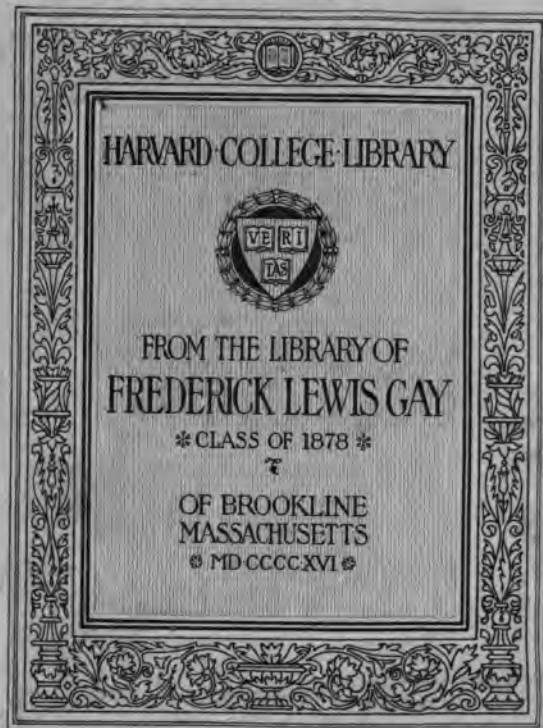


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Introduction.

THE publication of this second series of Wills, or, to speak quite accurately, Abstracts of Wills, has been delayed, longer than I could have wished, owing to various causes; and I feel that some explanation is due to those who have been good enough to take an interest in it, so that they may understand why so short a period, comparatively speaking, is covered by this volume, and why the number of Wills given is so much smaller than that in the first series. The fact is I found on reading two reviews of my work, which appeared in *Lincolnshire Notes and Queries*, and *The Genealogist*, respectively, that an objection was urged against *Abstracts* of Wills, on the ground of their incompleteness, and their being, in this case, only Abstracts of Wills *selected* from the Lincoln Registry.

I take this to mean that any one engaged in tracing the pedigree of a Lincolnshire family of good position would feel no assurance that I had exhausted the Wills of that family, between 1500 and 1600, and that therefore he would have to come to Lincoln, and search in person, to be quite certain that none had been omitted.

I can only say in reply that, to the best of my belief, no Will of any person of gentle birth in this county has been passed over by me. I did not merely glance at the index and select such names as seemed to me to promise interesting Wills, but I read through each volume separately, looking at each Will so as to assure myself of the condition of the testator. I certainly did not trouble myself to read through a Will where the testator was obviously of humble rank, unless I saw some reason for doing so; but I can safely say I read carefully every Will made by an "esquire," a "gentleman," or a "clerk"; and any one who looks at the first series will see that I did not neglect the yeomanry.

As regards the unsatisfactory incompleteness of an abstract, as compared with an entire transcript, may I ask my critics whether there is any special value attached to legal forms and technical phrases which occur over and over again? Must one really, to make the work of value to a genealogist, or county historian, laboriously transcribe every "give and bequeath"? Must one repeat, over and over again, the formula of an entail, when the testator has, say, half-a-dozen sons? Is it necessary to copy out, in every case, the very common exordium, "In the Name of God. Amen."? May we not write "xxs." instead of "twenty shillings."?

I am quite open to conviction, but at present I must hold to my opinion that so long as the *substance* of a Will is given, *i.e.*, all the really important part, then the abstract will prove quite as valuable to the future county historian as a literal transcript, which would contain a great deal of useless verbiage which he would not care to print. I do not of course pretend to think that in the case of researches into a private family-history, for the purpose of, perhaps, printing the pedigree, a genealogist would be satisfied with such a work as mine. He would probably require proof positive that no possible Will had been passed by, and the family, whose pedigree he was investigating, would naturally treasure every word in every ancestral Will; but, obviously, in such a case, a visit to the fountain-head is inevitable. All I claim for these volumes is that for ordinary purposes they give a fairly accurate view of Lincolnshire families in the sixteenth and seventeenth centuries, and in this way may prove serviceable to the future county historian.

In deference, however, to the criticism I have mentioned, I have, in this second series, considerably enlarged the abstracts, making them more of the character of the *Testamenta Eboracensia* of the Surtees Society (which I must remind my critics are not always entire transcripts), but I have necessarily been obliged to curtail the period of years considerably, so as to keep the volume within due bounds.

One more criticism I must notice, which appeared in both the reviews I have alluded to, and which makes me say what I never did say, or intended to say.

In my Introductory Sketch, before offering remarks on the Lincolnshire County Families, I mentioned that I had left out "those Families that are of Baronial rank ; whose pedigrees are to be found in Dugdale, and in Burke's *Extinct Peerage*," etc. I think my meaning in this ought to be pretty clear, and the reason given sufficient. But to my dismay I found that my reviewers took this to mean that I had left out all *Wills* of Baronial Families, etc. ! A very different thing. I certainly consider it would have been most unnecessary on my part to have given sketches of Baronial races already fully set forth in works of reference, but I can assure my critics that had any of these *Wills* come to light in the Lincoln Registry, I should have transcribed them with the greatest care and pleasure.

I will now turn to the subject I have in hand, and, first, I take this opportunity of correcting some mistakes into which I was led, by over haste and insufficient care, in my first series.

I owe an apology to the Irby family for what I said touching their pedigree, though I think most genealogists would have said the same as I did, under a similar misapprehension. For who would ever have guessed that the *Carby* family, whose pedigree is given in the *Visitation* of 1562, is really the *Irby*?

To a Lincolnshire man the process by which this identification is reached is intelligible. The provincial mode of pronouncing Irby (certainly in the east of the county) is, Earby. We may suppose that the Herald who visited Lincolnshire in 1562 wrote the name in his books, and spelt it as he heard it pronounced, Earby. A careless copyist mistook the E for a C, and wrote it Carby, possibly thinking it a local name connected with the parish of Careby. Hence the blunder I committed in saying that no pedigree of the Irby family is given in either *Visitation* of the 16th century. My attention was called by a correspondent to the remarkable resemblance between the Carby pedigree, as given in the *Visitation*, and the Irby pedigree in Thompson's *History of Boston*. I therefore gladly retract what I wrote, and now express my full belief in the genuineness of the Irby pedigree, though I take leave to question whether the Irby from which the family derives its name is Irby-in-the-Marsh, near Burgh ; I am inclined to think the cradle of the

race was the more northern Irby-on-Humber, seeing that an early intermarriage took place with the De la Lyndes, who were seated at Laceby, which is contiguous to the more northern parish.

Again, at pa. xxij my ignorance as to whether any of Major Colegrave's (formerly Manby) descendants still exist has been enlightened. I am informed that such is the case.

In the sketch, at page xxv, of the Welby family, of Denton, I allude to the rapid rise of the family into the ranks of the gentry *during the Commonwealth* as "quite unparalleled except in the case of the Trollopes." This is not strictly accurate. It is perfectly true that neither family can be called "gentle" before the 17th century, if the evidence of Wills and Heraldic Visitations is worth anything; but as the "Commonwealth" did not begin till 1649 it is not correct to say that the Trollopes rose into the ranks of the gentry *during that period*, as they became owners of the manor of Casewick as early as 1621, when on the 5th April Sir James Evington, Knt., of Casewick, sold that estate to William Trollope, of Bourn, and Thomas his son. I may take the liberty of correcting here an error of Sir Bernard Burke's, sub art. "Kesteven" in his *Peerage*, where he states that the Trollopes acquired the manor of Casewick in 1561.

Having corrected my own statement, I may be allowed to say that the "rapidity" of the rise of the Trollope family is even more astonishing than I thought it. For a family, ranking among the yeomanry during the latter half of the 16th century, to become lords of manors in 1621, and Baronets in 1641, argues a very rapid rise; and though the Trollopes and Welbys were not exclusively indebted to the Commonwealth for their exaltation, we may fairly assume that the fact of both being on the Parliament, *i.e.*, on the winning, side, did not militate against it.

There is an error also, which I should like to correct, at pa. 64 of the first series, in the note appended to the will of John Tournay of Caenby. His wife, Jane, is said to have been a St. Paul, of Snarford, by birth. In this I was misled by the pedigree of Tournay in the *Visitation* of 1592. As a matter of fact her name

was Joan, and she was the daughter of Richard Manett. Her first husband, Bishop Holbeche, *alias* Randes, left her executrix to his Will, which was proved by her 3 Oct., 1551. It is possible John Tournay married thrice, and that Jane St. Paul was his second wife (as the *Visitation* of 1592 represents her), while the surviving one, Joan Manett, was the third; but it is much more likely that the *Visitation* is wrong, as documents of this sort bristle with errors in genealogy.

An act of omission I have also to acknowledge in the case of the Claymond family, an ancient race at Frampton, and in the neighbourhood of Boston. There are several Wills which I regret to say I neglected to copy through inadvertence. Thompson, however, in his *History of Boston*, has done justice to the Claymonds, and so has the late Dr. Bloxam in his *Register of Magdalen College*, of which place John Claymond was elected President about 1504.

The Claymond arms, "gules 3 roses argent," appeared quartered with the Meers, or Meres, coat, in Kirton Church, when Gervase Holles made his tour. As a matter of fact the race declined in importance as the sixteenth century wore on, and no pedigree was entered at either of the Visitations.

The social state of Lincolnshire underwent a great change as the sixteenth century drew to a close, and perhaps a few words on this subject may not be out of place.

No doubt the principal cause that led to this change was the suppression of the monasteries. A vast amount of land, hitherto locked up in corporations, was dispersed by that event, and in a county like Lincolnshire, with abbeys such as Bardney, Crowland, Kyme, and Thornton, holding enormous tracts of land, it would be impossible not to expect a great change in the social system on such estates being split up, sub-divided, and thrown into the market. The rich graziers of South Lincolnshire, and the marsh district, which extends from Boston up to the Humber, profited by the convulsion. We see various yeoman families, not mentioned in the *Visitations* of 1562 and 1592, creeping upwards in the social scale. In the *Visitation* of 1634 they figure as gentry.

The Reformation also was a factor in this change. It is impossible not to surmise that the cause of the decay of such families as that of Bilsby, a knightly race, taking its name from a parish near Alford, was owing to the fact that the family adhered to the old religion. And this was only one instance among many.

Again, we see citizen families from London, and other large towns, gradually taking the place of old and distinguished races in the country. I may instance the Ayscoughs of Blyborough. They attained knightly rank in the person of Sir Henry Ayscough in 1603, but twenty years after that date their estate of Blyborough had passed to the mercantile family of Southcote, in which it continued till about the middle of the 18th century, when it was bought by Zachariah Bourryau, a West India merchant, through whose daughter it passed to the Luards who now possess it.

So also in 1617, we find Lawrence Caldwell, a London merchant, purchasing the Manor of North Willingham, the ancient estate of the Moignes till Thomas Moigne was attainted for high treason in 1536; and again it passed into mercantile hands in 1644, when Florentine Tainturier bought it, from whom it went by marriage to the Boucheretts.

The decay of the old Lincolnshire families is very apparent to anyone who searches among Wills at the close of the sixteenth and the beginning of the 17th century, and a careful scrutiny of the lists of High Sheriffs, and Members of Parliament for the County and the Boroughs, will only confirm the impression. Time-honoured names disappear, and a new class takes their place.

I will now give a list of families which figure prominently in three centuries previous to the seventeenth, but which take a lower place after the year 1600. Without pretending to give an exhaustive list, I will venture to say that the following names are fairly representative ones, in Lincolnshire, from 1300 to 1600.

BILLESBY, or BILSBY, of Bilsby.

BUSSEY of Hougham.

COPLEDIKE of Harrington.

DE LA LAUNDE of Ashby de la Launde.

FRISKNEY of Friskney.
HANSARD of South Kelsey.
KYME of Friskney.
LITTLEBURY of Kirton.
MERES of Kirton.
MUSSENDEN of Healing.
PAYNELL of Boothby Paynell.
ST. PAUL of Snarford.
SKIPWITH of South Ormsby.
SUTTON of Burton-by-Lincoln.
TYRWHIT of Kettleby.

I might add very largely to this list if I were to give the names of all the Lincolnshire families that fell into decay and extinction with the close of the 16th century, but the above names will be found occurring frequently in the lists of High Sheriffs and Members of Parliament. To give the causes of their decadence will entail some repetition of what I have said in my Introductory Sketch in the first series of Wills; but for the benefit of those of my readers who do not possess that work I will endeavour to give a brief explanation.

The Billesbys adhered to the old religion, and, like the Thimblebys of Irnham, suffered for it. In 1616 John Billesby had left the ancient patrimony of his race, and was living at Calceby. He married Alice, daughter of Roger Boswell of Torksey, and had a son Thomas Billesby of Calceby, living in 1628, who had a son Edmund Billesby as late as 1630. The family is not in the *Visitation* of 1634; and in 1651, on the 18th July, old John Billesby was buried at Bilsby, apparently *ultimus suorum*.

No family stood higher than the Busseys of Hougham in the 14th century, but in 1634 the name is absent from the *Visitation*.

The Copledikes held their own till the death of John Copledike of Harrington, in 1585. Then a change comes. A chancery suit did the family no good. The three brothers Francis, Thomas, and Humphrey, named in John Copledike's Will, did not agree. Finally, in 1658, the last male of the family, viz., Thomas, son of the second brother Thomas Copledike, diess.p., and the race is extinct.

The unfortunate De La Laundes were ruined by law suits with the Knights Hospitallers of Temple Bruer, as well as by participation in Sir Robert Welles' revolt in 1470.

The Friskneys, Hansards, Kymes, and Littleburys simply dwindled down to extinction; the Hansards of South Kelsey ending in an heiress who married Sir Francis Ayscough, Knt. A John Littlebury appears in the *Visitation* of 1634, but the change is great since the *Visitation* of 1562 when there were flourishing branches at Hagworthingham and Stainsby.

The case of the Meres, or Meers, family is peculiar. First of all John Meres, of Kirton, in 1537, practically disinherits his eldest son by the first wife, and settles the estates for the most part on Anthony, his son by the second wife. The younger line at Aubourn prospers till the death of Sir John Meres, Knt., in 1630. It then disappears, not even figuring in the *Visitation* of 1634. Meanwhile the poverty-stricken elder line, after remaining in obscurity from 1537 to 1617, revives. Its fortunes were recruited by inheriting the remnants of the Bussey estates, and by Anthony Meres' success as a merchant in Lincoln. It resumed its rightful place in the 1634 *Visitation*, and after the Restoration Sir Thomas Meres was one of the most prominent men in the County.

The Mussendens, Paynells, and St. Pauls simply became extinct.

Something more must be said about the Skipwiths of South Ormsby, a family which certainly took the lead in Lincolnshire during the fifteenth and sixteenth centuries. And yet in the *Visitation* of 1634 we only find comparatively obscure junior branches represented, viz., those of Legbourn, Grantham, and Utterby. Of these the Grantham line was in all probability an illegitimate one. The main cause of this remarkable declension was debt. The South Ormsby family became involved during the life of Sir William Skipwith, who died in 1589. His son Sir Richard completed the ruin.

The Suttons of Burton-by-Lincoln, who represented Lincoln in Parliament during the fourteenth and fifteenth centuries, decline in importance during the last fifty years of the 16th century. They

do not put in an appearance in the *Visitation* of 1634. The Monsons took their place at Burton and in the representation of Lincoln. The Ellis family supplanted them at Wellingore. The last place where they appear is Washingborough.

The Tyrwhits of Kettleby, like the Skipwiths of South Ormsby, no longer take the lead when the 17th century begins. Younger branches sprang up in place of the old one, and the Baronet line at Stainfield, and the branch seated at Cammeringham, represent the family at the time of the Civil War. The former is now extinct. The latter survives still, though in another County, Shropshire.

The following list of families is given to show what gaps were made in the ranks of the County Families by extinction and decay. Some of these, *e.g.*, the Asfordbys and Tournays, survived the Commonwealth, but with greatly diminished fortunes.

ANGEVINE of Saltfleetby.
ASFORDBY of Asfordby.
BELLINGHAM of Manton.
BLEASBY of Bleasby.
FULNETBY of Fulnetby.
GEDNEY of Bag Enderby.
GUEVARA of Stenigot.
HATCLIFFE of Hatcliffe.
LANGHOLME of Conisholm.
METHAM of Bullington.
MOIGNE of North Willingham.
ORMSBY of North Ormsby.
QUADRING of Irby.
SANDON of Ashby-by-Partney.
SOUTHILL of Redbourn.
THIMBLEBY of Irnham.
TOURNAY of Caenby.
UPTON of Northolme.
WYMBISH of Nocton.

I will only say briefly of these, that the Angevines are not represented in 1634; that the Asfordbys lingered on at Saltfleetby, in reduced circumstances, till about 1680; that the Bellinghams had parted with their estates at Manton and Redbourn before 1634; that the Bleasbys and Fulnethys had become extinct in the male line; that the Gedneys had parted with Bag Enderby before 1660; that the Guevaras had left Stenigot, and were represented by a barber at Market Rasen in 1696; that the Hatcliffes were no longer "of Hatcliffe" in 1634; that the Langholmes had left Conisholm in 1634; that the Methams, although still "of Bullington" in 1634, were fast declining; (in 1673 Selina Metham, widow, living in the Close of Lincoln, refers to her son William Metham as being at Constantinople); that the Moignes were quite extinct before 1634; that the Ormsbys had parted with North, or Nun, Ormsby, before 1634; that the Quadrings, after the Commonwealth, lingered on in Burgh-le-Marsh, in a much humbler position; that the Sandons disappear mysteriously after 1600; that the Southills, like their neighbours the Bellinghams, part with their estates to a London merchant before 1634; that the Thimblebys, who were "Popish Recusants," merged into the Conquest family; that the Tournays ended early in the 18th century in an heiress; that the Uptons parted with Northolme either before or during the Commonwealth; that the Wymbish family had parted with Nocton (probably to the Ellis family) before 1634, and practically came to an end after the Commonwealth.

I have been compelled thus hastily to run through the above list, as it would take too long to enter into detail in each case. I must make an exception in favour of the Sandons of Ashby, who are not represented in either of the *Visitations* of 1562 and 1592, and who disappear soon after 1600, without any apparent cause. In 1468 William Sandon was lord of the manor of Ashby-by-Partney, and by his Inq. P.M., 1487-8, he held the manors of Ashby, Wragby, Panton, and West Barkwith, besides lands in Hogsthorpe, Mumby, Winthorpe, and Burgh-le-Marsh. He left by his wife, Margaret Rigmaden, a son Ivo Sandon, who, in

1494, gave the advowson of Ashby to John Fulnetby. He married first in 1468, Margaret, daughter of John Skipwith, of Louth; and secondly, Joan, who was living in 1545. His son was Sir William Sandon, knt., High Sheriff in 1540 and 1544. He married Elizabeth, daughter of John Fulnetby of Fulnetby, and co-heir of her mother Elizabeth, daughter and heiress of John Eland. Sir William, who took part in the Pilgrimage of Grace, died on the 12th May, 1545. He held the manors of Ashby, Wragby, Panton, and Wilsthorpe, besides lands in Brinkhill, Skegness, Welton-le-Marsh, Burgh-le-Marsh, Hogsthorpe, Mumby, Tathwell, Cawthorpe, Haugham, Fordington, etc. His son, Arthur Sandon, had predeceased him, 8th Sept., 22nd Hen. VIII., and his grandson, William Sandon, succeeded him, aged 23, in 1545. His Will is given in the First Series, No. 152, prob. 12th March, 1558-9. After this little is known of the family. His son, Ambrose Sandon, was living at Bilsby about 1600; and his daughter, Katherine, married Edward Asfordby, of Asfordby. The Sandons disappear like the Billesbys, and possibly for the same cause, recusancy.

I now turn to a more difficult task, that of indicating the families which filled up the broken ranks of the Lincolnshire Gentry. It is difficult, because, in the first place, the number of new families in the *Visitation* of 1634 is very great; in the next, because the material, from which the ranks of the county families were recruited, is very various. There were first, the families which had been in Lincolnshire for some time in a good position, though not in the highest rank; there were, secondly, families which had migrated from other counties; and, thirdly, there were the *nouveaux riches*, the yeomanry who had grown prosperous after the suppression of the monasteries; the hangers-on of the Court, who had had their share of the plunder; and the mercantile families ready to invest the money they had accumulated by merchandise in Lincolnshire land.

I cannot pretend to deal with this great number of families exhaustively; all I can do is to select some of them as samples of the different classes.

First then, I will take the ARMYNES of Osgodby, the AMCOTTS of Amcotts, the AYSCOUGHES of Stallingborough, the BOLLES of Haugh, the BOOTHES of Killingholme, the CRACROFTS of Hackthorn, the DALYSONS of Laughton, the DISNEYS of Norton Disney, the DYMOKES of Scrivelsby, the GRANTHAMS of Goltho, the HAMBYS of Tathwell, the HENEAGES of Hainton, the HUSSEYS of Honington, the IRBYS of Whaplode, the LANGTONS of Langton, the MADDISONS of Fonaby, the MASSINGBERDS of Bratoft, the MONSONS of Burton, the SHEFFIELDS of Butterwick, the THOROLDS of Marston, the WELBYS of Gedney, and the WHICHCOTES of Harpswell,—as having been, all of them, landed proprietors in the county since the 15th century, and many of them a good deal earlier. These families, to some extent, succeeded those whom I have described as decayed or extinct at the commencement of the 17th century.* Some of them indeed, notably the Ayscoughs, Dymokes, Husseys, and Sheffields, had all along taken a prominent place in the county, but others, as the 16th century drew on, took the place of those whose course was coming to an end. For instance, it is impossible not to notice that the decay of the Suttons at Burton-by-Lincoln, and the extinction of the St. Pauls of Snarford, made way for the Monsons, who were practically undisturbed in the representation of the City of Lincoln down to the present century. The Armynes, Bolles, Dalysons, Husseys, and Thorolds obtained baronetcies. The Amcotts, Ayscoughs, Disneys, Dymokes, Granthams, Heneages, Irbys, Langtons, Maddisons, Welbys, and Whichcotes all received the honour of knighthood from James I.

Again, a certain number of families in the 16th century came into Lincolnshire from other counties. The ALINGTONS, of Horseheath, in Cambridgeshire, put out a cadet branch settled at Swinhope in this county, which bought out the Guevaras at Stenigot.

The BERESFORDS, probably originally from Staffordshire, settled at Leadenham, where they remained till the 18th century.

The BROWNLOWS, from Derbyshire, who were at Gt. Humby, and whose heiress eventually married Sir Richard Cust, Bart., ancestor of Earl Brownlow. The BUCKS of Hamby Grange, created baronets in 1660, extinct in 1782. The CARRES of Sleaford, who, coming from Northumberland at the close of the 15th century, amassed enormous wealth by the wool trade. The CHOLMELEYS, of Burton Coggles, from Cheshire, now represented by Sir Hugh Cholmeley, Bart. The EARLES, who seated at Stragglethorpe, obtained a baronetcy in 1629. Two distinct families of the name of ELLIS; one of Wyham and Nocton; the other from Yorkshire, seated at Wellingore. The FANES, a cadet branch of the great Northamptonshire family, settled at Fulbeck. The HATCHERS, of Careby, near Grantham, founded by a physician, and rigidly Parliamentary. The HICKMANS, from Essex, who bought the manor of Gainsborough in 1596. The HOLLES family, sprung from an alderman of London, who bought the manor of Irby-on-Humber in 1527. The KINGS, from Suffolk, who in 1580 became owners by purchase of two manors in Ashby-de-la-Launde, which had belonged respectively to the ruined De La Laundes and the Knights Hospitallers. The LISTERS, who coming from Yorkshire bought a manor in Rippingale in 1591, as another race of the same name, from the same county, did later on at Burwell. The MORYSONS, of Northumberland, who came into the county about 1536 and settled at Cadeby. The NELTHORPES, who enriched by trade in London, acquired estates at Scawby and Barton. The NEVILES, a cadet branch of the baronial house of Raby, seated at Ragnall and Thorney in co. Notts., and, in the 17th century, planting another branch in Aubourn and Wellingore. The PELHAMS from Sussex, seated at Brocklesby. The SALT-MARSHES, from Yorkshire, at Strubby near Wragby. The SAUNDERSONS, also from Yorkshire, at Saxby, who acquired a baronetcy in 1612 and a viscounty (that of Castleton) in 1628, which became extinct in 1723. The SCROPES, who, though possessed of large estates in Lincolnshire, at Cockerington, from a very early period, preferred their grander seats in other counties

till the 17th century. The SOUTHS of Kelstern, unknown in the *Visitations* of 1562 and 1592, but displacing the Ormsbys of Nun Ormsby early in the following century. And finally the WRAYS, a Yorkshire race, but planted in Lincolnshire by the Chief Justice, Sir Christopher Wray, at Glentworth, 1523-1592. Besides the above families, which all migrated at various times into Lincolnshire, I must not omit the ANDERSONS, who, although the precise date of their entrance into this county cannot be ascertained, were seated at Flixborough before 1530, when the virtual founder of the family was born, the Chief Justice, Sir Edmund Anderson, who died in 1605, after acquiring by purchase large estates in Lincolnshire and Bedfordshire, 1580-1605.

The foregoing list of families, which is by no means a complete one, will help the reader to understand how extinct and decayed families at the beginning of the 17th century were replaced. I turn now to another source which is, perhaps, more interesting, in some respects, to study.

I have spoken of the enrichment of the yeomanry, the purchase of landed property by mercantile families, and the plunder of the monasteries poured into a few favoured individuals, as furnishing another source from whence the ranks of the county families were recruited. Let us now take note of some remarkable instances.

Of those who profited notably by the suppression of the monasteries I will select four specimens:—JOHN BELLOW, JOHN BROXHOLME, ROBERT DIGHTON, and AUGUSTINE PORTER. The Heneages and Tyrwhits, it is true, did not disdain to share in the good things also; but the four men I have named were of no pretension to any standing in the county, in fact Porter was a new-comer from Nottinghamshire, while Broxholme and Dighton were of mercantile families in Lincoln. The Porters, who thus obtained, in 1546, the Manor of Belton, which had belonged to the Monastery of St. Mary of York, became extinct in the following century. The Broxholmes, after acquiring large estates at Barrow, Corringham, and elsewhere, also came to an end at the close of the 17th century. The Dightons, who spread into numerous

branches, one of which merged in the Clinton family, were all gone by the end of the 17th century. Of the Bellows I know nothing, but since they do not show in the *Visitation* of 1634 we may assume that they had come to an end so far as Lincolnshire was concerned. The fate of these four families certainly illustrates strikingly Spelman's *History of Sacrilege*.

Of families which made money by trade and merchandise, and invested their accumulations in the purchase of landed estates, I may cite a few instances.

The BARKHAMS were possessed of the Manor of Wainfleet St. Mary in 1617, having previously been a family connected with Norfolk and London. The CARRES of Sleaford, the HOLLES of Irby, the CALDWELLS of Thorganby, and the SOUTHCOTES of Blyborough I have already mentioned; but in addition we may note the EVINGTONS of Casewick. They became connected with Lincolnshire through Francis Evington, merchant taylor and alderman of London, who died 1614, aged 66, purchasing the Manor of Casewick near Bourn, which his son Sir James Evington, Knt., sold in 1621 to the Trollopes. The HOLLINGWORTHS also, a Lincoln mercantile family, like the Dightons and Broxholmes, appear as gentry in the *Visitation* of 1634. THOMAS TAILOR, another Lincoln merchant, of great wealth, bought the Manor of Doddington, and built the fine old mansion, which, with the estates, passed to his granddaughter, and heiress, Lady Hussey. The WELCOMES, also a Lincoln family, grown rich in merchandise, became seated at Market Stainton. These acquisitions of landed property meant of course the dispossession of some other family. Certainly at this period, 1600-1640, the Lincolnshire country gentlemen seem to have been much involved, if we may judge by the amount of property that changed owners. The time therefore was seasonable for rich yeomen and merchants to buy up impoverished landed proprietors. To refer once more to the Ayscoughs of Blyborough; the last known head of the family, Henry Ayscough, who died in 1633, had sold to Sir George Southcote, Bart., all his estates in Blyborough, Tumby, and Mablethorpe; and the admon. of his goods was granted to his principal creditor.

I turn now to one more class of family, which in some respects is the most interesting of all, viz., the yeoman. Nothing is plainer, as the 17th century begins, than the fact that feudalism is on the wane, and that a great middle class is coming to the front. A glance at the *Visitation* of 1634 will illustrate my meaning. The number of new families in it is something past belief, and a very large percentage is of the yeoman class. A comparison of the list of families in the *Visitation* of 1634, published in the 4 parts of vol. ii. of the *Lincolnshire Notes and Queries*, should be made with the published *Visitations* of 1562 and 1592; no more convincing proof can be given of the change of the old order of things.

I do not think I could select a better example than that of the BROWNE family to show the steady rise in the social scale of a yeoman family. Richard Browne of Saltfleetby, *yeoman*, died in 1633, an old man, leaving numerous grandchildren. He had married Margaret, daughter of William Thorold of North Thoresby, a yeoman branch of that ancient family. He had amassed considerable wealth, and two of his children had married into the Ogle family; viz., his younger son, Leonard, who married Anne, daughter of Thomas Ogle of Pinchbeck, and produced his pedigree at the *Visitation* of 1634; while his daughter Bridget became the wife of Valentine Ogle of Pinchbeck, half-brother to her brother Leonard's wife. Later on we find his grandson Humphrey Browne, of Saltfleetby, *Gentleman*, who died in 1681. In the next generation it is Martin Browne, *Esquire*, who was High Sheriff in 1698, and died in 1717, leaving a son, Martin, who died s.p., and two daughters Naomi and Anne who married respectively into the Gace and Cracroft families.

At Wisbeach in Cambridgeshire the family of BUCKWORTH was settled. It became connected with Lincolnshire through the marriage of Richard Buckworth, in the 16th century, with Rose, daughter and co-heir, eventually, of Thomas Skegness of Skendleby Thorpe, whose Will, prob. 1556, is given in the First Series, No. 149. From them descended a line of Buckworths seated at Surfleet. Of these Everard Buckworth, LL.D., married Frances, sister and co-heir

of Charles Amcotts of Amcotts, the last male of that race who died in 1777. Dr. Buckworth was Lord of the Manor of Washingborough, *jure uxoris*, and also of Harrington-by-Spilsby. He died s.p. I do not know who represents the family now, unless it is the Johnsons of Ayscough Fee Hall, Spalding, in right of their descent from Dr. Maurice Johnson, who married Anne Elizabeth, daughter of Theophilus Buckworth of Spalding.

The CAWDRONS first appear as gentry in 1634, though they have a very decent pedigree back to William Cawdron, the King's Bailiff, of Heckington, who died in 1544, and whose daughter married "old Robert Carre," of Sleaford, who so enormously developed the wealth of his family, and who died in 1590, perhaps one of the richest commoners in England. No doubt this alliance helped on the Cawdrons. They intermarried with the Kings of Ashby-de-la-Launde, and took the side of the Parliament. Robert Cawdron, Esq., of Great Hale, was indicted for high treason, in 1643, for having joined with the Parliament against Charles I. Coming down to the 18th century we find them intermarrying with the Dymokes of Scrivelsby. They are supposed to be now extinct; but in 1714, Robert Cawdron, of Great Hale, who married Jane, daughter, and eventually co-heir of Sir Charles Dymoke, knt., mentions his sons Robert, Edward, Lewis, George, Dymoke, and Austin. His widow Jane died in 1734.

In 1590 ANTHONY CHEALES, yeoman, bought an estate in Hagworthingham. The name of Cheles and Chelys is found in that place as early as 1534; possibly derived from Cheal in the parish of Gosberton. His grandson, Thomas Cheales, wrote himself "gentleman," and married Mary, daughter of Sir Roger Halton, knt., of Great Carlton. The family does not appear in the *Visitation* of 1634, but a pedigree is given in that of 1666. At the present day the estate bought by Anthony Cheales is in the possession of the Rev. Alan Benjamin Cheales, his direct descendant.

The CHENEY (or Cheyney) family is a curious instance of decadence. William Cheney, formerly of Thorngumbald in Holderness, died at Boston in 1599. His widow Frances, whose Will I

have given in this series, was his remote cousin, the natural daughter of the Lord Warden of the Cinque Ports, Sir Thomas Cheney, K.G. Their descendants at Boston were in trade during the last century, and finally the family became extinct in the male line early in the present century ; being represented in the female line by the Garfits and Thirkills.

No rise has been more rapid than that of the CUSTS of Pinchbeck. The Will of Henry Cust is in this series. His son Samuel Cust was father of Sir Richard, created a Baronet 1677. A succession of marriages with heiresses enriched the family ; the following list will show,—Purey, Savile, Woodcock, Brownlow, Payne, Drury, Bankes, and Hume, which last marriage brought, in addition, a share of the great Egerton estate. The family was Parliamentarian in its sympathies, like most of the Holland and Kesteven families. Its first appearance in a *Visitation* is in 1634. It had been at Pinchbeck at least 300 years.

Another family which appears in the *Visitation* of 1634 is that of GIBBON, (or Gibbons.) By Will prob. 22 Dec., 1508, Richard Gibbons, citizen of London, leaves v marks to Lissingtorn Church, and leaves lands in Middle Rasen to his wife Agnes. His grandson George Gibbon of Walesby had a large family of sons, one of whom, Anthony Gibbon, purchased the Manor of Tealby, and died in 1609. His son Anthony Gibbon was Lord of the Manors of Thimbleby and Langton-by-Wragby, and died in 1676. He left his landed estates to the children of his daughter Elizabeth wife of Henry Boulton, gent., of Stixwold. His elder brother John Gibbon entered his pedigree in the *Visitation* of 1634 as "John Guibon." From him descends Alfred William Gibbons from whose book privately printed, *Gibbons Family Notes*, I have derived the above information.

A family called HASTINGS makes its appearance in 1634 in the *Visitation*. It may possibly have been an offshoot of the house of Huntingdon. The Will of Robert Hastings, gent., of Bilsby, is given. He may have bought out the Asfordby family,

as he mentions his farm in Asfordby. His son Robert Hastings, who died in 1635, is "of East Keal, yeoman." The family continued in the position of lesser gentry down to the 18th century.

The HOBSONS of Spalding afford an excellent example of a yeoman race rising by trade into the ranks of the gentry. John Hobson built the Spalding Town Hall. His son William married Eleanor, daughter of Richard Evington, of Halstead in Stixwoud, 25 Sept., 1598. They figure in the *Visitation* of 1634.

The JENKINSONS seem originally to have been at Lincoln, to judge from the Will of Henry Jenkinson, of East Wykeham, which is given in this vol., prob. 1609-10. His son, Robert Jenkinson, married Mary, daughter of Gervase Bellamy, of Kettlethorpe, and widow of Gervase Sibthorp, of Laneham, co. Notts.; and his son, Robert Jenkinson, of East Wykeham, died in 1702 s.p. The Jenkinsons were connected with the Broxholmes and Medleys, and never rose above the ranks of the lesser gentry.

The KEY pedigree is extremely interesting. This was a yeoman family at Leadenham in the 16th century; possibly from Yorkshire originally, and identical with the Kaye family in that county (see Will of William Key, senior, prob. 1581-2, First Series, No. 256). His descendant, John Key, of Leadenham, born in 1644, married the sister and co-heir of Edmund Ellis, of Wellingore, representing, in the female line, the Copledikes of Harrington, and the Neviles of Aubourn. His son, Ellis Key, of Leadenham, had a son John Key, High Sheriff in 1773, who died s.p. in 1789, when his sister Jane became his heiress, the wife of William Reeve, of Melton Mowbray, from whom the Reeves of Leadenham descend.

The KIRKMANS are a family of yeoman position which rose to the rank of lesser gentry, though, like the Keys, they did not appear in the *Visitation* of 1634; it is difficult to conceive why they did not, for, as the Wills of Lyon and William Kirkman show (see First Series, 249, 363), they had attained the rank of gentry before the close of the 16th century. They were seated at East Keal.

The LODINGTONS, or Luddingtons, were in the 16th century in a humble rank of life at Scotton. Possibly they took their name from Luddington, in the Isle of Axholme. One branch of the family came to Lincoln, and acquired wealth by merchandise, settling finally at Bracebridge. It ended in an heiress, who married, before 1770, John Fairfax, of Newton Kyme, Co. York. Another branch was at Faldingworth and East Kirkby. Of this was Henry Lodington, who produced his pedigree in 1634, and was "of Faldingworth." His brother William Lodington, of East Kirkby, died in 1644, whose son, Thomas Lodington, of East Kirkby, and another son, John Lodington, of Fulnetby, both died without surviving male issue.

The LUCAS family was seated at Fenton, in the parish of Beckingham, early in the 16th century, but it does not appear to have risen to the rank of gentry till the close of the century. Timothy Lucas appeared in 1634 at the Visitation. George Lucas married Penelope, daughter of Sir William Thorold, first baronet, of Marston. The property at Fenton has descended to the present possessor, George Vere Lucas (who has assumed the name of Braithwaite), of Edith Weston Hall, Co. Rutland, an estate which came from an heiress of the Halford family. The Lucas coat of arms curiously resembles that of John Longland, the last pre-Reformation Bishop of Lincoln; and it is a coincidence that he had a brother Lucas Longland.

I never have been able to understand why the MOTTRAMS are not in the *Visitation* of 1634, as they ranked quite as high as the Hastings and Newstead families. We find them at Addlethorpe as early as 1580. They possibly came from Mottram, in Cheshire. Three branches were existing in the 17th century. One at Cawthorpe, near Louth, where the coat of arms, "a chevron between 3 crosses fitché," is still visible on the gable of an old manor house; one at Addlethorpe; and one at Thorpe-by-Wainfleet. The first ended in co-heirs, the last of whom lived at Stamford at the close of the 18th century; the second also in co-heirs, one of whom married John Andrewes, son of Henry Andrewes, High Sheriff in 1728; the third came to an end before the close of the 17th century, and merged in the Crackanthorpe family of Co. Westmoreland.

The NEWSTEADS came from Yorkshire, as the Will of Robert Newstead, yeoman, of South Somercotes, hereafter given, tells us, but they are in the *Visitation* of 1634 as gentry. Henry Newstead, of North Somercotes, Esq., whose Will was proved in 1747, had only daughters; but Basset Newstead, of Louth, gent., Will prob. 1744, had a family of sons. I know nothing more of them.

The PALMERS were an ancient and widely spread family in Lincolnshire. In the 16th century they were of yeoman rank for the most part. One family, seated at Carlton Scrope, ended in the 17th century in an heiress, who married Sir Lewis Palmer, Bart., of Carlton Curliou, in Leicestershire, but, strange to say, in no way akin to her. Another family of Palmers was originally at Winthorpe and Burgh-le-Marsh. One branch from it settled at Boston, and the heiress married John Langton, of Langton. Another branch went to London. In the *Visitation* of 1634 we find two pedigrees of the Palmers of the Marsh; one of Alvingham, the other of Winthorpe. The coat of arms, 3 palmer's staves, is of course suggested by the name. The brass to William Palmer, "with ye stylt," in Ingoldmells Church, is well known.

Like the Custs, the PUREYS were from the Holland division, and the head of the former family eventually married the heiress of the latter. Neither appears in the *Visitations* of 1562 and 1592, but both are in that of 1634. The Pureys were, like their neighbours the Custs, Irbys, and Walcotts, Parliamentary. The eventual heiress, Beatrix, daughter of Thomas Purey, of Kirton, married Richard Cust, of Pinchbeck, who was created a baronet in 1677, from whom Earl Brownlow descends in the direct male line.

The ROSSITERS, of Somerby, near Brigg, rose in rank during the Civil War. Edward Rossiter was a noted Parliamentary Colonel. This family, however, declined after the Restoration; the estates, heavily mortgaged, were sold early in the 18th century to Edward Weston, Secretary of State for Ireland.

The ROTHWELLS, of Ewerby, who first appear as gentry in 1634, obtained a Baronetcy, in the person of Richard Rothwell, in 1661, but he died s.p.m. in 1694. The estates passed to the Willoughby family by the marriage of his daughter Elizabeth with Thomas first Lord Middleton.

A family called SKEGNESS probably took its name from the village on the sea coast of Lincolnshire. Very early in the Court Rolls of the Manor of Ingoldmells (an adjacent village), we find tenants of this name, in the 14th, 15th, and 16th centuries. The Will of Thomas Skegness, of Skendleby Thorpe, No. 149, First Series, proved in 1556, shows him to have been of some standing among the smaller landed proprietors. Several branches spread out in the 17th century, and in 1634 three different members of the family answered to the Herald's summons. So far as I know the race is now extinct.

The STOWES, of Newton-on-Trent, were yeomen in the 16th century who came forward in 1634. In 1685 William Stowe was High Sheriff. They ranked among the lesser gentry, and ultimately the heiress of the race married a Scottish Baronet, Sir Alexander Kinloch, in 1801, and conveyed the Newton estate to that family.

The THORNDIKES, of Greenfield, supply an admirable example of a genuine Lincoln yeoman family. They were tenants of the Manor of Little Carlton in the 15th century. They grew wealthy (probably on the spoils of Greenfield Monastery) after the Reformation, and appear in the *Visitation* of 1634, and in Yorke's *Union of Honour* in 1640. Herbert Thorndike, Prebendary of Westminster, is the best known member of this family, which vanishes after the Restoration.

The family of THORY closely resembles that of Skegness. Both came from the same rank, that of copyhold tenants of the Manor of Ingoldmells. Both spread into various branches, and intermarried. The Thorys, however, survived. John Thory, of Skendleby, who died in 1740, was the last male heir.

Of the TROLLOPES I have spoken already, and therefore I need not say much more. Some papers, however, kindly lent me by the Rev. Andrew Trollope, throw additional light on the question of this family's rise at the end of the 16th century, and I will notice therefore one or two points. From the *Calendar of State Papers* (Domestic) 1547-1580, pa. 178, we learn that in 1561 a certain Thomas Trollope wrote a small book of advice "for the setting up a mill to knocke hempe for the making of canvas and other linen clothes." He had submitted his scheme to Cecil, and had conferred with the aldermen of Stamford, etc.

I think this in all probability was the ancestor of the present family, and the likelihood is rendered still greater by the reading of the Wills of various Trollopes at Bourn, and its neighbourhood, between 1570 and 1600. There are several in the Lincoln Registry, and they all bear witness to the fact of the family being in a distinctly yeoman class of life.

The rise to the baronetcy followed on the increase of wealth evidenced by the purchase of Casewick in 1621. If one may be allowed to conjecture, I should say that the patronage of Cecil had much to do with the enrichment of the family. How far the tradition may be true that it descends from the Trollopes of Thornley, Co. Durham, it is impossible to say. It is difficult to prove a negative, and no one can say that it is *not* so descended; on the other hand there is no proof of its descent beyond the sameness of the name, which goes for little by itself; and no one has as yet bridged over the wide chasm between the first known ancestor exhibited in the *Visitation* pedigree of 1634, and the illustrious knight, Sir Andrew Trollope, who fell at Towton.

The WELBYS, of Denton, I have also already alluded to, and indeed a perusal of the Wills of William and Alice Welby gives a clearer notion of the social status of the family than any comments can do. It is a significant circumstance that the houses of Moulton and Denton are each represented by a pedigree in the *Visitation* of 1634, but no kinship is acknowledged between them, nor is any traceable in the descents exhibited.

Having now given a sketch, though an imperfect one, of the different classes of families which are to be found in Lincolnshire at the commencement of the 17th century, I will now try to put before my readers some sort of general view of the county with regard to the leading families that would be found in it between 1600 and 1620. I am open indeed to much correction, but some allowance may be reasonably expected for mistakes in a view of so extended a range.

Beginning with the Isle of Axholme, one has no hesitation in affirming that the Sheffields of Butterwick and Normanby dominated over that region. Edmund Sheffield, first Earl of Mulgrave, who died in 1646, aged 80, would naturally take a prominent lead in a spot where no other family of similar importance existed. He had married a Tyrwhit of Kettleby, and his eldest son had taken to wife a daughter of Lord Chief Justice Anderson, whose seat at Broughton was in an adjoining parish.

Still keeping in the north of the county, but passing eastward, one would find Sir William Pelham, of Brocklesby, ancestor, in the female line, of the Earl of Yarborough, exercising much influence, in which he had been equalled by his neighbour Denzill Holles, who died in 1590. Of this Denzill it is said that, "living much at Irby-on-Humber he used to confront Henry Clinton, Earl of Lincoln, who was a great tyrant among the gentry of Lincolnshire, and to carry business against him in spite of his teeth."

Passing on to Great Grimsby, we get into the neighbourhood of the Ayscough family, one of whose seats was at Stallingborough, not far off. This family had great influence throughout this tract of country, and their being frequently returned to Parliament for Grimsby is a sufficient token. At this time, William Ayscough was the head of the family, who had married a Heneage, of Hainton. His father-in-law, William Heneage, would be paramount in the Market Rasen neighbourhood, until his death in 1610, at the ripe age of 91; but his son Sir Thomas, and his grandson Sir George, kept up the family influence in spite of their "recusancy."

Turning again north we come to Caistor, and here again the Ayscoughs are potent in consequence of their being lords of the manor as well as owning large estates in the neighbouring parish of South Kelsey. Their influence was however in some degree modified by Sir Ralph Maddison, whose estates lay both in Caistor and in many of the surrounding villages, and who was himself connected with them through his grandmother, Faith Ayscough.

The Bolles, of Haugh, and Thorpe Hall, may be taken as most powerful in the district round Louth.

In the long stretch of country, from Great Grimsby to Boston, called the Marsh, the most important family, undoubtedly, in the 16th century, was the Fitzwilliam, of Mablethorpe and Staine. But it had begun to decline with the entrance of the 17th century. At Croft, Sir Valentine Browne held a high position, having married a Monson of South Carlton, and having two sons in the order of knighthood. But this family passed rapidly away before the Commonwealth.

A much greater family, hitherto better known in Yorkshire, was that of Scrope. The Baronial branches of Danby and Masham became extinct in the male line, but in Lincolnshire the Scropes, of Cockerington, still survived, and took a leading part in the County down to the middle of the 18th century.

In the Spilsby neighbourhood we shall find only two families of note; for the Copledikes of Harrington, and the Skipwiths of South Ormsby, had begun to fall into decay. These would be the Langtons of Langton, represented then by Sir John Langton, High Sheriff in 1612, and the Massingberds of Bratoft and Gunby, whose then head was Thomas Massingberd, who had married a Fitzwilliam of Mablethorpe.

Passing on to Horncastle we come into the country of the Dymokes of Scrivelshy, who disputed the pre-eminence with the Earl of Lincoln (Henry Clinton, first Earl), a turbulent and overbearing man, who met his match in Denzill Holles. At Stainfield a younger branch of the Tyrwhits was seated.

In the neighbourhood of Lincoln there were several important families. Of these the Monsons, of Burton and South Carlton, took the lead, having succeeded to the political influence of the Suttons, formerly of Burton, and the St. Pauls, of Snarford. But the Wrays, of Glentworth, and the Saundersons, of Saxby, shared their honours as a leading family. In Lincoln itself the Granthams, of St. Katharine's, reigned supreme.

Turning to Gainsborough, we can perceive at once the most influential families, viz, the Lords Willoughby of Parham, seated at Knaith, and the Hickmans, of Thonock and Gainsborough, a recent arrival, but deriving importance from owning the manor of the latter town.

At Sleaford one would naturally select the Armynes and Whichcots as representative families. Both were Parliamentary in the coming struggle, and Sir Hamon Whichcot, of Dunston, was a leading man on the Parliament side.

On the other hand the Carres, of Sleaford, and the Thorolds, of Marston, would amply counterbalance these families by their own wealth and position, which in the case of the Carres was very great.

Grantham, of course, would be, to a great extent, under the sway of the Earls of Rutland, and Bourn under that of the Earls of Lindsey.

At Boston the Irbys (ancestors of Lord Boston) must have taken the lead. They stand above the smaller families of Cust, Purey, and Walcott; all of them decided adherents of the Parliament.

Down in the Fen Country there were but few families of much importance; the Welbys, of Gedney and Moulton, and the Ogles, of Pinchbeck, may be selected as samples of the higher grade, though the Ogles were beginning to decline.

At Spalding, and in its vicinity, there were many well-to-do families which had risen from yeoman origin by merchandise, such as the Evingtons, Gamlyns, Hobsons, Buckworths, Wimberleys, and others.

I have tried in the foregoing remarks to give a cursory sketch of the different small local centres in the county in connexion with the families of the greatest importance in their vicinity, but it will be easy to point out omissions. For example, I have not mentioned the Husseys, who, seated at Honington, would have much local influence there ; but my list is not exhaustive, and I have refrained from naming several families simply because there were much greater ones near at hand.

Some families also do not seem to have exercised so decisive an influence in Lincolnshire at this period owing to the fact that they were connected with other counties. I may instance the Andersons. The Lord Chief Justice's sons, Francis and William, were the progenitors of two branches ; but the elder was seated at Eyworth in Bedfordshire ; the younger at Kilnwick Piercy in Yorkshire.

The Alingtons, who were cadets from the main-stem of the family in Cambridgeshire, had only recently taken root in Lincolnshire ; and in their case in 1633 the estates passed to a junior line seated at Hoddesden in Co. Herts. ; while the Smyths of Elkington, were at the beginning of the 17th century seated at Annables, in the same county, though retaining the ancient paternal acres in Lincolnshire.

I have not mentioned either the Fanes of Fulbeck, or the Neviles of Aubourn, in connexion with Lincoln, though both were in the neighbourhood of that city, because I am not sure whether they had attained, so early in the 17th century, to the position they undoubtedly occupied a few years later. The Neviles too belonged almost more to Nottinghamshire than Lincolnshire at this period, while the Fanes, being cadets of the Apethorpe family, and having only recently come from Northamptonshire, could hardly as yet have acquired the same preponderating influence as families of longer standing in the county.

On the whole I am disposed to think the foregoing summary of local potentates a fairly accurate one, subject of course to due correction. Perhaps it may interest some of my readers to note the

relationships subsisting among the county gentry, which in some cases give a clue to the reasons which moved them to take various sides in the approaching Civil War.

First then we may observe that Lord Chief Justice Anderson's daughters, Margaret and Griseld, married respectively, Sir Thomas Monson, created a Baronet in 1611, and Sir John Sheffield, eldest son of the first Earl of Mulgrave.

Sir William Pelham, of Brocklesby had married Anne, daughter of Charles, second Lord Willoughby of Parham.

Denzill Holles had married Eleanor, daughter of Edmund, first Lord Sheffield, of Butterwick.

I have pointed out the connexion between the Ayscoughs, Heneages, and Maddisons.

Richard Bolle, of Haugh, had married a Skipwith, of South Ormsby, and died in 1591, leaving daughters married into the families of Tournay, of Caenby, and Cracroft, of Fulletby; while his eldest son married Katherine, daughter of Sir Edward Dymoke, of Scrivelsby.

I have shown how the Brownes of Croft were related to the Monsons of Burton-by-Lincoln, and the Massingberds of Bratoft to the Fitzwilliams of Mablethorpe.

The Tyrwhits, of Stainfield, were representatives in the female line of the St. Pauls, of Snarford, and a daughter of the house had married a Pelham, of Brocklesby.

I must refer my readers to a most interesting paper, read by the late Lord Monson, at a meeting of the Archæological Institute at Lincoln in 1848, on "Feuds of Old Lincolnshire Families," given in the Society's published volume for that year, for a sketch of the relationship between the Earls of Lincoln, the Dymokes of Scrivelsby, and the Monsons of Burton.

The Saundersons, of Saxby and Fillingham, were related to the Granthams, Guevaras, Copledikes, and Tyrwhits of Stainfield.

Sir William Wray's daughter, Frances, married Sir Anthony Irby, of Boston. The second Lord Willoughby of Parham married the daughter of the Earl of Rutland, while his sister, Elizabeth, was wife of Sir William Hickman, of Gainsborough, and another, Mary, of Sir William Booth, of Killingholme.

The Whichcots and Carres, though on opposite political sides, were related, Sir Hamon Whichcot's mother having been a Carre.

The Thorolds of Marston were connected with the Husseys and Tyrwhits. The Amcotts of Amcotts with the Fulnetbys, and the Cracrofts of Hackthorn with the Granthams.

Anyone who takes the trouble to read the above will see what a network of relationships was spread throughout the county. I might extend the list considerably, but what I have given is enough to show the "clannish" state of the gentry. It is not too much to say that every gentleman, of good descent and estate, was related, either more or less nearly, to his neighbours of the same degree. The contrast between the 17th and 19th centuries is striking. Now-a-days the lord of a manor goes far afield for a wife. The rough and ready hospitality dispensed among families living in the same county, and connected by ties of blood, has been exchanged for intercourse of a much more formal kind. The country house which in olden days was filled with guests, who lived within riding or driving distance, is replaced by one which is open only to the intimate friends of the host and hostess; if, indeed, it has not a considerable portion of its rooms shut up under agricultural depression. What the feelings of a 16th century Herald would be, were he to come to life and "visit" the county, I can hardly imagine. The *Visitation* of 1634 showed indeed a remarkable change from that of 1562; but at least there was some attempt at rule and order. The frequent notes, "Respited for proof," is evidence that every one was not allowed, as now, to take any coat of arms that suited him, or flourish a pedigree compiled for him by a professional pedigree-maker. The Heralds would find ample employment at the present day in effacing heraldry, both in churches and domestic houses, which is utterly unauthorized, and in

expurgating books full of fictitious pedigrees. One does not need to be told that the times have changed; but one may be allowed to question whether they have changed altogether for the better. At least there must have been friendliness and social intercourse, even if unrefined and narrow in its ideas, among the gentry of Lincolnshire. There were not then a few "great houses," but a multitude of moderate sized ones. The lesser gentry had not disappeared. The yeomanry were a power in the land. Exclusiveness, in the modern sense of the term, did not exist, for all were, to some extent, relations, and the Civil War had not yet come to sever friendship.

Neither must we suppose that the line of demarcation between territorial and mercantile families was broad and impassable. On the contrary, it may be safely affirmed that they were more closely connected than in later times. In proof of this one has only to study the *Visitation of London* in 1634 in order to learn that, apart from the army and the law, there was hardly any opening for the younger sons of gentle and knightly families, except trade and merchandise, at the commencement of the 17th century. The Wars in the Low Countries, the Siege of Ostend, and Expeditions to the New World, carried off many, but a great number found their way into the City, became apprentices, then partners, and finally, in 1634, pulled out their pedigrees, and proved their descent from time-honoured stems of gentry.

The Inns of Court were another refuge for penniless scions of gentility, but to attain eminence in the legal profession was, as now, the fortunate lot of but a favoured few.

The Clergyman's calling was certainly not often chosen by the young men of more family than fortune. As a rule, judging by the clerical Wills I have read, I am inclined to think that the Church's ranks at this period were mainly recruited from families of well-to-do yeomen. Of course there are exceptions, and here and there a parson may be found connected with a family of gentle blood, but the rule is the other way. I do not however therefore

think that Lord Macaulay's disparaging remarks on the social condition of the clergy after the Restoration justified by these facts. Certainly to judge from the clerical Wills in this series one would not consider the testators in abject poverty, or destitute of the comforts and luxuries of gentle life.

The Wills of Nicholas Madison, of Withern, and Moses Wilton, of Fleet, may be taken as samples. Withern is in the Marsh, Fleet is in the Fens. Yet, in both instances, the clergyman is evidently comfortable in circumstances. Books, furniture, land, money, all testify to something like affluence in a region which, in the 17th century, must have been almost as remote from centres of civilization and refinement as a mountain parish in Donegal would be now.

The condition of a Country Squire had changed a good deal since the time of Henry VIII. Feudalism lingered on even after the Wars of the Roses had given it its death blow; and prior to the Reformation, in a county such as Lincolnshire, remote from London, with undrained marshes and fens, the manners and feelings of the 15th century would still be found among the country gentry.

A brawl which took place at a Sessions held at Caistor, between two members of the leading families of Tyrwhit and Copledike, towards the close of Henry VIII's reign, was probably not an unusual occurrence; but the increase of learning, after the foundation of so many grammar schools under Edward VI., and the great progress made in civilization under Elizabeth, wrought a change, and although brawls and feuds still took place (notably in the case of the Earl of Lincoln and the Dymoke family), I maintain that the *general* condition of society was much less rude, and unpolished at the commencement of the 17th century.

In the reign of Henry VIII. we may safely say that nothing approaching to a carriage would be found in even the wealthiest country gentleman's establishment, but in 1604, we find Henry Jenkinson, of East Wykeham, a gentleman of only the second rank certainly, in the county, bequeathing his "coach" and "coach-horses" to his wife.

Again, it may be confidently affirmed that in the reign of Henry VIII. very few country gentlemen could do more than sign their names (if indeed they could do as much), and their acquaintance with literature must have been proportionably limited; but under James I. the increased diffusion of knowledge is very evident. Ecclesiastics are no longer almost exclusively the writers of Wills. In some cases a man writes his own Will.

Members of various Lincolnshire families at this time showed themselves able to use the pen. Among them we may reckon the Admiral, Sir William Monson, who wrote an account of the wars in Spain, from 1585 to 1602, in folio; Gervase Holles, the Antiquary, whose MS. notes are preserved in the British Museum; Sir Ralph Maddison, who wrote two treatises on the coinage. I select these as instances of the great change that had taken place, since the reign of Henry VIII., in the way of mental cultivation; for it would have been impossible to have conceived a sailor writing a book before the Reformation, and the ancestors of the two other gentlemen could scarcely at that period have done more than execute their signatures.

The spelling, it must be confessed, appears of a most arbitrary character, and to those of my readers who are not conversant with the writing of the period, I may as well say that a man not unfrequently spells his own name differently even in the short limits of a Will. I mention this because an inexperienced reader might naturally suppose that the proof-sheets had been carelessly corrected, on finding, as in No. 125, the name of Bulkeley spelt also Bulkley and Bulckley. Such a name as Ayscough is liable to be spelt Ascough, Aiscough, or Ayscoghe. As I profess to print these Wills exactly as they were written, so far as spelling is concerned, I have not attempted to reduce these diversities of orthography to one rule. Numbers 70 and 71 are a good instance of diversity, although the testators were nearly related; one spells his name Litilburie, the other Littleburye. The doubling of vowels and consonants is quite a matter of chance. Sometimes the scribe indulges in a superfluity, sometimes he seems to grudge the necessary

letters; no method is discernible. In William Skipwith's Will, No. 158, the name Martha is written Marthe throughout, and the place Withern is spelt both Wethearne and Weatherne. His brother Tristram's name is maltreated, being spelt in one place Tristerum, in another Tristrim. In John Skipwith's Will, No. 23, the same name is spelt Trustram. The name Guevara, in No. 11, alternates with Guevera; while York, in his *Union of Honour*, spells it Guevero.

So much I feel it needful to say to account for the startling discrepancies in spelling which abound throughout these Wills, not only in names of persons and places, but in almost every word in the English language.

The religious preambles are worthy of notice, for they bear witness to the increasing growth of Puritan, *i.e.*, Calvinistic, theology in the middle classes. Numbers 3, 36, 46, 52, and 63 are excellent examples. Of these No. 36, the Will of the Rev. Moses Wilton, Vicar of Fleet, is specially noteworthy, on account also of the library of books he bequeaths to his successor in lieu of dilapidations.

Those who are interested in swan-marks will find one called "the squire and crowfoot" in No. 63, which, so far as I know, is not given in any list of swan-marks hitherto published. Subject to correction, I take the "Squire" to be the heraldic term "Esquierre," a bearing in the coat of the Mortimers, Earls of March. The "crowfoot" obviously is a crow's claw, which could be easily marked on a swan's bill.

I have drawn attention to the increase of luxury evidenced by Henry Jenkinson's bequeathing his coach and horses to his wife, although described "of East Wykeham," an out-of-the-way place on the Wolds. It is possible, however, that he may have lived in Lincoln, where he made his will, and a coach would not have been so out of keeping in a town as in a country village in days when roads were almost impassable in winter. But Sir John Langton, who also mentions his coach, certainly lived in the village of Langton, near Spilsby, and Sir Edward Ayscough resided at

Stallingborough or South Kelsey, both country villages. This is worth observing, because carriages were of but recent introduction, and Lincolnshire was not a county where one would have expected to find them so early.

The charitable bequests are also, I think, well worthy of notice. Many of them were simply sums of money to be expended soon after the testator's death; but some were charges meant to be in perpetuity, and many of these have been lost. For example, in Henry Jenkinson's Will, No. 44, he leaves a rent-charge of 52 pence out of his lands in Willoughby and Saltfleetby to the poor of the parish of St. Peter-in-Eastgate, and alludes to the Lady Roper's gift. Neither her's nor his are now known.

Heneage Smith too, No. 137, leaves a charge of six pounds yearly on his lands in Hatton to provide a teacher.

I do not know whether Edward Lacon's bequest to the "poorest Cottagers" in Tetney (No. 107) is still in force.

The bequest of bread to be distributed at the funeral of the testator was a survival of an old pre-Reformation usage of a dole on such occasions. Richard Evington, No. 73, provides a handsome dinner on the day of his obsequies, and the above Edward Lacon did the same, though he afterwards revokes the order.

The parson of Withern, No. 21, thoughtfully provides coals for his parishioners, leaving 30 shillings for that purpose. Some are careful to leave money for the repairing of the roads.

Two classes, now extinct, appear among the testators, viz., the lesser gentry and the yeomanry. Of the former I may instance Henry Ayscough, No. 8; Thomas Grantham, No. 12; William Willoughby, No. 50; John Dethe, No. 61; Edward Aldye, No. 63; Leonard Roper, No. 122; and many others. They represent a class now entirely passed away. Not nearly so rich as many of the yeomen, they yet were esteemed "gentle." They seem to have held leases for the most part, and to have had comparatively but small landed estates.

An admirable portrait of one is drawn in Boswell's *Life of Johnson*, viz., Mr. Peregrine Langton of Partney, an uncle of the doctor's friend, Bennet Langton, who, with an annuity of £200, kept his carriage and lived in comfort.

Some excellent samples of the yeoman class may be seen in the Pureys, Whittinghams, Newsteads, Hastings, Warmouths, etc. These are far wealthier than the above class of small gentry, though not as yet bearing coat-armour or finding a place in the *Visitations*. They have vanished as a class.

I may refer my readers to the Wills of Mrs. Neale, No. 53, and Mrs. Armyne, No. 120, for specimens of two different kinds of aged widows. Mrs. Neale lived in Horncastle, and her connexions were of the middle class—Lincoln citizens like the Hutchinsons and Beckes. Mrs. Armyne lived in the College House as it was called, in the Close of Lincoln, and her connexions were entirely among the county families—Dymokes, Fitzwilliams, Cracrofts, etc. Yet there is a great similarity between the two documents. In both cases a large amount of plate and clothing is disposed of. One thing may be noted. As the widow of a townsman of Horncastle Mrs. Neale seems to have much more ready money than Mrs. Armyne, who, in spite of her large landed estates, had only personalty to the amount of £92. In fact the scarcity of money is seen by the high rate of interest (ten per cent.) habitually charged on it. Rents were exceedingly low, and a great deal was paid in kind.

Of the impoverished country gentleman there is a good instance in No. 92, Richard Gedney of Bag Enderby; as also in the Nuncupative Will of Henry Ormsby, No. 65; and the Will of Sir Henry Ayscough, of Blyborough, No. 52. All three families were fated soon to disappear into obscurity.

William Welby of Denton, and Henry Cust of Pinchbeck, on the other hand (Nos. 84 and 159), both yeomen, are progenitors of future county families, one now holding an Earldom, the other a Baronetcy.

Here I must however stop, and reserve further comments for another Series of Wills, which I hope to bring out next year. In the meantime, I can only repeat the concluding words of the Introduction to my First Series, viz., that this volume may be serviceable to anyone who attempts to write the History of this County.

Lincolnshire Wills, 1600—1617.

1.

ROBERT HOTTOFT.

The 10 Jan. 1599-1600. I Robert Hottoft gent., of Panton. My neece Sandon's two youngest children Edward and Anne Ferryman. To John and Thomas Ferryman an angell each. I make executors my cosen Mr. Ambrose Sandon and my kinswoman Elizabeth Ferryman.

Prob. 11 April 1600.

I give this abstract because of the reference to the Sandon family. Ambrose Sandon was probably the son of William, for whose Will, see No. 152, 1st series.

2.

ANNE SKIPWITH.

The 4th day of March A° 1599. I Anne Skipwith of Hanney widdoe weake in body but stronge in faith etc. My soule to Almighty God and my bodye to be buryed where it shall please my executor. To the church of Hanney ijs. To everie poore howholder in Hanney and Hagnabie iiijd. To Samuel Skipwith my son xijd. To Thomas Brader xvjs and furniture etc. conditionalie that he shall give unto Suzan Wright his dowghter and my grandchilde xs. etc. To Anne Brader his wife and my daughter all my apparell etc. Legacies to Thomas and Robert Rathbie. Residue to my son Thomas Johnneson my sole executour. My freind Mr. Whalley to be supervisor.

Prob. at Louth 10 June 1600 by exr.

This was an offshoot of the Utterby line of the Skipwith family. See No. 355 in 1st series.

3.

ANNE OSLAND.

The xvijth day of July in nyne and thirtieth yeare of the rainge of our Soverainge Lady Elizabeth. I Anne Osland of Grantham in the County of Lincoln wyddowe ye unprofitable servant of God weake in body but strong in mynde doe make and ordeyne this my last will and testament in manner and forme as followeth thereby revoking both in deed and in law all former wills by me at any tyme before this made and that all and every legacye gyft bequest or graunte at any tyme in any of the sayd former wills to any manner of persons whatsoever geven granted or

bequeathed shalbe to all entents purposes and effects reputed deemed and taken as frustrate voyd and of none effect willingly and with a free hart rendring and giving agayne into the hands of my lord god and creator my spirit which he of his fatherly goodness gave unto me when he first fashioned mee in my mother's wombe making me a living creature nothing dowing but that of his infinite mercyes set forth in the precius bloode of his dearly beloved sonne Jhesus Christ our alone savior and redeemer he will receive my soule into his glory and place yt in the companye of heavenly Angells and blessed Saints and as concerning my body even with a good will and a free hearte I give over commending yt to the earthe whereof yt came nothing douting but according to the Article of my fayth at the greate day of generall resurrection when wee all shall appear before the Judgment seate of Christ I shall receave the same agayne by the almighty power of God wherein which he ys able to subdue all things unto him not a corruptible mortal weake and vyle body as yt ys nowe but an incorruptible immortal strong and perfect body in all poynts lyke unto the glorius body of my lord and savior Jhesus Christ and my body to bee buried within the Church of Grantham aforesayd agaynst that pewe where I did usually use for to sytt. To Mary Stokham forty pounds of corrant English money. To Grace Fells xxx^{li}. the joynded bedsteede with the fetherbed and all the other furniture as yt ys now standing in the streete parlor on the north syde of the gatehouse. To Mabel Fells wife of John Fells x^{li}. my best petticoate cloth. To Marye Jordayne my other petticoate cloth and xiiij. iiijd. To Robert Ingham the elder iiij^{li}. vjs. viijd. To William Barwell iiij^{li}. vjs. viijd. To Mrs. Williams of Denton my great golde ringe with a saphir stone therein. To Mr. Richard Williams of Denton my gold waspe to wear in his hat for a remembrance. To Mr. Thomas Archer a gold ring with a stone therein and which ys fitt for his finger. To Mrs. Archer my best gowne. To Mrs. Sympson my best petticoate which ys garded with velvet. To Mr. Arthur Hall esquier a signet of gould which was the firste gift yt my husband Richard Osland dyd give unto mee. To Elizabeth Williams my weddyng ring which hath my name in yt. To John Williams a silver tonne. To every of my servants ijs. vj apeece. To my godsonne James Wallis ijs. vjd. (clothing to Mabel Fells and Mary Bland and ould Mother Bland). To the poor of Grantham xls. To my gossyp John Wallys iijs. iiijd. Residue to Mr. George Barwell of Walkeringham, my full and sole executor. My frends Mr. Richard Williams of Denton and Mr. Thomas Archer of Grantham supervisors, and give them vjs. viijd. apeece.

Prob. at Lincoln xvj. April 1600 by Exr.

I know nothing of the testatrix except that she was the widow of a Grantham citizen. Her bequest to the Barwells seems to imply some connexion. Robert Williamson, of Walkeringham (ancestor of Sir Hedworth Williamson, Bart.), married Anne Stokham, who afterwards married George Barwell, and both these names occur in this Will.

4.

ANTHONY BOLLS.

The xiiiith day of Januarye in the xliith yeare of our Sovereigne Ladye Elizabeth, etc. I Anthony Bolls, of Gosbertonne, in the Countye of Lincolne, Gent., being perfect of minde and in good remembrance doe make and ordaine this my last will and testament in manner and fforme following, etc. My bodye to bee buried in the parish church of Gosbertonne. To the poore people of Gosbertonne xijd. To Margarett Bolls my daughter xxs. and two paire of linnen sheetes, and two paire of harden sheets to be delivered within halfe a yeare after my discease. To Richard Merry one ewe lambe to be delivered at Midsummer after my discease. To Jane Bolls my daughter two paire of linnen sheetes and two paire of harden sheetes to be delivered within half a yeare after my discease. To Ellen Hudson my daughter a bedd tester of Lawne and five curtaynes of the same to be delivered within one whole yeare after my discease. To Willyam Hudson my daughter's sonne two cowes and two lambes to bee put forth to his use when he shall come unto the age of xxj yeares. To my daughter Ellen Hudson one blacke rugged cow I bought of Barrand to bee delivered within eyght weekes after my discease. To Richard Johnson my man xxs. upon condition that hee make my executor a generall acquittance to bee paid to him within three months after my discease. Residue to Em Bolls my wife paying my debts and seeing my body brought to the ground whom I make my full and lawfull executrix, desiring my brother George Bolls to bee supervizour, and I give him xs.

Prob. at Donington ij June 1600 by Ex^r.

One of the Bolle family who lingered on still in the parish, where was the original seat. The more flourishing branches were at Scampton, Haugh, and Thorpe Hall, by Louth.

5.

ELIZABETH KYME.

The 26 Aug., 1600. I Elizabeth Kyme, gentlewoman and widow, of Boston. To be buried in the churchyard neare unto Paulesford where my children lye buried. To my sister Anne Francis of Wrangle towards the maintenance of her son John Laneham in learning vj^{li}. xiijs. iiijd. yearly out of the lease I have of the parsonage of Friskney so long as it doth continewe. To my kinsman William Hart of Wrangle xxx^{li}, and one great cheste which was Edward Caverlaye's my sonne. To John Kyme my cosen dwelling with me various articles when 2l. Legacies to to John and Dorothy Ward when 2l. I make supervisor Mr. Edward Skepper, Gent., late of Boston. To Elizabeth Skepper his daughter a ring. I make executor my kinsman Anthony Hart of Leverton.

Prob. 2 June 1601.

The testatrix had survived her children by her two husbands. See Wills 309, 327, 328, in 1st Series. Her second husband was probably one of the Friskney Kymes.

6.

FFRANCYS BERESSFORD.

The xj day of December in ye fourtty fourth yeare of ye raigne of our Sovereigne Ladye Elizabeth by ye grace of god of England ffrance and Ireland Quene defendour of ye faithe. I ffrancys Beressford of Rouston clerke sicke in bodie but of good and perfect memorie prayed therefore be god do ordeyne and make this my last will and testament. My body I will to be buryed at ye will and plessure of myne executor. To Xrofer Beressford my eldest sonne the some of xl^{li}. of good English moneye and all my Books. To Ellen Beresford my daughter xxx^{li}. To William Beressford my youngest sonne xl^{li}. Residue to Prudence my wife whom I make my full executor.

Memorandum. Mr. Do^r. Hall of Little Stewkeley in ye Countie of Huntingdon haith a fetherbed a pare of blanketts a coverlett and a bolster of myne.

Mr. Henry ffarre servaunt to ye right honorable Erle of Rutland haith these books of myne a thesaurus greco latin of Stephan printed, a Levy, Demosthenes greke and latin both in foll. Seneca his philosophy in foll.

The tyth lambes in Rouston behind and unpaid Tho. Critchley one Godfrey hudleston twoo Edward Northan twoo.

Prob. at Lincoln viij Jan. 1601 by Ex^r.

One of the Beressfords of Leadenham.

7.

THOMAS WELCOME.

Thomas Welcome, Gent., of the City of Lincoln, weake in bodye but of perfect and good memorye God be thanked. My bodye to the earth whence it came. To the church of St. Mary in Wigford xs. towards the repaire thereof and especially of the chauncell. My lands and tenements in the City of Lincoln and elsewhere to Wynefride my wife for her life and then to my daughters Marye and Anne, to be equally divided between them, and their heirs and assigns for ever; also all money and debts due to me to be payd to each or to the longer lyver of them when she or they shall accomplish the full age of xvij years. I also bequeath to my wife my ij leases of certayn Landes in Canwick which I have of the devise of my unckle John Jon Esquier. Legacy to William Pigott my servant. Also to my wife my lease or term of yeares at Cherye Willingham. Also to William Sparrow my hawke and dogges and my white nagge. To Robert Tirwhite of Kettleby Esquier a death Rynge in remembrance. To the poore of Lincoln x^{li}. to be distributed at the discretion of my executors. To everyone of my syster Marbury's chylderen a Spurr Ryall apeece.

To my brother William Thorold's wieffe my best gilt bowle. To my syster Marbury my spoone called Mother Holland spoone. To my brother Anthony Thorold a Death Rynge. To Mr. Henry Randes of Hull brother to Thomas Randes Comiss. x^{li}. Residue to my wife for the use of herself and my children so long as she keepeth her selfe unmarried and my widdowe and have the bringing up and disposition of my daughters but if she happen to marry then I will that as well all the said goods (except half of the household stuff as also their portions before bequeathed) shall be disposed on by my executors to the use of my said daughters. To my uncle Jon one silver bowle. To my brother William Thorold one silver bowle. To my sister Elizabeth Thorold one gilt spoone. To my sister Thorold of Howgh one gilt spoone. I make my unckle Jon and my sayd brother William Thorold my executors. My brother Marbury and my brother Anthony Thorold supervisors.

Prob. 13 Jan. 1601.

A citizen family at Lincoln. John Welcome was Sheriff 1556, and M.P. in 1572; see his father's Will, No. 122 in 1st series. He married Anne, daughter of Gregory Jon, of Fillingham, and was the father of Thomas Welcome, the above testator, and Mary, who married Edward Marbury, of Grimsby. Thomas Welcome's wife, Winifred, was a Thorold. The Welcomes were afterwards seated at Market Stainton.

8.

HENRIE ASCOUGHE.

The xvijth of November 1601. I Henrie Ascoughe of Morebie in the Countie of Lincoln gent. sicke in bodie but of perfect remembrance thanks be to god doe make this my last will and testament. My bodie to be buried in the parish church of Morebie aforesaid out for my mortuarie as the lawe requireth. And whereas I have entered into a bargaine with one William Bedingfeild of Southold in the Countie of Suffolke gent. for my landes being in Denham in the said countie as well frehold as coppiehold as by one Indenture bearing date the xiiijth daie of Aprill last past before the date hereof betweene me the said Henrie Ascoughe of Denham in the Countie of Suffolke gent. of the one partie and the said William Bedingfeild of the other partie more plainlie maie appeare my will is that my brother Symon Aiscoughe shall redeeme the said landes bie paieing of one hundred and ten pounds upon the xvth of Aprill next as is mentioned in the said Indenture, and so to have the said landes to him and to his heires for ever or else to take the severall sommes of monie mentioned in the said Indenture to his owne use and suche further assurance as I the saide Henrie Ascoughe ought to doe by the covenants of the said Indentures. And for that purpose my will is yt the said Indenture with Mr. Bedingfeild his bonde for performance of the covenants thereof be delivered unto my said brother Symon Ascoughe that he maie thereby take notice what is to be doone by him in that behalfe and do make him mine executor of that bonde especiallie. To Elizabeth Aiscoughe my sister all my lands tenements and

hereditaments in Morebie aforesaid to have and to hould the same to her and her assignes dureing her life naturall the Remainder thereof I give to my brother Matthewe Aiscoughe and his heires for ever. I give to my said sister Elizabeth my lease which I howld of Sr Henrie Glenham Knight of certane landes in Morebie for and during all the terme of yeares therein not expiased. To my brother Matthewe Ascoughe ten pounds of lawfull Englishe moneye to be paid within one yeare after my decease. My will and mynd is that my executrix be goode and kinde to my poore sister Margaret and to bestowe uppon her children what in her discretion she shall thinke good. And likewise I comend my sister Marie and her children to mie executrix as I have doone my sister Margaret. To my godson Henrie Mires xxs. To my brother Simon my best apparrell for my bodie with my riding furniture my baie gelding my rapier dagger and pistoll. To William Miers and his wife xxs. apicce. To Robert Crosse xxs. To Henrie Ascoughe the sonne of Clenton Ascoughe gent. my godsonne xxs. To my godsonne Henrie Cressie xxs. To my godsonne Henrie Keale iij s. iiij d. Residue to Elizabeth Ascoughe my sister whome I make and appointe my sole onlie and faithfull executrix. I make Raphe Townerawe gent my freinde supervisor and do give unto him xls.

Prob. at Lincoln xxvth Januarii 1601 by Ex^x. Personalty sworn 163^h. 10s. 0d.

Son of a Christopher Ayscough, of the Blyborough family, by Margaret, daughter of Symon Battell, of Denham, in Suffolk. See *Linc. Vis.* 1592, pp. 4-6.

9.

OLIVER HUDDLESTONE.

The xxvjth day of Aprill 1604. I Oliver Huddleston of the Citty of Lincolne Tayler. To be buryed within the churchyard of the parish of St. Michael in the Mount within the Citty of Lincolne. To the repaire of the Church of St. Michael xij d. To Sicily my wife one rome for her to dwell in which is commonly called the kitchen with a litle house adjoyninge into it which kitchen abutteth upon the west upon a court or yard belonging to the howse of the said Oliver. And my will and minde is that the said Sicily my wife shall have and enjoy the said rowme or kitchen duringe her naturall life. And shall also have peaceable use of the well belonging to the howse of the said Oliver to fetch water there at her pleasure. Residue to said wife whom I make sole executrix. My very good brother Mr. George Huddleston of the Close of Lincolne clarke and my very good frend Mr. Robert Milner of Newport in the Citty of Lincoln to be supervisors.

Prob. at Lincoln xvj July 1604 by Ex^x.

A brother of the Rev. George Huddleston, Priest-Vicar of Lincoln Cathedral and Rector of Burton-by-Lincoln, whose Will was proved in 1618. The Huddlestons were an old Lincoln citizen family. Rowland Huddleston was Mayor in 1601, and in 1584 Andrew Huddleston was Sheriff of Lincoln.

10.

GEORGE GUEVARA.

Guevara. Beinge resolved of some foraine course and fully determined to try my fortune in the warre for two or three yeres space I have upon long consideration disposed of my patrimonie, not for the greatest advantage but lawfully respectinge my duty and conscionable dealinge, in which time if by any sodaine accident or untimely sickness I bee surprised and change this transitorie life, not alteringe by word or writinge this my will or farewell to my freindes, wherin I have freely and carefully remembered them, it may appeare by bondes and other debts which I have lastly noted this thirtieth day of October that the sume of my estate here remayninge is three hundreth three score pounds for which I am not to my knowledge any way indebted. Wherefore my desire is that my brother Henrie, if he bee then livinge do execute it in this manner, viz., my will is that to eche of my two sisters or to the use of them and their children within one half yere bee paid in money fowerscore pounds, if they bee then widowes; if not, the money to remaine in some frend's hands and be imploied for the use of their children that they may bee brought up in honest and godlie manner. I also give unto my brother Guevara a ringe or jewell of twenty markes price; to his son William twentie poundes in money when he shalbe one and twentie; and to eche of my other brothers and sisters markes (*sic*) a peece to buy them ringes or other toyes of remembrance; to eche of my godchildren ten poundes when they shalbe one and twentie; to the poore of Lowth five poundes and them of Stanigot fourtie shillings. The remainder I freely bequeth to my brother Henrie his use, not doubtynge his honest care and due regarde unto my poore sisters. In this maner I dispose my estate or patrimonie committing myselfe to the protection of the almightie, who undoubtingly shall guyde mee for his owne glorie and my everlastinge comforte.

George Guevara.

I Richard Witt of London, salter, heard Mr. George Guevara in November last, beinge the day when hee left this with mee, say that this was his last will. Maye 4 1603 per me Richard Witt.

Memorandum. That I have left in trust with this my kinde freinde only two bondes the one of an hundreth poundes, and the other of fiftie, with a note which concerneth two other bondes which I left in the countrie and this my will, per me George Guevara. This is my will which after seaven yeres space whether I live or die, returninge not againe, I do acknowledge, but till yt instant of time my meaninge is that nothinge bee altered from the former state but remaine as it now dothe.

Prob. at Lincoln by Henry Guevara. 12 May 1605.

He was a younger son of Francis Guevara, who was buried at Stanigot in 1592. He was baptized at Louth in 1581, and, according to the pedigree, died S.P. His brother Sir John Guevara's Will is given later on.

11.

LEONARD KIRKEMAN.

The Firste day of Auguste 1604. I Leonard Kirkeman of Easter Keale in the Countie of Lincoln Esquier sicke of bodie but of good and perfect remembrance (God be praised) do make and ordeine etc. My bodie to be buried at the discretion of my frendes. To Gartrid my wife all my landes and tenements in Easter Keall with appurtenances etc. dureing her life naturall and after her decease to Margaret my daughter and to her heires and assignes forever. To Jane Kirkeman my daughter the some of one hundred markes to be paid her within sixe yeares after my decease. To Elizabeth my daughter wife of Thomas Jackson five poundes and to Amy her daughter fortie shillings. The vi^{li}. to be paide within one yeare after my decease and the fortie shillings to be paide when the said Amy shall accomplish the age of eighteene yeares. To Bartholomew Lawrence my sonne in lawe twenty shillings to be paide within one yeare after my decease. To his sonne Leonard Lawrence twenty shillings and to his sonne John Lawrence twenty shillings to be paide when they shall accomplish the ages of xxj yeares. To Rose Pearsall during her life the yearly annuities of lijs. iiijd. to be paid by my wife during her life and by my daughter Margaret after my wife's decease or by such person or persons as shall have the righte and interest of my landes formerly bequeathed and my will and mynde is that the said Rose shall have her meate drinke and lodginge with my executors duringe her life. Provided alwaies if anie of my said children or the said Rose Pearsall shall sue or anie waies moleste my executors or either of them for anie of my landes or goodes that this my guifte and bequeste to them given shall be utterlie voide and stande of noe effecte. To Thomas Lawne fortie shillings. To everie one of my servants ijs. vjd. To the pore of the parish of Easter Keale vjs. viiijd. Residue to my wife Gartrid and my daughter Margaret whome I make my executors. I desire my sonne in lawe Mr. Bartholomew Lawrence and Mr. ffancis Tirwhitt to be supervisors. I give to either of them tenne shillings. Prob. at Lincoln 1 Oct. 1604 by Margaret Kirkman, power being reserved to the other Ex^r.

Descended from an old yeoman family at Ingoldmells, but possibly originally from Yorkshire. His father John Kirkman was Executor to Elizabeth Gaunte, see her Will, No. 56, 1st series, and probably had married her daughter Amy. See also his brother Lyon Kirkman's Will and his brother William's, Nos. 249 and 263, 1st series, and his brother John's later on.

12.

THOMAS GRANTHAM.

The xxj day of februarye 1603. Knowe me Thomas Granttham of Heckington in the County of Lincoln gent. beinge whole in mynde and perfect in remembrance doe give unto god

hartye thanks for the same, doe revoke all wills and testaments herebefore made for ever and doe here make this my last will and testament in manner and forme followinge—I will my body for to be buried in the churche of Heckington at my deske ende and it for to be coffened. I doe give unto the mother churche of Lincolne xijd. For my mortuarie as the law doth appointe. Towardes the repairinge of the churche of Heckington ijs. iiijd. To the poore of Heckington where moste neede is xs. To the Ringers of the bells that daye that I am buryed ijs. vjd. To every godchild that I have livinge vjd. and they for to beare me unto my grave and there laye me downe. To my hostes Lee ijs. vjd. and unto her husband xijd. To Jenye Bowthebes my nurse xxs. over and besides wages which of right shee ought to have. To Xrofer Daye my man ijs. vjd. and to Betrice my maide xijd. To William Crosbye my tenant all my apparell that I did weare most commonly every daye, everye thing parcell of the same except my silver buttons. All lands tenements etc. starr-fens, commons peat grounds feedinges, in Heckington, great Hale, Howell, Asgarby and Raughton to Elizabeth my lovinge wife dureinge her life naturall without pechment of waste, and after her death I doe give to Elizabeth my grandchilde the house I doe nowe dwell in, and the half acre of meadowe in newe inge, the three leas in same close and one common with the peates and meadowe in newe pasture and northe fenne etc. in Heckington to the said Elizabeth my grandchilde dursing her life naturall. And after the deathe of Elizabeth my wife and Elizabeth my grandchilde to my son Raphe Grantham for life and then to his son Robert Grantham for life, and then all the aforesaid lands to the heirs male of me the said Thomas Grantham, and for lack of them to my heirs generall forever. Residue to wife Elizabeth and grandchild Elizabeth whome I doe make my whole and full executors.

Prob. at Lincoln 5 Oct. 1604 by relict Elizabeth power reserved to the other Ex^r. when of age.

He may have been of the great Lincoln family of Grantham, but no indication is given in the Will.

13.

ANTHONIE MARKHAM.

In the name of God Amen. I Anthonie Markham of Sydebrooke Knyght sick in bodie but of perfect memorie and whole in mynde doe ordaine this my last will and testament in manner and form followinge. ffirst I bequeath my soule into the hands of almighty god through the mediation of Jesus Christ who hath redeemed it. And my bodie christianlie to be buried in the Church of Sydebrooke nere my ffather with such funerall expenses as shall seme good to mine Executrix. ffor the worlde I will and bequeath to my seconde sonne Robert Markham my farme in Allington with the Appurtenances

nowe in the tenure and occupation of my uncle Richard Markham gent. dureinge the naturall life of my said sonne Robert and for the jointure of such wife or wives as my said sonne Robert shall marry withall payinge unto my heire the usuall and accustomed Rent. And also I give and bequeath unto Henry Markham my thirde sonne two other tenements with their Appurtenances in Allington aforesaide now in the occupation of Richard Lovett and Robert Newboe after the expiration of the leases nowe in beinge dureinge the naturall life of my said sonne Henry and for the Jointure of such wife or wives as my said sonne Henry shall marry withall payinge unto my said heire the usuall and accustomed Rent. And all my children in generall I doe committ to the education of my Ladie Bridgitt Markham my deare wife who I desire may be brought upp virtuouslie religiouslie and in the feare of god, ffor the better effectinge whereof and for the more speedie payment of my debts I doe give unto my said wife all my householde goods plate Jewells Cattells and Chattells and goods whatsoever whome I doe make my soole and full Executrix of this my last will and testament. and lastlie herebie I doe revoke all former wills. Dated this xxijth of November Anno Dom. 1604. By me Anthonie Markham. Prob. at Lincoln 25 Jan. 1604-5 by Ex^r.

He was the father of the 1st Baronet, Sir Robert Markham, who was so created in 1642. His wife was daughter of Sir James Harrington, Knt., of Exton.

14.

WILLIAM MASSINGBIRDE.

The 4th Feb. 1605. William Massingbirde of Kirton in the partes of holland yeoman. To Katherine my nowe wife the mansion house or messuage that I dwell in in Kirton, with six acres of lande and pasture for her life naturall. She to keep the said mansion house in good repair and not to waste any trees or wood save in reparation. Bequest of furniture linen etc. To Agnes Massingbird my onelie daughter and heire all my lands tenements etc. within the Realme of England, the mansion house, and six acres excepted, to her and her heirs for ever; also my horse mill and brewing lead. To my sister Amye Oxlay a yearly rent of xxs. for life. If my daughter Agnes die without issue then my nephew George Oxlay and my neice Margaret Oxlay are to have my lands and tenements to them and their heirs. To the poor of Kirton xs. Robert Harrison of Swineshead yeoman to have the custody of my daughter Agnes till she is fourteen years of age. I make my daughter Agnes my sole executrix, appointing Mr. Tuckney and Thomas Rankin of Kirton overseers of this my last will.

No Prob. given.

I cannot attach the testator to the main stem of the Massingberds, of Bratott. He was probably a cadet.

15.

JOHN WESLED.

The 8th September 1st Jac. I. I John Wesled of Braytoft in the countie of Lincolne gent. I committe my soule into the mercifull handes of almightie god my creatour preserver and redeemer and my bodie to bee buried in such convenient place as shalbe thought good by my executor. To the poore of Braytofte xls. To the poore of Winthorpe twentie shillings. To the poore in Boroughe in the Marshe twentie shillings to be distributed by the churchwardens their within one monthe after my decease. To Richard Holland xxs. To Francis Holland the son of Edward Holland twentie shillings. To Elizabeth Langton the daughter of Andrew Langton fourty shillings. To John, Marie, Catherine and Avisse Maxie children of my daughter Alice Yater everye one of them six poundes. To George Yater son of the said Alice Yater and to William Searson son of my daughter Elizabeth Higgins eyther of them six poundes. To Harbert, Elizabeth, Francis, Anne Marie and John Higgins children of the said Elizabeth Higgins my daughter everye of them six poundes. To William Wesled son of my son William Wesled deceased ffourty poundes. (All the above sums, except the xxs. given to Richard Holland, to be paid when the legatees shall be 21 years of age.) And my will and meaninge is, that my exequutor shall not be chargable to pay the legacies above mentioned out of my goods or present estate, but that the same shalbee defrayed and discharged onlie by the money to bee receaved of my daughter in law ffancis, nowe wife of William Haywarde of Grimolby gent., and late wife of my late sonne William Wesled deceased according to certaine articles made betweene mee the said John Wesled of the one partie and the said ffancis of the other partie, which articles are dated the fourthe daie of August in the xliijth yere of the reigne of Elizabeth late queene of Englande deceased. To every of my two daughters Alice Yater and Elizabeth Higgins ten poundes apeece to be taken out of the profites of my landes within two yeres after my deathe. To Richard Maxey my nephewe all my freehold landes in the Countie of Lincolne in possession and reversion during the minoritie of William Wesled son of my son William Wesled deceased, and after the said William Wesled do accompylishe the full age of one and twentie yeres I will that all my said landes remaine to him the said William Wesled and the heires of his body lawfully begotten, and for want of such issue to my right heirs for ever. (Richard Maxey to account to the supervisors during the minority of William Wesled for all sums of money received.) The saide Richard Maxey shall yerely disburse and pay for the said William Wesled during his minoritie such charges and expences for his education and bringinge up in Learninge, or otherwise to bee bestowed for the gettinge of his Wardshippe or

a lease of his landes as they my supervisors shall best like in their discretion. And if it happen the said William Wesled to departe this worlde before hee shall accomlishe the full age of twentie and one yeres, then I will that all the said Commodities sumes of money and profites by the said Richard Maxey receaved as aforesaide shall be equally divided amongst all the children of my said two daughters Alice Yater and Elizabeth Higgens and of my late daughter Anne Blancherd deceased which shall be then living. And I do hereby give remise and release unto the said William Wesled my grand childe, so muche as in mee is, his wardship marriage forfytur of mariage and all other benefites and commodities whatsoever to the saide incident or belonginge. And whereas I bought of Roberte Maxey late father of the said Richard Maxey deceased one close of pasture ground beinge in Burrough in the marshe conteyning by estimation eight acres commonly called or knowen by the name of Neapstocke for the sume of fifty poundes, my will and meaning is, that if the said Richard Maxey shall pay the said sume of fiftie poundes unto the said William Wesled my grandchild, within six months after he accomplish the age of 21 yeres, that then the said close shall remayne to the said Richard Maxey and his heirs forever. I give to Richard Maxey ten pounds and to Francis Markham three pounds six shillings and eightpence, and to Francis the wife of William Haywarde my daughter in law ten shillings. To Anne and Elizabeth Maxey daughters of Richard Maxey ten shillings each. To Francis and Anne daughters of the said Francis Markham ten shillings each. I give to my said grandchild William Wesled my swanne mark together with all my swannes and signittes yonge and olde to the same marke belonginge. And whereas I have a table with a frame standinge in the parlour at my dwelling house in Bratofte I geve the same to continue there for an heireloom for ever. Residue to grandchild William Wesled when he is 21. I make Richard Maxey my sole executor, and I make William Haywarde of Grimoldby gent, Richard Higgins of Bratofte gent, William Simcotts of Cockerington gent and Leonard Ithell of Bratofte clerke supervisors, and give them five marks apiece.

A schedule annexed unto the Will.

> All former giftes and legacies comprised in this my said will notwithstandinge, I give unto the towne of Bratofte an Annuitie and rent charge of twentie six shillings and eight pence yerely towards the mainteynance of a schoole of learninge for the bringinge up of youthe in the feare of god in the said parishe. And the said sume of money to be paid unto the churchwardens of the said towne for the time then beinge at the usuall rent dayes namely at the feast of St. Botulphe and of St. Michael the Archangell by even portions issuing and leviable out of a tenement late in the

the tenure and occupation of John Mawer whiche I purchased of Augustine Aideson in Bratofte aforesaid for ever.

xvijth Oct. 1605.

Moreover I give unto Richard Higgins my sonne in lawe both my privie seales, one for the loane of twentie poundes unto our late soveraigne queene Elizabeth bearinge date the xvij of ffebruarie in the xxxixth yeare of her raigne collected by Sr George Sampoll (St. Paul) knight. Item the other for the loane of the like some of xx^{li} unto our dreade soveraigne Kinge James bearing date the last daye of Julie in the second year of his raigne of Englande ffrance and Ireland and of Scotland the eight and thirtie, collected by Thomas Grantham.

Prob. at Lincoln 2 April 1606 by Ex^r.

See Vis. of Linc., 1592, where a short pedigree is given. Maxwell in the pedigree is a mistake for Maxey. Under the Protectorate of Philip Waeled compounded for his estate for £398, and Thomas Waeled for £26, both being of Great Grimsby.

16

RICHARD WILLIAMS.

The xxxth daye of Julye 1606. I Richard Williams of denton within the soake of Grantham and in the countie of Lincoln gent. consideringe the frayltie of man and howe necessarye a thing yt is to be in continuall readines whensoever the good pleasure of allmightie god shalbee to calle doe being in good remembrance though in bodily syckness make and ordeyne my laste will and testament. My bodye to be buried in the Quyre of the parish church of denton where I used to sitt. Touchinge my landes and tenements whereof I am nowe seased within the Realme of Englande I doe wholly give and and graunt to my son John Williams and his heires forever and my wife to have her thirdes during her naturall life of all my saide landes ye which I request my sonne John to lett her have sett out by agreement of frendes to her content as I doubt not but in his love and dewtie towards her he will doe and not to enforce her by law to sett it out by suite. I doe give to my said wife the use of that chamber in my nowe dwelling house wherein I nowe lye and the Inner Chamber joyning unto yt wherein the maides lye together with one moytie of all my Inne houses and outhouses for and during the naturall life of my said wife if shee keepe herselfe sole and unmarried. And my sonne John to have my closett or studie wherein my evidences lye with free egresse and regresse to the said studye at all convenient tymes without lett or disturbance and that the said closett or study shall not be lymtyed or sett out as any parte of my wyves said moytie of my said houses. To the repaire of the parish church of denton xxs. To the poore xxs. To my daughter Bridgett wife unto Mr. George Figte cc^{li}. she to release my said wife and son John of all claim and title to

my lands and tenements aforesaid. He to do the same. To my daughter Alice cc^{li}. to bee paid in manner and forme followinge—one hundred markes parcell of the said cc^{li}. upon the day of the marriage of the said Alice, and that day twelve moneths after one hundred markes and the other c markes residew of the said cc^{li}. in and upon that day twoe yeares after the said marriage upon condition that the said Alice doe marry with the good liking and consent of my wife her mother my said sonne John her brother and my brother George Allen her uncle—or other wayes this my guifte of cc^{li}. to be voide, and my said daughter to stand to the curtesye of my said wife and my said sonne John. To Elizabeth my daughter cc^{li}. in suche manner as formerlye I have sett downe for my daughter Alice. To Richard Clarke my servant xxs. And my will is that my said wyfe and sonne shall give to Thomas Newcome my old servant meat and drinke lodging and apparell fitt for him during his natural life, if he be determined to take it, doing for my said wief and sonne such usuall service in the house as accustomedly he hath done, and as his age nowe will permitt. Residue to my wife and sonne whom I make executors. My brother Mr. George Allen supervisor, being well assured of his good love and affection to me and to myne. I doe give unto him over and above such charges as he shall lay out in travelling about this business xls. in gold to make a seale and ringe to wear for my sake.

Prob. at Lincoln xxj Nov. 1606 by John Williams, the other Executor renouncing.

In 1633 William Welby of Denton married Eleanor daughter of John Williams; I presume the son of the testator.

17.

JOHN DIGHTON.

The xviiijth Dec. 1606. John Dighton of Minting gent. My will is my bodie shall be buried in the parish church of Baumbrough nigh unto the sepulture of Margret my late wife deceased. To the poore of Minting, Baumbrough, Hatton, Swabie, Ashby beside Grymsbie, Wolley in Yorkshire, to every of these six townes xls. to be delivered by my Executours into the handes of the parson, vicar, or churchwardens of the said townes for ever. And the said money so by them to be letten and the use thereof to be divided amongst the poore, needfull, and impotent people of the said townes for ever in every of the aforesaid parishes upon the feaste of St. Thomas the Apostell before Christmas yearlie. To Thomas Dighton of Minting the son of William Dighton of Ombie vj^{li}. To my niece Margerie Dighton, John Nayler, and my nephewe Robert Collyenes all my household stuff (my silver plate excepted) to be divided among them. To my nephew Robert Collyenes x^{li}. To Richard Willie, Margret Nayler, and Margery Dighton children

of my sister Elizabeth Dighton to every of them x^u . To the children of Robert Webster who was my sister's son xx^u . to be divided among them. To John Dighton my godchilde sonne of Thomas Dighton my nephew cu , the interest thereof to be paid yearlie to him that shall have the keeping and bringing up of him the said John Dighton by my Executors; the principall to remain in my executors' hands till he is fourteen years of age. Then to be bound apprentice with part of the money, and the remainder to continue in my executors' hands till he is 21 years of age. To the said John Dighton all my plate. If he die before the age of 21, then all the legacies to him are to be divided among my sister's children and their children. To Elizabeth Thorpe daughter of my cosen Joyes Goldingham xls . To Christopher Randes of Burton, gent. and to his wife xls . apiece. To my cosen Mary Ashton my Cannapie that hangeth over my bedd, and one mourning gowne of blacke. To Richard Beverlay Vicar of Minting xls . on condition he make a deed of release to my executors of all debts and duties within one month after my decease. To my cosen Mary Ashton my executrix the sister of Thomas Dighton of Little Sturton Esquire fourty pounds and no more. To William Temes of Minting v^u . and to Elizabeth his wife ijj^u . To William Peckfeild of Dedham in Suffolk xij^u . To Thomas Page of Gretham yeoman vj^u . (Small legacies to servants, etc.) I will that there be dealt amongst the poore at my buriall in dole vj^u . I will that foure of the most aged and impotent men in Minting shall have mourning gownes of black cotton or freise and shall goe before my corpes to my buriall. I will that two hearses of black cotten be comelie sett over the sepulture of me and Margret my late wife. And for my generoll expences over and besides the former I give and allowe unto my Executors $xijj^u$. vjs . $viiij$. Also I will that foure men which shall carry my corpes unto the Church shall have every of them a black mourning coate. To Clement Cooke of Minting gent. xxs . and to Sarah his wife xls . and to Elizabeth, Alice, and Anne his daughters xxs . apiece. I give moreover to him and his heirs certain lands I purchased in Minting. Residue of my goods etc. to be distributed by my Executors among my sister's children and their's. Fynally, whereas about vij or viij yeares agoe by reason of much impotency and weakness of bodie I was enforced to make choyce of some friend to have the ordering and disposition of my goodes and landes to my best use and benefit during my life, and by the motion and perswasion of some friendes made choice of one Robert Dighton of London goldsmith to commyt my trust unto, which said Robert Dighton then being come into the Countrey and fallen much into decay and want upon Conference had did gladlie undertake and faithfully promise honestly to execute the same, whereupon I did

not only give a lettre of Atturney unto him to take and imploy my goods to my best use and benefit during my like, but also was persuaded to make a will and therein appoynted him sole Executor, and only in consideration of his future service and paynes about me to be taken during my life was drawne and persuaded to make an estate unto him in reversion of certayne landes in Minting now by this will given and bequeathed unto Clement Cooke and his heires. But the said Robert Dighton contrary to the trust and confidence in him reposed, having no sooner obtayned a Deede thereof together with a lettre of Atturney and a will under my hand and seale and having gotten into his possession all such bills and bondes of debt as by any meanes were due unto me, amounting in all to foure hundred poundes or thereabouts did not only in most grosse manner abuse me and myne in my house, but presently arter got him to London and carryed with him all my saide bills and bondes and diverse others of my evidences and writings and would by noe meanes be drawne either to come downe to relieve me or redeliver my said writings. Whereupon I was enforced to make choice of some others to helpe me in my present necessity and to recover out of his handes by order of Lawe and all such bills and bondes of debts as I could then particularly remember, which by no meanes else could be obtayned. Upon which misdemeanour and trust broken, and by unkinde and more indirect meanes practised I have thought good to revoke that will, and recall such deede and lettre of Atturney, and do hereby altogether disanull, make frustrate revooke disallow, all such deedes, will and lettre of Atturney to him made, and do ordayne make ratifie and confirme this my last will and testament. I make George Ashton of Minting gent., and Marie his wife my full executors. And Thomas Gouldingham gent. supervisor, and give him for his paines x^{li}.

Prob. at Lincoln 7 Oct. 1607 by George Ashton ; power reserved to the other Ex^r.

The testator was one of the family of Dighton, of Sturton, before that, of Lincoln, and probably, more remotely, of Yorkshire.

18.

JOHN GUEVERA (*or* GUEVARA).

This 18th March in the second yere ef the reigne of our Sovereigne Lord K. James etc. I John Guevera of Stanigott in the Countie of Lincoln Esquire being whole of bodie and according to that measure god hath given me of a perfect minde and memorie, his name bee praised, doe make and ordaine this my last will etc. I recomend my soule into the handes of allmightie god beinge fullie assured that I shall be saved by the merits and mediation of his sonne Christe Jesus whose all sufficientie hath satisfied the justice

of god his father, for mee, whose deathe hath made an attonement betweene god and mee, and whose rysinge againe doth perswade mee that he hath conquered death and will raise me up at the last in glorye. I will that if I die in Lincolnshire my bodie shall bee buried in the Church of Stanigott in the place between the bodies of my dead ffather and mother. Item I will that there bee a marble stone bought and laid over the place where my ffather's corpes was buried whereon I would have ingraven in greate letters his name, the place and country from whence hee came, the names of his wyfes and children hee had, the age hee lived and the yere and daye hee dyed in. Furthermore I will devise and appointe yt Sr Nicholas Saunderson of ffillingham in the Countie of Lincolne, Knight, and Captaine Henrie Guevera of Barwicke my lovinge and beloved brothers shall and may have hould occupie and enjoye all that my manner and lordshipp of Stanigott in the countie of Lincoln with the rightes, members and appurtenances etc. And all my premisses in Asterbie, (certain landes etc. being excepted) to have and to hould the same and to receive the rentes etc. during the minoritie of my sonne Francis Guevera my heire apparent. Touchinge the education of my sonne ffrancis Guevera or such other my sonne or sonnes as shall be heire if the saide ffrancis doe not live I will limitte and appointe that he the saide ffrancis my sonne shall have these three yeres, hee continuynge his studie in the universitie of Cambridge, thirtie poundes yerelye and from and after his departure thence hee travalinge for increase of his learninge unto anie of the universities of the protestantes in Germanie and there continuynge by the space of other three yeres which as a father I enjoyn him to doe as well for his settlinge in religion as further enablinge in all gentleman like studies for knowled, my will is yt hee shall have duringe such his dutifull observance of my direction herein fortie poundes yearlie which I thinke sufficient to mainetaine him frugallie and honestlie, out of my said manor, lands and tenelements aforesaid. (A portion to be raised for younger son William Guevera.) To Anne Guevera my beloved wief my capitall house or messuage in Stanigott with all my landes etc. (excepte onely one Sheepwalke called the Warrend) with my water milne and water course or streame nowe in my owne occupation etc. for and in nature of her jointure and in recompence and discharge of her dower, duringe her naturall lief etc. I give and bequeath unto the said Anne my beloved wief my coach with the furniture and two of my best horses. Also the one half of all my household stuffe and plate. To my sister Amcotes ten poundes. To my beloved brother Henrie Guevara ten poundes. To Sr Nicholas Saundersonne a ringe with fortie shillings. To my cosen Whittington xls. to buy him a ringe. To Mr. Cooke preacher of Louthe xxs. (Legacies to servants.) I give unto the poore of Stanigott fortie shillings, and

which I maye not forgett I give unto my Cosen and assured frende Mr. George Allington and his good wief to either xls. to bee bestowed in some thinge as memorandum of my confirmed love towards them. I give to my little Roberte Saunderson fortie shillings to buy some eare toye which to receave as a token of my love. To Francis Guevara my sonne the other moytie and halfe of all my household stuffe and all my bookes and Armour with all thinges thereunto belonginge. (Entail of Stanigott manor on 1st, Francis Guevara; 2nd, William Guevara; 3rd, his brother Henry Guevara; 4th, his right heirs.) I make Sr Nicholas Saunderson Knight my lovinge brother in lawe and Captaine Henrie Guevara my beloved brother Executors until Francis Guevara is 21. These are the thinges that I thought to doe, and I hope the Lord God will grant the performance thereof accordinglye, there is unto all thinges an appointed time and ther will bee an end of all thinges, whilst wee live wee are carefull for the world and at our deathe wee endeavour to have our state continued to our posteritie, yet wee knowe that man cannot abyde in honour for hee is compared unto the beasts that perishe. This is our Pilgrimage, and such is our vanitie, but there is nothinge like to the feare of ye Lorde, for hee doth give his children the blessinge of peace, this can I wishe but not leave unto my children. God hath blessed mee thus, and I beseech him to blesse us, soe that wheather wee live or dye wee may bee his. Amen. John Guevara.

A schedule of parcels of land annexed being what was left to Dame Anne Guevara in the above will. Ratified and confirmed 3d June 1607.

Prob. at Lincoln 23d July, 1607, by Sir Henry Guevara, Knight, the other exr., Sir Nicholas Saunderson, renouncing.

The testator was Knighted 28 March, 1604-5, after he made his will. He married Anne, daughter of Robert Saunderson, of Saxby, Reasby, etc. After Sir John, the Guevara family declined. His father, Francis Velez de Guevara, came from Biscay, in Spain. In 1635 Sir John's son, Francis Guevara, sold the manor of Cawkwell to John South, of Keistern. Stanigot passed to the Allingtons, of Swinhope. Susan, sister of the testator, married Matthew Amcotts, of Wickenby; and another sister, Catherine, married John Chapman, of Scamblesby.

19.

RICHARD BERRISFORD.

The 12th Feb. 1606. Richard Berrisford of the cittie of Lincolne gent. (Nuncupative will.) He made Margaret his wife his sole executor. He gave Alice Colt his sister twenty pounds. His wife was to bring up and maintain Margery Colt his sister's daughter, "till shee wear otherwise better provided for by her said mother." He made his good neighbours and friends Mr. Doctor Barber and Mr. Leonard Carr supervisors.

Prob. at Lincoln 6 June 1607 by Ex^r.

* Another member of the Berrisford family of Leadenham.

20.

HUMFRY BOGGE.

The 6th July, the fifth year of James King of England etc. and of Scotland the fortieth. I Humfry Bogge of Donington in the parts of Holland and in the County of Lincoln esquire. My bodye to be buried in the south quere of the parish church in Donington aforesaid, and for my mortuarie as the kinge's lawes requireth. To the Cathedral Church of Lincoln xijd. To the repaire of the Church of Donington xs. To the repaire of the Church of Sutterton xs. To the use of the poore of Sutterton fortie shillings, to be disposed according to a former legacye given by my deceased father. To the poore of Donington fiftie shillings. To the children of Richard Quincey iij^{li}. vjs. viijd. apiece when 21. To Josua Bogge my brother fortie shillings. To Samuell Bardyn my kinsman fiftene poundes. To Francis Pasmore the younger iij^{li}. vjs. viijd. when 21. To every one of my servants xs. To Elizabeth Pouncett xxs. To Katherine Muncke xxs. To John Bardyn xs. To Hellen Garth xs. To Isabel my well beloved wife twelve of my best milche kine, one bull, fower score ewes and fower score lambes, my bald amblinge gelding, a bald mayre, one fole, a blacke rydinge nagge, a little browne bay maire, a paire of draughte oxen and my waine, two of my younge geldinges, an iron gray that was of the water mayre, and the other gelding, a bay that was of the bald mayre afore given unto her. Item halfe my household stuffe and halfe my old corne. Item my wood and timber in my yeard wherein I nowe dwell. Item all my customarie landes holden of the manor of Earles Hall in fframpton, all my customarie landes holden of Munkes Hall in Gosberkirke and five acres of coppiehold landes holden of the manor of Wickes in Donington, for her life naturall; remaynder to James Bogge my sonne and to his heires for ever. Item to my said wife my mansion-houise wherein I nowe dwell with all my freehold landes etc. in Donington; she to pay my son James Bogge fiftie poundes a year, and fortie shillings a year to the eldest sonne of John Quarleys of Wansworth during the space of fower yeares and a halfe to keepe him at Oxford. My said wife to have the use of my parsonage of Bicker so long as she shall keep herself unmarried; the ground lease and assignments which I have of the same to remayne in the custodie of my sonne James Bogge. Item to my wife, my brother, Charles Metham of Bullington Esq., my sonne James Bogge and to his wife, xxs. apiece to make them ringes withal, the posey *cadens subito*. To my brother Hicks of Boston and his wife my sister, to my brother Whittingham and his wife, to my nephewe Quarleis of Ufford, to my brother Quarleis of Ufford and his wife, to my brother Jonas and his wife, to my brother Quincey and his wife, and to my nephewe Quarleys xs. apiece for ringes with posey as aforesaid. Item I give to Charles

Metham of Bullington Esq. and to Jasper Hicckes of Boston, gent., two partes of fiftie three acres of pasture, and fortie acres of salt marshe holden of the right honourable Thomas Earle of Exeter as of his soke of Kirton by knight's service towards the payment of my debts and discharge of my legacies. Also I give to them two partes of all my landes holden of Huntingfeild Hall in Bicker to the like use during the tearme of two yeares. Residue to my sonne James Bogge whom I make sole executor.

Sealed and acknowledged as the last will etc. 18 July 1607, in the presence of Leonard Purie.

25 July 1607 at Lincoln. Admon. given to Charles Metham of Bullington during the minority of James Bogge the ex^r. Power being reserved.

The Boggs probably came from Co. Notts., and were the same as the Bugg family, bearing the same arms. Giles Bogg, of Sutterton, married the heiress of the Grandorge family; see *Via. of Linc.*, 1562, and *Wills* 197 and 245 in 1st series. Sir James Bogg, knt., married Katherine, daughter of Charles Metham, of Bullington.

21.

NICHOLAS MADISON.

The 14th day of Januarie 1607. I Nicholas Madison of Wetherne in the Countie of Lincoln clerke. I give my soule to almightie god who hath happely made me and by the precious death of his deare sonne Christ hath redeemed me, and my body to be buried within my greate chancell in Wytherne aforesaid. To the Cathedral Church of Lincoln xijd. and to my parish church of Wetherne ijs. To the better helpe and releife of the poore in Witherne the some of xxxs. in monye wherwith I appoint two chalders of coles shalbe bought and so be sould to the poorest sort in Witherne in time of winter by the collectors for the poore or churchwardens of Wytherne for the time being as that the said sume of xxxs. may remaine for the yearly provision of two chalders of coles to the use and benefitt of the said poore of Witherne for ever. To every of Christopher Maddison's children vs. To every of my late brother William Maddison's children vs. To every of my sister Elizabeth Burrell's children vs. To Nicholas Madison sone of Marke xs. to be putt out to his use untill he come to lawful age. To Dorcas Madison daughter of the said Marke Madison vjs. viijd. to be putt out etc. To George Maddison my sonne and his heirs for ever all my houses and landes in Wetherne Staine and ffulstroppe fenne according to two deeds of feoffment made by me unto Thomas Mawer and Bryan Cramer of Wetherne to certaine uses in the said deed specified beareing date the xxij day of December in the xxxvijth yeare of the raigne of our late soveraigne Lady Elizabeth. To the said George Maddison my sonne my gilded maser my gilded salte foure silver

spoones my best, and the bed furnished which I bought of Mr. Richard Allen. To the said George Maddison my sonne my best framed table my best carpett my best chaire iiij buffet stoles my best landirons my best cobirons and mine Iron chimne. To Anne Madison my sonne George's wife one cubberd which I bought of Thomas Cooke. To Sr George ffitzwilliams of Mablethorpe xxs. in gould. To every one of my poore kinsfolks in Tottle, Gaiton or elsewhere xijd. and unto every one of my godchildren xijd. I will that Elizabeth Burrell daughter of Elizabeth Burrell be educated and brought up by my executors untill the age of xviiij yeares, and then shall have paid unto her one Que or xxs. in monye. To Alice Barker my daughter's daughter x^{li}. and xxs. to be paid yearlie to her nse till she is xxj yeares or married. Also to the said Alice the bed furnished which standeth in the chamber over the parlor. To Thomas and Elizabeth Barker my said daughter's children xs. apiece. To Jane Pesse my daughter and Stephen her son xxs. apiece. To every poore house in Wethern iiijd. To Nicholas Prestwicke and his three sonnes ijs. apiece. To John Pesse xs. To every of my servants ijs. and to Thomas Chapman iij ewes and three lambes to be delivered unto him at clipping time. To Mr. ffrancis Hanby xs. in gold. Residue to be equally divided between my wife Isabel and my sonne George Maddison. I appointe my wife Isabel sole executor. If she refuse, then my sonne George Maddison and my sonne in law John Pesse. I ordaine my son in law Richard Barker supervisor and give him xs. I will that Isabel my wife shall not claime any dowrie in my ground in ffullstropp fenne given to my sonne George or shall lay claime to any plate or household stuff she brought with her. To Charles Goodhand and Magdalen Goodhand his sister xs. I desire Mr. Richard Hanby to Preach at my buriall to whome I give my best booke he will chuse in my small librarie, Prob. at Lincoln 25 Jan. 1607 by Ex^r.

He was one of the Trusthorpe branch of the Maddisons, which first appears in the Vis. of Linc. in 1684. It cannot be attached to the Fonaby family which came from Durham in 1462.

22.

JOHN MARKHAM.

The 26th July 1607. I John Markham, Gent., one of the sonnes of John Markham late of Seidbroke in the County of Lincoln Esq. Whereas I am indebted to my brothers and to some other persones in divers somes of money, I will and appoint that they shall be fullie satisfied and payed etc. My mind is that Sr Ralph Barton, Knight, William Ellis, Esquier, and ffrancis Bullingham, Esquier, whoe have divers lands and tenements in trust to my use (viz., all the landes in Norfolk which were my said late ffather's, for that I have compounded with my brothers for their partes therein and the further parte of my said late ffather's lands in Holland in the

countie of Lincoln) shall and will hereof dispose to the executors of this my will. That is that with the sale thereof or of parte thereof my debts legacies and funerall expenses may be discharged. And then for the residewe of the saide landes or residewe of the said monye thereupon cominge I doe give one thirde parte thereof to Sr Phillip Tirwhitt, Knight, Sr Hamond Whichcote, Knight, and to the said William Ellis, Esquier, and their heires to be disposed of accordinge to my secrett trust by mee made knowne unto the said Sr Phillip Tirwhitt and William Ellis. Item I give the other twoe partes to my lovinge brothers Charles and William Markham, and to their heires. I appointe my lovinge brother in lawe Mr. Anthony Ayre to bee my executor and give him x^{li}, and to my lovinge sister his wief x^{li}. Residewe of my goods to be disposed of as I have disposed of my lands etc. To my lovinge Brother in lawe Sr Hamond Whichcote v^{li}. and to his wife my lovinge sister v^{li}. To my loving brother in lawe John Molineux Esq. v^{li}. and to my sister his wife v^{li}. To Mr. Richard Banester in respect of his great paines taken within this my sicknes, and of many other kindnesses by him done unto mee twenty marks. To my lovinge aunte the Lady Martha Tirwhitt xls. To my lovinge cosen Mrs. Ellis xls. To my lovinge sister in law the Lady Markham xls. I will my executor shall out of my lands or otherwise sufficientlie convey unto my aunt Hornsey xxs. annuitie for lief, and to William Bonye one annuitie of xxs. for lief, and an annuitie of xxs. to William Bradshawe for life. I give xxs. apiece to William Symney servant to my brother George, to Thomas Notley servant to my brother William, and to ——— Fox servant to my brother Charles. Witnessed by Philip Tirwhitt, William Ellis and others.

Prob. at Lincoln 16 Oct. 1607 by Anthony Ayre Ex^r.

An uncle of Sir Anthony Markham, whose Will has been given.

23.

JOHN SKIPWITH.

The 28th Sept. in the fyfte yeare of the raigne of James Kinge of England Frances and Ireland, and of Scotland the fourth and one. John Skipwith of Staine in the Countie of Lincoln, gent. I give unto frances my wief two Kyne, one trussle bedsted with a featherbed and all the furniture thereof. Item all the money that is fallen due unto mee and to her in Yorke by the death of Mistres faith Meres late wief of Laurence Meres late of Yorke Esquire deceased, by an awarde maide betwixt Hamon Upton of Wainfleet in the Countie of Lincoln Esquire and Robert Purley of Thorpe in the said Countie gent., of the one part, and Mr. Waterhouse Mr. Jackson and others of Yorke executors to the said Laurence Meres

of the other parte, provided ellwaies and my will is that if anie suite or trouble happen for the recoverie of the said money that the foresaid ffrances my wief shall of her sole and proper costs and charges demande recover and receive the same to her best use and benefette, and that my Executor shall not anie waye stand charged with the recoverie or payment of the said money or of anie parte or parcell thereof. And all though this bee but a small portion yet I desire her to bee contented therewith in regard of two hundred pounds which I gave unto Dorothy Upton her doughter at the time of her marriage at which time indeede the said ffrances my wief did promise me to bee contented with whatsoever I should give her at the houre of my death; and further I give unto the said ffrances my wief twentie pounds in money whereof sixteen pounds and ten shillings remaineth in the hands of Mr. Valentine Upton her sonne, due unto mee as parcell of my last Botulphe's Rent, and the other three pounds and ten shillings to bee paid to her by my executors. To the Cathedrall Church of Lincoln xijd. To Marie Smith five pounds on the daye of her marriage. To my brother William Skipwith ffourtie shillings. To my brother Trustram Skipwith xxs. To my cosen Everard Buckworth of Wisbitch a double soveraigne. To Theophilus Buckworth a double soveraigne. To William his brother a double soveraigne. To the poore of Skedbrooke and Saltflete-haven ten shillings. To the poore of Ingoldmells six shillings and eightpence. To the poore of Anderbie five shillings. To Sr George ffitzwilliam of Mablethorpe, knight, a double soveraigne. To Gawin Skipwith my eldest sonne all my lands, tenements etc. to him and his heires forever. To my good Ladie Saundersonne a double soveraigne. To my Ladie Turwhitt late wief of Mr. Robert ffitzwilliam Esquier a double soveraigne. To my sister Harrington one heckfer which she has now in her custodie. I request and desire the right worshipfull Sr Nicholas Saundersonne of fillingham knight, Sr John Langhton of Boston knight, and my cosen Edward Skipwith of Bennieworth esquire to bee supervisors; and give to each a double soveraigne. I make my sonne Gawin Skipwith full and sole executor.

Prob. 23 March 1607 by Ex^r.

An illegitimate branch of the Skipwiths of South Ormsby. Testator had married as his 2nd wife, Frances, daughter of Lawrence Meres.

24.

GEORGE SKEPPER.

The 28th Sept. 1606. George Skepper of Boston in the Countie of Lincoln gent. made and ordeined his Last will and testament in manner and forme following. ffirste and before all things he bequethed his soule to almightie god. And his body to be buried in the parrish church of East Kyrckby. And as concerning hys

worldly goodes he gave and bequethed them all and singuler to Suzanne his welbeloved wief willing her to see his dettes payd and his funerall performed. And to take all that he had and paye all. These being present, John Lacon of East Kirkby, Mrs. frances Cheyney and Mrs. Anne Cheyney.

Prob. at Boston 30 March 1607 by Susanna Skepper relict and ex^r.

One of a family from Durham which settled at East Kirkby in the 16th century.

25.

SIR RICHARD PELL.

S^r Richard Pell of Dembleby in the County of Lincoln Knight, sicke in body etc. My body I give to the earth from whence it came to be buried where it shall please my Executrix which I would have done without any chargeable funeralls. To my welbeloved wyffe Dame Katherine Pell all my lands etc. in Haceby-Briggend and Horblinge to her and her heirs forever to sell and otherwise dispose thereof at her will and pleasure. Item all my goods, leases, chattles, and debts to bringe my body honestly to the ground and to pay my debts withall. I make her my sole executrix. Dated the 29th March, 1607. Witnessed by Anne and Mary Pell and others.

Prob. 31 Oct. 1637 by Ex^r.

See pedigree in Vis. of 1592. Testator's wife was Katherine daughter of Anthony Meres of Aubourn.

26.

HARBERT LACON.

The 30th March 1602. I Harbert Lacon of Humberstone in the county of Lincoln gent. being hole in body and of perfect remembrance, god be thanked, weighing with myself this our sickill estate in this transitorie world with the uncertentie of theis our troublesome daies as also what and how dangerous a thing it is in the tyme of sickness to trouble our minds and consciences with anie worldlie affaires do ordeine and make etc. And for my bodie my request is, if it please god to call me to his mercie in Humberstone, to have it buried in the little qweare besides my wife's corpee and my mother's. To the Church of Humberstone vs. To the poore of the same towne xs. To the poore of Cleethorpes xs. To the poore of Grymesbie xs. To a preacher for my funerall sermon xs. To Cristabell my wife all snch somes of monie and goods as I with my brother Blundeston stand bounde to leave her at the hower of my death. The Inventorie whereof as she herself did praise them doth remaine in this box with this my last will. Moreover I give unto her fiftie pounds with the chesse bedd wherein she lieth with all the furniture thereunto belonging. To my daughter

Turwhit a peyce of plate called a beaker with a Spurr Riall. To Nell her daughter iiij^{li}. vjs. viijd. To my daughter Leake one litle salt duble gilte and a Spur Riall. To my sister Horsley (?) and my sister Susan to either of them a Spur Riall. To my sonne Hansert and my daughter Patchett either of them a duble duckett. To my brother William all my apparell and iiij^{li}. vjs. viijd. in monie, and to his sonne Robert xls. Residue of goods and plate unbequeathed to my sonne William Lacon whom I make sole executor. My sonnes in law Mr. Edward Skipwith and francis Tirwhitt supervisors, and give either of them xxs.

Mem. That my wife hath in her owne custodie both her bracelets with all the goulde to them belonging.

Prob. at Lincoln 8 March 1607 by Ex^r.

He married first, Anne, daughter of Nicholas Blundeston, see Vis. of 1592, pa. 46; and secondly, Christabel, daughter of Matthew Suttleffe. of Grimsby, and widow of Richard Hansard, of Biscathorpe.

27.

THOMAS TAILOR.

Thomas Tailor of Doddington in the Countie of Lincoln, gent. I will my bodie to be buried in the parishe churche of Doddington aforesaid. Towards the reparations of the Cathedrall Churche of Lincoln iiij^{li}. I bequeath for tokens of remembrance viz. to my late sonne in lawe Mr. William Aiscough an old royall, to Mrs Katherine Ruckby, to Mrs. ffaithe Mussendine, to Mrs. Jane Allington, to Mr. John Jon of Barrowe, to Mr. Leon Hollingworth, to Mr. Edmond Shuttleworth, to Mr. Amos Bedford, parson of Hanworthe, and to my late servante Mr. John Pregon, to everie one of them an old Angell. I forgive my brother James Tailor one hundred pounds of the cclxxx^{li}. which he owethe me. To my brother Edward Tailor c^{li}. of the residwe of the said cclxxx^{li}. To the children of my brother George Tailor x^{li}. To the children of sister Dolittle x^{li}. To mye sister Jane Heywarde x^{li}. and to the children of my sister Katherine x^{li}. All which said legacies to be paid of the said residwe of the cclxxx^{li}. which my said brother James dothe owe me. To William Plumtree my late servant xls. etc. To Elizabeth Anton my graundchilde one thousand pounds, and three hundred which S^r Roger Aiscough knight dothe owe me. Alsoe I constitute and make George Anton, Mr. Thomas Randes, and Mr. George Allington Esquyers supervisors of this my last will etc. and I give to everie one of them fyve markes. Residue to Thomas Tailor my sonne whome I make my sole executor. The 24th June 1606.

Prob. at Lincoln 30 Nov. 1607 by Ex^r.

A wealthy Lincoln merchant. He built the fine old house at Doddington which descended to his granddaughter and eventual heiress, Elizabeth Anton (daughter of George Anton, Recorder of Lincoln), who married Sir Edward Hussey, of Honington, Bart.

28.

JANE CAWDRON.

Jane Cawdron of Spaldinge nowe wief of Anthony Cawdron Esquire, of whole minde and perfecte memorie, thankes be given unto god therfore, notwithstandinge somewhat sicke in bodie etc. If it shall please god I would bee buried in the Church of Spaldinge where my mother was buried or near unto her, unto which Church and the Church of Heckington for and towards the maintenance and repaire of them I give them five shillings apeece. To my saide husband my Cheane to bestowe at his death of whome yt pleaseth him, and sixe poundes yearlie duringe the terme of five yeres next after my decease issuinge oute of my Landes in Weston purchased of Roger Manners Esquire. To Peter Ashton my kinsman fortye pounde. To Jane Ashton his sister fortie poundes. To William Ashton their brother six poundes thirteene shillings and four pence. To James Ashton their brother fortie shillings a yere for the space of four yeres. Item my will and minde is that the severall somes before given to Peter and Jane Ashton bee delivered out to some honest and substantiall persons to imploy for their most comoditie and profit, and to bee delivered unto them ether at the age of eighteene yeres or els at their severall marriages day. To Ellen Hamerton my daughter's mayd three poundes six shillings and eight pence. To Bridget Brocklesby tenn poundes. To Elizabeth Cawdron five poundes. To Robert Massy fortie shillings. To Christopher Beeson twentie shillings. To Luce Garnet my mayd twentie shillings. To the residue of my maides everie one two shillings apeece. To my daughter Jane Gamlyn my murrey clothe gowne, my russett Satten dublet and kirtle my blacke silke gowne and my damaske kirtle my Braceletts of gould smythe worke my best purse and the gould in the purse. To my said daughter and my nephewe Thomas Hartegrave all my householde stuffe as it nowe standeth furnished whatsoever that was my late husbände's Nicholas Wolriche's in the Abbay house at Spaldinge equallie to be divided betwixt them. To my nevewe Brocklesby five markes to make him a ringe with a deathe's heade, and to my daughter his wief my Roed taffeta kirtle and dublett. To my brother Edmund Ashton one gylded bowle and one white bowle of silver not gylt. To my cosen James Ashton and my neece to ether of them a ringe with a deathe's heade. To my neece Hopwood my lytle ac n(acorn?) of silver gylded. To my said kinsman Thomas Hartegrave my land at Weston purchased of the aforesaid Roger Manners Esquire payinge to my said husband as is aforesaid. Residue of goods, plate, money, parcell of the two hundred poundes jewells and other goods not given nor bequeathed I give wholly to my said kinsman Thomas Hartegrave whome I make full executor.

Dated the 14th March in the five and twentieth yere of the raigne of the Queene's majestie that now is, 1582. Witnessed by Anthony Cawdron, Robert Massye and Jane Cawdron.

Prob. at Lincoln 28 Nov. 1607 by Ex^r.

She was the daughter of James Ashton, of Chadderton, in Lancashire, and was the wife of first, Nicholas Wolrich, of Spalding; secondly, of Anthony Cawdron, of Heckington, Co. Lincoln. Her daughter by her first husband, Jane, married Sir Matthew Gamlyn Knight, of Fulney Hall, in Spalding.

29.

JOHN HOLLAND.

Memorandum that John Holland of Hemingbie in the Countie of Lincoln gent. beinge sicke in bodie but of goode and perfect memorie did make and declare his last will and testament nuncupative the xvth daie of September, 1608, etc. Hee did give unto the poore people of Hemingbie vjs. viijd. To John Bonner the sonne of Richard Bonner one ewe sheepe or els vjs. viijd. in silver. To Dorothis Maltbie his maid servant one ewe sheepe or els vjs. viijd. in silver. Hee did make and appointe Mr. William Hansard of Biskerthorpe and Mr. Stephen Phillipps of Wispington gents. supervisors of this his last will, and did give unto either of them for their paines twentie shillings. Item hee did make and appointe Jane Holland his wief full executor to whome he did give all the reste of his goodes etc.

Prob. at Lincoln 10 Oct. 1608 by Ex^r.

Possibly an offshoot of the Hollands of Swineshead.

30.

JEROME WRAY.

Jerome Wray of Hoggesthorpe yeoman, sicke in bodie but sounde in mynde etc. To the mother church of Lincoln xijd. To my sonne Jerome Wray xx^{li}. To my sonne Charrells x^{li}. To my daughter Dorathie Wray x^{li}. To my daughter ffaythe x^{li}. To my daughter Ursley x^{li}. To my daughter Marie x^{li}. To my daughter Barbarie x^{li}. To my sone Thomas x^{li}. These portions to be paid when my children are xxi years of age. To Ruth Thewe my daughter a pasture ewe and a lambe. To Jane Paule my daughter a pasture ewe and a lambe. To the children of Richard Thewe and John Paule every one of them a sheder lamb at clippinge tyme. To the poore of Hoggesthorpe vs. Residue to Anne my wyfe whom I make sole executrix. I desyer William Wray of Newbell to be supervisor. Dated 22 April, the 6th of James King of England etc. and of Scotland the 41st.

Prob. at Lincoln 11 May 1608 by Ex^r.

He had married Anne, daughter of John Kirkman, of East Keal.

31.

JOHN CLERK.

The 25th Dec. 1608. John Clerk of Ingoldmells in the Countie of Lincoln clerk sick in bodie but of good and perfect remembrance etc. To be buried in the chancel at Ingoldmells. To my daughter Suzanna Clerke xiiij^{li}. vis. viijd. To my sonne Francis Clerke xiiij^{li}. vis. viijd. To my daughter Debora Clerke xiiij^{li}. vis. viijd. To my daughter Rebecca Clerke xiiij^{li}. vis. viijd. To my daughter Margarete Clerke xiiij^{li}. vis. viijd. To my sonne William Clerke xiiij^{li}. vis. viijd. To my daughter Tabitha Clerke xiiij^{li}. vis. viijd. (These portions to be put out for their use till they are xxi years of age.) To my sonne Thomas Clerke vi^{li}. xijs. iiijd. when xxi. Item I geve unto Skipwithe Carsey my sonne in lawe and Anne Carsey his wief my daughter xxs. To Lovell Carsey sonne of my foresaid sonne in lawe Skipwith Carsey v^{li}. to be put forth in his behalf by my executor etc. Residue to my sonne John Clerke whom I make sole executor requesting and intreating Mr. Cater of Addlethorpe clerke, Mr. Skipwith of Ingoldmells gent., William Stephenson of Orby, and Francis Curtis to be assistantes to my executor.

Prob. at Lincoln 29 March 1609 by Exr.

The Carseys named in this Will were a family which shared with the Ayscoughs, and others, in the division of the estates of Charles Brandon, Duke of Suffolk. They disappear before the Commonwealth.

32.

FRANCES CHENEY.

The 25th Nov. 1604. I Francis Cheney of Boston in the Countie of Lincln widowe, in good health and perfect memorie. I will that my bodie shall be buried in the Church of Boston aforesaid as neare to the bodie of my late husband deceased William Cheney esquier as possible maye be. To my sonne Christopher Cheney my seale of armes, also all my harnes arms and artillerie whatsoever, his late deceased father's, item my steele Caskett with all that is therein as it standeth locked to remaine to him duringe his lief, and after his decease to his sonne and heire because yt was my father's. Item to John Cheney my sonne two hundred pounds which his father willed yt he should have after my decease, to bee paid unto him of the firste debts that growe due unto me by obligation. Item to Francis Cheney his daughter that hundred poundes which Mr. Nicholas and Mr. Thomas Lysle gentlemen doe owe unto mee by obligation if it bee recovered by lawe. But I will that my daughter Anne Cheney shall have the use thereof duringe her lief, and that she shall have the education and bringinge upp of the said Francis Cheney. Item to my sonne Killingworth an old Angle, and to my daughter his wief my borders of goldsmith's

worke nowe in her owne custodie which I will shée shall have duringe her lief, and after her decease Marie Killingworth her daughter to have the same. Item to ffancis Croppley my cosen one double duckett. Item to my sonne ffield an old Angle, and to my daughter his wief my kirtle of blacke satten and my best purse. To John Morton my ould servante five poundes and I desire my sonne Christofer Cheney to give him that cottage which his father Mr. Cheney gave unto him the said John on his death bedd. To Margaret Whitt all my ould wearinge apparell and all my wearinge linen that is to saie Smockes aprons partiettes vailles kircheffs and crossclothes and one cowe. Item to Mrs. Skepper wief of Mr. Edward Skepper my best petticoat and Mrs. Purie a wroughte stooles of blew and read crule. Item to William Skepper my godson one double duckett, and to ould Mrs. Stephenson a pare of gloves. Item to Anne Cheney my daughter my little rounde coffer bounde with barres of iron which was my mother's as it stands with all therein fast locked. Residue to Anne Cheney my daughter whom I make full executrix. Item to Luce Browne one double duckett. In witness thereof I have affixed hereunto my seale of armes etc.

Prob. at Boston 4 Aug. 1608 by Ex^r.

She was the natural daughter of Sir Thomas Cheney, or Cheyney, Lord Warden of the Cinque Ports, and married her distant cousin William Cheney, son of William Cheney of Thorngumbald in Holderness. He settled at Boston, and was buried there in the 41st Elizabeth. From the younger son, John Cheney of Benington, descended a family of Cheney at Boston in the last century in trade, which became extinct about the beginning of this century. It is represented in the female line by the Garfit and Thirkill families. See Visitations of Yorkshire in 1584 and 1612, ed. by J. Foster, pa. 148. Her daughter, Elizabeth Cheney, had married John Killingworth of co. Cambridge, and their daughter, Anne, married Richard Skepper, of East Kirkby, co. Lincoln.

33.

JOHN KIRKMAN.

The 15th May 1608. John Kirkman of Easter Keale in the Countie of Lincoln gentleman beinge sicke of body but god be thanked of good and perfecte memorie etc. To be buried in the Church of Easter Keale aforesayd. To Ursuley my wife twentie poundes to be payed hir yearlie and everie yeare at the feastes of Michaelmase and phillipe and Jacobe, during hir naturall life out of my landes in Easter Keale and Ingoldmels Addlethorpe. Also one hundred poundes to be payd hir presentlie after my decease if that she and my executoure be not contente to keepe house together, otherwise, if they doe keepe house together, within one whole yeare after my decease. I give hir four kye, my Roynde geldinge with halfe the corne in the house with a chalder of new rye and a chalder of barley this next yeare followinge my decease, with half my household stuffe. Also to ffaith Wraye my grandchild fortie poundes to be payed hir when she shall accomplish the age of twentie one yeares. I make Austen Kirkman my sone and heire Apparante Executor of this my last will etc.

(Signed John Kirkman).

Item my will and testament further is that whereas I with my executor afforesayd have sette oure handes to twoe severall notes for the payement of one hundred poundes to Jerome Wraygh my sone in lawe, as also that he shall enjoye certaine landes in Ingoldmels Addlethorpe for the use and increase of the same so long as the sayd some of one hundred poundes shalbe undischarged to the sayd Jerome, now knowe my will and testament is, that the sayd hundred poundes shalbe payd between this and the feaste of Christemase next ensueinge, unto Ann Wraigh my daughter, executor of the last will and testament of the forsayd Jerome Wraigh lait of Hoggesthorpe deceased, and that upon the payment thereof, Austen Kirkman my foresayd executor, to reenter upon the foresayd landes by the foresayd notes specified and declared.

Prob. at Lincoln 27 May 1608 by Ex^r.

He was a brother of Lyon Kirkman, whose Will has been given. His son, Austyn married a widow, Frances Edwardes, in 1618, and his son, Isaac Kirkman, was his executor in 1631.

34.

EDMUND SHERARD.

The 6th Dec. 1608. I Edmund Sherard of Bracken end in the parishe of Woodhall and County of Lincoln gent. sicke in body but of perfect memorie etc. My body to the earthe from whence yt came. To Susanna my wief one hundred poundes. To my sonne Robert one hundred poundes. To Elizabeth Sherard my daughter fflowrescore poundes. To the child my wife is conceaved with fflowrescore poundes. The portions to be paid when my son Robert is xxj years of age, and my daughters' portions when they are xx or shall marry. My executrix to keepe and maintaine my children etc. (Bequests to servants.) Item whereas by an arbitrament and award had and made by Sr John Meares of Awbrowg in the County of Lincoln knight and Thomas Harrington of South Witham Esq. arbitrators indifferently elected and chosen by the consent of William Sherard of Loppingthorpe in the parish of North Wytham and countie of Lincoln Knight of the one partie, and I the said Edmund Sherard of the other partie, to arbitrate order deme and judge of matters of controversie then depending and growing betwixt us, the arbitrament by them is as followeth. That the said William Sherard shall be accomptable unto me every yeare of the goods and chattells of John Sherard late of Lincoln gent. deceased, the suites and charges deducted the one moyetie and half thereof to be answered unto me or my assignees at all tymes upon reasonable demand; according to which arbitrament I desire my said brother William Sherard as my trust is in him, that he would discharge the same accordinglie to the benefit of my wife and children. Item my will is that Robert Thompson my father in lawe shall have all my sheepe in Bracken end which I bought of

him and owe for only fourty of them my will ys that he shall paye to my wife for them after vs. iiijd. apeece. I make my wife sole executrix. If she shall chaunce to marry I will that the partie whoe shall take her to wife shall put in good bondes with good securitie for the payment of my children's portions accordingle unto the aforesaid Robert Thompson or his assignes.

Debts dewe to the testator without specialtie. John Ingrum of Bucknall for the sheepe the Lord Willoughbie had xij^{li}.

Edward Skipwith of Ketsbie gent. for lx sheepe xxvij^{li}. and if he refuse the sheepe to pay to my executrix xls. which the testator paid for the sommering of them. Edward Skipwith ys to be accomptable for the wooll of the said sheepe for this last yeare, but for vi^{li}. he hath payde in parte thereof.

The Lord Clynton oweth for one thousand Kiddes iiij^{li}. xs.

Thamas Brownloe servant to the Lord Willoughbie of Knaith oweth for money lent him lvs.

Prob. at Lincoln 9 Jan. 1608-9 by Ex^r.

A younger son of Rowland Sherard, of Lopethorpe, in Leicestershire, by Jane, daughter of Austin Porter, of Belton, Co. Lincoln.

35.

LYONELL MASSINGBEARD.

The 17th Sept. 1609. I Lyonell Massingbeard of Easter Keale in ye countie of Lincolne gentleman being sicke of body etc. My bodie to ye grounde. To George Massingbearde my father one Read heffer. To Joane Gyrnewicke and Alyesse Skrunbe (?) my systers either of them xxs. And the Reasydew of my goods un-bequeathed my debts paid and my body brought to the grounde I geve and bequeathe to Jayne Massingbearde my nowe wife, and Edward Massingbearde my brother to be equally divided betweene them whome I make joynt executors of this my last will and testament. To the poore people of Easter Keale aforesaid vs. I make supervisors George Massingbearde my father and Bartholomew Lawrence my brother in lawe. Signed Lionell Massingbeard.

Prob. 20 Oct. 1609 by Ex^r.

A son of George Massingberd who was the second son of Thomas Massingberd, of Bratoft, by his wife, Alice Bevercotes.

36.

MOSES WILTON.

Anno dom. 1609 Aprilis decimo.

I Moses Wilton of fletee in the County of Lincoln Clarke being in good helth and perfect memorie, I prayse the Lord, doe ordayne and make this my testament and last will the day and yeare above writen in manner followinge. Touchinge myselfe whether I live or die I am the Lord's in Christ Jesus, out of whose hands none is

able to take me for he is greater than all: he onely is my rejoycinge in the presence of god for of him cometh my salvation, he of god the ffather is maide unto me wisdom, righteousnes, sanctification, and redemption, into thy hands Lord Jesus I commend my spiritt to live with the in thy glorious presence with all other the spiritts of perfect and just men where is fullnesse of joy for evermore. And my bodie is allsoe to rest in the grave there to put of Corruption in a sure and certayne hope of risinge againe unto life everlastinge at yt day when thou lord shalt come againe in thy glorie to reward every man accordinge to his works, for thou art able to change my vile bodie that yt may be like to thy glorious bodie accordinge to that thie mightie workinge whereby thou art able to subdue all things to thy owne selfe to the be prayse for evermore and in all places. Amen. Touchinge the things of this life whereof god hath made me his unworthy steward I doe dispose of them as followethe. Imprimis to the use of the poore people inhabitinge in the parishe of flete especially poore widowes and ffatherlesse children (not beinge knowne Bastards) I give eleven pounds which I will shall either be in the hands of the Collectors for the poore dureinge the tyme of their office, yf they will have yt, they puttinge in sufficient securitie to the parson of flete and one of the Churchwardens there for the repayment of the same at the end of ther yeare to the next appointed Collectors and twentie shillings for the use thereof which xxs. I will shalbe divided amongst the foresaid poore by the parson of flete or his substitute in manner followinge, that is to say, upon St Thomas his day xs. and the Sabbath next before Easter xs. But if the Collectors nor any of them will have the said xj^{li}. and doe as is before expressed then I will that the parson of flete or his substitute with the Collectors or some of them shall put the said xj^{li}. into the hands of some sufficient manne takinge securitie for the repayment thereof at the yeare's end, and xxs. to be done therewith as is aforesaid. And soe from yeare to yeare for ever to continue, but if the minister of flete will not perform this my last will towards the poore then I will that Asher my sonne his executors administrators or assignees shall have the same xj^{li}. and in consideration thereof he shall for the space of x yeares next ensueinge after my decease divide amonge the poore as is before expressed yearly xxs. To Sara my daughter xx^{li}. in the hands of Henrie Browne with the yearly rent of the sixe acres mortgaged unto me for the space of 5 yeares. To Margaret my daughter xli^{li}. Touchinge Elizabethe my daughter her portion is in the hands of my cosin Mr. Edward Scarboroughe of Lynne. And the portion of Mary my daughter is in the hands of Mr. James Ashton Vicar of Moulton. To Marie my wife ij acres and a half which I purchased of Henry Browne; also iij acres of arable land etc. My message called the Mill House etc. for her

life natural. Lands purchased of Mr. Greene and Mr. Prockter to my sonne Asher. (Mentions lands which his son Gad is to make assurance of in law to his brother Asher, purchased of S^r John nowe Lord Harrington.)

I give the said sixteen acres and foure acres unto Immanuel Colledge towards the findinge of two schollers untill they be Maisters of Arts allwayes to be chosen out of Moulton Schoole founded by John Haddoxe alias Maddoxe, soe often as their places or any of them be void, by the parson of ffileete for the tyme beinge and one of the fellowes of the same Colledge, in which choyce the poorest or any beinge of ffileete shalbe preferred, yf to others beinge more worthie or beinge of any other place they shall in learninge and other commendable respects be found equall. Item I give to the next Incumbent my successor, and to his successors for ever all my hebrue greeke lattine bookes with the mappes and shelves and glasse and glasse (sic) in my studie upon condition that he the said Incumbent my successor shall discharge my executors of and from all manner of dilapidations which yf he refuse to doe then I will that this my gifte of my foresaid bookes shalbe voide. And then let my executors take my said bookes and doe therein that shalbe found righte.

Books in fol. et eorum pretium. Biblum Junii ultima editio xxs. Expositio Catholica in Novum Testamentum xxij. Musculus in Matheum vjs. viijd. Idem in Johannem vjs. Idem in Romanos et Corinthios vjs. Idem in Gallat. vjs. Gorranus in 4 Evangelistas xxxiijs. Stella in Lucam xjs. Nesphall in psal. xs. Aurea Catena in Jos. vjs. viijd. Quatuor Volumina in opera Chrisostomi xls. Opera Originis in secundo libro xxs. Basil magnus xs. Opera Barnardi xij. iiijd. Opera Bellarmini xls. Gregor. Nazianzenus vjs. viij. Dictionarium Butorii (Buxtorfii?) cum reduct. ls. Gorranus in epistol. vj. viijd. Dictionarium grecum xs. Theat. huma. vite xxxs. Histor. Sabellici vjs. viijd. Augustinus in Psal. vjs. viijd. Institut. Calvini vs. Postill Jacobi de ——— vjs. viijd. Bucerus in quatuor Evangelistas viijs.

Bookes in 4to et eorum pretium.

Jeron. Epist. iijs. Augustini Confessio. iijs. Vrsinus ijs. iiijd. Calvin. Harmon. iijs. Hipocrit. opera ijs. iiijd. Calvin. in Johannem et Act. vs. Idem in epist. vs. Hipii loci Communes ijs. vjd. Petrus Martir in Romanos vs. Calvini Institutiones vs. Haddon et ffoxe in Osorium? iijs. Gram. hebr. ijs. vjd. Rollocus in Ephes. xvijd. Isocrat. greco latin ijs. iiijd. Whitaker contra Bellarminum ijs. Erasmus contra Beza iiijs. Johannes Bede de viris illustribus iijs. Halezi theses ijs. Cartwright in ecclesiam ijs. iiijd. Saravia in Beza ijs. viijd. Rollocus in Danielelem ijs. vjd. Saravia de prohibet. xvijd. Suttecliffe de vera ecclesia R. Bell iijs. Perkinsi problemata xijd.

Libri in octavo et eorum pretium.

Erasmii paraph. in tribus voluminibus vjs. viiij. ——— de predestinatione ijs. xd. Morvœus de vera religione ijs. viij. Piscat. in gene. ijs. vjd. Idem in Matheum ijs. vjd. Idem in Johannem ijs. vjd. Idem in Act. xvij. Idem in Lucam xvij. Idem in omnes Epistolas in quatuor voluminibus vs. Pet. Ram. de vera religione xvij. Johannis Chrisostomi in Matheum ijs. Haimonis homelie ijs. Nicholaus de Orbell super mag. ijs. Arelius de Johanne ijs. iij. Idem in Romanos ijs. Idem in Epistolas Cano. xxd. Luca Lessio in epist. dni (dominicales?) ijs. Hemiagius in evang. dni (dominicalia) ijs. Junii paralelæ ijs. vjd. Beze epistole ijs. Machevelli libri duo vs. Beza ad Seraviam xij. Perkinsus de predestinatione vjd. Beza in Erasmus xiiij. Piscat. de Justificatione contra bellum xij. Brentii Catechismus ijs. Melancthonii loci Communes ijs. Chetrews (Chytræus?) in Epistolas dni (dominicales) ijs. Cipriani volumen ijs. Testamentum xvij. Hiperius in Romanos xd. Eusebius in Evangelium dni. ijs. Sarcerius in principuos sacroscrip. loc. xxd. Hemiagius de method. viij. Libri de justitia Britannica vjd. Grammatica Cleonardi viij. Grammatica Hebr. Martinii xij.

Libri in sexto decimo et eorum pretium.

Biblium Hebr. xij. Psalterium grecum xvij. Plutarch de viris illustribus vs. Flores bilii (biblii?) ijs. vjd. Flor. dtorum ijs. vjd. Summa Consiliorum ijs.

To Ruphe Smith my kinswoman xxs. To eche of my brother William his children xxs. Residue to my two sons Gad and Asher whom I make executors and my brother Wilton supervisor.

Prob. at Grantham 21 Nov. 1609 by Ex^{rs}.

The above Inventory of Books is the most interesting part of the Will. The testator was probably of Puritan sympathies judging by his sons' names, and the preamble to the Will. Fleet is an enormous Fen Parish, and the possession of such a library, in what was then so remote and out of the way a locality, is very remarkable.

37.

EDMUND KYME.

Edmund Kyme of Surfflett in the Countie of Lincoln gent. sick in body etc. The 27th day of December 1610. I wyll that my brother Robert Smythe shall have my bald nagg. To the parsons of Lessingham either of them ten shillings. To Mrs. Barnard xls. To every of her children xxs. apece. To the pore women that kept me in sickness xs. Item three pound that was Edward fowler's legacye by his grandmother I geve to Prudence fowler his mother. To the pore of Surfflett xls. To Mrs. Barnard all my apparrell. I give all my land to my three sisters. Residue to my wife Parnell Kyme whom I make sole executrix.

Prob. by Ex^{rs}. 8 March 1610-11.

A descendant no doubt of the great baronial house of Kyme, now in its decadence.

38.

JAMES WRIGHT.

The 29th Nov. 1610. James Wright of Great Grimsbye in the Countie of Lincolne Esquier sick in body etc. I give and bequeath to Suzan Wright my daughter ccc^{li}. to be payd her at the day of her mariadage or at her age of 21 yeeres. To Elizabeth Wright my daughter ccc^{li}. (to be paid as before). To Isabell Wright my daughter ccc^{li}. (to be paid as before). I give further unto my said three daughters Suzan, Elizabeth, and Isabell to every one of them c^{li}. to be paid unto them out of the mony which Mr. Lyon Skipwith my brother in lawe doth owe unto me within one yeere next after the death of the said Lyon with the like conditions as before. To my son John Wright all my lands etc. in Great Carleton fen, and all that pasture and meadowe ground in South Somercoates and Conisholme, now leased to John Denham of Louth, to my said sonne and his heirs forever, also all my close of pasture in Welesbye in the parish of Clee now leased to Harbert Allingson, and that my close called Trancard Close now in the tenure of John Curteis of Scarthoe; also all my lands in Great Grimsby; also c^{li}. to be payd him by my executor at his age of xxiiij yeeres. Item to my Aunte Willson yeerly during her life xs. To Judeth Sutton my daughter one Annuity of nyne poundes during the naturall lyfe of Hamon Sutton her husband yf in the meanetyme she the said Judeth Sutton shall not release or passe away her joynture of certen lands in Washingbroughe and Heckinton or elsewhere belonging to the mannor house of Washingbroughe. But yf the said Judeth shall release or passe away her jointure then my mynd and will is that my former gifte of nyne poundes yerely shalbe utterly void frustrate and of none effecte. Also my mynd and will is that Isabell my wyfe shall have the education and bringing up of my said sonne John, and of my daughters Suzan, Elizabeth and Isabell, till they are 21 or married. My executor is to pay unto my said wyfe towards the bringing upp of the said John and of my said daughters and for the augmenting of the portions of them the some of xl^{li}. at two ysual termes in the yeere, the feast of the appostles Philip and Jacob and of St. Martin ye Bushopp in wynter by even and equall portions. To my brother Laming xxxs. yeerlye during his life and the life of Margerye Laming his now wyfe. To my daughter in lawe Margaret Wright xxs. To my sonne Hustwaite Wright and his heirs forever my Parsonadge or Rectorye Lands etc. in ffarneham in the County of Yorke he paying unto my wyfe his mother the value of the third parte of the said parsonadge during her naturall lyfe without suite or molestation. To my said wyfe Isabell Wright all my household stuffe plate and corne within my now dwelling house, and c^{li}.; also the third parte of all my lands etc. as well in the County of Lincoln as in the County of

Yorke. To Edward Wright my sonne one Anuyty of xij^{li}. by yeere out of the parsonadge etc. in ffarneham aforesaid during his naturall life. To everyone of my sister Lymill's daughters unmarried, and to everyone of my sister Laming's daughters unmarried xxs. to be paid on the day of their mariadges. To every one of my Aunte Pinchbecke her children vs. to be paid imediately after my decease. To everyone of my sister Gibbons daughters xxs. to be paid at their mariadges. (Legacies to servants.) To the church of St. James in Grimesbye xs. Residue to my sonne Hustwaite Wright whom I make sole executor. Witnessed by William Haunsard, Thomas Newcome and others.

Prob. at Lincoln 15 Nov. 1610 by ex^r.

See *Via. of Linc.* 1592 pa. 75. The testator had married Elizabeth daughter and co-heir of Edward Hustwaite, according to the pedigree.

39.

JOHN JON.

The 7th March in the eighth yeere of our soveraigne Lord James etc. I John Jon of Barrowe in the county of Lincoln Esq. I comend my soule into the hands of god my maker, Jesus Christ my redeemer and the holy ghost my Comforter. To Thomas Jenkinson my servant and kinsman all my messuage in Barton and two closes adjoyning commonly called the Mayden head, and lately purchased of Leonard Browne, to him and his heirs for ever. (Numerous small legacies to servants.) To Anne Sisson c^{li}. when she is 18 or to be married. To everyone of my godchildren lyveing in Barrowe xijd. To the Right worshipful M^{rs}. Triphena Sheiffeild my god-daughter c^{li}. now in the hands of S^r John Sheiffeild her brother. And my will is that his obligation to me for the said some with an assignment thereof be given to the Right Honbl. my good Lady Sheiffeild her mother within six monethes after my death. Item I geve unto my Lady Anne Pellham two unites of gold. To Mr. Roberte Cleburne iij^{li}. vjs. viij. To the poore of Barrowe to be distributed amongst them the day of my buryall xls. To my cosen William Broxholme of Lincolne all my houses landes etc in Goxhill, and five acres of meadowe in Goxhill marshe to him and his heirs forever. Whereas I have by a deede bearing date the first day of Januarye in the sixth yeere of the raigne of our Soveraigne Lord James etc., geaven unto my cosen John Broxolme gent. sonne and heire apparante unto my foresaid cosen William Broxolme of the Citye of Lincoln Esq. all that my Manor of Barrowe comonly called by the name of Sutton's Manor with all other my houses lands etc. in Barrowe Burnham and Thorneton to have and to hold to me the said John Jon and my Assignes for the terme of my life naturall, and after my decease then to him the said John Broxolme and his heires for ever, I do hereby ratifie and confirme

the said deede etc. Further I do give to the said John Broxolme all my manors lands etc. in Barton and Ulcebye or elsewhere; and all my goods and chattells moveable and immoveable etc., to him and his heirs for ever. I do make my said cosen John Broxolme my sole executor. Finallie I do most humblye and hartely intreate the right Honbl. the Lord Sheffeld my very good Lord to be Supervisor; and I do bequeath unto his Lordshipp as a token of my love and service forty Angells hoping he will accepte thereof and see this my last will and testament performed. Witnessed by William Broxolme and others.

Prob. at Lincoln 13 March 1610-11.

The Jon family rose into importance towards the end of the sixteenth century, but soon passed away. The testator was son of Gregory Jon, of Fillingham, by Cecily, daughter of John Broxholme, another family of a similar class. The principal legatee, John Broxholme, was the testator's first cousin once removed. The testator's sister, Anne, had married John Welcome, of Lincoln, but nothing is left to her.

40.

ROBERT KEYE.

The 14th Jan. 1609. Robert Keye of Aleby in the countie of Lincoln, gent. Sicke and diseased in bodie but of whole and perfect remembrance. My bodie to be buried in the Church of Rigsby. To the Cathedrall Church of Lincoln xijd. My mortuarie to be paid as the lawe requireth. To every one of my children viz. Joane, Richard, Edward, George, Peregrine, and Robert Keye xⁱⁱ. apeece when they shall accomplish their severall ages of 21 yeares. Residue to my wife Grace my sole executrix. I desire my brother Edward Keye to be the overseer thereof, and for his paynes geve him xijd. Witnessed by Richard Toothby Esq. and Clement Booth gent.

Prob. at Louth 27 April 1610 by Ex^r.

Possibly connected with the Keys of Leadenham.

41.

ROBERT SEELE.

I Robert Seele of Kirmond alias Kirmmond in the countie of Lincoln, clarke, sick in bodie etc. My bodie to be buried within the chancell of Kirmond hoping of a joyfull resurrection thereof unto lief everlastinge through Jesus Christe our Lorde and for iver amen. I give unto the Church of Kirmond that portion of lead which was founde hidden, and ijs. in moneye. To William Goodhand the elder my saddle and best bridle and my strikes of mashilling or lintins which he oweth mee. To Mrs. Anne Goodhand his wief one of my best ewes and a lambe. To William Goodhand the yonger the one half of a Caleur^r (Caliver?) with half the furniture to the same belonginge now in the custodie of George Blanchard vicare of greate Ludforthe which belongeth unto me being equallie bought betweene us the said George Blanchard and at the appointments of the Bushoppe and his officers. To Charles Goodhand four strikes

of mashillinge and my dagger. To Magdalene Goodhand my little joyned chest. To Margaret Goodhand one ewe lambe. To my cosen Elizabeth Seele of Nottingham xs. Residue to my brother James Seele of Nottingham draper whom I make full executor. I desire Mr. William Goodhand the elder to be supervisor. The 21st Jan. 1609-10.

Prob. at Lincoln 4 April 1610 by Ex^r.

42.

ANNE BASSET.

Memorandum that Anne Basset late of fiedbroughe in the countie of Notts gentlewoman deceased beinge (in her lifetime) of perfect minde and memorie did make her last will or testament nuncupative of and concerninge the sune of one hundred pounds which Robert Tirwhit of Cameringham in the countie of Lincoln Esquier did owe to her and which sune was and is still in his hands, in manner and forme or to this effect following; viz. I will and dispose to my neece Anne Basset daughter to John Basset Esquier an hundred poundes which is in the hands of Mr. Robert Tirwhit of Cameringham, and my meaninge is that shee shall have it after my decease.

Admon. given to John Basset of Fledborough 10 Oct. 1608.

The Basset family, once so flourishing, was now falling into decay. John Basset, father to Anne, niece of the testatrix, sold the Manor of Fledborough to the feoffees of the Earl of Shrewsbury. Robert Tyrwhit, of Cameringham, in co. Lincoln, had married Anne, daughter of Edward Basset, the said John's father.

43.

JOHN PRESCOTT.

The 9th Dec. 1607. John Prescott the elder of Sutterbie gent. My bodie to be buried in the chancell or church of Sutterbie. To Anne my wief the fetherbedd with all the furniture thereof that shee brought with her the day of her marriage with me. To Martin Holden Clerke one crowne of gould. To the poore of Sutterbie at my buriall vs. To Anne Boston daughter of William Boston of Thimolbee one hundred pounds and my best bedd which was my owne before I married; linen etc. To my sonne in lawe William Boston my blacke cloke. To James Prescott my nephewe my cloke with bouttons on the shoulders, and all the rest of mine apparell except my sattyn dublett which I give to John Prescott sonne of John Prescott of Saltfleetbie my godchild. To Anne Boston wief of William Boston two silver spoones. To Elizabeth Carter wife of John Carter two silver spoones. To the said Anne Boston daughter of the said William Boston two silver spoones. Residue to Anne my wief whome I make sole executrix. I make Thomas Jollie of Mumbie supervisor.

Prob. at Lincoln 6 Sept. 1608 by Ex^r.

A Lancashire family settled at Driby in the sixteenth century. The manor passed from them in the seventeenth to the Bolles of Haugh; in 1728 to the Massingberds of South Ormsby.

44.

HENRY JENKINSON.

Henry Jenkinson of East Wycam in the Countie of Lincoln hole and sounde in bodie etc. this present tenth day of October in the second yere of our Sovereigne Lord Kinge James. My bodie to be buried in the earth of St. Peters in Eastgate nexte to my derely beloved wief deceased. To the poore of Lincolne v^h. To the poore of Welton by Loweth xls. To my wife Marie Jenkinsone during her naturall life my manor of Wickam with all my landes etc. in Wickam and Girasbie, and my house in Lincoln; after her death the same to remaine to Robert Jenkinson my sonne and to his heirs male; remainder to Henrie Jenkinson my sonne and his heirs male; remainder to Phillipp Jenkinson my sonne and his heirs male; remainder to my right heires. My manor of Welton and lands in Welton, Saltfletbie and Garthorpe to my sonne Robert Jenkinson during the life of my wife Marie, paying yerely duringe her life one anuitie or rent charge of xx^h. to my sonnes Henrie and Phillipp. After her death I give the said manor and lands to my said sons Henrie and Phillipp and their heirs male; with remainder to my son Robert; with remainder to my right heirs. I give my said house in Lincoln after the death of my wife to my said sons Robert Henrie and Phillipp and their heirs for ever. Household stuff and plate to the value of fourscore pounds to my wife; and my cheine of gold, coach and coache horses upon condition shée give securitie to my executors within one moneth after my death to discharge my executors of foun severall bondes wherein I stand bounde to Mr. Carre for the payment of twentie poundes apeece to Bridgit, Katheren, and Margaret Brocklesbie my daughters and to Robert Brocklesby her sonne. To everie of my daughters Marie, Elizabeth, Martha, Dorothee, Jane, fraunce, and frauncis c^h. To my daughter Smith my best silver boule, and to my daughter Cooke the carpett which was my Ladie Rops(Roper's). Residue to Robert, Henrie, and Phillipp Jenkinson my sonnes whom I make executors. I ordeine and request the right worshipful and my assured good frendes Sr Phillipp Tirwhitt knight and William Ellis Esquier to bee supervisors etc. to either of whome I give in token of my love and goodwill towards them one double soveraigne of golde, and to my good Ladies the Ladie Tirwhitt the elder the Ladie Tirwhitt the yonger and Mrs. Armine everie of them a spurr riall. Item I give the mayor and corporation of the Cittie of Lincolne to bee employed to the use of the poore of the parishe of St. Peeters in Eastgate as of the guifte of the Ladie Rop (Roper) one anuitie or rent charge of lijd. goeing out of my lands and tenements in Willoughbie and Saltfletbie.

Prob. at Lincoln 19 March 1609 by Ex^{rs}.

He was probably the Henry Jenkinson who married 1st Faith daughter of Edmund Yarborough of Lincoln. The Jenkinsons continued in the male line down to the eighteenth century, when they died out.

45.

HUMFREY PURY.

The 6th Feb. 1610. Humfrey Pury of Swynshead in ye partts of holland in the County of Lincoln, yeoman, being sicke in bodie etc. I commend my body to be buried in ye church yard of Swynshead, and for my mortuarie as the lawe requireth. To the Church of Swynshead xijd. To William, Anthony, Josua, Robert and Humfrey Pury, my sonnes, and to Jane, and Alice Pury my daughters all my goodes to be equally divided amongst them. I make William Pury my eldest sonne executour. Appoints Edward Hopkyn of Alderkyrk yeoman guardian of his daughter Jane till she is 18, and Robert Thorpp of Frampton, husbandman, guardian of his daughter Alice. Sons Robert and Humfrey Pury to have their portions when 21. I make William Pury of Boston my naturall brother, gentleman, supervisor.

Prob. 19 Feb. 1610 by ex^r.

A brother of Thomas Pury of Kirton. See his Will, No. 348 1st Series.

46.

LEONARD PURIE.

The 5th Jan. 1610 in the 8th year of our soveraigne Lord James etc. Leonard Purie of Kirton in the partes of Holland in the County of Lincoln, gent. My bodie to be buried in the South Isle of Kirton Church soe neare unto my Auncestors as may be, and for my mortuarie I do give as the lawes of this land do require. To my welbeloved wife Beatrice Purie one annuitie or annuall rente of ffourtie pounds, yearlie, to be paid out of all my lands in Kirton and frampton during her life naturall at foure times in the yeare, viz, at or uppon the first daie of August x^{li}, at or uppon the first daie of November x^{li}, at or uppon the seconde daie of ffebruarie x^{li}, at or uppon the first daie of May x^{li}. The first payment thereof to begin the first of these dayes that shall happen next after my decease if peradventure she do refuse these groundes which hereafter I have allotted unto her for her said annuitie, and also two hundred poundes of Currante Englishe moneye. Alsoe I do give unto William Purie my sonne and heire all my leases of those landes I holde by indenture from anie person or otherwise howsoever and the appraisement of the same. And also I do give him my Swanmarke and my Signet of golde given unto me by my late deare father. And I will and hearbie entreate and desire and withall ordeyne my wellbeloved frende Mr. Thomas Middlecot of Boston, gent., to be gardian for my said sonne William Purie during his minoritie . . . both for all his landes chattles and goodes, and for his paines therein to be taken I do geve unto him my bay roand amblinge Geldinge; Provided alwayes and my will is that

my sonne's said gardian shall dewlie and justlie accompte unto my saide sonne of all the profites and revennues of my sonne's landes during his minoritie when he shall accomplish the age of xxj yeares; Provided always and my will and meaninge is that my wellbeloved brother Sir Richard Ogle of Pinchbeck, Knight, shall have the education of my said sonne William during his minoritie, and I do allow hym towards the maintenance of my said sonne ffourtie poundes per annum to be paid quarterlie by his gardians. To Adlard Purie my son ccccc^{li}, cc^{li}. thereof to be paid within half a year next after my decease to my wellbeloved wief his mother to be employed by her or her assignes for my said sonne's best maintenance and profite untill his full age of 21 yeares; the other ccc^{li}. to be paid out of my lands etc., during the next 5 yeares, by 60^{li}. a year, at everie May daye, to my wellbeloved wief (with power to distrain.) If either or both sons die before 21, and without issue, then 30^{li}. more per ann. to be paid to the wife during her natural life. To my brother Robert Purie to the use of his sonne Thomas Purie and his daughter Beatrice Purie xl^{li}., to be paid within 3 yeares; also to my sister Marie Cunney, her children, xl^{li}. To the vicar of Kirton and the churchwardens and overseers for the poor xx^{li}. to be paid within 3 yeares, and the same to be employed and bestowed by them and by their successors or by anie three of them for the time being for ever to the onlie use and towards the maintenance of one honest and sufficient schoolmaster for the teaching of grammar in Kirton aforesaid unto two poore schollers there, the same schollers always to be nominated by the said Vicare, mine heire, the churchwardens and overseers for the poore there, and by their successors or by anie three of them whereof mine heire to be alwayes one, if he be in the Cuntrie, for ever. If either William Purie or Adlard Purie, my sons, die before the age of 21 and without issue, then the legacy of ccccc^{li}. to Adlard is to be void, and lxx^{li}. of it is to be given to my brother Robert Purie; and lxx^{li}. to my sister Marie Coney; and xl^{li}. to the children of my uncle Humfrey Purie; and xx^{li}. to the Vicar of Kirton (to be bestowed as above). If both my sons die, then my legacy of cx^{li}. to my brother Robert to be void, and he is to take certain lands in Kirton which have descended to me from my father. Bequest of x^{li}. to the Vicar and churchwardens of Kirton; the yearly interest of xxs. to be spent on beef and bread to be distributed on Xmas Day at Kirton Church "about ten of the clocke in the forenoone." To Sir Richard Ogle of Pinchbeck, knight, and unto my ladie his wief and to either of them xxs. in golde, and unto Sir John Ogle, knight, xxs. in golde; and unto Adlard, Robert, Cassander and Jane, my wief's brethren and sisters, to everie of them xs. in golde, and unto Mr. Doctor Richardson the Master of Peeter house in Cambridge, xxs. in golde, and unto my well beloved frende Mr. John Browne of Stamford xxs. in golde,

and unto my well beloved frende Mr. William ffeilde of Titton xs. in golde. To my uncle William Purie of Boston and unto mine aunt his wief to either of them a xs. peice in golde. To my saide uncle's three children vs. apeece in golde. To my brother John Harris of Lincoln and my sister his wife xs. apeece in golde. To my uncle Humfrey Purie of Swynshead xs. in golde, and to Humfrey Purie his sonne now remaininge with me v^{li}. so to be imployed by my kinsman Edward Hopkin to his best benefit. To every one of my uncle Humfrey Puries children vs. To Mr. Robert Hunt, my brother William Coney, Edward Hopkin, William ffoulie, Antonie Stevenson, and Thomas Gelson, to each of them a gynnies of golde worth vjs. viijd. Ten ewes and ten lambs to be distributed among my servants and poorest tenants. Residue to my wife Beatrice and my son William Purie, whom I make executors. My wief and her assignes shall not remove or deface anie of my glasse seelinges windowes gates pales or dores within or about my now dwellinghouse or groundes, but shall leave them unto mine heire. I make Thomas Ogle of Pinchbeck Esq., my wife's brother, supervisor, and give him xxs. in golde. I give xs. for a sermon to be preached at my buriall.

A Coddicil made 4 Feb. 1610. Provided always and the true intent and meaning of my will is that my wife Beatrice Pury shall have hold and enjoy the mansion house, wherein I now dwell, called Eversham Place, with xx acres of pasture and wood ground etc. called Roper-toft (mentions certain farms in the tenure of Roger Walcot, Alexander Muncaster, William Pell and William Moseley, rented at xx^{li}. xiijs. iiijd. per ann. to be at the disposing of his wife during the minority of William Purie). All this in lieu of the xl^{li}. annuity bequeathed above. When the heir shall have reached 21 years of age the annuity is to be paid. Mentions certain lands, viz., Goodmores containing 5 acres and Hall gates containing 3 acres, bought of William Purie my uncle.

Prob. at Lincoln 5 March 1610, by Beatrice the widow; power reserved to the other ex^r.

The head of a typical Holland yeoman family. His wife Beatrice married 2ndly William Walcott of Walcott. The heiress of the family eventually married Richard Cust of Pinchbeck who was created a Baronet 1677.

47.

BARUCH WHITTINGHAM.

The 12th Feb. in the 7th year of our Sovereigne Lorde James-Baruch Whittingham of Sutterton in the Countie of Lincoln yeoman; in the yeare of our Lord God 1609. I comitte my soule into the handes of god almightie faithfullie beleevinge in Jesus Christ my saviour and redeemer, and by him and through his death and passion I trust to have all my sinnes pardoned and done awaie and to enjoye that blessed Inheritance of the kingdom of heaven the which before all worldes I was ordained unto. My bodie to be

buried in the churche of Sutterton and my mortuarie such as the lawe requireth. To the repairs of the church of Sutterton xs. To the poore people of Sutterton x^{li}. to remaine in the handes of Richard Whittingham my sonne for the space of three yeares after my decease. And I will that my sonne shall pay unto the poorest people every year at the feast of the Nativitie during the same three yeares xxs. And then I will that the said x^{li}. be put forth and letten by the overseers and collectors with the consent of my executors to such poore men as can put in good and sufficient securitie from yeare to yeare for the payment of the stock and also of the rent, and the saide rente to be distributed amongst the poorest people at the feast of the nativitie every yeare so longe as the worlde endureth. Legacies to servants etc. To William Whittingham my sonne all that timber which I bought of Sr William Houson and one elm tree which lieth in the pooles; also those few elmes that groweth on three stongg lande in Statise feilde; also iij^{li}. vjs. viijd. to buy him a horsemilne; also my lease and terme of yeares unexpired in certain lande called Bemond fee which I bought of Mr. Leonarde Purie etc. To my sonne Richard Whittingham all those severall sumes of moneye which are owing to me by divers persons for all the woodes which I have solde this presente yeare; also my Swanmarke, my horsemilne, my double bell salte of silver parcell gilte, my silver boll and my silver Tunne, all my winter corne in the feilde and my corne in the barnes etc., and xl^{li}. To Elizabeth Whittingham my daughter all my butter and cheese and bacon and pullen. To my sister Massingberd, my sister Whittingham and my sister ffeild xs. apeece. To Mr. Thomas Middlecoates a peece of golde of xxs. and one yonge nagge. To Richard Whittingham my brother a piece of golde of xxs. and one graye balde ambling nagge. To Mr. Edward Diggle xs. Residue to my sonnes Richard and William Whittingham whom I make executors. I request Mr. Thomas Middlecotes and my brother Richard Whittingham to be supervisors. Provided always and my meaning is that my sonne William Whittingham being one of my executors shall not stande charged with the payment of anie parte of that debte which I owe unto Mr. Caudron for my landes latelie purchased of him.

Prob. at Boston 2 May, 1610 by ex^{rs}.

Brother of Richard Whittingham of Boston, whose will is given later on. The family probably originally came from Lancashire. I do not know whether the American Whittinghams descend from the Lincolnshire family or not.

48.

HERBART E WALCOT.

The 16th Feb. 1610. Herbarte Walcot of Swynesheade in the countie of Lincoln, gent. sicke in bodye etc. To my three children John, Herbarte, and ffANCES Walcot all the messuages landes etc.

which I have by the righte of my late wyfe duringe the tyme lymited in the will of John Knighte her former husbände that is to say till Elizabeth Knight her daughter shall accomplish the age of 18 yeares ; my executor having power to let the same for the whole time for the use of my said children and the maintenance and bringing upp of Elizabeth Knighte. I will the moneye remaynynge in my hands for the provydinge of coales for the poore of Swinesheade be delyvered over unto Mr. Marke Saltonstall for the performance of that busenes, and I give xiijs. iiijd. to the same, use to be added thereto. Residue to my brother Thomas Walcot of Walcot whom I make sole executor, trustinge he will be a Lovinge and just uncle unto my children, and I name supervisors my brother Henry Nelson parson of Howgham and my brother Robert Harryes of Kerton-holme to whose kynde care together with my Executor I comitte the government and bringing upp of my children together with the portions, hoping they will be heareby intreated to yelde me ther lovinge helpe.

Prob. at Lincoln 22 March 1610 by Ex^r.

The Walcotts, of Walcott, were of great antiquity in Lincolnshire, but never took a prominent part in the County. They were on the side of the Parliament during the Civil War, as were most of the Kesteven and Holland families.

49.

ELLINOR PISTOR.

The 15th Nov. 1609. Ellinor Pistor of Metheringham in the County of Lincoln widow late wyfe of William Pistor of Metheringham aforesaid Esq. deceased, being sicke in body etc. My body to buried in the parish church of Metheringham neere unto my said husband Mr. Pistor deceased. To the Cathedrall Church of Lincoln vjd. To the repaire of the church of Metheringham vjs. viijd. To the poore of Metheringham xs. To the poore of Dunston vs. To the poore of Blankney vs., to be bestowed upon them at my buryall. For that I would by this my will performe and dischardge that truste reposed in me by the last will and testament of my said husband deceased, I do give and bequeath unto Charles and Alexander Pistor my sonnes the one halfe of all my goods and chattells (one gold chaine and all my plate onely excepted) equally to be divided between them. I give the said gold chaine unto Rose Pistor wyfe of the said Alexander Pistor. Item all my plate I give unto Charles Pistor my sonne. Item for the disposinge of the other halfe of all my goods and Jewelles and readye money yet remaining to give, ffirst I bequeath unto Edward Pistor my sonne twenty shillings in money for his portion to be paid within one half yeere next after my decease. Item I give unto William Pistor sonne of the aforesaid Edward Pistor twenty ewe sheepe to be putt forth by my executor and supervisors for the best use and profit of the said William Pistor untill he come

to his full age of one and twenty yeeres. And my will is that neither his father nor mother shall medle nor have to do with the saide sheepe. Item I give unto Gilbert Pistor of Boston one Angell of gold to be delivered unto hym within one moneth next after my decease. Item I give unto Mr. Robert Pistor one peece of gold of xiijs. and also one ringe with a diamond stone in yt. Item I give unto Mr. Richard Enderby one ffranche crowne in gold. Item I give unto William, Thomas and Richard Enderbye the three sonnes of the said Richard Enderbye the some of iij^{li}. to be equallye divided amongst them. Item I give unto Henery Lampkyne my servant one cowe and one balde mare. To Edward and Agnes Lampkyne his children ten ewe sheepe. To the said Henry Lampkyne two and twenty strikes of maulte. Item I give unto Thomas Curteis my servant twenty shillings in money. Item I give unto Agnes Holmes one gold ringe that was her grandmother's. Item I give to Mr. Lounde parson of Blanckney in consideration of tythes not paid unto him for the hie close the some of vjs. viijd. Item I give to the said Agnes Holmes one paire of lynnne sheetes. Item to Isabell Pistor daughter of Charles Pistor my gold Ringe with the seale of yt. Item to the said Isabel Pistor one of my gold Braceletts. Item to the said Isabell, Ellinor and Elizabeth Pistor, daughters of the said Charles to every of them forty shillings when married or of 21 years of age. To Mary Pistor daughter of Alexander Pistor fifty shillings when married, etc., and my other bracelett of golde, and also one Spurr royall of golde to make her a ringe of. Item to Charles Pistor's wife my Turkey golde ringe. Item to Agnes Benson one cowe. To Alice Sawell my mayden ten shillings. To Mathie Sleight one ewe sheepe. To William Harper one ewe sheepe. To Elizabeth Blackborne my maiden one ewe sheepe. To Christopher Pratt one ewe hogg. To Effam Hargrave widow one lyne kertle and my white petticoate. To Agnes Holmes my redd petticoate and my highe crowned hatt. Residue to Charles Pistor my sonne whome I make sole executor. I ordaine and make Mr. Anthony Brown Vicar of Metheringham and Edward ffalkingham of the same to be supervisors; and give them for their paines either of them twenty shillings.

Signed Ellinor Pistor her marke.

Prob. at Lincoln 24 Oct. 1610. Admon. given to Ex^r.

See pedigree of Pistor in Vis. of Linc. 1562, p. 99. The testatrix seems to have been a wife of William Pistor who married twice, but it is not clear whether her maiden name was Clare or Massey. The Pistors died out in the seventeenth century.

50.

WILLIAM WILLOUGHBY.

The 2nd Dec. 1609. William Willoughby of Heckington in the County of Lincoln, gentleman. Sicke of bodye etc. My body to be buried in the parish church of Heckington. To the poore people

of Heckington xxvjs. viijd. To the poore of Great Hale vs., to be divided at the discretion of my executors. To the mother church of Lincoln xijd. One angell of golde to the right worshipful Sr Edward Carr, knight, my singular good master whome god preserve. To Mrs. Elizabeth Grantham xs. To my brother Thomas Willoughby ij doblents, ij cootes ij payre of britches and 1 cloke. To Thomas Willoughby the younger ijs. vjd. To my sister Isabell Sharpe xxs., and the howse wherein she dwelleth, for her life, and then to my son Michael Willoughby and his heires. Also to my son Michael Willoughby a messuage etc. in North Kime. To my cosen An Goldeinge xxs. and my cosen Kathren Goldeinge xs. (Legacies to godchildren and servants.) To my daughter Jane Morley one quy; to my daughter in law Mary Willoughbye one quy. To my daughters Ann, Kathren and Susan Willoughbye xl^{li}. apeece. To my daughter Alice Willoughbye xl^{li}, to be payd to my supervisor when she is 16, to be put forth to her best use till she is 21 or is married. To my neece Margrett Greene xxs. To my sonne Anthony Willoughbye all my landes, tenements etc. in Heckington, to him and his heirs for ever; also all my leases, chattells etc. and I make him and my sonne in law Thomas Morley executors. I give vj^{li}. xiijs. iiijd. apeece to my daughters Ann, Kathren, Susan, and Alice Willoughbye, and to my sonne in law Thomas Morley xxxs. I intreate William Burton, gentleman, to be supervisor.

(Among debts due to testator, George Cawdron xl^{li}. a schedule annexed).

Item. My will is that theis debtes be divided as followeth, viz. three partes of them to my sonne Anthony Willoughby, and the fourth parte to be equally divided amongste all the reste of my chyldren.

Prob. at Lincoln 3 July 1610 by Ex^{rs}.

No indication is given in this Will which will serve as a clue to the testator's parentage.

51.

AUGUSTINE FITZWILLIAM.

The 1st July 1611. I Augustine fitzwilliam of Claxbie-pluckakar in the County of Lincoln, Clarke and a gentleman being of perfect memory though sicke in bodie god there be praised etc. I comitt my soule into the hands of allmighty god my Creator whoe of his mercie gave it me and to Jesus Christ my Redeemer whoe by his death and pretious bloodshed hath paid the ransome for my sinnes to god his father by his most willing suffering of his bodie to be rent and torne upon the crosse to shedd there his most pretious heart-blood to be shedd for my sinnes and for the sinnes of the whole world. My bodie to be buried in the Chauncell of Claxbie aforesaid. To the Minster of Lincoln vjd. To my daughter Magdalen Mandsonne my two great pewter candlesticks, the latten

bason. To Thomas ffitzwilliam my boye whome I brought up from his cradle two sheder sheepe goeing with John and Richard Thorpe sheepe, and all my booke. Residue to be equally divided betwixt my boye and his father, and I will that my said boye be delivered into the handes of my cosen Thomas ffitzwilliam of Mablethorpe to put him forth prentice with. I will that my sonne Thomas whome I make sole executor do give to William Done (Dove?) ijs. vjd. at such tyme as he sell that my parte of corne growing on the gleabe land if I dye before harvest be ended, and I will that my said cozen Thomas ffitzwilliam be supervisor, and I give him for his paines therin two of my best houlding piggs. Per me Augustinum ffitzwilliam Clericum generosumque. I give to my ladie ffitzwilliam although unknown to me my applecombe whensoever I dye.

Prob. at Lincoln 5 Dec. 1611 by Ex^r.

Evidently one of the Fitzwilliams of Mablethorpe, but his name does not occur in any pedigree I have seen.

52.

HENRY AYSCOUGH.

The 19th Oct. 1611. I Henry Ayscough of Blyborough in the County of Lincoln, knight, the unprofitable servant of God, weake in bodie, but strong in mynde, thanks to my lord Jesus for yt, doe willingly and with a free hart render and give againe into the hands of my lord god and Creator, my Spirit, which he of his fatherly goodnesse gave unto me, when he first fashioned me in my mother's wombe making me a living creature, nothing doubtinge but for his infinite mercies set forth in the precious blood of his dearly beloved sonne Jesus Christ, our alone Saviour and Redeemer, he will receave my soule into his glory, and place it in the company of the heavenly Aungells and blessed Sainctes. And as concerninge my bodie even with a good will and a free harte, I give over, comending it to the earth wherof yt came, nothinge doubtinge but according to the artickles of my fayth, at the great day of the generall resurrection when we shall appeare before the Judgment seate of Christe, I shall receave the same againe by the mighty power of God, whearwithall he is able to subdue all thinges to himself, not a corruptible mortall weake and vile bodie, as it is now, but an incorruptible imortall, stronge and perfect bodie, in all thinges like unto the glorious body of my Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ. first therfore my will is and I bequeath unto the mother church of and at Lincoln vjs. viijd., and that my bodie shall according to God's lawes and the kinge's be buried, and that within the Church of Blyborough and as neare the corpes of my former wife deceased as conveniently may be. Next as touchinge my present wife with whome I coupled myself in the feare of God (in regard my debtes be greate) in recompence of her thirds, a further reasonable

portion of my goodes (if my meanes were according to my well wishing to her). I give and bequeath unto her (that is) to Dame Margaret my wife my Coach and two Coach-horses, three feather beds marked with R.S.M. ; likewise that moytie of the manor of Tumby devided alreadie for her joynture, as is specified under her hand and myne, and that she may (have?) free and peaceable libertie to enjoy the Annually fall of the underwood for her necessarie provision. Item I bequeath all my landes, rents, leases etc. within the manors of Blyborough and Tumby, and in and within Yor-thorpe, Messingham, East Butterwick, Snitterby and Marham or els where unto Henry Ayscough my grandchild the sonne of Gualter Ayscough my eldest sonne deceased, and to his heires male etc. ; in default to his brother Edward Ayscough ; in default to his brother Gualter Ayscough ; in default to Charles Ayscough my naturall sonne ; in default to Henry Ayscough my naturall sonne ; in default to the heires generall of the above Henry, Edward, Gualter, Charles Ayscough, and to the heires generall of the heires male of Henry Ayscough aforesaid successively. (This entail not to prejudice any existing leases etc.) To Charles Ayscough my sonne all that farme which he houldeth of me in Tumby, with both the milles corne, water-mill and fulling mill, to him and his sonne Henry Ayscough that now liveth for the tearme of their lives and the survivor of them, paying by the yeare iiijd. ; at the feast of the Annuntiation of our Ladie, commonly called the Ladyday in lent ijd. and at the feast of St. Michael the Archaungell ijd., or to be paid at the Courte houlden at the mannor of Tumby to the Lord of the soile for a knowledge penny. Item to Charles Ayscough my sonne xx^{li}. of goodes as they shall be prised or xx^{li}. in money. Item to Gualter Ayscough my brother xx^{li}, and to Elizabeth Ayscough his daughter xx^{li}. Item to Stephen Bowyer my sonne in lawe in consideration of a portion which I promised him with Susan my daughter xl^{li}. Item for the same consideration all that which my sonne in lawe James Oglethorpe houldeth of me by lease in Tumby by the space of nyne yeares next after the expiration of my sonne Oglethorpe's lease ; yeelding and paying yearly after his entrance into it at the two Court dayes houlden for the mannor of Tumby ijd. Item to Henry ffitzwilliam my sonne in lawe xl^{li}. of my goodes etc. or in money. Item to Winnyfryd ffitzwilliam viij^{li}. to be paid at her marriage or when 20 yeares old. To my daughter Elizabeth ffitzwilliam six of my best milke cowes and one Ambling gelding called curbes. Item to Edward Ayscough my grandchild, sonne of Sr Gualter Ayscough deceased, a yearelie annitie for tearme of his life of xl^{li}, item all my bookes of lawe, and one gelding of the valewe of xx markes. Item to Gualter Ayscough my grandchild, sonne of the said Sr Gualter Ayscough deceased, a yearly annuity of xl^{li}. Item to Henry Ayscough, sonne of my

sonne Henry Ayscough ¹⁴. To Thomas Vicars my servante for and in consideration of money lent, laid out for me, and in regard of wages due unto him for his service, xl¹⁴. (Legacies to servants.) Residue to my grandchild Henry Ayscough sonne of Sr Gualter Ayscough deceased, also all plate jewells, chattells etc., to him. I make my grandchildren the said Henry Ayscough and Edward Ayscough sonnes of Sr Gualter Ayscough executors; and my sonnes in lawe Henry ffitzwilliam Esq. and Stephen Bowyer, gentleman, supervisors.

Prob. at Lincoln 24 Oct. 1611 by Henry Ayscough Esq. Prob. at C.P.C. by Ex^{rs}. 6 Dec. 1611. Will declared null by sentence, Trinity term, 1614.

Personalty sworn 1400¹⁴. 19s. 10d.

The fortunes of the Ayscoughs of Blyborough declined not long after the testator's death, and Blyborough was sold to the Southcotes. Sir Henry's grandson lived at Mablethorpe where some property still remained, but he died in 1638, and apparently the representation of the family passed to his three daughters: Frances, wife of Charles Newcomen, of Saltfleetby; Anne, wife of Fulke Hunckes; and Mildred (it is supposed), wife of Nicholas Newcomen, of Theddlethorpe.

53.

MARGERY NEALE.

The 10th July, 1611. Margery Neale of Horncastle widow, being of perfect health and memory. My body to be buried in the Church of Horncastell next to the place where my husband was laid, hoping that by the power of Christ his resurrection my body shall rise againe, and body and soule being united shall receive their full glorification in the kingdome of heaven. I geve towards the repaying of the Church of Horncastell xls. and to the repairing of the little chancell where my husband lyeth iiij¹⁴. To the pore people dwelling in twenty Townes next about Horncastle at the time of my death xxs. a Towne to be paide at two times, viz. the one half the day of my buriall, the other half that day twelvemonth after etc. To the pore of the parish wherein I was borne being St. Botulphe's in Lincoln xls. by yeare yearly to be paid out of my house and ground which I bought at Mawblethorpe, at the nativity of our Saviour Christ. To my Nephew Thomas Hutchinson the c¹⁴. which he hath in his hands, and to his mother a white sylver boule which I usuallye were. To the said Thomas in money x¹⁴. To William his brother xxx¹⁴. To Christopher his brother xls. a yere for his lief. To ffrances Becke my neece one sylver tunne, and in money xx¹⁴. and to everyone of her now children xls. apeece. To Margery Gryme my neece one silver tunne and in money xx¹⁴. and to everyone of her now children xls. apeece. To Dorothee Maddison, my nece, in money xx¹⁴. and my gromgram gowne, one bed stedd standing in the chamber over ye hall, with ffetherbed and all other furniture, thereto belonging, one great chest which

was my mother's, standing in the same chamber, my midle silver salte, a suite of diaper, viz. a square table cloth, a dozen of napkins and a towel, and two needleworke cushions; all which things after her decease I do geve to Elizabeth her daughter, and to everyone of her children v^{li}. a peece. Item to Awdrie Newport, my neece, one silver tunne, in money xx^{li}. and to every one of her now children xls. a peece. To Bridget Hutchinson my neece one pare of linnen sheets, ij pillow-beares, one table cloth, one dozen of napkins and in money xx^{li}. To William Hutchinson eldest sonne of my brother Christopher in money xx^{li}. To Robert Hutchinson his brother my house in Horncastell wherein he now dwelleth to him and to the heires of his body lawfully begotten; in default to his brother Christopher and his heirs; paying yearly to Anne Hamerton for her life xls. To said brother Christopher Hutchinson xxx^{li}. To Mary fittche, my neece, one silver goblet, xx^{li}. a pare of Linne sheetes, and ij pillow-beares; and to every of her now children xls. a peece. To my nephew Thorndike and to Margery his wief c^{li}. which he hath in his hands, and to his sonne William, my godsonne, x^{li}., and to every one of his other children v^{li}. apeece. To the said Margery my neece I geve my best gowne, one feilled bedsteade standing in the chamber over the hall, with a fetherbed and all other furniture etc.; one barred chest standing in the same chamber which I bought of her father, and a suite of damaske, namelye a tablecloth, a towel j cubberd cloth and ix napkins; all which things, except the gowne, after her decease I wyll shall remayne to Sarah her daughter to whom also I geve j payre of fine Linne sheets of Thre bredthes, and one payre of Linn pillowbeare wrought with a needleworke seame. To Anne Hammerton my neece xls. a yeare during her life naturall, to be paid her as a rente charge out of my house at Horncastell (as before in the gifte thereof is reserved). Item to the said Anne Hamerton xxx^{li}., j payre of elne broad sheetes, one tablecloth, vj napekins, and ij pillowbeares, which I will shall remaine after her death to her sonne Nicholas; to whom I also geve in money xxx^{li}. To my cozen Edward Hutchinson in money x^{li}., and to Susan his wief a drinking Jugg covered with silver, and to his daughter Hester my goddaughter one standinge bedsteade; j livery cubberd and a needleworke cushion all standing in the chamber over the parlor; and to everyone of his other children xxs. apeece. To my cozen Mary Cutbert one drinkinge Jugg covered with silver, one tablecloth to be cut out of the webbe and vj napkins. To Richard freeston her sonne v^{li}. and to George his sonne v^{li}., and to Nathaniell Cutbert sonne of the said Mary v^{li}. To my cozen Knight and his wief either of them a gold ringe. To my cozen Dolly his wief v^{li}. and to Edward her sonne, my godsonne v^{li}. To my cozen Arthur Hutchinson x^{li}. To Thomas Dawson of Lincoln, Baker, xs., and to his brother xs. and

to their two sisters a peece of gold each of *xxs.* To the children of Edward Dawson deceased *xs.* a peece. To my cozen Susan Keall in gold *xls.*, and to her children *iiij^{li}*. To Robert ffreeston, besides the *c^{li}*, one gould ring, and to Robert his sonne a pece of gold of *iiij^{li}*. *xs.*, and to his daughter Margery my goddaughter a silver gobblet doble gilt, one payre of elne broad linne sheets, two pillow-beares; and to Anne and Mary her other two sisters either of them one paire of elne broad linne sheets, and *j* paire of pillowbeares. To Thomas Rathbeck my late nephewe's sonne *xx^{li}*, and to his sister Margret *v^{li}*. To every one of Peter Smithe's daughters which he had by Anne Neall *xxs.* apeece. To Anne Beedam daughter of William Neall my silver salte usuallie worne, and in money *xxs.*, and to her mother *xs.* To the repaireing and making seats in the Church of Saltfletby All Saints *xxs.*, to be bestowed at the discretion of Mr. Leonard and Mr. Charles Newcomen. To Anne Cooke my goddaughter *iiij^{li}*. To Mrs. Davison one of my little gilt goblets and to Mr. Davison *v^{li}*. and my silver Canne, which after his decease I will shall remaine to John his sonne my godsonne, to whome also I geve in money *v^{li}*. To my loveinge freind Mr. Charles Newcomen of Saltfletby a piece of gold of *iiij^{li}*. *xs.*, and to Joane his wief a casting bottell of silver parcell gilt, which I will after her decease shall remaine to Margery theire daughter my goddaughter, to whom also I geve one of my little bowles double gilte. To my loveinge frende Mrs. Townerowe a pece of goulde of *xs.*, and to George Townerowe her sonne my godsonne a piece of goulde of *xxxs.* To Jasper Smythe and his wief a peice of gould of *xs.* apeece. To Mr. Clement Boothe *xxs.* and to his wief *xs.* To Jane Philips wief to Vincent Smithe in money *vj^{li}*. whereof herselfe to have the one half viz. *iiij^{li}*. and her daughter Elizabeth my goddaughter the other *iiij^{li}*. To every man servent, and every maid servant dwelling with me at the time of my death *v^{li}*. etc. To everyone of my nephew Thorndike's servants that shall be dwelling with him at the time of death *ijs.* *vjd.* To the pore people of Horncastle in money *xx^{li}*. whereof my will is that *x^{li}*. thereof be distributed amongst them by my executors on the day of my buriall, and the other *x^{li}*. likewise on that day twelvemonthe. To the which pore I also geve *xxx^{li}*. more, whereof my will and mind is that *x^{li}*. shalbe yearly bestowed and employed towards the buying of coals or other fewell by such person or persons as the Minister and Churchwardens there shall appoint, which I will shall be yerely also in the winter time by them sold out to the poore of the said towne onely for ready money, and at such rate and price as they did cost in ready money, the charges alwayes deducted so as the principall stocke may continue and be upholden to be employed for that use in manner aforesaid and not otherwise for ever, and *xx^{li}*. the residue of the said *xxx^{li}*. my will intent and

purpose is shalbe paid to the governors of the free Grammer Schoole there within one yeare after my decease, and by them at their discretions lent freely unto twenty poore folke of the said Towne, viz., xxs. apeece to whome everye of the said poore shall enter into bond with sufficiente suerty for the payment thereof againe, at the yeare's ende, without any use or interest, save onely to the clarke for making the bond, so as the said xx^{li}. may continue to that use for ever, and these bonds to be taken and renewed, or the money taken from one and lent to another at the discretion of the said governors or the greater number of them upon the feast of St. John the Baptist yearly for ever. Item I geve to the free Grammar Schoole of Horncastell aforesaid xx^{li}. Item to twelve poore women to be nominated by my executors to follow me to my buriall, every one of them a black cloth gowne of eight shillinges a yard. To Mr. Holinhedge our minister my byble, in money xls., his wief a pece of golde of xxs. and his daughter Margery my goddaughter xxs. To each one of my godchildren forgotten xijd. All of full age at my death to have their legacies paid after twelvemonths; those under age when they are 21. Residue to Robert Hutchinson and Harbert Thorndike my nephews whom I make executors, and Edward Hutchinson, my cosen, supervisor.

Margery Neall, her marke M.

Prob. at Lincoln 12 Oct. 1611 by Ex^{rs}. Also at C.P.C. 10 May 1613 by Herbert Thorndike.

This Will is peculiarly interesting, as it gives us an idea of the position of a wealthy, aged widow, living in a small provincial town. She was a Hutchinson by birth, one of an old citizen family in Lincoln. William Hutchinson was Mayor in 1552, and John Hutchinson in 1556 and in 1564. The niece Frances Becke was the daughter of Thomas Hutchinson, of Theddlethorpe, and wife of Robert Becke, of Lincoln; another old citizen family. Another niece, Dorothy Maddison, was the daughter of Thomas Hutchinson, and wife of Thomas Maddison, of Trusthorpe.

54.

THOMAS LEICHE.

The 27th Sept. 1610. I Thomas Leiche of Langton iuxta Wragbye in the County of Lincoln, yeoman, being sicke in body but of good and perfecte remembrance, thanks be given to god, considering with myselfe the fraile and mutable estate of this transitorye lyfe and desiorous to sett in order and to dispose of such goods and chattells as god hath blessed me withall do make and ordaine this my last will etc. My body to be buryed in some convenient place in the Church of Langton. To the poor of Langton xxs. To my loveinge wyfe Anne Leiche the farme wherein I now dwell with all and singuler the closes of pasture and arrable which I now hold etc. to have and to hold the said farme unto my said wyfe and her assignes from the first day of May next for and during the Residue of the yeres then to come and unexpired, together with all the pales and firewood aboute my yard, and all my waynes,

cartes, ploughes, plough-tymber, wheelles, wheele-tymber, boords, plancks, and all my houshold goods now being in my said dwelling-house. Item all my corne in the Laithe and my beane-stacke and all my hay excepte such hay as shall be spent aboute my cattell till May-day, and six of my best kye. Item my will and mynd is that the supervisor of my will shall have the said farme for the better putting of my stocke to the benefitt of my children till May-day next, and for the making and raysing of such portions and legacyes as are herein specified. Item to my eldest sonne Thomas Leiche cxi^{li}, the halfe thereof to be delivered to the Right Worth S^r Thomas Grantham, Knight, my singuler good master, and thother halfe to be delivered into the hands of my very good unckle Roberte Grantham, Esquier, to be putt forth or employed after the rate of 8^{li}. for a c^{li}. in the yeere, and otherwise for the better profit of my sonne as my said master and unckle shall thincke best, and xx nobles of the increase and benefitt thereof to be allowed to my wyfe or any other to whom my said master and unckle shall comitt my said sonne to be brought upp for his main-tenance untill he shall accomplish the age of fowerteene yeeres, and after yf yt please god to make him fitt to proceed in learning in any of the universityes then to have such allowance as his said Gardians shall thincke sufficyent for his mayntenance there. To my said sonne my farme etc. in Panton from May-day next during the terme and yeeres etc. Item to francis Leiche my daughter cxx^{li}. to be paid unto her togeather with the increase when she shall accomplish the age of one and twenty yeeres, and yf she happen to be married before that tyme then at her age of eighteen yeeres, and in the mean tyme my will and desire is that one moitye thereof shall be delivered into the hands of my loveinge brother in law George Howe, and the other moitye to be delivered into the hands of my loveing brother Mr. Richard Johnson of Southwell to be putt forth or employed after the rate of 8^{li}. for a c^{li}. by the yeere or otherwyse for the better benefitt of my said daughter as they shall thincke meete, and xx nobles of the increase and profit thereof to be paid yeerly to whom they or the survivor of them shall thincke meete for her education and mayntenance untill she shall accomplish the age of twelve yeeres, and after to have eight pounds yeerly for her better mayntenance untill she shall accomplish the age of one and twenty yeeres, and unmarried. Item to my sonne Robert Leiche cxx^{li}, when he shall accomplish the age of one and twenty yeeres; in the meantyme one half to be delivered to my loveing neighbour John Cater, and the other to my loveing Goshipp Henry Rands to be employed at the rate aforesaid. (xx nobles to be paid yearly for his maintenance till he is ten years of age). Item to my daughter Elizabeth Leiche c^{li}. to be delivered to her when one and twenty. In the meantime one half to be delivered to my brother Thomas

Jolly, and the other half to my brother William Langley, to be put forth at the rate aforesaid. Five pounds to be paid yearly for her benefit till she is twelve years of age, and then eight pounds. (Benefit of survivorship to the children.) Item to my Right Worth master S^r Thomas Grantham, Knight, fower pounds in olde golde to be bestowed uppon a sylver bolle or other peice of plate as he shall best like, humbly desireing him to accepte the same as a remembrance and token of my dutifull love unto him. Item to his worthy Lady my good Mrs. forty shillings in gold. Item to my good unckle Roberte Grantham, Esquier, an old peece of golde of twenty shillings. Item I do release and yeild at May-day next to Mr. ffancis Grantham, Esquier, the interest I have in the closes of his in Langton. Item to my good Gossipp Henry Rands ten shillings in gold. To my brother Johnson ten shillings. To my good frend Robert Manby, Gent., ten shillings. To my loveinge neighbour John Cater an old peece of gold of xvs. To my brother George Howe ten shillings. To my brother William Leiche of Coventrye twenty nobles and my best cloke and best sute of apparell. To my goddaughter Thomasine, daughter of my brother Johnson five markes. To the children of my sister Kempe five markes. To my brother Langley six strikes of beanes which he oweth me, and to his son my godson Thomas Langley a nagg which his father should pay me for fifty shillings or els the said fifty shillings. To my servant Anne Harrison vs. besides her wages. Residue to my wife and children to be divided equally. I make my wife sole executrix, and S^r Thomas Grantham, Knight, and Robert Grantham, Esquire, supervisors.

Prob. at Llncoln 5 April 1611 by Ex^r.

His marr. licence dated 21 May, 1602. "Thomas Leiche yeoman, and Anne Howe, spinster, at Goltho." She was a niece of Robert Grantham of the Black Monks, Lincoln, whose Will will be given in a further series.

WILLIAM PALMER.

The 9th Jan. 1611. In Dei nomine, Amen. I William Palmer of Lowth in the Countie of Lincoln, gent., sick in bodie but of good and perfect remembrance etc. My bodie to be buried where it shall please god to appoint. I give and bequeath to the most neediest people dwelling in Winthorpe the sum of xxs. to be paid into the hands of William Pedder of Winthorpe upon good fridaie next after my decease, and by him to be presentlie distributed amengst the said poore people accordinge to his discretion. Item to the most neediest poore people dwelling in Louth the summe of iij^{li}. vjs. viijd. to be delivered into the hands of my brother Thomas North, Edward Baylie, Gent., my cosens John and Thomas North, uponth the Sond aie next after my decease, to be distributed at their

discretion. To Anne my wief, in lieu of dower, one anuitie of xx^{li}. per annum for terme of her naturall lief, out of my freehold lands in Winthorpe and Bratoft (with power to distrain). Item to the said Anne my wief the summe of c markes, to be paid within one month after my decease. To William ffarraie the summe of iij^{li}. vjs. viijd. to be paide on the seconde daie of ffebruarie next after my deathe. To Anne Evans the wief of Thomas Evans dwelling in fanshaw streete in London the sume of iij^{li}. vjs. viijd. and to Anne Evans her daughter the like sume, to be paid within six months after my deathe into the hands of my wief to be employed to their uses. To Margaret Palmer my daughter the sume of cc markes to be paid to her when she shall accomplish the age of eighteen years; to be divided among my other children if she die before that age. To Thomas Palmer my sonne xx^{li}. to be paid within six months after my death. To John Palmer, my sonne, and his heires for ever xii acres of pasture in Skegnes with a salt marsh thereto belonging, and I will that Anthonie Palmer my sonne and heir apparent shall within six months after my deathe make, enseale, and deliver unto John Palmer a good and sufficient release in the lawe of all his right and interest in the said xii acres of pasture and the said salt marsh in Skegnes, which if my said sonne Anthonie refuse to do, then and not otherwise I will give and devise unto the said John Palmer three pastures lying in Winthorpe called Grassye Green, containinge xxj acres. Item to the said John Palmer the sume of xl^{li}. within one yere after my deathe (to be divided in case of his death within the year among my other children). To Andrew Ormsbie my sonne in lawe and my daughter Lucie his wief, to either of them the sum of v^{li}. to be paid at the feast of St. Michael next after my death. Item to my daughter Huchinson and her husband v^{li}. apiece to be paid as before. To everie of my daughter Ormsbie's children the sume of x^{li}. each, to be delivered to their father for their use at the above date. (Same legacies to Mrs. Huchinson's children.) To my brother Thomas North x^{li}. to be paid within six months after my deathe. To Arthur North, sonne to my said brother, v^{li}. and to John North, Thomas North, Jane Skelton, ffrancis Bransbie, and Anne North, children of my said brother Thomas North, to everie of them xs. To Thomas Marley my kinsman xxs. To Edward Marley his brother xxs. To Maude-lyne Marley his sister iij^{li}. vjs. viijd. to be paid into the hands of Thomas North the younger my nephewe to be put forth to her use till she come to the age of xviiij yeres. Item to Charles, William, Bridgitt, Maudeline, and Sarah Yarbrough, my cosen Maudelyn's children, to everie one of them vs. To my cosen Elizabeth North vs. and to everie of her children vs. To everie one of John North his children, vs. To everie one of my cosen Jane Skelton's children vs. To everie one of my cosen Branston's (sic) vs. To Thomasine

West and to her sister Margaret my sister's daughters, to either of them xs. To my cosen Alice Richardson vs. To my cosen Henrie Skinner and to John Skinner his brother to either of them xs. To everie of my sister Hudson's children xs. To my Gossip William Pedder ijs. To Dorotheie Baylie of Stewton my daughter in lawe xs., and to my sonne in lawe Edward Baylie of Stewton xs. and to George Baylie my god childe xs. To John Palmer my sonne all my interest and terme of yeres of the moytie of my lease in Skegnes which I holde of the king's majestie, and all my terme of yeres therein unexpired paying the moytie of the rent etc. Item I will that my executor give unto my daughter Margaret yearlie the sune of viij^{li}. for her maintenance till she come to the age of xvij yeres, and that my said daughter be educated at the discretion of Anne my wief, till she come to the said age, if they both so longe shall live together. Residue to my sonne-Anthonie Palmer whom I make sole executor; and I make Christopher Palmer and John Pearson of Brugh supervisors, and give to each a double soveraigne of golde. Witnessed by ffran. Skelton, scriptor, Thomas North Edward Baylie etc.

The 11th Jan. 1611. Memorandum. I William Palmer etc. have made this codicill etc. I will that Anne my wief shall have the use of one half of all my household goods at Louth during her naturall lief. Also she shall have the use and occupation of all these severall roomes parcell of my dwellinge house in Louth hereafter mentioned, i.e. the brewhouse, the kitchen, and the butterie next adjoyning, with all the chambers over them with free ingresse, egresse etc. for the terme of xxj yeares next after my deathe; provided always that she shall not let the same or anie parte thereof to anie other than my said sonne Anthonie or my next heire at the Common Lawe. Item I will that my said wief shall have sufficiente roomes in the foreyard for the laying of her fuell yerelie during the said terme. Item I will that my said sonne Anthonie, or my next heire at the Common Lawe shall repaire all the said roomes which I have willed to my said wief within one half yeare after my decease, and maintain and keepe them etc. Item I give to my said wief all my fur wood and coales at Lowthe. Item I will that she shall have the use of these severall peeces of plate, viz., one silver salte parcell gilt, one silver boll ungilt, one silver beaker and six silver spoones, during her lief, and after her death I give them to Margaret my daughter. I give one silver goblet to my daughter Lucie Ormsbie, and one other silver goblet to my daughter Elizabeth Hutchenson. Per me William Palmer.

Prob. at Lincoln 27 Jan. 1611 by Ex^r.

Personalty sworn, 1000^{li}.

One of an old yeoman family at Winthorpe, in co. Lincoln, and also at Burgh-le-Marsh. His first wife, Thomasine, the mother of his children, was buried at Winthorpe 24 Dec., 1595. The Palmers were of great antiquity, though not of gentle rank in the county. A brass to William Palmer "with ye stylt," dated 1529, is still in Ingoldmells Church.

56.

THOMAS CONY.

I Thomas Cony of Bassingthorpe in the County of Lincoln, Esquier, whole in body and mynde and of good remembrance etc. My body to be buried in the Chappell of the Parishe Church of Bassingthorpe. To the Mother Church of Lincolne the some of xs. towards the repaire therof to be paid by my executors within a month or six weeks after my decease. I give to all my children god's blessing and myne. I give to my wief and S^r Thomas Cony, Knight, my eldest sonne, all my goods and chattells whatsoever within the mannor house of Bassingthorpe, desyreing them twaine to be good to all as they shall thinke good. To everyone of my men servants vjs. viijd. apeece. To every maide servante in my howse vs. apeece. And for soe much I have beene at greate charges in my tyme of sicknes is the cause I make this shorte will, for that I knowe not what receipte of money is in my Bayliffs and Servants hands to have of them any perfecte Accompte. And for soe much as my grandchild Elizabeth Cony, my eldest sonne's daughter, hath taken paynes with me in my sicknes, I give her xxs. to make her a ring of gould with a deathe's heade on the one side, and a Conny on the other side. I give to my servant Mary Hinkes likewise xxs. to make her a ring. I make my welbeloved wief Alice executrix, if she overlive me, and if she dye in my life tyme I make my said sonne S^r Thomas Cony, Knight, my executor, chargeing him to see my funeralls performed according to my degree. I make my sonne in lawe Thomas Butler, Esquire, my Overseer, trusting he will see this my will performed. I give to the towne of Grantham xxs. to be paid at the day of my funeralls. In witness whereof I have to this my shorte will set to my hand. 22 May 9th Jac. I. And I doe purpose when I shall hereafter knowe my estate, to be beneficiall to Christe Colledge and St. Johns, if it shall please Gode to sende me a little longer tyme in this worlde. And as touchinge my apparell my will and mynde is although it be but simple and small as well my gownes, dublitts, shirtes, hose, to be and shall be given and distributed by my said executors at their discretion amongst my servants, as well men servantes as maide servantes which shall be with me at my decease, excepting my ould gowne which I doe give to the said Mary Hinkes to make her a gowne. In witness whereof to this will conteyning foure sheetes we doe testify it made and published the day and yeare abovesaid. Thomas Cony, 1611. God sende me good speede. Thomas Butler (and others).

It is my mynde and will that Thomas Butler my sonne in lawe shall keepe this my will untill my further pleasure be knowne.

Prob. at Grantham. 30 Oct. 1611 by Ex^r.

See Vis. of Linc., 1662, for Cony pedigree. The testator had married Alice, daughter of Sir Thomas Leigh, Lord Mayor of London.

57.

SIR JOHN LOCKTON.

The 11th Jan. 1610. I S^r John Lockton of Swineshead in the County of Lincoln, knight, sick in bodie but thankes be to God of a good and perfect remembrance, etc. My bodie I cōmit yt to the earth to be buried in the Quier where I sitt in the parishe Church of Swineshead or where it shall be thought fitt by my Executor. To the mother church of Lincoln xijd. To the poore of Swineshead and Wigtoft vj^{li}. xiijs. iiijd. to be distributed by the Churchwardens and Collectors of both parishes. To John Simon vj^{li}. in consideration of viijs. rent a year which I have receaved since he came to me. To Marye Norman and to everyone of hir children vjs. viijd. apeece. To Margaret Coke and to her children vjs. viijd. apeece. To Margaret Schelton my servant xxs. To everyone of my other servants a quarter wages beside there usuall wages. Item I will that my executrix so longe as shee or her assigns doth quietlie and peaceably hold occupye possesse and enjoy the site of the abbey and other demeane landes graunted by lease for three lives, my executrix shall pay unto my sonne William Lockton c^{li}. a yeare soe longe as they two doth live. But yf the said my sonne William or his Assigns shall by any means seeke to trouble molest or to put out my executrix or her assignes out of the said site of the Abbey or other demeanes, that then my mynd is that the c^{li}. which I gave to my sonne shall presentlie cease and be extinguished. Residue to Ladie ffancis my wief whome I make my sole executrix. I desire Henry Cust and George Howson to be supervisors.

Prob. in C.P.C. quoad bona sua infra dioc. Lincoln. 23 Aug. 1611, by relict and Ex^r. Personalty 1872^{li}. 8s. 6d.

The testator had married Frances, daughter of William Howson, of Wigtoft. The Locktons suffered for their loyalty, and were heavily fined. They disappear after the Commonwealth.

58.

CHRISTOBELL LACON.

The 12th Dec. 1611. I Christobell Lacon of Biskerthorp within the Countie of Lincolne, wydowe, late wyfe of Herbert Lacon late of Humberston in the Countie aforesaid, gent., deceased, sick in bodie but whole in mynde etc. First and principallie I comend and betake my soule into the hands of our Lord, the eternall and almightie God, through the passion and deathe of whose onely sonne Jesus Christ our saviour and Redeemer I beleeeve cleare remission of all my sinnes. My bodie to the earthe to be buried in the Churche of Biskerthorp. To Mr. Edward Skipwith, my sonne in lawe, one goulde Ringe, and to my daughter, his wife, another goulde Ringe, being the better of them. To Edward Skipwith, sonne of the said Edward, one Frenche crowne. To Mary Skipwith, his

sister, my best gowne, my best kirtle, and the bodies belonging unto it. To Elizabeth, her sister, my best petticoate. To Gibert, Rikhard, Elizabeth and Marie Hansard, my grandchildren, ijs. vjd. apiece. To William Pagett, Hansard Knowles and Zacharie Knowles, my grandchildren, ijs. vjd. apiece. To William Hansard, my grandchild, xls. To Mr. John Suttcliffe, my brother, xs. To my cosin Mr. William Hansard my best napkyn, and to my cosin Marie, his daughter, ijs. vjd. To my sister Hansard my best smocke. To my sister Goche my best Camebrick bend. To my dawghter Knowles my cloth gowne, my burrato kirtle, my pillyon seate, and pillion clothe, my truncke, and some of my lynnyn which I used to weare. My will is that my sonne Knowles shall have all my arable land and leas belonging to my farme at Gayton this yeare, to sowe or otherwyse to dispose of as he shall thinke best. I give to Mrs. Leeche my best Camebrick bend save one, and my black rashe kirtle. To Mr. Leeche vs. To my cosin Marie, wyfe of Humfrey Needham, mine old stuff gowne, my hatt that is new dressed, and one new smocke. To good wyfe Steille one course Cambrick bend. To wydow Compton one smocke. To Michael Smithe his wife one smocke. To the wife of John Stevenson one petticoate. To either of the maides in the house xijd. Whereas I bought certaine thinges of my grandchilde William Pagett which are yet unpaid for, viz., iiij silver spoones, one plate cupboard, one chest, one blankett, one coverlet, one paire of bellows and one fyre shovell, my will and desyre is that he have them all againe in full satisfaction and payment for them. Residue to Sr William Hansard my son whom I make sole executor.

Witnesses. Henry Leeche, clerk, George Steille.

Prob. at Lincoln. 12 Jan. 1611 by Ex^r.

She was the daughter of Matthew Suttcliffe, of Grimsby; and the wife, first of Richard Hansard, of Biscathorpe; secondly of Herbert Lacon, of Humberstone. Her son, William Hansard, was knighted and lived at Gayton-le-Wold.

59.

SIR WILLIAM THOROLD.

In the Name of God, Amen. Mem. that the fourth day of Januarie, Anno Dom. 1610 Sr William Thorold of Little Paunton in the County of Lincoln, Knight, beinge of perfecte minde and memory ordayned and made his laste will and testament nuncupatyve in manner and forme as followeth, or wordes to the like effecte, viz., hee did make constitute and appoynte Anthony Thorold of Hough on the hill in the said Countye of Lincoln, Esquier, his Brother, his sole executor and gave him power to dispose of his goods in the presence of ffrancis Pridgeon, clarke (and others).

Prob. at Lincoln 4 April, 1611, by Anthony Thorold, Esq.

He was a son of Robert Thorold by Agnes, daughter and co-heir of William Audley, of Hough-on-the-Hill, and married Isabel, daughter and heiress of Thomas Thorold, son of Sir Anthony Thorold, Knt., of Marston; he left no issue to survive.

60.

ROBERT THOMPSON.

The 30th March 1611. I Robert Thompson of Gaudebie in the Countie of Lincolne, Gent., sick in bodie but whole in minde etc. My bodie to the earthe from whence it came. To Suzanne Sherrard my daughter cxxx^{li}. To Robert Sherrard her sonne c^{li}. To Edmund Sherrard her sonne c^{li}. To Elizabeth Sherrard her daughter c^{li}. To Helene Sherrard her daughter l^{li}. To Elizabeth Sherrard a juell to hang about her necke; which said portions my will is shall be paid unto them at their several ages of one and twentie yeares, or be married. My will also is that the portions be paid after my decease to Suzanne Sherrard my daughter; she to let it forth to her children's use and enter into bonde with William Lymme and William Thompson my cosen to pay the portions etc. Item to Tabitha Thompson my daughter cxxxx^{li}. to be paid on the day of her marriage. To Julian Thompson my daughter cxxx^{li}. To William Lymme x^{li}. I give c^{li}. to be letten forth by myne executors to pay unto my daughter Jane x^{li}. a year during her naturall lief, and after her decease to pay unto the children of my said daughter x^{li}. a year towards their education till they accomplish the age of 21 yeares or be married, and then to have the c^{li}. equally divided among so many as are living. If all die before the age of 21 or marriage then the money is to be divided among the children of Suzanne Sherrard aforesaid. To my said daughter Jane x^{li}. To the two daughters of my late deceased daughter Elizabeth Witton xxx^{li}. apiece when 21; if they die under age or unmarried I give their portions to the children of my daughter Julian Lymme. To my daughter Suzanne Sherrard c^{li}. towards the clearing and deviding my landes in Gaudbey from Mr. Moyne's landes there. To my cozens Thomas and William Thompson v^{li}. apiece. To Thomas Smith of Gaudbye v^{li}. iijs. he oweth me at May day; and I wish him to have certain lands etc. for life paying yearly xls. To Thomas Witton iij^{li}. vjs. viijd. To Thomas Jackson and Betton Eastlande my serrvants a yearlinge Quie each. To Elizabeth my wief foure acres of pasture in Weberton, in the tenure of Nicholas Cooke, to her and her heires for ever; also the house she now lives in for her natural life if she keep unmarried. If all my daughters die without heirs of their bodies lawfully begotten I give and bequeath all my lands and tenements in Gaudbey to my cosen William Thompson of Boothbie and to Robert his sonne, and to the heirs of their bodies; failing these to my brother William Thompson of Roxolme and his heirs for ever. To the poor of Gaudbey xs. I appoint William Lymme my sonne in lawe and Thomas Smith of Gaudbey overseers of this my will. Residue to my wief Elizabeth whom I make sole executrix.

Mem. that the c^h. given unto Suzanne Sherrard for the cleringe and devidinge of my groundes from Mr. Moyne's groundes shall be left at libertie unto William Lymme, William Thompson my stepffer (*sic*) and Thomas Smith for their charges in tryeing of all causes and controversies of suite that may arise or growe etc. I geve and bequeath to my cosen William Thompson of Boothby all my house and ground adjoyninge in Newarke upon Trente etc. to him and his heirs for ever.

Prob. at Lincoln 10 April 1611 by Ex^r.

His daughter Susan had married Edmund Sherard, of Bracken End, in Woodhall, whose Will has been given. See pedigree of Thompson in Vis. of Linc. 1562, pp. 126-7.

61.

JOHN DETHE.

I John Dethe of Gosbertonne in the countie of Lincolne, gentleman, sick in body but of perfect remembrance etc. My body to the earthe to be buried in the parish Church of Gosbertonne. To the poor of Gosbertonne xls. to be distributed at the discretion of my executor within one whole year after my death. To my sonne Henry Dethe my swann-marke, my best mare and fole and my best colte. To my sonne Robert Dethe foure kyne with their calves, to be delivered at Mayday. To my sonne Anthony Dethe c^h. to be paid within one year after my death. To my sonne John Dethe cc^h. when he is 21, and meanwhile to have xx^h. a year paid him by my executor. To my sonne Edward Dethe cc^h. when 21. To my sonne Richard Dethe cc^h. when 21. To my sonne William Dethe cc^h. when 21. To my sonne Jonathan Dethe cc^h. when 21 (with benefit of survivorship). To my neece Elizabeth Birkbie xx^h. when 21 or when married. All my leases to be letten to the best profit to pay the above legacies. If the profits amount to more than the said portions then my sonne Anthony Dethe is to have c^h. more, if it comes to so much; if less, then he is to have less. To my wife all my household stuff etc.; ten of my best kyne; six mares and one cart and one plow with the glares to them belonging. To everyone of my household servants vs., except Valentyne Samson to whom I give iij^h. vjs. viijd. To Margaret Birkby xls. when 21. To George Harrison xls. I give to my loving frend Mr. Thomas Midlecote xxs. whom I desire to be Supervisor. Residue to my sonne Henry Dethe whom I make sole executor. 15 Aug. 1610.

Prob. at Lincoln 10 Dec. 1611 by Ex^r.

This family was connected with the Irby's, but never rose into any prominence.

62.

THOMAS PALFREEMAN.

The 29th Sept. 1611. I Thomas Palfreeman of Swaby of good and perfect remembrance etc. My body to be buried in the Church

of Swaby. To Frances my wief the farme where I nowe dwell with the lease etc. excepting xx acres of land which I give forth of it unto Thomas Palframan for to occupy until the lease which I have made to Henry Bilton my tenant expires. To the said Thomas Palframan the lease of a farm where Henry Bilton now dwells for the remainder of the years which I have in it. Also all my land after the decease of Frances my wife and Henry Palfreeman, if either he or his heirs be living; and in default I give it to Robert Palfreeman of Lushby and his heirs after the decease of my wife Frances and Henry Palfreeman. Item to my wife Frances all my land at Carlton for her natural life, and all my land at Swaby after the death of Henry Palfreeman for her natural life. Item to Henry Palfreeman all my land which I bought in Swaby, for his natural life, excepting the Close called Palfreeman's Close, and provided that whoever shall occupy or enjoy the said Close shall pay yearly forever upon Good Friday xiijs. iiijd. to the parson and Churchwardens of Swaby to be bestowed upon the poor (with liberty to distrain). Item to my owne mother my farme at Thornton for her natural life, and afterwards to Frances my wife. To Jane Wharf xxs. to be paid when she is 16. Residue to wife Frances whom I make sole executrix.

Prob. at Lineoln 7 Nov. 1611.

The Palfremans were a family of the lesser gentry, seated also at Lushby. Edward Palfreeman, of the latter place, compounded for his estate by paying £148 to the Parliament.

63.

EDWARD ALDYE.

The 28th Aug. 1611. I Edward Aldye of Wrangle in the County of Lincoln, Gentleman, sick of body but whole of mind etc. I commend my soule unto Almighty god my maker and redeemer with full assurance of the forgiveness of all my sinnes and of everlasting salvation thorow the only merits of Jesus Christ by his pretious death and passion, utterly renouncing all the superstitious traditions of the Antichristian Church of Roome; and my body to be buried in the parish churchyarde of Wrangle as nere unto my late wife as can bee. I give to the poor inhabitants of Wrangle one quarter of barley to be distributed amongst them according to their want at Christmas next after my decease by the discretion of my executors Mr. Francis, James Stephenson, and Anthonie Hart. Item that James Stephenson my sonne in lawe shall have the truss bedsted in the chamber over the dineing parlor with the valones (*sic*) curtaines and curtaine rods, one covering of arras worke with all the furniture belonging to the said bed, as it stands, except one covering of forest worke, one square table and a carpit upon it, and all the hangings in the same chamber, in full satisfaction of the guifte of his father John Stephenson deceased, of all my goods in

the said chamber. Item the brickclap as it standeth, ten quarters of seed barley, and the halfe of all my beans this yere growing to be delivered unto him at seed time next after my decease faire and cleane dressed for seed. Item the yong roane mare with her foale going in the xj acres. Item two great fattes standing in the great barne and newe howse. Item my swann-marke called the squire and crowfoot with all the swanns and cignets thereon marked. Item my lease and term of yeres to come unexpired in the same, which now I have of the devise and graunt of the Maior and Burgesess of the Borow of Boston upon this condition that he doe pay or cause to be paid unto my executors for the said lease and yeres the some of x^{li}. within one yere next after my decease, etc., etc. Item to my daughter in lawe Elizabeth Stephenson six of my best milch kyne etc. Item the seeled bedsted standing in the dining parlor, the best covering in the howse not before given, rugg shag or other (*sic*) with all the furniture thereto now belonging in such sort as my wife and I had the same furnished when we did lie there. Item fower cushiones, that is to say two new, and two olde of Yorkeshire worke of Thrumbe (*sic*) more, I give unto her three chaires that is to say one of them was bought at Borne, one other of them was bought at Boston aforesaid, the third which she shall chose in the howse except the lether chaire. Item the third part of all my pewter by weight to take such as is good and serviceable. Item the litle silver trencher salte which was her father's, etc. All my linings, fine and course, to be equally divided into two partes; one to my daughter Jane Aldye, the other to be divided between the said Elizabeth Stephenson and my daughter in law Judeth Creswell. Item to Simon Creswell the mare which he hath now of mine etc. (Bequest to Judeth his wife.) Item to William Hart my sonne in lawe, one two yere olde fillie, and I doe forgive him all debts, rents etc. he oweth to me. To Agnes his wife xs. To Alice his daughter vs. To William Hart son of Anthonie Hart xs.; to Jane and Alice his daughters ijs. a peece; to Anne his wife xs. To Edward Hart his son a two yere olde of coloure pied. Item whereas I did promise the foresaid Elizabeth Stephenson a ring of golde worth xxxs. twentie yeares agoe I now give unto her in recompence of the said ringe my signet golde ringe which hangs at my purse. To every one of Simon Creswell's children xls. apeece. (Small legacies to godsons, etc.) To my daughter Jane Aldye all debtes owinge unto me, that is to say, Mr. Pawfreyman of Swaybe xx^{li}. upon specialitie etc. etc. Residue to my said daughter Jane whom I make sole executrix. I desire James Stephenson and Anthonie Hart, my sonnes in lawe, to be supervisors, and give Anthonie xls.

Prob. 2 Jan. 1611-12 at Lincoln by Ex^r.

This is a family quite of the lesser grade. The description of the Swan-mark is worth observing.

64.

ANNE MANBY.

I Anne Manby of Driby in the County of Lincoln, wydow, sick in body but of good and perfect remembrance etc. First I do with all my hart comende my soule into the hands of God the father, who at the first did create it, of God the Sonne who did redeeme it, and of God the holy ghost who did sanctifie it and cleanse it. Also I do committ my body, untill ye day of the generall resurrection, to the earthe, and appoint it to be buried in Driby church, from whence my sure and certaine hope is, that my Saviour Jesus Christ shall raise it to life againe by the mightie power and merytt of his glorious resurrection, that my body being againe joyned to my soule I may thorow Christ Jesus both in soule and body abyde with god, with his angels, and holy Saints for ever in never fading joyes. I do bequeath all my goods and chattles at Elsom, except one bedstead which stode in the hie garrett, to George Manby my grandchild. To my sonne Robert Manby ye bedstead at Elsom above excepted. To my sonne William Manby, my daughter Anne his wife, my daughter Pistor, my daughter Berrisford, my daughter Willoughby, my daughter Woolby, my sonne Robert Manby, xxs. apiece to make a ring to weare for my remembrance. To my sonne Willoughby xxs. for a similar ring. To my grandson William Quadring xs. for a ring. I give my seale ring which I do use to weare on my finger to William Hunstone my grandchild. Item to my sonne Quadring, my sonne Woolby, and my sonne Pistor xs. each for a ring. To Anne Luddington my grandchild xs. for a ring. To Anne Woolby my grandchild one litle silver tunne gilded about the edges. To Mary Manby my grandchild one litle carved guilt bowle. To Anne Prescott my grandchild iij^{li}. in golde. To Katherin Pistor my grandchild one paire of sheetes of two bredthes and a half and one paire of two bredthes. To my grandson William Pistor two silver spoones. To James Prescott and ffancis Woolby my grandchildren a silver spoone apiece. To John and ffancis Berissford, my grandchildren, two of my best ewes apiece. To Anne Berissford my grandchild two paire of linne sheetes. To my daughter Pistor and daughter Berissford all myne Apparell to be equally divided between them. Item I give one gowne which was my husband Manbie's to William Manby my sonne. Item I give to my maiden ffancis Skipwith, to Jone Dandisonne, to Thomas Chamberlaine, an ewe apiece. To Gabriel and John Quadring, my grandchildren, an ewe apiece. All such legacies to be paid within half a year after my decease, because many to whom I have given legacies be in their nonage. Residue to sonne Robert Manby, whom I make sole executor, 12 Jan. 1609.

Debtes owing to me.

My daughter Willoughby oweth to me xx^{li}. lent unto her in the time of her wydowhood.

Debtes which I do owe.

To ffancis Dent xxiiij^s. To the draper at Alford for a gowne cloth. To my sonne Willoughby for my diett and for the diett of my grandchild ffancis Berissford ever since Michaelmasse. Item to him for the diett of my maid during the same time. (A pen drawn through the latter list.)

Prob. at Lincoln 15 May 1612 by Ex^r.

The pedigree of Manby given in the Vis. of Linc. 1562, pp. 80-1, will help one to understand the relationships. Testatrix was the daughter of Sir Francis Ayscough, Knt., of South Kelsey and Stallingborough, and the widow of Francis Manby of Elsham. She had a large family. Of her daughters, Ann married William Quadring, Hester married Edward Pistor of Metheringham, Judith married John Beresford, Elizabeth married 1st John Prescott of Driby and 2ndly Edward Willoughby son of Lord Willoughby of Parham, and Faith married Edward Hunston of Boston.

65.

HENRIE ORMSBIE.

Mem. That the 26th daye of September in the tenth yeere of the raigne of our Sovereigne Lord James etc. in the yeere of our Lord god 1612, Henrie Ormsbie late of Nun Ormsbie in the Countye of Lincoln, gentleman, sicke in bodie but of good and perfect remembrance, did nuncupativelie speake these wordes followinge, first he did comende his soule into the hands of Almightye god his maker and Redeemer and his bodie to be buried in the Church of Ormesbie. Item he did give and bequeathe unto his brother Edward Ormesbie all his goods and debts in whose hands soever they weere, conditionallye that his said brother Edward Ormesbie should paye all his sayd debtes, for he said unto his said brother, "take all and paye all." Recordes hereof Edward Gilbie, gent., William Havens, and Elsabethe Trigge. And he alsoe made Edward Ormsbie his brother his Executor.

Prob. at Lincoln 13 Oct. 1612 by Ex^r. Personalty sworn 56^{li}.

Henry Ormsby's Nuncupative Will shows signs of the family's decline. Nun Ormsby soon after passed to the Souths of Kelstern. The Irish Ormsbys claim descent from this family.

66.

ELIZABETH KENT.

The 3rd Feb. 1611. I Elizabeth Kent, wife of William Kent, of the Cittie of Lincoln, gentleman, beinge sicke of body yett of perfect remembrance etc. of my owne free disposition and desire and yett by the assent of the said William Kent my husband doe make this my last will etc. My body to be buried where and howe it shall please my husband. And whereas a great parte of that estate which I brought to my husband at ower mariage was put to the disposition and order of the right worshipfull Sir Thomas

Mounson, Knight, my good cossen, and Mr. Robert Mounson, Esquire, my loveinge brother, and some others, by my meanes and procurement for the payment of my children's portions which I had by my former husband, and that which should increase thereof above those somes should be for the maintenance of my husband and myselfe, and to be at my disposition; nowe my will and mind is, and I do desire my said cossen, Sir Thomas Mounson, and my said brother, and all other that have any power in the orderinge thereof, that it maye be employed and converted in manner followinge, That is to saye to Robert Kent my sonne I give l^{li}, to be employed to his use and benefit, and to William Kent my husband l^{li}, and all the household goods and plate, which were my former husband's. And because my daughter Jane Gildon had given to her by her father my former husband c^{li}, and half the household stuffe, which stuffe is nowe much wasted and worne, I will that my daughter shall have c^{li}, more in money in recompense of her said halfe etc. Item I will that my said daughter have xx nobles yearly for her maintenance for three yeares after Martillmasse next ensuinge. I desire that my brother Mr. Robert Mounson shall be payd x^{li}, as parcell of a debt due by me to him. Item that the x^{li} I borrowed of my cossen George ffarmarie be repayd to him, after Martillmasse next. If the house wherein I dwell be not redeemed at the time appointed I desire that the same be sold, and the legacies, other than the c^{li}, due to my daughter Jane, be paid. My husband to have liberty to dwell therein till the feast of St. Martin next, and what money shall remain, after the sale or redemption of the house, be divided between my husband and my son Robert Kent.

Prob. 31 Oct. 1612 at Lincoln. Admon. given to William Kent, gent., of the city of Lincoln.

The testatrix had been married to a Gildon before she became the wife of William Kent. Marr. lic. dated 11 Sept. 1601. "William Kent, of Lincoln, mercer, and Elizabeth Gildon of the same, widow."

67.

JAMES DIGHTON.

The 24th Nov. 1612. I James Dighton of Greate Grimsmie in the County of Lincoln, Burgesse, sicke of bodie etc. My body to be buried in the Churchyard of St. James. I give towards the repair of the church vijd. Residue to Elizabeth, my wief, whom I make sole executrix, and I make David Ragg supervisor, and give him ijs. iiijd.

Prob. at Lincoln 4 Jan. 1612-13 by Ex^r.

Probably one of the Lincoln Dightons.

68.

MYLES ASHETON.

The 6th Dec. 1609. I Myles Asheton of Burrowe in the Marshe in the Countie of Lincolne, gent, beinge hayle in body and of good and perfecte remembrance, thanckes I give unto almightie god for the same, yett my selfe subjecte to deathe, and that the tyme therof is uncertaine and reserved to God's secret knowledge, And consideringe how necessarye it is for every good Christian to be in rediness for deathe and haveinge a care to dispose of these goodes and Chattells wherewith god hath endewed me in such order as to the therebie my dutie towards god for the well usinge and disposinge of them maie appeare, as alsoe for the avoidinge of contention and paieinge of my debts after my decease, doe constitute, ordaine, and make my testamente etc. Firste I comend my soule into the handes and mercey of Almightye god, moste humbly beseechinge him to forgive me all my synnes and offences for his sonne's sake Christe Jesus, by the only meritts of whose most precieuse deathe and passion my faith is most stedfastly to be saved, and that it maie please him both nowe, and when sicknes shall happen, to assiste me with his holy spirite, that whether I dye or live I maie (be) one of his flocke and chosen children, and partaker of that heavenly kingdome which is prepared for all faithfull belevers. Item I give to George Whitinge one of the naturall sonnes of George Whitinge late of Burrowe decased xlith. etc. Also two fetherbeds, the one fetherbed whereupon I usuallie doe lye uppon, and the other the olde fetherbed in the parlor, with ij coverlets and iiij blankets. To my good frende Roberte Creswell of Burrowe, gent, my little mare. Item to Alice, my nowe wief, two closes lienge in the parishe of Asheton in the countie of Lanc. the one called Boothe Rode, the other the litle Meadows. Two other closes, the one called the Riges the other Wolfenden Ridges, lienge in Asheton aforesaid. And also one other close called Roughe Arlie with appurtenances lienge in Asheton aforesaid; to have and to hold the said premises for tenn whole years after my death without paying any Rente. Residue to my wife Alice whom I make sole executrix. Witnessed by Thomas Cracrofte, Robert Stone, Roberte Creswell. I doe also give to the said George Whitinge one yonge blacke gelt nagg of a yeare and vantage olde, in the presence of Thomas Cracrofte, Roberte Creswell, Thomas Wolbie.

Prob. at Lincoln 19 Dec. 1612 by Ex^r.

Personalty sworn 300^{li}.

He was from Lancashire, and married Pretafer or Protasie, daughter of Thomas Quadring of Irby, and widow of Robert Cracroft of Fulletby and Burgh-le-Marsh.

69.

WALTER AYSCOUGHE.

The 15th April 1612. I Walter Ayscoughe of Marham in the fenne in the countie of Lincolne, gent, sick in bodie etc. My body to be buryed where it shall please best my executrix. I give my annuitie of xx^{li}. a yeare the which I have out of the Lordshipp of Blebroughe unto Bridgitt my wife for and duringe her life naturall. I give the xx . y^t my brother S^r Henry Ayscoughe gave me by his last will to Walter Ayscoughe my sonne, Jane Ayscoughe and Katherine Ayscoughe my daughters, to be equallie divided. To my daughter Margaret xijd. All my debts owing to me by S^r Henry Ayscoughe my brother or by his heirs etc., I give to Bridgitt my wife and to the children begotten betwixt me and her. Residue to my said wife whom I make sole executrix, and to my children begotten as before. To Henry Ayscoughe my sonne xijd. To Eilizabeth Ayscoughe my daughter xijd. I appoint Nycholis Cressey, gent, supervisor, and give him vs. Witnessed by Clynton Ayscoughe.

Prob. at Horncastle 2 May 1613 by Ex^r.

Personalty sworn 21^{li}. 5s. 0d.

See his brother Sir Henry Ayscough's will already given.

70.

GEORGE LITILBURIE

The 10th Sept. 1612. I George Litilburie of Somersbye in the countie of Lincoln, esquire, having my perfitt memorie (I thancke god) doe make etc. I will my bodye be buried in the Queare or Church of Somersbie if I depart this worlde within the Countie of Lincolne. I give to the Cathedrall church of Lincolne xijd. To the church of Somersbye ijs. To the church of Ashbye puerorum xijd. To my neeces Katherine Litilburie, Elizabeth Litilburie, Martha Litilburie, and Ammye Litilburie x^{li}. each, to be paid within two years after my decease (with benefit of survivorship). To Sislye my howskepper xxs., and a house with the yard for her life paying to the lord iiijd. yearly. To my sister Barbara Litilburie the house that Stephen ffereby dwelleth in with all the grounds etc. paying to the lord iiijd. yearly; and I give her one score of yowes. To my neece Gedney xxs. To my nephew Jarvis Reasbye xs. To my Ladye Langtoun one gould Ringe. To my nephew Jefferey Litilburie all my apparell, and all my lands in Kirtoun, Winceby and Hamringham to him and his heirs. To each of my godchildren and servants xijd. My will is to have a stone layd upon me, and my Armes to be sett in the walle as my grandfather's was at Ashbie. I will to bestowe in money at my buriall iij^{li}. vjs. viijd. I make my nephew Thomas Litilburie full executor,

my nephew Jarvis Reasbye and my nephew John Litilburie supervisors, and John Litilburie to have xs.

Prob. at Lincoln 9 Nov. 1612 by Ex^r.

Personalty sworn 337^{li}. 13s. 4d.

He was the 7th son of Thomas Littlebury of Stainsby. His niece Rose Littlebury had married Richard Gedney of Bag Enderby, and her daughter Elizabeth Gedney had married Gervase Bercaby of Hundelby.

71.

JOHN LITTLEBURYE.

The 28th Sept. 9th Jac. I. I John Littleburye of Hagworthingham in the county of Lincoln, Esquyer, sicke in bodie etc. My bodie I will have buried in the church of Hagworthingham. I give at the day of my funerall to be distributed to the poore xs. To my sonne John Littleburye all my lands in Raithbye for his naturall life, according to a deede I have made, and for his bringinge upp in learninge c^{li}. To my daughter Bridgett Littleburye, soe that shee be ruled by mye wief her mother in marriage, cc^{li}. to be paid when married or 21 years of age. To my daughter Anne Littleburye cc^{li}. (similar conditions). To my wief Anne Littleburye my lease which I have of Orbye from Mr. Massingberd, as alsoe my stocke and cattell, corne in the grounde etc. with all my plate and furniture. Item whereas my children be yonge and my goods and chattells are not sufficient to satisfie mye legacies aforesayd I doe therefore in accordance with a Reservation and power reserved to myselfe by one Indenture made the 25 March now last past betweene me John Littleburye, on the one parte, and Richard Gedney and Henrye Skinner, esquyers, and Roger Edwards, gent., on the other parte, appoint that the said three persons, by vertue of a fyne lately levved by me unto the said three persons, shall stand and be seized of all my manors and lands etc., after my decease, to the use of Anne Littleburye my wyfe for terme of her lief whereby she may out of the profits and revenues of the lands pay such legacies above mentioned. And if she die before this can be done, then the said Richard Gedney, Henry Skinner, and Roger Edwards are to be seized of the lands and pay the legacies. (Entails the lands after the death of his wife on his sons Henry Littlebury, and John Littlebury, with right of dower etc.) I make my wief Anne sole executrix. Item I request Mr. Tanzey mye loveinge freend to preache at my funerall, to whome I doe give for his paines xs., as alsoe xs. for my mortuarie whiche is dewe to him by Lawe. I desier mye most lovinge freends Richard Gedney, Henry Skynner and Roger Edwards to be overseers, by whose advise I would have my wief to be directed, and I give to each xs. I doe give unto my sonne Henrye Littleburye v^{li}. yerely to be paid to him during his mother's lief, by his mother, out of my lands in Hagworthingham. Witnessed by Thomas Goldingham, Theodore Tanzey.

Prob. at Spillesbye 4 May 1612 by Ex^r.

Personalty sworn 288^{li}. 8s. 4d.

A cousin of the preceeding testator. The Stainsby line was the senior, the Hagworthingham the junior, of the Littlebury family.

HAMLETT MARSHALL.

The 12th Oct. 1611. I Hamlett Marshall of Stainton juxta Langwith, in the county of Lincoln, clarke, sicke in bodie, etc. Mye bodie to be buried in the Chancell or Quyer of the parishe church of Stainton. To my wief Joane all my household stuffe and plaite etc.; my five Kye and my redd bald mare, and my sorreld fillie, and c markes, to be paid within one half year after my death. To all my grandchildren c marks to be equally divided among them, when of lawful age, meanwhile my executor is to put forth the money to the best use for the education etc. of my grandchildren. To my godson Hamlett Pickeringe x^{li}. over and besides xxs. which I do owe unto him. To Elizabeth Osney vj^{li}. xiijs. iiijd. To my daughter Alice Huddlestone vj^{li}. xiijs. iiijd. To my daughter Isabell Kingston vj^{li}. xiijs. iiijd. To Mr. John Duncalf, clarke, v^{li}., and to his son Hamlett Duncalf xls. To Mr. William Saunderson v^{li}. in gould. To Mr. Doctor Parker one xxs. peece of gould, and to Misteris Parker, his wief, one Angell of gould. To John Parker iij^{li}. which he doth owe me. I do forgive Mr. John Redferne xxvjs. which he doth owe me. I do forgive Mr. Samuell Houghton x^{li}. of the xl^{li}. which he doth owe me. To my sonne Hamlett Marshall, clarke, I bequeath the Advowson, guifte and patronage of the Viccaridge of Leggesbye with all the deeds, evidences etc. Provided alwayes that my said sonne shall present Mr. John Duncalf, clarke, ymediatelie after mye decease into the said vicaridge during his naturall lief for one onlie guifte. Provided alwayes Mr. John Duncalf shall resign the vicaridge wherein he is now resident into the hands of the Dean and Chapter to the use of Richard Pharam, clarke. I give to the poorest people of Stainton xls., and to the poorest people of Leggesbye xls. To the poorest people at Skothorne xxs. To every one of my servants xxs. To my sonne Hamlett Marshall, clarke, c marks, and to his wief xls. I make my said sonne my sole executor; and for that trust and confidence which I have in him and hope of that naturall care which I expecte from him, I doe referre the execution of this my last will to him. To everyone of my godchildren ijs. To my sonne in lawe Richard Peake v^{li}. I make Thomas Twell and ffrancys Jonson supervisors, and give each xls. I forgive to Mr. Abraham Hollydaye xls. he doth owe me. Residue to my wief, and Ambrose Osney his children, and the children of Thomas Kingston my sonnes in lawe. Witnessed by John Duncalf, Thomas Twell and James Osney.

Prob. at Lincoln i April 1612 by Ex^r.

73.

RICHARD EVINGTON.

The 21st Jan. 9th Jac. I. I Richard Evington of Halsteade in the parishe of Stixwolde in the countie of Lincoln, gentleman. Callinge to my mortall estate (*sic*) and consideringe this frayle and transitorie lyfe to be vayne, casuall, and altogether uncerteine and therefore willinge not to dye Intestate, doe make and ordaine etc. My bodie I comitt to the earthe to be decentlye buried in Christian buryall in such convenient place and in such manner and forme as shall to my executors be thought good. I will that all such detts as I shall lawfully owe at the time of my death be paid. To Elizabeth Wood, my daughter, iij^{li}. To every one of her children living at my decease iij^{li}. To every child of my late daughter Ellenor Hobson living at my decease iij^{li}. To some godlye preacher xs. to make a sermon on the day of my funerall, in the parishe churche of Stixwolde where I shall be buried. And I ordaine and appoynte two other sermons to be preached at Stixwolde after my buryall, that ys to say one of them upon tewesdaye in Easter weeke, and the other sermon upon the tewesdaye in Whitsun weeke next and immediately followinge after my buryall, and I doe appointe the preacher for hys paynes xxs. that is to say for eache sermon xs. To everyone of my servants abiding in my service at the time of my decease xs. I appoint that upon the day of my buryall there shall be all the Inhabitants of Stixwold at dynner, with sixteene or twentie of the best esteemed yeomen neighbouring about the parishe of Stixwolde at the same, by the appointment of my executors. Item I give unto eight poore men iiij^s. for carryinge my bodie to the churche. Item I give x^{li}. to be equally distributed unto tenne poore schollers of the universities of Oxford and Cambridge, xls. of the said some to be gyven unto Abdeel Jarke and Joel Jarke the soones of Mr. Nicholas Jarke of Waddingworth; the residue to be distributed at the discretion of my brother ffrancis Evington. My will is that my executors shall yearly for twelve yeares after my decease pay the some of xxx^{li}. in this manner, that ys to say to the poore of Spaldinge yearly iij^{li}., at the discretion of my executors; to the poore of the Cittie of Lincolne iij^{li}., where most neede shall be, at the discretion of the minister and churchwardens; to the poore of Pinchbecke (similar bequest). Item to Alice wife of John Fuller, my sister Margaret her daughter, xxs. yearlie upon good fryday. To Elizabeth Searsbie xxs. yearlie; To Susane wife to Thomas Wright xxs.; they both being daughters to my sister Margaret. To the poore of Grantham yearlie xxxs., at the discretion of the Alderman and hys brethren. To the poore of Melton Mowbray in the countie of Leicester, xxs. yearlie, at the discretion of the minister and churchwardens. To the poor of the towne of Leicester iij^{li}., yearlie, at the discretion of the Maior and his brethren. To

the poore of Lowghborowe in the countie of Leicester xxxs. yearlie at the discretion of the minister and churchwardens. To Anne Wilson of Kegworth in county Leicester, my sister Margaret her daughter, xxs. yearlie. To the poore of the burrow of Boston xxxs. yearlie at the discretion of the Maior and Alderman. To the poore of the towne of Horncastle xxs. yearlie at the discretion of the minister and churchwardens. To the poore of Stixwolde iiij^{li}. xs. yearlie at the discretion of my executors. These distributions to the poore to be made on the 25 March and 29 Sept. To my brother franncis Evington v^{li}. To my wief Jane c^{li}. yearlie, for her life, on the feast of St. Michael and the 25 March in equal portions. My executors to pay l^{li}. of this sum to my wife within one month after my decease for the spedier reliefe of hir necessities. My said wife to have during all the tyme of her widdowhoode all that my lodginge chamber within my mansion house of Hallsteed with free ingresse, egresse etc.; all the stuffe and furniture in the said chamber, excepte all my plate and redie money and all my specialties writings and evidences, and all the munition and furniture of armor for warre being in the said chamber. To my grandchilde Richard Evington, sonne to my sonne Nicholas Evington, xx^{li}. To my little grandchilde Morris Evington, sonne to my said sonne, x^{li}. To my boy Mathew Gisborne vj^{li}. to be employed by my executors for his use till he is 21. To Richard Whitworth xls. To my godson francis Evington and to his sister Cicilie Swifte, xls. apiece. To my Cozen John Smith my dagger and knyves with white handles, which I comonlye used in my lyfetyme. I alsoe appoint that my executors shall duringe the naturall life of my wife Jane provide and allow unto hir, and one mayd servant to attend upon hir, competent and sufficient meate drinke dyet fyre and washinge meete and necessarie gratis, within my said mansion house of Hallsteed, if she be willing to receive it; if not, then to have yearly xx marks instead. If my estate be not sufficient to pay the above sums, then my lease of Chauntrie lands for 12 years is to be sold for that purpose; and my lands and woods in Horsington may be sold also. Residue of my leases, goods etc. and lands in Stixwold, Blanckney, Edlington, Medringham, and Horsington to my two sonnes Morrice Evington and Nicholas Evington, to be equally divided, and make them my executors. I make my brother franncis Evington and my brother in law William Whitworth overseers, and give them xxs. apiece. Item to every parson that shall come for dole on the day of my buryall vjd.

Prob. at Lincoln 25 May 1612 by Maurice Evington, power reserved to Nicholas. Personalty sworn 622^{li}. 4s. 0d.

This family, which came from Leicestershire towards the end of the sixteenth century, entered its pedigree in the Vis. of Linc. 1634. The testator was a brother of Francis Evington of Casewick, co. Linc., whose son, Sir James, sold it to William Trollope of Thurlby in 1631. The Evingtons of Stixwold and Spalding, after intermarrying with the Wimberleys and Walpoles, ended in an heiress, the testator's granddaughter Frances, who married John Ogle of Spalding 29 Aug. 1644.

74.

SYMON WOLBIE.

The 8th Oct. 1606. I Symon Wolbie of Burghe in the Marshe in the countie of Lincolne, gent., sicke in body etc. My body to the earthe, and for my mortuarie that the lawe requireth. To the Cathedral Church of Lincolne xijd. Towardes the reparation of the church of Burghe vs. Towardes that of Bratoft ijs. vjd. Towardes that of Thorpe ijs. vjd. Towardes that of Crofte xvijjd. To Thomas Wolbie my sonne c^h, one Red cheste which was my father's, my best silver salte, and one silver Canne, two paire of Lynne sheetes, one paire of bedstockes, one Cofer with all therein, one leade in the litle kitchen, certen leade at Thorpe, two pillow beares of Lynne, to be delivered him when 21. To William Wolbie my sonne cxl^h, one silver Cann, halfe a dozen of silver spoons, a peece of silver called a Beaker, two pair of Lynne sheets, two linne Pillowberes, a blacke Arke where my evidences lie, my best Brasse pott, the bed which I use to lie in in the far Chamber, and one oake cheste which came from Westbie; to be delivered to him when 21. To Richard Wolbie my sonne c^h, two paire of Lynne sheets two pillowberes of Lynne, one brasse pott, one silver goblet, one frame in the parlor at the lowe house with a table on it, one cheste in the high lofte at the lowe house; to be delivered to him when 21. To John Wolbie my sonne c^h, one silver tunne, one litle silver bole gilt, two paire of Linne sheets, two pillowbeares of Lynne, one litle trusse bed, one litle cheste; to be delivered to him when 21. (Benefit of survivorship.) To my father Palmer one Angell in golde, and to my mother Palmer xxs. in gold. To my godson Vincent Woolbie vjs. viijd.; to his brother John Wolbie vs. To Vallentyne Wolbie his brother ijs. vjd. To Margaret Purley late the wife of Vincent Wolbie xs. in golde. To my sisters Mary Greene, and Hellen Wolbie xs. apiece. To Mary Pearson vjs. viijd. To Christopher Palmer, Roberte Palmer, Richard Greene and Josias Wolbie, vs. apiece. To John Pearson vs. To my brother Robert Palmer his wife ijs. vjd. To Richard Sibsey vs. in golde, and to Elizabeth his wife ijs. vjd. (Small bequests to servants, etc.) Residue to my wife Elizabeth whom I make sole executrix. Signed 21 Feb. 1610 (*sic*).

The last will and testament of me the said Symon Wolbie made the daie and yeare aforesaid concerninge the disposition of all my landes etc. Imprimis I give to my sonne William Wolbie all my lands in Waynflete and ffriskney, vij acres of land or pasture in Brughe, and ij acres of pasture in Orby late purchased of William Puttrill, to him and his heirs forever. To Richard Woolbie my sonne xj acres of land or pasture in Brughe lyeinge in a certaine place called the Ettinges which I purchased of Roberte Veale and sometimes Wattertons; and iiij acres of land or pasture in Brughe

lyeing in Colegarths late purchased of Robert Maxey and sometimes Vauisores, and ij selions of land in Bratofte; to him and his heirs. To John Woolbie my sonne those landes messuages and tenements in Sirethorpe ende in Bratofte, to him and his heirs. To Thomas Woolbie my sonne all those lands and tenements of mine not before bequeathed, to him and his heirs. I will my sonne William Woolbie, with the consent of Elizabeth my wife and my Supervisors, to have the letting of my landes during the minoritie of my sonnes, and to deliver the rents into the hands of Christopher Palmer my brother and Josias Woolbie my Kinsman to the use of my children and to be divided equally among them at the age of 21; which rents shall be reserved and kept in a chest to remain in the custodie of the said Christopher and Josias under three keyes, deducting thereof x^{li}. yearly for the education and bringe up of my children.

Prob. at Lincoln 18 March 1612 by Elizabeth Wolby relict and Ex^r. Personalty sworn 995^{li}. 9s. 8d.

It has been surmised that the names of Wolby and Welby are identical; but all I know is that as early as 1547 there were Wolbys at Thorpe by Wainfleet. From them the testator descended and married Elizabeth daughter of Leonard Palmer of Burgh-le-Marsh. The name lingered on at Burgh till the 18th century.

75.

GEORGE CAWDRON.

I George Cawdron of Little Hale in the parishe of Great Hale in the Countye of Lincolne, gent., beinge somewhat sicke in bodye etc. My bodye to be buried in the Church of Greate Hale in a Quire there called the Easte Hale or Banister Quire, and for my mortuarie as the Lawe dothe allowe or admitt. To the pore people of the toun of Heckington wheare I was borne xls. to be paid within one month after my decease to the churchwardens to be by them letten oute to the use of the said poore people there, and the money yearely receaved for the use of the said xls. to be distributed among the poore. To the parishe and townes of Greate Hale and little Hale xls. (to be similarly employed.) To the towne of Helpringham xxs. (the same). To the towne of Burton Pedwarden xiijs. iiijd. (the same). Item whearas I stande bounde unto S^r Hamond Whichcott of Dunston, Knight, my brother in lawe, in the sune of c^{li}. for the bestoweinge of xxx^{li}. for the repaireinge and newe amendinge of one messuage in Heckington wherein one Robert Taylor nowe dwelleth being parcell of the joynture of Ellinor Cawdron, wife of me George Cawdron, in full dischardge of the said bonde I geve unto the said Ellinor my nowe wife c^{li}. to be paide by my executor within one whole year after my decease; and I earnestlie intreate my saide wife to quietly permitt and suffer John Cawdron my onelie sonne and heire apparante, duringe his naturall life, to have and to hold all those messuages and landes in

Heckington which weare given her in joynture; hee the said John Cawdron paying her yearelie during her naturall life xxx^{li}. (If she refuse, then the legacy of c^{li}. to be void, and the executor to pay the xxx^{li}. only.) Item I geve to the said Ellinor all such linnings as shce brought with her when I maryed her, with all her wearings linnings used for her bodye together with all her apparell, heades, borders, ringes, Jewells, and other ornaments etc., also my beste bedd and bedsteade with all the furniture, with a bedde, bedsteade, and furniture for her maides to lye in. To Anne Browne widowe my naturall sister vj^{li}. xiijs. iiijd. to be paid her yearely by my executor duringe her naturall life or else to provide for her sufficiente meate and drinke as beseemeth a woman of her sort and callinge during her naturall life at his choyce and election. To every one of my three sisters' children, being eight in number, xxs. Whereas I heretofore did promise unto Thomas Bell of Helpringham, yeoman, in mariage with Elizabeth Greene, xxx^{li}. of which I have paid xxvij^{li}. I give and bequeath to them xxij^{li}. to be paid within six months after my decease. To ffancis Pridgion, clarke, my honest and carefull freinde and Phisition xxs. to make him a ringe. To Richard Enderby gent., xxs. for a ringe. To Josua Whichcott gent., my trewe and trustie freinde at all assayes, xxs. for a ringe. To Robert Carre Esquier, sonne and heire of Sir Edward Carre, Knight, one nagge to be nexte chosen after my supervisors have made theire choyce. To Mary Whichcoate daughter of S^r Hamond Whichcott, Knight, my brother in lawe, v^{li}., to buye her a Jewell. To S^r Edward Carre, Knight, my beste horse coulte or geldinge at his owne election. To S^r Hamond Whichcott, Knight, my nexte beste horse coulte etc. to be chosen after S^r Edward Carre. Residewe to John Cawdron, my sonne, whom I make sole executor; and I earnestlie intreate S^r Edward Carre and S^r Hamond Whichcott, Knights, to be supervisors. Signed 22 Jan. 1610. Witnessed by Richard Enderby, Josua Whichcott etc.

Prob. at Lincoln 22 Jan. 1612 by Ex^r. Personalty sworn 826^{li}. 8s. Od.

The Cawdrons rose in the social scale partly through their connexion with the Carres of Sleaford. Old Robert Carre, of enormous wealth, married Elizabeth, daughter of William Cawdron the King's Bailiff at Heckington. The family do not appear in the Visitations of the 16th century, but they are in that of 1684, and their arms are given in *Yorke's Union of Honour*.

SIR PETER EURE.

The 13th Nov. 9th Jac. I. I Peter Eure of Whashingburgh in the County of Lincoln, Knight, of sound and perfect mynde etc. My bodye to be buried according to the good discretion of my Executors. I devise to the pore people Inhabitants dwelling in Washingbrough and in South Langton and in Belton in the Isle of Axholme iij^{li}. As touchinge the disposition of my lands and

tenements in Whashingbrough, South Langton and Belton and elsewhere I will and devise as followeth ; whereas my lands in South Langton were assured to Dame Barbara my beloved wife, for her life, for her joynture in lieu of all dower, I will that the same shall continewe unto her, and that the reversion and remaynder thereof after my decease shall discead to Ralphe Eure my eldest sonne. And in further augmentation of her joynture I devise unto her my manor house in Washingbrough whearein I do nowe dwell, with all such lands therewithall devised and leased by one Hamond Sutton, gent., late owner thereof, to my selfe for all the yeares to come in the said lease beinge at the makinge thereof to continewe 21 yeares, shée payinge therefore yearly xliⁱⁱ. duringe the continuance thereof, in manner and forme followinge, *i.e.* rendringe and payinge duringe the life of said Hamond Sutton, and duringe the said terme, to the use of my eldest sonne xliⁱⁱ. yerely ; which yerely Rent I will to be paid to my then eldest sonne at the age of 21, and in the meane space to remayne in the hands of my said wife. My son to have such allowance for his maintenance during his minority as my Executors shall thinke good out of the said yearly rent. To my three younger sonnes Edward Thomas and Michael for their lives these closes in Belton aforesaid, *i.e.* certayne closes called the Hurst Closes now or late in the occupation of one Richard Codd, and one farme neere there unto lyinge now or late in the occupation of George Wells, and certayne closes there called Willseiwroes and Wormestall, and also two closes in Woodhouse called Albanes closes, and certayne closes called the Intakes, and the gares, in lieu and recompence of their childe's portions, to be equally divided among them at the discretion of my Executors. The Executors to receive rents etc. during the minority of my three sons and employ so much as shall be convenient for their education and maintenance till they are severally 21. If any of my sons die before they come to full age his part shall not remayne to the other two but shall descend to my heire ; but if my heire shall be within the age of 21, my Executors are to employ the profits for the benefit of those surviving. All the residue of my lands and tenements unbequeathed are to descend to my heire. To my daughter Barbara Eure ccccⁱⁱ. to be paid at her full age of 21, or day of marriage, to be put forth meantime to her profit and advancement. Such money as is due to me either upon bonde, bills or otherwise, and the redie money which I have nowe in my possession shall be employed by my wife towards the purchasing of the Custodie and wardahip of my sonne and heire, and then towards the payment of my daughter's portion, and the defraying of my funerall expenses and debts, the residue which shall remaine to be paid to my sonne and heire when 21. All my Jewells, plate, utensils, household stuffe, corne, hay, stocke, goods and chattells to my well beloved wife. To William

ffoster my servant attendinge on me in my sicknes one Cottage house in Washingbroughe with the appurtenances for the terme of ffortie yeares (yf he shall soe longe lyve); he rendringe and end payinge yerely the rent of vjs viijd. or otherwise I give to him xs. yerely for that tyme (yf he shall so longe lyve) to provide a house to dwell in. And I bequeath to hym two wholle yeres waiges besides his due wages. Also to Richard Dickson the value of one whole yere's waiges over and besides his waiges due. And whereas I have a pore friend or two, who expect and looke for some helpe from me towards there mayntenance, I doe therefore desire my executors to give them some yerely allowance out of the Rente which I have reserved out of the lease duringe the continewance thereof, so that the allowance exceeds not the sum of ix^{li}. yerely. Moreover my desire to my wife and executors is that Paule York, William Sandall and Thomas Barnarde may be very well used towching their severall houses which they nowe have and houlde of me; they and evrie of them useinge and behavinge themselves well and respectively towards my wife and children, as I am verily perswaded they will. Item to the two sonnes of ffrances Yerbroughe deceased v markes apeece. I doe intreate my executors to bestowe of such of my frindes as they shall thinke fitt, of every of them a golde Inamyled hoope ringe, with this posie therein engraven (*donum morientis amici*). Item to Mr. William Camden Clareincoux Kinge at armes a standishe of silver; and I do desire that all my bookes may be carefully sought out and layd up safe in a chest for the use of my eldest sonne. All other my goods I give to my wife. I appoint my well-beloved wife dame Barbara Eure, S^r John Meres, knight, Roger Meres, esquire, and Thomas Harington, esquire, executors, and S^r George St. Poll, knight and Baronett, supervisor, praying him for the great affectyon I have always shown him, that he will be pleased to be a helper and furtherer of my children's well-beinge after my decease. And I doe entreate my executors that they will be pleased to mete once yerely at Washingbrough, or where els they or the more parte of them shall think convenient, and to accompte together concerninge the paments etc. and to make up all reckonings etc. into a book in manner of a remembrance or Regester etc. And the Clarke which shall make up and write the saide book shall be paid likewise of my goods vjs. viiid. yerely. I do give to every of my executors and supervisor a Ringe of Goulde with the same posie aforesaid. Signed the last day of December 1611.

Prob. in Lincoln 2 Oct. 1612. Admon. given to Barbara Eure relict and Ex^r, power reserved to the other Ex^{rs}.

The Eures were originally in the North of England but a younger line settled in the Isle of Axholme. The name is otherwise spelt Evers. The testator had married Barbara, daughter of Sir John Meres, Knt., of Aubourn; she re-married William Saltmarsh, of Strubby.

77.

ROBERT NEWSTEAD.

The 23rd Dec. 1611. I Robert Newstead of South Somercotes, in the County of Lincoln, yeoman, sick in bodie etc. To be buried in the churchyard at the east end of the Chancell of the parish church of South Somercotes as near as may be unto my wife and children. I give to my eldest sonne Harbert Newstead all my lands etc. in Somercotes aforesaid and Skidbrooke and all my lands elsewhere in the Countie of Lincoln (except those I heereafter otherwise dispose of) to him and his heirs male; in default, to my second sonne William Newstead and his heirs male; in default, to my third sonne Christopher Newstead and his heirs male; in default, to my youngest sonne Robert Newstead and his heirs male; in default, to my own right heirs. To my daughter Marie Newstead, in consideration of her child's portion, cl^{li}. to be let out for her use by my executor and supervisors, until she is of full age or is married. If she die before that time, her portion is to be divided among her three younger brethren and her sister, William, Christopher, Robert, and Elizabeth Newstead. To my said daughter Elizabeth Newstead, in full consideration of her child's portion, cx^{li}. (on the same terms). If both my daughters die before the above time, their portions are to be divided among their three younger brethren. To my second sonne William Newstead I give my house and grounds etc. which I lately purchased of John Walmesley in Somercotes aforesaid, to him and his heirs, in consideration of his child's portion. If he die before he is 21, I give it to Christopher Newstead my third sonne; and if he die before 21, I give it to Robert Newstead my fourth sonne; and if he die, to my right heirs. Also to my sonne William xx^{li}., when 21; and if he die before, then to be equally divided among Marie, Christopher, Elizabeth and Robert Newstead. To Christopher Newstead, my third sonne, I give c^{li}. to be let out for his use within three and a half years after my decease. If he die before 21, it is to be divided among his brethren William and Robert Newstead. Also I give him the yearlie rente of ix^{li}. to be paid annualie, during the space of three yeares after my decease, out of 34 acres of pasture in Somercotes aforesaid, which I lately purchased of John Earsbie, gent., and nowe have given the said 34 acres to my youngest sonne Robert Newstead by deede of gifte. Item I give to my said sonne Robert, in full consideration of his child's portion, ten yewes to be delivered at the end of five yeares to him. My will is my sonne Harbert shall sufficientlie maintain with meat, drink, and apparell his brethren and sisters aforesaid till they receive the benefit of their portions. Also my second sonne William till he receive the benefit of his lands. To my daughter Anne Goord I give one wether, in satisfaction of her child's portion; and to her two sonnes Robert and

Richard each a wether. To Jane, my wife, xx^{li}. and half the household stuff. I will that my sonne Harbert have the tuition and bringing up of my youngest sonne Robert Newstead. To the poore of Neither Silton in Yorkshire where I was born, xs. to be distributed at the discretion of Mr. Francis Pinckney, and Raphe Branshie, and my cossen Christopher Waire. To the church of South Somercotes iij^s. iiij^d. I give for the repaireing of Calswayes betwixt this house and George Winter's house vs. To my sister Margaret Watson xs. To all my servants xij^d. apeece. I will that the money owing by Lawrence Stanninough being xxiiij^s. be bestowed for the repairing of Calsways betwixt the house and the church. To John Lacon the son of Lion Lacon one yowe. Residue to Harbert Newstead my eldest sonne whom I make sole executor. I appoint Lion Lacon, gent., and John Lacon, gent., of Mumbie Chappell supervisors, and give each xxs.

Prob. at Lincoln 16 Jan. 1612 by Ex^r.

Personalty sworn 676^{li}. 19s. Od.

A good example of the Lincolnshire yeoman. He had migrated from Yorkshire, as the Will shows. His son Harbert Newstead married in 1615 Frances, daughter of Robert Hastings, of Huttoft. The Newsteads became lesser gentry as time went on. Robert Newstead compounded for his estate, paying £287 to the Parliament. The family passes away in the eighteenth century.

78.

FRANCYS WENTWORTH.

The 13th Aug. 1611. I ffancys Wentworth of Waltham in the County of Lincoln, gentleman, being sick in bodye etc. Firste I geve and bequeathe my soule into the hands of my Lord God and creatur nothinge doubtinge but that for his infinite mercyes sett forth in the pretious blodd of his dearely beloved sonne Jesus christe my onely saviour and redeemer he will receave it into his glorie in the companye of heavenly Angells and blessed Saints. And my bodye I comend to the earthe hoping to receave it againe at the resurrection of the just men like to the glorious bodye of my Lord and Saviour Jesus Christe and in the meane season to be buried and rest in god's peace within the church or chancell of the parish church of Waltham. Item I geve to my daughter Barbaray Markham all my land in Waltham for her occupation during her naturall life, i.e. one ffearme in Waltham bought of John West of Waltham, Salter, and all lands etc. bought of John ffridlington of Waltham and Alice his wife, of Edward Burne of ffotherbye and Alice his wife, of John Mussendyne of Waltham and of John Hewson late of Waltham, payinge yearelye during her life iij^{li}. to William Baynes her eldest sonne. Item I give all the aforesaid lands to the said William Baynes and the heirs of his body forever; in default, to his brothers John Baynes; in default, to my heirs. Item to my sonne William Wentworth and the heirs of his

body my house and all my lands lying in East and Middle Saltfleetby; in default, to William Baynes aforesaid; in default, to John Baynes aforesaid; in default to me and my heirs. Item to my sonne Martyne Wentworth xx^{li}. to be payd him by my eldest sonne William Wentworth of Saltfleetby aforesaid, gentleman, within two years after my deathe. Item to Barbaray Markham my daughter, during her natural life, the occupation of all my lands in Laceby, *i.e.* two closes of pasture, one containing xv acres bought of Thomas Ellys of Grantham, esq. commonly called Littlebecke, the other xi acres bought of the heirs of William Philipson; paying yearly, during her natural life, iiij^{li}. to John Baynes the younger son of my daughter Barbaray Markham. I give all the said lands to John Baynes and his heirs etc.; in default, to his brother William Baynes; in default, to my heirs. Item to my sonne Martyne Wentworth x^{li}. to be payd him by Barbaray Markham out of my land in Laceby within three years of my deathe. Proviso, that if William and Martyne Wentworth do anything to break the entail of the lands in Saltfleetby, Laceby and Waltham, then their interest and title in such lands is immediately to cease. Item to William Baynes aforesaid one spruce Chest and one desk with all Evidences and writings therein. To the poore of Waltham xxxs., *i.e.* xijd. to every poore widdowe, and the remaynder to be distributed amongst the poore Cottagers upon the day of my buriall, and as much and after the same manner distributed that day twelvemonthes. To every woman servant in my daughter Barbaray Markham's house ijs. To my sonne William Wentworth in consideration of his child's portion xxs. To my sonne Martyne Wentworth vj^{li}. to be payd him by Robert Potts and Thomas Thimbleby upon Midsomer day next ensuing. I make Christopher Wentworth of Randall, gentleman, and Maurice Gulson, clarke, parson of Skarthowe, supravisors to whom I geve xs. each. To the Cathedrall Church of Lincolne xijd. To the parishe Church of Waltham towards the repairinge of it, iijs. iiijd. Residue to my daughter Barbaray Markham. I make Christopher Markham my sonne in law sole executor to whome I geve a quarter of Barlye. Signed francis Wentworthe. Seal. R.D.

Prob. at Louth 7 May 1612 by Ex^r.

Probably from Yorkshire. A younger son of the great Wentworth family, Sir William Wentworth, was of Ashby Puerorum, in Co. Lino. temp. Car. I., and the testator may have been a relation. I add the following will of Richard Baynes simply on account of the relationship.

79

RICHARD BAYNES.

The 30th March 1610. Richard Baynes of Waltham, clerk; my wife's father Mr. Francis Wentworth; my wife's brothers Mr. William and Mr. Martin Wentworth; her cosen Mr. Christopher Wentworth of Randall. I make Maurice Gulson, parson of Scartho snpervisor.

Prob. 27 April 1610.

80.

WILLIAM LACY.

The 18th Feb. 1611. I William Lacy late of St. James Deeping in the county of Lincoln, Esquier, sicke in body etc. Firste concerning my lands I will that Joane my wief have all my lands tenements etc. in Stamford in Co. Linc. as in Stamford Barron in Co. Northampton and also in little Casterton in Co. Rutland during her naturall lief. After her decease I give all the said lands to my sonne Nathaniell Lacy and Edith his wief and to his heires male; in default, to his right heires. Item I give and bequeath to my said sonne Nathaniell Lacy all such leases, termes of yeares etc. which I have in one little close and sixe acres of land arable called Chapter lands lying in the fields of Stamford in Co. Linc., and all other leases and termes of yeares etc. in Stamford and Stamford Barron to him and his assignes for all the yeares comprised in the said leases. And as concerning all other lands, tenements etc. which I have within the Realme of England, not disposed of in this my will, I geve and bequeath them to my sonne Robert Lacy and his heires male; in default to Nathaniell Lacy, aforesaid, and his heires male; in default, to the right heires of the said Robert Lacy. Item to my said sonne Robert Lacy my patent and grant of the Stewardship of all the lands and mannors belonging to the deane and Chapter of Broughe St. Peter (Peterborough), and all my interest and terme in the same together with the fee and annuity of vj^{li} xiijs. iiijd. comprised in the same patent for all the yeares yet unexpired. Item all my law books and my xxix peices of timber at Whassingburgh in Co. Linc. Now as concerning all suche wordly goods as the Lord of all power hath lent me my will is to bestow them as followeth. First my will is that my said wief have the use of all my householdstufte and furniture of my house at Deping, as all my plate, bedding, napery, brasse, pewter, bruving vessels, and all other necessaries belonging to the howse for inward furniture during her lief naturall if she so long keep herself widow sole and unmarried. And after her decease or marriage the said householdstufte etc. shall be left by my wief wholly to my sonne Robert Lacy, in full satisfaction of all such parcells of goods and dutyes as is due unto him as Exequitor of the last will and Testament of Alice Tighe his grandmother, which parcells of goods came to my hands and I do stand answerable and accomptable for them in conscience, nothing doubting but as he is her naturall sonne so she will leave them as they shall not be impaired but rather bettered, nevertheless I paid him at his marriage to buy him apparell xx^{li} of that stocke his grandmother left him. Item to ffrancis Hornby, my daughter ffrancis her daughter, xx^{li}. To Nathaniell Lacy my younger sonne c^{li}. to be paid within a yeare

of my decease. To Suzan my daughter, which bestowed herself against my will and liking and without my privity, for her full child's part, xl^{li}. To my sayd sonne Nathaniell Lacy my lease and terme of yeares of my pastures in Moulton in Holland which I have by the graunt of my cozen Abraham Johnson for all the terme of yeares yet to come. Item my will is that such somes of money as are now in the hands of T. B. and S^r Richard Ogle shall after the end and expiration of the termes that I have taken them for, together with the interest rising by them after my death (excepting xx^{li}. by yeare yearly to be deducted by my exequitor out of the said interest) shall by my exequitor and supervisors be put forth upon good security, and the same with the profits, revenues etc. to be reserved kept and put forth for interest yearly untill a convenient purchase of land be had, upon which it may be bestowed, which land, so to be purchased, I will be conveyed and assured in forme following, that is to say to Robert Lacy my eldest sonne and his heires male; in default, to Nathaniell Lacy my younger sonne, and his heires male; and in default, to the right heires of Robert Lacy. If no such purchase can be had during the lives of Robert and Nathaniell Lacy, then if Robert hath any issue male, the said purchased lands are to go to such issue male (same provision for Nathaniell). Item I give to my sonne in lawe Mr. Alexander More, with whom I sojourne, in consideration of the extraordinary charge that he is at by reason of such company as do resorte unto me during my sickness xiiij^{li}. vjs. viiiij^d. To my daughter Anne More for her greates trouble and paynes taken with me in my sickness vj^{li}. xiijs. iiij^d. To my sonne Nathaniell Lacy all my householdstufte and utensills and furniture for houshold which I have in Stamford aforesaid in the howse wherein Mr. Reginald Waters dwelleth (excepting my beste table, my beste cupborde and presse) which table etc. I give to my sonne Robert Lacy. I give to my sonne Nathaniell Lacy the furniture of the well in the backeyarde of the said house at Stamford as well of timber and iron, as also all the troughes, pipes of lead and lead in the saide yarde and kitchin of the said howse. I give to him also a guilte salte and cover and six silver spoones. I make my sonne Robert Lacy sole executor, and I would intreate S^r Henry Cholmeley, Knight, my sonne in lawe and Mr. Alexander More, my sonne in lawe to be supervisors, and I give to each v^{li}. Witnessed by Alexander More, Anne More, Thos. Tighe.

Prob. at Lincoln 5 June 1612 by Ex^r.

The testator's son, Robert Lacy, married Cassandra, daughter of Thomas Ogle, of Pinchbeck; she was buried at Washingborough 25 Dec., 1632. His daughter Alice married Sir Henry Cholmeley, Knt., of of Easton.

81.

JOHN THOMSON,

The 7th Feb. 8th Jac. I. I John Thomson of Boothby in the county of Lincoln, gent., knowing that there is nothing more certain unto mankind than death and myself oftentimes sickely being therefore nowe of sound and perfect memorye etc. My body to be decently interred as is fitting for my estate and degree. To the poore of Boothby on the day of my buriall or within one monthe followinge xls., to be distributed by my executrix with the advise of the parson theare. I will my household stuff etc. (plate excepted) be put into an inventory within six days of my death, with the trew pries thereof, and Alice my wife to have the occupation of it so long as shee shall keep herselfe sole and unmarried. She to enter into a bond within twenty days after my decease, to restore the said household stuff to my supervisors in case of her death or marriage. If she refuse to enter into such bond, or if she marry again, or die being married, then the stuff etc. is to be divided equally among my children. If she die after having entered etc. and being not married, then it is to go to my son Francis if he be living; if not, to my next heir male when 21. Residue of my property I give to my younger children, Daniel, Robert and William Thomson, and to the child my wife may be with, to be equally divided, and paid to my sons at the several ages of 21, and my daughters at 18. The said portions to remain in the hands of my wife meanwhile. If she marry again she is to enter into a bond giving sufficient security to my supervisors for paying my children's portions. If my wife refuse her jointure of my manor and lands etc. in Boothbie now in my own occupation, then two parts in three are to be divided of the mansion house, manor, lands, rents, etc. and are to be received by my supervisors till my son Francis Thomson is 26 years of age; if he die before that age, then till my next heir male is 26, to the intent that my said supervisors may distribute the two partes of the said manor among my younger children aforesaid for their advancement etc. If my wife do not accept of my mansion house and lands in Boothby for her jointure then she shall have for life rent free all that tenement now in the tenure of William Thomson in Boothby and all the lands etc. which were held and used with the same when I myself dwelt in the same. Item if my wife do accept of the said manor etc. for her jointure, then my feoffees to whom I shall convey my lands etc. in Burnethorpe, Hoggesthorpe, Slouthby, Cumberworth and Willowby, shall, for the advancement of my said younger children, during six years after my decease, be seized of two parts in three to be divided of all my lands in Burnethorpe etc., for the use and profit of my said younger children, to be paid them at such times as I have appointed for their other portions. And after the six years my feoffees are

to remain seized of the said two parts for such uses as are expressed in the conveyance. But if my son Frances do impeach my said feoffees or my supervisors in taking of the rents, issues etc., then I bequeath unto them for the advancement of my younger children all my manor and lands in Boothby, which I have in my own manual use, to have and to hold for twenty years after my decease, to augment my younger children's portions etc. Item I give to my brother John Thorold, my sister Ellis, my sister Midlecote, my sister Waterhouse, my brother George Thorold, my brother Thomas Thorold, Mrs. Pridgeon, and to my brother Alexander Thorold, xxs. apiece to buy them several rings. I make my well beloved wife Alice executrix, and my well beloved friend francis Pridgion, clarke, and Thomas Midlecotte, gent., my brother in law, supervisors, and give them each x^{li}. for their pains. Witnessed by William Broxholme, Thomas Conny.

Prob. at Lincoln 30 March 1612 by relict Alice Thomson Ex^r.

The testator had married Alice daughter of Sir Edmund Thorold, Knt., of Hough-on-the-Hill. She afterwards married Cecil Hall. Boothby is a hamlet in the Parish of Welton by Spilsby, Co. Linc.

82.

SIR EDWARD AYSCOGHE.

In the name of God, Amen. fforasmuch as all men be mortall and also most uncertaine when yt shall please god to call them to his mercy out of this transitory life, therefore I Sr Edward Ayscoghe of South Kelsey in the county of Lincoln, Knight, being of whole minde and perfect remembrance, most hartly thanks I give therefore unto almighty god, do the fourth day of November in the ninth yeare of the raigne of our soveraigne Lord James etc., and in the yeare of our Lord God 1611, ordaine and make this my last will etc. ffirst I bequeath my soule to almighty god my onelie Savior and redeemer by the merritts death and passion of Jesus Christ onely trusting and stedfastly beleiving in his great mercy to be saved and by no means else; And therefore I desire the Lord god from the depth of my hart to deale with me in mercy and not in justice for I acknowledge myselfe to be a most wretched sinner; and my body to be buried in the north chappell in the parish church of Stallingburgh when yt shall please god to take me out of this life. To the repairing of the Cathedrall Church of Lincoln xxs. To the poore of either of the parishes of Southkelsey xls. To the poor of Stallingburgh xls. To Sr Thomas Grantham, of Goltho, Knight, and George Bilcliffe of Toft, clarke, all my leases, goods, chattells, household stuffe, in consideration that according to the trust I repose in them they may pay all my debts and performe my last will and testament. And whereas I, by my deed indented dated the 13th April in the sixth yeare of the raigne of our soveraigne Lord James, did devise, grant etc. to the said Sr Thomas Grantham,

ffrancis Ayscoghe, and the aforesaid George Bilcliffe, clarke, all my Rectory and parsonage of Stallingbroughe, and all the tithes of corne, hay, wooll, lambes, to the said parsonage of old time due, with the tithes of Healing to the same belonging; and whereas I by my other deede bearing the like date did devise and grant to the said S^r Thomas Grantham, ffrancis Ayscoughe, and George Bilcliffe all the lordship of Thornton in le more next South Kelsey, Beesthorpe, and Cauthorpe, and also all messuages, barns etc. situate in Thornton, Beesthorpe and Cauthorpe (except all great trees, woods, underwoods, mynes, and Quarries, and the donation, right of patronage of the Rectory of Thornton) to have and to hold all the above premises during such time and term of years, and to such uses, as I, S^r Edward Ayscoghe, by my deede or last will shall declare. I will therefore that they hold the above premises for the true payment and discharging of debts, funerall expenses, and the performing of this my last will. And after the due performance etc. the two said Indentures are to be utterly void and frustrate etc. And they the said S^r Thomas Grantham, ffrancis Aiscough and George Bilcliffe shall assign and sett over the said two Indentures of devise and all their right title and interest in the above premises to Edward Ayscough my grandson, and son heir apparent of the late William Aiscough Esquier late of Stallingbrough, deceased, to him and his heires male, and in default to the heires male of me the said Sir Edward Ayscough. Item to my nephew ffrancis Grantham my ringe of golde which my unckle Disney gave unto me. To Vincent Ayscough my sonne cc^{li}. To Thomas Ayscough my sonne dccc^{li}. To Edward Ayscough my sonne dccc^{li}. To my daughter Metcalfe my Cooch with all the furniture. To Lucye Ayscough my daughter dc^{li}. To Edward Ayscough my grandchild aforesaid my ringe of golde with my armes upon yt, my sugar box of silver with my armes upon yt, and also all my armour and artillery for warres. To John Ayscough the sonne of ffrancis Ayscough my sonne late deceased cc^{li}. To Jane Ayscough daughter of the aforesaid ffrancis Ayscough my sonne cc^{li}. To Edward Bagshaw my servant x^{li}. To William Howsam my servant an annuitie of xxs. yearly, out of my fee simple lands in Stallingbroughe for his naturall life. To every one of my other servants in my house at the time of my deathe one yeare's wages. I make the aforesaid S^r Thomas Grantham and George Bilcliffe executors. I give to S^r Thomas Grantham my blacke cooche maire, and to George Bilcliffe my second horse which I have at the time of my deathe.

Prob. at Lincoln 2 Nov. 1612 by Sir Thomas Grantham Ex^r. Power reserved to the other one. Personalty sworn 1089^{li}. 12s. 6d.

He was the 2nd but eldest surviving son of Sir Francis Ayscough, Knt., by Elizabeth Hansard, the heiress of Sth. Kelsey. He married Esther, daughter of Thomas Grantham, of St. Katherine's, Lincoln. The Ayscoughs took the Parliament's side in the great struggle, and escaped the ruin that befell so many Lincolnshire families.

83.

FRANCES LADYE WINDEBANKE.

The 11th Feb. 1612. I ffances Ladye Windebanke late wief of Sr Thomas Windebanke, Knight, deceased, the unprofitable servant of god, weake in bodye but stronge in mynde doe willingly and with a free harte render and give againe into the hands of my lorde god and creatour my spiritt which he of his fatherly goodnes gave unto me, when he firste fashioned me in my mother's wombe, makinge me a livinge and reasonable creature, nothinge dowtinge but that of his infynytt mercies sett forth in the preacious blodd of his dearly beloved sonne Christe Jesus our only lorde and saviour and redeemer he wilbe pleased to receive my soule into his glory, and place it in the company of the heavenly angels and blessed sayncts. And as concerninge my bodye even with a good will and free harte I give over comendinge yt into the earthe whereof yt came nothing dowtinge but accordinge to the article of my faythe at the greate daye of generall resurrection when we shall all apeare before the Judgment seate of Christe I shall receave the same againe by the mighty power of god wherewith he is able to subdue all things to himselfe, not a corruptible bodye, mortall, weake and vile bodye as yt is now, but an incorruptible immortall stronge and perfecte bodye in all points like unto the most glorious body of my lorde and saviour Jhesus Christe. As touchinge worldly goods firste I give unto my sonne ffances (*sic*) Windebanke my writinge tables covered with sylver and gilte with the Dimockes armes graven upon them. Item to my dowghter Margrett Grimsdiche a golde hoope ringe with letters for her father's name and myne. To my brother Edwarde Dimoke if he survive me a golde ringe with a rewby stone in yt. To the La(dy) fulnetby, my kind nece, my golde ringe with ruby stones in yt. To Mr. Stephen Mason a golde ringe with an aggett. To Mrs. Morecrofte of Lincoln a golde ringe plaine failinge in three ringes. To Martha flawell my olde servant and kinde frende a boke containinge Calvin's sermons upon Jobe. To Ann zinzane (*sic*) soe moche of any of my other goods or apparell as in the discreation of Robarte Morcrofte, Alderman of the citty of Lincoln, he shall thinke meete for her. Residue of my goods to the saide Robarte Morecrofte my sole executor.

Prob. at Lincoln 24 April 1613 by Exr.

She was the daughter of Sir Edwarde Dymoke, Knt., of Scrivelsby, by his wife Anne Talboys. Her husband is described as son of Sir Richard Windebank, Knt., or Wynyanke, who was knighted in 1544.

84.

WILLIAM WELBIE.

The 28th Feb. 1610. I William Welbie of Denton in the county of Lincoln, yeoman, doe make and ordaine etc. My will is yt my bodie be buried in ye parishe Church of Denton on ye right

hand ye north allie near to ye buryinge place of my beloved father John Welbie deceased. Secondly I do by these presents revoke etc. all former wills. Item to ye poor of Denton xiijs. iiijd., and towardes ye repayringe of ye Church of Denton xs. To my son William al my landes in Denton, being sixe tenements in ye occupation of me ye said William Welbie ye Elder, Robert Wynge, William Buthwell, John Howton and widowe Greswell, to have and to hold with all lands, appurtenances etc., as also a parcell of ground in Denton lyinge in ptable Closse, William Gillion lyinge both on ye weste side and on ye Easte, ye northe end butting on Nathaniel Orson, and ye southe end on ye towne streete together with a certain yearly rent paid out of Whivell and hungerton in co. Linc., to my said sonne William and his heirs male forever; in default, to my sonne George and his heirs male; in default to my sonne Austyne; in default to my sonne Thomas; in default to my right heirs. My will is my beloved wife Alice shall have ye great parlor for her dwellinge place which I doe now dwell in, during her naturall lyfe, if she think good ther to abide, and my Executor shall upon his coste and charges find her meate drinke washinge etc. and shall paye unto her per annum forty shillings, and a quarter of mault yearly duryng ye tyme she shall thinke good ther to dwell. If she dislike the said dwellinghouse, then she shall have my neither house in ye Easte end of ye towne for her Restinge place with all other houses belonginge to ye same, together with ye orchards ye mayden Closse with other liberty and Easements of ground etc. during her life (ye great Closse excepted). Item I give her ye third parte of all my lands in Denton or elswher within ye Realme, and my mind is that she shall have her land out of that farme which belongeth to ye house which I now dwell in, with ye comons medow groundes tetheringe grasse etc. during her naturall life. My executor is to sowe ye forsaid third parte of land ye first yeare that my wife Alice shall enter upon yt at his own coste. I give her also ye fourth parte of my houshold stufe, tow kye, all my shepe, one bee hive with ye bees therein, both her chests and her Arke standing in ye Chamber and in ye parler with all ye lynnens in ye said Chests and Arke, savinge one paire of flaxen shets which I geve unto my son George. Item I geve to her ye bedstead within ye little parlor, with all maner of necessarye beddings. I also geve unto her a newe beddelinge (*sic*), a short spike, halfe ye pullen in and about ye yard. She shall have my great pan, ye best brandreth and ye best cubbord to use etc. and at her decease ye great pan, brandreth, and cubbord to remaine to ye use of my executor. My said wife to have power and liberty to sneath wodd but not to fell any trees. If my wife shall dwell at ye nether house aforesaid then the xls. and ye quarter of mault shall not be paid unto her. Item to my sonne George a weane

and weanegears, a plow and plowgears with tow axle tres, one table with a frame in ye house, one bedstead in ye little chamber etc. a load of coales, one silver spoone and one brasse pot etc. To my son Austyne one silver spoone and one brasse pott etc. To my son Austyne one silver spoone and one bee hive with the bees therin in full lew and satisfaction of his child's portion. To my son Thomas one bee hive with the bees therin, one silver spoone, three peces of pewter etc. To my daughter Mary xxs. in lew of her child's portion. To my daughter Johane one cow in lew etc. To my daughter Jane xiijs. iiijd. in satissfaction etc. To Robert Wynges children one cow amongst them all. To my son William Welbie's child, viz., to yonge William, one silver spoone and a browne heifer. To yonge Richard and Thomas Welby my son William's children my leaste quye calfe in Wyvell close. To yonge Alice Lenton, my daughter Johane's child, one heifer. To my son William Welbye all my lands whatsoever and all my household stuff unbequeathed. Residue to my sons William, George, and Thomas Welby. I make my son William sole executor and my son Thomas supervisor.

William Welbye his mark.

Prob. at Grantham 15 Dec. 1613 by Exr.

Personalty sworn 192^l. 15s. 10d.

The ancestor of the present family of Welby of Denton. The evidence of this will is quite clear as to the social position of the testator. He calls himself a yeoman. In 1643 his grandson William Welby of Denton, "gentleman," figures in the list of persons connected with Lincolnshire who were indicted for high treason for having joined with the Parliament against Charles I. The same was elected M.P. for the county in one of Cromwell's parliaments, 1654. The family made its peace, however, with the Crown, on the Restoration, and was one of those selected for the honour of the knighthood of the Royal Oak; an Order which was not however established. After this it took a leading place among the county families, and supplies a remarkable instance of a rapid rise in the social scale.

85.

ROBERT LACY.

In dei nomine Amen. The 26th Nov. 1612. I Robert Lacy of Washingborough in the County of Lincoln, Esq., weake of body etc. My body to the earth to be buried at the discretion of my executors. As touching the disposition of such lands as I stand seised of by descent from my fater I will that C. L. (Cassandra Lacy) my deare and loving wife shall have them during her naturall life, so long as she keeps herself unmarried; then I will that it go to my next heire at the common lawe. To my said wife I giue co^l. to be paid within six months after my decease. Item all my corne, hay, cattell etc. Item all my household stuff in W. (Washingborough) for her life (with proviso if she marry). And of my plate one double bell salte guilte and six silver spoones, 3 litle white boolls and one silver tunne. Residue of my plate etc. to my executor N. L. and his heirs. To my mother Mrs. Joan Lacy my

golde ringe with my seele of armes. To every one of my sisters xxs. to make into a ringe to wear in remembrance of me; and to everyone of their children xs. for a ringe etc. To my kind and loving cosen Mr. Robert Nevill my best gowne, my best cloake, and my best suite of apparell from the head to the foote. To my cosen Mrs. Elizabeth Cholmeley v^{li}. to be bestowed on a peece of plate and given her at her mariage. To my nephewes Henry and Charles Horneby to be paid them when they shall have served out their prentyshepp in London, and are made free of their companies, to either of them x^{li}. To my olde neighbour John Wilbore of Wherrington my violett gowne. To the poore of Washingborough xls. Residue to my brother N. L. (Nathaniel Lacy) my executor; and I would intreate Sir H. Ch. (Henry Cholmeley) to be supervisor, and give him five markes.

The 28th May, 1613. I doe knowe the writinge within written to be the proper writinge of Mr. Robert Lacye; and Mrs. Cassandra Lacye his late wief doth also acknowledge the same, and hath given her consent that the same shalbe proved as his last will and testament by Mr. Nathaniell Lacye his brother therein named as his Executor.

Henry Cholmeley.

Mr. Lacie in his lifetime some foue dayes before he died said unto me yt he had made a draught of his will, the which in writinge seemeth to be the same, his wife and manie others acknowledging it to be written with his owne hand, and I am perswaded myself it is so. Therefore Mrs. Lacie his widow is both content and desirous to have proved in the court for his last will and testament.

George Eland.

Prob. at Lincoln 28 May 1613 by Ex^r.

An account of the testator is given in a former Will of his father, William Lacy.

86.

FRANCYS GRANTHAM.

The 26th Jan. 1613. I francys Grantham of Langton nexte Wragbie in the County of Lincoln, Esquyer, sicke and weake in bodie etc. I humbly comende my Soule and bodie to the hands of Almightye god our heavenly father, beseechinge him of his infinitt goodnes and mercie even for Jesus Christe his deare sonne's sake to forgive me all my Sinnes and whensoever it shall please him to call me out of this wretched world he will vouchsafe to receave my Soule unto his heavenlye Kingdome. My body to be decently buried in the Church of Saincte Martins in the cittie of Lincolne amongst myne Auncestors there. To the poor people of the said parish xls. to be distributed at my funerall. To my Lovinge Sister the Ladye Grantham one peece of gould of xxs. To my Nephew Thomas Grantham xxs. To my Neice Jane Grantham xxs. To

my lovinge cosen Mr. Robert Grantham one Angell of gould. To my brother Huttchinson's dawghter xxs. Residewe I wholie give to mye verie lovinge wief Jane Grantham, and to my children Thomas and Edward Grantham to be equally divided. And yett neverthelesse if mye said wief be nowe with childe, then I will the same childe shall have with my wief and aforementioned children an equall part and portion. I make my said wief executrix, and my loveinge brother S^r Thomas Grantham, Knight, and my lovinge brother Thomas Huttchinson, Esq. supervisors, and give each xxs.

Prob. at Lincoln 28 Feb. 1619 by relict Ex^r.

Personalty sworn 230^{li}. 16s. 0d.

The son of Vincent Grantham, by Elizabeth daughter of Sir Francis Ayscough, Knt. He married Jane Hutchinson.

87.

JOHN WHARFE.

The 18th Sept. 1613. John Wharfe of Whickenbie in the County of Lincoln, gentleman. Sicke of bodie etc. My bodye to be buryed in the parishe church of Whickenbie. To the poore of Whickenbie xs. To my man George xs. besydes his wages, and my white fustian doublet, and to my man William xs. and an ould freese jerekin in lieu of his wages. To my maide Anne Barley xxs. in lieu of wages, and I will that the woemen that kept my wife and myselfe be satissfied for there paines. To my sonne Richard cc^{li}. when 21, also the lands and tenements in Hatton, latelie morgaged to me by my father Smithe; if they be redeemed he is to have the money. To my sonne Pester cc^{li}. when 21. To my daughter Jane cc^{li}. when 21 or married. To my mother Phesant my wife's silke grogeram gowne. To my owne mother her two new hates, and to my daughter Jane all the best of the rest of my wife's apparell. To my brother Phesaunt my taffetye doublette. To my father Smith my best gowne. To my cosen Richard Wharfe of Louthe my ould gowne. To my sister Swaefield my wife's green carsey gowne, and to my sister Susan Phesant xs. I make my three children executors, and my brother Phesaunt and my father Smith shall have the education government and disposing of them meanwhile. If all my said children die before there age of seven-teene yeares then I will that cccc^{li}. of their portions be given to my three sisters and their children equally, and the residue to my unkle Thomas Wharfe's children equally, and I give my daughter Jane my golden ringe.

2 Oct. 1613. Admon. given to Peter Phesant of Louth esq., and Hennidge Smith of Hatton gent.

In the Vis. of London, Harl. Soc. Pub., vol. II., p. 158, is a pedigree of Phesant, in which Elizabeth, daughter of Peter Phesant of Barkwith, co. Linc., is said to have married Sir John Wharfe of Brigg. The testator was never knighted, so the pedigree is in error. His wife's sister Jane married Augustine Swaffeld, and her sister Susan eventually married John Phipps. He probably had married twice, from his reference to his "father Smithe."

88.

ROBERT WALTHEWE.

The 15th Dec. 1609. I Robert Walthewe of Stragglethorpe in the County of Lincoln, gent., beeing by the goodnes of god sound both of bodie and minde (for the which I moste heartely thanke and praise him) do ordaine and make etc. My body to the earth. I will that there be distributed among poore people where I shall be buried xxs. To the poor of Stragglethorpe xxs. and to the poore of Middleton where I was borne xxs. To Isabell Baguley towarde the bringinge up of her daughter xx nobles. To my brother William Walthewe and his wife xxs. and I release to him the debts that he doth owe mee, whatsoever they bee. To James Priest xs. and I forgeve him all hee doth owe mee. To Mr. Thomas Lacon, brother of Sir ffancis Lacon, Knight, one colte or nag of the value of vj^{li}. To my frend John Martiall of Southwell in the county of Nottingham, gent., one other colte or nag of the value of vj^{li}. and to my good neighbour William Sutton of Stragglethorpe one colte or nag of the value of five markes. To my deer wief Anne Walthewe, in lue of her dower, either the sune of c^{li}. or one annitie of xx markes out of my lands etc., during her natural life (with power to distrain). Item I will and bequeth the inheritancē and fee simple of all my lands to the said William Sutton and John Martiall forevermore authorizing them to sell, aliene, all the said lands and te employ the money to the use and^r releif of poore scholers, poore prisoners, mariage of poore maidens, amendment of highwaies, repaire of churches, and chappells, and such like good and godly uses, as shall seem good etc. especially to the repaire of the windowes of the Chapter house of the church of Sowthwell, if the said John Martiall like to have them repaired, and not els, for I leave this legacie in regarde of him onlie, and in these employments I pray and charge them to bee faithfull, as I do trust them, and as they will geve accompte unto god for the same, at their uttermoste perills etc. Item to my said deere wife foure of my kyen and one moitie of my other household goods which are in the latine comprehended and ment by and under this nowne *suppelles*. Residue of my goods unbequeathed I leave to the said John Martiall and William Sutton whom I make exequitors. Witnesses Clement Holder, Robert Sutton, Andrew Smith de Cockinge Com. Sussexiæ.

Codicil. The 22nd Jan. 1611. I bequeth to John Warde late of Trinitie College in Oxforde maister of artes and professor of phisick the sune of xx^{li}. to be distributed *in pios usus* according to his conscience and discretion. Item whereas by specialties I am now indebted and do owe to John Martiall one of my exequitours the sune of l^{li}. I will that he have out of my estate not only the said l^{li}. but also a consideration after the rate of x^{li}. in the hundreth.

Prob. 28 Oct. 1613.

This Will is chiefly interesting on account of the reference to the Chapter House windows at Southwell. The Barles, who had a Baronetcy granted in 1622, were the principal family in Stragglethorpe.

89.

BRIGETT ROSSETER.

The 28th Dec. 1608. Brigett Rosseter wief of Thomas Rosseter of West Laughton, in the county of Lincoln, gent.; of good and perfecte healtche and memorie etc. To Ann Digle my daughter ^{l^h}. to be paid to her by Thomas Rosseter my husband within one year after my decease.

(In a note at the bottom:—"Moritur 25 Oct. 1611 aboute midnichte or after.")

At Boston 20 April 1613. Admon. of the goods of Bridget Rosseter was given to Mr. Edmund Diggle, clerk, Vicar of Sutterton.

The Rossetors of Somerby, near Brigg, were a family that rose in the early part of the seventeenth century. Col. Rossetor, a noted Parliamentarian, was the head of the family.

90.

NICHOLAS STOYTE.

The 22nd June 1611. I Nicholas Stoyte of Uffington in the countie of Lincolne, gentleman, sicke in Boddy etc. My Boddy to be buried within the Chauncell of Uffington Church. To the Church of Uffington ijs. iiijd. To the poore of the said parish xxs. To Laurence Stoyte my eldest sonne ^{l^h}. to be paid within one yere after my decease; also my beste riding guidinge. To Roger Stoyte my second sonne my ffarne at Tallington with all the proffitys etc. and xx^{l^h}. To John Stoyte my third sonne my howse wherein I now dwell with all the appurtenances etc. called my freehold which was given me by my mother, to him and his heires mailes; in default, to the heires generall. Provided that Dorothy my wife have the said howse and appurtenances for her naturall life, yielding and paying to my said sonne John yerely vj^{l^h}. xiijs. iiijd. when he shall come to the age of twentie yeres, and also his dyet and lodginge duringe her said terme of her life, or ells v^{l^h}. yerely for the same at his choice. To Thomas Stoyte, my fourth sonne, x^{l^h}. a yere, to be paid out of my lease of Thurlby parsonage duringe the terme of the said lease, and also xx^{l^h}. when 21. To Nicholas Stoyte my fifth sonne, ^{l^h}. to be payd him when 21; and yf he fortune to dye before that age then I give it to William Stoyte my sixth sonne. Also to the said Nicholas my lease which I bought of Mr. Pearsey. To William Stoyte, my sixth sonne, a cottage and fower acres of land in Holland, to him and his heires; and ^{l^h}. when he is 21. To Anne Stoyte my eldest daughter c^{l^h}. to be paid within one yere after my decease, and a faire bedde furnished, and my best guilt silver bowle and two silver spoones. To Marie Stoyte my second daughter, c^{l^h}. and a silver bowle. To Dorothy Stoyte my third daughter, x^{l^h}. when 20; and if she die before that age it is to go to her sister ffancis Stoyte when 20. To ffancis Stoyte my youngest

daughter x^{li}. when 20, or on the day of her maryage. To every one of my brother Mr. Henry Stoyte's children xs. Residue to my well beloved wife Dorothy whome I make sole executrix. And for the better performance of my will and the paying of the above legacies I will that my wife shall enjoy my third part of the parsonage of Thurlby; and all my lands etc. in Holland which remain as yet undivided betwixt me and my brother Mr. Henry Stoyte of Castor in Co. Northampton, gentleman, shall be sold by my said wife with consent of the Right Worshipful Mr. Doctor Stanton, Deane of Lincolne, my brother Mr. Henry Stoyte, and my brother in law Mr. Roger Roe, whom I make supervisors, and give each an Angell of gould.

Prob. at Grantham 22 April 1613 by Ex^r.

I presume the Irish Stoytes, of Street, in co. Westmeath, whose heiress married the 3rd Earl of Darnley, came of this family.

91.

NICHOLAS ROBERTSON.

The 24th Jan. 1612. I Nicholas Robertson of fishtoft in the County of Lincoln, gent., sick in bodie etc. My body I desire to have buried in the Church of fishtoft in the quier where mine ancestors lie buried. I give to Margaret my well beloved wife all my lands in Scrembie and Grebbie for her naturall life; also x^{li}. yearly as long as she remaineth unmarried; to be paid her by my sonne Francis Robertson as a rentcharge issuing out of all my land in fishtoft. Also two standinge bedsteades two fetherbedds etc. and as much household stuff as shall come by praisement to v^{li}. To the poore of fishtoft xls. To my cosen John Burrill xxs., to my cosen John Roberston xxs., to my cosen Painell Hartgrave vs. and to his brother ffrancis xs. To everyone of my servants iij s. iiij d. To my cosen Thomas Babington xs., to his mother xs., and to his wife xs. to be bestowed in rings. To Anthonie Ingolsbie xxs. and to Dorcas his wife xs. To my brother William Letsbie xs. To my brother Edmund Lishe xs. To Jane the daughter of my brother Nicholas Lishe xs. Residue of lands and goods to my sonne ffrancis Robertson whom I make sole executor; I make Anthonie Ingolsbie, clarke, supervisor.

The 22nd March 1613. Francis Robertson renounced the executorship, and admon. was given to Margaret Robertson the relict.

This testator was of a family of a good descent often called Robinson, and so entered in the Vis. of Linc. 1562. In the pedigree there given Anthony Robinson is called "of Risee Uprisse." This is really Rice ap Rice, an ancient mansion in Fishtoft, formerly the seat of the Robertsons or Robinsons. Nicholas Robinson was the first Mayor of Boston in 1544. Anthony Robinson, the testator's father, married a Paynell of Fishtoft; one of a younger branch of the Paynells of Boothby Paynell.

RICHARD GEDNEY.

The 1st April 1613. I Richard Gedney of Bagenderbie in the County of Lincoln, Esquier. ffirst I bequeath my soule to my Creatour Christ Jesus by whose pretious bloodshedding and bitter passion I hope at the last to be partaker of the joyfull resurrection which Christ in his mercy hath prepared for his electe. My body to be buried in the parishe church of Bagenderbie neare unto that place where my wellbeloved father lyeth; my funeral charges to be as litle as with conveniency may be. To the repair of the said Church xxs. To the poore of Oxcombe xs. To my welbeloved wief Rose Gedney the use of all my householde stuffe, plate etc. during her natural life, and then to my eldest sonne John Gedney, if he be living, otherwise I desire my Executors to take order to have them safely kepte till my sonne's sonne Nicholas Gedney is 21. I give to my wief six kyne, one bull, foure oxen, two horses, or mares for draught, which she will chuse, and two of my horses or mares for the saddle at her appointment. Also all my swyne and pullen in and aboute the howse; also all her apparrell and parcells. I earnestly intreat my said wief seeing she hath the one halfe of my liveinge in joynture, and my debts so greate that my eldest sonne shall have very small meanes to live of untill order can be taken for the paying of my debts and legacies, that in regarde thereof she will afford him what releif she can. To my sonne's eldest daughter Susan Gedney ^{ch} to be paid when she is 19 or married. To my daughter ffouel's daughter, Rose ffouels, ^{ch} to be paid in like manner. To my sonne Hunstone and his wief a ringe of gould each of xxs.; and the like to my sonne Rearsbye and his wief, and the like to my daughter Dame Troth ffouells; all which small legacies I entreat my said sonnes and daughters to take as a kiende remembrance of them, my estate being poore and my debts greate. And whereas I am much indebted to my daughter Dame Troth ffouells I earnestly intreate my executors to have especiall care that shee may be paid what is due to her with what conveniency that may be rased out of such meanes as I leave that she be not hindred. And whereas upon good consideration I finde my goods chattells and moveables much insufficient to performe and pay these my legacies and debts, I earnestlie intreate my freinds William Morton of Oxcombe, Clarke, and Thomas Cheales of Hagworthingham, yeoman, whose respecte trusts and kyndnes I have by longe experience found ever most trusty to mee in all my affayres and businesses, to receave and take all profitts rents etc. of my mannor of Oxcombe, and I do by this my will appointe the said William Morton and Thomas Cheales to sett lett and dispose of all profitts, rents etc. for the tearme of eighte whole yeares next after my deathe, and also to sell all such stocke and goods as I have

at my death and not by this will disposed of, to pay with speede such debts as shall in their discretion be found most needfull. And whereas Mr. Cater hath one Annuity of xx^{li}., as by a writinge betwixt him and me appeareth, with liberty of six months' warninge to pay to the said Mr. John Cater cc^{li}. and the said annuity to cease, I earnestly intreate my especiall frends William Morton and Thomas Cheales to see that it be paid, that they may with more liberty and profit dispose of my manor of Oxcombe. And I humbly intreate my honorable and ever approved good frend Sr William Pelham to be assistante helper and ayder with his countenance and best advice to the said William Morton and Thomas Cheales whome I put in trust to paying debts. And it is my will that if my eldest sonne John Gedney doe put in such good security as Sr William Pelham and my executors think needful, then he is to enter into the said manor of Oxcombe and receive the rents etc. to his own use. I give to Sr William Pelham the choyce of my best horse or colte, and I make William Morton and Thomas Cheales my Executors, giving each xls., which I desire them to take in good parte, my debts being very greate. I entreate Sr William Pelham to be supervisor. Whereas I have received xl^{li}. for Andrewe Edwards' children, of their father's goods, as appeareth by an Inventory, I desire my executors to see the same paid. Whereas Mr. Jarvis Reasbye is to have c^{li}., he confirminge my daughter's Joynture, which is ready ingrossed, I will that my Executors pay him the c^{li}. I appointe my Executors to pay to my sonne Thomas Gedney, during the eight yeares in which they shall receive the profits of my manor of Oxcombe, viij^{li}. the year; and after the eight yeares be expired and my debts etc. paid, then to give him an annuity of xx markes a year for his lief.

At Horncastle 1 July 1614. William Morton renounces his executorship. Admon. given to John Gedney son and heir of deceased.

Personalty sworn 284^{li}.

The decadence of the Gedney family had begun, and this will bears witness to it. The daughter "Dame Troth frouels" was really Fowkes. She re-married John Broxholme of Barrow. The Bag Enderby estates of the Gedneys eventually were sold to the Langhorne family, and passed from them in the eighteenth century to the Burtons. Thomas Cheales, one of the executors, was the son of Anthony Cheales, who purchased an estate in Hagworthingham, in the reign of Elizabeth.

93.

SIR PHILIPP CONINGESBYE.

The 2nd Sept. 1613. I Sr Phillipp Coningesbye of Twigmore in the County of Lincoln, Knighte, sicke in bodie etc. I give and bequeathe my soule into the hands of god almightie my creatour and maker, and to his sweete sonne Jesus Christe my redeemer, and to the holie Ghoste who hath sanctified me, three persons, and but one god, hopinge beleeving and fullie assuring myselfe to be saved

through the precious death and bloodsheddinge of my Saviour Jesus Christe, and to rest my soule with Abraham, Isacke, and Jacobb in the Kingdome of god for ever, and by no other means to be saved whatsoever. I will my bodie be buried in the private Chappell of North Mims in the County of Hartford as neare unto Sr Henry Coningesbye my father as conveniently may be. I will that Dame Anne my wief bee my sole executrix, unto whom in respecte of her tender love towards me, as for some recompense of the portion she brought with her I give and bequeath, after my legacies discharged and funerals performed, all my plate, Jewells, household stuffe, and all chattells both reall and personall. I make Dame Elizabeth Coningesbye of North Mims aforesaid, widow, my naturall mother, and Sr Ralphe Coningesbye of North Mims, Knighte, my brother, overseers of this my will; and I do give to my said brother in recompence of his paynes my graye geldinge newly taken up, pryse xx^{li}. To Elizabeth, Anne, Margery, Mary, Dorothy, and Jane Coningesbye, my daughters, ccc^{li}. apeece when 21 (with benefit of survivorship). To my sonne Henry Coningesbye my best horse with all the furniture to him belonging, and my ring of gould which I usually weare. Item I will that my wief Dame Anne and my sonne Henry Coningesbye shall pay to Philipp Coningesbye my sonne, some reasonable competente maintenance so long as he will be ruled and advised by them in his course of living which I leave wholly to their discretion. To John Coningesbye, my youngest sonne, ccc^{li}. when 21; and if it shall seem good to Dame Anne my wief to bynde him Prentice to any free trade in London, that then so much of the ccc^{li}., as my said wief shall disburse for the placing and binding etc., shall be defalked and abated. To Elizabeth Coningesbye my daughter in lawe xx^{li}. To Elizabeth Coningesbye my grandchilde a peece of guilt plaite price v^{li}. when she is 16 or married. To every manservante dwelling with me, if he continue his service one yeare after my deathe, xxs. To every maid servante (similar condition) xs. To the porre of Maunton to divided amongst them on the day of my deathe xls. To Mr. Daniell Powell a ring of gould price xs.

Prob. at Lincoln 3 Aug. 1614 by relict Ex^r.

Personalty sworn 365^{li}. 12s. 0d.

The Coningsby pedigree is given fully in Clutterbuck's *Hist. of Herts*. Twigmore is a hamlet in the parish of Manton, Co. Lincoln, and now belongs to the Sutton-Neithorpe family.

MARY DISNEY.

The 19th Oct. 1613. I Mary Disney one of the daughters of Edward Disney late of Carleton in Moreland in the County of Lincoln, gent., deceased; being of perfecte minde and memory (thanks be to God) though but having a weake and sickly body etc.

I desire that my body may be buryed in the Inner Chappell or Chancell of the parish Church of Carleton aforesaid. Whereas on accompte made betwixt me and my loving mother Mrs. Jane Disney I have released her of all sumes of money due to me by my late father Mr. Edward Disney's will, and of all sumes of money due to me from her, and whereas she hath sealed two severall billes unto me, the one for the payment of threescore poundes, and one other for fowerscore and seaven poundes, I do hereby absolutely release my mother from the sume of threescore poundes, and I do desire her to pay the sume of fowerscore and seaven poundes to my executor within one yeare and and a half of my deathe. I give to my sayd loving mother a piece of gold worth xxs. To my eldest brother Mr. Thomas Disney a ring of gold having a Turkey stone in it. To my sister Disney, wife of my sayd brother, a ring of gold and also a piece of gold of xxs. To my eldest sister Mrs. Jane Disney xxx^{li}. To my sister Ann Disney xxx^{li}, and one square boxe of oke, and one small boxe of wallnutt tree. To my three brethren Mr. William, John, and Richard Disney, x^{li}. apiece. To Edward Taylor, my brother Disney's servant, ijs., and to Thomas Godfrey, my mother's man, xs. To Elizabeth Wilson, my mother's maydservant, xijs. To nurse Lumpkin, widow, xs., and to good wife Sutton, sometime my nurse, vs. To the poore of Carleton xs. Residue to my sister Jane Disney whom I intreate to be my executrix.

Prob. at Lincoln 13 June 1614 by Ex^r.

Personalty sworn 209^{li}. 9s. 6d.

Her father had married Jane, daughter of William Thorold. In the Vis. of Linc. for 1582, Jane, the sister of the testatrix, is said to have married William Jessop, of Sheffield.

95.

HUMFREY NEDHAM.

The 10th April 1613. I Humfrey Nedham, of Donington super bane in the county of Lincoln, gent., sicke in bodie etc. My bodie to be buried where yt shall please god. To my eldest sonne Edward Nedham one bay balde mare; one long framed table standing in the hall and sixe buffet stooles standing under yt. To my daughter Elizabeth Nedham xx^{li}. when 21. To my other three children, George, Henry, and Sarah Nedham x^{li}. each when 21 (with benefit of survivorship). To my sonne Richard Nedham v^{li}. when 21. To the poorest and most needfull people of Donington vjs. viijd. Residue to Mary my wife whom I make sole executrix. I make Mr. Edward Skypwith of Beningworth, Esq., and Mr. William Hansard of Biskerthorpe, gent., supervisors.

Prob. at Horncastle 1st July 1614 by Ex^r.

Possibly one of the Nedhams of Leicestershire.

96.

EDWARD NEWCOMEN.

Memorandum that Edward Newcomen of Marham in the fenne in the Countie of Lincoln yeoman being of perfect minde and memorie made his last will and testament nuncupative in manner and forme following; viz., to his daughter Elizabeth Newcomen x^{li}. to be putt out to her best use and benefitt at Michaelmas next; to Mary Newcomen, his daughter, x^{li}. etc. at Michaelmas next come twelve month; to Robert Newcomen his sonne, x^{li}. etc. at Michaelmas come two yeares. Residue he gave to his wife Mary Newcomen and Peter Richardson.

1 July 1614 at Horncastle admon. given to Mary Newcomen relict.
Personalty swern 120^{li}. 3s. 8d.

Most likely one of the Low Toynton branch of the Newcomens, and son of Richard Newcomen of Donington-on-Bain. See No. 343, 1st Series.

97.

VINCENT SKEGNES.

The 26th March 1614. I Vincent Skegnes of Alford in the Countie of Lincoln, Bachelour, sicke in bodie etc. My bodie to be buried in Anderbie Queare near to the place where my father was buried. To the poore of Anderbie the sume of xls. for a standinge stock to continue for ever, to be employed and putt out for the best behalfe of the said poore by the churchwardens; the sayd churchwardens being accomptable yearlie to the sayd inhabitants in or at the feast of the nativitie of our Lord commonlie called Christmas day. To Thomas Skegnes of Candlesbie, my brother, my best sworde, dagger and hangers, and to my sister his wife one scarfe. To Moses Skegnes, eldest sonne of my said brother, my best suite of Apparell and my graie mare in the stable with saddle and bridle etc. Item to the said Moses twelve acres of pasture in Earbie to him and his heirs, which said acres holdeth of the manor of Ingolmels; I will that that he enter thereon the feast of St. Michael the archangel next followinge after my deathe. To Elizabeth, Abigail, Dorcas, and Judith Skegnes, daughters of my said brother Thomas xx^{li}. apeece, and to Theophilus Skegnes his sonne xx^{li}. These sums to be paid to Thomas Skegnes, my brother, and William Thorie of Thirlebie, yeoman, by my executor within one half year next after my death; they to give sufficient bonds for the putting out of the money for the benefit of the said children, to be paid them when 21. To Susan, George, and Thomas East, children of Robert East of Grimsbie, v^{li}. apeece. To Sarah Mussendine, daughter of Thomas Mussendine of Waltham, xls. To Leonard Thorie, son of William Thorie of Thirlebie, xs. Residue to Christopher Skegnes of Alford, my brother, whom I make executor, and

I desire Thomas Skegnes, my brother, and William Thorie to be supervisors, and give each xs. Item to the said Thomas Skegnes of Candlesbie for his life naturall one tenement in Anderbie with fifteen acres of pasture and arable; he to enter the xii. Oct. following my deathe. I will that Christopher Skegnes my brother and executor shall provide a grave stone to be laide upon me, with a superscription of my name and the tyme of my death.

Prob. at Lincoln 12 May 1614 by Ex^r.

Personalty sworn 217^{li}. 16s. 4d.

A son of William Skegnes of Anderby; see his will No. 362, 1st series. This is another yeoman family, like the Newstead, rising in wealth, but continuing in the same station of life. The race came originally from Addlethorpe and Ingoldmells where it was settled as early as the fourteenth century.

98.

HENRY WINGFELD.

The 2nd May 1614. I Henry Wingfeld of Potter Hanworth in the Countie of Lincolne, Esquier, of perfecte health and good memory etc. I bequeath my soule, my bodie, my life, my wief, children and goods unto the mercifull protection of my heavenly father, beseeching him in his greate mercye to give me a thanckfull mynde and harte for all his fatherly blessings bestowed upon me, and with all I beseeche him to give me grace to rest contented with what estate or condition soever yt shall please his fatherly goodness to keepe me in duringe this lief, and after this lief ended I bequeathe my soule into the hands of my heavenly father with full hope and assurance of my salvation even for Jesus Christe his sake myne only Saviour and Redeemer, and my bodie to returne to the earth againe in what place or after what manner it shall please his fatherlie goodness to appointe it. I will that there be paid to my sonne Anthony ccl^{li}. which I have in my hands to his use, which saide sune was given to him by late Sr Anthony Wingfelde of Godwins in the County of Suffolke, Knighte, and in the meantime till it shall be paide I will my Executors pay him yearely xx^{li}. To my daughter Anne l^{li}. which I have in my hands to her use, given to her by her late grandfather William Metham of Bollington in County Lincoln, Esq.; my executors meanwhile to pay her v^{li}. yearly. I give to her more xl^{li}. to be paid into her own hands. To my sonne Henry xl^{li}. To my sonne Robert xl^{li}. To my sonne Thomas xl^{li}. Which several sums I will shall be put into my brother William Wingfelde's hands for their better maintenance etc. till they come to xxiiij yeares. To my well beloved brother William Wingfelde a goulde ringe of xxs. Residue to my wife Elynore whom I make Executor with my said brother William Wingfelde.

Prob. at Lincoln 21 Nov. 1614 by Ex^r.

This is of course a Suffolk family, and only incidentally connected with Lincolnshire. The testator's wife was the daughter of William Metham of Bullington, Co. Ling.

99.

THOMAS YERBROUGH.

The 10th Oct. 1613. I Thomas Yerbrough of Morton in Countye Lincoln, gent., whole in bodye etc. My bodye to the earth from whence it came. I will that that be paid for my mortuaries which the lawe doth appoynt. To the pore of Morton xs. To the pore of Lusbie xs. To the pore of Bullingbrooke xs. To the pore of Wester Keal xs. To Michael Angevyn of Saltfleetbie v^{li}. To the pore of Saltfleetbie Clement xs. To Cuthbert and William Sherwood, sons of the late William Sherwood, of Saltfleetbie, yeoman, deceased, v^{li}. apeece. To the three daughters of the said William Sherwood, deceased, iij^{li}. apeece. To Joseph, Daniel, Anne, and Elizabeth Thorold, children of John Thorold of Morton, Esq. li^s. apiece, when 21 or married (benefit of survivorship). To my cosen Butler wife of John Butler of Boughton, gent., xxs. and to my cosen Crosley wife of Christopher Crosley of Haldingham xs. To John Thurgeland son of my cosen George Thurgeland of Lilie in the Countye of Yorke, gent., my godchild, xs. To Roberte Willson of Morton xs. To each of my god-children xijd. Residue of my goods to be equally divided amongst the children of the said John Thorold. Touchinge my lands etc. in Saltfleetbie my will is that the ffeoffees to whom I have conveyed the same shall be seised thereof to the use of Nathaniel eldest sonne of the said John Thorold and his heires of his bodye; in default, to Joseph Thorold his brother; in default to Daniel Thorold his brother; in default to Ann Thorold aforesaid; in default to Elizabeth Thorold aforesaid; in default, to the right heirs of me Thomas Yerbrough, (liberty given to the said Nathaniel, Joseph, Daniel, Ann and Elizabeth Thorold to sell the lands if need be). I make my cosen William Burton of Sleeford, gent., and my cosen Christopher Crosley, of Haldingham, yeoman, executors. My will is that the parts and portions before in this my will given and bequeathed to Daniel and Elizabeth Thorold, be put forth and employed by my executors for the onely use and benefitt of Ann Boothe, widow, my sister, duringe her naturall life.

7 Oct. 1614, Executors renounce, and admon. given to John Thorold of Morton.

John Burgh, or Borough, of Saltfleetby had married the testator's sister Anne, and their daughter and heiress Elizabeth had married John Thorold of Morton. These Yerbroughs or Yarboroughs were a junior branch of the Yarboroughs of Yarborough.

100.

JAMES STANDISHE.

The 30th July 1614. I James Standishe of Ruskington in the Countie of Lincolne, gentleman. Sick in bodie etc. My bodie to the earthe whereof it is made, and my will is that it be buried in

the Church of Ruskington. I give and devise to Richard my sonne and his heires the manor of Ruskington with the appurtenances called the Westhall etc. and all my lands messuages etc. which I lately purchased of the right honorable Thomas Earle of Suffoolke, Arnold Harbert, and Meredith Morgan, gents. servants of the said Earle etc. I make my said sonne Richard sole executor upon trust and confidence that he shall with the said lands and tenements hereby devised unto him, and those goods which I shall leave behind me, faithfully contente and pay all such debts as be owinge by me by bond or other specialtie, and also satisfye and discharge all such legacies and gifts as I shall by my will give etc. I give to George my sonne and his heires my Mannor of Ruskington with the appurtenances called the Easthall, and all my lands, messuages etc. whatsoever excepte the Mannor and lands devised to my sonne Richard aforesaid. Provided alwayes and upon condition that my said sonne George pay to James my sonne c^u., within nyne months, in the South porche of the parish Church of Ruskington (licence to James to distrain). Item to the said George, my sonne, all wood, timber and implements in the house or yard of the said Easthall. To James my sonne cl^u. To Ellen my daughter c^u., and a great brasse pott, a bedstead, fetherbed and other clothes in the great Chamber. To Joane Hebblewhite my daughter x^u. To Margaret Squire my daughter vj^u. xijjs. iiijd. I forgive Lawrence Thorpe, my sonne in lawe, the moneyes he doth owe me, being aboute xl^u. upon condition that he assure, within three months of my decease, by conveyance to Frances my daughter his nowe wief and to the heires of her body by him begotten, the farme in Ruskington whereip he doth now inhabit. Item to Joseph and Anne, my sonne Richard his children, v marks each. To Anne Gladwynne my grandchild x^u. upon condition that she be ruled by my Executor both in her choise of a husband, and in the letting and setting of her lands left unto her by her father. To every other of my grandchildren xxs. To my sister Nicholson one cowe. To Jane Turner my servaunte xxs. To Alexander Codling my servaunte xxvjs. viijd. To the repaire of Lincoln Minster xijd. To the repaire of the church of Ruskington xs. To the poore of the towne of Ruskington to be dealt among them at my funerall xxs. To Mr. Willimatt, parson of Ruskington, and to William Willerton, vicar thereof, for tithes forgotten, to each of them xs. I make supervisors my lovinge brother John Standishe and my freinde Robert Gustard, gent., and give each xs.

Prob. at Sleaford 20 Oct. 1614 by Ex^r.

Personalty sworn 517^u. 17s. 4d.

This family probably came from Standish in Lancashire. They appear first in 1572, when Thomas Standish of Dorrington's Admon. was given to his sons John and James, the latter of whom is the testator. A Sir Thomas Standish, Knt., of Billingay is said to have married Faith daughter of Hamond Upton of Northolme, but I cannot connect him with the foregoing.

101.

AUGUSTINE MASSINGBERD.

The 13th Aug. 1614. I Augustine Massingberd of Sutterton in the County of Lincoln, gentleman, weake in body etc. For my body my will is that it be buried in the Churchyarde of the parish church of Sutterton. I give to Thomas Baker eldest sonne of my sister Edith Baker to him and the heires of his body two messuages with appurtenances in Sutterton in a place called Spitlecrosse with all lands etc. which I lately bought of Sr James Bogg, Knighte, and of one Christopher Briggs, excepting always and reserving six acres of pasture in Sutterton now in the tenure of John Spicer which I lately bought of the said Sr James Bogge, Knighte. In default of such issue from Thomas Baker I will the aforesaid lands etc. shall descend to John Baker his brother; in default to Ann Booth daughter of my sister Ann Booth; in default to John Nicholls, one other of the sonnes of my aforesaid sister Edith, which she had by a second husband, to him and his heires forever. Item I give to John Baker aforesaid and his heires one messuage with the appurtenances in Sutterton and all other messuages, lands etc. which I lately bought of John Spicer and Dorothy his wife, and the six acres of pasture before mentioned in Sutterton. As touchinge my goods and chattells I bequeath to Anne, my wief, four milch kyne; four draught mares, at her own choice, excepte the gray mare I bought of Robert Huntley, and exceptinge alsoe my Browne whale-eied mare. Also six yong heckfers with their calves; also all my bees; my best bedstead, my best fetherbed, my best boulder, two of my best pillowes, two of my best blanketts, the lesser counterpointe of tapestry worke; the third part of all my lynnings; the cubberd in the hall standinge next the buttry-dore, and all the towe and yarne in my house, with all the spinyng wheeles, blades and other implements about such housewifery, together with all the boules, pancons, churnes, and shelves in the dary house; also one chiste with a double locke. Also the sume of fourescore pounds to be paid within the year after my decease; also sixe seames of Masseldine being wheate and rye as it groweth; also one half of all my butter and cheese. To Hanna foster, daughter of my said wief, one dozen of silver spoons which I bought of the executors of Stephen Pell. To each of the sonnes of William Donoby, sonne of my sister Ann Donoby xx^{li}. apiece, to be paid when 21. To every one of the daughters of the said William Donoby xx^{li}. when 18. My executors to pay these sums within six yeares after my decease to William Donoby for his children's benefits. To everyone of the sonnes of my sister Barbara Huntley xx marks, to be paid within six yeares after my decease. To Jane daughter of my said sister Barbara Huntley xx marks. To Valentyne Donoby, one other of sonnes of my aforesaid sister Ann Donoby, xx^{li}. To Anne Booth

daughter of my sister Anne Booth cl^u. to be paid when 21 or married. To John Nicholls aforesaid lx^u. when 21; my executors maintaine and educate him till he be 13; then to bind him apprentice to some meete and conveniente trade. And I will he may be put to a more convenient maister and to a more convenient trade. They are to put xxx^u. of the lx^u. into the hands of the maister with whome he shall be bound, so that the maister may enjoy the profit and use till he is 20; the maister putting in due security for repayment of the xxx^u. My Executors are, at the feast of Easter next after my decease, to put into the hands of the churchwardens of Sutterton the sum of v^u. to be employed thus. They, and their successors for ever, shall yearlie freele lend and putt forth the said v^u. equally divided into three parts into the hands of the poorest and most needfull men of Sutterton for one whole yeare and so from yeare to yeare at the discretion of the Churchwardens of the said towne, the said poore men putting in sufficient security for the repayment of the said money. The residue of my goods etc. I leave to Thomas and John Baker aforesaid to be equally divided between them, and make them Executors. I intrete John Booth of Kime in the County of Lincoln, my brother in law, to be supervisor.

Prob. at Lincoln 15 Sept. 1614 by John Baker; power reserved to Thomas Baker.

Personalty sworn 1094^u. 8s. 11d.

The son of John Massingberd (who was the 4th son of Augustine Massingberd of Bratoff) by his wife Dorothy daughter of Sir Robert Hussey. Knt., of Linwood. His sisters Edith and Anne became his co-heirs. His widow Anne Massingberd (probably) married 2ly. Richard Welby of Spalding. Mar. Lic. dated 6 June, 1617.

102.

ALICE WELBIE.

The 17th June 1614. I Alice Welbie of Denton in the county of Lincoln, widoe, sick in bodie etc. My mynd ys that my bodie be buried in ye parish Churchyarde of Denton at ye East End of ye Chancell. I geve to Robert Wyng one bee hive with ye bees therein, and unto his thre sons iijs., and unto his tow daughters unmarried tow shepe. To my daughter Mary browne one Ewe and a Lambe. To Thomas Martyn of Wellingor one Ewe and Lambe. To my son William Welbie's children every one of them a shepe, and I give more unto his son William one little spite. To my son Austyn Welbie one shepe, and to his wife one little pan. To Allen Lenton one Saltcellar, one Candlesticke, my Coverlaid wrought with blewe and greene which I weare upon my bed etc. To George Welbie my great huche in ye newe chamber etc. To Anne Welbie my son William Welbie's daughter my Arke in ye parlour etc. To my son Thomas Welbie my great brasse pott etc. To my son William Welbie and unto Judith his wife my best beddlelinge etc.,

and ij shepe. To Mary Gounbie one paire of harden etc. To my son Thomas Welbie's wife one linen aperne etc. To my Gounbie (*sic.*) a coate; and to Margery Elson an olde coate etc. To Agnes Sneath iiijd. Residue to my son William whom I make sole executor, and soe ye lord have mercy on me.

Prob. at Grantham 8 Nov. 1614 by Ex^r.

Personalty sworn 9th. 7s. 0d.

Her husband's will has been given.

103.

DOWNHALL BURGES.

The 30th Dec. 1615. I Downhall Burges of Sutterton in the parts of Holland and County of Lincoln, gent. sicke in bodye etc. My bodye to be buried in the earthe Whereas I am indebted unto divers and several persons, and that unto a greater value that my goods will extende for the dischargeinge of, that therfore whatsoever lands and leases eyther of coppyhould and freehoulde I am any wheare possessed of within this kingdom, they shall all be sould for the honeste paymente and dischargeinge of all such some and sommes of moneye as I doe justly owe unto any person. Now for the better effecteinge and doinge herof my earneste desyer is that my right trustie and welbeloved brother in lawe Robert Buttler of Wapocoll in the county of Norfolk, gent. and my like righte trustie and welbeloved brother Mr. Richarde Drurye of London, haberdasher and my moste assured and worthye good friende Thomas Welby of Moulton, esquire, woulde be pleased att this my earneste and laste intreatye to take upon them as friendes in truste to make sale of all suche goods lands and leases as I am any wheare at this presente possessed of, etc. And whatsoever of the said moneys soe receaved for the said lands and goods be lefte remayneinge, my will is that it be equallye divided between my two sonnes John and Roberte Burges. Further I desyer my beforenamed frendes to be executors.

Prob. at Lincoln 18 March 1615. Admon. given to Richard Drury ex^r, powers reserved to the others.

There is a small pedigree of Burges given in the Vis. of Linc. for 1592. Possibly the testator belonged to the same family.

104.

WILLIAM PALMER.

The 9th Oct. 1615. I William Palmer of Swabie in the Countie of Lincoln, weake of body etc. My bodie to the earthe from whence it came, to be interred in the parish Church of Swabie. I give towards the repaireing of the parish Church of Swabie xs. I give and bequeathe my land in Swabie being the thyrde parte of the widdowe hudson's farme to the maintenance of the pore in

Swaby for ever, to be letten out by the parson and churchwardens of the said parische of Swaby and the rent therof to be distributed to the afforesaid pore according to their discretions. Item to my mother x^{li}. To Anne Atkinson xij^{li}. xij^{js}. iiij^d. in full satisfaction of all former legacies, to be paid to the hands of my brother John Palmer to be put out for her use. To everie one of my servants vs. To the pore of the parishes of Maltbie, Beesby and Tetford to eche of them xs., to be distributed according to the discretions of the ministers and churchwardens of eche of those parishes. To my brother John Palmer a newe sute of apparrell. To my ffather Hansard v^{li}. and to my mother Hansard xls. To my brother John Palmer's wife xxs. and to her sonne Edward xxs. To my unckle Wallesbie's fower children xs. apiece. To my daughter Margaret one half of all my householde. Residue of my goods to my twoe children to be equallie divided betweene them. To Mr. Balgay the parson fyve strike of malte that he oweth unto me. To Mr. Mapletofte of North Thoresby xls. Witnessed by Paul Balgay.

Memorandum. That William Palmer did, the day and year abovewritten, will and bequeath unto his wief the other half of his householde goodes and did make her sole executrix.

Witness George Dyer, clerk.

Prob. at Louth 24 Oct. 1615 by Ex^r.

Personalty sworn 888^{li}. 5s. 10d.

The testator is not easy to identify as the family of Palmer was widely scattered; there were branches at Burgh-le-Marsh, Swaby, Winthorpe and Boston. The charitable bequest to the poor is not mentioned in *White's Directory of Lincolnshire*.

105.

ROBERT HUSSEY.

The 7th June 1615. I Robert Hussey of Honington in the Countie of Lincoln, gentleman, sicke of bodie etc. My bodye to be buried in the church of Honington (yf god be soe pleased). Whereas S^r Edward Hussey my eldest brother oweth me which I have any secuerytie of him for c^{li}., and alsoe threescore and fiftene poundes more dewe unto me for use for the lend of the said c^{li}., and use for the lend of ffoureteene hundred pounds, which by his bonde the saide S^r Edward oweth me, more. Nowe my will is and I doe hereby give unto the saide S^r Edward the saide severall somes of c^{li}. and lxxv^{li}., the saide S^r Edward acceptinge of the same in full discharge of all the money I owe him (which ys about xxx^{li}. for phisicke), and sufficiently discharginge my executors therof. Item I heareby give unto the said S^r Edward to be deducted, allowed, or payd, of the said bond of xiiijteene hundred pounds, which the said S^r Edward oweth me, more than the twoe severall somes before by me given him, the some of ffoure hundred pounds, yf the said S^r Edward Hussey doe give unto Charles Hussey, esq. my second

brother, within tenne weekes next after the daye of my deathe such good and sufficient secuerytie as the said Charles well liketh of, for payment of one Thousand pounds, (Residewe of the saide some of the saide bonde of xiiiijteene hundred pounds) to be payed unto the saide Charles Hussey his heires etc. at the full ende of twoe yeares nowe nexte ensewinge. (Sir Edward to enter into a bond to pay interest at rate of 10 per cent. to Charles Hussey during the two years). Item I give unto my twoe Sisters, the saide Sr Edward and Charles Hussey theire weiffs, eyther of them xx^{li}. to be paid within six months after my deathe. To Mrs. frances Stallon xxx^{li}. to be paid within one yeare. To frances Stallon her sonne, x^{li}. to be paid within one yeare. To Leonarde Townesende x^{li}. which by bonde he oweth me; his bonde to be delivered to him to be cancelled within one fortnight after my deathe. I bequeath towards the buyeing of a Chussen cloth for the saide churche of Honington xs. To Henry Bayner, my servant, to put him apprentice to some trade iij^{li}. To sixteene of the poorest families or householders in Honington, to be equally divided between them, xvjs. Residue to my brother Charles Hussey whom I make executor. I make John Palmer of Carlton Scroop and William Peachell of Normanton, in the County of Lincoln, gentlemen, Supervisors, and give either of them a frencehe crowne.

Prob. at Lincoln 18 Sept. 1615 by Exr.

Personalty sworn 1600^{li}.

A younger son of Sir Charles Hussey, Knt., of Honington.

106.

MARGARET BOWLS.

The 11th Aug. 1608. I Margaret Bowls of Houghton within the parish of Grantham in the County of Lincoln, widdow, weake in bodye etc. My bodye to the earthe from whence it was taken, in an assured hope that bodye and soule at the generall resurrection shalbe joyned togeather and be made partakers of eternall glory. To my sonne Richard Bowls a dooble spurre royall *i.e.* a peece of gold of thirtye shillings, and to his three sonnes, xs. apeece to buy every one of them a silver spoone; and to his three daughters to every one of them a quye two yers old, and likewise to everyone of them xs. to buy a silver spoone; and I give to Katherine his daughter my great pann and the half of all my Linning, that is to say sheets and naperie in my chist standing at my beds feete. To my sonne John Bowls a spurre royall, *i.e.* a peece of gold of fifteen shillings and to his wief an Angell of gold, my silke grogram gowne, my flannill peticoate and my Kirtle of wrought velvet, and to the daughter of my said sonne John I give a quye two yeres old, and xs. to buy a spoone; and to his three sonnes xs. apeece to buy each a silver spoone. I give further to his sonne John my little

cubberd and the six pounds which Sr Edward Dymock oweth me, to be put forth for his use by his father and my sonne in law Thomas Awdley till he is 21. Whereas Mrs. Porter of the grainge by Grantham oweth me xls, I will that after the payment therof, xs. be given unto the church of Grantham, and the rest to Thomas Awdley, my sonne in law, to whome also I give xs. in gold. To Arthur Awdley his sonne I give the other half of my Linnings in my cheist at my bedsfeete, also a peece of gold of xxs. and my gold Ringe. To James Hanson parson of Stroxtan an half Angell. To my Ladye Conye of Northstoake my french hood and will that upon the payment of xxxs. she shall have her silver salt which was pawned unto me delivered her againe. To William Wilkes' wieff of Boston, my sister's daughter, my best cloath gowne, and my second petticoate. To Richard Graye's wieff, sister to the said Wilkes' wieff, my stuff gowne. To Sirach Badger's wieff my gowne and hatt which I ware everye day. Whereas my sonnes Richard and John Bowls doe owe me divers somes of money, for annuity and otherwise, I doe freely forgive them all debts and dutyes whatsoever. Whereas there have beene certayne debts, reckonings, and Accompts betweene my sonne in law Thomas Awdley and me since my cominge unto him and duringe the time of my maintenance with him I do hereby acknowledge myself fullie sattisfied, contented, and paid, and doe acquite him and his heires etc. Residue to Arthur Awdley, sonne of the said Thomas Awdley, whome I make full executor.

Memorandum. All legacies above mentioned to be paid within one month after my buriall. Thomas Awdley to see the same discharged. The legacies bequeathed to the children of my sonnes Richard and John Bowls and Thomas Awdley to be put forth till they are 21 by the respective fathers joyntly. I make James Hanson, parson of Stroxtan, supervisor.

Prob. 26 July 1615 at Lincoln by Thomas Awdley Ex^r.

I cannot identify this testatrix, but the Audleys mentioned were probably connected with those of that name at Welbourn and Hough.

107.

EDWARD LACON.

The 25th Oct. 1612. I Edward Lacon of Tetney in the County of Lincoln, gentleman, healthfull and sounde in bodie, etc.; and att this present consideringe with myselfe how weake and brickell the state of man's liefe is in this worlde, and nott knowinge howe shortely it shall please the Lord to call me to his mercie, I doe at this verie daye ordaine and make etc. My bodie to be buried in the earthe whence it was, in what place soever it shall please the Lord to call me, whether it be in Church or Churchyard it is not materiall. To the poore of the cittie of Lincoln iij. s. iiij. d. To the

repayringe of the church of Tetney xxs. To the repairinge of the Causeys and churchewayes in Tetney xls. And the towne to bring stone and sand, and to pave ytt by yarde with some sufficient workeman. To be soe bestowed within twoe yeeres after my deathe, which if it be not so employed, this my bequest to be void etc. To the towne of Tetney v^l. which shalbee yeerelie putt forth unto fifteteene of the poorest Cottagers by the ministers, churchwardens, and overseers of the poore, and to lend ytt them for iiijd. for everie noble yeerelie, whiche Interest money mye will is shall yeerelie be bestowed in paving and repairinge of the highe wayes to the church, otherwise it shall be freelie lent them, and no one to have it above one yeere together, and theie to putt in two sufficient suerties to paie ytt at the yeere's ende etc. To the poore in North Cotes xs. To the poore of Cleethorpes xxs. To the poore of Houlton vs. To the poore of Waithe iij^s. iiijd. To the poore of great Grimesbie xls. To the poore of greate Cotes, Waltham, Thoresbie, and ffulstowe, to everie towne vjs. viijd. to be paid unto them at Christmas or Easter which shall happen nearer my deathe and to be divided by the minister, churchwardens, and overseers of the poore some Sabothe daie ymediatlie after it be received, and mye executor to see it performed. To Richarde Odlinge, vicar of Tetneye, xls., and to his wief Marie Odlinge xxs. To Edward Odlinge his sonne xxx^l., when 21; my executor to pay yeerelie to his mother, at Mayday, xls. till he receive his portion. To James Bland xxx^l. to be paid within towne yeeres after my deathe. To Ambrose Burrett for his paines taken in my service iij^l. vjs. viijd. To Thomas horncastle xls. To Richard Richardson xls. etc. To my brother ffrauncys Lacon x^l. and to everie of his children iij^l. vjs. viijd. To mye sister Anne Lacon xs., and to Marie Lacon, my brother John's daughter iij^l. vjs. viijd.; all which legacies to be paid within one yeere. To mye wiefe I give cccl^l., and she to have her abode with mye executor for one yeere after my deathe withoute payinge for her table or house roome, and her money to be paid her at the yeere's ende. To Mawdlen Shepherd xxs. and to everie one of my other servants, not named, vs. To Elizabeth Grantham of Skarborough xxs. To Thomas Lacon, mye sonne, cccl^l. to be paid within one yeere, and my executor to pay him meanwhile everie quarter of the yeere x^l for his maintenance at a universitie or otherwise. Mye will is he shall still be directed by Mr. Allen of Ludbrughe. To my daughter Christian Lacon ccc^l. to be paid to my wief, for her use, who shall have the government of her and her portion; and if she will not be ruled by my wief but marrie without her consent, then my will is she shall have but cc^l. and the other c^l. be at the disposition of my wief. To mye cosen Anne Lacon xs., and to mye godsonne John Lacon, her sonne, an ewe, and a Lambe; and to everie of her other children vs. To my cosen Lion Lacon and John Lacon xxs. apiece. To Mr. David Allen iij^l. vjs. viijd. Also my desier is

that there maye be at my funerall a daie of godlie exercise and prayer performed by mye good friends, Mr. Odlin, Mr. Humfrey of Graynesbie, and Mr. Allen of Ludbrughe whome I wish may make the Conclusion Sermon, and to be performed in the Church of Tetney for the comfortable Instruction of those that shalbe then present, and I give them for their paines xs. apiece. And my will is that their be provision made the same daye at the house of William Thimblebie for sixe or seaven mease of men, and he to have for his charge therof v^{li}. if he be in the towne at the time of my deathe. Residue to my brother John Lacon whom I make sole executor. I make my good frendes and Cosens, Mr. William Lacon, Mr. Lyon Lacon, and Mr. Allen of Ludbrughe supervisors. And I give them power to take bondes of mye executor for the trewe performance of my will. And for the better inducinge of those that shalbe appointed to valewe my goods I have hereunto annexed an Inventarie of all my goodes and Cattell, with a note of the debts I owe.

And lastly of all Christian Love and favour I doe desier my wief, my Executor, or Executors and overseers of this my will to deale bothe faithfullie and trustelie with mye children, and to see this mye will performed accordinge to mye mynde and meaninge, and thus at this tyme I finishe and ende this mye will beinge all of ytt written with mye owne hand, desieringe the Lord of his greate mercie to preserve me bothe in Lief and deathe, and beseechinge him alsoe to blesse mye wief, and bothe mye children, that theie maye alwayes live here in his feare that theie maye die in his favour. In trewe testimonie whereof I have hereunto everie Leafe sett mye hande and seale etc.

Memorandum. 26 March 1615. Edward Lacon of Tetney, gent., beinge then sicke in body but of sound and perfect remembrance, called his wife Mary Lacon unto him, and tellinge her where his last will and testament did remaine, and willed her to fetch the same unto him; who accordingly did fetch it. She said Edward Lacon caused it to be redd and after the readinge thereof did publish it as his last will and testament with these revocations and alterations followinge, viz., nuncupatively he said, and declared, and badd his executor John Lacon to write it downe; that whereas he had in his aforesaid will given unto the wife of one Richardson his servant xs., he willed the same to be blotted out because she was deceased. Likewise whereas he had given unto Christian Lacon his daughter ccc^{li}., forasmuch as his said daughter is married, and he gave her in marriage c^{li}., he therefore revoked his former gift, and gave her as followeth, viz., he gave unto her husband c^{li}., and forasmuch as her said husband Thomas Covell hath not abilitie to make her any certaine joynture or estate whereon to live if he should die before

her, he therefore bequeathed another c^h. to the said Mary his wife to be employed by his wife for the benefit of his daughter Christian Covell during her natural life, and after her decease the whole c^h. to go to the children of the said Christian Covell. Lastly, whereas in his will he had appointed that upon the day of his funerall William Thimblebie of Tetney, if he were then liveinge, should provide six or seaven messe of meate for the entertainment of such as should assemble to his funerall, and should have for his charges v^h., this bequest he whollie revoked etc. Witnesses Mary Lacon, John Lacon, Thomas Lacon.

Prob. at Lincoln 26 July 1615 by John Lacon Ex^r., and at C.P.C. 9 May 1615 (43 Rudd).

Personalty sworn 2904^h. 7s. 6d.

In the Vis. of Linc. for 1592 a Lacon pedigree is given, but meagre and insufficient. There were two branches, at Tetney and at Humberstone. The testator by his 1st wife Elizabeth Trowdale had issue Thomas, his heir, and Christian who married (mar. lic. 14 Feb. 1618) Thomas Covill of Great Steeping, yeoman. The 2nd wife was Mary, daughter of John Wright of Skipton in Craven. The will mentions various Lacons not to be found in the Visitation pedigree.

108.

ELIZABETH THOMSON.

The 3rd Sept. 1615. I Elizabeth Thomson of Manby in the parish of Brighton in the Countie of Lincolne, widow, sicke in bodie etc. My body to the earthe from whence it came. To my verie lovinge brother Mr. Richard Rothwell xxs. To my cozen William Rothwell, his sonne, xxs. To my daughter Davenport xxs. and to Elizabeth Sharrard her daughter and my goddaughter xx^h., and to all the rest of my daughter Davenport's children x^h. apiece, to be paid when 21, by their father out of the money which is remayninge in his hands specified in ij bonds bearing date the last of Auguste before the date herof. To my daughter Lyme xxs., my best gowne and Kirtle, and a little truncke. To John Lyme, my godson, xx^h. and to William Lyme, his brother, x^h. To my daughter Ingram xxs., my next best gown and my newest hatt. To Elizabeth Ingram, her daughter, my goddaughter xx^h. and the rest of her children x^h. apiece, to be paid within ij months after my decease. The acquittance of Roger Ingram, their father, shall be a lawefull discharge to my executors. To my daughter Cotton xxs. and the rest of my apparrell unbequeathed. To Elizabeth her daughter, my goddaughter, xx^h., and the rest of the children x^h. apiece, to be paid within ij yeares. The acquittance of Paule Cotton, their father, to be a discharge to my executors. To Elizabeth Kythen, my goddaughter, xxs., and all my land and pasture in Wibberton in Holland to her and the heires of her bodie. To Thomas Wytton xs. and to Tabitha his daughter x^h. when 21 or married. To Katherine Markham xxs. To Dorothy Greyson vs.

To the poore of Gawdby xxs. ; to the poore of Braughton xs. To Anne Tooley vs. I make Roberte Davenport esq. and William Lyme, my sonnes, executors.

Prob. at Boston 27 Oct. 1615 by William Lyme. Power reserved to the other Ex^r.

The widow of Robert Thompson of Gauthby, whose will has been given. Her daughter Susan, who had married 1st Edmund Sherard of Bracken End in Woodhall, married 2ly Robert Davenport (see Will of Sherard already given). The testatrix seems to have been a Rothwell by birth.

109.

HENRY SKYNNER.

The 29th May 1612. I Henry Skynner of Bollingbrooke in the Countie of Lincoln, Esquier, sicke in bodie etc. I will my bodie to be buried accordinge to the laudable use and custome of all faithfull christians. To the poore of Bollingbrooke xxs. To every servante that shall dwell with me at my death xs. To my cozen Mr. William Skynner, my brother's sonne, my beste geldinge. To my well beloved wife Anne, my daughter francis Edwards, and my daughters Marie, Anne, and Judeth, all my household stuff, plaite, goods etc., to be divided equallie in five parts. Item to my wife Anne all my messuages, lands etc. in Bollingbrooke, both freehold and customary, for her natural life, on condition that if she commit any wilful waste, spoil or destruction then my said bequest is void, and my daughters are to take the said lands etc. on which the wilful waste or spoil is committed. After the death of my said wife I will and devise the said lands as follows ; to my daughter ffrancis Edwards and her sons Henry and John Edwards my principal messuage in Bollingbrooke, which I now dwell in, known by the name of white howse, with all orchards, gardens etc. ; howse and Courte called the Inne Walker Crofte, a peece of waste land in the orchard sometyme a narrowe lane, and the newe orcharde etc., all the greene Courte and the gardens on the East side of the said white house etc., being all the severall copyhoulds ; my pasture called Claxbie close with a dove cote and fishe ponds extending from Boston highewaye on the east unto a crofte called Morrell crofte etc. ; my messuage called Ballet Tofte ; my messuage wherein my cozen Tupholme dwelleth called Rose howse, etc., etc. Item to my daughter Marie Skynner and her heires forever (divers lands and tenements) ; to my daughter Anne Skynner and her heires forever, all my house at the weste ende of the market place in Bollingbrooke and divers lands, pastures etc. To my daughter Judeth all my copyhoulds in Harebie, also c^u. when 21 or married ; if my brother S^r Vincent Skynner shall pay lx^u. to my executor, the said Judeth shall have the money when she is 21 or married. If she die before, then the portion I have bequeathed shall be divided among my daughters frances Edwards, Elizabeth Tirkington,

Marie Skynner, and Anne Skynner. I also order and appoint that Mr. John Cooke of North Somercotes who is to matche and marry with mye daughter Anne shall have to him and, his heires forever all my freehold land in Harebie etc., etc. Provided the said Mr. John Cooke and his heires shall forever free and discharge all my lands in Bullingbrooke for the payment of v^{li}. which is due to be paide to the schoole of Bullingbrooke out of my lands there. Item I do devise to my brother S^r Vincente Skynner, Knighte, and his heires certain lands in Hareby etc., and the advowson of the parsonage of Hareby, all which I lately purchased of him, on condition he pay to my executors the sum of lx^{li}. within six months of my decease, which said sum I have already paid for my said brother unto Margery Neale of Horncastle, deceased, or else this gift is utterly void and I give it to my daughters ffrancis Edwards, Elizabeth Tirkington, Marie, Anne, and Judeth Skynner. Item I give to Mr. Thomas Tirkington, my sonne in lawe, and his heires forever all my land which he hath inclosed in a close of his above Rockcliffe hurne in the north feild of Bullingbrooke. Item I have made surrender of all my customary messuages, lands etc. in Bullingbrooke and Hareby into his majestie's hands by Vincent Knowles in the name of one Grave in the presence of Richard Smith, gent. (and others) tenants of the said severall Courts etc. I make Anne my wife sole executrix. My sonne in lawe Mr. Roger Edwards and Mr. Pawle Cooke of North Somercotes, supervisors. If my wife refuse to be executrix I appoint my said sonne in lawe Mr. Roger Edwards, and give him a geldinge and xx^{li}.

Prob. at Lincoln 3 April 1615. Admon. given to ffrances Edwards wife of Roger Edwards of Bullingbrooke, gent., daughter of deceased, the executrix Anne having died without administering. And at C.P.C. 7 Aug. 1612, 74 (Fenner). His personalty sworn at 40s. The admon. of Anne Skynner, relict of Henry Skynner, was given to the said Frances Edwards. Personalty sworn 101^{li}. 7s. 3d.

The son of John Skinner and brother of Sir Vincent Skinner, Knt. of Thornton-Curtis. The only daughter mentioned in the Vis. pedigree of 1662 is Frances Edwards. Tirkington ought probably to be Torkington.

110.

WILLIAM RADLEY.

The 16th Jan. 48th Jac. I. I William Radley of Yarburgh in the Countie of Lincoln, esquire, etc. My bodie to be buried in the South Quiere of the Church of Yarburghe. To Lincoln minster ijd. To the church of Yarburgh xs. to the repayinge therof. To the poore of Yarbrough xxs. To the poore of Alvingham xs. To my lovinge wife Anne Radley cc^{li}. in goods or in money, at her election. To my daughter Anne Radley d^{li}. when 18, or married,

to be allowed yearly meanwhile ^{li}, my executor to enter into bonds for the payment thereof. If my said daughter die before 18 or marriage, then I will that ^{cc} of her portion go to my daughter Mussendine for the use of her children; viz., ^c for the use of her daughter Ann Mussendine; and ^c for the use of her sons William and Edward Mussendine. And also other ^{cc} to be paid to my daughter Ellis for the use of her two daughters Jane and Ann Ellis. And the remaining ^c I give to the firste childe of my sonne Henry Radley. To Anne Radley my lovinge wife for the term of her naturall life all my lands, tenements etc. in Yarburgh and Alvingham, not formerly assured to my sonne Henry Radley or his wife, with my dwelling-house etc.; and after her death to my said sonne forever. My wife shall not fell, cutt down, toppe or loppe any ashe, oake, or apple tree growing upon the said premises, save for necessary repairs etc., nor to make any waste of the thorne hedges by cutting them at unseasonable tymes. If my sonne Henry will confirm this devise to my wife, she shall make a general release of her thirds etc., otherwise the devise is void. To my daughter Elizabeth Mussendine to buy a peece of plate ^x. To my daughter frances Ellis to buy a peece of plate ^x. To Ann Mussendine my grandchilde ^c when 18. To William Mussendine my grandchild and godson ^c to be paid to his father, William Mussendine, within four years after my death, to be put forth to his use till he is 20, and the use to be yearly paid to him towards his maintenance, His father to put in bonds for the same. To William Ellis my grandchild and godson ^c when 18. To ffancis Mussendine my grandchild ^x a year, for his life, to be paid out of my lease and prebend of Caistor. To William Simcotes, my godson, ^{iiij} a year to be paid out of the prebend of Caistor, if Henry and Anne Radley, and William Mussendine, so long live. To Edward, Debora, and Richard Mussendine, my grandchildren, ^{xl} apiece, when 20. To Jane and Anne Ellis, my grandchildren, ^{li} apiece when 18. To my brother Simcotes an amblinge graye geldinge which was bredd of a mare of Mr. Johnson's, parson of Yarburgh, or ^x in money, whether he will choose. To my brother Hayward a brace of old angells. To Sr Robert Paine, my brother in lawe, a double duckett in remembrance of my love to him; and likewise a double duckett to my Lady his wief. To my sister Hayward a brace of angells, and my cosen William Wesselhead a brace of angells. To my brother Richard Smith a brace of angells, if he overlive me, and my nephew Robert Smith an Angell. To Robert Bennet, parson of Yarburgh, a brace of Angells. To Olive Yarburgh, my goddaughter, v marks, when married. To my cosen John Yarburgh, my servante, xls. a year for life out of the prebend or parsonage of Caistor. To Elizabeth daughter of John Yarburgh, v markes, when married. To Stephen Yarburgh, my godson, ^v.

to put him out an apprentice, and other v^{li}. to Charles Yarburgh son of my cosen John Yarburgh, to put him out an apprentice. To my daughter Mary Radley, my silver tankard. To my wife Anne Radley my lesser guilte salte, and the mylne which her mother gave her, and a dozen of silver spoones, and a white silver boule, and the mazer cupp sett in silver. Alsoe I give unto my wife one half of all my houshold stuffe within my dwellinghouse savinge my brewinge vessells, and the lead, which I give to my wife for her life to use and to leave them for heire lomes. And excepte all the furniture of and in the greate chamber over the parler, and the brasse landirons, and the great landirons in the parler, and the bedd and bedstead in the greate chamber with the best furniture thereto belonginge, and alsoe the table in the beste chamber with the best carpet, and also all the sealing both in the parler and in the chambers with the greate forme and benches; all which I give to my wife to use for life, and to remayne as heire homes. And excepte one wrought chaire and the two stooles, likewise wrought, in the chamber over the dyninge parler, and a damaske tableclothe and a dozen of damaske napkins likewise, which I give to my wife. And I give to my cozen John Newcominge, in remembrance of my love to him, an olde Angell; and to Charles Yarburgh of Louth an olde Angell. To every one of my servants vjs. viijd. Residue to son Henry Radley whom I make sole executor; William Mussendine and George Ellis my sons in law supervisors; to each of whom I give x^{li}.

Prob. at Lincoln 31 Oct. 1615 by Ex^r.

The son of Thomas Radley by Bridget, daughter of Charles Yarborough of Yarborough. He married Anne, daughter of William Symcotes of Louth. His son was Knighted at Newmarket, 1616, and compounded for his estate, paying to the Parliament £180. The Radleys disappear after the Commonwealth.

111.

THOMAS ARCHER.

The 22nd Nov. 1614. I Thomas Archer one of the Comburgeses of the towne of Grantham in the countie of Lincoln, weake in bodie etc. My bodie to the earthe whence it came in the Church or Chancell soe near my lovinge wife as maybe, to the discretion of executor, with the consent of the vicars; from whence my trust is that at the generall day of resurrection, it shall rise againe an incorruptible bodie, and see the glorious cominge of my Saviour Christe, and have the joyfull sentence of come yee blessed, and be made partaker of that heavenly kingdome which is prepared for all true believers. I give towards the repaire of the Cathedrall Church of Lincoln iijjs. iiijd. Towards the repaire of the parishe church of Grantham xls. To the poore of the said towne v^{li}. And whereas heretofore I purchased of S^r Edmund Bussey, then esq. and nowe knighte, the capitall messuage in Grantham wherein I nowe dwell,

with certain other tenements etc., in which conveyance Sr Edmund sould unto me one little cottage in Church-lane, wherein, contrary to his knowledge, he had no title, soe that I was enforced to purchase the same of one John Allen, gent., etc., all which said premises I Thomas Archer and Margaret my then wife did convey to feoffees to the use of ourselves for our natural lives, and then to the use of George Archer my son and Ann his wife and their heirs, in which conveyance the said cottage was conveyed; but forasmuch as I was enforced to purchase it again I give it to John Archer son of my son George Archer and his heirs. I give to my said son George the lease I have of the parsonage and tithes of Skillington which I hold by divise and grant of Thomas Harris of the Baile of Lincoln, doctor in Phisick. To my younger son Thomas Archer my lease of the tithes of the south and north prebends of Grantham. All my moveable goods, plate, jewels etc. to be divided between my said two sonnes (exceptinge onely the waynscott portalls glasse fastened-irons and other antient irelomes belonging to the house in which I dwell which I give to George). I make my younger son Thomas sole executor. To Thomas Archer son of my son George xx^{li}. when 21. To John Archer son of my son George xx^{li}. when 21. To Matthew Archer son of my son George xxx^{li}. when 21. To Elizabeth my son Georges' daughter x^{li}. when 21 or married. To Anne, his daughter, xx^{li}. when 21 or married. To Richard Archer son of my son Thomas xx^{li}. when 21. To Thomas Archer son of my son Thomas xx^{li}. when 21. To Judeth daughter of my son Thomas xx^{li}. when 21 or married. My sons George and Thomas to enter into bonds for the payment of the said money. The bonds to be put into a box and deposited in the common hutch within the vault or vestrie of the Church of Grantham, A certificate of age to be given to the Alderman when my children come to their full age of 21. To Thomas Richardson my sonne in law x^{li}. To the children of William Davison of Cassopp within the Bishopricke of Durham, whoe married Alice my neece, one of the daughters of my brother John, vj^{li}. xiijs. iiijd. To the children of one Whitfield who married Anne another daughter of my said brother vj^{li}. xiijs. iiijd. To such children as my said brother had by his second wife vj^{li}. xiijs. iiijd. To my brother Conye Archer of Wappinge neare London vj^{li}. xiijs. iiijd., and I forgive him what debts he oweth me. I doe give to the Alderman of the towne of Grantham, and the Burgesses, v^{li}. to be bestowed upon a silver and guilte bowle or cupp to goe as other the towne plate doth from Alderman to Alderman forever; upon which Bowle or Cupp my will is these words be engraven viz., *the giift of Thomas Archer one of the Combürgesses of the towne of Grantham.* To Mr. Thomas Deane and Mr. Thomas Dilworth, two vicars of Grantham, xxs. apiece. To Mr. Wilkinson nowe Schoole-master of the free schoole xxs. To my well beloved friend Mr.

Mathewe Stokes, fellowe of Gunwell and Keyes Colledge in Camebridge my goulde ringe with the redd stone engraven, wherewith I use to seale, to weare for my sake. My son George being in my house is to allow my son Thomas at my death to enter and live for a fortnight till an inventory be made. I charge my said sonnes of my blessinge and as they will answeare before god that the one of them doe not goe about to crosse the other either by covetinge underectly to have or gaine more than is truly mente unto them. I make Supervisors my worshipfull good freind Nicholas Walker, doctor in divinitie and my welbeloved freind Mr. Edward Marrowe, one of the Comburbageses of Grantham. I give Dr. Walker whome I desire to make my funerall sermon xls. to make him a ringe, and Mr. Marrowe xxs.

Prob. at Grantham 27 April 1615 by Ex^r.

This will is interesting solely on account of the testator's position in life—a wealthy burghess of Grantham.

THOMAS HALL.

The 31st Jan. 1614. I Thomas Hall of Donington in the partes of Holland and Countye of Lincoln, gent., in perfect and good remembrance etc. My Bodye I commyt to the earth. To Thomas Hall my sonne and his heirs seven acres of pasture beinge copiehold, as ys conteyned in the copie howlden of the manner of the right worshipfull Sr William Welbye, Knight, also one aker and a halfe of freehold in Donington purchased of William Wylbye. I have surrendered the said copie in Gednye. To my sonne Anthony Hall my copiehold lands in Byker conteyning twentye and four akers of land and pasture; and eightene and a half of medowe; and threcore and eighteen Andens or gads which lye in a place called Byker Inge. The lands are held of the Right Hon. the Erle of Exeter as of his maner of Beamont fee in Byker. To George Hall, my father, all my estate and interest in a lease in Gednye of the Pawlett fee purchased of Thomas Ogle, Esquire. Item I ordaine that Mary my wife have the government of my said two sons; to see that they be vertuously brought up in learninge duringe their age of syxtene or fyftene yeres at the least; and that Mr. Alexander More mye wyfe's brother, and George Hall mye father shalbe Judges therein; if they dislike the education it shall be in their power to take the children to their own government. To Anthony Hall, my brother, my lyttle white nagge. To my uncle Mr. William Hall xls. To my mother Thorold a pece of gould of xxijs. To Mr. William Thorold mye Brother in lawe xxijs. in gould. To mye Syster in lawe Mrs. Martha an angell in gould. To Mr. Godbye, Vyker of Donington, xxs. (legacies to

servants). I make Mr. Alexander More my Brother, and George Hall my father, supervisors. Residue to wife, my sole executrix.

Prob. at Boston 9 May 1615 by Ex^r.

He had married twice; 1st Frances, daughter of William Thorold of Harmston, by Mary Baldock his wife, and widow of Henry Camock; 2ndly Mary More.

113.

EDWARD GOODRICKE.

The 16th Aug. 13th Jac. I. I Edward Goodricke of East Kirkbie in the County of Lincoln, esq., doe make and ordaine etc. first I give and bequeath myself to the Lord whose I am and whome I have served and desire soe to doe. I give and bequeath my worldly goods to my sone Leon Goodricke, he allowinge to my daughter Washbourne out of my goods in Suffolke xxxv^{li}., I havinge laid out to her use xv^{li}. which makes up lⁱⁱ., over and above the cccc^{li}. which is in Sr Thomas Jermyn's hands of her portion. My sone is to pay all debts funerall expenses etc. I will that my daughter Alleu have one of my beds furnished with a bedstead thereto which are in Suffolke. To my daughters Elizabeth, wyne-fryde, Hester and ffrancis, beinge all married, two Jacobuses each as tokens of my love. To my daughter Goodricke my hoope ringe which was my wive's. To my cosin Richard Palframan the lvis. he oweth me. To my godson Nathanaell Palframan xxs. To my servant John Tupholme xxs. over and above his wages which is liijs. iiijd. To Elizabeth Nayler x^{li}l. when married. I will my said sonne bringe up my grandchild Edward Willau till he be fitt to be made an Apprentice; he to be bound to some honest man; and I give with him x^{li}. My grandson John Goodricke shall have my mannor of Stickney when he shall be 22 years old. In the meantime my cosin Richard Palframan shall hould the same mannor by a lease parall payinge to my sonne Lion Goodricke a pennie a yeare. All rents-of the said mannor shall goe to the payment of the cccc^{li}. for which I stand engaged on behalf of my daughter Goodricke. My cosin Richard Palframan is to have the power to sell the said manor, if he thinks fit, for the purchasing of lands in Kirkby or elsewhere to the use of my said grandson John Goodricke, or towards the payment of the said cccc^{li}. If my grandson die before he is 22 without heirs male, then the manor is to go to the heirs male of the body of Lion Goodricke; in default, to those of my brother Richard Goodricke of Suffolke; in default, to the heirs general of my son Lion Goodricke. Item I will that two dozen of the catechismes in meeter be given to soe many pore children in this towne or elsewhere. I make my sonne Lion Goodricke and my cosin Richard Palframan, executors.

Prob. at Horncastle 25 Oct. 1615 by Richard Palframan ex^r power reserved to Lion Goodricke.

See Vis. of Lincoln, 1662 for pedigree.

114.

RICHARD WHITTINGHAM.

The 3rd Feb. 1615. The last will and testament of me Richard Whittingham of Boston in the County of Lincoln. ffirste my body and Soule committed to god the ffather, and to our Lord Jesus Christ, my only Saviour and redemer, with suer and certaine hope of my resurrection to eternall life. To Mabell my wife a rent chargde of xl^{li}. out of my lands in Sutterton, during her naturall life yearly. Richard Whittingham of Sutterton to give my wife security for the payment. He to bear all chardge of the office of Inquisition of my lands in Boston and Sutterton, and on these conditions I give him all the said lands in Sutterton. If he refuse to give security for the rentchardge then he is to have only my copyhold lands in Sutterton, and my wife to have the remainder for her natural life; and after her death to go to said Richard Whittingham and his heirs. To my wife my mansion house in Boston, and tenements etc., which I bought of John Ballard and John Taylor, for her natural life, and then to my nephew Whittingham aforesaid; he paying to Kelholme Harvy and Hánna foster, my sister's children, xx^{li}. apiece within one year after my wife's death. Whereas my sayd mansion house is chardged by a Lawe of Sewars with a stayth, which yet unmaide, my will is yt when my wife shall make the same, my said nephew Whittingham shall bring to ye sayd staythe soe much willowe and thorne or other wood from my lands at Sutterton as shall serve for the sufficient repayre and buildinge therof. My wife to keep the houses in necessarie repayres etc. She and her executors to leave the glasse in the windowes and the seelings and the doares, locks and the dressers etc. If my nephew refuse to give security for payment of rentcharge of xl^{li}. a year then the mansion house is to go to my wife and her heirs forever. To my wife my lease of pasture in Boston containing iiij acres called Broadfeild. To the poor of Sutterton v^{li}. to be bestowed on two younge Kine the next springe after my deathe to be letten owte to two poore people of Sutterton for three years at a reasonable rent; the rent to be distributed among the poore of the saide towne by the Collectors and officers of the poore; they to let the said Kine every third yeare to two other poore men. To the poore of Boston v^{li}.; iiij^{li}. of it to be bestowed on the West side of the water, and ij^{li}. on the East side. To John Cotton, Minister of Boston, xls., and I forgive him vj^{li}. he oweth me. To Mr. Wooll and Mr. Wrighte, his assistance theare, xs. each. To Mrs. James of Boston, widdow, xls. To Mr. Samuell Bedell and Mr. William Hall, preachers, xls. each. To Mr. Symon Broadstreet of Horbling xxs., and to his son Samuell xxs. Towardes the releife of poore schollers v^{li}., to be paid to Mr. Cotton to be distributed by him. To Thomas

Chappell of Boston xxxs. To William Claxton of Sutterton xxs. To my sister Hicks a xxs. peece of gould, and to my sister Massingberd ye like and to neice Whittingham ye like. To Thomas Harvy my sister's son x^{li}. To his brother Kelholme Harvy xx^{li}. and to his sister Ann Richards x^{li}, and to theare sister Margaret's child xls. To Hanna ffoster, my sister's daughter xx^{li}. To my lovinge Nephewe Mr. Rodger Quarles and to my neice his wife a peece of gould of xxs. each. To my nephew Mr. ffancis Quarles xxs. To Mr. Ingoldsbie and his wife xxs. To Elizabeth Mellowes xxs. To my cosin Leonard Beetson xxs. My executrix my wife Mabell who is to pay all above legacies within one year. My body to be decently buried. I make supervisors my lovinge frende Mr. Thomas Middlecott of Boston and my brother Hicks of Boston; to each of whom I give xls.

Prob. at Lincoln 6 March 1615 by Ex^r.

A brother of Baruch Whittinghom of Sutterton, whose Will has been given. The wife Mabel was the daughter of Francis Quarles of Ufford, co. Northampton.

115.

JAMES STANDISH.

The 22nd Sept., 1614. I James Standish of Dyrington in the Countie of Lincoln, gent., sicke in body etc. My body to be buried in the parish church of Dyrington in such decencte manner as shall seeme fit to myne executor. To my fater John Standish my best cople of oxen all my turves and a lease etc. To my brother William Standish xxx^{li}. besides xv^{li}. he oweth me, which I forgive him; also my little blacke amblinge nagg. To my brother Thomas Standish xxxv^{li}. To my brethren Richard and Robert Standish my interest in certain leases, to be equally divided between them on condition Richard forgives me ix^{li}. I owe him; and Robert x^{li}. I owe him. To my brother Hughe Standish xl^{li}. To my brother George Standish xl^{li}. To my brother Edward Standish lxxx^{li}. To To my sister Brownlowe xx^{li}. To my sister ffANCES Standish xxx^{li}. To my sister the wief of my brother William Standish v^{li}. To my goddaughter Isabell Standish daughter of the said William, v^{li}. To my cosen Richard Standish of Ruskington vj^{li}. which he oweth me. To my good freind John Soolie of Little Rausbie one gould Ringe with a seale which nowe I have. To my worshipfull good freind Robert Woolmer, Esq., and to his two brethren Mr. Gregory and Mr. William Woolmer xxij s. each in gould to make a Ringe. The same to my cosen George Standish of Ruskington, my cosen James Standish of Ruskington, my uncle Stanley of Newarke, my cosen John Standishe of Newarke, my cosen John Standish of London, haberdasher, my good freind Mr. Launce Carr, servant to S^r Edward Carr Knight and Baronett, and my good freind Mr. John Beckwith of South Kyme. To every servant in my father's house, both men

and mayds, vs. To every one of myne own servants vs. To the poore of Dyrrington xiijs. iiijd. a year to be distributed on St. James' day, or five days after, by the minister and churchwardens, if it be demanded, in the south porch of the parish church of Dyrrington ; to be paid out of four acres of land lately purchased ; in case of non-payment the minister and churchwardens are to stand seized of the said land till all arrears be paid. To the poore of Ruskington and Digby to either towne xs. To my brother Thomas Standish v^{li}. to be paid him on the 10th May, 1620. To my brother Richard Standish ix^{li}. at the same tyme. To my sister Brownlowe's children livinge at the tyme, v markes apiece. To my brethren, Richard and Robert, all my waines, plows etc. To my brethren Hughe and George v^{li}. each to be paid on the 10th May, 1620. To my goddaughter Isabell Standish, daughter of my brother William, v^{li}. at the same time. To my sister ffrances one little table, half a dozen buffet stools and a fetherbed. To the repaire of the church of Dyrrington xs. To the minster of Lincoln xiiid. Residue to my brother John Standish whom I make full executor. I make supervisors my cosen Richard Panne and William Panne, and give each xs.

Prob. at Lincoln 20 Jan. 1615 by Ex^r.

Personalty sworn 419^{li}. 6s. 4d.

Nephew to James Standish of Ruskington, whose Will has been given.

116.

ALEXANDER SOWTHAIKE.

The 26th Feb. 1605. I Alexander Sowthaike of Waddington in the Countye of the Cittye of Lincoln, Clarke, etc. My sowle beinge the Lorde of all Lordes thorowe the righteousness of Christe Jesus and the merriitt of his passion onely, my bodye I do bequeathe to the earthe from whence it came. To the poor people of Waddington xxs. to be distributed amongst them, and my neighbours and townesmen of Waddington xls. to make them a dinner withall. To the parishe Church of Waddington two Englishe bookes, that is to saye, Mr. Calvyn uppon Deutronemye and also upon Job to be maid fast with two iron cheanes to some places in the Church there to remayne for ever. To Mary Dale my goddaughter xls. To Barbaray and Ann Sowthaicke, my daughters, cccc^{li}., when 21 or married. If my wife do marry againe I give to either of them 1^{li}. more. My wife to have the education of my daughters and the profits of their portions for their bringing up. If eyther of my daughters shall marry without the consent and approval of my wife, S^r Hamonde Whichcott, Knighte, Mr. Cuthbert Dale, Mr. ffrancys Pregion, Mr. — Hanby and Mr. Leonard Carre my familiar freindes, or the mostparte of them, etc. then my daughter soe marryinge shall have but c^{li}., and the rest I give to her sister that will be ruled and

submit herself to this my direction etc. And if that other sister be unrulye, I give the remainder to my wife. If my wife marry again she is to put in good security for paying my children's portions to the Common Chamber of Lincoln, or els pay the portions into it. If Mr. Maior of Lincoln and his twelve brethren shall be troubled therewith and take any paynes, I give them xls. for a dinner. Residue to my wife Ann, whom I make sole executrix. Mr. Cuthbert Dale and Leonard Carre, supervisors.

Prob. at Lincoln 18 April 1606 (*sic.*) by Ex^r.

At Lincoln 19 March 1615 admon. granted to Barbara Southaicke, daughter of deceased, of goods not yet administered by the relict and Ex^r.

117.

DAVYD HATCLYFFE.

The 3rd July 13 Jac. I. I Davyd Hatclyffe of Thorseway in the County of Lincoln, clarke, sycke in bodye etc.; My bodye to be buryed wher yt shall please my Executor. To John Hatcliff, my sonn, all the mancyon house with all the other edyfyces and buildyns etc. the which I had given unto me by the last will of Chrystofer Hatclyffe, my ffather, the same being sytuat and lying in great Grymsbe, and nowe in the tenure and occupation of Thomas Sea, Burges, to my said sonn John and his heirs of his bodye, in default to be equally dyvyded betweene the children of Elizabethhe, Judythe, and Dorothy, beinge the naturall children of his naturall systers, according to the true intent and purpose of the said Chrystofer's will. My wyffe An Hatclyffe to have, duringe the tyme of her wydowhead, all that my tennament or house which I bought of John Wolfyndayle in greate grymsbye; if she die or marry again, then it is to go to my son Johu Hatclyffe for his natural life; and then to Thomas Sea the younger, son to my daughter Judythe, to him and his heirs forever. All my tenement in great grymsby bought of one Smythe, I give to my sonn John Hatclyffe for his naturall life, and then to Davyd Ballowe son to my daughter Dorothy, and to his heirs. To Elizabeth Somarskayles, my granddaughter, v^{li}., when 20 or married. To Judythe Sea xxs., and to her son Thomas Sea xxs. To Dorothy Ballowe xxs. and to her son Davyd Ballowe xxs. and to Phœte Ballowe her daughter xxs. To An my wyffe v^{li}. in mony which my brother John Wolfyndayle doth owe me; also my flanders Cobbard, the table with the frame, and the longe settle the which ys in my howse in great grymsby where Mr. Thomas Sea inhabyteth, to have the Cobbard during her naturall life and after death my son John to have them all. Item wheras Mr. John Hatclyff of great Grymsby, Alderman, and my cosin, doth owe me vij^{li}. xvs., dewe unto me for certayne years rents for the towne's mylne, I will he shall pay xxs.

therof to Susan Dowson, and other xxs. to An Gylby, his grand-children, when married, and also xxs. to Elizabeth Hatclyffe his daughter. The od fyften shillinges I will have my cosin John to pay to George Hatclyffe, his sonne. The other iv^{li}. I give to my sonn John Hatclyffe. And wheras I am purposed to make John Hatclyffe my son to be my executor, because he ys best able to travell, etc., I give all residue to him and my wife An jointly etc. Prob. at Lincoln 11 Dec. 1615 by Ex^r.

Personalty sworn 192^{li}. 14s. Od.

A scion of the family of Hatcliffe of Hatcliffe then verging to decay.

118.

WYLLIAM WILLIMATT.

The 20th Nov. 1615. I Wylliam Willimatt of Ruskington in the Countye of Lincoln, clarke, sicke in bodye etc. My bodye to the earthe in sure and certain hope of the resurrection therof. I give xls. to be distributed among the poore of Ruskington according to a schedule annexed. To my son William my two English bibles, myne Acts and monuments of the last edition, my Communion booke, my christian souldiors lookeinge glasse, and three bookes of my owne writinge, printed and dedicated, two of them, to prince Henrye, and the third to my Right honorable patrone The Earle of Suffolke. The residue of my bookes I give to be employed as the residue of my goodes. To each of my servants iijs. iiijd. To each of my godechildren xijd. To my iiij daughters Sarah, Margaret, frances and Anne, to each of them an Englishe bible of the price of viijs. or viijs. a peece. All my other goods and chattells etc. to wife Margaret, and my iij daughters Margaret, frances and Anne. Their portions to remain with their mother during her life unless she marry again. Bequest of lands and tenements in Ruskington to son William Willimatt; the wife to pay all debts and legacies, and bring up the testator's iij youngest children till they are 16; bequest of land in Bicker to son James Willimatt. Finallie I the said William do give and bequeath etc. to James and Roger Willimatt my brethren all my right, title, estate, interest, which I have had in that messuage, lands, etc. in the mere in the Countye of Chester, wherein the said James and Roger do dwell etc. I make my wife Margaret sole executrix, and desire my very kinde well-willinge and worshipfull freind Mr. Richarde Kinge of Ashbie in Com. Linc. esquire, and my brother Richard Willimatt, and the minister whome god shall ordayne and appoynt to be my successour in the pastorshipp of the parish church of Ruskington, to be supervisors, craving alsoe the industrie and paynes of my good neighbour and freind John Greene etc. By me William Willymatt, 1614.

Schedule.—10 Jan. 1614. To be affixed to this my last will and testament containyng the manner how the yearly rents of my lands in the said will mentioned are to be devised and disposed of, after the decease of myself and my wief, until my sones William and James Willimatt shall enter uppon their lands in Ruskington, etc.

Prob. at Lincoln 19 Jan. 1615 by relict Ex^r.

The will is interesting from the reference to books and the fact that the testator was an author; not a common thing for a country parson to be in the seventeenth century.

119.

ROBERT HUSTWAIT.

The 22nd Dec. 1615 I Robert Hustwait of great Grymsbie, Burgesse. My bodye to be buryed within the church of great Grimsbie. To my daughter Judith the wife of Moses Cooke, v^l., to be paid out of the house I bought of John ffetherbee. To Moses Cooke aforesaid xijd. and to each of his children xijd. To William Dalbie, clarke, of great Grimsbie, xs. To my daughter francis Thorpe v^l. To Robert Thorpe xijd. To younge Robert Thorpe ijs. iiijd., and to his three sisters ijs. iiijd. apeece. To my sonne Michaell Hustwaite the shop next to the entry, and the grounde that lies upon the back side of David Wrag's shop, which the Cross wall doth set out. To Theodore Markham my godsonne vs. To my grandchild Dorothy x^l. to be paid out of the shop that joynes upon John ffetherbee his kitchen. To my daughter Susan xs. To the parish Church of great Grimsbie vs. Residue to my sonne Leonard Hustwait whom I make full executor. I make my brother Edward Hustwait of Minningsbee and my cosen Tristram Smith of Awdbee grange, supervisors, and give them xxs. each.

Prob. at Lincoln 5 Jan. 1615 by ex^r.

Personalty sworn 67^l. 12s. 6d.

The Hustwaites seem to have been a family above the yeoman class, but apparently not of sufficient standing to rank with the gentry in Visitations. They intermarried with the Wrights of Grimsby and the Smyths of Audby, and were seated at Little Coates and Bradley.

120.

ANNE ARMYNE.

The 23rd May, 1615. I Ann Armyne of the Close of the Cathedrall church of Lincoln, widowe, being in good and perfect remembrance etc. My body to be buried in the Cathedral Church of Lincoln neare unto my late brother Robert Dymoke, esquire, deceased. To the repaying of the said Cathedrall church xls. To the poore of the City of Lincoln and the Close vj^l. To the poore of fluletby xls. To my welbeloved Cosen Thomas Cracrofte of Burgh my gould chaine that was my late brother's Robert

Dymoke, esquire, and my double bell salte gilded that was my late brother's; and two of my best silver pots with covers, and two silver bowles, and sixe silver spoones that was my late brother's; and my seale ringe of gould; and threescore of my sheepe at friskney. To Elizabeth ffitzwilliams, wife unto my brother William ffitzwilliams, my coach and all the furniture belonging unto it, and my twoe coach horses. Item to Elizabeth my brother William ffitzwilliam's eldest daughter my pearle borders. To Mary my brother's second daughter, my cheyne of gould which I doe usuallie weare myselfe. To Charles Bolle, esq., son of Sr John Bolle, knighte, deceased, my best diamond ringe that was his grandfather's. To my cosen Mrs. Luce Lamley xⁱⁱ. To my cosen Thomas Harrington, esq., xxs. in gould to make him a ringe. To my cosen Mrs. Alice Balgey xs. in gould to make a ringe, and I give her a gould ringe that her late husband gave me at his death. To my cosen Mrs. Jane Pell xs. for a ringe. To my cosen Mrs. Anne Arnold xs. for a ringe, and I forgive her xⁱⁱ. her husband borrowed of me. To my sister Anne ffitzwilliams my white enamiled borders, and two silver boules; two silver beakers, twelve silver spoones, my greate silver salte, and the cover of it, and one silver saulte with a cover which is a little one, and my silver sugar boxe. To William ffitzwilliams my brother's eldest sonne my bason and ewer of silver, and two little gilded boules, and my bread boule that is all gilded. To my cosen Mr. Anthony Pallmer xs. for a ringe. To Mr. Pell, my cosen, minister of ffoloby (Fulletby) xs. for a ringe. To my servant William Jenkinson and to Sara his wife xls. in gould to make either of them a ringe. To my servant Walter Turpyn xvⁱⁱ. To Henry Smith, my servant, the messuage he now dwelleth in with all lands and appurtenances which Richard Smith, his father, nowe houldeth by lease etc. for the terme of 21 years after my decease, paying yearly to my heirs xls. To my gentlewoman, Mrs. Martha Jenkinson, if she be my servant at the day of my deathe, three paire of the best linnen sheetes, that is in her kepinge in the middle-chamber; three paire of the best pillow-beares in the middle chamber, two longe table clothes, two square table clothes, two cubberd clothes, two dozen of linnen napkins of the newest; two longe towels, and the choice of my best wearing linnen, and the best of my wearing apparrell. To Mary Tokin, my servant, ijⁱⁱ. To Margaret, my servant, xxs.; and the rest of my wearing linnen to the said Mary and Margaret. To Elizabeth Tirrington, my servant, a cottage and pingle in ffoloby, for her life, paying yearly ijd., furniture etc., and two paire of the newest harden sheets, and one newe sheete to bury her in when it shall please god to take her out of this life; and ijⁱⁱ. to buy her a cowe. My will is that my cosen Mr. Thomas Cracofte take order that the said Elizabeth may have keepinge for one cowe winter and summer out

of the fearme wherein Richard Hardy nowe dwelleth duringe her life, if she dwell in ffoloby. To William Pell, my servant, one yearly rente of v^{li} . for his naturall life, out of my lands in Sibsey (with power to distrain). To Gilbert Sherwin my servant ijj^{li} . To William Jenkinson of Boston, my servant, and Sara his wife, all my lands and tenements in Halton Howlegate and Steeping, for their naturall lives. To my brother William ffitzwilliams my gilded cupp with a cover. To William Jenkinson, my servant, forty of my sheepe at ffriskney. To my cosen Anne Palmer half of my lynn, in the house, not heretofore given for bed and borde, and a greate truncke in the middle chamber. Whereas heretofore I have given to my brother William ffitzwilliams an annuity of xxx^{li} . out of my lands in ffriskney, as by one deede doth appeare, I now confirme the same. To William ffitzwilliams his eldest sonne an annuity of x^{li} . for his naturall life out of ffriskney, when he is 21, (with power to distrain). Item I do give to the said William ffitzwilliams another annuity of x^{li} . out of ffriskney when the grant made by me to my brother aforesaid William ffitzwilliams shall have expired. To Richard ffitzwilliams second sonne of William ffitzwilliams I give an annuity of x^{li} . out of ffriskney, for his life, when he is 21 (power to distrain); also another annuity of x^{li} . out of ffriskney, for his life, to commence when the aforesaid grant of xxx^{li} . to my brother William ffitzwilliams is expired. And for the guift and disposition of all my lands not before granted, my mynde and will is, and I doe give unto my welbeloved Cosen Thomas Cracrofte of Burgh, gent., all those my Mannors, lands, tenements etc. in ffriskney, Wainflet, Wrangle, Leake, Leverton, Benington, Sibsey, Pinchbecke, Thorpe, ffolobie, alias ffolletby, with the guift and advowson of the Church of ffoloby, Belchworth, Uppertoynnton, Nethertoynnton, Maryn (Mareham) Consbie, Tattershall, Anderbie, Theddlethorpe, Authorpe, Swabie, Bamburgh, Styrtyn, ffoldingworth, and Carlton, with all rest of my lands whatsoever, to him and his heirs forever. My executors to bestowe blacke mourninge clokes upon all my men servants for liveries, and upon my gentlewoman a gowne to go to church with me at my funerall. They are to deliver to the said Thomas Cracrofte, before my bodie be layd in the ground, all evidences, deeds, fines, etc. To my brother William ffitzwilliams my weddinge ringe. To my sister Anne ffitzwilliams the lease of the house I now dwell in, and all my household stuff not heretofore given. I have annexed to this my will xli^{li} . in golde, put into a litle purse, towards the expenses of my funerall. I charge my executors to see me honestlie buried and to sett up a toombe like unto that which was sett up for my brother Robert Dymoke, deceased, and to be as neare his as conveniently may be; and they are to keep my house with all provision needfull, and keepe my servants at their charges for one moneth after my decease

that they may conveniently provide for themselves. I give to my servant William Jenkinson of Boston iij^{li}. for his paynes. I give them that dee preache at my funerall xxs. in gould; and I doe intreate Mr. Doctor Parker, Deane of the Cathedrall Church of Lincoln, to take that paynes for me. I make my welbeloved sister Anne flitzwilliams, and my welbeloved servant William Jenkinson of Boston, executors. I give to Mr. John Dymoke, my cosen, that house and yard etc. which he now dwelleth in, for his life; paying the usuall rent. Witnesses Anthony Pallmer, William Pell, Gilbert Sherwin.

Prob. at Lincoln 7 Dec. 1616 by William Jenkinson; power reserved.

Personalty sworn 92^{li}.

A very interesting will, both from the nature of the bequests and the position of the testatrix. She was the heiress of a younger branch of the Dymokes of Scivelaby settled at Friskney. On the death of her brother Robert Dymoke, S.P., she inherited the estates. She married 1st Charles Bolle of Haugh, and 2ndly Bartholomew Armyne of Osgodby. On her death, without issue by either husband, her landed property went to Thomas Cracroft of Burgh whose father, Robert Cracroft, had married Pretafer, or Protasie, daughter of Thomas Quadring of Irby by Margaret Dymoke, sister of William Dymoke the father of Mrs. Armyne, who thus, in her issue, became heiress of the family. George Cracroft, son of Thomas, succeeded to the estates, but in a few years they seem to have been dissipated, and the Cracroft family either extinct or in decay, leaving the line at Hackthorn as the sole remaining one in Lincolnshire.

121.

PEREGRINE BROWNE.

The 6th Nov. 1614. I Peregrine Browne of Thedlethorpe Hellen in the Countie of Lincolne, clarke, sicke in body etc. ffirst I commend my soule into the hands of Christe whome as I have learned out of the blessed word of truth to bee the only mediator betweene God and man, and have in all good conscience according to my talent paynefullie preached soe to bee, so I acknowledge to bee made of God unto me my full wisdome sanctification and Redemption, I will my body to be buried in the Quire of Thedlethorpe Hellen, wherein I have spent my bodie in the service of God. All my goods etc to my deare and loving wife Christian, to bring up my children, and to rayse them up such portions as shee can by the advice and directions of my Supravisor whome I ordayne my lovinge brother Mr. John Sandon preacher of God's word in Halton Holgate. I make my wife sole executrix.

Prob. at Boston 9 May 1615 by ex^r.

I give this will merely on account of the mention made of Mr. John Sandon who may have been a scion of that ancient race which mysteriously vanishes at the close of the 16th century.

122.

LEONARD ROPER.

The 15th May 1615. I Leonard Roper of Sotby in the Countie of Lincoln, gent., syck in body etc. I bequeath my soule into the handes of almighty god my creatour, and to Jesus Christ my Redeemer in whome and thorow the merits of whose death

and passion I trust to have remission of my sinnes, God the holy ghost, that eternall Spirit, haveing already sealed the assurance herof unto my spirit, that dyeing or lyveing I am the Lord's at whose glorious appearance to judge the quick and the dead I shalbe raysted to eternall life, untill which I commend my body to the earth from whence it cam, giving order hereby to burye it within the parish church yarde of Sotby. To the poore of Sotby vjs. viijd. to be distributed where moste neede. To the poore of Gayton, viz. widdow Kelsey ijs. and to Thomas Gosse of the same ijs. To the poore of Algerkyrke xs. To Marye my wiffe my howse and lands etc. in Algerkyrke now in the occupation of Edmund Diggles, clarke, for her natural life, and also half my household stuff. To my daughter Mary xx^{li}. To my daughter Margaret l^{li}. To ffeyld, Thomas, and Clement Roper, my sonnes, now apprentices in London, l^{li}. apiece to be paid at the ende of the yeares for which they are bownde. To Nicholas and Willyam Roper, my other sonnes, l^{li}. apiece, when 21. To Hamlet Gregg, clarke, parson of Sotby, vjs. viijd. Residue to my sonne Henry Roper, who is to pay all debts, legacies etc. whom I make sole executor. I make S^r William Hansard, Knight, and Willyam ffeyld of Wibberton, gent., supervisors, giving each xs.

Prob. at Lincoln 2 June 1615 by Ex^r.

123.

MABELL WHITTINGHAM.

The 12th Sept. 1616. I Mabel Whittingham of Boston in the county of Lincoln, widdowe, sick in bodie etc. My bodye to be buried in the parish church of Ufford. To my brother John Quarles xx^{li}. To my brother John Quarles (*sic.*) x^{li}. and x^{li}. to each of his children. To my nephew Charles Quarles, son of my brother Charles Quarles of Ufford, xx^{li}. To my neece Hanna Warner x^{li}. To Mr. John Cotton, minister of Boston, vj^{li}. To Mrs. James of Boston, widdow, xls. To Mary James, my servante, v^{li}. To Robert Tinsley, my servant, xs. To Helen my servant xs. To Ruth Chappell towards her bringinge uppe, v^{li}, to be disposed at Mr. Cotton's discretion. To William Wilbie towards his bringinge uppe xs. To my nephew ffancis Quarles of Ufford xxs. to put in a Ringe. To my nephew ffancis Quarles, sonne of James Quarles, xxs. To my cosen ffancis Bird of Boston xxs. To my neece Mary Browne, a ringe. To my nephew Christopher Todd xxs. I make my brother Charles Quarles of Ufford, and John Warner my nephew, executors. If John Warner have no issue of his body by my neece Hanna the whole residue is to come to my said brother Charles.

Prob. at Boston 1 Oct. 1616 by Charles Quarles. Power reserved.

The widow of Richard Whittingham whose will has been given. Her father was Francis Quarles of Ufford in co. Northampton.

124.

KATHERINE PALMER.

The 21st April 1615. I Katherine Palmer of Burgh in the marshe in the Countye of Lincoln, widow, sicke in bodie etc. My bodie to the earthe, and my mortuary as the law requireth. To Robert Creswell, my sone in lawe, xxs. To Elizabeth his wieff xx^{li}., to their children v^{li}., and to their daughter Elizabeth Creswell one little guilte salte. To Richard Grene, my sone in law, xxs. and to Mary his wief xxx^{li}.. To Josias Wolbye, my sone in law, xxs. and to Helen his wief xxx^{li}., and to little Anne Wolbye v^{li}.. To Robert Palmer my sonne xxx^{li}., and the use of the guilt boule during his life, and after his death to Robert Palmer the sonne of Christopher Palmer my sonne. To Margaret wife of the aforesaid Robert Palmer xxxs. To Anne wife of my sonne Christopher Palmer v^{li}., to every one of his children v^{li}., and to little Mary Palmer a silver tunne. To Mary wife of John Pereson xxs. To my goddaughter Katherine Moodie xxs. To every one of my godchildren xijd. To Thomas Moryson, the dumbe boy, xxs. Bequest of linen, etc. to Thomas, William, Richard, and Anne Wolbye. Residue of napery and linen to Christopher and Robert Palmer, Mary Grene and Helen Wolbye, my children. Residue of goods to sonne Christopher Palmer whom I make executor; and I make John Pereson supervisor.

Prob. at Horncastle 2 May 1615 by Ex^r.

Personalty sworn 326^{li}. 13s. 4d.

The widow of Leonard Palmer, of Burgh, who died in 1610, aged 70.

125.

RICHARD WHITTINGHAM.

The 6th March 1615. I Richard Whittingham of Sutterton in the partes of Holland and County of Lincoln, gent., weake in body etc. My body to be decently buried in the Church of Sutterton. To my wife Elizabeth one messuage and xx acres of land and pasture in Algerkyrk, which weare late my brother Richard Whittingham's, for her naturall life, and then to the heirs of my body by her; in default, to William son of George ffeild of Algerkyrk and his heirs; in default, to Elizabeth wife of Thomas Stowe of Algerkyrk, husbandman, and sister of the said William ffeilde, and his heirs; in default, to Jane now wife of Christopher Passmore, another sister, and her heirs; in default, to my right heirs. If my wife be with childe I give to that childe nyne acres of pasture in Algerkyrk, called Oxholme, late my brother William Whittingham's, subject to payment of xl^{li}., by his will, to the children of Nicholas Tompson of Wigtofte; if she be not with childe I give the said nyne acres to the said children. If my wife be not with childe, or if it die before the age of 21 yeares, I give to her all my lands,

tenements etc. in Sutterton late my uncle Richard Whittingham's, subject to my aunte Whittingham's annuity of xl^{li}, for her life, and then to Hanna ffoster, wife of Christopher ffoster, and daughter of Stephen Pell, and her heirs forever. And all my lands etc. in Sutterton late Cawdron's, and fyve acres more late Brandons, I give at my wife's death to Kelham Harvyne sonne of Robert Harvyne, and his heirs forever. And the residewe of all my lands in Sutterton (except seaven roods of pasture and an acre of land) I give after my wife's death to Thomas Harvyne of Kirton, sonne of the said Roberte Harvyne. After my wife's death I also give my messuage and twelve acres of pasture in Kirton to my cosen William Tayler of North Kime. After my wife's death I give all the residewe of my lands in Kirton (except one acre and a half of arable) to Anne wife of Walter Richards and daughter of Roberte Harvey of Kirton. After my wife's death I give to Thomas Harvyne, my cosen aforesaid, that one acre and seaven roodes in Sutterton aforesaid, on condition he distribute the rent thereof yearly among the poore of Sutterton at mayday and Michaelmas, with the advise and direction of the Vicar and Churchwardens. After the death of my wife I give one acre and a half of land aforesaid in Kirton to Anne Richards aforesaid and her heirs, on condition they distribute the rent yearly among the poor of Kirton (as above). My reversion of land and tenements in Boston, after my aunt Whittingham's death, I give to my wife Elizabeth, for her life, and then to Kelham Harvyne and his heirs, in full satisfaction of xx^{li}. left him by my uncle Richard Whittingham's will; on condition he pay to Hanna ffoster, aforesaid, xx^{li}. left her by my said uncle's will. Item I give to the poore of Sutterton v^{li}. over and above the x^{li}. given by my father; which xv^{li}. I will to be kept whole and the benefit yearly to be disposed among the poor. (Small bequests to servants etc.) To Ellen Diggle daughter of Edmund Diggle, clark, my goddaughter, a peece of gold of xjs. To my brother Mellowes, his children, xs. apiece. To William Ingoldsby sonne of my brother Ingoldsby, clarke, v^{li}., to be payd him at his ffirste commencement, when he shall proceed batcheler of arte, or within three yeares after my decease. To the rest of my sister Ingoldsby's children xs. apiece. To Olive Welby v^{li}.. To the rest of my brothers and sisters xs. apiece. To my Aunt Whittingham a peece of gould of xxijjs. To my Aunt Massingberd a like peece of gould. To my ffather in lawe Mr. Doctor Bulckley xls. To my brother in lawe Mr. Peter Bulkley a peece of gould of xxijjs. To Edward Bulkeley, sonne of the said Peter, a peece of gould of xjs. To Mr. Cotton a peece of gould of xxijjs. To Michael Harbertt iij^{li}.. To James Wilkinson iij^{li}.. etc., etc. I make my wife Elizabeth sole executrix. My trusty and welbeloved freinds Mr. Thomas Middlecott of Boston, esq.; Mr. Anthony Ingoldsby of ffishtofte, clarke, and Mr. Edmund Diggle of

Sutterton, clarke, supervisors. I give to Mr. Middlecott three peeces of Gould of xxij^s. each ; and to the others tow peeces each of the same.

Prob. at Boston 11 April 1616 by Ex^r.

The son of Baruch Whittingham and nephew of Richard, whose wills have been given.

126.

THOMAS KEY.

The 22nd April 1616. I Thomas Key of Long Lednam in the Countye of Lincolne, yeoman, sick of bodye etc. My bodye to be buried in the parish church of Long Lednam. To my three daughters Wynnifred, Elizabeth, and Suzanna Key all the messuages, lands, etc. which I lately boughte of myne unckle Robert Brittain, save two cottages I have sold to Edward Brittain to discharge a debt to him of xxviii^{li}. To my sonne Thomas Key and his heirs the house I now dwell in with all lands etc. belonging to it. To the church of Long Lednam, ijs. vjd. To the poore of Long Lednam ijs. vjd. (small bequests). To every one of my brother Rowland Sudburie's children an ewe, and one lambe. Residue of goods to Ellenor my wife whom I make sole executrix ; she to occupy my lands etc. till my children are of lawful age or married. I make Mr. Bacon, and my brother Rowland Sudburie, Supervisors, and give each ijs. Witnesses Roger Bacon, clarke, and others.

Prob. at Grantham 12 July 1616 by Ex^r.

A good instance of the rise of a yeoman family. The testator was grandson of William Key of Leadenham, and Annable his wife, whose will is given No. 266 1st series. His grandson (son of his son Thomas) was John Key, born in 1644, and educated at S. John's Coll., Camb. He married Mary, sister and co-heir of Edmund Ellis of Wellingore, and had a son, Ellis Key, of Leadenham, born 1682, who by his wife Anne Storer had a son John Key, who was High Sheriff in 1773, but died S.P. and a daughter Jane Key, who became heiress to her brother John's estates, and married William Reeve of Melton Mowbray, from whom the Reeves of Leadenham descend. A younger branch still exists, deducing its descent from a grandson of the above testator, Thomas Key, born 1692. It is represented by Capt. William Key of Water Pulford.

127.

VALENTINE UPTON.

The 1st Dec. 1616. I Valentine Upton of Northholme in the Countie of Lincoln, Esq., sicke in bodie etc. My bodie to be buried at the discretion of my Executor, hereafter to be annexed, to whome I give all my goods, chattells, stocke, household stuff, plate, etc, exceptinge one broad trunk together with one little Cabonitt with the things therein, both standing in my studdie, which I will shall be in the custodie of my executor till my daughter frances Upton is 12 years old, and then to be delivered to her ; if she die before that age, then it is to be delivered to my son Hamond Upton when he is 12 years old ; for and towards the discharging of all my debts, funerall expenses, and legacies hereafter to be bequeathed.

Touching my lands I will that my Executor have two parts of my manors, lands etc., during the minoritie of my son Hamond Upton, to raise a portion of d^{li}. for my daughter ffrances Upton when 16, and to discharge such debts as my goods are not sufficient for. And then the said lands to descend to the said Hamond and his heirs. And if he die before the age of 21, then they are to descend to my said daughter ffrances and her heirs; in default, to my Uncle Ambrose Upton and his heirs male; in default, to my sister Standish and to her heirs forever. I will that if my children die before such time as my debts are discharged, then my executor is to retain the two parts of my lands till they be discharged, unless they to whom my lands descend will give security. I will my daughter ffrances have xx^{li}. a year for her maintenance out of the said two parts till she is 16. And I intreate my executors to disburse so much money as shall take in my marshes, to be repaid out of the premises with all charges. I will that my Executors have an especiall care concerninge the obtaining of my sonne's Wardshipp, and that they bring him upp in learning, and my daughter with good education. And I would intreate my Executors to trie the suit which I have in Norfolke for my children, and to be carefull to looke if any of the lands descend unto them, that they be not wronged. I ordaine and make John Paggett, Esq., William Lanckton, Esq., and William Quadring, Esq., Executors, and give eche of them l^{li}., and Sr Thomas Grantham, Knight, supervisor, and to have five xxs. peeces.

31 Dec. 1616. Admon. given to ffrances Aiscough of Sotby, widow, mother of the deceased, and Walter Dacres of Sotby, Esq., husband of Dorothy Dacres, alias Upton, sister of the deceased, the Executors named in the will renouncing.

The Uptons of Northolme were falling rapidly into decay. The testator's half-uncle, Ambrose Upton signs the pedigree in 1634. The son Hamon Upton had a daughter Frances Bapd. at Croft, 1 June, 1644. Frances Upton, the testator's daughter, married, 23 April, 1688, the Rev. Everard Dighton, Vicar of Croft, afterwards Rector of Bucknall. Faith Upton the testator's sister is said to have married Sir Thomas Standish, Knt., of Billingsay. Northolme had passed from the family by the end of the Commonwealth,

128.

THOMAS MOTTRAM.

The 7th Feb. 1615. I Thomas Mottram of Addlethorpe in the Countie of Lincoln, Gentleman, sick in bodye etc. My bodye to be buried in christian buriall within the Chauncell of Addlethorpe Church. To Lincoln Minster xijd. To the poore of Addlethorpe xs., whereof vs. is to be given on Ashwednesday, and vs. on Palm Sunday next following after my decease. To my wife Marie Mottram xl^{li}., to dispose of as she shall think good, also that Trusedstede with the Trundlebedd in the chamber over the kitchin, and I will they be furnished with bedding fitting for them of some indifferent sorte from other roomes of my house; also the

stockbedd and beddings and both the Chistes, and that presse which are also in the said chamber, and also the Candlechest in the store chamber; also all my bees; half a dozen puter of diverse sortes with trenchers; one square table with a Cubbard in it, and one frame table; her litle chaire; half of my napery and linen; also six of my silver spoones for her naturall life, which ended my will is they be praysed and repaide to my executor. To my sonne Thomas Mottram cc^{li}. when 21, and my executor to deliver to him at that age a Trusbedd furnished, with x^{li}., and x^{li}. of such other household goods as my supervisors thinke meete; also I give him that bond of c^{li}. payable to me by William Thorie of Partney; also one silver salt parcell gilte, and six silver spoones which have his name upon them; and that litle cubbard and chaire which are in my studye. To Marie Palmer, my daughter, the fetherbedd which is upon the trussebedd in the chamber over the kitchin etc. and my silver Tun. To John Mottram, my sonne, my other silver saulte, my horse milne, my waine carte, the plough etc. To Richard Mottram, my brother, v^{li}., and eche of his five children xxs. apiece, when severally 21. To Anne Bernard of Langton xxs. yf she outlive her husband. If Thomas Mottram, my sonne, die before 21, then I will that xx^{li}. be paid to my brother Richard Mottram, and the remainder be divided between John Mottram and Marie Palmer aforesaid. Item I give to John Palmer, my sonne in lawe, iij^{li}., and I will he have by lease from my executor all my interest and terme of yeares in 18 acres of pasture, Mr. Yarborough's landes, and I give to Marie Palmer his wife my daughter xxx^{li}. To my grandchild Marie Palmer v^{li}. when 5 yeares of age. My sonne Thomas to be put to some decent and fitting trade. Residue to my said three children John and Thomas Mottram and Marie Palmer. I make my sonne John executor, and for supervisors George Cater of Addlethorpe, clark, and John Palmer of Winthorpe my sonne in lawe, and give them xxs. apiece. Witnesses George Cater, Clark; Edward Skegnes, Anthony Palmer.

Prob. at Lincoln 2 Jan. 1616 by Ex^r.

Personalty sworn 635^{li}. 16s. 0d,

The Mottrams may possibly have come originally from Mottram in Cheshire, but the first of this name in Lincolnshire was Thomas Mottram, clerk, who was presented by the Crown to the Rectory of Addlethorpe, 4th Feb. 1580-1. The baptism of the testator's eldest son John Mottram was on the 6th July, 1589. He married Margaret, daughter of John Newport of Scunpholme, yeoman, widow of Lion Lacon, gent. (Mar. Lic. dated 31st July, 1618). By her he had a son John Mottram, of whom presently, and another, Samuel Mottram, of Thorpe-by-Wainfleet, who had a daughter Deborah, who became his heiress, and married Richard Crackanthorpe of Newbiggin, in Westmoreland. The eldest son John Mottram, died in 1689-90, leaving, by his wife Elizabeth, two surviving sons, Noah Mottram and Samuel Mottram. The latter was of Addlethorpe, and died in 1710, aged 59, leaving three daughters co-heirs, Mary, who married John Andrews (son of Henry Andrews of Osgodby); Samuel-Maria, wife of Charles Waller; and Martha Mottram. The elder son, Noah Mottram, was of Cawthorpe near Louth. He married Mary, daughter and co-heir of John Boswell of South Thoresby, and dying in 1694, left one son John Mottram, who married Henrietta, daughter and co-heir of the Rev. Henry Tymperon of Market Overton, Co. Rutland, and left three daughters co-heirs; Henrietta and Mary, who died unmarried; and Margaret, who married in 1761 John Brackenbury of Scremby.

The Mottrams never appear in the Visitations, but their coat of arms is on the old manor-house of Cawthorpe.

129.

ELIZABETH HANSARD.

The 16th May 1616. I Elizabeth Hansard of Binbrooke, in the countie of Lincolne, widowe, sick in bodie etc. My body to be buried within the parish church of Binbrooke Marie. To the Cathedrall Church of Lincoln ijs. vjd. To the poore of Binbrooke vs. To John Joyes of Belesbie, gent., xxs. To my sonne Ralph Hansard a quarter of barlie, and a quarter of maulte. To my daughter ffaithe Hill wife of Richard Hill of Healinge, xls. To my sonne Richard Hansard one headpeece, a bed with the furniture, a greate table with the frame, etc., six silver spoones, one goulde Ringe. which parcels were given by his godfather Richard Hansard late of Owesbye, deceased. To my sonne Anthony Hansard one brasse pott, commonlie called my Brough Possnet; and yf the sayd Anthony have no children the said Pot to remayne to the next of his kindred, and soe to continue in the name. To my sonne Thomas Hansard and my daughter Margerie to eyther of them a foole of one yeare ould. To my grandchild Elizabeth Joyes one brasse Pott sometimes Mrs. Clifford's, a stocke of Bees etc. To my grandchild, Elizabeth Hansard, a chiste. a stocke of Bees etc. To Marie and Winifred the daughters of Robert Hansard an ewe apiece. To the children of John Joyes aforesaid, viz., William, Suzanna, ffaithe, and Magdalen, an ewe apiece. To my sonne Ralph Hansard's children an ewe apiece. To Hellen Hansard, late wife of Robert Hansard, my Taffatie hatt. To Marie, wife of my sonne Ralph Hansard, my Taffatie Kirtle. To every house servant xijd. Half of residue I give to my sonne Ralph Hansard and my daughter Margerie, to be equally divided; the other half to my sonne Anthony Hansard whom I make sole executor. I appoint my sonnes, viz., John Joyes of Belesbie, Richard Hill of Healinge, and Ralph Hansard of Howsham, supervisors, and give each vs.

Prob. at Lincoln 12 March 1616 by Exr.

Personalty sworn 200^{li}.

I cannot attach these Hansards to the Biscathorpe line, though they probably came from it.

130.

NICHOLAS NEWCOMEN.

The 12th May 1616. I Nicholas Newcomen of Saltfletbie in the countie of Lincoln, Gent., sicke in bodie etc. My bodie I committ to the earthe whereof it was framed, to be buried in the Church of Saltfletbie All Sainets. As touching my goods I give to my loving and faithfull wife Anne twoe parts in three parts to be divided of all my goods etc. And the third parte I bequeath to my three children, Marie, Jonathan, and Alice, equally. To

Charles Newcomen, my eldest sonne, all that message wherein I now dwell with all land etc. conveyed and assured by my father to me and my wife, to him and his heirs forever after the death of my said wife Anne. I make my said wife executrix, and I appoynt John Newcomen, esquire, my father in lawe, and Mr. Charles Newcomen, my father, to be supervisors.

Prob. at Louth 8 Oct. 1616 by Ex^r.

Personalty sworn 239^u. 2s. 1d.

He was the eldest son of Charles Newcomen of Saltfleetby (grandson of Richard Newcomen of Low Toynton, see No. 68, 1st Series) by his wife Joan, daughter of Nicholas Thorndike of Greenfield. He married Anne, daughter of John Newcomen of Saltfleetby, descended from the elder line of the family (see No. 55, 1st Series); she re-married George Atkinson. By her he left a son, Charles Newcomen, who married Frances, daughter of Henry Ayscough of Mablethorpe, formerly of Blyborough, and had a large family, who all seemed to die without issue, save Frances, who married Richard Caborne of Saltfleetby.

131.

ROBERT HASTINGS.

The 18th Feb. 1615. I Robert Hastings of Billesbie in the countie of Lincolne, gent., sick, in bodie etc. My bodie to be buried in the parish church of Billesbie. To the Cathedrall church of Lincolne ijs. To everie one of my sonnes' wives xxs. (the wife of my sonne John excepted). To my daughter Elizabeth, wife of William Boughe, xx nobles yearlie for her naturall life, out of one tenement in Billesbie, and after her death to the child that is lawfully borne to the said Elizabeth and its heirs forever. To every one of my naturall children's children xls. when 21 or married. To Katherine, daughter of my sonne Christopher Hastings, two kye etc. when she is 14. To Mr. Thomas Massingberd of Lincoln, esquire, xxs. To the wife of Mr. Thomas Massingberd of Braitoft, xxs. To Mr. Henry Massingberd, xs. To Edward Laughton of Billesbie, xxs. To William Wylde of Sutton, xxs. To Thomas and William, sonnes of my brother William Hastings, xxs. apeece. To Anne Hastings of Mumby Chapple, xs. To my sister Hastings of Belchforth, xxs. To the wife of Richard Hastings, xxs. To the poore folke of Billesbie xxs. yearlie for three yeares after my decease, to be distributed on Ashwednesday. To Elizabeth Markbie now dwelling with me, iij^u, and to her brethren and sisters xs. apeece when 21. To the church of Billesbie xxs. To every one of my godchildren a shee deare lambe, when they are able in lawe to seal an acquittance to my executor. My executor to pay to Bridgett, one of the children of Robert Cusworth late of Billesbie deceased, xx^u, which I have as her portion, when 21; she to seal an acquittance etc. To the wife of Mr. Storre, Vicar of Billesbie, vis. viijd. To William Hastings, my sonne, my farme and message in Asfordbie in the parish of Billesbie, with appurtenances in Billesbie and

Sutton; my wife Emme to have the said farme for her life, and to maintain the said William Hastings till he is 21. If she dye before that time my sonne Christopher Hastings and my sonne in lawe William Boughe are to maintain him. He to have xx^{li}. yerlie paid him, when placed in one of the universities, till he is 21. My sonne Robert Hastings to pay yearlie to my wife Emme, to the use of the said William, v^{li}., untill he shall be placed student in one of the universities; and when so placed my sonne Robert is to pay to my wife Emme x^{li}. yearlie for the education of my said sonne William. I give to William and John, sonnes of Richard Hastings, my brother, xxs. apiece. To Robert Hastings, my sonne, and his heires, my house and all the land in Billesbie I purchased of Peter Christopher, nowe occupied by William Boughe, my sonne in lawe; also all the land I purchased of Mr. Robert Wolbie; a close called Burnhill, and one Toftstead called Cowlston garth. My sonne Robert to pay to my sonne William Hastings cccc^{li}, when he is 21, who on payment is to release to Robert all his title in the aforesaid bequeathed lands. To Robert Hastings of Belchforth, his sonne and daughter, to everyone xs. To Henrie Kingerbie, xs., to his wife xxs. To the wife of Edward Lawghton of Billesbie, vjs. viijd. To my sonne Christopher Hastings, and his heires, two messuages etc. in Huttoft which I latelie purchased of Charles Booll, Esquier, and sold the same to Mr. Asfordbie, and after boughte the same of him againe; also all summes of money Christopher doth owe me; also one lease I boughte of one Mr. Stonton which lyeth in ming with his other landes in a pasture called greate dale. To John Hastings, my sonne, and his heires, all that messuage etc. in Hottoft, in the tenure of myne eldest sonne Robert Hastings, held of the King's majestie his mannor of Hottofte in socage; also another messuage etc. in Hottoft, with appurtenances, which I lately bought of Mr. Pelham, Mr. ffitzwillyam, and Mr. Pagnam, etc., etc. Also a lease of certain grounds in Sutton and Hottoft which I hold of the scholl of Horncastle. To Robert Newstead, gent. xx nobles. To Emme, my wife, six of my best kye; the best horse or mare; my executor to maintaine her in meate and drinke one whole yeare after my decease, or else give her vij^{li}., she to have to her owne use the two little chambers, called the porch chambers, in the house where I nowe dwell. I bequeath to her her joynture, and all my houses and lands I purchased in Huttoft of ffancis Bolland, Willyam Markby, Richard Markby, Richard Madissonne, clarke, and one Orbie, for her naturall life, and then to my sonne Christopher Hastings and his heires. I also give her all my linen (the beds in the house being first furnished); also one half of the residue of my household stuff (brewing vessels excepted). I make Mr. Thomas Massingberd, the yonger, Thomas Storre, vicar of Billesbie, and William Boughe, my sonne in lawe, supervisors.

Residue to my sonne Robert Hastings, whom I make full and sole executor.

Prob. at Lincoln 11 Jan. 1616 by Ex^r.

Personalty sworn 1083^u. 0s. 2d.

I cannot say whether this was an offshoot of the noble race of Hastings or not. His first wife was Susanna, daughter of Thomas Massingberd of Bratoft. His daughter Elisabeth married Harbert Newstead of South Somercotes (Mar. Lic., 21st Oct., 1615). His son Robert Hastings married Anne Llanden (Mar. Lic., dated 30th Nov., 1616), and his son Christopher Hastings married Katherine Llanden (Mar. Lic., dated 23rd Aug., 1616), daughters of William Llanden of Dalby, co. Lincoln.

132.

THOMAS THORYE.

The 22nd Aug. 12th Jac. I. I Thomas Thorye of Halton Holgate in the County of Lincoln, yeoman, in good health etc. My bodye to the earth from whence it came. To the Cathedrall Church of Lincoln, xijd. To the poore of Halton Holgate xxs. to be paid yearlie every Easter for five yeares after my decease. To my wife Alice 1^u.; six silver spoones, one goblett of silver, threescore ewes, twentie ewe-hoggs, twentie shereinge wethers, six of my best kyne, one couple of my best draught oxen, and a sorreld mare, one amblinge gray mare, and one other greate gray mare (farming implements etc.) half my household stuffe etc.; to be delivered within one month after my deathe. To Helen Stevenson wief of . . . Stevenson, my grandchild, 1^u., and to Richard sonne of John Curtoys 1^u., to be paid to them by my executor at such time as he shall receave soe much money of Thomas Lord Clinton and Say, or his assignes, of the some of eight hundred and threescore poundes which he oweth mee. To my servant Thomas Beck, v^u. To my servant Alice Copie, v^u., on the day of her marriage. To John Beck my fowlinge piece which he hath in his custodye. Residue to my sonne William Thorye, whom I make sole executor.

Prob. at Lincoln 14 July 1616 by ex^r.

Personalty sworn 1736^u. 17s. 4d.

The Thoreys were a family of great antiquity, being copyhold tenants of the Manor of Ingoldmells as far back as the 14th century. The testator's son William Thorey of Partney, married Bridget, daughter of Thomas Massingberd of Bratoft. Their granddaughter and heiress, Bridget Thorey, married John Rugeley of Halton Holgate, and died in 1658, aged 21.

133.

ANN MADISON.

The 11th June 1616. I Ann Madison of Alford in the Countie of Lincolne, widowe, sicke in bodie etc. Imprimis I commend my soule into the hands of God, hoping onelie to be saved by the death and passion of Jesus Christ, and my bodie to the earth till the glorious resurrection, when I doubt not but that this mortall shalbe clothed with immortalitie and then receive the Crowne of eternall glorie which thou hast promised to all those

that love and feare thee. I forgive unto my sonne Thomas Hopkinson x^{li}. he nowe oweth mee; also I give him my best pott and panne, my litle gilt silver boule, and foure silver spoones etc. To my sonne Robert Hutchinson his two children, equallie to be divided between them, the viij^{li}. he oweth mee. I forgive my sonne Christopher Hutchinson, of the xxvij^{li}. he oweth mee, xiv^{li}., and all the household stuffe he nowe hath of mine. To my daughter Saunderson my marriage ringe, and to Cæsar Saunderson, her sonne, one Portigue by estimation ij^{li}. xs., and to her yonger sonne xxs. in gold. To my three daughters, viz., my daughter ffetch xxs., my silke Grogorum gowne and my best petticoat, kirtle and bodies, and my beaver hatt, linnen etc.; and to her three daughter each a paire of linnen shetts, etc. To my son Thomas his wife my second best gowne, xs. in golde, linnen etc. To my son Robert Hutchinson, his wife, xs. in golde. To my sonne Christopher his wife xs. in golde etc. To my daughter Hopkinson xxxs. in golde. To John ffetch, son of Robert ffetch my sonne, x^{li}. when he is 18. To everyone of my sonne ffetch's children xxs. To Ann Hopkinson, daughter of my sonne John, my silver salte. To John Hopkinson, my grandson v^{li}. To Elizabeth Hopkinson, my goddaughter my best bed as it standeth furnished. I forgive Mr. Scortreth the xls. he oweth mee, and xs. I give him for a funerall sermon, and to his sonne francis vs. To the poore of Alford xls. To Mr. Carrington xxs. To Cirstin Bust, my maid, one petticoat, one ruffe, one Aperne, xijd. in money etc. To each of my Godchildren xijd. Residue to my sonne John Hopkinson whom I make sole executor.

Prob. at Lincoln 27 July 1616 ex^r.

The widow of Richard Maddison of Mablethorpe (see No. 812, 1st series) a son of Thomas Maddison of Trusthorpe; her first husband was a Hopkinson. By her second she had one daughter, Dorothy Maddison, who married Thomas Saunderson of Gainsborough, brother of Sir Nicholas Saunderson, Bart., 1st Viscount Castleton, and had issue Cæsar Saunderson and Mildred.

134.

HENRIE MASSINGBERD.

The 22nd June 1616. I Henrie Massingberd of Braitofte in the County of Lincoln, gentleman, sicke in bodie etc. My bodie to be buried at the discretion of my executors. To Alice my wife the best Trusse-bed standing in my dining-parler with all the furniture therto belonging which my will is she shall make her choice of with the great Cubbard standing hard by the bedd. Item I give to her the Liverie Cupboard that standeth in the dyning parler. To Alice my daughter seaven score pounds and the chest of linning full as it standeth. To Katherine my daughter seaven score pounds, and her chest of lynninge. To my brother Thomas Massingberd xls. To my godson Henrie Massingberd xxs. To my goddaughter

ffrancis Massingberd xxs. To every servant in my house vs. except Annes Moodie who is to have xs. To my sonne Nathaniell, whom I make sole executor, all and all manner of my gold ring and ringes and plate of Silver whatsoever, and all my goods within dores and without, except above mentioned; and all my quick cattell. I charge my land in Thorpe with payment of my two daughters' legacies; my executor to keep them at his own cost till their portions be paid.

Prob. at Lincoln 27 July 1616 by Ex^r.

Personalty sworn 309^u.

The 4th son of Thomas Massingberd of Bratoft by his wife Frances, daughter of Sir George Fitzwilliam, Knight, of Mablethorpe. His wife was Alice Bushey, whose violent temper is amusingly alluded to in Gibbons' Marriage Licenses, p. 86, by the testator's father.

135.

GREGORIE WARMOTHE.

The 3rd June 1616. I Gregorie Warmothe late of Hagnaby in the parish of Hanney in the Countie of Lincoln, yeoman, sicke in bodie etc. My bodie to the earth from whence it came, desyring that it maie be buryed in the Church of Hanney aforesaid. To the repaire of Hanney Church vjs. viijd., and to the repaire of the bells of the same Church ijjs. iiijd. To everie poore Householder in Hanney and Hagnaby xijd. Item I give xxs. to the churchwarden of Hanney and Hagnaby to be employed by them and their successors yearlie in buying corne for the use of the said poore that they may have the corne at the same price as the churchwardens shall pay for it. To my sister Mrs. Holden one peece of Goulde of xjs. To my kinsman Christopher Smith all my apparrell both linnen and woollen, saveing my hatt which I give to my sonne Jeffrey Warmothe. To every one of the children of my nephewes and neices ijs. apeece, (Small legacies). To Magdalen Hundleby daughter of Nicholas Hundleby deceased, x^u. Whereas Gilbert North doth owe me xvj^u. I will that his youngest child Bridgett shall have x^u. therof. To my sonne Jeffrey Warmothe one blacke mayre called ffawne and viij^u. To my daughter Rebecca my litle grey mare. To ffrances Warmothe daughter of ffrances Warmothe late of Legbourn deceased ij^u. to remain in the hands of John Warmothe of Slouthby, to be paid when she is 18. To John Warmothe of Gayton xxvjs. viijd. Whereas I have paid to George ffairebarne of Bingley in the Countie of Yorke, Clothier, x^u. with Eleazer Warmothe, sonne of ffrancis Warmothe of Legborne deceased, to be paid unto him at the end of his yeres of apprentiship, I direct the said x^u. to be paid to him now, and I leave him more, xls. To my sonne in law ffrancis Barkwith all my interest in a close in Hagnabie called north field etc.; I give to my daughter Judith now wife of the said ffrancis Barkwith, v^u, or my amblinge baye maire, whether she shall chuse. To ffrancis, Richard, and Henry Barkwith, his sonnes, viij^u. xs. apeece; and to John Barkwith his

sonne, x^{li}. To Elizabeth Barkwith, his daughter, iiij^{li}. xs. and furniture etc. To my sonne Jeffrey Warmothe furniture etc., and one chayre which I use to sett in by the fyer. Residue of my household stuffe and goodes to my daughter Rebecca Warmothe; also xx^{li}. in full satisfaction and payment of one guifte heretofore given unto her by her grandfather Thomas Newcome, deceased; also cxl^{li}.; also my estate, title, interest etc. in the lease of the house wherein I latelie dwelt in Hagnabie with all the lands belonging to the said house, and the rather in respect that she shall take to husband one Thomas Newcomen sonne of Charles Newcomen of Saltfleetbie, gent., whome I have taken a lyking unto, and am very willing that he shall marry her. If she die before marriage then the lease to go to the rest of my surviving children. If there remain ccc^{li}. of my property after payment of debts and legacies it is to be put forth in use yerely for the maintenance of my sonne Jeffrey Warmothe, to be paid quarterly. I make my sonne in lawe ffancis Barkwith and the said Thomas Newcomen whoe by god's grace shall marrye my daughter Rebecca, to be executors, and give each xls. I desire Mr. Holden my brother in lawe, and the said Mr. Charles Newcomen my faithfull friend to be supervisors, and give each xls.

Prob. at Lincoln 28 Sept. 1616 by Ex^{rs}.

Personalty sworn 740^{li}. 11s. 11d.

A wealthy Lincolnshire yeoman. He was the son of John Warmouth of Hagnaby, whose will was proved 26th May, 1553. He married twice. By his 1st wife, Katherine, he left issue Geoffrey, and Judith who married Francis Barkworth. By his 2nd, Margaret, daughter of Thomas Newcomen of Ingoldmells (whose will was proved 26th Feb., 1598-9), he had a daughter, Rebecca, who married, as he wished, Thomas Newcomen of Withern (a younger son of Charles Newcomen of Saltfleetby), whose will was proved 31st Jan., 1643. They had issue Nicholas Newcomen of Theddlethorpe, who died in 1680, through whose eldest daughter Theodosia Newcomen, who married Ralph Maddison of Stainton-le-Vale, in 1682, the representation of this branch of the Newcomen family is in the Maddisons of Partney.

136.

LYON SKIPWITH.

Memorandum that Lyon Skipwith of Walmesgar in the Countye of Lincoln, Esquire, being of perfecte minde and memorye did (with an intente to dispose of his estate after his deathe) appointe that all his effects and chattells should remayne to Edmund ffitzwilliam, gent., his sonne in law for and in consideration of c^{li}. due to the said Edmund ffitzwilliam upon one bonde of dc^{li}. wherin the said Lyon Skipwith stooode bounde to the said Edmund. And he did give to his supposed base sonne by the name of Henrye Skipwith one new bedstead with all the furniture to the same belonginge and a horse colte of two yeares olde or thereabouts, and a booke called Bullinger's decades. And further he did give to Bridgett his maide servant divers milk vessells.

At Lincoln 20 Nov. 1616. Admon. given to Edmund ffitzwilliam, gent.

The son of John Skipwith of Walmgate, who was a younger son of Sir William Skipwith, Knt., of South Ormsby.

137.

HENEAGE SMITH.

The 12th Nov. 1616. I Heneage Smith of Hatton in the Countye of Lincoln, gent., do make etc. ffirste I give vj^{li}. yearlie to be levyed yearlie out of all my lands in Hatton towards the findinge of a teacher for the youth there soe long as the Inhabitants will provide one sufficient for the place, and allowed of by twoe of the next Justices, and my meaninge is that none whose freinds are esteemed to be worth threescore pounds shall have the benefit of this gift except they be Tenants of the owners of my lands. To Thomas Anderson xxs. yearly for his life. To Margaret Witton and her son Heneage xxs. yearly for their lives. To Joane Rosse and widow Stevenson xs. each yearly for life. My guift not to hinder them of such weekly contribution as they should have had. To my sister Jennyson and her heirs a close of land and a house etc. Residue of my lands to my brother Nicholas and his heirs. My will is for the two children which I now have of John Wharffe's, viz., Jane and Peter Wharffe, that for my moyte their portion shalbe made up by soe muche as their father's will is, though he soe much did never come to my hands, neither did his goods come to soe much, his debts, legaces and funerall expenses discharged. Item I give to Jane Wharffe the farme wherein Martine Ambros now dwelleth, except my brother Nicholas give her xvj^{li}. when she is 16. To Peter Wharffe a close of land etc. except my brother Nicholas give him lx^{li}. when he is 21. To Henry, Charles, Nicholas, Robert, Mary, frances, and Sarah Smith, a xxijs. peece each. To Mr. Larke my gowne and my best hatt. To my brother Lawe one cloake that was my brother's and my cronacle booke. Residue of my goods (except one bed furnished and my wive's apparrell which I give to Jane Wharffe) to my brother Nicholas, whom I make sole executor. Witnesses Nicholas Larke, William Lawe.

Prob. at Lincoln 7 Feb. 1616-7 by Nicholas Smith ex^r.

See the will of John Wharfe already given, and the following will of Robert Smith the testator's brother.

138.

ROBERT SMITH.

The 17th April 14th Jac. I. I Robert Smith of Saltfleetbie Clements in the Countie of Lincolne, M^r. of Artes, beinge bothe of healthfull state of bodie and perfecte memorie. I bequeathe my soule into the handes of Almightye god my creator, whoe infused it into this bodie of myne, hopeinge and stedfastlie beleevinge that the same my creator will accept and take the same at the separation hereof from my bodie, and place it amonge hys holie ones even for

the meritts of Christ Jesus myne onely Saviour and redeemer, whose obedience moste perfecte and bloudie passions moste infinite in valew and number hath made a sufficient satisfaction unto the Justice and wrath of hys ffather for my synnes, and all that beleeve in him. My bodie to be buryed in the Church of Saltfletbie Clements, and my mortuary as the law requireth. Whereas I have made a lease of my lands for xxj years, I will that my daughters shall each have c^{li}. out of the same, to be paid to them besides the rente which I will shall be for the maintenance of all, both sonnes and daughters. The said sums of money to be raised as my children come to age and are married; with benefit of survivorship; my sonnes to enter on their lands when the said sums are raised. To my sister Sara xxs. To my brothers Henneage and Nicholas xxs. apiece. My wife to remayne still in her house till she marrie, or be provided with a convenient house. To my sonnes Nicholas and Robert to each of them an annuity of xij^{li}. vjs. viijd. out of my lands before given to Henrie and Charles. Residue of my goods to be sold (except my executors will give anything to my wife) to make portions. My plate to my eldest sonne Henrie. I make my brother Nicholas executor, and my brother Henneage supervisor.

Prob. at Lincoln 4 June 1616 by ex^r.

139.

SIR JOHN LANGTON.

The 25th Sept. 1616. I John Langton late of Langton in the Countye of Lincoln, Knight, beinge in perfecte healthe of bodye etc. ffirst I bequeath my soule unto allmightie God my maker and to his son Jesus Christ my onely Saviour and redeemer, and to the holye Ghoste my Comforter, three persons and one god, to whome be all glorye and honor nowe and for ever. My bodye to be buryed (if conveniently it may be done) in the parishe Church att Langton, (if nott) then in such conveniente place as my executor shall thinke fitt. My mortuarye such as the lawe requireth. To dame Katherin my wife all her Apparell and Jewells with all Chaines, Carcanetts, Braceletts, rings, and other things which are made of goulde (excepting such as shall be otherwise disposed of); also all suche bondes with the sumes of money therin conteyned which are made unto her in her owne name. And wheras she hath divers sumes of money in divers men's hands without specialtye my will is she shall take the benefit therof. Item wheras there is a bond of c^{li}. forfeited unto me by Roger and Thomas Dalyson, now Knightes, the said bond shall accrue to her, my said wife, because it was her money. To my said wife my Charoch, three Coche horses with all furniture to eche of them belonginge. Item to my said wife six kine at her choyce, and the third parte of all my plate and household stuffe;

also threescore ewes and twenty weathers of the best now goinge in Staynesbie. To William Langton, my eldest sonne, all my bricks, timber, freestone, etc., he to give a bonde to my wife that he will not hinder any of the above legacies accrewing unto her. To my daughter Elizabeth Lockton one payre of goulde borders which were her mother's. To my daughter Margaret Langton one thowsande markes to be paid within three months. To my daughter Rose Quadring xx^{li}. to be paid within six months. To Roger Langton my second sonne ccc^{li}. to be paid within six months. To my sonne Valentine Langton xx^{li}., to be paid within one month. To my sonne Peregrine Langton xxx^{li}., to be paid within month, and I further give him all the lands and other profits mentioned in Indentures upon my sonne William's marriage with Troth Littleburye. To my youngest sonne Robert Langton cccc^{li}., and as he is within age, I will that my sonne William Langton shall stand executor and prove this my last will, and then pay the said cccc^{li}. to dame Katherin my wife for the use of the said Robert her sonne. To my brother Doctor Langton x^{li}. To Paule Walker, my Cooke, vj^{li}. xiijs. iiijd. besides his wages. To Thomas Dunne, my servante, v^{li}. besides his wages. To my servante Magdalen iij^{li}. vjs. viijd., besides her wages. To everyone of my servantes at Bellue one whole yeare's wages above their wages due. To the pore of Langton xxs. To the pore of Sausthorpe, Hagworthingham, Bellue, Maublethorpe, Mumbye, Welton, Skendlebie and Ashbie Puerorum, each of them xs. I make my sonne William Langton sole executor. I make John Butler of Boughton, gentleman, supervisor, and give him x^{li}. If my sonne William refuse, then my wife Katherin is to be executor, and I make S^r Roger Dalyson, Knight, supervisor, giving him xx^{li}. Residue of goods to my executor.

Memorandum. The saide S^r John Langton did againe declare this to be his last will etc. 9 Oct. 1616.

Prob. at Lincoln 30 Nov. 1616 by Ex^r. William Langton.

Personalty sworn 4397^{li}. 3s. Od.

The head of this ancient family. The present family of Langton does not, however, descend from him, but from his brother William Langton, who was President of Magdalen Coll., Oxford, and whose son George Langton, who died in 1695, left a son, George Langton, who was the father of Bennet Langton, whose son, also called Bennet, was the intimate friend of Dr. Johnson. From him the present head of the family Bennet Rothes Langton descends. Sir John Langton's son by his 1st wife Elizabeth Dalyson, William Langton, left no issue by his wife Troth, daughter of Thomas Littlebury of Stainsby. His other sons, Roger, Valentine, and Peregrine, all died S.P. His daughter Elizabeth married William Locton of Swineshead. His daughter Margaret married Christopher Holme of Paul Holme, in Yorkshire; and his daughter Rose, Sir William Quadring, Knt., of Irby.

ELIZABETH THOROLD.

The 22nd Sept. 14th Jac. I. I Elizabeth Thorold of Haverholme in the County of Lincoln. My body to be buried in the Church of Marston as neere my sister Mary Thorold as conveniently may bee. Item to Ann W^ccoat (Whichcoat) the

eldest daughter of Mr. Josua Whichcoat of Haverholme xx^{li}, and to Hellen Whichcoat, daughter of the said Josua, xl^{li}. To my brother Roger Hatcliffe xl^{li}. To my brother Edmund Hatcliffe xl^{li}; also to my brother Vincent Hatcliffe xl^{li}. To my sister Colbee x^{li}, and to my brother Colbee vj^{li}. xiijs. iiijd.; and v^{li}. to my brother Whichcoat's daughter Millicent, and v^{li}. to his daughter Mary Whichcoat. To my godson Thomas Colby, sonne of Christopher Colby, xl^{li}. To Hellen Colby daughter of the said Christopher xx markes. To the rest of his children, viz., Anthony, Markham, and Isabell vj^{li}. xiijs. iiijd. apiece. To my brother S^r Anthony Thorold, and to my sister Thorold his wife, xls. to buy them two severall ringes. To the two daughters of the said S^r Anthony, Ann and Mary, v^{li}. apiece to be bestowed in ringes. To my uncle S^r John xxxs., and as much to his lady, and to my cosen William Thorold, son of the said S^r John, xxs., and also to his two daughters Abigail and Martha xxs. apiece (small legacies etc.). To Mrs. Mary fletcher xs. To the poore of Corringham xxxs. To the poore of Marston xxxs. To the poore of West barrowe xxvjs. viijd. To the poore of Anwick xxs. To the poore of Blanckney xs. To Mrs. Marrowe of Grantham xs. To Mrs. Ann Whichcoat of Howell xs. To Mrs. Butler of Boughton a Jewell, and to Mrs. Burton of Sleaford a Jewell. To my cosen Katherine, wife of Mr. Anthony Thorold, a Jewell. To Mrs. Wood of Anwick a Jewell. To Mrs. Oarsby of Anwick a Coife and a crossecloth. To the servants of my brother Josua Whichcoat xxxs. To Mr. Nelson parson of Hougham xxs. To my lady Whichcoat xxs. To my godson Thomas Whichcoat, son S^r Hamond Whichcoat, xls. To Mr. Clifford of Corringham xs. To Mrs. Clifford a black cheane, and to Mrs. Godfrey wife of Joseph Godfrey a blacke jet cheane. I give the pk (*sic.*) of a buf taffety gowne, given to me by my sister Mary, to my sister Whichcoat. Residue of my apparrell equallie to my sister Whichcoat and my cosen Anthony Thorold, supervisors, and give each xxs., and my brother William Thorold and my brother Josuah Whichcoat executors, to whom I give the residue of my goods. Signed by me Elizabeth Thorold.

Prob. at Lincoln 29 Nov. 1616 by Joshua Whichcote gent., power reserved to William Thorold.

She was the daughter of William Thorold of Marston, by Frances, daughter of Sir Robert Tyrwhit, Knt. of Kettleby. Her sister, Martha Thorold, had married Joshua Whichcote of Haverholm, a son of Thomas Whichcote, a younger brother of Robert Whichcote of Harpwell and Dunston (see Vis. of Linc., 1662, p. 185). Her sister, Anne Thorold, had married Christopher Colby of Grantham.

141.

WILLIAM THOROLD.

The 2nd April 14th Jac. I. I William Thorold of Harmeston in the County of Lincoln, Esquier, sicke in bodie; my body I

leave to be buried in the Chancell of the Church of Harmeston. To my lovinge mother Mrs. Margaret Thorold in howshold stuffe to the value of v^{li}., and v^{li}. in money. To my brother Mr. Thomas Thorold the same to the value of xx^{li}., to be valued as before by fower indifferent persons. To my sister Mrs. Jane Disney, widowe, v^{li}. To my brother Mr. Thomas Disney, and my sister his wife, x^{li}. between them. To my brother Nedham, and my sister his wife, x^{li}. between them. To my brother Gentle and my sister his wife, x^{li}. between them. To my brother Henry Camocke and my sister his wife, v^{li}. To S^r William Sherard, knight, xls. To my brother Simon Sherard, my sister Saltmarshe, and my sister Dorothy Sherard, to each of them two angells in Gould for ringes. To my nephew Mr. John Sherard, xls. To my nephew Mr. Thomas Disney, v^{li}. To the other three sons of my sister Mrs. Jane Disney, widowe, viz., William, John, and Richard Disney v^{li}. apiece. To Jane and Anne daughters of my said sister, x^{li}. apiece. To John, George and Anthony, sons of my brother Nedham, v^{li}. apiece; and to his two daughters, Winifride and Sara, x^{li}. apiece. To my nephew John Gregge, xls. To my neece Jane Gregge, v^{li}. To my nephewe Humfrey Hall, v^{li}. To my nephewe William Camocke, v^{li}. To my nephew Robert Sherard, xxs. To my neece Elizabeth Sherard, xxs. To Mr. John Vincent, vicar of Harmeston, xxs. To my cosen George Thorold, my godson, xs. To my cosen Robert Thorold my godson, son of my cosen Mr. Alexander Thorold, xs. To my cosen Jane Thorold, my goddaughter, daughter to my cosen Mr. Anthony Thorold, xs. To my godson Guidoe Disney son of S^r Henry Disney knight, xs. To William Middlebrooke, of Newarke, my godson, xs. (Small legacies to servants). All the above legacies to be paid by my executrix within two years of my death, save those to Humfrey Hall and William Camocke, which are to be paid when they are 21; and and those to my godchildren which are not to be paid till they are severally 7 years of age each. To the poore of Harmeston the yearly sum of xxs. for 21 years after my decease; to be paid by my executrix, and after her death by my brother Thomas Thorold. To the poore of Bassingham xls. to be paid within 6 months of my decease. Residue of goods to my welbeloved wife Rose Thorold whom I make full executrix; and I bequeath to her all my lands etc. in Navenby in the county of Lincoln which I purchased of S^r Thomas Grantham, knight, with full power to sell etc. My brother Thomas Thorold to have the first offer, and if he pay lxxx^{li}. to have the lands. I make my lovinge cosen John Thorold of Morton, esquire, my lovinge nephewe Thomas Disney of Somerton Castle, supervisors, and give them xls. each; they to determine any doubte or ambiguitie in this my last will.

Codicil 8 June 1616. Testator's mother, Mrs. Margaret Thorold, having died, he leaves her bequest to his executrix; viz. v^{li}. worth of household stuff, and v^{li}. in money.

Prob. at Lincoln 28 Sept. 1616 by Ex^r.

He was the eldest son of William Thorold (by Margaret Baldock his wife) who was the 2nd son of William Thorold of Marston, and the first of the Harmston line. His wife was Rose, daughter of Rowland Sherard of Lobthorpe, by whom he had no issue. His sister Jane married Edward Disney of Carleton-le-Moorland; his sister Anne, Thomas Disney of Newark; his sister Martha, George Nedham; his sister Elizabeth, Robert Gregg of Harmston; his sister Frances, Henry Camock, and afterwards Thomas Hall of Donington. This will explain some of the bequests in the will.

142.

MARGARET THOROLD.

The 22nd Oct. 1615. I Margaret Thorolde of Harmestone, widow, late wife of William Thorolde of Harmestone, Esq., deceased, beinge in healtie of bodie and mynde, but, weake by reason of those mine yeares which god hath lent unto me, for whiche I blesse his name. Whereas I have latelie distributed and disposed most of my goods and chattells unto my children and grandchildren, and am desirous to bestowe the remainder etc. To the poore of Harmeston xxs. To my sonne Mr. William Thorolde one large presse of oke or wainescott, and one cubbord over the chimney, both being in my lodgeing chamber. To my sonne Thomas Thorolde one stronge cheist of waineskott haveinge twoe handles of iron. To my grandchild, Thomas Disney, one seale Ringe of golde, being ingraven with his father's armes. To my daughter Mrs. Jaine Disney, widow, one plaine hoope ringe of golde. To Mr. John Vincent, vicar of Harmestone, xs. To my grandchild Sara Nedham, x^{li}. when 18, or married. To every one of my sonne Mr. William Thorold's household servants in Harmestone xijd., and to my said sonne I release etc. all my right etc. in leases in Bassingham, Navenbie, or elsewhere. Residue of my goods to my kinde grandchilde Wenefride Needham whom I make full executrix. I make supervisors my said sonne Mr. William Thorold and my saide grandson Mr. Thomas Disney, hoping my executrix will be advised by them,

Prob. at Lincoln 26 June 1616 by ex^r.

The mother of the foregoing testator. She was the daughter and heiress of a London merchant, Baldock by name.

143.

GEORGE ASFORDBY.

The 18th Dec. 1616. I George Asfordby of Spillesbie, in the Countie of Lincolne, woollen draper, weake of bodie etc. My bodie to the earthe and my worldly goods ut sequitur. To my sister Mary Mihill, v^{li}. to be paid on the 20th Aprill next; also, a bedstead, featherbed etc., and my three Chests. To my brother

Christopher Mihill, parson of Conisholme, my mare. To John Asfordby, sonne of William Asfordby of Newarke, gent., x^{li}. when 21. To Katherine, Alice, Susan, and Dorothy Asfordby, daughters of the said William, xls. apiece when 17. To Cicely Asfordby daughter of Peregrine Asfordby, xxs., and to Charles Asfordby, sonne of the said Peregrine, xxs., to be put into the hands of Charles Newcomen of Middle Saltfleetby till the said Charles and Cicely are 17. To my sister Jane Jennisone xxjs. to make a ringe, and the same to my sister Elizabeth Asfordby, my sister Ellen Asfordby, and my uncle William Skypwith of Wytherne. I ordeyne my brother William Asfordby full executor, and my brother Mihill supervisor. Witnesses William Skipwith, Tristram Skipwith, Anthony Skinner.

Prob. at Lincoln 11 Jan. 1616 by ex^r.

A lineal descendant of John Asfordby, of Asfordby, a hamlet in Bilsby, whose will see (No. 4, 1st series). By this time the Asfordbys had parted with most of their landed property. William Asfordby, the testator's brother, lived at Newark. See also their father's will, No. 816, 1st series, and the note appended.

144.

FRANCIS MARSHALL.

The 9th April 1616. I Francis Marshall of Cockerington Leonard in the County of Lincoln vicar. My body to be buried in the Church yard. I give to the next Incumbent to my vicarage for and in consideration of the delapidations, all the Nates and the wood they lie upon over the Hall, and all my bookes in my studdie or elsewhere except my debt booke and my offeringe booke, and coppies of writings, bills and bondes, and other written papers which I will Margerie my wief shall have the use of; and if that will not content him, which is a greate deale more than I had, which have beene at great charges with repairinge olde houses, then I give to Margerie all the said premises, and let him take what he can by right get. To my sonne John Marshall in London vs. To my daughters Elizabeth and Susan Marshall xxs. each. I make my elder daughter Elizabeth Marshall, executrix. I owe v^{li}. xvjs. to my wief, given to her by Mr. Henrie Jenkinson now departed, which I am bound by covenant to pay. To my sister Elizabeth Huddleston I am bound to pay ijs. yearly, for the rent of xxxs. I have hyred of her, for her life; then she hath given it to my two daughters. Residue to my wief Margerie. I make Thomas Huddleston supervisor and desire him to see my will performed for my poore infants' and his goddaughter's sake.

At Louth 8 Oct. 1616. Admon. to Margery Marshall guardian of Elizabeth the Ex^r. under age.

I give this will as an evidence that "dilapidations" was a clerical grievance in the seventeenth century.

145.

MARY THOROLD.

The 25th Aug. 1615. I Mary Thorold of the Heathe neare Grantham in the Countye of Lincoln, sick in my bodye etc. I will my Bodye be Buried in decent and comely manner in the Church of Marston soe neare the Bodye of William Thorold, Esq., my ffather, late of Marston, deceased, as conveniently may be. To my sister Elizabeth Thorold c^h. To Ellen one of the daughters of Christopher Colby, l^h. To Ann one of the daughters of Josua Whitchcote l^h; the said sums to be paid to their fathers and put forth to their benefit. To Mr. Gilbert Bound x^h. to buy him a horse. To my brothers Roger, Edmond, and Vincent, sonnes of Mr. George Hatcliffe, deceased, l^h. apiece. To the poore of Grant-ham, Marston, and Westborrow v^h. to each towne. To Mary wife of Thomas Marshall, v^h. To Luce wife of Thomas Kirke of Marston v^h. To S^r Jarvis Clifton v^h. to buy him a ringe. To Edward Blewitt xls. To Ann and Mary, daughters of my brother S^r Anthony Thorold, xx nobles each to buy them two diamonde ringes. To the poore of Blankney and Hough v^h. to be equallie divided between them. Residue to my cosen Anthony Thorold esq., and my brother William Thorold, whome I make executors. I request S^r Jarvis Clifton and S^r John Thorold to be supervisors; and I give S^r John Thorold v^h. and his wife xxs. To my cosen Mr. Anthony Thorold's wife xls. To my cosen Mrs. Alice Tredway xxxs. To my cosens Abigail and Martha, daughters of S^r John Thorold, xxs. each. To Ann Walker xxs. To Raphe Parkins xxs. To John Parkins xxs. To everyone of the other servants of my cosen Mr. Anthony Thorold, vs. All which sums above bequeathed I will that my executors pay upon the recoverie and payment of such money as is due to me by bond by S^r Anthony Thorold, my brother, S^r Edward Tirwhitt and S^r George ffitzwilliams.

Prob. 29 Sept., 1615 in C.P.C. and at Grantham 10 April 1616 by Exrs.

Another daughter of William Thorold of Marston, by Frances Tyrwhit, and sister of Elizabeth Thorold of Haverholm, whose will has been given.

146.

MICHAELL ANGEVINE.

The first day of maye in the yeare of our lord god 1616. I Michaell Angevine of Saltfletbie all saints in the countie of Lincoln gentleman do make and ordayne this my last will, etc. ffirst I comend my soule into the hands of God my maker and Redeemer trusting through my sure and stedfast faithe in Christ Jesus my saviour to be saved in the day of Judgment, and my bodye to be buried in the parishe church or churchyard of the said saltfletbie

all saints at the discrecon of myne Executor hereafter named. To 10 poor folks of my parish such as mine Executor shall think good of iijs. iiijd. and to eche of them iiijd. To the Cathedrall Church of Lincoln vjd. Item I will and appoint that all my due debts and the legacies of my Predecessor Mr. Bartholomew Ellis which by his last will and testament he gave to his children be respectively according to the said will and testament of him paid unto them. To John Angevine my sonn to be paid unto him when of full age the sume of fortie poundes. And because I know that all my goodes and chattells, and the goodes and chattells of myne above-said Predecessor, the propertie wherof is vuallewed, will not in any sort amount to the full dischargde of my debts and legacies and the legacies of my said Predecessor, therefore I will and appoint that my syxe Acres of pasture lying in the parish of Trusthorp which I late purchased of one Robert Scotrith of the said parish of Trusthorp be sould to the better performance of this my last will by myne Executor hereafter named, vid. Agnes my wife whom I doe make my sole Executor.

Signed Michell Angevyn.

Prob. at Louth 27 June 1617 by Ex^r.

Personalty 143^{li}. 7s. 8d.

The last, apparently, of an ancient race, as his son John is never heard of afterwards. The Angevines date back to the 12th century in Lincolnshire. They once held the manors of Theddlethorpe, West Keal, and Ashby by Horncastle; besides large estates in Yorkshire. All seems to have passed away, and the testator is evidently in but moderate circumstances. See wills 72, 96 and 330, in 1st series.

147.

ANTHONY MERES.

The fourth day of September 1615. I Anthony Meres of the City of Lincoln Esquire beinge in health of body and perfect remembrance thanked be god, yet being aged and often crasie and therefore calling to mind the frailty and shortnes of this life especially to olde people for the settinge of such worldlie goodes as god hath lent me in this life, make this my last will, etc. ffirste and principallie I give and bequeath my soule unto almighty god whoe gave it unto me, hoping assuredly that for his mercie and through the merits of my savior and Lord Jesus Christ he will receave the same into his blessed kingdome amongst his holy Saints and blessed servants, and my body to be buried in the Church of St. Swithin in the said Citie soe neare the body of my late wife as may be, and in such comely and decent order as by my executor and supervisors hereafter named shall be thought fitte and convenient. Item to my eldest sonne Thomas besides the landes which I have given and leave to discond to him, one deepe silver gilte bole with a cover. Item to Marmaduke my sonne all my freehold lands in Nassington and elswhere in the County of Northampton to him and his heirs forever besides the coppiehold lands which alreadie I have given to

him, and I give to him the sume of five hundreth pounds, to be paid him every yeare after my deathe one hundreth pounds till it be all paid, and I give to him more my best white silver salte with a cover. Provided always that if the said Marmaduke shall any way directlie or indirectlie attempt, practice or goe about to defeate make voyd or impeache this my present will, etc. then all the said legacies and bequests to the said Marmaduke shall be utterlie voyd. Item to Robert my sonne and to his heirs forever all my lands and tenements in Kirton in Holland in the countie of Lincoln which I bought of Sr John Meres, knight, and which lately were Littleburies, and I give him alsoe a longe silver percell gilte salte without a cover, and more I bequeath to him five hundreth pounds to be paid him within sixe monethes after my deathe or within one yeare after my deathe, soe that my executor doe pay to the said Robert my sonne interest for the said sume of fower hundreth pounds after the rate of tenn pounds for a hundreth from the ende of the said sixe monethes after my deathe soe longe as the saide porcion shall remayne unpaid. Item to Edward my sonne all that my messuage wherin I dwell in the Citie of Lincoln with all the glasse, seelinge, dores and locks therin and all the timber and stone in the yarde to him and his heires forever, savinge that I will that Anthony my sonne shall have and enjoye the same messuage and house one whole yeare after my deathe to his owne use without interruption. Item to my sonne Edward all my lands and tenements in the City of Lincoln, and five hundreth poundes in money, which I will shall remain in my sonne Anthony's handes and keepinge untill he shall come out of his apprentishipp which my purpose is he shall be bound unto, and the said Anthony shall be bound unto the said Edward to pay to him the sayd sume of five hundreth poundes within six monethes after the end of his apprentishipp, and soe much more for the forbearinge thereof as shall amount to tenn poundes for every of the sayd hundreths for every yeare duringe such time as it shall remaine in the hands of the said Anthony after sixe monethes past nexte after my death. Provided that if the said Edward shall not be bound Apprentise then the said five hundreth pounds shall remaine in the hands of the said Anthony my Executor untill the said Edward shall come to the age of one and twentie yeares. And if the saide Edward be bound an Apprentise to any trade or occupation I will and give to him one hundreth marks more for his bindinge prentise. Item to said Edward half a dozen of my best silver-spoones. Item to Mary my daughter eight hundreth poundes in money to be paid to her within sixe monethes after my deathe over and besides the three hundreth poundes for which shee hath sufficient bonde alreadie. And I further give her the billyment that was her mother's and what lynnens shee will have of myne at the time of my decease to the value of twenty nobles. Provided always that if

she shall receave her said porcion before her marriage she shall become bounde to my executor in the some of two thousand marks to leave one thousand marks of the said porcion to her brethren Robert and Edward or the survivor of them equallie betwixte them to be divided if she fortune to dye before she be married. Item to Sara my sister twentie pounds in money. Item to Penelope wife of William ffiinte xls. and to her daughter Anne tenne shillings. To my manservante which shall serve me at the time of my deathe, xls., and to my maydservante then, xxs. and I give to my kitchinge boy xs. To the poore to be distributed to them at my nowe dwellinge house in the City of Lincoln on Christmas even nexte after my deathe, xls., besides the distribution which shalbe at my buriall. Residue to Anthony Meres my sonne whome I make my onlie executor, charginge him on my blessinge justly and truly to performe the same. I make my lovinge freind and kinsman Mr. William Saltmarshe of Washingbrough Esquire, and my lovinge freinde and neighbour Richard Smyth, Gentleman, supervisors. And whereas I have taken a bond of my said sonne Anthony of three thousand pounδες for the performance of this said will and payment of the legacies therin mentioned, my intent is that the said Anthony my sonne shall not by any color or pretence of the executorship or otherwayes have any medlinge or to doe with the said bond taken of himself, but for that bond onely and not for anything else. (William Saltmarshe and Richard Smyth are to enforce the said Anthony to performe this my will if he should be slacke therein as I hope he will not). I give to my supervisors for their paynes xls.

Prob. in London 18 October 1616 Admon. given to Anthony Meres, ex^r.

Prob. at Lincoln 21 June 1617 by ex^r.

Personalty 2862^u, 13s. 5d.

This is an instance of an ancient County Family being saved from utter decay by the energy and skill of one member of it. The Meres, or Meeres family took a prominent place in the county during the fifteenth century, representing it in Parliament, and acting frequently as High Sheriff. But in 1537 John Meres of Kirton, the then head of the family, disinherited to a great extent his eldest son by his first wife, Jane Tempest, Thomas Meres, and settled most of his estates on Anthony, his son by his second wife, Jane Bleasby. Two lines now descended from John Meres; the younger, seated at Aubourn, flourished till the seventeenth century, and then seems to have dwindled away. Sir John Meres, Knt., who died in 1630, and was buried at Washingborough, seems to have been the last of the junior line to take any part in county matters. He had a son Roger, but though he married and had a family, they seem no longer to have had any connexion with Lincolnshire. The Aubourn estates had passed by purchase to the Neville family. The elder line, which remained at Kirton in diminished state, made no show in the sixteenth century. The will of Francis Meres (son of the disinherited Thomas) given in the 1st series, No. 156, is that of a man in very moderate circumstances. He died in 1557, leaving, with two other children, the testator Anthony, then under 18 years of age. But the fortunes of the disinherited branch now began to turn. The estates of the Bussy family at Hougham came to the son of Francis Meres by the death without issue of Agnes, Lady Brudenell, who was the heiress of the Bussys; and the descendants of her aunt Joan (who was the wife of the disinherited Thomas Meres) inherited them. The testator, Anthony Meres, seems to have still further improved his fortune by merohandise. His younger son, Robert Meres, who became Chancellor of Lincoln Cathedral, and Rector of Hougham-cum-Marston, died 7 Nov., 1652, aged 56. His elder brothers, Thomas and Anthony, having left no descendants, his son Sir Thomas Meres, Knt., became head of the family, and was M.P. for Lincoln, almost continuously, from 1660 to his death in 1708.

148.

FRANCIS BOUCHER.

The undernamed ffancis Boucher beeing of perfect memory maid this his last will and testament as followeth.

In the name of God, amen. The xxxth day of October 1616. I ffancis Boucher of nether Tointon alias Tointon by Horncastle in the countie of Lincoln gentleman. ffirst I give and commende my soule into the handes of Almighty God my creator, and Jesus Christ my most mercifull savior and redeemer, and my body my will is that it be buried in the church or churchyard of nether Tointon. All my goods, my debts paid and funerall expenses discharged, I give unto Isabell my wife, Thomas Boucher and William Boucher my sonnes to be equally divided amongst them three. I make Isabell my wife my whole executrisse of this my last will, and Thomas Rowleston of Tointon aforesaid esquire my supervisor.

Prob. at Horncastle 28 June 1617 by Ex^r.

The Bouchers, or Bowchers, of Low Toynton were a family of the lesser gentry. The testator may have been a son of Arthur Boucher of Low Toynton, whose will is given in 1st series, No. 79. The Rollestons of Watnall, co. Notts., now own the Manor of Low Toynton.

149.

THOMAS WALCOTTE.

The first day of August A.D. 1615. I Thomas Walcotte of Walcotte in the Countie of Lincoln, gent., beinge in perfecte healtne, etc. ffirst I commend my soule into the hands of almightie god my maker, and redeemer, fully trustinge and beleevinge by the meritts of his death and passion to have free pardon and remission of all my sinnes and life everlastinge. Concerninge all my lands in Walcotte whatsoever I doe give them unto my brother Anthony Walcotte and his heirs for ever, lawfullie begotten of his bodie, etc., and all such profits rents and other rights as shall appertayne unto me out of my lands in Walcotte at the houre of my deathe. Failing such issue, to John Walcotte the sonne of my brother Harberte Walcotte and his heires etc. ; failing such issue to ffancis Walcotte the daughter of my brother Harberte Walcotte and her heires, etc. ; failing such issue to my brother Robert Harries of Kirton in Holland and to his heires forever. Item to my brother Henry Nelson of Hougham all my lands, tenements, etc., in Helpringham to him and his heirs forever. A legacie of fiftie pounds to my brother Anthony Walcotte, to my brother Henry Nelson's children, to my brother Ròbert Harries' children, to John Walcotte sonne of my brother Harbert Walcotte, and to ffancis Walcotte daughter of my brother Harbert Walcotte. To Anne Nelson daughter to my brother Henry Nelson a bedd furnished. To Anne Harries daughter to my brother Harries a bedd

furnished. All my household and other dead stuff I give to my brother Anthony Walcotte, John Walcotte, and ffancis Walcotte equally to be divided amongst them. Provided always that I excepte out of this gifte and all other giftes in this my will all such goods and chattels as I entred to and administered of at Swineshead after the death of my brother Harberte Walcotte, which goods or the value thereof as they are specified and comprized in an Inventory I will shall remayne unto John and ffancis Walcotte as of righte they oughte to have. Item all my quicke stocke of sheepe, horse and cattell together with such money as I shall have at the hower of my death or shall belong unto mee in any man's hands whatsoever and all other things not heretofore by this will bequeathed I will shall be equally divided into three partes; the one part I give to my brother Nelson's children; a second parte to John Walcotte, and ffancis Walcotte, children unto my brother Harberte Walcotte deceased; and the third parte I will shall be equally divided betwixte John Walcotte and ffancis Walcotte aforesaid and such children as my brother Anthony Walcotte shall have at such tyme as John and ffancis Walcotte shall accomplish the age of one and twentie yeares, and be capable of their porcions here to them given, etc. (benefit of survivorship). If it shall please god that they departe this life not leaving a survivor I will that the whole third parte be equally divided amongst my brother Robert Harries' children. I make executors my brother Henry Nelson of Hougham, my brother Robert Harries of Kirton in Holland, and my brother Anthony Walcotte of Lincoln to whose care and government I commit John and ffancis Walcotte till they are 21.

A schedule of divers legacies given by the said Testator, not specified in his will, in the presence and hearing of his executors and others a little before his death 1616. Imprimis to the poore people of Walcotte to be disposed of by his sayd executors xij^{li}. vjs. viij^d. To the poore of ffolkingham in like manner vj^{li}. xij^s. iiij^d. To Mr. Leuinston xls. To Elizabeth his servante for her paynes duringe his sickness iij^{li}. vjs. viiiij^d. To Eustace Hopkins of Morton some apparrell and some annuall allowance at the discretion of his executors. To Richard Tauerner, John Goldinge and William the younger shepheard each of them one ewe, and a lambe, neither of the best nor worst. To every cottier being a housholder in Walcotte xij^d. To each of the children of the said Richard Tauerner one lambe. To the poore people of these neighbor townes Pickworth, Newton, ffreckingham and Hacebie, to each towne vs.

Prob. at Grantham 10 July 1616 by Ex^{rs}.

Personalty 1443^{li}. 7s. 2d. and 78^{li}. 3s. 2d.

The testator was brother of Harbert Walcott whose will has been given. The Walcotts were Parliamentarians, as most of the Holland and Kesteven families were. Humphrey Walcott was M.P. for Lincoln in 1656, and for the county in 1653.

150.

THOMAS WIMBERLEY.

The xxvijth day of January in the 30th yeare of James King of England, etc. I Thomas Wimberley of Spaldinge in the parts of Holland in the county of Lincoln, esquier, being whole in body and of perfect and good remembrance (thanks be to god) yet consideringe the certainty of death to all flesh and that nothing is more uncertaine than the hower therof, and having a great desyer to dispose those blessings which god hath given me to the payment of my debts and the good of my wife and children, etc. Imprimis I comytt and bequeathe my soule to almighty God my Creator assuredly trustinge that by the onely meritts of Jesus Christ my mercifull Redeemer I shalbe saved and made partaker of his celestiaall Kingdome; my body also I comitt to his mercifull protection during this life, and after to be buryed in the parish Church of Spaldinge if it please god it may conveniently. My will and mynde is that there be some money given to the releife of the poore at my buriaall which stand in need, and come for that purpose, at the discrecion of my executrix and overseers. To the poore of Spalding one acre of land and pasture in Cowbytt in the occupation of — Colson, and 17 acres of marsh there also in tenure of my brother Edwardes, all which I bought of Mrs. Covile. And my will and mynde is that Bevill Wimberley my sonne shall make assurance of it to that purpose. Item I give to the poore of Bitchfield ten shillings a year during my lease of the parsonage there, which ten shillings I have taken order of by deed. Item to my wife ffrances Wimberley all such lands in Spaldinge, Cowbitt, Pinchbecke, and Moulton during her life which I did covenante to make her a Joynture of before my marriage which appeare by a paper of indentures made betweene my father Bevill and myselfe, which indeed are all the landes which I then had in the townes aforesaid except ten acres in Spaldinge lyinge in Barker Rowe then in the occupacion of my brother Bury of Bitchfield, which ten acres my will and mynde is shee shall also have duringe her life. Item to my wife the house I now dwell in with all appurtenances during the tyme shee shall remaine my widowe or relick after my decease; also all those grounds I bought of Mr. Root and nowe hold by lease of the Queene for 99 years, (yf Bevill Wimberley, John Wimberley, and Gilbert Wimberley my sonnes shall see long live) for and during the terme of 50 yeares yf my said wife and any of my said sonnes doe so long live; which grounds lye in Spaldinge and Cowbytt in severall pastures, etc. called Moones medowe, Crosselands, Stongs. Item to my wife a house in Spaldinge in the occupacion of ffrances Caward for see many yeares as shee shall live, if the said lease so long endure, also 4 acres of Copy late

Beetson's, duringe her life; after her death my sonne Bevill to have these parcellls of land, which he the said Bevill is bound to accept and take kyndly at his mother's hands for that he knoweth that by her good meanes and frugality shee did provide the money which paid for them all. Item to Bevill Wimberley my eldest sonne the house I dwell in and all my lands in fee simple or fee taile to him and his heirs forever, and all my leases in Spaldinge and Moulton, excepte the terme formerly given to my wife; also one moiety and halfe of all my pewter, brasse, lynnyn, woollen, beddinge, Iron ware, wooden ware, howsehold stuffe; also one half of all my plate except one gilded Bole, which Bole and also the ringe I weare I give and bequeath to Elizabeth Evington my daughter. Item to Richard Evington her sonne x^{li}; to Morrice Evington her sonne v^{li}; to ffrancys Evington her daughter v^{li}. To Thomas Wimberley my sonne x^{li}. a year out of the parsonage and farm I have in Bitchfield duringe his life (yf any of the three named in the lease so long live). If he sells or assigns his annuity to any other than his mother or some of his brethren the annuity is to cease. To the said Thomas c^{li}. to be paid within six months after ffrances Wimberley shall marry again after my death; if she do not marry then it is to be paid at her pleasure. To my sonne William Wimberley cc^{li}. To my sonne Gilbert Wimberley cl^{li}. and all my interest in a lease of the Queene in 26 acres of pasture in Weston called Cowmedowe. To my sonne John Wimberley my lease which I have in Bitchfield of my lord bishop of Lincoln; if he diewithout issue my sonne Gilbart is to have the lease; and if he die without issue my sonne Bevill is to have it. If Bevill Wimberley die without issue, my sonne Thomas then living, my will is that my sonne John shall have all my lands and leases in Holland, and other things given to my sonne Bevill by will, to him and his heires forever. And if my sonne John enjoy this last gift then my sonne Gilbart shall have my lease in Bitchfield, and then my sonne Thomas shall have the rent of the 26 acres in Weston, but my sonne John is to have the lease thereof. And although there may be some defects in the settinge down these provisoos or contingences upon the deaths of my said sonnes Bevill, John, and Gilbart, yet hereby they may perceave what my mynd is in these matters, and what I would have done, and I hope they will goe as nere the performance of it as they cann. Item to my sonne Bevill two of my best horses or geldinges excepte one. To my brother Edwardes xxs.; to my sister Edwardes xxs.; to my cosen Robert Edwardes xls. Item to Liddia Grantham v^{li}. To Brigett Hutchinson my goddaughter xls. To every one of my household servants, viz., to my servingemen and chambermaide xxs. apeece, and the rest xs. apeece. To my brother Gilbart Bury v^{li}. a yeare, and my sister xxs. a yeare out of Bitchfield which I have done by deed. Residue to my wife ffrancys Wimberley whom I make sole

ex^r. and overseers S^r Robert Bevill and Mr. Anthony Oldfeild and I give them xxs. apiece.

Prob. at Grantham 29 May 1616 by ex^r.

Personalty 2880^{li}. 6s. 8d.

Another of the wealthy Spalding families which came to the front with the seventeenth century. The testator had married Frances, daughter of Robert Bevill of Chesterton, Co. Huntingdon, sister of Sir Robert Bevill, Knt., and of Margaret, wife of Matthew Gamlyn of Fulney Hall, Spalding. His daughter Elizabeth had married Nicholas Evington of Halstead in Stixwold and Spalding, son of Richard Evington, whose will has been given.

151.

ROGER QUARLES.

This is the last will and testament of me Roger Quarles of Old Sleeford in the countie of Lincoln gent. ordayned and made this 20th day of Aprill 1616. first I bequeath unto my well beloved brother ffancis Quarles of Ufford, Esquire, my best horse geldinge or mare with my best saddle and furniture therunto belonginge. Item wheras at this presente I hould divers lands and tenements in Hambleton in the countye of Rutland by two indented leases the one bearinge date 20 May, 43^d. Elizabeth, made by the right worthy and renowned knight S^r. John Harrington afterwards Lord Harrington, unto one Tobie Louedaie of Stamford, gent., for the terme of 28 yeares; the other bearinge date 18 Sept. 1st Elizabeth, made by one Edward fferryes of Badgeley Clynton in the countye of Warwick, Esquire, to one Robert Harbotle of Eglyton in the countye of Rutland, gent. for the tearme of 99 yeares; of both which leases I the said Roger Quarles am rightfullie possessed; all which said lands and tenements my mynde and will is shall be occupied and enjoyed together with the lands belonginge to my capitall messuage in Hambleton; and therefore I give and bequeath unto George Quarles my nephew, and sone of the aforesaid ffancis Quarles my brother, and to his issue lawfullie begotten all my estate, interest, tearme of yeares in the said premisses; failing his issue to James Quarles, Robert Quarles, and Doyle Quarles my nephews, and sones of the aforesaid ffancis Quarles, successively as they or any of them shall have the inheritance of my capitall messuage in Hambleton aforesaid. But yett alwayes with the proviso that Elizabeth my wife shall have and enjoy the aforesaid capitall messuage, lands and leases for all the yeares yet to come, yf she shall soe long live, paying yearley to the said George Quarles and his assigns or such other as shall have reversion of my capitall messuage and lands in Hambleton the some of iij^{li}. And yf the said Elizabeth shall live till neare the expiracion of the said lease made by Lord Harrington then my will is that George Quarles or such of my nephews as shall have the inheritance, at the death of the said Elizabeth my wief, of my said capitall messuage, shall at his own costs take a new lease of the said lands, and shall grant

the same to the said Elizabeth at a yearlye rent of xij^{li}. If he refuse to do so, she is acquitted of paying the rent before mentioned. Item I give and bequeath unto George Quarles, or whoever has the immediate revercion of my capitall messuage aforesaid, my blew and white silk bed with the blew rugg Tester and vallons therto belonging with my best fetherbed, boulder, two pillowes, one paire of blanketts, two paire of holland or flaxen sheets; also all my bedsteades of woode onely; all my stooles, formes and chaires that be of woode without any other trimmings; all my Tables and Tressers, with my lead and my two bigger brewing fatts. (Elizabeth my wife to have the use of them for life). I give to my brother ffancis Quarles, my unckle Hicks, my uncle Charles Quarles, my aunte Hicks, and my aunte Whittingham, every of them, xxs. to make them ringes to weare for my sake. To Henry Drewry my servant vij^{li}. To John Hutton my servant iij^{li}; provided they be servants to me at the time of my death. To the poore of Ufford and Hambleton to either towne xxs. My brother ffancis Quarles to have my best Cloake with my best sword with my best girdle and hingers belonging, and also my best pair of silke stockinges with garters and shoe lymges (*sic.*) To my uncle John Quarles my second Cloake my other sword with the dagger belonging to it; also my best hatt; my best sute of dublet and hose with my other paire of silke stockinges. Residue to Elizabeth my well beloved wife whom I make sole Ex^r.

Prob. at Lincoln 11 Oct. 1616 by Ex^r.

This was a Northamptonshire family seated at Ufford. The testator was the son of George Quarles of Ufford, by Catherine, daughter of Sir John Chaworth, Knt., of Co. Notts. His "Aunt Whittingham" was Mabel, half-sister of his father, and wife of Richard Whittingham of Boston.

152.

MARDOCHEAS BOWNELL.

Memorandum. That on Saturday the seconde day of Auguste A.D. 1617 Mardocheas Bownell Clerke Person of Linwood in the Countye of Lincoln being of perfecte minde and memorie did make and declare his last will nuncupative in maner or to effecte followinge, viz., He did will that William Hanserde of Biskarthorpe esquire should Administer of all his goodes and pay his debtes and dispose of the Remainder (yf any were) to the use of his wife and his children by her, and for his children by his former wife he had provided soe for them, that he meante they should not deale any further in his goodes. In the presence of William Underwood, gent., Mrs. Anne Deane, doctor Ogle, goodwife Hardwicke, Edward Hardwicke, and others.

Prob. 22 Nov. 1617. Admon. given to William Hansard.

153.

THOMAS ENDERBIE.

The 17th July 1617. I Thomas Enderbie of the parrish of St. Benedict's in the citie of Lincoln, gentleman, being sick in bodie but of good and perfect memorie doe make and ordaine, etc. I geve all my leases goods and chattels to my children which I will to be equallie divided amongst them, and I put Mr. Richard Smyth and Mr. George Dickonson in trust with the disposing thereof and will they shall have the bringing up of my children. And my meaning and will further is that Mr. Richard Smyth and Mr. Dickonson shall out of my said leases goods and chatles allowe unto my wife a competent living and maintenance according to their discretion.

Witnesses, Steph. Mason, M^{rs}. Knight wife of Will. Knight, esquire, Richard Enderby the yonger, Clerke, with divers others.

Prob. 4 Aug. 1617. Smyth and Dickonson renouncing the executorship, it was given to Christopher Colston, clerk, and Robert Smyth, of the city of Lincoln.

There was a family of Enderby living at Metheringham; possibly the testator was of it.

154.

GEORGE BOOTH.

I George Booth late of Killingholme in the Countye of Lincoln, esquire, but now of Cauill in the Countye of Yorke. first I bequeathe my soule to almighty god my maker and redeemer beseeching him of his infinite mercye to pardon and forgive me all my sins, and my body to be buried at Killingholme at the end of the pew where my motherdid use to sit in the church of Killingholmeafore-said. Item whereas I did make an estate of all my goods to Michaell Portington, William Monkton, and John Monkton my brother in law upon trust and confidence yt they should see the disposing of the said goods to the benefit of my wife and younger children, nowe I do give and bequeath all my said goods and all my other goods and Chattels whatsoever to Elizabeth my wife and my yonger children, viz., John, Mary, and Martha, and if my wife be with child, whether it be sonne or daughter, my mind and will is yt it shall have a part of my said goods with my said wife and other children, and my will and devise is yt the abovenamed gents, viz., Michael Portington, William Monkton, and John Monkton shall performe and discharge the trust and confidence reposed in them for the benefit of my said wife and Children. Item whereas I am seised of certaine lands in Holdernes lying within the fields of Skyfflinge and Essington in the Countye of Yorke, and whereas I did purchase to me and my heires certaine lands in the parishe of Howdan and also certaine lands in East Halton now in the tenure

of widdowe Hornesey in the Countye of Lincoln I do hereby will and bequeath all my said lands to John Booth my sonne and such younger sonne or sonnes as it shall please God to send me hereafter by my wife, to be equally divided betweene them during there naturall lives or the survivor of them, and after there decease then my will is yt the inheritance of all these lands shall remaine to William Booth my eldest sonne and the heires males of his body lawfullye to be begotten; failing such, to John Booth; failing such, to the heires males of me the said George Booth; failing such to my right heires for ever. I do give and bequeathe a thirde parte of all my lands in Killingholme to Phillip Monkton of Cauill, Esq., Michaell Portington and John Monkton, gents., for the space of xij yeares next after my decease which said thirde parte in three partes equallye to be divided my will is that the said Phillip Monkton, Michaell Portington and John Monkton or the survivour of them shall let the said third parte and receive the rents therof towards the amendment and increase of the porcions of my daughters and pay the same over to them accordinglie. Residue of all my lands, manors, etc., to William Booth my eldest sonne and heire and to heires males of his bodye lawfullie to be begotten; failing them, to John Booth my sonne; failing them, to my heires males; failing them, to my next heires. Item, whereas Martha Booth my mother did give out of all her goods the some of ccc^{li}. to be paid to francis Booth her grandchild, for which said some I the said George Booth do stand bound in the some of six hundred pounds to William Taylor of Bedford, Esq., Humfrey Newton of Lannden Grange in the Countye of Buckingham, gent., for payment of the said some of ccc^{li}. to the use of the said francis; Notwithstandinge it was expressed by my mother yt if the said francis should die unmarried before shee come to the age of xxj yeares that then the said some should remaine to the use of my younger Children equallye to be divided amongst them; now so it is that there is bond taken in the name of Sr Thomas Butler of Bednam for cc^{li}. of the sayd money, wherof Sr Thomas Darrell and Thomas Tryppe stand bound for one c^{li}., and the said Thomas Tryppe John Proctor of Thorneton and another man dwellinge in Gowsill for another c ., and the third hundreth pounds remaines in mine owne hands, also there is xv^{li}. of the c^{li}. for a yeare and an halfe which is in the hands of Thomas Tryppe, for which said some of xv^{li}. my brother tooke a bonde in his owne name of the aforesayd men for the use of the sayd francis Booth; All which bonds are now in my Custodye; Therefore my will is that the said somes of ccc^{li}. and also the abovenamed xv^{li}. which was in my brother's name and intended for her maintenance should be truly discharged accordinge to my mother's mynde and meaninge. I do make Elizabeth my wife, John my sonne, Mary and Martha my daughters, Joynt

executors of this my last will and testament. And my will and meaninge is yt my said wife shall have the tuicion of my said Children untill they shall accomlishe the age of xxj yeares or be married. And I do appoint Philip Monkton of Cauell, Esq., Michaell Portington of Portington and John Monkton of Thowp, gents., supervisors; and I do give to every of my supervisors a peece of xxijs. in gold. In witnes wherof I the said George Boothe have hereunto set my hand and seale this xxixth of Marche A.D. 1617.

Prob. at Lincoln 23 April 1617 by relict Elizabeth Booth. Power reserved to the others.

Personalty 1106^u. 9s. 4d.

He had married Elizabeth daughter of Marmaduke Monckton of Cavill, co. York. The Booths came in the fifteenth century from Lancashire. They were Royalists and suffered for their loyalty. Possibly this helped to ruin them. At any rate the testator's grandson, John Booth, who died in 1686, lived at Harpewell; and Killingholme in 1710 passed to the Andrews family of Osgodby. No legitimate male descendants of the Killingholme family are known to exist.

155.

EDWARD KINGE.

The xxiiijth daie of Januarie anno regni domini nostri Jacobi Regis Anglie duodecimo et Scotie quadragesimo octavo annoque domini nostri 1614. I Edward Kinge of Ashby Delaland in the Countie of Lincoln, esq., beinge in health of bodie and of good and perfecte memorie (I most humbly thanke my saviour for it) doe make and ordaine this my last will, etc. revokinge all former testaments and deeds of guift touchinge the disposicion either of my landes or of my goods and Chattles whatsoever. firste I commend my soule into the handes of the most glorious and holie Trinitie, God the father, God the sonne, and God the holie Ghoste, thre persons and one god everlastinge, assuredlie beleivinge by and onely throughe the bitter death and passion of my sweete Saviour Jesus Christe to have full remission of all my sinnes, and after this life to attaine everlastinge ioye and felicitie. As touching my bodye my will is the same to be decentlie enterred in the Chancell of the parish Church of Ashbie aforesaid as nighe the bodye of my laite most deare wife Marie Kinge as convenientlie may be. Item I give for and towards the reparacions of the said Church the some of xxs. Item I give to the poorest Inhabitants of Ashbie Marton Digbie and Rowston iiij^u. to be distributed at home at their houses by the discrecion of Executors with the advise of some of the better and sager sorte of the inhabitants of everie of the said parishes. Wherein I would have the poore of Ashbye to be speciallie remembered. Item I will and devise to my sonne John Kinge my manor house of Salmonbie alias Salmondbie in the partes of Lindsey in the said Countie of Lincolne with all appurtenances, etc. Also those closes and groundes in Salmonbie hereafter

particularly sett down, i.e., The orchard close or Rush close, the Conie hill, osgrave hill, and Burton close, Hallowmore close, Haver lands close, Brantcliffe close, huntepitta, and the lowe feilde close, Becke furlonge, and the Rush close, the east feilde, Sheepe walke, the Linges alias Gallow hill and rotten fenn, Wharlowe close, Wheatelands close, the dreable lying in the east and west feilds containing xxx acres in a feild or thereabouts, which manor and lands were late in the tenure of Richard Caterton. Item I give to my sonne John Kinge my farme in Lesingham, etc., in as large and ample manner as Robert Reynolds nowe holdeth the same and also my farme, etc. in Walcott Waterside wherein Sirat Buell now inhabiteth, to have to hold all the above premises to him and his heirs forever. The Residue of all my manors, lands, etc. and the righte of Patronage of the Churches of Ashbie and Salmonbie my will is that they shall discende and come to my sonne Richarde Kinge and the heires male of his bodye lawfullie begotten. Item I give to my sonne John Kinge the some of cc^{li}. to be paid him by my executor within two yeares after my decease in full recompense and satisfaction of his wives porcion, and of all former legacies given unto him by my father, or the late Ladye Cordell deceased. I give unto his wife my greate goblett of silver parcell gilt and one of my silver bell saltes without a cover. Item I give to eyther of the children of my said sonne John v^{li}. apeece. Item I give unto my daughter Marie Kinge the some of vc. markes for her porcion, and if she desire to continewe with her elder brother then my will is that she shall be allowed her bourd and chamber, and that my executor shall pay unto her tenn pounds a year so long as she shall continew with him, and that he hath her porcion of vc. markes in his handes. And yf she shall be disposed to marrie or to go sojourne with any other of her friends, and not with her elder brother, then my will is that after lawful warninge given by her unto him herof, that the said executor shall paye unto her the saide vc. markes, etc. Item I give to mysaide daughter Marie my chaine of gold which she doth usuallie weare, and likewise the Jewells, peeces of border, and buttons of goldsmiths worke, which she sometyme weareth, and are in her possession. Item I give unto her my best blacke Tablett with a pearle hanginge att ytt, and the seconde paire of Braceletts which were her mothers. Item I give unto my daughter Cawdron my lesser blacke Tablett havinge a pearle hanginge at ytt. Item to everie of her children v^{li}. a peece. Item to my sonne Cawdron a Ringe of golde, or a Jacobine to buy one with. Item to my daughter Elizabeth Kinge my Ringe with a pointed diamonde which I usuallie were, my crosse of diamondes the best paire of Braceletts and my Chaine of Aggatt and pearle. To everie man servante that shall serve me at the tyme of my decease, receiving wages of me, xs. a peece over and above their

wages then due. To everie maidservante, etc. vjs. viiijd. Residue of all my goods to my sonne Richarde Kinge whom I make sole executor. The xxiiijth day of Januarie 1614.

A codicill annexed to this my present last will and testament the ixth day of June 1617. Item I do further will and devise unto my saide sonne John Kinge all these severall cottages hereafter particularly sett downe and mentioned; the Cottage wherein William Harrison now dwelleth in Salmonby with all his commons of Key gaite and sheepe gaite in greate Acre, and the sheepe pasture, and in other places in Salmonbie. Item all the other eight cottages in Salmonby, now in the severall occupacions of William Thewe, John Mitinge, Widdowe Kidd, Thomas Emerson, William Lawson, Roberte Stafforde, Roberte Marshall and Seathe East, to him and his heires forever. Lastlie I give and bequeathe to my right worthie and faithfull freinde Sr John Meres, knight, a Ringe of golde of the valewe of xls. to be inamiled on the outside and within to be ingraven these words, *Donum Fidelis Amici*.

Prob. at Lincoln 26 Sept. 1617 by ex^r.

A new family, founded in Lincolnshire by the testator, who married 1st Mary, daughter of Richard Clopton, of Ford Hall, in Suffolk, and 2ly Elizabeth, daughter and co-heir of Henry Keble, widow of Anthony Colly, of Glaston, Co. Rutland. He built the Hall at Ashby in 1595. The Kings took the side of the Parliament, and Col. Edward King was a leading character during the civil war. The last heir male, Rev. John King, died without issue, a few years ago. The Reeves of Leadenham represent the family in the female line.

156.

EDWARD SALTMARSHES.

The 19th April A.D. 1617. I Edward Saltmarshe of Strubby in the parishe of Langton next Wragbye in the Countye of Lincolne, esquire, sicke in bodye but of good and perfect memory, etc. I comitt my bodye to be buried in the Church of Langton aforesaid. To the poore of Langton xls. To the poore of Panton vjs. viiijd. To the poore of Hatton vjs. viiijd. To the poore of Wragbye vjs. viiijd. to be distributed by the Churchwardens for the time being, and two of the substantiallest Inhabitants of the said Townes to be named by my Executor, and xls. to be given the poore of Langton in manner followinge, viz., xs. at the tyme of my buriall, and the other xxxs. in three yeares next followinge atte the feast of Christmas onely. To my loveinge wife Hellen Saltmarshe the some of cc^{li}. of lawfull money of England to be payed her in forme followinge, viz., c^{li}. in and upon the feast day of St. Martin the Bishope nexte, and the other c^{li}. in and upon the xxiiijth day of June then nexte following. Item my mynde and will is that my said wife shall have all such beddinge and houshold stufte and other goods which were formerly her's before our marriage, with such apparell as now shee hath upon Condidion yt such bond which I entred into to her brothers Mr. William Thorold and Mr.

Edmond Sherard for the use of my said wife may be delivered into the hands of my Executor cancelled or other release or discharge for the same made within two moneths after my decease. Item I give to the Ladye Eure my Sonn William Saltmarshe's wife twoe xxij^s. peeces of gould. To my sonn Anthony Saltmarshe c^{li}., viz., c^{li}. therof to be payed him within half a yeare after my decease, and c^{li}. within one yeare next ensuing. To my daughter Saltmarshe his wife xxij^s. of gould. And to my grandchild William ther sone another xxij^s. peece. Item to Hellen Lounde my grandchild xl^{li}. to be payed at hir full age or marriage. Item to my grandchild Thomas Saltmarshe sone and heire apparent of my sone William Saltmarshe one guylt bole. To my brother Anthony Saltmarshe's sone John towe xxij^s. peeces beside the c. markes which I stand bound to pay him. I give to my sone Lound his wife and children, except Hellen Lound, the some of x^{li}. to be equally divided among them. To Elizabeth Mounson my Cosen ij^{li}. vjs. viij^d. To my nephewe Edward Townende one xxij^s. peece. Item I give and remitt to my brother Edward Portington x^{li}. which he oweth mee. Item to my sister Shepard half a xxij^s. peece. To John Duncan my servant xls. To the rest of my servants ijs. apiece besides their wages. To Henry Osgarby vs. Residue to William Saltmarshe my sone whome I make sole executor.

Prob. 3 Oct. 1617 by Ex^r.

Personalty 700^{li}.

See pedigree in Vis. of Linc. 1562. His daughter Cassandra had married Robert Lownd of Winterton. His 1st wife was Elizabeth, daughter of William Smyth of Honington. His 2nd, Helen, daughter of Rowland Sherard, of Stapleford, and sister of Rose, wife of William Thorold of Marston. Marr. Licence dated 9th May, 1604, "Edward Saltmarshe, of Strubby, parish of Langton, Esq., and Ellinor Sherrard of Staynby, spinster."

157.

JOHN KINGESTONE.

I John Kingestone of Great Grimsbie in the Countie of Lincolne, esquire, sick of bodie, etc. I bequeeth my soule into the handes of almightie god, and my bodie to the earth from whence it came, and to be buried in the Parish Church of Great Grimsbie. My will is yt my great Lea Close in Welesbie shall bee sould for the payment of my debtes and the discharginge of my legacies and funerall expenses, for the finding of the Office and other things belonging to the heires right, and the remainder therof to redeeme the house morgaged to Mrs. Wright; Mr. Michaell Spencer and Mr. Paul Cooke to sell the said Close to the uses aforesaid. To my grandchild Jarvis Hollis xx^{li}. a yeare towards his education during the life of Katharine my now wife to bee paid out of my land in Humberstone. Item to my unkle Robert Empringham my best cloake. To Richard Needham, my sonne-in-lawe, vj^{li}. a yeare during his naturall life to be paid out of my

landes in Welesbie. To the poore of Grimsbie xs. To my godson Gregorie Garth xls. a yeare duringe his nonage, to be paid out of my Calfe Close. Item I give to Jarvis Hollis my grandchilde all my lands, and tenements, after the decease of Katharine my now wife, to him and his heires forever (exceptinge one close formerly appointed to be sould for the payment of my debtes). If hee shall departe this life before he is 21, then my will is and I give and bequeath unto my said unkle Robert Empringham and to his heires forever one Close called Midle Carre lyinge in Welesbie in the parishe of Clee. In like manner I give unto my sonne in lawe ffretchvyle Holles and his heires all my lands in Humberston if the said Jarvis shall happen to die as is aforesaid, and one Close called Calfe Close in Welesbie aforesaid. Item if the said Jarvis happen to die as is aforesaid then I give unto the maior and burgesses of Great Grimsbie their successors forever, one messuage in Great Grimsbie now in the tenure of Robert Laythrop upon the condicion yt the yearlie rent thereof bee bestowed upon the yearlie repaires of the parish Church of St. James in Great Grimsbie. I give to Michaell Spencer gent. and Paule Cooke either of them a xjs. peece of gold in remembrance of my love and their paines. My will is that Mr. William Burghe esq. shall enjoye the Close called Midle Carre and the old hay therin untill the annuntiation of our Ladie next cominge, for which I have formerly received the rent, aforehand without payinge anie Rent. My will is that George Blyth shall enjoye the Close called Calfe Close untill the annuntiation of the blessed virgine Mary next cominge without anie Rent at all. I make and ordaine Mr. Robert Halton of Swinnoppe in the Countie of Lincoln, gent., my trustie wellbeloved friend, my sole executor; requiring him to see my bodie in xpianlike manner to bee brought to the grounde, my iuste debts and legacies to be discharged. I make Charles Garth and Richard Knowles, clerks, supervisors; and give either of them a xjs. peece of gold in remembrance of my love.

Debts. Maii 26^o 1617.

Imprimis to Mrs. Wright

Item to Mr. Spencer

Item to Edward Esterbie ...	...	...	xx ^{li} . ijs. vjd.
Item to Mr. Owen of Hull, draper ...	...	...	iiij ^{li} . xixs. ixd.
Item to Mrs. Grace ...	...	...	xlvijs.
Item to Robert Sea ...	...	...	ls. iiijd.
Item to John Prime ...	...	...	iijs. jd.
Item to Leonard Hustwaite ...	...	...	vjs.
Item to David Ragg ...	...	...	ijs. xd.
Item to Dauson ...	...	...	xviijd.
Item to Thomas Dewis ...	...	...	xxviijd
Item to Robert East ...	...	...	xvjs
Item to Mr. Smyth of Lincoln			

Item to Mr. Burghes	...	...	...	vjs. viijd.
Item to Anne Tumin his servant...	...	...	...	xxiijs.
Item to Edward Burke	...	...	...	xs.
Item to Mr. Empringham for a calder of coles	...	...	...	xiijs. iiijd.
Item to Mr. Needham	...	...	...	xjs.
Item to Richard Mann	...	...	...	xiijs.
Item to Mr. Holles	...	...	...	xxxs.
Item to Mason's wife	...	...	...	xiiijd.

Prob. 13 June 1617 by Ex^r.

His grandson was Gervase Holles, the celebrated antiquary.

158.

WILLIAM SKIPWITH.

I William Skipwith of Wethearne sicke in bodye, etc. I bequeath unto God almighty my soule and my body to be buried wheare itt pleaseth my executor. I give unto Seisseley my wife that my lease at Snelling which I hould by the Great (*etc.*) of Sr George Sampole, Knight, deceased. Item I give unto my sayd wife tenn kine and forty shepe att my executor's discreassion, and tow meares, one sorill bald one, and the other a gray, and all my household stuf, provided always that if my sayde wife be not pleased with the giftes and leageses abovesaid, and refuse them, that then my will is that my executor shall ansuer her xx^{li}. a yeare during her life, according to my Covenant that I mad with Sr John Langton, knight, and give her x^{li}. in money. Item I give to my brother Tristerum Skipwith all the money that he oweth me. Item I give unto my brother Tristerum my Lease in mabellthorpe which I hould of Mr. Matthew Houlland. Item to my nephew William Skipwith of Maltbie xxx^{li}. Item to my sister Margaret Hearyngton of Skidbrough v^{li}. Item I give unto John Skipwith my Brother sonn, and Marthe stampe, that seannscore (sevenscore) pound to be equally divided betwixt them when it grow dew upon a morgedge of sartin lande in Weatherne in the Countie of Lincolne maid unto me by Sr George ffitzwilliam, Knight, and Thomas Sto, and if the said morgedge be not redeemed my will is if the said John Skipwith do pay unto Marthe Stamp seanntty poundes that then he shall have the said lands, and if he do not pay the said seanntty poundes, that she the said Marthe shall have one halfe of the said landes for morgedge; and if the said Marthe Stampe do departe this life before the money grow dew upon the said morgedge or forfeiture, then that part which I have given to her I give to Tristrim Skipwith my brother. Item I give to William fishwicke foure pounds that he oweth me. Residue I bequeath to Gawin Skipwith whome I make sole executor. I ordayne my Cossen Skipwith of Beningworth my supervisor and do give him for his

paines xxxxs. I give to the Ladye ffitzwylliam my Gray Gelding. Item I give to Marthe Stamp my Irish nadg. In witness therof I have set my hande and seale the 5th Dec. 1617.

Prob. at Lincoln 17 Dec. 1617 by Ex^r.

A younger son of Gawen Skipwith, of Staine-in-the-Marsh, who was an illegitimate son of Sir William Skipwith, Knt., of South Ormsby.

159.

HENRIE CUST.

The 7th Aprill 1617. I Henrie Cust of Pinchbeck in the Countie of Lincoln, yeoman, being sick in bodie but sound in soule, and of a good remembrance (god be therfore praised) do ordaine and make this my last will, etc. I bequeath my soule into the hands of almighty god my maker, and his sonne Jesus Christ my saviour and redeemer by whose death I trust to bee saved, and my bodie to the earthe. I give to Josua Cust my sonne seaven acres and a messuage late Coyes, quondam Mallets, Coppyhold, one cottage and foure acres late Langtons coppyhold, two acres late Pratts freehold, nine acres called Britch, and twelve acres called Poudrells lately purchased of John Anderson and Richard Barfoote of Boston, gent., and twelve acres of freehold in the parish of Spaldinge wherof two acres dim. (i.e., a half) in the tenure of Thomas Davys, all which foresaid lands I give them to the foresaid Josua my sonne all the legacies given to him before of his late mother. Item I give to him my foure maires named Byard, Star, Graybeard, and Cutt, Cart and Cartgeares, plow and plowgeares. Item I give him one nagge called Mastyn. Item I give to Sarah Cust my daughter all that plate, lynninge, money, beddinge, and housholde stuffe given to her by her late mother. Also I give her c^{li}. to bee paid by my executor when she accomplishe the age of one and twenty yeares. Item I give to her x^{li}. yearlie and everie yeare whilst shee accomplishe the age of one and twenty yeares towards her maintenance. Item to Thomas Baite my servant ijs. iiijd. besides his wages. Item to my two maydservants called Mary and Bridget to either of them xs. To my sister Yonge's three children Ambrose, Richard, and Mary x^{li}. to be equallie divided amongst them. Item to the poore of Pinchbecke xx^{li}. to be paid within one whole yeare next after my decease into the hands of the minister churchwardens and overseers for the poore for the tyme being to the sole and proper use of the poore forever. Residue to my sonne Samuell Cust whome I make sole executor. I surrender all my Coppyhold lands into the hands of William Slater, Richard Bistle, and John Herry's tenants of the manor. I make them supervisors of this my last will, and give either of them ijs. iiijd.

Prob. at Boston 14 April 1617 by Ex^r.

The ancestor of the noble family of Brownlow. The Custs for 500 years were at Pinchbeck never rising above the rank of yeoman till the seventeenth century. The rise was then rapid. They were on the side of the Parliament, and married a succession of heiresses almost unparalleled in genealogical history.

160.

WILLIAM GOODHAND.

I William Goodhand of Binbrooke in the Countie of Lincoln, gent., sicke in bodie but of perfecte remembrance, etc. My body to the earthe from whence it came to be buried in the quier wheare my seate is in the church in Kirmond in the countie aforesaid. To William Goodhand my second sonne xs. To John Goodhand my third sonne xs. To Roger Banister xs. I give to every child my fourth sonne Edward Goodhand hath or shall have vs. To Charles Goodhand's eldest sonne, my grandchild, one standinge bedd in the great parlor in my house at Kirmond with all the turned long sadles and all the glasse windows in the same parlor; also one of the greatest spitts. To everyone of Charles Goodhand's other children vs. To Andrew Goodhand, William Goodhand's eldest sonne, one standing bedd in the chamber over the brewhouse in Kirmond, one cubberd, one longe sadle, with all the seelinge in the same chamber, and the other of my greatest spitts. To every one of William Goodhand's children vs. Item to Andrew Goodhand more one brasen mortar and paire of tonges and one gatelocke. To my brother John Goodhand one angell and all my apparell, and to everyone of his children vs. To my sister Anne Hooke one swarme of bees, and to Benjamin Hooke vs. To John Nuttall vs. and everyone of my servants xijd. To the Church of Kirmond iij s. iiij d. To the poore of Kirmond xs. to be divided at the discretion of the minister and my sonne William Goodhand. Residue to my wife Anne Goodhand whome I make sole executrix. This 12th Aug. 1616.

Prob. 26 May 1617 by relict and Ex^r.

See Vis. of Linc., 1592, pa. 54.

161.

ANNE GOODHAND.

I Anne Goodhand of Binbrooke in the Countie of Lincoln, widdowe, sicke in bodye, etc. My body to be buried in the quier of Kirmond church by my husband. Item I give to my sonne William Goodhand x^{li}. To my sonne John Goodhand xs. To my sonne Edward Goodhand xxx^{li}. To my sonne George Goodhand cl^{li}. uppon condition he shall give to his brother Nicholas Goodhand half the money he getteth by his brother Banister's bond. To Andrew Goodhand, sonne to my sonne William Goodhand, v^{li}. To Ann Goodhand, daughter to my sonne iij^{li}, two brasse potts which hir father hath already, and to everyone of his other children ls. To Ann Goodhand daughter to my sonne Edward Goodhand iij^{li}, to be putt out by hir unkles Nicholas and George Goodhand to hir best use when shee doth accomplish the age of 12 yeares untill

shee come to 20 yeares. To William Goodhand sonne to my said sonne Edward iij^h. (to be similarly put out). To my sonne George Goodhande more halfe my housholde stuffe in consideracion that he shall beare the charges of my funerall, and suits, with his brother Nicholas Goodhand. To Margaret Broke my daughter in law xxs. To my daughter in law Maudeland Myckethwayte xxs. I give to Dorotie Goodhand wife to my sonne Edward Goodhand one stone of haie, two stones of hempe, xxs., my blacke holyday gowne and my two holy day pettycottes. To Brian Talbott vs. To my sonne William Goodhand my lease at Kirmond which I have of my brother Goodhand on consideracion that he yeald up to his brethren Nicholas and George Goodhand untill maydaye next the growndes I now have in occupacion. To ffaith Goodhand wife to my sonne William Goodhand two angells of gould to make a ringe, and shee to weare it for my sake. To Elizabeth Hartburne one of my quie calves. To William Collingwood ijd. To John Trowlopp xijd. To John Braughton vjd. To Thomas Chesibrough one lamb. To Grace my maide vjd. To the poore of Kirmond xs. to be disposed of by my three sonnes William, Nicholas, and George Goodhand. To the church of Kirmond xijd. To the church of Binbrooke called Mary xijd. To my sonne in law Roger Banister xxs. Residue to my sonne Nicholas Goodhand whom I make sole executor. 28 Nov. 1617.

An Goodhand hir marke.

Prob. 5 Dec. 1617 by Ex^r.

She was the widow of the preceding testator, being his 2nd wife, and the daughter of George Gilby of Stainton-le-Hole.

162.

WILLIAM, LORD WILLOUGHBY.

The 26th August 1617. I S^r William Willoughby, Knight, Lord Willoughby of Parham, being sicke in bodie but of good and perfecte remembrance (thanks be given to God) doe make and ordeine this my last will and testament in manner and forme following, first and principally I doe give and bequeathe my soule into the handes of almighty God and his son Jesus Christ by whose precious bloodshedd uppon the Crosse only I hope to bee saved and my body to be buried where it shall please my executors. Item I give and bequeath unto ffrances my loving wife all manner of Jewells Chaines pearles and all her apparrell and other ornaments beeloning to her body which shee at any time hath worne. Item I doe give unto my said wife and ffrancis my sonn all such plate and houshold stuffe as are now in my house at Knathe equally to bee divided betweene them. Item I give unto my said sonn ffrancis all my whole armor with all manner of furniture for men and horses my Tentres with all other municions yt I have at my house at

Knath aforesaid or els where within the Realme of England. Item I will and bequeathe that all my mannor or Lordshipp with the appurtenances called and knowne by the name of Minting Parke alias Thorley Parke in the County of Lincoln, and all other my my Lands Tenements and hereditaments whatsoever called or known by the name or names of Langton side, Andrew Rayles Gaudeby Storth, Hennage acre, Pattricke hole, Gaudby Lannds and Millers garth, or by what name or names soever in the parishes of Gaudby and Minting or either of them, shalbe sould by my executors for and towards the payment of all my debts, the particulars wherof or the greatest parte thereof are mentioned in a schedule hereunto annexed, and likewise for and towards the payment of my daughters porcions in manner and forme as hereafter be expressed, that is to say I doe give and bequeath unto my daughter Elizabeth the some of one thousand pounds of good and lawfull money of England for her childes parte aud porcion to bee paid her uppon the day of her marriage or when shee shall fullie accomlishe the age of one and twenty yeares whether shall first happen. And if shee shall marrie with the full consent and good liking of my wife and my executors then my will is and I doe give and bequeath unto my said daughter the some of two thousand pounds more for the bettring and furthering of her preferment. (Same portion with increase of one thousand pounds to daughter Frances). And if it fortune either of my daughters to departe this life before shee shalbee married or shall accomplish the age of 21 yeares, then my will is that the said porcion of one thousand pounds shall remaine and be given unto my other daughter surviving when shee shall marrie, etc. And if it shall fortune that both my daughters departe this life, etc., then I will and bequeath that the money overplus and remaining of the prise of the said lands before limited to be sold (my debts being paid and satisfied) shall be put forth and employed to the best benefit and profite of my heire to bee paid unto him at such time as he shall marrie or accomplish the age of 21 yeares. Item I give and bequeath to my sonn William one annuity or yearlie rent of two hundreth pounds of lawfull money of England to be issuing and going out of my mannor of Bardney to bee paid him yearly at the feasts of St. Michaelle the archangell and the annunciation of the blessed vergine Mary by eaven and equall portions, whereof one hundreth to come to him at the age of xvij yeares, and the other hundreth when he shall accomlishe the age of xxj yeares, to be paid him during his naturall life and forty yeares after if he have either wife or child so longe living. Item I doe will and bequeath that all my fee simple lands, that is to say my mannor of Bardney and Southray, my mannors of Bucknall, Gaitburton, Stowe, Parham, and the Rectorie of Upton and Kexbie, and all my other fee simple lands within the realme of

England shall be set, let, and disposed of by my executors during the minority of my eldest sonne for and towards the payment of my debts and legacies, and towards the maintenance of my wife and the bringing upp of my children untill such tyme as they shall severally respectively receive such annuities and porcions as by this my will I have given unto them as my executors shall thinke moste meete and convenient. Provided always that my eldest sonne after he come to the age of sixteene yeares shall have a yearly rente or annuity of three hundred pounds untill he come to the age of xxj yeares for and towards his education, and further my will is that such of my household servants as will shall have their diet in my house at Knath untill the feast of the annunciation of our Lady next, and then such and soe many as have served mee by the space of three yeares or more shall have one whole yeare's wages paid them at their departure by my executors. Item I will and bequeath that all my other goods and Chattells whatsoever shall be disposed of by my executors about my funerall expenses and the uses above specified, and I doe make ordeine and appoint my loving cozen the lord Willoughby of Earsby, Sr George Manners, and Sr William Pelham the elder, executors of this my last will and testament, and I doe further ordeine and appointe Francis Earle of Rutland to be supervisor, intreating him yt hee will have a speciall care to see the same performed according to the trust which I repose in him.

Witnesses hereof Ambrose Willoughby, William Hickman, Richard Bolles, Thomas Tirwhitt, John Blake, Thomas Pinchbecke, Henry Eltoftes, John Ingram, Gregorie Wadeson.

Vera copia examinata. Jo Pregon Notarius Publicus. 28 Aug. 1622.

The father of Francis 5th Lord Willoughby of Parham, who, with the Earls of Manchester and Lincoln, was one of the prominent leaders on the side of the Parliament.

163.

ADAM HENNEAGE.

The 30th May 1617. I Adam Henneage of donington super bane in the County of Lincoln, gent., being sicke in bodie etc. My bodie to be buried where it shall please god. To the poore people of donington aforesaid iij^{li}. to be put forth and employed to the best profit yt may be, and the rent or increase thereof to be distributed to the poorest and most needfull people of the same towne yearlie at the discretion of the minister and churchwardens of donington. Item to the church of donington xxs. To the Cathedrall church of Lincoln xijd. To Francis my wife all yt my capitall messuage wherein I nowe dwell with all houses, etc., belonging, and all other appurtenances. Also one oxgang of land arable meadow and pasture belonging to the doveote and doveote

close and all appurtenances. Also one other oxgang called Pickering oxgang, with all houses, etc., belonging now in the tenure of Robert Hard and Oliver Johnson. Also one other oxgang which I purchased of John West of donington. Item to the sayd ffrancis my wife all my messuage in Goulcebie wherein John Clarke now dwelleth; and all my messuage in donington wherein James Clarke now dwelleth; and also my late erected tenement in the tenure of John ffrashney with a yard and two acres of land on a side in the north and south feildes of donington; also one little close adjoyning in the tenure of Edward Johnson; to her the sayd ffrancis my wife during and until my sonne and heyre Eliah Henneage accomplish the age of xxj yeares, and no longer, at which age of xxj yeares my will and mind is the sayd Eliah Henneage shall enter in and upon the sayd lands, and possess them to and for the use of him and his heires. I give to my daughter Anne Stafford fortie and four pounds to be payd her before the xxxth day of November next after my decease. To my daughter Margaret Henneage fiftie poundes to be payd within 2 yeares after my decease. To my daughter Jane Henneage fiftie poundes to be payd her when 21 years of age or married. (Same to daughters Mary Heneage and Elizabeth Henneage). To my daughters Anne Stafford and Margaret Henneage to either of them a silver spoone. To my sonne Eliah Henneage four silver spoones, and one long framed table standing in the hall with the bench and formes belonging, also one fflanners coffer and all that is within it. My will is that ffrancis my wife shall educate and maintain sufficiently with meate and drinke and apparrell and at schoole for their learning and instruction my sayd children, to witt Eliah Henneage, Jane, Mary, and Elizabeth Henneage out of the sayd lands, etc., given to her during the nonage of the sayd Eliah Henneage. I give to my sonne James Henneage all that copyhold land in donington in tenure of William Kirman and George Spooner with all appurtenances. Also all that copyhold land in donington in tenure of John Bartholomew. Also all that copyhold land in Goulcebie in tenure of Peter Pindar and John Tomson; to have and to hold to him and his heirs forever according to the Manor of donington. My will is that George Jones of Haynton, yeoman, shall have the educating and bringing up of my said son James Henneage. My will and mind is that my wife ffrancis shall make no wast of in or upon any of the trees, woodes, or underwood growing upon the lands. Item my will and mind is that the said ffrancis my wife shall keepe and maintain my brother William Henneage with necessarye and sufficient maintenance as meate, drinke and apparrell during the time my sayd wife enjoyeth the landes, etc., and after the sayd time my will is my sayd sonne Eliah Henneage shall keepe and sufficientlie maintaine him the said William Henneage during his naturall life. I give to my brother

George Henneage xxs. To Katharine Lawrence xijd. and to every of my servants xijd. Residue to my wife Francis whom I make executrix. And I make my beloved friends Mr. William Hansard of Biskerthorpe, gent., and Mr. Tymothy Kent of donington afore-said, clerke, supervisors.

Prob. at Horncastle 28 June 1617.

A cadet of the Henneages of Hainton, but one whom I cannot identify. His Marr. Licence dated 17 Jan., 1602,8. "Adam Henneage and Francis Tallor (Gayton)."

164.

JOHN PRESCOTT.

The 11th March 16th Jac. I. I John Prescott of Saltfleetby St. Peteres in the Countie of Lincoln, gentleman, beinge of perfecte healt he and good remembrance, etc. My will is that my body be buried in the parrish quere of Saltfleetby St. Peteres, and a noble I give towards the pavinge of it. To my eldest son John Prescott the sixtene acres called by the name mile wonge to him and his heires forever, and for want of heires to go to Peregrine and to his heires, and soe to Richard and his heires and for want of heires to my three daughters and to their heires. Item I give my gould ringe to my son John, and the ij acres with the guifte of the patronage, I will it be selled to him that will give the most, and to be divided amonge the rest of my goodes to my fower children, Peregrine, Richard, Ann, and Elizabeth, and I will that my son Peregrine shall have the lease wherein I dwell ten pounds beter cheape than any will give without either fraude or guile. To the poore of Saltfleetby St. Peteres vs., and to the poore of Driby vs. to be paid to either of them npon good friday after my decease. To James and Ann Prescott, children of John Prescott of Driby late deceased, either of them a lamb to be given them at Lamas after my decease; to fower of my brother James' children, James, Roger, Susanna, Elizabeth, everyone of them a lambe. To Jane Orsby and the child that Catherine is with, if it live, either of them a lambe. To my daughter Orsby v^{li}. To my son Orsby xs. To my sister Houlden a crowne of gould for a remembrance. Residue to be equally divided among my fower children, Peregrine, Richard, Ann, and Elizabeth. To Edward and George Prescott, sons of John Prescott of Haunby (Hagnaby) either of them a lambe. My will is that my sonne John Prescott shall have the education of his brother Richard and his portion during his minoritie, puttinge in sufficient bounds to my supervisor, and that my son John and my son Peregrine shall have the education of Elizabeth, and her portion, till shee come to the age of 18 yeares, putting in sufficient bounds. I ordaine my sons John and Peregrine Prescott executors, and my son Orsby supervisor. And my will is that if soe bee my supervisour shall mislike upon just cause of the

education of the two younger children or either of them, it shall be lawful for him to take them away and their portions upon halfe a yeare's warning, giving in theire bounds, and puttinge them in new sufficient bounds to the one or both.

Prob. at Lincoln 14 May 1617 by John Prescottt.

Personalty, 392^{li}. 5s. 2d.

The Prescottts of Driby appear in the Vis. of Linc., 1684. The Saltfleetby family was a branch.

165.

FRANCIS CLEMENT.

The 12th Oct. 1615. I ffrancis Clement of Great Grimsby in the countie of Lincoln, Schoolmaster, being by God's grace of sound and perfect memory doe ordaine and make this my last will and testament in manner and forme following. ffirst I commend my soule into the mercifull hands of God yt gave it me whoe I most assuredly know and believe for his sonne Jesus Christ, and the infinite worth and inestimable merit of his death and passion, and his unknowne sorrowes to redeeme my sins will most gratioously pardon me and accept me in his beloved, and my body to be buried in the Church of Great Grimsby. To Robert Halton of the said Great Grimsby gent., all those my lands and tenements in Newwarke upon Trent in the county of Nottingham now in the tenure of William Wilson of the said Newwarke, myller, and of one William Short of the said Newwarke, shoemaker, to him and his heires forever. Item I give to Sr Roger Halton, Knt., all the sumes of money which hee oweth me, and doe release him of all statutes morgages bonds deeds and grants whatsoever wherein hee the said Sr Roger standeth indebted unto me. Item to ffrancis Massingberd the now wife of Thomas Massingberd of Bratoft, Esq., all those sumes of money whatsoever hee oweth me. To the poore of Great Grimsby iij^{li}. To the poore of Clee and Cleethorpes xxs. Residue to the abovenamed Robert Halton whom I make sole executor, excepting x^{li}. which one Wild of Boston oweth.

Prob. at Lincoln 25 April 1617 by Ex^r.

The testator seems to have been unusually indulgent to what we may suppose were old pupils of his, whose school-bills had never been paid. Frances Massingberd was the sister of Sir Roger Halton, Knt., of Gt. Carlton.

I subjoin an alphabetical list of short abstracts of Wills, mostly clerical, but mixed with some of the gentle and yeoman class. The wills did not seem to me (as I was obliged to make a selection) worthy of being either transcribed or abstracted in a more lengthened form, so I simply give the testators' names, the date and probate of the wills, and, in the case of the clergy, the place of burial when it is indicated. In a few cases I have given more.

ABRAHAM, THOMAS, Clerk, Stickford. 27 Dec. 1615.
14 March 1615, 6.

ALLEN, DAVID, Clerk, Ludborough. 1 Sept. 1615.
9 Oct. 1615.

ALLEN, SAMUEL, M.A., Parson, Fulletby. 30 Dec. 1610.
To be buried in chancel as near my wife as may be. 4 Feb. 1610-1.

ALLEYN, RICHARD, Minister and Preacher of God's word, Hundleby. In chancel. 8 April 1608. 4 Sept. 1616.

ALRED, EDWARD, Minister, Swinderby. 21 Feb. 1607-8.
4 March 1607-8.

ANDREWES, JOHN, Yeoman, Tupholme. 5 April 1601.
To my son Henry Andrewes xx^{li}. My good landlord Lord Willoughby of Parham. 28 May 1601.

He was the direct ancestor of Henry Andrews of Osgodby. High Sheriff 1728.

ANTHONIE, JOHN, Carpenter, East Keal. 14 April 1604.
xijd. towards the casting of the great bell.

ATHERTON, THOMAS, Clerk, Pinchbeck. 9 Sept. 1607.
4 Aug. 1608.

ATKINSON, THOMAS, Clerk, Barnoldby. 5 July 1610.
To be buried in quier under the Communion Table. 3 Dec. 1610.

AYSCOUGH, JOHN, Clerk, Ropsley. 28 July 1612. To be buried in chancel. To Lincoln Coll. Oxon., *Theatrum humanæ vitæ* bound in 3 great vols. and Malort workes on ye new Test. My curate Nathaniel Grantham shall have this quarter's wages, viz. 4^u. 6s. 8d. 4 Nov. 1612.

BALLOW, THOMAS, Clerk, Belleau. 30 Nov. 1617. In chancel. 7 Jan. 1617-8.

BANCROFT, JAMES, Clerk, South Willingham. 24 April 1610. Appoints supervisors his brothers Francis and Harbert Thorndike. To be buried in chancel. 17 March 1610-1.

BARKER, JOHN, Clerk, Ashby by Partney. 23 Nov. 1616. 13 Dec. 1616,

BATEMAN, RICHARD, Vicar, Barnetby. 7 Nov. 1617. In chancel. 2 Dec. 1617.

BAWDON, JOHN, Clerk, Aubourn. 22 Oct. 1612. To be buried in Quyer without any coffin. Towards the making of the minister's seat in the church xs. Legacies to S^r John Meares, Knt. Lady Edolphe, and Mr. Thomas Meares, son of Mr. Roger Meares. 10 Nov. 1612.

BEAVER, THOMAS, Clerk, Ewerby. 14 Oct. 1616. 18 Dec. 1616.

BEDFORD, AMOS, Clerk, Potterhanworth. Nunc. will. 16 Sept. 1616. 5 Oct. 1616.

BERREDGE, ROBERT, Gent., Pickworth. 27 May 1615. 14 June 1615.

BIRKITT, JOSEPH, Gent., Donington on Bain. 26 July 1615. Ellen my sister Broxholme's daughter. Supervisors, Mr. John Broxholme of Horncastle and Timothy Kent, clerk.

BLOMELEY, GEORGE, Clerk, Eagle. 12 Feb. 1608-9. In Church. 22 April 1612.

BOLLES, ROBERT, Clerk, Curate of Keelby. 30 Aug. 1613. In chancel. 7 Oct. 1616.

BOLTON, WILLIAM, Clerk, Dunsby. 23 Dec. 1613. In chancel. 3 April 1615.

BOOTH, GEORGE, Clerk, Oxcomb. 8 April 1611. Nunc. will. To son Thomas Booth 500^{li}. To daughter Elizabeth Booth 300^{li}. Trustees, Mr. Thomas Kent, Mr. Thomas Yates, and Mr. Robert Philipps, clerks. 26 April 1611.

BOSONNE, JOHN, Gent., Boston. 13 Sept. 1609. 26 Sept. 1609.

BOSTON, ROBERT, Gent., Whisby. 21 March, 31st Elizth. To be buried in parish church of Doddington. 4 Dec. 1616.

BOWER, RALPH, Clerk, Dorrington. 5 July 1614. 29 July 1614.

BRAND, CHRISTOPHER, Gent., Frampton. 27 Jan. 1609-10. 2 May 1610.

BROWNE, HUGH, Clerk, Washingborough. 31 May 1606. To son Robert the advowson of Linwood which I have of Mr. Robert Tirwhitte of Kettleby. 6 Aug. 1606.

BROWNE, MATTHEW, Clerk, Stainby. 17 Dec. 1612. In chancel. 11 Feb. 1612, 3.

BROWNE, PHILIP, Gent., Fleet. 16 Oct. 1606. 21 April 1608.

BROWNE, WILLIAM, Clerk, Careby. 27 Nov. 1611. In chancel. 27 April 1612.

BUCKBURY, ROBERT, Clerk, Dunsby. 1 Sept. 1611. In the Queere. 11 Oct. 1611.

BURNBIE, WILLIAM, Clerk, Tothill. 10 Dec. 1617. In chancel. 8 Jan. 1617-8.

BURNEBY, WILLIAM, Gent., Barholm. 18 April 1617. 13 Jan. 1617-8.

BURTON, ROBERT, Gent., Linwood. 3 Oct. 1610. 22 Oct. 1610.

BURTON, ZACHARY, Gent., Surfleet. 10 March 1603-4. Son John Burton; daughter Rachel Burton. Legacies to William and Dymoke Walpole; Sir Thomas Lambert, Knt. Mr. Leonard Pury; my good friends and cosens Mr. Lancelot Burton and Mr. William Allyn, exrs. Sir Richard Ogle, Knt., super. 26 April 1604.

He had married Susan, daughter of Arthur Walpole of Pinchbeck.

BUTTREE, SYMOND, Clerk, Bicker. (No date). Richard Disney who married my eldest daughter Mary. Brother in law Mr. Philip Pilkington. 1 March 1616.

CALVERLEY, RAPHE, Parson, Harlaxton. 26 July 1611.
30 Aug. 1611.

CARRE, JOHN, Husbandman, Linwood. 27 March 1609.
To my son Gilbert Carre the lease of a farm held of Rt. Hon. Sir Julius Aldermarie, alias Cæsar, Knt., and Dame Alice his wife. 3 May 1609.

The above landlord was the eldest son of Cæsar Adelmare, physician to Queens Mary and Elizabeth. He was born in 1557, and was named Julius Cæsar. His wife mentioned was his 2nd wife, viz., Alice, daughter of Christopher Green, widow of John Dent, a London Merchant. He received a grant of the manor of Linwood for life. He rose to be eventually Master of the Rolls and died in 1636.

CARRINGTON, RICHARD, Clerk, Swaton. 10 Aug. 1611.
In Church. 26 Aug. 1611.

CAYTOR, THOMAS, Gent., Butterwick. 9 Feb. 1612-3.
20 April 1613.

CHAPMAN, WILLIAM, Vicar, Huttoft. 11 Feb. 1615.
In chancel. 17 April 1616.

CHIPPINDALE, JOHN, Clerk, Ingoldmells. 29 Sept. 1617.
In chancel. 30 Oct. 1617.

CHIPPINDALE, THOMAS, Yeoman, Hogsthorpe. 30 June 1608. Leaves 40^{li}. to each of his 3 daughters Elizabeth, Mary, and Judith. Brother Ralph Chippindale. Son John Chippindale. Wife Mary and son Thomas Chippindale exrs. Brother Mr. Edmund Shuttleworth of Lincoln, gent. Lands in Hogsthorpe, Sleekholme, and Mumby. 7 June 1609.

The Chippindales appear in Yorke's "Union of Honour."

CLARKE, RICHARD, Yeoman, of St. Swithin's, Lincoln, in 1604 leaves x^{li}. for a piece of plate for the Corporation.

CODD, RICHARD, Clerk, Claxby by Normanby. 29 May 1608.
In chancel. 4 July 1608.

The Cods of Hemswell date back to the fifteenth century in Lincolnshire. A Richard Codd was mayor of Lincoln in 1500.

COE, JOHN, Vicar, Haugham. Nunc. will. 24 Oct. 1612.
20 Jan. 1612-3.

COLBY, WILLIAM, Gent., Westborough. 24 Sept. 1616.
In church, near where my ancestors are buried. 10 Dec. 1616.

COLLIER, ROBERT, Vicar, Weston. 16 Aug. 1607.
30 Aug. 1607.

COLLY, FRANCIS, Clerk, South Kyme. 15 Jan. 1612-3
1 April 1613.

COOPER, HENRY, Clerk, Baston. Prob. 16 Feb. 1599-
1600.

CURE, RACHAELL, Widow, Pinchbeck, 15 July 1616.
In churchyard near the Hawthorn tree close to the church. To
Lady Anne Heron x^{li}. My daughter in law Anne Hall wife of my
son Robert Hall. Legacies to the poor of Pinchbeck, and to provide
a preacher. To my grandson William Gannock x^{li}. My grand-
children Robert, John, and Posthumous Gannock. My bible to
Mr. Matthew Cure. I make exrs. William Gannock and Anthony
Oldfield, and supers. Henry Cust and William Longbottom.
12 March 1616-7.

DALBIE, WILLIAM, Clerk, Great Grimsby. 17 Jan. 1616.
To my nephew William Dalbie, son of my brother John, the
next advowson of the Vicarage of Great Grimsby which I had
of the gift of Sir George Heneage, Knt. To my said nephew my
chest of vyolls and my singing books. 3 Feb. 1616.

DALE, THOMAS, Clerk, Pickworth, 1605.
He was Rector of Pickworth 1601-1606 and was buried there
13 May 1606 "quondam Vicarius de Laventon" (Lavington).

DANIELL, WILLIAM, Gent., Gedney. 20 March 1615.
27 July 1616.

DOUGHTY, RICHARD, Gent., Tothill. (No date). Sons
Richard, Anthony Doughty, daus. Mildred, Margaret, Katherine
Doughty, wife Margaret. 18 Sept. 1617.
See Vis. of Lincoln 1592, p. 25.

DOWSON, RICHARD, Gent., Waltham. 5 Sept. 1616.
My mother Ann Gilby of Waltham. 14 Jan. 1616-7.

DREWRIE, HENRY, Yeoman, Corby, 13 Nov. 1604
"I bequeath my soul into the hands of Almighty God, to his
blessed mother St. Mary the Virgin, and to all his blessed saints
and holy company of heaven."

DUPLEDGE, ROBERT, Clerk, Langton by Wragby.
13 July 1616. In queare or chancel. 16 Aug. 1616.

DYER, GEORGE, Clerk, Authorpe. 21 Aug. 1616. In
queare. 4 Oct. 1617.

EARLE, BRIDGET, Widow, Stixwold. (No date). Late
wife of Martin Earle of Stixwold, gent. To be buried in the
church. 17 June 1607.

The testator was the daughter of Richard Welby of Halstead in
Stixwold. See No. 277 in 1st Series.

EGEOKE, HENRY, Gent., Ropsley. 7 Dec. 1605. 5 May
1606.

ELAM, RICHARD, Minister, Corby. 11 Feb. 1617. In
chancel. 15 April 1618.

ELDRED, ROBERT, Gent., Horncastle. 10 July 1609.
22 Sept. 1609.

ELIE, ANNE. Widow, Marsham-le-Fen. 13 July 1616.
In church. Son in law John Wymberley. Dau. Susan Wymberley.
26 Sept. 1616.

EVERS, WILLIAM, Clerk, Boultham. 26 Oct. 1617.
In chancel. 23 Nov. 1617.

FENDICKE, RICHARD, Gent., Leverton. 1 May 1617.
In church. 8 Jan. 1618.

FOTHERBIE, GEORGE, Gent., Wrawby. 8 Aug. 1614.
24 May 1614.

FOX, WILLIAM, Gent., Sutterton. 21 Aug. 1610. Sons,
Benjamin, Nathaniel, William, Baruch, Samuel, and Daniel.
28 Nov. 1610.

FRANCIS, JOHN, Gent., Gt. Carlton. 6 Jan. 1617. In
church. 13 Feb. 1617.

FREER, ALLEN, Clerk, Mumby. 12 July 1613. 12 Oct. 1614.

GARBREY, JOHN, Clerk, Staine. 10 Aug. 1606. 21 Oct. 1606.

GARDINER, THOMAS, Gent., South Willingham. Nunc. will. 19 May 1615. 27 May 1615.

GARTSYDE, ADAM, Clerk, Parson of S. Peter at Arches, Lincoln. 10 March 1603. In chancel. Wife Alice exx. Son John Gartsyde and his children William, Francis, Robert, Rewthe and Amye. 14 Sept. 1604.

GARTHSYDE, JAMES, Clerk, Witham. 10 Oct. 1615. In church. 7 April 1617.

GARTHWAITE, MILES, Parson, Fulbeck. (No date). In chancel. 11 Jan. 1616-7.

GLEN, WILLIAM, Clerk, Evedon. 23 July 1609. Leaves to Mr. Willerton, Vicar of Ruskington, "my Gualter on St. Luke's Gospel." 18 Aug. 1609.

GONNAS, FRANCIS, Clerk, Ulceby. 25 May 1617. In chancel. 28 June 1617.

GREENE, HENRY, Clerk, Cawkwell. 10 May 1608. 2 Aug. 1608.

GREGG, ROBERT, Vicar, Langtoft. 14 Feb. 1612-3. In chancel. 30 April 1613.

GREGG, ROBERT, Gent., Harmston. 24 April 1613. Son John Gregg. Wife Sarah exx. 14 June 1613.

GRIFFITH alias GRIFFIN, THOMAS, Rector, North Scarle. 15 Sept. 1612. "In chancel under the stone where the communion table standeth." 2 Oct. 1612.

HALL, HENRY, Gent., Pinchbeck. 29 April 1613. 9 June 1613.

HALL, SAMUEL, Vicar, Donington in Holland. 26 Feb. 1611-2. Nunc. will. Everything to his brother Joseph Hall, D.D. 30 April 1612.

HAMBIE, ALLEN, Clerk, Navenby. 1 Sept. 1607. 25 Sept. 1607.

HAMBLETON, THOMAS, Vicar, Timberland. 26 May 1613. In chancel. 31 May 1613.

HARPHAM, WALTER, Gent., Marsh Chapel. 10 Feb. 1607-8. To the parish church x^{li}. "To my verie good frend Sir William Willoughby one tripple souveraine." My Landlord. Sir Christopher Hilliard. To Sir William Hickman a rose noble. To Roger Harpham and his wife 40s. each. To my wife Agnes x^{li}. for life per. ann. and c^{li}. Residue to dau. Alice Phillips. To granddau. Elizabeth Phillips ccc^{li}. To grandson Willoughby Phillips c^{li}. Son in law Thomas Phillips exr. Supervisors brother Rowland Cartwright and nephew William Cartwright. 9 March 1607-8.

HARTINGE, WILLIAM, Clerk, Parson of Healing. 10 Feb. 3d Jac. I. 27 Nov. 1609.

HARTLEY, ANTHONY, Clerk, Bracebridge. 8 June, 1614. In chancel. 25 Nov. 1616.

HARWOOD, WILLIAM, Gent., Thurlby in Bourn. 41st Eliz. 30 April 1600.

HEWETT, ANTHONY, Clerk, Horncastle. 30 Sept. 1599. 10 June 1600.

HIRST, ROGER, Clerk, Worletby. 16 March 1617. In chancel. 3 June 1618.

HODGSON, CLEMENT, Clerk, Roughton. 20 May 1614. 2 July 1614.

HODGSON, JOHN, Clerk, Dalderby. 21 Dec. 1612. In chancel. My son Clement Hodgson and his sons. 17 Nov. 1614.

HOLMES, GEORGE, "Late Vicar of Clee." Nunc. will. 4 June 1600.

HOLMES, ROGER, Gent., Hatton. 15 May 1611. 22 July 1611.

HOPE, JOHN, Gent., Navenby. 23 Feb. 1613. In church 16 Oct. 1616.

HOPE, WILLIAM, Gent., Navenby. 2 Dec. 5th Jac. I. Father, John Hope; brothers John, Lyon, Francis, and Henry; son Edward Hope. 8 Jan. 1607-8.

The testator was the son of the preceding John Hope.

HORBERYE, HUGH, Clerk, South Hykeham. 11 Feb. 1615. In chancel. 17 Feb. 1615,

HORROCKES, THOMAS, Clerk, East Rasen. 2 Feb. 1610-1. In parish quere. 27 Feb. 1610-1.

HOUBELON, JOHN, Boston. 7 Feb. 1608-9. My father Peter Baron; my three brothers Peter, Daniel, and Samuel. Witness, Peter Vandelurre. 27 April 1609.

HUNTE, ANTHONY, Clerk, West Deeping. 3 March 1605-6. 5 May 1606.

HUTCHINSON, CHRISTOPHER, Single man, Scupholme 20 Jan. 1615. Brother William Hutchinson. The four children of my late brother in law William Newport by my sister Audrie, viz., John, Robert, Dorothy and Frances. The two sons of Thomas Maddyson, William and John, and Elizabeth his dau. To Dorothy Maddyson his wife, my sister, 5th. My sister Bridget, and brother Thomas Hutchinson. 3 Feb. 1616.

The Hutchinsons were a family seated at Alford, Lincoln, and Louth.

JACKSON, GEORGE, Clerk, West Keal. 31 March 1612. 4 Feb. 1612-3.

JACKSON, WILLIAM, Rector, East Keal. 13 April 1607. 9 June 1607.

JAMES, JOHN, Minister of God's Word, Skirbeck. 24 March 1611. 9 May 1612.

JOHNSON, JOHN, Clerk, Yarborough. 1 Jan. 1608-9. To my grandson John Wardale one white silver boll and fower silver spoones. To grandson Abiram Wardale one parcel gilt silver boll. To son Francis Johnson one white silver boll and fower silver spoones, and my best gould ring. To son Gilbert Johnson my silver salt, and fower silver spoones and one parcel gilt boll and my 2nd gould ring. To Thomas Barratt, clerk, my gown. 4 May 1609.

KELKE, JOHN, Clerk, Nun Ormsby. 29 Feb. 1611-2.
In chancel. 17 March 1611-2.

KELHAM, JOHN, Gent., Whisby. 13 Sept. 1600. 11 Oct.
1600.

KELLETT, RICHARD, Clerk, Carlton le Moorland. Nunc.
will. 14 Nov. 1609. 11 May 1610.

KNITCH, JOHN, Clerk, Woolsthorpe. 21 March 1613-4.
In church. 11 May 1614.

KYNSEY, JOHN, Clerk, Firsby. 14 July 1614. In south
side of the church under the marble stone. 27 April 1615.

LANGE, WILLIAM, Vicar, Coleby. 30 Nov. 1611. 21 Oct.
1614.

LORD, ROBERT, Clerk, Great Grimsby. 17 Oct. 1616. In
church. 11 April 1617.

MANN, BARTHOLOMEW, Gent., West Deeping. 21 Aug.
1610. 9 Nov. 1610.

MARSHALL, AUGUSTINE, Gent., Brandon. 21 Jan. 1612.
In Hough church. 13 Nov. 1616.

MERSHE, EDMUND, Gent., Manby. 19 Aug. 1617. In
church or chancel. 22 Sept. 1617.

METCALFE, CHRISTOPHER, Clerk, Gayton-le-Marsh.
5 Nov. 1612. 28 Feb. 1612-3.

METCALFE, ROGER, Clerk, Mavis Enderby. 18 July
1606. In chancel. John Downes of Lusby, clerk, exr., and
George Littlebury of Somersby, gent., and John Salmon of Haltham
on Bain, clerk, supers. 20 July 1606.

MOODIE, HUGH, Clerk, Brigsley. 30 Jan. 1603-4. (Buried
at Brigsley 12 March 1603-4.)

MORLEY, THOMAS, Clerk, "Of the Holmes in the parish
of Heckington." 1 July 1615. 10 Oct. 1615.

MUMBY, THOMAS, Clerk, Wyham. 28 April 1608.
17 March 1608-9.

MYLES, WILLIAM, Clerk, South Elkington. Prob. 7 March 1607-8.

NAYLOR, WILLIAM, Clerk, [Croxby. 30 Nov. 1606.
4 Aug. 1607.

NEAVE, PHILIP, Yeoman, Great Steeping. 9 Nov. 1613.
My father in law Thomas Kent of Scamblesby, clerk, and my
brother Gabriel Neave of Wisbeach, yeoman. 30 Jan. 1613-4.

NEVILL, REBECCA, Widow, Scotton. 8 May 1617. Son
Robert Nevill exr. 19 May 1617.

The Nevills of Scotton and Faldingworth dwindled down to
the yeomanry. They were a knightly family in the fourteenth
century.

NOKE, THOMAS, Clerk, Leasingham. 26 Oct. 1613.
12 Nov. 1613.

PAGE, EDMUND, Gent., Digby. 22 Feb. 1610-1. 28 May
1611.

PALMER, ROBERT, Burgh-le-Marsh. 2 Feb. 1615. 18 April
1616.

PATRICK, WILLIAM, Mercer, East Rasen. 20 Nov. 1600.
My son Symon Patrick and my brother Symon Patrick. 8 May
1601.

Most likely a relation of Simon Patrick, Bishop of Ely.

PAWLYN, THOMAS, Gent., Stallingborough. 5 April 1606.
"xxs. to the poor of Hunmanby where I was born." "To Mr.
Thomas Welles Bacon's Works." Residue to Jane my only dau.
wife of John Smith. 21 Aug. 1606.

PHYLLIP, ROBERT, Clerk, Salmonby. 26 July 1617. In
queare. 9 March 1617-8.

PILKINGTON, THOMAS, Clerk, Wold Newton. 20 May
1615. In chancel. 26 June 1615.

POLLARD, JOHN, Gent., Langtoft. 3 April, 8th Jac. I.
"Cosen Thomas Mackworth esq. of Normanton." 22 May 1615.

PRYOR, RICHARD, Clerk, Orby. 27 July 1616. 25 Sept.
1616.

RIGGS, ANNE, Widow, Fulbeck. 18 Oct. 1608. "Late wife of Thomas Riggs of Fulbeck, gent." Kinsman Mr. Gervaise Lee of Southwell, esq. 24 Feb. 1610-1.

ROCHFORTH, ROBERT, Vicar, Walcot-juxta-Folkingham. 7 Feb. 1611. My father Richard Rochforth, Vicar of Scredington. Supervisor Myles Whale, clerk, "Deane of the Cathedral church of Connorth." 19 Feb. 1611.

RODES, RICHARD, Clerk, Withern. 15 Nov. 1612. (He confirmed his will the day before his death, viz., 6 Nov. 1614). Prob. 5 July 1615.

RYALL, JOHN, Gent., St. Botolph's, Lincoln. 15 Aug. 1613. Kinsman Oliver Bromhead. Son Alexander Ryall. 23 Oct. 1613.

SADLER, LIBENS, Minister, Willoughby in the Marsh. 15 Dec. 1606. 4 Nov. 1609.

SALMON, BARTHOLOMEW, Bachelor, Horncastle. 17 March 1603-4. "I give unto fower bachelors that shall carrie mee to the church to every one of them an Edward Shilling. 2 April 1604.

SANDES, JOHN, Clerk, North Witham. 28 July 1609. In chancel. 11 Oct. 1609.

SANDS, ROBERT, Gent., Martin. 13 Oct., 1612. 14 Oct. 1613.

SAUNDERS, SAMUEL, Clerk, Great Hale. 22 Jan. 1617. 10 Feb. 1617.

SEAMAN, PAWLE, Clerk, East Kirkby. Nunc. will. In March he gave everything to Edward Goodricke of Kirkby esq., and prayed him to give his wife xl^{li}. when she married, or, iv^{li}. per ann. till then. 3 April 1606.

SHARPE, FRANCIS, Husbandman, Bourn. 29 March 1606. Mentions John, Thomas, Matthew, James, and Jonas Trollope; and William son of William Trollope. 8 March 1607-8.

SILVESTER, JOHN, Clerk, Bigby. 14 Jan. 1600 (?). 10 Nov. 1608.

SKAMON, JOHN, Clerk, Immingham. 24 June 1607. 4 Aug. 1607.

SKINNER, JOHN, Gent., Boston. 23 Sept., 1614. 18 April 1615.

SLATER, ALICE, Widow, Pinchbeck. 27 Oct. 1610. Son John Sharpe, senr. ; dau. Alice Trollope. 7 March 1611.

She was 1st the wife of William Sharpe of Bourn, and her dau. Alice married William Trollope who bought Casewick in 1621, and was father of the 1st Baronet Sir Thomas Trollope.

SMITH, JOHN, Gent., Stallingborough. 12 April 1607. 18 April 1608.

SMITH, WILLIAM, Clerk, Upper Toynnton. 9 Feb. 1609. 20 March 1609-10.

SMYTHE, JOHN, Clerk, Wyham. Nunc. will. 5 July 1616. Everything to Thomas Ellis of Grantham, esq., and George Ellis of Wyham, gent. 12 July 1616.

SNOW, RICHARD, Gent., Sedgebrooke. 19 Oct. 1615. 20 March 1615-6.

STEPHENSON, RICHARD, Gent., Boston. 16 Jan. 1610-1. In the quire called the "Aldermans' Quier." Mr. James to preach. 9 March 1610-1.

His widow Sicill Stephenson executed a deed dated 1 April 1613 for the benefit of her grandchild Richard Stephenson one of the sons of William Stephenson of Horncastle, gent., her son.

STONHAM, JOHN, "The unworthy minister of God's pore and little church at Welbourn." 13 Nov. 1616. In chancel. 5 Feb. 1616-7.

SYKES, RADULPH, Clerk, Utterby. 12 Aug. 1617. 4 Oct. 1617.

TALBOT, JOHN, Vicar, North Rauceby. 8 Feb. 1616. 9 April 1617.

TAYLOR, EDWARD, Clerk, Bigby. 16 Dec. 1616. 12 March 1616-7.

THORNDIKE, FRANCIS, yeoman "of the Fenne Houses, Great Carlton." 12 April 1612. My eldest son x^{li}, each of my children x^{li}, wife Anne exx. "My maister Francis Thorndike, gent., and Nicholas Smythe of Thoresby, supers. 6 May 1612.

THORNELL, RICHARD, Clerk, Calcethorpe. 21 Feb. 1609.
In chancel. 28 April 1610.

THOROLD, MARGARET, Widow, Thoresby. 18 July 1617.
Son in law Pawle Thorold. 7 Aug. 1617.

Pawle Thorold was ancestor of the Cuxwold Thorolds, a yeoman branch of the Thorolds of Marston.

TODD, WILLIAM, Clerk, Barnoldby. 21 May 1601. Wife Anne. Sons Richard and William Todd. Mentions 38 acres copyhold in Ingoldmells and Addlethorpe which he bought of his son Edmund Cracroft. Mentions his sons in law Edmund and Daniel Cracroft. 16 June 1601.

He had married the widow of Francis Cracroft of Winthorpe, whose will is given in the 1st Series, No. 228.

TOMLINSON, RICHARD, Clerk, Dembleby. 29 April 1614.
In chancel. 8 Nov. 1614.

TOTHEBY, MARGARET, Widow, Great Sturton. 7 Feb. 1605-6. Dau. Magdalen wife of Henry Kingerby to whom Robert Hastings of Bilaby, gent., is to pay yearly 53s. 4d. 27 Jan. 1606-7.

See will of Jane Angevine, 1st Series, No. 128.

TRIGGE, FRANCIS, Clerk, Welbourn. 30 April 1606.
23 May 1606.

TROLLOPP, JOHN, Husbandman, Bourn. 7 Nov. 1603.
To Matthew Trollope my brother's son 40s. Beatrice my brother William's dau. I forgive William Trollope my kinsman all the money he oweth me except xx^{li}. which I give to his son John Trollope. My wife Alice exx. 25 Feb. 1604-5.

TUCKNEY, WILLIAM, Clerk, Kirton. 29 Jan. 1610-1.
My brother in law Mr. Anthony Ingoldsby of Fishtoft, clerk. 24 Feb. 1610-1.

TURNER, EDWARD, Clerk, Edlington. 23 Dec. 1616.
30 Jan. 1616-7.

TURPIN, ROBERT, "Maire of the Burrow of Boston." 15 Dec. 1609. To be buried in the "Highe Quyer of the Church." 23 Jan. 1609-10.

TWIDALL, WILLIAM, Gent., Middle Rasen. 3 Feb. 1611-2.
In chancel of Middle Rasen Tapholme. "Master Alphage Ayscough to be overseer." 28 Feb. 1611-2.

TYLLYSTON, HUGH, Clerk, "late of Thorganby." Nunc. will. 1 July 1610. Died on 8 July. Prob. 23 July 1610.

UPPLEBY, ROBERT, Barrow. 29 April 1610. To be buried in the South Allye of the church. Sons, James and Robert. Dau. married to Leonard Empringham. 24 Sept. 1610.

A yeoman family which eventually divided into two lines ; one seated at Wootton, the other at Barrow.

VINCENT, FRANCIS, Gent., Uffington. 4 May 1616. 17 Aug. 1616.

WADDINGTON, LANCELOT, Burgh-le-Marsh. 18 May 1606. To my son Leonard Waddington if he returhe again out of the Low Country xlth. My dau. Alice wife of Christopher Hastings. 19 March 1606-7.

WAITE, BENJAMIN, Yeoman, Wainfleet. 23 Oct. 1612. My citherne and tribble vyall to my son Benjamin. 11 Nov. 1612.

WARRINGTON, RICHARD, Clerk, Stapleford. 16 Aug. 1616. In church. 8 Sept. 1615.

WATSON, JOHN, Gent., Rand. 15 Oct. 1612. 6 Nov. 1612

WEBB, ELIZABETH, Gentlewoman, Claypole. 4 Jan. 1615. In church. 20 March 1615.

WEBBERLEY, ANTHONY, Yeoman, Addlethorpe. 24 Feb. 1607-8. To be buried "within my queare in the church." Wife Joanye. Son Thomas Webberley and his son Anthony. 14 March 1608-9.

This family rose in rank and intermarried with the Amcotts'. It was seated later on at East Kirkby.

WELLES, ROBERT, Clerk, Theddlethorpe St. Helen. 11 Aug. 1605. In chancel. 10 June 1612.

WELLES, WILLIAM, Holywell. 7 June 1596. "And to the churche an ewe to these uses, vid^t., yt she be putte forthe till the gayne will bye a clothe for the Communion Table ; and ever after the gaine of her to be employed to the refreshinge of those which shall contynewe the yearly perambulations." 20 June 1601.

A most extraordinary bequest. Never was a sheep used for such objects before or since. The "perambulations" must mean beating the bounds of the parish.

WESTALL, WILLIAM, Clerk, Burton Pedwardine. 8 Jan. 1617. 6 Feb. 1617-8.

WHELPLEY, HENRY, Clerk, Gonerby. 2 Oct. 1609. 23 Jan. 1609-10.

WIGHTMAN, EDWARD, Gent., Dunston. 4 April 1611. 7 June 1611.

WILBY, JOHN, Yeoman, Wainfleet St. Mary. 10 Feb. 1607-8. Sons Edmund, John, Thomas, Robert, William, Richard. Land in Friakney. 5 July 1608.

A family which rose into the ranks of the lesser gentry towards the end of the seventeenth century at Friakney, Wrangle, and Boston.

WILBY, THOMAS, Clerk, St. Peter at Arches, Lincoln. Nunc. will. 27 Aug. 1615. 10 Jan. 1615-6.

WILSON, ANTHONY, Gent., Great Grimsby. 3 June 1616. In church. 13 Dec. 1616.

WILSON, JOHN, Clerk, Norton Disney. 28 March 1616. In chancel under the Communion Table. 15 July 1617.

WILSON, RICHARD, "Musitian," Grantham. 10 Sept. 5th Jac. I. To every of my fellowes 3 settes of songes bookes. 16 Feb. 1607-8.

WILSON, RICHARD, Clerk, Metherringham. 30 June 1608. 2 Aug. 1608.

WILSON, ROBERT, Clerk, Anwick. 1 Sept. 1612. 6s. 8d. to buy a bible for the church. 25 Sept. 1612.

WOLBY, JOSIAS, Burgh-le-Marsh. 15 July 1616. Brother in law Christopher Palmer. Dau. Ann Wolby. Wife Helen exx. 9 Oct. 1616.

WRIGHT, ARTHUR, Clerk, Bucknall. 13 May 1614. 30 Dec. 1614.

WYCHE, ROBERT, Gent., Croyland. 4 April 1617. 30 June 1617.

YARBOROUGH, CHARLES, Yeoman, Alvingham. 20 Feb. 1611-2. To be buried "in queare among the rest of the my friends on the Nth. side of the Communion Table." Sons William, George, Thomas. Elder brothers John and Thomas Yarborough. 13 April 1613.

A yeoman branch of the Yarboroughs of Yarborough.

(These two Nuncupative Wills were accidentally omitted from the numbered list).

JOHN BOLLE.

Mem. 21 Jan. 1601, that I John Bolle, of Thorpe Hall, in co. Lincoln gent., do give to Sir John Bolle, of Thorpe Hall, Knt., all my goods and chattells, and to my sister's children xx^{li}. to be divided among them. Prob. 18 June 1601 at Boston by Sir John Bolle, Knt.

Probably son of Richard Bolle of Haugh by his 3d wife.

BARTHOLOMEW ROCHE.

The xxijth day of October 1609. Memorandum that day and yeare above wrytten Bartholomewe Roche late of Kirton in the Countye of Lincoln, gent., beinge verye sicke in bodye wherof he dyed yet of goode and perfekt remembrance, in the presence of S^r John Reade, Knt., of Wrangle, they beinge both at Burton nighe Lincoln at the house of S^r Thomas Monson, Knt., the saide Bartholomewe beinge sicke was willed by ye saide S^r John Reade to make even with the world, and to dispose of his goods, and askinge him howe he would dispose them, the said Bartholomewe made answere that his estaite was but small, and that the saide S^r John Reade knew his estaite better than any man, and that he would have his wyfe to have yt all. And yf his wyfe weare with child they should devyde yt equally.

Whereunto S^r John Reade replyed and asked him yf that weare his meaning, and he made answere, "yea trulie that is my mynde."

John Reade.

In witnesse whereof I the said S^r John Reade have sett to my hande and seale the second day of November in ye yeare above written. In the presence of Francis Brocklebank and Thomas Height.

Prob. 24 Dec. 1609.

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