BEDFORDSHIRE

(All held at Bedfordshire and Luton Archives and Records Service.)

Richard Grange; gent; Cranfield; 1683: 2457/1

Date: 10 2.1683

To brother Robert Grange of Little Horwood, Bucks, mansion house where I now live in Cranfield, with appurtenances and land in Cranfield and Great Brickhill, on condition that he pay:-

To sister Elizabeth Johnson, wife of William Johnson of Asson [Aston?] in Ivinghoe, £500

To brother-in-law John Beaumont the elder of Bedford, gent, £10

To cousins John and Philip Beaumont, sons of John £20apiece, and to Mary and Ansell Beaumont, daughters of John £10 apiece

To Uncle Thomas Meridale of Great Brickhill, £10; to cousin John Meridale of Great Brickhill, gent, £20; to cousin Richard Meridale of Great Brickhill £10; to cousin Elizabeth Eddon of Great Brickhill £20

To cousin Sara Poole the elder of Leighton Buzzard £50; to all the children of Sara Poole £10 each; to Benjamin Poole grandchild of Sara £10

To brother-in-law John Caton of Saltery in Huntingdon, clerk, £10 and to his son John £10

To sister-in-law Dorothy Impy, wife of Richard Impy of Marstone, £20

To cousin Richard Meade of Mursley, Bucks, gent, Joan his wife and to all their children 20s apiece to buy rings

To cousin Judith Franklin wife of Thomas Franklin £20

To sister-in-law Judith Caton £10

To Ann Beaumont daughter of John the elder £3 for her use, and some linen

To servant Jeremiah Rooberd £20

To servant Samuel Brand 20/-

To servant Elizabeth Brandum £5

To brother Grange aforesaid land in the common fileds of Cranfield on condition that he buy £200 worth of freehold land and settle it on Thomas Field, Bernard Gurney, Thomas son of Thomas Frank, Rector of Cranfield, Thomas Edward, John Wheler, Peter Caynhoo, John Girton the younger, Thomas son of George Baker, Thomas son of William Baker and Peter Edward in trust for the putting forth of sons of poor tradesmen... in apprenticeship.

Anything yet unbequeathed to Robert Grange of Little Horwood.

Proved 28.2.1683 by Robert Grange, executor.

Robert Grange, yeoman, Dunstable; 1684: ABP/1684/114

Date:17.2.1683

To wife Mary house and all the goods in it for life

After Mary's death, house to go to son England and goods to daughter Elizabeth Rest to be divided between wife Mary and children England and Elizabeth, at the discretion of executor, uncle John Theed of Mentmore.

Wife Elizabeth to be executrix

Signed with the mark of Robert Grange

Witnesses: Thomas Groome, John Pomfrett, Robert Munn?

Attached document dated 6.3.1684 shows wife Mary, now married to Richard Clarke, renouncing the executorship.

Signed Richard Clarke, mark of Mary Clarke

Witnesses: William Peirsons

Probate granted to John Theed 6.3.1684

BUCKINGHAMSHIRE

(All held at The Centre for Kentish Studies; all places in Bucks.)

Thomas Bampton; Aston Clinton; 1660: D/A/Wf/ 40/21

Brief probate record, mentions Dorothy Bampton

William Bampton; Aston Clinton; 1684: D/A/Wf/59/94

Mentions John Todd and Thomas Grainge of Walton as kin. Otherwise Bamptons.

Edward Bate; Marsworth; 1723: D/A/We/ 59/80

Leaves all to sons Edward and Thomas and dau Sarah Cheshire Wit: Ruth Chilthorn, John Smith, Josiah Stratford. Proved Marsworth

John Boughton: Ashendon; 1626: D/A/Wf/26

proved 18.6.1627

In the name of God amen I John Boughton of Ashendon in the County of Bucks Yeoman being weak in body but is perfect memory (thanks be to God therefore) do make this my last will and testament in manner following. First I bequeath my soul to Almighty God (my creator) both humbly beseeching his majesty to accept of the same for the merit of Jesus Christ (my only saviour and redeemer) with whom and by whose death and passion I steadfastly believe after this mortal life ended to be made partaker of everlasting bliss in his blessed to glorious kingdom. And I bequeath my body to the earth (from whence it came) herein to be buried in such decent manner as the executrix of this my last will shall seem meet. Item I will and devise unto John Boughton (my son and heir apparent) the sum of 20 marks of lawful money of England to be paid unto him by my executrix yearly during the life of my well beloved wife Agnes at the feasts of the annunciation of the Blessed Virgin Mary St John the Baptist St Michael the Archangel and St Thomas the Apostle by even portions. The first payment thereof to begin on such of the feast aforesaid shall first happen next after my said son John shall be of the age of one and 20 years. Item I give and devise unto Agnes (my eldest daughter) the sum of £40 of like money to be paid unto her by my said executrix at her age of 20 years or day of marriage which first happen. Item I give unto Mary (my other daughter) the sum of three score pounds of like money to be paid unto her by my said executrix at her like age of 20 years or day of marriage which first happen. Item I give unto my three younger sons Thomas James and Robert the sum of four score pounds a piece of like money to be paid unto them by my executrix at their respective ages of one and 20 years provided always and my will and meaning is that if any of my said five younger children shall die before his her or their portion or portions by true meaning hereof shall be payable... the portion or portions of him her all of them so dying shall be paid unto the survivor or survivors of them equally at such day as each of them buy the true meaning... to receive his her or their respective portion or portions. Item I give unto the poor of the town of Ashenden the sum of six shillings and eight pence to be paid unto them within one month after my decease. And of this my last will and testament I make my said well

beloved wife Agnes sole executrix to whom my debts and legacies being paid I give all my goods cattle and chattels whatsoever. And I nominate my well beloved friend Thomas Brightwell gent and James Cox overseers of this my last will whom I entreat to be aiding unto my said executrix in her one performance of this my will. In witness whereof I have hereunto put my hand and seal this 18th day of September in the second year of the reign of our sovereign Lord Charles by the grace of God King of England Scotland France and Ireland Defender of the faith etc. Anno Domini 1626. Signed sealed read and published

John Boughton
in the presence of:
Thomas Brightwell

Peter Boughton

Whereas I John Boughton have made my last will and testament in writing bearing date the 18th day of September in the second year of the reign of our sovereign Lord Charles by the grace of God King of England Scotland France and Ireland Defender of the faith etc

Now I do by this present codicil confirm and ratify my said last will and do hereby also for the better satisfying of my debts and raising portions for my younger children give and bequeath to Agnes Boughton my loving wife and executrix of my said will and to her heirs for ever; all that my messuage or tenement and two yard lands of arable meadow and pasture ground to the same belonging or therewith used with their and every of their appurtenances situate lying and being in Crick in the County of Northampton and also all profits commodities and hereditaments whatsoever to the said messuage or tenement and two yard lands belonging or in any wise appertaining and also all other my lands tenements and hereditaments in Crick aforesaid; but upon this trust and confidence and my will and meaning nevertheless is that if my nephew Edward Wittmell son of Thomas Witmell deceased his heirs or assigns do well and truly pay or cause to be paid to my said executrix her executors or assigns the full and just sum of £168 of current English money on the five and 20th day of March which shall be in the year of our Lord God (according to the computation of the Church of England) 1628 at or within the now dwelling house of me the said John Boughton situate in Ashenden in the County of Bucks: that then my said wife and executrix or her heirs shall and will upon the requests and at the costs and charges of the said Edward Witmell or his heirs make and convey a good lawful and absolute estate in fee simple of and in the said messuage or tenement and two yard lands and all other the premises with their appurtenances to the said Edward Witmell and his heirs or to the heirs of the said Edward Witmell and their heirs in as ample manner as they were conveyed to me by the said Thomas Witmell and my will and meaning is that the said sum of £168 being in the hands of my said executrix shall be by her employed towards the satisfying of my debts and raising the portions for my younger children in my said will to them bequeathed; and my will is that this codicil or schedule be and be adjudged and taken to be parcel of my last will and to be in force in the best manner that maybe.

In witness whereof to the present codicil I have set to my hand this 17th day of October in the second year of the reign of our sovereign Lord Charles by the grace of God King of England Scotland France and Ireland Defender of the faith published acknowledged and subscribed in the presence of *John Boughton*

Tho: Tailor

Timothy Christmas; husbandman; Halton; 1621: Pec/79/3/4

In the name of God amen. The xixth June in the year of our lord God 1621. I Timothy Chrismas of Halton in the county of Bucks husbandman, sick in body but of good and

perfect remembrance all praise be given to God therefore do make my last will and testament in manner and form following. First I commend my soul into the hands of the almighty firmly believing to be saved by the merits of the death and passion of our lord and saviour Jesus Christ. My body I commend to the earth from which it came verily believing to be partaker of the resurrection of the ... My worldly goods whereof it hath pleased God to me I give and bequeath to Elizabeth my wife who I make my sole and alone executrix for the repaying of my debts and discharging of my funeral expenses and bringing up of my children not doubting that she will be as careful of them as myself and bestow upon them as she is able.

In witness of Thomas Harper clerk, John Clarke, Sara Grange, James Staple with others.

Alice Coker; The Hale, Wendover; 1694: D/A/We/ 43/6

Bequests to several children, including Hannah Fitkin.

Elizabeth Cooke; widow; Mursley; 1772: D/A/We/97/84

I Elizabeth Cooke of Mursley, wid, being aged and infirm...

First I give and bequeath unto my brother Thomas George and to my sister Ann

Grantham the sum of one guinea each of lawful money ...

I give to my nephews Matthias Bates and William Grantham the like sum of one guinea...

To my servant boy James George and to his sister Mary George 1 guinea...

To my niece Elizabeth the wife of Isaac Hare £3 3/-...

The rest to nephew William George of N Marston

Elizabeth Corbett; Adstock; 1775: D/A/Wf /100/145

Bequests to: John Curtis of Nash, lab 'freehold new inclosed piece or parcel of land' in LH in the occ of Thos Wilks, after his death to his eldest s Thos, to Mary, the dau of bro Henry Curtis £30, ref to Rand kin, Eliz Viccars late Curtis, £10,, Rob, Wm and Rebecca Corbett, s and dau of Wm Corbett of Adstock, rest to Mary and Sarah Curtis, execs, and Ann Rand.

Agnes Dauncer; widow; Aston Clinton; 1611: D/A/Wf/19/34

In the name of God Amen, The 18th day of December Anno Domini 1611, I Agnes Danser of Aston Clinton in the Co. of Bucks, widow being sick in body but of good and perfect remembrance do make this my last will and testament in manner and form as followeth. First I commend my soul unto almighty God and my body to be buried in the churchyard of Aston Clinton.

Imprimis, I give and bequeath to Walter Hitchcock £5 in money and a pair of sheets and my best yellow and a kercher? And to his daughter Mary a little kettle and a platter. Item, I give to Robert Bampton £5 and my second gown, a pair of sheets and a kercher. Item, I give to Luke Danser my son £5 a pair of sheets my best petticoat and a kercher. Item I give to Sylvester Danser £5 and a pair of sheets. Item I give to Agnes Danser daughter to the said Sylvester one sheet. Item, I give to Sara Danser a platter. Item, I give to Agnes Graunge my daughter 20s and a pair of sheets. Item I give to henry Danser my son 20s and a pair of sheets and to his daughter Agnes one sheet. Item I give to the trhee children of William Dancer my son, vide John, Thomas and James to every of them 6/8 apiece. Item I give to the poor of Aston Clinton 5s. Item, I give to Joseph Danser the son of Matthew Danser 5s. Item I give to Edward Bampton my godson 5s.

Item I give to ?Brise Hitchcock my godson 2s. Item I give to Agnes Mountague the daughter of Richard Mountague a pair of sheets conditionally that she will come for them. All the rest of my goods, chattels, moveable and unmoveable I bequeath to Thomas Danser my son which I make the sole executor of this my last will and testament.

Witnesses to this will Henry Danser Thomas Danser Proved Jan 1611.

Agnes Danser; widow; Aston Clinton; 1557: D/A/Wf/3/76

In the name of God Amen. In the year of our Lord God 1557 the 26th day of September I Agnes Danser widow of the parish of Aston Clynton, which is sick of body and whole of mind do make my last will and testament in this manner and form as hereafter followeth. First I bequeath my soul to almighty God to our blessed lady saint Mary and to all the holy blessed company of heaven, my body to be buried within the churchyard of Aston Clinton. Item, I bequeath unto my son Henry a cow, also I give unto John my younger son a cow. Also I give unto John Danser's children that is my eldest son's children the ewes and 3 lambs and I will they shall be put forth to ?halfes or some other ways to ?invest for their future.

Also I give my other linen if not yet given I will it shall be Between my sons except a tablecloth which Agnes my daughter must have? for half it hers already. Also I give unto my nephew? Danrye a bushel of rye and a bushel of malt. The residue of my goods I bequeath to Henry my son who I make my executor I put my younger son John to be my overseer..... In witness whereof Thomas John Batts, Edward Danrye?.....

Thomas Dauncer; Aston Clinton; 1557; D/A/We/3/75

In the name of God Amen. In the year of our Lord God 1557, the 23rd day of September. I Thomas Dauncer of Aston Clyntun which is sick of body and whole of mind thanks be unto almighty God do make my last will and testament in the manner and form as hereafter followeth.

First I bequeath my soul unto almighty God to our blessed lady saint Mary and to all the blessed holy company of heaven. My body to be buried in the churchyard of St Michael the Archangel in the parish of Aston Clyntun in the county of Buckingham and in the diocese of Lincoln.

Item: I bequeath unto the mother church of Lincoln, 2d. I bequeath unto the high altar of the parish church of Aston Clyntun an altar cloth the ... 3 / 4. Also I give unto the ... of the bells a bushel of malt. Also I give unto Johan my eldest son a quarter of barley and a land of In ?Aston Deane and a bushel of wheat to and a Of beet and

Also I do give unto my son John the younger a coverlet the best so? One my best bolster so one a blanket a pair of sheets and boards to make a bedstead, a brass pot, a brass pan, 2 ?polls for plasters my best kettle and my white mare and my grey mare, a couple of

And if it shall so that the lord re....er an ox for a heriot then shall Johan have a bullock of 2 years and choose which he will also. I give unt ot he said Johan Dauncer the younger 2 quarters of wheat and 3 quarters of barley and three acres of barley and the said Johan shall choose and take the land which he will

And I will that Harry my son shall

I give to the said Johan my son my sheep that I have to ?hallfes and the other sheep that I left also. I give this said John a whole cloth and a ?course cloth of homespun ... as if in my house and of the best sort . Also I give the said Johan a ?stoke of bees. Also I will that this said Johan shall.....

Also I give to Jane Dauncer my goddaughter a cow bullock of 2 years... and I will that this bullock shall be put forth to hire for the most profit for the child when it is able to be set forth. Also I give the said Jane my little black brass pot. Also I give to my daughter Isabel a bushel of malt and a ... of wheat. Also I give unto Winifred Dauncer a little kettle. Alo I give unto Elin my maid a lamb. Also I give unto my wife Annis 2 kine, 3 ewes, 3 lambs of the best and 2 hogs and all my poultry in the yard

Henry Dauncer the elder; husbandman; Aston Clinton; 1591: D/A/Wf/ 11/267

In the name of God, Amen. I Henry Dauncer the elder of Aston Clinton in the co. of Bucks husbandman, the 28th day of October in the year of our lord God one thousand five hundred four score and ten in the year of the reign of the most gracious sovereign Elizabeth by the grace of God of England France and Ireland Qureen, defender of the faith, the 32nd year. Being sick and feeble of body but sound and whole in mind and of perfect memory do make and ordain this my last will and testament in manner and form following.

Imprimis, I commend my soul unto almighty God my maker and redeemer and my body to be buried at the discretion of my executors. As for my goods, my will and mind is they shall be bestowed and distributed as following. Viz:

I give and bequeath unto my wife and to William my son my whole crop of grain and corn which is already in the barns and that ... also which is in the ground to them quietly to enjoy, paying out of it my gifts and bequests. Item, I give unto them too my best cart to use jointly and my other cart I bequeath to Thomas my son. I give also unto my said son my quern wholly belongeth to it and the grindstone and a ... quarter of barley. Item, I give and bequeath to Luke my son £5 of money and I will that he have it paid presently after my decease. Item, I give and bequeath to my daughter Mary £,5 to be paid to her within a year after my decease. Item, I give unto William and Luke my sons 5 sheep to be divided between them. Item, I give unto Winifred Bampton my daughter 2 ewes, a black one and a white one. I give her also a bushel of wheat and a bushel of barley. I give and bequeath unto Sylvester Dauncer my son a branded calf and half a quarter of barley. I give to Harry Graynge my son-in-law half a quarter of barley and to Alis Grainge my god-daughter a bushel of wheat to be paid her the day of her marriage. To Mary my son Thomas' daughter, one ewe lamb, and the rest of my sheep unbequeathed I give to my executor. I give unto my wife the farmhouse and appurtenances, the wood of this year's ?provision. To William my son other wood with the my dung cart in the yard I will to be divided between Thomas my son and my executor. I give to Agnes Daunced my god-daughter a to be paid ... the day of her marriage.

All the residue of my goods unbequeathed I give to my wife and William my son whom I appoint to be executors of my last will and testament and I desire Harry Grainge and Thomas my son overseers of this my last will to see it be executed, fulfilled and accomplished to my the day and year above written.....

Thomas Emerton; Nash, Whaddon; 1729: D/A/Wf/77/33

Date 21.11.1729

To son John all freehold land in common fields of Whaddon

To son Thomas all copyhold land in Nash field when he is 21

To son George three score pounds at 21

To son William 5/- at 21

Wife executrix provided she pay bequests when sons reach 21

Signed Thomas Emerton

Witnesses: Thomas Illing, King, Humphrey Ray

Probate: 16.4.1730

Thomas Emerton; the elder; Whaddon; 1737: D/A/Wf/81/287

Date: 22.6.1734

To grandson Thomas Emerton – free and leasehold land in Nash field

To grandson George Emerton - £160 at 21 yrs

To grandson Samuel Short - £2 at 21 yrs

To granddaughter Mary Short of Great Horwood - £5 at 21 yrs

To granddaughter Elizabeth Ray - £10 at 21 yrs

To granddaughter Mary Ray - £5 at 21 yrs

To daughter Elizabeth Short of Great Horwood – feather bolster and bolster ?drawer I lie upon

To granddaughter Mary Short of North Marston - £1 10/- at 21 yrs

To 3 sons-in-law, Humphrey ray of Nash, Thomas Short of Great Horwood and Samuel Short of North Marston – 1/- apiece

Grandson Thomas Emerton to be executor. Dated 22.6.1734.

Witnessed: Joseph ?Bandy John Corbett, Charles Taylor

Signed: Thomas Emerton.

Proved 9.5.1737

William Fountain; Ivinghoe; 1668: D/A/Wf/ 45/135

Bequests: 5/- to sister Eliz Grainge. All my singular messuages, cottages, mills, lands, tenements, hereditaments whatsoever in Ivinghoe, Pitstone and Cheddington to kinsman John Grainge, s of Sister Eliz, provided he pay some money to Sarah Poole, dau of Bennett PHeath. To Robert, Eliz, Richard and William Grainge

Thomas Fountain: D/A/Wf/37/250

To dau Jane, to Bennett, Thos, Sarah and Jane ?Letch, Hetch To children of dau Eliz; John, Wm, Rob, Eliz; son. Wm Fountain

Agnes Graing; widow; Aston Clinton; 1626: D/A/Wf / 26/130

In the name of God amen the 19th day of January 1626 I Agnes of the parish of Astun Clintune in the countie of Bucks widow being of sound and perfect do ordain and make this my last will and testament in manner and form following. First I commend my soul wholly into the hands of almighty God my heavenly father through Jesus Christ who of

his ... made me and by his mercy redeemed me and when it shall please God to call me out of that world. I commend my body to the earth whereof it was made and for my worldly goods which the Lord hath lent me I do first give and bequeath unto Henry Graing my son fifty shillings and I do give to Nickluse Graing my son fotie shillings and won paire of sheets. I do give my daughter Aylce Welles fortie shillings a pair of sheets and a tablecloth... and a platter. I do give to my daughter Agnis Bamptune fortie shillings a pair of sheets a table cloth and a platter. I do give to my daughter Elsabeth Gery fortie shillings a pair of sheets a tablecloth and a ...

blanket and a platter. I do give to Richard Wells five shillings and to Henry Graing the younger five shillings and to Nicklase Graing's two children five shillings a piece and to all the rest of my children's children I do give twelve pence a piece. I do give to the poor of Aston six shillings and eight pence presently to be paid. I do give to ?Winny Bamptune a russet petticoat and a waistcoat. I do give to Agnes Bamptune my best best read pettcoat. I do give my three daughters the rest of my waring clothes to be equally divided between them. I do give to ?Winny Bampton won bushel of grain half wheat half barley to be paid within two months after my decease. I do give to Luke Dauncer my brother won bushel of grain half wheat and half barley to be paid within two months after my decease. All the rest of my goods and chattels unbequeathed I do give to my son Thomas Graing whom I do make my whole executor. In witness whereof I have put to my hand and seal in the presence of

Henry Graing Thomas Wells William Bampton Nicholas Grainge Probate - April 1626.

Alis Graunge: widow; Middle Claydon; 1566: D/A/Wf/6/261

Date: 12.4.1566

To be buried in the churchyard at Middle Claydon

To mother church of Lincoln 2d; bequest to parish church

Bequests to: daughter Elizabeth..... Isabell Gollding ... Roger Gibbs... John Gibbs son of Roger...Isabell ?Black/Clark?...Alis ?Bisyden... John ?Bacton..... Elizabeth Gibbs

Witnesses: John ?Baker, Roger Wells

Alice Grange; widow; Chesham: 1676

Bequests to granddaughters Elizabeth and Mary Sweetser

Cousin Samuel Grange named overseer to look after money until granddaughters reach 18.

Dated 23rd November 1676.

Witnesses: John Wood, John Tooke? (could be a bit more to the name)

Elizabeth Grange the younger; Aston Clinton; 1568: D/A/We/ 16/3

In the name of God Amen the iiij day of September in the year of our Lord God 1567, I Elizabeth Grange the younger of the parish of Aston Clinton being sick in body but whole and perfect memory thanks be given to almighty God do make this my last will and testament in this manner and form following.

First I do bequeath my soul unto almighty God my saviour and redeemer who by the merit of his blessed passion.....

I bequeath my body to the churchyard of Aston Clinton. Also I bequeath to the Poor Man's box 2/4.

I will unto Henry Grange my brother 40/-

I will unto my brother William 20/-

I will unto my sisters Alice, Elizabeth and Agnes £3 10/- apiece

I give unto the parson of Aston Clinton 5/-

Also the rest of my father's legacy not bequeathed I give unto my brother Henry Grange whom I do make my full executor.

Overseer Thos Kyne of Bedgrove. Wit. Thos Starkey, Wm. Bate, John Benet, John Coke, John Hitchcock with others.

Her father's bequest is 20 nobels. And by the death of her brother Thomas £5.

George Grounge; Marsworth; 1550: D/A/We/ 6/253

(listed as Grounge, but I'd have read it as Graunge.)

X1th day April 1550

I, George Graunge of Astrope in the parish of Marsworth husbandman

Body to be buried at Marsworth; bequest to church.

Item, to Alys my wife half of all my goods Both in the town or in the field Cattel, household stuff or any other moveable goods whatsoever, and also my house for 4 years after my decease. Then I will my aforesaid house to my brother Robert Graunge for the term of his life and then to Thomas Graunge son and heir of the aforesaid Robert, and if Thomas die, to Robert's heirs.

To John Ford a bullock......

Execs: John Seer, Henry Woodman

Wit: William Salisbury, curate, Thomas Graunge, John Seer, Thos Wodman, John Wy? Et multi alis.

Henry Grange; Middle Claydon; 1555: D/A/We/8/131

Date: 4.7.1555

Body to be buried in churchyard of All Hallows Middle Claydon

Bequests to parish and mother churches

2d to each of his four godchildren

Rest to wife Alice, sole executrix.

Witnesses: John Rabes/Pabes? And 'my ghostly father' Roger Payne.

Probate 9.10.1555

Henry Grange; Aston Clinton; 1620: D/A/Wf / 23/167

In the name of God amen. I Henry Grange of Aston Clinton in the county of Bucks being weak in body but of good and perfect remembrance do make and ordain this my last will and testament in manner and form as followeth. First I give and bequeath unto almighty God my maker and redeemer my soul in sure and certain hope of resurrection into eternal life. Item, I give my body to be buried in the churchyard of Aston Clinton. Imprimis, I give and bequeath unto Henry Grange my son one table standing in my hall with the frame and the ?...... that standeth about the same table. Item, I give unto Als Wells the wife or Thomas Wells my daughter twenty shillings. Item, to my daughter Agnes Bampton twenty shillings. Item, unto Elizabeth Geary my daughter I give twenty shillings. This three pounds I would have paid within a year of my death. Item, I give unto the poor of Aston Clinton five shillings and eight pence to be given immediately

after my death. All the rest of my goods and chattels unbequeathed I give and bequeath to be equally divided between my wife and Nicholas Grange and Thomas Grange my sons excepting my linen which I give and bequeath unto my wife only. I make executors unto this my last will and testament Thomas Grange and Nicholas Grange my two sons. Witnesses unto this will and testament

George Page Mikeall Butt

Henry Grange; yeoman; Aston Clinton; 1751 ?D/A/We/ 84/183

To wife Katherine; after her death to John Higbid of Gt Gaddesden Wit: John Duncombe, WmWilkinson/ Williamson

John Grainge; dairyman; Quainton; 1792: D/A/Wf/ 106/14

I John Grainge of Denham in the parish of Quainton in the co. of Bucks Dairyman..... To wife Elizabeth all pieces of arable land ley sward and meadow ... in the open and common fields of Quainton which I purchased of Thomas Hoar... to hold for life [and then] to my son-in-law Thomas Marks paying thereout unto my brother Robert Grainge 2/6 weekly

To wife ELizabeththe moety of all horses sheep hogs hay corn implements and utensils in husbandry and dairying, brewing and dairying vessels and all stock... whereof my said son-in-law Thomas Maeks and myself are jointly possessed.

All other household goods furniture etc to wife, sole executrix

In the event of Elizabeth pre-deceasing him everything goes to Thomas Marks, provided he pay daughter-in-law Elizabeth wife of Thomas Lee £40

Unto eleven grandchildren namely Mary, Elizabeth, William and Thomas Lee; Mary, Elizabeth and Keziah Carter; William Brown; Elizabeth, Jemmimah and Thomas Marks; £5 apiece at 21.

Thomas Marks to be executor if Elizabeth predeceases him. Signed 2.3.1791 John Grainge Witnessed Thomas Reeves, John Wheeler, Gab¹ Allen

19th May 1792 'Sent out by Mr Thomas Marks'

Luce Grange; Whitchurch; 1582: D/A/Wf /9

To: eldest son Nicholas youngest son Matthew – his wife Annis Robert, son of Matthew John Holt, then daughter Jane

Also mentions William Eaton, John Milles, William Taylor – as people she owes money to.

Daughter Jane, exec. Wit. Wm ?Goventor?, clerk, John Abraham, ?Thos ?Bearman, ??

Nicholas Grainge; husbandman; Aston Clinton; 1742: D/A/We/77/16 To nephew William (exec), niece Mary

Robert Grange; yeoman; Wescot; Waddesden; 1619: D/A/Wf/23/30

Date: 12.6.1619

To wife Elizabeth messuage and tenement lying in Walton in Aylesbury, lately purchased of William Worth the younger of Walton, and all household stuff

Son Richard to have the crop now growing on the land bequeathed to Elizabeth

Land abutting to land held by William Jordeyne and Thomas Whitchurch

To Alice Collins, wife's sister, 2 acres of meadow

To Anne, wife of son, 40/-

To each of son's three daughters a cow

To Henry, son of Alice Collins, £3 owed by John Baker his master

To kinsman William Hunt a red cow

To brother William Grange my best doublet and hose

To my maid Alice one ewe with her lamb

To servant Thomas Cox one orphan lamb

All the rest to son Richard, sole executor

Witnesses William Grange, Thomas Coxe

Proved 16.12.1619

Samuel Grainge; cordwainer; Chipping Wyccombe? 1764: D/A/We/ 93/55

To sons Samuel, Widmer and John (exec), daughter Elizabeth, wife of Daniel Fell, barber.

Wit: Rachel Grange, Thos Aldridge, snr and jnr.

Thomas Grainge; yeoman; Aston Clinton; 1641: D/A/Wf/ 34/218

In the name of God amen. I Thomas Grainge of Aston Clynton in the co. of Bucks yeoman being weak in body but of good perfect and sound remembrance.... Do make... this my last will and testament.... July 1st 1641...

To Henry Grainge the younger my nephew, son of Henry Grainge the elder all the reversion and term of years unexpired ... in one messuage and tenement ... in Aston Clinton ... in the occupancy of the said Thomas Grainge [with appurtenances] one half yard and one half ?? in Merrymede one half ... in Chikckenne Mede one whole ... in the /Ferne, all which said land [is] in Aston Clinton

To Henry Wells, nephew, son of Thomas Wells the elder.... All the reversion and term of years unexpired.... in one close called Parkin ... by estimation 2 acres half a yard land half a mans work in Merrymede and half a mans work in Chikkin Mede together with a whole mans work in the Ferme...in Aston Clinton the lands were formerly [held] by Simon Smythe by copy of Court Roll

To William Bampton my nephew son of Agnes my sister [similar bequest to those above] purchased by me of Henry Montaigne the elder

To Thomas Bampton my nephew son of Agnes Land purchased of Thomas Dauncer the elder and Which I purchased of Robert Illinge

To Nicholas Bampton my nephew son of Agnes Land which I bought of William Wells the elder [and other land] bought from William Bate and James Fisher [all in Aston Clinton]

To Henry Grainge my brother £50

To William, John, Mary and Agnes Grainge [children of henry] £20 apiece

To sister Elizabeth Geary £10

To nephew and godson James Gearie £40

To John Thomas and Jeremy Sarah Mary and Elizabeth Geary [nephews and nieces] £20 To Susan Weedon £10

To Elizabeth Bampton daughter of sister Agnes £20

To Thomas Wells the younger Richard and William Wells Elizabeth Bampton and Amy Collett sons and daughters of Thomas Wells the elder and my sister Alis £20 each To Elizabeth Stratford daughter of my brother Nicholas and her three children Agnes William and Elizabeth £20

To Thomas and Sarah Bampton son and daughter of Robert Bampton £5 each

To Luke Dauncer my uncle 20/- and Thomas Montaigne my shepherd 20/-

To Agnes Bampton and Mary Bampton 10/- a year

To sister Alis Wells my bigger chest and all that is in it... also my fetherbed

To all godchildren except those already mentioned 5/- each

To the poor of Aston Clinton £5

Executors to quietly enjoy the land bequeathed for a year and legatees to just have the profits. Money for bequests to come out of these.

All the rest ... to Nicholas Grainge my brother and Alis Wells equally between them – to be joint executors

Witnesses: Thomas Parker esq, Thomas Bampton X

Thomas Grainge + his mark

William Grang; Whitchurch; 1537: D/A/We/ 3/215

To: eldest son William Grang, daughters Alis, Agnes, Jone, sons John and Richard. Wife Elizabeth.

William Graunge; Aston Clinton; 1551: D/A/We/ 6/285

In the name of God amen the last day of April the year of Lord God 1550. I William Graunge of Aston Clinton being sick in body and perfect memory ?laude be to God make this my last will and testament as followeth...

I bequeath my soul to almighty God and my body to be buried in the churchyard of Aston Clinton afs.

I give to each of my sons Henry and Thomas to be paid to each of them when they ... either of them come to the age of xx years or be married (seem to have missed the actual sum!) and

I give to each of my daughters Alis, Elizabeth and Isabel £6 8/4 to be paid likewise to every one of them their portion when as every one of them shall accomplish the age of xx or be married.

And if any of my said children decease afore the said age or be married they the Of them they? (to have the said portion?) .. equally among them. I will that the part or portion of my said children towards the ... of the marriage of them be augmented by the ... discretion of my brother William Bampton as he saith that they be ordered by him as I have declared my mind unto him.

Item, I will that lands be purchased as much as will cost £20 or 30 to the use of my young son Thomas if it might be by the discretion and advice of John ?Bese who to have for his The sum of £3 4/- according as I have declared to the said William Bampton.

I give and will unto my godson William Graunge all such sums of money as is owing to me by ? Standhton?, John Pen and And he to take and ... the same of them.

Item, I will that Isabell my wife have all my lands in Aston Clinton and to take the profit thereof and the occupying of my goods and chattels during her widowhood to the intent that she and my children be ?sound and brought up in the same until the age of xx years and marriage had of them as afs. And if she decease before then my executors to see my

afs children kept sound and brought up ... and if Isabel my wife hereafter marry they be not to meddle in my lands or goods but to have £20 and her chamber.

Item, I will that my brother William Bampton shall have all his costs and charge concerning my will and otherwise to be done, spent, sustained or borne for me, my wife and children according to my mind to him declared.

I will that after my debts and legacies paid ... and this my will performed as it is afore declared I give all my goods and chattels they remaining to my son William Graunge who I make and ordain executor. William Bampton to be my other executor with him to whom I give for his labour ...

The overseers hereof I make John Saunders, Edward Astell gent (gives them money for their pains)

Wit. John Saunders, Edward Astell, gent, George Graunge, William Graunge my godson, cum multis alis (many others)

William Grainge; Aston Clinton; 1582: D/A/Wf/9/196

Date: 26.9.1582

To son Henry Grainge £100 to be made of certain woods. Henry Baldwin to have the sale of these to make up the sum.

To Henry Grainge land called Blakemares bought from Ralfe Hill of Wendover, upon condition that if Henry's brother Thomas Grainge pay him £30 when Henry comes of age, Thomas shall have the land.

To wife Isabel, the use and occupation of Blakemares for life

To Isabel, Thomas and Henry all moveable goods divided between them

To the poor of Aston Clinton 10/-

To the poor of St/ Leonards and the poor of Cholesbury 2 bushels of wheat

Henry Baldwin of Aston Clinton executor

Witnesses: William Mountichew, Robert Barnard

William Grang; yeoman; Waddesden; 1623: D/A/Wf/24/141

Date: 13.12.1623

To nephew Richard Grang 1/-

Rest to wife Eleanor Grang, executrix

The mark of William Grang

Witnesses: Henry Wilkinson, John Hedgs, John Barriford, John Hibord

Proved 23.12.1623

William Grainge; yeoman: St. Leonards, Aston Clinton; 1675: D/A/Wf/49/53

To the poor of St. Leonards 20/- to be distributed by son Samuel, executor

To son Samuel and daughter Wood, 10/- apiece to be paid within 2 months

To brother Henry Grainge 10/-; to brother Joshua Grainge £5; to cousin Hannah, daughter of Henry Grainge 40/-

To William Grainge son of William Grainge of Wendover 40/1

To cousins Mary and Martha sisters of the said William Grainge 10/- apiece

To son Joseph Grainge £10

To each of son Samuel's servants present at his death 2/6

Reference to indenture between son Samuel and Thomas Butterfield of Penn, and Joseph and Mary – children of William Grainge of Wendover, involving £300.

To son-in-law John Wood and Mary his wife...

To Joseph and Mary children of son Joseph...

Friends Thomas Taylor of Dundridge, Daniel Aldridge the elder, Daniel Aldridge the younger joint executors

Witnesses: Joseph Arnatt, Richard Saunders

William Grange the elder; husbandman; Aston Clinton; 1723: D/A/We/ 59/118

To: brothers Richard Grainge of Chipping Wyccombe, wheelwright, Henry Grainge of Chipping Wyccombe, wholesale tailor, Nicholas Grainge of Aston Clinton, baker, execs – to sell everything and put it in trust for children William, Mary and Susanna.

Thomas Grantham; Chetwode; 1769: D/A/We/96/172

Mentions house in Ackley

Son Robert Grantham and John Williams execs

Bequest to 7 children of dau Ann Turner w of Henry Turner.

Thomas Groome; grazier; Quainton; 1719: D/A/Wf/71/33

In the name of God Amen; The sixteenth day of December ...1719, I Thomas Groome of Quainton, Grazier....

To brother Robert Groome £50

To sister Marks £5

To sister Burnham £5

To sister Matthews £5

To niece Elizabeth Marks £10

To niece Anne Matthews £10

To nephews Henry and Robert Toome and niece Mary Toome £10 each

To servant Joyce Pettifer £5

To nephew Richard Marks my house and close and a quarter of a yard land in Quainton and to be executor.

Signed Tho Groome

Witnessed: Mary Allen, Fran: Greene

Proved by Richard Marks nephew

Thomas Hedges; painter; Brill; 1739: D/A/Wf/ 84

Leaves everything to Eliz Grainge, wid. Sole exec.

Benjamin Lovell; Bow Brickhill; 1675: D/A/Wf/ 50/171

Witnessed by John Fitkin. IF – looks similar to mark of John Fitkin of Wilstone.

Elizabeth Marks; widow; Quainton; 1759: D/A/Wf/ 92/163

In the name of God amen, I Elizabeth Marks of Quainton on the co. of Bucks widow being weak of body but of sound mind and memory blessed be God therefore this 24th day of April in the year of our Lord 1759 do make and declare this my last will and testament in manner and form following (that is to say)

First I recommend my soul into the hands of Almighty God and my body to the earth in hopes of a blessed resurrection. And as to such worldly estate wherewith it hath pleased

God to bless me I dispose thereof as followeth (that is to say) I give and devise to my son Thomas Marks his heirs and assigns all that my messuage or tenement wherein I now live with all rights members and appurtenances thereto belonging or appertaining to hold to my said son Thomas Marks his heirs and assigns for ever. I give and bequeath to my daughter Ann Coles the sum of £5 and to my said son Thomas Marks and my daughter Elizabeth Grantham the sum of £10 apiece. I give devise and bequeath to my cousin William Burnham the elder and to my said son Thomas Marks their heirs execs admons and assigns the sum of £45 of lawful British money In trust to be applied and disposed of to the several uses intents and purposes herein after particularly mentioned and described (that is to say) to put and continue the same at interest on the best security and interest they can get, and the interest loan or profit arising yearly thereout or therefrom to take and receive, and the same when taken or received to pay or use to be paid to my daughter Ann Coles yearly and every year during her natural life, and from and immediately after her decease to her children John, Elizabeth, Thomas, Ann, Mary, Hannah, Richard, Sukey and Sarah equally between them or the survivor or survivors of them till they respectively arrive at the age of 21 years, at which time to divide the said principal sum of £45 or the remainder the unpaid as also the interest then due thereon equally between the said legatees or the survivors of them and pay or cause to be paid to each legatee afs their several and respective parts or portions as they respectively attain their full age of 21 years. And if it shall happen that any one or more of the said legatees shall die before the death of my daughter Ann Coles or their respective ages of 21 years then such his her or their portion or portions afs to be divided equally between the surviving legatees, I also give and bequeath to my said cousin William Burnham and my said son Thomas Marks their execs admins and assigns the sum of £30 in trust, but that the use or interest of which be to the use and behoof of my said son during his natural life and after his decease to his children Elizabeth Thomas and Mary both principal and interest equally between them in the same manner and under the same limitations provided and conditions as heretofore mentioned limited and described, I likewise give and bequeath to my said cousin William Burnham and my said son Thomas Marks their execs admins and assigns the sum of f80 of lawful British money In trust also to put the same to interest on the best security they can get and the interest thereof to take and receive and the same when taken and received to pay or cause to be paid to my said daughter Elizabeth Grantham yearly and every year during her natural life as it shall become due and from and immediately after her decease the said principal and interest due thereon to divide equally between her children Elizabeth, Ann, Richard and Mary in the same manner and under the same limitations provisors and conditions as mentioned limited and described to the children of my said daughter Ann Coles. And whereas it appears that my daughter Elizabeth Marks is pregnant with child If therefore the said child be born alive I then give to such child the sum of f10, if more than one at the said birth the nto be divided equally between them, to be applied to such use and paid at such times and in such manner as limited and described to the rest of her children afs. But my will and intent is that my trustees shall not be chargeable for any part of the several legacies which may chance to be lost by putting the same to interest. I also give to my said granddaughter Elizabeth Grantham my best bedlinen and curtains belonging being now at my son Thomas Marks's, and also one fine pair of sheets and two other pairs. I give to my said granddaughter Mary Coles my other bed at the Hill with two hempen pairs of sheets. I give the bed whereon I now lie with all the furniture belonging to my granddaughter Elizabeth Coles with one pair of fine sheets and two other pairs, all my tables in the room I now lie in and my little corner cubboard. I give my chest of drawers and my largest kettle to my said granddaughters Ann Grantham, my half dozen best chairs below stairs to my said daughter Elizabeth Grantham and also my folding

table and two others below stairs, one ancient flowered pewter dish and two others . My silver salt to my grandson Richard afs, my silver cup and little pewter pudding dish to my son Thomas — my granddaughter Mary Marks to have my half dozen hard metal plates — my upper corner cubboard to my daughter Marks with six plates therein — and my large bell metal pot to my granddaughter Nanny. All my wearing apparel and all the rest of my household goods, furniture and utensils whatever I give to be divided equally between my said daughter Elizabeth and granddaughter Elizabeth Coles. Lastly I make and ordain my said son Thomas Marks my sole exec of this my last will and testament written on two sheets or paper, In witness whereof I have to each of them set my hand and seal the day and year abovesaid.

Signed sealed and declared by the said testatrix in the presence of us...

William Deverell

The mark of

William Layton

Elizabeth +++ Marks

Jno Wheeler

Richard Marks; yeoman; Quainton; 1757: D/A/Wf 91/122

To son Thomas – messuage and tenement in occupation of young Foster and land in the Open Fields of Quainton, willed by uncle Thomas Groom, and land bought in Quainton.

To dau Ann, wife of Thomas Coles, the above if Thomas die(?) Land in North Quainton bought from Thomas Neale.

To wife Elizabeth – an annuity paid by both Thomas and Ann from land willed to them. £3 p.a.

To dau Elizabeth, wife of William Grantham – messuage and tenement currently occupied by William Judkins.

To wife Elizabeth – house occupied by Thomas, and his goods and chattels. To Ann and Elizabeth - £50 each.

Written in 1756, signed in a shaky hand.

Thomas Groome; grazier; Quainton; 1719: D/A/Wf 71/33

Date: 16.12.1719

To my brother Robert Groome £50
To sister Marks £5
To sister Burnham £5
To sister Matthews £5
To niece Elizabeth Marks £10
To niece Anne Matthews £10

To nephews and niece Henry, Robert and Mary Toome £10 each

To servant Joyce Pettifer £5

To nephew Richard Marks, my house and close and quarter of yardland situated in Quainton – exec. All other goods and chattels.

Signed, sealed Thomas Groome

Witnessed Mary Allen, Francis Greene

Alice Norwood; widow of Henry; Drayton Beauchamp; 1592: D/A/Wf/12/82 18th Day of February in the 34th year of Elizabeth 1st

I Alice Norwood of Drayton Beauchamp widow I give unto my son Robert all that my feather bed that I lie on with the bedstead and all that

Item I give unto my son Walter one cupboard in the? and one?

Also I give and bequeath unto my two sons aforesaid Robert and Walter all that my and my late husband Henry Norwood

My son Henry Norwood? and bushel of wheat

My son Robert and Walter shall pay unto my daughter Margaret (Mary-Ann)

Daughter in law Alice Norwood of Aston Clinton and a brass kettle.... I will that her three children shall And her son William

And I Will that Edward Norwood my son Edwards son shall have 2d

I Will that Henry Norwood son of my son John Norwood shall have 20 shillings

I Will that his brother Walter shall have 20 shillings

I give unto Marget Norwood their sister

I give unto my daughtert in law Jane Norwood a bushel of wheat.

I give unto the poor of Drayton 2 shillings.

I give unto Joan Casye a russet petticoat

I give unto everyone of my son Henry's children 12d a piece.

I give unto Thomas and Edward Norwood my son John's children either of them 12d a piece

Walter and Robert executors

I Will that my brother Thomas Gascoigne shall be overseer of this my Will and Testament and for his pains a bushel of wheat

Witnesses:

William Ha__ll

John Draycot

Thomas Gascoigne

John Norwood; husbandman; Marsworth; 1635: D/A/We/30/245

Wife Eliz, son John, dau Mary, Wm Whitchurch, Rich Gurney. Overseers: Wm Whitchurch, Michael Seer.

Francis Norwood; yeoman; Aston Clinton; 1633: D/A/We/ 29/200

In the name of God amen, the 9th day of January in the 9th year of the reign of our Sovereign Lord Charles by the Grace of God of England Scotland France and Ireland, King, Defender of the Faith, AD 1633, I Francis Norwood of Aston Clinton in the co of Bucks Yeoman, being sick in body but of perfect remembrance praise God therefore do make this my last will and testament in manner as followeth. First, I commit my soul into the hands of Almighty God my maker believing the forgiveness of all my sins through the death and passion of Jesus Christ my Lord and only Saviour and my body I commit to the earth to be buried at the discretion of my executors. Concerning my temporal estate, I give, will and bequeath to Emma my loving wife all the moiety of the messuage wherein I now dwell with all the land leys meadow and pasture ground with all their appurtenances hereunto belonging lying and being in the parish of Aston Clinton afs and now in the tenure and occupancy of the said Francis to have and to hold the said messuage with all the land leys and meadows afs to her the said Emma and her assigns until Francis Norwood my son should accomplish or attain the age of 21 years if he shall so long live or until John Norwood my son shall attain...(ditto) or else any one of my daughters.

Item, I give, will and bequeath unto my wife half the apples, pears ?hay and half all the other fruit that shall grow upon the orchard belonging to the messuage afs together with the new? chamber and the loft over the same and free liberty to go to and fro in and through any other houses that are or at any time hereafter shall be with free liberty to dwell in the hall and free liberty to use the fire for necessary business. To have and to hold the said half orchard chamber and loft and liberty in the hall as afs from time to time and at all times hereafter during her natural life without any or vexation of him the said Francis or of any other of his

Item, I give, will and bequeath unto to Francis Norwood my son from and after the age of one and twenty years all the aforesaid messuage or dwelling house ... with the barns stables and all other and the orchard with the close of pasture ground thereto adjoining next? well field and half the ... behind the house that ... next the And also one land in middle ...landon eland in And one land and rood and one butt one land in Morlands... other land in the same field ... into Middle Way one land in Long Ridge Way one landinto Ignill Way, one land in the same field And Ignell Way, one land in Bucka=ham Mare and one land in Underhill two lands in Wenill Down one into ?Tules ?Ledge and one by Ignell Way, one laye in Buckham ?mast one roode bypitts and ?wood in Long Chickens and two Lying in Merry Mead and Chicken Mead to have and to hold to him the said Francis his execs and assigns all the premises (except half the orchard the ...chamber the loft and liberty in the halland ... the houses as it afs bequeathed to Emma my wife for term of her life.) Immediately from and after the age of one and twenty years all the rest and residue of the ... or terms of years thereof to me formerly granted at to the said Francis his execs and assigns to be paid unto Emma my wife the sum of 50/- yearly every year during her natural life in default of ... payment of the said 50/- I give unto Emma my wife ..half orchard and close of pasture ground ... the bequest being made to Francis my son, but if it shall happen that the said Francis (dies before the age of 21) then my will is that John Norwood my son shall have the premises lands and all the former bequeathed premises in manner and form aforesaid

Item, I give and bequeath unto my son John Norwood from the age of 21 years all that close of pasture ground (another long string of pieces of land.

(Rest from notes – copied version unclear.)

Item: to dau Joyce £13 13/4

To Elizabeth Norwood and Sarah Norwood, daughters – money, including - to Sarah, 12 more when Francis is 21 plus 2 acres of land.

To John, pasture ground next John Giffords

Witnesses Sylvester Baldwin, John Dancer

Land named: pastures adjoining Mill Field, Middle Barlands, Bun Furlong, Coles, Norlands, Midle Way, Sandwell ?Brune, Ignill Way (Icknell), Buckton Mare, Upper Underhill, Menills/Merils Down, Tickles Ledge, Buckhorn, Long Chickens, Merry Meade, Chicken Meade.

To wife Emma – moiety of the messuage wherein I dwell, with all land, leys, pasture and appurtenances in AC, till son Francis reaches 21, or son John if Francis dies; half the produce of the orchard belonging to the house, with the new chamber and loft over the same; free liberty to come and go in any other houses, to dwell in the hall and use the fire.

To son Francis at 21 – the house, barns, stables, orchard, close of pasture, well field; lands in Morlands, Middle Way, Long Ridgeway, Ignell (Icknell) Way, Buckham Mare, Long Chickens, Merry Mead, Chicken Mead. Once Francis is 21, Emma to have 50/- a year.

To son John at 21 – a close of pasture now occupied by John Gifford.

To son Francis – unexpired term referred to in BAS 1120/38 (I think). Land to go to John if Francis dies. Also 2 acres of land in Nining Hedge and Nining Field and in Upper St.

To son John – further land. John to pay £10 to Emma for life, or she gets the pasture. If he dies, land split between the children.

To day Joyce - £8 13/4 and goods to the value of £6 8/4 within 2 years.

To daus Sarah and Elizabeth £12? to be paid out of above bequest to Francis, and another £12 to be paid to Sarah when Francis is 21. If he defaults, they get the field. If any of the daus die, their legacies split between the children.

The rest to Emma – exec.

Witnessed: Sylvester Baldwin, John Dauncer

The mark of Francis Norwood.

William Norwood; Aston Clinton; 1598: D/A/Wf/11/221

In the name of God amen 1590 Feb 8

Memorandum, I William Norwood being of perfect memory God be thanked, I make this as my last will and testament in manner and form as following, Witnesseth William Bate, Robert Goodson and John ?Parate. First I bequeath my soul to almighty God and my body to be buried in the churchyard of Aston Clinton.

Item I bequeath Isbill? and Joyce one red cow and one chest to Isbill one pair of two platters one salt one candlestick and one ?saser.

Item I bequeath to Elisabeth and William one young cow jointly.

Item to Elisabeth one pair of sheets for ?platters one ?solt one candlestick and one ?saser.

Item to William four platters and his father's bedstead that he laid in.

Item to Elizabeth one small chest.

Item I make my wife my whole executor.

Wyllm Norwood

Item that the two ?beasts to be delivered to Francis Jones in the behalf of the children ?iat my ? hilmascom? to years and the rest of the goods to be delivered at xiii years of age.

By me Josuah Bishopp

Thomas Rodes; Middle Claydon; 1589: D/A/Wf /11/129

Dated 20.3.1589

To son John Rodes - £10

To son Thomas Rodes - £10

To Joan Shuter/Shuler - £10

To Phillip Rodes, eldest son - £10

To daughter Joan - £10

To daughter Margett - £10

To poor man's box -12/-

To son Phillip - a doublet and a ...

To wife Joan – rest of goods

Witnessed: Thomas Milner, John Gibbes

Probate granted 12.4.1589

Thomas Roads; Middle Claydon; 1650: D/A/We/38/145; D/A/We/38/105

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God of give

and form following

First I give and bequeath to my

paid unto him when he come to

and I give to my son William my

called ?Edum Croft in parish ?Clydon

the brazen pan and brazen candle stack in

and one little one pair of blankets.....

pounds and I give and bequeath unto my

to be paid unto him upon he come to the \ldots

years....

Item: I give unto my son John.... years and

one great brazen platter and brazen one col....

give and bequeath to my well-beloved

life his pt son John Roads

and at my wife's decease the yards? bequeathed to my wife unto son John Roads equally to be divided between them make my brother William Roads my sole my last will and testament desiring him to performed. In witness whereof I have

hereunto written

Witnessed Raph Roads, John Matthews, Thos F.....

Thomas Roads; Dairyman; Middle Claydon; 1780: D/A/Wf/102/229

Will plus document empowering son Joseph to act as executor and instructing him to make an inventory of his father's goods.

Body to be interred at discretion of executors.

To son John - £30 within 12 months

To daughters Elizabeth, wife of Joseph Stevens, and Ann, wife of Thomas Roads - £10 each

To grandson John Roads, son of Thomas Roads deceased - £20 at 21 years

To son John and daughters Elizabeth and Ann – one pewter dish, four pewter plates and two of my best chairs each

To son Joseph - rest of household goods and furniture, cattle, corn, grain, hay, implements of husbandry and in the dairy business, plate, linen and woollen, ready money, securities, chattels, rights, credits, personal effects; Joseph to be executor

Dated 17.9.1780 Shaky signature Thomas Roads

Witnessed: John Butcher, James Burnham

Proved 23.10.1781

Thos Seare; Ivinghoe Aston; 1723: D/A/Wf /173

Bequest to 'loving friends' John Grainge of Willston, James Tooley of Ivinghoe, Robert Seare of Pitstone, to sell all and share between wife Mary, mother Eliz Seare, sister Hannah Seare..... then divided between 4 brothers: James Tooley, Robert Seare, John Hearne of the Lee Common and John Seare of Marsworth

Thomas Smith; Barton Hartshorn; 1770: D/A/We/96/139

Edmund Grantom of Barton Hartshorn gets 5/-'s worth of bread and a loaf delivered each week till the money be gone (with others), half a year's schooling to William, son of Edmund Grantom.

Elizabeth Wells; Aston Clinton; 1557: D/A/Wf/3/267

In the name of God..... Elizabeth Wells widow of Astoune Clyntoune Item, I bequeath to the holy mother church of Lincoln ?2d. Item, I bequeath to the high altar of the parish church of AC to help to buy an altar cloth 8d, and to the maintenance of the bells 7d, also I give to maintain the ?sepultre light and the ?good light a bushel of malt. Also I will that my executor shall lay or cause to be laid in the way on the church ?grayne 4 loads of flint.

Also I will that John my eldest son shall have this eyre 4 quarters of barley and 4 quarters of barley the next eyre following and 8/4 of lawful money. Also I will that John Wells my younger son shall have my white brass pan and 28/4 of lawful money. Also I will that the same John shall have a pair of sheets and two pewter plates. Also I will that William my son shall have a sheep and half a quarter of wheat and half a quarter of malt. Also I will unto Jone my daughter a quarter of wheat my best gown, my christening sheet and 6/8 of lawful money. Also I will unto every one of my children's childer, every one of them Apiece. Also I will unto Thomas Wells that is my younger John es son's child he shall have one bushel of wheat. Also I will unto Thomas Gost my brother 2 bushels of wheat. Also I will unto Alys Clarke my best kirtle. Also I give unto Annis Smith my maid my best petticoat.

The residue of my goods that is unbequeathed, all legacies discharged, my debts paid and my body honestly brought unto the ground, I give and bequeath unto Harry Wells my son whom I make my full executor and I desire my brother-in-law William Wells and my brother Thomas Gost to be my overseers that this my last will be truly performed and they for their pains I will unto them a bushel of wheat apiece. In witness hereof is John Fulkes the elder, John Wells and John Wells my sons and Edward Drurie with others.

Henry Wells; Aston Clinton; 1680: D/A/ Wf /50/215

Children Faith and Joseph. Mentions land bounded by Nicholas Grainge, Henry Grainge

Jone Wells; widow; Aston Clinton; 1558: D/A/Wf /4/351

In the name of God amen, in the year of our lord God 1558 the 18th day of September. I Jone Wells widow of the parish of Astune Clyntune which is sick in body and of perfect remembrance thanks unto almighty God do make my testament and last will in manner and form following.

First I give and bequeath my soul unto almighty God to our blessed lady St. Mary and to all the blessed holy company of heaven, my body to be buried within the church of Astune Clyntune.

Item, I bequeath unto the mother church of Lincoln 2d. Item, I give unto the maintenance of the high altar of my parish church of AC a Item, I give unto the sepulchre? Light and to the light a bushel of malt. Item, I give unto the maintenance of the bells 12d.

Also I give unto William my son £3 6/8 and 6 sheep and a sheet that his grandame did ... him, and this said William shall also have a kerchew. And also I give unto harry my son £3 6/8, a ... sheet, a kerchew and 6 sheep. Also I will unto Richard my son a couple

of oxen, 2 kine and my 2 horse? Also I give unto Elyne my daughter my best gown, my best kirtle and my best petticoat my and half my kerchews and half my ?raylles and a cow and 3 sheep and half a quarter of wheat. Also I will that and Elyne my daughter do die and have no childer left that was lawfully begot of her body then I will remain unto Annis my daughter and unto her childer. Also I give unto Annis my daughter a gown, a kirtle, a petticoat half my kerchews and half my ?raylles and 3 sheep and half a quarter of wheat and 6/8.

Also I give unto my daughter Amy Wooster 6/8 and a kerchew. Also I give unto my son Thomas Wells' children and my daughter Amy Wooster's children and my daughter Annis Stratfold's children shall have 3 / 4 apiece. Also William Stratfold shall have 6/8. Also I give my son Richard my part of the crop in the barn which my husband did give me. Also I give unto my neighbour's wife a red petticoat and a load of wood. Also I give Jhone Wells a load of wood Harry Thornton a load of wood, Jhone Chapman A load of wood, ... Mother Seyton a load of wood. Also I give my daughter Elyne a sheet which is called a ?kirsuning sheet. The residue of my goods that is unbequeathed when my debts be paid, all legacies discharged and my body honourably brought unto the ground then I give unto Richard my son whom I make my executor and to My will and his father's will and I desire Thomas Woster of Buckland to be overseer to this my last will that it be truly performed. And I will unto him for his pains 5/- In witness hereof Jone Wells, Harry Thorntun, Thomas Man... Edward Drurie. Also I give to my daughter Elyne and my daughter Amy Stratfold my part of the shets?

Thomas Wells; Aston Clinton; 1674: D/A/Wf/ 49/336

Will written 1674 Will proved 1677.

Makes ref to land bought from Henry Grange, and also from John Grange deceased.

Thomas Wells snr: Aston Clinton: 1678 Reference to land abutting Henry Grange's

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(All held at Hertfordshire Archives and Local Studies; some places in Herts, some in Bucks.)

Henry Bailie; Little Horwood; 1585: 26 AW 3

Date: 31.8.1684

Body to be buried in churchyard at Little Horwood

To sister Joan ?Goodyham widow £10

To sister Elizabeth Carter £10 to be paid after the decease of wife Elizabeth

To every of my sisters children 6/8

To every one of my godchildren one sheep at the discretion of William ?Standing

The rest to wife Elizabeth, executrix

George Adams and John Illing the younger overseers, 12d each for their pains

Signed Henry Baillie

Witnesses: Robert Carter, John ?Ocbely, John ?House clerk

Agnes Curtis; Little Horwood; 1566: 6 AR 292v

Date: 24.3.1665

Bequests to son Thomas Curtis, daughters Jone the elder, Jone the younger (one may be Jane) and Elizabeth

Reference to brother Henry Bailie

Most bequests of household items; some animals

Eldest daughter Jone Curtis to be executrix

Henry Bailie and Robert Carter to be overseers – also witnessed will

Proved 1566

Elin Curtisse; widow; Little Horwood; 1624: 66 AW 5

Last will & testament of Elin Curtisse late of Little Horwood widow, taken by son Henry Curtisse

'Elin Curtisse feeling herself not well doth bestow her goods as far forth as they will reach.'

To son William Curtisse one black cow, one brass pot, one coverlet and pair of blankets, a pair of sheets, a bedstead...

To son John Curtisse one covering, a pair of sheets, one blanket

To John's 2 children Marie and Richard 10/- each at 18

To son-in-law John Adams' 4 daughters 20/- each at 18

To god-daughter Elizabeth Adams one bullock

To son Henry's children 20/- at 18

Son Henry, executor

The mark of John Butcher

Proved April 1624

John Curtis; Little Horwood; 1521: 2 AR 179r

Bequest to St.Albans, and other pious offerings. Don't seem to be any bequests to family.

Henry Curtis; husbandman; Little Horwood; 1652: 97 AW 9

Date: 20.8.1652

... I Henry Curtis of Little Horwood ... husbandman Do make this my last will and testament.....

My body to be buried in the churchyard....

To second son John - £100, £50 of which within 2 years of decease, plus bedstead, flock bed, coverlet, bolster, pair of blankets, pillow, 5 pairs of sheets; a frame for a table, one joined form, one cow, one bullock.

To daughter Ann – 1 feather bed, 1 coverlet, 1 pair blankets, 3 bolsters, 1 pillow, 6 pairs of sheets 1 coffer that my sheets used to lie in, 1 joined chair Chamber over the parlour. And my will and meaning is that she shall have during her natural life the use of Chamber over the parlour with benefit of the fire in the hall from time to time.

To Elizabeth Taylor my servant -20/- within 3 months

To the parish of LH 20/- to be paid in 6 months and used to buy a black hearse cloth... To son Thomas, exec – the rest of my goods and chattels.

Signed: Henry Curtis, Witnessed: John Harris elder, Emmanuel Ward, Robert Hawkins.

Probate: May 1652

Henry Curtis; Little Horwood; 1719: 156 AW 11

To brother Thomas – all estates of land and living for his natural life, then to his son Thomas and his heirs

To the parish – a black funeral cloth

To the poor of the parish - £3

To my wife -1/- (This is Angel Williat, m in 1711, bur in 1730 age 60 - 'bis vidua' [twice widowed or twice destitute])

To brother Thomas - rest

Witnessed: Thomas Pitkin, Thomas and Henry Kemp, John Hodgkins

Signed: Henry Curtis

Thomas Curtis; yeoman; Little Horwood; 1678: 222 AW 1

Date: 17.2.1678

... I Thomas Curtis of Little Horwood..... yeoman, being somewhat indisposed in my health but of sound and perfect mind and memory make this my last will and testament

My body to be decently interred at the discretion of my execs.

To daughter. Ann - £100 at the feast of St Michael, ... a further £50 at the feast of St Michael1685. My executors ... to find meat, apparel, lodging and other necessaries for my said daughter until the said £100 shall ... unto her

To son Thomas – one ... bedstead whereupon my son lie bolster, coverlet, 2 blankets, 2 pair sheets, a coffer...

To my son Henry – all the rest of my goods, chattels etc. Executor.

Witnessed: William Bradbery, John Curtis, Richard Missenden

Signed: Thomas Curtis

Proved 1686

Thomas Curtis; yeoman; Little Horwood; 1743: 180 AW 4

In the name of God amen. I Thomas Curtis the elder of LH in the co. of Bks, yeoman, being of health in body and sound and perfect mind and memory for which I bless God, yet considering my mortality do make this my last will in manner following. That is to say I give and bequeath:

To my son Henry - £70

To my son William - £50

To my son Richard - £10, to be paid within 6 months

To son Richard – 7 and a half acres of freehold in the common fileds of LH lately purchased of Richard Barton and others, and all crops growing on freehold or copyhold land lately purchased of Richard Barton.

To grandchildren John, William, Ann, Elizabeth, Sarah and Mary, children of son Henry - £5 each at 21.

To son William – bed, bedding and bedstead he lies on, and one pewter dish.

Rest to eldest son Thomas, exec.

... set my hand and seal this 13th day of September 1736.

Witnessed: John Markham, Barton Franklyn and Alice ?Bente Signed: Thomas Curtis. Proved 26.5.1743

Thomas Curtis; yeoman; Little Horwood; 1786: 222 AW 1

Date: 2.8.1771

To brother Henry Curtis all copyhold messuage or tenement in Little Horwood now in the occupation of Henry Curtis along with all other copyhold messuages lands etc. to the use of my will to hold for the term of his life, and after his death to my nephew William Curtis, youngest son of Henry Curtis.

To cousin Thomas Hodgkins all copyhold messuage or tenement in Little Horwood in the occupation of Joseph Putnam and c 3 acres of ground in Middle Field Little Horwood, bounded on the north and east by land of me Thomas Curtis, on the west by land of Thomas Oakley, and otherwise bounded by the highway. A further six and a half acres in the common fields also provided that Hodgkins erects a fence (post enclosure) To nephew John Curtis, son of brother John, all and every other my messuages lands tenements etc. both freehold and copyhold in Little Horwood, and a legacy of £100 and an annuity of £6 10/-. The above to be held for his lifetime and then pass to John's son Thomas Curtis.

To nephew William Curtis £100

To kinswoman Mary Allen until the age of 21 an annuity of £6 10/-; the wearing apparel of late wife Alice, bedstead, bed, bolster and blanket and quilt worked with letters M.A., and table linen and sheets marked with the same letters; Silver teaspoons marked S.K., a warming pan, a table and a box which was her aunt's; tin and pewter goods, a gold ring belonging to his wife

Residue to nephew John Curtis, executor

Signed Thomas Curtis

Witnessed: John Holden, Sarah White, James Burnham

John Fitkin; yeoman; Wilstone; 1682: 41 HW 61

In the name of God amen the 19th day of June 1682 in the 44th year of the reign of our Sovereign Lord King Charles II of England, I John Fitkin of Wilstone in the parish of Tring in the co. of Herts yeoman being sick in body but of sound and perfect mind and memory thanked be God do make and ordain this my last will and testament in manner and form following, (that is to say) first and principally I commend my soul to God my creator hoping through the merits of Jesus Christ my Redeemer to have full pardon and remission of my sins and to inherit everlasting life, and my body I commit to the earth to be decently buried at the discretion of my executors hereinafter named. And as touching such worldly estate as it hath pleased God to bestow upon me, I give and dispose thereof as followeth:

Imprimis: I give and devise unto my son Robert Fitkin all that messuage wherein I now dwell situate and being at Wilstone aforesaid with all houses malthouses edifices buildings barns stables yards orchards gardens barksides closes lands tenements commons profits?comeditie hereditaments and appurtenances whatsoever thereunto belonging to have and to hold to my said son Robert Fitkin his heirs and assigns forever. Item, I give and bequeath to my son John Seare his heirs assigns forever all that my cottage or tenement with a tenement? thereunto belonging belonging situate lying and being at Marsworth in the co. of Bucks. and now in the and possession of Richard Goodfyn? And Richard Eames? Or their assigns with all houses outhouses edifices

buildings yards orchards gardens barksides closes lands tenements commons profits ?comeditie hereditaments and appurtenances whatsoever thereunto belonging. Item, all the rest of my goods chattels moneys and personal estate whatsoever I give and bequeath to my said son John Seare, my son John Grainge and my son William Lathwell equally to be divided amongst them they paying and performing my funeral rites and expenses and I hereby make constitute and appoint the said John Seare John Grainge and William Lathwell joint executors of this my last will and testament revoking all former wills made by me. In witness whereof I have to this my last will and testament set my hand and seal the day and year first above written.

Sealed published and declared to be the last will and testament of the said John Fitkin in the presence of James Bird snr, James Bird jnr , Mich Seare. Signed: IF 29th June 1682

Johes Seare, Johes Grange, et Guilielmus Lathwood execs intra noi at jurati fuerunt de veritate hujus teatam'ti or comam me Joh Jones surr.

Robert Fitkin; husbandman; Wilstone; 1733: 13 HR 172

I Robert Fitkin of Wilston in the parish of Tring and co. of Herts husbandman being aged and infirm of body but of good and sound disposing mind and memory and understanding, (praised be almighty God) considering the certainty of death and the uncertainty of the time and the manner thereof, do make and ordain this my last will and testament in form and manner following (that is to say)

Imprimis I give will and devise unto Elizabeth Fitkin my well-beloved wife all that my messuage cottage or tenement situate in Wilstone aforesaid wherein I and my said wife now dwell with all that my meadow or orchard ?plat thereto adjoining and also all gardens yards barns stables edifices and building whatsoever thereto belonging with all trees hedges ditches fences mounds ways waters commons profits hereditaments and appurtenances whatsoever to the same belonging or in any wise appurtaining for and during and to the full end and term of her natural life.

Item I do also give and devise unto the said Elizabeth my wife all that my close called Pond Close adjoining to a certain common mead called Wick Mead on the west and the highway leading to Drayton Becchamps on the south and also all that my arable land and meadow or pasture ground lying dispersedly in the common fields belonging to Wilstone aforesaid hereinafter particularly mentioned and set down (that is to say) In a certain common field called the Hither East Field two butts lying together the lands of Frances Woodroofe widow on the north and the lands of William Gore esq now in possession tenure or occupation of William Darlet on the south. In another certain common field called the Further East Field one acre by estimation be the same more or less adjoining to Glebe land on the north and the lands of William Gore esq now in the possession occupation or tenure of Thomas Gifford on the south. In another certain common field called Wick Mead Field one acre lying apart in two lands or half acres(that is to say) one land or half acre part thereof the lands now in the possession tenure or occupation of James Harding on the north and the lands now in the possession tenure or occupation of Elizabeth Hinton widow on the south another land or half acre residue thereof in the lands of Edward Foster lying on the north and the lands of William Gore esq now in the possession tenure or occupation of William Darlet on the south with all and every of the appurtenances whatsoever thereto belonging or in any way appurtaining to have and to hold to her the said Elizabeth my wife for and during and unto the full end and term of her natural life.

Item If my daughter Elizabeth the wife of Joseph Nash of Wilston afs should happen to conceive a child that should be born alive my mind and will is that all that my messuage

cottage or tenement lands and premises with every of their appurtenances shall be equally divided between my four daughters, (that is to say) Elizabeth the wife of Joseph Nash afs, Hannah the wife of Benjamin Horton of Tattennall, Sara Boarder widow and relict of John Boarder of Wilston afs, and Keziah the wife of Edward Foster of Wilston afs share and share alike to have and to hold to them their heirs executors administrators or assigns for ever after the decease of Elizabeth my beloved wife. But in case my said daughter Elizabeth Nash should not happen to conceive a child or that the said child should not be born alive if she should conceive one, then my mind and will is that all my messuage cottage tenement lands premises with the appurtenances herein before mentioned shall be shared and divided as is therein before mentioned and expressed for and during and until the full end and term of the natural life of my said daughter Elizabeth Nash and after her decease (if she die without a child to be born alive as afs) I will that all the fourth part or share that my daughter Elizabeth Nash is to have for shall be equally shared and divided unto and amongst my other three daughters (that is to say) Hannah Horton, Sara Boarder Kezia Foster their heirs, execs, administrators or assigns for ever and I do hereby will give and devise the same accordingly. Item All the rest and residue of my goods chattells and credits whatsoever and wheresoever the same are I do hereby give and bequeath unto Elizabeth Fitkin my loving wife whom I do hereby make my full and sole executrix of this my will and I do declare this and only this to be my last will and testament. In witness whereof I have hereunto sett my hand and seal this fifth day of December in the year of our Lord 1733. This was signed sealed published and declared by Robert Fitkin the said teatator and in his presence subscribed by us: John Marryat, the mark of John Blackwell, Isaac Attaway. The mark of Robert Fitkin RF

Isabel Grace; Granborough: 1635: 8 AR 273

To Benedict Grace, son, 12/- to buy a brass pot

To Jane Grace, grandchild, one bolster in the best

To Anne Grace, grandchild, one bolster in the best

To Elizabeth Grace, daughter-in-law, Richard's wife, my brass pot

To daughter-in-law, Benedict Grace's wife, my best gown.

To Richard Grace, eldest son, my executor, the rest of my goods.

Richard Grace; yeoman; Granborough; 1614: 8 AR 49v

To the poor of the parish, 3/4d.

To the parson? 10/-

To my son Thomas Grace, £10..... and the choice of the 4 hoggs in my yard, one land of wheat, 2 lands of barley, 3 lands of All my ley ... £10 paid to him by son Richard Grace in...... of one acre of land descended by surrender ofto the use of Richard Grace.

Executrix Isabel Grace

To son Benedict Grace

Rest of goods to wife Isabel

I desire my brother ?John Grange ?John Grace to be overseers

Witnessed ?John Grange, ?John Grace.

Elizabeth Graunge; Puttenham; 1607: 2 HW 255

Bequests to:

Youngest daughter Elizabeth Graunge Son Wm Eave? Son Stephen Eeave? Daughter Isabel Holve Daughter Joan Graunge Daughter Elizabeth Jackson Son-in-law Other names not legible

Emma Grange; Tring; 1721: 11 HR 2605

I Emm Grange of Bunstrue in the parish of Tring and county of Hertford my being aged and infirm of body but of sound disposing mind memory and understanding (praised be almighty God) do make and ordain this my last will and testament in form and manor following (viz) Imprimis: I will that my body be decently interred in Marsworth in the county of Bucks by my executrix herein after named.

Item: I give unto my sister Faith Newton the wife of John Newton aforesaid the sum of £30 of good and lawful money of Great Britain.

Item: I give unto my kinswoman Elizabeth Stratford the wife of Henry Stratford of Gublecote in the parish of Tring aforesaid the ?... sum of £30 of like money.

Item: I give unto Keziah Fitkin the daughter of Robert and Elizabeth Fitkin of Wilston in the parish of Tring aforesaid, and sister to the said Elizabeth Stratford herein before named the like sum of £30 of like money.

Item: I give unto Hannah Fitkin the daughter of the said Robert and Elizabeth Fitkin the sum of £15 like money. Item I give unto my cousin Edward Bale of London the son of Edward Bale of Marsworth aforesaid the sum of £7 of like money.

Item: I give unto Thomas Bale of Chesham in the county of Bucks brother to the said Edward Bale at London aforesaid the sum of £7 of like money.

Item: I give unto Sarah Cheshire of Whitchurch in the county of Bucks, sister to the said Edward and Thomas Bale herein before named the like sum of f,7 of like money.

Item: I give unto my sister Faith Newton half my wearing apparel and the use of all my bedding and goods that are Bunstrue aforesaid where I now dwell for and during the term of her natural life.

Item: I will that all my legacies, (except those goods at Bunstrue) be paid within ?... months after my decease.

Item: All the rest and residue of my goods chattels and credits whatsoever and wheresoever the same are, I give unto my sister Elizabeth Fitkin of Wilston aforesaid whom I do hereby make and ordain my full and sole executrix of this my will and I do hereby revoke and make void all former and other wills by me made and do declare this and only this to be my last will and testament.

In witness whereof I have hereunto set my hand and seal this eighth day of May Anno ... Domini 1721.

This was signed sealed published and declared by the said testatrix and in her presence subscribed and attested by us, the mark of

James Pipkin
PEliestor Robison the mark of
Isaac Attaway Emm Grange

John Grainge; malster; Wilstone; 1737: 51 HW 11

In the name of God amen I John Grainge of Wilstone in the parish of Tring in the county of Hertford being of reasonable good health and of sound and disposing mind and memory Do make and ordain this my last will and testament.... My body to be decently interred at the discretion of my executors....

I give and devise... all those pieces or parcels of land with the appurtenances by estimation 10 acres.... being in the common fields of Wilstone in the parish of Tring ... now in my own possession Shall go remain and be unto my son John Grainge and to his heirs....

Also I give and bequeath unto my son John Grainge ... twenty pounds to be paid to him by my son Robert Grainge out of my lands and tenements being and lying in the parish of Wingrave in the county of Bucks hereinafter more particularly mentioned when he the said Robert Grainge my son shall attain to the age of one and twenty years Also I give and devise that my cottage or tenement with the appurtenances ... in the parish of Wingrave ... now in the occupation of Richard Durley ... together with all houses outhouses [etc] and also all those several pieces of arable land and ley ground belonging... being in the common fields of the parish of Wingrave... containing by estimation 5 acres and 3 roods ... [pieces of land named as follows: Short Goodens Burrough, Shooting in Cheker acre, between the Headlands, Hollingheadge Field, Even Hill, Spirewell Furlong, one butt on the Down, Lower Walbridge, the Riddy, Mithell Leys, some of these in the tenure of John Mortimer.] shall go remain and be unto my son Robert Grainge and his heirs... paying out of the same the said legacy above mentioned.

Also I give and bequeath unto my two daughters Jane Grainge and Keziah Grainge the sum of three score pounds apiece ... to be paid to them ... at their respective ages of one and twenty years. [Clause giving their share to the surviving children if one of the daughters dies.]

Also all the rest and residue of my goods chattels and personal estate whatsoever.... I do give and bequeath unto my loving wife Jane Grainge and my son John Grainge whom I do nominate and appoint full and sole executrix and executor of this my will jointly... In witness whereof I have set my hand and seal this 13th day of December in the 8th year of the reign of Geo: the 2nd 1734.

John Grainge Signed sealed published and declared by John Grainge the elder... in the presence of:

The mark of Robert Grainge, Thomas West, Wm Monk

Proved at Northwich 18.2.1737 by the oath of Jane Grainge and John Grainge joint extors.

John Grainge the elder; carpenter; Little Horwood; 1828: 273 AW 3

This is the last will and testament of me John Grainge the elder of Little Horwood in the co. of Bucks carpenter. First I give and devise unto my sons Thomas Grainge and John Grainge All end every my copyhold messuages cottages closes lands tenements hereditaments real estate and premises situate lying and being in Little Horwodd afs or elsewhere..... To hold the same... to the use of my said sons Thomas Grainge and John Grainge ... upon trust nevertheless as hereinafter mentioned. Also I give and bequeath unto my sons Thomas Grainge and John Grainge all my household goods and furniture implements and stock in trade ready money and all other my personal estate....To hold upon trust ... to sell and dispose of the said messuages [etc.] And do and shall ... pay unto my granddaughter Elizabeth Grainge Fairman ... the legacy or sum of five pounds When she shall attain the age of twenty-one years. Then upon trust to pay and divide the residue of the said monies which shall remainunto and among my sons

and daughters the said Thomas Grainge and John Grainge Robert Grainge Matthew Grainge George Grainge Rebecca the wife of John Illing Mary Grainge and Jane Grainge equally part and share alike to whom I do hereby give and bequeath the same accordingly.

[Legacy to Elizabeth Grainge Fairman to be invested on her behalf and used for her maintenance education and support. Thomas and John Grainge to be executors.] Dated 7.4.1828 X of John Grainge

Witnessed: Chas Willis, Thomas Fairman, John Curtis

Proved in the Archdeaconry of St. Alban by Thomas and John Grainge, executors. 20.5.1837.

Henry Grainge; patten sole maker; Tring; 1762: 16 HR 531

Surrender made to uses of will

To Francis Wakeman of Aldbury Herts labourer and Joseph Butterfield of Pightlesthorne [Pitstone] Bucks collar maker my cottage or tenement in Akeman Street Tring and the cottage where Israel Lane and Robert Duncomes dwell in trust for wife Mary Grainge for life and then [the first cottage] to cousin John Grainge of Harridge in Bucks patten sole maker chargeable for an annuity of 50/- for his sister Mary Geary for two years [the second cottage] to cousin Thomas Grainge of Harridge sawyer chargeable for an annuity of 50/- for his sister Mary Geary for two years

All household goods and furniture belonging to his wife at time of marriage to wife mary Grainge

To cousin Mary Grainge of West Wycombe Bucks 5/-

To her daughters Mary and Ann Grainge 5/- each

To James Young of Tring linen draper 10/-

To Francis Wakeman and James Butterfield executors of Trust a guinea apiece To kinsmen John and Thomas Grainge tools, implements of trade and household goods Rest and residue to Wakeman and Butterfield in trust for wife Mary Grainge, and after her death in trust for Thomas and John Grainge

Wife Mary executrix.

Dated 23.12.1762

Signed Henry Grainge

Witnessed: John Grainge, Thos Bewley, E Bewley, Samuel Herbert

Proved 4.9.1765

Thomas Grange; yeoman; Puttenham; 1605: 3 HW 363

I give and bequeath unto my well-beloved wife Elizabeth Grange to her heirs and assigns for ever, one acre of arable land lying in Puttenham.....

I give and bequeath unto Joane Grange my daughter a croft

To son of Richard Jackston???

Witnesses Rob Bosworth, Geo Blythe

William Grange; husbandman; Puttenham; 1607: 2 HW/252

In the name of God, amen. The ?25th day of July, in the year of our Lord God one thousand six hundred and seven and in the fifth year of the reign of our sovereign James by the grace of God King of England, France and Ireland, defender of the faith and of

Scotland the ?forlith?. I William Grange of Puttenham in the co. of Herts, husbandman, being weak in body yet of whole mind and in good and perfect remembrance (praised be almighty God) make and ordain this my ?present last will and testament in manner and form following, that is to say, first I commend my soul unto almighty God my maker and redeemer and my body to be buried in the parish church or churchyard of Puttenham afs.

Item, I will that all my debts and duties that I owe of right or of conscience to any person or persons be well and truly and paid by mine executrix hereinafter named without delay or contradiction. And after my debts paid and my funeral expenses performed, I will that all my goods, chattels and ?debts? goods, moveable and unmoveable shall be divided into two equal parts whereof I will that Jane my wife shall have the one equal part for her own?personal use in manner of her purpose and part to her of all my said goods, chattells and debts belonging. And the other equal part of all my said goods, chattels and debts I bequeath unto John Grange my son to be delivered unto him when he shall come to the age of xxi years and in the meantime his foresaid part or portion to be put forth unto some sufficient? man which the executrix and overseers (upon good security) shall think fit to be employed to the use of the said John Grange my son to be delivered to him when he come to the age of xxi years and shall yearly pay unto him xxs till he accomplish and come to the full age of xxi years. And further I will that if my said wife have any other child or children by me lawfully begotten then that the same shall have legacy or legacies equally divided £10 out of her part and £10 out of my son John his part or portion to be paid when the child or children shall come to the age of 21 years. And I will and my mind and intent is that Jane my wife or her assigns shall have the keeping, governance and bringing up of my son John putting him to school in the time of his nonage that he may learnt to write and read and be made fit for an occupation which if she neglects to do my will is that the overseers hereinafter named shall have full force and power to take away my son John Grange from Jane my wife and place him at their disposition where he shall be brought up, governed and ?maintained as he ought. And the whole means which before were by Jane my wife to be employed, now to be employed by the overseers to the same purpose till he come to the age of 21 years. But if Jane my wife shall bring him up, govern him and maintain him an he ought to be brought up, governed and maintained according to my will in that behalfe? ?they overseers shall not take him from her or dispose of him. But if before my son John come to the age of xxi years he have a desire to be placed with some trade and the overseers and executrix shall judge it meet the whole means of his maintenance before employed by his mother shall be disposed for the placing of him to the said trade. And I also bequeath unto my son John Grange all my land ?knem? with the appurtenances set and being in Puttenham aforesaid at the time when he shall come to be xxi years of age and in the meantime my will is that my wife Jane Grange shall have one half for her reasonable part or portion of land and shall possess and quietly enjoy the other half for the better keeping, governing and maintaining my son John Grange. And if it come to pass that my said son John Grange decease before he come to the age of xxi years then I bequeath my land and ?kneme? with the appurtenances to my brother John Grange of Mursley in the co. of Bucks yeoman and his heirs for ever, quietly to possess and enjoy after the 21 years aforesaid are ?realised? and his legacy or child part before specified, I wholly give to my wife Jane?before the xxi years be she giving unto two of Richard Grace his children Granborough, Richard and Bennet £5 apiece. Item, my will is that my sister I.... Grace the wife of Richard Grace of Granborough shall have yearly 10/till that Grange be xxi years ?of age? And also I bequeath unto William White of Abbots Aston my god.... sheep. And I give to Ann Browne of Puttenham my god-child a sheep likewise. Unto the poor of Puttenham I give xiid apiece. And of this

my testament make and ordain the said Jane my wife whole executrix. And I bequeath to her I make and ordain my brother John Grange of Mursley Poverseer. ?? I uterly revoke alllegacies, bequests..... by me in any wise ... before ... named, willed, bequeathed In witness whereof I have put my hand the day and year above William Grange his mark.

Proved by Jane Grange 1607

Thomas Hinton; yeoman, Wilstone, Tring; 1729: 12 HR 301

Have surrendered/am about to surrender into the hands of the Lord of the Manor of Tring Magna all copyhold lands, messuages etc. to the use of my will:

To wife Elizabeth one acre of land in Wilstone owned by William Gore esq. abutting land held by John Gregory plus two acres of freehold abutting lands of Thomas Deely and Lord Cheynie, and two acres of land abutting land of Robert Fitkin and John Grange... other pieces of land, in trust to sell it and pay debts.

To son Thomas Hinton, messuage in Wilstone where I now dwell, after the death of wife Elizabeth, along with land lately purchased from John Finch...

John Hodgkin; Grandborough; 1633: 76 AW 14

The will nuncupative of John Hodgkin of Grandborough made as he lay upon his deathbed the fifth day of November 1633

I give to my three children five pounds apiece fifteen pounds between them to be paid upon they shall come to the age of one and twentie years and to every of them some household stuff all the rest of my goods I give to my wife whom I make sole executrix of this my last will and testament.

Witnesses: Jeremy Deacon minister, Henry ?Stephens snr Probate 28.4.1634 to Elizabeth.... Executrix

John Hogkins; husbandman; Little Horwood; 1682: 119 AW 12

In the name of God amen the seventeenth day of January 1682 According to the computation of the church of England I John Hodgkins of Little Horwood in the county of Bucks husbandman being of perfect memory and remembrance praised be God do make and ordain this my last will and testament in manner and form following viz. First I bequeath my soul into the hands of Almighty God my maker hoping that through the meritorious death and passion of Jesus Christ my only saviour and redeemer to receive free pardon and forgiveness of all my sins; and as for my body to be buried in Christian burial at the discretion of my executrix hereinafter nominated.

Item I give unto my daughter Mary Barber five shillings

Item I give unto my daughter Priscilla Henley five shillings

Item I give unto my daughter Phoebe Henley five shillings

Item I give unto my daughter Elizabeth Hodgkins twenty pounds to be paid unto her twelve months after my decease

Item I give unto my son John Hodgkins a yearling colt

Item I give unto my wife all my goods and chattels upon condition that she pay all my debts and legacies; and make her sole executrix of this my last will and testament, revoking all other wills and testaments.

In witness whereof I have hereunto set my hand and seal the day and year first above written.

In the presence of us. William Illing, Thomas Curtis, Ino Footman, cler.

John Illinge; husbanman; Little Horwood; 1598: 40 AW 14

In the name of God amen The xviith day of March AD 1598 I John Illinge of Little Horwood..... Husbandman.....

Item I give to Isabell my wife one cow to be kept in pasture field common and at house winter and summer so well as my son John shall keep his own during her natural life to have her chamber room and fire necessary for her and also lodging or other things she shall have need of for and during her natural life without any disturbance or my said son John or any other for him. Item I give to Joane Illinge my daughter one cow to be delivered unto her at the day of her marriage and also one bedstead to be delivered unto her when she shall need the same. And further my will is that if the said Joane do not happen to marry or shall happen to be visited with sickness that she shall have with her motherso long as her mother herself. Item I give to Annis my daughter iiis ivd in money to be paid unto her or her assigns All the rest of my goods chattels moveables and unmoveable unbequeathed and not given my herriott paid, debts discharged.... I give to John Illing my son whom I make my sole and whole executor. And further I appoint John Illing my cousin and Robert Maskcall my neighbour overseers.... The mark of John Illinge
Witnesses: John Robinson vicar

John Illinge Robert Mascall

John Illing; yeoman; Little Horwood; 1609: 50 AW15

In the name of God Amen the eleventh day of August ...1609. I John Illing of Littell Harwood (Little Horwood) in to co. of Bucks yeoman.......

Body to be buried in the churchyard of Little Horwood

William my second son to pay fxx to my third son John within two years of the death of wife Elizabeth, mother of my son William

Wife Elizabeth to pay son John £20 when he reaches 21 years

To daughter Catherine Cooper one charger

Wife Elizabeth to may daughter Alice £40 on the day of her marriage

Wife Elizabeth to pay to each of my younger sons, Edward, Arthur and Peter , ± 30 each at the age of 21

To the church of Little Horwood 3s 4d, to each of my godchildren 12d and to the poor of Little Horwood 4s

Residue of goods to wife Elizabeth sole executor.

Wife Elizabeth to have the house where I now dwell with land etc for nine years

Wife Elizabeth to pay eldest son Thomas £3 a year during these nine years.

Wife Elizabeth to fell 21 trees in Pasture Close, [which belongs to the above house]

Richard Cooper of Little Horwood and Edward Tolman of Twyford overseers – to receive 5s apiece for their pains.

In witness whereof I the said John Illing have hereunto set my hand....

Witnesses: Thomas Williamson, gent.

Richard Cooper

Thomas Curtiese

George Illing

Thomas Adams

John Adams

John Lawrence; husbandman; Flamstead; 1710: HAL_HNO13

Lawrence Johes Sen de Flamstead

In the name of God Amen I John Lawrence the elder of the parish of Flamsteed in the county of Hertford husbandman being sick and weak in body but of sound and perfect mind and memory praise be therefore given to Almighty God for the same and calling to mind the uncertainty of this present life do therefore make and ordain this my last will and testament in manner and form following (that is to say) Firstly and principally I commend my soul into the hands of Almighty God hoping assuredly through the only merits of Jesus Christ my Saviour and Redeemer to be made partaker of Everlasting Life, and my body I commit to the earth to be decently buried at the discretion of my executor hereafter named and touching the disposition of all such worldly estate as it hath pleased Almighty God to bestow upon me I give devise and bequeath the same as followeth Imprimis I give and bequeath unto all my children one shilling apiece of good and lawful money of Great Britain to be paid to each of them by my executor within one month after my decease Item all the rest and residue of my personal estate moveable goods and chattels whatsoever unbequeathed my debts being paid and my funeral expenses discharged I do give and bequeath them unto Anne Lawrence my loving wife; and lastly I do nominate and appoint Thomas Lawrence my second son to be full and whole executor of this my last will and testament and I do disannul and make void all former wills by me heretofore made In witness whereof I the said John Lawrence to this my last will and testament have hereunto set my hand and seal the one and thirtieth day of August in the ninth year of the reign of our Sovereign Lady Anne by the grace of God Queen over Great Britain A.D. 1710. The mark of John Lawrence. Signed sealed and published by the withinnamed John Lawrence in the presence of Timothy Smith Thomas Smith and John Birchmore.

Proved at Great Gaddesden 18.9.1710

Daniel Woodruff; blacksmith; Wilston; 1727: 145 HW 25

In the name of God amen the two and twentieth day of September the first year of the reign of our sovereign Lord George the second by the grace of God of Great Britain France and Ireland king defender of the faith AD 1727. I Daniel Woodruffe of Wilston in the parish of Tring in the co of Hertford blacksmith being in perfect health and of a sound disposing mind and memory praise be to almighty God therefore but considering the certainty of death and the uncertain termination of this transitory life do make and ordain my last will and testament in manner and form following. First and principally I commend my soul into the hands of Almighty God that made it, hoping therby to be made partaker of everlasting life. And my body I commit to the earth to be decently buried in such place as shall seem meet to my executrix hereinafter named and by me hereby appointed. And for such temporal estate as it hath pleased Almighty God to bless and ?..... me withall I give will devise and dispose thereof in manner and form following (that is to say) As for touching and concerning all that messuage being now divided into two cottages or tenements with the orchard and two?... commons thereunto belonging and one acre arable land lying in the parish of Puttenham all which being lately purchased by me of Robert Reynolds together with all houses outhouses buildings barns stables yards gardens trees wood ways commons /p..... and appurtenances whatsoever to them or either of them belonging holden used or in any wise appurtaining I give and bequeath unto Daniel Woodruffe my second son and to his

heirs and assigns for ever. Item, as for touching and ?.... all these eight acres of custumary arable land by estimation more or less lying and being in the parish ?.... and common fields of Buckland which I have of the day or the date hereof surrendered to the use of such person and persons as shall be mentioned in my last will and testament together with all hedges ditches trees commons profits and appurtenances whatsoever to them or either of them belonging or therewith enjoyed I give and bequeath to William Woodruffe my youngest son and to his heirs and assigns for ever.

Item, As for touching and concerning all other my messuages cottages lands tenements and hereditaments whatsoever and wheresoever not before by me herein given or anyways upon marriage by me heretofore settled with the crop of corn grain grass or hay that shall be standing growing or being upon them or either of them at the time of my decease which I give and bequeath unto Thomas Woodruffe my eldest son and to his heirs and assigns for ever.

Item, I give unto my said son Thomas Woodruffe all my horses cows sheep hogs carts waggon ploughs harrows halters gears? And implements of husbandry whatsoever and wheresoever that shall be found in the barn stable yard or elsewhere at the time of my decease and also all my stock of iron coal tools and implements which I use in carrying on the trade of a smith that shall be standing or being in my shop or elsewhere at the time of my decease. Upon the condition nevertheless that he the said Thomas Woodruffe my said son do and shall out of his said stock pay or cause to be paid to my daughter Frances Woodruffe the sum of twenty pounds of lawful money of Great Britain when she shall attain the age of one and twenty years or day of marriage which shall first happen and I do hereby charge the same with the payment thereof.

Item, I give and bequeath unto Frances Woodruffe my said daughter the sum of one hundred pounds of lawful money of Great Britain to be paid to her by my executrix hereinafter named and by me hereby appointed when she shall attain the age of one and twenty years or day of marriage which shall first happen.

Item, all the rest and residue of my goods chattels, cattle and personal estate whatsoever and wheresoevernot herein before by me mentioned to be given my debts being first paid my funeral expenses and the legacies herein before by me given unto my daughter Frances Woodruffe discharged. I give and bequeath the same unto Frances Woodruffe my loving wife whom I make full and sole executrix of this my last wool and testament contained in three sheets of paper making void all former wills by me at any time heretofore made and declare this to be my last will and testament.

Item, Lastly my mind will and devise is and I do hereby request my loving friend and neighbour John Gregory of Wilston aforesaid in the said parish of Tring and county of Hertford yeoman to see the several bequests and legacies in this my last will and testament mentioned expressed to be duly performed and paid. In witness whereof I Daniel Woodruffe the testator to each of the sheets have hereunto set my hand and seal the day and year first within written.

Signed sealed published and declared by the testator Daniel Woodruffe in the presence of ?... those who have subscribed ?... named as witnesses hereunto.

next the land of John Gregory on the south part and the land of John Grange on the south part thereof with all?.... profits?.... thereto belonging or Appurtaining to the said Daniel his heirs and assigns for ever.

And lastly it is my desire (that the said codicil be addended to my will etc....) Witnessed: John Gregory Sames Harding, Frn Cooley

Thomas Woodroofe; Wilstone; 1706: 12 HR 307

Usual openings....

Item I give.... Iunto Thomas Woodroofe the younger my son all those 8^{1/2} acres of arable land in the common fields of Wilstone – in Coudy? More Field, Great Lakewell, Wickmead Field, Further East Field

Item I give ...unto my son Thomas Wooroofe all that my shop situate and being in Wilstone ... with all hereditaments and appurtenances.

Item I give and bequeath to my son Daniel Woodroofe the sum of 3 score pounds to be paid within twelve months. (If son Thomas, executor, fails to pay him. Daniel gets the land)

Item to my two grandsons John and William Foster of Wilstone £5 apiece.

Item to my daughter Sarah Foster all my household stuff.

And whereas Thomas Gurney oweth and stands indebted to me the sum of £6, of the £6 which is due to me from my son-in-law Thomas Gurney, I give £5 of the £6 to my cousin Elizabeth Gurney to be paid to her by her father Thomas Gurney as soon as she accomplishes the age of 21 years and the other 20/- of the £6 I give to my loving daughter Elizabeth Gurney by her husband Thomas Gurney within 12 months after my decease.

Item all the rest of my goods and chattels ... to my son Thomas, whom I make executor.

Witnessed James Bird, Henry Munn, Henry Hitchcock. Thomas + Woodroofe

HUNTINGDON

(All held at Huntingdon Library and Archives; places in Herts.)

John Grange; husbandman; Puttenham; 1572: HLA vol. 14, p. 127

Date: 7.12.1572

I will that Margaret my wife and Thomas Grange my son shall have all my goods moveable and unmoveable.... the same to arrange jointly together with all my lands and the house which I the aforesaid John Grange dwell in at the time of my deathjointly for the term of four years....

After this period, wife Margaret to depart with half of goods moveable and unmoveable to her own use.

Margaret and son Thomas to be executors.

Witnesses: Francis Alding...?, Thomas Grace, Thomas Weste?

William Grange; husbandman; Puttenham; 1570: HLA vol. 14, p. 57

Date: 12.2.1570

William Grange of Astampe? In the parish of Puttenham

Body to be buried in churchyard of Puttenham

Wife Elizabeth to have all goods moveable and unmoveable

Son John to have house at Puttenham named Basterdet? with appurtenances at 21 Son John to have half of all cattle at 21, and all other ... in the field unmoveable and in the house also

Son John to have £8 8/4 at 21

To wife Elizabeth, being widow, house named Bastardet?

If son John die without issue, then son William [to inherit?]

To son William 2 three-year-old milch cows delivered at 21 and £6 13/4 to be paid at 21 by wife Elizabeth, executrix

If son William die without issue, then John [to inherit?]

If both sons die without issue then land called Bastardet? to go to William son of John Grange with Robert son of John Grange receiving £20

Neighbours William Stonell and Thomas White to be overseers, 20d apiece for their pains

Witnesses: John Fy... William Stonell, Thomas White, Edward Whe...

Proved by Elizabeth Grange 21.2.1570