own great super-altar which lies in my little chapel. Also I bequeath to Richard son of the late Sir Richard de Waldegraue, knight, the whole of the money in which he is bound to me for his marriage. Also I bequeath to Reginald Curteys xls. for his labour. Also I bequeath to each of my executors who takes upon himself the administration of my testament, for his labour, vj marks, so nevertheless that every one who refuses or does not take up the burden of administration of the testament shall go without his legacy. Also I will that my executors shall pay to Agnes Parsonn v marks for the messuage and lands bought from her for my chantry in Whitewell. Also I bequeath cs. *ad emendum oi'm lapidem* [blank] *pro terre* [sic] of Master Henry de la Dale \* formerly canon of Lincoln. Also to John de Wellyngham, reeve (*preposito*) of Normanby, xxs. Also I bequeath to William Erl xiijs. iiij*d.* And I will that my executors have my chest in the treasury hitherto locked with two keys of different patterns, of which the one shall be in the charge of Sir Hugh de betonia, rector of the church of Netilton, and the other in the charge of Sir Thomas palmer and John Baker ; and in that chest shall be placed all the money to be raised in respect of my goods without abatement for the sake of exchange or otherwise, to be kept in order that, when opportunity offers, they may have it ready in the said chest for buying possessions for chantries and other works of piety to be done for my soul ; and I will that in respect of the making of my chantries the one shall be a perpetual chantry of the Blessed Mary for my soul in the prebendal church of Empyngham, and the other a chantry of the Blessed Mary in my church of Swaltelyff, if it can conveniently be done. Also I bequeath to John Louereys xls. sterling to be received yearly of the rents of Normanby by the hands of my aforesaid executors for the term of the lady Margaret Comyn's life. Also I bequeath to William brys xiijs. iiij*d.* to be received yearly of the rents of Normanby of the hands of my executors as long as the lady Margaret and Sir William shall live. Also I bequeath to John de Southo xiijs. iiij*d.* to be received yearly of the farm of Normanby for the term of the life of the said lady Margaret and her [husband.†] Also I bequeath to William de Salteletby [sic] xxvjs. viij*d.* to be received yearly of the farm of Normanby, until he come to the age of xxiiij years, in order that he may be able to be ordained to the priesthood, so that in the meantime he may stay at the schools. Also I bequeath to Richard Elys xxv[j]s. viij*d.* to be received yearly of the rents of Normanby, until he come to the age of xxiiij years, in the same way as William de Salfetby. Also I will that if Richard Elys or William de Salfetby [folio 24*d.*] absent themselves from the schools in any year, they shall go without the legacy for that year and for the whole time of their absence. Also I bequeath to the prioress and convent of Rothwell near pywell xxs. Also I bequeath to the prioress and convent of Heyning xxs. Also I bequeath to the prioress and convent of Lekeburn xxs. Also I bequeath to the prioress and convent of Grenefeld xxs. Also I bequeath to Agnes wife of William Geue xxs. Also to the wife of Richard Tredeley xiijs. iiij*d.* And then I will that

\* Prebendary of Dunholme circa 1342. (Le Neve, *op. cit.*, vol. ii, page 144).

† This word seems to have been omitted.

with the whole residue of all my goods, together with xx*l.* sterling yearly of the rent of xl marks of Normanby, due to me from the dean and chapter of the church of Lincoln for the term of the life of the lady Margaret Comy [*sic*], new acquisitions of lands and rents be made by my executors as often as opportunity offers; and when the acquisitions shall have been made, I will that the whole sum of money together with the money remaining from my rents which have already been acquired for my chantries, beyond the yearly charges expressed in the ordination of the chantries for ever, shall be distributed on the day of my obit (*obitus*), or as soon as conveniently may be, among the poor of my family (*de parentela mea*), if any there be, and among poor nuns and other poor mendicants, according to the discretion of my Chaplains after the death of all my executors, for my soul and the souls of my parents, friends and benefactors, by the oversight of the clerk of the commons; this being always excepted, that if perchance the rents assigned in the first foundation of my chantries in the church of Lincoln for the maintenance of all things contained in the ordination of those two chantries shall in any respect decrease so that they cannot fully support the charges, then I will that the amount of the decrease of the first rents shall be taken out of the rents acquired by me and my executors, as is premised, or to be acquired, in order to fulfil the charges, until the aforesaid old rents shall have recovered (*respiraverint*). And I will that if any one or more of my executors shall be of a contrary opinion to his or their co-executors in making distributions or in acquiring possessions or in any other matter touching the said testament and not expressed in the same, then the advice of my lord John de Welburn the Treasurer shall be obtained. And for the execution and performance of this testament I make, ordain and constitute as my executors Sir Hugh de betonia aforesaid, Master John braunspache, Sir Thomas Palmere, rector of Blaunkneye, Sir John Staple, rector of the church of St. Mary Magdalene, and John baker. In witness whereof my seal is affixed to the presents. And because to many people my seal is unknown, I have arranged that the seal of the venerable chapter of the church of Lincoln shall be affixed. And we the aforesaid chapter at the request of the said Sir Richard have caused our seal to be affixed to these presents. Dated at Lincoln, on the Wednesday<sup>s</sup> next before the feast of St. Lucy the Virgin, in the year of the Lord a thousand three hundred and fifty ix.

[*No probate act.*]

[GEOFFREY LE SCROPE, CANON OF LINCOLN, A.D. 1382.]

[D. & C., MISC., NO. 55. *Translated from the Latin.*]

[*On the dorse*] THE TESTAMENT OF GEOFFREY LE SCROPP, CANON OF THE CATHEDRAL CHURCH OF THE BLESSED MARY OF LINCOLN.<sup>1</sup>

In the name of God, Amen. I Geoffrey lescropp', canon of the cathedral church of the Blessed Mary of Lincoln, on the vijth of the

<sup>s</sup>*i.e.*, 11th December.

<sup>1</sup> The testator, 'cunctis cognomine notus,' belonged to the famous Yorkshire family of Scrope, being the fifth son of Sir Geoffrey le Scrope (died 1340) of Masham in Richmondshire, chief justice of the king's bench, by his first wife Ivetta, probably daughter of Sir William de Ros of Ingmanthorpe, near Wetherby, co. York.

kalends of February, namely, the day of the Conversion of Paul the Apostle, in my lodging within the close of the church of Lincoln, in the year of the Lord one thousand ccc and eighty-two, make my testament in this manner: First, I bequeath my soul to God and Blessed Mary and all His saints, and my body to be buried in the church of Lincoln, near my sister, under the bell-tower, but so that my body may not by any means be kept above ground beyond the space of three days, in which I leave the matter of food to the judgement of my executors. I do not wish them, however, to exceed the measure. Also I will that two tapers of xx pounds weight of wax shall then be burnt about my body and, at the end of mass, shall be placed on the right and left of the high altar to be burnt according to the disposition of the warden of the said altar. Also xx torches of the length of xij feet by the ell, of which ij shall remain to the high altar, and ij to the altar where mass of the Blessed Mary is celebrated in honour of *Corpus Christi*, and j to every altar in the church. Also five marks for distribution amongst the poor lying in

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Geoffrey, the testator, was a lawyer and ecclesiastic, and is said to have been LL.B., probably of Oxford (*Dict. Nat. Biog.*, art. *Sir Geoffrey le Scrope*). He held many ecclesiastical preferments. On 6th February, 1334-5, at York, Geoffrey, son of Sir Geoffrey Lescrop', knight, was collated to a canonry in Lincoln cathedral, and to the prebend of Haydor *cum* Walton in the same (mandate to induct, 11th February), on the death of Geoffrey called Godhyue of Marlebergh (*Reg.* iv, folio 410d.), who had previously, on 2nd October, 1334, exchanged the wardenship of the free chapel in the castle at Marlborough for this prebend with Pigellus de Manetti (*Ibid.*, folio 409d.-410). Le Neve (*Fasti*, ed. Hardy, vol. ii, page 155), seems to be mistaken in saying that Godhyue exchanged the prebend for the wardenship. On 24th February, 1334-5, it was ordered that the next vacant stall at York should be conferred on Geoffrey le Scrope, clerk (*Reg. Melton at York*, folio 112d.). On 9th January, 1337-8, he was collated to the prebend of Portpool in St. Paul's cathedral, London (Hennessy, *Novum Repertorium*, page 45). On 7th April, 1340, he was presented to the church of Bolton Percy in the diocese of York, which was in the king's gift by reason of the voidance of the archbishopric of York, and on the same day a like presentation was granted to John Pulhore, chaplain (*Calendar of Patent Rolls*, 1338-40, page 447). Pulhore held the benefice from 1340 to 1345, and Geoffrey was never instituted to it.

On the 2nd of August following, Master Geoffrey Lescrope, king's clerk, received a grant of the prebend of 'Apelthorpe' in the church of St. Peter, York, which was also in the king's gift for the same reason (*Ibid.*, 1340-43, page 19). Le Neve (*op. cit.*, vol. iii, page 166) says that he was collated to the prebend 3rd November, 1346, but this is probably a mistake, for the collation does not appear in Archbishop Zouche's Register.

On 28th September, 1340, Mr. Geoffrey le Scrope, prebendary at Auckland, and William de Hoo, canon in the church of St. Martin-le-Grand, London, were meditating an exchange, and the bishop of Durham ordered the matter to be enquired into (*Reg. Bury at Durham*, folio 326). On 23rd September, 1346, Scrope was ordained deacon by the bishop of Durham, on letters dimissory from the bishop of Lichfield, his church of Solihull giving him a title (*Reg. Hatfield at Durham*, folio 94). For the particulars from the York and Durham Registers I am indebted to *Testamenta Eboracensia*, ed. Raine (Surtees Society), vol. iii, page 34n. He also held the chapel of West Witton, about ten miles distant from Masham (*Scrope and Grosvenor Roll*, vol. ii, page 110). On 7th April, 1365, on the presentation of the attorney of his brother, Sir Henry le Scrope, he was instituted to the rectory of Great Bowden, co. Leicester, in the person of Lambert de Irnham, his proctor (*Reg.*, vol. x, folio 234d.), in which, 20th December, 1378, he was succeeded by his nephew, Master Richard le Scrop', the future archbishop of York (*Ibid.*, folio 270d.). Finally, on 8th January, 1378-9, he was instituted to the rectory of Frampton, co. Lincoln, on the presentation of Sir Stephen le Scrop', knight (*Ibid.*, folio 93), and held it until his death (*Ibid.*, folio 123d.).

houses and other inferior (*mediocrum*) and feeble persons, and to other poor people as shall seem good to the executors. Also to every canon residing and present at my funeral vjs. viiij*d.*, and ijs. beyond this to every one celebrating mass. Also to the warden of the altar of St. Peter vjs. viiij*d.* Also to every vicar ijs. iiiij*d.* Also to every chaplain wearing a habit ijs. Also to every poor clerk ijs. Also to every chorister xij*d.* Also to every one present carrying a wand xij*d.* Also to the ringers ministering with the same vjs. viiij*d.* Also I will that one silver-gilt image of the most high Trinity be wrought at my expense and placed in the midst of the high altar in the top-most niche. Also to the fabric of the cathedral church of Lincoln five marks. Also to the same church my white silk cope with an 'orfray' of blue velvet with the likenesses of the apostles inwoven in gold. Also I bequeath to the altar where mass of the Blessed Mary is celebrated one red chasuble with a great 'orfray' of gold, with two tunicles and dalmatics to the same chasuble belonging. Also I will that there be placed in the custody of the vice-chancellor and

Scrope appears several times in the patent rolls in conveyances of land for the benefit of Lincoln cathedral. Thus, on 16th October, 1363, he and others had a licence to alienate in mortmain to the dean and chapter certain premises in the city and suburb of Lincoln and in Burton by Lincoln, in aid of the sustenance of certain chantries (*Calendar of Patent Rolls*, 1361-4, page 397). Again, on 24th October, 1378, the dean and chapter received a licence for a similar alienation of property in the city and suburb of Lincoln by Master Geoffrey Lescrope and Agnes late wife of Thomas Caus, knight, for the performance by the dean and chapter of certain works of piety in accordance with the ordinance of the said Master Geoffrey and Agnes (*Ibid.*, 1377-81, page 279); and, on 10th June, 1380, the dean and chapter obtained another licence for the alienation to them in mortmain by Scrope and another of 26*s.* 8*d.* rent due to Scrope and others from Robert Douce of Wolyngham for a messuage and land in Wolyngham, which he held for life, and the reversion of the premises after his death (*Ibid.*, page 499). Once more, John de Welbourne, clerk, and Master Geoffrey Lescrope, on 20th February, 1379-80, had a licence to alienate in mortmain the advowson of the church of Irby by Braytoft, not held in chief, to John de Warsop, master of the choristers of St. Mary's cathedral, Lincoln, and the commonalty of those choristers, in aid of their maintenance (*Ibid.*, page 438).

Scrope died between the 25th and the 31st of January, 1382-3, and was buried in Lincoln cathedral under the bell-tower, as he directed in his will. The word 'Stanfordie' in his epitaph is probably a copyist's mistake for 'Lincolnie.' Perhaps Beatrice Lutterell (see page 16, note 16), who was commemorated with him at Haydor, was the sister near whom he wished to be buried. In 1641, Bishop Sanderson found 'near the choir door [of the cathedral], under the lanthorn, on a marble, this circumscribed on brass'—

1. G. SCROPE LEGISTA	JACET HIC SUB MARMORE CISTA,
2. QUEM, QUASI BALISTA,	FERIT MORS FLEBILIS ISTA.
FELIX GALFRIDUS,	FACTIS ET SEMINE FIDUS,
SEX TIBI NUNC IDUS,	DUM . . . . .
3. CHRISTO DEVOTUS,	CUNCTIS COGNOMINE NOTUS.
4. SI LEVITER MOTUS,	FUIT IN LACHRYMIS HOMO TOTUS
POST C. TER MILLE	SIMUL OCTOGIES RUIT ILLE ;
DORMIT TRANQUILLE,	LOCUS EST STANFORDIE VILLE.

The inscription is reprinted from Peck, *Desiderata Curiosa* (page 308), in *Lincoln Cathedral: an exact copy of all the ancient monumental inscriptions there, as they stood in 1641* (Simpkin, Marshall and Co., 1851, page 20). Browne Willis gives a copy of the epitaph in his *Survey of Cathedrals* (page 189), with 'femine' for 'semine,' 'Nidus' for 'Idus,' 'et leniter Matris' for 'Si leviter motus,' and 'Lincolnia' for 'Stanfordie.' For the end of the fourth line 'cassum'st lumine sidus' and 'fit tumulus tibi nidus' have been suggested by the Dean of Lincoln and the Archdeacon of Lincoln respectively.

succentor L marks, and therewith my obit be done as long as it shall last, as it is done in the obit of Master John Stretlay, dean of the same church. Also I bequeath to the vicars dwelling in Boungarth <sup>2</sup> xx marks, to be placed with the money given to them by Sir Henry de Edenstowe and Master William de Burton, and to be expended and kept in the same way. Also I give to the vicars of the second form living together x marks in order that there may be done therewith in all things as it has been ordained above for the superior vicars in respect of the money given to them by Sir Henry de Edenstowe and Master William de Burton; and they shall be brought to the vice-chancellor and the succentor, and shall be kept by them as a provision for the future. Also I bequeath to my two chaplains, that is, Sir Hugh Bussy and Sir John Vaux of Quadryng, cs. each every year to celebrate for v years for my soul and the souls of all my benefactors, and especially of John de Fandon and Sir Lambert de Irnham. Also I bequeath to the church of Boudon to the use of the high altar my greater chalice with leaves on its foot. Also my best corporas. Also to the church of the Blessed Mary in Little Boudon in the fields my white vestment with all its equipment (*apparatu*). Also I bequeath to the chapel of Herbergh one orphray [of cloth] of Cologne (*de colonia*) for one cope because they say that they have a vestment (*pannum*) of silk. Also I bequeath to the church of the Blessed Mary of Oxford my best whole vestment of gold with 'orphrays' of red velvet embroidered with golden lilies with all its equipment. Also one amice of red velvet embroidered with three **M**'s in entire letters <sup>3</sup> to put on with the cope of the vestment aforesaid (*unam amitam de rubeo velueto broudutam cum tribus M literis integris ad induendam cum capa vestimenti supradicti*). Also I bequeath to the hall of Balliol <sup>xxl.</sup> of good money in order that necessary books for the said house may be bought therewith and applied to the perpetual uses of the fellows living there. Also I bequeath to the abbot and convent of Chouerham <sup>4</sup> x marks. Also I bequeath to the house of Beauvale (*Bellivallo*) my best chalice with great silver cruets (*fiolis*) and xls. for a pittance on the day on which they shall cause a commemoration for my soul to be celebrated among them. Also I bequeath to the house of Haynton of the same order <sup>5</sup> xls.

In Gervase Holles' time (A.D. 1634-1642) there was the following inscription:—  
in one of the north windows of Haydor church—

ORATE PRO ANIMA GALFRIDI LE SCROP, PREBENDARII HUIUS ECCLESIE,  
ET PRO ANIMA BEATRICIS LEOUTHRELL SORORIS EJUS. HIC GALFRIDUS  
FUIT CANONICUS ECCLESIE BEATÆ MARIE LINCOLNIENSIS.  
Anno 6<sup>o</sup> R.2.

(*Lincoln Record Society*, vol. i, page 209).

<sup>2</sup> Boungarth, where the senior vicars choral lived, seems to have been the western part of the present Vicars' Court, next the bishop's palace at Lincoln. The vicars were divided into two classes, those who were in priest's orders, called vicars of the first form or senior vicars, and those who were deacons, sub-deacons or acolytes, called vicars of the second form or junior vicars.

<sup>3</sup> 'M' stands for 'Maria.' It seems that the amice was to be adorned with three embroidered **M**'s, which were worked entire, and then sewn on to the red velvet ground.

<sup>4</sup> The Premonstratensian abbey of Coverham, near Masham, in Richmondshire, was the burial-place of the testator's father.

<sup>5</sup> *I.e.* the Carthusian order.



Also to the house of **Witham** of the same order xls. Also to the house of London of the same order xls. Also to the house of Hull of the same order xls. Also I bequeath to every order of mendicant friars dwelling in the city of Lincoln xxs. Also I bequeath to four houses of nuns, that is, to Irford, Gaukewell, Heynenges, and Fosse, to each house v marks. Also I bequeath to brother William de Hebden xls. Also I bequeath to Sir William, parish chaplain of Boudon, xls. Also I bequeath for distribution among the poor of that parish of Little Boudon and Herbergh according to the appointment of Sir William aforesaid xls. Also I bequeath to my church of Frampton my cross of silver-gilt set with stones, to be kept as shall seem best to the chaplains governing the church. Also I bequeath to the church of Haydour my everyday chalice. Also I bequeath to the church of St. Margaret within the close of Lincoln my embroidered (*stragulatam*) vestment of gold and velvet with the whole equipment. Also to the church of Apulthorpp an alb and an amice with apparels (*paruris*) with a stole and maniple (*fanone*) stitched together (*consutas*) of silk with divers arms, and that there may be bought one chasuble, as I have appointed for my own chapel, and handed over to the same church of Apulthorpp. Also I bequeath to my brother Sir Henry<sup>6</sup> my best silver cup (*cupam*) with an ewer gilt of the same set. To the lady Joan his consort my second best cup. To Sir Stephen le Scropp<sup>7</sup> my third best cup inwrought (*incertam*) with roses, and gilt. Also I bequeath to the same and to Maud his consort twelve silver dishes which I bought of the executors of the lord de Huntyngheld. Also I bequeath to Sir John le Scropp<sup>8</sup> vj godets (*goddetis*) inclosed within a seventh with a cover. Also I bequeath to Sir Richard le Scropp<sup>9</sup> my breviary according to the use of York which he has at his house. Also I bequeath to the gild of *Corpus Christi* my girdle (*certum*) of velvet with 'perles,' and xxs. Also I bequeath to John Petre one goblet (*ciphum*) called 'nut' with a cover and foot gilt. Also I bequeath to Sir Robert de Plumton and the lady Isabel<sup>10</sup> his consort two peces with covers inclosed

<sup>6</sup> He was the first baron Scrope of Masham, and died 31st July, 1391. His wife's parentage is unknown.

<sup>7</sup> He was nephew to the testator, being the third son of Henry first baron Scrope of Masham, and he succeeded as second baron in 1391. He was born *circa* 1345, and died 25th January, 1405-6. He married Margery daughter of John fourth baron Welles, and widow of John baron Huntingfield; and she survived him. Her name is given in the will as Maud, but this is probably a mistake, for the bequest of the twelve silver dishes with the Huntingfield arms is against the supposition that Maud is an earlier and hitherto unknown wife of Stephen. It is interesting to notice that Stephen, in his will, bequeaths to Margery his wife "xij silver dishes with the arms of Huntyngheld, which Master Geoffrey, my paternal uncle, bequeathed to me; and, because they have been cracked while in my use, therefore I bequeath to the same [Margery] xij silver dishes with my own arms, with vj 'charjours' of one set, etc." (*Testamenta Eboracensia* (Surtees Society), ed. Raine, vol. iii, page 34).

<sup>8</sup> He was the youngest son of the first baron Scrope of Masham, and nephew to the testator.

<sup>9</sup> This may be the testator's first cousin, the first baron Scrope of Bolton, who died in 1403.

<sup>10</sup> The testator's niece Isabel, daughter of the first baron Scrope of Masham, was the first wife of Sir Robert Plumpton of Plumpton, co. York. Their son, Sir William Plumpton, was executed with his uncle, archbishop Scrope (*see below*, page 16, note 13).

in one boiled skin. To Sir Henry Fitz Hugh<sup>11</sup> one pair of enamelled (*aimelitarum*) tablets which I had from the archdeacon<sup>12</sup>. Also I bequeath to Master Richard le Scropp<sup>13</sup> *ostiensem in lectura* which he has in his possession, and my book of Berenger (*Beringarium*). Also I bequeath to Master Henry Gategang my great ring with a great peridot (*peridot'*), and my great goblet called 'Boll' with the arms of the lord my brother<sup>14</sup> on the top of the cover. Also I bequeath to Peter de Halton, rector of the church of Claypole, a round pece with a cover, which belonged to Master John de Kellesey. Also I bequeath to John de Apulthorp x marks and my best horse, the one which he likes to choose. Also I remit to William his brother the whole sum (*solidum*) due to me. Also I bequeath to William de Plumpton one pair of 'plates' covered with red velvet, and the best helmet (*cassem*) with the best aventail (*eventali*). Also to John Bawtre a small book which begins with the rubric, '*Cum cubas dicas, etc.*'<sup>15</sup> and v marks. Also to Walter Warner xxs. Also to Sir John Burgh, chaplain, my breviary of the use of Sarum with notation (*notatum*), so that after his death it may remain to the prior and convent of the house of Kirkeby for the souls of my sisters of Luterell and Hotham<sup>16</sup> and my soul for ever. Also to Sir Robert a

<sup>11</sup> Joan, another daughter of the first baron Scrope of Masham, married Henry baron Fitz Hugh of Ravensworth. She was probably dead in 1382-3, since she is not mentioned in the will.

<sup>12</sup> So far as can be ascertained, no member of the Scrope family was an archdeacon at or prior to the date of the will. Probably Richard de Ravenser, archdeacon of Lincoln 1368-1386, is intended, since Scrope was more closely connected with Lincoln than with any other diocese, and his will was dated at his lodging at Lincoln. Scrope and Ravenser had a common interest in that they were both Yorkshire men by family, and both canons of York. The tablets were probably plaques of Limoges enamel.

<sup>13</sup> He was the fourth son of Henry first baron Scrope of Masham, and, therefore, nephew to the testator. In 1386 he became bishop of Coventry and Lichfield, and was translated to York in 1398. Taking up arms against king Henry IV, he was found guilty of treason and was executed, 8th June, 1405, together with his nephew, Sir William Plumpton, and Thomas de Mowbray, the earl marshal.

The first of the two books bequeathed to Richard is the *Lectura in quinque Decretalium Gregorianorum Libros* of Henry of Susa (*de Segusia*), cardinal bishop of Ostia, one of the greatest medieval canonists, who died in 1271. His best-known work was his *Summa*. It is not unlikely that the book bequeathed to Richard le Scrope may, on his death, have passed to his nephew, Stephen le Scrope, archdeacon of Richmond, who was very closely associated with him; for Stephen, in his will, dated 24th August, 1418, leaves to Master William Alnewyk [afterwards bishop of Norwich, and, later, bishop of Lincoln] *Hostiensem in Lectura* with other books for the term of his life. After Alnewyk's death the books were to remain to the church of St. Peter, York (*Testamenta Eboracensia* (Surtees Society), ed. Raine, vol. i, pages 388-9).

The second book is a work of Berenger of Tours, a famous theologian, who died in 1008. For the identification of these volumes I am indebted to Mr. G. G. Coulton.

<sup>14</sup> Henry first baron Scrope of Masham.

<sup>15</sup> I have been unable to identify this book. Dr. M. R. James, provost of King's College, Cambridge, thinks that it must have been a book of miscellaneous devotions, since he cannot find any *treatise* beginning with this *incipit*.

<sup>16</sup> Beatrix, one of the sisters of the testator, married Sir Andrew Lutterell, of Irnham, co. Lincoln, and was commemorated in an inscription in Haydor church (see page 14, note 1). Another sister, Constance, married Sir Geoffery Lutterell; and the third sister, Ivetta, married Sir John de Hothum, *le Fitz* of Bonby, co. Lincoln, who died without issue, in 1351, in the life-time of his father, Sir John de Hothum of Bonby. Kirkeby is the Augustinian priory of Kirby Belers in Leicestershire.

black mazer goblet from which I am accustomed to drink. Also to the same one pece with a cover with three acorns. To Sir Robert de Preston two books which he has in his possession, namely, *Sextus* and *Clement*, with several glosses. Also to Sir John de Felizkirk one goblet (*goddet'*) of silver with a cover having the word *Y* written [on it]. Also to the same a little book called *Forma fratris monardi de casibz.*<sup>17</sup> Also to John Harpham my belt of green silk, one quarter of corn, two quarters of malt, half a salted ox and one young pig, or he shall choose two little ones salted. Also I bequeath to the poor clerks, as is bequeathed above to John Harpham except the girdle. Also I bequeath to the choristers after the same manner, and a good jar with a certain sufficient pan as shall seem good to my executors. Also I bequeath to Alice de Spridlynton one gold buckle, with j pair of 'auez' of 'corall' with white 'gaudez.' Also I remit to Thomas her husband and herself v marks of their debt, while the residue of the debt shall be faithfully paid to my executors. Also I bequeath to Sir John Vaux, chaplain, xxs. Also I bequeath to Thomas my chamberlain my Norfolk bed [worked] with birds, with carpets and 'banquers,' and a blue coverlet with birds without a carpet, with a cillour, curtains, and j pair of sheets, 'blanketz,' 'canuaz,' and other daily necessaries lying in the chamber, and v marks of silver, and one horse as my executors shall see fit, with ix 'cussynez.' Also I bequeath to William the cook the great pot which Harpham gave me, and one jar according to the disposition of the executors, and viij marks of silver. Also to William the miller xls. Also to Maurice of the kitchen and Robert Balme of the bakery xxs. each if they are in office with me at the time of my death. Also I bequeath to Thomas of the stable xiijs. iiij*d.* Also to Thomas Lillyng xiijs. iiij*d.* Also I bequeath to John the page (*garcioni*)<sup>18</sup> of the kitchen vjs. viij*d.* Also to little William of the kitchen vjs. viij*d.* Also to little John Broune and John son of Robert the carter iijs. iiij*d.* each. And I will that all my servants, both greater and lesser, shall receive a full fee at the day of payment next after my death however long before it I may happen to die. Also I bequeath to the anchorite of Hampole xxs. Also I bequeath to the anchorite at the church of the Holy Trinity of Lincoln, xxs., with a tunic (*tunica*) of russet furred with calaber with a double hood and a cloak (*armilausea*) of the same suit furred with 'grice.' Also I bequeath to the anchorite of Kirkbey Wysk xiijs. iiij*d.* Also I bequeath to the anchorite at the church of St. Paul of Staunford xiijs. iiij*d.* Also to the anchorite of Doncaster vjs. viij*d.* Also to Beatrice de Estlyngton xls. Also I bequeath to Cecily Whatlous xiijs. iiij*d.* Also I bequeath to Robert the carter and Walter Mathewe vjs. viij*d.* each. Also I bequeath to the sister of Henry Warde, a nun of Irford, xiijs. iiij*d.* Also I bequeath to William son of Thomas Barbor xiijs. iiij*d.* Moreover, I ordain, make and appoint Master Henry Gategang, rector of the church

<sup>17</sup> This is the *Summa Casuum Conscientiæ* of the Franciscan Monaldo, who was living in 1332, and is said to have been archbishop of Benevento. The book was popularly called *Summa Monaldina* or *Summa Aurea*. For this identification I am indebted to Mr. G. G. Coulton.

<sup>18</sup> 'Garcio' may be either a page of the kitchen or one of the menials termed 'children of the kechyn, tourne broaches' (*Household Ordinances*, 33 Henry VI, quoted in *Memoirs of the County and City of Lincoln*, page 314*n*).

of Welton beyond Humber, Sir John, sacrist in the cathedral church of Lincoln, Sir William de Fiskerton, vicar in the choir of the same church, Sir John Ingham, chaplain and fellow in the Burghersh chantry, and John de Apulthorp, my esquire, the executors of this testament, to whom I bequeath the residue of my goods to dispose of them as before God shall seem to them most expedient. And I bequeath to my executors, that is Master Henry Gategang, Sir John the sacrist, John de Fiskerton and John de Ingham, chaplains, and John de Apulthorp, v marks apiece for their labour. And I desire and ask my reverend lords of the chapter that when an account of this testament has been rendered, all and singular the aforementioned executors who well and laudably take the administration upon themselves may, if any residue remain, be rewarded by them beyond the legacies before [bequeathed] to them.

On the Saturday after the feast of the Conversion of St. Paul, that is the last day of the month of January, in the year of the Lord one thousand ccc. and eighty-two, this testament was exhibited, proved, approved and published before the subdean and chapter of the church of Lincoln, in their chapter house there; and administration of the goods of the deceased above-written was granted by us then and there to the executors above-written, who were sworn in all and singular things in form of law. In witness whereof we have caused our seal to be set to these [presents].

The present testament was exhibited and published before us the official of the lord the archdeacon of Lincoln, and by us lawfully approved, and we have granted administration of the goods of the deceased being in the archdeaconry of Lincoln to the executors named in the said will, who have been sworn in form of law. In witness whereof we have to these presents appended the seal of our office. Dated at Frampton, the xvth day of the month of February, in the year of the Lord above-mentioned.

On Friday, that is the tenth day of the month of April, in the year of the Lord one thousand ccc. and eighty-three, the present testament was exhibited before us the chapter of the cathedral church of St. Peter, York, the dean of the same being engaged in distant parts, in our chapter house there, and was by us approved and published; and administration of the goods of the said Master Geoffrey lescropp, deceased, being within our jurisdiction, was by us then and there granted to John de Apulthorp, an executor named in the said testament, according to the form of the constitution of the legate in this behalf provided. In witness whereof we have to the presents appended our common seal. Dated at York in our chapter house, the day and year above-said. We have, however, reserved power to grant like administration to the other executors named in the said testament in case they wish in the future to take it up. Dated by us the place, day and year above-recited<sup>19</sup>.

The present testament was exhibited before us the vicar general of the reverend lord the archdeacon of Richmond, and was by us approved; and administration of the goods of the deceased being within the jurisdiction of the said lord archdeacon of Richmond was committed to the aforesaid John de Apulthorp, an executor named in the

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<sup>19</sup> Canon Raine was unable to find the will at York (*Testamenta Eboracensia* [Surtees Society], vol. iii, page 34n).

said testament, in the form of the constitution of the legate in this behalf provided, reserving power to ourselves to grant like administration to the other executors named in the said testament, if in the future they wish to receive it. In witness whereof we have to the presents appended the seal of our office. Dated at York, the xjth day of the month of April, in the year of the Lord one thousand ccc. lxxx three.

[ROGER LEGET OF HOLBORN, LONDON, A.D. 1388.]

[D. & C., MISC., NO. 59. *Translated from the Latin.*]

Memorandum that on the twenty-seventh day of February, 12 Richard II., John Bykenet, dwelling in Holburn, in his own person confessed and acknowledged that the last will of Roger leget, late dwelling in Holburn, was and is in all respects as it is contained in that testament which is enrolled at 'le Gildhalle' in London, and that it was reputed false and suspect because those twenty pounds sterling which in that testament are assigned to a certain chaplain late dwelling with the said Roger Leget were assigned to another use and not to that use. And this confession was made in the presence of Robert de Plesyngton, knight, Robert Stansted, and Nicholas de Plesyngton. In Witness whereof the said Robert, Robert and Nicholas, being present, have affixed their seals. Dated at London, the day and year aforesaid.

[JOHN BARONE OF LEICESTER, A.D. 1489.]

[Var. 13. *Translated from the Latin.*]

In the name of god, Amen. The penultimate day of April mccccclxxxix, I John Barone, of sound mind, but sick in body, make my testament in this manner: First, I bequeath my soul to the Father Almighty, Blessed Mary, and All Saints; and my body to be buried in the church of All Saints, Leicester, viz., in the chapel of the Blessed Mary of the same church. I bequeath my best garment (*indumentum*) in the name of my mortuary (*principalium*). I bequeath to Elizabeth and Agnes the daughters of William Barone, viz., to each of them ten pounds. To Agnes the daughter of John Warde ten pounds. The residue of my goods moveable and immoveable, and especially my lands and tenements in the town and fields of Leicester and Markireby, I give and bequeath to Elizabeth my wife, whome I ordain my executrix that she may ordain and dispose for the health of my soul and the souls of all my ancestors as shall seem best to her. These being witnesses, 'Sir John Wilcher perpetual vicar of the church of All Saints, Leicester', Sir William Glen of the same, chaplain, William Golde 'gentilman,' Thomas Grysby, with others.

[*No probate act.*]

[ROBERT SKETYLL OF TATHWELL, A.D. 1504.]

[1558, iij, 14. *Translated from the Latin.*]

In the name of God, Amen, on the twentieth day of April in the year of our Lord one thousand, five hundred and four, I Robert Sketyll of Tathwell, of whole mind and sound memory, make my testament in this manner: First, I bequeath and commend my soul to Almighty God, Blessed Mary and all His Saints; and my body to be buried in the church of St. Vedast of Tathewell, with my best beast in the name of my mortuary. Also I bequeath to the fabric of the mother church of Lincoln *iiijd.* To the high altar of the same church *iiijd.* To the high altar of Tathewell aforesaid *xxd.* for tithes forgotten. Also I will and strictly enjoin that all my lands and tenements, meadows, pastures and feedings with their appurtenances within the town and fields of Tathewell aforesaid, or elsewhere within the county of Lincoln, be sold to pay all my debts by the counsel of William Oueri, vicar of the church of Tathwell, who is enfeoffed in all the aforesaid premises, whom I ordain and make my executor to order and dispose for the health of my soul as to him shall seem most expedient. The residue of my goods, my debts having been fully paid, I give and bequeath to Isabel my wife to succour and maintain my children (*filiorum*). These being witnesses, Sir John Ewan of Tathewell, chaplain, John Wilkynson of the same, Richard Rathby of lowth, John Frichnay of Gremolby.

Proved at lowth, before the commissary and official of the archdeaconry of Lincoln, 20 May, 1504. Adm. granted to the executor.

[WILLIAM COPULDIKE OF HARRINGTON, A.D. 1504.]

[1506 &c., *4d.*]

In the name of god, Amen, the xx day of the monethe of April in the yere of our lord god m<sup>c</sup>cccc<sup>o</sup>iiij<sup>o</sup>, I William Cupuldyke of Haryngton, hawyng my hole mynde and gud memore, makys my testament and laste wille in this maner and forme foloyng: ferst I gif my sawle to almyghty god and our blessed lady Saynt mare and to all the Sanctes in hewne, and my body to be bureed where as yt shall be thowthe most convenyent by myne executores. Also I will that the hy awter of haryngton hawe for tythes forgotyn *vjs. viijd.* Also I gif to the churche of haryngton *vjs. viijd.* Also I gif to our lady of lincoln *xijd.* Also I gif to churche of aswardby *xxd.* Also I gif to the churches of Sutterby, Enderby and Brynkell *xijd.* each. Also I will that if eny man or woman canne clayme eny det or dewte and make suffycyent prove therof that thei be content and payed. And if I hawe wronged eny man by acc'on or ether wyse I will he be recompensed acordyng to gud concyence. Also I will that a noneste preste be fonde a yere to pray for my sawle in the chirche of haryngton, and all this to be had takyne and presawyd of my gudes. Also I will that there be a nobet kepted in the chirche of haryngton yerly without ende for my fader sawle and myne, and my antecessores, my moder sawle, my wywes sawle, and all cristen sawles, with prestes, clerkys, ryngyng of bellys, and pore folke to be at the same. And there to be disposed yerly *xs.* by the discrestion of myne executores feoffores. I will that my wyffe hawe hyer jwnter without eny interrupcion terme of hyre lyfe. Also I will that John Cupuldyke

my neldest son hawe yerly to his fyndyng vj marke to he cum to age of xv yeris, and after from that age to he cum to lawfull age xl. And if it be soo that [folio 5] the vj marke yerly benot spent of hym fully in the space of the seid xv yeris, then I will that the rewenes be keped and spent of hym to his best promoc'on in the other yeris thenne nexse ensewyng ; also I will that hamond Cupuldyke my sone hawe to his fyndyng yerly to he cum to the age of xxj yere v marke, and to be orderrede in maner and forme as it is afore rehersed for his broder John ; also I will that Thomas my sone hawe to his fyndyng yerly to he cum to the age of xxj yeris iiij marke and it to be orderred in maner and forme os it is afore rehersed for his broder John ; and if my wife be with a sonne thenne I will that yt hawe yerly to the fyndyng to yt be of the age of xxj yere iiij marke, and yt to be orderred in maner and forme as yt is afore rehersed for his broder John ; and all thise to be presawyd and takyn of the isews and profettes of all my landes and tenementes, rentes, reverc'ones and serveces beyng in the handes of my feoffes ; also I will that my wiffe hawe iij silver gobilettes parsell gylte with a coveryng the terme of hyre lyfe, and aftere to remayne to my sonne and myne here os a nare lome for ewre. Also I will that my sonne hamond hawe all my perchessed landes the which I bowthe of George Jenkynson in Enderby to hym and his heres male of his body cumyng ; also I will that my sonne hamond hawe xxl. Also I wyll that my sonne Thomas hawe xxl. Also if my wyfe be wyth a sonne thenne I will that yt hawe xxl. Also I will that my dowghter Elizabeth hawe to hyre mareage c markez. And if she be disposed to be a woman of religion I will she hawe xx markez or more os yt schall be thowthe resnabull by the discrecion of myn executores. Also I will that Cecyll my dowghter hawe to hir mareage c markez. And if my dowghter Elizabeth dy or sche be maryed, or yf she be a voman of religion, thenne I will that my dowghter Cecyll hawe of hyr mareage mony l markez ; also if my wif be with a dowghter, I will yt hawe c markez. And if my dowghter Cycill dy or sche be mareed, thenne I will that my dowghter Elizabeth hawe to hir mareage yf sche be mareed of hyr sister Cecyll mareage mone l markez. And if my seid dowghteres Elizabeth and Cecyll dy or they be mareed thenne I will that yf my wif be with a dowghter that yt have l markez of ther mareage mony. Also I will that my broder James hawe to a rewarde xls. ; also I will that my broder leonard haw to a reward xls. ; and all this mone unto my seid chylderyn and broder to be had [folio 5d] of all my landes and tenementes, etc., beyng in the handes of my feoffez. And also I will that the seid landes rest seyll [sic] in the handes of my seid feoffez to this my last will be performed, and after my will be performed, I will that my feoffez make a state of all my seid landes to my sonne John and to his heres male of his bode lawfully begoten ; and for defawte of isew male, to remayne to my sone hamond and to his heres male of his body lawfully begoten ; and for defawte of herez male of me the said William Cupuldyke I will all the said landes remayne to my next heres in fee. And if my sonne John dy or he cum to lawfull age, thenne I will that my sonne hamond hawe his bequeste whiche he shold haf had dewryng his nonage, and my sonne Thomas to hawe his broder hamonde parte in maner and forme os it was setto hym ; and if eny of my said yonger sonnes decesse or thei cum to lawfull age, thenne I will that my dowghteres hawe one

of the yongest sonnes iiij marken to ther fyndyng. I will that Marget my wyffe have all my hostelmentez of howssold and all my gudes, catall moweabull and wnmoweabull, my feuneralles keped, my dettes payed, my dowghter browthup, myne executores and servandes rewarded. I will that all my chelderen be rowled by there moder if sche be wnmareed, and by myn executores and feoffez for this cause that yf sche be mareed sche most be rewled and not rewle; and thenne I will that my said schilderen be rewled by myne executores and feoffez. And also if my said dowghters will not be rewled by ther moder and myne executores and feoffez thenne that dowghter or dowghteres that soo es disposed to have nothyng of thys my last will. The resedew of my gudes I pwttt to the disposyson of myne executores, whome I make and ordeyne marget my wiffe, William boucher of Willughby, 'gentilman,' sir John byllyngay the persone of the chirche of Aserardby, that they dispose them for the sawle os shall be most plesewre to god and to my last wyll. Also I humely beseke my lord Chancellor of England for the tyme beyng to be the supervisor yf yt plesse hyme. In vitnis wherof I have subscribed my name the xxjti day of the moneth aboveseid, the xix of the reigne of kyng henr' the vijth [A.D. 1504.]

per me WILL'M COPULLDYKE.

[*No probate act.*]

[THOMAS JOHNSON OF BARROW, A.D. 1504.]

[1506, &c., 13. *Translated from the Latin.*]

THE TESTAMENT OF THOMAS JOHNSON.

In the name of God, Amen. The ix day of August in the year of our Lord one thousand five hundred and four, I, Thomas Johnson of Barow, of whole mind and sound memory, make my testament in this manner: First I bequeath my soul to Almighty God, St. Mary the mother of our Lord Jesus Christ, and all the saints and citizens of heaven, and my body to be buried in the parish church of Barow aforesaid, with my mortuary of right due. Also I bequeath to the fabric of our cathedral and mother church of Lincoln vjs. viij*d.* Also I bequeath to the fabric of the church of Barow xxs. Also I bequeath to every light within the said church of Barow xij*d.* Also I bequeath to every order of friars vjs. viij*d.* To the church of Whitton vjs. viij*d.* To the abbot and convent of Thornton one old pece of silver with its cover and one 'le Maser' which shall remain there forever. Also I give to the aforesaid abbot xs., and to every canon there viij*d.* To the vicar of Baro aforesaid my son' my best robe (*togam*) and my best 'le dublet.' To Robert Inkersell my second best robe (*togam*), and to Agnes his wife one cow, and to Thomas their son one little heifer and one bull-calf of the age of one year. To Walter Johnson my son one robe (*togam*) and one 'le dublet' and one cow, and to Thomas his son one little heifer and one bull-calf of the age of one year. Also to the aforesaid Robert Inkersell one roan (*rubii coloris*) horse of the age of five years. To the said Walter Johnson one young mare and one 'le colt stage.' To

<sup>1</sup> John Johnson, deacon, was instituted to the vicarage of Barrow 23rd January, 1497-8, on the presentation of the abbot and convent of Thornton (*Reg.*, vol. xxiii, folio 26*d.*).



Elizabeth Brian one cow and x ewes. To Richard Stevenson vj ewes, and to John Stevenson vj ewes. Also I will that my executors shall maintain (*inuenient*) William Jacson to celebrate for the health of my soul and the souls of all the faithful dead for a year and a half for the sake of repairing the tenement of the light<sup>2</sup> of the Blessed Mary in Barow aforesaid. To Margaret my daughter xxxl., so that Elena Johnson her mother keep [her] until the day of her marriage, and then I give it to her clear; and if it happen that the said Margaret depart before the day of marriage, then I will that the aforesaid sum of xxxl. be given amongst my children, viz. to Elena my wife xl., to Stephen my son xl. and to Agnes my daughter vl. viz. the wife of Robert Inkersell. Also I give to William Spillesby vj quarters of barley. Also I give to the ij girls xls. each. To Stephen Johnson one robe (*togam*) 'furd w<sup>b</sup> fox.' To William Jacson one robe (*togam*). To Walter Clerke my robe (*togam*) of 'violete' colour 'furd.' To the aforesaid Walter my son xxs. To the aforesaid Robert Inkersell xxs. To Thomas Johnson son of my son Stephen, Elizabeth daughter of the same Stephen, and William son of the same Stephen, each one little heifer of the age of one year and one bull-calf. The residue of my goods I give to my wife Elena and Stephen Johnson my son, whom I make the executors of my will, with the supervision of the lord abbot of Thornton, whom I make my supervisor. Witnesses, Thomas Roche; William Jacson, chaplain; William Pyvel, gentleman; Walter Clerke and Robert Bell; with many others.

Dated at Barow, 12 [*sic*] August, in the year of the Lord above-written.

[*No probate act.*]

[WILLIAM GOODWYNE OF STICKNEY, A.D. 1504.]

[1506 &c., 55*d.* *The first section is translated from the Latin.*]

THE TESTAMENT OF WILLIAM GOODWYNE.

In the name of God, Amen, in the year one thousand, five hundred and four, and the tenth day of the month of August, I William Goodwyne of Stickney, of whole mind and good memory, make my testament in this manner: First I bequeath my soul to Almighty God and Blessed Mary and all saints and my body to be buried in the churchyard of St. Luke of Stykeney, with that which is right in the name of my mortuary. To the fabric of the mother church of Lincoln xvjd. To the orphans of St. Katherine without Lincoln iiij*d.* To the high altar of Stykeney iiij*d.* To the image of St. Luke iiij*d.* To every altar there ij*d.* To the church of Stykeney xij*d.* To the gild of St. Mary there xij*d.* To the four orders of friars of boston viij*d.* To the church of Sybsay iiij*d.* To the church of Kyrkby iiij*d.* To the church of Stykforde iiij*d.* To Joan my wife and my three children (*pueris*) all my goods equally to be divided between them. The residue of my goods I leave to Joan my wife and John Hogeson, whom I make my executors, to dispose my goods, etc. These being witnesses, Sir Edmund kendyll, Richard cranwell, Simon day, with many [others].

This is my last will. First I gyff to Jenet my wyff the tofte th<sup>t</sup>

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*I.e.*, the tenement which formed the endowment of our Lady's light.

I dwell in the terme of her lyffe, then to remayn to Jenet my doughter and to her heyres. And yf she desesse without heyres, it shall remayn to John and Elizabeth. I gyffe to John my sun a tofte callyd 'nyesse house' with my landes lying ther to after the forme afore namyd. I gyff to Elizabeth my doughter a tofte callyd 'fowler house' with my landes lying ther by to her and to the heyr of her body. And yf eny of these desesse with owt heyr ther parte shall Remayn to them th<sup>r</sup> ar lyffynge.

Proved at Sawsthorp before the commissary and official of the archdeaconry of Lincoln, 6 Dec., 1510. Adm. granted to the executrix, the executor refusing, etc.

[ROBERT KNYGHT OF SWINESHEAD, A.D. 1505.]

[1545-6 &c., ii., 327. *Translated from the Latin.*]

In the name of God, Amen, the vj day of October, A.D. 1505, I Robert Knight of Swyneshed make my testament in this manner. First, I bequeath my soul to Almighty God, Blessed Mary and all His Saints; and my body to be buried in the churchyard of the Blessed Mary of Swyneshed. Also I bequeath in the name of my mortuary as the custom is. Also I bequeath to the high altar for oblations omitted *iiij*d., and to every altar in the same church *iiij*d. To the fabric of the said church *iiij*d. To the fabric of the mother church of Lincoln *iiij*d.

This is my last will. I will that Joan my wife have all my utensils to her own use. I will that John Knight have one tippet (*superpellectulem*). The residue of my goods I give to Joan my wife, whom I make my executrix, to dispose for the health of my soul as shall seem to her most expedient. I make William Benet my supervisor. These being witnesses, Sir John thomsun, John hogskynsun, Wylliam knyght senior, and others.

Proved before the commissary of the archdeaconry of Lincoln, that archdeaconry being vacant, in the parish church of Swynnesheed, 26 Jan., 1505. Adm. committed to the executrix.

[*Signed*] Edd' Sapcote.

[EDWARD BROWNE, JUELLER, OF THE CITY OF LINCOLN, A.D. 1505.]

[1506 &c., 2.]

THE TESTAMENT OF EDWARD BROWNE.

In the name of god Amen. The xth day of Februarie the yere of our lorde m<sup>i</sup> five hundreth and Fyve, And the yere of the Reigne of kyng henry the vijth the xxjti. I Edwarde browne, Jueller, of the Citie of lincoln, beyng in cleyne and hole mynde, ordeyne and make my testament conteyneng my last wile in this maner of forme. In the begyneng I bequeth my soule to god almyghty, our ladie sainte mary and to all his sayntes, And my body to be buried in the church of saint laurence in the Chapell of saynt dunston and saynt Sebastian with my mortuary as the lawe requireth. Item I ordeyne and will have afore my buriall the *iiij* orders of freers to do Placebo and dirige in my house where my body lieth and to do ther messes at home in their owne places and every order of them for ther labor to have xs. I will that all the prestes that cometh

to my buriall at dirige and messe have every one *iiijd.*, and every clerke that cometh have *ijd.*, and to be distributed to pover people the same day *xl.*, and also to [be] disposed the vijth day and the xxxti day *xxl.* Item I bequeth to the moder church warke of Lincoln *xls.* To the high awter of the same church *vjs. viijd.* To the church warke of St. Laurence *vjs. viijd.* To the high awter of the same church for tithes forgotten *ijs. iiijd.* To the church warke of saynt Martyn, *vjs. viijd.* To the high awter of the same church *ijs. iiijd.* To the church warke of Snelland *vjs. viijd.* To the church wark of Heisham *xs.* To the high awter of the same church *ijs. iiijd.* I will have a prest at our ladie awter of Heisham to syng ther an hole yere for my fader soule my moders my brethern my susters soules and myne, and he to have for his wages *iiijl. xiijs. iiijd.* wher my fader and my moder lieth and wher I was borne. Item I wille that our lady awter of the same church have a Chalice of the valour of *iiij* marks. To saint Kateryns church by Lincoln *ijs. iiijd.* To Saynt Cite in Bethom *ijs. iiijd.* To Alhalous in Kyrkby Kendall *ijs. iiijd.* To the gret gilde of Lincoln *xls.* or elles the valour of *xls.* in good plate if they will graunte me to say every yere at dyner tyme for my soule and all cristian soules *de profundis*, etc. Item I will the shomaker gilde have *xiijs. iiijd.* To saint Dunston gilde *xs.* To St. Anne gilde *xxs.* or the valour of good plate if they will graunte me to say a *pater noster* and an *Ave Maria* at dyner tyme for the souls for my fader and of my moder and of me. Item I will that the clerkes gilde have *xiijs. iiijd.* if thei will graunte me to say this Amteyne *anima mea*, etc., at dynertime. I bequeth to our lady gilde of Boston *ijs. iiijd.* To the Apostel gilde of Boston *ijs.* To the vij slepers gilde of Boston *xijd.* Also I will that my closes in St. Feth parishe with *iiij* tenementes in St. Cutberdes [*folio 3*] parishe, *ij* gardyns in St. Georges parishe, and a lee land in Hugh croft be annexed unto the chantry of Alexander Fitzmartyn founded in St. Laurence parishe, and to be praed for next with the fownder. And this is my will that it be inactid in the Chapter of the cathedrall church of Lincoln, And also to be Enroled in the hale of Lincoln, And every yere that the said chauntry be visited bi the provoste of the said church of Lincoln and he to have *xxd.* for his labour to be payed bi the chapleyne of the said chauntry. I will that my executors give in almes to pouer men strangers for hurtes harmes and domages that I and my servantes have done in corne, medowes and pastures bi the waye that we have gone *xiijs. iiijd.* I will that the *ij* daughters of Robert Alanson, Alice and Anne, have *xls.* Item I bequeth to Margret Browne *ijs. iiijd.* To Robert Yong wif a kowe and *x* shep. I will that my house in St. Laurence parish aftyr the decease of my wif return to Edward son of George Browne, my cousyn ; and if he decease without heires male then it shall returne to the heires males next of my blode and of my name. To Leonard Browne *xiijs. iiijd.*, etc. To William Browne *xiijs. iiijd.* To Sir Roger Sawll *xxs.* I will that Thomas Grantham, son of Edward Grantham of Scothorn, have *ij* sylver spons. To the daughter of my brother Nicollas Brown in Kendall *xls.* To the *ij* daughters of George Browne to their mariages *v* marke. To John Doket *vjs. viijd.* I will that William Hudson wif have *xiijs. iiijd.* To the childe whiche I fynde for godes sake *xls.* To Johanne Whippe *vj* candilstikes, a ladil, on basyn of pewter, and *ijs. iiijd.* I wil that litil

Edmond Alanson have vjs. viiij*d.* To every of my godchildren iijs. iiij*d.*, that is, Edward Parker, John Estons daughter, Edward Calgarth and Edward Merlles [*folio 3d.*] To Alson Gryne, daughter to John Grene pewterer, viij marks. I will that John Sutton have xl marks and my landes and tenementes in Snelland and Welton aftyr the deth of me and my wif to hym and his heires, remainder to the next of my blode beyng of my name; and he to be at the reule of Mr. John Grantham. To my wif in money *l.* and in household stuf and plate the valour of xx marks. I will she have my house in saynt Laurence parishe with my liveloud in Snelland and Welton, to retourne as it is before written. I will that the children of John Alanson have xls. To John Hochonson, shomaker, vjs. viiij*d.* I will that Agnes of Thorn suster [*sic*] dwelling in London have xxs. I will that Thomas Belles prentise have xiijs. iiij*d.* I will Edward Ballard and Margret his sister have xxs. to them bothe. To John Thomlynson and his moder xls. To Margret Thomlynson xs. To Sir John Hudeson xls. To Robert Lauson xiijs. iiij*d.* I will have a perpetual dirige and messe to be done yerely in the churche of saint Laurence with vj prestes, the parishe prest one, the Chauntre prest another, and other iiij next bye to have ijs. ; and aftyr dirige done thei to have with the parishe prest in bred and drynke within the churche ijs. ; and to the parishe clerke for ryngyng ij*d.* ; and to be gyven to pouer people in the parishe and next bye xij*d.* To the fyndeng of iij candelles to burn in tyme of divine service upon the awter of St. Dunstons chapell ijs. vj*d.*, And so ever be myn heires, thei to have iiij*d.*, at my yere day j*d.*, and ij*d.* for his labour. This perpetual dirige amountes to the some of viijs., for the whiche viijs. I bynd my principall place in Saint Laurence parishe for evermore to pay it. I will that Mr. Geoffrey Simeon the deane of Lincoln be supervisour, and for to assiste myne executours accordyng to right, and he to have a dosen of silver spones with the Apostolles. The Residue of my goodes I put to the discretion of myne executors for my soule as thei wolde be done for. I make myne executors Mr. John Grantham, Chanon of the cathedrall churche of Lincoln, Robert Alanson, Sir Mathewe Blakeborne and Robert Wymarke; and every of them shal have for his labour xls. Witness, Sir John Castill, George Browne, John Papiwyke, William Hudson, Leonard Browne, with many more.

Proved before W. Smyth, LL.B., commissary of Wm. bishop of Lincoln in the archdeaconry of Lincoln, the said archdeaconry being vacant, in the cathedral church of Lincoln, 23 Feb., 1505. Adm. granted to Master John Grantham, canon residentiary of the said church, the other three executors accepting adm. in him.

[SIMON LEUERET OF GRANTHAM, MERCER, A.D. 1506.]

[1506 &c., 1.]

THE TESTAMENT OF SIMON LEUERET OF GRANTHAM.

In the name of god, Amen. The third day . . . . .<sup>1</sup> of october the yere of our lorde god a thowsent five hu. . . . .<sup>1</sup>I Simon leueret of grantham of the diocise of lincoln, mercer . . . . .<sup>1</sup> mynde and stedfast remembrance, maketh my wil in . . . . .<sup>1</sup> First I bequeth

<sup>1</sup> The top right hand corner of the leaf has been torn off.

my soule to god almyghty, our lady saint mary [and] to all the holy company of heven my body to be buried within the churche of St. Wlfran of grantham aforesaid at the hede of my mothers grave before the blessed ful [sic] rode. I bequeth for my mortuary my best beste. Item I bequeth to the high awter of grantham for my forgotten tithes iiijl. To the Freres minors of Grantham for sayng of Placebo, dirige and messe of Requiem at my burial, vijth day and xxx day, and for sayng of an hole trentall for the helth of my soule within the said space, xls. To the churche warke of our lady of lincoln xs. I wil that either of the vicares of grantham have at my burial, vijth day and xxx day at every of thies iij dayes vjs. viijd. doweng ther dueties. I will that every of the Chantry prestes with in the churche of grantham have at my buriall, vijth day and xxx day doying their dueties iij days, ijs. iiijd. I will that al the residew of prestes with in the said churche have every of them at every of the said dayes, that is to say, buriall, vijth day & xxx day, doying thei dueties, ijs. viijd. I will that deken' & clerkes of Grantham have for ryngenge the day of my buriall, vijth day & xxx day for every of thies iij daies ijs. I wil that every of the Clerkes of grantham have the day of my buriall, vijth day & xxx day every of them at every at [sic] those thre daies ijs. To the paynteng of the rode in the rode lofte, mary and John iiijl. To the churche warke of grantham and for my buriall with in the same churche, and for my stone, vjl. xiijs. iiijd. I will that ther be dolte among pouer people for the helthe of my soule the day of my buriall, vijth day and xxx day at every of those thre daies xl. To the belle man for iij daies doying his duete ijs. To every of my brethern Richard children xs. To Balderton Churche vs. To Benyngton churche vs. To Foston churche vs. To Gunwardby churche vs. To Malton [folio id]. . . . .  
 To Thorp churche ijs. iiijd. To Waltham churche . . . . .  
 To Sleaford churche vjs. viijd. To Willesforth churche . . . . .  
 To the making and amending of the . . . brigges at Foston brigges xxl. To syr [J]hon Norys, prest, my wifes son, xxs. I will ther be burnyng about me the day of my buriall, vijth and xxx day viij torches and iiij tapurs of viij lib' weight of waxe. To our lady gilde of boston xxs. To the awter of Jhesu with in the churche of Grantham a messe boke of parchemyne with ij fials of silver ther to abide for evermore at the said awter. I wil that ther be an honest prest syngyng for my soule and my frendes soules and all criston souls bi the space of vij yeres having every yere for his salary bi all the said terme vij marke yerly. To every of my prentises beyng in my service every of them vjs. viijd. To every of my thre maydens Isabell, Jowes and agnes every of them vjs. viijd. To Katerne yates xxs. To my godson Richard Harberdes son callid William vjs. viijd. I will that Thomas Maxey have all that were his faders shepe with an Iron bonde carte and all horses and mares that were his faders with a peas stake at manthorp, and also my white mare. To my singler good maister syr John husey, knyght, cs. to be good maister to my wif and to my children in ther rightes as my special trust lies in hem and in the waye of charitie. Also I wil that amy my wif have all my landes, tenements, medowes, pastures and ffedynges, rentes and services whiche I or any other have and be possessed of within the

towne and soke of grantham, and elleswhere within the counties of lincoln, leicestr' and Notyngham, to have unto her for the terme of hir lif of the chef lordes of the fee by the service therof dewe, etc., so that aftyr the decease of the same Ame my wif my meses in westgate of grantham and my tenement in the market place, late boght of John leyk, with all other my londes without the towne and soke of grantham within the Counties of lincoln, leicestr' and Notyngham, remayne to my sone Henry and to his heires for ever more. The residewe of my landes which be within the towne and soke of Grantham aforsaid to remayn to my son Thomas and to his heires for ever more of the chif lordes of the fee bi thier service dew, etc. The residew of my goodes I geve to Ame my wif, Henry and Thomas my sones, whom I make executoures that thei dispose for the helth of my soule as they seme best, by the over sight of maister William Spencer supervisor to whome I gif for his labour xxs. Thies being witnesses, Mathew dent then alderman of grantham, Robert bladys, George Claxston, Richard Harberd, and John Metcalf, with oder.

Proved before St., 17 April, 1506, by Amisia the relict and Henry Leveret and Thomas Leveret, sons of the deceased, to whom adm. was at the same time granted.

[WILLIAM OF THE CHAMBOUR, CITIZEN OF LINCOLN, BAKER, A.D. 1506.]

[1506 &c., 8.]

THE TESTAMENT OF WILLIAM OF THE CHAMBOUR.

In the name of gode Almyghtie, Amen. The laste day of Junij in the yere of our lorde god Jhesu Crist A thousande five hundrith and six, I William of the chaumbor, Citezyn of the Citie of lincoln, being of hole mynde and remembraunce make and orden my testament and last will in this manner, all oder testament and wille bi me a fortyeme maide Adnulling and revoking and for noon to be had. First I witt my saull to almyghty god, our lady seint mary, and to all the seintes of hevyn ; and my body to be buried within the hye quere of the pariss Church of seint marc' in wykford with the best Indument to my body pertenyng after the custome of the Citie of Lincoln. Also I wite to the forsaid pariss church of seint Marc' a crosse of Mary and John of silver and over gilted, weighing lxxxij unces, to be delivered aftir my desesse of this condition that the parrishshens nor one of them nor non of ther successors shall in no tyme hereafter to come wedsett alyen nor putto sale the said crosse for no cause of nede, and if thei do that the said money so resavyd bi the said parishens be paid and delivered to the prior and convent of the freres carmelities of the said citie of Lincoln ; and that one partie of the money so resavyd for the crosse so sold be given to the sustentacion of the place of the said freres, and the other parte of the said money be yeven to the said prior and convent and thei to kepe yerly an obbitt within the church of the same freres in the day of myn decease, that is to say, in the night afore Placebo and dirige for to be song for my soule and for the soul of Margarete my wiff and all trew cristen souls, and at the morn mase of Requiem, and then iij*s*. iiij*d*. in money to be distributed amonges the coventt bi the discretion of the prior of the place for tyme being and one of myn executors or of one

of them beyng of lyve, and the said obbit yerly so to endure as long as the said seconde parte of the money of the said crosse so sold will endure. Also I witt to the werke of the cathedrall church of our lady of Lincoln iijs. iiij*d.* Also I witt to the gild of our lady called grett gild xij*d.* Also I witt to the place of the freres prechours of the cite of Lincoln iijs. iiij*d.* Also I witt to the freres Augustyns iijs. iiij*d.* Also to the freres minores of the same cite iijs. iiij*d.*, and to the white freres of the same city vjs. viij*d.* Also I witt to St. Nicholas gilde called the Clerk Gild iijs. iiij*d.* Also I witt to Margaret Trew, taler, xls. The Residew of my goodes not witt nor assigned I witt and gif to Robert Smyth of Lincoln, mercer, William Foster and Ricard Foster, whom I make executours; thei to dispose for the helth of my soule and for the soule of Margaret late my wiff, etc., and to have for their labours xiijs. iiij*d.* Thes Witnes, John Hall marchaund, William Welcome, William Pierson, xp'of'er Berwyke, John Dale, Robert Beekerver', and many moo.

This is the last will indented of me William ote chawmber of Lincoln, baker, of my three meses or tenements with ther appurtenances in divers parish in the suburbis of the cite of Lincoln, in the which Robert Smyth of the sayme cite, mercer, William Smyth of the saym cite, mercer, his brother, Ric' Smyth of the saym, his brother, Syr Ric' Freman, vicar of the church of seynt Martyn in Lincoln, Sir William Hill, chapelyn, Ric' Taillour, baker, Thomas Norton, tanner, William Welcom, corvysor, William peerson, taillour, John Hutchynson, corvysor, Robert baitman, scherman, and oliver hudilston of the said city, scherman, by me are infefed of trust to performe my last will as in a dede of feoffament by me to thaim made, baryng date xiiij Nouember, xxj Henry VII, apperyth. First, I will that my said fefees after my decesse make or cause to be made yerely in the parishe church of St. Marke Evangelist in Wikford in the suburbis of the said cite of Lincoln an obbytte for the soules of me and Margaret my wiff, our kynd benefactorz soules, in manner Insuyng—on the Thursday next after Passion Sunday in lentyng after noon placebo and dirige to be doen, and on the Fryday next after messe of requiem to be doen. And I will that ther be present at the said obyt iiij prestes freres, or else oder secular prestes, and every of thaim to have for their labour iiij*d.*; and the parishe clerk of the said church for the tyme beyng for his labour and ryngyng iij*d.*; and for the offering at the said obyt mese j*d.*; and in white breed or kakes viij*d.*, and in ayle xij*d.* to be giffene and delte to poer pepile; and also that my said fefes shall giffe yerely at the said obyt day to the church masters of the said church xx*d.* to the said church warke; which comys in all to vs.; the which money I will that my fefes shall ressayve and take yerely of the rent comyng and growyng of the said ij meses in Wikford and Newport, and also uphold the said meses when ned shall inquier with the said rent, and also pay the oute rentes of the said meses dew to the chief lords of the fee yerely. Also I will that my said fefes immediately after my decesse make or cause to be made astaite of the mese with the appurtenance in the parishe of St. Peter in Estgate to William Peerson of Lincoln, husbandman, my godeson, and to the heirs of his body, yeldyng to my said fefes yerely ij pound wax on Passion Sunday or within ij dayis next after insuyng, and thay to cause it to be made in ij candilles to burne at my said obyte. And if the said William Peerson or his heires

of his body fail and deliver not the said ij pounds wax to my said feses then it shall be lawful for my feses to enter into the said mese, and put out the said William Peerson his heirs and assigns for evermore, and to reteyn it to the performance of this my will. I will that if the said William Peerson die without heir of his body, or alyen away the said mese in any maner, then it shalbe leful to my said feses to enter into the said mese. Also I will that ij of my said feses that last shall happyn and forteyn to overliffe thoder in effe of new on trust xij or moo gud honest men of good disposicion to perform this my last will, and so evermore to make new feffement when ned shall requyer. And if my feffes that now be, or that hereafter shall happyn to be, perform not nor kepe this my will in all thynges, then it shall be leful for the gracemane and wardones of the gilde of our blisded lady Saint Mare virgyn in Wikford in Lincoln for the tym beyng to enter into the foresaid meses with all ther appurtenances, and for evermore to remayn to the sustentacion of the said gilde, upon this condition that the said graceman and wardones for the time being and their successours keep this my last will in all things. And if thai doo the contrary I will that the Deen and Chapitur of the Cath' church of our blisded lady of Lincoln to enter into the said meses and to have and to hold them forever to thaym and their successours to perform this my will. In Witnes of which I have putte my seell, Theis witnes, Thomas Hanworth of Lincoln, gentilman, Lawrence Bright of the same, dyer, John Fox of the same, smyth, and many oder. Yeven xvj November, xxj Henry vii.

[*No probate act.*]

[WILLIAM HUMFRAYE OF LINCOLN, A.D. 1506.]

[1543-56, 67.]

THE TESTAMENT OF WILLIAM HUMFRAY.

In the Name of God, Amen. xxix August 1506. I William Humfraye hoole of mynde makes this my testament in this forme and manner followinge. In the first, I give and bequeathe my soule to God almightie and to the blessed virgine oure ladie sancte Marie and to all the blessed companie of heaven; my bodie to be buried in the kirke of sancte Peters at the plea in the crosse ile, and to my mortuarie my best gowne after the vse and custome of the Citie. Also for my buriall iijs. iiijd. To the hie altar xxd. I will that a priest shall singe a yere for me in the forsaide kirke, and he to have unto his wagies iiii. xiijs. iiijd. Also to the foure orders of freeres within the Citie iijs. To oure ladie warke xxd. To Thomas Clarke iijs. iiijd. To William Specheley xijd. To James Dewill iiijd. The residue of all my goodes not be witted I give unto Alice my wief and to Edward Smyht and to Chr'ofe Watkinson whom I make my exequitores, and ether of them to have iijs. iiijd. for their labors. And Sir William Adamson to be supervisor, and he to have for his labor iiijd. Thes witness, William Pecard, Cr'ofe Sorbye, William Batte, and other mo.

[*No probate act.*]



[JOHN CAPPE OF AUBOURN, A.D. 1507.]

[1506 &c., 4. *Translated from the Latin.*]

THE TESTAMENT OF JOHN CAPPE.

In the name of God, Amen, in the year one thousand five hundred and seven, the seventh day of the month of June. I John Cappe of Awburn, whole of mind and of sound memory, make my testament in this manner. First, I bequeath my soul to Almighty God, blessed Mary and all the saints. My body to be buried in the church yard of St. Peter of Auborn, with my best chattel for my mortuary. To the fabric of the mother church of Lincoln *iiij*d. To the high altar of Awburn for tithes forgotten *xij*d. To the four orders of friars *xvj*d. by equal portions. To Margaret Cappe one cow. To Agnes Frankys one mare. To Thomas Frankys one sheep. To Alice Frankys. To Henry Purgeon and his wife after the death of my wife one tenement (*unam tenuaram*) which is lately in the hand of William Roper, with all its appurtenances, in the town and fields of carlton, and to his heirs lawfully begotten for ever; and if Henry shall die without an heir, the said tenement, etc., shall revert to his next of kin. The residue of my goods I leave in the hands of Joan my wife and Henry Purgeon, whom I make my executors. Witnesses, Sir William Jonson, vicar of Awbourn, John Benson, chaplain, Henry Purgeon, and many others.

Proved before Sz., at Lincoln, 31 July, 1507. Adm. granted to the executors.

[JOHN MOOTE OF SPILSBY, A.D. 1507.]

[1506 &c., 9d.]

THE TESTAMENT OF JOHN MOOTE OF SPILLESBY.

In the name of gode, Amen, the sixth day of June in the yere of our lorde gode m'cccc<sup>th</sup> vijth. I John Moote of Spillesby, having hole mynde and good memory, make my last will and testament in maner and fourme foloing. In the firste, I bequeth my soule to almyghty god and to our Lady seint mary and to all seyntes of heven, and my body to be buried in the church yerde of seint James the Apostell of Spillesby with that that is the moste worthe in the name of my mortuary. Also I bequeth to the niedefull worke of our lady of Lincoln *vijij*d. To our lady awter in the same monastery a shete of lynnon clothe. To the high awter in the church of Spillesby a shete of Lynnen clothe. To seint James awter in the same church *ij*d. To our ladys awter in the same church *ij*d. To the reparation of the belles in the same church *iiij*d. To the chappell of seint James withowt the town of Spillesby a littell towell of Lynne cloth. Also I will that Irasmus my sone have immediatlye after my decease all my landes and tenements, medows and pastures, with all ther appurtenances, lieng within the town and felde of Halton, and to the heires of his body; and yf so be that the seid Irasmus decease withowtt heires of his body, then the said landes and tenementes with ther appurtenances remayn to Agnes my daughter and to the heires of hir body; if the said Agnes decease without heires, then I will the said landes remayn to Malde the natural daughter of Robert Moot and Malde his wiff late of Spillesby and to the heires of hir body; if the said Mald decease without heires then the said landes to remayn to the righ heire

of Thomas Halewell everlasting. Also I will that my clousse lieng in Northorp in the parish of Spillesby, the which I have bi copie of Courte roll, remayne to Agnes my daughter dewring the termes of hir liff, and aftir hir decease to remayne to hir heires during the teneure of the said copy. The residewe of my goodes I giff to Sir Thomas pepir, whom I make executor that he pay my dettes of the substauns, and the residewe to dispose for the wele of my saule that it may be better spede. Thies witnesses, Thurston Smyth, maister of the Chauntree of Spillesby, Robert Skott of the same towne, and Thomas Boucher of the same, and other. Gyfen at Spillesby the day and the yere above written.

Proved before the official of the archdeaconry of Lincoln, in the parish church of Spillesby, 9 July, 1507. Adm. granted to the executor.

[JAMES HAMOUR, CITIZEN OF LINCOLN, A.D. 1507.]

[1506 &c., 6.]

THE TESTAMENT OF JAMES HAMOUR.

Hamour, Cytesen of the Cite of lincoln, duellyng in Sanct Stephyn parish in newland, of a holle mynde and hoill memory, makes my testament in this maner and forme foloing ; Fyrst, I beqwyet and gyffes my soulle allmyghty [*sic*] god, and to our blessid lady Sanct mare, and to all the holy company of hewyn ; my body to be beryed within Sancte Stephyn chyrche by my wiff. Item I be wytt in the name of my mortuare as the custome of the cite is. It' I wytt for my buriall to Sanct Stephyn chyrche iijs. iiijd. It' I witt to the Wicar for forgottyn tythes ijs. It' I wytt to my parych chyrche of Sanct Stephyn xxd. It' I be witt to the Cathedrall chyrche of lincoln xijd. To Rachedall chyrche iijs. iiijd. To William Normanbe my prentysse iiij par' of nawes and d', and the feloos, and j brod' Ax, j blacker, j hachett, iiij Wymbels, and ij brysses, j hand saw, j dog iiij gang of Spokes. The other half of the feloos betwyx Thomas Hansworth and Rauf Otlay. To William Hamour j gown lyned with blak freesse of blew colour. To Rauf Otlay j gown of wiolet. To Ric' Shaftow my son and to Agnes my dowght' his wiff all my landes and tenementes, and thos that I haif by copy hold for zeres with in the cite of lincoln and the town of Wadyngton, and to the hayres of their bodis lawfully begottyn. If thai disess without cossy [*sic*] or hayres, I will William hamour possesse it to hym and his hayres of his bode lawfully begottyn. I will that a trentall be done the same day that my body be bered. I will that a prest seculer syng for the sawll of me and my wiff in the chyrche of Sanct Stephyn, and he to haf to wage for j zer' vij make iijs. iiijd. The resydew of all my guddys not wytt I gyff tham to Ric' Shaftow and agnes my dowght' ; also I make Ric' Shaftow and William panto myn executors ; and the said William panto to haff xiijs. iiijd. for his labour ; that they may dispose my gudes for the helth of my sowll. Also I gif William Hoker and William foster iijs. iiijd. Thes recordes, William Normanbe, Henry Samson, Thomas Haynworth, with other mo, the day and yer aboff said.<sup>1</sup>

Be me James Hamour.

Proved before Sz., at Lincoln, 1 Aug., 1507. Adm. granted to the executors.

<sup>1</sup> The date is not given above.

[ROBERT FYSHER OF LUDBOROUGH, A.D. 1507.]

[1520-31, 121.]

THE TESTAMENT OF ROBERT FYSHER OF LUDBURGH.

In the name of god, Amen. The xxiiiijth day off September, The year of our lorde god m fyve hundreth vij. I Robert Fysher off Ludburgh, beyng in hole mynde, make my testament and last will in thys wyse: Fyrst, I bequeth my soule to god almyghtty to our lady saynt mary and all sayntes; and my body to be buried in the chyrch off Ludburgh before sayd. I gyff to the same chyrch v marke. To my mother church of lincoln vjs. viiij*d*. To vaudde abbay vjs. viiij*d*. I will that syr John my sone have Thorpe in the myrres, longludburgh<sup>1</sup> with all commodites proffyttes and yerys that I have in theym to the fyndyng of Roger hys broder. And yf my executors se that he will thryfe, then I put it to thare discrestions to gyff to the sayd Roger all the aforesayd thorpe in the myrres and long ludforth [*sic*] the yerys or half as my executors thynkys best. To Robert fysher my sone all my housys, landes, medoys, pasturys and closys in the feldes and the townys of Ludburgh and Kelstern, with all commoditys that longes to them. And to the aforesayd Robert Fysher I gyff my ferme and all the yeres in Kelstren that I have off the abbey off louthparke, etc. The resydue off all my goodes I gyff to Sir John Fysher and to Mr. William Fysher, whome I make my executors. Wytnes heroff, Thomas dyxson, Ric' Cade and Ric' Hawrby of Ludburgh.

Proved before Sz., in the cathedral church of Lincoln, 22 Dec., 1507. Adm. granted to Sir John Fysher, priest, and Master William Fysher, the executors.

[ALICE or AMICIA LEVERET OF GRANTHAM, WIDOW, A.D. 1507.]

[1506 &c., 6*d*. *The first and third paragraphs are translated from the Latin.*]

THE TESTAMENT OF ALICE LEVERET, WIDOW.

In the Name of God, Amen, the sixth day of the month of November in the year of the Lord a thousand five hundred and seven. I *domina* Amicia Leveryt, widow, being of sound mind and good memory make my testament in this manner: First, I give and bequeath my soul to Almighty God and St. Mary, and all His saints. And my body to be buried in the church of St. Wlffram of Grauntham. I leave what is just in the name of my mortuary. To the cathedral church of Lincoln iijs. iiij*d*. To the high altar of Grauntham for tithes forgotten xxs. To the church work of Grauntham xls. To the reparation of the chapel of the blessed Mary being at the west door iijs. iiij*d*. To the friars of the order of the minors of Grauntham xxs. on this condition that they shall celebrate my obsequies on the days of my burial, my seventh day, and thirtieth day. To the church of buckmenster vjs. viiij*d*. To the church of Southwitham iijs. iiij*d*. To the church of Thistilton iijs. iiij*d*. To the friars of the four orders of Staunfford vjs. viiij*d*. To each of my apprentices iijs. iiij*d*. To Ellen Willson iijs. iiij*d*. To Robert Yattes xxs. To Johne Yattes vjs. viiij*d*. To Amicia Herberde xij*d*. To Elen

<sup>1</sup> No doubt an error for 'longludford' (see below).

Herberde xij*d.* To William Gilberd viij*d.* To Sir John Nores, chaplain, v marks. To Simon leverytt xs. To Master William Spenser, perpetual vicar of Grantham, xxs.

Item I will that Henry Leueryt my sone have my place that I dwelle in the terme of his liffe, and after his decess' I will that Thomas leueryt have it. And if thei both can agree and occupy a stoke to gedire Thane I will that thei have het between them.

The residue of my goods I give and bequeath to Henry leverytt and Thomas leverytt my sons, whom I make my executors, to dispose them for the health of my soul and the souls of all the faithful dead as they shall see best. I make Master William Spenser, my vicar, supervisor. These being witnesses, Master William Spenser, vicar, Sir Henry Smyth, and Sir Thomas backster, chaplains of Grauntham.

[*No probate act.*]

[JOHN DRYVER, SHERIFF OF THE CITY OF LINCOLN, A.D. 1507.]

[1506 &c., 7.]

THE TESTAMENT OF JOHN DRYUER.

In the name of God, Amen, the xxth day of Nouember the yere of our lord god [m<sup>1</sup>]cccc vij, I John Dryuer, late scherif of the Cite of lincoln, beyng of good mynde and hole and of good remembraunce, make and ordeyn my testament and laste will in maner and forme foloyng : First, I gif and bequeyeth my Soule to almyghty god my creatour and savyor, to our blessyde lady Saynt mare the wirgyne his mother, and to all the holy Company of hewyn, And my body to be buryed in the parishe Church of Saynt John the Evangeliste in Wikford in the Suburbs of the Cite of lincoln in our lady Chapell. I gif and bequeth my best garment to my mortuary. I gif and bequeth to the edifeing and belding of the mother church of our lady of the cite of Lincoln iijs. iiij*d.* I gif and bequeth to the sustentacion of the Church of Saynt John the Evangeliste aforesaid for my beryall xs. To the hie altere of the said Church iiij*d.* To the ffreres Carmelites of the Cite of Lincoln for to pray for my saule xij*d.* To the freres Minorys of the said Cite for to pray for my saul xij*d.* To the freres prechours of the cite of Lincoln to pray for my saule xij*d.* To the ffreres augustynes to pray for my saule xij*d.* To the edifieing and beildyng of the parishe Church of Mesingham vjs. viij*d.* To William Dryuer my sone my newe wynde milne sette of the west syde of the Cite of Lincoln. To the said William my ij leys lying in the grete clois of the west side of the milne, which said two leys I have morgagid and pledid to Thomas norton of the Cite of Lincoln, tanner, for ijs. by yere unto the some of xls. be so perceyvyd and taken by the said Thomas, that is to understand, by the space of xx yeres next ensueing the datt of this my last will, and then it shalbe lauffull to the said William his heres or assignes into the said two leys to enter, and the said Thomas his heres, executours or assigns out of the said two leys utterly to expell and put forth, and then to have and to hold to him, his heres and assignes for evermore of the Chief lord of the fee. To the said William a standyng maser with a cover, my best salte of silver with the kever, ane dosyn

<sup>1</sup> The corner of the leaf has been torn off.

silver spones, fourtye shelynges, two fedder beddes, and all that to theym belongith, and a gold Ryng grawyn. To William Fox wif of the Cite of Lincoln, draper, a gerdell with white harnes pennaund and bukyll of silver. To Esabell my wif my secound milne with the appurtenance, to have and to holde to here and here assignes duryng terme of here lif; and after the decease of the said Esabell to remayn to William Dryuer my sone; and if so happen that the said William Dryuer decease afore the said Esabell, then the said milne to remain to John Dryuer the sone of William, to him and his assignes duryng the yeres that I have in the said milne. Item I will that my tenement lyeing at buttur Crosse in the Cite of Lincoln be cellyd by Esabell my wif, and the money thereof to be distribuyted in performing this my will. The Residue of my goods to Esabell my wif, whom I make sole executrice. I make Maister Thomas norton my supvisour, to whom I gif vjs. viij*d.* Witnesses, Maist' roger Hodgekynson, mair of the Cite of Lincoln, Sir William Waynwright prest, John Perciwall of the Cite of Lincoln, William Atreys the elder of the same, Harry Norton, and many other.

[*No probate act.*]

[ROBERT DENYS OF GREAT HALE, A.D. 1508.]

[1506 &c., 10*d.*]

THE TESTAMENT OF ROBERT DENYS.

In the name of gode, Amen, the xxvjth day of the monyth of may, In the yere of our lorde a thousand fyve hundrith and viijth, I Robert Denys of mekill hale, being in hole mynde and of good remembraunce, make my last will under this fourme: In the first, I wyt my saull to allmyghty god, to our lady seint mary, and to all holy seyntes of heven, and my body to be buried in the church yerd of seint John of mekill hale, with my best beste to my principall. Also I giff to the high Alter for all forgotten tithes to the church of Mekill Hale xx*d.* It' I giff to our lady werkes of Lincoln xij*d.* Item I giff to the howse of seint Kateryns of Lincoln iij*d.* Item I giff to the alter of our lady of hale kirke ij*d.* Item I gyff to seint katerin awter in the same kirk ij*d.* The residue of my goods to John Denys and to William Babull and to my moder Agnes, whom I ordeyn executours, that they fulfill this my last will, and dispose my seid goodes to the pleasur of god and for the wele of my saull. Witnesses, Thomas palmar of mekill Hale, Thomas Benyt of the same town, John Benyt of the same town, with many othir moo.

[*No probate act.*]

[HENRY DEL SEE OF GREAT GRIMSBY, GENTLEMAN, A.D. 1508.]

[1506 &c., II. *Translated from the Latin.*]

THE TESTAMENT OF HENRY DE LE SEE.

In the name of God, Amen, the second day of July, one thousand, five hundred and eight, and in the twenty-third year of the reign of King Henry VII., I Henry del See of Great Grymesby, gentleman,

make my testament, etc. My body to be buried in the church of the friars minors of Grymesby aforesaid, with my second best beast in the name of my mortuary to the church of St. James. I bequeath for my burial in the church of the friars minors on the day of my death (*obitus*) vjs. viij*d.* To the house of the said friars six chaldrons of coal. And I will that William Doweson, a friar of the said house, pray for me and for the souls of all my parents and benefactors for one whole year in the said church of St. James; and that he or another friar of the said house pray for me and for the souls of all my parents and all the faithful departed in the church of the said house for four whole years and more, if my goods will extend [so far.] To the work of the church of Lincoln *xld.* To the high altar of St. James of Grymesby *xld.* To the church of St. Mary of Grymesby *xxd.* To the abbey of St. Augustine of Welhow *xls.* To the nuns of St. Leonard near Grymesby one chaldron of coal. To the brethren of St. Augustine of Grymesby one chaldron of coal. To Isabel Sheryff my sister two oxen, two cows, and six silver spoons (*cocliaria*) and all other my goods being within my house. I leave all the goods late belonging to my wife to Thomas Kydger and Elizabeth his sister the daughter of my said wife, and I give them twelve silver spoons. Thomas Sheriff, one of my executors, shall have all the lands and tenements, meadows, feedings, pastures, rents and farms belonging to the said Thomas Kydger, late (*nuper*) son and heir of Martin Kydger, until he shall come to full age. And if Thomas Kydger die before he come to full age, Thomas Sheriff shall have the guardianship of Elizabeth Kydger, sister of the said Thomas, until she come to full age, with all the lands, etc. I bequeath to Thomas Sheriff and his heirs and assigns, one messuage in Grymesby opposite the common Hall, in which Robert Geryng now dwells, with one 'le Shope' belonging to the said messuage, and another 'le Shope' near it in the tenure of John Williamson; and I bequeath to the said Thomas and his assigns all those my lands and tenements, meadows, feedings, pastures, rents, reversions and services within the town and territories of Grymesby, which I lately acquired of John del See of Waythe my kinsman. To John Sheriff the younger of Grymesby *xxs.*, etc. To John Enderby the younger two young beasts called 'steres.' To Elizabeth Saynton my sister. I make the said Thomas Sheriff,<sup>1</sup> Anthony del See and William Enderby my executors, and Bernard del See, 'gentilman,' my supervisor. I will that the said Anthony, William and Bernard have *xxs.* each, etc. I will that the said Thomas Sheriff my executor dispose all my goods in fulfilment of my above-written will by the advice of the said Bernard. I will that my executors sell one ship called 'le Germayn' of Grymesby, and that Thomas Sheriff have the said ship for *xl.* if he pleases. I will that my executors shall sell all my other lands, etc., in the town and fields of Grymesby and Skerthow, or elsewhere in co. Lincoln, and the rest of my animals for the fulfilment of my will. Witnesses, William Doweson aforesaid, Bernard del See, 'Gentilman,' Robert Cattelyn, John Enderby, John Sheriff and Alan Sotheby, with many others. Dated at Grymesby, as above.

[No *probate act.*]

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<sup>1</sup>'my attorney' has been struck out here.

[ADAM DOWSON *alias* BAKER, ALDERMAN OF LINCOLN, A.D. 1508.]

[1506 &c., 11*d.* *Translated from the Latin.*]

THE TESTAMENT OF ADAM DAWSON.

xxiiij November, 1508. I Adam Dowson *alias* Baker, alderman of the city of Lincoln, make this my last will, etc. To be buried in the church of St. Peter at Arches, Lincoln. I bequeath my best beast in the name of my mortuary, as the usage and custom of the said city demand. To the rector of the said church for tithes forgotten or negligently rendered xx*d.* To the fabric of the said church iijs. iiij*d.* To the four orders of friars mendicant of the said city viijs., to be divided amongst them. To the fabric of the church of St. Mary of Lincoln iijs. iiij*d.* To the belfry of St. Martin the bishop and confessor of the city of Lincoln if within the two years immediately following it shall have been rebuilt afresh xxs., but otherwise to be disposed in works of charity for the health of my soul. To Edward and John my sons xx*l.* equally between them if Joan my wife take to herself a husband. And if she do not take a husband, but remain in her widowhood, she shall give to the said Edward and John according to her discretion, and according to their merits and demerits. To the said Edward and John between them twelve silver spoons, and to each of them a bed with its appurtenances. To a certain honest chaplain, to be chosen at the discretion of my executors or supervisors, ix*l.* vjs. viij*d.* to celebrate in the church of St. Peter aforesaid for my soul and the souls of my benefactors and of all the faithful dead for two whole years immediately after my death. To John laine, priest, xxs. to pray for my soul. To the gild of St. Anne within the city of Lincoln ijs. I bequeath on the day of my burial of my goods to dispose for the health of my soul according to the laudable custom of the said city and the discretion of my executors and supervisors. The residue of my goods I bequeath to Joan my wife and Edward and John my sons, whom I make my executors, to dispose for the health of my soul, together with the oversight of William Yrchenet, alderman of the city of Lincoln, and Sir Richard Louth, rector of the church of St. Peter at Arches aforesaid, to whom I assign for their labour, viz., to William Yrchenet xls., and to Sir Richard Louth xxvjs. viij*d.* Dated at Lincoln, etc. These being witnesses, Thomas Burton of the same city, draper, William Robson of the same city, 'skynner,' John Hogenson of the same city, 'shomaker,' Richard Horsley of the same city, 'bowr,' with others.

Proved before B. H., at Lincoln, 28 Dec., 1508. Adm. granted to the executors.

[RICHARD LEYFLEY, CHAPLAIN, RECTOR OF EVEDON, A.D. 1508.]

[1543-1556, 62*d.* *Translated from the Latin.*]

RICHARD LEYFLEY.

10 January, 1508. I Richard Leyfley, chaplain, and rector of Evedon, of hole mind and good memory, but sick in body, fearing that the day of death hangs over me, make my testament, etc. First, I bequeath my soul to Almighty God, blessed Mary the Glorious Virgin, and all the Holy Ones of the Court of Heaven; and my body to be buried

in the churchyard of St. Andrew the Apostle of Iwarbie, with that which is right in the name of my mortuary. I bequeath for the maintenance of the bells of the same church *xd.* To the fabric of the cathedral church of Lincoln *iiijd.* To the choir (*choro*) of Evedon *xijd.* To Hugh my son my houses being in oustthrop with their appurtenances, and to the heirs of his body; and if it happen that he die without children, which Heaven avert, then I bequeath them to Margery my daughter and to the heirs of her body; and if she shall die without children, then I will that the aforesaid houses revert to the heirs of my brother John for ever. To the same Hugh my best chest, a great brass pot, a dish (*scutram*) or chafing-dish, and a table or counter (*tabulam*). Also I bequeath to Margery my daughter two heifers, two sheets, two towels, one mattress, one coverlet, one cushion (*culcitram*), two couches (*pulvinaria*), two brass pots of the second kind (*forme*), one basin (*pelvim*), with one laver (*lavatorio*), one candlestick and two platters. To Agnes Leyfley one great chest. To Alice Leyfley 'le hutche.' To William Lyesfley [*sic*] John Leyfley, Hugh Leyfley, Richard Leyfley and Margaret Baker *xiijs. iiijd.* The residue of my goods I give to Hugh my son, whom I make my executor, to dispose for the health of my soul to the best that he knows. These being witnesses, William Cooke, vicar of Iwarbie, W. Goodegham of Oustrop, Ric' Gryff of the same, Ric' Goodegham of Iwardbie, William Gluuer of Iwardbie, with many others.

Proved before the commissary and official of the archdeaconry of Lincoln, at Sleaford, 14 Oct., 1512. Adm. granted to the executor.

[JOHN BLAUNCHARD OF GRAINTHORPE, A.D. 1508.]

[1506 &c., 12d. Translated from the Latin.]

THE TESTAMENT OF JOHN BLANCHERD.

15 January, 1508. I, John Blanchard of Garnthorp, make my testament, etc. To be buried in the church of St. Clement of Garnthorp, with my best beast in the name of my mortuary. To the fabric of the cathedral church of St. Mary of Lincoln *xxd.* To the fabric of the church of Garnthorp one dish (*patellam*) for a little bell (*stille*). To the fabrics of the following churches—Marschapell *xxd.*, Northcotes *xxd.*, Foulstow *xijd.*, Cawthorpe *xijd.*, Covenham *xijd.*, Yerburgh *viiijd.*, Conengesholme *viiijd.* To the nuns of Alvyngam *ijs.* To the prior and convent of Watton *vs.* To the friars of the order of St. Augustine of Grymmesby *xxd.* To the friars of the order of St. Francis of Grymmesby *xxd.* I bequeath *iiijl. xiijs. iiijd.* for one priest to celebrate for me for one whole year. To each of my four daughters *vjl. xiijs. iiijd.*, if it can be done. To Richard my son one wind-mill; also one plot (*placeam*) of land of six acres called 'le Acars'; also one plot of land of two acres called 'le Kelingrigs'; also one acre lying in Hodcroft. The residue of my goods I give to Thomas my son, whom I make my executor to dispose for the health of my soul, by the supervision of Mr. John Skipwith, knight; and I bequeath to him *xxs.*, and to Thomas Blancherd for his labour *vjs. viijd.* Witnesses, Sir Gilbert Rathby, Sir William Wod, Waltar Johnson, Thomas Blancherd, John Johnstone, with many others.

[No probate act.]



[THOMAS MERYNG OF LINCOLN, GENTLEMAN, A.D. 1509.]

[1506 &c., 13. *Translated from the Latin.*]

THE TESTAMENT OF THOMAS MERYNG.

5 May, 1509. I Thomas Meryng, gentleman, of the city of Lincoln, make my testament, etc. My body to be buried in the church of the Friars Minors of the said city. To the parish church of St. Swithin of the said city my best robe (*togam*) in the name of my mortuary. To the fabric of the church of St. Mary of Lincoln vs. To the gild of St. Thomas of the said church of St. Swithin ijs. To the church of the Friars Minors for my burial vjs. viij*d.* To Joan my wife and my children xl. for their maintenance. To John mering, my brother, the ten marks for which I am bound to Thomas mering of Collingham. To Anne mering, my sister, the xx marks for which I am bound to the prior of St. Katherine of the said city of Lincoln for the said Thomas mering of collingham. To Christopher mering my brother xl. for his maintenance, and my principal tenement lying in the parish of St. Swithin, which I bought, at his full age. To Joan my wife one tenement in blankney with two cottages of which the yearly rent is xxxijs. iiij*d.*, and the heirs begotten of her body, failing which heirs——<sup>1</sup> I will that my lodging (*hospitium*) lying in 'ly Spiltil stret' shall be sold for the maintenance of one priest for three years to celebrate in the church of St. Swithin aforesaid for the souls of my father and mother and for my soul. I bequeath the residue of my goods to Joan my wife and John Hawester her father to dispose for the health of my soul, etc., and I make them my executors, with the supervision of William pocoke as their associate, who shall have for his labour xs. These being Witnesses, Brother John sparhouk, Sir Henry panton, priests, William briges and Walter Brawg', with many others.

[*No probate act.*]

[SIR JOHN GRAUNTE OF FULSTOW, PRIEST, A.D. 1509.]

[1543-56, 63*d.*]

JOHN GRAUNTE.

xxij September, 1509. This is the hole testamente and last will of me Sir Johnne Graunte of Fulstow, priest. To be buried within the Church of sainte Laurence in Fulstowe. In the name of my mortuarie that that the lawe requireth to be had therefore. To our moder church of our blessed Ladie in Lincoln ijs. iiij*d.* To the findinge of a Light before the image of oure Ladie in the church of Fulstowe there xs. To the hie altar of Sainte Laurence in Fulstowe for all manner of oblacions and tentes forgotten ijs. To the reparation of the steple of the said church there cc Thackborde. To the finding of a light before the Image of oure Ladie within the church of Marshchapell there xs. I bequeathe for iij trentalles to be done within the parishe church of Fulstowe for the health of my soule xxxs. To Helene Westerne one quee. To Thomas Graunte my brother one steere of two yeres age and upward, and a russet gowne. To Walter Graunte my brother one steere

<sup>1</sup> The clause is unfinished.

of the age of two yere and upward and a tawnie gowne. To Elizabeth the daughter of the forsaid Walter Graunte one quee. To Johnne Page one stere, xxtie sheepe, one plowe and an iron harrowe, with all that pertains therto. To Raffe Wittonne x lambes. To Sir William Madissonne, vicar of Fulstowe, xx. The residue of my goods I give to Sir William Madissonne, vicar of Fulstowe, and to Raffe Witton of Marshchapell, whome I ordeine and make myn executors to dispose for the healte of my soule as thei thincke most expedient; wherefore I ordeine to be the supervisor of this my last will Roberte Fawconner of Fulstowe aforsaid. Witnes hereof, Roberte Graunte of South somercotes, Thomas Graunte of the same, William Weste of Fulstowe, and Helene Westryn of Fotherbie, with other mo.

Proved before B.H., at Lincoln, 16 Nov., 1509. Adm. granted to the executors.

[JOHN MARSHALL OF GEDNEY FEN, A.D. 1509.]

[1543-56, 63. *Translated from the Latin.*]

JOHN MARSHALL.

xj January, 1509. I Johnne Marshall of Gedney fenne, make my will, etc. My best best to my mortuarie after the use of the Contre. To the hie altar of Gedney churchc iiijd. To oure Ladie of Lincoln ijd. To Sainte Katherine of Lincoln ijd. To Wissen gild ijd. To trinitie gilde ijd. To oure Ladies gilde jd. I wolle that Betres my wief and Roberte my sonne together have my heade house with ij acre one rode and ij acre di' of Mr. Wentworthes fee of Ryminge lande the terme of hur lief, and after hur decease I woll that the said house and Land remaine to Roberte my sonne, and if he bethen livinge tull him and tull his heires and his assignes. And if it be happen [*sic*] that Roberte my sonne die before his moder, that [*sic*] I will that the said house and Lond remaine to Margerie my daughter in likewise, tull hur and hur heires and assignes; and if it so fall that bothe Roberte and Margerie die before hur moder without heires of hur [*sic*] bodie lauffullie gotten, then I will that it be sold by handes of myn or my wiefes exequutors, and to be songe in Chapel of Gedney fenne pro the wele of my soule and my wiefes and all my good frendes soules; and if anny more monney remaine of the forsaid sale I woll that it be disposed in the chapell of the trinitie where most nede is to the wele of the church.

[*There are no witnesses nor probate act.*]

[LAMBERT SCEPPERD OF SURFLEET, A.D., 1509.]

[1558, iii, 54.]

In the name of God, Amen, 1509, the xxii day of the monyeth of februar'. I Lambert Scepperd of Surflett makyth my testament with my laste wille in this maner: Firste, I bequyth my Soule to Almyghty gode, to our lady Sanct Marie, and to all the holy companye of Hevyn; my body to be beried in the Cherchzarde of Sanct lawrencie of Surflett Aforsaid. And my mortuarie to be os the custome is in the cuntre.

Also I bequyth to the mother Chorch of lyncoln ij*d*. I bequyth to the hye Auter in Surfleit chorch ij*d*. I wille that Thomas leke have my plugh and that longes there to And he to pay for the dressyng of the Same. Also I wyll that Jenet Danby have an pare of hose and a scheit. I will that Thomas Danby have my best Cote, my hatte and my cappe. Also I gyve to Thomas leke my oder Cote, and to his wyff a sheit. To Sir Gilbert Caid' my dublitt of worsteid, and he to say iij messis of the fyve wondes of our lourde gode. I gyve to Rych'd Multon my Schene and Sterthuppes. To Agnes benyngton a pare of olde hose. To katelyne Nycolle my wyffe afor gode and recorde handfest, my hugh', a panne, a coverlyde, a matres with all other of my mevebull gudes that may be Sparide. To the said katelyne my wyffe All my landes and tenementes that I have with in the towne and felde of wigtofte for the space of x zeres, to hir and hir assignes, with owtyne pechment of waste. And after the said x zeres be exspiride, and with outyn trebull peasable In ioyde, then I will that my executor sell all the said landes and tenementes in wygtofte, And the money therefore resevyde to be dispoide in the said towyns of Surfleit and wygtofte yf my dedis and olde wyllis schew that the said lands and tenements be and stonde in fee symple. And ther be any man that canne prove by will or dede that the said landes and tenementes in wygtofte be in tale to the here male or to the here generall, that then I will that after the said katelyne my wyfe have peseable injoyd the said landes and tenements in wygtofte the said x zeres, that then the said landes and tenementes in wygtofte I wyll remayn to the Ryght here. And if so be the Ryght here wild trebull the said katelynne duryng hir zeres, then I will that yf the law gyffe it hir, that sche have the londes and tenementes to the tyme that sche have resevid of the rentes of the said landes and tenementes as mych monei os the ryght here put hir to coste in defendyng hyme of lettyng hire of the possession of the said landes and tenementes. The residew of my gudes not gevyn nor bequythed I gyffe and bequyth them to my master Wylliam Clyfton, parson of Surfleit afor said, whome I make my executor, that he ordir and dispose for the wele of my soule and all my benefactours, os it schall best plece gode. Theis beyng wytnes, the said sir Gilbert my Gostly fadir, Thomas leke and Thomas Danby of the towne of Surfleit, and mony other moo, the day and zer afor said.

[*No probate act.*]

[SIR WILLIAM BYSTILL OF ALGARKIRK, CHANTRY PRIEST, A.D. 1510.]

[1506 &c., 18. *Another copy at folio 15.*]

THE TESTAMENT OF SIR WILLIAM BISTILL.

Dated xvij June, 1510. I Sir William Bystill, prest off the chantre of oure lady in Algarkyke, make my testament conteynyng there in my last will as hit ys foloyng, etc. To be beryed in the quere off our most blesyd lady in Algarkyrke with that that ys ryght in the name off my mortuary. To the stoles<sup>1</sup> makyng there xxs. or else to be ward in other orname'ts in the sayd church. To the hye awter ther for forgotten tithes v*d*. To the ornament of the same awtar v*d*., and to the awtar

<sup>1</sup> *I.e.*, 'stalls'.

off the chantre off oure lady xij*d.* ; to other to awters there to ethyr of them iiij*d.* I bequeath to every leygh ther iiij*d.* To every other leygh ther j*d.* I will that one seculer prest singh a hole zere in the church off Algarkyrke ffor my sowle and the sowlys off my father and moder and all crysten sowlys. Also I wyll that my executors distribute at my beryal day vij day and xxx day at direge and messe and pore pepull with other necessary charges in Algarkyrke iij*l.* To the church warke of Pynchbeke xxs. To the hye awter ther for forgotyn tythes iijs. iiij*d.* To every other awtar ther xij*d.* Also to the hye rode lyght ther xij*d.* I will that my executors distribuyt among pore pepull ther xxs. To the warke off our moder church off Lincoln iijs. iiij*d.* To the orphanys off saynt Katherines without the wallys off Lincoln xij*d.* To iiij orders off freers in Boston, to every order iijs. iiij*d.* To every goodchyld viij*d.* I will that my executors kepe my fyrst zer day, and to distribute at diryge and messe with other necessary charches xs. To Sir John Wryght iijs. iiij*d.*, a Caneby and a bage with silver knoppys. To Sir William Wattes on Caneby and on cheverell bage with knoppys of gold. To Margaret Hyll off Pynchbeke a tany bage with knoppys off gold and strynkes off grene sylke. To John Brykes my old bage off red cheverall. To William Bistyll son of John Bistyll xls. To William Brykes my godson viij*l.*, on wellvytt bage, &c. To Margaret Brykes xls., etc. To Alys Brygges xls., etc. To Katherine Bryges iiij*l.*, on grene coverlyd, on paynted cloth with ymagere off men, on payntyd cloth with a crucifixe in the myddes, etc. To Dorythe Brykes xls., etc. To Anne Bryge xls. If Wyliam Bryges die or he be off the age off xviiij zers that hys part be devydyd among hys sisters. If Margett, Alice, Katherine, Dorathe or Anne dye or the be of the age off xviiij zers, then ther partys remeayn to ther sisters lyvyng. If William bistill dye or he be at xviiij zers that hys xls. to remayn to John Bestill hys father. To John Bistyll my brother xls., etc. To William Bistill, son off John Bistyll my broder, of Pynchbeke, iij acres off lond with all the beldyng belded ther a pon, lying in Pinchbeke att the ffennys heynd to him and his heirs or assyngnes. If he lyve to he be xxi zers then the said iij acres with the byldyng remain in the hands of my executors to the end off the same time of xxi zers, and that the first zers rent be waryd in the reparations off the same hows, and the oder zers rentys be waryd, the half to the church wark and the oder halffe amonge pore pepull in the same towne off Pynchbeke. If the said William dye or he be at the age of xxj zers then the said iij acres with the byldyng to be sold by my executors to fynd a secular prest in the church of Pinchebeke for my sowl, the sowlys of my father and moder and all cristen sowlys. To William Brykes after my decesse on hows lyend at boder brygges with all my other londes within the town of Pynchbeke, to him and hys herys, on condition that the said William pay or make to be payd the reparation of the said bouer brygges xiijs. iiij*d.* Also one piece of lond lately Richard Pantres remane to the chantery priest of Algarkirk, on condition that the prest keep or make to be kepyd my anyversary for my sowle and the sowlys of Thomas Bistill my father and Alice hys wyffe my moder, and all cremen sowlys, spendyng yerly at Dirige and messe with noytt, etc., ijs. viij*d.* The residue of all my other goods to Sir William Wattes, prest of Algarkirk, and John Byrkes of Pinchbeck,

whom I make executors, etc., to dyspose for the helyth off my sowle by the supervision off Master Ric' Robertson, vicar of Pinchbeke whom I make supervisor, and he to have for hys labour xiijs. iiij*d.*, and Sir William Watts for his labour and besynys xs., and John Bryges for his labour xs. Thys being wyttnes, Sir William Freeman, priest of Algarkirk, Thomas Reper, John Peyke of the same, Sir John Wryght, and Ric' Whitengham, with oder mo.

[*No probate act.*]

[THOMAS KIRKMAN OF HOGSTHORPE, A.D. 1510.]

[1506 &c., 14. *Translated from the Latin. Collated with another copy at folio 19, which is referred to as 'A' in the footnotes.*]

THE TESTAMENT OF THOMAS KIRKMAN OF HOGGETHORP.

15 March, 1510. I Thomas Kirkman<sup>1</sup> of Hoggethorpe,<sup>2</sup> sick in body, etc., make my testament, etc. To be buried in the parish church of Hoggethorpe,<sup>3</sup> that is in the choir of the Holy Trinity. I leave my best beast for my mortuary. To the fabric of St. Mary of Lincoln girdles<sup>4</sup> of silver, and one pair of rosaries (*precurarum*). To the high altar of Hoggesthorpe for tithes forgotten xx*d.* For the reparation of the same xij*d.* To the altar of the Holy Trinity there xij*d.* To the altar of St. Mary there xij*d.*<sup>4</sup> I bequeath for the maintenance of one priest, chosen according to the discretion of the vicar of Hoggesthorpe to celebrate for the health of my soul at the altar of the Holy Trinity for one whole year, eight marks of English money. I bequeath for the making (*fabricationem*) of one choir (*chori*) before the Holy Trinity of Hoggesthorpe ten marks. For the making of the stalls (*stabellorum*) in the north part of the church of Hoggesthorpe iiij*l.*<sup>5</sup> To Elezabeth<sup>6</sup> my wife all the utensils of my house, and xx*l.* in money or value. To John my son xx*l.* To the house of the lepers at Boston<sup>7</sup> vs. To Robert Craycroft for the making of this my present testament xls., or the value. To his wife one cow. To William his son xls. To John my<sup>8</sup> son one sheep. For the reparation of the chapel of St. Leonard xij*d.*, and one chest. To the gild there one sheep and a lamb. To John<sup>9</sup> Skootereth, chaplain there, six sheep. To the chapel of Slothby xij*d.* To the church of East Ingoldmellez xij*d.* To the church of West Ingoldmellez xij*d.* To the church of Ormesby xij*d.*, and to the chapel there xij*d.* To the church of Mumby xij*d.* To the church of Willughby xij*d.* To the church of Falsthurp xij*d.* To William Woodford<sup>10</sup> six sheep. To the Bailiff of Willughby one sheep and a lamb. To the vicar of Hoggesthorpp vjs. viij*d.*, and one surplice. To John Yngram six sheep and one calf. To Robert piper<sup>11</sup> one cow, one heifer and six sheep. To Beatrice Acle one cow, one heifer and ten sheep. To Mr. William Skypwyth<sup>12</sup> ten sheep. To Robert Sarrot one sheep and a lamb. To the lord of Willughby one horse. To Sir John Skypwyth,<sup>13</sup> knight, and

<sup>1</sup> 'Kirkam' in A. <sup>2</sup> 'Hoggesthorpe' in A. <sup>3</sup> 'two girdles' in A. <sup>4</sup> Omitted in A.

<sup>5</sup> A adds 'of money or value'. <sup>6</sup> 'Isabel' in A. <sup>7</sup> A adds here 'one bed and. To every dominus of the friars at Boston,' <sup>8</sup> 'his' in A. <sup>9</sup> 'Sir John' in A.

<sup>10</sup> 'Wodford' in A.

<sup>11</sup> 'Peyper' in A. <sup>12</sup> 'Skepworth' in A.

<sup>13</sup> 'Skepwyth' in A.

Leo Dymmok each a horse. I will that my executors buy or cause to be bought a certain yearly rent extending to the yearly value of ten shillings, and enfeof feoffees in it with a declaration of my will, viz., that the feoffees shall maintain a suitable priest to celebrate one trental of masses yearly for ever for the health of my soul and the souls of all the faithful at the altar of the Holy Trinity of Hoggesthorpe. Provided always that if the parishioners there shall in any future year maintain any priest who shall celebrate at the altar aforesaid for a whole year, then the said feoffees shall pay or cause to be paid the said yearly rent for the maintenance in part of the said chaplain. I make Elizabeth my wife and Robert Craycroft my executors, etc. The residue of my goods I will that it be distributed for pious uses and works of charity. I make John Skipwyth, knight, supervisor. Witnesses, John Brekirke,<sup>14</sup> perpetual vicar of Hoggesthorp, John Skertereth,<sup>15</sup> chaplain, John Holden,<sup>16</sup> William Westeron', John fooken',<sup>17</sup> with others.

[*No probate act.*]

[JOAN HARBY OF LINCOLN, VOWESS, WIDOW, A.D. 1511.]

[1506 &c., 16.]

THE TESTAMENT OF JOAN HARBY, *mantulata*, WIDOW.

The vijth dey of the moneth of apriell, a thowsand fyve hundreth and xj, I Jane Harby of Lincoln, Woves, mak my testament, etc. I will my body be bered in the church of sant peter ad Archus within the Cite of lincoln. I gyff to my mortuare after the custome of the cite. I gyff and bequeth to our lady warke of the Cathedrall church of lincoln a pair of gret beide of Corell wyth gawdes of gold wych wer my sisters Dame Anne Bugges and when the bedes be delyvered then I will that my executores by them and gyff for them of my money xls. I will that Mr. symon Stalworth, Subdean of lincoln, have the said beides [*folio 16d.*] duryng his lyfe, and efter his decesse I will that the said beides remane to our lady warke of the said Cathedrall Curch of lincoln agayne. I beqweth to the hie awter of the said Cathedrall Cruch of lincoln vjs. viij*d.* I beqweth toward the reparacions of the landes of the Cantrye fownded by Roberd Dalderbe in sent benet Curch of lincoln xls. to be expensed be the church masters of sent benetes by the over syght of myn executores. I will that Mr. symon Stalworth have a whyte pece with a coveryng wrought with grapes or vynes on it. I will that Thomas Holand have a standyng pece with a cover pownsid wyth feddres with a standyng maser and another maser more lesser. I will to the fyndyng of faderlesse childer of sent Catelyns vjs. viij*d.* I will to evere order of freers wyth in the cite of lincoln vjs. viij*d.* I will that Mr. Symon Stalworth delyver to Mr. William Harby all sych obligacions as is in his keypyng acordyng to the poytment maid afor mr. husse and Richard Clerk recorder of lincoln. I will that the said Mr. William Harby have the ij places that I purchessed in Eveden with all the landes belonggyng unto them. I will that evere prest beyng present the dey of my bereall vijth day and xxxti day have iiiij*d.* I will that evere power man and woman

<sup>14</sup> 'Bredkirke' in A. <sup>15</sup> 'Scortereeth' in A. <sup>16</sup> 'Halden' in A. <sup>17</sup> 'Cooken' in A.

beyng present the said deis have *jd.* I will that William Hospryng my servant have a mere and a saddill, a kowe, *vj* ewes, and *xs.* in money. I will that Sir Joh' Bell have *vjs. viiijd.* I will Alys vrchenet have my best fedderbed with the bolster, a pair of fust'ons, *iiij* peyr of shettes, wher of the on pair be of *iiij* breedes, another payr of *ij* brede and halfe, the other payr of *ij* breedes, with on hed schet, *ij* pelois, and a cownterpoynnt and *xxli.* I will that Anne Suddon have on federbed and a bolster, *ij* pair of flaxyn shettes, *ij* pottes, *ij* pannes, and half a garnesh of puter wessell, and a coveryng of a bed. To sant Anne gyld my furred mantell. To the gret gyld in the Cite of lincoln *iijs. iiijd.* I remitt and forgyve to Thomas Taverner all such money as he awght on to me. I will that Jane [*folio 17*] Hasheball have *ij* basons, *ij* ewers, *iiij* candilstikes, halfe a ganesh of puter wessell, and a peyr of flaxyn shettes. To George laueroke, Richard laueroke, Elizebeth lauerok, and Jane lauerok, childerne of Richard laueroke, evere on of them *xls.* To the Abbot and convent of Barlynges for my stone lynyg ther *vjs. viiijd.* I bequeth to the said abbot and Convent to do dirige and a messe for me in maner of a soleme obytt *xls.* at the syght of my executores. I gyff to Mr. John Elercar a standyng masser with a cover of wood and a knopp of silver gilt on it. To Jane overton *ij* pottes, *ij* basons, *ij* Candilstikes, a tabill cloth, a towell, and half a garnesh of pewter wessell. I will that evere on of myn executores have for ther labors *iiij* markes. To mr. Thomas Holand wyfe a velvet gyrdill harnest. To the Ankeres *iijs. iiijd.* I will that my executores do yerly cause to be done on obit for my saull and all my frendes soules in the parich church of sent peter where my body is bered and at the dispende at the said obit to prestes, clerkes, pore men and women with all other chargges *xs.* I bequeath to the altar of Jhesu in the said church my masboke, chales and vestment with the appurtenance. I will that Jane brigghth my god dought' have stufte to the valeu of *xls.* at the syght of my executors. I will that *ij* prestes shall syng in the church of sent peter ad Archus wher my body is bered so long as my guddes will extend after my dettes paid, this testament fulfilled and other chargges borne, at the syght and the discrecion of myn executors. Also I will that my executors sell all my landes and tenementes wythin the Cite and suburbes of lincoln and the money takyn for them be in lyk maner expended in the fyndyng of my obit and the *ij* prestes. Also I will that ever as my goodes be sold that the money receyved for them and all my plate on sold with the money remayne in a chest in sum sure place within the parich of sant [*folio 17d.*] peter and that the said chest have *ij* lokes and *ij* keys, wherof Richard laueroke kepe the on key and will' vrchenet the other. Thye residew of my gudes not gyffyn or bequethed, after my dettes and legaces paid, I gyve to mr. Thomas Holand, William Irchenet and Richard lauerok, whom I orden and make myn executores to dispose for the helthe of sowle as it shall be seym to them acordyng to this my wyll and testament. Mr. Symon Stalworth and mr. Robart Newton supervisors of this my testament. Witnessynges, Sir Richard Lowth parson of sent peter, Sir Robert bothe, Sir John Hudson, and Sir Robert Drure, prestes, with other moo.

Proved before C<sub>I.</sub>, at Lincoln, 15 Sept., 1511. Adm. granted to the executors, except Richard Laverock to grant to whom power was reserved.

## [WILLIAM ROBYNSON OF LINCOLN, A.D. 1511.]

[1506 &c., 14. *Collated with another copy at folios 18 and 19, which is referred to as 'A' in the footnotes.*]

## THE TESTAMENT OF WILLIAM ROBYNSON.

m ccccc and xj, the xx day of Septembre, I William Robynson makes my testament, etc. I bequeth my sowle to allmighty god, to hys moder sent mary, and all the holy company of heven. To be berryd wythin the myddill space of saynt Johnes churche afore the roode, and to the parson for my mortuare after the custome of the towne. To the hye awter for the parson iiij s. To our lady of Lincoln vjd. To a crosse at saynt Johnes churche x markes. To the iiij orderis of freres in Stamford, evere house xxd. To our ladys guylde in Boston xs., and so of the payment my wyfe and I to be qwyt. To John my sone x markes, also my house in peter parych to have efter the deceses of my wyfe, and if he dye afore wyfe, than yf she be wyth chyld the same child to have the said house wyth the said x markes, and yf it happyn that both theys childer dye afore my wyfe, then I will the same house be solde and the money thereof to be disposed for my saule and the saule of my wyfe, whome I make executrice. Thomas Madwell to overse that this my will be performyd, and he to have for his labour xs. Wytnes, Maister Edward Markworth,<sup>1</sup> parson, John Cowper, William Hoserne,<sup>2</sup> Robert Steyd, Robert Sherpe,<sup>3</sup> wyth oder moy.

[*No probate act.*]

## [ALICE BAYLIE OF FOSDYKE, A.D. 1512.]

[1545-6, ii, 403.]

## ALICE BAYLIE.

7 April, 1512. I Alison Baylie of the parishe of Fosdicke, etc., makes my testament, etc. To be buried in the churche yarde of Fosdicke with my mortuarie of Custome. To the hie alter for forgotten tiethes vjd. To our ladies alter ijd. To the alter of St. nicolas ijd. To our ladie of Lincoln iiijd. To the faderles children ijd. To the sepulcre light ijd. To the perkes light ijd. To Sir Robert my ghostlie father viijd. for to prairie for my soule and all christien soules. To the churche warke of Fosdicke ijs. I will have iij daies kepte solemplie in the churche of Fosdicke, the price ix s. Also I give to my daughters all my howshold stuffe, thei evenlie to devide betwixte them. To Agnes my daughter one potte of brase, one pane, one leade and ij burlinges. To Agnes graue one yowe and one lambe. The residue of my shepe I give them to Richard my sonne for to bringe me forthe with. To Richard my sonne xvij stone of leade, and other xvij stone I will that he dispose the value thereof for my soule. To Elizabeth my daughter one cove, one brase potte, one pane and one Coverlyde. To my daughters eche of them one chiste. I give to Mr. Boolles ijs.; he to be supervisor of my Testament. The residue of my goods I give to Richard my sonne, whom I make myne executor, that he dispose them for the healthe of my soule as he thinkes best yt shall please God, and as he will give answer before almightie God at the dredfull daie of dome. Thes beringe witnes, Sir Robert Hayward, Thomas Mychell and Richard Sley, and other mo.

[*No probate act.*]

<sup>1</sup> 'Makeworth' in A. <sup>2</sup> 'Hosborne' in A. <sup>3</sup> 'Sharpe' in A.



[WILLIAM FOSTER OF GOSBERTON, A.D. 1512.]

[1506 &c., 41d.]

ix May, m ccccc xij. I William Foster of gosb'kerke makes my testament and last will, etc. To be beried wher hit shall please God that I dy, with my mortuar' after the custum of the town. To the hye awter of sent peter of the church aforsaid for tythes forgotten vjd. To the reparacion of the same awter vjd. To every awter in the said church iiijd. To the cathedral church of Lincoln ij d. To the orphanys at saynt Katerines ij d. To Edward, Nicolas and Thomas my sonys to every on of them iiij bestes of ij yere of age and upward; and the said bestes to be fond at the charg of my wyff as long as they are with her; and to every on of them iiij shepe. To Thomas my son ij mares, j fole and j stage; also I will that Margaret my wyff to hyr power helpe to fynd Thomas my sonn att scole. To Edward my sonn a hors with a white face. To Jenett my daughter a mare, sych on as my wyff will, and iiij shepe. To Margaret my wyff my messuage in Rysgate, and my cotage with all landes and tenementes belongyng to them for terme of hyr lyff; and after hyr decesse, I will that Thomas my sonn yf he be no prest have my messuage with ij acre land to hym and to hys hers of hys body; remainder to Edward my sonn and to the hers of hys body; remainder to Nicolas my son in the same forme; remainder to Jenytt my daughter in forme aforesaid, and yff she dy with owtyn yssue, I will the said messe be sold and disposyd for the soulys of my father and my mother and the [sic] off my wyffys fader and moder and for my sole and my wyffes sole and all owr gud frendes solles by the myndes of the frendes of the said Jenytt my daughter. I will that yff Thom' my son be a prest that Edward my sonn have the messuage with the appurtenanc' in forme aforesaid. I will that yff Thomas my son be a prest that Edward my sonn have the cotage that John Anderton dwelles in after the forme aforesaid, with the garth under hyt; and yf he dy without issue, then I will the said cotage with the garth remayn to Nicolas my sonn in forme aforesaid; and yf he dy without issue, it to remayn to Jenyt my doghter; and yff she dy without issue, it to be sold and disposyd in forme aforesaid; and yf Thomas my sonn be a prest, then the said cotage to remayn to Nicolas and not to Edward. Also I will that Nicolas my sonn have iij acre pasture callyd stiberd willowe to hym and his hers; and yf he dy without issue, it to remayn after forme aforesaid. The residew of my goodes I gyff to Margaret my wyff, whome I make executrix. Thes beynge wytnes, William Nicolson, Ric' Baron, and Christopher Foster, and oder moo. At Gosberkerk the day and yere aforsaid.

[No probate act.]

[EDON KYME OF TIMBERLAND, A.D. 1512.]

[1543-56, 66d. Translated from the Latin.]

EDON KYME.

15 August, 1512. I Edon Kyme of Tymberlaund make my testament, etc. My body to be buried within the churchyard of the church of St. Andrew the apostle of Timberland, with my mortuary as right requires. I bequeath to the fabric of the mother church of Lincoln iiijd. To the high altar of the parish church of Timberland for tithes forgotten

iiij*d.* To the chapel of the blessed Mary of Merton of the parish of Timberland iiij*d.* The residue of my goods I bequeath to Peter Kyme my son whom I make my executor, to dispose them for the health of my soul, etc. These being witnesses, John Aunger, vicar of Tymberland, John Hall and William Hall, and many others.

[*No probate act.*]

[RICHARD ELSTON OF HALTON HOLEGATE, A.D. 1512.]

[1506 &c., 20.]

This ys the last will of me Ric' Elston, made the xxiiijti day of August, millesimo ccccc xij. I will that Jenyt my wiffe have the terme of hir lyfe my hows that I bought of William Webster, and all my inward stufte, and my hows and pastur' that I bought of John sparowe, and iiij key and grece to them in a pastur' callyd Halton myln croft, etc. I will after the decese of Jenyt my wife it be devyded betwene Ric', Thom' and Jenyt the childer of William Pynder. I will that the pastur callyd fayr close that was John Halles of Halton after the space of xx yere after the date her' remayn unto the heres of John Hall. I will that the land arabyll lyeng on blawmebeke after the space of xxxti yer remayn to the heres of John Hall under the same forme. I will that viij landes on carlandes, and v landes of mathum hill remayne after the space of the said yeres under the same forme; and that half an acre under Newcroft hill and a pastur' callyd wrangendys after the space of lx yeres remayn unto the heres of the said John Hall. I will that a pastur' callid Walkemyln croft after the space of lx yeres remayn after the same forme; iij landys in a pastur' in the north feld after the space of xl yere remayn unto the said heres; A lytill pastur' in the estfeld of halton next Robert Hall after the space of xxx yeres remayn unto the said her'; half an acr' in a pastur' in the said Estfeld after the space of xxiiij yer' remayn unto the said heres; j land arabull upon caldwell hill, and a land of an acr' at the northtownend after the space of xxx yere remayn unto the said heres; iij landys upon the hey feld, and an acr' land in the same feld after the space of xx yer' remayn unto the said yeres; ij landys in dirdall after the space of xx yer' remayn unto the said heres; j land arabill upon flatlandes after the space of xxxti yer' remayn [*folio 20d.*] unto the said heres. Iff hit hapen the said John Hall or Robert his sone cum and paye to the said Ric' Elston or to his executor the said some of money that he paid for the said lands then the said heres of John Hall to entur of the said lands and pastures as ther one. And yf hit happen the said John Hall to dye with out heres of his body lawfully begoten, after the end and terme of the said yeres, then I will that all the said lands and pasture be sold by my executors and feoffys, and to be disposed in part to Halton church and a nother some to a prest and to the gylds of Halton for the sowle of Robert Hall and for me and all my gud benefactor'. I will that after the decese of Jenyt my wyfe that Ric' sonne of William Pynder have my hows that was some tyme William Websters. I will that after the decese of the said Jenet my wife that Thomas sune of William pynder have a hows with a croft that was sume tyme John sparows. I will that Jenyt dawght' of William pynder have a hows, and the lande that longes to hyt, wich

was sume tyme John Burnhowse; on of them to be the other heres of ther bodys lawfully begotten; and yf it happen the all dye with out heres then I will that the said iij tofts with apurtenans to be sold and to be disposed on to Halton church and won to the gyld of Halton. I will that Elizabeth my sister have a tofte beldyd, that was sume tyme Syr Thomas talyour, to her and hyr assignes. I will that John cotome have halfe an acre off land a gayne wich lyes one heyfeld yf he paye the money a gayne to my executor. I will that Jenyt my wyfe have iiij landys arabull with the Cares, that was sumtyme Robert campsey, the terme of hyr lyfe, and after hyr decese I will that thei remayn with the new howse to Ric' pynder after the maner aforsaid. I will that William Rokelaine have xls. To the heye ways of Halton wher most nede ys vjs. viij*d*. I will that a lytyll pastur upon caldwell hill after the space of xl yer remayn unto the heres of John hall. I will that my obyte be keypde of a pastur called wrangendys, the wich sume tyme John Halls, by the space of lx yere in Halton church. I bequeth to mary Hopkynson a shepe hoge. To Jenyt bocher ijs. iiij*d*. To Alys sterling viij*d*. I will that when the parson hors ys sold my executor have for every weke viij*d*. from the thursday afor the fest of pentycost last past unto the fest of sent micaell the archangell next folynge for gressyng of the said hors. I will that William my broder have on maser. I will that Jenyt my wyfe have all my sylver sponys the terme of hyr lyfe, and after hyr decese I will that iij sylver sponys wiche I bowgh remayn unto Ric' pynder the sonne of William pynder. I will [*folio 21*] that William smaley have x shepe and a qwe. To Thomas Toly a yong qwe. To Isabell daughter of John walker a qwe, and iiij shepe. To Jenyt my syster iiij shepe. To Margaret smaley a qwe. To iiij dowghters of my sister evere on of them iiij shepe. To will' pynder all my copy hold lands in Halton to hym and hys assignes for ever. To every on of my executors for their labur vjs. viij*d*., provyded all way that yf ane persone or persones that es to take benefet be way of bequest troublith this my testament so that my executours or feoffys may not have the disposic'on of my said landes and gudes, or ells that my said testament and will may not take effect acordyng to this my will, then that all such benefyts the wich that persone or persones or thos that be belongyng to them shuld have, to be voyd and of non effect, but to goo to the disposic'on of my forsed executor for to dispose for my sole and the solles of all my frends and for all criston sowles. In wytnes that this ys my last will, Thomas taylor, parish prest of Halton, Symon barow and thomas croke of the same towne, with other moo. Gyfyn at Halton, etc.

[*No probate act.*]

[OTT' GISBERTON OF BOSTON, CORDWAINER, A.D. 1512.]

[1506 &c., 19*d*.]

THE TESTAMENT OF OTT' GISBERTON OF BOSTON.

9 September, 1512. I ott' gisberton de Boston, cordynar, make my testament and will, etc. To be buryed in the churchvrth off sent botulf in Boston besyd agnes my wyffe. To the parson my best hors in the name off my mortuar'. To the hygh awter for my forgotten tythys and offerynges ijs. To owre lady off lincoln viij*d*. To the faderlys

chylder off lincoln xij*d.* To the prior off the frerr' prechorus iij*l.* vjs. viij*d.*, under thys condyc'on that the said prior for the time beyng and hys bretherne shall doo on dirige and a messe with nott solemply every zere by the space off vij yerys; and yff the benott content thus for to doo, then I will that myne executours dispose the said some for the helth off my sowl and all xp'en sowles. To the grey frerrs iij*l.* vjs. viij*d.* under the same condic'on. To the lord abbott of Swynshed iij*l.* vjs. viij*d.*, under this condic'on that I may be parte and parabell off the indulgens and pardon off the fraternyte off the trenyte chapell, allowyng them as mych off the said iij*l.* vjs. viij*d.* as ys custome or dewty for every brother to pay; and for the residew I will that the sing on dirige and a messe with nott for my sowl and all cresten sowles the space off so long continuans as the thyng a cordyng for the dischard off the covenans. I will that Agnes my wiffe have the brewhows with all the wessell that belongs therto; also a silver salt with a goblytt of sylver and a dosyn sylver sponys off hyr owne chosse, with all hyr one apparell, etc.; also all my howshold stuff. I will that Georg my son have a fedurbed with the best coveryng that I have and ij coverledes with the hangynges, etc.; also x spones off sylver, with a goblet off silver, and a masser; also xv*l.* when he comys to the age off xxiiij yere; yf he die, the j halff off this xv*l.* remayn to the dispocic'on off myn executours, and the other halff to Agnes my wyff; and yff Agnes my wiff dy, I will that the holl xv*l.* be orderyd off my mynd, that ys, that myne executours have the disposicion off hit so that I mai have an honest prest to syng for my soll, my wiffes and all criston sowlys as long as the said xv*l.* will endure. To Margaret gudbodie my servand. I will that what tyme it happon my executours to recon with John glosmyth the yonger that thei alow hym xls. that I promysyd hym with my servant Margaret. To my servant Isabell. The residew off my gooddes not bequest I gyve to my wyffe agnes and Harrie bitham, wich ij I make executors; and the said Henry shall have for his labour xs. and my best gowne and ij sylver sponys. Wytnes theroff, William Jakeson, John broke, John Robynson sherman, William Maltson, Thomas thomson prest, and other many moo.

[*No probate act.*]

[RICHARD HALL OF BUCKNALL, A.D. 1512.]

[1543-56, 67.]

RICHARD HALL.

16 January, 1512. I Richarde Hall makes my testamente and last will, etc. My bodie to be berid in the kerkezerde of Bucknall, and my best goode in the name of my mortuarie. To the hie altar iij*d.* To oure Ladie iij*d.* To the Curate a sheepe price xx*d.*, that he maie dispose it for the helthe of my soule as I have shewed him in confession. The residue of my goodes I give my wief to the painge of my debtes and to dispose for the heyll of my soule as my exequutrix. Item shir Anthonie Beynglaie to be the supervisor of my will. Thes unto witnes, Sir Anthonie Beyngley and Edward Keyndill.

This is a copy of the testament because the testament was proved at Stixwold.

[*No probate act.*]

[RICHARD NEFF OF KIRKBY UPON BAIN, A.D. 1512.]

[1506 &c., 21d. *Translated from the Latin.*]

THE TESTAMENT OF RICHARD NEFF OF KERKBY UPON BAYN.

The penultimate day of January, m ccccc xij. I Richard Neff of Kerkby-upon-Bayn, make my testament, etc. My body to be buried in the church of St. Mary of Kerkby aforesaid, with that which shall be just in the name of my mortuary. To the fabric of the cathedral church of St. Mary of Lincoln xijd., and to the high altar of the same viijd. To the orphans of St. Katherine of Lincoln xxd. To the high altar of St. Mary of Kerkby viijd. To the sepulchre light of Kerkby xxd. To the bells of the same church vjd. To the light commonly called 'basyn light' iiijd. To every order of the friars of Boston ijs. vjd. that amongst them they may celebrate one trental for the health of my soul. To the abbot of the monastery of Revesby xijd. To the prior of the same viijd., and to every brother in the same monastery iiijd. The residue of all my goods I bequeath to Richard Wolby of Thorpe and William Thomson of Haltham whom I make my executors to dispose for the health of my soul. These being witnesses, Sir John Robynson, chaplain of the parish of Kerkby, Sir Andrew Wayd, John Brugh' and Henry Thomson, with many others. Dated at Kerkby the day and year above-written.

This is the last will of me Richard neff of Kerkby upon Bayn, co. Lincoln, made the penultimate day of January, 1512. First, I will that Alice, wife of Richard Wolby of Thorpe, my daughter, shall have all my lands, tenements, meadows, pastures and feedings, with their appurtenances, in the town and fields of Kirkby, to her and her heirs of her body. Also I will that Margaret my daughter, wife of William Thomson of Haltham, have all my lands and tenements, meadows, pastures and feedings, with their appurtenances, in the town and fields of Holtham, to her and the heirs of her body. And if it happen that the said Alice die without heirs of her body, then I will that her part assigned to her shall remain to the said Margaret and the heirs of her body. And if it happen that the said Margaret die without heirs of her body, then I will that the part assigned to her shall revert to Alice my daughter and the heirs of her body. And if it befall that both of them die without heirs of their bodies, I will that the lands, etc., in Kikby [*sic*] and Haltham shall be sold, and the sum arising therefrom shall be disposed for the health of my soul. Also I will that Margaret daughter [*sic*] shall demise and release from herself and her heirs for ever to Alice her sister and the heirs of her body all her right and claim in one tenement called old hall which descended to me by right of inheritance. And if the said Margaret or her heirs shall hereafter pretend a title or claim in the aforesaid old hall or in any parcel of the same, then I will that the said Alice shall possess and enter upon all my lands, etc., in the town and fields of Haltham to her and the heirs of her body for ever. Also I will that my executors shall have all my lands, tenements, meadows, pastures and feedings, with their appurtenances, in the town and fields of Ashby by Hornc' to them and their heirs and assigns, etc., in order that they may keep my obbit for the space of xx years, and yearly dispose in the same obbit vjs. in the parish church of Kirkby; and at the end of the xx years, I will that my executors or their assigns shall

sell all my said lands and tenements in Ashby, etc., and dispose the sum arising therefrom for the health of my soul and the souls of my wife and ancestors and benefactors and all the faithful dead. These things were done in the place, day and year above-written.

Proved before C2., at Lincoln, 7 May, 1514. Adm. granted to the executors.

[RICHARD COLLE OF GOSBERTON, A.D. 1513.]

[1545-46 &c., ii., 127.]

1513, Aprill 20. I Richard Colle of Gosberkirke make my testament, etc. My body to be buried in the church yarde of Peter and Paule of gosberkirke, and that that the law requireth to be my mortuarie. I will to the Highe Aultare in the same church for forgotten tythes *vjd.* I will to the parelinge of the same aultare *vjd.* To everye aultare in the same church *iijd.* I will to the church worke of the same church *xijd.*, or els a cheise. To our lady of Lincoln ower the highe aultare *ijd.* To the fatherles and motherles children of St. Katherins without Lincoln *ijd.* To the church worke of Pinchbeeke a fole of two year. I will that a trentall be done for me and my good freendes with in the church of Gosberkirke. The Residue of my goodes not witt nor given, I give it to my mother, whome I ordain my [*blank*] that she may discharge it for the helth of my soule. Theise being witnes, Sir Richard Smithe and Richard Burne, with other.

Adm. granted 26 May, 1513.

[JOHN WESTE OF TOFT BY NEWTON, A.D. 1513.]

[1543-56, 67.]

JOHN WESTE.

1 June, 1513. I John West of Toft by Newtonne make my testamente, etc. My bodie to be buried in the churchyard of St. Peter the Apostle of the same, with my mortuary as is due. To the hie altar of the same for oblacions forgotten *xijd.* To oure mother church warke of Lincoln *xijd.*; and to every one of the *iiij* orders of the freers of Lincoln *iiijd.* To Sir Richard Jenetsonne<sup>1</sup> *iiijd.* To Margarete my daughter one red cowe, two ewes and *ij* lambes, etc. To Agnes my daughter a white cowe, *ij* ewes and *ij* Lambes, etc. The residue of my goodes I give unto my exequutors, that is for too witt, Alice my wief, Thomas West and Walter West my sonnes, that thei maie dispose it for the weale of my soule and to paie my debtes. Thes witnes, Sir Richard Jenetsonne,<sup>1</sup> Roberte Bailie and Richard Chapman of Toft aforesaid.

[Proved] at Lincoln, before the commissary, 27 March [*no year given*].

[JOHN WINSLOWE OF EASTON, A.D. 1513.]

[1543-56, 67d.]

JOHN WINSLOWE.

11 July, 1513. I Johnne Weynslowe of Estonne make this my present testamente and last will, etc. My bodie to be beried in the southe Ile of the church of Stoke, and for my mortuarie as the lawe and custome

<sup>1</sup> or 'Jeuetsen.'

requirethe. To oure Ladies warke of lincoln iiij*d*. To the hie altar for my tiethes forgotten iiij*d*. To Margerie my daughter xx sheepe and iiij kie and a bed and a brasse potte and ij paire of sheetes and two candlestickes. To Joane my daughter xxtie sheepe and iiij kie and my best bed, ij paire of sheetes and a greate keyst and a panne and my wief best gowne. To Elizabeth my daughter xx sheepe and iiij kye and a bed, ij paire of sheetes, my wiefes best gerdull. The residue of my goodes I give to Herry my sonne, whome I make my exequitor, that he maie paie my debtes and devide it unto my oder children and for the healtie of my soule and his mother soule, and all cr'en soules after the discrecion of Sir Will'm Wentworthe, Sir Johnne Langar, Johnne Teyd, whome I make my supervisors. Thes beinge witnes, Shir Edwarde Pratte, Shir Johnne Muston, Will'm Barker, Will'm Stansall, Johnne Scherchawe, with oder mo.

This is the last will of me Johnne Wenslowe of Estonne. I will that Thomas my sonne have my house as it is sett in Estonne with the purtenance therto belonginge to him and to his heires and to his assignes. And if he departe without issue, I will it remaine unto my daughters. And if thei depart without issue, I will it be sold and done for me and them.

Sir William Wainewright, rector of the north part of the parish church of Stoke, and John Tyde of the same, administrators of the goods of John Wenslowe, late of Eston, deceased, etc., have to exhibit the inventory this side the feast of St. Michael the Archangel next to come.

[*No probate act.*]

[JOHN GREGBY OF SPALDING, A.D. 1513.]

[1506 &c., 25.]

22 September, 1513. I John gregby of spaldyng make my testament, etc. To be buryed in the church of saynt mare and saynt nicholis of spaldyng afore saynt fath. And my mortuar' after the costom of the cowntre. To the hie awter of spaldyng for tythes forgotten iijs. iiij*d*. To our moder church of Lincoln xij*d*. To the orphans at saynt katerens of lincoln vj*d*. I will that Sir John my son have in redy money *vl*. To William gregby my son xxx*l*. and my Red hows as it standes to gyff and to sell. To Rich' my sonn xxx*l*., and ij howses standyng in wyndesouer with a yerd sted to gyff and to sell. To Kateryn my daughter xx mark, and the hows that William Wylson dwells in to gyff and to sell. To every on of them a bed redy to lige in. I will that ylke of them be others heyres; and yf the dye without issue of ther bodes lawfully begotten, I will it be disposyd in dedes of charyte For them it cam of. I will that a prest syng for me a holl yere in the parish church of spaldyng, and he to have for his stipend viij marke. To Agnes my wyff the hows that I dwell in on the condicion she kepe hyr sole, and yf she be maried I will it be sold and the money to fynd a prest to syng for my sole and my frendes and benefactors in the forsaid parich church of spaldyng by the sigh of my superuisors. To my wyff all the gold and sylver that she hase in hyr one keypyng. The residew of all my guddes I gyff unto Agnes my wiff, whom I make my executric'. I gyff Ric' lytwith xs. to helpe my wyff and see my will performyd; and I make Jamys dalton supervisor, and he shall have vjs. viij*d*. for his labur. Wytnes, Ric' lytwith, James dalton, John Horner and Ric' trowth, with other.

[*No probate act.*]

[WILLIAM JONSON OF WHAPLODE, A.D. 1513.]

[1506 &c., 29. *The first section is translated from the Latin.*]

15 December, 1513. I William Jonson of Waplod, etc., make my testament, etc. I bequeath my body to be buried in the church of Waplod in the middle of the nave of the church before the topmost part of the cross. I bequeath in the name of a mortuary as right is. To the high altar in the said church for tithes forgotten and other things neglected xij*d.* To every altar in the said church iiij*d.* To the light of the Sacrament there iiij*d.* To the church work vs. To St. Mary of Lincoln xij*d.* To the orphans of St. Katherine without the walls of Lincoln v*d.*

This is the last will of me William Johnson maide and wirten the day and yere before namyd. To Thomas Johnson my son iij acres of errabull lond lying in Wylseygate, and iiij acres pasture lately Carteres, to hym and to his assignes, and he to entre in the forsaid landes at the age of xx yere. If it happen the forseid Thomas to dysseice within the age of xx yere, then I wyll the forseid landes shall remayn to Adam my son. To the forseid Thomas my son ij kye when he shall come to thage of xx yere, orelles xv*s.* sterling. I will that Adam my son shall pay to Kateryn my dought' at the day of hir mareage v marke sterlinge. I will that the forseid kateryn my dought' have a hobohe the next best, ij coverlettes on newe and the other olde, the iijde parte of my brasse and pewter, on matres, on paire of flaxin sheetes, on paire of harden sheetes, a Tester, a bolster, ij pelowes of the best. To Ame my dought' on covered, on paire of sheetes, on matres, and xls. sterling, at the day of hir mareage. If it happen the forseid Ame to dyssece before that tyme, then I will that the forsed goodes remayn with myn executors. I will that Isabell my daughter have on red coverlett, on paire of sheetes, on kowe, to be delyvered within a yere after my deceasse. I will that Sir Will'm Gyltoft have ijs. to pray for my soull and my good frendes sowles. The residew of all my goodes I give to Adam Johnson my son and to William Hill whom I orden executors. Thias Witness, Will'm Gyltoft, prest, philippe Idut, Alice Haukyne, and other moo.

[*No probate act.*]

[HENRY CULLIER OF MOULTON, A.D. 1513.]

[1506 &c., 41. *The first section is translated from the Latin.*]

THE TESTAMENT OF HENRY CULLIER OF MULTON.

4 March, 1513. I Henry cullier of Multon, etc., make my testament, etc. To be buried in the churchyard of All Saints of Multon. I bequeath for my mortuary as right requires. To the high altar there xx*d.* To the mother church of Lincoln iiij*d.* To the church of Multon for the work of the new stalls (*stannorum*) iijs. iiij*d.* To the three lights of the aforesaid church ix*d.* To the light of the lantern which is carried before the sacrament at the visitation of the sick ij*d.* The rest of my goods I bequeath to Simon Colier and John Colier, my sons, whom I make my executors, to dispose for the health of my soul, etc.; and I make John gregby supervisor, and he shall have for his labour and good counsel xs. These being witnesses, Sir alan smyth, Robert Gunby, Richard Dannett and John Gunby.



This is the last will of me the forseid Henry colier, the day and yere above rehersyd. I will that Simon Colier my son have the mansion that he dwelles in, etc., and a cotage with a Rod of ground lyeing in the parich of spalding; and that John Colier my son have the mansion that I dwell in myself, etc. 26 May at Multon.

[*No probate act.*]

[THOMAS THORPE OF FRIESTON, A.D. 1513.]

[1506 &c., 22d.]

THE TESTAMENT OF THOMAS THORPE OF FRESTON.

1513. I Thom' Thorpe of Freston makes my testament including in the same my last will, etc. My body to beried [*sic*] in the church of sant James the appostell in Freston. I bequeith my best best to be my mortuarie. To Saynt James of Freston xijd. To the hye awter for tythes forgotton xijd. To the light of our lady of pety xijd. To our lady of Lincoln xijd. To our lady werk of Lincoln xijd. To the faderlys chylder of saynt cateryns of Lincoln iiijd. To Alice Thorpe my wyff iij kye, etc. To John Thorpe my son. I will that a score of my lames be sold and the money takyn for them be keypd to the use of the said John Thorpe my son. To Alic' Thorpe my wyf viij sylver sponys, etc. I will that ij marys and ij folys and a geldyng be sold and the money takyn for them be disposyd For the helyth of my sowle and all crysten sowles. I will that a goblyt with the coveryng be sold, and the money takyn for hyt be disposyd for the helth of my sowle and all crysten sowles. To John Thorpe my sonne my landes and tenementes with the appurtenanc' in Freston and partey [*sic*] after my decese, and also in Thorpe after the decese of Alic' my wyff, the wych is her Jontre. I will that yff hyt fortune that John my sonne to decese within age with owt heres of his body, I will that all my landes and tenements with the appurtenances in Partney be sold by my executors and with the money thereof takyn thei to fynd a prest to syng for soule and my gud frendes, the on half in thei church of partney and the oder half in the church of Freston. The residew of all my guddes I will that Alice Thorpe my wyff and Thom' Massingberd esquier have them for to dispose for the helth of my sowle, whom I make executors, and John Thomson the baly of Freston and Syr John pynchbeke of the same overseers, and either of them to have vjs. viijd. for ther labors. Theis beyng wytnes, John Croft, priest, Robert Kerkby, Henry Steuynson, and many oder moo. xix<sup>o</sup> maij.

Proved before C2., at Lincoln, 19 May, 1514. Adm. granted to the executors.

[RICHARD ORDING OF FOSDYKE IN ALGARKIRK, A.D. 1514.]

[1506 &c., 29d.]

29 March, 1514. I Richard Ording of Fosdike in Algerkerk, makes my testament and last wille, etc. To be bered in the cherche yarde of all hallowes of ffosdyke with my mortuary due as the custume is ther. To the high auter of the said cherche for forgotten tithes and offeringes xijd. To our Lades awter ther iiijd. To Seynt nycholas awter ther iiijd.

To our Lades gylde of ffosdyke iijs. iiijd. To the holly rode gylde of bostone iijs. iiijd., so that the porters do ther duttes at my beryng or elles not. To our moder cherche of Lyncoln iiijd. To seynt Katheryns of Lyncolne iiijd. Morover I will that viijd. be takyne yerly of and uppone my grene callyd Boysto' Grene by the cherche grevys of ffosdyke for to fynd and kepe ther with a candell of a ponde wax to be made twyse in the yere for to be lightyd and burne before our lady of Pite in the cherche of ffosdyke at the highe messe every hallyday for evermore. I will that iiijd. be taken yerly of and upone my said grene callyd bosto' grene by the said cherche wardens for to fynd and kepe a candell of halfe ponde of wax to be made twyse in the yere for to lyghte and burne afore seynt sunday in the said cherche of ffosdyke at the highe messe every hallowday for evermore. I woll that Janet my wyff have my capitale Mese and thre acres and a halffe of pasture thereto be longyng withall their appurtenances for the term of hyr life, and after hir decease to remain to Hughe my sone his heres and to his assignes everlastyng. I will that every one of my said god chelderne have a lame to be delyvered to them at the feste of the nativite of Saynte John of Baptiste next comyng. I wolle that Richard Rayson have a hoge with a lame. To Thomas Bryan of Swynflete vj shepe, my motely cote, and my knyfe. To Janet Morfote a yowe and a lame of the beste. To John Garroke of Weberton the pastur that I sold to hym so that he paye mine executors as is specyfyed in my dete boke. The resyded of all my goodes I give unto the said Janett my wyff and to Hughe my sone whome I make mine executors that they dispose to the pleasure and helth of my soule and the soules of my parentes, benefactors, etc. Thies wytenys, Sir Robert Hayward . . . .<sup>1</sup> preste, William of the same, and Jamys Shepperd of the same, with other mo. Dated the day and yere abovesaid.

[No probate act.]

[JOHN RANDALL OF WHAPLODE, BASTARD, A.D. 1514.]

[1506 &c., 31d. *The first section is translated from the Latin.*]

The last day of March, 1514. I John Randall of Whaplod, Bastard, make my testament, etc. I bequeath my soul to almighty God, Blessed Mary, and All Saints, and my body to be buried in the parish churchyard of Whaplod, with my mortuary as is due. To the high altar there iijs. iiijd. To the lantern light iiijd. To every altar there ij. To the work of the same church vjd. To the light of 'le dauncers' xijd. To the cathedral church of St. Mary of Lincoln, for the high altar iiijd., and for the fabric of the same church iiijd. To the orphans of St. Katherine ij. To the chapel of St. Katherine in Whaplod xvjd. To Sir nicholas norton for one trental xs. The residue of my goods to nicholas purley, gentleman, and William Hell, to dispose for the health of my soul; and I make them my executors, with the supervision of John lytilbery, esquire. These being witnesses, Sir Nicholas norton, chaplain, Christopher hope and William Coker, and others.

This is the last will of me John Randall of Whaplod, made last day of March, 1514. I will that my feoffees beyng infeoffed to myne use

<sup>1</sup> The edge of the leaf is torn away.

in all my landes lying in Whaplod and Holbech, delyver astate of any parcell thereof when ever thei shalbe required to the perforacion of my last will by the advyse of myne executors and supervisor. I will that Ele Baston my moder have my place wich she dwellys in, and all my londys and pasture about it from the pastur of John Cortans towards the north unto the landes of Nicholas Purley, gentleman, on the south, and iiij acre at auereys dore callyd parsons ij acre, betwyxt maister purley and aueres, and xiiij acre pasture in ferther obligate, to have and to hold to hyr and hyr assignes the terme of hyr lyff, and aftyr her decease to be sold by my executors, and the money to be disposyd as followith, xxl. to Ric' Randoll, Helene and Margaret. And the residew to be disposyd for my sole and the soulys of my fader and moder and all our progeyny of a priest able to minister dyvine service in the parich church of Whaplod as long as the money may extend unto. To Richard Randoll iiij acre pasture lying at kyesse drove agayn John chevelyn dore, to hym and hys assignes. To Helene Randall vjl. xiijs. iiijd. to hyr mariage of the aforesaid xxl. To the said Richard after the decease of Ele Baston, when he cummys to the age of xx yeres, vjl. xiijs. iiijd. of the forsaid xxl. To Margaret Randall to hyr mariage the residew wich is vjl. xiijs. iiijd. Provydyd yf yt fortune the said Richard, Helene or Marget to dye before the tyme assynyd, I will the money assyned to the persone dying be disposyd on a priest in the church of Whaplod. To Caterne Peirson to hyr mariage v marks of the first sale, and to Emmott Peirson hyr moder vjs. viijd. To Sir Nicholas Norton, priest, vjs. viijd., John Bukley ijs. iiijd., Reynold spensor ijs. iiijd., Robert Thaker vjs. viijd. and a fole, and to William Coker all my rement; to Master John Litelbery xls., for his labur and counsel; to Nicholas Purley for hys labur xls.; and to Will' Hell for hys labur xxd. The residew of all my londys I will myne executors sell to bring me forth honestly and to pay my dettes and bequestes; and the residew to dispose for the well of my soule in the church of Whaplode; and the residew of my guddes to Nicholas Purley, gentleman, and William Hell of multon, yoman, whom I make executors. Witnesses, Sir Nicholas Norton, priest, Christopher Hope and Will' Coker, and other moo.

Proved before C<sup>t</sup>., in the cathedral church of Lincoln, 4 March, 1514. Adm. granted to the executors.

[ALEXANDER PINCHBEKE OF WHAPLODE, A.D. 1514.]

[1506 &c., 26. *The first section is translated from the Latin.*]

5 April, 1514. I Alexander Pi . . . .<sup>1</sup> of Waplod, make my testament and last will, etc. My body to be buried in the churchyard of St. Mary of Waplod, with my chief [chattel] in the name of my mortuary. To the high altar there vjd. To every altar there ijd. To the fabric of the same church xijd. To St. Mary of Lincoln iijd. To the fabric of the same church iijd. To the orphans of St. Katherine ijd.

This is the last will of me the said Alexander. To John my sonn my hows and x acre land with the appurtenances to hym and to hys

<sup>1</sup> The leaf is damaged; but the name is undoubtedly 'Pinchbeke,' since the testator names his father below.

herys of his body acording to the last will of John Pynchbeke my fader ; and for defawt of yssew of the said John, to remayn to Thomas my son after the same forme, and so lynialy to descend to all my chylder and ther heres according to the said last will. To Katerine my wyff howsold stuff of that condition that she gyve to ether of my daughters j pere of shetes at ther mariage. To John my son my cart, j grey mare, j burnyng reed dowed, etc. To Thomas my son j mare blake ballyd, j yong gray mare, j burnyng Ruggyd, etc. To Richard my son j burnyng of red colour with a red laske, etc. To William my son. To Luce my daughter and to Joan my daughter. I will that the burnyng assigned to Richard my son be in the keping of my executors iij yerys, and iff he dye within the said yeres hit to be at their disposition. To William Howson. I will that John my son and his eyreys gyff yerly to my wyff j quarter wheytt and j quarter malt for the fynding of my chylder to the cum to lawfull age. Also I will that my executors sell j quart' wheyt to my bringyng forth. The residew of my guddes I gyff to Katherine my wyff, to John my sonn, to Joh' Howson and William Stowe, whome I ordeyn and make exec'. John Howson and Will' Stow to have for their labour iijs. iiij*d.* each. Thes beyng wytnes, William Whyt, William Whyt [*sic*], Ric' spye, and Robert Grome, and oder mo, etc., xxvj May, at Multon.

[*No probate act.*]

[THOMAS WEST OF HOLTON BY BECKERING, A.D. 1514.]

[1506 &c., 21. *Translated from the Latin.*]

16 April, 1514. I Thomas West of Howton by Beckering, make my testament, etc. I bequeath my soul to God, Blessed Mary, and all His Saints ; and my body to be buried in the church of All Saints of Howton with my lawful mortuary. To the fabric of the aforesaid church for my burial vjs. viij*d.* To the high altar there for tithes forgotten iijs. iiij*d.* To the fabric of the said church one and a half quarters of malt. To the fabric of the cathedral church of the Blessed Mary of Lincoln vjd., and to the high altar of the same vjd. To each *dominus* of the friars of the city of Lincoln xij*d.* To the fabrics of the churches of Lissington, Westerington, and Rand, two pecks (*modios*) of malt apiece. I will that I may have one trental celebrated for the health of my soul. To Valentine my son. To John Edrington. To Alice my wife all lands and tenements in the town and fields of Howton aforesaid until the lawful age of my son James West, and then I will that they shall remain to James my son, except one house which is called ' petylpytt hows ' which shall remain to the said Alice for the term of her life, and after her decease to the said James. I will that all my goods be divided into three parts : the first part shall be disposed for the health of my soul, the second shall remain to Alice my wife, the third to be distributed between my children (*pueros*). The residue of my goods I give to Alice my wife, whom I make my executrix, and William Chylderley and John Edryngton supervisors, etc. At Howton, these being witnesses, John Reuys, Thomas Reuys, Thomas blawe, with many others.

[*No probate act.*]

[JOHN HAULL OF BOSTON, A.D. 1514.]

[1506 &c., 22. *Translated from the Latin.*]

THE TESTAMENT OF JOHN HAULL OF BOSTON.

20 April, 1514. I John Haull of Boston, make my testament, etc. To be buried where God pleases. I bequeath for my mortuary what right requires. To the fabric of the cathedral church of Lincoln xij*d.* To the high altar of St. Botolph of Boston vj*d.* To the church of St. Peter of Thursthorpe and for the work (*operationem*) of the said church vjs. viij*d.* To the sepulchre light in the same vjs. viij*d.* To the gild of St. Mary in the same church vjs. viij*d.* To the abbot and his convent of Hawaby to pray for me xxs. I bequeath to one priest for the celebration of one quarter (*quarterii*) of a year in the church of Boston at the altar of St. George for the health of my soul and the souls of all my benefactors xxvjs. viij*d.* To Margaret of Ingolmelles one vessel of malt, with one quilt (*qwylto*). To Isabel Haull one sound (*sanum*) bed. To the three sons of William Scorteryth of Thursthorpe xx*d.* each. To Joan Raws' of Thursthorpe one vessel of malt, with one 'payn.' To Nicholas Temper of Ingolmelles vjs. viij*d.* To the gild of the apostles in the said church of St. Botolph viij*d.* To the gild of the holy cross in the church [*sic*] iijs. iiij*d.* To all my godchildren (*otheophilis*) iiij*d.* apiece. I will that one house with seven acres of arable and pasture land lying in Thursthorpe, called 'John Houllows,' be sold by the sight of my executors to pay all my debts, etc. I wish to have one year-day in the church of St. Peter of Thursthorpe during the space of twenty years after my death, for every year during the said term iijs. iiij*d.*, etc. To John Reyd of Boston, gentleman, my supervisor, vjs. viij*d.* for his labour. To Sir Robert Jolyff, priest, of Thursthorpe, my executor, vjs. viij*d.* for his labour. To William Temper of Boston, my other executor, xs. for his labour. The residue of my goods I bequeath to Sir Robert Jolyff and William Temper, whom I make my executors, and John Reyd supervisor. These being witnesses, Robert Temper of Boston, William Webster, Robert Sateryll of the same, and Richard smyth of the same, with others. 15 May.<sup>1</sup>

Proved before C2., at Lincoln, 15 May, 1514. Adm. granted to William Temper, the executor, reserving power to make a similar grant to Sir Robert Jolyff, the executor, when he shall come to take it up, etc.

[ALICE SNELL OF WIGTOFT, A.D. 1514.]

[1506 &c., 38.]

6 May, 1514. I Alice Snell of Wigtofte, mak my testament and last will, etc. To be beryed in the parich church yard of thapostilles petur and pall of Wigtoft. I bequeth in the name of my mortuary as custum ys. To the high awter ther xij*d.* for thythes forgotten. To the most high crucifix in the said church viij*d.* To the awter of our lady there viij*d.* To the awter of saynt nicolas in the same church vj*d.* To the church wark ther xx*d.* To owr moder church of Lincoln vj*d.* To the orphans at saynt Katerins iiij*d.* I bequeth xs. for a trentall to be song for my

<sup>1</sup> This date is written in the margin.

soule and all my gud doers. To every order of the freers of Boston *iiijd.* I will that placebo, dirige and messe of Requiem bedone with note at *iiij* days for me, that ys to sey, at my beryng day, vijth day and xxxti day. I will that v stong of pasture with the appurtenance lying at Fismeregate, betwyn the landys of Sir Henry Willughby knyght, as well of the south parte as of the west parte, shall remayn imediately after my decesse unto Margaret Ingram my doughter, to hyr herys and hir assignes for ever. I will that the same Margaret have on chist, on posnet, and on coverlytt. To Margaret Browne on shipe. To Alice Sheperd. To Alice Peirson. To John Sheperd. To Thomas Thirke. To William Peirson, To Ric' Peirson. To William Sheperd. To Agnes Snell. The residue of my guddes to Thomas Snell of Wigtoft and to Nicolas Thirke of the same, whom I ordane executors. I make William Sheperd of Algarkirke supervisor. Witnesses, Sir Richard Waterworthe of Wigtofte, chaplain, Lambert Toly, Thomas Garner, with others.

Proved before C2., at Kirkton, 27 May, 1514. Adm. granted to the executors.

[JOHN ANCELL, BURGESS OF GRIMSBY, A.D. 1514.]

[1506 &c., 27. *Translated from the Latin.*]

THE TESTAMENT OF JOHN ANCELL.

1 September, 1514. I John Ancell, burgess of Grymesby, make my testament, etc. My body to be buried in the church of St. James of Grymesby, with my best garment in the name of my mortuary. To the fabric of the cathedral church of Lincoln *viiijd.* To Joan my wife all my lands and tenements in North Somercotes for the term of three years after my decesse. To John my son one blue (*blodiam*) tunic called a 'Jakytt,' and one shirt. Also I will that all the debts that he owes to me and my wife shall be forgiven him. I will that my wife shall pay to Robert Bell for John my son *vjs. viijd.* To William and Thomas my sons, each of them one tunic, one shirt, and *vjs. viijd.* To Joan, wife of my son John, 'a bond lyne.' The residue of my goods I bequeath to Joan my wife, whom I make my executrix, to dispose for the health of my soul, etc. I will that Robert Vicars shall be supervisor. Witnesses, Robert Vicars, Richard Day, and others.

[*No probate act.*]

[ROBERT ALPHYN OF PINCHBECK, A.D. 1514.]

[1506 &c., 23d. *The first section is translated from the Latin.*]

5 September, 1514. I Robert Alphyn of Pynchbeke, make my last testament, etc. My body to be buried in the churchyard of the blessed Mary of Pynchbeke, and as the law requireth in the name of a mortuary. To the high altar there for tithes forgotten *20d.* To every altar of the same church *3d.* To the cathedral church *4d.* To the orphans of St. Katherine's *2d.* To the fabric of the church of Pynchbeke *6d.* To the gilt of the blessed Mary of Pynchbeke *6s. 8d.*

This is the last will of me Robert Alphyn of Pynchbeke aforesaid. I will that mine executors within xxx days of my sepultur dispose among pore pepull within the town of Pynchbeke *ij* beystes, *ij* shepe and a calf

with a quarter of wheytt bakyn in breid when as most ned ys. I will that an honest priest have xxs. to sing ij trentalles in the church of Pynchbeke. I will that Elizabeth my wife have the place that I dwell in with all the appurtydens to such tyme as Thomas my son cum to the age of xvj years and that [*sic*] I will that Thomas my son have hyt to hym and hys herys and assignes, provyded that my said wyfe shall make no wilfull wast nor be bond to any reparacion savyng to keep hyt wyndthyght and waterthyght. If Thomas die before he cum to the age of xvj yeres, than I will that it remayn to Robert my son and hys yeres and assignes; [if] Robert dye with owt issue, than I will that it remayn to Agnes my daughter her heyres and assigns. I will that my wyff have ij pastores, the on at bekkes Crosse and the other in Egate, to fynd my chylder unto the cum to lawful age. And I will that the pastur at Bekkes crosse remayn to Robert my sonn his herys and assign, and the pastur in Egate to returne to Agnes my daughter hir herys or assignes; and yff hyt happon that she or he dy or ever the cum to the age of xxjti yeres, then I will that Thom' my son have both the said pastur to hym his heres or assign. And if all happon to dye, as god defend, or the cum to the age of xxj years, then I will my said place and the said pastur at bekke crosse and Eygate be sold by myne executours with the councell and ascent of the church greves of Pynchbeke, and the money to be disposed in the church werke as it shall be best seyn by the holl councell of the towne of pynchbeke. I will that Robert my son have immediatly after my decesse the howse that John Coll dwellyth in dischargyng an obligacion wherin I stand bownd to hym his heres and assign for ever. Also I will that the myln, the swyncott, the brewgent leddes and the folden tabull in the hall remayn still uppon the ground where the stand to the use of Thom' my son hys heres and assignes. To Sir John Dawson my goystly fader my best gown to pray for me. To Elizabeth my wyff my bey geldyng to occupy the myln with. To Elizabeth my servant a kertyll and a blankyd. The residew of my guddes I will the be divyded in ij partes; the on half I gyff to Elizabeth my wyff, and the other half to be devydyd among my childer, and yf any of them dye I will that the survivours be the herys, and yf all dye I will that my wyff have on half, and the other half be disposed in the church of pynchbeke. And I make myn executors John Gamlyn and John Cooll, and my supervisor Mr. Rich' Robertson, vicar of Pynchbeke, etc. Witnesses, Robert Hill, Water Renoldson, John Haryson, Thom' Baret, Thom' Dey, Will' Alphyn, and Petur Welles, with other moo, etc.

Proved at Lincoln, 17 [*sic*].

[WILLIAM JONSON OF SUTTON IN HOLLAND, A.D. 1514.]

[1506 &c., 32d.]

2 October, 1514. I William Jonson of Sutton make my testament, etc. I bequeath my body to be buried in the church of St. Edmund of Sutton, with my mortuary that is due. To the cathedral church of Lincoln *iiijd.* To the orphanes of sainte Katerine ther *iiijd.* To the prior of Castillacr' for tythes forgotten *xijd.* To the vicar of Sutton *xijd.* To every gyld in Sutton *xijd.* To Agnes my wyff *viiij* kye and *iiij* marys. To Isabell my daughter *ij* kye. To Agnes my daughter *ij* kye and on

heckford. I will that my executors by a candilstike of latyn to stand a fore the said rood in the church of saynt Edmundes. I gyff ij acr' land lying in gannegatt to my wyff to fynd a candill before the Rod, and after hyr deceسه to be in the hands of the churchwardyns to fynd the said candill. I will that my wyff have my hows and xij acr' land lying on the est syd on ganngate hill to the terme and end of hyr lyff. I will that she have viij acr' land lieng in iij parcelles of the west syd of ganngate the terme of hyr lyff, and after her deceسه the said xx acr' to remayn to Agnes my doughter yf she lyffe after her moder to make hyr will off, and yff she dye afore my wyff I will that my landes be sold by the church wardyns after the deceسه of my wiffe and dispose for the helth of our soulys. I be queth to my wyff xxi acr' land lieng of the west syde of gangate hill so long as my moder lyvys, and after the deceسه of my moder I will that xj acr' of the south syd to be kept on obyt day, and after the deceسه of my wyff, she to assigne the xj acr' to whom she will for the obyt to be kept. To my wiff x acr' land with the mancion lieng of the west syd of genngatt hill, and iiij acr' lieng of the est syde of brodgate at the end of the said x acr', the terme of hyr lyff, and after hyr deceسه I will that Isabel my doughter have the said acr' with the mancion, and the iiij acr' yf she lyve after her moder to make hyr will of yt; and yf the said Isabell die befor her moder the sayd xiiij acr' to remeyn to the obyt day. To Isabell my doughter iij acr' and a half land with a messuage lieng of the west syd of gangate the terme of the lyff of my wyff, and at the deceسه of my wyff she to make heyr will ther off. The residew of my guddes I putto the dispocision of Agnes Jonson my wiff, whom I ordyn executrice. Theis wittnes, John Henryson, John Hey, with other.  
[No probate act.]

[WILLIAM SCOTT OF MOULTON, A.D. 1514.]

[1506 &c., 24d.]

THE TESTAMENT OF WILLIAM SCOT.

13 October, 1514. I William Scott of Mul-ton, mak' my testament, etc. My body to be buryd in the church of Mul-ton with my dew morture. To the hy awter of Mul-ton church for tythes forgotten xij*d*. To the sacrament light iiij*d*. To the thre lightes vj*d*. To the deskynge of the church iiij*s*. To the moder church of Lincoln iiij*d*. To the chylder at saynt Katerins ij*d*. To the hy awter of Holbech xij*d*. To the prior of Spaldyng xx*d*. To John my son my house and land in Mul-ton, Whaplod and Holbech, to hym and hys assignys reservyng to Collet hys moder all the terme of hyr lyff hyr chambr wher she lith, space necessary in the kechyne for hir occupacion, and in the neythouse for hir catall, and halff the occupying of the milne, beryng half reparacion of the said myln. Provydyd that yf the said John dye before Collet his moder then the said house and land in Mul-ton, Whaplod and Holbech shall remayn holly to the said Collett hyr hers and assignes for evermore. The resyde of all my guddes I gyff to Collett my wyff and John my son, whom I mak myn executors, the guddes to be devydyd by the oversight of Thomas Sargyant gen'. Theis beyng wittnes, Sir Xp'ofer Gyger parich priest, Thom' Sargant gen', and John blank, with other moo.

Proved before C<sup>r</sup>., at Lincoln, 1 Dec., 1514. Adm. granted to the executors.



[THOMAS CORWYSAR OF LONDONTHORPE, A.D. 1514.]

[1506 &c., 28. *Translated from the Latin.*]

4 November, 1514. I Thomas Corwysar of lunderthorpe, make my testament, etc. To be buried in the churchyard of the parish church of lunderthorpe. I bequeath in the name of my mortuary as the custom is. To the fabric of the said church vjs. viiij*d.* To the high altar of the same church for tithes forgotten xiij*d.* To the fabric of the cathedral church of Lincoln xij*d.* To the fabrics of the churches of belton and Welby iijs. iiij*d.* each. To the friars minors of Grauntham iijs. iiij*d.* I will that my wife have my messuage with its appurtenances as it lies in the town and in the fields of lunderthorpe and thowthorpe for the term of her life to pay therefrom yearly in expenses for an obit for the health of my soul and for the souls of my parents iijs. And I will that a priest shall celebrate for one whole year with two trentals for me and my benefactors. The rest of my goods I bequeath to Alice my wife, Thomas Weston and John Dale, my executors, to dispose for the health of my soul, etc. These being witnesses, Thomas Dale of lunderthorpe, chaplain, John Hopkynson and Robert Herberd of the same, with others.

Proved before CI., in the parish church of Seiston, the penultimate day of January, 1514. Adm. granted to Alice the relict, an executor, Thomas Weston and John Dale refusing the burden of execution, etc.

[THOMAS BOTH OF HELPRINGHAM, A.D. 1514.]

[1506 &c., 28. *The first section is translated from the Latin.*]

5 November, 1514. I Thomas Both of Helpringham make my testament, etc. To be buried in the parish churchyard of Helpringham. I bequeath in the name of my mortuary according to the custom of the town, etc. To the high altar of Benyngton vjd. To the high altar of Sleaford vjd. To the work of the cathedral church of Lincoln vjs. To Burne abbey iijs. iiij*d.*

To the orphans of St. Katherine iiij*d.* To Grace Buth a howse with the pertinances in the west end of Screkyngton in tail, remainder to John Both the elder and his heirs. I also will that John Both have a hows in lytyll Hale in tail, with remainder to Richard Both and the herys of his body. The Residew of my guddys to Richard my son to dispose for my sole; and he to be executor. Witnesses, Robert Kirke, Richard Robertson, William Both of Helpringham, and others.

Proved before CI., at Naneby, 31 Jan., 1514. Adm. granted to the executor.

[JOHN THORPE *alias* HARYSON *or* HENRYSON OF MOULTON, A.D. 1514.]

[1506 &c., 30. *The first section is translated from the Latin.*]

8 January, 1514. I John Thorpe *alias* Haryson of Multon. My body to be buried in the church of All Saints of Multon, with my mortuary that is due. To the high altar of Multon vjs. viij*d.* To the light of the crucifix in the same church xx*d.* To the light of the lantern iiij*d.* To the three lights there iij*d.* To the church work of Multon xiijs. iiij*d.* To the work of the cathedral church of Lincoln viij*d.* To the work (*fabric*) of the high altar of the same church xiij*d.* To the orphans of St. Katherine xiij*d.* To the high altar of Waplod iijs. iij*d.* [*sic*] for tithes

forgotten. To the chapel of St. Catherine of Waplod one 'le crosse cloth.' To the chapter (*capit'lo*<sup>1</sup>) of the gild of St. Mary of Multon xjs., that he may every day within the thirtieth day say one mass of the trental of St. Gregory with placebo and direge. And after the mass every day for xxx days shall say at my grave for my soul and the souls off all the faithful dead *de profundis*, with the prayer *Inclina*. And also upon every feast day within xxx days for xiiij poor people xiiij pence. The residue of my goods I bequeath to Emmota my wife, whom I make my executor, to dispose for the health of my soul, etc. Witnesses, Sir Nicholas Norton, Christopher Guger,<sup>2</sup> chaplain, and others.

This is the last will of me Johne Thorpe *alias* Henryson of Multon, made the viij day of Janyuere, 1514. In the first I will that my dettes be paide and restitution maide where it canne be lawfully provyd that I have done any wrange. I will that Emmot my wyff have after my decese all my howsys, tenamentes, landes, rentes, medowes and pasturs, both free and copyhold, excepte such as after assynyd, kepyng them with sufficient reparacion, to have and to hold to hyr and hyr assignes the terme of hyr lyff yf she kepe hyr sole, and yff she mary I will assone as she ys suer to a husband that Isabell baston my dougter or hyr herys enter and have all the forsaid howses, etc., to have and to hold as after shalbe expressed. I will that the said Emmot my wyff kype my yerday yerly yf she have the said landes the terme of hyr lyff in the church of multon with all the qwere as many as cume, and to offer for every soule after rehersyd [*folio 30d.*], a messe peny, Johne thorpe, Isabell hys wyff, Joh' thorpe, alen Henryson, Emot hys wyff, Joh' thorpe the younger, Isabell baston, Sir John Palmer, and Robert thorpe; thes soulys I will shalbe praid fore as ofte as I have any prest, and all my benefactorus. I will that she gyff every gud fryday xiiij*d.* to xiiij poore folke; this to be done the terme of hir lyff, and after I will the said charge go with my hed place as after shalbe expressed. I will that Isabell Baston my dougter have after the decese of the said Emmott my wyff as is be fore said all the assignes howsys, landes, etc., to such hyr chyld be off xxiiij yere of age. At wich yeres I will the chyld beyng of age reseve all such landes as by the will shalbe assynyd to hym. I will that William Baston the sone of John after the decese of Emmott my wyff when he cummys to the age of xxiiij yere have my hed place in the churchgate with the hows and lath lat sargayntes, with the pastur underneth it, both fre and copy hold, and a pece of land lying at Henry Culliers sumtyme Swampyges, iijj acr' latt helles callyd millers, and vij acr' late frydays, with the rent off therto longyng [*sic*] to have and to hold to hym and hys herys of hys body lawfully begotten of that condicion that he and hys herys kepe my yerday for ever to the valor of vjs. viij*d.*, and gyff every gud fryday xiiij*d.* as is beforesaid; and this yerely charge I will have performyd and kepte for ever to whoys handes suever the said landes shall cum as the will answer to god; and for defawt of yssew of the said William, the said place with all the lands therto assyned to remayn to hys next broder in tayll. I will that John Baston the sone of John have as is before said j pasture late lomes, j pastur in the see ynd late waryns, iij acr arr' late sargeant at claptongate, to him and

<sup>1</sup> This may be an error of the scribe for 'capellano' (chaplain).

<sup>2</sup> Called 'Sir Christopher Gigar' in the will of the testator's wife, see page 68.

hys herys in tayll; and for defawt of yssew to remayn to hys next broder in tayll. I will that Jamys baston have at the tyme before assynyd the hows wich I purchasyd of Simon Cullier with the pastur over agayn wich I purchasyd of Ranold Derby, with a cote theron set, and iiij acr' late hawkes lyinge at layntongate, to hym and to hys herys of hys body; and for defawte of yssew to remayn to his nexte broder or syster in tayll as is beforesaid. I will that Emmot Baston have at the tyme assynyd the hows wich was lighows with [*folio 31*] all the land that longes therto, iij acr' arr' at layntongate late hawkes, and iiij acr' ther late porters, to hyr and hyr herys of hyr body; and for defawte of yssew, to remayn to hyr eldes broder in tayll. I will that all the aforsaid howses, etc., remayn as to the herys that shalbe lawfully begotten of the aforsaid Isabell my dougter in tyme cumyng as thois that before are rehersyd, on to be another here. Provydyd alwey that when ever it shall fortune all the aforsaid chylderne and ther herys to dye, then I will that all the aforsaid howses, etc., remayn to the vicar of multon and the churchmasters for that tyme beyng to have and to hold of the cheyff lordes by due service and custom for the terme of xl yere, and with the profyttes of the rentes and wod to fynd a prest in the said church during the said xl yeres for my soule and the soulys before rehersyd; and after the said yeres be fully endyd I will that all the aforsaid parcelles be sold by the vicar and the churchwardyns by the vyse of iiij mene of the most honest of the said parich, and the money to be expended in the said church of such anowrmentes as then shalbe most necessarie in the whurshipe of god and all sayntes. I will that Isabell baston have after my deceesse the hows wich she dwelles in, late my moders, and the hows nexte it on the northe, late whrythtes, to have and to hold the terme of hyr lyff, and after to remayn to on of hyr chylder at hyr assignment. And yff she assigne it not, I will it remayn to the next here withe the landes before rehersyd. I will that the said Isabell have after the deceesse of Emmot my wyff the house late grangers, and the pastur in the fen end late derbys, the terme of hyr lyff, and after to remayn to one of hyr chylder at hyr assignment as ys aforsaid; also iiij mylke kye and all my shipe except such as I have gyffn, reserving this yere the woull to my wyff; and I will the said Isabell have my yeres in the marshys acording to my copys. Provyd' also that yf Emmott my wyff and Isabell my daughter dye or the chylder cum to the age assygned, then I will that Robert newdike have the rule of the chylder and ther landes to the cume to the age assigned. I will that the prior and convent of spaldyng have iiij acr' of freland late waryns, lying at Clapton gate, and j acr' j rode at powys, to have and to hold to the convent fide to them and ther successors for ever, yeilding therfore [*folio 31d.*] yerely to me and my heres holdyng my hed hous in the churchgate of multon ijd. of rent. I will that Robert newdike have xxii shepe and ever on of my godchilder a lame. I will that my wyff fynd a prest for me in multon church ij yere. The residew of all my guddes, (excepte my sheipe), and all such landes as here are not assigned, etc., I gyff to Emmott my wyff, whome I make executrice. Witness, William reid, Robert gundy, Robert Anderton, Robert newdike, and John Bygott, with other moo, the day and yere before rehersed.

Proved before C<sub>I.</sub>, in the cathedral church of Lincoln, 4 March, 1514. Adm. granted to the executrix.

[JOHN MARSHALL OF MIDDLE RASEN TUPHOLME, A.D. 1514.]

[1506 &c., 23*d.*]

THE TESTAMENT OF JOHN MARSHALL.

2 February, 1514. I John Marshall of medilrasyn Tupholme, make my testament, etc. My body to be beryid in the churchyard of saynt peter and paul aforsaid with my mortuare after the custom of the towne. To the hy awter viij*d.* To the royd lofte of the same church vjs. viij*d.* To our lady wark of Lincoln iiij*d.* To every hows of the freers of lincoln v*d.* To John my son. To Annys my daughter. To Thomas Dawson. To Robert Marshall. To the gyld of Rasyn a brasse pott. I will that William Cowper and John Walkar be my feoffors of my hows and my landes and to kepe the possession of my feoffment that I delyver them to the behooff of John my son and his herys of hys body; and yf John my son die without issue the forsaid hows and landes to remayn to on of my daughters, and she that hase the hows and landes shall gyve the oder sister a reward acording to gud consciens. The residew of my guddes I bequieth unto my executors, that is, to William Cowper and John Walkar. Witnesses, Richard Horncastr' vicar of Rasyn Thopholme, Henry vston, Thomas cartwrich, with oder moo.

Proved at Lincoln, 6 June [*no year given*].

[WILLIAM HAYWARD OF WYBERTON, A.D. 1514.]

[1506 &c., 26*d.*]

THE TESTAMENT OF WILLIAM HAWARD OF WYB'TON.

14 February, 1514. I William Haward of Wyberton, make my testament and last will, etc. My body to be breyed in the parich church of Wyberton with my mortuary after dew custome. To the hye awter of the parich church of Wyberton for tythys forgotton v*d.* To every awter of the said church iiij*d.* To our lady of lincoln v*d.* To sent Katerines of Lincoln iiij*d.* To the torchys lyght xx*d.* To the church wark of Wyberton vjs. viij*d.* I will that John my son have to acr' land pastur callyd balys grene lieing in the south feld of Wiberton the terme of hys lyve, and after his deceesse I will that the said ij acr' of land remayn to our ladys gyld of Wyberton; and morover I will that the forsaid John and the said gyld fynd and kepe up my obyt ever more paing for the obyt keping yerly ijs. I will that John my son have on pece of land pasture callyd laurens gren conteyning v stong, lying in the south feld of Wiberton the terme of hys lyve, and after his deceesse I will the said five stong of land remayn to saynt kateryns gild of Wiberton. To John my sonn iij acr' of land pasture lying in the Roddes, callyd Reding grene, to hym and his assignys in fee symple. To the said John I give half an acr' of land with a mesuag' therupon bylded, sumtyme Joh' hawardes, to hym and to hys assign in fee simple; and iij stong of land arabill, callyd Donyngton land, to hym and to his assign in fee simple; also all my movabill guddes. The residew of all my guddes I put to the disposicion of Sir Robert Haward prest and John Haward my son, whom I mak and ordyn myn executors, that thei may dispose my guddes to the lawd of god, helthe of my soule and to the dischargyng of the consciens. Thes wytnes, Sir Roger bat', John Troboke, John

Hogkynson, John Garroke and James Washyngbrugh, with other moo.

I give to John my son iij acr' land callyd peyrtre grene, to hym and to his assignes in fee simple. xxvij May at Kirketon.

[*No probate act.*]

[KATHERINE HART OF SPALDING, A.D. 1514.]

[1506 &c., 38*d.* *Translated from the Latin.*]

22 February, 1514. I Katherine Hart of Spaldyng make my testament, etc. I bequeath my body to be buried in the parish church of spaldyng, with my mortuary according to right. To the high altar there for tithes forgotten *xxd.* To the fabric of the cathedral church of Lincoln *xxd.* To the orphans of St. Katherine of Lincoln *iiij*d.** To the gild of the holy Trinity *viiij*d.** To the gild of St. Mary *viiij*d.** To every gild in which I am a sister *v*d.** To the *iiij* orders of friars of Boston *v*s.** *viiij*d.** To the monastery and monks' *v*s.** *viiij*d.** I will that my executor shall find one priest to celebrate one quarter of a year for the health of my soul. I will that William Hert have my house, in which I dwell, immediately after my decease. I will that John Hart son of the said William Hart have one house which I bought of Kyppying. The residue of my goods I bequeath to William Hart my son, whom I make my executor to dispose for the health of my soul as he will answer before God. Witnesses, Sir John Welles and Robert Isake and others.

Proved before C<sub>2.</sub>, at Lincoln, 19 March, 1514. Adm. granted to the executor.

[EMMOT HENRISON OF MULTON, A.D. 1515.]

[1506 &c., 33*d.*]

4 September, 1515. I Emmot Henrison of multon in the dioc' of Lincoln late the wif of John Henrison<sup>1</sup> of the same town, makys my testament, etc. My body to be beryed in the church of all halows of multon, with my mortuar' as the laws requyres. To the hie awter ther for thithes forgotten *iijs.* *iiij*d.** To five awters in the said church to every on of them *xij*d.** To the leigh of the lantehorne *iiij*d.** To the light of the crucifix *iiij*d.** To the church warke of the same *ijs.* To the wark of the moder church of lincoln *xv*d.** To the orphans at saynt katerns with owt lincoln *viiij*d.** To every prest beyng at my beriall *xij*d.** To the belman and the parichclerk of the same town every on of them *viiij*d.** I will that my husbandes legacies be fulfillyd and performyd. To the *iiij* orders of freers of boston a vestment or *xiijs.* *iiij*d.** I will that a prest syng for my sole and all criston sollys an holl yere in the church of multon. Also I will that Isabell baston my doughter have my best gown and kertill. To Emmott Baston hir doughter to hir mariage v markes. I will that Jamys Baston have the hangyng in the hall, at [*sic*] hye deske, etc., after the decease of his moder. To John Baston, Jenytt Thomson, John my servaunt, and the wiff of Robert Newdike. To every one of my godchilder a lame. To John parrowe of Boston, Richard Hoge of Swyneshed, Emmott Baston, Syr William

<sup>1</sup> *I.e.*, of Spalding.

<sup>2</sup> See page 63.

Laws my gostly father, Syr Nicollas norton, and Sir Xp'ofer gigar. I will that marye and John standyng abowit the crucifix be gyltyd. I will that the image of our lady in the hye quere be giltyd after the maner. To Agnes Blake. To Jenytt Jonson xls. to hyr maryage. Yf she dye or she be married I will it remayn to Isabell daughter. I will that Will' Hell have for hyr [*sic*] labars in rydyng and goo for me x markes and a mare. To Robert Newdike Cs. so that he shall indyver hym to ryde and goo in helpyng of my daughter at all hyr nedys. I will that Robert Newdike by a pastur at Chynkar crosse of my daughter for xls. ; also that he have ix acres lat Robert of Byston. To the convent of spaldyng iij acres of longd lieing in vunclegate in multon. To olyuer my servaunt, Jenytt Atkynson, a childe of the same Jenyttes, and the wiffe of Robert Kyng of Awsten dike. The residew of my guddes I give to the dispossession of Isabell Baston my dowghter, whom I make executrice to dispose for my sole and all criston sollys, etc. Thies beyng witnes, Syr William Lawes, John alyn, John Barrett, William Taish, and Thomas Alward, with other moo.

Proved before H., at Lincoln, 10 Nov., 1515. Adm. granted to the executrix.

[JOHN PORTER OF BOLINGBROKE, A.D. 1515.]

[1506 &c., 44d.]

COPY OF THE TESTAMENT OF JOHN PORTER OF BOLYNGBROKE.

14 November, 1515. I John Porter off Bolyngbroke Maykes thys my Testament, etc. I be quethe and Recommend my sowle to god allmighty hes blyssed moder our lady sent Mare and to all the sayntes of heven. To be beryd in the churche off the holye appostylles petur and paule off Bolyngbroke, wythe my best beest in the name off my mortuary. To the hye aulter off the sayd Bolyngbroke for forgottyn and wythdrawne tythes xxs. To the sustentacion off the lyght off the holye cursyfyxe xijd. To the lyght off the holye Sepulcre xijd. To the gylde off the holye trinite there xijd. To the gylde off sant peture there xijd. To the sustencion [*sic*] of the lyght off saynt xp'ofere there iijs. iiijd. To the reparations of the belles there iijs. To our moder churche off Lyncoln iijs. iiijd. To the hye aulter there xijd. To the orphans of saynt Katerine there xijd. To the hye aulter off menynsby for forgottyn and with drawne tythes vs. To the churche warke there xxs. To the abbott and convent off Revysby vjs. viijd. To mayster, wardon and felows off Tattersawle xs. To the hye aulter off Hareby for forgottyn tythes xxd. To the churche warke there xxd. To the churche warke off marum vjs. viijd. To a honest prest to syng by the space off one yere for the helthe off my sowle and the sowles off my fader and moder vl. To the fowndyng off a dekyn perpetuall to have godd the more honorably servyd in the churche off Bolyngbroke, and my sowle and the sowles off my fayder and moyder prayed fore there fore evermore as it shall appere in a compocissyon here after mayde and devyssyd, by the dyscresson off myne executors, the sum of xl. To Margaret my wyffe one wane, one yocke, a payre of hors trees, etc. To Edward my son xl. To Rychard my son xl. To Charles my son xl.,

etc. To Thomas my son xl., etc. To Mawde my dowghter xl., provydyd that yff the foresayd Edwarde, Recarde, Charles, Thomas or Mawde dyssesse or they come to xxj yerys, that the money off hym, them or hyr so dyssessed be devydyd emonge them lyffynge. If they all die, I will that the ll. with iij kye be dysposyd to the churche off Bolyngbroke and in other charetabull warkes by myne executors. To Isabell my dowghter vjl. xiiijs. [sic] iiijd. To William my sone one vane with all the tyre thereto belongynge, etc. To Robert my son ij oxyn, etc. To Jhon my son ij oxyn, etc. To John Smythe of marum my best furyd gowne. To Sethe Tynsley off the sayd marum my russyd gowne lynyd with blacke. To William Smyth off the sayd marum my tawney gowne. To John Smyth the elder off the same my old russyt gowne To Recherd granger my russet coott, etc. To Elyn Wattson my servant. To every off my godchylder iiijd. To William Melton. The resedew off my gudes I gyffe to Syr Robert Porter Couper<sup>1</sup> parson of the churche off Bolyngbroke, Thomas Bryan off the same, Jhon Bryan off the same, William Porter and Robert porter of the same, whome I make my executors to dyspose in charetabull workes, etc., and I give to every off them for their labor xxvjs. viiijd. Wytnesse, Jhon gudale off Bolyngbroke, John Borvell of the same, Recard graunger off menyngsby, with other.

[folio 45d.] Thys ys the last wyll off me John Porter as to the dysposycion of my landes and tenements off fre hold and cotype hold mayde the day and the yere a bove sayd, etc. I gyffe to the maintenance and sustentacion off a dekyn schyppe for evermore, to be fowndyd in the churche of Bolyngbroke, one toft wythe byldinges ther upon buldyd, wythe a lytyll close thereto belongynge in Bullyngbroke sumtyme Robert Wryghtes schomaker. I will that William my son have one toft with a lathe called est tofte, with certain landes thereto be longyng, lyeynge in the towne and feellid off menyngesby, and a crosse with certayne landes callyd boston landes, and one shepcotte with a crosse callyd hombbe close, and one toft with a garth sumtyme off William maltby, with certayne landes in the towne and feldes of menyngsby. To John my son a toft with a crosse sumtyme beyng Rechard Poweys, lyeng in the estend off the towne of menyngesby. To Robert my son one toft with certayne pasture and landes lyeing in the towne and feldes of Hareby, sumtyme Thomas garner. I will that Porters my broder son have one toft with a garthe, sumtyme beyng Rechard Smarte, lyeynge in menyngsby yff he be on lyve, and yff he be dessessyd then Robert my son to have it; wyche all landys and tenementes aforesayd I will that Wylliam Robert and John my childer have and possesse in vesympull to them, their herys and assyns, excepte a toft in bullyngbroke, sumtyme Robert Wryghtes; yere and day and wytnesse above namyd. Amen.

[No probate act.]

<sup>1</sup> Sir Robert Coper, priest, was instituted to the rectory of Bolingbroke, 25th April, 1504 (Bishop Smith's *Institutions*, folio 69), and Robert Cowper was rector in 1526 (*Subsidy* 1526, page 4). He is also called Robert Cowper in his will (Lincoln Consistory Court, 1543-56, folio 141d.). Perhaps the insertion of the name 'Porter' is a clerical mistake.

[WILLIAM MOSSE OF FRISKNEY, A.D. 1516.]

[1520-31, 56.]

THE TESTAMENT OF W. MOSE.

15 April, 1516. I William Mosse off fryskney, seke in body, makyth my testament, etc. To Thomas my sone vj kye, iiij sterys, and iiij burlynges, ij marys, and ij staggys. I wyll that Beterys my wyff have my house and my landes affter the dethe off John mosse my father duryng hyr lyff. And affter hyr lyff I will that the sayd house and landes retorne to Thomas my sone or to the ryght heyres off me William Mosse for ever. The Residue off my goodes not bequethyd I will that beteres my wyff have the disposicyon theroff, whome I make my sole executrix, she to pay my dettes and disporre for the helth off my soule. Wytnes heroff, sir Thomas ryder and margaret Weste.

Proved before P., in the parish church of Spillesby, 4 Oct., 1527.  
Adm. granted to the executrix.

[JOHN LONGE OF CROFT, A.D. 1516.]

[1506 &c., 48.]

THE LAST WILL OF JOHN LONG OF CROFT.

Thys is the last wyll of me John long of Crofte, made 9 January, 1516, after the manner and custom of the lordshyppe of Crofte. I have gyffyn up all landes and tenementes in crofte before Thomas dorpe, Baly, and iiij tenandes of the same, that is to say, Thomas larke, Rychard kelsey, William redder' and Edward Hamlett. Also I wyll after the manner of the lordshype they have all the profits of the saide landes the space of ij yeres next folowyng after my descesse to the performance of my testament and my last will. Also I wyll that a meisse and xxviii acers and iij rodes latly purchased of Thomas marley, and vij acres purchased of Walter Waterlad, and iiij acres and iij rodes purchased of Thomas balysun, and vj acres callyd northe croftes, be in the handes of my feffys and ther yeres for ever with all oder landes that I wyll myn executors shall purchase to the valor of viij markes clere or better and all charges borne, for the intent that the sayde feffys shall with the lycence of the lorde and hys consell make a donatyffe to contynew for ever, makyng fyne with the lordes and ther eyres at the end of every iiij score and xix yere, and so to contynewe for xxiiij [*sic*] and xix yeres, and from xxiiij [*sic*] and xix yeres for ever. And this ys for ij speciall causys, one ys for prayer, the second ys for the mayntenynge of the servyce of god of the haleday; ffyrst I will that Sir William gybson imediately after my discesse shall say and syng dyvyne servys in the chyrche of Croft, and messe in the chapel of sent nycolas, duryng hys lyffe natural, and after hys decesse other preistes hys successors for ever, yf he or they be nott lettyd be seyknys or some oder lawfull causes, for the good estate of Syr gorge Taylboys kynght and Dame Elyzabethe hys wyffe, master gyberd taylboys and maister William and all theyer chyldern, and all them that be of the counsell of the sayde Sir Gorge Taylboys and his eyeres, and all the benefactors and maynteners of the deuyne servys in the saide chyrche of Crofte, and for the soles of Syr Roberd Taylboys knyght and Dame Elizabethhe hys wyffe, Sir William



gascone knyght and Dame Margarytt hys wyffe, and for the sole of maister Water taylboys esquier, and also for the sole of me John long and Helene my wyffe, Thomas long and rose hys wyffe my fader and moder, Syr John Cutteler clarke, John Halldyng, Walter Turtyll, and all crystyn sowells; In espesiall for all them that be a lyve or dede of wom I have had hany helpe or succure of, be any condiscione, and for all them beyng on lyffe or dede to wome I have mayd any defaultte to, be any condicion, and for all my feffes, etc.; and that the sayde Sir William Gybsun and hys successors say ons in every monythe in the yere yerely for every [*sic*] a messe callyd *salus populy* for the preservation of all them before namyd, and ons in every monythe yerly for ever to say placebo and dirige and messe of Requiem for all the soles a fore saide and all crysten soles. Also I wyll the saide Sir William and hys successors shall yerely for ever kepe an obiit or an anniversary in the chyrche of Crofte the xxij day of the monyge of Januarij with placebo and dirige and messe of Requiem for the sowles of me John long and Helene my wyfe, Thomas long and Rose hys wyffe my fader and moder, and John Haldyn, and all crystyn sowles, praying [*sic*] yerely to the curate of the same day viij*d.* Also paying yerely for puttyng the sayde John long and Helen, Thomas, Rose and John Haldyng in the sunday beedrowlle viij*d.*, to the clarke ij*d.*, to xij poore men and women xiij*d.*, to Ryngers of the bellys xv*d.*, and A taper of wax to be sett upon the herce ij*d.*, and also for seerge to burne before the sacrament in the [*folio 48d.*] qwere, and ij Ryndylles of wax in the chyrche, one be for sente sayuewr and an oder before sent Xp'opher ijs., also to the sepulcar lyght iiij*d.*, to the peryssheng' of Crofte one day in Rogacione weike in brede and ale xij*d.*, to ayther of the kyrkmasteres for seyng that the good order be kept of my obiit ij*d.*, and the sayde expensis of myn obiit shall be takyn yerly of vj acr' land northe croftes, and the resydew of the sayd vj acr', all costes and charges borne, shall go to the reparacions of the altar of sent Nycolas ever when nede requyryth. Also I wyll that Sir William and hys successors shall ever when nede is kepte [*sic*] the altar of sent Nycolas in honorment with messe boke, chalyce, vestyment, alterclothes, towylles, with oder thynges necessary to the sayde alter, and indefeccion of any of these things be fore wryttyn to be amended at the syght of my feffes. Also the saide Sir William gybson for the terme of lyffe natural shall receive all the profettes of the sayde xlvi acres and a half that I have purchased, with all oder landes that I wyll myn executors shall purches to the said donatyfe, to hys awne use, and after hym all hys successors in like manner, etc. Yf it fortune the sayde landes to dekey with these or any oder charges as is sayde before that may fortune to the sayde donatyfe be any condition so that the prest wages cannot be yerely of the valore of viij markes all charges borne, then be the syght of my feffis it shall be lefull to the saide Sir William and his successors to take any spirytual servyce in the towne of Crofte to the complement and fullfiling of this sayde viij markes and no more excepte it be fore the reparacions and honorworment of the alter of sent nycholas, and that to be downe be the shyght of my feffis. Also I wyll that the sayde Sir William and hys successors shall have libertie to go pilgramege to Rome, to seynt James or any oder pilgramayge when he or they be disposyd, so that he or they be vertuowse and goo in good intent.

Also I wyll that the sayde Sir William and hys successors one monethe in every yere to go to his frendes and make merie with them inhoneste. Also I wyll that the sayde Sir William and hys successors beyng ons promotyd unto thys service shall never be putte owte frome thys servyce, neyther for seikness nor for none oder debilite of hys body except for shuche causys if they may be fun' in them and evydently provyd before theyr ordinary where by they may or awght to be putt frome theyr servyce by the lawe and good concience. Also I wyll when it shall fortune the sayde Sir Wylliam and hys successors to dissesse or go away for any causis provyd before the ordinary, that then after suche discesse or movyng away it shall be lawfull for Sir gorge Taylboys, knyght, and Dame Elizabeth his wyffe and theyr eyres here after, with the concent and assent of my feffeis beyng at that tyme, to promote and putt in an able preiste, and in especiall a syngyng man yf he may be goten, for the mayntenyng of the servyce of god on the olyday [folio 49] within the space one monethe nex folowyng, and so oftyn as it shall happyn the saide preste after shuche discesse or amovyng not to be promotyd by the space of one monythe to the sayde servyce, that then it shall be lawfull to the vicar of Crofte beyng at that tyme a lawfull preiste to promote within the space of xiiij days then next folowyng. And if that so oftyn as it shall happyn the saide prest within the saide xiiij days not to be promotyd by the vicar, that then and so oftyn it shall be lawfull to the bysshope of Lincoln de diocisen' of that place to promote an abble prest within the space of one monythe next after. And if that so oftyn the saide prest by the bysshoppe be not promotyd to the servyce as is afore saide within the space of one monethe next after, then it shall be lawfull to the chyrche wardyns of Crofte that tyme beyng to promote all [sic] able prest to syng and say dyvyne servyce in the chyrche of Crofte for all the lyffe and soles aforesaide. Also I wyll that when it shall fortune any of my feffes to discesse or go away to the number of ij persons, Then thos ij persons remaynyng shall infeffe agayn beforelsdars makyngd' [sic] in the Corwte other xij persons wonnyng in Crofte In fee symple withoute any fien makyng for the space of iiij score xix yeres, licence had of the lorde, and so to contynew for ever so oftyn as the saide feffis discesse or go away to the number of ij persons, and to continew in every articole as is before wrytting. Also I wyll that the sayde Sir William and hys successors shall cause thys my last wyll concernyng the preiste charges to be wrytting and kepte in the chapyll of sent Nycolas in the chyrche of Crofte, and there to be rede every yere ons or twesse before ij or iij of my feffis at the leste for ever; and when the saide wrytting impayrethe so that it cannot be rede, then I wyll that the sayde Sir William and hys successors shall cause it to be well and sufficiently wrytting, under the payne for makyng any of these defects before say, to pay to the repraysons of the chyrche of Crofte iis. iiijd. Also I wyll that Agnes long my wyffe have my principall messe and xxxiiij acres land and a rode there to belongyng in the name of hyr dowrye for the terme of hyr lyffe naturall. And after the discesse of the saide Agnes I wyll that Thomas Holland have the saide meisse with xxxiiij acre land and a rode to hym his eyers and assyners. Also I wyll that the saide Thomas have a meisse and xj acre and di', late William Hobsons, with ij acre iij rode callyd Robcrofte, to hym to hys

eres and assines. I wyll that yf it so fortune the said Thomas Holland to discesse withoute eyres that it remayne to Helene hys syster. And yf it so be that they bowthe discesse withoute eyres, then I wyll the foresaide landes be sellyd and disposyd for the elthe of sowlle and all crystyn soles, and the thyrd peny to be gyffyn to my kynderryd. Also I wyll that John Ryder the yoner have a meisse and ix acre land and a rode callyd Kerk howsse to hym to hys eyres and assines, payyng yerly therfore to my prest duryng the space of xx yeres xiijs. iiij*d.* And to the sepulcar lyght [*folio 49*d.**] during the same yeres iiij*d.* And fore lake of payment of the saide rentis I wyll myn executors enter the said landes and streyne, And the stresse so takyng to withhold to the said renttes with all oder offences be fully content and payde. I wyll that John Bawdre have a meisse and iij acre landes and a rode, late purchasyd of Thomas Balyson, to hym to hys eyres and assynes.

[*No probate act.*]

[ROBERT BENN OF FRIESTON, A.D. 1516.]

[1545-6, ii, 127.]

ROBERT BENNE.

19 February, 1516. I Robert Benn of Freston make and ordey my testament concluding therein my last will, etc. My body to be buried in the church yarde of St. James in Freston the holy appostle; also my best beast for my mortuarie; alsoe to our mother church of Lincoln iiij*d.*; alsoe to the high aulture in Freston for tyth forgotten iiij*d.*; also to the blessed sacrament there i*d.*; alsoe to the Image of Sainct James i*d.*; alsoe to the trinitie altare i*d.*; alsoe to the light of our ladye in the parishe quier i*d.*; alsoe to St. Syth a wax candle of one pounce; alsoe to St. Thomas a candle of halfe a pounce wax; alsoe to our lady of walsingham iiij*d.*; alsoe to our lady of Doncaster iiij*d.*; alsoe I will that myne exequutors cause thre dirgies be songe in the parishe church of Freston for the helth of my soule with in the yeare after my decease; also I will that Mr. Prior of Freston and his brethren thereof of their charitie doe mete my body at the church dore after my decease, and there to geve me absolucion, and so bringe me into the kirke with praier and devocion, and to have for their labor iijs. iiij*d.* To the iiij orders of ffreers in Bostonne iiijs., that is to saie to everie ordre xij*d.* To George and Richard my sonnes my carte and my plough with all the timentes and harnes that belongeth to them, etc. I give xij*l.* to be devided to iiij of my children, to George Benne iij*l.*, to Richard Benn iij*l.*, to Jennet Simpson iij*l.*, and too Isabell Ben iij*l.* Also I give to Agnes Crosley my eldest daughter a gray fillie of two years old, or els viijs. of lawfull monney. To John Crosley. To Robert Crosley. To Isabell Crosley. To the children of John Gilbert of Butterwicke. To iij children of John Benn of Kindam. To William Haggas my servaunte iiij sheipe and a cowe burlinge. To Thomas Lawis my servaunte the stuffe of householde that was his mothers. To William Benne my servaunte a greater of my boyte, half the takill, hemp, etc. To Christen my wyfe two acre of lande with the buildinge thereof called Mawde greene, iij stong lande called greene gate, and iij stong land in pollour, to have them the terme of hyr present lyfe, and after hyr decease I will

that the said lands, with other v stong lande called fforsey dale, remaine to George Benn my sonn and to the heires of his body evermore ; and yf it fortune the sayde George to dye with out heires, then I will the sayde lande remaine to Richard Benn my sonn in like manner. To the saide Richarde a howse in kindham builded of one acre grounde, one acre and one roode lande in West fielde, iij stonge lande in long greiff fielde, di' acre in long furlonges, and a rood and half a rode in mikilham, to him and his heirs of his body evermore, remainder to George Benn my sonne and to his heires of his body ; and yf it fortune bothe to dye with out heires of their bodyes then to remaine to my iij daughters afore rehersed and to their heires of their bodyes evermore ; yf soe be all my children dye with out heires, then I will that all the foresayde land be solde by the churchwardens of Frestonn that shalbe at that tyme, and monny therefore taken spent in the church of Freston as they shall thinke best for the helth of my soule, the helth of my father and mother soules, and all the soules that I ame bounden to pray for. The residue of all my goodes I will that Cristen my wyfe and Richard Ronister, whome I make exequutors, dispose soe that it be to the pleasure of god and helth of my soule. Allsoe I give xxs. to the sayde Rychard Ronister for his labour. Also I will that Mr. Geffrey Pannell be supervisor, and he to have xiijs. iiij*d.* for his labour. These witnesses, Sir John Simson of Freston prest, Richard Pyshe and Richard Benn of the same, and other moe.

Proved before H., at Boston, 16 Dec., 1518. Adm. granted to the executors.

[RICHARD SEGRAVE OF THRECKINGHAM, YEOMAN, A.D. 1517.]

[1506 &c., 43*d.*]

COPY OF THE TESTAMENT OF RICHARD SEGRAVE OF THREKYNHAM.

The xij day off July, 1517, 9 Henry. I Richard Segrave off Threkyngham in the parties off kesteuen, and in the countie off Lincoln, yoman, make my testament and last will, etc. To be bered in the parishe church off Sant peter off Threkyngham with my mortuary or principall accordyng to the costome off the same towne. To the hygh awter off the same church for tythes forgotten xx*d.* To the werke off the same church vjs. viij*d.* To the moder church off Linlcon [*sic*] viij*d.* To our lady in Lincoln mynster xij*d.* To the faderleste and moderleste children of Sant Catherins with owt the wales off lincoln viij*d.* I will that myne executoures kepe my vijth day, and schall gyffe to poore people theder comyng the same day peny dole. I wyll that every prest have att my said vijth day yff he both [*sic*] to dirige and to masse v*d.*, or elles but iiij*d.*, and every parishe clerke i*d.* I wyll that myne executor shall ordeyne at the sayd vijth day mette and drynke for such honest persons and curates as shal come there the same vijth day, and that to be done after the best maner. To Thomas bell. To Jenet Bell wyffe off Jhon bell. To every chyld off John bell and Jenet hys wyffe beyng unmaryd. To Elizabeth Jakson wyffe off Rychard Jakson. To every childe off the said Rychard Jakson. To John Dalby of Osbournby and Gregory off the same my god sonnes. I gyffe iiij kye to kepe myne obite and my wiffes, the said kye to be letten for xx*d.* apece in the yere. I bequeth ij kye to the hand off myne executoures for to be lattyn aswel as they

cane, and the rente off them to be put in a stoke to bie other kye with, if it fortune the said kye to fall in decay. I will that the soule off mye Richard Segreave and Margarete my wyffe aftyr hyr deceasse, and the soules off Robert Segrave and Elizabeth his wiffe and the soules of John Toly and his wyffe, with the soule off Robert Segrawe, be rehersed bi the vic' off Threkyngam, and he to have for hes labour after the deceasse of me and my wyffe xij*d.* and vij masse penyys with iiiij*d.* for the dirige perpetually to be kepte by myn executors or the church wardens the Tewysday next after passion sonday. To the church of Threkyngham oon chest therin to be put mony increasyng of the kye, etc. To the church warke off Walcot. The residue off my goodes I giffe to Margeret my wyf, whom I make executrice with John bell off Trekyngham, Thomas bell off the same, and Rychard Jakson off the same, whom I make executours, they to dispose for the helthe of my soule bi the over sight off humffray Walcot of Walcot, esquyer, whome I make supervisour, to whome I giffe for his labour xls.

This is the last will off me the forsaid Richard Segrave, wrien the day a bovesaid. I will that Margret my wyffe have my mesuage or house nygh to the church stile in Trekyngham, with an horsmyle and the howse whyche the said myln standyth in to the said mesuage nexid, and all the land to the mesuage belongeng, which I purchessed of Margeret Toly, for terme off her liffe, and aftur hyr deceasse I will the forsaid Thomas bell have the premises to hym and hys heyres and assignes. Witness, Sir John Lancaster vicar of Threkyngam, Sir John thomas vicar of Swaton, Sir William Duraunte vicar of Osbornby, Sir Thomas pechyn chaplain, Thomas Wilkynson, and many others.

Proved before H., in the parish church of Corby, 2 Dec., 1517. Adm. granted to Margaret the relict and Thomas Bell, the executors, in the presence of John Bell renouncing, power being reserved to grant administration to Richard Jakson, an executor.

[WILLIAM CLERCKE OF WELTON LE MARSH, A.D. 1518.]

[1506 &c., 58. *Translated from the Latin.*]

THE TESTAMENT OF WILLIAM CLERKE.

In the Name of the Holy Trinity, Father, Son and Holy Ghost, and of the glorious Virgin Mary, the mother of our Lord Jesus Christ, and of the whole college of the citizens above, 1 July, 1518, I William Clercke of Welton-by-Orby, co. Lincoln, make my present testament, containing my will, etc. To be buried within the parish church of St. Martin of Welton, with that which is right in the name of my mortuary. To the high altar of the cathedral church of St. Mary of Lincoln xij*d.* To the fabric of the parish church of Welton vjs. viij*d.* I will that all my household utensils be divided into two equal parts, that is, one part to Joan my wife, and the other part equally amongst my three daughters at the discretion of my wife and my executors. I will that Joan my daughter have after my decease xx*l.* to be raised and taken out of my debts if it can be done; and that my wife have all my beasts and cattle for herself, her sons and daughters, with the wagons, two-wheeled carts (*bigis*), ploughs and implements (*phallaris*) to them belonging, to be divided according to her discretion. I will that Alice daughter of Joan my

wife have cs. to be received out of my said debts, etc., in respect of the legacy of her father, besides xxxiij<sup>s</sup>. iiij<sup>d</sup>. to be received of George Rodeslay of Burnethorp in respect of so many pennies due from him. I will that Agnes my wife's other daughter have besides xiijs. iiij<sup>d</sup>. to be received of Sir John Davy, late vicar of Aby, vjl. To John Clercke, my kinsman, bachelor in decrees, all that is owing by John Fowler of Stepyng and Thomas Kyllok of Waynflet St. Mary, as appears by their two bonds, if it can be raised, that he may pray especially for the health of my soul and the souls of my parents, kinsmen and friends and all the faithful who are in the pains of purgatory. I will that all those feoffees shall stand and be seised of all the lands, tenements, etc., which I have within the town and fields of Welton aforesaid to the use of my wife for the term of her life, and after her decease to the use of Joan my daughter her heirs and assigns for ever. To John my son three pastures in Winthorp which I lately bought of Thomas Russhe, gentleman, to him his heirs and assigns for ever; with remainder, if he die before he come to the age of xxj years, to his right heirs; with remainder to Joan my daughter and the heirs of her body; to hold of the chief lords of that fee by the services thence heretofore due and of right accustomed, for ever. And failing such heirs, the three pastures shall be sold by my executors or feoffees, and the moneys arising therefrom be disposed for the health of my soul and the souls of my parents, kinsfolk, friends and benefactors, and all the faithful in Christ, in the salary of a chaplain to celebrate for the said souls, and for other charitable gifts (*donis caritativis*), according to their discretion. I will that the feoffees of all my lands, etc., lying within the town and fields of Winthorp, which I lately bought of Richard Arlyk *alias* Arleryk of Boston, mercer (*marcero*), [shall stand seised] as they are enfeoffed and seised to the use of Joan my wife for the term of her life, and afterwards to the use of John Clercke my son, his heirs and assigns for ever, as is aforesaid of the three pastures lately bought of Thomas Russhe, gentleman. The residue of my goods I bequeath to John Cocke, rector of Kettesby, Master John Clercke, bachelor in decrees, Martin Wymbyshe of Hamby and Robert Whallay of Dryby, whom I make my executors, to dispose for the health of my soul and the souls of my parents, etc., as they will answer before the supreme Judge. I make Master John Parker of Spillesby, gentleman, supervisor of this testament; and I give him for his pains xs.; and to each of my executors vjs. viij<sup>d</sup>. Witnesses, William Hall chaplain of the parish of Welton aforesaid, George godeall, William Hudson, Thomas Brewster of the same, and Thomas Fobbe of Slotheby in the parish of Willughby, and many others.

Proved before H., at Parteney, 13 Oct., 1518. Adm. granted to the first three executors, reserving power to commit to Robert Whalley, etc.

[THOMAS KINGSTON OF GREAT GRIMSBY, A.D. 1518.]

[1506 &c., 54.]

THE TESTAMENT OF THOMAS KYNGSTON.

26 August, 1518. I Thomas kyngston of grymesby make my testament, etc. To be buried in the monastery of St. Austene and olyff in the chapell of our savior, and my mortuary after the custome of the countre. To the moder church of our lady of Linc' xij<sup>d</sup>. To the parych

awter in wellow for thythes forgotton viij*d*. To my sonnys Ryc' and barnard xl*l*. wych shalbe payd of my dettes. To my sonne Thomas all my rement savyng my gowne, and a hoggshed of yrne. To my sonne Sir John viij marc' and a hows in wellow gate, layte of Robert Davy, to syng for me and to be rewler of hys bretherne barnard and Ryc'. To Dame Isabell my dought' xls. To the new organs at welhowe xxxjs. viij*d*. wych they shall receve of John stanlyff dwelling in halyffax or elles not. I wyll that my wyfe have my hows wych I dwell in the terme of her lyfe, she to fynd duryng her lyfe a festivall leigh' in the chapyll of our sayvor, and after herr disses I wyll the same hows remayne to my ryght heyres for ever to fynd an yerly obyt for the helth of my saull and all crysten soules. To the same chapell a chalys, vestyment, boke, iij auter clothes, a corporys cloth with the case, ij crewyttes, candylstykes and tapors. I will ther be dystrybute the day of my buryall v*l*. xiijs. iiij*d*. and yf any remayn of the same I wyll it be ward of the chapell of our sayvor. The resydew of my goodes I give to my wyfe, whome I make my executrice, and Sir John my son to be executor with her. Wytnes my lord thabbott of Welhow, Sir John burde, Ric' Reveley, wyth many other moo.

Proved before H., at Lincoln, 10 Sept., 1518. Adm. granted to the executors.

[JOHN CROOKE OF HALTON HOLEGATE, A.D. 1518.]

[1520-31, 8.]

THE TESTAMENT OF J. CROOKE.

20 September, 1518. I John Crooke of Halton make my testament etc. My body to be buryed in the churche of St. Androw in Halton, with that that the law requireth to be my mortuary. To our lady of lincoln warke v*d*. To the crucifixe of halton church xi*d*. To the belles ther xi*d*. To the ornamentes of the hygh awter ther iiij*d*. To our lady awter iiij*d*. To the trinite awter iiij*d*. To our lady of pitie i*d*. To St. Catheryns awter a paynted cloth of my costes to hange afore her tabull. To Benet Croke and John Croke my sonnys. I will that a prest be choesen bi the myndes of Sir John Croke my son, he to syng a trentall for my soule and my wiffes. I will that the churche of Halton have a cove or xs. for to kepe the yereday of Robert Mitton and Agnes. To the churche of Halton xs. The residue of my goods not wite nor gyven I put to the dispocion [*sic*] of Benet Croke my sone, whom I make executour. Thies beyng witnes, Sir John Crook, Master Thomas Moryell, Master Richard Langare, Robert Westende, Will' Bowght, and other more, etc.

Proved before D., at Spillesby, 4 Feb., 1518.

THE LAST WILL OF THE SAME.

[*Folio 8d.*] This is the last will of me John Crooke of Halton, made 20 September, 1518. I will that my feoffers now beyng or at tyme shalby make a staytt of all my landys and tenementes to such men as myn executors shall name to the performance of this my will and testament. Also I will that all my tayled land in Halton be letyn to the most advauntage for the terme of six yeres be myne executores, and thei money theroff

takyn go to the performance off my will and testament. I will that all the eshe treys growynge aboute the lawe house and pasture therto belongynge be fellyd and sold to the same use. I will that Syr John Croke my sonne have all my landys and tenementes that where my faders John Croke and my faders in lawe John Pynders in Halton the terme off his liffe; and after hym I will the heres off Thomas croke have the said lande to them and theyr heres off theyr bodyes; remainder to Richard croke my son and hys heres; remainder to Benytt croke my son and his heres; remainder to Johne croke my sonne and his heres; remainder to Margaret my daughter and hyr heres off hyr body begotton and broughfforth; and iff all thies dye without heres off theyr bodyes then I will the said landys remayn to the use and fulfillingg off the last will off my father John croke and my fader in law John Pynder. I will that Richard croke my sonne have my bought landys and cobby landys; remainder to Benytt croke my sonne; remainder to John croke my sonne; remainder to Margaret my daughter and hyr heres; and yff thei all dye without heres, then I will the said purchest landes and copy landes be sold be my ffeoffers and my executors, and thei on half off thei money to go to the church off Halton and the oder half to be delte to pore pepull in the parish off Halton. Yff it happen any off theis my said chylders Richard, Benytt, John or Margaret to entur thei said landes that where my faders John crokes and John pynders, then I will that at the saide day off entringe my seconde sonne enter my purchest landes and copy landes and eich off them after other after the fforme aforesaid. I will that Jenytt Wath have the toft in Halton that I bought when she ys maryed to hyr and hyr heres; and yff she dye without heres, I will that Richard croke my sonne have the said tofte to hym and his heres; remainder to Benytt croke my sonne and his heres; remainder to John croke my sonn and his heres; remainder to Margett croke my daughter and hyr heres. And iff thei all dye without heres, then I will the said toft be sold and part off the money to be gyffyn to a priest to syng in Halton church for me and my gud ffrendys, and part off thei money to Halton church and part to be gyffyn to pore folke in the said parish, it to be devyded bi thei myndys off my gud ffrendes wiche shalbe ther at that tyme. Thies beyng wytnes, Syr John croke, master thomas moryell, master Richard launger, Robert Westend, William Bough, with other moo.

[PERCIVAL BANKES OF GREAT GRIMSBY, A.D. 1518.]

[1558, iii, 19.]

23 September, 1518. I Persavell Bankes of Grymsbe the more, make my last wyll, etc. My body to be beryed in the Church of saynt Jemys with my dew mortuary. To the hye awter of the sayd [*sic*] for Tythes forgotten xij*d*. To the sayd church xij*d*. To oure lady of Lincoln ij*d*. To the freer Augustynse xd. The rest of my goods I gyve to Alexander Bankes, John hempryngham and Jenett Pereson, whom I make my trewe Executors, they to dispose it for the helth of my Soule. Theys wytnes, Sir Peter munde vicar, ffreer Ric', and John Ferrow with other moo.

[No *probate act.*]



[WILLIAM KYPAS OF ASWARDBY NEAR SPILSBY, A.D. 1518.]

[1506 &c., 85*d.*]

THE TESTAMENT OF W. KYPAS OF ASWARDBY, A.D. 1518.

29 September, 1518. I William kypas of Aswardby. I wille that my wiffe have my house and laund unto my eldeste childe com to lauffull age, and then he or she to have it to theym and to their heires ; and for defaulte of lauffull issue then it to be solde by the churche maisters of Aswardby and Tetford and ether of the churches to have xls., and the residew of the money to be devided in iij partes : j parte to a prest to syng for my soule and all cristen soules, the ijde parte to the highe wayes of Aswardby, and the iijde parte to be geven in almos to pour people. Witnesses, sir John billyngay parson of Aswardby, John Wadyngton, thom' Dyott, Robert bentonn, Joh' Margeson, and others.

Proved at Bambrughe, 15 Oct., 1518.

[THOMAS BENYTT OF BICKER, LABOURER, A.D. 1518.]

[1558 iii, 29.]

JHESUS.

20 December, 1518. I Thomas Benytt laburer of the towne of Byker Bequethe my sall un all myhyty god my Redemar, to hys blyssyd mother owr lady Sancte Mare, and to all the fare company in evyn, and my Body to be Beryd in the chercch yarde of Sancte swhythune of Byker. I Bequethe to my mortary a kowe as the custome of the towne Requirythe. To the hy awter of Byker for my tythes forgottyn ij*d.* To our ladys auter j*d.*

Thys ys my wyll : I wyll that genytt my wyffe have dewryng her lyffe the howsse with the apurtenansse as yt aperythe in my father laste wyll after the dyssesse of my mother Elsabz ; farder more I wyll that wyll'm my son have the howsse with the apurtenanse that my mother abowffe reherssyd dwellys in after the dyssesse of genytt hys mother ; and yt fortunyn that the forsayd wyll'm dy with howtt heres of hys Body lawfully Begottyn, I wyll then that hys Bretheryn Robertt, thomas and xp'ofer for to be yche other heres ; and for defawte of heres, I wyll that wyll'm my brother have the howsse with the yng grownnde and with the fen grownnde to hym and to hys heres for evermore. ferdermore I wyll that the halffe of the hemppe land that was gyffyn unto me, as yt aperythe in my fathers wyll, I gyffe ytt to byker chercch yff ytt fortune that my forsayd cheylderyn dy with owtte heyres of ther body ; and I wyll that the cherche wardensse of Byker gyffe owtte yerly iiij*d.* to the parysche preyst to say maysse and dirige, and j*d.* to the oblac'on, and j*d.* for Ryngyng at the day of the monythe aforsayd. The Resydew of my goodes not bequethe I bequethe to Jenytt my wyffe, whom I make myn exsecutrix sche to dyssposse to the plessur of god and to the helthe of Sall and all crystyn sallys. Here beryng wyttensse that thys ys my testemente and my last wyll, Syr thomas greues, Rychyarde chaterysse, Wylliam Benytt, Rychyarde tylar, with other mowy. Mayd the day and the yerre aforsayd.

[No probate act.]

[WILLIAM WYLKYNSON *alias* JACSON OF WYBERTON, A.D. 1518.]

[1520-31, 51d.]

THE TESTAMENT OF W. WYLKYNSON.

I January, 1518. I William wylkynson off wyberton, otherwyse called Jacson off wyberton, maketh my testament herin concludyng my last wyll, etc. To be buryed in the church off saynt legerde in Wyberton. And my best best for my mortuary. To our lady warke off lyncoln viij*d.* To the pore chyldren at saynt katheryns wythout the barres off lyncoln xij*d.* To saynt katheryne alter in wyberton viij*d.* To the hygh alter in wyberton chyrch xij*d.* To our lady alter in wyberton xij*d.* To saynt Anne alter in wyberton ijs. Also I gyff to Jenet and Agnes each my daughters ij kye, xxty ewes, etc., when they cum att the age off xij yeres, and in redy mony xxvjs. viij*d.*, etc. To Roger claymond. To Gye off freston. To John bene. I wyll that iij sergys off wax be mayd immedyatly after my departyng, And burne every holy day afore the blessyd sacrament in the hygh quere off wyberton for the welth off my soule.

This is the last wyll off me wylliam wylkynson off wyberton off all my landes and tenementes aswell in the marche as in wyberton with in the cownte off lyncoln : [*folio* 52] Fyrst I wyll that Jenet wylkynson my wyff have my landes called Ric' wyaryson landes the terme off hyr lyff, And after hyr deceasse I wyll the sayd landes remayn to John my son And to the heyres off hys body. Also I wyll that Jenet my wyff have my house that I dwell in and the landes wyth the appurtennces and she to kepe them in reparacyon to John wylkynson and henry wylkynson my sones come to the age off xxj yeres, And then I wyll the sayd John wylkynson shall have the sayd landes to hym and the heyres off hys bodye; remaynder to henry wylkynson And to the heyres off hys bodye; remaynder to Jenet my wyffe the terme off hyr lyff; remaynder to Jenet wylkynson and Agnes wylkynson my too daughters And to the heers off their ij bodies; And yff they bothe deceasse and my wyffe over lyff theym I wyll that she have them for the terme of her lyffe. To Jenet wylkynson my wiff ij acre lande lyeng in Skyrbek feld, ij acre and di' lying in Corton feyld, on acr' lying in the feld hundreth dyke, on acre and a cotage lying in gote feld off wyberton called byrkes feld, on acr' called basseyt walle, the terme off hyr lyff; and after hyr deceasse I wyll the sayd landes remayn to henry wylkynson my yongest sone and to hys heyres off hys bodye. And yff my wyff and my chyldren deceasse wythout heres off ther bodyes, then I wyll the forsayd houses and landes be sold be my executors or ellys the church wardyns at that tyme beyng, And they to fynde a hable prest to syng and pray for the soules off me my wyff our faders and moders, parentes and benefactors, and all other crysten soules, by the space off a hole yere in the chyrch off wyberton; and xls. in moneye to be employed and expendyd in the church off wyberton wher as the church wardyns thynkyth most neyd, for the welth off my soule. I wyll that yff any off my blode or kynred com by dyscent to the forsayd [*folio* 52d.] landes For lake off yshew off me, than I wyll they soy comyng doo kepe or cause to be observed and kept a obyte off vs. by the yere for ever in the church off wyberton wyth placebo, dirige and commendacyon and messe for the soules off me, my father and mother, our parentes, benefactores and all crysten soules. The resydw off my

goodes I gyff them to the disposycyon off Jenet my wyff, whome I do make executrix. And I do constitute master phylip chaymond, gentylman, to be supervysor, and he to have for hys labours and payns her in takyn a soreld foole. Thyes beyng wytnes, sir Roger Bayte parysh prest, Sir Robert Allger chauntre prest, John Clymson yoman.

Proved before P., in the parish church of Algarkyrk, 12 Nov., 1527. Adm. granted to the executrix.

[JANE SHEFFELDE OF CROXBY, WIDOW, A.D. 1519.]

[1520-31, 220d.]

THE TESTAMENT OF JOAN SHEFFELDE.

7 January, 1519<sup>1</sup>. I Jane scheffelde of Croxby vidoy. To be buryed in the church of all halows of croxby in our lady quere, with my mortuary accordyng to the custome of the cuntry. To our lady warke of lincoln xijd. To the high alter of the mother church of lincoln xijd. To the churche of croxby now for my burying vjs. viijd. To the high alter of croxby for tithys forgottyn xxd. To the frerys augustyns off grymesby viijd. To the gray frerys in the same towne viijd. To every on of the Nonnys of Irforth iiijd. To every on of my godchylder iiijd. To Alice Sheffelde the doughter of x'pofe cheffelde my sonne suche goodes wich I had for her parte and porcion of the goodes of the sayd x'pofe her father. To my doughters Catheryne, Jane, Alice and Elizabeth. To Jasper cheffelde and Edmund cheffelde my sonnes. To Jane cheffelde the doughter off Jasper chaffelde. To Anne cheffelde the doughter of the sayd Jasper a sylver spone with my velvyt patlet. To John cheffelde the sonne and heyre of x'pofe cheffelde my sonne. To my doughter Elizabeth the wyff of Jasper my sonne. To george cheffelde the sonne of charlys cheffelde. To Edmund hys brother. To charlys my sonne. To my doughters grace and Jane. To charlys my sonne. Also tuchyng the disposicion of my lande I will that sir John scheffelde parson of hammeryngham and other hys coeffers ther heyres and assignes namyd in a dede of feoffement wich berys date the iiijth day of June viii Henry VIII shall stand and be feoffed of and in my chefe place to the use and behofe of me the sayd Jane cheffelde vydoe for my lyff; then I will that Jasper cheffelde my sonne and Elizabeth hys wyff have my capitall hows in croxby accordyng to a dede of gyfte gyffyn by me to them, wich beres date the xijth Marche x Henry VIII; remainder to the use and behofe of John Sheffelde sonne and heyre of x'pofe sheffelde my sonne and heyre and to the heyres of hys body, and in defawte of suche issue to the use of my right heyres accordyng to a paire of indenturys mayd betwyxt me of the on partie and Alexander hamcotes of Astrope within the countie of lincoln gent' of the other partie, dated xxix June xv Henry VIII. Also I will that Robert sheffelde of butterwyk and other hys coeffeoffes ther heyres and assignes namyd in on other dede of feoffement, wich beres date xv June xv Henry VIII, shall stande and be feoffes off all the landes and tenementes and other inheretamentes in Staynton in le hole to the use of me for my lyff; and then to the use to performe thys my last wyll, that is to say that John Sheffelde sonne and heyre unto x'pofe sheffelde

<sup>1</sup> Probably a mistake for 1529 (*cp.* 7th line from foot of this page).

my sonne shall fynde on honest prest to syng for me and my anciters in the churche of all saintes in croxby by the space of ij yeres next aftyr the decease of me ; and then the proffyt to go to the use of the sayd John Sheffelde and the heyres of his body ; remainder to the use of me and the right heyres of me for ever. To charlys sheffelde my sonne a house in Croxby aforesayd callyd lanhem hous with a close callyd collyngarth and x acres of arable land in croxby now in my handes for the lyff of the sayd charles ; remainder to John Sheffelde the sonne and heyr of x'pofer Sheffelde my sonne and the heyres of his body ; remainder to my right heyres for evermore. The resydewe of all my goodes I will that charles Sheffelde and John sheffelde, whome I make my executors, shall have to dispose for the well of my soule. Also I will that Sir John Sheffelde parson of hameryngham my sonne and Alexander hamcotes of Astrop gentylman be supervisors. Thes wytnes, sir Robert Smyth parson of croxby, sir Robert wrawcht prest, and William kent, with other moy.

Proved before P., at Market Rasen, 12 Oct., 1530. Adm. granted to Charles sheffelde an executor, reserving power to grant to John Sheffelde the co-executor when he shall come to take it upon himself, etc.

[THOMAS FAWCYT OF LANGTON BY HORNCastle, HUSBANDMAN, A.D. 1519.]

[1520-31, 77d.]

THE TESTAMENT OF T. FAWCYT.

1 Apryll, 1519. I Thomas Fawcyt of Langton next horncastr', husbandman, makes my last will, etc. To Robert Sprew the house and the lande with all the appurtennces the wich I had of late off John Goslyng of Woodhall unto the tyme that Agnes porter my god doughter be xxty yeres of age, then she to have it to hyr and hyr heyres off hyr body. And yff she decease before she be xxty yeres the forsayd Robert Sprew to have it to hym and hys heyres off hys body. And yff they dy bothe with owte issue, then it to be solde and dysposyd for the soulys off Thomas Fawcyt and Alice and all crysten soulys. I bequeth my house that my wyffe dwellys in, aftyr hyr decease, with the lande therto belongyng, with a cownter, a cheire and a hanging in the hall, to the church of saynt margaret of Langton, etc. The resydue off my goodes, etc., to Alice my wyff, whome I make my sole executrix to dispose for the helth off my soule as she thynkes the best. Thes wytnes, Robert Roke of Langton, John Longcastr' and Robert Sprew of the same, with other.

Proved before P., at Horncastle, 15 April, 1529. Adm. granted, etc.

[FRANCIS WHITWELL OF THE PARISH OF ST. MARGARET IN WIGFORD IN THE SUBURBS OF THE CITY OF LINCOLN, A.D. 1519.]

[1520-31, 18d.]

THE TESTAMENT OF FRANCIS WHITWELL, LATE WHILE HE LIVED, OF THE CITY OF LINCOLN.

1 April, 1519. I Frances Whitwell of the parish of St. Margettes in Wikforth in the suburbies of the citie of lincoln. To be buried within the church or churchyerd of St. Margett, with my best gown for my mortuary as custom is in the said citie. To the highe alter of the said church for tithes forgotten viij*d*. To St. Margettes light in the said church xij*d*. To the highe alter in St. Peter church at gotes for my tithes

forgotten viij*d.* To the werkes of our mother church of lincoln v*j d.* For my grand syer Henry torney and margett his wiffe to the werkes of the said mother church xi*j d.* To the church off Dighton, wher I was borne, for the church werkes of the same v*j s.* viii*d.* To the church werkes of Dighton afforsaid for the wittword of my sister Ciceley other v*j s.* viii*d.* to be taken of my tenementes at oukeham and paid to the same church by the sighte of my ffather Thomas Norton. To Thomas Whitwell my brother ij deaker tanned hides, my bay horss and the money that is in the handes of Richerd Chesylde of Manton, which is xlii*s.* iii*j d.*, in recompensacion of the howse that the said Thomas and I didde sell for v*l.* xii*s.* iii*j d.* To Ciceley my wiffe all my landes in Oukeham duryng hir liffe for the bryngyng up of my childern, if they liffe. And after hir deceسه I will that Thomas my sonn have the said landes with a masour of Syllver, di' dozen sillver spoones, j counter, one hangyng labour, j Spitt with j great payr cobb yrons of Iron, which my father gaffe me as hayre loomes to go with the said houses, but I will that Cyceley my wiffe have all the said stufte in hyr keypyng duryng hir lyffe. If Thomas my sonn deceسه or that he be maryed then the said landes I will they remayn to my ij doughters Abrey and Johan if they overliffe the said Thomas. And iff all my childer deceسه without Issue, then I will the said landes remayn to Thomas my brother. The Residew of my goodes I gyve unto Ciceley my wiffe, whom I maike executrix. Thies wittnes, John page shomaker, John Fynche taylour, and Thomas burrell tanner, with mo.

Proved before H., at Lincoln, 6 May, 1519. Adm. granted to the executrix.

[ROBERT POOLAS OF KIRTON IN HOLLAND, A.D. 1520.]

[1506 &c., 43.]

COPY OF THE TESTAMENT OF ROBERT POOLAS OF KYRKETON.

4 Aprylle, 1520. I Robert poolas off kyrketon [*sic*] makes my testament and last wylle, etc. To be bereyd within the church off sent peters and paule off kyrkton, and to my mortuarey the best off my catell after the coston off the towne. To the hye altere off kyrkton viii*d.* To every alter in the sayd church iii*j d.* To the reparacions off the sayd church x*l d.* To our moder off lincoln iii*j d.* To the faderless chyldere at sent katernys withowt lincoln viii*d.* To my wyffe all my landes and tenementes that I have duryng hyr lyffe, savyng an aker and a halffe in Rustyn enge, whych I gyffe to Rec' poolas my son; and after the dycesse off my wyffe I wyll Ric' my son have all my landes and tenements in fee symple. To Maryon my wyffe the halfe off my household stufe and granes equally devydyd betwex my wyffe and Ric' my son. The huch and the howhold stufe whych was margaret haeward I gyffe them to Robert Sheperd. I gyffe my myln to Ric' my son with that condicion my wyff have hyr corne grone hyr lyffe without any lettyng and at my sons costes and charges. To . . . .<sup>1</sup> my broter, and to Thomas poolas my godson. The residue off my gudes I gyffe to Ric' my son, whom I macke myn executour. Record, Rog' poolas, Robert heyland thelder, humfray Robert, thomas poolas, and david Rychard, with oyer mo, etc.

Proved before W2., at Lincoln, 29 April, 1520.

<sup>1</sup> The edge of the page is worn away.

[RICHARD CLARKE OF HORNCastle, TANNER, A.D. 1520.]

[1506 &c., 46.]

COPY OF THE TESTAMENT OF RICHARD CLARKE OF HORNCAsTR'.

25 August, 1520. I Richard Clarke of Horncast' tanner, make my last will, etc. To be buried in Horncast' church, and my mortuary accordinge to costum. To our lady of Lincoln iijs. iiijd. and a paire of croall' bedys. To the hy autar of Horncast' church for forgotten tithes vjs. viijd. To the church warke vjs. viijd. To the belles of the sam church iijs. iiijd. To the torche leight iijs. iiijd. To our lady leight in our lady quere xijd. To Saynt nynion leight xijd. To Saynt Savyour leight vjd. To allhallow leight xijd. To our lady off grace leight xijd. To Sanyt Antony leight vjd. To Saynt Helen leight vjd. To Saynt Laurens leight vjd. To Jamys leight vjd. To Saynt George leight vjd. To Saynt Michael leight vjd. To every prest that cometh to my buriall, vij day xxxti day, iiijd. To every pore body that comys jd. To the austyn freers at Boston to singe a trentall with solene diryge and messe xijd. To every place of freers in Lincoln xd. I will ther be a trentall of messes in Horncast' church at my vij day and a nother at my xxxti day with dirige, and to every prest for ther labure vjd. I will ther be disposed amonges pore folkes at my vij day and xxxti day in almys every on of the sayde days vjs. viijd. To the scolers jd. To my lorde of Kirsted iijs. iiijd. and to every monke of the saide hous viijd. that I may have dirige and mess solemnly done. To the saidde abbey off Kirsted a sylver salt off xxij unc' with vj silver spones, desiringe to be pratte taker off ther gude prayer and dedys. To Dam Margrett Adlard, nune off Stixwold, a fyne mantyll off ix yerds off narrow cloth, desiringe hyr to pray for me. To Jenytt Eston, my servaunt my federbed holly with coverlyttes, blankyttes, and matters, with the tester and all that belongs to the said bedd, ij brasse pottes and a dosen puter vessels off my mothers and myne, where of the on hailf off the sylver facion, a posnyt of her first damys, a greitt panne, ij ketylles that she will chose, ij candistikkes, ij lavors and ij basyns at hir own chose, a kyrtyll, a masore with a lityll silver pece, a velvytt gerdill with a sylver pendand and a bokill off silver, iiij markes off money, my litell counter, ij off thei best chestes, a huche, my tany gowne lined with cotton. To every on of my godchildren in Horncast' iiijd. I will that my two prentices shall serve one year, etc. To Alison Barton vjs. viijd. and a gown cloth. To Robert Mallow the best gown wich he will have, and to Thomas Smyth, shomaker, the next gown. To Jamys Burton my best dublytt, my best jakytt, and a gown, and half a daker of ox pechys. To Robert Mallow half a daker off leder. To Robert Algrath a gowne and halffe a daker of ox pechys. [folio 46d.] I give the house sometymes Ellerton think, the qwhich he dwelles in, to Ricard Kirke with the appurtenances for ever to hym and to hys heres and assigns, paying fyve score nobulles to the gild of St. Katerine to be paid within the space of v yeres, every year vjd. xiijs. iiijd. to the said some be paid. I will that the said Ricard have the copy of madyn garth during the years of the copy beinge [sic] an obytt in Horncast' church off viijs. yearly so long as the copy endures. To St. Katerine gilde the house that Robert Paynter dwells in, and the house that Alyson Walley dwellys in, sometime Richard Richmond of Horncast', for ever

to be prayde for as a ffounder and a speciall benefactor with the chaunter prestys off the said gyld off saynt Katrine. Also to the said gyld my best counter and the standyng cupp of sylver gylte with the coverynge of the same, and a sylver crosse with the pyctur of our lord and mary and John, and at the fotte of the crosse a Image of Saynt Katerine, the valour of the crosse xx marke. To Helen Toliour of Horncastr' iijs. iiij*d*. I will there bey a prest to sing for me, my father and moder and my ij wyffys Elen and Jenyt in the church of Horncastr' the term of vj yeres, payng to the sayd priest yerly viij marke, and it shall be payd off my gudes wich my executors doth occupy. Moreover I will that Sir Symon,<sup>1</sup> parish priest off Horncastr', now being, sing the said vj yeres in Horncastr' church and yff he can provede hymself better in the mayntime this service is he to leiffe it and my executors to put another prest in it wich is a gud quere man at ther minds, and if it fortune the said executors to dy with in the said yeres the service beyng destitute of a prest, then I will that the aldermen and chamberlynes of St. Katherines gild put an an bill [*sic*] prest beinge a quere man at the election, and the prest to be paid of my gudes aforesaid. I will that the house that Saunder Glouer dwells in be disposyd by the minds of my executors for the welth of my soul and all my gud frends. The Residue of my guddes to Robert Mawley of Horncastr' shomaker, Robert Halgrath of the same tanner, and Jamys Burton of the same tanner, whom I make my executors. Supervisors, Sir Robert Dymoke knight, and in his absence Mr. Richard Satheby parson of scewilby.<sup>2</sup> Witnesses, Sir Symon parish priest, Philip Stevenson of Horncastr' marchant, Thomas Smyth shomaker of the same, John Kytson draper, Richard Reynes of the same, with other.

Proved before the commissary of the archdeaconry of Lincoln in the cathedral church of Lincoln, 31 Aug., 1520. Adm. granted to the executors.

[THOMAS WELBY OF HALLSTEAD IN THE PARISH OF STIXWOULD, ESQUIRE,  
A.D. 1520.]

[1506 &c., 8*id*. Collated with another copy in 1566 &c., folio 34.]

THE TESTAMENT OF THOMAS WELBY, ESQUIRE.<sup>3</sup>

This is the testament and last will of me Thomas Welby of Halsted in the county of Lincoln, Esquier, made the 6th day of September, 12 Henry VIII [A.D. 1520]. To be buried in the parishe church of Stixwold bifor the image of our lady there, with the best thyng that I have to be my mortuary accordyng to the custome. I will that Catheryn my wiff have her joynter tyme of her lyff accordyng to the dede of ffeffment maid to Geoffrey Panell, Thomas Robertson and other to the behove of my said wiff. I will that Thomas my second son have xl. land to hyme and his heyres male of his body and the said landez to be assigned by my feoffees and Catheryn my wif; and the said Thomas to have the said landez at his full age of xxi yerez, and in the mean tyme the said landez

<sup>1</sup>Sir Simon Wyndar was a stipendiary priest at Horncastle in 1526 with a stipend of eight marks (*Subsidy*, 1526, page 6).

<sup>2</sup>Richard Sothybe was instituted to the rectory of Scrivelsby, 17th December, 1517 (Bishop Atwaters' *Register*, folio 6*d*.).

<sup>3</sup>The copy in 1566 &c., omits this heading.

to be in my feoffes handez and executrice for the fyndyng of the said Thomas and other my yonger children. I will that William my thrid son have viijth marke at his full age the terme of his liff or to he be promoted to a benefice of xxl. yerly if he be disposed to be a prest; and in the mean tyme the said viijth marke to be in my feoffes handez and executrice for the fyndyng of the said William and other my yonger chyld'. To Alice my eldest doughter an hundreth markes to her mariag or other promocyon if she be ordred by Catheryn my wiff and my feoffes, and this to be takyn of the landez that are in my feoffes handez. And if aught cum to my wiff the said C marke to be takyn of her joyntur also. I will that Elizabeth my second doughter and Margaret my thyrd doughter have C marke in lykwise as is assygned to ther suster Alice. To the iiij ordres of freres in Lincoln every order vjs. viijd. I will have a preyst to syng for my sawle and all my good fryndeꝝ sawles the space of thre yeres. To our lady werk of Lincoln vjs. viijd. To the prioresse and convent of Stixwold to pray for me vjl. xiijs. iiijd. I will that Catheryn my wiff have all my goodeꝝ therewith to pay my detteꝝ, to dispose for my saule, and to reward my servants, as she doth thynk best, and she to be my sole executrice, and Sir Richard Weston, knyght, the supervisor. Wittnesses, John Litylbury esquier, Sir Richard Tolly, Richard alcokson and Robert madyson, with other moo. Thomas Welby.

Proved before D., at Stixwold, 18 Aug., 1524. Adm. granted to the executrix.

[ROGER CLOUGH OF WEST BARKWITH, CHAPLAIN, A.D. 1520.]

[1506 &c., 62. *Translated from the Latin.*]

THE TESTAMENT OF ROGER CLOUGH, CHAPLAIN.

6 December, 1520. I Sir Roger Clough, chaplain, make my testament, etc. My body to be buried in the choir of the parish church of Westbarkworth. To the fabric of the cathedral church of Lincoln xxd. To the parish church of Westbarkeworth viijs. and one pound of wax to maintain one light continually before the sacrament of the altar of the same church, and it shall be lighted and burnt on double and simple festivals. To each of the two orders of friars of Grymmsby viijd. To the church of Ludburgh xijd. I will that John Clough, rector of the parish church of Westbarkeworth, with Sir Robert Gray as his fellow shall dispose the residue of my goods for the health of my soul as to him shall seem best. And Robert Gray shall have for his labour xs. These being witnesses, Sir Robert Benson, Sir Thomas Curtes chaplain, John Hall of Westbarkeworth, Thomas Haliday of the same, and many others, etc.

Proved before D., at Lincoln, 22 Dec., 1522. Adm. granted to Sir John Clough and Sir Robert Gray, the executors, etc.

[JOHN EMLEY OF BOURNE, HUSBANDMAN, A.D. 1520.]

[1506 &c., 51. *Collated with another copy in 1520-31, folio 2, which is referred to in the footnotes as A.*]

THE TESTAMENT OF JOHN EMLAY OF BURNE.

20 January, 1520. I John Emlay of Burne, hushbandman, make my will and testament. To be buryd in the chyrche yard of burne, with



my best best to be my mortuarie as the lawe requires. To our lady of lincoln viij*d.* To the hye awter of morton for thynges for<sup>1</sup> offerrynges forgotten xij*d.* To the trinite gilde of morton xij*d.* To sent gorge gilde xij*d.* To the bellis of morton xij*d.* To the hye awter of burne iiij*d.* To the menthaynyng of Ihesus messe viij*d.* To the trinitie gilde of Burne iiij*d.* To the bellis of burne xij*d.* I will that the howse that I bought in harmshorpe<sup>2</sup> with the land and medows, etc., therto pertenyng remayne to Margery my wyffe and hir childern, and after hyr decease to remayn to Thomas my son and [the heirs of his body, and if he die<sup>3</sup>] without yssew of hys body, to remayn to the eldest of my chylder to the date of lx yeres fro thys present be fully expired; and I will have a prest founde to syng for me yerly in all thyes yeres frome ashe wensday tyll lowe sonday, the warkdays at harmeshorp<sup>3</sup> and the Alydays at morton; and the terme of lx yeres fully expyred, the howse and lande and medow remayne to the rygh heres of clarkes agayne. The resydew of my guddys I gyffe to Margery my wiffe that she and John Emley my father, whom I make my executors, dispose it for my sole helthe. Also I make John elreyde my supervysor. Theys wytnes, William hardall parishe prest, William lamberd,<sup>4</sup> Thomas lamberd,<sup>4</sup> and John thomson, whith many oder mo.

Proved before Wl.<sup>5</sup>, <sup>6</sup>at Burne, 8 Feb., 1520. Adm. granted to the executors.<sup>6</sup>

[ROGER BAYTT OF WYBERTON, PRIEST, A.D. 1521.]

[*Pryn*, 44.]

7 April, 1521. I sir Roger baytt off wyberton, preste, make my testament and last will, etc. To be buryed in Wyberton church yerde or ellys att gods plesur wher as he thynkes best. My mortuary to be affter the costome off the towne. To our lady off lincoln xij*d.* and a gold ryng wych was agnes wryghttes. To the hygh alter in Wiberton church xij*d.* To every alter in the same church iiij*d.* To John bate my brother the hows that was Mr. browns yff yt may be sparyd, and the ground under it, to hym and to hys heyres off hys body. To Wyllyam leffe xxiijs. iiij*d.* To John bate my brother the resydue, to be att hys disposicyon, save I will the church have xiijs. iiij*d.*, Syr Alen xij*d.*, and george wylkynson viij*d.* The resydue of all my goodes I put them in the disposicyon off John bate my brother, whome I make and ordeyne my executor, and he to dispose all as he thynkes best. Thes wyttnesses, sir Alen askewe, John wylkynson, and george wylkynson. To the fatherless chyldren at sanct katheryns wyth owt the barres off lincoln xxd.

Proved before P., at Lincoln, 15 Nov., 1521.

[ROBERT LOVELL OF THE PARISH OF ST. PETER AT PLEAS IN THE CITY OF LINCOLN, A.D. 1521.]

[1520-31, 21.]

THE TESTAMENT OF ROBERT LOVELL OF LINCOLN.

20 June, 1521. I Robert lovell of the parish of St. Peter of the play

<sup>1</sup> 'and' in A. <sup>2</sup> 'Harmethorp' in A. <sup>3</sup> Words to this effect seem to have been omitted. <sup>4</sup> 'Lambert' in A. <sup>5</sup> 'W2.' in A. <sup>6</sup> These particulars are taken from A. The copy in 1506 &c., omits them.

within the cite of lincoln make my testament and last will, etc. To be buryed in the parishe church aforsaid bfore the Image of our lady in the body of the said church. To the said church werkes vjs. viij*d.* I will ther be said an hole trentall of messes in the same church the day of my buriall. I will that aftyr the decesse of Margaret my wif Sir Thomas Carter prest and Edward Smyth bocher have the endentur of my house standyng in the said parishe, which is undre the common seale of the said cite, and the yerly rentes therof clerely had and resayved therof I will thei be gyven yerly duryng the termes of the said indentur for a yerly obit to be done in the said church at the vijth day of marche for the soule of William Hunte my predecessour xij*d.* Also I will that the said Sir Thomas Carter and Edward Smyth or ther executours let to ferme the sayd howsyn duryng the termes of the said Indentur. I will that Margret my wif be my soule executrix, to whome I bequeth wholly the residew of my goodes unwite and bequethed, etc., so to dispose theym for the helth of my soule as she may be the better rewarded of almighty god. I will that the said Sir Thomas Carter and Edward Smyth be supervisors, to whom I bequeth ijs. iiij*d.* a pece for ther labours. Thies witnes, miles horseman, christopher watkynson, Alayn wakeman, and Thomas mason, with other more.

Proved before D., in the parish church of St. Peter in Eastgate in the city of Lincoln, 10 March, 1521.

[ROBERT COWPPER OF ANCASTER, A.D. 1521.]

[1506 &c., 49*d.*]

THE TESTAMENT OF ROBERT COUPER.

4 August, 1521. I Robert cowpper of Ancastr' in<sup>1</sup> the parish of Willesforth. To be buried in the church of Willesforth. My best good in the name of my mortuarye. To the high alter of Willesforth for forgotten tithes viij*d.* and a quarter of barley. To our lady of Lincoln v*d.* To Robert my son, and Catheryne and Jennett my daughters, each v marke. To William my son my bonden wane, ij oxen that cam from Hornecastell, etc. To the sepulcre lyght of Willesforth half a seme barley. To Fulbeke and Cathorpe each half a seme of barley. I will that there be done ij trentalls for the health of my soul. Residue of goods to Catheryne my wife, whom I make executrix. To my brother Richerd Cowper ijs. iiij*d.*, he to oversee and help my wife in her business. Thyes wittness, Sir Thomas Hamkyn, William Ellmyt, William Hamkyn, John Muston, Thomas Too, Richerd vppton, and many other.

Proved before W2., at Grantham, 19 Sept., 1521. Adm. granted to the executrix.

[THOMAS GUDALL OF THORNTON CURTIS, A.D. 1521.]

[1520-31, 20.]

THE TESTAMENT OF T. GOODALE.

1 September, 1521. I Thomas gudall off Thornton makes my last will, etc. To be buryed in the church yard off saynt laurence off thornton, with my best gud to be my mortuarye after the custom off the countre.

<sup>1</sup> Part of Ancaster seems to have been reckoned as being in the parish of Wilsford (cp. *Lay Subsidy Roll*, 135/15, mem. 8*d.*)

To the hye awter off thornnton viij*d.* To our lady off lincoln viij*d.* To the kirke off thornnton viij*d.* To the hye awter off saynt marie kirke off grymesby xij*d.* To the kirke of torksey xij*d.* To Margarett Butler myne awnt and John Butler mine uncle and ther assignes all my howsinge and landes within the towne and ffields off Normanby with a close in claxby; also a close and a land that ys v stonges lyinge in thetylthorp. The residew off my guddes to the forsaid John butler and Margarett his wiffe, whom I make my executors to dispose them to the plesur off God and the helth off my saull, etc. Theis wytnesse, syr Richard Rawlyn<sup>1</sup> vicar off Thornton, William thomson, Will' lancaster, martyn wodall, and William boswell, with other moo.

Proved at Kelby, before D., 10 Feb., 1521.

[ROBERT PLACE OF HOGSTHORPE, A.D. 1521.]

[1520-31, 6*d.* *There are the first seven lines of another copy in 1506 &c., folio 55.*]

THE TESTAMENT OF ROBERT PLACE.

3 September, 1521. I Robert Place of hoggesthorp maketh my last wyll, etc. To be buryed in the churche yerd off our lady off hoggesthorp, with that the lawe and custom requirith to be my mortuary. To our lady of lincoln v*d.* To the hye awter in the parish churche of hoggisthorp iiiij*d.* To the mendyng of the Stepull in the churche afore-said v*s.* viij*d.* To Alys my wif. To eche of my children. To John my son the yonger when he come to lawfull age. To every one of my god children iiiij*d.* The residue of my goodes to Alys my wif. I wil that Alys my wif and John bradewall my nepvew be my executours. I will that they prove the last will of my moder Jenet late departid and dispose her goodes accordyng to the same. Gyven at hoggesthorp the day and yer above writen. Thies witnes, Will'm Willouse, Will'm yong senior, and John yong, with other more.

Proved before D., at Alford, 5 Feb., 1521.

[WILLIAM STEVENSON OF ROUGHTON, A.D. 1521.]

[1506 &c., 47.]

COPY OF THE TESTAMENT OF WILLIAM STEVENSON.

3 September, 1521. I William Steuenson of Rughton makyth my last wyll and testament, etc. My body to be buryd in the church yerd off sancte Margaryt of Rughton. I bequeth in the name off my mortuare after Custom of the Towne. To the same cherch on toftstede with the howsys belldyd ther opon accordyng to my grandsyr wyll; for defawte off usshew to remane in the feoffers handes, And by the vyce of the parson and the cherch masters to fynd two lyghtes in the cherche of sant Margeret aforesaide, on byfore the royde and another byfore our lady for evermore. The resydew to be dysposyd for all crystyn sawlys. Theis wytnys, Robert Baytman, Thomas Elys, Richa' Wryght, John Potter, Hew Sowth, John Palmer of Rughton, with other moo.

Proved before W2., at Lincoln, 1 Oct., 1521, etc.

<sup>1</sup> He is called 'Rawlinson' in *Subsidy 1526* (page 29), but 'Raulyn' in Bishop Smith's *Institutions* (folio 85), and 'Rawling' in Bishop Longland's *Institutions* (folio 34).

[ROBERT SERGENDE OF HUTTOFT, A.D. 1521.]

[1520-31, 24.]

THE TESTAMENT OF ROBERT SERGENDE OF HOLOFTE [sic].

20 September, 1521. I Robert sergend off holoft [sic] makyth my testament and last wyll, etc. To be buryd within the kyrk of hottoft off saynt margrett, and that the law requirith to be my mortuari. To our lady of lincoln vjd. To hotoft kyrk vjd. To the vycar of the sayd church iiijd. I will that my eldest sonne beyng myne hayr enter my land att xxjth yeyr of hys ayege; also I wyll that he have a grett pott; and yff he dy without herres of his body then I will the sayd land remane to my oder sone on lyffe. And the pott and the spitt to remane to saynt margret gyld in hotoft kyrk. Yff my wyffe mary after my deses, then I gyff to my ij sonys liijs. iiijd. To Annes my dowghter xxvjs. viijd. I will that Robert sweytt and Will<sup>z</sup> steyll, whome I make executours, occupy my landes to my ayrres cume at xxjth yeyr of ayge, to the weyll of my children. The Resydeu off my guddys I gyffe to my seyde executours, they to dispose it for the helth off my sawll and all crysten sawlles. Wyttnes, sir Thomas markby vykar off the sayd church, John blain, Nycolles mor, John swet.

Proved before D., at burwell, 27 March, 1522. Adm. granted to the executors.

[STEPHEN HOWYT OF BUTTERWICK IN HOLLAND, A.D. 1521.]

[1506 &c., 54d. Collated with another copy in 1520-31, folio 4d., which is referred to in the footnotes as A.]

THE TESTAMENT OF STEVYN HOWYT.

12 October, 1521. I stevyn howyt of butterwike makes my testament concluding there in my last wyll, etc. To be buried in the chyrche yard of sant andros in butterwike with that thing to be my mortuarie that the lawe requires. To every awter in the saide chyrche iiijd. To the blessytt sacrament in the forsaid chyrche off boterwike vjd. To our lady chapell ijd. To our lady of lincoln iiijd. To the faderles chyldern of saynt katern with out lincoln ijd. I will John my sone have my plught<sup>1</sup> and my carte at xvij yeres of age. I will that every on of my chylder have a yow and a hooge. To John my son my copy that I dwell in with the pastur and arable land lyng there under, conteyning viij acres, at viij yeres of age; and yff ought cum at hym, I will it remayn to Alys my wyffe; and yf ought cum at hyr, I wyll ytt remayn to my childer; and to Rogger my son my copy lying at John bleke conteyning land and pastur xiiij acr', at xvij yeres of age; and that my wyfe have the thyrde parte of the saide ij cotypes the terme of hyr liffe, and yf it fortun they forsaid Rogger to dye, then I wyll my wyffe have the said copy to hyr and hyr assigners. To Alys my wiffe ij acr' of fre land the terme of hyr lyffe, and after her deceste to be sold, and on prest to syng in butterwike chyrche for my soul, my faders saull and my moders saull. The residew of my guddys to Alys my wiffe, whom I make my executor to dispose my goodes for the helthe of my saull as she wyll ansswer be fore the hyghe Judge of hevyn. Thes wyttes, thomas clarke, William Collyn, William bentlay,<sup>2</sup> with oder mo.

Proved before D., at Boston, 1 Feb., 1521, etc.

<sup>1</sup> 'Plughe' in A.

<sup>2</sup> 'Pentley' in A.

[THOMAS JAKSON OF SPALDING, A.D. 1521.]

[1506 &c., 56.]

THE TESTAMENT OF THOMAS JAKSON.

12 October, 1521. I Thomas Jakson of spaldyng, etc. To be beryed in the churche yarde off our lady in the parich off Spaldyng geveyng that thyng that is most necessary in the name off my mortwary, to be offeryd after the custome of the towne. To the hy alter off the sayd kyrke for my tythes forgoton viij*d.* To the gyld off the Trinite in the sayd churche iij*s.* iij*d.* To the gyld off owre lady in the sayd church eij*d.* To the v devociions in the sayd church to every devocion xij*d.*, that to say to the devocion of corpus x'pi, the devocion off holy goste, the devocion of saynt thomas of canterbery, the devocion of saynt Crystofore, the devocion of saynt george. To the churchewarke of the sayd church xx*d.* To owre moder kyrke of lincolne viij*d.* To the howse of saynt katerns iij*d.*

Thys the laste wyll of me Thomas Jakson. I bequeth to Willz my sone j federbed, j masar, halfe a dosyn sylver sponys, j spruse cheste, j spruse cofer of bygest, j jake, j salett, that is to say, the chose of theis parcelles aforenamyd the said Wyllz to take. To Margret my daughter j federbed, j maser, halfe a dosen of sylver sponys, a sylver herness gyrdle, j lynne cheste, j spruse cofer, and the said Margaret to have chose of thes parcelles afor namyd next Willz hyr brother. To Agnes doughter of Willz jakson when she comyth at lawfull age to hyr marage iij*l.* v*s.* viij*d.*, and yf the said Agnes dy with in age, then I wyll the said iij*l.* v*s.* viij*d.* remayne unto the said Wyllz hyr fader to hys owne propur use. To the said Agnes j federbede of sex quarters, j compter of the lest neste,<sup>1</sup> j powdrat crose gyrdyll, j newe sylver spones, j pare of gette bedes, with sartan Rynges and Juelles with them, j grate cheste, j spruse cofer, j basen, j laver, j lytyll potte, and j panne. To Julyane the dowghter of Ryc' robertson iij*l.* v*s.* viij*d.* when sche comyth at lawfull age, and if she dy with in age, hyt to remayne to Margaret hyr moder; also j federbed of v quarters, j compter of the myddillineste, j harneste girdylle of grene, j sylver spones, j payre of Jette bedes, j lynne cheste, j smale cofer, j potte, j panne, j basen, j laver. I bequeth all my lenon wyche was my wyfes unto Wyllz my son and Margaret my doughter evenly to be partyed betwene them tow. I wyll that Willz my son have the howse [folio 56*d.*] wyche I dwellin to hym and to hys heyres and to hys assignes; also a howse wyche I bowght of Ryc' Hargate and a noder wyche I bowght of the executors of master linsay with the apurtenaunce to hym to hys heyrs and to hys assignes; also I wyll that wyllz have after my decese j howse wyche I bowght of Thomas Whyte, lying in fulney after the maner aforsaid, iij acres of lande lying in fulney wyche I bowght of Robert Horner wyfe, v acres of pasture wyche I bowght of John Gregby wyfe, j howse with ij acres of lande lying under it wyche I bowght of the feoffers of our lady gilde, with all the apurtenaunce, to hyme, to hys heyres, to hys assignes. Also I wyll that Margaret my dowghter have after my decese j howse wyche I bowght of John fayleyn wife with the apurtenaunce; also a noder house wyche

<sup>1</sup> Cp. 'myddillineste' below.

I bowght of John Hyll of pynchebek with the apurtenaunce ; that is to say, all the afore namyd I gyffe to the said Margaret, to hyr heyers, and to hyr assignes ; and the resedew of all my goodes I will that Wyllz my son have them ; myn executors to dispose for the helth of my soule and all my good frendes soules with all crystyn soules to the plesure of God. Thies wytnesys, Wyllz keld of pynchebek, Ryc' creche, thomas Stevenson of spaldyng, with oder mo. yeven the day and the zere abowesaid.

[*No probate act.*]

[JENET WRIGHT OF BENINGTON IN HOLLAND, A.D. 1521.]

[1506 &c., 53d. *Collated with another copy in 1520-31, folio 4d., which is referred to in the footnotes as A.*]

THE TESTAMENT OF JENYTT<sup>1</sup> WRYGHT.

15 October, 1521. I Jenytt Wright of Benyngton makes my testament with my last wyll, etc. To be buried within the chyrche yard of all halows in the forsaid chyrche ; for my mortuary that thyng that the law requyres. I bequeith for forgotten thynges<sup>2</sup> vjd. To every awter in the chyrche of Benyngton ijd. To our lady of Lincoln iiijd. To Sent Katerns without Lincoln ijd. To the chyrche warke of Benyngton xijd. To the ornament of the hye auter j towell cloth. To Jenytt my daughter on pott and on panne. To Elizabeth my daughter on pott and on panne of the best, etc. To Isabell my daughter on posnytt and on pane, on plat',<sup>3</sup> etc. To Jenytt Tatershall my goddaughter viijd. I wyll that on acre lande lyng in medilgate besolde be the handes of myne ecucors,<sup>4</sup> and on priest to syng for the helthe of my saull and my faders and moders saulles in the forsaid chyrche of Benyngton as long as it wyll indure. To Kateryn my syster on kerchew of the best. I wyll that all my landes beyng in the handes of my feffors remayn to Sir William Wryght my sonne. The rysidew of my guddys I gyffe to Syr William Wryght my sonne, whome I make executor to dispose for the helthe of my saull and my fader and moders saulles and all my gud frenddys saulles and all crystyn saulles. Thyes wittness, Syr John Eschadle,<sup>5</sup> John Kokleo,<sup>6</sup> John Wryght, with oder moo.

Proved before D., at Boston, 1 Feb., 1521.

[JOHN SLYE OF SIBSEY, A.D. 1521.]

[1520-31, 7. *The first section is translated from the Latin.*]

THE TESTAMENT OF J. SLYE.

28 October, 1521. I John Slye of Sibsey, make this my testament together with my last will, at Sibsey, etc. To be buried in the churchyard of St. Margaret of Sibsey. I bequeath in the name of my mortuary as the custom is. To the high altar for tithes forgotton viijd. To the crucifix iiijd. To St. Mary of Lincoln xijd. To the reparation of the bell-tower iiijjs.

This is the last will of me John Slye of Sibsey, made the day and yere afore rehersed. To Margarete my doughter a rode of lande in northcrofte and half an acre in the westfeld leyng in the moore, half an

<sup>1</sup> 'Joan' in A. <sup>2</sup> 'tithes' in A. <sup>3</sup> 'plater' in A. <sup>4</sup> 'executors' in A.

<sup>5</sup> 'Eschdale' in A. <sup>6</sup> 'Kokler' in A.

acre in the southestfeld leyng of hyfery, iij rode in the northestfeld lyeng be southe the mylne. To Robert my sone my hed mansyon and certayn parcelles of land and medow that longeth to it accordyng to my faders will. I will that iij rode lande at fendland dike ende, iij stonge medow under hill dike, buttyng of mr. leeke of the north, and Mawer acre of john porter of the south, and half of the hill, mr. leeke of the south, and Kelsey of the north bisold to a quarter wages to a prest synging within the church of sibsey for me, my wif and all my benefactours. To Elzebeth martyne. To Jenet Slye. To Agnes Slye. The residue of my goodes not set nor bequest I gif to Robert my sone, whom I make my executour, etc. Witnes, sir Will'm ffoster parishe prest, Henry baston, John Darman, with many other more.

Proved before D., at Asheby, 3 Feb., 1521. Adm. granted to the executor.

[ROBERT NEWCOM OF CANDLESBY, A.D. 1521.]

[1520-31, 5*d.*]

THE TESTAMENT OF ROBERT NEWCOM.

The last day of October, 1521. I Robert Newcom of Candilsby makes my testament and last will, etc. To be buried in the church of St. Benet of Candilsby, with my best beste in the name of my mortuary. To the high awter in the same church for tithes forgotten *xxd.* To our lady of Lincoln *xijd.* To the church of Candlesby for my buriall *xs.* To John and Richard my sones al my hole barkeho[use], and I will that they be togeder the space of *iiij* yeres if they can agrey, and if so be that the one be not agreable with the other then he that will not agre shall have lesse at ther partyng then the other bi *vl.* Also Richard Kyrke of horncastre owe to me *xl.* in money and *iiij* daker of net hydes, the price of theym *vjl. xiijs. iiijd.*, from his indentur and obligacion be expired. Also I will that the said Richard Kyrke have the forsaid *xvjl. xiijs. iiijd.* the space of *iiij* yeres next comeng, so be that he wil fynde myn executors sufficient surtye bi indenture and obligacion. And at the *iiij* yeres ende I will he delyver the said *xvjl. xiijs. iiijd.* to my executors to be equally devided among my *iiij* daughters when they come to lawfull age, that is to say, Mawde, Jenet, Sibell and Agnes. And if fortune any of theym to departe bifore lawfull age then the parte of theym so departed equally to be devided among theym that lyves, etc. To John and Richard my sones either of theym a silver spone, and if either of theym depart or they be married aftyr he be brought to the erthe, etc., I will that the residue be disposed among my daughters and the other broder. To Xp'ofer Hobulwite *xls.*, a deker of over leder and pechisse or *xls.* if so be that he will byde *ij* yeres and favourably teche theym the occupation of tanner craft, etc. I bequeth *vs.* to be disposed among the pourest folke in Welton at the sight of the curate and *ij* or *iiij* men of the same towne. Also aftyr the same manner in orby *vs.*, gunby *ijs.*, braytofte *ijs.*, Irby *xxd.*, Frysby *iijs.*, gret Stepyng *iijs.*, Ashby *ijs.*, Scrembly *ijs.*, viij*d.*, and Skendilby *iijs.* To eche of my god children *ijd.* The residue of my goodes I put to the dispocicion of Margaret my wif and William Hudson of Orby, whom I make myn executors. I will that the said William Hudson have for his labour *xs.* Witnes, syr Robert Andreson

parson of Candilsby, Cristofer at Hall, and miles Wilkynson, and other more.

Proved before D., at Parteney, 5 Feb., 1521. Adm. granted to the executors.

[JOHN ETGOSSE OF QUADRING, A.D. 1521.]

[1506 &c., 52d. Collated with another copy in 1520-31, folio 3d.]

THE TESTAMENT OF JOHN ETGOSSE.

6 November, 1521. I John etgosse of quaterying makes my testament and last will, etc. To be buried within the chyrche yarde of saynt margett in quadryng. To the hy awter for my forgotten things xij*d.* To every awter in the chyrche iiij*d.* To our moder chyrche of Lincoln iiij*d.* To the faderlesse chyl dren at saynt katerns ij*d.* To chyrche warke xij*d.* To the chapell in the edyke iiij*d.* To John browne my mansion with appurtenance to him and to hys assiners under thys condision that the forsayd John and hys assignes shall paye to the chyrche warkes of quadryng vj markes within the space of xij yeres, that ys to say, vjs. viij*d.* be yere to the forsayde yeres be past. The residue of my guddys to John Browne and Adlard etgose, the whyche I orden my executors that they may despose for the welle of my saull. Witness, Roberd Rychardson, Roberd stebard, and Syr William Wyllson, with oder mo.

Proved before D., at Swyneshed, 29 Jan., 1521.

[JOHN DYAND OF BAUMBER, A.D. 1521.]

[1520-31, 7d.]

THE TESTAMENT OF JOHN DYAND.

6 November, 1521. I John Dyand off Bamborowgh in a pure and a whole mynd makys my last wyll. My body to be beryed in the Cherch yerd off sancte Swythune off Bawmbrugh; In gyvyng that thyng that the custum off the Cuntre wyll requyre to my mortuare. To thy hy alter off Bawmber iijs. iiij*d.* To owr ladys warke off lyncoln xij*d.* To the iiij orders off ffrerys off lincoln to every on off them xij*d.* I wyll that Margaret my wyffe have all my londes and tenementes the whych that I hadde, duryng her lyve yff that she kepe her sole wedow. And yff she mare then I wyll that the said londes and tenementes remane unto John Dyand and Robert Dyand my sonnys, and their assyners. And yf it fortune that thei be both prestes, Then I wyll the said londes and tenementes be devyded betwyx them. And yff on off them be preste and not the other, then I wyll that he that ys no prest have all the ffor sayd londes and tenementes. And yff that John and Robert fortune to dye without heres, then I wyll that Annas my dowghter have it and her hares of her body. I bequath a nobet off ijs. viij*d.* for to be taken owt off ls. rent lying within the town and the feld off Thathewell, to be dystrybut yerely ffor to be doyn ffor evermore in the Church of Bawmbrugh after this manner, to the parysh prest ffor sayng dyryge and masse iiij*d.* Item ffor prayng for me in the bede roll iiij*d.* A masse peny to the dekyng ij*d.*, to the Clark ij*d.*, to a Clark to help in the quere at the



dyryge *jd.*, to the Ryngers *vjd.*, to the belles *iiijd.*, to the Candylls to be at the herse *iiijd.*, to the Cherc masters to se that this obet be done for evermore *iiijd.*<sup>1</sup> I wyll that yff John, Robert and Annas aforenamyd dye without hares, then I wyll that the forsayd londes and tenementes to be sold and dystrybyt ffor my solle and my wyffe solle and all christine solles. And yff that my breder wyll by it I wyll that thai have it before a noder payng os a noder wyll ffor it. I will that Sir Wylliam Dyand my broder se that my nobet be done yerely; and also I wyll that John Hoggeson have a howse lyyng within the town off *marum* with the purtenans belongyng thereto, he payng ffo it os a nother wyll. I wyll that Annas my daughter shall parte all and synguler stuffe off the howyshold with her mother. The resydew off my goodes to Margaret my wyffe for to dyspose it for the helth off my sawle, etc., whome I make my executryx. Sir Robert pecocke parson off Hatton to be supervysor, he havyng ffor hys labor *xs.* Theis wytnes, Sir John Gray, Sir Wylliam Dyand, Sir Robert Dyand, and Wylliam Curtas, with other mo.

Proved before D., at Ashby, 3 Feb., 1521. Adm. granted to the executrix.

[ROBERT WRIGHT OF GREAT GONERBY, A.D. 1521.]

[1506 &c., 50. *Collated with another copy in 1520-31, folio 1.*]

THE TESTAMENT OF ROBERT WRIGHT.

7 November, 1521. I Roberd Wryght of Gunwardby makes thys my laste wyll, etc. To be buryd in the chyrcheyarde of sente bastion in gunwarby, and in the name of my mortuary on brasse potte. To the hye auter *iiijd.* To our lady of Lincoln *ijd.* I wyll that after my buriall and my wyll provyd my guddys be devyded in *ij* partes, on part to be disposyd for my sole after the discrecion of myn executors and of my gosly fader, and the oder parte I wyll it be equally departyd amonges my chyldern. I do orden to be my executors William branson and William my son. Theis Wytnes, Rychard Carter, Crystouer Jeruys, Thomas Willertton, whyth oder mo.

[*No probate act.*]

[THOMAS MERINGTON OF SALEBY, A.D. 1521.]

[1520-31, 9.]

THE TESTAMENT OF THOMAS MERYNGTON.

9 November, 1521. I Thomas Merington makes my testament, etc. To be buryed in the church yarde of saynt Margarettes off saylby, and my mortuare as use is ther. To our blessyt lady off Lincoln *xijd.* To the hye awter off saynt Margarettes in saylby *viiijd.* To *markby* church *viiijd.* I will have a trentall donne for my soull, my wiffys saull, and all cristen soulys. I will have *iiij* messes done at *scala celi*, on for my fyrst wiffys faders saull Robert clarke, and a nother for myne on faders and moders saulles, and the thyrde for myne owne saull and all cristen saulles. I will my guddes be devyded in three partes, on part to perform my will

<sup>1</sup> The items leave *1d.* of the bequest unaccounted for.

and doo reparacion, and a nother parte to paye my dettes, and the thyrede parte to be devyded amonges my childer by equall porcions; and iff any off them dye ylk on to be oder executors. I make myn executors William my sone, and William Ere for to helpe hym, and the said William Ere to have for his labur vjs. viij*d*. Thies wytnes, syr John Smyth vicar off Saleby, John fowler, Helene tailiour, with oder moo.

Proved before D., at Alford, 6 Feb., 1521.

[JOHN COLLYNG OF HECKINGTON, A.D. 1521.]

[1520-31, 2. *Translated from the Latin, and collated with another copy in 1506 &c., folio 51.*]

THE TESTAMENT OF JOHN COLLYNG.

11 November, 1521. I John Collyng of Hekyngton, make my testament, etc. To be buried in the churchyard of St. Andrew of Hekyngton. I bequeath in the name of my mortuary as right requires. To the high altar of St. Andrew of Hekyngton for tithes forgotten iiiij*d*. To the fabric of the mother church of Lincoln iiij*d*. To the alter of St. Mary of Hekyngton ij*d*. To the altar of St. Nicholas of the same ij*d*. I bequeath one cow to provide (*inveniend'*) my anniversary in the parish church of Hekyngton with six pence. To Margaret Collynge my wife my house in which I now dwell, after my life, for the term of her life, and after her death I will that Joan Collynge my daughter have it for her life, and after her death, if she die without little children born of her body, I will that the vicar of the church of St. Andrew of Hekyngton, if he shall be present, and the wardens (*gardiani*) of the same shall sell it to buy one vestment or one cope (*capa*) for the said church to the honour of God and all the saints. The residue of my goods I bequeath to Margaret Margaret [*sic*] collynge my wife, whom I make my executrix to dispose for the health of my soul. These being witnesses, Robert Forest chaplain, William Mathow, Robert Carmall, and Thomas Ederwike of Hekyngton, and many others.

Proved before D., at Slefford, 28 Jan, 1521. Adm. granted, etc.<sup>1</sup>

[WILLIAM SARGEANT OF BARNETBY, A.D. 1521.]

[1520-31, 20. *Translated from the Latin.*]

THE TESTAMENT OF W. SARGEANT.

13 November, 1521. I William Sargeant of Barnetby make my testament, etc. My body to be buried in the church yard of the blessed virgin mary in Barnetby, and in the name of my mortuary my best beast. I bequeath to the high altar there vjd. To the fabric of the mother church of Lincoln xd. To the high altar there xd. To every order of the friars of Grimsby, Hull and Beverley xs. for one trental to be celebrated for the health of my soul in each of their places. To every child (*puero*) of my children (*puerorum*) one sheep. I leave all my tenements, lands, meadows, feedings, pastures, rents and services, etc.,

<sup>1</sup> The copy in 1506 &c., omits the administration clause.

in the town and fields of Howsom, beykby, barnetby and kirnington to Helen my wife for her life, and after her death to Robert Sergeant son of William Sergeant my son one house in Kirnington for ever in the tenure of Richard Blynke. I bequeath to every parish church of the following towns that is Melton, Wrauby, Beykby and Elsham iijs. iiij*d.* I will that after the death of my wife all my said tenements, etc., be divided between William Sergeant my son and William Sergeant son of my son John Sergeant their heirs and assigns for ever, except as above excepted. The residue of my goods I bequeath to my wife and William my son, whom I make my executors, to dispose for the health of my soul, etc. These being witnesses, John Beverley gentleman, James Wytley chaplain, John Richmond, and Thomas Halyffax.

Proved before D., at Kelby, 10 Feb., 1521.

[JOHN FORMAN OF FRIESTON, A.D. 1521.]

[1520-31, 21*d.*]

THE TESTAMENT OF JOHN FORMAN OF FRESTON.

20 November, 1521. I John Forman of Freston, etc. To be buried in the churche yerde of saynt James in Freston. My mortuary aftyr the custume of the towne of Freston. To the high awter for tithes forgotten viij*d.* To St. James iiij*d.* To our lady werkes at lincoln viij*d.* To the faderles children at St. Catheryne without lincoln ij*d.* To our lady of pytie in Freston ij*d.* To St. cithe ij*d.* To the churche werkes of Freston xx*d.* To Agnes my wif my house and ij acre land that the hous standeth on, and ij acre at furlonges, and j acre in Rede felde called Waynes land, and iij stong called Abraham land, she to have the said land the terme of hyr lif, and [after] her decease I will that Richard my sone have the howse and vij stong land. And to Alyce my daughter ij acres of the said land. To Richard my sone v stong land called kyndham grene, and j stong called kytchyn garth, and v stong called westdykes, and j acre called mawdeland, and iij stong called derebought, and j acre of yngrownde in grenys hylles in Freston ynges. Also to Richard my son a mere and a folle, etc. [*folio* 22] To Alyce my daughter ij acre land in furlonges, and j stong strube, and iij stong in Arduland, and iij stong in elbusche, and j stong strandyke. I will that Richard my sone and Alice my daughter have the lande at the age of xv yeres, and if either of theym die within the said xv yeres I will either of theym be other heyre. If my wif die and both my childern, then I will that John Baxter have kyndham grene, kytchyn garth, westdykes and mawd land in fee symple, and that Henry my broder and John Baxter have all my land and goodes, and either of theym to do a trentall of messes for me. And if ought come to Henry my broder, I will that John Baxter have all my land and goodes, And he to fynde an honest prest to syng for my [soul] half a yere. The residue of my goodes I gif to Agnes my wif; she and John Baxter to be myne executors, etc. Thies beying witnes, Syr Thomas picto parishe prest, John Rufforth, and John Maydyn, with other more, etc. deus pacis ac ch'r'tis regione sanctorum benefactorum gentium of peple redemtor [*sic*].

Proved before D., at Lincoln, 12 March, 1521. Adm. granted, etc.

[JOHN ALYNSON OF LEEKE, A.D. 1521.]

[1520-31, 23.]

## THE TESTAMENT OF JOHN ALYNSON OF LEEKE.

21 November, 1521. I John Alynson off leeke, etc. To be buryed in the church yard off Leeke, and in the name off my mortuaye as law and custom requyrys. To our lady off lincoln viij*d.*, and to saynt kat'yns without lincoln iiij*d.*, and to the reparencion [*sic*] off our lady off leek viij*d.* To the hye awter in the sam church iiij*d.*, and to every auter in the same churche ij*d.* To the parsons for tithes forgotten v*d.* To the buyldinge off the new stepull off Leeke ijs. To William Alynson my son a bed, etc., when he commys to xvij yeres off age, etc. To Margaret my daughter on blake arke, etc., when she commys to xv yeres off age, etc. To Agnes Burton my servant. I will that Alson my wiffe have a pastur conteyninge ij acres and a rode lyinge in ffelandes, on pastur called stevyn grene conteyninge ij acres and a hallff, and on pesse land arable contenyng v stonge lyinge in the toftes, the terme of hyr liffe; remainder to Will' Alyson my son and to his heres off his body, off this condition that he pay to Margaret my daughter off the day off hyr mariage xls.; remainder yff my wiffe be with child and it be a sonne, to hym and to his heres off his body, etc.; remaynder to Margaret my daughter and to hyr heres off hyr body; remainder, iff my wiff have a child and it be a daughter, to that child and to hyr heres off hyr body; and ffor deffawytt off suche heres, I will that on pasture called stevyn grene, ij acres and a half, and on [*pesse*<sup>1</sup>] pece land arable contenyng v ston beyng in the toftes remayn to the child off my brother William for evermore, and on pastur contenyng ij acres and a rod lyinge in ffelandes remayn in the handes off my ffeoffees and the kyrk wardyns off Leeke for evermore, and thei to kepe an yere day in the churche of leeke for evermore for my saull, my wiffys saull, my fader and moder saull, and all criston saulles. The residew off my guddes I giffe to Alson my wiffe and to William larkes, whom I make myn executors to pay my dettes, etc. The residew to remayn to Alson my wiff. [The resydew of my money.<sup>2</sup>] Thies beyng wytnes, syr John scott, John Jakson, William Alynson the elder, with other moo.

Proved before D., at Lincoln, 11 April, 1522.

[RICHARD BURTON OF PINCHBECK, A.D. 1521.]

[1506 &c., 53. *Collated with another copy in 1520-31, folio 3d., which is referred to in the footnotes as A.*]

## THE TESTAMENT OF RIC' BURTON.

1 December, 1521. I Rychard Burton of pynsbeke makes my testament with my last will, etc. To be buryed in the churchyard of pynsbeke with my mortuarie for the helthe of my saull and [*sic*] the custom ys of the towne. To the hy awter of pynsbeke<sup>3</sup> v*d.* and to every awter in the same chyrche iiij*d.* To our lady of lincoln iiij*d.*, and to saynt katerns with out lincoln ij*d.*

Thys ys the last wyll of me Rychard Burton of pynsbeke maide

<sup>1</sup> Struck out. <sup>2</sup> Written in the margin. <sup>3</sup> A adds here 'for tythes forgotten.'

the day and yere abovesaide. I wyll that Elizabeth my wyffe have my howse whith the appurtenance syttyng at the crosse in bathrowe the terme of hyr lyffe; remaynder to thomas burton my sonne hys eyrys and assignes. To Elizabeth my wyffe all my cattell, my mortuarie taken, and all my howsehold stuffe with all my corne and flax. To Thomas my sonne xiijs. iiijd. To Johan my daughter vjs. viijd. To Alys Colbe<sup>1</sup> vjs. viijd., etc. I wyll that they howse that I dellin be solde for the perfymans of my wyll be the shyght of my executors. The resydewe of my guddys I bequeith to John Maynerd the yoner and to William Wright, whom I orden my executors. Thes wytnes, sir Thomas lamberd priest, Rychard Wodman, and Robert colby, with oder mo.

Proved before D., at spaldyng, 30 Jan., 1521, etc.

[WILLIAM KELL or KELDE OF PINCHBECK, A.D. 1521.]

[1506 &c., 53. *Collated with another copy in 1520-31, folio 4, which is referred to in the footnotes as A.*]

THE TESTAMENT OF WILLIAM KELDE, ETC.

Dated 6 December, 1521. I William Kell<sup>2</sup> of Pynsbeke, etc. To be buried in the chyrcheyarde of Pynsbeke with my mortuarie as the custom of the towne. To the hye awter theyr for thyngs<sup>3</sup> forgotten vjd. To every oder awter ther ijd. To the chyrche warke ther xxd. To Alhalowe lyght ther ijd. To our lady of Lincoln iiijd. To thei chyldern at Sent Katern ijd. To Helyn my wyffe the howsse that I dowe dwell in for x yeres; remainder to William prest for hys lyffe, and after hys descesse to be solde by the vicar of pynsbeke and the wardyns of the saide chyrche, and the money thereof takyn I wyll yt be disposyd in the chyrche of pynsbeke in shuche thyngs as shalbe then most necessarie to be had. To the saide Helyn my wyffe an acr lande and a halffe arabull in the tenure of the prior and convent of Spaldyng the terme of hyr lyffe; remainder to William prest and to hys assyners. To William prest ij acr' and a halffe of land to hym and to hys eyres in the tenure of the prior and convent of Spaldyng, etc.. The resydew of my gooddys I put to the disposion of William prest and Helyn my wyffe, with the supervision of Sir Thomas potrell.<sup>4</sup> Theys beynge wytnes, Roger sparowe, gilberd Whyte, and Thomas Hudson, with oder mo.

Proved before D., at Spalding, the penultimate day of Jan., 1524.

[JOHN ROBSON OF OSGODBY IN THE PARISH OF KIRKBY, A.D. 1521.]

[1520-31, 20d.]

THE TESTAMENT OF JOHN ROBSON OF OSGOTBY.

10 December, 1521. I John Robson off osgottby in the parishe off Kirkby, etc. To be buryed in the churchyarde off saynt androws in kirkby, with my mortuary after the custome there. I wytt to the hye awter off saynt androws aforsaid xijd. I wytto our lady off pytty to ffynde a light afore hyr *Imperpetuum* vjs. viijd. To the hye awter off lincoln vjd. To our ladyes warke off the same vjd. To our lady freers [*sic*] off the same iiijd. To the grey freers off grymesby iiijd.

<sup>1</sup> 'Cobbe' in A. <sup>2</sup> 'Kelde' in A. <sup>3</sup> 'Tithes' in A. <sup>4</sup> 'Puttrell' in A.

To the austyn fireers there *iiijd.*, and to thei same austyn freers to say a messe at *scala celi vjd.* I witto John Robson my brother my best coytt, my best dublett and my best hose. To Robert my brother my Rosytt coytt, my fustean dublett and my blake hose iff he wilbe content therewith and trobul nott my childer, and iff he trobull any off my childer he shall have nothinge. I wytt to every on off my godbarns and my wiffys godbarns *iiijd.* I wytt to myn awnt Margarett Robson off kyngerby *iiijd.* I wytt to thomas my sonne *vjs. viijd.*, etc. I wytt to Johne and Robert my sonnes. To Isabell and Jenytt my daughters all my brasse vessyll, puter vessell, maslynge vessyll, laten vessell and tree vessell, etc. I witt to kateryn pechfforth. The residew off my guddes nott giffyn nor wytt I giffe to John Robson and Richard Robson my sonnys, whom I orden myne executors to dispose for the well off my saull. Thies wittenesse, syr John Doughty vicar off kirkby, William cundall off the same, Richard tode off the same, with other moo.

Proved before D., at Market Rasyn, 11 Feb., 1521.

[ALICE VASSELL OF THE THORES IN THE PARISH OF QUADRING, A.D. 1521.]

[1506 &c., 52d. *Collated with another copy in 1520-31, folio 3.*]

THE TESTAMENT OF ALYS VASSELL.

12 December, 1521. I Alys Vassell dwellyng in the thores within the parish of Quadrynge, etc. To be buryed in the chyrche yard of the oly virgyn sant margett in quadrynge, and my mortuarie to be payde as the custom of the sayde towne doth require. To the hye auter in the sayde chyrche *ijd.* To sant Jamys auter *jd.* To our moder chyrche of Lincoln *ijd.* To every awter in the parish chyrche of gosberkyrke *jd.*; and to our lady of Lincoln *ijd.* To the orphans at sant Kateryns without Lincoln *jd.* I wyll that Agnes my daughter have my house whyth *iiij* stonge of land belongyng thereto, and the sayde Agnes to offer yerly on messe penyfe for the helthe of my saule. I wyll the said Agnes gyffe yerly on stryke of wheytt in allmys to the pore pepull there most nede ys; and the resydew of my guddys nott gyffin nor bequeithed I leve them to the handys of Thomas Wassell my son, whom I make my executor for to dispose my guddys for the helthe of my saull as god shall gyffe them grace. Witnes hereoff, Thomas Steberd, Thomas Cokrell, and John parkyn, with oder moo, etc.

Proved before D., at Swynshed, 29 Jan., 1521, etc.

[RICHARD BARNE OF GOSBERTON, A.D. 1521.]

[1520-31, 5. *Collated with another copy in 1506 &c., folio 54d.*]

THE TESTAMENT OF RICHARD BARNE.

14 December, 1521. I Richard Barne of Gosberkirke, etc. To be beryed in the churchyard off peter and poull off gosberkirke, and my best beiste to be my mortuarie after the custom of the town. To our lady off Lincoln *iiijd.*, and saynt kateryns of Lincoln *ijd.* To the hye awtar off gosberkirke for tythes forgotten *iiijd.*, and to the reparacion off the same awter *ijd.* To every awtar in the sam churche *ijd.* To every gild in the same church *ijd.* To the reparacion off the gyld hall *xijd.* To Simon my wiffys son hallff an acre land callyd carman ryge, etc. To

the churche of gosberkirke ij acre arabull lande lying in cromes to kepe an obytt for me and my frendes off iijs. vj yere, and yff thei willnott kepe it, I will it remayne to Swyneshed abbey to pray for me and my frendes. I will that Jenyt my wiffe have my sonnes daughter in keypyng and hyr guddes for the space off xij yeres, and yf so be that Jenytt my wiffe marye agayne, I will the child remayn to Thomas Barne my brother and the house and land for xij yeres. To Gilbert Blankney condishrigg and clobb' horne to hym and his heres to do with what he will. To Thomas Barne my brother halff an acre land that I bough of John flowter called hyrdill tree. To John Barne my brother sonne xs. ; iff it may be spared off my gudd I will he have iijs. iij*d.* [*sic*] more, etc. To John Ranson. All such thinges not giffen nor bequethed I giffe to my executors, whom I make Jenyt my wife, Thomas Barne my brother, and gilbert Blankney, with this condicion that ij executors putt forth the thyrd executor yff he make any bayt or stryffe. In Wytnes whereoff, John Ranson, John lynsey, Richard Barne, Adam Thaker, Robert Blankney, with other moo.

Proved before D., at Boston, 1 Feb., 1521. Adm. granted to Gilbert Blankney, an executor, reserving power, etc.

[MILES BLAKEY OF BARROWBY, HUSBANDMAN, A.D. 1521.]

[1506 &c., 50. *Collated with another copy in 1520-31, folio 1.*]

THE TESTAMENT OF MILES BLAKEY.

9 January, 1521. I Mylys Blakey of Barewby husbandman, etc. To be buried in the chyrche of All Hallows in Barowby, unto the which hye awter I bequeithe for tythes forgotten xij*d.*, and my mortuarye as the custom of the countre is theyre. To the moder chyrche of Lincoln viij*d.* To every on of my childerne iij score of woull sheppe, and yf any of them departe I wyll that hys parte remayne with the oder ij ; and iff ij of them departe I will that bothe there partes remayne with that child that lyffys ; and yf they dy all iij I wyll ther partes be done for theyer soulys and for them that yt came of. To Rychard my eldyst son. To Peter Blakey my younges son. To Elizabeth my daughter. I will that all theyr partes remayn with myn executors unto shuche tyme as they come to the age of xvij yere. To John my servant. To Elizabeth my servant. To the parish chyrche of Barowby vjs. viij*d.* To the chyrche of Gunwarby viij*d.* To the chyrche of Harlaxson viij*d.* To the freers in Grantham vs. To the chanons of Newbo iijs. iiij*d.* The resydeue of my guddys I putt to the disposicon of William Sheres<sup>2</sup> and Robert Crane wome I make my executors. These men beyng present and wytnes, Sir Dyners hundell curate, Thomas Bell, Thomas Preston, Thomas hundell, with oder moar.

[*No probate act.*]

[JOHN SAWER *alias* SMYTH OF THURLBY NEAR BOURNE, A.D. 1521.]

[1506 &c., 50*d.* *Collated with another copy in 1520-31, folio id., which is referred to in the footnotes as A.*]

THE TESTAMENT OF JOHN SAWER.

14 January, 1521. I John Sawer *alias* Smyth makes my testament

<sup>1</sup> 'Colbe' in A.

<sup>2</sup> Or possibly 'Sherp.'

etc. My body to be buryed in the chyrche yarde of sent Fyrmyn in Thurlby, wythe my mortuary after the custom of the contre. To thei hye auter of Thurlby for thynges<sup>1</sup> forgotton i stryke barly. To our lady of Lincoln viij*d.* I gyffe my erp<sup>2</sup> to the chyld<sup>3</sup> of our lady whyche the mynstrilles kepe in Lincoln. To the bellys of Thurby [*sic*] a strike barly. To Sent Firmyne gylde a strike barly. To Elizabethe and Aliis<sup>4</sup> my daughters. To my son Thomas Sawer a Jacke and a salytt. To my fader my gray cot, etc. To Rychard my son. I wyll that v messys of the v woundes of our lorde be saide for my sole in the chyrch of Thurlby. To Johan my wyffe my howse, landes and pastures in the towne of fendes<sup>5</sup> of Thurlby the terme of hyr lyffe, and after hyr decesse to remayne to Rychard my son and his errys; remainder to on of my childers, ether Thomas, Alys, or Elizabethe they whiche hast most nede. The resydew of my goddys to Johan my wyffe, whom I make my executrice. Witnes, Sir Anthony Aldersun curate, John Wardon, Thomas Vicars, with many oder.

Proved before D., at Burne, 27 Jan., 1521.<sup>6</sup>

[JOHN FERMER OF MARKET DEEPING, A.D. 1521.]

[1520-31, *id.* Translated from the Latin, and collated with another copy in 1506 &c., folio 50.]

15 January, 1521. I John Fermer of Depinge, of the parish of St. Guthlac, etc. My body to be buried in the church of St. Guthlac. I bequeath for my mortuary as the custom of the town is. To the high altar of the said church for tithes forgotten v*d.* To the fabric of the mother church of Lincoln xij*d.* To the gild of St. Mary and All Saints iij*s.* iij*d.* To the light of St. Guthlac iij*d.* To the light of the Holy Trinity iij*d.* To Thomas and Richard, my sons, and Agnes my daughter, iij*l.* v*s.* viij*d.* each when they shall have come to the years of discretion, or at least to the age of twenty years, and each of them shall be the others heir; and if they all die before the years of discretion, the said sum shall be disposed for the health of my soul. To the anchorite of St. Paul, Staunfford, xij*d.* To Thomas Arnold, my servant, two sheep. The residue of my goods I give to Joan my wife and William Browne, whom I make my executors to dispose for the health of my soul and of the souls of my friends and all the faithful dead, by the oversight of William Sherman, whom I make the supervisor of my will. These being witnesses, Sir William Sherman, John Gibbys, Robert Flynx', William Shawe, with others.

[*No probate act.*]

[MARGARET FRYSMER OF HALTON HOLEGATE, A.D. 1521.]

[1520-31, 23.]

THE TESTAMENT OF MARGARET FRISMER.

16 January, 1521. I Margaret Frysmere, etc. To be buried in the churche yarde off saynt andrews in Halton, with my mortuarye after the custom off the towne. To our lady warke off lincoln v*d.* To the

<sup>1</sup> 'tithes' in A.    <sup>2</sup> 'herpe' in A.    <sup>3</sup> 'gilde' in A.    <sup>4</sup> 'Alys' in A.  
<sup>5</sup> 'feldes' in A.    <sup>6</sup> There is no probate act in 1506 &c.



hve awter off halton ffor tithes forgotton viij*d.* To our lady off grace a silver ryng or the price. To our lady off pety an yeyrne candilstike. To the trynite awter iiij*d.* To saynt katelyne iiij*d.* To Ashby church xij*d.* To scremby church xij*d.* To lytill stepinge churche xij*d.* To nether toynton churche xij*d.*, and to the over parishe xij*d.* To my daughter Isabell a peyr off yerne gallows, etc. To my daughter Agnes. To syr Robert porchytt xij*d.* To William gibson an acre land lyinge at stanwith. To the gild hall off halton a borde. To our lady gild off halton all my vessill and dishes. To the payntinge off saynt androw ijs. I will that Richerd langer & John gibson my son be my executors. The residew off my goodys I will that they dispose them for my husbandes saull and my saull and all criston saulles. Thies wytnes, syr Will' ryngott, John manynge, and Richard malney, with other moo.

Proved before D., at Esterkele, 17 March, 1522. Adm. granted to the executors.

[WILLIAM FOWLE OF KIRTON IN HOLLAND, A.D. 1521.]

[1506 &c., 51*d.* Collated with another copy in 1520-31, folio 2.]

THE TESTAMENT OF WILLIAM FOWLE.

1521. I William Fowle off Kirton in Holand, etc., make my testament and my last will, etc. My body to be buryed in the churchyarde off the holy apostilles petur and pole off kirton, and for my mortuarye after the costum off the towne. To the high awter for forgotten thynges viij*d.*, and to the churche warke xx*d.* To every awter in the saide churche ij*d.* To the leight off seynt erasme iiij*d.* To the moder churche off lincoln iiij*d.* To the faderlesse childer at saynt katelyns with owt Lincoln ij*d.*

This ys the last will off me William Fowle off kirton in Holand, maide ther the xiiij day off Januar' the yere before named. First, I will that my executors sell iij acre lande called Andertoft to paye my dettes and brynge me forth; the residew off the money that levys I will it be wared in the reparacions off a new lofte or a wolte under the bellofte in kirton aforsaide. Also I will that the chauntre prest off our lady of kyrton have ij acr' lande arable and pastur called wright grene with the appurtenance in this condicion that the said chauntre prest kepe an obytt yerely for my faders sawll, my moder sawll, my sawll and all my forelders sawlles, off the sume off ijs. viij*d.* by yere. And iff the saide prest wilnott kepe the saide obytt, then I will the churche wardens reentur in to the saide lande and pastur withe the appurtenance, And the to kepe the said obytt. The residew off the money to go the church profytt. Also I will that thomas fowle my brother have my house in the Edike with all the grownd under it, and ij acre and a stonge called brown landes in fe symple. I will that thomas fowle my brother sonne have an acr' lande and a hallffe called hosylande in fee symple. To Robert fowle a tabull. To Richard fowle on federbed and a sey coverynge. To Richard Marshall my weddinge gowne, and to Elizabeth marshall his wiffe my best mattres, etc. To Elizabeth Eland daughter off Robert Eland the yonger. To Agnes Eland the wiffe off Robert Eland a lytill chiste. To John Eyland and Alyn Eland, sonnes off Robert Eland the elder, other off them a sheip off the best. To Elizabeth my wiffe a cowe

and vj sheip and halffe my howsold stuffe not gyffyn, and the oder equaly to be devyded betwene Elizabeth and agnes the doughters off thomas fowle my broder. To the saide Elizabeth ffowll a gerdill. The residew off my guddys to Robert Eland the elder and thomas ffowle my broder, that thei dispoce them to the plesur off god and the helth off my saull, whom I make my executors, and master John litalbury to be supervisore. Wytnes, syr John plummer priest, thomas poules, Robert Eyland the yonger, with other moo.

Proved before D., at Swyneshed, 29 Jan., 1521.

[HENRY DOUBLEDAY OF GRANTHAM, A.D. 1521.]

[1520-31, 22d.]

THE TESTAMENT OF HENRY DOUBLEDAY OF GRANTHAM, ETC.

1521. I Henry Doubleday of Grantham, etc. To be buried in the churche of St. Wulfran of grantham as nygh to the rode as the space conveniently may be had. To the high awter iijs. iiij*d.* To our lady of lincoln werkes vjs. viij*d.* To the churche of Herby iijs. iiij*d.* To the upholdyng of Notyngham briges iijs. iiij*d.* To Agnes my wif xx*l.* To William my son v*l.* xiijs. iiij*d.* To Robert, Francoys, Margaret Jakson, Margaret Scot, Emot, and Agnes, my servaunts. To my doughters Margaret and Elizabeth. To William Bawdwyne. To Agnes Jakson. To Thomas Doubleday. To Thomas Jakson. To Sir John Segraue vjs. viij*d.* The residue of my goodes if I have no space to dispose theym myself, I bequeth to Agnes my wif, to William my sone and to Syr Robert Dryng, whome I make myn executours. Thies witnes, Master John Halle, John Metcalf, John Haskerd, and Sir John Segraue prest.

Proved before D., in the parish church of Roppesley, 17 March, 1521, Adm. granted to the executors, etc.

[WALTER COWPER OF BOSTON, A.D. 1521.]

[1506 &c., 47.]

THE TESTAMENT OF WALTER COWPER.

1521. I Water Cowper, etc. To be buryde in the churche within the gray frayes in Boston. To my mortuary as the lawe and custom requirythe. To our ladys warke in Lincoln xij*d.* To the faderles children of sent Katheryn in Lyncoln v*d.* To the hye alter in Boston churche ijs. To the gray freres in Boston for my beryall vjs. viij*d.* To every order of freres besyde in Boston xx*d.* To Beatryce my wyffe. I will that my whole shepe remayn to my broder Julyan Nedermell, and he to sell it to bring me to the erthe, etc. The rest of my goods to my said broder Julyan Nedermell, whom I make executor. Wytynes at Boston, Sir Jamys parish prest in Boston, William plattes prest, Ric' Hype, Sir John markby, and others.

This is the last wyll of me Walter Cowper of Boston, made 11 February, 13 Henry VIII [A.D. 1521-2]. First, I wyll that the iiij acres of lande that I bowthe of Sir Thomas Godfray, lyeinge in sancte Marys parish of Waynflet; and ij acre land, sumtyme Helcote lande, bowthe of Wilzam Bonde and John Bonde of Wynthorpe, lying in the

parishe of Sancte Marys in Waynflete; and on acre and on halffe of arable lande that I bowthe of Sir John Raynaldson,<sup>1</sup> vicar of Claxby, lying in the sayde paryshe remaynyng in the feoffes handes to the performance of thys my wyll. Also I wyll that the prest that singes for water flax'n say placebo and durge with commendacion and messe of Requiem iiij tymes in the yeer for the soles of my fader and my moder, my sole, my wifes sole and all crysten sowles, and I will that the prest have of the rent of the sayde lande for every tyme iiij cotew contynuyng xlv yeeres.<sup>2</sup> Also I will that the prest hole rente of sayde landes besyde the xvjd. remayne in lodons handes wyll he lyves, and after hys deceste to remain in oder off feoffes handes. And yf yt be that the rent of the landes of Water flax'n wyll nott pay the prest his wagys, then I will that the prest have as mych of the rent of the landes to make up hys full wagys; and the housyng needethe reparacions, I will that parte of the rentes of the sayd landes go to the reparacions of the sayd housyng. And after my decese I wyll that vjd. be takyng every yeer to kepe my obyt with my faders in alhalow church, that ys to say, ijd. in mespenys for my sole, my wyffes, on penny to the lyght abowte the herse, and ijd. to the Ryngeres.<sup>3</sup> And after the xlv yeers be expiryde, I wyll that all the sayde landes remain in my feoffes handes to fynd myne obyt with my faderes in alhalow church for ever. I wyll that Julyan Nedermell, my broder, have my house that I wone in with the gardyn that I boght of stoleres of London, lying by coypytt to hym, to hys hayres and his assiners without end, and the resydew of the rent of the sayde lande, myne obit kepe, remaying [*sic*] in loydons handes os longe os he lyffe, And to take of yt and dispose yt by the syght of the oder feoffes in the chyrche of alhalows when most nede ys. I will that my woll hous and the tenement, that Geffray wonys in be solde by my broder Julyan, and he to gyffe my wyff xl. Also I wyll yff it be so that the feoffes dye to the number of vij, I wyll they make a newe dede and infeoffe to the number of vij, and thus to continew for ever, And the feoffes to pay the charges of the sayde lande. Theys to wyttnes, Sir Jamys paryshe prest of Boston, William plattes prest, Sir John Markeby, Ric' Hybe, and oder.

[*No probate act.*]

[JOHN FOX, ALDERMAN OF THE CITY OF LINCOLN, A.D. 1522.]

[1506 &c., 56d.]

THE COPY OF THE TESTAMENT OF JOHN FOX, ALDERMAN OF THE CITY OF LINCOLN.

The last day of April, 1522. I John Fox of the cite of Lincoln, Alderman, etc. I witt my soule to Godde allmighty, our laidy St. marie, and to all the holy company of heven. And my Bodie to bee buried with in the church of St. John the Evaungelist biffor the Trinitie. I bequeth to my mortuarie after the custome of the said cite. To the

<sup>1</sup> This is probably John Rawlynson, vicar of Claxby Pluckacre. He was instituted 20 February, 1505-6 (*Reg.* xxiii, folio 115), and was dead in August, 1515 (*Reg.* xxv, folio 2).

<sup>2</sup> *Sic.* There seems to be a confusion in the text. The priest was probably to have 4d. for each celebration for forty-five years.

<sup>3</sup> These items do not amount to 6d.

highē allter of the said churchē for tithes forgotten ijs. iiij*d.* To our lady werke of Lincoln iijs. iiij*d.* To the forsaid churchē of St. John for the Romthe of my burial vjs. viij*d.* [*folio 57*] To the parishe churchē of Askeyam vjs. viij*d.* To everythone of the howses of the Orders of ffreers in Lincoln ijs. viij*d.*, of this condic'on that v freers of every order shalbe at my buriall, and iche oon of thaym to say masse for all cristen soules. To x prestes to syng x masses for my soule at *Scala celi* iijs. ijd. To the byng of vj torches xijs., and they with ij torches that I have boutē to burne the day of my buriall. And after the day of my buriall, ij of the said torches to remayn in the said churchē of St. John, and ij of theym to be delyvered to the parishe churchē of St. Marten in Lincoln, and ij of theym to be delyvered to the parishe church of Askham, and oon of thaym to bee delyvered to the parishe church of Edenstow, and oon of thaym to be delyvered to the parishe church of St. Mare of Lincoln with in Wikford. To the greatt gilde in Lincoln ijs. every yeare duryng the space of xij yerēs. To the forsaid churchē of St. John ijs. every yere duryng the space of xxxtie yerēs to fynde iiij<sup>or</sup> lampes, oon of thaym biffor the Sacrament to burn at service boith holyday and warke day, The ijde biffore the Trinitie, The ijde biffore our laidy of pitie, And the iiijth biffor St. Erasmus. Theis ij lampes to bee burned in service tyme every holyday. To the upholdyng of the said churchē of St. John iijs. every yere duryng the space of xxxtie yerēs. It is my will that oon obitt shall yerely bee doyn for me in the said church of St. John according as at the day of my buriall, Att the which obitt shall be distributed the sum of ijs. viij*d.* at the myndes of my executrice and supervisours. It is my will that the said sum of ijs. witt to the great gillde, and the sum of ijs. for ffyndyng of the lampes, and the sum of ijs. to the upholdyng of the forsaid churchē and the sum of ijs. viij*d.* for the said obitt shall bee taken of the rents of my close whiche I have taken by Indentur of the Maiour and commalltie of the Citie of Lincoln. It is my will that the churchē wardens of the forsaid churchē of St. Johns for the time being shall see that the forsaid obitt be kepte. And the sum of ijs. to the upholdyng of the said churchē and the said lampes to bee kepte according to my will and thay to have for their labor every yere duryng the space biffor named iiij*d.* And if it so happen that the forsaid wardons doo faile in seing of the forsaid thyngs to be kepte according to my will, that then the graceman of the gret gillde shall have the forsaid sum of ijs. for the lamps, and ijs. witt to the church with the ijs. viij*d.* to my obitt, And he to cause oon obitt to be doyn with the oon halfe, and the other hallff to go to the profett of the said gillde. And if it happen the said graceman doo faile in keypyng of the said obitt as it is biffor rehersed, that then my supervisours shall have the forsaid summes to distribute for all cristen soules. To echoon of my godd childern iiij*d.* To echoon of my prentices x*d.* To my servaunt *Margaret Carter* iijs. iiij*d.* To the gilde of St. Anne my scarlett gown. To the commen chamber of Lincoln iijs. every yere duryng the space of xiij yerēs, and it to be taken of the Rentēs of the forsaid close. To the makyng of the roode loft with in the said church of St. John xiijs., the which is in the haundes of Maistres Wood, and if the parochanes do not ffynyshe the said roode loft within the space of a yere after the day of my buriall that then my executrice shall dispose

the said sum of xiijs. for my soule. I will that oon prest syng for my soulle in the churche of St. John bifforsaid the space of oon yere, and he to have for his salarie iiij*l.* xiijs. iiij*d.* It is my will that Agnes ffox my wife [*folio 57d.*] shall have the indentures of the close so long as she be not married, and after hir mariage to remayn to my ij children Thomas ffox and Robert ffox; and yf it happyn that my wiffe be married or els that other of my children departe, the childe that liveth the longer shall have the indentures; remainder to Elizabeth my doughter and the heres of hir body; remainder to the next of my kinne duryng the terme of the said Indenturs. To my dought' Elizabeth ffox to hir parte *xl.* in money and goodes and it is to bee taken of the hoill. It is my will that my goodes shall be parted in iij partes, oon parte for me to bee disposed, the ijde to my wife Agnes ffox, and the iiijde to my ij children Thomas and Robert; and if it happen either of the said childern to departe biffor that they come to the age of xviiij yeres, that then the child that liffeth the longer shall have both thayr partes, saving that ther shall bee doyn for his soule to the sune of xxvjs. viij*d.* If it happen that both the children departe biffor the said age of xviiij yeres, that then ther partes shall be songe fore with a prest in the churche of St. John biffor named. My will is that Agnes ffox my wiffe shall be my executrice, and John Halton of Lincoln Alderman, Sir Thomas Leche of the same vic' of St. Maris, William ffox of the same, John ffox of Askham, and Hughe ffox of the same, to be my supervisors, and ichon of they to have for ther labor vjs. viij*d.* Witnes wherof, Robert Smyth mercer, Edward Dawson, John punderson, Robert skyner, with many moo.

Proved before P., in the cathedral church of Lincoln, 27 Feb., 1524. Adm. granted to the executrix, etc.

[JOHN KIRKE OF HELPRINGHAM, A.D. 1522.]

[1520-31, 24.]

THE TESTAMENT OF JOHN KYRKE OF HELPRYNHAM.

4 May, 1522. I John kirke off helpringham, etc. My body to be buried in the churche yard off helpringham, with my best gud to my mortuare. To the hye awter ther iiij*d.* To our lady warke off lincoln iiij*d.* To our lady gild off helpringham iiij*d.* I will that Margarett my wiffe have both my tenementes in helpringham and hool with all landes medows pastures with all the appurtenaunce to them belongynge to hyr and to hyr heres and assignes. The Residew off all my goodes I giffe to margarete my wiffe, whom I make my sole executrice. I will that my fader Robert saygrave and my fader Robert gibson be supervisors. Thies wytnes, sir Robert wyam, sir Edward Thomas, sir thomas buxtons, Robert wingud, and henry Rodes, with other moo.

Proved before D., at Lincoln, 6 June, 1522. Adm. granted to the executrix.

[GEORGE HOPKYNSON OF KIRMINGTON, A.D., 1522.]

[1506 &c., 81.]

THE TESTAMENT OF GEORGE HOPKYNSON.

16 May, 1522. I George Hopkynson, etc. My body to be buried where it shall please almyghty god, with my best beast named my

mortuary. To the high aulter of kyrnyngton for forgotten tythes iijs. iiij*d.* To the reparacions of the same churche xxs. To the high awlter of our mother church of lincoln iijs. iiij*d.* To the reparacions of the same churche iijs. iiij*d.* I will that William Matens syng ij yere*z* for me immediately after that he be prest, and he to have for his sawde for the said ij yere*z* xl. To Edward my son viij marke out of my lande*z* unto the tyme that he be xxiiij yer hold, and owt of his mother lande*z*, and then he shall never after nor non other for hyme ley no claime nor title in my said lande*z* and his mothers lande*z*. To Laurence Wentworth xxs. To Robert Wentworth my gowne furred with calaber. To John hopkynson the elder my tawny gowne furred with blake lambe. To Robert my son all my lande*z* and his mother lande*z* for ever payng out yerly in maner aforesaid unto his brother Edward viij markes by the yere. The resydeue of my goode*z* I put to the hande*z* of Robert and Edward my sonne*z*, whom I make my executors to dispose as they thinke best for my sowle helth. Thes parsons witnessse, Syr Robert bolton vicare of kirnyngton, John hopkynson of the same, thomas Mattens of the same, and others.

Proved before D., in the cathedral church of Lincoln, 4 Aug., 1524. Adm. granted to Robert Hopkynson, an executor, reserving power to grant to Edward Hopkynson, etc.

[JOHN SMYTHE OF TUPHOLME, A.D. 1522.]

[1506 &c., 68.]

THE TESTAMENT OF JOHN SMYTH OF TUPHOLME.

26 May, 1522. I John Smythe of Tupholm, etc. My body to be buried in our lady church of Topholm afore Jhesu Altir, and for my mortuary I bequethe my best beste as after costum and maner is of holy church. To the hye alter in Topholm for all forgotten tithes iijs. iiij*d.* To our lady wark of Lincoln ijs. ; also to the iiij orders of freyrs in Lyncoln xij*d.* a pece. To the hye altar of stanton xx*d.* To my lord abbott of tupholm xiijs. iiij*d.* for to lay my body in the church afore Jhesu altar. To Robert my son vl. To Jenett my wyff my hows in Wyspyngton with the purtynance duryng hir lyff, and after her desces I will Robert my son have out of hit iij*l.* vjs. viij*d.*, and gyff oft com att hym in the mean tyme I wyll my dowghter Agnes hawe hit for hir and hir ayres, and yf hit fortune hir do dy without yssue male or female I wyll the sayd howse with the purtenance be sold by my executores and done for my sowll and my father and mother and all crysteine sowlles. Also I wyll that Betteris my dowghter hawe vl. and ij bedes. To Agnes my dowghter vl. To every goodbarn that I hawe alywe iiij*d.* apece. I wyll that the body of the church att markett stanton hawe vjs. viij*d.* to the reparacion theroff. The resydeue of my goodes not wytt nor gyffyn I put to the dyssposicion of Jenett my wyff and Joon bowys of mavisenderson, whom I ordane my executores, and Sir Thomas Thornton, parson of Mukton, to be supervisor, and John bowys to hawe for hys labowr iijs. iiij*d.*, and Sir Thomas Thornton a foresayd for hys labowrs vjs. viij*d.* Wyttnes, Joon bland, Nycoles westow, with others.

Proved before D., at Lincoln, 3 Aug., 1523. Adm. granted to the executors,

[JOHN WYKHAM OF KIRKBY-CUM-OSGODBY, A.D. 1522.]

[1520-31, 24*d.*]

THE TESTAMENT OF JOHN WYKHAM OF KYRKBY.

6 July, 1522. I John Wykham of kyrkby, etc. To be buried in the churche of saynt andrew the appostell, with me lefull mortuary. To the high awter of the same for tithes and oblacions forgoten *xxd.* To the fynnyng of a light in the same churche for tyme of ever more *vjs. viij*d.** To the werke of our moder the churche of lincoln *xxd.* To the high awter of the same *xxd.* I will that Robert Wykham my son have my heedd house leyng in kyrkby with the appurtenaunces to hym and his heires of his body, and if he decease without such heires I will it be sold and disposed for my soule and all our good frendes, and if any of my children bye it I wil they have it better shep than any other. To Elsebeth my wif my house which John Speyght wones in duryng her lif; remainder to Agnes my daughter to her, her heyres and assignes. To Robert Wykham my son. To every godchild that I have *iiij*d.** To the gilde of the blessed trinitie of the said kyrkby a yowe. The residue of my goodes I gif to my executors, that is to say, Elizabeth my wif and Robert Wykham my son, they to dispose for the welle of my soule, etc. Thies beying wittness, syr John doughtie vicar of kyrkby, John *martyn* of osgodby, William *martyn* of the same, with other mor.

Proved before D., at Lincoln, 3 Aug., 1522. Adm. granted to Robert Wykham, reserving power to grant to Elizabeth the relict.

[AGNES AWMBLER OF BARROWBY, A.D. 1522.]

[1506 &c., 62*d.*]

8 July, 1522. I Agnes Awmbler of Beroughby, late the wiff of Richard Wright off the same, etc. To be buried within the churche yard of All Saynts of Beroughby next unto my friendes, and for my mortuarye that the law will. To the hie awter for my forgotton tythes *iiij*d.** To owr moder churche of Lincoln *vij*d.** To the Image off our Lady within the quere off Beroughby a kerchyffe. To the maynteining off the light off All Hallows *ij*d.** To the churche off Beroughby a diaper towell for goddes borde in Ester tyme. To Edmund Wright, son of Richard Wright, a pott off pewter; also accordinge to the last will of the said Richard Wright, laite my husband, I will that Will' Awmbler, now my husband, and oder his cooffeffors off the messuage in Beroughby make sale off the said messuage, and the money taken ffor the same to be disposed in gud warke off charyte for the helth off the soull off the said Richard Wright, myne own frends and all criston sawles. All the residew off my guddes to William Awmbler, my husband, whom I make myne executor. Wytnes, Syr Denys Owndell parish prest and curat off Beroughby, Thomas preston of the same, John Arnold of the same, and many moo.

Proved before D., at Grantham, 22 Jan., 1522. Adm. granted to the executor.

[THOMAS ALYS, LL.B., CLERK OF THE CHAPTER OF THE CATHEDRAL CHURCH OF LINCOLN, A.D. 1522.]

[1545-6 ii, 402.]

CR'OFER [sic].

/ THOMAS ALYSE.

10 July, 1522. I Thomas Alys, clerke of the chapiter of the Cathedrall church of Lincoln, maketh my testament, etc. To be buried with in the church of sancte martine in Lincoln, and for my buriall there I witt vjs. viij*d.*, and my mortuarie to be geven after the custome of the Citie. To our ladie warke of Lincoln iij*s.* iij*d.* To the hie alter of St. martine church in lincoln for tiethes forgotten xs. To Sir Thomas Carter xx*d.* To the church warke of Belton xxs. To every godchild that I have in Belton or in enne other place a yewe shepe. To the church warke of londonthorp xx*d.* To the church warke of Gunwerbie xij*d.* To the churchwarke of Siston xij*d.* To the church warke of Barkeston xx*d.* To the hie alter of Grauntham church vj*d.* I will that the churchwardens of Belton have ij kye and a calfe to find alight before our ladie in the said church as it hath bine found before by me. To the church warke of St. Martine in Lincoln xx*d.* To William Clarke my servaunte vj sylver spones, a maser, ij Coverlyddes, x paire of Lynen shetes. To William Clarke thelder vj sylver spones to be disposed for the soule of Sir John Drakes. To mekyll marcam church warke xx*d.* To the parson of Belton xij*d.* To William Clarke my servaunte aforenamed x yowes and x lambes, a que of iij yeres old, also iij quarters of malte and a gowne of myne furred with blacke lambe. To William Caister my shepparde iij yowes and iij lambes. To John Stoyle my servaunte iij yowes and iij lambes. To Thomas Stoyle as muche clothe as shall make him a syde cotte, a paire of hosse and a dublet. I witte to every one of my servauntes a yewe and a lambe. To Margaret Mooncke my servaunt iij*s.* iij*d.* To Sir William Ceyll xij*d.* I will that my wiffe have all my land in Belton duringe her lif to be good unto my children. I will that an obytt be keppyd in Belton church for evermore of my land there, and the expenses of the obytt to be the some of iij*s.* iij*d.* yerelie. To blind Jennet in Belton as muche clothe as shall make to her a kirtill, and xij*d.* in money. I will that the said blind woman shall dwell in the howse that she is in duringe her lif to praie for my soule and all christian soules. I will that every one of my children have xx*l.* apece for their childes porcion, and half of my howshold stuffe that I brought with me when I came to Lincoln, and also all suche thinges as was bequethed to them by their grandame. To ole Jennet Adslocke a stricke of Rye. To old alison in Belton a stricke of malte. To alison Daie a stricke of malte. To every pooreman and woman in Belton ij*d.* The residue of my goodes I put to the disposicion of Dorotheie my wiffe, whom I make my sole executrix, with the supervision of Austyn Porter, gentilman. Thes beinge witnes, Sir Nicolas kendall vicare of St. martine church, Sir Thomas Carter, Edward Smyth, and William Edwardes, with other mo.

The will of Master Thomas Alys, LL.B., late proctor general of the consistory court of the bishop of Lincoln, with a codicil<sup>1</sup> to the same annexed, was proved before R., in the cathedral church of the blessed Mary of Lincoln, 3 August, 1522. Adm. granted to the executrix.

<sup>1</sup> There does not appear to be a codicil.



[THOMAS WARNER OF KIRTON IN HOLLAND, A.D. 1522.]

[1520-31, 61.]

THE TESTAMENT OF T. WARNER.

3 August, 1522. I Thomas Warner off kyrton in holand make my testament concludyng therwyth my last will, etc. Thys is the last wyll off me Thomas Warner off kyrton mayd ther the day and yere before-namyd. To Elizabeth my wyff my hede mancyon that I wone in so longe as she is sole and unmarried, and she mary then I will my daughters enter into the mansion with the grownde under it acordyng to my ffather will. To my ij daughters iiij acr' lande lyeng at the olde see dyke at the day off my dethe. To my wyff ij acr' lande and on stonge, the wych I bought off Thomas stalworth, hyr lyff, and after hyr decease I will it remane to my daughters, and yff they dye before my wyff I will it remain to my wyff in fee sympill. To my wyff on acr' lande di' lyeng att cotegren hyr lyff, and di' on acr' lande, the wych I had off John Warner my broder, and halffe on acr' lande, the wych I have with John my brother, descendyng to bukeholegate, and on acr' lying att the mylne. To my wyff iij acr' lande lying in long grene so longe as she is sole and unmarried; and yff she fortune to mary I will it remane to my daughters att the day off hyr mariage. To my wyff on acr' lande lying in new dyke hyr lyff, and on acr' lande lying at grene garthe, and on acr' lande lying at snartte house, And on halffe acr' lying at the snertt house, hyr lyff. And yff that John Warner lay any tytyll in snertt house, then I will that my wyff have ij acr' lande lying att skeldyke crosse. To my daughters on acr' lande save on stonge lying in smalle dyke, and iij stonges lying in newdyke, and on stonge lying att the mylne, and halffe on acr' in long lande, and fyve stonges callyd fydelers land, and iij stonges pastur at the grene garthe; and all the landes that I have I schyfte with John Warner and William erle, and on acr' lande lying att Ric' Osborne that holdes off the culzer, and on stong lying in alderchyrche. To my wyff iij stonges lying att buttes grene. To my daughters x shepe att the day off my dethe, ij mylke kye, etc., to be solde be the handes off mychell perre to the use off my daughters, and I will that mychell perre receyve the rente off my landes that I have gyven to my daughters to their use and delyver to them the mony att the age of xiiij yeres. The resydue off my goodes to Elizabeth my wyff, whome I make my executrix. Thyse beyng wytnesses, sir John Brewster off kyrton, Robert Stevynson off the same, Michell perre off the same, with other mooy.

Proved before P., at Swyneshed, 28 Jan., 1527. Adm. granted to the executrix.

[THOMAS CHAPMAN OF WITHCALL, A.D. 1522.]

[1506 &c., 61.]

THE TESTAMENT OF THOMAS CHAPMAN OF WITHCALL.

29 October, 1522. I Thomas Chapman of Withcall, etc. To be buried in the church of St. Martyn of Withcall, giving for my burial vjs. viij*d.*, and that thyng to be my mortuary that is my beste accordyng to the costume of the towne that I do wanne in. I charge my executors that my faders wille be fulfilled, etc. To the work of the minster of our

lady of lincoln *xxd.* To the high awtar of the same minster *viiijd.* To the high awtar of my parish church of Withcall for my tithes forgotten *iijs. iiijd.* To the church of Withcall to the buying of a new chalice *xiijs. iiijd.* To the church of Halyngton *vjd.* To the church of Donyngton *vjd.* To Katheryn Chapman my daughter *v* marks beside her childe parte. I will the third part of my goods be divided to my *iiij* children; if any depart before they come to lawful age then the part to remain to the others. I will that none of my household stuff be broken, but it shall to remain to John Chapman my son if he come to lawful age. I will that Eleyne my wife have all my howses and lands which I have within the town and felde of Withcall, and also within the felde of Malteby, for to keep my children honestly to the time that John Chapman my son be at lawful age. Also I will that she have my copyhold of the lordship of Withcall during my years, and I will that there be one trentall song for my soul. I will that John Chapman my son have all my aforesaid howses and landys the which I have had bi the gifte of my fader Robert Chapman, late of Withcall, in the towne and felde of Withcall and in the felde of malteby as it apperes by my faders wille, which time that he cometh at lawful age to him and his heirs and assigns; remainder to Jenet my daughter when she shall come to lawful age, to her and her assigns; remainder to Catherine Chapman my daughter when she cometh to lawful age, and to her assigns; remainder to my executors, to sell the forsaid howses and landes, and to find a prest with the money therof, as long as it will endure, to syng for my soule and for the soules of my fader and moder and for all other our good frendes soules; I will that Helyne my wife have my pasture in the lordship of Gret Carleton to the time that John Chapman my son be of lawful age. The residue of my goods to Helyne my wife and to Syr Robert Chapman my brother, whom I make my executors. I will that Sir Thomas Thornton parson of Mukton be supervisor. Thies men beyng witnes, Robert ouerton, Thomas Jentill, Richard Dixson, Syr Robert Fen parishe prest, with oder more, etc.

Proved before D., at Lincoln, 15 Dec., 1522. Adm. granted to the executors.

[JOHN HOWSON OF WHAPLODE, A.D. 1522.]

[1506 &c., 64d. *The first section is translated from the Latin.*]

THE TESTAMENT OF JOHN HOWSON OF WHAPLOD.

3 November, 1522. I John Howson of Whaplod make my testament with my last will, etc. My body to be buried in the churchyard of St. Mary of Whaplod, with my mortuary according to the custom of the town. To the high altar there for tithes forgotten *viiijd.* To every altar in the aforesaid church *iiijd.* To the fabric of the same *iiijd.* To the mother church of Lincoln *iiijd.* To the orphans of St. Catherine without the walls of the city of Lincoln *iiijd.*

This is the last will of me John Howson, made the day and yere above written. I will that Margaret my wif have my house the which I dowell in the terme of her lif if she do not wast the gronde, and aftyr her deceasse I will that Richard my sone have it if he will pay therfore the payment whiche I am bonde to pay bi obligacion, to hym and to his

heyres of his body, and ij acre of gresgronde ; and if he die without heyres of his body then I will it remayne to Richard my son and his heyres of his body. If they die both without heyres of ther bodies, then I will the house and lande be sold, and the money therof taken evenlye to be devided betwyxt Joane and Heleyn my daughters. I will that Robert my son have an acre of grond with wood therin lyeng in whaplod to hym and his assignes. To eche of my doughters a calf brent, at may day. The residue of my goodes I put them to the disposicion of Margaret my wif and Richard my sone, whome I ordeyne my executours ; and Thomas Wright smyth supervisour, and he to have for his labour iijs. iiij*d*. Thies beyng wtnes, sir John wymer, Thomas Wright, and William belle, with other more.

Proved before D., at Spaldyng, 28 March, 1522. Adm. granted to the executors.

[WILLIAM BEESBY OF WISPINGTON, A.D. 1522.]

[1506 &c., 65.]

THE TESTAMENT OF W. BEESBY.

The last day of November, 1422 [*sic*]. I William Beesby of Wispyngton, etc. To be buried in the churche of saynt Margaret in the forsaid towne in the space afore the quere anenst the sacrament, with my best mortuary as the law requireth. To the high awter of the same for tithes and offrynges negligently forgotten xij*d*. To the sepulchre light ther xij*d*. To the light before the sacrament burnyng in the sacryng tyme there xij*d*. To the high awter of the Cathedrall churche of Lincoln vj*d*. To every ordre of freres within Lincoln iiij*d*. To the red arke ther xij*d*. To the churche of Bucknall xij*d*. To the reparacions of the parishe churche of Wispyngton iijs. iiij*d*. The residue of my goods to be equally and indifferently departed in thre parties except my house with all the appurtenances called milner howse in Wispyngton, whiche I will John my sone have when he cometh to lawfull age ; remainder to Joane my daughter for ever when she cometh to lawfull age ; remainder to my wife the terme of her lif ; and aftyr her deth it shall be sold and disposed in dides of charitie for my soule and my wif and our frendes. The first part of my goods I wilbe disposed for my soule, the second parte I gyve to my wif, and the iiijth parte to be indifferently parted betwixt John my sone and Joane my daughter. I ordain myne executours Beatrix my wif, John Glaston, and John Pigote of Moreby. Wtnes, Wheyllay [*sic*] the parson, Water Marshall, Robert Poy, with other mor'.

Proved before D., at Horncastle, 3 Feb., 1522. Adm. granted to the executors.

[JOHN TEMPEST OF GOSBERTON, ESQUIRE, A.D. 1522.]

[1506 &c., 63.]

THE TESTAMENT OF JOHN TEMPEST, GENTLEMAN.

16 December, 1522. I John Tempest of gosberkirke, esquier aketh my testament and my last will, etc. To be buried in the churche, of the holy appostoles peter and paule in the southsyde of our ladyes qwere in gosberkyrke, and for my mortuary aftyr the costume of the

towne. To our moder churche of lincoln, xij*d.* To the faderles children of saynt Catheryns without lincoln yates iiij*d.* To the high awter of gosberkyrke for tithes forgotten xx*d.* To the reparacion of every awter in the same churche iiij*d.* To every gilde in the same churche iiij*d.* The residue of all my goodes I gif to Agnes my wif, whome I make my executrix, etc. I make Thomas Tempest, esquyer, sone and heyre of [folio 63*d.*] Richard Tempest, knyght, supervisor of this my last will, beseching hym to be speciall good frende to my wif and my executrix.

This ys the last wyll of me John Thempast, made the zere and day aforesaid. I wyll that my feofes seaseid of and in all suche landes and tenementes as I have purchased in the townis of Gosberkyrke and surflett stand seaside of all suche landes and tenementes to the use of Agnes my wyff for the terme of hyr lyfe, And after hyr desease to thuse of Robert humpe and to the eyrys of hys body, and for defawte of such issue to margarett humpe hys suster and to the eyrys of hyr body, and for defawt of suche eyres I wyll that all the landes and tenementes be sold by myn executrix and be dysposyd within the towne of Gosberkyrke amonge pore peple and fyndyng of a lafull prest os longe as the money prefore receyvdy wyll indur' to praye for my saule, my father and motheris saulis, and all trwe criston saules : I wyll that my wyfe duryng hyr lyfe and also Roberte humpe and hys eyres after hyr disease shall zerey after my dysease cause a zeryly obitt to be done with placebo and dirige ovyr nyght and mase of Requiem on the morow, with ringgyng of the belles, for the terme of lxxxx ix zerys after my decease. And I wyll therbe expendyd at the seid obit day among prestes and clarkes, pore folkes, and for other seremonyes to be don at the said obit day, vijs., the wiche I wyll shalbe taken of the zereyly rentes and profites cummyng of my landes and tenementes aforesyd. I wyll that Thomas Tempast, son and eyre of my nevy sir Richard tempast, knyght, have a standyng cope of sylver and gylt, beseching hym to be good and lovyng to my wyff in execucion of this my last wyll and testament. To Margarett humpe ij kye and ij calves. To Robert humpe iiij kye and x shepe. Thies being wyttnesse, Thomas Denton, Antonye Ireby, Thomas Annes my confessor, John Shawe, and George Elythorpe, with other moo the zere and day aforesyd.

Proved before D., at Swynneshed, 27 Jan. Adm. granted to the executrix.

[RICHARD HERBERD OF WADDINGTON, A.D. 1522.]

[1506 &c., 62*d.*]

THE TESTAMENT OF RIC' HERBERD.

The last day of December, 1522. I Richard Herberd, etc. To be buried in the churche yard of Wadington. For my mortuarye as the lawe off holy churche doyth require. To our lady warke off lincoln v*d.* To Margaret my wiffe the cobby off my house duryng the tyme off hyr liffe, and after hyr decesse I giffe it to John my son, and he shall giffe to Thomas my sonne xiijs. iiij*d.* and to Robert my sonne xiijs. iiij*d.* within the space of iiij yeres after the decesse off my wiffe. To Alys lee my daughter xiijs. iiij*d.*, and my wiffe to have the space off ij yeres to pay it, to stande for hir childys part. Also I giffe to my five childer

as to John, thomas, Robert, Elizabeth and to margerye, the thyrd parte off my guddes to be devyded amonge theme for ther childern part. The residew of my guddes I giffe to Margaret my wiffe and to John Herbert my son, whome I order my executors, that they maye dispose it for the helth off my soul, my frendes soules, and all criston soules. Thies beinge wytnes, Thomas salamond, John Coke, Thomas Sherp, John clare, and moo.

Proved before D., at Nainby, 20 Jan., 1522. Adm. granted to the executors.

[JAMES CLERKE OF GEDNEY, A.D. 1522.]

[1506 &c., 64.]

THE TESTAMENT OF JAMES CLEERK.

1522. I James Clerke of Gedney, etc. To be buried in the church-yerd of Gedney. In the name of my mortuarie after the costume of the towne. To the high altar for forgotten tithes *iiijd.* To the church work *iij.* *iiijd.* To every gret light within the said church *jd.* To our lady of Lincoln *iiijd.* To the orpheyns of St. Katherines *ijd.* I surrender my acre and a half of Sir Richard Wentworth fee into the hands of Thomas Byrd; also I surrender my house, *iiij* acres and *iiij* roodes of Mr. Clementes fee into the hands of Robert *per*tre to the performing of my will. I will that Margaret my wife have all my lands aforementioned to the time that Laurens my sonne come to the age of *xxij* years, then to him and his assigns. I surrender *xvij* acres land of my lord of Croyland fee into the hands of John Nicolson to the performance of my will. I will that Margret my wife have the forsaid *xvij* acres till Thomas my son come to the age of *xxij* years; then to him and his assigns. And if ought come to one of them, the one of them to be the other heir. And if ought come to them both within the *xxij* years, then I will that Margret have all during her life, and after her decease the land to be sold by the hands of the church-wardens, and they to pay to my *iiij* daughters *xxs.* each, and the residue to be disposed for the health of my soul in the church of Gedney. To Jenet, Margret, Catherine, and Emme my daughters. The residue of my goods to Margret my wife, whom I make my executrix, and Symon Clerke my brother to be supervisor. Thies wytnes, Syr Androw Marchand, Thomas Byrd, and Robert Peretre, with other more.

Proved before D., at Spaldyng, 28 Jan., 1522. Adm. granted to the executrix.

[ROBERT GOODRIKE OF SPILSBY, DRAPER, A.D. 1522.]

[1506 &c., 65d.]

THE TESTAMENT OF ROBERT GOODRIKE OF SPYLLESBY.

4 February, 1522. I Robert goodrike of Spillesby, draper, etc. To be buried in the churche yerde of saynt James in Spillesby, and my mortuarie as the law shall require. To our lady of lincoln warkes *xijd.* To the high awter of Spillesby for forgotten tithes *xxd.* To our ladies light *xxd.* To the gilde of the *vij* martires in Boston *xijd.* I will have a prest to syng for my soule, and my wiffes soules, my daughters, benefactours, and all cristen soules, bi the space of an hole yere, to syng

Wendesday, Friday and saterday in our ladyes quere in Spillesby at *Scala celi* if it may be componed for the offering to our ladies gild in Boston; the said prest to have for his labours viij marc'. Also I will that yf fortune my wif to be with child that he shall have vijl. and half the stuff of housewold that I brought to hyr. And if that it fortune to be a manys childe he shall have it at xxj yere of age, and if it be a woman childe at xv yere of age. If it fortune her to have no childe or the childe die I will that Jenet my wif have all. I will that Syr John my broder have my marieng gowne furred with black lambe with my best doublet and Jacket. To my broder Mr. Henry a gowne clothe of the best clothe that he will choese in my shoppe. I will that Thomas lapeche have iiij marc' iijs. iiijd., and William his broder fyve markes, with this condicion that they deliver ther obligacion whiche they have of me. To Richard my broder a doublet of shamlet, a gowne of marble furred with blake lambe. To William goodryke my son xls. To Syr Thomæs peper vjs. viijd. To Jenet my wif all my landes that I have bi copyholde of my lord Willughby as longe as she do abyde in spillesby, and if she goo out of Spillesby I will that it go to our ladyes gilde the residue of my yeres. I bequeth to the belles of Spillesby half a hundreth weyght of olde metall. To John Dadsley a cote cloth of my best marble. To the vicar of Stepyng a gowne of medley tawney unlyned. To John couoke of Northorp a tawney gowne lyned. To the mendyng of Ename lane xxs. To the pore folks in Howlton ijs., in Toynton ijs. viijd., in Hundilby xxd., in parteney xxd. The residue of my goodes I gyve to Jenet my wif, whome I make my executrice, bi the good counseyle of syr John goodryke and syr Thomas peper, whome I make supervisours. Witnes, Sir Thomas peper, Robert Bawdwyn, John pedder, Thomas Whityng, John bienoke, with other.

Proved before D., at Lincoln, 1 April, 1523. Adm. granted to the executrix.

[JOHN HALL OF SOUTH KELSEY ST. MARY, A.D. 1522.]

[1506 &c., 67.]

THE TESTAMENT OF JOHN HALLE.

1522. I John hall of southkelsey mary, etc. My body to be buried within the churche off the same with my dew mortuarye. To the hye awter off the same churche xijd. To ower lady off lincoln iiijd. To the werke off the same vjd. To the churche off southkelsey marie halff an acre off wheytt. To the gild off our lady off the same hallffe an acre off wheytt. To the sepulcur in the same churche halffe an acre off barley. To the hye awter off saynt nicholas churche xijd., and to the churche iiijd. To the hye awter off northkelsey xvjd., and to the same church iiijd. To Howton churche, netilton churche, and thornton church, iiijd. each. To owr lady freers off lincoln xijd. To every order off freers in lincoln and grymesby iiijd. To every on off my godchilder on strike off barley. I will that on honest priest syng for the sawlys off me, my father and my moder, on trentall and a hallffe off messes. I will that Elizabeth my wiffe have my howse with the lande therto belongynge, with the copy off basse thinge, and also the howse that I bought called davye thing with clausurys, medowys, pasturys and all manner off

commodityes to them belongynge, for terme off liffe, and iff so be that she do marye then I will that xp'of'er my sonne have all the landys with the commodities paynge yerely to his moder or hyr assignes the terme off hyr liffe xxxiijs. iiij*d.* I will that my howse called wase thinge be sold yff myn executors staunde neyd to the performance off my will. I will that Margaret my daughter have x marke or the valour off the same somme in guddes to hyr maryage, and to be delyvered at the age off xx yeres; fyve markes to be taken off my landys, and fyve make [*sic*] off my guddys. And iff she decese before the yeres above rehersed, then I will that xxxiijs. iiij*d.* be taken off my landys and xxxiijs. iiij*d.* off my guddys to be disposed for the helth off my saull and all my benefactors saullys. Thei residew off my guddys I giffe to Elizabeth my wiffe and xp'of'er my sonne, whom I make myn executors, and Mr. John Monson supervisor. Thies beyng'e wytnes, sir thomas hansard priest, Richard hall, Robert blith, william sawll, with many other moo.

Proved before D., 10 Feb., 1522. Adm. granted to the executors.

[WILLIAM BROMFLET OF THORNTON LE MOOR, A.D. 1523.]

[1506 &c., 66*d.*]

THE TESTAMENT OF WILLIAM BROMFLET OF THORNTON.

6 April, 1523. I William Bromflet, etc. To be buryed in the churche of Alhalowes of Thornton; also I bequeth to my mortuary the best good that I have as the countie requireth. To my parishe churche iijs. iiij*d.* To the high awter of the same xx*d.* To Alhallow brig iijs. iiij*d.* To Howton churche xij*d.* To Owresby churche xij*d.* To Wyngall iiij*d.* To Kelsey marie church xij*d.* To our lady gilde of the same xij*d.* To our lady werke of Lincoln xij*d.* To a prest for to syng for me and my frendes cs. To Isabell Webster, Alyson Nayler, Agnes Smyth, Arthur Snowdon, John Webster, William Browne. To every one of my godchildren viij*d.* To ij of Isabell Webster children. To Robert Atkynson. To Robert Rasyn. All my other goods to be divided in three parties, one parte to discharge my will and to bryng me to the grounde, the seconde parte I gif to Agnes my wif, and the third parte I give to my childern. I will that Agnes my wif have my house and my lande and all that I have bi copyholde and bi convent seale the space of xxti yeres, and then I will that my son entre in the said premises, and in defaulte of my son I will that my daughter have them. I make Agnes my wif my executrice. To Jenett Snowdon. I make William Browne and William Atkynson supervisors. I will that my moder have her house duryng her lif, and aftyr I will it go to my childern. Theis beyng witnesses, Sir Richard Grene, Thom' Draycot, William godeshalve, William Bronton, and Will' Atkynson, with other more.

Proved before D., 12 April, 1523. Adm. granted to the executrix.

[JOHN [*or* GEORGE] NEYLL OF EAST HALTON, A.D. 1523.]

[1506 &c., 67*d.*]

THE TESTAMENT OF GEORGE [*sic*] NELE OF HALTON.

fyrst May, 1523. I John [*sic*] Neyll of Halton upon Humber, etc. To be buryed in the kyrke of Saynct peter of Halton, with my cheff

beste to be in the name of my mortuary. To our lady of Lincoln *vjd.* To our lady werkes *vjd.* To the hye auter in Halton *qwere xijd.* Hyt ys my wyll to have a trentall of messes doone for my sowll after my departyng. To my wyff Annas Neyll my howse in kyllynghom duryng hir lyff, etc. To the kyrke warke of Halton *vjs. viijd.* To the reparation of langmar bryge *ijd.* I ordain William Neyll my son and Thomas Neyll my son to be my executors. The resydewe of my goodes to the pleasure of God and the helth of my sowll and to pay my dettes. Gyven at Holton the day and the yere abowe sayd. Wyttnes, Sir Thomas Ryall the vycar of same, William Dowghty, Henry Dowghty, Edward toyll, Robert Neyll, with many oder moo.

Proved before D., at Lincoln, 13 July, 1523. Adm. granted to the executors.

[SIR THOMAS CROSBY, PRIEST, OF LOUGHBOROUGH, CO. LEICESTER,

A.D. 1523.]

[LYLE, 99.]

THE TESTAMENT OF SIR THOMAS CROSBY, PRIEST, OF LOWGBOROW.]

30 May, 1523. I Sir Thomas Crosby, prest, of lowgborow, be holding the mysere and the wretchynes of this worlde and also the wordes of thys holy man Jobe saing that men born of women ther dayes bene weray schorte in lewing, therffor the drede off dethe cawsys me to mak my testament and my last will, etc. My body to be buried in the Church or churchyarde wher yt schall happen as my executor schall thynk best. I bequieith in the name of my mortuary as use and custome hys. To the hee awlter of the same churche *iiijd.* To the Cathederall church of lyncoln *iiijd.* To the church of lowghborow *vjs. viijd.* To the gylde of Jh'u, and sancte george gylde, lowghborow, *xls.* To the abbott and cowentt of Garodon ffor dirige and messe syngyng ffor my soull *xs.* To the prior of woluescrofte and hys Cowentt syngigen dirige and messe *xs.* To my lady *gracia dei* and hur Cowent saing placebo and dirige and messe *xs.* To my lady of langley and hur Cowent such lyke *xs.* To a honest prest saying ffor my soull my ffathers my mothers and my brethern, my systurs and all chrystyn souls, the space of *iiij zeres*, and every zere to haufe to hys stypownd the sowme of *vl.* to dow yt with *xxl.* The resydew of all my goodes I bequeth ytt to my brother John Crosby aftur hee haith broght me to the grownd and hayfe the suffragys of the holy churgehe, thatt hys to say, my buryall day, my vij day, and my zere daye, wich John Crosby I mak myne executor, praing him to ffulffyll this my last wyll, and he and his wife and god doghter anna and hys doghter to tak the resydew with out any charge. Theis beynge wytnes, sir Thomas Regmeyden, sir nicholas Coke, sir John Taylor, wythe other moo.

[No probate act.]

[CHRISTOPHER MARKBY OF HUTTOFT, A.D. 1523.]

[1506 &c., 77d.]

THE TESTAMENT OF CHRISTOPHER MARKBY.

16 June, 1523. I Christopher Markby of Hotoft, etc. My body to be buryed in the churcheyard of Hotoft. My mortuary after the



lawdable custume of the parishe, etc. To our lady of Lincoln xij*d.* To saynt margaret church of Hotoft xij*d.* To the vicare of Hotoft a shepe.

This is the last will of my landez and tenementes lying in Hotoft, with the appurtenance, callet Morfite howse. I will that the said messuage with xvij acre landes remayn to William my son and Elizabeth his wiff and the eyrez of ther ij bodyes and iff Elizabeth overlyff William, then she to have it the terme of her lyff; and iff the said Elizabeth, William and ther eyris decease withoute issue of ther bodyes, then I will that Henry my son have it to hym and his eyris; and he or who that dothe injoye the said landez to kepe a yerly obite and a yerday for the sawllez of me, my father and mother and all our benefactors in the church of Hotoft to the sume of xiiij*d.* yerly, wheroff the vicare at the tyme being shall have jd. for oblation, iiij*d.* for placebo and dirige with masse, and the ringhars with pore people to have yerly ix*d.*, etc. I make my executors Sir Thomas Markby vicare of Hotoft, and William Markby my son. Wittenesse, Sir John Drax priest, William West and Roger landes of Hotoft.

Proved before D., at Mabilthorp, 8 June, 1524. Adm. granted to the executors.

[RICHARD MYTTON OF WESTBOROUGH, A.D. 1523.]

[1506 &c., 75*d.*]

THE TESTAMENT OF RICHARD MITTON.

Dated 20 June, 1523. I Richard Mytton of Westbrowghte, etc. My body to be buryed in the church of all halows in Westbrughte afor saynt sonday or saynt katryn in the southe yle. I beqwethe for my mortuary and for my forgotten tythes the best beyst that I have. To the hye awlter xij*d.* To our mother church of lincoln xij*d.* To Westbroughte church wher my body shall lye vjs. viij*d.* To Dodyngton chaple xx*d.* To Howtham church viij*d.* To Foston chapell iiij*d.* To Benington church viij*d.* To the freyrs of grantham and to the other iij orders at Lincoln to every of them a stryke of whett and an other of barly. I bequethe that a honest priest shall syng a yere for me and my wiff and all my good frynde3 by the my mynd [*sic*] and putyng in of my son Sir Stephyn. To every one of my children a beyst at the distribution of my executors of this condytion that thei be content with all; yff not, yff any of them be not content or make any travys or busynes, thei to have nothyng at all for I have geven to them all as myche as my power will extend. To Isabell my doughter to her mariage x marke. I will that John my son after the dycease of me shall my indenture [*sic*] and the yers of my ferme to hym and his assyngers, or els to be at the assyngment of myne executors. I will that who that hathe my howse in Westbroughte shall fynd yerly a obett and a serge of wax at the sepulture of ijl., and the ij priestez to have at the obett ether of them bothe iiij*d.* valure to be spent at the obett, and of the tapyre of wax ijs. viij*d.* I will that my childrens children shall have every on of them a shepe and every on of my god chyldren iiij*d.*, or els a stryke of barly. The resydue of my gode3 I gyff to my wiff and my sone Sir Stephen and my sone Richard, whome I make my executors. I will that non of my children

withdraw any parte of my godez without the mynd and consent of my sone Sir Stephen, whome I will to se my testament fulfilled, and he and his brother richard to have ether of them xls. Hiis testibz Sir Stephan Howlott vicar rector bothe, Sir Robert Hunt, Roger kyghley.

Proved before D., at Lincoln, 13 Feb., 1523. Adm. granted to the executors.

[JOHN GELL OF TOYNTON ALL SAINTS, A.D. 1523.]

[1506 &c., 68d.]

THE TESTAMENT OF JOHN GELLE OF TOYNTON.

10 July, 1523. I John gell of ouer toynton, etc. To be buried in the churche porche at the south dore of alhallowse of ouer Toynton, and my mortuary that the law requireth. To our ladies werke of lincoln xxd. To St. Hugh of Lincoln vjd. To the Awstyn freres of lincoln at the north ende xijd. To our lady of the chapell of the see xijd. To the iiij ordres of ffreres in boston every ordre xxd. To the awter of ouer toynton for forgotten tithes xs. To fyve commen lightes of the forsaid kyrke xxd. I will that Isabell my wif have paid bi the handes of myne executours lxxvs. viiijd. that she may dispose it for the wele of my soule at her owne will. I will that Isabell my wif have the kepyng of ij hernest gyrdelles the terme of her lif; then I will that Isabell my doughter have the better and Alice my doughter the warse. To every godchilde that I have one shepe or xvjd. To Alyson Alcock and eche of her children. To Elizabeth Marley, and eche of her children a shepe. To Richard Alcock a cowe or xs. in money, and iche of his children a shepe. To Anthony Goot. To Sir Robert Walker. To Thomas bruster, and eche of his children. I wyt to John ffulstow my godson. To Thomas ffulstow. To Libeus Richardson. To John stirkerd all my nettes and tanynges and ij botes, one gret and one smale, of the best that he wil chese, also in money xls. To his iij sisters eche of them xs. To Robert Hekyngton a couple of oxen, etc., and xiijs. iiijd. To Jenet Ryke a cow or xs. and eche of her children a shepe. To John kytloke the elder xs. To John kytloke the yonger xs. To Thomas kytloke my best gowne, my whyt geldyng and xxs. To Richard kippas ij calves that I bought of William purrell, and my marble gowne; this I set hym bisides his wages. To John Thomson a bot that Robert streker had beside his wages. To Jenet Cowper, Jenet goodale, Isabell knyght, Jenet purrell, old Hudson wif, Sponner wif, William Thomson wif, John Sleaford wif. I will that Myntyng have ijs. To John Streker the elder. To William purrell. I will that all my bras, pewter, pannes, dishes and all myne inward stuf that was myne owne unset to my wif remayne to Isabell and Alice my daughters, and I will that either of them have a gowne, the best that was ther moders. I will that Isabell have a payre of whit ambre bedes that was her moders. The residue of all my goodes I gyve to libeus alcocke, Thomas Whityng of Irby and John Taylour of Esterkele, whom I make executors. I will that Mr. John litlebury be supervisour. Thies Witnes, Syr Robert long, sir Robert Walker, prestes, William Sandes of Hagworthingham, and William favell with many other.

## THE LAST WILL OF THE SAME DECEASED.

This is the last will of John gelle, made the xth day of Julie in the yere abovesaid. I will that all my landes and tenements within the townes and feldes of Toynton, Esterkell, Hundilby, Spillesby and Halton remayne to suche uses as herafter foloweth. I will that Isabell my wif have the house the whiche I bought of Thomas bruster with the crofte, if so be she be unmarried, to have it the terme of her lif. I will that my obit be keped yerly my faders and my moders ever lastyng, and that to be taken of the crofte in Spillesby in the north feld alitill ffrom the cony hill, and for to take every yere off the forsaid crofte to thei kepinge off thei forsaid obytt vs., and it to be keped in Spillesby churche bi thei master and his brether, and it to be disposed equalye to prestys and clarkys as fare as it will last be myne executors or there heres. I will that William purrell and his wiffe have there harborre in a house in the west layn called Isabell house thei terme off bothe there livies, and after there deceste to Isabell and Alice my daughters. I will that all my other landys for to remayn in the handys off myn executors to the some off xxxij*l.* be leveytt to synge yerely thre trentalles, on for to be taken off a house and the crofte that John Tothe dwellys in for William gell and Isabell his wiffe, and that I will that Syr John croke synge wher he will, and yt to be payd bi the handys off John Tothe bi the sight off myn executors. I will that after thei sayde some off xxxij*l.* be leveytt all my landys in every place afore rehersed remayn to Isabell and alicie my daughters betwixt them, to them and to the heres off theyr bodyes, and iff it happen ether off them to dye without heres off ther body, then I will thei on to be the other here. If bothe dye, then the landys to be sold by my executors and my feofees and for to paye off thei money recevyd xl. for to make in *over* toynton churche ij tabernacules, on to our lady off Grace and thei other to ower lady of petye. I will that the have a prest on yere to singe for my soull and my faders and moders and all criston soulys yff my children dye without heres off ther boydyes. Theis wytnes, Sir Robert longe prest, and many other, as ys above wrytton in thei testament.

Proved before D., at Lincoln, 3 Oct., 1523. Adm. granted to the executors, etc.

[HENRY GOYTTE OF SUTTON IN THE MARSH, A.D., 1523.]

[1506 &c., 67*d.*]

## THE TESTAMENT OF HENRY GOT OF SUTTON.

17 July, 1523. I Henry goytte of Sotton, etc. To be buried in the kyrk of Sayntt Clement of Sutton with the best beyst that I have in the name of my mortuare. To Jenytt my wyff lx schepe, etc. To my son Rycharde x schepe, etc. To my son John vj schepe with the howse that he wonnys in. To Water my son xxx schepe, etc. To Elles my son xxx schepe, etc. To William my son xxx schepe and his ffad' chyst; also a crofte of iiij acre; also I wyll that elles and William be oder are to they cum att full age. To my dowghters Alyson, Elyn and elsabethe. To Annes Cowper. To my godson Henry off gotte ij schepe, and to all my god chyldern iiij*d.* each. To the hye awter of Sutton iiij*d.*

To Saynct Clement a schepe. To our lady gyld a schepe, also the sepulcar a schepe. To our lady wark of lyncoln viij*d.* To our lady of wyllyngham viij*d.* I bequeth a trentall to be sayd for my sowll, and half a trentall for the sowll of my brother Rychard, and also another for myself, and yf the goodes may bere hytt; also I bequethe to my gostely ffather xx*d.* The resydewe of my goodes I will that Rychard Agoot my son and Rychard atkyn hafe to dyspose for the helthe of my sowlle, and Sir Robert Jolyff to be the supervysour, and ych on of them to halve for ther labour iijs. iiij*d.* Wyttnes, Thomas qwythe, Jon Jonsun, Jon Hundylby, Thomas Akyrke, Robert godderd, Rychard Jacson, with many oder.

Proved before D., at Lincoln, 26 July, 1523. Adm. granted to the executors.

[ROBERT JOLIF OF TRUSTHORPE, A.D. 1523.]

[1543-56, 67*d.*]

ROBERT JOLIF.

16 October, 1523. I Roberte Jolif of Thursthorp, in a pure and hole mynde, unconstrayned, mak' this my last will, etc. My bodie to be buried with in the churche of our blessed ladie in Hornecastle, if that I departe there, in gevinge that thinge that the Lawe will require of right to my mortuarie. To oure Ladie of Lincoln vjs. viij*d.* and to our ladie warke of the same churche iijs. iiij*d.* To everie one of the iiij orders of ffreers with in Lincoln xxxiijs. iiij*d.*, to the some of vjl. xiijs. iiij*d.*, so that all the priestes of the saide iiij orders of freers with in Lincoln singe masse for me, and the fyve nobles to be distribute emonges theim. Item in like manner to everie order of ffreers with in Boston as muche in the same manner to prairie for me as is aforesaid. To the ij houses of ffreers with in Grymesbie iijl. vjs. viij*d.* in like manner as is aforesaid. To the churche warke of Thursthorp iijs. iiij*d.* To Suttonne churche ijs. To all hallowes churche of Thedelthorp xxs. To sainte helenes church in Thedelthorp vjs. viij*d.* To Hotofte churche vjs. viij*d.* To everie one of my god children xx*d.* To Sir Roberte Bere of Hornecastle iijs. iiij*d.* I will that myn exequutors finde a priest at scole at the universitie of oxford by the space of iij yeres, gevinge him yerelie the same iij yeres viij marke. I will that a priest shall singe for me thereas I shalbe buried the space of one hole yere, havinge for his labor viij marke. To my sister Jenett Whitehead xxs. To Robert Whitehead her sonne xs. To William Bywater and his wief to ether of them xs. I will that whether I lyve or die that the said William have delivered his obligacion that he is bound to me. I will that there be dealte at the daie of my buriiall unto everie one that comes, to be distribute amonges theim, x markes and, if more shall require, more by the sight of myn exequutors, I will that everie priest that comes to my buriiall and saies dirige and masse have v*d.* I will that there be distribute at my yere daie to pore men in the towne vjs. viij*d.*, and to everie prist that comes v*d.* Item to sancte katherines gilde in Hornecastle vjs. viij*d.* To Alison Smythe in Thursthorp vjs. viij*d.* To Jenett Smythe her daughter xs. To Elizabeth Peper my servaunte xxs., and a yeringe quie calf. The residue of my goodes I give to Johnne Smythe of Thursthorp, William Bywater

of Hornecastle, and to Sir Thomas Wyngoode of sainte Parnelles in the parishe of Thursthorpe, whome I ordeine exequutors, and thei to dispose theim as thei shall thincke most necessarie for the healthe and weale of my soule ; and Mr. George Fitzwilliam the supervisor. Witnes of this, Sir Roberte Adsonne of Hornecastle, Sir Roberte Bere of the same, priestes, William paslaie, Rauffe Chaner of the same, with other mo.

I will that Walter Scottreth and theires of his bodie to have and enjoye after my decess iiij. out of my land in Thursthorp yerelie for ever as it appeareth by a taill indented. I will that said taill be delivered to the churchwardens of Suttonne to suche tyme as the heires come to lauffull age and not to be delivered to the said Walter Scottreth.

Proved before D., in the parish church of Fulletbie, 7 Nov., 1523. Adm. granted to the executors.

[LAWRENCE DELFF OF HOLBEACH, A.D. 1523.]

[1520-31, II.]

THE TESTAMENT OF LAURENCE DELFF OF HOLBECH.

31 December, 1523. I Laurenc Delff makes my testament and last will, etc. To be buryed in the churchyard off Holbeche. To the hye awter for tithes forgotten *xijd.* To the altar of the blessed marie *xvjd.* To the altar of the trinity *vijjd.* To the awter off saynt James *vijjd.* To every other auter in the same churche *ijjd.* To the light off saynt laurence *j li' wax.* To the light off the rode loft *vjd.* To the reparacion off the churche *iijs. iiijd.* To the warke off our moder churche off lincoln *ijjd.* To the orphans at sant kateryns *ijd.*

This is the last will of me lawrence Delffe, the yere and monethe a bove writton. To Kateryn my wiff my hows I dwell in withe *vj* acre off pasture lande and a pyngull, payinge the cheffe rent to my lord off croyland. To Richard my sonne *iiij* Rodes in stokwilgate, *iiij* acre pastur lyinge in daingate, *j* cotage with *j* acre and halffe lying in holbeche bitwixt the lande off the prior off tefforth off the est and agnes tegoys off the west, *iiij* acre arable land lyinge in badillffeld, I giffe to hym and to his heres off his body, and iff he dy without ishew I will it go to the right heres of the wymers. I will myn executors shall buyld a howse at my forsaid cotage off *iiij* bays and in on bay will have a howse off *xiiij* fote and a kechyn and a loft and in the loft a bede for pore pepull and for *ij* persons to loge in for on nyght : I will this shalbe donne off my guddes, and yff my guddes wilnott extende, I will myn executors have my landes to tyme my wyll be ffulfilled. And this ffulfilled I will that Richard my sonne have my lande above to hym bequethed to kepe my obett I ame wont to kepe off the same lande, and to offer *ix* masse pennys, and to kepe up this almys howse. And iff he dy without heyr or heres, I will this forsaid cotage with the acre land and halffe and almys howse and *iiij* acre in daingate and *iiij* rodes in stokwillgate go to the handes off the churche wardyns off holbeche churche for they tyme beyng and off the vicar off the towne to kepe solely with dirige and masse an obytt of *vs.*, and to offer *ix* masse pens, and to kepe up the almys howse and reparacions off the cotage and litill hows. And the residew to be distribute to pore pepull in the churche the day off my obytt. The Residew off my howsold stuff I giffe to kateryn my wiffe,

etc. To Margaret my dawghter. To Jenitt sewill. To Robert baytman. The residew off my guddes I will myne executors shall have to the performance off my will, etc., whom I make Richard cramper and Richard Delff, and to Richarde cramper I giffe vjs. viij*d.*, and to my sone the residew off my guddes, my will fulfilled. I orden Richard gibson supervisor, to whome I giffe vjs. viij*d.* To Mr. vicar off holbeche to pray for me ijs. iiij*d.* Wytnes hereoff, Richarde gibson, John Lesse, John peper, Richard Jakson, withe other.

Proved before P., at Spaldinge, 23 Jan., 1524. Adm. granted to the executors.

[JOHN GARAD OF BICKER, A.D. 1523.]

[1506 &c., 71. *The first section is translated from the Latin.*]

THE TESTAMENT OF JOHN GARARD OF BIKER.

18 January, 1523. I John Garad of Bikar, etc. My body to be buried in the churchyard of St. Swithun of Bikar. I bequeath in the name of my mortuary as the custom of the said church is. To the high altar there for my tithes and oblations forgotten iiij*d.* To the altar of St. Mary there iiij*d.* To the altars of St. Leonard and St. Nicholas ij*d.* each. To the gilds of the said church ij*d.* each. To the maintenance and reparation of the said church xiij*d.* To the reparation of the bells there ijs. To the work of the mother church of Lincoln iiij*d.* To the orphans of St. Katherine without the walls of Lincoln ij*d.* To Agnes my wife all my household utensils, etc. I will that Thomas Browne and Marion my daughter have the government of the said Agnes and all her goods, as afterwards in my will more plainly appears. The residue of my goods I give to Thomas Browne my son, whom I make executor to dispose for the health of my soul with the counsel and help of Thomas Brown of Swyneshed, whom I make supervisor of this my testament with my last will, and I bequeath him ijs. iiij*d.* Witnesses, William Jakson son of Nicholas, William Benytt, Richard looke, Richard Diconson Robert Grene, with many others.

This is the last will off me John garred off Bikar, maide ther the day and yere abovesaid. I will that agnes my wiffe have my mansion wiche I dwell in withe mylne and kylne and iij Rode off lande at cote grene, halff an acr' hempe land on the hows, and my greitt toft for the terme off hyr liffe; remaynder unto Thomas browne and to marion my daughter and to the heres off there ij bodyes lawfully brought fforthe. And incontinent after my decesse I will on Rode lande in hors holm, on acr' and halffe lying in Wigtoft ffield, on rode off hemp land on the hows, and on acr' in ennold holme, halffe an acr' in the Estfeld nygh the land lately off John Alwoord, and iij rode nyghe the marshe, wiche I purchesed off Richard garrad my broder, remayn to Marion my daughter and to the heres off hyr body, and my vij pecys off ynge in like estate. And iff it happen the said Marion to dye without heres off hyr body lawfully begotten Thomas browne beyng on liffe lyving he for to have for the terme off his liffe all the forsaid premises. And after the decesse off the said Thomas brown, non heyres beyng on liffe lyvyng off the forsaid marion my daughter off hyr body, then I will that the forsaid mancion, the iij Rodes lande at coytt grene, halffe an acr' hemp land at the hows

remayn to the next off my blode and to there heres for ever. And also I will that the other lands aforesaid be sold be my feoffers, And the money therfore taken to be disposed in dedys off charyte and almys where most neid is within the towne off Bikar or ellys where ffor the well off my saull and the saulys off all our gud ffreundes. Also I wyll that thomas browne and marion my daughter have the ordringe and governance off Agnes my wiffe and hyr guddes to fynde hyr honestly on in as muche as hyr discretion is nott sufficient to govern it. And after hyr deceesse I will hyr guddes remaine unto the said thomas and marion the terme off ether off there liffys, And after there deceesse to be evynly devyded emonges there childer. Thies wytnes, William Jakson the sonne of Nicholas, William Benett, Richard looke, Richard Diconson, Robert grene, Richard Tyler, withe other moo.

Proved before D., at Swyneshed, 8 April, 1524. Adm. granted to the executors.

[JOHN LEVYS OF PINCHBECK, A.D. 1523.]

[1520-31, 141d.]

THE TESTAMENT OF JO' LEVIS.

8 March, 1523. I John levys of pynchbek, etc. I will that Joha<sup>n</sup> my wyff have the house that I dwell in, so that she kepe it in reparacion, and all my landes bothe fre and bonde lying with in the parysh of pynchbek the terme of her lyff; and aftyr hyr decease I will the sayd house and all my copy holde lande remane to John my sone and to hys heyres of hys body; remainder in succession to Robert, Symon and Thomas my sons and helyn my daughter and to the heyres off their bodies; remainder to the next off my blode in taylor. To Robert my sone iiij acres off lande callyd cappys medowe to hym and to hys assignes. To John my sone my plough and carte with all the gerys aftyr the decease of hys mother. The resydue of my goodes qwyk and ded I wil that Jone my wyff have theym, whome I make my executryx to bryng up my chyldren and hers. Wyttnesses, sir phylip whytebrede, Robert Tylson, John gawnte, John pat' with other.

Proved at Spaldyng, 30 Jan., 1528. Adm. granted, etc.

[WILLIAM JAKSON OF BICKER, A.D. 1523.]

[1506 &c., 71d. *The first section is translated from the Latin.*]

THE TESTAMENT OF WILLIAM JAKSON OF BIKER.

16 March, 1523. I William Jakson of Biker, etc. My body to be buried in the churchyard of St. Swithin of Biker, with my best animal for my mortuary. To the high altar there for tithes and oblations forgotten xij*d.* To the altar of St. Mary there iiij*d.* To the altar of St. Nicholas there iiij*d.* To the altar of St. Leonard there ij*d.* To the maintenance of the said church, vjs. viij*d.* To the mother church of Lincoln v*d.* To the pupils and orphans of the house of St. Catherine without the walls of Lincoln iiij*d.*

THE LAST WILL OF THE SAID DECEASED.

This is my last will: To Margaret my wif and Nicolas my sone my

howse that I dowelle in, and all my landes, medowes and mareses in biker together during the lif of the said Margaret; and after her decease I will half an acr' land leyng in the este feld abbuttyng in cely tofte flete remayne un to Thomas my son in fee simple; the other landes, medowes and mareses with my howse to remayne holy un to Nicholas in like estate. To Nicholas my son iij kye, too horses, ij mayres, ij mayres of his owne, etc. To William, Thomas and Robert my sons every one of theym v marks, and to Margaret and Alys my daughters either of them xxvjs. viij*d.*; and this money to be delyvered to every one lvyng to the age of xvj yeres. If any of theym die within the said age I will the remaynt to be equally devided among theym lyeveing. The residue of my goodes I give un to Margaret my wif, and I make her and Nicholas my sone executors. I make Mr. John litylbury supervisour, to whom I give xiijs. iiij*d.* Thies witnesses, Syr Robert Johnson, Robert Tod, John Jakson, with Richard Leek, with other mooe.

Before D., at Lincoln, 22 April, 1524, appeared personally Nicholas Jakson, son and executor of the deceased, and exhibited as well the testament aforesaid as the testament of Margaret his mother, and was admitted to the execution of the same testaments.

[RICHARD RUMFORTHE OF FREISTON, A.D. 1523.]

[1506 &c., 74*d.*]

THE TESTAMENT OF RICHARD RUMFORTHE.

18 March, 1523. I Richard Rumforthe of Freston make this my testamente Concludyng therin my last will, etc. To be buried in the church of Saynt James of Freston. To my mortuary after the custome of the towne of Freston. To saynt James in Freston xij*d.* To the sacrament for tithes forgotten ijs. iiij*d.* To our lady of Lincoln viij*d.* To saynt katerine of Lincoln children iiij*d.* To our lady of grace in the hye quere of freston a pound of waxe. To our lady of pety a quarterne of wax. To the roode abowe her a quarterne of wax. To saynte sythe a candle of di' a pound. To saynt Johns light iiij*d.* To our lady of Walsyngham iiij*d.* To our lady of dankaster iiij*d.* To my lady Coplydyke xxs. that remaynythe in the handez of John Poye of Hornecastyll. [*A long disposition of household stuff follows.*] To Jenett and Alys my daughters. To Agnes my wife, a house in Cathrope with the appurtenance in fee symple; also half the rent of my landez that I have in morgge of George Sybsa unto the fyndyng of Alys my daughter, and if so be that she fynd her not honestly I will that she and the forsaid landez remayne in the handez of my executors or ther assyngers. To Alis my daughter *vl.* at the day of her mariage. To Robert my son iiij acre land in Haltoft bowndes of the lordes rosse of the sowthe, An acre by sandgate side, on acre in Robert Lawys pasture, on acre that John Lawys hath buttes of Mr. Sutton, on acre bought of Robert Rumforthe of Bronthrope, and ij acre in cadcroft and ij acre of yng. I gyff to Richard my son an acre lying in owithowesseld', half an acre in zedytoft, and half an acre a litle froo the owte howes, ij acre [*folio 75*] and half a litle froo barna pittes, and half a acre under the sedykes, ij acre that was John Kykbys [*sic*] in newdyke, on acre and a di' in powler, on acre that I bought of Richard Robyn' lying in shorte furlonges, on



acre at monges croeft end, ij acre and di' at rostdyke, on acre in Sandall, ij stong in straungdyk'; and if thei dye within age the on to be the others eyre; and iff thei lyff to thei be xxj yere of age thei to have ther landez in fee symple. I will my wiff have the rentes of the landez of Richard my son the space of vj yeres after the date aforsayd hon [sic] to fynd hyme honestly, etc. To Robert and Richard my sons viij marke each to bye them a stoke at the age of xxj yers. To Jenet my daughter all the landez and coplez that came by her mother, ij zowys, etc. To Alys my daughter ij kye, and xx shepe or the wull of them, and she to be paid in state of mariage, etc. To Elyn and Margaret my susters. To Elyn the howse that she dwellys in the terme of her lyff and after her dethe to remeyne to the next of the blode. To John Cokson, William Wright, and Robert Tarbut, and his daughter. To yche on of my frendez. To the iiij orders of freres of Buston yche of them halfe a seam of barley. I will that a prest syng for me a yere in Freston Church. To Mr. Vicar of Freston xs. To Sir Thomas Picto iijs. iiij*d.*, etc. The resydue of my goodez I put to the dispocicion of my executors, Syr Robert Kyrkby vicar of Butterwike, and Robert Rumforth my son, thei ij to be executors, and Syr Robert Kyrkby vicar to have for his labour xxs., by the oversight of Sir John Whetholme parson, whom I make supervisor. Thes beyng wittenesse, Mr. William Smithe vicare of Freston, John Rumforthe, Richard Pishe, with other moo, etc.

Proved before D., at Lincoln, 17 May, 1524. Adm. granted to the executors.

[JOHN CHILTON OF LUTTON IN SUTTON, A.D. 1523.]

[1506 &c., 73*d.*]

THE TESTAMENT OF JOHN CHILTON OF GEDNEY.

20 March, 1523. I John Chilton of Lutton in Sutton in Holand, etc. To be buried in the queyr off Saynt Peter within the church of Lutton. For my mortuarye as custom is, etc. To the prior of Castillaer' for tithes forgotten xij*d.* To the vicar of Sutton xij*d.* To our lady wark in Lincoln xij*d.* To the childer of Saynt katernys iiij*d.* To every light in Lutton church ij*d.* To the gild off saynt peters there xij*d.* To our ladys gild in Sutton vjs. viij*d.* To the gildinge of the Rode loft in lutton xxs. Where I have surrendered into the hands of William Noode of Lutton xiiij acre lande lyeinge at Gedney crosse, I will that the said William Node surrender the said landes into the lordes handes to the use of myne executors for the performans of this my will, that is to say, that my executors with the yerely profittes coming of the same shall cause a yerely obytt to be kept in the church off saynt nicolas off Lutton, and that thei shall expende at the same day of the said obitt amonges prestes, clarkes, Ringynge off the belles and other seremonez to be done there, with a combe off wheyt yerely to be baken and deale amonges pepull off the parishe, so off the aforwritton charges to be expended xs., and the residew off the yerely rents coming off the landes I will shall be paid yerely to the handes off the church wardyns there for the time being toward the reparations of the said church. I will that when as my executors die to the number of one that he that shall survive make surrender thereof to the use of vj persons off Lutton to

thentent that the withe the same profittes shall do like charges, and to contynew bi the wey off surrender for evermore for the kontynewance off the said obytt. If it fortune that *William Williamson* forfeit and make default off payment for the house and vij acr' off land in Lutton that they bought opon me, I will that mine executors reentre into and so make sayll of the premises and dispose the money in charitable works and reparacions of the said church. I will that xj acres land called Belles medow be sold by my executors and the money bestowed to the best profett in the hye wey betwixt the chapell off the holy trinite in Sutton and the chapell off saynt thomas in gedney where most neide shalbe seyn. I will that Anne Chilton my wife have the sum of money as dothe appear bi obligacion in my house and landes as dothe appere by cotype in Sutton and Lutton. To Mawde Chilton on bulloke. To *Margarett fowler*. To *Mathew*. To *Robert* my servaunt. To *Peter*. To *Richard folkes*, *John May*, *John Abrey*, *Richard Clarke*, and *William Jakson*. To the iiij orders off freers in lynne every on xs. to be devyded emonges the convent. To the iiij orders off freers in Boston every one xs. to be devyded emonges the convent. To *Henry blanke*. The residue of my goods I putto the disposicion off *Thomas tyde* and *Roger cony*, whom I make my executors to sell my guddys to fulfill my legacies, etc., and the rest of such money I will it be songe and celebrat for bi on able prest at the awter off saynt *peter* within the said church off Lutton. I make *Mr. Anthonye Irby* supervisor. The afore wytton xiiij acr' and xj acr' land to be surrendered into the hands of *William Nodd*. Theis *Wytnes*, *Sir John Warner*, *Thom' Taylard*, *John Loueden*, *John crane*, *Thomas blanke*, *William parke*, *Roger steilton*, *William thaker*, *Thomas pott*, and *William Bakhowse* with other moo.

Proved before D., at Lincoln, 29 April, 1524. Adm. to *Thomas Tide* and *Roger cony*, executors, power being reserved to grant to *Laurence Roberson*, etc. Afterwards it was found by process that he is not an executor named by the deceased, but is repelled by the executors, etc.

[JOHN BRONDE OF FRAMPTON, A.D. 1524.]

[1506 &c., 70.]

THE TESTAMENT OF JOHN BRONDE OF FRAMPTON.

27 March, 1524. I *John Bronde* of *Frampton*, etc. To be buried in the church off our lady off *Frampton*, and my best beyst to be my mortuarye after the custome off the towne. To the hye awter off *Frampton* for tythes forgotton vjd. To every awter in the said church iiijd. To the belles iiijd. To the church warke xxd. To the torches vjd. To our moder church off *lincoln* vjd. To the moderlesse chylder at saynt *kateryns* ijd. To our ladyes gild off *Frampton* xs. For a trentall to be songe in the church off *Frampton* xs.

THE LAST WILL OF THE DECEASED.

This is the last will of the said *John Bronde*, the day and yere abovesaid. To *Jenytt* my wiffe my house that I dwell in withe the purtenaunce the terme off *hyr liffe*, and aftyr *hyr decesse* I will it remayn to *thomas bronde* my sonne and to his heres off his body ; yff the saide

Thomas dye without suche heres then I will the said house be sold bi the sight off thomas bronde my broder, John cony, John Tonherd and William Jenyson, and disposyd in the churche of Frampton bi the sight off the said mene as the thinke most expedient for the helthe off my saull, that is to wytt, parte to our ladys gild off Frampton and the other parte to the churche reparacion. To thomas bronde my sonne a howse lyinge at Frampton Crosse in fee symple. To Jenytt my wiffe. I will that my howsold stuffe be equally shiftyd bitwyne Jenytt my wiffe and thomas bronde my sonne. I will that eche off my godchilder as well within the towne as withtout have *iiijd.* To John Tounherd, george carleton, John Androwe, Thomas Fowle, Jamys haryson. The residew off my guddes I giffe to Jenytt my wiffe and Thomas my sonne, whom I make myne executors, and Thomas bronde my broder to be super-visore. Wytnes hereoff, sir John hosburnby, Thom' bronde, Will' Jenyson, John Tounherd, and Richard gryndy.

Proved before D., at Swyneshed, 8 April, 1524. Adm. granted to the executors.

[ELIZABETH ABRAHAM OF SUTTERTON, WIDOW, A.D. 1524.]

[1506 &c., 69d.]

THE TESTAMENT OF ELIZABETH ABRAHAM OF SUTTERTON.

I April, 1524. I Elizabeth Abraham widow off Sutterton, etc. To be buryed by my husband Robert Abraham within the churche off our lady in Sutterton, and my mortuary after the costom off the towne. To our lady warke in lincoln *iiijd.* To the orphans at saynt katernys withtout the walles there *iiijd.* To the hye awter off Sutterton ffor tythes fforgotton *viiijd.* To saynt nicholas awter *iiijd.* To the other ij awters there to ether off theme *ijd.* To the churchewarke there *ijs.* To every light ther cownptable *ijd.* To John Percy on lambe. To Richard oyster on yow. To every godchild that I have *iiijd.* To the wiffe off John ordyng off kirton my best bedys. To William ovyster my godchild on acr' lande called gibbon land the wiche Robert Abraham my husband gaffe me bi his last will, to hym his heres and assignes. To the said Will' owyster on mancion withe the purtenaunce as it lyes, the wiche I bought lately off henry Percy off Sutterton, the terme off his liffe, And after his deceesse I will that Richard owyster his sonne and my godsonne have the mansion as it lies bi the heges, and John owyster his brother the elder the lathe withe the purtenaunce as it lies bi the dykes and the hegges. And I will that iff the forsaid Richard deceesse within lawffull age that his parte off the mancion withe the purtenaunce as it lies remayn to John owyster the elder his broder. And iff John owyster deceesse within lawffull age I will that the mancion withe the purtenaunce as it liethe, the lathe with the purtenaunce as it liethe, remayn to the township and churchemasters off Sutterton to be sold, and the money theroff to be dispd within the said parishe and parishe churche in prestes singyng and other charytable warkes ffor my saull, the saull off Robert Abraham my husband, my parentes, benefactors and all criston saullys. The residew off my other guddes I giffe to william owyster my godchild, whome I orden executor to bryng me forthe in funeral expenses, etc., and to dispose for the helthe of my saull and all criston

saulles as he thinkes most best to plesse god and most profytt for my saull. And I will that John Ordynge off kyrton be the supervysor. Theys beyng wytnes, Sir John wright parishe priest there, Henry Percy, John Alyn off Sutterton, withe many other moo.

Proved before D., at Swyneshed, 8 April, 1524.

[MARGARET JAKSON OF BICKER, WIDOW, A.D., 1524.]

[1506 &c., 72.]

THE TESTAMENT OF MARGARETE JAKSON OF BIKER, WIDOW, ETC.

7 April, 1524. I Margaret Jakson of Byker, late the wyf of William Jakson of the same make my testament and last will, etc. To be buried in the cherche yerd of saynt Swythin of Biker. For my mortuary my best beste. To the high awter for tithes forgotten iiij*d*. To our ladies awter ther iiij*d*. To St. Nicholas awter ther ij*d*. To the church werke of Byker for the vjs. viij*d*. that my husband gave and of my devotion bothe a cowe. To the reparacion of the chapell in the said church yerde one cowe. To our mother church of lincoln vj*d*. To the faderly children of st. Catheryns with out the yates of lincoln iiij*d*.

THE LAST WILL OF THE SAID DECEASED.

This is my last will : To Nicholas my sone xx ewes and xx lambes. To John Ranson, Agnes Ranson, Agnes castell, John Jakson my brother sone, and John Raynoldson. I will xxx off my best weders be sold to performe my husbandes will and myne. I will x off the best weders be taken out to be slayn and disposed for my husband and me. To William, Thomas, Robert, Margaret and alys my childern. To Nicolas my sonne my house and my landes sett and lyinge in Swyneshed to hym and hys heres of hys body, and he to giffe to William, Thomas, and Robert my childern, every on them vjs. viij*d*. in recompense of Richmond fee, and to an obytt yerely in bikar, expendinge theron yerely iij*s*. iiij*d*., and iff he dye havng no child on liffe, I will it remayn to the next off my sonnys in like estate, and in likewise frome on to an other off my childern. Iff the all dy withe out heres off there bodys, wiche god forbyd, then I will the said howse and landes remayn to the feoffes off our ladys gild in swyneshed, and the to kepe the obytt, except v stong land lyinge nyghe the trinitey chapell wiche I will to be sold bi the said feoffes to the full valour, and the money so receyed to be delt the more part emonges pore pepull and the other to the mendinge of the church ways that I and my frendes bi whom it come may be prayd for ; and iff any former will or dede can be shewyd lefully where as I may nott lawfully thus giffe it, I will this gift be voyd or elles not to be performed. I will the land, so tyme John Daw land, remayn to nycolas my sonne and to myn other childer after hym, so that he kepe the obytt expendinge theron as it apperithe in the last will off the said John Daw. If all my childern dye without heres off there bodys, it shall remayn to the chauntre prest of Biker, and he to kepe the obytt. To Margaret my daughter my best coverynge, a blankitt, a bolster, ij pillows off the best, a tester withe curtayns Rownd abowitt the bedd, my best gowne, my best kirtill, a violitt reband with silver aglyttes, my bedys, ij belled candilstickes,

ij potygers, a salt off pewter, a peyr off silver hokys, etc. To Alys my doughter ij payr off flaxon shetys, ij payr off harden, a red coverlytt, my whyt bedys, a blake rebon, ij belled candilstikkis, a bord clothe, a towell, my russytt gowne, my blake kirtill, etc. Iff either off my doughters dye unmarried, etc. The residew off my guddes I giffe to Nicholas my sonne and he to fynde Robert and alys my childern mett, drynke and clothes unto thei come to the age off xij yere, and to kepe thomas at scole the space of iij yeris next comynge. I make nicolas my sonne my executor, and master John litleburye supervisor. Witness, sir Robert Jonson preste, thomas browne, John Jakson, Richard Looke, withe other moo dyverse.

Proved before D., at Lincoln, 26 April, 1524. Adm. granted to the executor.

[JOHN KYNG OF MOULTON, A.D. 1524.]

[1506 &c., 78*d.*]

THE TESTAMENT OF JOHN KYNGE.

15 April, 1524. I John Kyng of Multon in Holland, etc. To be buried in the churchyard of molton aforsaid, and my mortuary after the custome of the towne. To the hygh awlter xx*d.* To the lightes xij*d.* To our lady of lincoln viij*d.* To saynt katerins ij*d.* To the light of austyn dyke [man]tyn<sup>1</sup> vjs. viij*d.* To the church werk of molton vjs. viij*d.* To the skasse light ij*d.* To John my son my howse which I dwell in with the landes that longyth to it both free and copy, kepyng the obite expressed in my fathers testament, to hyme and to his eyres of his body; and if he decease with out eyrs, I will that thomas my son have it after the maner befor said; and if he decease with out eyris, I will it remayn to Jone my dought' and her eyris; and if she die with out eyris, I will it remayn to Agnes my dought' and to her eyris; and if she die with out eyris, I will that it be sold by the churchwardens of molton at that tyme beying with the counsell of the curate, and the money therof to fynd a prest to syng for my sowle my frendeꝝ sowleꝝ and all cristen sowles. I will that John my son have my landes at cobett, etc. To John kyng son of Thomas kyng my howse in Weston on the est parte with the landes longyng therto, and the grene with the easment of the stow. I will that he have the groundes at the cony garth and a shepe. To Jone my doughter a boyse of key and a hekforth of ij yere old, iij ewes, iij brasse pottes of the best, and iij pannes, all my lynnyn and pewter not bequethed. To John Nycoll. To Thomas my son a pot, a basyn, a laver and ij pewter dishous. I will that a prest syng for my sowll a quarter of a yere. To the iiij orders at Boston iiij*s.* The resydue of my goodeꝝ shall be at the distributon of Thomas my son and robert nycall, the to pay my dettez and distribute them for my sawle, etc., whome I constitute my executours, thei to have for ther labour vjs. viij*d.* apece. Thes wittnessyng, sir robert lownd, Robert nicoll, thomas kyng, John kyng, and John kyng.

Proved before D., at [blank], 8 June, 1524. Adm. granted to the executors.

<sup>1</sup> The first part of the word has been altered. Perhaps 'maintaining' is intended.

[WILLIAM JONESON or JOHNSON OF THIMBLEBY, A.D. 1524.]

[1506 &c., 79.]

THE TESTAMENT OF W. JOHNSON.

10 May, 1524. I William Joneson of Themylby, etc. To be buried in the church yerd of saynt margaret of themylby with my best thyng to my mortuary as the law requireth. To our lady of lincoln vjd. To the hygh awlter of themylby viijd. To the churches of Edlyngton, Horncastr', Langton, and Wodhall iiijd. apiece. To saynt margaret gyld di' a quart' barly. To the plow gyld a bushell barly. To the sepulcre a bushell barly. To All Haloys lyght a stryke barly. To the wessall lyght of themylby a stryk barly. I will that my daughters Jane and marjery ether of them have j cowe, j yew, etc., when thei shall be maryed. The resydue of all my goodes not willet nor bequethed I giff to Beatrice Johnson my wiff, the which I make my executrix, and Thomas Smith the supervisor.

This is the last will of me William Johnson of themylby as concerning the disposicion of all the landez with the appurtynance in themylby, horncastle and Woodhall. To Jane my daughter all my landez with the appurtenaunce in Hornecastell when she is of the age of xx yeres, and to that tyme I will that Beatrice my wiff have the yerly rent ther of paying and doying the chyff rent and servys, etc. To Jane my daughter iij landez in the est feld of themylby lying upon the hyll, and in the north fylde of themylby a acre rygg that lyeth on the bargh, to her and her eyrez for ever, paying and gyffing to the chyff lords rent and servis, etc. If she dye with out heyris of her body the land in hornecastell and themylby shall holly remayne to margaret my daughter to her and her eyris, etc. To Margaret my daughter on howse in themilby in the howse [sic] of John Westebby with on land in the west fyld buttyng upon Westebby dyke, with iiij landez in the est feld at toft gate, with on land in syge holme, and iiij landez in Wodhall fell, to her and to her eyris for ever, and to enter when she shalbe maryed, etc. If it happen her to dye with out eyris of her body, then I will that land remain holly to Jane my daughter to her and her eyris of her body for ever. The resydue of all my landez with the appurtenaunce I gyff to Beatrice duryng her liffe, and after her decease holly to remain to margaret my daughter and to her eyrez of her body; remainder to Jane my dought' and to her eyris of her body; and if hit happon Jane and Margaret to dye with out eyris of ther bodies, then I will that all my landez in the townes and fylde of themylby hornecastell and Wodhall to be Thomas Smith my supervisor of this my last will or els my ffeffez of my landez, and the one halff of the money therof takyn to be disposed for my sawll, my wiffez and children sawllez and all my good fryndez sawllez, and the resydue to be devided equally in ij partyes, the one parte to be gyffyn to saynt katerns gyld in hornecastell, and the other parte to saynt marget gyld of themilby. Witnesse, Sir Thomas Tornar chapplen, John Johnson, William Whetbred, thomas heypyswell, Robert leddsmith, with other moo.

[No probate act.]

[JOHN GUNE OF PINCHBECK, A.D. 1524.]

[1506 &c., 78.]

THE TESTAMENT OF JOHN GUNE.

12 May, 1524. I Jhoannes Gune of pinchbeke, etc. My body to be buried in the churche of pinchbeke with my mortuary to be offered for the helthe of my sowle as the custom of the said towne shall require. To the hygh awlter in the said church for oblacons and tithes forgotten vjs. viij*d*. To every other awlter in the saide churche xij*d*. To the churche werke of pinchbeke xxs. To the churche werk of lincoln xij*d*. To the children at saint katerins with out Lincoln xij*d*. To a honest prest iiijor marke to syng for my sowle in the churche of pinchebeke one half yer. I will have disposed for my sowle and my buriall day at masse, dirige and to pore folkes xls. I bequethe to alys my wiff ij howses in Bathrow with the appurtenaunce, and one acre and j roode of Arable landes lying in Custam felde for terme of vij yer after my decease; remaynder to roger my son and to his assyngers provided alway that iff roger dye before the terme of vij yere then I will that the said ij howses with the said ij howses [*sic*] be devided betwyx my ij daughters Elyn and Jane, and to ther eyrs of ther bodyes, And iff any of them dye with out eyris I will that the other shall be her eyre, and if yei bothe dye with oute eyris then I will that the said ij howses and the landes be sold and the money ther for takyn I will that a honest prest have it to syng for my sowle and for all x'sten sowles in the churche of pinchbeke. I bequethe to Ales my wiff ij Acreland lying in Custdam felde, called puluertoft land, to her and her assyns. I bequeth to Roger my son all my hors, vjl. in money. To Elyn and Jane my daughters xxti stone weeght weeke and ij neet apiece. The residew of my godez I gyff to Ales my wiff, whom I ordeyn my executrix with the supervision of robert gune and thomas hebartson, and ether of them to have for ther labour xs. Thies wittnesse, sir thomas putterole prest, william salle, John Auerton, x'fer smith, Thomas Garth, with other.

Proved before D., at Whaplod, 8 June, 1524. Adm. granted to the executors.

[RICHARD TONHERD OF FRAMPTON, A.D. 1524.]

[1506 &c., 76.]

THE TESTAMENT OF RICHARD TONHERD.

1 June, 1524. I Richard Tonherd of Frampton, etc. My body to be buried in the churche of our lady of Frampton, and my best thyng to be my mortuary after the custume of the towne. To the hygh awlter of Frampton for tythes forgotten xij*d*. To every awlter in the sayd churche iiij*d*. To the bellys of Frampton xij*d*. To the churche workez of Frampton iijs. iiij*d*. To the churche of peter and pawle of Kyrkton iijs. iiij*d*. To our lady of Lincoln xij*d*. To the fatherlese children of saynt kateryns without the wallys of Lincoln iiij*d*.

This is the last will of me the said Richard Tonherd, made the day and yere abovesayd. To Jenett my wyff my howse that I dwell in with the pertynance the terme of her lyff, and after hyr decease I gyff hit to John Tonherd my son and to his eyrez of his body after the forme

of the last will of John Ward. Also to Jenett my wyff iij stonges of pasture ground the terme of her lyff, the whiche I purchased of Rycharde Jenyson and one pasture called hargattofft, purchased of mawd howson ; remainder in succession to my sons John, Roger and Richard and the eyris male of their bodies ; remainder in succession to the female [*sic*] of my said sonnez as afor in the eyre male. To the sayd Jenytt my wiff ij acre and di' arable land in a feld called long toft, whiche I bought of Thomas Gusse ; and di' an acre that I bought of the eyris of Christopher Browne the terme of her lyff ; remainder to John my son in fee symple. To John my son j acre and iij roode lying at toft gappe, whiche I bought of Edward Howson, in fee symple, under this condicon that he gyff to Jenett his sister at the day of her mariage xls. ; also di' acre copyhold land lying in a feld called shorte toft in fee symple ; and j rygge called waklyng rigge, whiche I bought of John Tonherd my brother, in fee symple. To the aforenamed Jenet my wiff and Roger my son together ij acre arable land lying in Kyrton feld called mydle fene landez, the terme of her lyffe, and after her decease I gyff hit holly to Roger my son. To the same Jenett and Roger iij acre and di' [*folio 76d.*] in Kyrton in a feld called Symon wheer hurne, whiche I bought of the eyrys of John Tonherd of Kyrton home, and after her decease I will hit remayn all hole to Roger my son and his eyrys male of his body ; remainder to John and his eyryz male ; remainder to Richard and his eyrez male. To the said Roger my son ij acre and di' pasture, which I bought of Richard Tomson, lying in Kyrton in a feld called sowthedyke in fee symple ; and ij acre land arable lying in a feld called Handtoft in fee symple. I will that ij acre land pasture which I bought of John Foox be sold by the syght of my occupyers for iiijl. xiijs. iiijd. to our ladys gyld of Frampton for v score peeres [*sic*] and iiij, of the which money I gyff to the sayd gyld vjs. viijd., or elez the sayd ij acre to remayn to Roger my son in fee symple, he gyffing hegyng therfor the sume as afor is sayd, and to our lady gyld of Frampton vjs. viijd. To the same Roger my sone j acre and di' arable land, that I bought of William Garrad of Frampton, lying in Kyrton yngges in fee symple. To Jenet my wiff ij acre pasture lying in Frampton in a place called medyll gate, the whiche I bought of the eyris of x'pofe Browne, and ij acre j roode arable land in longtoft fyld, whiche I bought of the eyrs of Christopher Browne, the terme of her liff ; remainder to Richard my son and his eyris male ; remainder to John and Roger my sonnes and ther eyres. To Jenet my wiff j acre and iij roodes land arable lying at litle fen bryge, the whiche I bought of Edward Howson, also j acre and di' arable land, also iij rood arable land, the terme of her lyff, with remainder to Richard my son in fee symple ; also j acre land lying in long fenne landez, the whiche I bought of Robert Jonson, with remainder to Ric' my son at the age of xxi yere in fee symple ; if the sayd Richard dye before the age of xxj yerez it shall be devyded betwyx John and Roger my sons in fee simple. If the said Richard dye without the sayd yerez then the iij stong shall remayn to Margaret my daughter in fee symple. To the same Margaret j acre land called short land, the whiche I gaff to her at the day of her mariage according to my last will the whiche is in fee symple. To Jenet my daughter j acre land arable lying in myddle fenne landez, the whiche I bought of Richard Tomson, in fee symple. To every godbarne that



I have *iiijd.* I will that John and Roger my sonnez or othe assygnars shall kepe a dirige and a masse with note in the churche of Frampton yerly for my sowle, my wyffes sowle, and all crysten sawlez, for the space of xx yerez, yerly to be spend *ijs. viijd.* The resydew of my gooddes I gyff to John and Roger my sonnes, whom I make my executors and they to have for ther labors *vjs. viijd.* Wittnesse, Sir John Hosburby, Ric' Jenyson, Ric' Garrad of Frampton, Ric' Cony of Kyrton, with many moo.

Proved before D., at Quadryng, 9 June, 1524. Adm. granted to the executors.

[AGNES CONY OF KIRTON IN HOLLAND, A.D. 1524.]

[1545-6, ii., 248.]

3 June, 1524. I Agnes Cony of Kirton in Holand makes my testament withe my last will, etc. My body to be buryed in the churche yarde off the blessyd apostilles petur and paull off kirton, and in the name off my mortuarye that thinge that the lawe doth requyre. To the hye awter *ijd.*; to the churche warke *ijd.*; to saynt nicholas and saynt katern awter six yardes off flaxon clothe. To our lady off lincoln *jd.* To Agnes saunderson a blew gowne. To William Donyngton wiffe a kyrcheffe, and to Jenytt Mathew a kerchew. And I giffe to Richard Brandon *ij* acre land lyeinge in southffen londes, and on acre lande lying in Sutterton at a place called the burnde Stulpys. And all my other guddes nether giffyn nor bequethed I giffe and bequethe to Richard Brandon, whome I make my faithfull executur to pay my dettes and to dispose my guddes for the helthe off my saull. Thyes wytnes, Sir Robert medilton, Thomas Roper, Alyn Blisbury, John Saunderson, with other moo.

Proved before D., at Swyneshed, 12 Oct., 1524. Adm. granted to the executor.

[STEPHEN WALNOTT OF WYBERTON, A.D. 1524.]

[1520-31, 14.]

THE TESTAMENT OF STEPHEN WALLNOT OF WIBERTON.

3 June, 1524. I Stevyn Walnott off wiberton, etc. My body to be buryed within the churche off the freers austyns in boston byfore the blessyd Rode, and my mortuarye accordinge to the custome off the churche. To our moder churche off lincoln *ijs.* To the orphanes of saynt katernys *xxd.* To the hye awter in Wiberton churche *ijs. iiijd.* To saynt Ane awter, our ladyes awter, and saynt katernys awter in the same churche *xxd.* apiece. To the torche light in the same churche *ijs. iiijd.* To the belles in the same churche *ijs. iiijd.* I will the Alderman off our ladies gild in Wiberton and his successors shall have the hows that I bought off Syr William Elred withe on acre and *iiij* stonge called donyngton lande lyeinge in the felde off Wiberton immediately after my deceste frely to the meintenaunce off the said gild off our ladye. Also I will that a prest within the freer austyns in boston bi the assignment off Mr. prior off the said place shall singe for me and all criston soules the space of *ij* yeres; he to have for his stipend yerely *vj.* sterling. I will

that the iiij orders off freers in Boston shall have yche on of theme to pray for me and all cristen souls vjs. viij*d*. To Margaret Robynson and Annes Brownell my servaunts. To the austyn freers in boston vj meche kye. I will that the day off my buryinge shalbe distribute in the austyn freers in boston emonges suche pepull as shalbe at my buryall a flatt neytt and a sheip with as muche breid and drynke as shall extend to the valour off xxs. The Residew off my guddes I comitt to the discretion off Mr. Thomas Swillington doctor off divinitie prior off the forsaidd austyn freers in boston, and Thomas brande off frampton husbandman, whom I make my executours to dispose suche guddes as be unbequethed in warkes of mercy, etc. I make Mr. John Robynson off Boston Esquier supervisor, and the said executors and supervisor yche off them to have xxs. for there labours. Thies beinge wytnes heroff, Richard Jetor, John Swillington fishmonger in london, And brian Arly barbour in Boston, withe other moo.

Proved at Boston, 26 Jan., 1524. Adm. granted to the executors.

[RICHARD JENTLE OF HEIGHINGTON IN THE PARISH OF WASHINGBOROUGH,

A.D. 1524.]

[1506 &c., 80.]

THE TESTAMENT OF RIC' JENTLE.

12 June, 15 . .<sup>1</sup>. I Richard Jentle of Hekyngton in the parish of Whasshyngburgh, etc. To be buryed in the church yerd of saynt John the evangelyst in Whasshyngburgh. To the hygh awlter of the same for tythes forgotten vj*d*. To the churche werke of the same a quart' barley. To the Cath' church of lincoln vj*d*. To every one of the iiij order of freyes in lincoln j stryke barley. To the hygh awlter of brawnston iiij*d*. To the chapell of heykynton di' a quarter barley. To Sir Henry panton my gostly father to pray for me xij*d*. I will that the howse I dwell in remayn to Robert my son, and where the said Robert is sodenly departed forth of the cuntrey and not as yet know where he is, if he come howme agayn I will that he gyff my wiff a yer respite to the intent that she remove her guddes and croppe lawfully of the grownd; and if the said Robert fortune to be dede or cum not again I will that my wiff have the said howse vj yeres with all landez and medoys and other profittez longyng to the same; remaynder to Richard Jentle son of the said Robert, and so for lake of yssew to remayn to every one of the said Robert childre after other. If thei all dye without ysshew, it shall remayn to my doughter childre John Dawnce wiff of Rowston. If all thei dye with out ysshew, I will that the said howse be sold and a prest syng for my grantfather, my father, etc., whyls the said monye lastyth. All my goodes unbequeathed I gyff to Jenet my wiff, whome I make my executrix. Witnesse, Syr Henry panton curate, Thomas Gelles of lincoln, Robert Wryght of heykyngton, John Bellamy of the same, xp'of'er wryght of the same, and robert thrylby of the same, with many other.

Proved before D., 25 June, 1524. Adm. granted to the executrix.

<sup>1</sup> The date has disappeared. Since it was the common practice to make wills shortly before death, the date is probably 1524.

[ROBERT BANESTER *alias* WEBSTER OF GOSBERTON, A.D. 1524.]

[1520-31, 12. *Collated with another copy at folio 27.*]

THE TESTAMENT OF ROBERT BANESTER *alias* WEBSTER OF GOSBERKIRK.

4 July, 1524. I Robert Banester other ways Webster of gosberkirk. To be buried in the churche yard off gosberkirk, with my mortuary after the custome off the towne. To the hye awtar for tithes forgotten *ij*d. To our lady off Lincoln *ij*d. To Jenyt my wiff my howse in Folkingham for the terme off hyr liff, and after hyr decesse I will that Hew<sup>1</sup> my sone have it to hym to his heres and assignes; and I will that he pay when he hase the forsad howse bi convenient leser to every brother and sister that he hathe *vjs. viij*d. except mylys wiche I will he have *xiijs. iiij*d.; and I will that Myles my sonne have the first *vjs. viij*d. and the last, and so after to his brother and his sisters as they be in age. The residew of my guddes I giffe to Jenyt my wiff, whom I make sole executrix, Thees beyng witnes, Sir Thomas *annes*, John Ranson, John Mortimer, with other moo, etc.

Proved before P., at Spalding, 23 Jan., 1524. Adm. granted to the executrix.

[WILLIAM JACKSON OF BICKER, A.D. 1524.]

[1506 &c., 80d.]

THE TESTAMENT OF WILLIAM JACKSON.

15 July, 1524. I William Jackson of byker, etc. To be buried in the parych church yerd of saynt Swythune in byker. For my mortuary as the custome is ther. To the hygh awlter in the sayd church for tythes forgotten *viiij*d. To the awlter of our lady ther *iiij*d. To the awlter of saynt Nicolas ther *ij*d. To the awlter of saynt leonard ther in the chapell *ij*d. To the roode light ther *j* pownd wax. To the reparacion of bellez in the sayd church *xij*d. To our mother churche of lincoln *iiij*d. To the pupyllys or orphans in the howse of saynt katernys nyghe lyncoln *ij*d. I will that Jone my wyff have my messuage in byker wherein I dwell and all other such landez and tenementes as I have or any other to my use in the towne of Byker and in the fyldez of the same, for terme of lyff of the said Johne on this condycion that she do sufficiently repayre and meynteyn the said messuage and other the premisses as well in the byldyng as the clawsures of the same. Also that she do kepe and fynd Nycolas my son at her cost and charges unto he come to the age of *xiiij* yere, also that she do kepe and hold yerely in the said parishe church of byker an obite for the sowlez of my father and mother and for my sowle, expenyng of the same yerly *vjd.*, that is, *iiij*d. to be for the obite that is specified in the last will of thomas Jackson my father, and the other *ij*d. to be to the amplifying of the same obite for the sowlez of my wyff, my benefactors, etc. If the sayd Johne my wiff do let the said messuage, etc., deokay, I will that then John Reddware of Wigtofte preste do enter into it, to hold to the use of the said Nicolas, etc.; remaynder unto the said nicolas his heyrez and his assynges for ever so that he do kepe the said yerely obite in the said churche of Byker as long as may be suffred

<sup>1</sup> 'Hughe' at folio 27.

by the lawe. If the said Nicolas my son dye byfor he come to the age of xviiij yereȝ, I will that then the said messuage, etc., be sold by my ffeffez, by the discrecyon of my supervisor or the executors of hym, and the money to be disposed with in the churche of byker for my sowle, etc. I will that the sayd John Redware preste be supervisor. The residue of my godeȝ I gyff to Johne my wyffe and to the said Nicholas my son, whom I make my executors, and the parte of Nicolas to be in the custody of the sayd supervisor. Witness, Thomas Jakson of byker, Henry Butler and John Garrard of the same, with other moo.

Proved before D., at Lincoln, 23 July, 1524.

[JOHN GYLLON OF LAUGHTON [NEAR FOLKINGHAM], A.D. 1524.]

[1520-31, 14*d*. Collated with another copy at folio 27*d*.]

THE TESTAMENT OF JOHN GILLON LATE OF LOUGHTON.

19 September, 1524. I John Gyllon late of loughton, etc. I will that certayn of my landeȝ begyvyn yerly to the fyndyng of a lampe afor the sacrament in the said church of loughton, and yt to be lyght at all servys tyme evermore to Indure.

Proved before P., at Boston, 25 Jan., 1524. Adm. granted to the executors.

[THOMAS or JOHN MORELAY OF SOUTH ELKINGTON<sup>1</sup>, A.D. 1524.]

[1520-31, 138*d*.]

THE TESTAMENT OF JOHN [*sic*] MORELAY.

6 October, 1524. I Thomas Morelay, etc. I will that my goodes be devydyd in iij partes, on parte to Margaret my wyff, the secunde parte to my chylder, and the thyrde parte to pay my dettes, etc., and that that remans more I will that Margarete my wyff devyde it betwyx hyr and my chylder, whome I make my executors. Thes beryng [*sic*] Sir Ric' Gray<sup>1</sup> vicar and William hubylthorne. Also on tenement in Clakysby and the lande with appurtenaunce wich my father wytt me aftyr the decease of my mother I will that John Moreley my sone have it.

Proved at Louth, 19 Jan., 1524. Adm. granted to Margaret, widow and relict of the deceased, and John Moreley the son, reserving power to grant to the other children when they shall attain lawful age.

[THOMAS PELSON OF BURGH IN THE MARSH, A.D. 1524.]

[1520-31, 15.]

THE TESTAMENT OF THOMAS PELSON OF BRUGHE.

18 October, 1524. I Thomas pelson off Brugh, etc. To be buried in the churche off saynt peter in brugh, and that the law requirethe for my mortuarye. To the hye awter in the moder churche off lincoln xx*d*. To the Redd arke xx*d*. To the pore childer at saynt kateryns in lincoln xij*d*. To the prior and convent off Bullington to pray for my saull iij*s*. iij*d*. To the trinite gild and our lady gild in Brugh my greitt maser for the well off my saull and all my friendes saulles. To Agnes

<sup>1</sup> The testator's widow, Margaret Moreley of South Elkington, made her will 28 September, 1529 (1520-31, folio 151). Richard Gray was vicar of South Elkington in 1526 (*Subsidy 1526*, page 15).

my wiffe howsold stuffe within the durrys, etc., and after hyr decease I will that alys my daughter and wiffe to thomas wright have hyr best gerdill. And after hyr decease I will that a dosen silver sponys that my wiffe hase and ij masers bi devyded bitwixt Robert, and thomas wright, myn executors. To Agnes brigg. To Julyan counper vjs. viij*d.* yerely duringe hyr liffe. To hyr childer ij kye, etc., and to every of theme xxs. To ether off my brothers daughters. To agnes pelson my broders daughter a masser that I pledged ffrome mald halden. To Kateryn my sister vjs. viij*d.*, and to yche off hyr childer on sheip. To Will' Jakson. To ich on off my godchilder viij*d.* To the rode light in brughe churche vjs. viij*d.* To Brughe churche aforsaid ij copys off blew velvytt price v*l.* xiijs. iii*d.* iff the said somme may be gotton off the mynesters off the guddes off Robert crathorne sum tyme off Boston; the dett apperith bi obligacion. I will that Robert my sonne kepe on Rowell byfore sayn sayvour, and on tapor bifore our lady off petye in the churche off Brughe the space off xij yeres. I will that an yerely obytt shalbe donne within the churche off Brughe for the helth off my saull and my auncetors saulles by myn executours and assignes to the valew off vs. and that to be taken off the thyrde part off fyve acres lande lyinge in moug' with Anthony marisse in Wynthorp for the space of iii*j*<sup>xx</sup> xvij yeres, etc. I will that my wiffe have the howse that I dwell in, and iii*j* acres launde called Grymland, withe all the tyell lande that I have in the ffeld all the time off hyr liffe; also a croft called maltby croft, and a nother off iii*j* acres that I toke by Indenture off william pelson so longe as the yeres off the Indentre lastes. I will that ther shalbe sett out after my decease for the performance of this my will for the space off vij yere on howse that Robert graiffe dwellithe in, and viij acres lond, and ij acres that I bought off william Roderame, and xxii*j* acres that I bought off thomas wheitcroft lyinge in the northe commyn, and x acres in wynthorp, parcell off pety clarke land, and v*j* acres called spittilldayll land lyinge in brughe, and I will that myn executours have the gydinge and lettinge off this lande duryng the space off vij yeres. Then I will that the v*j* acres called spittilldayll lande retourne to thomas wright and alicie his wiffe to theme there heres and assignes for ever. I will the residew of the forsaid laundes retourne and remayn to Robert my sonne duryng his liffe, and after his dethe I will thomas pelson my god son and son to the forsaid Robert have the howse that Robert greiffe dwellithe in, and x acre land ther, and the xxii*j* ac*r*' that I bought off thomas Weytcroft to hym and to his heres. I will that Roberte pelson have all my other landes in brugh, wynthorp and Ardelthorp to hym his herys and assignes for ever. I will that myn executours make an yerly almys in brughe the space off vij yere, thus, at the feist off cristomasse vs. to pore pepull and uppon gud frydaye vs. I will myn executors fynde sir Simon wulby ij yeres to synge and praye for my saull, my frendes saulles, etc. To ych on off Robert pelson childer, and Thomas wrightes childer. To sir thomas Jonson parson of scremby xs., whom I make supervisour. The residew of my guddes to Robert pelson of brughe and thomas wright off alford, whom I make my executors, they to dispose for the helth off my saull, etc. Wyttnes hereoff, henry paronell, walter Seyll, Thomas stanmour, Thomas wiatson, and John Mason, with other moo.

Proved before P., at Spillesby, 13 Feb., 1524.

[FRANCIS NEWCOM OF WADDINGTON, A.D. 1524.]

[1520-31, 10. *Collated with another copy at folio 26d.*]

THE TESTAMENT OF FRANCES NEWCOM OF WADYNGTON.

18 November, 1524. I Frances Newcom of Wadington, etc. To Emote my wif the copy of my house to the tyme that John my son be xxty yeres of age, and then he to entre to it and have it, to him and the heyres of his body; remainder to Robert my son and the heys of his body; remainder to Richard newcom my broder. Thies beyng witnesses, Robert Hamond, Thom' newcom, William pelle, and more.

Proved before P., at Naneby, 16 Jan., 1524.

[ROBERT ISOTSON OF BILLINGHAY, A.D. 1524.]

[1520-31, 10. *Translated from the Latin, and collated with another copy at folio 26d.*]

THE TESTAMENT OF ROBERT ISOTSON OF BILLYNGHAY.

26 November, 1524. I Robert Isotson of Billingham, etc. My body to be buried in the churchyard of St. Andrew of Billingham, and for my mortuary according to the custom of the parish. To the high altar of Billingham vjd. To the fabric of the church of the blessed Mary of Lincoln iiijd. To the iiij orders of friars of the city of Lincoln xvjd. To the order of black monks without the city of Lincoln iiijd. To William Williamson one house according to the form of my copy which I hold of the prior of Catley. The residue of my goods I give to the said William Williamson, whom I make my executor, to dispose for the helth of my soul. These being witnesses, William Hyckson chaplain, Thomas Coke, Thomas Diconson, with others.

Proved before P., at Naneby, 16 Jan., 1524.

[JOHN PARLEBEN OF KIRTON IN HOLLAND, A.D. 1524.]

[1506 &c., 82d.]

THE TESTAMENT OF JOHN PARLEBEN.

26 November, 1524. I John parleben of Kyrton in Holland, etc. To be buried in the churche of Kyrton. I bequethe in the name of my mortuary that thing that the lawe dothe requyre. To the high altare of Kyrton for forgotten tenthes xijd. To every altare of the sayde churche vjd. To the churche warke of Kyrton vjs. viijd. To our moder church of Lyncoln vjd. To the pour childern withoute the walles of Lincoln iiijd. To Margaret my wife iiij acr' pasture in sutterton to the tyme that John my sone come to the age of xx yeres, and then I wille that the saide lande and pasture remayne to John my son in fee symple. To Margarete my wyfe my house in Rynghell gate in fee symple. Yf so happen that Agnes parleben daughter of Laurence parleben dye withoute heys of hir body, then I will that the house that was my faders remayne to John my son in fee symple. To Jenet my daughter shepe, etc., and xls. or else xxl., and xls. in money to hir chamber. I will that the said good or cattal be delivered into the handes of Richard perre and remayne with hym to the day of hir maryage. If Jenyt my daughter dye or she come to maryage I will that xvjl. of hir goods remayne to the

churche of Kyrton and there to be bestowed in the reparacion of the northe Ile by the oversyght of the churche maisters and iiij of the honest men of the towne, and the other iiij<sup>l</sup>. remayne to John my son to bryng hir fourthe with all. To Humfryde *parleben*. The resydue of my goodes I gyfe to Margaret my wyfe and John my sone, whome I make my executours. I will that John Meres, Esquyer, and Ric' perre of Kyrton, yoman, be my supervisors. Theis Witnesses, Sir John Brewster of kyrton, Thomas Stalworth of the same, John Oldeworthe of the same, with other moo.

[*No probate act.*]

[WILLIAM ADAM OF QUADRING, A.D. 1524.]

[1520-31, 12*d.*]

THE TESTAMENT OF WILLIAM ADAM OF QUADRYNG.

4 December, 1524. I William adam off quadringe, etc. To be buried in the parishe church yarde off Quadringe. For my mortuary as the custome is there. To Agnes my wiffe my messuage wiche I dwell in with all my lands belongynge to it withall there appurtenance duringe the holl terme off hyr liffe, and iff she be now with child I will that after hyr decease the premises remayn to hyr child; remaynder to John adam off quadringe my broder. The residew off my guddes I giffe to agnes my wiffe, whom I make my executrice. Thies beinge wytnes, sir henry lokland prest, John vyley, and John Jenkynson, withe other moo.

Proved before P., at Swyneshed, 24 Jan., 1524.

[ROBERT SNELL OF QUADRING EAUDYKE, A.D. 1524.]

[1520-31, 12*d.*]

THE TESTAMENT OF ROBERT SNELL OF QUADRYNG EDYKE.

12 December, 1524. I Robert snell off quadringe Edyke, etc. To be buried in the churche yard off sant *margaret* off quadringe. To the chapell off quadringe Edike j salt panne to fynd singynge breid and wyne within the said chapell. To my iij sonnes William, Thomas and Henry xx yows, the wiche xx yows I will William snell my broder have the governance and lett theme to the use and profette off my said sonnes to the tyme the come to the age of xxty yere, etc. To Alice my wiffe my house with the purtenaunce duringe hyr liffe; remaynder in succession to William, Thomas and Henry my sonnes and Alys my daughter and the heres off their bodies; remaynder to the chapell off our lady off quadrynge Edike. The residew off my guddes I giffe to alce my wiffe, whome I make my executrix. Thies beinge wytnes, Thomas Sherfforthe, Henry aleige, William snell, withe other moo.

Proved before P., at Swyneshed, 24 Jan., 1524. Adm. granted to the executrix.

[WILLIAM PEERSON OF THE CITY OF LINCOLN, ALDERMAN AND DRAPER, A.D. 1524.]

[1506 &c., 83.]

THE TESTAMENT OF W. PEERSON.

23 December, 1524. I William Peerson of the Cytie of Lyncoln

Alderman and draper, seeke, etc., ordens my last mynde and will, etc. To be buryed within the churche of seynt mary in the high quyre within the suburbes of the said Cytie. I bequeathe in the name of my mortuary after the custome of the said Cytie. To the churche for my buryall xs. To the high altare of the said churche for tythes forgoton iijs. iiij*d*. To the warke of our lady in the monastery of lyncoln xx*d*. To thordere of whitt freres iijs. iiij*d*. To eche of the other iij others [*sic*] of freres in Lyncoln xij*d*. To the gylde of our lady foundid in the churche of seint marys aforsaid xij*d*. To the gylde of seynt Nicholas callid the clarkes gyld ijs. I bequethe to be done for me iij trentalles, that is to saye, one of them to be done the day of my buryall, and the other ij to be done at *scala celi*. I bequethe to be done at my vij day to pour folke ob' brede or elles to be delte to pour folke the sume of xls. where moste nede requyrethe, yf it may be borne. To Richard Peerson my brodre my seconde Jak. To Jenet my syster sone a swerde. To Margaret person my wyfe the house which I have taken by indenture of thabbot and convent of Thornton duryng hir lyfe, and then to remayne to Izabell peerson my dowghter duryng the terme of thindenture; remaynder to the churche of saynt marys, and then the churche wardens for the tyme beyng shall cause one obbit yerely to be done for all christen saules, and dispose at the said obit ijs. so long as the said indentures dureth. To Elyzabeth my daughter the house whiche I have taken by indenture of the pryour and convent of hauerholm, she to sell thindentur after the counsell of myn executour and supervisour. To the said Elizabeth j payre of beddes of redde corall with xx gaudes of sylver and gylte with on Agnus Dei and my ijde gyrdell Ivalow harnysid with sylver. To Ame peerson my daughter my best harnyst gyrdill, a payre of beedes of awmber with viij gaudes of sylver, j crusifix of sylver with one broken ryng of goolde, etc. To Izabell peerson my daughter j payre of bedes of blak jett with vj gaudes of sylver and gylte, with ij rynges of silver and my ijde gyrdell in vaw harnyst with silver. I will my goodes be departed in iij partes, one parte for me to be disposed, the ijde to Margaret my wyfe, and the ijde parte to my childern. If anything happen the said Ame peerson or Izabell peerson my daughters before they come to lawfull age then ther partes shalbe song for with j preste in the churche of seynt marys for all christen soules, etc. I will that John Dutton of Branceton wever be myn executour and he to have for his labor a gowne furred with new fox, and xs. Sir Thomas Leche my ghostly fadre to be supervysor, and he to have for his labour vjs. viij*d*. Wytnes, William Palframan, oliuer Huddiston, Thomas Emundson, with other moo.

Proved before P., at Lincoln, 13 Jan., 1524. Adm. granted to the executor.

[LAWRENCE PAYNSON OF LEAKE, A.D. 1524.]

[1520-31, 13.]

THE TESTAMENT OF LAURENCE PAYNSON OF LEEKE.

The last day of December, 1524. I Laurence paynson of Leeke, etc. To be buried in the churche yard of leeke. In the name of my mortuary as custume requiris. To the anowrment of the high awlter in leeke



iiij*d.* To every other awlter in the said churche ij*d.* To the anowrment of our lady of leeke iiij*d.* To the byldyng of the new Steple ther iijs. iiij*d.* To the churche werke of our lady of lyncoln iiij*d.* To saynt katryns without lyncoln ij*d.* To our lady of Walsyngham iiij*d.* To Elizabeth the my doughter my message with ij acre land and a halff that it standys apone with halff an acre pasture lying in fenlandes of the northsyde of on pasture called podayls, and to her heyres of her body, etc., withe free ingayte and outgayt and chasse and rechasse thorow the said pasture called podayls to the half acre pasture for ever more. To Margaret my doughter on pasture called podayls cont' vj acres, and to her heres of her body, of this condycion that she kepe my yerday in the churche of leeke by the space of xij yeres next after my deceasse, warryng every yere iijs. iiij*d.* for my soule, my wyff, the sowlys of my fader and mother, and all christen sowlys. Yff other of my doughters dye without heyres of their bodyes, then I wyll that she that lyvys have her part that dyes. Iff both dye without such heyres, then I will that the said capitall message with all the other landes be sold by my feoffes and the kyrkgrawes of leeke for the tyme beyng, And the one halff of the money be wared of one prest to syng in the churche of leeke for the sawles aforsaid, And the other halff to be waryde in the same church where moost nede is. The residew of my goodes I gyve to Wylliam Alanson and to John Steyle, whome I make my executours, with sir Thomas paynson supervisour, and he to have for his labour iijs. iiij*d.* Thes wittnes, sir Robert arnald, Richard gregby, and wylliam wheitley, with other.

Proved before P., at Boston, 25 Jan., 1524. Adm. granted to the executors.

[JOHN NEWCUM OF WADDINGTON, A.D. 1524.]

[1506 &c., 83*d.*]

THE TESTAMENT OF JOHN NEWCUM.

13 January, 1524. I John Newcum of Wadington, etc. To be buried in the church of Wadington. For my mortuary as the law of holy church dothe requyre. To our ladys warke of lyncoln xij*d.* To the church of Wadington iijs. iiij*d.* To the same church of Wadington for my buriall iijs. iiij*d.* To the high altar of Wadington xij*d.* To the churches of Nocton Dunston, Harmston, Bracebrigg, and Mere vj*d.* apiece. To the whittfreres, the freres Augustyns, the gray freres and the blakk freres of Lincoln half a quarter of barley apiece. To every god child that I have of Wadington. To William Newcum, Thomas Newcum and Robert, my sonnes, each *vl.*, etc., for his childe parte. To Agnes Newcum, Margarete Newcum, Emot Newcum, and to Elizabeth my daughters, each vj mark for hir chilles parte. To Elizabeth my wife the copy of my house with vj oxgange land and a quarter during hir lyfe; remainder in succession to William, Thomas and Robert, my sonnes, and the heyres of their bodies; remainder to be solde and the money to be dispoisd for the wele of my soule, my wifes soule, and for the soules of William Newcum and Agnes Newcum his wyfe, my father and mother. To Elizabeth my wife the copy of iij oxgang that I did by of Robert Cartwright during hir lyfe, and after I will that she do give it to Thomas

Newcum or to Robert Newcum, my sonnes. The residew of my goodes I gyve to Elyzabeth my wyfe, whiche I ordeyne my executrice that she may dispose it for the wele of my soule, etc. William Newcum my sonne to be supervisour. Witnes, Robert Baneray, Robert Hamond, William More, William Mason, Thomas Sherpe, and mo.

Proved before P., in the parish church of St. Peter in Eastgate in the city of Lincoln, the last day of Jan., 1524. Adm. granted to the executrix, etc.

[JOHN MANERS THE YOUNGER OF PINCHBECK, A.D. 1524.]

[1520-31, 10d.]

THE TESTAMENT OF JOHN MANERS OF PYNCHBEK.

17 January, 1524. I John Maners of pinchbeke, the yonger, etc. To be buryed in the churchyard off pinchbeke, with my mortuary to be offered for the helthe of my saull as custom requires. To the hye awter off pinchbeke ffor tithes forgotten xxxs. To every other awter in the said church xij*d*. To the churchwarke xls. I bequeth to by on payr off silver candilstikkes off silver viij*l*. To an honest preest to syng for my saule in the church off pynchbeke ij yere, and to singe messe every day when he is disposed at viij off the cloke, and to have for his stipend xl. xiijs. iiij*d*. To the church warke of lincoln iij*s*. iiij*d*. To the childern at saynt kateryns withoute lincoln xx*d*. To the church warke off Gosberkirk xs. To the church warke off Surflett vjs. viij*d*. To the church warke off Wolley xxs. For mendinge the causey frome my howse to the church xls. To Nicolas my sonne v*l*. xiijs. iiij*d*., ij chargers of pewter, and ij brasse pottes, on that was my moders, and on that was his moders, etc., and he to receve the said money when he shalbe xx yeres of age, etc. To Robert my sonne xl. to receve it when he shalbe xx yeres of age, etc. If my wiffe may be delyvered off the child that she is with I bequethe to it xl., to be delyvered to itt when it shalbe xx yeres of age, etc. If all my childern dye before the be xx yeres off age, then I will the said money be giffyn to an honest prest to singe for my saule and all criston saules in the church off pinchbeke so longe as the money will last, the prest to have for his stipend yerely viij mark. To Jane my wiffe xl., etc. The residew off my guddes I putt to the disposicion off my godfader John menard, whom I make executour, and he to have for his labour xls. Thies wytnes, Thomas pottrell prest, Thomas stanerd, and Rauffe Rooson, withe other moo.

Proved before P., at Spaldinge, 23 Jan., 1524. Adm. granted to the executor.

[ROBERT PELL OF NEWTON NEAR FOLKINGHAM, A.D. 1524.]

[1558, iii., 12.]

COPY FOR THE REGISTRAR.

10 February, 1524. I Robert Pell of Newton hathe made my testament, etc. To be Beryed in the Chyrcheyard of saynt Bothall of Newton. I beqwthe my mortuary thatt thyng thatt the laue Requeryth. To the hegh awter of Nevton ffor thythes forgottyn xx*d*. To the mothir Chyrche of owr lade off lincoln xij*d*. To the Chyrche of Nevton vjs. viij*d*.

To William my brother on stir blakedovyd, on stag grey, A Bay ffle, and a brase pote. To the 3er daye of Adam Scoche on yong qwe. To Alice my wyffe my howse withe the purtenys to the tyme thatt my son be of xviiij 3eres of age, and my wiffe to kepe hit in gud reparacion with owtyn makyng of any wast'; and at the xviiij 3eres end it shall be delyveryd unto my son in ffull strenkyth and possession. And 3eff thatt awte com att my son I wyll ytt goo to my dowtyre. And 3eff awte com att them I wyll that ytt be sold and the on halffe to go to the Chirche to kepe myn obiit ffor me and my fryndes, And the othir parte to be desposid in Almus ffor the welthe of my soll. To William my son on que brandid, and iiij yows, ij bolle Caffes. To Genett my dowt'. To Elizabet' my dowt'. To the upholdyn of owr ladie lyght in the Chirche of Newton ij yowes and ij wethir chepe. To Alice my servand on que Calffe. To Adam my boy a yow. To the Armett of Brygdyke to say v messis *xxd.* The Resideu of my gudes nott beqwethyd I geffe to Alice my wyffe and John pell, whom I make my executes to depose ffor the welthe of me soll, soo thatt my Chyldir be browght upe of my gudes to they be of xviiij 3eres of age. In wytnes herof, Sir M'hiell Cottom parson of Newton, Thomas Clipsam of walcott, Thomas Crosbe of Newton, Thomas Gefferey of the sam', with other mo.

Proved before P., at Slefford, 4 April, 1525. Adm. granted to the executors.

[JOHN COMPTON OF SOUTH WILLINGHAM, A.D. 1524.]

[1506 &c., 84.]

THE TESTAMENT OF JOHN COMPTON.

16 February, 1524, 16 Henry VIII. I John Compton of Southwyllyngaym, etc. To be buryed in the chauncell in the church off St. Martyn of Southwyllyngaym and my best good to bee my mortuarie. I will that Jane my wiff stond and bee seased of the mesuages called the manner plaice wherin William Williamson dwelleth, and the mesuage wherin I now dwell, and the mesuage in the holdyng of Robert Dowse, with all their appurtenances, for terme of here liff, and after hir desseasse to thuse of my right heir William Compton. To our laides alter of Lincoln *xijd.*, and to the churche werke of the same *viijd.* To the bellis of Southwyllyngayme oon quarter of wheite. To the highe awter of the same church *xijd.* To Donsby Church *iijs. iiijd.* To Braswell church *ijs.* To Dygsby church *xxd.* To the prior of Cathley and his chanons *xijd.*, and to the nunnes *xijd.* To the prior of Hauerame *xijd.*, and to the nunnes *xijd.* To the abbott of Newbo *iijs. iiijd.* To William my sonne a gray stagge and a kowe, and to his wiff Elizabeth *iiij ewes and iiij lames.* To Gyls my sonne a great ballde gelldyng. To Raulff Compton, Thomas Compton, William Compton, and Mary Compton *ij ewes and ij lambes each.* To Grace Shefeld my daughter a kow for her labour. To Elizabeth Shefeld, George Shefeld, and Edmunde Shefeld. To Ambros Burnett. To Kateryn Trowte, John Sheiperde, John Cowper, Thomas Nevell and Thomas Whitebred. To Alice Dogemoton, To my wiff the hoile cropp of myn awn tillage. I will that my houshold servants and children be contynually kept together of my hoile goodes unto the fest of Philip and Jacobb next cumyng. The residew of my goodes to be devided in

thre partes, oon to bee disposed for my saule, The ijde to my wiff, and the ijde to John Compton, Gyles . . . .<sup>1</sup> Grayce Shéfeld, Emott Compton, Kateryn and Jane Compton provyded [my] wiff shall have in hir ijde parte the hoile draught, vz., iiij oxen and ij horsse, etc. I make myn executours Jane my wiff, Charolus Shefeld and John Compton. I will that William my sonne be supervisor. Wittness, Sir Richard Barkar, John Symonde, William Williamson, with other moo.

Proved before P., in the cathedral church of Lincoln, 24 March, 1524. Adm. granted to the executors.

[JOHN WALBUTT OF SUTTON IN HOLLAND, SERVANT, A.D. 1525.]

[1558, iii., 22.]

COPY FOR THE REGISTRAR.

27 March, 1525. I John Walbutt, beyng now in servis with thomas Willson of sutton in holand, etc. My body for to be beryd with in the church yard of sutton. I will my mortuary be paid after the custome of the same town. I will unto master vicar of sutton iiij*d*. To every stondyng lyght with in the same church j*d*. To the church wark of lyncoln ij*d*. To the power childer att santt Kateryns ij*d*. To John hakhard, the son of John hakhard of march, with in the dioc' of hely viij accares of freland unto hym and unto his hares of his body lawfully cumyng under the condischon foloing. To Thomas Hakhard son of the forsaid John hakhard vj accarres of fre lond unto hym and unto his hares of his bode lawfully cumyng under the condischon foloyng. I will that ether of them be other harres. I will that if the forsaid John hakhard and thomas hakhard dye withowt harres of ther bodys, then I will thatt all the lond be sold by the hondes of my executors here under namyd, And for to be disposid with in the churches of sutton and march in prest song by ewyn porchons for my sawill and for the sawlles of my father and mother and all my gud frendes sawlles. I will that my hows in march with all my copyhold lond, with all my other guddes and catalles movabull and unmovabull, I will they be sold be my executors and the money for them takyn be disposid in prest song with in the churchis of suttun and march by ewyn porchons for the said sawlles, provided allway that if the surrender the wich I have mayd into the handes of hary lambartt, tenantt of the same hold, may nott stond in strenght unto the performacion of my will, then I wyll that the forsaid vj accares of fre lond, the qwich I have gyffyn before unto thomas hakhard, be sold bi the hondes of my executors unto the performacion of my wyll. To my sister the wyff of the forsaid John hakhard my bast beydes. To Annas Willson my tren' bedes. To Thomas Willson son of the forsaid thomas willson my best coveryng of a bed. The residew of all my guddes nott gyffyn nor beqweth I will them unto thomas willson my master and unto John hakhard my brother in lawe, the wich thomas and John I do ordan my executors. Theis beyng wittenes, sir John mosselay parich prest, Sir Thomas Johnson parich prest, Harry Lambart, John Sowter, Jhon Bogge, John Carter, with other.

<sup>1</sup> The edge of the leaf is worn away.

Proved before the official of the archdeacon of Lincoln, at Swyneshed, 10 April. Adm. granted to Thomas Wilson, an executor, reserving power to grant to John Hakard, etc.

[RICHARD THOMAS OF BARTON ON HUMBER, A.D. 1525.]

[1506 &c., 84*d.*]

THE TESTAMENT OF RICHARD THOMAS OF BARTON.

5 April, 1525. I Richard Thomas of Barton upon Humber, etc. My bodye to be buryed within the chapell of our laydy in Barton, with that that right is to be my mortuary. To the highe alter of the church of St. Peter in Barton for tithes forgotten xij*d.* To the reparacion of the said church xxs. To the gilde of our laydy in the said church xij*d.* To the roode loft within the chapell of our laydy in Barton xxs. To the highe allter of our mother church of Lincoln vj*d.* To our laydy werke of Lincoln vj*d.* To the churches of Barow, Goxill, ferybe, Horkstow, Saxby, Bonby and Worlybe xij*d.* apiece. I will that oon preest shall syng for my soule and all cristen soules oon hole yere within the chapell of our laydy in Barton. To William Thomas my brother xls. To James Thomas my brother xij dykker of lether. To v childer of James my brother, to be divided emonges theym, xvjs. viij*d.* To v childer of William Thomas to be devided emonges them xvjs. viij*d.* To Isabell Skellton oon qwy. To William Skellton and Roger Skellton ij pewter dublers apiece. To William Wynpeny and Thomas Strong, my servants. To Jenett Thomas my wiffe all my landes and tenements with their appurtenances within the lorship of Barton for terme of hire liff. To our laydes gylde in Barton the house that I dwell in after the decese of my wiffe for evermore. All the rest of my landes after the decese of my wiffe I bequeath to Thomas Thomas and Robert Thomas sons of my brother James and to their heirs. The rest of my gooddes I bequeth to Jennett Thomas my wiffe and James Thomas my brother, whome I ordeyne my executors. Thies beyng wittnes, Sir Thomas Ferybe vic' of Barton, Sir Richerd Michell preest, John Strong, Henry Patryke, William Wynpeny, Thomas Strong, Thomas Kyrke, and John Hukam of Barton, with other moo.

Proved before P., in the parish church of St. Peter in Eastgate in the city of Lincoln, 20 April, 1525. Adm. granted to the executors.

[ROGER STYLSTONE OF LUTTON IN SUTTON, A.D. 1525.]

[1558, iii., 17.]

14 April, 1525. I Roger Stylstone of Lutton in Suttone in holland, etc. My bodye to be bereyd in the Church yerde of seynt Nichol' in lutton. I bequeth in name of my mortuare that thyng that the lawe and costome will requere. To the hey altar in lutton for tythys forgoton iiij*d.* To the chirch warke of lutton vjs. viij*d.* to be dysposyd be myn executor upone that thyng that ys moste nessare for the chirch. To the lyght of seynt John a pownd wax rede made and sett upe agayn Myssomer. To the lygth of owr lade a pownd and a halfe wax clerly of my cost. To the lygths of Seynt Nicholl, Seynt Petur, the trenete and Seynt Kateryn ij*d.* apiece. To the mother Chirch of lincoln iiij*d.*

To the pore chylder at seynt kateryns with owt the walles at lincoln *ij*d.

This is the last wyll of me Roger Stylton : To Johanna my wyfe *ijj* acre and a Rode of herrabull lond of the kynges holde the terme of heyr lyfe, and aftur hyr decese to remayn to Wylliam my sone and to the heyeres of his bodey laufully comyng. To Wylliam my sone and to Johanna my wyff *ijj* acres lande of Mayster Clementes ffe, leeyng be for Wylliam derlenses howse, jonteley to geder Indueryng the lyfe of my wyffe, and aftyr to remayen holly to Wylliam my sone and to the heyeres of his bodey ; remainder to matyld' my dowtur and to hir heyeres. I gyfe to Wylliam my sone to hym and to his asignes *ij* acr' pastur of the Abbotes fee ; also A nacre and a Rod harrabull lond lyeyng in gonnes gate of the Abbotes fee, henrey masone on the sowth and matyld' stylton on the north, to hym and to his asignes. Also I gyfe to mawde my dowter one flekeyd cowe, etc. The resedewe of my goodes I presente and gyfe thaeme to the dysposicione of Wylliam styltone my sone, whome I do orden my executor, he to dyspose them to the pleasur of god for the well and helth of my sowle and all crysten sowles. Also I wyll that Roger Coney of lutton be supervysor. Also I have gyfene my lond into Rychard mall handdes to the fulfylling of thys my laste wyll. This wittnenes, sir John Gowxill, Richard mall, and Wylliam Bakehows, with other mo. Wretton the daye and the yer' above seid.

[*No probate act.*]

[JOHN LAWES, THE ELDER, OF WIGTOFT, A.D. 1525.]

[1520-31, 17*d.* Collated with a copy of the will in 1520-31, folio 306, and with part of another copy in 1506 &c., folio 85*d.*]

THE TESTAMENT OF JOHN LAWES<sup>1</sup> OF WIGTOFT.

9 June, 1525. I John Lawes<sup>2</sup> of Wigtoft, the elder, etc. To be buryd in the parishe church of the appostels peter and paule in Wigtoft in the highe aley nyghe the Image of the trinitie ther, and for my mortuarie as the custom is ther. To the highe alter in the said church for tithes and oblacions forgotten *xij*d. To the alter of our lady ther *iiij*d. To the alter of St. Nich' ther *iiij*d. To our mother church in lincoln *viiij*d. To the pupilles and orphanes of the house of St. Kateryn nyghe lincoln *iiij*d. To the church of Wigtoft *ij*s. *iiij*d. To Agnes my wife. To John Lawes my sonn the mesuage in the which he duellith with thappurtenances, and an acre of land called Barnabes acre, to hym his heyres and assigneis, of this condicion that he shall give yerely to the said Agnes his mother duryng hir liffe *xs.* To Alen my son. To Lambert my son the messuage in the which he dwelleth to hym his heirs and assignes forever, of this condicion that he shall give to the said Agnes my wife yerly *vjs.* *viiij*d. To John Lawes, son of Robert Lawes my son, *xxxijs.* *iiij*d., and my executors shall keape the said John sonn of Robert Lawes lait my sonn at such scoles and lernyng as he may have profitably the exercise of writyng and redyng so that he may therby be more mete to be putto a Craft, etc. To Richerd Lawes, son to the said John Lawes my son. To Agnes Lawes, my god daughter, daughter to the said John

<sup>1</sup> 'Lawe' in 1520-31, folio 306, and in 1506, &c., folio 85*d.*

<sup>2</sup> 'Law' in 1506, &c., folio 85*d.*

my son. To Christopher Lawes, my goddson, son to the forsaid Alen my son. To Thomas Lawes, sonn to the forsaid Alen my son. To the daughter of John pallmer. To Elizabeth Richerdson. To Henry my servaunt. To Jenet my maid. To John son of Henry wife daughter my godson. To every godchild that I have not biffor naymed. I will that there bee oon beest delt to pover people for my saule and all cristen saules at cristenmas next cumyng, and every pece to be in valew *jd.*, and bread therwith to the valew of oon q' to every pece. I will that Thomas Robertson and Thomas Haughe, gentlemen, be supervisors. The residew of my goodes to John, Alen and Lambert my sonnes, whom I make my executors. Thies beyng wittnes, Sir Robert kirgath of Wigtoft preest, Sir Ric' Ottywell of the same preest, and Thomas Diconson of the same, with other moo.

Proved before P., at Boston, 20 Sept., 1525. Adm. granted to the executors.

[THOMAS JOSSON OF BUTTERWICK IN HOLLAND, A.D. 1525.]

[1506 &c., 85.]

THE TESTAMENT OF THOM' JOSSON OF BUTTERWYK.

13 June, 1525. I Thom' Jossen of butterwick. I will that Ales my wiffe have her feoffament and ij acres of land and di' lyeing in ffreston, called hewett green, for term of hir liffe, and after hir decesse I will that they remain to Richerd my son, to hym and to his heires of his body; and if he dey with out such heires, I will that hewett gren be sold by myn executors. The residew of my goods to Ales my wiffe and Richerd Robyn of ffreston, whom I make my ex[ecutors]. Theis wittnes, Sir robert kyrbe preest, Robert gibson, Thom' roper, georg Willson.

Proved before P., at Boston, 19 Sept., 1525. Adm. granted to the executors.

[ALICE ODLYN OF CUXWOLD, WIDOW, A.D. 1525.]

[1506 &c., 85*d.*]

THE TESTAMENT OF ALICE ODLYN OF COKOLD, WIDOW.

16 June, 1525. I Alice Odlyn of Cokold, maketh my testament, etc. To Thomas my sonn and Helyn my daughter my house the term of my yeres; and if my sonn Thom' be preest, then I will that Helen my daughter have it hoill by hireselff to socour my yongest daughter with. The residewe of my goodes I gyve to Thom' my sonn and Helen my daughter, whom I maik my executors.

Proved at Estrasyne, 12 July, 1525.

[JOHN JOBSON OF LINCOLN, FISHMONGER, A.D. 1525.]

[1520-31, 16.]

THE TESTAMENT OF JOHN JOBSON OF THE CITY OF LINCOLN, FYSHMONGER.

28 June, 1525. I John Jobson of the city of Lincoln, fishmonger, seyke in body, etc. I wytt my saule, etc. To be buryed within the churche of St. Marys in Wikford within the suburbes of the cite of

Lincoln biffore the Crucifyx. And my mortuarie to be yeven after the custome of the said Citie. To the highe alter of the said church for tithes forgotten iijs. iiijd. To the same church for the romthe of my buryall and the stone 10s. To the warkes of the said church vjs. viijd. To the light of St. Rooke [*sic*] in the same church xijd. To our lady gillde founded in the said church iijs. iiijd. I bequeth xs. to by a crosse cloth to the same church. To the highe alter of the church of St. John evangelist in Wykford iijs. iiijd. To the church werkes of the same iijs. iiijd. To the church werk of St. Laurence vjs. viijd. To the highe alter of the Cathedrall church of lincoln iijs. iiijd. To our lady werke in the same iijs. iiijd. To every hon of the iiij ordres of freers in Lincoln vjs. viijd. To the mendyng of the highe way bitwix lincoln and the black monks xiijs. iiijd., to be done by the oversight of my executors. To our lady gillde called the gret gillde in lincoln vjs. viijd. To the gillde of St. Ann vjs. viijd. To the highe alter of Slefforth iijs. iiijd. To the gilldes of the Trinitie and St. X'pofe in the same church iijs. iiijd. each. To the same ij gildes a grete pott of brasse. To the light of St. Sunday in the same xijd. To the light of the xij Apostelles in the same church iijs. iiijd. To the lights of St. Sithe and St. John in the same xijd. each. To the light of St. Gregory in the same xxd. To the roode light in the same xxd. To the gillde of St. George in the same xijd. To the church werke of olde Slefforth iijs. iiijd. To the parishe church of newe Slefforth oon house which buttes of the markett place of Slefforth, under this condicion that the church wardens of the said church for tyme beyng shall cause yerely oon obitt to be doyn in the said church to the sum of vs. And if it so fortune the said obitt not to be doyn yerely by the said churchwardons that then it shall be levefull for my executors and ffeoffars or their assignes to sell the said house, and the mony therof yerly be distribute to oon preest to syng for my saule in the same church so long as the mony shall endure. The which ffeoffars of the said house be James Clifton and Robert Buller of the same town of Slefforth. To the clerk gillde of lincoln vjs. viijd., under this condicion that every yere at the day of their feest at the rehersyng of my name shall be said oon pater noster and oon Ave. To the orphanes of St. Kateryn xxd. To the Cordyner gillde of lincoln iijs. iiijd. To the churches of boltham, Hoell, Hekyngton, Howell and Evedon iijs. iiijd. each. To the church of Helpryngham vjs. viijd. To the ij churches in long Kirkby iijs. iiijd. To the prior and convent of Hauerholme xxd. To the nunes of the same xxd. To the prior and convent of Cattley xxs. To every of the churches of Durryng [*sic*], Brauncewell, Bloxholme, Dunnesby, Cranwell, grete Rokesby and litle Rokesby, xxd. To the churches of Quarryngton, and Willoughby iijs. iiijd. apiece. To the church of Anwyke vjs. viijd. To the parishe church of long-caster xxs. To the churches of Burton next Slefforth, Ruskyngton and Scredyngton iijs. iiijd. apiece. To the church of Folkyngham j grete ston troughe. [*folio 17*] To William Jobson my brother xls., oon galberdyne of tawny unlyned, etc. To echon of the children of Thomas [*sic*] vjs. viijd., except Margery the daughter of the said Thomas, to whom I bequeth xls. To Margret Crossefeld [*sic*] xxs. To Edward Crosseley [*sic*] my secunde gown furred with fox. To Isabell Burn' xxs. To William Robynson my servaunt. To every chon of my



servaunts besides their wages *xxd.* To Richerd Hooker of Clifton *vjs. viiijd.* To the freers of Lancaster *vjs. viiijd.* To William Fayn' *xxs.* To Isabell Jobson my wiffe my house in lincoln with the signe of the george in the parishe of St. Marys duryng her liff, and after her decesse to remayn to the church of St. Mary biffor said, after this condicion, that the churchwardens of the said church for tyme beyng shall cause a prest to syng every yere, duryng so long as it shall please godd the said house to be upholdyn, *ij* quarters of the yere, and if ther remayn any overplus of the Rent of the said house, the preest paid and the house reparable, then the said overplus to remayn unto the forsaid church. And if it so fortune that the said house stond empty for defaulte of a tenaunt, then the said *ij* quarters salarie to stand void for tyme; moreover if the said house fall in decay by any Casualtie, then the *ij* quarters salarie to stand as void to such tyme as the reparacion be maid. And if it hapen the said churchwardens lett the said house willfully decay, etc., then it shall be levefull for my executors or their assignes to sell it, and the mony therof shall be distributed yerly to a preest to syng in the said church of St. Marys so long as the mony will endure. To Sir Edward Callgarth *xxs.* To Sir Thomas Lappage *xxs.* To Elene ponde so muche money as to by hir a coot maid. To Sir Nicholas, a preest of Slefforth, *xs.* to syng a trentall for me at St. Johns alter within the church of Slefforth. To William Euott. To William Stuell of anwyke. To Alison my servaunt dwelling at grauntham *xxs.* To Isabell Roughton *xijd.* To Agnes Raley *xijd.* It is my will that the other *ij* houses I have in Slefforth shalbe solde to performe my will. I make my executors Isabell Jobson my wiffe (to whome I bequeythe all my housolde stuff hoill as it standis except woll wax Iron hony, etc., also *xxl.*), John Huchenson of lincoln, and William Palfrayman of the same. I will that Sir Thomas leche my curate be my supervisor. Wittnesses, Thomas Emonson, John Wellcum, William lee, with many moo.

[*No probate act.*]

[MICHAEL CLERC' OF SALTFLEETBY ST. PETER, A.D. 1525.]

[1506 &c., 85.]

THE TESTAMENT OF MICH' CLERC OF SALTFLEETBY PETER.

6 July, 1525. I Mich' Clerc' of Salteflethby peter, etc. To be buryd in the church yerd of St. peter. I will that Agnes my wiffe have my house that I dwell in as long as she liffeth if she keape hir a widow, and afre hir decesse I will it reman to John my son and to the heirs of his body. And if Agnes my wiffe taik a housbond, then I will that John my son have the said house to hym and his heires, and for default of issue I will that it shall goo to an obytt yerly to be doyn in the church of St. Peter of Salteflethby. I will that the said Agnes, and after hir the said John and his heirs, that occupieth the said howse shall give yerly in almos to power people *ijs. viiijd.* to the pover people of the same parishe in the tyme of Lenten, and so from yere to yere for ever, etc. Witnesses, Tho' Brugh, John Thomson, with others.

[*No probate act.*]

[WILLIAM SAMESBERY OF CADNEY, A.D. 1525.]

[1520-31, 68.]

THE TESTAMENT OF W. SAMISBERY OFF CADNEY.

20 July, 1525. I William Samesbery makys my last will, etc. I will that all my landes and tenementes wych is in my deed off feoffment beryng date the sixth day of July, xvij Henry VIII, go to the use off thys my will as the forsayd deyd playnly doyth expresse. To Elizabeth my wyff for the terme off hyr lyff the house that I dwell in in Cadney wyth iij stayng off yng' lying in too placys in weste karre; also a messe and a tofft with all the appurtenance within the town and feld off owsome to such tyme as my chylder cum to full age off xv yeres. And after my sayd wyff decease I will that my said feoffys stande styll seasyd of all the landes and tenementes as in my ded off feoffment more playnly doyth appere, that is to say, I will that my daughters Margaret and Isabell have my cheyff messe in owsome wyth the landes and medows therto belongyng to them and there heyres for ever. I will that Jenet my daughter have a tofft buyldyd in owsome, with a close off woode and common therto belongyng to hyr and hyr heyres for ever. To Agnes my daughter a tofft in Cadney, with iij stayng off medow lying in weste carre, to hyr and hyr heires for ever. I will that Elizabeth my wyff have all the rentes of all the landes and tenementes in Glamfordbryges wych I have for terme off yeres, off thys condycyon that she cause to be paid to an honest prest xs. for on trentall every seconde yere, the oon halff to be sayd in the church off Bygby and the other halffe in the chapell off glamford bryg callyd saynt John chapell, yff so be it may be forborne for the reparacions, for the soulys off me the sayd William, margaret and John Medley. Residue of goodes to my wyff, whome I make my executrix. Thies beyng wytnes, John Spenythorn vicar of Cadney, William pyvill, John madynwell, Thomas wryght, with other moy.

Proved before P., at Caster, 10 Feb., 1525. Adm. granted to the executrix.

[ISABEL WRIGHT OF WHAPLODE, WIDOW, A.D. 1525.]

[1520-31, 32. *The first section is translated from the Latin.*]

THE TESTAMENT OF ISABEL WRIGHT OF WHAPLODE, WIDOW.

8 November, 1525. I Isabel Wright of Whaplod, widow, etc. To be buried in the churchyard of St. Mary of Whaplod. To the high altar there for tithes forgotten iij*d.* To every altar in the said church ij*d.* To the Lantern light ij*d.* To the fabric of the same church iij*s.* iij*d.* To the mother church of Lincoln iij*d.* To the orphans of St. Katherine without the walls of Lincoln iij*d.*

This is the last wyll of me above named, maid the day and yere abovewritten. I will that my house which I dwell in the day of my departyng be sold accordyng to my husbandes will, and it to be proclaimed in Whaplod church and, proclamacion so maid, then I will if John my sone may be able to by itt or any frende for hym that he have it better chepe than any other shold have. To Margett my daughter. To eche of my childer. To Johan my daughter. To Henry my sonn vjs. viij*d.* whiche was to hyme bequest by his graund dames will. The Residew

of all my goodes I will they be evenly departed betwixt my childern, etc., and I make Gilbert Androw executor, havynge for his gret labour and busynes vjs. viij*d.*, etc. Wittnesses, sir John Wymer preest, Gilbert Androw, William Grymelby, and other moo.

[*No probate act.*]

[JOAN KAY OF STIXWOULD, WIDOW, A.D. 1525.]

[1520-31, 28*d.*]

THE TESTAMENT OF JOAN KAY OF STIXWOLD, WIDOW.

30 November, 1525, 17 Henry VIII. I Johan Kay of stixwold widow, late wiffe of William Kay late of Lincoln gent. make my present testament and last will. My body to be humate and buryed in the chauncell of our lady within the monastery of Nonnes of Stixwold nygh the grave of Robert Kay late my sonn if it fortune or happen me ther to deceesse And if it fortune me to dissease att lincoln then I will my said body to be humate and buryed in the parish church ther called St. Peter at the Arches under the thrugh or grave ston of my husband. In the name of my mortuary or principall as it is accustomed, etc. To our lades warke of lincoln a payr of beades of awmbre gawded with sylver. To every house or place of the iij ordres of ffreeres in lincoln iij*s.* iij*d.* To the great gild in lincoln i*s.* To the roode light of St. peters church att tharches xx*s.* To v prestes to say v messes of the v principall wondes of our lord Jhesu Christ the day of my buryall xx*d.* I will that a preest syng for my soule immediatly after my dissease within the said monastery of Stixwold by the space of oon hole yere and he to have for his stipend and salarie *vi.* and he to say every day duryng the said hole yere for my soule the soules of my late husband my childern my present benefactors and all crysten soules Placebo dirige and comendac<sup>o</sup>n with ix lessons [*folio 29*] (if he be in helth that he so may convenyently doo). I will that ther be an obitt kept and holden for the soule of my late husband and my childern the day off his Anniverserie at lincoln in the said church called St. peters at the Arches by the space of xx*i* yeres immediatly folowyng my dissease with Placebo and dirige and commendacion with ix lessons, at which said obitt I will ther be v*j* preestes and the parishe Clerk and Messe of Requiem, and every preest to have for the same iij*d.*, And the said parishe clerk iij*d.* I will that at the said obitt ther be an hersse sett and iij*j* serges of wax about the said hersse to burn all the tyme of the service and the parson to fynd thaym and he to have for them iij*d.* and *j*d.** for the hede messe penny. Also I will that ther be spent and disposed in bread and ale at the same xi*d.* and in Chese iij*d.* And in breade over that to be distributed emonges pore people ther beyng ix*d.*, the said money to be delyvered by the priores off the said monastery of Stixwold for the tyme beyng or hir depute duryng the said term of xx*i* yeres to the haundes of the Churchwardons off the said church called St. Peters church afforsaid, the said church wardens to distribute the said money in manner and forme above rehersed, And they to have for their labors and busynes aboute the same iij*d.* And for the performance of the said obitt I will that ther be delyvered to the priores and convent of the said monastery of Stixwold *vi.* And they to send every yere to the said church wardons att the day of the said Anniversarie so to be

holden and kept duryng the said term of xx yeres the said money above expressed and particularly lymyted to be expended att the said obitt. And if the said church wardons willnot keape and holde the said obitt as in distributyng vs. ij*d.* in forme afforsaid then I will the vs. ij*d.* be delyvered to the wardon of the house of the gray ffreers in lincoln he to distribute it emonges his brethern of the same house and afre the forme afforsaid. I will that Dame Helen Kay my daughter now priores off the said monastery of Stixwold and hir Successours ther Prioresses after hir kepe and holde or cause to be kepte and holden yerly after my disseasse for the term of lxxxxvj yeres Imediatly folowyng and fully to be fynyshed and ended an obitt for my soule and all my frendes and all crysten soules in the said monastery of Stixwold in manner and forme folowyng, that is to say at myn obitt day that the priores and Convent ther for the tyme beyng shall [*folio 29*d.**] syng Placebo and dirige with ix lessons, And they to have for the same, the priores viii*d.* and every Nonne iii*d.* And also a messe of Requiem to be songen. And the ij Convent preestes ther to have every of them iii*d.* And the vicar of Stixwold and all such other preestes as bee than belongyng to the said monastery to have to every of tham iii*d.*, they to say for the same placebo and dirige with ix lessons and oon messe of the v pryncipall woundes of our lord Jhesu Criste. Also I will that ther be founden a Lawmpe burnyng in the tyme of Messe biffor the Image of our lady of pittie thrughe out all the yere. And for the performance and doyng of the said Obitt and lawmpe I will that my ffeoffes which now stand and be seased of and in all my Landes and tenementes medowes fedyng groundes pasturs Rents and services in Hemyngbie doo permytt and suffre the said Dame Helen Kay my daughter priores of the said monastery of Stixwold to perceyve and take the yerly Issues and profettes of all my said Landes and other the premises in Hemmyngby afforsaid duryng the liffe of the said Dame Helen Kay my daughter She with the same to keape the said Obitt, etc. After the decease of the same Dame Helen Kay my daughter I will that the said feoffes suffer the priores of the said monastery then next Succedyng and hir successours prioresses oon after another for the said terme off lxxxxvj yeres to perceyve and take the yerly Issues off all my forsaid landes, etc., to kepe and holde the said Obitt in the said monastery, etc. And the residew of the same to be distributed by the discreccion of the said prioresses and every oon of thaim for tyme beyng in deides of charitie and pittie in and [*folio 30*] about suche ornaments and other thynges as shall be thought by thaim for the said monastery most requisite and nedefull, etc. And the said term of lxxxxvj yeres fully determyned and ended I will the said landes, etc., in Hemmyngby be solde to the best price by my ffeoffes or the heire of the Survivour of them then lyvyng by the discession advise and counsale of the Abbott of the monastery of Bardenay and the priores of the said monastery of Stixwold then beyng, And the money to be distributed in keypyng and holdyng of the said obitt yerly in the said monastery. And if it fortune the said obitt to be omitted and nott keptt then I will my ffeoffes suffre the abbot and convent of bardeney for the tyme beyng to receyve and take the yerly Issues, The said Abbott and convent to kepe and holde the said Obitt in theyr said Monastery of Bardenay expendyng ther at as is above rehersed, And the Residew of the said

Issues to goo to the welth of theyr said monastery. I will that my said ffeoffes which be now seased of and in a certayn orcherd in the parishe of St. Austyn within the Citie of lincoln, late of William Brown golde smyth, suffre the church wardons of the said church called St. Peters church at the Arches in lincoln for the tyme beyng from my deceasse to thend and term of lxxxxvj yeres do take the yerely Issues of the said orcherd with the which I will that the said Churchwardons fynde and keep yerly a light biffor the Image of St. Andrew within the said church called St. Peters att the Arches for my soule and all crysten soules. And the said term of yeres fully determyned I will my said ffeoffes sell the said Orchard to the best price by the advice and counsale of the churchwardons of St. Peters att the Arches for the tyme beyng, And of the money taken for the same I will the said light bee founden by the said church wardons in fourme aforsaid [*folio 30d.*] so farr as the money will streche, etc. Residue of goods to Dame Helen Kay my daughter now prioeres of Stixwold whom I make executrice. Geven at Stixwold the day and yere above written. Thies wittnesses, Sir John Robynson vicar of Stixwold afforsaid, Sir John Cooke, and other

Proved before P., at Horncastle, Monday, 29 Jan., 1525. Adm. granted to the executrix.

[RICHARD WRYGHT OF TRUSTHORPE, A.D. 1525.]

[PRYN, I.]

8 December, 1525. I Rycherd wryght off Trusthorpe, etc. I wyll that Anne my wyff have xxj acres lande leyng in Sutton, that I boghte, so long as she doo kepe hyr on maryed; remainder to my sonne William Wryght and hys heyres of hys body; remainder to my sone James wryght yff he doo mary, to hym and hys heyres off hys body for evermore. And yff my sone James be preste, then I will that Thomas wryght and James wryght my sones do sell the londe and the [*sic*] that come theroff to be devyded by even porcyons to all my chyldren and my sone Thomas wryght and to all hys chyldren. Also I will that vj*l.* be taken out off the sayd lande, that is to say, every yere yerly next ensuyng thys present date xxs. to the forsayd vj*l.* be fully ended, and so be the money that was lent to the kyng be not payd ageyne to the performance off thys my last will. To my son James xl. to make hym a preste, and a sylver spone. To my sone Wylliam and my daughters Jenet, Jane, Alyson, Isabell and katherine, each xx*l.* and a silver spone. I will that yff so be that ony off my forsayd chyldren decease afore they come to the age off xxix yeres, that then ther partyes that so deceasyth be devydyd to them all that lyved, by syde that is spent on theme att ther buryng, and eche off them for to be others heyres, etc. Yff so be that any of my forsayde chyldren decease I will that Thomas my sone be one at the shyfte of the forsayd goodes off them that soo deceased. And off thys my present testament and last will I make my sone Thomas wryght and my sone James wryght to be myne executores, and Anne my wyffe to be supervysour, and cheffe ruler and governer of my chyldren and ther goodes with my forsayd executores so long as she kepeth hyr unmaryed, etc. And as for the hoole somme off my chyldren goodes by me to them bequest, I will that they rest with my sone Thomas wryght

one off myne executours, to the performance off thys my will and not to be spertled without consent off my sone James wryght and Anne my wyffe to the tyme come that it shalbe delyvered to them abovenamed. In wyttnes wheroff I the forsayd Rycherd wryght hayth sett to my seale the day and yere abovesayd. In the presence of John bust, John Robertson, William Cooke, and John Wig public notary, wyth other moy, John stuard.

by me Ric' wryght

Proved before P., at Alford, 1 Feb., 1525.

[JOHN SLEFORD OF GRANTHAM, A.D. 1525.]

[PRYN, 4. *Collated with another copy in Var., folio 57.*]

THE TESTAMENT OF JOHN SLEFORD OF GRANTHAM.<sup>1</sup>

12 December, 1525. I John Sleford beyng seke, etc. I will that Ales my wyffe have all my landes purchased and all my leases duryng hyr lyffe, she kepyng hyr sole; remainder to Raulffe my sonne and Anne hys wyffe and to the heyres off ther ij bodyes; remainder to the sayd Anne duryng hyr lyffe; remainder to the next heyers for ever. Provyded that yf Alice my wyffe and my sayd sune Raulffe cannot agre then I will that he enter to all my landes in great paunton and theym to have in maner and forme byfore expressyd. Also I wyll that my feoffes stand fefft and be seasyd off all my said landes and tenementes to the use off thys my will. The Resydew off my goodes to Ales my wyffe and to Rauff my sonn, whome I ordeyne and make my executours; they to dyspose for the helth of my soule, etc. Thyse wyttnes, sir Thomas brygher parysh prest, sir Robert Robynson, Robert Wastell, Ric' Rey, Olyuer more, wyth other.

Proved before P., at Ancaster, 11 April, 1526.

[JOHN WAYKFELD OF BARROW, A.D. 1525.]

[1520-31, 30d.]

THE TESTAMENT OF JOHN WAYKFELD OF BARROW.

18 December, 1525. I John Waykfeld of barrow, etc. To be buried in the church of our laydy in Barrow. To our lady of lincoln *iiijd.* To our lady werk in lincoln *iiijd.* To the highe Alter in barow *iiijd.* To John my sonn *xxvs.*, etc., and the halffe of my Smythie gere. To Steven my son *xls.* and the other halffe of my Smythie gere if he lyve and be a smyth, or els I will his parte of the gere remayn to Richerd my sonn if he will be a smyth. And if nother Richerd nor Steven then the hole gere to remain to John my sonn. To Margett my daughter oon silver bucle, etc., for the which bucle the said margett shall give to our lady of lincoln *vjd.* To Elizabeth and Janet my daughters. To Margett my wife. I will that a prest shall syng within the church of Barow for my soule by the space of halff yere, and to have for his wages *xs.* I will that if Thomas denys com to the Cuntrey and aske anythyng for his childes parte that he have of my wif *vjs. viijd.* and of every oon of my childern *iijs. iiijd.* I will that my wif have ij toftes with the apparutenances within

<sup>1</sup> The copy in Pryn, folio 4, omits this heading.

the town and ffeildes of Barow duryng hir liffe, and after hir decesse I will that the house which Thomas Moody dwellith in remayn to Stephen my sonn, and the other house that Robert Nele dwellith in remayn to Richerd my sonn; and if Richard die without Issue of his body remainder to steven, and if Steven die without Issue of his body remainder to John my sonn. The residew of my goodes I gyve to Margett my wif, whom I make my executrix. Thies witnes, Edmund Holm, Steven atkynson, and Robert Hall, with other moo.

Proved before P., at Caster, 7 Feb., 1525.

[ROBERT HALL OF BURGH IN THE MARSH, A.D. 1525.]

[1545-6, ii, 323. Collated with two copies in 1520-31, folio 31, and folio 93d. The three copies are referred to in the footnotes as A, B and C respectively].

THE TESTAMENT OF ROBERT HALL OF BRUGH IN LE MARSHE.<sup>1</sup>

27 December, 1525. I Robert Hall off burgh<sup>2</sup> in the marche, etc. To be beryd in the chyrcherd of sanct petur in burgh, and my best beyste to be my mortuary. To the hey aultur for forgotyn tythes xijd. To our lady wark off lincoln xijd. To our lady gylde at burgh xijd.<sup>3</sup> To the nonnys of bullyngton xijd. To our lady gylde xijd. I wyll that the vicar off burgh that is and his succedors for tym beyng hayv ij acres landes lying in burgh callyd schothorne wang<sup>4</sup> [to be in feoffys handes the space of iiij<sup>xx</sup> yeres and xix.<sup>5</sup>] to the keypyng off a 3erly obyt so long as the lawys of ynglond wil sufferyt for the helth of my sooll and all my gud frendes soolles. And if the vicar for tym beyng doo not kepe the sayd 3erly obyt, then I wyll that the chirchwardons of burgh for tym beyng hayve the lond and they to kepe the obit 3erly. [And at the ende of the foresayd yeres the sayd landes to be solde by my feoffers, and the church wardens of burgh, and the money therfore takyn to be spent in mayntenynge of the ornamentes with in the church of burgh.<sup>6</sup>] Also I wyll that elesabeth my wyffe hayve the hows that I dwelin the terme off hyr lyffe with all the profettys and landes ther to longyng, etc., and then I wyll that the sayd hoole landes be sold by my executors, or soner yf my wyffe wyll, and the money therfor takynn or cummyng ther off be thus dysposyd: fyrst I bequeth to mare cotton iii<sup>l</sup>. vjs. viiij<sup>d</sup>., also to John Hall xls., also to Agnes cooke my servant xxvjs. viiij<sup>d</sup>., also to Agnes kygges vjs. viiij<sup>d</sup>., also to thomas hall a 3owe; and the resudewe off the money takyng for the hows and landes to be dysposyd for the most profyt of my sooll and my frendes soolles. And the resudewe off all my gudes not gyffne and bequethyd I put tham to the dysposicion off elesabeth my wyff and thomas Jordan<sup>6</sup> the vicar off burgh, whom I make executurs, thaey to dyspose tham to most plesur of Almethy god for my sooll and my benefacturs soolles. Wyttnes, Syr thomas pynchbek, Sir William boston, Sir symon Wolby,<sup>7</sup> and harry<sup>8</sup> hall, with other moo.

Proved at Parteney<sup>9</sup> the last day of Jan., [1529. Adm. granted to the executors<sup>10</sup>].

<sup>1</sup> The copy in 1545-6 omits this heading, and B omits the last five words of it.

<sup>2</sup> B reads 'Brugh' throughout the will. <sup>3</sup> A omits this bequest. <sup>4</sup> B reads 'Short thorn wang,' and C 'Skothern wong.'

<sup>5</sup> A and C omit these words.

<sup>6</sup> B reads 'Jourdan.' <sup>7</sup> C reads 'Welby.' <sup>8</sup> B and C read 'Henry.' <sup>9</sup> B adds 'in the parish church.'

<sup>10</sup> A omits the words in brackets.

[STEPHEN ABRAHAM OF SKIRBECK, A.D. 1525.]

[VAR., 55. *Collated with a copy in Pryn, page 8, which is referred to in the footnotes as B.*]

THE TESTAMENT OF STEPHEN ABRAHAM OF SKYRBEK.<sup>1</sup>

The last day of January, 1525, 17 Henry VIII. I Steven Abraham of Skyrbek, etc. To our lady gilde of Boston ij acres pasture grounde and one acre arrable leyng in Skyrbek feld in a place called the Chekker upon this condicion, that the alderman of the said gild and his successors aldermen for the tyme beyng shall pay or cause to be paid yerly to the churche maisters of Skyrbek for the tyme beyng iijs., and they to kepe an obite yerly for me. And if the alderman do not pay, then I will the lande remayne to the churche of Skyrbek, they to have it and to do as is aforsaid. I will that Alson have duryng her lif my messuage the whiche I dwell yn, a house called Samons house with the appurtenances and xxij acres of pasture gronde and arrable; remainder to Steven Abraham my son sone to hym and to the heyres of his body bigoten; remainder to our ladyes gilde of Boston upon this condicion, that the alderman and chambrelayns of the gilde shall yerly kepe an obite for me with in the chapell of our lady in Boston to the value of xiijs. iiij*d.* by yere. I will that after the deceasse of my wif the house called Samons howse be solde and the money therof receyved to be disposed for the helth of my soule, my wiffes soule and all cristen soules; and the said house to be sold at the sight of my supervisour. I will that Steven Abraham my son sone be with Geffrey Wace at the sight of my supervisour unto the tyme he be of xxj yerres of age according to the covenantes comprised in a payre of Indentures. The residue of my goodes and catalles I put them to the discrecion of Alson my wif, whom I make myne executrix, etc. I will that Mr. John<sup>a</sup> Robynson of Boston Esquyer be supervisour. Witnes to this, Syr Henry Hudson prest, William Jakson, and Thomas Thystelworth, with other moo.

Proved before P., at Boston, 16 April, 1526. Adm. granted to the executrix.

[WILLIAM DROVE OF SUTTON ST. JAMES, A.D. 1525.]

[VAR., 54. *Collated with another copy in Pryn, page 5.*]

THE TESTAMENT OF W. DROUE.

10 February, 1525. I William Droue of the parishe of St. James in Sutton in Holand, etc. I will that Mawde my wif shal take and receyve yerly duryng hir lif to her owne use all the rentes and revenues of my mesuage and viij acr' and one Rode xiiij pertic' londe of the custum werke leyng under the said messuage at ende of horsmere drove agaynst the crosse, and vj acr' and one Rode lande of the custum werke leyng over upon the oder side of the wey agaynst the said messuage, to have and to holde the said messuage and xiiij acr' and di' and xiiij perches londe leyng devyded as is said bifore to the said mawde the tyme of her lif, and then to remayne as it is made bi a fermour graunte in a certayn copy takyn forth of the courte of the kyng of his manor of Sutton,

<sup>1</sup> B omits this heading.    <sup>2</sup> B omits 'John.'



parcell of the duchy of lancastr', at whiche Courte came William Derelove prest late of Tid Mary now deceased, Henry Callow and Thomas Degyll of Sutton, and made surrendre in to the handes of the kyng to the behof and profite of me William Droue and Mawde my said wife and to the heyres of the same Mawde lawfully bigoten, etc., which copy beareth date at Sutton the Thursday next afore the fest of the Annunciacion, 3 Henry VIII. To Mawde my wif the tyme of her lif vj acre londe leyng in horsmere, late nicholas wright, and x acre londe leyng in yngley; to remayne if he then be lyveng to Richard my sone to his heyres and assigns, and if he deceasse bfore my wif then to remayne if he be lyveng to John my son to his heyres and assignes. If Richard and John both deceasse bfore my wif, then to be solde immediatly aftyr the deceasse of my wif and the money therof comeng to be disposed in the chapell of St. James in Sutton in charitable werkes as it shall please my said wif to assigne it to the pleasur of god and most profit of our soules, of our benefactours, and all cristen soules. To Mawde my wif the tyme of hir lif ij acre londe fre leyng in horsemere drove aforsaid, and after her deceasse to remayne if he be then lyvyng to John my son, and if he deceasse bfore my wif, then to remayne to Richard my son if he survyve my said wif. If they both deceasse bfore Mawde my wif, then the forsaid ij acr' lande to be sold and the money therof commeng to be disposed in charitable werkes in the chapell of St. James, etc. I will if it happen that Mawde my wif do marye again then I will that the said childern have ther catell delyvered forth to grow to ther owne advantage, and if John or Richard deceasse afore he come to xv yere of age then the survivour to have the hole catell to his owne use. The residue of all my goodes I give to Mawde my wif, whom I make myne executrix. And of the execucion of this my present testament I make laurens goddesman oversyer. Thies wtnes, William Bakehouse prist, Richard Callow, and Thomas louth, with other more.

Be it knowen that I William Droue hath made surrendre of my londes in the handes of Robert hardy of the parishe of St. James aforsaid in fulfilling of this my last will, etc.

Proved before P., at Spalding, 14 April, 1526. Adm. granted to the executrix.<sup>1</sup>

[ROBERT CHANTREE OF LISSINGTON, A.D. 1525.]

[VAR., 63d. Collated with another copy in Pryn, page 26, which is referred to in the footnotes as A.]

THE TESTAMENT OF ROBERT CHAUNTRE.

21 February, 1525. I Robert Chantree of Lesyngton, etc. My body to be buryed in the church yerd of St. John Baptiste of Lesyngton, with my best beste for my mortuary as custome requireth.<sup>2</sup> To the awter of the same viij*d.*, and to the same church on quarter of barle. To our lady warke off lincoln iiij*d.* To the hye alter of lyncoln iiij*d.* To our lady frerys of lyncoln, the gray frerys, the frerys of Newportte and the frerys at the grece foytt. To Thomas Chauntre my bast' son ij storrys

<sup>1</sup> The copy in Pryn omits the act of administration.

<sup>2</sup> A omits the clause about the burial and the mortuary.

of iij yere olde, etc., and iij peyce landes lyeng in the est felde of wood wonge, with on lyttyll but off whette and iiij barly landes, ij lyeng above the grene and the other ij of bene landes. To Elysabeth my wyffe all my howsys with all my landes and tenementes in the towne and felde of Lesyngton for terme of hyr lyffe yff she kepe hyr selffe and mary nott to the fyndyng and up bryngyng of hyr chyldeyn and myne; remainder to Agnes, Amye, Margaret and Elizabeth my daughters and ther heyrys of ther bodys; remainder to thomas Chauntry my bayst' sone and to hys heyres of hys body lauffully begotten; and yff it fortune him to dye with owt such issue, then I wyll the sayd landes and tenementes by the advyce of myne executours to be sold, and the mony therefore takyn to be disposyd for my soull and all crysten soules. And yf my wyffe departe or mary byfore my doughttters cum to lauffull age, then I will my executours have the sayd landes, etc., to the uysse of my doughttters unto the tyme they cum to lauffull age. I wyll that my goodes be devydyde in thre partes, the fyrst to Elyzabeth my wyffe, the second to my chyldeyn, the thyrd to my executours to disporre for my soull and all crysten soulls. And my wyffe to have my parte of the houshold stuffe, and I make her, Rycherd Pecaryng<sup>1</sup> of Colow,<sup>2</sup> and Thomas Kydder of lesyngton, myn executours to disporre for the helth of my soull, etc., and ether of theme to have for ther pane and labors iijs. iiijd. Thes wyttnes, Wylliam Lamyng, John kyder, John toynton of lesyngton.

Proved before P., at Lincoln, 20 July, 1526. [Adm. granted to the executours.<sup>3</sup>]

[RICHARD GREGBY OF LEAKE, A.D. 1525.]

[VAR. 56d. *Collated with another copy in Pryn, page 9, which is referred to in the footnotes as A.*]

THE TESTAMENT OF RICHARD GREGBY OF LEEK.<sup>4</sup>

6 March, 1525. I Richerd gregby off Leeke, etc. I will that Jenet my wife have my Capitall meesse with iij acres and oon roode undre itt with oon house called Waller house and browngarth, with oon pastur called bugcrofte,<sup>5</sup> and oon acre of pastur late Simond Crake to the terme of hir liffe; remainder to William my sonn and to his heyres and assignes when he cumyth to lawfull age. I will that William my sonn when he cumyth to lauffull age have ij acers of arable laund lyeng in the toftes, iij Roides in fenlaundes neigh the land of John sutton, in fee symple. I will that Thomas my son when he cumyth to lauffull age have ij acres of laund lyeng in kelyngworth, with ij pyngles in ffenlandes, the oon called brow pyngle, the other called Corne pyngle, and oon pyngle called gressepyngle, and oon pyngle called Wyloo pyngle, in fe symple. I will that John my son have oon pastur called house croft, and oon pastur nygh the lande of William Larkes in the same felde, in fee symple when he cumyth to lauffull age. I will that Raulf my son have oon pasture nygh dymok close conteynyng ij acres and di', with viij acers and di' in halfentoft, ij acres nyghe podayes, j peece in stodehaw, in fee symple when he cumyth to lauffull age. Also I will that iij acres land pastur lyeng in fenlandes called Amot<sup>6</sup> rigge, and an other peace ther Lay iij

<sup>1</sup> A has 'Pecaryng.' <sup>2</sup> A has 'Calow.' <sup>3</sup> The copy in Var. omits the act of administration. <sup>4</sup> A omits this heading. <sup>5</sup> A has 'Bucrofte.' <sup>6</sup> A has 'Annet.'

acres in haytofts be sold by my executors to the payment of the money biffor assigned to my daughters. And I will that if any of my daughters dey biffor they be maryed, then I will that they that lyvith have the parte of them that dey. If all my sonnes dey or they cum to lafull age, I will that all my landes biffor assigned to my sonnes remayn to my daughters in fee symple. The Residew of all my goodes not yeven nor bequest I gyve to Sir Thomas paynson and John Mayng, whom I make myn executors, etc. Thies wittness, sir Ric' shirman,<sup>1</sup> Bernard Wright, and John monke, with other.

Proved before P., at Boston, 16 April, 1526.

[JOHN HERRY OF PEAK HILL IN THE PARISH OF SPALDING, A.D. 1525.]

[VAR., 54.]

THE TESTAMENT OF J. HERRY.

6 March, 1525. I John herry of picall with in the parishe of spaldyng, etc. My body to be buried with in the chirchyerd of the privilege place of Cowbite; my mortuary to be paied as the costume appereth. To the high auter of Cowbite xvjd.; to Cowbite churche xijd. To the high awter of our lady of lincoln ijd. To our lades werkes of lincoln iiijd. to the pore children of St. Catheryns with oute the wales of lincoln iijd. To the parishe churche of Spaldyng viijd. I will my wif have my place that I dwell in duryng her lif; remainder to gilbert herry my son the terme of his lif; remainder to John herry my son, to hym and to his heyres of his body; and if it happen the said John deceasse with out such heyres, then I will the said place be sold and the sylver theruppon comeng to be evenly devided bitwyne my three daughters, that is to wite, Joane, beatrix and heleyn. Also I will John my son have my house in picall of Copyhold to hym and his assignes, so that he pay xls. in discharge of my dettes or elles the said house of Copyhold be sold to pay my dettes with all. The residue of my goodes I gif to the disposicion of heleyn my wif, whiche I ordeyn my executrix, with the discret oversight of Robert gowmuyll. Thies beyng witnes, sir Tho' Sherif, John markham, John mason, and John mariot, and many more; made and written the day and yere abovesaid.

Proved before P., at Spalding, 14 April, 1526. Adm. granted to the relict.

[ADAM GALTHROP OF HORBLING, A.D. 1525.]

[1506 &c., 85.]

THE TESTAMENT OF ADAM GALTHROP OF HORBLYN.

13 March, 1525. I Adam Galthrop of horblyn, etc. I doe assign the Copy of this house to kateryn my wiffe the term of my yeres and aftre hir to Thomas or Roger my sonnes or Alice my daughter. These being witnesses, Sir Robert wynde, Sir Richard Baynton priest, Richard hastinall, Thomas Bennett, Richard burn, and others.

[No probate act.]

<sup>1</sup> A has 'Scherman.'

[SIR JOHN BEKE, VICAR OF ABY, A.D. 1525.]

[PRYN, 10. *Collated with another copy in Var., folio 55d., which is referred to in the footnotes as A.*]

14 March, 1525. I sir John beke, vicar off Aby, etc. To be buried in the churchyerde off St. Wilfride in alford, and that to be my mortuary as the law doyth require. To our lady off lincoln xijd., and to the redde arke vjd. To the hyghe alter in alford church xijd., and to the warke off the same church xxs. [To the high awter in Aby xijd., and to the werke of the same churche xxs.¹] To Margaryte Buntyng ij materisse, etc., also iij acr' land leyng with in the parysh of saint mary in waynflēt in the northe parte off Burre gayte. I will that sir Wylliam plates, Thomas keygges and other my feoffes off all my [lands] in the paryshe off alhallouse in waynflēt stand ceased to the use off Isabell Smyth priorysse off grenefeld and the convent off the same and ther successores for lxxx yeres, to thentent that they shall kepe an obyte for me and all crysten soules every yere duryng the sayd iiij<sup>xx</sup> yeres; and yff the sayd Isabell Smyth priorysse and convent or ther successors may have licence to make it mortmayne wyth in the sayd yeres, then I will they have the sayd landes for ever, or ellys I will that it be sold by the priorysse and convent then beyng and desposeth for the helth off my soule and all crysten soules. Also I will that William Turtyll off alford have all thoys landes that he dyd morgage to me for xxxti yeres, so that he, hys heyres and assigns do or make to be done every yere ij trentallys duryng the space off xxxvti yeres next ensuyng the dat off thys my testament, at ouersyght off Isabell Smyth priouresse off grenefeld myn executrix or her successors. Provided alwey that yff the sayd William Turtyll, hys heyres or assigns do not make the forsaid ij trentallys to be done, then I will the sayd Isabell Smyth myn executrix or her successors have all the sayd landes and make the sayd ij trentalles to be done duryng the sayd yeres. The resydewe off my goodes I gyve to the forsaid Isabell Smyth, whome I orden to be myn executrix, and she to dispose it at her liberte. Thyse beyng wytnes, Syr John hyll parson off Thuresby, sir Thomas hawherd,<sup>2</sup> sir John davye, and William Broune.

Proved before P., in the conventual church of grenfeld, 21 April, 1526. [Adm. granted to the prioress there.<sup>3</sup>]

[SIR JOHN GREVES, PARISH PRIEST OF WADDINGTON, A.D., 1525.]

[VAR., 58. *Collated with another copy in Pryn, page 3.*]

THE TESTAMENT OF SIR JOHN GREVES, CURATE OF WADYNGTON.<sup>4</sup>

20 March, 1525. I Sir John Greves, parish prest of Wadyngton, etc. My body to be buried in the qweer of the church of Wadyngton. My mortuary as the law doth requier. To our lady werk of Lincoln xijd. To my fader my sored horsse. To my sister Catheryn the cope of my house with all the landes therto belongyng redde sawen duryng hir liffe, and then to remayn to the church off Wadyngton for ever. To the said Catheryne all my houshold stuffe with in the dores and the best Cow that she will choose, and to every oon of hir children v sheip. To

<sup>1</sup> A adds these bequests. <sup>2</sup> 'hawerd' in A. <sup>3</sup> A adds the administration act.

<sup>4</sup> The copy in Pryn omits this heading.

every of my brethern and systers oon quarter of barley and v shepe. To every oon of my godchilder oon shepe. To Alice Hamond, Robert Hamond and Richerd Newcom ether of theym oon shepe. The Residew of my goodes I committ to the custodye of my father, whom I mayke myne executour to distribute for the helth of my soule. In wittness whearoff, Robert Hamond, and Richard Newcom, with other.

Proved before P., 10 April. [1526. Adm. granted to the executor.<sup>1</sup>]

[WILLIAM SCORTRETH OF FULLSTHORPE IN THE PARISH OF TRUSTHORPE,  
A.D. 1526.]

[PRYN, 12d. *Collated with another copy in Var., folio 57d. There is also another copy, much decayed, in 1566 &c., folio 25.*]

THE TESTAMENT OF W. SCORTRETH.<sup>2</sup>

The last day of March, 1526. I William Scortreth off Fullsthorpe in the parishe off trusthorpe, make my last will, etc. I will that Alys my wyffe have all my landes in trusthorpe and fulsthorpe for the space off viij yeres to her fyndyng, and to thentent that she wyth the profyttes of the same shall susteyn and bryng up Agnes my daughter; remaynder to John my sonne and to the heires off hys body, except on messe and iij roodes off grounde lyeng in rossey, wych I will my son Thomas shall have to hym and to hys heyres off hys body. And yff it happen the sayd John to die wyth out issue off hys body, the sayd landes byfore bequethyd to John shall remayne to Thomas my sonne and to his heyres off hys body. And yff it happen Thomas to dye wythout issue off hys body, the sayd messe wyth the iij roodes off grounde shall remayne to John my sonne and to hys heyres off hys body. And yff John and Thomas dye with out issue off ther bodyes, then I will the sayd messe and all the other landes shall remayn to margaret and agnes my daughters and to ther heyres and assignes for ever. Provyded allwey that Alys my wyffe and John and Thomas my sonnes shall fynde oon lyght off wax byfore our lady in the north Ile off the church duryng the tyme off godes service every festyvall day by the space of xxy yeres next after my deceasse, that is to say, my wyffe duryng the tyme off hyr yeres, and John and Thomas theyr heyres and assignes unto such tyme as the sayd xxy yeres be fully endyd. The resydew off my goodes I gyff to Alys my wyff, whom I make my sole executrix. Thies wittness, Ric' wryght, sir Thomas wyngood, John Scortreth, Thomas Scortreth, Robert Clerke.

Proved before P., at Alford, 21 April, 1526.

[THOMAS LOFFEYN OF GEDNEY, A.D. 1526.]

[PRYN, 22. *Collated with another copy in Var., folio 62.*]

THE TESTAMENT OF T. LOFFEYN.<sup>2</sup>

6 April, 1526. I Thomas loffeyn off Gedney in holland makes thys my testament and last will, etc. I will that Emme my wyff have my messe with the appurtenance and xij acres off ground that it standes upon the terme off hyr lyff, and affter hyr departyng to Anne my daughter

<sup>1</sup> The copy in Var. omits the words enclosed in brackets.

<sup>2</sup> The copy in Pryn omits this heading.

and to hyr heyres off hyr body lawfully comyng, and in default of such heyres I will it shalbe sold by the hand of myn executor or elles be my wyffe executor and dysposyd off celebracyon off an honest prest so long as it shall indure for me and my good frendes. The residew off my goodes to Emme my wyff, whom I make my executrix, she for to dispose them for the helth off my soule. Thes wyttnes, Robert Sampson, John Elye, Symond foster, phylip Simson, with other moo.

Proved before P., at Sutton, the last day of June, 1526.

[ALEYN NEWLANDE OF FISHTOFT, A.D. 1526.]

[PRYN, 14. *Collated with another copy in Var., folio 58d.*]

18 April, 1526. I Aleyn Newlande offt tofft makyth thys my testament, etc. To my wyffe my house as it stondyth, wyth all the grounde belongyng to it; also iiij acres lande arrable lying in the south felde off toffte aforsayd unto the end and terme off xxty yeres, and then to be equally devydyd betwyx my ij doughters, that is to say, Janet and Alys, in fee symple. I bequeth ij acres off lande arable lyeng in the northfelde off toffte to theme and to ther heyres off ther bodyes, and after the deceasse off Janet martyn off freston; and yff ether off them dye with owt heyres off ther bodyes, then it to remayn to John Bate the yonger and Robert bate son off John bate off tofft in fee simple. The resydue off my goodes I gyff to Agnes my wyffe, and John Bate, whome I make myn executors, and Ric' Bollyt<sup>1</sup> superviser. Thies beyng wittnes, sir Robert byran, sir thomas banester, and Simond Jakson, with other moo.

Proved before P., at leeke, 26 June, 1526.

[ROBERT BRAY OF KIRTON IN HOLLAND, A.D. 1526.]

[PRYN, 18.]

20 April, 1526. I Robert bray off the parysh off kyrton in holand, makes my testament concludyng with my last will, etc. To Robert brey iiij acres and a halffe off land wyth the appurtenances buyldyd upon, and when he departes thys present worlde then I will the land remane to the church off kyrton for evermore. I will that my lord off Swyneshed have on acr' land lying at the townys end off kyrton to pray for me, etc. The resydwew off my goodes nott witt nor bequethyd, etc., I gyff to Alayn blisbury and Robert brey, whome I ordeyne my executors to dispose my goodes to the most pleasur off god and helth off my soule. Wyttnesses, sir Thomas Ashley, John Fox, with other moor.

Proved before P., at Kyrton, 27 June, 1526.

[JOHN QUADRYNG OF FRISKNEY, A.D. 1526.]

[VAR., 65. *Collated with another copy in Pryn, page 27, which is referred to in the footnotes as A.*]

THE TESTAMENT OF JOHN QUADRYNG.<sup>2</sup>

28 April, 1526. I John Quadryng, seke in bode, make and ordeyne thys my last will, etc. [My body to be buryd with in the church of all halloys in frysnaye. Also my mortuary to be gyven after law and

<sup>1</sup> 'Bellytt' in Var., folio 58d. <sup>2</sup> A omits this heading.

costome.<sup>1]</sup> To my syster Cecyll Crammor x yowys after they be clyppyd. To Margaret Crammor x yowys clepyd. To my brother Crammor my best bonnett, my boyttes, my spurrys, etc. To my brother John frysnay my saddyll. To Ric' pynchbeke a coytt and a schertte. I wyll that my feffys that be infeoffyd in my landes in orby wych that I had after the dethe of sir John smyth, late vicar of frysknay, and executor unto my father, stand infeoffyd to the fulfylling of thys my last wyll, that is to say, fyrst I wyll that all the profettes and Renttes of the sayd landes, the chargys borne, to be Resavyd by John hybtoft to my dettes be payd, etc., and then I will xvjs. of the profettes be stowyd<sup>2</sup> att *skaler<sup>3</sup> celi* for my soull att boston or oder place be the discrecyon of my executors. And that done, then I will yerly to be takyn of the sayd landes iijs. iiijd., and that to be stowyd<sup>2</sup> yerly of on obytt in fryskney church for the helthe of my soull, and for the soulles of my father and mother; and that so to be keypyd by the space of xvj yeres. Also I will that yff lyon quadryng my brother will pay my dettes and xvjs. to *skala<sup>3</sup> celi*, and soo yerly kepe my obytt, and fynde sufficientt suerte to my brother John hybtoft in fulfylling of theses premisses, then I will my brother lyon have my londes aforsayd. The resydw off my goodes heyr not bequethyd I gyff to the disposyng of my brother John hybtoft, whom I make myne executor, that he farthermore dispose for the well<sup>4</sup> of my soull. Thyse beryng wyttnes Mr. John fryskney, sir thomas Jordan vicar, John waylle wyth other moy.

Proved before P., in the parish church of St. Peter in Eastgate in the city of Lincoln, 28 July, 1526.

[ROBERT PORTER OF BELTON NEAR GRANTHAM, A.D. 1526.]

[1520-31, 35.]

THE TESTAMENT OF ROBERT PORTER.

4 May, 1526. I Robert porter off belton doo make my testament and last will, etc. I will that george my sone have all my landes and tenementes in Sutton and Stanthorp to hym hys heyres and assignes for evermore; also all my landes in markam, Weston, orsyngton and lanum, to have and to hold to hym and hys heyres and hys assignes for evermore. Also I will that the sayd george ratyfye and confirme the joynt' off my wyffe, and over and besydes that I will that the sayd jointer be off the clere valewe off xxs. clere over and above all maner off chargys; and I will it be taken off atkynson house. I will also the sayd george my sone gyve yerly unto Rycherde my sone duryng hys lyff xxs. To Agnes my wyffe the on halff off my moveable goodes, and the other halff to go to the payment off my dettes; and yff they be not sufficient to pay my dettes, then I will that the sayd george my sone and hys heyres shall pay my dettes att hys costes and chargys. I wyll that Agnes my wyffe shall have all hyr clothyng that longes to hyr bak, with all the lynnyn cloth as kerchyffes, aporns, bendys, nekorchyffes, with hyr bedys and hyr arche and her gerdyll. Also wher it hayth bene demaundyd off me certen lande for the behoyff off sanct mary servys off Markam afore sayd, I do depose off my conscience that I do know no such that the sayd

<sup>1</sup> A omits. <sup>2</sup> 'bestowyd' in A. <sup>3</sup> 'scala' in A. <sup>4</sup> 'helth' in A.

servys ought to have off me. Notwythstandyng I will, to the Intent I may have prayer, that they shall have off the sayd land to be at the will off my sone george whether he will gyve them ijs. yerly or the lande that they demaunde by ther byllys. The residue off my goodes I wyll that they be desposede affter the discrecyon off agnes my wyffe and George my sone, whome I make myn executors. And I will that Master Augustyn porter be supervisor. Also I charge my chyl dren as they will have my blessing qwyk and dede that they pertrubbyll not my wyff affter my decease. Also to my sone george all suche rente as may be due to me, to have it to the performans off my last will. Also I will that sir Thomas Riddes have vjs. viij*d.* that I boroyd off hym. Thes beryng wyttnes, sir Ric' katerall person, Mr. Augustyne porter, William aslok, Robert osborne, wyth other moo.

[*No probate act.*]

[ROBERT EDRICHE *alias* COLSON OF THORNEY IN THE PARISH OF SPALDING, A.D. 1526.]

[PRYN, 22. *Collated with another copy in Var., folio 61d.*]

THE TESTAMENT OF ROBERT EDRYCHE.<sup>1</sup>

6 May, 1526. I Robert Edriche *alias* Colson of Thorney wythin the parish off Spald', make my testament and last will, etc. To Emmot my dougter iij acr' and di' pasture ground lying in Weston to hyr and to hyr heyres off hyr body; remainder to katherine my daughter to her and to her heyres off hyr body; remainder to the next off my blode. The residue off my goodes I gyff to the disposicyon off Amy my wyffe Rycherd Edrych and Henry Edrych, whom I ordeyne executors. Also I make Robert hochen supervisor, and that he have for hys labor on gelte horss off iij yeres olde. The resydue off my goodes, my dettes payed and my will performyd, I will remainn hooly to Amye my wyffe. Thes beyng wyttnes, sir Thomas sheryff, Alexander Edrych, and many moo. Mayd and wryttyn the day and yere Above Sayd.

Proved before P., at Sutton, the last day of June, 1526.

[THOMAS JEWETSON OF STICKFORD, A.D. 1526.]

[PRYN, 13. *Collated with another copy in Var., folio 64.*]

THE TESTAMENT OF T. JEWETSON.<sup>1</sup>

10 May, 1526. I Thomas Jewetson off Stykford settes my testament, etc. I bequeth vj swades off medow grounde lyeng att byllesby croffte end for to kepe an obbyt for my soule and all crysten soules yerly off sanct Thomas day affter crystynnes. To Beatrix atkyne my syster xs., etc. The resydew off all my goodes nether gyvyn nor wyt I gyff to Jane my wyffe and Wylliam Jewetson, whom I make my executores for to dispose for the helth off my soule as it shall best please god, and Mr. John whytewell for to be supervysor. Thes wyttnesses, Master John Whytwell, Robert day vicar, John Walker, Thomas utley, with other moy.

Proved before P., at Ingollmellys, 16 June, 1526. Adm. granted to the executors.<sup>2</sup>

<sup>1</sup> The copy in Pryn omits this heading.

<sup>2</sup> The copy in Pryn omits the grant of administration.



[JOHN SCARLETT, THE ELDER, OF GEDNEY IN HOLLAND, A.D. 1526.]

[PRYN, 21. *Collated with another copy in Var., folio 61d.*]

THE TESTAMENT OF J. SCARLET.<sup>1</sup>

12 May, 1526. I John Scarlett the elder off Gedney in holland makes thys my testament and last will, etc. I will that Jane my wyffe have my messuage standyng in staneys gate, with xix acres off ground and iij roodes with ij acres off fre holde lieng in braytofft the terme off hyr lyff, and after hyr departyng I will that the xix acres and the iij roodes be solde by the handes off hyr executors and be disposyd off celebracyon off on honest prest and in ornamentes belongyng to the sayd church off Gedney. Also I will that the ij acres off fre holde shall remane to Nycholes Smyth my godsun to gyff and to sell. To the sayd Jane my wyffe my messuage stondyng in brodegate with xxj acres off ground the terme off x yeres after my departyng, and than I wyll it shall remane to Nicholes Smyth my godsun ; and yf Nicholys departe thys worlde before the terme off x yeres, Than I will that the messuage wyth xxj acres be solde be Jane my wyffe yf she be a lyffe, or ells be hyr executors, The money theroff commyng I will shalbe disposyd wythin the church off gedney. The resydue off my goodes I put to the dysposyng off Jane my wyffe, whom I make my executrix, and Richerd Welby gent' supervisor. Thes wittnes, Robert Sampson chapland, Ric' Welbe gent', Thomas yong chapland, John scarlet the yonger, and Richerd browne, wyth other moo. Proved before P., at Sutton, the last day of June, 1526.

[THOMAS SYLAM OF BENINGTON IN HOLLAND, A.D. 1526.]

[PRYN, 15. *Collated with another copy in Var. folio 58d.*]

THE TESTAMENT OF T. SILAM.<sup>1</sup>

18 May, 1526. I Thomas Sylam off benyngton makes my testament and last will, etc. To be buryed in the chuchyerde of benyngton, with that the costum requireth to be my mortuary. To our moder church of lincoln iiij*d.* To my curet for tythes forgotten ij*d.* To every alter in the church off benyngton ij*d.* To John Sylam my sone xs. To Rychard Sylam my godsun iij*s.* iiij*d.* To Margaret Julian my godougter after the deceasse off my wyffe on chyst. To Isabell aisby off marum on bras potte. To Alice my wyffe ij pecys off landes, the on in gottyke, the other in the see felde, cont' j ac' and on halfe, to the terme off hyr lyffe ; and after hyr deceasse to remayn to Wylliam my sonne in fee simple. Also I will the sayd Alice have my howse wyth the ground that it standes upon to the terme off hyr lyffe, with the wood and coles accordyng to the bargane mayd befor wyth Roger my sone ; and after her deceasse it shall remane to Roger my sone, he for to pay for it to my executors as was agreyd betwyx hym and me by on pare off Indenturs. To Alice my wyffe v*s.* viij*d.* wyth all hyr stufte that she brought to me. To William my sonne the house that he wonys in wyth the ground under it in fee simple, and xs. to mend it wyth, etc. To William bothby, Thomas parker and Roos Julyan. To William Stevynson. To sir William Stedman v*s.* viij*d.* The residue off my goodes I gyff to Richerd my sone and William my sone, whome I make my executors, with sir William Stedman supervisor ; they to dispose for my soule as they thynk shalbe moost plesure to god. Thes wyttnesses, sir Roger pyshe, John grenewood, and John wartor off benyngton, with other moo.

Proved before P., at leeke, 26 June, 1526.

<sup>1</sup> The copy in Pryn omits this heading.

[JOHN WAREN OF HOLBEACH, A.D. 1526.]

[PRYN, 23. *Collated with another copy in Var., folio 62d.*] •

THE TESTAMENT OF JOHN WAVEN.<sup>1</sup>

26 May, 1526. I John Waren<sup>a</sup> off holbeche makes my last will and testament, etc. To be buryd in the church off holbeche where my frendes do lye. My mortuarye affter maner and custom off the towne. To the hygh alter for tythes forgotten iijs. iiijd. To our lady alter ijs. To every alter in the church xijd., and to the roode lyght iijs. iiijd. To the sepulcar lyght iijs. iiijd. To the reparacyon off the church vjs. viijd. To the reparacyon off our mother church off lincoln xijd. To the motherles chylthren off lincoln vjd. To every lyght in the church be syde jli. wax.

Thys is my last will the yere and moneth above wryttyn. I will that Anne my wyff have my house wherin I dwell the terme off hyr lyff, with the condicyon she make no wast off woode and also that she kepe the house with sufficient reparacyon, with the purtenance off the same ; remainder in succession to William my sone and to hys heyre and heyres off hys body, to John waren<sup>a</sup> hys brother and hys heyres off his body, and to Thomas Waren hys brother and to hys heyres off hys body. And yff all thes dye wythoutyn heyre or heyres, than I will the churchwardons then beyng sell thys house with the purtenance, and that they find a prest to syng for me in the church off holbeche and for my frendes the space of a yere, and that they distribute the residue off the money in almys dedys and hys ways wythin the parish off holbeche. Also I will that the iij cotagis remayn wyth the house. I gyff the house at the crese wyth the purtenance to Thomas my sone for the terme off the yeres that I have it for, also *vl.* in money. I will my executors so long as they lyff, and after ther deth the churchwardons off holbeche, have ij acres off land with the woode att maydyns brygge to kepe yerly an obbyt with dirige and messe for me and my frendes. To Anne my wyff to hyr and to hyr chylthren all my howshold stuff, save that I gyff Elizabeth my daughter a fethebedde, etc., and also my house with the purtenance that was Ruttels, and v marke off money to be delyveryd the day off hyr maryage by the handes off myn executors, ij towells, etc. To John wylet on hekforthe off iij yeres olde. To Thomas brodyng on hekforthe off the same age. To Annys Wylet my servant a burnyng. To Robert Wylet a burnyng. To Thomas Waren<sup>a</sup> my brother xxii lammys and a bay yong mare off iij yerys olde. To my syster Calow a cowe. To Thomas hyr sune a calffe, and to William hyr sonne another. I will have a prest to syng for me att sanct John alter halfe a yere. The resydew off my goodes I will that they be devyded in iiij partes, and my wyffe Anne to have on parte, and the other iij partes I will my iij chylthren have, John, William and Thomas, by equall porcyon, etc. Also I make Anne my wyff, William Calow and John Anderton myn executors. Also I will that Richerd Gybson the baly be my supervisor, to whome I gyff a yong geldyng called Weller. Wyttnesses heroff, John paradise vicar, John Thakker, Robert wryght, wyth other moo.

Proved before P., at Sutton, 30 June, 1526.

<sup>1</sup> The copy in Pryn omits this heading. <sup>2</sup> 'Waven' in Var.

[JOHN NORMANE OF GEDNEY, A.D. 1526.]

[PRYN, 20. *Collated with another copy in Var., folio 61.*]

THE TESTAMENT OF J. NORMANE.<sup>1</sup>

30 May, 1526. I John Normane off Gedney in holland makes thys my testament and last will, etc. I will that Agnes my wyffe have my messe wyth the appurtenance therto belongyng, and vij acres off grounde the terme off hyr lyve, and affter hyr departyng I will that it be solde by the hand off my executor or ellys be my wyffe executor, and the money theroff comyng shalbe equally departyd betwyx my ij sonnys Symond and John yff thay be a lyffe. And yff on off them departe thys worlde before hys mother, than I will the other lyffying shall have the hoole. And yff they bothe departe, then I will that the money shalbe dysposyd in celebracion off an honest preste and other good dedys off charyte wyth in the church off our lady<sup>2</sup> off gedney. The resydewe off my goodes I put to the disposicyon off William Node, whome I make myn executor. Thes wyttnes, Robert sampson chapland, Wylliam Node, John Waterman, Adam byngley, wyth other moo.

Proved before P., at Sutton, 30 June, 1526.

[THOMAS RUDDE OF QUADRING, A.D. 1526.]

[PRYN, 18. *Collated with another copy in Var., folio 60d.*]

THE TESTAMENT OF T. RUDDE.<sup>1</sup>

2 June, 1526. I thomas Rudde off quadryng make my last will and testament, etc. My body to be buried in the church off quadryng. My mortuarye as the custome off the towne doyth require. To the hygh alter for tythes forgotten viij*d.* To every alter in the church iiij*d.* To every light in the church ij*d.* To the chathedrall church off lincoln iiij*d.* To the house off sanct katheryns ij*d.* To the amendyng off a brokyn bell vjs. viij*d.* To the manetenyng off an organ playor a cow. To katheryne my wyff to hyr to hyr heyres executors and assignes my lond and houseyng in kesten beyng in the towne and felde off belyngbroughe for ever. To the same katheryne my capitall mancyon with the appurtenance, and iij acres off land callyd heytofft, duryng the noneage off John my sone, And yff the forsayd John dye or he cum at the age off xxj yeres, then I will that katheryne have all my tenementes and landes in town and feldes off quadryng for the terme off hyr lyffe. To the chauntre off sanct John baptist in quadryng iij acres off lande and a halffe In hole wyth thys condycyon, that the sayd prest and all hys successors at my yer day, wych shalbe kepte off sanct bonyface day, shall gyve the curet off the sayd church off quadryng iiij*d.*, and he that day to say dirige and masse off Requiem in the hye quere; and a peny to be offeryd att messe; ij*d.* to the deacon for ryngyng; a peny to the belman. And yff the forsayd chauntrye preste performe not the premisses in every condicyon, then I will the land be solde be my executors and dysposyd in dedys off almys as it shall thynke them beste to godes pleasure and nedefull to my soule. To Johan my dougter a brass pott wych was my mothers. To the said Johanne ij kye and iij shepe to be delyveryd to

<sup>1</sup> The copy in Pryn omits this heading.

<sup>2</sup> The church is dedicated to St. Mary Magdalen.

hyr proffet when she shall cum to the age off xij yerys. The rest off my goodes to katherine my wyff, wych I make my sole executrix. I make Nicholis stryker superviser. Wyttensses, sir Gylys Wood, Thomas brown, John gylle, with many others.

Proved before P., at kyrton, 27 June, 1526.

[ROBERT GARNER OF QUADRING, A.D. 1526.]

[PRYN, 17. *Collated with another copy in Var., folio 59d.*]

THE TESTAMENT OF ROBERT GARNER.<sup>1</sup>

6 June, 1526. I Robert garner off quacheryng makes my testament and last will, etc. Thys is the last will off me Robert garner. I will that Julyan my wyffe have my house for the terme off hyr lyffe, so that she kepe hyr selffe sole and be not maryd. And yff she be, then I will that Robert my sone have it, when he cumyth to the age off xxjti yeres, to hym and to the heyres off hys body; remainder to William my sone to hym and to hys heyres off hys body; remainder to the next off my blode and to the heyres off ther bodes. Thes beryng wyttness, sir Thomas Annes, Thomas Stybert, W.<sup>2</sup> thakker, Robert sauyer, and Robert fowle, with other moo.

Proved before P., at kyrton, 27 June, 1526.

[THOMAS NICOLSON OF WEST KEAL, A.D. 1526.]

[PRYN, 14. *Collated with another copy in Var. folio 64d.*]

THE TESTAMENT OF THOMAS NYCOLSON.<sup>1</sup>

I Thomas Nicolson off Westerkele, seke off Body, make thys my last will, etc. To Millicent my doughter a pasture that lyeth in kele cottis affter the dethe off Alis my wyffe; also a qwye that hayth a calffe, etc. The resydue off my goodes I gyff to Alis my wyff; also I make myn executors, Alys my wyff and William obyndon. Wrytten att Westerkele, the xxxy day off marche, in the yere off our lorde god 1526. Thes beyng wyttnes, sir Adam howys paryshe preste, Wylliam obyndon, Robert kynyerby, with many other.

Proved before P., at Ingollmelles, 16 June, 1526.

[JAMES HUNT OF KIRTON IN HOLLAND, A.D. 1526.]

[VAR., 59. *Collated with another copy in Pryn, page 16. The testament is translated from the Latin.*]

THE TESTAMENT OF JAMES HUNT.

20 June, 1526. I James Hunt of kyrton in holand, make my testament, etc. My body to be buried in the cemetery of the apostles Peter and Paul, and for my mortuary as right requires. I bequeath for tithes forgotten *iiijd.* For the reparation of the church of Kyrton *xijd.* To the altars of the Blessed Mary and St. Nicholas *ijd.* each. For the reparation of the church of the Blessed Mary of Lincoln *iiijd.* To the orphans *ijd.*

<sup>1</sup> The copy in Pryn omits this heading.    <sup>2</sup> 'William' in Var.

## THE LAST WILL OF THE SAME.

Thys is the last will of me Jamys hunt, the day and yere aforesayd. I gyff to Roger hunt ij akers land lying in Rustyeng to hym and to hys harys lafully begotten upon hys body in tale; also ij akers of land in myddell fen landes in fe symple, and on aker in kyrton ynges; also the howse the wych I do dwell in, after the deces of hys mother, and after the deces of hys father, to remane to wylliam hys sone in fe symple. To the sayd Roger the copy of molton howlle the terme of my yers. To wylliam hunt another howsse, with the purtenaunce, lying ny the hedhowsse, to hym and to hys harys. And yff the sayd harys depart then I wyll the sayd hows remane to the last wyll of wylliam hunt. To the sayd wylliam on aker and a halfe lying by new gatte syde, callyd aby land; also v stong in Rostyeng, and ij akers in kyrton hone felde; also one howsse, callyd barney howse; all thes porcyons in fe symple. I wyll the sayd Roger schall gyffe yerly rent to mawd my wyffe to her fyndyng viijs. And also the sayd Wylliam schall gyffe of hys parte to the sayd mawde yerly duryng hyr lyffe xijs. To my wyffe all my howshold stufte with iij kye. The Resydew of my goodes not wyt I gyff to Roger and Wylliam my sonys, whome I make myn executors, to dyspose for the helthe of my soule as they thynk best. wytnessyth, sir thomas est, John cony, wyth other moo.

Proved before P., at Kyrton, 27 June, 1526.

[MARGARET FYSHE OF SUTTON ST. JAMES, WIDOW, A.D. 1526.]

[PRYN, 31. *Collated with another copy in Var., folio 67.*]

THE TESTAMENT OF MARGARET FYSHE.<sup>1</sup>

The last day of June, 1526. I Margaret fyshe, videw, off the parysh off sanct Jamys in Sutton, makyth thys my testament and last will, etc. I will iij acr' and a halffe off lande in balkynsdroue remain to the chapell of sanct James for ever, on the condicyon that the wardyns for the tyme beyng shall fynd an obbyt day every yere for me and all my good frendes for evermore with owt end upon the fryday next before pamesonday, to be orderyd under thys forme—to the preste for dirige and messe vjd., to the clerke for hys dirige every yere ijd., and to xiiij pore people every yere xiijd., and every good fryday to xiiij pore people xiijd., and for ryngyng every yere iijd. ever to contynew. And the resydew off the yerly proffyt off the sayd land to remain to the reparacyon off the sayd chapell for evermore, etc. The resydew off my goodes I put them to the disposicyon off maurice fishe my sone, whome I doo ordeyne myne executor, he to dispose them to the plesure off god for the helth off my soule. Thyse wyttnes, William bakehouse chaplayn, John Negall, and Thomas togood, with other.

Proved before P., at Spaldyng, 6 October, 1526.

[ELLEN CHELE OF GOSBERTON, WIDOW, A.D. 1526.]

[PRYN, 29. *Collated with another copy in Var., folio 65d.*]

THE TESTAMENT OF ELYN CHELE.<sup>1</sup>

18 July, 1526. I Elyn Chele,<sup>2</sup> videw, makes my last will and

<sup>1</sup> The copy in Pryn omits this heading. <sup>2</sup> 'Cchele' in Var.

testament, etc. To be buryd in the church yerd off peter and poull in gosberton. Also for my mortuary as the costum off the town requiryth, To the hyghe alter off gosberton for tythys forgotten *ijd.* To our lady off lincoln *ijd.* To the chyldren off sanct katheryns *jd.* To Rauffe Reme and Nicholys Reme, eder off them on mare. To Raufe garner the yonger. To Thomas Reme the son off John Reme. To Thomas Reme the son off x'pofer Reme. The residue off my goodes to Jenet chele my dougter. Also I ordeyne William Reme to be my executor. Also yff so fortune Jenet Chele my doughter dye with in the age off xviiij yeres (as god defend), then I will my goodes be devidyd equally betwix William Reme, Rafe Reme, Nicholys Reme and John barryt, to dispose for my soule as they shall best lyke. Also I will that my chyld Jenett have hyr goodes delyveryd to hyr att the terme off xviiij yeres off age. Thes wyttnes, sir Henry topplys prest, John mortimere, John stibert, with other moo.

Proved before P., at kykby lathorpe, 30 July, 1526

[JOHN GONNE OF PINCHBECK, THE YOUNGER, A.D. 1526.]

[VAR., 68d. *Collated with another copy in Pryn, page 32, which is referred to in the footnotes as A. Some of the bequests are omitted from A.*]

THE TESTAMENT OF JOHN GONNE.<sup>1</sup>

22 July, 1526. I John Gonne of pynchbeke, the yonger, maketh my testament and last will, etc. I will my body schalbe buryd wythin the parishe church yerd of pynchbeke. And I bequeth for my mortuarye as the law and custome of the sayd towne dothe require. To the hyghe aweter wyth in the sayd church twenty pens. To every other aulter wythin the sayd church syxe pens. To our laydy of lincoln Syx pens. And to the faderlesse chyldren at sanct kateryns with owt lincoln fowre pens. I will that my feoffes that stond and be seasyd in my landes ten'tes and hereditamentes schall stand and be Seasyd to the performance of thys my last will. To Henry Percy one acre land lying in Burtifen, to have and to holde to hym hys heyres and assygnes for ever. I will that too acres of land that I bought of the executors of thomas gune<sup>2</sup> be solde be myn executors for the performance of my will, and yffe anything is leffe to be disposyd for my soule. To William Tyson my medow att the Beche, that I have by byll of my lord of Spaldyng, to have and to holde to him and to hys assynges duryng the sayd terme; also my best mare after my mortuary be chosen. I will that a prest schall syng for my Sowle wyth in the church off pynchebeke by the space of one hole yere, and he to have for hys salery and wages eyght marke. To Margery lawe one cowe. To Rycherd Boothe the yonger an ewe and a lame. To Richard Tyson a mare that is att Sutton. I will that myn executors schall pay to Cicely, Elyn, Elyzabeth [*folio* 69] and Marget my doughters to every of them fyve poundes, the same to be payed unto them at ther full age, or ellys when they or eny of them schalbe mayred to be payed to them at the day of ther mariage. And yff eny of them dye before ther full age or before they be mayred, then I will that sche that

<sup>1</sup> A omits this heading.

<sup>2</sup> 'gowne' in A.

so schall dye schalbe brought forthe with parte of the sayd money, and the resydeu to remayn to my daughter or daughters then lyffing, etc. To John Skone my servant. To John Gonne my kynsman a cowe. To every on of hys chyldren an ewe; and Rycherd my godson to have an ewe and a lamme. To Andrew Sykylprice a lamme. The Resydeu of all my mesez, landes, ten'tes and hereditamentes with in the towne of pynchebeke I will that Johne my wyffe have them by the space of tenne yeres next after my dethe, upon thys condicion that the sayd Johne schall bere all maner of reparacions belongyng to the same, and with the profyttes of the same to bryng upe and norysshe my fyve chyldren. And yff the sayd Johne do not performe thys my will then I will thys gyffte to her be voyde. I will that at the end of the sayd tenne yeres, or at suche tyme as my wyffe schall breke my wyll in fyndyng my children, I will that all my sayd landes, etc., except such as I have gyffyn before, schall contynew in the handes of myn executors by the space of the sayd tenne yeres; and after to remayn to Symon Gonne my son to hym and to hys heyres of hys bodye. And yff it fortune hym to dye with owt such heyres, the sayd messe and other the premysses not bequested to be solde by myn executors, and the money for the same resayd to be disposyd emonges my daughters or the lenger lyver of them. The Resydeu of all my goodes I commytt them to the ordre of henry percy and William Tyson, whome I make my executors. Thes beyng wyttenes, sir wylliam Bewyk, John Gonne, Wylliam Soyll, wyth other moo. To my wyffe tenne schepe towards the fyndyng of my chyldren.

Proved before P., at Spaldyng, 6 Oct., 1526.<sup>1</sup>

[JOHN WILLERTON *or* WIBERTON OF GOULCEBY, A.D. 1526.]

[PRYN, 30. *Collated with another copy in Var., folio 66d.*]

THE TESTAMENT OF JOHN WILLERTON.<sup>2</sup>

23 July, 1526. I John Wiberton<sup>3</sup> off golceby makyth my testament, etc. To Robert wyberton<sup>4</sup> my sone all thos landes and tenementes lying wythin the towns and feldes off golsbe and asterby callyd lincoln place and dowcott Croffte with all the purtenance, to have and to hold all the forsayd landes and tenementes to the forsayd Robert and to the heyres off hys body; remainder in succession to Robert and William my brothers and to the heyres off their bodies. And yff it happen the aforesayd William to decease wythowt heyres, as god forbyd, I will that all the premises be sold, and the valew off them to be disposyd for the heth off my soule and all crysten soules. Also I make Alice my wyff and John bodley executors off thys my last will. And the resydue off my goodes not gyffyn nor bequethyd I gyve to the disposicion off my said executors. Wyttnesses, sir Robert Irland, etc.

Proved before P., at Horncastle, 20 Sept., 1526. Adm. granted [to the executors<sup>4</sup>].

<sup>1</sup> The probate act is supplied from A.

<sup>2</sup> The copy in Pryn omits this heading. <sup>3</sup> 'Willerton' in Var. 'Wiberton' is probably a clerical mistake. There was a family of the name of Willerton in the neighbourhood of Goulceby. <sup>4</sup> Pryn omits.

[ROBERT SCLY OF SIBSEY, A.D. 1526.]

[1520-31, 34.]

## THE TESTAMENT OF ROBERT SCLY.

7 September, 1526. I Robert Sclý off Sybsey makys my testament and last will, etc. To be buryed in the church yerde off sanct margaret in sybsey, with my best beast in the name off my mortuarye. To the sacrament viij*d.* and to our lady warke off lincoln xij*d.* To my wyff my wane and the gere that perteneth therto, etc., and all hyr awn stufte off howshold that is remaynyng now that cam with her. Also I will my wyff have the housse that John Mappyll dwellys in, and on crofft att meredyke, and on ryg lyeng in the north est felde, and ij stonges in north crofft, the terme off hyr lyff, and she to kepe the forsayd house in reparacyon or elles I will it remayn in to the handes off my executors to the behoyff off my chyldren. And yff my wyff be with chylde, and yff it be a sone, than I wyll it have the forsayd house and landes after my deceasse, and ij burlynges. I will that my wyff have my house that I do dwell in with all the landes that longys therto, excepe thre stong lyeng att felland dyke hend and iij stong off medow lyeng in south Inges and halffe an acr' off medoye lying att hyldyke, the wych I wyll have solde be my executors to the fyndyng off a prest on quarter in the church off Sybsey; and she to have the forsayd house and landes the space of ix yeres and to kepe the forsayd house with reparacon, or elles I will they remayn into the handes off my executors to the behoyff off my chyldren; and after the yeres be gone, than I will that Thomas my sone have them to hym and to hys hayr mayl off hys body; and yff he have no hayr male off hys body, I will they be sold be my executors or feffors and church wardons beyng att that tyme, and that every off my doughters shall have, xxvjs. viij*d.* a pece when they come to lauffull age, and every on to be oder hayre, and the resydue off the mony to be waryd off a prest to pray for my soule and all my frendes soulys in the church off Sybsey as long as the mony will last. To my wyff iij sylver sponys and on maser to the brynyng up off my chyldren. The resydue off my goodes not wytt nor bequest I put to the disposicyon off William porter and Richerd bowen, whome I make my executors to the behoyff off my chylder. Thes wyttnes, sir John chapland<sup>1</sup>, John Mapill, and John Martyn, wyth other moo.

Proved before P., at Spillesby, 11 Feb., 1526.

[ROBERT FYSCHER OF DONINGTON ON BAIN, A.D. 1526.]

[1520-31, 24. *Collated with another copy in Var., folio 66.*]THE TESTAMENT OF ROBERT FYSCHER OF DONYNGTON.<sup>2</sup>

26 July, 1526. I robert fyscher of donyngton, etc. To be buryd in the Cherch of donyngton, with my best gud to be my mortuary. To the hyghe alter of donyngton xs. for tythys forgotten. To our lady warke of lincoln iijs. iiij*d.* I gyffe a vestment with the halbe to donyngton cherch. To the Systerys dwellyng in lincoln besyde Sanct katheryns vjs. viij*d.* To the iiij orders of frears, ij of grymesby and ij of lyncoln vjs.

<sup>1</sup> Probably Sir John Copland, chaplain (cp. *Subsidy 1526*, p. 3).<sup>2</sup> Var. omits the last two words.



viiij<sup>d</sup>., that is xx<sup>d</sup>. to every howsse. To henry bauyngton of conam xij<sup>d</sup>. To ludburgh cherc iijs. iiiij<sup>d</sup>. To the abbott of lowthparke xxs. and to hys Convent xxs. To the prior of bollyngton and hys Convent vjs. viij<sup>d</sup>. And to the priorys and her Systerys of the same place vjs. viij<sup>d</sup>. To every on of my god barnys a Schepe. To Rychard kyrke my servande in mony and penyworth x marke, he for to do and Ryde to helpe my executryx in her besynes. To Roger fysher my brother v marke in mony. To Stanegod kyrke, wythcall kyrke, wellengham kyrke, Benyworth kyrke, and Bescatrowpe kyrke ijs. each. To gaton kyrke iijs. iiiij<sup>d</sup>. To Kelstrone kyrke vjs. viij<sup>d</sup>. To the Nonnys of grymmesby iijs. iiiij<sup>d</sup>. To the prior of Syxill and hys Convent vjs. viij<sup>d</sup>. To the priorys and her Systerys of the same place vjs. viij<sup>d</sup>. To Genet yarbor. To sir Robert off the hellys<sup>1</sup> vjs. viij<sup>d</sup>. To John hodschon off lowyth and to hys wyffe. To thomas lamyman in penyworth xxs. To Ryched Archer.<sup>2</sup> I will a prieste syng for me in donyngton kyrke iij yerys. To Robert fyscher the yonger son of Roger fysher my brother to hym and to hys heryes of hys body all my landes and tenementes in Ludburghe, kelstron, donnyngton and Asby affter the deceesse off Elezabeth my wyffe. And the aforesayd Elezabeth to delyver to him xxl. when he cumys att lafull age. And yff he happyn to dye wythowt issew of hys body then I will that it remane to the neste of the blode. To Robert fyscher sone of Roger fyscher all the schepe off kelstron affter the deceesse off Elyzabeth my wyffe with the Convent Seall of lowthparke. The resydew of my goodes I gyff to Elyzabeth my wyffe, wich I make my executryx, and sir John fyscher my brother to be supervisor, and to have for hys labor xl. in mony. Thes wittnes, sir henry pullan Curett, George dercy, Ryched kyrke, sir John Broune, Robert kelde, John Smyth, wyth other mooy.

[*Proved before P., at Lincoln, 20 Aug., 1526. Adm. granted to the executrix<sup>3</sup>.*]

[JOSEPH BENESON OF BOSTON, MERCHANT OF THE STAPLE OF CALAIS, A.D. 1526.]

[PRYN, 37. *Collated with another copy in 1543-56, folio 64d., which is referred to in the footnotes as A.*]

7 September, 1526. I Josephe Beneson off boston, marchande off estaple att calas, makes my testament and last will concluding in the same, etc. To be buryd in the parysh church off sanct botulphe in boston or ells wher it shall fortune me to deceasse, and my mortuary affter the custome. To the hygh alter off botulphe off boston for tythes forgotten xxs. To the hyghe alter at lincoln xij<sup>d</sup>. To our ladys warke at lincoln xij<sup>d</sup>. To the pore chyldeyn att sanct katheryns with owt the barres at lincoln xij<sup>d</sup>. To the hygh alter at skyrbek for tythes forgotten xs. To the reparacyons off the church att skyrbek xs. To every ordre off frerys in boston iijs. iiiij<sup>d</sup>. att my buryall day for syngyng placebo and dirige wyth the suffrage theroff, and at the vijth day and xxxty day to

<sup>1</sup> He was probably the hermit of Lymberghill in the parish of South Willingham (*Episcopal Register*, vol. xx, folio 50). In several of the terriers of the glebe of the rectory of that parish mention is made of a hermitage in the Milne Field, near 'lands coming down from the hills.'

<sup>2</sup> 'Archard' in Var. <sup>3</sup> The probate act has been struck out, and *frust* written against it in the margin.

ever off the sayd ordre iijs. iiij*d.* And they to do in lyke maner as is afore sayd in ther conventuall places with ther brethern at home. I will in all goodly hast after my deceasse have a well disposyd prest to syng for my soule and my wyffys<sup>1</sup> soule in specyall, and ingenerall for the soulys off my father and mother, the soulys off my chyldren, my frendys and all other cristen soulys in the<sup>2</sup> quere off sanct peter<sup>2</sup> wythin the church off sanct botulphe off boston affter the discrecyon off my executor,<sup>3</sup> and the sayd priest to have for hys wagys *vl. vjs. viij*d.** I will my buryall day, vijth day and xxxth day be 'kept with generall<sup>4</sup> dirige and masse of Requiem, with the bellys, and belman goyng in the town as is accostomyd. Also I wyll that my executor gyff to pore people at my buryall day xxs., and att my vijth day xiijs. iiij*d.*, and at my xxxty day xs. I will that my fyrst yere day be kept with generall dirige<sup>5</sup> and messe<sup>6</sup> be my executor, and the same day to be gyffyn to pore people xs. Also I will that Jenet nelle the daughter of Johanne nell have *xl.* off my goodes the day off hyr mariage or ellys at the age off xvij yeres. And yff it fortune her to deceasse or sche cum to the forsayd age, I will it returne to Jane hyr syster. I will that Jane the daughter off John nelle have *v* marke when she cumys to the age of xvij yeres or ellys to the day off hyr mariage. And yff it fortune the sayd Jane to deceasse or that age, I will Jenet nell hyr syster have that *v* marke. And yff it fortune them boyth to deceasse or the forsayd age, I will it be disposyd by the discrecyon off my executor in warkes off charyte. I will that the alderman and chamberlanys and the cobreder off corpus x'pi gylde in boston have the tenement that I bought off them that Thomas leeke wonnys in, wyth all the purtenance, immediatly affter the deceasse off me and Jenet my wyffe for the terme off iiij<sup>xx</sup> yeres and xij. And yff it may be sufferyd be the law or be mayd suer with in that terme then I will they have it for ever. And iff it cannot be mayd suer be the law, then I will it be solde be the alderman and chambelanyes and the cobreder then beyng, and disposyd in warkes off charite as shall be most semyng necessarie to them at ther consience, and Jenet my wyff to have the tenement with the purtenance the terme off hyr lyff with thys condicyon, that sche shall sufficiently repare the sayd tenement, and kepe my yere day trewly off xxxs. by yere as in forme foloyng shall do appere, that is to say, to prestes and clerkes xiijs. iiij*d.*, for ryngyng off the bellys *xx*d.**, to the belman for goyng abowt<sup>6</sup> *ij*d.**, in offeryng *ij*d.**, to sekerston off the gylde *iiij*d.**, to every ordre off the frearys in the sayd day syngyng dirige and messe att home in ther places conventuall *ijs. j*d.**, and to be disposyd in almys to pore people the sayd day *vs. x*d.** Also I will that Jenet my wyff have all my landes and tenementes lyeng in boston, skyrbeke and tofft duryng hyr lyff, and the landes wych shall be bought for the landes wych I solde to William butler; remainder in succession to Mr. Symon beneson the terme off hys lyff, to Margaret nelle my daughter and to hyr heyres off hyr body, and to the Alderman and chamberlans and cobreder off corpus xp'i gylde<sup>5</sup> in boston<sup>6</sup> for the terme off iiij<sup>xx</sup> yeres and xij wyth thys condicyon, that the alderman and chamberlans and cobreder shall gyff to every on off ther *vj* prestes

<sup>1</sup> 'wives' in A.    <sup>2-2</sup> 'in the [blank] altar' in A.    <sup>3</sup> A adds here 'by the space of one hole yere.'    <sup>4-4</sup> 'be songe' in A.    <sup>5-5</sup> A omits.    <sup>6</sup> A adds 'the towne.'

in the yere vjs. viij*d.*, in mending ther wagys, and the sayd prestes to be bunnnd therefore to say iiij tymes in the yere placebo and dirige, and to offer *jd.* att messe att every dirige off the sayd prestes costes, and thos dirigys to be sayd every fryday in the catertens. And also the sayd alderman and cobreder to gyff to every order off the frerys halffe a barrell off full heryng in lentyn, and also in the sayd catertens to be gyvyn att every tyme to pore people iijs. iiij*d.* And att the end off iiij<sup>xx</sup> and xij yeres the landes to be solde be the alderman and cobreder, and to be disposyd in warkes off charite as be semyng moost necessarie to ther consience. To the gylde off the vij marters in boston iiis. iiij*d.* I will that Jenet my wyffe have all my household stuff the terme off hyr lyffe, and after hyr deceasse it shall remane to Jenet nell the doughter off John Nell.<sup>1</sup> To John Nell my vyolet gowne. To John battye, marchaud, my blak gown. To Jenet houyngham my servand iijs. iiij*d.* I will that Robert beneson my brother, hermyt, have to by hym abbyttes<sup>2</sup> with all xxvjs. viij*d.* To sir Ric' cooke<sup>3</sup> priest my worstyt Jakett. The resydewe of all my goodes not gyffyn not witt I gyff to Mr. Symond beneson my sonne, whome I make my executor, he to dispose for the helth off my soule and all crysten soules be the helpe and scor off sir Ric' cooke prest, and John nelle mercer, whome I make the supervisors. Thyes beyng wyttnes, sir John Iryng prest, Thomas cersy prest, and henry warde, wyth other moo.

Proved before P., 18 Oct., 1526. 'Adm. granted to the executor.'<sup>4</sup>

[THOMAS DURBAKE OF PINCHBECK, A.D. 1526.]

[PRYN, 34. *Collated with another copy in Var., folio 68.*]

THE TESTAMENT OF T. DURBAKE.<sup>5</sup>

13 September, 1526. I Thomas Durbake off pynchbeke, etc. The resydew off my goodes, my dettes payd, my fermes dischargyd and my will fullfyllid, I will that the rest be devydyd equalie betwixt my too chylidren, Robert and Margery. And iff on off them dye before he come to lauffull age, I will the other shall have all. And yff so be they bothe dye with in age and with owt heyres, I will my goodes be solde and on prest syng for me the space off on yere. All other thynges to be att the disposicyon off Robert glover and gyllberd durbake, whome I ordeyne my executors. Thyes beyng wyttnes, Sir William Bewyk prest, Sir Raufe Sele preste, William burneswyne, wyth other moo.

Proved before P., at Spald', 6 Oct., 1526. 'Adm. granted to Robert glover, Robert durbake being dead.'<sup>6</sup>

[SIR THOMAS WYNGOODE OF TRUSTHORPE, CHANTRY PRIEST, A.D. 1526.]

[PRYN, 42. *Collated with another copy in Var., folio 69d.*]

THE TESTAMENT OF SIR T. WYNGOODE.<sup>6</sup>

Thys is the last will and testament off me sir Thomas wyngoode, chauntry preste off the chapell off sanct parenyll off trusthorpe, etc. To be buryd in the church yerde off sanct peter off trusthorpe, with a lefull mortuary. To the reparacyons off the church or mynster off

<sup>1</sup> A adds 'mercer.'    <sup>2</sup> 'habittes' in A.    <sup>3</sup> 'coke' in A.    <sup>4</sup> A omits.

<sup>5</sup> Pryn omits this heading.    <sup>6</sup> Pryn omits.

lincoln iijs. iiij*d.* To the reparacyon off the parysh church off trusthorpe xxs. To the parysh church off allhalloys off maryng off the hyll xiijs. iiij*d.* To Wynceby church iijs. iiij*d.* To the parysh church off hamerynham iijs. iiij*d.* To the parysh church of Cowkewell vjs. viij*d.* To the parysh church off sanct helyn off Cowthorpe iijs. iiij*d.* To the manetenance off the church off Sutton iijs. iiij*d.* To our lady gyld off Trusthorpe vjs. viij*d.* and ij shepe. To the buyldyng off hagneby abbey xxs. To my lord off Agnby and hys brether vjs. viij*d.* to say messe for me and all my frendes soulys. To the buyldyng off alforth chappell xxvjs. viij*d.* To every on off the iiij orders and houses off frearys off lincoln singler be them selfe xxs. To every on off the iiij houses off frears off boston singler be them selff xxs. To every off the ij houses off frerys off grimmisby xxs. I will in all the sayd places and houses that for the money they shall say shortly affter the receyte off the sayd [*page 43*] money a trentall for the welth off my soule, and dispose the residue to the reparacyon off ther houses. To every chylde off Robert smyth off Anderby xls., and in that summe every on off them to be successore and heyre unto other. To every chylde off John wyngode xls. and every on to be successore and heyre unto other yff deth do visett them. To my syster iiij*l.* vjs. viij*d.* To Agnes Mathew my cosyn iiij*l.* vjs. viij*d.* To Margaret Mathew xls. To bryde Mathew xls. I will have a prest to syng for me and my frendes the space of ij yeres att the parish church off trusthorp. To John hardy off the parysh off hotofft, layt parichoner off trusthorpe, xs. to pray for me. To every on off my god chyldren a schepe, or xx*d.* to by a shepe. I gyff xxti yerdes, price a yerde viij*d.*, to the alter clothes off the parysh church off trusthorpe. I gyff towards a cowcher for the quere off the parysh church off trusthorpe iijs. iiij*d.* To helyn burden off maryng off the hyll vjs. viij*d.* I ordeyn and make myn executors Wylliam Wyngode off litle cowthorpe husbanman, Thomas Wyngod off mukton, and Thomas Smyth off anderby husbanman. I make and ordeyne at hys pleasure to be the supervisor off thys my will and testament Master Fitzwilliam off mawblethorpe, and I gyff to hym xxs. Thes wyttnesses Mr. parson off trusthorpe, sir Ric' Jakson, William scoteryth, Robert Smyth, George wower off trusthorpe, and other. Mayd and wrytten at trusthorpe the xxvijth day off Septembre [*page 44*], 1526, 18 Henry VIII.

Proved before P., at Lincoln, 7 Nov., 1526. <sup>1</sup>Adm. granted to the executors.<sup>1</sup>

[JEFFREY GOODNAPE OF SKIDBROOKE, A.D. 1526.]

[1520-31, 34.]

THE TESTAMENT OF JEFFRE GOODNAPE.

3 October, 1526. I Jeffrey goodnape, etc. To be buryed in the church off sanct botulph in skydbrowke, and that thyng that law requiryth to be my mortuary. To the hygh alter in skydbrowke chyrch for tythys forgotten xij*d.* To the sayd church warkes xij*d.* To our lady off lincoln warkes xij*d.* To sanct katheryne chapell in salteffete-havyn xij*d.* To the chapell off the crosse in the sandes xij*d.* To the cawsse v*d.* To John my sonne and hayre all my howsyt and landes

<sup>1-1</sup> Pryn omits.

that pertenyth to me when he cumys at the age off xxjti yeres, and hys mother to have them in the meane tyme. Also I will the sume off xxj<sup>l</sup>. wych I resavyd for Henry wawyn and lenard wawyn hys brother and Agnes ther syster be delyveryd to them be my cosyng Thomas wawyn and my wyff, whom I make myn executors. The resydewe off my goodes I geve to my wyffe. Thes wyttnes, sir william Emundson curet, sir henry day, Thomas Elwood bale, with other moo.

Proved before P., at louth, 8 Feb., 1526.

[GILBERT ANDREW OF WHAPLODE, A.D. 1526.]

[1520-31, 49.]

THE TESTAMENT OF GILBERT ANDRW [sic].

7 October, 1526. I gylbert Andrew off Whaplood, etc. I will Beatrice my wyff have my house and lande to Agnes my daughter by maryed, and then I will the sayd Agnes have them to her and to the heyres off hyr body, with remainder to the ryght heyres accordyng to my faders will. I will that when Agnes my daughter by maryed that he that mary here havyng possessyon off the sayd house and lande shall gyff to Beatryx my wyff yerly vjs. viij<sup>d</sup>. to her house rente. To Thomas Mariott sone off Richerd Maryott a cow bornyng. I will that every god chylde I have gyven crystendom to have a lambe. To Thomas Idon sone unto Thomas Idon. To gylbert homys. To Thomas gente, John ffoster and Henry clerke. The residue off all my goodes I put them to the disposicion off Beatrix my wyff, whome I make executrice, and Mr. Ric' ogle supervisor and Thomas Maryot. Thyes beyng wyttnes, Sir John wymmer prest, Thomas Idon, Will' coker, Alan Dawson, and Rauf Haryngton, with other moy.

Proved before P., at Gedney, 18 July, 1527. Adm. granted to the executrix.

[THOMAS GYBON OF SUTTERTON, A.D. 1526.]

[1520-31, 43.]

THE TESTAMENT OF T. GYBBON.

16 November, 1526. I Thomas gybon off Sutterton. I will that Alys my wyffe have my mancyon that whe dwell in, wyth the appurtenance, and all the other landes that is contenyd in her feoffment, to the terme off her lyffe; and affter her deth, I wyll that v Roode land arable, parcell in the sayd feoffement, lying in Sutterton in a serten felde callyd thornykefeld, remane in the handes off my feoffers the space off lxxxxix yeres for thys entent, that the sayd feoffers wyth the church wardyns off Sutterton yerely kepe up the aforsayd tyme my yereday for my soule, the soulys off my parentes, benefactors and all crysten soulys wyth dirige and masse wyth note, yerely spendyng the valore off the sayd v Roode att my forsayd yereday. And I wyll that the Resydue off all the other landes conteyned in the sayd feoffment wyth the mansyon where I dwell remane to my Ryght heyres accordyng to the will off my parentes foregoers. And also I wyll that the mansyon in fysmore end remane to my Ryght yeres. The Resydue off my other goodes I gyff to Elysabeth gybon my dowghter, whome I make executrix. I will

that Robert brige off wigtofft and Robert sheperd off the same helpe Elizabeth my daughter, and be supervysors. Thyes beyng wytnes, sir John wryght parysh prest there, William obson, and Ric' pasmer, with other moo.

Proved before P., at Swyneshed, 20 May, 1527. Adm. granted, etc.

[WILLIAM WEBSTER OF WRANGLE, A.D. 1526.]

[1520-31, 40*d.*]

THE TESTAMENT OF W. WEBSTER.

14 December, 1526. I Wylliam Webster of Wrangle makes my last will and testament, etc. To grace my daughter when sche is xiiij yeres off age one cowe and vj shepe. I will that Wylliam grene her grantfader have the custodye off them to she cum att the forsayd age; then I wyll she have them delyveryd with the proffyt that shall grow off them to that tyme. To Thomas my sonne when he commes at xiiij yere off age on cowe, etc. To Agnes my daughter when she cumys to xiiij yeres off age one cowe, a pare off bedstokes, one amery and chest, etc. To the chylde that my wyff is wyth, yff god sende it to thys worlde, when he cumys to xiiij yeres off age one cowe, etc. I wyll that William Stevynson my godfader have the custodye off that that is bequethyd to all my chyldren (excepe to grace) to they cum to the forsayd age, the profyete to grow to them. And yff any off theym dye before the sayd age, I wyll that all ther partes be sold and dysposyd in charytable dedes and dedes off Almemes by the dyscrescyon off wylliam stevynson and Sabyne my wyff. To Margaret balderston on yowe hogge. The resydue off my goodes I wyll that Sabyne my wyff have them, whome I ordeyne to be myne executrice to the bryngyng up off my chyldren, etc., at the descrescyon off Wylliam Stevenson, whome I make overseer in my wyll. Thyes beyng wyttnes, John wastler, Edmund knyght, Wyll' Stevenson the yonger, with others.

Proved before P., at Boston, 17 May, 1527. Adm. granted, etc.

[ROBERT PEKERYNG OF WASHINGTONBOROUGH, A.D. 1526.]

[1520-31, 35*d.*]

THE TESTAMENT OF ROBERT PEKERYNG.

The last day off December, 1526. I Robert Pekeryng off Washingburgh, etc. My boody to be buried in the church off sanct John Euangelist in washyngburgh. My best beast in the name off my mortuary. To the hygh alter off Washingburgh for my forgotten tythes viij*d.* To every house off frears in lincoln iiij*d.* To the warkes off the cathedrall church off lincoln vj*d.* To the hygh alter off awber iiij*d.* To the hygh alter off South hykam iiij*d.* To the hygh alter off Skellyng-hop vj*d.* To the hygh alter off fyskerton iiij*d.* To Robert the sone off John pekeryng. To the church warke off washyngburgh iijs. iiij*d.* To Robert pekeryng my sone a pare off iron gallos and a gret bras potte, and also my house and land lyeng in the towne and feldes off Northehykam to hym and hys heyres for ever more off thys condycyon, that the sayd Robert shall cause ij trentalls to be done in washingburgh church for the soulys off me, Robert dowsse and alson hys wyffe, and for the soules

off Roger hogeson and Jenet hys wyffe, wythin a yere affter my decease. To Marget my wyffe my house att washyngburgh, wyth all my landes, medos and pastures longyng to the same wythin the lordship off Washyngburgh, to hyre to hyr assignes, she in lyke case to cause a trentall to be done for me with in a yere affter my deceasse, and also that she shall dyspose part off my goodes honestly for me att my buryall and my xxxty day, and also to do yerly every yere duryng hyr lyff an honest yerday uppon the profettes off the sayd house. And all other goodes and dettes off myne I gyff to Marget my wyff, whome I make myn executryx. And also I will that my sone Robert pekeryng aforesayd be my executor wyth hyre, with the supervysement off Robert Raynton off washyngburgh. Thes beryng wyttnes, Master hamond Sutton, sir henry panton curate, John bawsom, John Mason, with other moo.

Proved before P., at Naneby, 9 April, 1527. Adm. granted to the executors.

[JOHN COOKE OF CADNEY, A.D. 1526.]

[1520-31, 75. *There is another copy at page 56, but not so full.*]

THE TESTAMENT OF JOHN COOKE.

17 January, 1526, afore the parysh preste of cadney, Roger Coke, and Laurence grene, wytnesyth that I John Cooke of the parysh off Cadney makes my testament and last will. To be buried in the church of all halloys att Cadney, with my best good to my mortuary. To the chapell at howsome iiij*d*. To our lady of lincoln viij*d*. To our ladye warke iiij*d*. To the hygh alter of Cadney for forgotten tithys vj*d*. I will that a trentall of messys shalbe done for the helthe of my soule in the chapell att howsome. To the chyrch of Cadney iij*s*. iiij*d*. That where Richerd Hasand, Roger Cooke, Laurence grene, William Saunderson, peter Jackson and John done now standyng and beyng seyssyd of and in on mesuage, on tofte and xliij acres of land and meadow with thappurtenance in howsome, to the use of my will as by my dede, date the day of the Invention of the holy crosse, 18 Henry VIII, apperes, I will that they, ther heyres and assynges shall for ever aftyr my dethe, by the assent off the prior of Newsted for the tyme beyng, lett the sayd premises and the Rentes theroff cumyng to take and receyve xs. parcell of the said Rentes to gyff to the prior and Convent of Newsted yerly, ffor the wich xs. the sayd prior and Convent shall yerly for ever syng placebo, dirige and messe of Requiem for the helthe of my soule and off my frendes soules. And the Resydew of the sayd Rentes shall be for ever delyvered and payd by the said feoffes unto the prior of Newsted to the intent that he shall mayntene the sayd premises for ever. And I will that my said feoffees shall, when they be required by the prior, make estate in fee symple of the said premises unto vj or viij persons wich shalbe namyd by the said prior, the said persons to stand and be seassyd of and in the sayd premises to the use abovesayd. I will that the Rents and proffyttes of all the landes and tenements wich I bought of John Hudson, wheroff John maydenwell and John wryght now standes seasyd, shalbe yerly taken by the sayd John maydenwell and John wryght ther heyres and assynges unto the chapell masters of the chapel at howsome towards the fyndyng of a prest to syng in the sayd chappell.

To William Cooke certayn landes that I bought of peter weste and of John Langton. To John gybbon. To the chyrch of Cadney a cowe to be remembryd att my twelffemonth day, and to fynd a lyght before our Lady. The resydue of my goodes I gyff to Agnes my wyff, and makes her executrix. I desyre Roger Cooke and Laurence green to be my supervisors. Wyttnes, Syr phylip Burton parysh prest of Cadney, Roger Cooke, and Laurence grene a fore namyd.

Proved before P., at Caster, 9 Oct., 1527. Adm. granted to the executrix.

[JOHN ASCARD OF GRANTHAM, A.D. 1526.]

[1520-31, 37.]

THE TESTAMENT OF JOHN ASCARD.

20 January, 1526. I John Ascard, etc. My body to be buried wythin the church off sanct wulfran in grantham, and my best thyng to be my mortuary after the costome of the contreth. To the hygh alter for tythes forgotten viij*d*. To the warke off our moder church off lincoln xx*d*. To the fatherles chyldren off sanct katheryne iiij*d*. To Rycherd my sone the house that I dwell in when he cumyth att the age off xxx yeres. Also I will that my wyffe have the same house unto that the sayd Rycherd come unto the sayd yeres. And yff so be that any thyng come unto him that he dye wyth owt any ishue, than I will that it remane unto Herre my sone to hym and to hys heres off hys body; yff so be that he dye without any ishue, than I will that it remane to Margaret my daughter and to hyr hares off hyr body; yff she dye wythowtyn hares, than I will it remane to the chauntre off sanct John, kepyng on dirige be the yere, gyffyng to the cumpeny vs. To my wyffe on house the wych of late was Herry Rawysbys, the terme of hyr lyff, and after the deceasse of hyr I will it remane to herry my sone to hym and to hys hayres off his body; and yff anythyng cum to the said Herry I will it shall remane to Marget my daughter to hyr and to hyr hayres off hyr body; yff she have no hares off hyr body, than I will that she sell it and make off it the best that she can for hyr selfe. To the churche warke off grantham xiijs. iiij*d*. I will that Rycherd Halyn and William skynner have iijs. iiij*d*. betwene them. All the resydue off my goodes I gyff to Elizabeth my wyffe, whome I make my executrix, and Thomas cape my supervysor, and he to have for hys labor as my wyffe and he can agre; and master Halyn and William skynner the wytnes, and Sir Thomas Newton.

Proved before P., at Roppesley, 2 April, 1526. Adm. granted, etc.

[WILLIAM DEWLYNSON OF WEST KEAL, A.D. 1526.]

[1520-31, 65*d*.]

THE TESTAMENT OF WILLIAM DEWLYNSON.

25 January, 1526. I William dewlynson off westerkele, seke off body, etc. To William my sone ij yong burlynges. To Beatrix Carter on yong quye and ij sheder hoges. To Margaret my wyffe my house wyth all the purtenance lyng in the towne and feldes off westerkele, with ij acres off medowe grounde lyng in Esterkele medoys, for terme off hyr



lyffe; remainder to *William* Carter my son in lawe the terme off hys lyffe, yeldyng and paying yerly to *William* my son hys fyndyng and xxs.; remainder to *William* my sone for terme off hys lyff; and afterward I will that *William* Carter or *William* my son, the wych off them doyth over lyff the other, do sell or cause to be solde the house and landes wyth the other premisses and the mony therefor takyn I will that ther be gyven to our lady gylde off westerkele xls., and to the bellys in the same church iijs. iiijd., and to the mendyng off the hyghe ways in the same towne iijs. iiijd. Also I will that every on off my iij daughters Agnes, Margaret and Anne, have off the same mony vjs. viijd., and every chylde off Agnes my daughter then beyng off lyffe have off the same mony vjs. viijd., and every chylde off my other ij daughters iijs. iiijd. Also I will that Robert Watte have off the same mony vjs. viijd. The resydue off the same mony I will it be disposyd for the helth off my soule and my good frende soulys. The Resydue off my goodes I leffe to Margaret my wyffe and *William* my son, whome I make my executors. Thyse beyng wyttnes, Sir Adam Howys parysh prest, Robert goye, Robert walche, with many moy.

Proved before P., at Spillesby, 4 Feb., 1527. Adm. granted to *William* Dawlynson, the executor, power being reserved to grant to Margaret the relict when she shall come.

[THOMAS BUTTLER OF SOUTH KILWORTH, CO. LEICESTER, A.D. 1526.]

[LYLE, 104].

6 February, 1526. I thomas buttler of sowthkilworth, etc. To be buried in the Church porche of sanct andrew of sowthkilworth. I bequieth for my mortuary as custome wyll require. To the cathederall church of lyncoln iiijd. To the hee awlter of sowghtkilworth for tythes and offringes forgotten xijd. To the Charter hows of Cowentre to haife one trentall saide for my soull, my wyffys soull and all chrystyn soulls xs. To Edward buther [*sic*] vj hogges. I will thatt my executors prowylde a fyne cloth for the pixe hemmyd abowt withe a reibon of silke, withe iij tasselles of sylke at iij corners. The residew of my goodes I bequieth to sir John butteler, *William* and John botteler my sonnes, whome I mak my executors to order and dispose as they schall think most expedient for the wilth of my soull. Thes being witnes, sir thomas withnale parson of sowghtkilworth, Wil'm grene, and thomas kynght of the same, with other moo. Supervisors of this my will I make sir thomas witnale aforsaid, Wil'm grene.

[No probate act.]

[ROBERT POUNDER OF GRANTHAM, GENTLEMAN, A.D. 1526.]

[1520-31, 50d.]

THE TESTAMENT OF ROBERT POWNDR.

15 February, 1526. I Robert pownder off grantham, gent', seke off body, etc. My body to be buried in the quere off corpus xp'i with in the parysh church prebendall off saynt wulfrayn in grantham. I bequeth my best beaste that I have for my mortuary. To the hygh awter off the parysh church off grantham for tithes forgotten xxd. To the

church warke of grantham vjs. viij*d*. To the church off Cathorpe iijs. iiij*d*. I will that sir william pownder knyght, my sone and heyre apparent, have all my landes and tenementes, medowys, lesurs and pasturs, rentes and reversions and service, with all and singler theyr appurtenaunce, in the townes and felde off Gunwarbye, manthorp, Barston, Ryngsthorp, heydour, oseby and Ashbye, the wich I have wythin the sayd townys and felde or els wher with in the Schyre of lincoln, to have and to holde to hym, hys heyres and assignes for evermore. The resydue off my goodes, after my dettes payd, my bequestes and my funerall observaunt done, I gyff unto sir William pownder knyght, my sone, whome I make my executor. Thies beryng wittnes, sir Richerd sheperd vicare off grantham, John Smallye, William marshall, henry wilkynson, John fraunche, Thomas capper, with other moy. I bequeth to our mother church off lincoln xij*d*.

Proved before P., at Willesforth, 6 Aug., 1527. Adm. granted to the executor.

[JOHN HODGSON OF WOOD ENDERBY, A.D. 1526.]

[1520-31, 388.]

THE TESTAMENT OF JOHN HODGSON.

18 February, 1526. I John Hodgeson of Woodenderby. To be buryed in the churche or churche yerde of st. benedecte of Woodenderby. I bequethe for my mortuary suche thyng as the lawe will requyre. To our ladys warke of lincoln xij*d*. To the high altare of woodenderby xij*d*. To the churche of Woodenderby vjs. viij*d*. The resydue of my goode I gyff to Johanne my wyff and Richerde Dennys off Wyspyngton, whome I make my executors.

Thys is the last will of me the sayd John Hodgeson mayd the day and yere above wryt. I will and gyffyth to Johan hodgeson my wyff all my landes, tenementes, etc., induryng her lyff naturall. Then I will the premisses be solde be my executors and the money theroff to be devyded in suche manor foloyng, to Agnes Deryng my daughter xls., to Isabell Toly my daughter xls., xl. to a preste to syng by the space of ij yeres in the churche of woodenderby next continually insuyng immediatly aftyr her decease; the resydue of the overplus of the sayd lande that shall remayn in money to be disposyd by my executors. Sealyd and delyveryd in the presence of thies recordes, Rayff Foster of horncastr', Thomas stor of the same, John Denys of Woodenderby, and Robert Scrope<sup>1</sup> of horncastr', with other mo.

Proved before P., at Horncastr', 10 March, 1530. Adm. granted to the executors.

[JOHN HELVYS OF GRAINTHORPE, A.D. 1526.]

[1520-31, 66*d*.]

THE TESTAMENT OF JO' HELVYS.

20 February, 1526. I John helvys off Garnthorpe, etc. To Richerd my sone on toffte in Salteflettby beyng ther off tymber growen, conteynyth

<sup>1</sup> The name is very like 'Strope', but Book 1532-4, f. 55, confirms the reading of the text.

ther off x acr', lying betwix martin newcom gentyman off the weste and este, buttyng off the sewer callyd the ee off the south, off the ee dyke off the north; also iij stonge in a pasture callyd dukkes wonge, lying betwix Edward Madeson off the este, and *martyn* newcom off the weste, boundyng off the north off the herres off Mathew helwys, off the south of the ee dyke; and on acr' medowe in Acon hedges. I will that *william* helwys my son have v acre pasture, and tymbber growyng theron, lying betwix Mr. Welbe off the weste, and Robert Reston and Ric' browne off the este, buttyng off Acon hedges off the south, and off the north off the ee dike, in the west felde off salletby callyd Ackars and iij acre; also in fyshmere iij acr'; to hym and to hys heyres off hys body. I wyll that Helene Elvys my wyff have the thyrde parte of my landes in Saltefletby terme off hyr lyff. I wyll that lyall rygge lyinge in the felde off Conesham, conteynyng ij acre in arable land, be sold to pay my dettes with and performyng off thys my last will be my executors. I wyll that my moveable goodes to be devydyd in thre partes, on parte for the helth off my soule, the second parte to pay my dettes, the thyrd parte to Helene Elvys my wyff. I will that Helene helvys my wyff to have the ferme that I dwell in in garnthorpe the terme off hyr lyff, and after hyr it to remayn to *William* and Richerd my sons. I will that Ric' and *Wylliam* have the ferme in Conesham that belongys to sir Bryan Stapylton off the yeres, and helene my wyff to have the thyrd parte off the sayd ferme the terme off hyr lyff, and the profyt off the sayd yeres duryng the yeres off the Indentur. I will that Helene my wyff be my sole executrix, and Edward Madeson supervisor. wyttnes heroff, sir John poormand priest, sir *William* Browne, John hagthorpe off gernthorpe, with others.

Proved before P., at Louth, 7 Feb., 1527. Adm. granted to the executrix.

[THOMAS EDWARD OF LUTTON IN SUTTON, A.D. 1526.]

[1520-31, 48.]

AT GEDNEY, 18 JULY, 1527.

THE TESTAMENT OF THOMAS EDWARDE.

6 March, 1526. I Thomas Edward of lutton in Sutton in holand, etc. To Johanne my wif my howse with iij acre of pastur grounde for the terme of hir lif, and aftyr her deceasse to remayn to Johanne my doughter and to the heyres of her body. To Johanne my doughter j acre and iij rodes of arrable grounde of the kinges hold, and she to have it at the age of xx yeres to her and to the heires of hyr body, and if she deceasse without heyres, then the howse and all the landes to be solde bi the handes of my executrix to the best price, and j trentall of messes to be song in the churche of luton, and one trentall in the churche of Sutton for my soule and all cristen soules, And the residue to the makyng of the high weys. The residue of my goodes I put to the disposicion of Johanne my wif, whom I make executrix. I will John wershpe of luton be supervisor. I give my lande to the handes of *William* blakbourne of Sutton to the fullfilling of this my will. Thies witnes, sir John Gouxill, *William* blakbourne, Henry denys, John Water, with other more.

Proved before P., at gedney, 18 July, 1527. Adm. granted to the executrix.

[HENRY SALTER OF STICKFORD, A.D. 1526.]

[1520-31, 36.]

THE TESTAMENT OF HENRY SALTER.

13 March, 1526. I henry Salter off Stykford settes my testament, etc. To be buryed in the churchyerde off sanct Ellyn off Stykford. I bequeth my best beest in the name off my mortuary affter the costum. To our ladys warke att lincoln iiij.s. To the reparacyon and sustentacon off sanct Ellyn church off Stykford vjs. viij*d.* To Agnes my wyffe vj kye, etc., and halffe my household stuffe. To Rycherd my sone and Margaret my doughter the other halffe for to be devydyd betwyx them both by evyn lyke porcyons. To John my sone on copyll oxen, xx*ti* shepe. To Margaret my doughter v*l.* xiijs. iiij*d.* to be payd to hyr the day off hyr maryage; also vj landes arrabyll, lyeng in west uplande, to hyr and hyr hayres off hyr body for evermore; remainder to John and Rycherd my sones to them and ther hayres off ther bodys for evermore by even lyke porcyons. To John my sone my house in the wrey wyth on ryg land that it standes on, and halffe a rygge in the wrey close, to do therwyth what he wyll off thys condicyon, that he pay or cause to be paid to Rycherd my sone xs. wyth in the space off on yere affter my decease, or ellys the aforsayd Rycherd my sone for to enter the house and the grounde therto belongyng. To Rycherd my sone my house that I dwell in wyth ij pecys off medow grounde, ij landys lyeng in the south feld off Stykford, affter the decease off Agnes my wyffe, wych she is infeoffyd in the terme off hyr lyffe. To the aforsayd Rycherd all my landes in westerkele and in stekforde wych is nott wytt nor assygnat. To the mantenyng off our ladys gyld off Stykford ij shepe. I bequeth on sherge to be fund afore the sepulcre in Stykford kyrke evermore be myn executors. The resydue off all my goodes and landes not wytt nor bequethyd I gyffe to Rycherd my sone, whome I make my executor, that he dyspose for the helth off my soule, etc., and Robert day preste to have the oversyght off thys my last will, and he to have for hys labor iijs. iiij*d.*, and hys costes when he rydys or goys. Thyss wyttnes, Robert day prest, Thomas Coytte, John Salter Junior, with other moo.

Proved before P., at Lincoln, 10 April, 1527. Adm. granted to the executor.

[THOMAS CARTEWRYGHT OF WOODHALL, A.D. 1526.]

[1520-31, 37*d.*]

THE TESTAMENT OF THOMAS CARTEWRYGHT.

20 March, 1526. I Thomas Cartewryght in the parysh off woodhall, etc. To be buryed in the church off sanct Magarete off woodhall, and my best beast as the lawe and custome requireth to be my mortuary. To the hygh alter off woodhall for tythes forgotten iiij*d.* To the church warke off Woodhall xij*d.* To the church warke off Rysom xij*d.* To our lady warke off lincoln xij*d.* To the church warke off burton xij*d.* To the church warke off Southcarleton next lincoln xij*d.* To the church-warke off corryngnam xij*d.* To every on off my eyght chylder v*l.* xiijs. iiij*d.* to be delyvered at the age of xvij yeres in mony. To Elizabeth my wyffe the holle fermehold with all the purtonynges thereto

in Dowode accordyng as it is expressyd under the Convent Seale off kyrkested unto my sone John cum to the full age off xxty yeres, then my sayd sone to have my forsayd fermehold wyth the convent Seale therof Induryng my yeres, etc. The Resydue off my goodes to Elizabeth my wyff and John my sone, whom I make my executors. Mr. John Monson to be supervisor. Recordz heroff, Ric' Newcom off nether Toynton, John Brown off Marton next lyttylburghfery, wylliam forman off Skawby.

Proved before P., at Lincoln, 17 April, 1527. Adm. granted to the executrix, power being reserved to grant to John the son when he shall attain his age.

[JOHN STOKES OF GRANTHAM, A.D. 1526.]

[1520-31, 39.]

THE TESTAMENT OF JOHN STOKYS.

A.D. 1526. I John stokes make my testament, etc. To be buried in the church yerde off sanct woolffrayn in grantham. I bequeth to my mortuarye my best best as custome off the contreth requireth. To the hygh alter off welby iiijd. To our lady warke off lincoln viijd. To the afornamyd church off welbe iiijd. To my brother Robert iiijd. To my brother Thomas a seme off malte. To my syster Elizabeth iiijd. I bequeth a tenement lyeng in the west ende off welbe wyth all land and medow thereto pertenyng with in towne or felde off welbe to my ij chyldren, Robert and esayt, to go to the behoyff off them bothe to the tyme my sone Robert cum to lawfull age. Then I will he enter as full hayr to hym and to hys hayres off hys body; remainder to my doughter esayt and hyr hayres off hyr body; remainder to my heldest brother and hys heyrys. To Sebyll yardly off manthorp the resydue off my goodes not bequethyd to pay my dettes and to bryng me to the ground and to bryng up my chyldren, whome I make my executryx. Also I will that henry my brother be oversear off my will. Thes beyng wyttnes, sir Thomas bryghar prest, olyuer mee, Margyt Mollyns, with other moo.

Proved before P., at Lincoln, 23 May, 1527. Adm. granted to the executrix.

[ROBERT BUCKOLL OF KIRTON IN HOLLAND, A.D. 1508<sup>1</sup>.]

[1520-31, 243.]

THE TESTAMENT OF ROBERT BUCKOLL.

8 May, 1508. I Robert buckoll of kyrton, etc. To be buried in the parysh church yerde of st. peter and paule in kyrton. I bequeth in the name of my mortuarye aftyr the custome of the towne. To the high altare in the church of kyrton ij*d*. To our lady altare in the same church j*d*. To the reparacion of our mother churche of lincoln ij*d*. To the reparacion of the sayd church of kyrton iiijd. To Agnes my wyff ij pecys of arable lande, conteynyng one acre and a halff togeder lyng, duryng the hole terme of her lyff. And yff she be with chylde, yff it be a sonne I will that the lande shall remayn to hym and hys heyrres. And yff she be with a

<sup>1</sup> This will was found too late to admit of its being printed in order of date.

doughter I will that the lande remayn to Margaret my doughter and to that daughter that my sayd wyff is pregnant with equally to be devydyd betwene them. And yff it fortune my said sonne and daughter or daughters all to decease afore they comme to lafull age, I will that aftyr the decease of my wyff the lande be solde be my feoffys therin and by the church wardons of kyrton for the tyme beyng, and the money therfore by them to be receyvvd I will that they dispose it in the church of kyrton in the moste charitable dedes for my soule and for the soulys of my wyff, my father and mother my benefactors and all crysten soulys To margaret my doughter a counter, a chaffyng dyshe, halff a garnyshe of pewter of vessyll, etc. The resydue of my goodes I gyff to Agnes Buckell my wyff, whome I make executrice. Thes beyng wytnes, William Stevynson of kyrton, John ordyng, John obrey, John Arkyll, and Robert Stevynson of the same, with other moy.

Proved before P., at Boston, 24 May, 1531, by the executrix, etc.

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## GLOSSARY

- AGLET, AGLYTE. An ornament, used (*a*) properly of a gold or silver tag or pendant attached to a fringe; whence (*b*) extended to any metallic stud, plate or spangle worn on a dress (*N.E.D.*). 130
- AIMELITUS (*Lat.*). Enamelled. 16
- ALMEMES. Alms. 180
- ALYDAYS. Holy-days. 87
- ALYEN. To alien or transfer the property or possession in anything. 28, 30
- ALYWE. Alive. 108
- AMITA (*Lat.*). An amice. 14-15. *See* VESTMENT
- AMTEYNE. An anthem. 25
- ANENST. In the presence of, before. 113
- ANOUREMENTS, ANNOWRMENTS. The ornaments, accessories or furnishings of a church, altar, etc. 65, 142-3
- APPARATUS (*Lat.*). Equipment. *See* VESTMENT
- APPAREL. *See* PARURA
- ARCHE. An ARK, *q.v.* 165
- ARE. An heir. 121
- ARK. A chest, box, coffer; a large wooden bin for storing flour, bread, etc. 4, 98, 113, 138, 165
- ARMETT. A hermit. 145
- ARMILAUZA (*Lat.*). A cloak; *strictly* a short cape covering the shoulders. 17
- ARMORY, AMERY. A cupboard or ambry. 180
- ARR'. Arable. 65
- ASSINERS, ASSYNER. Assignees. 72, 90, 94, 105
- ASTATE. *See* ESTATE
- AUE3. Plural of Ave, *i.e.* Ave Maria. Here are meant the beads, or set of beads, on a rosary corresponding to the number of aves repeated. 17. *See also* PAIR
- AULA (*Lat.*). Halling or tapestry or painted cloth for the walls of a hall, chapel, etc. The usual Latin form is *aulæum*. 9. *See* JESSE, PAINTED CLOTH
- AVE (*Lat.*). *See* AUE3
- AVENTAIL. *See* EVENTALE
- AWGHT. Owed. 45
- AYRES, AYRRRES. Heirs. 90, 108
- BAGE. A bag. 42
- BALLDE, BALLYD. Bald, *i.e.* streaked or marked with white, especially on the face. 58, 145
- BALY. A bailiff. 55
- BANQUER. A banker, a covering, generally of tapestry, for a bench or chair (*N.E.D.*). 17
- BAYST'. Bastard. 160
- BAYT. Bate, contention, debate. 101
- BEAD-ROLL, BEEDROWLLE. A list of persons to be specially prayed for. 71, 94
- BEDES, BEDDES, BEIDES, BEDYS, BEYDES. Beads. *See* PAIR; *also* INDEX OF SUBJECTS, *s.v.* Beads
- BEDSTOCKS, BEDSTOKES. The front and back parts of a bedstead, between which the cross bars were laid. 180
- BEFORELSDARS. Before the elders, homage, jury or council (*cp.* 'consell', p. 70) [of the manorial court]. The clause on p. 70, with which this one should be compared, provides for the renewal of the tenure, on payment of a fine to the lord and his heirs, at the end of each period of 99 years. The present clause (p. 72) provides for the appointment of new feoffees when the number of feoffees is reduced to two, without the payment of a fine to the lord and his heirs. If the word *makyndg'* is treated as redundant the meaning is plain. (*cp.* p. 127, last line). 72

- BEINGE. Buying. 84  
 BELDED, BELDYD. Builed upon. 42, 89  
 BENDYS. Ribands, sashes; or perhaps=bands, *i.e.* collars or ruffs. 165  
 BEQWYET. To bequeath. 32  
 BERED. Buried. 32, etc.  
 BESEKE. To beseech. 22  
 BESTE, BEST. Best beast. 27, 35, 87, etc.  
 BIGA (*Lat.*). A two-wheeled cart. 75  
 BISOLD. Be sold. 93  
 BLACK MONKS OF LINCOLN. The monks of the Benedictine priory of St. Mary Magdalene on the eastern side of Lincoln, now popularly known as 'Monks' Abbey'. The priory was a cell of St. Mary's Abbey, York. 4, 140, 150  
 BLACKET. A wheelwright's tool (*see* context). Probably a variant of 'blocker,' a tool for some form of blocking: A.D. 1407, 'Lego Petro apprenticio meo j. chipax . . . j. blokker, j. twybyll' (*Testamenta Eboracensia* [*Surtess Society*], i, p. 347, quoted by *N.E.D.*). 32  
 BLAKEDOVYD. *See* DOWED  
 BLODIUS (*Lat.*). Of blue colour. 60  
 BOKILL. A buckle. 84  
 BOLLE CAFFES. Bull calves. 145  
 BOND. Bound (*cp.* BOWDEN). 27  
 BOND LYNE. A bundle of line or flax. 60  
 BORNYNG. *See* BURLING  
 BOT, BOTE. A boat. 120  
 BOWDEN WANE. A wain bounden [with iron, *cp.* 'iron bonde carte' (p. 27)]. 88  
 BOWGH, BOWTHE. Bought. 21, 49, 73, 104  
 BOWR. A bowyer, a maker or seller of bows. 37  
 BOYSSE OF KEY. A bow or yoke of kine (*N.E.D. s.v.* Bow). 131  
 BOYTE[s]. Boats. 73  
 BOYTES. Boots. 165  
 BREDE, BREEDE. A breadth or width. In early times linen was made in a long narrow web several widths of which had to be sewn together to form a sheet. 45  
 BRENT. Branded [with the owner's initials or mark] (*cp.* Brandid, p. 145).  
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 BREWGENT LEDDES. Brewing-leads, vessels for brewing in. 61  
 BRIGES. Bridges. 104  
 BRING FORTH. To bring forth for burial. 57-8, 103, 129  
 BROKEN. Separated into parts. 112  
 BROWTHUP. Brought up. 22  
 BRYSE. A brace, a carpenter's tool for boring. 32  
 BURLING, BORNYNG, BURNING. A yearling ox or heifer. 46, 58, 70, 73, 168, 174, 179, 182  
 BURNETUM (*Lat.*). A cloth of dyed wool of superior quality, originally of dark brown colour (*N.E.D.*). 3  
 BUSSELLUS (*Lat.*). A bushel. 3  
 BUT. A LAND, *q.v.*; especially such a land when short of its full length owing to the irregular shape of the boundary of the field. 160  
 BYGEST. Biggest. 91  
 BYLLYS. Bills. 166
- CALABER. A kind of fur obtained from some foreign species of the squirrel. Apparently adopted from the French *Calabre*, Calabria, a province of Italy (*N.E.D.*). 17, 108  
 CAMISEA (*Lat.*). A shift. 3  
 CAMLET, CHAMLET, SHAMLET. A costly fabric made of silk and camel's or goat's hair or wool. 116  
 CANEBY. A canopy. 42  
 CANTRYE. A chantry. 44  
 CANVA3. Canvas. 18  
 CAPITAL MESSUAGE OR MESE, CHEYFF MESSE, HED HOUS, HED PLACE, PRINCIPAL PLACE, PRINCIPAL MESSUAGE. The messuage occupied by the owner of a property, containing several messuages. 5, 26, 39-41, 56, 64-5, 72, 152, 160, 169, 171  
 CARACTAMEN (*Lat.*). Probably a cart. The usual form is 'carecta.' 3, 32  
 CARPET. A thick fabric, commonly of wool, used to cover tables, beds, etc. (*N.E.D.*). 1-3, 6, 17  
 CATALLES. Chattels. 158

- CATERTENS. Quatertemps, the four fasting-seasons or Ember-weeks. 177
- CAWSE. Causey, causeway. 178
- CELLED. Sold. 35
- CELURE, CILLOUR. A canopy over a bed, dais, altar, etc. Another form is 'Silour.'
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- CERTUM (*Lat.*) for SERTUM. A girdle. 15
- CHAFING-DISH. A vessel to hold burning charcoal or other fuel, for heating anything placed upon it; a portable grate (*N.E.D.*). 38
- CHALO (*Lat.*). A chalon, *i.e.* a blanket, counterpane or coverlet for a bed; apparently, as stated by Du Cange, from its place of manufacture, Chalons-sur-Marne, in France (*N.E.D.*). 3
- CHAMBER, TO HER. To provide her a chamber. 140
- CHAMLET. See CAMLET
- CHANTRY. See COMMEMORATION
- CHARCHES. Charges. 42
- CHARGER. A large plate or flat dish. 15<sup>n</sup>, 144
- CERCHE GREVYS. See CHURCH GREVES
- CHEVERELL BAGE, ON. One cheverel bag, *i.e.* a bag made of kid-leather. 42
- CHOIR, QUERE, QUEYR, QWERE. (a) The part of a church appropriated to the singers. 38, 41, 43, 68, 71, 113, 118, 126-7, 142, 162, 176; (b) The organized body of singers. 64, 94. *Cp.* QUERE MAN
- CHON. See ECHON
- CHORUS (*Lat.*). Choir, *q.v.*
- CHURCH GREVES, CERCHE GREVYS. Church-grievances, churchwardens. 56, 61
- CHURCHMASTERS. Churchwardens. 44, 65, 129, 141
- CHURCHVRTH. A churchyard. 49
- CHURCH WORK. See FABRIC
- CILLOUR. See CELURE
- CIPHUS (*Lat.*). See CUP
- CLASSICUM (*Lat.*). A peal of bells. 8
- CLAUSYRYS, CLAWSURES. Enclosures, closes. 116, 137
- CLERK. A member of any of the orders, including the minor orders, of the Church. As the scholarship of the Middle Ages was practically confined to the clergy, the notarial and secretarial work of the kingdom was done by such clerks. *Passim.* See KING'S CLERK
- COB-IRONS, COBB YRONS. The irons on which a spit turns, irons hung on the bars of a kitchen-range to support the spit. Also said sometimes to=Andirons or fire-dogs (*N.E.D.*). 83
- COBREDER. Co-brethren. 176-7
- COCLIARIA (*Lat.*). Spoons. 36
- COEFFE, COEFFER. A co-feoffee. 81
- COLOGNE, ONE ORPHRAY OF. One orphray made of cloth manufactured at Cologne.
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- COMMEMORATION OF THE DEAD. The following account of the usual funeral and commemorative services will serve to explain references which occur on almost every page of the present volume—
- (a) FUNERAL SERVICES—
- (i) Vespers of the Office of the Dead, which took place on the evening before the funeral-day, was known as PLACEBO, because the office began with the antiphon *Placebo Domino in regione vivorum* (Psalm cxvi, 9, in *Book of Common Prayer*). 24, 27-9, 60, 64, 71, 80, 105, 114, 118-19, 153-4, 175, 177, 181
- (ii) Matins of the Office of the Dead, which began nominally soon after midnight, but in practice considerably later. It was known as DIRIGE, dirge, durge, etc., because it began with the antiphon, *Dirige, Domine, Deus meus, in conspectu tuo viam meam* (founded on Psalm v, 8). 24-9, 42, 50, 60, 64, 71, 73-5, 79-80, 94-5, 105, 114, 118-19, 122-3, 133, 135, 153-4, 168-9, 171, 175-7, 179, 181, 182
- Sometimes to add to the impressiveness of the service, the reading or the singing of particular antiphons and psalms and the reading of particular collects and lessons was assigned to different persons. Nine lessons are specified in obits on pages 153-4. In one case the testator directs that *Placebo* and *Dirige* are to be done in his house where his body lies (p. 24).

It is sometimes specified that *Placebo* and *Dirige* are to be sung 'with COMMENDATION' (pp. 80, 105, 153), i.e. *Commendatio Animarum*, which consisted of the following—

*Psalm* cxix (without the *Gloria*).

*Antiphon.* Requiem aeternam dona eis, Domine: et lux perpetua luceat eis.

Kyrie eleyson. Christe eleyson. Kyrie eleyson.

Pater noster.

*Psalm.* Domine, probasti (cxxxix).

*V.* Requiem aeternam dona eis, Domine.

*R.* Et lux.

*V.* A porta inferi.

*R.* Erue, Domine.

*V.* Credo videre.

*R.* In terra.

Dominus vobiscum.

Et cum spiritu tuo.

Oremus.

*Oratio.* Tibi, Domine, commendamus animas famulorum famularumque tuarum, et omnium fidelium defunctorum: ut defuncti seculo tibi vivant: et que per fragilitatem mundanæ conversationis peccata admisserunt tu venia misericordissimæ pietatis absterge. Per Christum, etc.

Requiescant in pace.

Amen.

In Morley church, near Derby, there is a copy of an inscription on a small brass plate which is above the piscina in the chapel. It is a direction for the *Commendatio Animarum* to be said privately at mass on behalf of members of the family of Stathum, and seems to have been put up by John Stathum (died 1454), who is buried in the north chapel of the chancel—'Ffor the sowles of Rafe, Godyth, Thomas, Elizabeth, Cecill and John & of theyr suxcessoures & for all cristen sowles: de profundis, &c.: pater noster, &c.: ave maria: et ne nos: requiem eternam, &c.: domine exaudi oracionem: with this orison Inclina domine, &c. John Stathum ordeynd this to be said & more written in other diuers bokes'.

In modern Roman Breviaries the *Commendatio Animarum* is merged in the ordinary office of the dead as its concluding portion; and the name *Commendatio Animæ* is given to the litany and prayers used at the departure of the soul.

In one passage (p. 175) it is specified that *Placebo* and *Dirige* are to be sung with the 'SUFFRAGE thereof'. In the second copy of the will in Book 1543-56 (f. 64d.), 'suffrages' was first written and then the final *s* was struck out. 'Suffrage' seems to be used here in a collective sense for a form of prayer largely composed of suffrages, and to correspond to what is elsewhere called COMMENDATION (*v.s.*).

(iii) Mass for the Dead, was known as MASS OF REQUIEM, owing to its introit *Requiem aeternam dona eis, Domine; et lux perpetua luceat eis.* 24-9, 42, 50, 60, 64, 71, 79-80, 94-5, 105, 114, 118-19, 122-3, 133, 135, 153-4, 168-9, 171, 176-7, 179, 181

In the foregoing account of the Funeral Services the editor is greatly indebted to Dr. Clark's *Sixty-three Lincoln Diocesan Documents*, pp. 8-9 (Early English Text Society); and, in the case of 'commendation', to Mr. A. Hamilton Thompson.

(b) COMMEMORATIVE SERVICES—

(i) The Funeral Services described above were in many cases repeated on the SEVENTH DAY after death (pp. 2, 6, 25, 27, 33, 42, 44, 60, 74, 84, 118, 175-6); on the THIRTIETH DAY or MONTH'S MIND (pp. 25, 27, 33, 42, 44, 84, 175-6, 181); and on the anniversary of death, called the ANNIVERSARY, OBIT, YEAR-DAY, 3ER DAYE, TWELVE-MONTHS DAY (pp. 2, 3, 6, 11, 14, 20, 26, 28-9, 42, 45, 50-1, 59, 62-4, 66, 71, 77, 80, 84, 88, 94-6, 98, 100-1, 103, 105-6, 110, 114, 118-19, 121-3, 127-8, 130-1, 137, 139, 142-3, 145, 151, 153-4, 157-8, 162, 165-6, 168-9, 171, 176, 179, 181-2). Such obits were often ordered to be continued for a term of years (pp. 6, 51, 59, 101, 143, 153-4, 165); sometimes for long periods, e.g. 80, 96, 98 or 99 years (pp. 114, 139, 154, 157, 162, 179); and frequently in perpetuity (pp. 20, 28-9, 66, 71, 77, 80, 98, 110, 121, 171).



(ii) A **TRENTAL** was a set of thirty *requiem* masses, said on one day or on thirty different days. 27, 32, 39, 44, 51-2, 56, 58-9, 61, 63-4, 77, 84, 88, 95-7, 112, 116, 118, 121-2, 128, 142, 151-2, 162, 178, 180-1, 183, 185

The rule about saying the thirty masses of the trental of St. Gregory, referred to on page 64, was as follows:—Whoever may desire to keep the trental of S. Gregory must celebrate three masses of the Lord's Nativity, three of the Lord's Epiphany, three of the Purification of St. Mary, three of the Annunciation of the same, three of the Lord's Resurrection, three of the Lord's Ascension, three of Whitsun-Day, three of the Trinity, three of the Assumption of St. Mary the Virgin, three of her Nativity, and let these masses be celebrated within the octaves of the above-mentioned feasts, all as on their day, but with special collects after the collect for the day. Let him also say daily *Placebo* and *Divige* with nine psalms, lessons and anthems, except in Eastertide, when the service must be said with three; and let the Commendation of Souls be said so many times, etc.—(*Sarum Missal*).

(iii) Daily masses for terms of varying length—three months (p. 67), one year (pp. 25, 30, 32, 53, 67), two years (pp. 65, 144, 184), three years (p. 39), seven years (p. 27), forty years (p. 65), from Ash-Wednesday to Low Sunday for sixty years (p. 87).

(iv) A Chantry was an endowment for the maintenance of one or more priests to say masses daily for the souls of the founder and other persons specified by him. 10-11, 25

(v) There is a very interesting account of the founding of a 'DONATIVE' in the church of Croft 'for ij speciall causys', namely prayer for the souls of certain persons and 'the mayntenyng of the service of god of the halyday' (p. 70). The priest is to have liberty to go pilgrimage to Rome, or to St. James (*SANTIAGO DE COMPOSTELA, q.v.*) or elsewhere (p. 71); and to go to his friends and make merry with them one month in each year (p. 72); and his tenure of the office is to be perpetual except in the case of misconduct (p. 72). 70-2. See also *BEFORELSDARS, DONATYFFE*

(vi) A perpetual **DEACONSHIP** was founded in the church of Bolingbroke 'to have godd the more honorably servyd' and certain souls 'prayed for there fore evermore' (pp. 68-9). The context shows that the office was to be served by a priest, and the term 'deaconship' is unusual in this connection. Its use may be compared with the word 'deaconry', a name given to the chapels and oratories in Rome, under the direction of the regionary deacons or cardinal deacons. There was a deaconship at Sedgebrooke, the incumbent of which was called 'deacon' (*Subsidy*, p. 70; *L.R.S.*, ii, p. 204; *ibid.*, viii, p. 70).

The bequests for funeral and commemorative services often include additional sums with a view to adding to the impressiveness of the services and to ensuring a large attendance of worshippers, both of priests (pp. 13, 85, 122, etc.) and of the poor and others (pp. 26-7, 42, 45, 84, 114, 122-3, 153, 177, etc.). Sometimes the church bells are to be rung (pp. 27, 95, 114, 169, 176-7, etc.). Twice deacons are to ring (pp. 27, 169). In some cases the bell-man, 'goyng in the town as is acostomyd', is to summon the worshippers, thus 'doying his duete' (pp. 27, 169, 176). Sometimes food is to be provided for those who come, e.g. 'bred and drynke' to the value of 2s., which the visiting priests are to have 'with the parishe prest . . . within the churche' (p. 26); 'white breed or kakes' and 'ayle' (p. 29); bread, ale and 'chese' (p. 153). In some cases the services are to be performed *cum nota*, i.e. sung to music (see *NOTE*). Frequently torches, tapers and other lights are to be provided (see *TORCH*; also *INDEX of SUBJECTS, s.v. Wax*).

**COMMENDATION.** See *COMMEMORATION*

**COMPONED.** Compounded. 116. See *SCALA CAELI*

**COMPTE.** Counter. 91

**CONCLUDING.** Including. 126

**CONSELL.** Council (see *BEFORELSDARS*). 70

**CONTRETH.** Country. 182

**CONVEYANCES OF BUILDINGS 'WITH THE GROUND, ETC., UNDER THEM.'** The instances of this form of conveyance all occur in the neighbourhood of Kirton in Holland, and the same form is sometimes used in conveying land in that district at the present day. 47, 64, 87, 90-1, 103, 111, 160, 167

**COOMB, COMB, COMBE.** A dry measure of capacity, equal to 4 bushels (*N.E.D.*). 127

- COPE. A CUP *q.v.* 114
- COPY. A copy of court-roll, or a holding of land by such copy. 31, 65, 84, 90, 116, 140, 143, 171
- COPYES. Copies, *see* COPY. 127
- COPYS. COPES. 139. *See* VESTMENT
- CORPORAS, CORPORYS CLOTH. A cloth, usually of linen, upon which the consecrated elements are placed during the celebration of the Holy Eucharist, and with which the elements, or the remnants of them, are covered after the reception. The usual form is *corporal*. 14, 77
- CORPSE-PRESENT, CORSE-PRESENT. *See* MORTUARY
- CORVISOR, CORVYSOR. A shoemaker. 29
- COSSY OR HAYRES. Cousin or heirs. The final *n* in *cossey* has probably been carelessly omitted by the scribe. 'Cousin' in ancient legal language meant 'next of kin', and the phrases 'cousin or heir' and 'cousin and heir' frequently occur in legal documents of former days. 32
- COSTÆ (*Lat.*). Costers, hangings for the sides of an altar, bed, etc. Another form is *costuræ*. 9
- COSTUME. Custom. 111, etc.
- COT. A coat. 103
- COTE. A cottage; a building for sheltering small animals. 65
- COTEW. Perhaps an unfinished attempt to write 'continuing'. Probably the word 'pence' has been omitted after 'iiij'. 105
- COUCHER, COWCHER. A large breviary that lay permanently on a desk in a church or chapel (*N.E.D.*). 178
- COURTEPYE. A short coat, cloak or tabard of coarse material, worn in the 14th and 15th centuries (*N.E.D.*). 6
- COVENANS. Covenants. 50
- COWMPTABLE. That can be counted. 129, 130
- COWNTERPOYNT. A counterpane. 45
- CR'EN. Christian. 53
- CROALL. Coral. 84
- CROSE GERDYLL. *Perhaps* a belt with a cross or crucifix hanging from it. *Cp.* 'a velvytt gerdill with a sylver pendand' (p. 84, l. 18 from foot). 91
- CROSS CLOTH. A cloth to veil the Cross during Lent. 64, 150
- CRUETS. *See* FIAL, FIOLÆ
- CRYSTENDOM. Christening. 179
- CULCITRA (*Lat.*). A cushion. The classical form is 'culcita.' 38
- CUP. Several words are used in the present volume to denote drinking-vessels—
- (a) CUP or, in Latin, CUPA, a general word, probably used especially of a vessel with a foot and stem, and therefore called 'a standyng cupp' (p. 85), 'a standyng cope' (p. 114). Sometimes it had a cover (p. 85). At page 15, lines 20-2, the Latin 'cupa' is used three times, and in the last case the 'cupa' is accompanied by a gilt ewer of the same set (*secta*). 15, 85, 114
  - (b) GOBLET, which occurs in English wills and has been used to translate the Latin 'CIPHUS' (in classical Latin 'scyphus'), a general word, but used especially of a large drinking-bowl, without handles, with (p. 15) or without (p. 6) a foot, sometimes furnished with a cover (pp. 15, 16, 55), which in one case apparently covered three vessels (p. 21). Some of the owners of these bowls seem to have had a particular affection for them since they gave them names—'Nutte' (p. 6), 'Nūt' (p. 16), 'Boll' (p. 16). In the ordinances of St. Michael's gild, Lincoln, mention is made of four of the goblets (*ciphos*) which are called *fullas* having been filled with ale. Perhaps '*fulla*' = '*olla*,' and means a flagon. In the ordinances of a Grantham gild there are '*tres ciphos vocalos masers*', which are valued at 40s. These instances suggest vessels of a considerable size (Toulmin Smith, *English Gilds*, pp. 173*n*, 174*n*). 5-6, 15-17, 21, 50, 55
  - (c) GODET (adopted from the French *godet*), in Latin GODDETUS or GODETUS, probably a small cup with a cover (p. 17). At page 15, six godets are enclosed within a seventh with a cover. 15, 17
  - (d) MAZER, MASER, MASOUR, MASSER, MAZER GOBLET, etc., in Latin CIPHUS DE MURRHA, CIPHUS MURREUS. Mazer properly means a hard wood, usually maple, used as a material for drinking cups, whence it came to signify a bowl, drinking cup or goblet, generally of a considerable size, made of 'mazer' wood, with a band of metal round the brim and a small disc of metal at the

bottom. There is a fine specimen of such a mazer in Epworth parish church. A mazer seems generally to have had a foot but no stem; in three places, however, a 'standing' mazer is mentioned (pp. 34, 44-5), which probably means that the vessel had a very short stem. A cover is mentioned on page 34, and again on page 45, where it is described as 'of wood.' Geoffrey le Scrope was accustomed to drink from a black mazer (p. 17). For a long note on the word 'mazer', see Peacock, *English Church Furniture*, pp. 194-5). 6, 17, 22, 34, 44-5, 49-50, 83, 91, 110, 136, 138-9, 174

- (e) PECE, in Latin *PECIA*, a cup, especially a wine-cup, or drinking vessel, called '*peciam vel cupam*' (p. 5); sometimes furnished with a cover (pp. 15, 16, 17, 22, 44). In one case two peces are encased in one boiled skin (pp. 15-16). In Middle English 'pece' is a common spelling of 'piece', from which 'pecc' in the sense of a drinking vessel may, perhaps, be a development, *cp.* 'a piece of plate' (*N.E.D.*). 5, 15-17, 22, 44, 84

CUPA (*Lat.*). A CUP *q.v.* 15

CUSSYNE3. Cushions. 17, 18

CUSTOM WORK, CUSTUM WERKE, ONE RODE OF LAND OF THE. A rood of the land in respect of the tenure of which certain work was due to the lord according to the custom of the manor. 158

D'. See DI'

DAKER, DEAKER. See DICKER

DAY OF THE MONYTHE. The thirtieth day after death. 79. See COMMEMORATION

DEFECTUS (*Lat.*, plur.). Dilapidations. 8

DEFEND. To forbid. 172

DEFENDYNG. Resisting, preventing. 41

DEKEY. To decay. 71

DELLIN. To dwell in. 99

DEPARTYD. Divided into parts. 95

DE PROFUNDIS (*Lat.*). Psalm *CXXX* (in *Book of Common Prayer*), which was one of the psalms in Vespers of the Dead (see COMMEMORATION) in the *Sarum Breviary*. 25, 64

DESKING. The providing with desks, seats or pews. 62

DEVOTION. Worship directed to a special object. 91

DEVYDED, LONDE LEYNG. Land lying in scattered selions or strips in an open field (see LAND). 158

DEWTE. Duty. 20

DI', D' (*Lat.*). Dimidium=half. 32, 72, 74, 76, 111, 126-7, 132, 134, 136, 149, 158, 160, 166, etc.

DIACONITA (*Lat.*). A deacon. 8

DICKER, DAKER, DEAKER, DEKER, DYKKER. The number of ten, being the customary unit of exchange in dealing in certain articles, especially hides or skins. 83-4, 93, 147

DIRIGE. See COMMEMORATION

DISCHARD. The discharge, fulfilment. 50

DISHOUS. Dishes. Possibly the reading should be 'dishons' in which case there is a double plural—'en' (obsolete) + 's'. 131

DISPED. Probably a clerical mistake for 'disposed'. 129

DISPENDE. The dispensing. 45

DISPOSED. In good health or condition (obsolete). *Cp.* the use of the word 'indisposed'. 144

DOG. An iron band with teeth or claws for gripping or holding. 32

DOLTE. Dealt. 27

DOMINUS (*Lat.*). This title has generally been translated 'Sir', *q.v.*; but on page 16 (l. 9, and l. 2 from foot) it has been rendered 'lords', since those to whom it is applied were persons of great account. *Passim*

DONATYFFE. A donative, a benefice which the founder or patron can bestow without presentation to or investment by the ordinary (*N.E.D.*). 70, 71. See COMMEMORATION

DONE, DOYN. Spent in the performance of divine offices. 53, 101, 107-8

DOSSERIUM (*Lat.*). A dossal, an ornamental cloth hung at the back of the altar. The usual form is *dorsarium* or *dorsale*. 9

DOUBLET, DUBLET. A close-fitting body-garment, with or without sleeves, worn by men in the 14th to the 18th centuries (*N.E.D.*). 22, 41, 84, 100, 110, 116

DOWED, DOVYD. Dulled or faded (a northern word) (*N.E.D.*). 58, 145

- DOWNE. Done. 71  
 DRESSYNG. Equipment. 41  
 DUBLER. A doubler; a large plate or dish. 147  
 DURGE. See COMMEMORATION  
 DUTTES. Duties. 56  
  
 ECHOON, ECHON, ICHE, ICHON, EVERYCHON, YLKE. Each, each one. 106-7, 139, 150, etc.  
 EDER. Either. 172  
 ELL, xij FEET BY THE. Twelve feet as measured by an ell-measure. 12  
 ERRYS. Heirs. 102  
 ESHE TREYS. Ash-trees. 78  
 ESTAPLE. See STAPLE  
 ESTATE, ASTATE. To make an estate of (a thing) to (a person): to give an interest in, a legal right or title to (*N.E.D.*). 21, 29, 57, 77  
 EVENTALE. An aventail, the movable front or mouth piece of a helmet which may be raised to admit fresh air (*N.E.D.*). 16  
 EYERS, EYRE5, EYRIS, EYRYS. Heirs. *Passim*  
  
 FABRIC, FABRICA (*Lat.*), WARKE, WORKE, WERKES, CHURCHEWARKE, CHURCH WERKES. The fabric or works fund of a church. The bequests to these funds for the maintenance of the fabric of parishes churches are very numerous. Scarcely less common are the legacies to the fabric fund of the cathedral, 'owr ladys warke' (p. 94), 'our lady werkes' (p. 35), 'the wark of the moder church' (p. 67), etc. Out of this fund certain chaplains were maintained to offer mass on behalf of the fabric in the northernmost chapel of the great south transept, popularly called 'the Works chantry' (*L.R.S.* vii, p. 142, n3). Sometimes in the Latin wills 'opus' is used instead of 'fabrica,' and 'operatio' occurs once in the same sense (p. 59). *Passim*  
 FACION. Fashion. 84  
 FAD'. Father's. 121  
 FADER. Father. 25, 27  
 FANO (*Lat.*). A maniple. 15. See VESTMENT  
 FELLOES, FELOOS. The curved pieces of wood which, joined together, form the circular rim of a wheel (*N.E.D.*). 32  
 FIAL. A fiale, phial, cruet (see Cruet, p. 77). 27. Cp. FIOLÆ  
 FIDE (*Lat.*). Faithfully. 65  
 FIEN. A fine payable to the lord on a transfer of land. 72  
 FILE. A filly. 145  
 FIND, FYND. To support, maintain, provide for. 25, 77, 89, 106, 139, 155, 163, 181-2, etc.  
 FINDING, FYNDING, FYNNING. Support, maintenance. 21-2, 26, 39, 45, 58, 65, 86, 106, 109, 160, 163, 173-4  
 FIOLÆ (*Lat.*). Cruets. 14. Cp. FIAL  
 FOOLE. A foal. 81  
 FOREGOERS. Predecessors, ancestors. 179  
 FORM, VICARS OF EITHER. See page 14, n2  
 FOUND, FOND, FUND. Supported, maintained. 20, 186  
 FRE LAND, FRE LOND. Freehold land. 90  
 FRERR' PRECHORUS. Friars Preachers, Dominican or Black Friars, 50  
 FUN'. Found, proved. 72  
 FUND. See FOUND  
 FUSTIAN, FUST'ON. A blanket made of a kind of coarse cloth consisting of cotton or flax (*N.E.D.*). 45  
 FYNDING, FYNNING. See FINDING  
  
 GABERDINE, GALBERDINE. A loose upper garment. 150  
 GALLOWES, GALLOS. An iron support for a pot over a kitchen fire. 103, 180  
 GANG. A set (of spokes). 32  
 GARCIO (*Lat.*). A page (see p. 17, n18). 17  
 GARNISH, GANESH, GARNESH OF VESSELS. A set of vessels for table use, especially of pewter. A set is said to contain 12 platters, 12 dishes, 12 saucers (*N.E.D.*). 45, 188  
 GARTH. A small piece of enclosed ground, usually beside a house or other building, used as a yard, garden or paddock (*N.E.D.*). 69

- GAUDS, GAUDES, GAUDEȝ, GAWDĒS. Ornamental beads; especially the larger and more ornamental beads placed between the decades of Aves in a rosary. 17, 44, 142
- GAWDED. Furnished with gauds. *See* GAUDS. 153
- GERYS. Gears. 125
- GETTE. Jet. 91
- GIVE AND TO SELL, TO. To devise land to give and to sell= $\Rightarrow$ to devise absolutely. 53
- GOBLET. *See* CUP
- GODDETUS (*Lat.*). *See* CUP
- GRACEMAN. The title of a chief official of a gild, used especially in Lincolnshire. 30, 106
- GRAWYN. Graven. 35
- GRECE. Grass. 48
- GRESGRONDE. Grass-ground. 113
- GRESSYNG. The grassing, agisting, taking (the horse) in to pasture. 49
- GRICE. The young of a badger; here the fur of the animal. 17
- GRONE. Ground. 83
- GROUND, BRING TO THE. To bury, 187
- GYDINGE. The guiding, management. 139
- GYFF. If. 108
- HALBE. An alb. 174. *See* VESTMENT
- HALE. Hall, guild-hall. 25
- HALLING. *See* AULA
- HALYDAY. Holy-day. 70
- HANFAST, HANFEST, MY WYFFE AFOR GODE AND RECORDE. My wife, handfast before God and witnesses. Handfasting sometimes means betrothal, and sometimes, as here, a probationary form of marriage. The latter meaning of the word is explained by Scott in *The Monastery* (chapter xxv), 'She is not my wife—but she is handfasted with me, and that makes her as honest a woman . . . We Border-men are more wary than your inland clowns of Fife and Lothian—no jump in the dark for us—no clenching the fetters around our wrists till we know how they will wear with us—we take our wives, like our horses, on trial. When we are handfasted, as we term it, we are man and wife for a year and a day—that space gone by, each may choose another mate, or, at their pleasure, may call the priest to marry them for life—and this we call handfasting'. (*See N.E.D.*) Brand (*Popular Antiquities*, ed. 1841, ii, pp. 54-5) sees a Danish origin in the custom, and says that strong traces of it remain in the villages in many parts of the kingdom, instancing Portland Island, where 'the young women, selecting lovers of the same place (but with what previous Rites, Ceremonies, or Engagements, I could never learn), account it no disgrace to allow them every favour, and that too from the fullest confidence of being made wives the moment such consequences of their stolen embraces begin to be too visible to be any longer concealed'. Perhaps some of the peculiarities of Scottish marriage law may have their origin in this custom. 41
- HARBOUR, HARBORRE. Shelter, lodging. 121
- HARE. An heir. *Passim*
- HARNESSED, HARNĒST, HERNĒST. Furnished, equipped; mounted with silver or other metal. 35, 45, 91, 120, 142
- HAWĒ. Have. 20, 21, 22, 108
- HEAD HOUSE, HED HOUS, HED PLACE. *See* CAPITAL MESSAGE
- HEAD-SHEET, HED SCHET. A sheet put at the head of a bed (*N.E.D.*); or a top-sheet, a coverlet put on the top of the other coverings. 45
- HEARSE, HERCE. A framework of iron or other metal, originally intended to carry lighted tapers and other decorations, fixed over a bier, coffin or tomb. 71, 95, 105, 153
- HECKFORD, HECKFORTH. A heifer. 62, 131, 168
- HEDE MESSE PENNY. The penny or payment for high mass. 153. *See* MASS-PENCE
- HEGES, HEGGES. Hedges. 129
- HEGYNG. The word is inexplicable, and there is probably some mistake in the text. The sense seems to be that the land was to be sold under the supervision of the testator's executors or feoffees [*see* OCCUPYERS] for 4*l.* 13*s.* 4*d.* to the gild for 105 years (*see* PEERES), out of which money the gild was to have 6*s.* 8*d.* given to it; or, if the gild was unwilling to purchase, the land was to remain to Roger, who was to give 4*l.* 13*s.* 4*d.* to the executors or feoffees and 6*s.* 8*d.* to the gild. (For instances of devices for religious purposes for terms of 80 and 99 years *see* pages 157, 162, 179). 134

- HERE, HERRE, HEYER. An heir. *Passim*
- HERNEST. See HARNESSED
- HEYLL. Health. 50
- HEYND. An end. 42
- HOBOHE. A hautboy, hoboy, oboe ; a wooden double-reed wind instrument. 54
- HOG, HOGE, HOGGE. A sheep hog ; a young sheep from the time it ceases to be a lamb till its first shearing. 49, 56, 90, 180, 182-3
- HOGGESHD OF YRNE. A hogshead of iron. Hogshead was sometimes used as a measure of weight—' 1600 Hyll *Arith.* xiii 66, 112 Poundes weight maketh 1. hundred weight. 5. of those hundreds . . . 1. Hogshead weight ' (*N.E.D.* s.v. Hogshead). 77
- HOILL. The whole. 107
- HOKYS. Hooks. 131
- HOLLY. Wholly. 84
- HONOURMENT, HONORMENT, HONORWORMENT. The action of honouring or embellishing. 71
- HORSE TREES. The beams on which the timber is placed in a saw-pit (Halliwell) ; trestles. 68
- HOSPITIUM (*Lat.*). A lodging. 39
- HOSTELMENTES. Hustlements, household goods. 22
- HU'GH. *Query* a HUTCH *q.v.* 41
- HUMATE. Buried. 153
- HUMELY. Humbly. 22
- HUTCH, HUCH, HU'GH, LE HUTCHE. A chest or coffer. 38, 41, 83-4
- ICHON, ICHE. See ECHOON
- ILLUMINATOR. One who embellishes letters with gold and colours, or manuscripts with ornamental writing so embellished (*N.E.D.*). 4
- IMAGERY. Figured work. 42
- IMPAYRETHE. Decays. 72
- INCERTUS for INSERTUS (*Lat.*). Inwrought. 15
- INCLINA. This was one of the collects used at Matins or Lauds of the Office of the Dead, and sometimes in the Commemoration of Souls (see COMMEMORATION). The collect was as follows—' *Inclina Domine, aurem tuam ad preces nostras, quibus misericordiam tuam supplices deprecamur : ut animam famuli tui, quam de hoc seculo migrare jussisti, in pacis ac lucis regione constituas, et sanctorum tuorum jubeas esse consortem. Per Christum, etc.*' 64
- INCONTINENT. Immediately. 124
- INDEFECCION. In default. 71
- INDUMENT. A garment, robe. 28
- INHERETAMENTES. Inheritaments, hereditaments. 81
- INHONESTE. In honesty ; in a respectable or becoming way. 72
- INQUYER. To require. 29
- INWARD STUFFE. Stuff within the house, household goods. 48
- IVALOW. In value. 142
- JACK, JACKE, JAKE. A Jack, a coat of fence, a kind of sleeveless tunic or jacket, formerly worn by foot-soldiers and others, usually of leather quilted, and in later times often plated with iron (*N.E.D.*). 91, 102, 142
- JESSE, AULA DE (*Lat.*). Tapestry of Jesse, that is, a hanging embroidered with a genealogical tree representing the genealogy of Christ from the root of Jesse, used in churches in the middle ages. 9. See AULA
- JONTRE, JWNTER. Jointure. 20, 55
- KERKE5ERDE. Churchyard. 50
- KEVER. A cover. 34
- KEYST. A kist, box, chest, coffer. 53
- KING'S CLERK. A CLERK (*q.v.*) in the service of the king. 8n
- KIRTLE, KERTILL. A man's tunic or coat ; frequently used as the equivalent of Latin *tunica*. As the common name of an article of male attire, *kirtle* seems to have gone out of use about or shortly after 1500. Also a woman's gown ; a skirt or outer petticoat (*N.E.D.*). 61, 67, 84, 110, 130-1
- KNOPFYS. Ornamental knobs, bosses, buttons, tassels, etc. 42, 45
- KYRKGRAVES. Kirk-graves, churchwardens. 143
- KYRKMASTERES. Churchwardens. 71

- LAGENA.** A gallon (see *L.R.S.* vii, p. 235). 5
- LAME.** A lamb. 67, etc.
- LAND.** A portion of land of indeterminate area, comprising a ridge or narrow strip lying between two furrows formed in dividing an open field; also called a ridge, rig, selion, butt. 48, 160
- LANTERN-LIGHT.** The light, sheltered by a lantern, which was used when the Sacrament of the Altar was taken to the sick. Sometimes, however, lanterns were used in church—'For Candyll for burning in the lantern on Wynter mornings in the body of the Churche' (Cox, *Churchwardens' Accounts*, p. 167). 54, 56, 63, 67, 152
- LASKE.** A lisk or lesk, *i.e.* a loin or flank (common in Lincolnshire). 58
- LAT' SARGAYNTES.** Late belonging to Sargaynt. 64
- LATH.** A lathe, barn. 64
- LATTEN, LATEN, LATYN.** A mixed metal of yellow colour, either identical with, or closely resembling, brass (*N.E.D.*). 62, 100
- LATTYN.** To be let. 74
- LAVATERIUM, LAVATORIUM (Lat.).** A laver. 4, 38
- LAWE HOUSE.** *Query* low house. 78
- LEADE.** A lead. See **PLUMBUM.** 46
- LEDER.** Leather. 84
- LEE LAND.** Meadow land. 25
- LEFUL, LEVEFULL.** Permissible, right, lawful. 30, 71, 109, 130, 150-1, 177
- LEIFFE.** To leave. 85
- LEIGH.** Light. 67, 77
- LENON.** Linen. 91
- LESER.** Leisure. 137
- LEST NESTE.** Least, smallest size; *cp.* 'MYDILLINESTE'. 91
- LESUR.** Leasow, meadow-land, pasture. 184
- LEVEYTT.** Levied, raised (of a sum of money). 121
- LEVYS.** Is left, remains. 103
- LEWING.** Living. 118
- LEYGH, LEYȝH.** A light. 42
- LIBRA, LI', LIB' (Lat.).** A pound. 27, 123, 168
- LIGE.** To lie. 53
- LIGNUM (Lat.).** A log. 4
- LISK.** See **LASKE**
- LITH.** Lieth. 62
- LIVELOUD.** Livelihood. 26
- LOND, LONGD.** Land. 57, 68, etc.
- LYEND.** Lying. 42
- LYFFE, ON.** See **ON LYFFE**
- LYGTH.** Light. 147
- LYNE.** See **BOND LYNE**

**Maria.** (see p. 14, n3). 14

**MAKE.** Marks. 32

**MAKES, I.** I make. The use of the final *s* has been verified. In most cases the final *es* is plainly represented by the usual contraction for *es*, and not by a mere flourish after the *k* (pp. 30, 32, 55, 68, 82-3, 88, 90, 92, 95, 98, 101, 123, 135, 163-4, 167-71, 175, 180-1). But in some instances the word is uncontracted—'makes' (pp. 30, 50), 'makys' (pp. 20, 67, 94, 174). *Cp.* 'maketh', 'makyth' (p. 89); also 'I . . . giftes' (p. 32), 'I . . . ordens' (p. 142), 'I . . . settes' (pp. 166, 186); also *Testamenta Eboracensia*, part iv, 'I . . . gyff and bewittes' (p. 30), 'I . . . ordeyns and makes' (p. 26), 'I . . . ordeigne, maketh and declarith' (p. 41).

**MANIPLE.** See **VESTMENT**

**MANSION.** A dwelling-house. 55, etc.

**MANTULATA (Lat.).** A woman wearing the cloak or habit of a religious order; a vowess or nun. 44

**MARBLE.** A cloth of mottled or dappled colour, resembling that of variegated marble. 116, 120

**MARCERUS (Lat.).** Mercer. 76

**MARESES.** Marshes. 126

**MARIENG GOWN.** Marrying or marriage gown; *cp.* wedding gowne (p. 103). 116

- MARKEN, MARKEȝ.** Marks. 21-2  
**MASLIN** (*in Lat. MIXTILIO*). Mixed grain; especially rye mixed with wheat (*N.E.D.*). 9  
**MASLIN.** A kind of brass. 100  
**MASS OF REQUIEM.** *See* COMMEMORATION  
**MASS-PENCE, MASS PENNY, MESPENY.** A penny or, in a more general sense, a payment to a priest for saying a mass; also a payment to other ministers assisting the priest. 64, 75, 94, 100, 105, 123, 153, 169, 177  
**MATERACE, MATTERS.** A mattress. 6, 84  
**MAZER, MASER, MASOUR, MASSER.** *See* CUP  
**MECHE.** Milch. 136  
**MEDLEY.** Of mixed colour, variegated, motley. 116  
**MERCHANT OF THE STAPLE.** *See* STAPLE  
**MESE, MEISSE, MESSE.** A message. 28, 29, 30, 56, 70, 72-3, 152, 162, 163, 169  
**MESEȝ, Messuages.** 173  
**MESS, MESSE.** The mass. *Passim*  
**MILNE.** Mill. 34, 35, etc.  
**MINSTER.** Minster, which is a shortened form of 'monastery,'—a monastery, or the church of a monastery; also applied to any church of considerable size or importance, especially a cathedral or collegiate church. It is very commonly applied to the cathedral church of Lincoln. The use of the word 'monastery' (p. 31) in this sense is unusual. 31, 142, 171  
**MIXTILIO** (*Lat.*). *See* MASLIN (mixed grain)  
**MO, MOAR, MOE, MOO, MOOE, MOOR, MOOY, MOR, MOWY, MOY.** More. *Passim*  
**MODER.** Mother. 22, 25-6, 83, etc.  
**MONASTERY.** *See* MINSTER  
**MONÉ.** Money. 21  
**MORTMAIN.** The condition of lands held inalienably by an ecclesiastical or other corporation. Such alienations, being injurious to the rights of the king and the mesne lords, were restrained by various statutes, and could only be made by royal licence. Attempts to evade the statutes were made by appointing feoffees in trust for long terms of years (*see* pp. 70-2). Mortmain, or the 'dead hand,' seems to be a metaphorical expression for impersonal ownership. 8n, 13n, 162  
**MORTUARY, MORTUARE.** A gift or offering due by custom to the incumbent of a parish from the estate of a deceased parishioner. Its nature was regulated by local custom, but it commonly consisted of the best beast, best garment or other chattel; for which reason it was sometimes called the 'PRINCIPAL' (*in Lat. 'PRINCIPALIUM'*, pp. 19, 35, 74). The offering was often brought with the corpse and presented at the church door, which practice seems to have led to the name of CORSE-PRESENT or CORPSE-PRESENT being given to it—'my corsepresent to be gyffyn of my best goodes as use and custome requiryth' (Will of Thomas Cowde, 1529, *Lincoln Consistory Court*, Book 1520-31, f. 259). Selden (*History of Tythes*, 287, c. 10) says that a mortuary is an offering to the church as a satisfaction for the supposed negligence and omissions that the defunct had been guilty of in not paying his personal tithes; but in the present volume there are very many instances of bequests to the testator's church or its high altar (*passim*) or to the sacrament (p. 126) for tithes and oblations forgotten in addition to the provision for the payment of a mortuary. In one case only (p. 119) does a testator bequeath his 'best beyst' for his mortuary and 'forgotten tythes.' *Passim*  
**MORTURE.** MORTUARY, *q.v.* 62  
**MOTELY.** Motley, diversified in colour, parti-coloured. 56  
**MOUNG, IN.** In ming; the land of different owners lying mixed is said to be lying in ming. 139  
**MYDILLINESTE.** Of middling size. 91  
**MYNESTERS.** Administrators. 139  
**NARE LOME, A.** An heirloom. 21  
**NAWE.** A nave, the central part of a wheel. 32  
**NEAT, NEET, NET, NEYTT.** An ox, bullock, cow or heifer. 93, 133, 136  
**NEAT-HOUSE, NEYTHOUSE.** A shed or house for cattle. 62  
**NESSARE.** Necessary. 147  
**NET HYDES.** Neat-hides. 93  
**NEXID.** Annexed. 75  
**NOBET, A.** An obit. 20, 94-5



- NOBLE.** A former English gold coin, first minted by Edward III, having the current value of 6s. 8d. (or 10s.) (*N.E.D.*). 122
- NONESTE, A.** An honest. 20
- NOON.** Nothing. 28
- NOTE, NOTT, NOYTT, WITH; NOTATUS** (*Lat.*). With musical notation, with music; used to describe a service which was sung as opposed to one that was said. *Cp.* 'To be buryed with note of the hole qwere' (*Lincoln Consistory Court*, 1520-31, f. 263 d.). 16, 42, 50, 60, 135, 179
- OBIT.** See **COMMEMORATION**
- OBLIGATE.** An obligation, condition. 57
- OBOE.** See **HOBOE**
- OBOLUS** (*Lat.*). A halfpenny. 4, 142
- OCCUPYERS.** Occupiers of the goods of a deceased person, executors and administrators. 134
- ODER.** Other. 28, 30, 70, 71, 90, 94-6, 99-101, etc.
- OFT.** Aught. 108
- ON LYFFE, ON LYVE, OF LYVE.** In life, alive. 69, 71, 90
- OR.** Before. 42, 83, etc.
- ORELLES.** Or else. 54
- ORGANS.** The word 'organ' was formerly used in the plural apparently to express the composite nature of the instrument. With 'organs' *cp.* 'the bag-pipes', 'the pipes' (*N.E.D.*). 77, 169. See also **PAIR**
- ORPHREY, ORFRAY.** An ornamental border or band, especially on an ecclesiastical vestment, sometimes richly embroidered (*N.E.D.*). 13, 14
- OS. AS.** 21-2, 40-1
- OTHE.** Or their. 135
- OTHEOPHILUS** (*Lat.*). A godchild. 59
- OTHER.** Either. 103, 107, etc.
- OVER LEDER.** The upper leather of a shoe, or a prepared skin suitable for an upper leather. 93
- OVIALE** (*Lat.*). A sheepfold. 4
- OXGANG.** The eighth part of a carucate of land, varying from 10 to 18 acres; a bovate. 143
- PAINTED CLOTH.** A hanging for a room, painted or worked with figures, mottoes or texts; tapestry. 42, 77
- PAIR OF ROSARIES.** A 'pair' in the 14th century and later was often used in the sense of a set (not limited to two) of separate parts forming a collective whole, such as the several parts of a structure or of a complicated musical instrument, etc. *Cp.* 'a pair of stairs'='a flight of stairs'; a 'pair of organs'='an organ' (*see* **ORGANS**); 'a pair of cards'='a pack of cards'. Perhaps 'a pair of rosaries' here='a rosary', the plural being used to express the composite nature of such a string of beads. *Cp.* the similar use of the plural in **ORGANS** (*q.v.*). 43. See also **AUE3**
- PANNETUS** (*Lat.*). Paned or slashed, made of strips of different coloured cloth joined together, or of cloth cut into strips, between which ribs or stripes of other material or colour are inserted (*N.E.D.*). 5
- PARABELL.** Probably a mistake for 'partable'=**sharing in**. 50
- PARCHEMYNE.** Parchment. 27
- PARELINGE.** Parelling, equipment or arraying. 52
- PAROCHANES, PERYSSHENG'.** Parochians, parishioners. 71, 106
- PART.** To divide. 95
- PARURA** (*Lat.*). An apparel, ornamental embroidery on certain ecclesiastical vestments, such as an alb, amice, etc. 15
- PATLET.** An article of apparel worn about the neck and upper part of the chest, chiefly by women; originally a neckerchief of linen, ruff, collar, etc. Another form is *partlet* (*N.E.D.*). 81
- PAYN.** A pan. 59
- PEAS STAKE.** Probably a stack of peas. 27
- PECE** (*Lat.* **PECIA**). See **CUP**
- PECHISSE, PECHYS.** Hides (*cp.* p. 83, l. 8). 'Petch, a dried pelt or skin used to make size for warps (Yorkshire)' (*The Dialect Dictionary*). The word, however, rests on the authority of one correspondent). Spetch (not obsolete)=a piece or strip of undressed leather, a trimming of hide, used in making glue or size; another form is 'speck' (*N.E.D.*). 84, 93

- PEERES. Probably a clerical mistake for 'yeeres', years. 134
- PELOIS. Pillows. 45
- PENNAUND. A pendant. 35
- PENNY. This coin was of silver for a long period, and it was for many hundred years the only coin in circulation in England. Hence 'penny' was used as a general or vague term for a piece of money, a sum of money, money. 3, 76. *Cp.* PENNYWORTH, THYRD PENY
- PENNYWORTH. Money's worth, goods of the value of a penny; used in the phrases 'in penny and pennyworth', 'in money and pennyworth'. *Cp.* 'of money or value' (p. 43). 175
- PERCEYVE. To receive. 34, 154
- PERIDOT, PERIDOD. In Middle English a name of the chrysolite (*N.E.D.*). 16
- PERKES LIGHT. Perhaps the light on the perk or bar or beam before the rood. 46
- PERTICA (*Lat.*). A perch of land. 158
- PERTROUBLE, PERTRUBBYLL. Perturb, trouble greatly. 166
- PERYSSHENG'. *See* PAROCHANES
- PHALLARA (*Lat.*). Rustic implements. 75
- PHIAL. *See* FIAL
- PINGLE, PYNGLE, PYNGULL. A paddock, a close. 123, 160
- PITTANCE. An occasional additional allowance of food, wine, etc., bequeathed to a religious house or order in consideration of masses to be said according to the appointment of the benefactor. 14
- PIXE. *See* PYX
- PLACEA (*Lat.*). A plot [of land]. 4, 38
- PLACEBO (*Lat.*). *See* COMMEMORATION
- PLATES. Plates here are evidently armour, since they are mentioned along with a helmet and aventail. A pair of plates would probably be a breast-plate and back-plate. The fact of their being, in this case, covered with red velvet, suggests that they were intended to be used as defensive additions to ordinary clothing, and not for war. 16
- PLUGH. Plough. 41
- PLUMALE (*Lat.*). A feather-bed. 3
- PLUMBUM (*Lat.*). A leaden vessel, a lead (p. 46); a large pot, caldron or kettle; originally a vessel made of lead, but early used without reference to that metal (*see N.E.D. s.v. Lead*). 2, 3, 6, 46
- POSNET, POCENET'. A small metal pot or vessel for boiling, having a handle and three feet (*N.E.D.*). 4, 60, 84, 92
- POTTINGER, POTYGER. A vessel for holding soup, broth, etc.; a small basin, *pottinger*. 131
- POUNCED, POWNSID. Of metal-work: embossed or chased by way of ornament (*N.E.D.*). 44
- POWDRAI. Powdered, decorated with a multitude of spots or small figures, scattered over the surface. 91
- POYMENT. Appointment. 44
- PRATE TAKER. A partaker. 84
- PRECLA (*Lat.*). A rosary. 43. *See* PAIR OF ROSARIES
- PREFORE. Before. 114
- PREPOSITUS (*Lat.*). A reeve. 2, 6, 9
- PRESAWYD. Preserved. 20, 21
- PREST. Priest. *Passim*
- PRINCIPAL. *See* MORTUARY
- PRINCIPAL MESSAGE, PRINCIPAL MESSE, PRINCIPAL PLACE, PRINCIPAL TENEMENT. *See* CAPITAL MESSAGE
- PRINCIPALIUM (*Lat.*). *See* MORTUARY
- PRIVILEGE PLACE. A place enjoying certain privileges and immunities. 161
- PRO (*Lat.*). For. 40
- PYX, PIXE. The vessel in which the host or consecrated bread of the Sacrament of the Altar was reserved. The pyx-cloth was used to veil the pyx. 183
- QUADRANS, Q', QUAD'. A farthing. 4, 149
- QUATERIUM. A quarter, fourth part. 59
- QUATERTEMPS. *See* CATERTENS
- QUERE, QWERE. *See* CHOIR
- QUERE MAN. A quire or choir man, *i.e.* able to sing. 85

- QUEY, QUE, QUIE, QUYE, QWY, QWYE. Properly, a young cow before it has had a calf; a heifer; but note 'a que of iij yeres old' (p. 110), 'a qwey that hath a calffe' (p. 170). 49, 110, 122, 145, 147, 170, 182
- QUEY CALF, QUE CALFFE. A female calf. 145
- QWYLTUM (*Lat.*). A quilt. 59
- RAYNES. Cloth of Raines, a fine kind of linen or lawn made at Rennes in Brittany. 6
- REBAND, REBON. Riband. 130, 131
- RECORD. A witness. 32, 83, 184, 187
- RED ARK, THE. Evidently a well-known box for offerings in Lincoln cathedral, which probably derived its name from its colour. Mauncer Marmyon (A.D. 1505) bequeathed 'to the Reparacion of the moder churche of lincoln iij s. iiij d. to be put in to the Red arke' (*Lincoln Consistory Court*, 1532-4, f. 40), which suggests that the contents of the box were devoted to the fabric- or repair-fund. 113, 138, 162
- REDE MADE. Ready made. 147
- REED. Red. 58
- RELIGION, WOMAN OF. A woman given up to a religious or monastic life. 21
- REPARELLED. Repaired. 151
- REPARENTION. Reparence, repair. 98
- REPRAYSONS. Reparations. 72
- REWENES. Revenues. 21
- RIDE AND GO, RYDE AND GOO. To be active, spare no pains, in helping. 68, 175, 186
- RIGG, RYG, RYGGE. A ridge. *See* LAND. 132, 134, 160, 174, 185-6
- RINDEL, *see* ROWEL
- ROCHETUM (*Lat.*). A frock. 3
- ROMTHE. Roomth, space. 106, 150
- ROSARIES, A PAIR OF. *See* PAIR
- ROSYTT. Russet. 100
- ROUNCY (*in Lat.* RUNCILUS). A horse; especially a riding-horse. 3
- ROWEL. A ring or hoop, wherein candles were fixed, to hang before the rood or an image. Such a ring was often called a *trendal* or *trendle*: in the Midlands and East Anglia *roundel*, *rindel* were more usual forms (*see* Cox, *Churchwardens' Accounts*, p. 165). 71, 139
- ROYDE. The rood, cross. 89
- RUGGYD. Shaggy. 58
- RUNCILUS (*Lat.*). *See* ROUNCY
- RYNDYLL. *See* ROWEL. 71
- SACK, FRIARS OF THE. This was a small order of friars, which had about nine houses in England. Their proper style was 'Friars of the Penance of Jesus Christ', but they were more commonly called 'Friars of the Sack', from their habits being either shaped like a sack, or made of sack-cloth. Their house at Lincoln was situated in the suburb of the city in Thornbridgegate street. The order was suppressed, that is forbidden to admit new members, in 1274 (*Dugdale, Monasticon*, vi, pp. 1606-7; *Victoria County History, Lincolnshire*, ii, p. 225).
- SACRING TIME. The time of the consecration of the Eucharistic elements. 113
- SACRIST, SACRISTAN. An official charged with the custody of the sacred vessels, relics, vestments, etc., of a religious house, church, gild, etc. (*N.E.D.*). 18, 176
- ST. GREGORY, TRENTAL OF. *See* COMMEMORATION
- ST. HUGH OF LINCOLN. *I.e.* the shrine of St. Hugh at the western end of the lady-chapel of the cathedral, immediately behind the high altar (*see* Dr. E. Mansel Sympson, *Lincoln*, pp. 194-5). 120
- SALLET, SALYTT. In mediæval armour, a light globular head-piece. 91, 102
- SALUS POPULI. A votive mass, so called from the opening words of the introit, to be used for any necessity (*Sarum Missal*). 71
- SANTIAGO DE COMPOSTELA. Called 'St. James' in the text (p. 71), a town in Spain where, according to the legend, the bones of St. James (San Jago) were discovered, in A.D. 835, by the bishop of Iria Flavia (the ancient name of Padron), who was guided thither by a star; hence the name Compostela (*Campus stellæ*, the field of the star). The relics were, in 1884, solemnly affirmed by the pope to be still beneath the cathedral. The shrine attracted many thousands of pilgrims in the Middle Ages, and was an especial favourite with Englishmen (*Chambers' Encyclopædia*). 71
- SAWDE. Hire, pay (*Halliwell*). 108

SAWEN. Sown. 162

SAY, SEY. A cloth of fine texture resembling serge; in the 16th century sometimes partly of silk, subsequently entirely of wool (*N.E.D.*). 103

SCALA CAELI. *Santa Maria Scala Caeli* is the circular church—one of three churches—in the abbey of Tre Fontane, outside the Porta San Paolo at Rome, on the site of St. Paul's martyrdom. In it St. Bernard is related to have had a vision of souls, for whom he was saying mass, ascending by a ladder into heaven, and to it an indulgence was attached. Hence, the name was applied to chapels and altars in England, and to the masses said there, to which the same indulgence was attached (*see N.E.D.*). Among the privileges granted in 1510 by Pope Julius II to the members of the gild of our Lady in St. Botolph's church, Boston, were the following—that whosoever should come every Friday to the chapel of our Lady in St. Botolph's church, should have as much remission of sins as if he went to the chapel of our Lady of *Scala Caeli*; and that whosoever should say or cause to be said in the same chapel at Boston masses for souls departed in the pains of purgatory should have the full remission due to those who visited the chapel of *Scala Caeli* and also obtain full remission for the souls in purgatory (Fox, *Acts and Monuments*, ed. 1684, ii, p. 420; Thompson, *The History and Antiquities of Boston*, pp. 136-8).

The present volume contains several bequests for masses at *Scala Caeli*—page 95, where the place of performance is not specified; page 165, 'att boston or oder place'; pages 106, 142, presumably at Lincoln; page 100, probably at Grimsby; page 116, 'in our ladies quere in Spillesby . . . if it may be componed for the offering to our ladies gild in Boston', *i.e.* if a composition can be made [by a suitable payment] with the gild for the loss which it would suffer through the saying of the masses elsewhere than in Boston. Other wills in the Lincoln Consistory Court mention masses at *Scala Caeli* 'in our lady chapell in boston' (Book 1520-31, f. 209d.), at Boston (*ibid.*, ff. 157, 157d.); and at either Lincoln or Boston (*ibid.*, f. 234). 95, 100, 106, 116, 142, 165

SCHERMAN. *See* SHEARMAN

SCOTLAND, SWORD FROM. Perhaps a claymore. 1

SCUTRA (*Lat.*). A dish. 38

SEAL. A deed under seal. 175, 187

SEAM, SEME. A pack-horse load; often identified with a definite quantity, varying according to the commodity and locality. In the case of grain a seam often equalled 8 bushels (*N.E.D.*). 127, 187

SECULAR PRIEST. A priest who belonged to the secular clergy as distinguished from the regular clergy; living in the world, and not in monastic seclusion. 42

SEEKE. Sick. 142

SEKERSTON. A sacristan. *See* SACRIST. 176

SELION. A portion of land of indeterminate area comprising a ridge or narrow strip lying between two furrows formed in dividing an open field (*N.E.D.*). *See* LAND. 4

SEPULCHRE LIGHT. The light which was burnt before the Easter sepulchre. 4, 5, 6, 71, 73, 88, 119, 168

SEPULTURE. The Easter sepulchre. 119

SEREMONEȝ. Ceremonies. 127

SERGE, SHERGE. A wax taper (*Halliwell*). 71, 79, 119, 153, 186. *See also* TORCH

SET. To ordain, appoint, bequeath, allot. 93, 120, 166, 186. *Cp.* UNSET

SETTES. *See* MAKES, SET

SETTO. Given or assigned to. 21

SEVENTH DAY. *See* COMMEMORATION

SEY. *See* Say

SEYLL. Sole, solely. 21

SHAMLET. *See* CAMLET

SHEARMAN, SCHERMAN, SHERMAN. One who shears woollen cloth (*N.E.D.*). 29, 50

SHEDER. A female sheep; especially a lamb from eight or nine months old to her first shearing (*N.E.D.*). The words, heder (masc.) and sheder (fem.) are, however, sometimes used of other animals, *e.g.* 'ij sheder calvys . . . ij heder calvys' (*Lincoln Consistory Court*, Book 1532-4, fo. 57d., 58); 'iij heder burlynges' (*ibid.*, fo. 59). 182

SHEP. Cheap. 109

SHEPE. Ship. 104

SHIFT, SHYFT. A dividing, division. 155

SHIFT, SCHYFTE. To shift, divide. 111, 129

- SHIFTYD. Divided. 129  
 SHIPE. A sheep. 60, 65  
 SHYFT. See SHIFT  
 SIDE-COAT, SYDE COTTE. A long coat, great coat. 110  
 SIGHTE, SIGH. Oversight, supervision. 53, 83, etc.  
 SILOUR. See CELURE  
 SINGING BREAD AND WINE. The wafer-bread and wine used in the celebration of Mass, which was commonly sung, though often said (Fowler, *Rites of Durham*, Surtees Society, vol. cvii, pp. 193-4)  
 SIR (*in Lat.* DOMINUS). A title commonly applied to the clergy in former times. *Passim.* See DOMINUS  
 SITTING. Situate. 99  
 SKENE, SCHEME. A skene, *i.e.* a form of knife or dagger, in former times one of the chief weapons of the Irish kerns and of the Scottish Highlanders. 41  
 SOLIDUS. A sum of money. 16  
 SONGE. *I.e.* expended in the singing of masses. 40  
 SORED. Sorrell. 162  
 SORELD FOOLE. A sorrell foal. 81  
 SPERTLED. Scattered, distributed (*Halliwell, s.v.* Spirtle). 156  
 STABELLUM (*Lat.*). A stall (in a church). 43  
 STAG, STAGGE. A young horse; used also of the males of other animals. 22, 47, 70, 145  
 STAKE. A stack. 27  
 STAMNUM (*Lat.*). A stall (in a church). 54  
 STANDING CUP. See CUP  
 STANG, STAYNG, STON, STONG. A rood of land. 66, 73-4, 76, 89, 93, 97-8, 100, 103, 111, 130, 134-5, 152, 171, 174, 185  
 STAPLE or ESTAPLE, MERCHANT OF THE. The merchants of the staple were those merchants who had the monopoly of exporting the principal raw commodities of the realm, especially wool, woolfels, leather, tin and lead; wool figuring the most prominently among these staple wares. A staple (originally—a scaffold for the sale of goods) was a town to which the staple wares had to be brought for sale or exportation, and at which they were weighed and sealed under the seal of the mayor of the staple. At such staples as were ports the wares were also weighed by or in the presence of the collectors of the king's customs. At various times Lincoln and Boston were staple towns. Sometimes there was only one staple town, and this was situated abroad, at Bruges or Calais or elsewhere. From the time of Richard II until 1558 the foreign staple was at Calais (C. Gross, *The Gild Merchant*, i, pp. 140-3). 175  
 STATUTUM (*Lat.*). A judgement. 9  
 STAYTT. See ESTATE  
 STERTHUPPES. Stirrups. 41  
 STILA (*Lat.*). A little bell. 38  
 STILLICIDIUM (*Lat.*). Properly, the rain-water falling from the eaves of houses, and so used here for the eaves themselves. 6  
 STIR. A steer. 145, etc.  
 STOKE. A stock. 34, 75, 127  
 STOLES. Stalls. 41  
 STON, STONG. See STANG  
 STORRYS. Stears. 159  
 STRAGULATUS (*Lat.*). Embroidered. 15  
 STRESSE. A distress. 73  
 STREYNE. To distrain. 73  
 STRICKE. See Strike  
 STRIKE, STRICKE. A bushel. 98, 102, 116, 119, 132, 136  
 STRYNKES. Strings. 42  
 SUFFRAGE, THE. See COMMEMORATION  
 SUPERPELECTULIS (*Lat.*). A tippet. The usual form is 'superpelliceum'. 24  
 SUPER-TUNIC (*in Latin* SUPERTUNICA). The super-tunic or surcoat, as it was sometimes called, was a long garment with sleeves, which were sometimes tight and sometimes loose and open, reaching to the wrists. It was used, at least in early times, only by persons of rank, by whom it was worn over the TUNIC (*q.v.*) (Clinch, *English Costume*, p. 20). 3, 5, 6  
 SWADE. A swath, a piece of meadow-land the width of the sweep of a scythe. 166  
 SWYNCOTT. A swine-cote, pig-stye. 61  
 SYDE COTTE. See SIDE-COAT

- TABERNACLE.** An ornamented receptacle for the pyx containing the consecrated host. 121
- TABLE, TABULL.** A picture. 77
- TABULA (Lat.).** A board (for making tapers upon); a counter. 5, 38
- TAIL INDENTURE.** An indenture creating an entail. 123
- TAPER.** See **TORCH**
- TAWNY, TANY.** Cloth of a tawny colour. 40, 42, 84, 116, 150
- TAYLED.** Entailed. 77
- TENANDES.** Tenants. 70
- TENTES.** Tenths, tithes. 39
- TENUARA (Lat.).** A tenement. 31
- TESTAMENT.** See **WILL AND TESTAMENT**
- THACKBORDE, CC.** Two hundred thack-boards, or wooden roofing tiles or shingles (*N.E.D. s.v. Thack*). 39
- THE.** They. 64-5, etc.
- THING, THINK.** A piece of property; here used with reference to real property. 84, 116-7
- THING, THE.** They think. 50
- THIRTIETH DAY.** See **COMMEMORATION**
- THOWTHE.** Thought. 21
- THROUGH.** A through-stone, a horizontal grave-stone. 153
- THYRD PENY, THE.** *I.e.* every third penny, *i.e.* the third part. 73. *Cp.* **PENNY**
- TIRE, TYRE, TIREMENT.** Equipment, outfit (of a cart, plough, etc.). 69, 73
- To.** Till. *Passim*
- TOFT, TOFFTE.** Originally, a homestead, the site of a house and its out-buildings. Often in the expression 'toft and croft', denoting the whole holding, consisting of the homestead and attached piece of arable land (*N.E.D.*). 23-4, 69, 124, 152, 156, 184
- TOFISTEDE.** A homestead. 89
- TOGA (Lat.).** A Roman garment; probably used here, as a general word, for a robe. 22-3, 39
- TORCH.** A torch is properly something twisted. Torches, which were very commonly used at funeral and commemorative services, were made of resinous wood, or of twisted hemp or other similar material, soaked with tallow, resin, etc., or, sometimes, of twisted wax (*Cox, Churchwardens' Accounts*, pp. 161, 165). **SERGES, q.v.**, and tapers, on the other hand, seem to have been nearly always made of wax. The torches were sometimes of enormous size, as also were the tapers—'xx torches of the length of xij feet by the ell' (p. 12); 'viij torches and iiij tapurs of viij lib' weight of wax' (p. 27); 'two tapers of xx pounds weight of wax shall then be burnt about my body' (p. 12). 12, 27, 106
- TOWEL.** A cloth, especially, a linen cloth for the altar. 6, 31, 109, 131
- TOWNSHIP.** The inhabitants of a town or village as a community, or in their corporate capacity. *Cp.* 'by the holl councill of the towne' (p. 61). 129
- TRAVYS.** Traverse, trouble, vexation. 119
- TREE, TREN'.** Made of a tree, wooden. 100, 146
- TRENTAL.** See **COMMEMORATION**
- TREYS.** Trees. 78
- TULL.** To. 40
- TUNIC (in Lat. TUNICA).** A garment, in shape like a modern shirt, generally bound about the waist with a girdle, worn by all classes from Roman times till (at least) the fourteenth century (pp. 1, 3, 17). In a later will, A.D. 1514, a testator leaves '*unam blodiam tunicam vocatam Jakytt*' (p. 60). 1, 3, 17, 60. See **KIRTLE**
- TYELL LANDE.** Entailed land. 139
- TYNA (Lat.).** A tub. 6
- TYRE.** See **TIRE**
- UNCE.** Ounce. 84
- UNSET.** Unappointed, unbequeathed. 120. *Cp.* **SET**
- UNWITE.** Unbequeathed. 88. See also **WITT**
- USE.** The order of service as celebrated according to the usage or custom of the churches of Sarum, Lincoln, York, etc. 9, 15, 16
- VACHETUS (Lat.).** See **WACHETUS**
- VALOUR.** Value. 25-6, 130
- VANE.** A wain. 69

VELUETUM. Velvet. 14

VESTMENT. A vestment usually included the amice, alb, stole, fanon or maniple, and chasuble worn by the priest at the celebration of the Holy Eucharist, and sometimes the dalmatic and tunicle (or pair of tunicles, as they were often called) with the amices, albs, girdles and maniples for the gospeller and epistoler, and a stole for the deacon (*Inventories of Church Goods*, Surtees Society, vol. xcvii, p. 172 and *passim*). A complete vestment with all its equipment (pp. 14-15) also included one or more copes, and sometimes hangings for the altar, etc. 'I bequeath . . . the complete suit of my vestment of red cloth-of-gold, namely, nine copes, a chasuble, tunicles or dalmatics, a frontal and sub-frontal with the curtains belonging to the same, and a cloth for the lectern, with albs, amices, stoles, and maniples to the same belonging' (*Testamenta Eboracensia*, part i, p. 399, Surtees Society). 'A vestment of fyne black velvet that is to say iij coopis a vestment and ij tonacles with the albes and other things thereto belonging, price lxxvj. xiijs. iiijd.' (Will of William Brown, of Stamford, P.C.C., 22 Milles. *Cp.* the will of Dame Margaret Broune, P.C.C., 30 Milles). Vestment, 14-15, 67, 71, 77, 96, 174; alb, 15, 174; amice, 14-15; chasuble, 13, 15; cope, 13, 96, 139; dalmatic, 13; maniple, 15; tunicle, 13

VESTURA (*Lat.*). A crop. 2

VESYMPULL. Fee simple. 69

VIRGATE. A yard-land, being a quarter of a hide, containing from 12 to 40 acres. 8n

VOWESS, WOWESS. A woman who has taken the veil, a nun. Used as the equivalent of 'Mantulata' (*q.v.*). 44

VYCE, VYSE. Advice. 65, 89

WACHETUS, VACHETUS (*Lat.*). Watchet, of pale blue colour, or, perhaps, cloth of that colour. 3

WANG. See WONG

WANNE. See WONE

WARE, WARD, WARED, WARYD, WARRYNG. To ware, etc.=to lay out money, labour, etc., spend. 41-2, 77, 103, 143, 174

WEDERS. Wethers. 130

WEDSETT. To pledge. 28

WEIGHT WEEKE, XXII STONE. Perhaps for '20 stone weight of wheat', 'weeke' in that case being a clerical mistake for 'weete'. The large quantity specified seems to forbid the interpretation 'wick' for lamps. 133

WELE, WELL, WELLE, WEYLL. The weal, wealth, health, welfare, profit. *Passim*

WILL and TESTAMENT. At the period covered by this volume the words 'will' and 'testament' were not synonymous. 'Will' was applied to a disposition of realty and 'testament' to a disposition of personality. *Passim*

WILLET. Willed, disposed of by will. 132

WIMBLE. See WYMBEL

WIMPLE. A covering for the neck, chin and sides of the face, formerly worn by women out of doors, and still retained by women of some religious orders. 3

WIRTEN. Written. 74

WITT, WITE, WYT, WYTT, I. I bequeath (pp. 28-9, 32, 35, 99, 100, 105, 110, 120, 149); and (in the past participle) WITT, WITE, WITTED, WYT, WYTEN, WYTTON=bequeathed (pp. 29, 32, 52, 77, 100, 106, 108, 128, 138, 164, 166, 171, 174, 177, 186). *Cp.* UNWITE=unbequeathed (p. 88), and WITTWORD=a legacy (p. 83). It is probable that 'witt' was originally a perverted form of 'quethe' (obsolete, except in the past tense 'quoth')=to speak, declare, bequeath; but it seems to have become established, at least in Yorkshire and Lincolnshire, as a separate word. Or it may have descended by a process of shortening and corruption from 'bequeath', which appears in old wills under many different forms—'beqweth', 'bequete', 'bewete', 'bewhete', 'bewithe', 'bewite', 'bewit', 'bequit'. The transition from 'bequete' to 'witt' would not be difficult. First the two syllables of 'bequete' would be written as separate words, and then the first would disappear. Thus we have 'beqwyt', 'be witt', 'be wytt' (p. 32), 'be queth' (p. 62), 'be witted' (p. 30), 'witt', 'wytt' (p. 32). Numerous instances of 'witt', etc., occur in *Testamenta Eboracensia*—'wit', 'wite', 'witt', 'wyt', 'wytt', 'wyttis'=bequeath' (part iii, pp. 223, 239; part iv, pp. 13, 24, 41, etc.); 'bewit'=bequeathed' (part iv, p. 30); *cp.* 'be wit', 'bewitt'=bequeath' (*ibid.*, pp. 27, 169, 183).

WITTES. Witness or witnesses. 90

WITTWORD. A legacy. *Cp.* Quethe-word, a legacy (*N.E.D.*). 83. See also WITT

- WOLL. Wool. 105  
 WOLTE. A vault. 103  
 WON. One. 48  
 WONE, WANNE, WONES, WONNYNG, WONNYS. To wone—to dwell. 72, 105, 109, 111, 121, 167, 176  
 WONG, WANG. Marsh or low land; a meadow. 157, 160, 185  
 WORK, WORKS, CHURCH WORK. *See* FABRIC  
 WOWES. *See* VOWESS  
 WULL. Wool. 127  
 WYMBEL. A wimble or auger for boring wood. 32  
 WYT, WYTT, WYTTE. *See* WITT  
  
 YATES. Gates. 114, 130  
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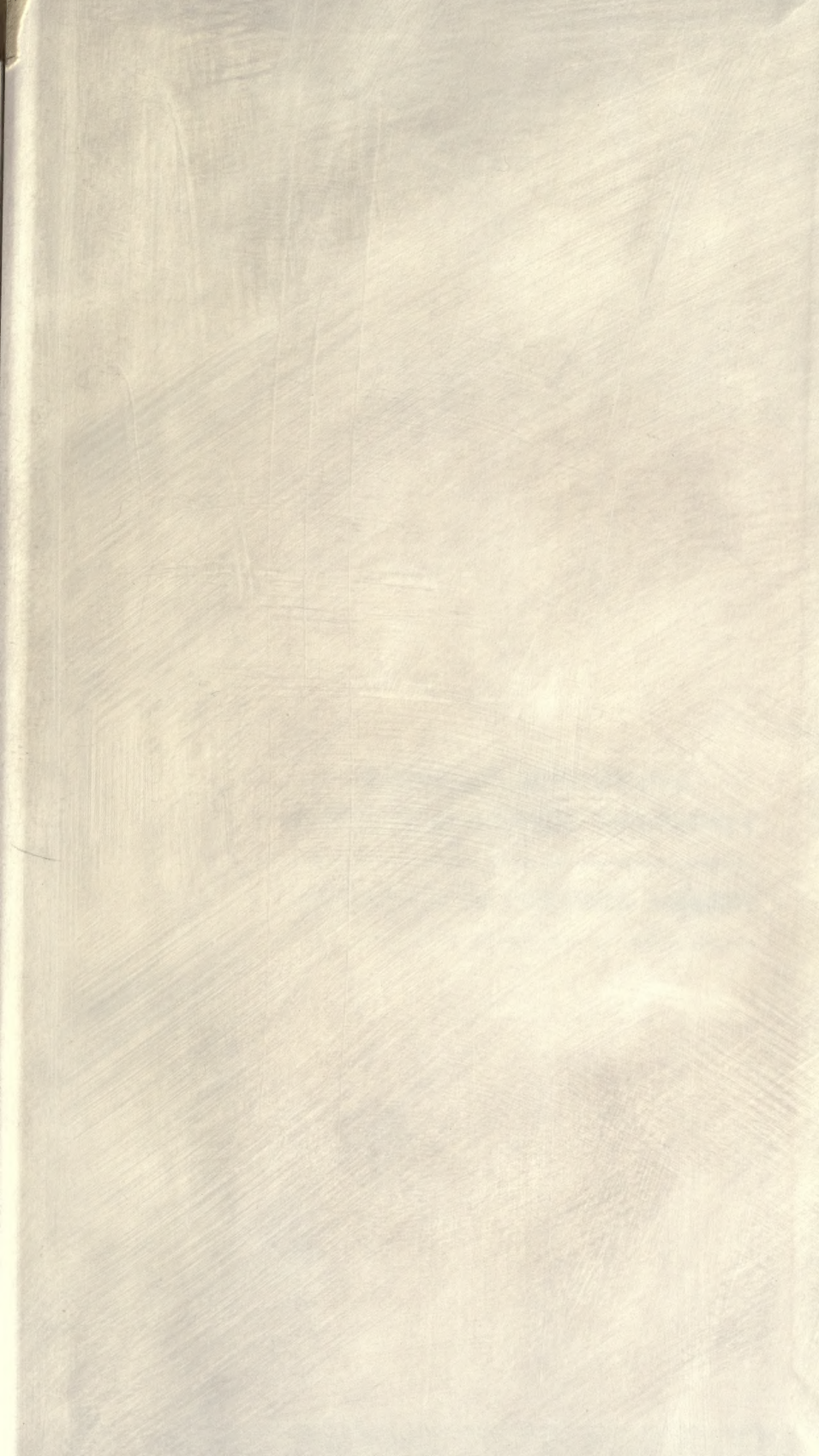
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