

PARISH OF CHARDSTOCK

PART ONE - LETTERS OF ADMINISTRATION

Abstracts of Administrations for Chardstock in the Prerogative Court of Canterbury by G S Fry and printed in *Somerset & Dorset Notes & Queries* in 1891.

| Name | | Grantee & Relationship to Deceased | Date Granted |
|-----------------------|-----------------------|--|--------------|
| BOUDICH [BOWDITCH] | George | Elizabeth, relict | 20.7.1641 |
| BOWDITCH | Henry | Ann, relict | 13.10.1646 |
| BOWDITCH | William | of Dallwood, died at Chardstock Henry, nephew | 29.8.1646 |
| CHARD | Richard | John Tanner, principal creditor; Mary, relict, renouncing | 7.5.1681 |
| DABYNOT | Thomas | Thomas, son | 11.6.1625 |
| EASTMOND | Joan | Thomas, son | 23.4.1631 |
| FURSDON | Petronilla Widow | Alexander Hollocks, creditor, William, son, renouncing | 28.6.1629 |
| HULES [HALES] | Martin | Bridget Clarke, wife of Thomas Clarke, "amite" of Elizabeth Hules daughter of deceased, during her minority | 30.11.1630 |
| HUTCHINS | Henry Bachelor | Margaret Warrey, mother | 3.6.1667 |
| JONES | William | Margaret, relict | 25.2.1619 |
| NEWBERRY | John | Joane, widow, mother | 22.3.1693 |
| SANFORD | Joan, Widow | Christopher, son | 14.3.1635 |
| TYDERLEIGH | Elizabeth Spinster | Anne, wife of George Bowdich, mother | 18.2.1692 |
| VINCENT | Constantine | William Vincent, nephew and next of kin | 24.7.1614 |
| WARREN | Charles | Jane, relict | 20.9.1673 |
| WILTESHIRE | Edward | John Bowditch, senior uterine brother; Thomazine Wiltshire, mother, not having fully administered. Former letters Oct. 1572. | 22.8.1638 |

PART TWO - WILLS

| Source | Name | | Type | Date |
|--------|----------|----------------|--------------------------------------|--------------------------|
| D | APSEY | Giles | Transcript of Will | 17.5.1743 |
| D | APSEY | Samuel | Transcript of Will | 30.11.1797 |
| D | APSEY | Samuel | Transcript of Will | 28.3.1835 |
| D | APSEY | Thomas | Transcript of Will | 11.2.1735/6 |
| M | BENTLY | Elizabeth | Extracts of Will | Not recorded |
| M | BONFIELD | Samuel | Extracts of Will | 16.7.1883 |
| A | CHARD | Elizabeth | Extracts of Will | 14.3.1815 |
| B | CHARD | Robert | Extracts of Will | 9.2.1826 |
| D | CHUBB | Elizabeth | Transcript of Will | 11.3.1630/1 |
| D | CHUBB | Johane [Joan] | Transcript of Will with Inventory | 29.3.1631 14.4.1631 |
| D | CHUBB | John | Transcript of Inventory | 3.12.1628 |
| F | CHUBB | Nicholas | Transcript of Will | 2.12.1679 |
| A | COGAN | Robert | Extracts of Will with Inventory | 10.6.1723 20.5.1729 |
| A | COX | William Blatch | Abstract of Will | 2.1.1856 |
| I | DABINOTT | John | Extracts of Will | 1.11.1624 |
| M | DEANE | Richard | Extracts of Will | 30.1.1835 |
| D | DEANE | Thomas | Extracts of Will | 26.5.1770 |
| M | DEEM | Robert | Extracts of Will | 24.1.1881 |
| D | DENING | Amy | Transcript of Will | 6.10.1804 |
| D | DENING | Charles | Transcript of Will | 7.2.1795 |
| D | DENNING | Edward | Transcript of Will | 20.11.1661 |
| D | DENING | John | Transcript of Will | 4.2.1680/1 |
| D | DENING | Richard | Transcript of Will | 21.5.1797 |
| D | DENING | Richard | Transcript of Will | 7.9.1859 |
| D | DOMETT | Emanuel | Extracts of Will | 3.4.1705 |
| A | EAMES | James | Extracts of Will | 29.10.1908 |
| M | EAMES | Sarah | Extracts of Will | 8.4.1864 |
| D | HARVY | George | Extracts of Will with Inventory | 17.3.1701/2 7.11.1701 |
| D | HUTCHINS | John | Transcript of Will | 27.10.1711 |
| D | KEATE | James | Transcript of Will | 9.12.1719 |
| D | KEETCH | William | Transcript of Will | 3.8.1836 |
| E | LEAT | William | Transcript of Will | 10.1.1794 |
| G | LEGGE | John | Extracts of Will | 20.9.1549 |
| M | LONG | Anna | Extracts of Will | 30.3.1889 |
| D | MARKS | John | Extracts of Will | 2.5.1761 |
| D | MARKS | William | Extracts of Will | 2.4.1730 |
| D | MARKS | William | Extracts of Will | 6.4.1777 |
| D | MITCHELL | John | Extracts of Will | 8.2.1731/2 |
| D | PARYS | Margaret | Transcript of Will | 23.5.1584 |
| D | PARRYS | William | Transport of Will | 21.6.1581 |
| B | PERING | James | Extracts of Will | 19.7.1869 |
| B | PERRING | James | Extracts of Will | 3.7.1861 |
| NK | PINNEY | Jonathan | Extracts of Will | 31.1.1804 |
| NK | PINNEY | Jonathan | Extracts of Will | 6.12.1833 |
| F | PINNEY | Nicholas | Extracts of Will | 28.4.1680 |
| NK | PINNY | Thomas | Extracts of Administration | May, 1674 |
| F | PINNEY | Thomas | Extracts of Will | 12.11.1788 |

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| NK | PINNEY | Thomas | Extracts of Will | 17.9.1821 |
| NK | PYNNEY | Alis [Alice] | Extracts of Will | |
| | | | with Inventory | 27.2.1634/5 |
| NK | PYNNEY | Joane | Extracts of Will | 6.3.1680/1 |
| | | | with Inventory | 21.10.1682 |
| F | PYNNEY | John | Extracts of Will | August, 1551 |
| NK | PYNNEY | John | Administration | October, 1645 |
| | | | with Inventory | February 1643/4 |
| NK | PYNY/PINNEY | John | Extracts of Will | 16.4.1684 |
| | | | with Inventory | 3.9.1684 |
| F | PYNNEY | Richard | Extracts | May, 1651 |
| F | PYNNEY/PYNNEY | Walter | Extracts of Will | October, 1570 |
| A | POMROY | George | Extracts of Will | 14.6.1887 |
| M | PRYER | John | Extracts of Will | 28.7.1863 |
| A | PRYER | William Henry Isaac | Abstract of Will | 29.9.1913 |
| A | RICE | Mary | Extracts of Will | 30.12.1834 |
| A | SALWAY | John | Extracts of Will | 12.10.1848 |
| H | SEWARD | John | Transcript of Will | 7.11.1593 |
| A | SMITH | Isaac Lisle | Extracts of Will | 21.7.1943 |
| A | SMITH | Maria Jane | Abstract of Will & Probate | 4.2.1944 |
| C | STRAWBRIDGE | Albert John | Abstract of Will & Probate | 3.10.1946 |
| A | TIDY | Bernard Thomas Walter | Extracts of Will | 15.7.1960 |
| A | TURNER | Ann(e) | Extracts of Will | 18.11.1729 |
| D | TUTCHER | Francis | Transcript of Will | 12.6.1792 |
| D | VERIER | John | Transcript of Will | 3.11.1586 |
| A | WALE | John | Transcript of Will | 6.5.1932 |
| A | WALE | Joseph | Extracts of Will | 26.6.1893 |
| A | WALE | Robert | Will dated | 7.2.1857 |
| | | | Also extracts from Conveyance & separate Statement of Account | June, 1893. |
| A | WALE | Susan Mary | Extracts of Will | 29.9.1948 |
| A | WATTS | Walter | Extracts of Will | 29.3.1886 |
| D | WELCH | Henry | Grant of Probate | October 1596 |
| A | WOODCOCK | Anna Harriot | Transcript of Will | 18.8.1910 |
| D | WOOLMINGTON | John | Extracts of Will | 22.10.1640 |
| A | WORNER | George Eli | Extracts of Will | 19.12.1938 |

Sources:

- A Private papers held by the current Lord of the Manor Mr Jonathan Milford
- B Private papers of Mr Cecil Coleman
- C Private papers of Miss Miriam Martin-Green
- D Wiltshire Record Office
- E Found uncatalogued with other documents at Somerset Record Office 2005
- F Prerogative Court of Canterbury
- G Somerset Record Office
- H Private papers of Mr Alan Russell
- I New England Historic Genealogical Society, Boston, USA
- M Notes taken by local historian Miss Mary Parmiter from documents held in the Parish Chest prior to depositing at Devon Records Office in 1977
- NK Not known

TRANSCRIPT OF THE WILL OF GILES APSEY OF THE PARISH OF CHARDSTOCK

Will of **Giles Apsey**, now belonging to His Majesty's Ship Seaford

Date Will written: 17.5.1743

Proved: 17.4.1749

Ref: PROB11/769

I **Giles Apsey** now belonging to His Majesty's Ship Seaford being in bodily health and of sound and disposing mind and memory and considering the perils and dangers of the seas and other uncertainties of this transitory life do for avoiding controversies after my decease make publish and declare this my last will and testament in manner following that is to say first I recommend my soul to God that gave it and my body to the earth or sea as it shall please God to order and as for all my worldly estate I give bequeath and dispose thereof as followeth that is to say after all my just debts and funeral expenses be discharged the rest residue and remainder of all such wages sum and sums of money lands tenements goods, chattels and estate whatsoever as shall be anyways due owing or belonging unto me at the time of my decease. I give devise and bequeath the same unto my well beloved wife **Mary Apsey** of the parish of Chardstock in the County of Dorset and I do hereby nominate and appoint the said **Mary Apsey** of the parish and county aforesaid executrix of this my last will and testament hereby revoking all former and other wills testaments and deeds of gift by at any time here before made and do ordain and notify those present to stand and before my only last will and testament in witness whereof this my said will I have set my hand and seal the seventeenth day of May and in the sixteenth year of the reign of our sovereign Lord George the Second by the grace of God over Great Britain, France and Scotland King and founder of the faith and so forth and in the year of our Lord one thousand seven hundred and forty three **Giles Apsey** signed sealed and published in the presence of us **Tho. Pye John Rowe John Dynn**.

This will was proved at London on the fifteenth day of April in the year of our Lord one thousand seven hundred and forty nine before the right worshipful **John Bettesworth** Doctor of Laws Master keeper of commissionary of the prerogative court of Canterbury lawfully constituted by the oath of **Mary Apsey** otherwise **Apsey** widow the relict of the deceased also executrix named in the said will to whom administration was granted of all and singular the goods chattels and credits of the said deceased being first sworn by commission only to administer etc.

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TRANSCRIPT OF THE LAST WILL OF SAMUEL APSEY OF THE PARISH OF CHARDSTOCK

Date of Will 30.11.1797

In the Name of God Amen I **Samuel Apsey** of the Parish of Chardstock in the County of Dorset Miller being infirm of body but of Sound mind Memory and Understanding Praise be therefore given to Almighty God do make an Ordain this my last will and testament in manner and form following that is to say

First I give devise and bequeath unto **Judith Chard** for her life all that my dwelling house adjoining the Blade Mills in the said parish of Chardstock with the Ringhouse and Carhouse and Garden plot formerly waste land with paths watercourses and appurtenances whatsoever, and after her Decease I give the said Dwelling house, Ringhouse and Carhouse and Garden plot and appurtenances unto my Grandson **James Chard** his Heirs male and female forever.

Also I give unto **James Chard** my Grandson my Mills known as Blade Mills, and one field called Hendleys Acre with there appurtenances thereunto belonging a stable formerly a dwelling house lying in the parish of Chardstock and now held by lease bearing date the first of September 1795 Under Sir John Eden and Lord Auckland trustees for the manor of Chardstock for the remainder of the lease unexpired at my death.

Also I give all of my Copyhold Estate called Soapers bearing date 20th April 1796 lying in the said parish containing three acres unto **James Chard** aforesaid for the life of my daughter **Elizabeth Apsey** and after her death I give the same unto my daughter **Judith Apsey** for her life and after her decease to **James Chard** for his life.

Also I give and devise all my Copyhold called Honey Lands three closes containing 4 acres lying in above said parish and bearing date as above unto **Judith Chard** for her life and at her decease I give the same unto **Elizabeth Apsey** for her life and at her decease I give the same unto **James Chard** my grandson.

Also I give devise and bequeath part of my Copyhold called Turners granted by Copy of Court Role bearing date the 20th of April 1796 lying in the said parish of Chardstock all of the Dwelling house Offices and Outhouses and Garden there belonging to my daughter **Elizabeth Apsey** for her life the rents and profits thereof for her own separate use.

Also I give and devise the other part called Turners two closes of arable and pasture ground containing four acres and three quarters lying as aforesaid in the North tything for the life of the said **Elizabeth Apsey** unto my grandson **James Chard** and **Judith Chard** his mother to share equally alike the rents and profits of the said two closes for the life of the said **Elizabeth Apsey** as well also the lives that shall survive thereon.

Also I give unto my daughter **Anstice Dening** the sum of Fifty Pounds

Also I give the sum of Ten Pounds unto **Richard Dening** her son his heirs and assigns.

Also I give the sum of Ten Pounds unto **Elizabeth Apsey** my daughter her heirs and assigns.

Also I give the sum of Five Shillings a piece to each of my grand children lawfully begotten.

Also Five Shillings to be paid unto my great grandson **John Wyatt** within three months after my decease all the rest and residue of my goods and chattels land and substances mortgages bills bonds moneys personal estate and effects whatsoever I give and bequeath the same unto my daughter **Judith Chard** and my grandson **James Chard** and I do hereby make and Ordain the said **Judith Chard** my whole and sole executrix and **James Chard** executor of this my last will and testament hereby revoking and making void all former wills by me herefore made and declared in witness whereof I have here unto set my hand and seal this Thirtieth day of November One Thousand Seven Hundred and Ninety Seven.

Signed sealed published and declared by **Samuel Apsey** the above testator named as and for his last will and testament in the presence of us who have hereunto subscribed our names and witnesses in his presence and in the presence of each other.

Robt Pering
James Pering
Tim.y Hoare

Probate of Samuel Apsey executed 9.5.1799

John Hewish Clerk Bachelor in Divinity Prebendary of the prebend of Chardstock antiently founded in the Cathedral Church of Sarum to our well beloved Reverend **Robert Stephens, Charles Buckland and Charles Tucker** Clerks Greeting

We do hereby authorize empower and give commission unto you (in whom we perfectly confide) jointly and severally to administer the oath under written in manner and form there set forth unto **Judith** the wife of **Richard Chard** late **Judith Apsey** the lawful daughter of **Samuel Apsey** late of Chardstock in the county of Dorset and our prebendal jurisdiction deceased and sole executrix named in the last will and testament of the said deceased requiring you to duly return the presents to us or our lawful surrogate or other competent judge in this behalf with the said original will annexed and a certificate under the hand of either of you who shall duly execute this our commission testifying what you or either of you shall have done in the premises by virtue of those presents on or before the last day of June next ensuring otherwise the same to be void and of none effect. Dated at Sarum under the seal of our office the sixth day of May in the year of our Lord One Thousand Seven Hundred and Ninety Nine.

Signed...

The form of the oath to be administered to **Judith** the Wife of **Richard Chard** laying her right hand on the Holy Gospels is as follows:

You swear that the paper writing hereto annexed doth in it contain the true original last will and testament of **Samuel Apsey** late of Chardstock your late father deceased, as far as you know or believe that you are the sole executrix therein named, that you will duly execute and perform the same, and pay his debts and legacies as far as his goods chattels and credits will thereto extend and the law bind you and that you will make or cause to be made a true and perfect inventory of all and singular the goods chattels and credits of the said deceased which have and shall come to your hands possession or knowledge and exhibit the same into the registry of the prebendary of Chardstock and pass a just and true account of your executrixship when thereto lawfully required. And that the goods chattels and credits of the said deceased do not amount in value to the sum of Three Hundred pounds So Help You God Kiss the book.

This commission was duly executed at Axminster in the county of Devon on the 9th day of May 1799. And the oath above written was administered to the said Judith the wife of **Richard Chard** and by her duly taken before me.

Signed.... **CW. Buckland**

Note: The Parish Registers record that Samuel Apsey was buried at Chardstock, St. Andrew's 22.3.1799.

TRANSCRIPT OF THE WILL OF SAMUEL APSEY OF THE PARISH OF CHARDSTOCK

Date of Will 28.3.1835

I, **Samuel Apsey**, of the parish of Chardstock, in the county of Dorset, labourer, being very sick and weak of body but of perfect mind and memory, thanks be given unto God: therefore calling unto mind the mortality of my body, knowing that it is appointed unto all men once to die, do make and ordain this my last will and testament; that is to say, principally and first of all, I give and recommend my soul into the hands of almighty God that gave it, and my body I recommend to the earth, to be buried in decent Christian burial, at the discretion of my executor; nothing doubting but at the general resurrection I shall receive the same again by the almighty power of God. And as touching such worldly things wherewith it hath pleased God to bless me in this life, I give, demise, and dispose of the same in the following manner and form.

First, I give and bequeath to my eldest brother **Malachi Apsey** my box and clothes, and pinchbeck watch.

Also, I give and bequeath to my eldest sister **Sarah Amor** the sum of five pounds, of lawful money of England, and my chaff bed.

Also, I give and bequeath to my brother **Michael Apsey** the sum of thirty pounds, of lawful money of England, and my clock after my Mother's decease.

Also, I give and bequeath to my sister **Phoebe Harris** the sum of five pounds, lawful money of England, and my feather bed.

Also, I give and bequeath to my dear brother **Jeremiah Apsey**, whom I likewise constitute, make, and ordain my sole executor of this my last will and testament, the sum of thirty pounds, of lawful money of England, and my round Brazil table.

And, I give and bequeath to my brothers **Michael and Jeremiah Apsey**, both aforesaid, my garden plot, (which was given to me by my Mother), to be equally shared between them, and build thereon if they think proper but they shall have no claim thereto till after my Mother's decease.

Also, I give and bequeath to my aforesaid sister **Phoebe Harris' son Samuel Harris** my silver watch.

All the aforesaid sums of money shall be respectively paid by my executor **Jeremiah Apsey**, aforesaid, out of the sixty pounds which are now deposited in my box; five pounds in the hands of my first cousin **James Chard**, (four pounds of which I lent him, and the other pound is for a side of bacon) and eleven pounds, thirteen shillings, and nine pence, are due to me from **Mr. Thomas Deane** of Cotleigh farm, in the parish of Chardstock, aforesaid, for husbandry labour, at the end of six months after my death.

Any other things or values left, after the necessary expences of my burial &c shall have been paid, shall be given by my executor aforesaid to my dear Mother in small sums according as she may be in need.

Also, the expences of the burial of my dear Mother shall be defrayed by my executor, aforesaid, out of what still remains over and above the expences of my burial, and what have been received by my Mother in her life time.

And I do hereby ratify and confirm this, and no other, to be my last will and testament.

In witness whereof I have hereunto set my hand this day and year above written.

The mark (X) of **Samuel Apsey**

Signed, sealed, published, pronounced, and declared by the said **Samuel Apsey**, as his last will and testament in the presence of us the subscribers

William Sumption Thomas Dunster

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TRANSCRIPT OF THE LAST WILL AND TESTAMENT OF THOMAS APSEY OF THE PARISH OF CHARDSTOCK

Dated 11.2.1735/6.

At Chardstock the Seventh Day of May 1735 **Samuel Apsey** the Executor within named was duly Sworne before me

Richard Hele Jun'r Surrogate

In the name of God Amen I **Thomas Apsey** of Chardstock in the county of Dorset Miller being weak in body but of a Sound and Disposing Mind and Memory thanks be Given to Almighty God for the Same Do Make and Declare this present writing my last Will and Testament in Manner following

first I comend my Soul into the hands of Almighty God my Creator hoping to be saved thro' the of my blessed Saviour And my Body to the Earth to be Decently Interred at the Discretion of my Executor herein after named

And as touching my Wholesale Estate I Give and Dispose thereof as followeth And I do Give Devise and Bequeath unto my Son **Samuel Apsey** All that My Customary Copyhold Tenement being three closes of Pasture contayning by Estimation Four Acre be they more or less called Honey Lands lying at Huntley in the North Tything Within the Mannor of Chardstock aforesaid now in my Possession to be held by him the Said **Samuel Apsey** his Executors and Assigns for all the former Estate and Interest which I now leave therein

And I Give unto my Son **Giles Apsey** fifteen pounds to be paid him in a twelvemonth time after my said Son **Samuel** shall be possessed of my said above mentioned Copyhold Estate And not before

And I Give unto my Son **George** fifteen pounds to be paid him in two years time after my said Son **Samuel** shall be possessed of my said Copyhold Estate And not before

And I Give to my Son **Gabriell** five pounds to be paid him in three years time after my said

Son **Samuel** shall be in such possession as aforesaid And not before

And I Give to my Son **Thomas** five pounds to be paid him in four years after my said Son **Samuel** shall be so possessed And not before

with the payment of all which said Legacies I Do Charge my said Copyhold Estate

And I Give to my daughter **Mary** All that my Leasehold Estate called ye halfendeale (at or of) Ceates Cleave for all ye former Estate and Interest I have therein

And I Give unto my Son **Samuel** All that my Mill called Hook Mill with Hendlys Acre for all my former Estate and Interest therein

And I Give to my Wife All my indoor household goods and My Wife is that My Said Wife Shall Enjoy all my Copyhold Estate for her Widowhood

And I Give to my Grandson **Thomas Apsey** five shillings

And all the Rest and residue of my Goods and Chattels Lands and Substance Whatsoever I Do Give Devise and Bequeath unto the Said **Samuel Apsey** Whom I Do Make and Declare Sole Executor of this my Last Will and Testament In Witness Whereof I have hereunto Set my Hand and Seale the 11th Day of February 1735

Signed Sealed and Delivered Published & Declared by ye Said **Thomas Apsey** to be his Last Will And Testament In the presence of we who Subscribed our Names as Witnesses

Johannys (Darby?)

John Symes

James Smail

signature **Tho Apsey** (signature followed by wax seal)

EXTRACTS FROM THE WILL OF ELIZABETH BENTLY, THE WIFE OF WILLIAM BENTLY

William Bently died 12.6.1836

Property on death of **Elizabeth Bently** to pass to her sons **William Bently & Robert Bently**, other sums of money to her children **Isaac Culverwell Bently, Adam Bently, Mary Ann Deane, Elizabeth Harvey, Abraham Bently, James Bently** and **Ruth Welch**.

Witnesses: **William Culverwell, Charles Harris** and **George Kite**.

Elizabeth Bently died 4.11.1846.

Estate valued at under £2000.

Note on papers addressed to **Robert Bently** of Colyford - **Ruth Welch**'s daughter **Sarah Welch** was wife of **Edward Vine** of Chard, painter and glazier.

Morgage reversion **Zachary James Edwards** of Misterton 23.7.1880.

**EXTRACTS FROM THE PROBATE COPY OF THE WILL OF SAMUEL BONFIELD,
WHEELWRIGHT, OF CRAWLEY**

Will made 16.7.1883

Executor: **Samuel Forward**, gent. of Chard.

Beneficiaries:

Niece **Mary Mooring**, wife of **Edward Mooring**, Labourer of Chardstock

Nephew **Harry Bondfield**, Blacksmith of Chardstock

Fred Bondfield, son of nephew **James Bondfield**

Rebecca Melhuish, daughter of neice **Ruth Melhuish**

Brother **Robert Bonfield**

Niece **Sarah** widow of **George Warry** and her two children **Ann Bondfield** (otherwise **Warry**)
and **John Robert Warry**.

Witnesses: **Charles Plaster & Charles Higgins**, Clerks to Messrs. Tucker & Forward,
Solicitors.

Will proved 5.10.1887.

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EXTRACTS FROM THE WILL OF ELIZABETH CHARD, SPINSTER, OF CHARDSTOCK

CHRG Scan no. 2354

Extracts of Will given below.

Will made 14.3.1815

Codicil added 9.4.1818

To my nephew **John Kibby** my orchard at Churchill

To my niece **Elizabeth Kibby** my cottage, garden and orchard at Chardstock, now
(1815) in the possession of my brother-in-law **John Seward**

To my niece **Mary Kibbey** my Copyhold tenement at Chardstock called 'Late
Wyatts'

To my sister **Rachael Amor** £30

To my sister **Mary Paul** £5

To my sister **Rubith Seward** £5

To **Matthew Kibbey** of Chardstock, Yeoman, the residue of my Estate

Trust for maintenance/education of my nephew and nieces **John Kibbey**,
Elizabeth Kibbey and **Mary Kibbey** until they reach the age of 21.

Matthew Kibbey appointed Executor.

Witnesses: **Rawl Mallock** Axminster, **James Pering & James Pering Junr.**

Amendment (Codicil) dated 9.4.1818

The £30 to be left to her sister, **Rachael Amor**, is revoked and made void.
Witnesses: **Rawl Mallock** Attorney at Law Axminster & **Thomas Mallock**.

Note: Contains surname spelling of both Kibby and Kibbey.

EXTRACTS FROM THE WILL OF ROBERT CHARD, YEOMAN. OF CHARDSTOCK
CHRG Scan no. 2353

Extracts of Will dated 9.2.1826. Proved at Sarum [Bishop of Salisbury] 3.3.1830.

Executor **James Perring the Elder**, Nephew of the Testator.

By his Will **Robert Chard** directed the following:

To my Nephew **James Pering** (the Son of my deceased Sister **Elizabeth**) - ALL that my Copyhold Farm commonly known as Hakes in the Parish and Manor of Chardstock. From this inheritance legacies were to be paid:

To my Nephew **Jacob Perrin** or Perin [sic] (the Son of my deceased Sister **Elizabeth**) - £10.

To my Nephew **Isaac Pering** (the Son of my deceased Sister **Elizabeth**) - £5

To my servant **Mary Potter** - £10

Also to my Nephew **James Perring** - All those my two Copyhold Orchards called Copy Plot and Copy Orchard situated at Farway.

To my Great Nephew **James Pering** (the Son of my Nephew **James Pering**) - ALL those my three Freehold Orchards and Meadow situated at Yard. From this inheritance legacies were to be paid:

To my Brother **William** - £5

To my Brother **William's** two Sons **Robert and John** and his Daughter **Elizabeth** - £2 10s 0d each.

To my Nephew **James Chard** (the Son of my deceased Brother **Richard**) - £2

To my Nephew **James Pering the Elder** - The residue of my entire estate after payment of debts, expenses etc.

Witnesses to Will - **Thomas Symes, Thomas Bowbidge** [sic] and **George Kite**.

TRANSCRIPT OF THE WILL OF ELIZABETH CHUBB OF CHARDSTOCK, WIDOW

Dated 11.3.1630/1

In the name of god Amen. I **Elizabeth Chub** widdowe sick of body but perfect of memory God bee thanked.

First I bequeath my Soule to god my maker and redeemer and my body to be buried in the Churchyard of Chardstock doe make my last will and testament in manner and forme following

First I give unto my Sonne **John**, the Cupboard, table bord, and forme standing in the hall.

Item I give to my Sonne **Nicholas**, a bedstead [?] a dust bed with a paire of sheetes, a paire of blankets, and a Covered with one locker and my second best beason [basin] a [illeg] and a platter, and a pottinger.

Item I give to my Sonne **Henry** xxs [20 shillings] if itt please god to send him home againe.

Item I give to my daughter-in-law **Agnes Chubbe** a white linnen apron.

Item I give to **Thomas Chubb Jo:Chubbs** Sonne a [illeg]

Item I give **Elizabeth Chubb** Daughtr of the foresaid **John Chubb** a silver piece

Item I make my daughtr **Joane** my whole and sole executor, my debts and legacies paid.

This is the marke of **Elizabeth Chubb** widdowe

This is the marke of **John Wolmanton, John Domett** [witnesses]

Probate granted to **John Chubb**, her son, June 1631.

*Note: The Parish Registers record the burial of **Elizabeth Chub**, widow, at Chardstock. St. Andrew's Church on 20.3.1630/1*

TRANSCRIPT OF THE WILL AND INVENTORY OF JOHANE [JOAN] CHUBB OF ALSTON CHARDSTOCK

Date of Will 29.3.1631

Date of Inventory 14.4.1631

In the name of God Amen I **Johane Chubb** of Alston in the pish [parish] of Chardstocke & County of Dorset beinge sicke in body but of perfect remembrance thanks be unto almyghtie God do make & ordayne this my last will & Testamente in manner & forme followeing

First I give and bequeath my Soule unto allmighty God my only maker saviour & redeemer & my body to be buryed in Christian buryall.

Item I give & bequeath unto **Nicholas** my brother the some [sum] of Twenty Shillings of lawful English money to be payd unto him in three moneths after my decease.

Item I doe give & bequeath unto the said **Nicholas** one cupboard, one brasse pann one Dying platter one porringer one Trundle beddsteade one sheet one fether pillow & pollobeare

Item I give & bequeath unto **Henry Chubbe** my brother the some [sum] of Twenty Shillings of lawful English money to be payd unto him after my decease at his next comminge to Chardstocke aforesaid

Item I give & bequeath unto **Elizabeth** the Daughter of my brother **John Chubbe** my dyper boardcloth

Item I give & bequeath to my godchildren fyve pence a peece [a piece = each]

The residue of my goods & chattles not before given nor bequeathed my legacyes & debts payed & funerall discharged I give & bequeath unto my said brother **John Chubb** whom I doe ordayne executor of this my last will & testament

In wynness whereof I have hereunto putt my hande & seale the xxixth day of March Anno Regis Caroli Anglie Septimo [the 29th day of March in the seventh year of the reign of King Charles] Anno Dm. 1631

The marke of **Johane Chubb**

Witnesseth hereunto **John Clode Christopher Domett**

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Inventory

An Inventory Indented of the goods & Chattles of **Johane Chubb** deceased taken the xiiij th [14th] day of April Anno Dom. 1631 by **John Clode, Christopher Domett & Nicholas Turner**

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|---|------------|-------------------------------|
| Imprimis her wearinge apparrell as well wollen as lynnyne prysed in | ijj L [£3] | x s [10s] |
| Item one standinge bedsteade and a fether Bedd, wth a coverlett blankets pillowes, pillobeares sheets and other lynninge | v L [£5] | |
| Item one standing bedsteade a trundle bedsteade, two dust beddes two coverletts, two payere of blanks [blankets].and two palletyes | | liij s [53s] iiij d [4d] |
| Item one dyaper table cloth, two other table clothes & six table napkins | | x s [10s] |
| Item one chest, fower coffers, a a boxe & a spruce chest | | xxiiij s [23s] iiij d [4d] |
| Item iij [3] brasse pannes, iij [3] brasse potts, fower caldrons ij [2] old skilletts & a fryeinge panne | | liij s [52s] iiij d [4d] |

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| Item two table boards & two formes | | xv s [15s] | | |
| Item one cupboard & an old cupboard | | xx s [20s] | | |
| Item viij [8] platters vij [7] porringers & candlesticks saltes + cuppes | | xxx s [30s] | | |
| Item bucketts, barrells & tymbe vessells | | xx s [20s] | | |
| Items things forgotten to be prayed | | iiij s [3s] | iiij d [4d] | |
| Sum | Inventor[y] | xix l [£19] | vij s [7s] | iiij d [4d] |

INVENTORY OF JOHN CHUBB OF CHARDSTOCK

Died Intestate. Inventory dated 3.12.1628. Admon. granted to his widow **Elizabeth Chubb** February 1628/9

An Inventory Indented of the goods & chattles of **John Chubb** deceased late of Chardstocke in the County of Dorset & dioces of Bristoll taken the thirde day of December Ann. Dm. 1628 by **John Dennyng**, **Christopher Domett** + **Nicholas Wolmyngton** as followeth

| | | | | |
|--|------------|-----------------|-------------|--|
| Imprimis his wearinge apparrell | | liij s [53s] | iiij d [4d] | |
| Item one fetherbedsteade & a fetherbedd wth. the furniture | iii l [£3] | vj s [6s] | viii d [8d] | |
| Item one olde cupboarde a table boarde a forme & a little boxe being in the plor [parlour] | | xiiij s [13s] | iiij d [4d] | |
| Item one cupboarde, a table boarde, a forme, stooles & a chyer [chair] in the haule [hall] | | xxj s [21s] | | |
| Item fower [four] olde bedsteades, viz: one standing bedsteade, & the other trundle bedsteddes, and three dustbeddes wth. Coverletts + blanketts | | xL s [40s] | | |
| Item two chests, & two coffers | | xiiij s [13s] | iiij d [4d] | |
| Item in Brasse and Iron, as pottes pannes caldrons skillettts & such lyke other things | | xxxiiij s [33s] | iiij d [4d] | |
| Item tymber vessells, as bucketts barrells payles [pails] bordes & other tymber vessells | | x s [10s] | | |
| Item pewter, as platters, porringers, sawcers, plates, candlestickes and spoones | | xx s [20s] | | |
| Item lynninge, as sheets, table clothes, table napkinnes and other lynninge | | xxxiiij s [33s] | iiij d [4d] | |

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|--|-------------|--------------|---------------------------|
| Item butter & cheese | | xxvj s [26s] | viiij d [8d] |
| Item corne in the & in the barne | iiij L [£3] | | |
| Item one hodge [hog] | | xx s [20s] | |
| Item three kyne [cows] | vi L [£6] | x s [10s] | |
| Item hogge yewe sheepe | | xl s [40s] | |
| Item two mares, & two | iiij L [£4] | | |
| Item one acre & half of wheate in grounde | | xl s [40s] | |
| Item hay in house & a litte ryke [rick] | | xxvj s [26s] | viiij d [8d] |
| Item thinges forgotten to be prayseed as and such lyke | | v s [5s] | |
| Sum | Inventor[y] | xxxi L [£37] | xij s [12s] viiiij d [8d] |

TRANSCRIPT OF THE WILL OF NICHOLAS CHUBB, YEOMAN OF ALSON, CHARDSTOCK

Dated 2.12.1679

I **Nicholas Chubb Jun.** of Alson in the parish of Chardstock in the County of Dorset yeoman and the preclor [peculiar] of the Deane of Saram [Sarum] Wilts in the province of Canterbury [Prerogative Court of Canterbury] beinge sicke and weake in body but of good & perfect memory thankes beegiven to Almighty God, shewing before my eyes the vanity of this transitory World and the vanitie of this Mortall Life Doe make this my last Will & Testament in manner and forme as followeth

Imprimis I give and bequeath my Sole into the hands of Almighty God my mercifull Creator and glorious Redeemer and my body to bee in Christian buriall in hope of a blessed resurrectiuon for the time to come.

It: I give to my Sonne **John Chubb** one bedstead standing in the parler one bord and forme standing in the parler one Cubbard and Coffe in the same rome one formere in the Che....inge and the great brewingge bottel and the long filter tobb and the brackbord in the Ch....nige and the Cheeseringe and to h..... and to barrells and all the Plowstuff and one of the lasser brass pans and one bedstead in the Chi...ing Chamber and all that belongeth thereunto and the long coffe in the same Chamber and the coffe standing at the bedds foote and the long Pipe to hold molt..m

It: I give unto my Daffter **Grace Chubb** one feather Bedd and one trockell bedstead and all that belongeth thereunto standing in the parler chamber and one Chest standing in the parler chamber and one coffe in the same chamber and to bras panes the brodbrime one and the lease of all and to pleters and to poggers and the halfe hodgset and one barrell and the lesser brewing bocket and one Dowles Sheat and one Dowlesbordcloth and halfe a Dossen of tabell napkins

It: I give unto my Sonne **Nicholas Chubb** But he shall pay his Sister **Grace Chubb** tenn pounds before hee shall injoye [illeg]

Nicholas Chubb one standinge bedstead in the parler chamber and all things there belonging to it and to of the best coffers cubbord upp to Henry Knowles and the Ceive and the rownd setter and three barrells one of them three quarters and to platers and to pogggers and theges brass panne which his father have and one Cr.....e and one skelet and halfe a dossen of newe bords and one bord and forme in the C..ching and

But for all these goods given to my Children they shall not have it before after the death of their Mother and not before and I give unto my Dafter **Grace Chubb** Fifteen pounds to be paid out of the Stocke by her Mother and I doe make and ordaine my Wife to be my whole and Joint Executor of this my last Will and testament and I appoint my Overseers of this Will and testament **Henry Alford** and **Emmanuell Dommet**

In witness hereof I the said **Nicholas Chubb** hereunto put my hand and Seale the three and twentie day of February in the Seven and tewntie yeare of the Reigne of our Sovereigne Lord King Charles the Second Anno Domini 1676

Nicholas Chubb Jun. his mark

Signed Sealed and Dillivered in the presents of us

Henry Alford Emanuell Domett

EXTRACTS FROM WILL AND INVENTORY OF ROBERT COGAN, YEOMAN, OF LODGE IN THE PARISH OF AXMINSTER

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Extracts of Will given below.

Will dated 10.6.1723

Lands called Great Lawn, Harts Ground and Pond Meadow lying in Axminster plus the yearly sum of £12 to my niece **Joan** the now wife of **Edward Wyatt** and the same unto my niece **Elizabeth Cogan**, Spinster.

Lands called Slades Beaver lying in Axminster to my niece **Catherine Cogan**, Spinster.

To my niece **Sarah**, the wife of **Robert Woodman**, those lands known by the name Kentsbears field.

Messuage and Tenement called Ford in the Parish of Chardstock to my niece **Mary James**, Widow.

Messuage and Tenement called Coxden in the Parish of Chardstock to my niece **Sarah**, the wife of **Robert Woodman**.

Messuage and Tenement called Lodge in the Parish of Axminster to my niece **Elizabeth Cogan**, Spinster.

Messuage and Tenement plus the Water Grist Mills and Fulling Mills called Coxden Mills within the Parish of Chardstock to my niece **Bridget**, the wife of **Thomas Bowditch**.

To my sister **Bridget Deane** £10.

To my nephew **John Deane** of Chardstock £50.

To my nephew **William Deane** of Chard £20.

To my nephew **Isaac Deane** of Chard all the money he owes me at the time of my decease. I also give unto my said nephew **Isaac Deane** £20.

To my niece **Elizabeth Mallack**, Widow, £10.

To my niece **Bridget Cornish** £10.

To my sister **Anne Turner** £5.

To my niece **Joane**, the wife of **Edward Wyatt**, £50 and to my Kinswoman **Mary Carter** £5.

To **William Sugar**, the younger son of **William Sugar** of Coxden, £50 to be paid when he reaches the age of 21.

Ann Sugar, daughter of **William Sugar** the elder, £90 to be paid when she reaches the age of 21.

To my kinsman **Thomas Bowdidge** of Bealey, Chardstock £5 at the rate of 2s 6d per week.

The remainder of the estate not specified above to my sister **Mary Cogan**.

Sole Executrix **Mary Cogan**, sister of **Robert Cogan**.

Witnesses: **Fran. Pinney John Symes Aalice Collins**

Mary Cogan subsequently died and by an attached, but separate, document dated 15.10.1735 **John Deane, William Deane, Elizabeth Mallack and Bridget Cornish**, the Executors of the Will of **Mary Cogan**, were granted authority to act as administrators to the Will of **Robert Cogan**.

See also the Will of **Anne Turner**, the sister of **Robert Cogan**.

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INVENTORY OF ROBERT COGAN'S GOODS CHATLES MORTGAGES AND BONDS

Inventory dated 20.5.1729.

A true and perfect Inventory of all & Singular the goods Chattells Rights & Creditts of **Robert Cogan** late of Axminster in the County of Devon Gent Taken & appraised by us whose Names are hereunto subscribed this 20th day of May Anno Dni 1729.

| | £ | s | d |
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| Imprimis in his Lodging Chamber his Wearing Apparell | 5 | 0 | 0 |
| Item one Bed performed | 5 | 0 | 0 |
| Item one Press for Clothes | 0 | 8 | 0 |
| Item one Coffe & one Desk & 5 Silver Spoons | 1 | 15 | 0 |
| Item in the Woolchamber one Box & one Truckle Bed & also one standing Bedd | 1 | 10 | 0 |
| Item in the Kitchen Chamber one Bed performed | 2 | 0 | 0 |
| Item one Box & one Chest of Drawers | 0 | 10 | 0 |
| Item in the Hall Chamber One Bedstead one smal Round Table Board & 8 Timber Chairs | 0 | 18 | 0 |
| Item in the Stair Case one Clock | 2 | 2 | 0 |
| Item in the Kitchen One Long Table Board One Settle 5 joint stooles, One Jack One Spit 2 Back Crooks 3 Chairs, a Salt Barrell, a pair of Brandyes a fire pan & pair of Tongs One Grid Iron a Backon Rack & 2 shelves a dozen & half of pewter Dishes 2 Dozen of Tre..... | 2 | 10 | 0 |
| Item in the Room within the Kitchen One Long Table Board & forme 2 Joint Stooles One Cupboard 2 Chaires & one Brass Warming pan a Pestle & Mortar | 1 | 0 | 0 |
| Item in the Milk house ten Brass pans 16 Cheese flats a Cheese siller(?) & a forme | 3 | 0 | 0 |
| Item in the Buttery 3 hogsheads & a Quarter Barrill One Try, One Buckett 5 shelves 2 Timber Flaggons & 2 Bowl Dishes & a pair of Timber Weights | 1 | 0 | 0 |
| Item in the Brakehouse 2 Boilers 2 Crocks 3 Kettles 2 Skilletts a frying pan One Skewer 2 Dripping Ladles a flesh pick & 2 Ranges(?) | 2 | 10 | 0 |
| Item in the Hall One Settle one form 2 pair of fire Doggs | 0 | 5 | 0 |
| Item in the Cellar 1 Punchion 2 Hogsheads 5 Half Hogsheads | 1 | 5 | 0 |
| Item in Dairy House 3 Cheese stands, 6 Tubbs, 6 Pailes | 0 | 15 | 0 |
| Item in the Chamber over the Dairy House 7 Hogsheads one half hogshead & one Chest | 2 | 0 | 0 |
| Item in the Chamber over the Wringhouse 5 Butts 4 Hogsheads 5 Lathers 3 Peck axes an Iron Barr | 2 | 0 | 0 |
| Item in the Wringhouse a Cider Wring & Mill 3 Butts One Hogshead | 3 | 0 | 0 |
| Item in the Cellar next the Wringhouse 7 Butts | 2 | 2 | 0 |
| Item one pair of Wheeles 2 Sulls, 2 pair of Harrows a smal Cart & Wheels 2 Axes 6 Borriers 2 Hatchetts 2 s.....s & Horse Tackling | 2 | 10 | 0 |
| Item 6 pair of Sheets 4 Table Cloths a Dozen & half of Table Napkins | 2 | 10 | 0 |
| Item 4 Horses | 20 | 0 | 0 |
| Item One Bull & 7 milch Cows | 30 | 0 | 0 |
| Item a Yoke of Oxen | 8 | 0 | 0 |
| Item 44 Ewes | 16 | 0 | 0 |
| Item 33 Sheep Hoggs | 11 | 10 | 0 |
| Item 33 Lambs | 4 | 10 | 0 |
| Item 3 Swines | 2 | 0 | 0 |
| Item in Hay | 5 | 0 | 0 |
| Item a Chattle Lease of Koulsberes feilds 1 Life | 100 | 0 | 0 |
| Item a Chattle Lease of 6 Closes called Berr 2 Lives | 180 | 0 | 0 |

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| Item 2 Chattle Leases of Culhay & Long Culhay 2 Lives on each Lease | 300 | 0 | 0 |
| Item a Mortgage of 400£ due from Mr. Geo. Warry | 400 | 0 | 0 |
| Item a Mortgage of 40£ due from Wm. Crow | 40 | 0 | 0 |
| Item a Mortgage of 100£ from from Jno. White | 100 | 0 | 0 |
| Item a Mortgage of 40£ from Esqr. Bragg | 40 | 0 | 0 |
| Item a Mortgage of 60£ from Mr. Ralph Eggerton | 60 | 0 | 0 |
| Item a Mortgage of 100£ from Geo. Strong | 100 | 0 | 0 |
| Item a Bond of 20£ from Mr. P. Towgood | 20 | 0 | 0 |
| Item a Bond & Bill of 40£ from Richd. Linckon | 40 | 0 | 0 |
| Item a Bond of 30£ from Mr. Tho. Whilly | 30 | 0 | 0 |
| Item a Bond of 30£ from Nath. Whilly | 30 | 0 | 0 |
| Item a Bond of 30£ from Henry Whilly | 30 | 0 | 0 |
| Item a Bond of 50£ from R. Woodman | 50 | 0 | 0 |
| Item a Bond of 50£ from Geo. Domett Junr. | 50 | 0 | 0 |
| Item a Bond of 40£ from [blank] | 40 | 0 | 0 |
| Item a Bond of 50£ from Mr. Jos. Skinner | 50 | 0 | 0 |
| Item a Bond of 50£ from Mr. Wakely | 50 | 0 | 0 |
| Item a Bond of 30£ from [blank] | 30 | 0 | 0 |
| Item a Bond of 20£ from Tho. Raymond | 20 | 0 | 0 |
| Item a Bond of 20£ from Mr. Jos. Hutchings | 20 | 0 | 0 |
| Item a Bond of 200£ from Mr. Paul | 200 | 0 | 0 |
| Item a Bond of 100£ from Mr. Wm. Domett | 100 | 0 | 0 |
| Item a Bond of 30£ from Robt. Stonehouse | 30 | 0 | 0 |
| Item a Bond of 40£ from Jno. & Wm. White | 40 | 0 | 0 |
| Item a Bond of 50£ from [blank] | 50 | 0 | 0 |
| Item a Bond of 12£ from Jno. Denslow | 12 | 0 | 0 |
| Item a Bond of 30£ from John Tucker | 30 | 0 | 0 |
| Item a Bond of 10£ from Tho. Newbury | 10 | 0 | 0 |
| Item a Bond of 24£ from [blank] | 24 | 0 | 0 |
| Item a Bond of 20£ from D. Cook | 20 | 0 | 0 |
| Item a Bond of 10£ from Wm. Dighteat | 10 | 0 | 0 |
| Item a Mortgage of 36 from Robt. Woolley | 36 | 0 | 0 |
| Item a Note of Hand from John Domett | 30 | 0 | 0 |
| Item a Note of Hand from Joan Warry | 6 | 0 | 0 |
| Item a Note of Hand from Mr. Sam. Ramson | 50 | 0 | 0 |
| Item a Note of Hand from Mr. Cornish for | 35 | 0 | 0 |
| Item a Note of Hand from Mr. Sealy(?) for | 5 | 0 | 0 |
| Item a Note of Hand from Jno. Symes for | 20 | 0 | 0 |
| Item a Note of Hand from Mr. Steph. Towgood | 20 | 0 | 0 |
| Item a Note of Hand from Jno. Baily for | 10 | 0 | 0 |
| Item a Note of Hand from Malachy Mallack Junr. | 10 | 0 | 0 |
| Item a Note of Hand from Tho. Dunning for | 0 | 13 | 0 |
| Item a Note from Joan Linckon | 2 | 10 | 0 |
| Item Money in House | 48 | 11 | 0 |
| Item Books | 6 | 0 | 0 |
| Item in Lumber & Things Forgotten | 5 | 0 | 0 |

John Newcomen
John Bryant
John Symes
Isaac Deane

**SOLICITORS' SHORTHAND ABSTRACT OF THE WILL OF WILLIAM BLATCH COX OF COMBE
ST. NICHOLAS**

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Will dated 2.1.1856.

William Blatch Cox died 22.8.1876.

William Blatch Cox directed that his entire estate pass to his wife, **Sarah Cox**, his daughter, **Anne Deane Cox**, and his friend, **John Bird** (the three named Executors). On the death of his wife, or her remarriage, her part to pass to his daughter **Anne Deane Cox**.

Will Proved Taunton District Registry 23.12.1876 by surviving Executors **Sarah Cox** and **Anne Deane Cox**. (**John Bird** presumably died prior to the Will being Proved).

Sarah Cox died 29.12.1888 leaving **Anne Deane Cox** sole surviving beneficiary.

EXTRACTS FROM THE WILL OF JOHN DABINOTT, HUSBANDMAN, OF CHARDSTOCK

Date of Will: 1.11.1624

Probate granted: 5.3.1624/5

To be buried at Chardstock

Bequeaths made as shown below:

To the poor of Chardstock and Yarcombe [amounts not extracted]

To son **Thomas Dabynott** 40s.

To son **John Dabynott** £150 when he reaches the age of 21.

To daughter **Johane Dabynott** £200 at marriage, provided she marries with the consent of her mother and my overseers.

To daughter **Jane Dabynott** £150 on same conditions as **Johane**.

If son **John** dies before the age of 18, his portion passes to daughter **Jane**.

If daughter **Jane** dies before the age of 15, her portion passes to her brother **John**.

To my daughter **Rawlyne** [surname not extracted] 40s and to her daughter **Sarah** £5.

All residue to wife **Johane Dabinott**, who is sole executrix.

Overseers: **Christopher Dabinott** and **Thomas Newbery**, each of whom to receive a gold ring worth 20s.

Signed **John Dabynott**

Witnessed: **Thomas Newbery**

Probate granted 5.3.1624/5 to **Johane Dabinott**, executrix and widow of the deceased.

EXTRACTS FROM THE WILL OF RICHARD DEANE, FARMER, OF CHARDSTOCK

Will proved 30.1.1835

My live stock, hay, corn, farming and dairy utensils, household goods and all moveable effects to be sold at Public Auction.

Mortgage money to be “repayed” to **Thomas Culverwell**

Four parts to be paid at age of 21 to sons **John Deane, Richard Deane, Isaac Deane** and **William Deane**.

To daughter **Charity Apsey** £5.

To son **Joseph Deane** “All my copyhold estates known by the name of Cleeve Hill or Reade Hill (Late Bridges) and Coats both situate lying and being in the Parish of Chardstock, the former 17 acres, the latter 3 acres”.

Executor: my eldest son **Joseph Deane**.

Witnesses: **William Sumption, Matthew Paull, Thomas Pinney**.

EXTRACTS OF THE WILL OF THOMAS DEANE OF BOWDITCH IN THE PARISH OF CHARDSTOCK

Will dated 26.5.1770

Daughter **Sarah Deane** her heirs, Executors and Admins:

All those Two closes called Court Pitt within the Parish of Chard in the County of Somerset being part of one Estate which I hold by Lease under the Dean of Wells and also all my Copyhold Estate in Chard aforesaid called Bulls for all the lives and for such other Estate and Interest as I shall have in the said Estates respectively at the Time of my Decease.

Daughter **Anne Bath** and her heirs:

All that my close called Parsewood, being the other part of my said Estate in Chard which I hold by Lease under the Dean of Wells for such Lives and such other Estate and Interest as I shall have therein at the time of my decease.

The said estates to be free and clear and absolutely discharged from the Mortgage and Mortgage Money now chargeable and from my debt.

Son **Samuel Deane**:

To pay off and discharge all debts out of the Estates and Effects by me hereby given him.

Daughter **Sarah Deane**:

To continue to live in Thomas’s Dwelling House at Bowditch for three months after his decease.

Son **Samuel Deane** and daughter **Sarah Deane**:

All household goods, Implements of House and Household Stuff, Plate and things to be equally divided between them.

Son **Samuel Deane**:

All the rest residue and remainder of my messuages Lands Tenements Corn Stock Plough tackle and Implements in Husbandry and all other my Estate and Effects whatsoever subject to the payment of all my just debts whatsoever.

Executor: son **Samuel Deane**

Witnesses: **William James, Rachele Symes, George Warry**

EXTRACTS FROM THE WILL OF ROBERT DEEM, SHOEMAKER, OF CHARDSTOCK

Will dated 24.1.1881.

To my son **Robert Isaac Deem** my piece of freehold land situate at Claysteps for life, not to be mortgaged or sold but given to either of his children or sold & divided after his death.

Also to **Robert Isaac** copyhold field called Bunters Meadow situate at Kitbridge after his & his wives death to the grandson whose name stands first on the copy after his death to other grandson whose name stands next on copy.

Unto daughter **Martha Lawley** my two freehold Cottages & garden at Eggmoor in occupation of John Barton & John Crouch for her use & benefit & free from debts of present or any future husband with full power to give cottages among her children.

To beloved wife **Mary** all cattle, household goods & furniture, money, bills, bonds, notes of hand etc.

Wife **Mary** executor of Will.

Signed 24.1.1881. Witnessed **Thomas Bently**, Fordwater, and **Benjamin Parris**.

Robert Deem died 8.9.1885.

Estate valued at £156 17s 6

TRANSCRIPT OF THE WILL OF AMY DENING, WIDOW, OF CHARDSTOCK

Will dated 6.10.1804

IN THE NAME OF GOD AMEN. I **Amy Dening** of the parish of Chardstock and county of Dorset widow being weak of body but of a sound and disposing mind memory and understanding, do for avoiding controversies after my decease make and ordain this my last will and testament in manner and form following.

First and principally I commend my soul into the hand of God who gave it me and do desire

that my body be buried in a decent and Christian like manner in the churchyard of Chardstock aforesaid by my executor hereinafter named on the first convenient Sunday after my decease. And as for those worldly advantages with which it has pleased God to bless me with I give and dispose of in manner following (that is to say)

First I give and bequeath unto my three sons **Charles, Richard and Francis** the sum of sixteen pounds each.

Also to my son **Malachi** I give and bequeath the sum of sixteen pounds and in case of the death of either of them his share to go to his children equally which said legacies I will shall be paid them respectively at the end of one full year after my decease.

Also I give to my four Grand Children **Phebe, John, Jonah and Micah** children of **John and Ann Seward** the sum of four pounds each as they attain the age of eighteen years and in case of the death of either its share to be divided amongst the others equally.

Also to **my** two Grand Children **Janna?** and **Joanna** children of **John and Amy Helyear** the sum of eight pounds each as they come to the age of eighteen years and in case of the death of either its share to go to the other.

Also to my four Grand Children **Amy, Eliza, Mary and Ruth** children of **Humphry and Mary Long** the sum of four pounds each as they attain the age of eighteen years and in case of the death of either of them its share to go to the others

All of which aforesaid legacies I will shall be faithfully paid and discharged by my executor at the times and in the manner above specified. All the rest residue and remainder of my goods chattles and effects, bills, bonds, notes of hand or other writings of what kind or denomination soever I give and bequeath unto my loving son **Eliezer Dening** whom I hereby constitute and appoint whole and sole executor of this my will and testament. In witness whereof I have hereunto set my hand and seal this sixth day of October One Thousand Eight Hundred and Four,

Signed sealed published and declared by the above named testatrix **Amy Dening** for and as her last will and testament in the presence of us who have hereunto subscribed our **Amy Dening** names as witnesses in her presence and in the presence of each other **James Pring, Samuel Wright**

TRANSCRIPT OF THE WILL OF CHARLES DENING OF CHARDSTOCK

Will dated 7.2.1795.

In the Name of God Amen. I **Charles Dening** of the Parish of Chardstock in the County of Dorset yeoman being infirm of body but of sound mind memory and understanding praise be therefore given to Almighty God do make this my last Will and Testament in manner and form following.

That is to say, First I give unto my loving wife **Anstis Dening** all my copyhold Estate called by the name of Higher forde lying in the above parish of Chardstock and county aforesaid.

Also I give all my copyhold Estate called Cleevehill lying in the aforesaid Parish and County after my decease to hold for her life as long as she shall continue my widow and in case

she should intermarry then its my express will that my estate called Higher Ford shall then within one month after marriage or death fall and come unto my son **Benjamin Dening** for the interest of **Charles Dening** life nominated or such a copy granted by Court Roll from then the said Lord of the Manor according to the custom of the said Manor yielding and paying the clear sum of Five Pounds yearly unto my son **Charles Dening** now of the parish of Chard in the County of Somerset.

Also I give and bequeath the sum of Five Pounds to be paid to my son **James Dening** in the like manner out of the above Estate called Higher Ford.

Also I give and bequeath the sum of Five Pounds to my daughter **Elizabeth Dening** to be paid out of the above said Estate yearly and if in case my son **Benjamin Dening** should die then its my express will the Estate called Higher Ford shall fall and come unto my son **Charles Dening** subject yielding and paying the sum as aforesaid mentioned unto **James Dening** and **Elizabeth Dening** during the said **Charles Dening** life and his wife widowhood on the said estate.

Also I give and bequeath all my copyhold estate called Cleevehill lying in the aforesaid parish of Chardstock unto my son **Samuel Dening** now in the parish of Broadwinsor within one months after the marriage or death of my said wife for those Lives nominated in the Copy of Court Roll or the Longest thereon Subject yielding and paying thereout unto **Sarah Dening** my daughter the sum of Five Pounds yearly.

Also I give and bequeath the sum of Four Pounds unto my daughter **Elizabeth Dening** to be paid yearly without any deduction whatsoever out of the above Estate.

Also I give and bequeath unto my son **Richard** all my cottage House orchard and garden with its appurtenances lying in Fairway Marsh in the aforesaid parish one month after my decease to the said Richard Dening his heirs executors administrators and assigns.

Also I give and bequeath the sum of Twenty Pounds unto my son **Charles Dening**.

Also I give and bequeath the sum of Twenty Pounds unto my son **James Dening**.

Also I give and bequeath the sum of Twenty Pounds unto my daughter **Elizabeth Dening** their heirs executors administrators and assigns to be paid by my Executrix and Executor within One year after my decease.

Also I give and bequeath unto **John Wyatt** my grandson the sum of Twenty Pounds to be paid at the age of Twenty One years if he should so long live by my said Executrix and Executor their heirs executors administrators and assigns.

All the rest and residue of my goods and chattels mortgages bills bonds money personal estate and effects whatsoever I give and bequeath the same unto my loving wife **Anstis Dening** and my son son **Benjamin Dening**.

And I do hereby make and ordain the said **Anstis Dening** and **Benjamin Dening** whole and sole Executrix and Executor of this my last will and testament hereby revoking and making void all former wills by me heretofore made or declared. In witness thereof I have hereunto set my hand and seal this seventh day of February in the year of our Lord One Thousand Seven hundred and Ninety Five.

Signed sealed published and declared by **Charles Dening** the above Testator and for his last will and testament in the presence of us who have hereunto subscribed our names as witnesses in his presence and in the presence of each other.

Signature of **Charles Dening**. Witnesses: **Ann Seward, Robt Hoare**, [third witness illegible]

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TRANSCRIPT OF THE WILL OF EDWARD DENNING OF CHARDSTOCKE

Will dated 20.11.1661

Probate granted 3.3.1661/2 at the Peculiar Court of the Dean of Sarum

In the name of God [Amen]. [T]he twentieth day of November Anno Domini One thousand six hundred sixty and one I **Edward Denning** of the parish of Chardstocke in the county of Dorset yeoman being sick of body but of sound and perfect memory thanks be given to Almighty God doe [hereby] revoke and annull all former and other [wi]lls whatsoever by me heretofore made. And doe make and ordaine this my last will and testament in manner and forme [f]ollowing.

Imprimis. I give and bequeath my soule into the hand of Almighty [G]od my maker and Redeemer. And my body to a decent and Christian burial within the parish church of Chardstocke aforesaid.

Item. I ge to the poore of the same parish ten shillings to] be distributed the same day of my burial.

Item. I give unto my wife all my household goods except my plowstaffe. As for my harrows shee is to have them to her use.

Item. I give unto my wife ten stich of wat [wheat?] and one hundred of dry wood faggots.

Item. I give unto my grandchildren the two children of **Edward Pearce** of ye pish of Northleigh in the county of Devon twenty shillings apeece to be payd within one yeare after my decease.

Item. I give to my grandchilde the daughter of **John [Mills]** of the parish of [Knowlunge?] in ye county of Somerset twenty shillings to be payd within one yeare after my decease.

Item. I give **Nicholas Porters** child and my grandchild twenty shillings to be payd within one yeare after my decease.

Item. I give unto my grand children the children of **Thomas Rockets** five shillings apeece to be payd within one yeare after my decease.

Item. I give unto my grandchilde the son of **George Denning** twenty shillings to be payd within one yeare after my decease.

Item. I give unto my daughters **Joane, Elizabeth, Mary** and **Hester** and to each and every of them ten shillings apeece to be payd within one yeare after my decease.

Item. I give unto **Richard Luce** clearke and Vicar of Chardstocke ten shillings for preaching my funerall sermon.

Item. I give to them that ring my knell ten shillings.

Item. I doe ordaine and make **George Denning** my son to bee my whole and sole Executor of this my last will and testament.

Lastly I doe appoint **Richard Luce** aforesaid and **Henry Alford** of Chardstocke aforesaid to be overseers of this my last will and testament and doe give to each of them five shillings apeece.

In witness whereof I have hereto set my hand and seale, the day month and year first above written.

Edward Denning, his mark.

Signed and sealed in the presence of us, **Richard Luce** and **Henry Alford**.

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TRANSCRIPT OF THE WILL OF JOHN DENING, THE ELDER, OF CHARDSTOCKE

Will dated 4.2.1680/1

Probate granted 1681 at the Prebendal Court of Chardstock [Dean of Sarum]

In the name of God amen. The fourth day of February in the three and thirtieth year of the reigne of our sovereign Lord Charles the Second over England Scotland France and Ireland King and Defender of the faith Anno dom: 1680. I **John Dening** the elder of the pish of Chardstocke in the county of Dorsett Husbandman being God be praised of perfecte minde and memory doe make this my last will and testament first bequeathing my soule to the almighty my maker and redeemer and my body to the Christian burial.

Impr. I doe give unto **Richard** my sonne the middle [brasse pott??] during his life & after his decease to remain to his children.

Item. I doe give unto **Richard Deninge** my granchild tenn shillings.

Item. I doe give to **Joan Dening** my granchild tenn shillings.

Item. I doe give unto **Nathanuell** my granchild tenn pounds.

Item. To **John Dening** my sonne I doe give fower pounds.

Item. I doe give unto **Mary Dening** my beloved wife all the rest of my goods an Household stuff within & without and debts whatsoever belonging to me & not before mentioned and after her decease to remain to **John Dening** my younger sonn.

And these legasees before mentioned are to be paid within the space of one whole yeare by my executrix & **Mary Dening** my wife I doe appoint to be executrix of this my last will and testament. In witness whereof I have hereunto sett my hand and seale the daye and yeare first above written.

The mark of **John Dening**.

Witnesses: **Francis Morley Joseph Hampson James Reade? & John** [illeq]

TRANSCRIPT OF THE WILL OF RICHARD DENING, THE ELDER, PARISH CLERK OF CHARDSTOCK

Will dated 21.5.1797

Probate granted 26.8.1800 at the Court of the Dean of Salisbury at Lyme Regis

IN THE NAME OF GOD AMEN. I **Richard Dening** the elder of Chardstock in the County of Dorset Parish Clerk being of a sound and disposing mind memory and understanding do make and ordain this my last Will and Testament.

First I commend my soul into the hand of Almighty God who gave it and my body to be buried in the churchyard of Chardstock in a decent and Christian manner seven feet at least beneath the surface of the earth.

And as for and concerning such estate money goods chattels and effects which it hath pleased God to bless me with I give and dispose of in manner and form following.

And first to my loving wife and true partner in afflictions **Amy Dening** I give bequeath and devise all the reversionary estate of late **Francis Morley's** tenement situate at Alston in the parish of Chardstock for and during her natural life if my estate therein shall so long continue as also the plot of land on which a stallhouse have been lately erected but she not to sell or let the whole or any part thereof without the consent of my executor hereinafter to be named.

And after her decease I give bequeath and devise the same with the plot of land above mentioned unto my son **Eliezer Dening** and to his order for and during his own natural life and the natural lives **Elizabeth** the wife of **George Lax** formerly **Elizabeth Biggs** and afterwards **Chapman** and **Eleanor** the wife of **Simon Davy Witherall** formerly **Eleanor Biggs** and the longest lives of them but on this condition that he pay or cause to be paid out of the profits thereof unto my two daughters **Amy** wife of **John Hellyer** and **Mary** wife of **Humphrey Long** to each of them the yearly sum of two pounds and twelve shillings during the lives of the above mentioned **Elizabeth Lax** and **Eleanor Witherall** and the longest lives of them and not otherwise in four equal payments each year.

I likewise give bequeath and devise unto my said son **Eliezer Dening** my copyhold called Chubbs for and during the natural life of my daughter **Ann** wife of **John Seward** and to his order but on this condition that he pay or cause to be paid out of the profits or rent thereof unto my aforesaid daughter **Ann** wife of **John Seward** the yearly sum of two pounds and twelve shillings for and during her natural life in four equal payments each year.

And I give bequeath and devise the remainder of my reversionary interest in Strongs and Chubbs meadows to my two sons **Charles** and **Richard Dening** to each of them separately in the same order and as they now stands mentioned on the reversion copies.

And I give and bequeath unto my son **Francis Dening** the sum of of twenty guineas.

Also I give and bequeath unto my son **Malachi Dening** the sum of one guinea which legacies I will shall be paid in one year after my decease.

And I give unto my aforesaid son **Eliezer Dening** my cyder press and mill and so many empty cyder casks as will contain fifteen hogsheads as also my surveying and other instruments together with my books of arithmetic geometry and astronomy.

The rest residue and remainder of my money goods chattels and effects as also all writings of what kind or denomination soever I give and bequeath unto my aforesaid loving wife and to my son **Eliezer Dening** equally between them share and share alike nothing doubting but peace and love will be with them in the division thereof.

And I do hereby constitute and appoint him my aforesaid son **Eliezer Dening** whole and sole executor of this my last will and testament unto which though written with my own hand I have hereunto subscribed my name and set my seal this twenty first day of May in the year of our Lord One Thousand Seven Hundred and ninety Seven.

Signed sealed published and declared by the above named testator **Richard Dening** as his last will and **Richard Dening** Testament in the presence of of us
Robt. Stephens, John S[illeg], Elizabeth Stipkins

At Lyme Regis on the 26th day of August 1800 **Eliezer Dening** lawful son of the deced & sole Exor above named was duly sworn before me. **Wm Evans**, surrogate.

TRANSCRIPT OF THE WILL OF RICHARD DENING, YEOMAN, OF CHARDSTOCK

Will dated 7.9.1859

Testator died 21.9.1859 at Chardstock

Administration granted at Blandford 18.4.1866 [Court of the Dean of Salisbury]

I declare this to be my last will and testament. I give and bequeath to my dear wife **Mercy Dening** the whole of my property both real and personal and of whatsoever kind of which I shall be possessed at the time of my decease after payment of my just debts funeral and testamentary expenses for her sole use and benefit.

Signature of **Richard Dening**.

Signed and declared by the testator **Richard Dening** in the presence of us who in his presence and in the presence of each other have hereto set our hands this seventh day of September one thousand eight hundred and fifty nine – **Thomas Selwood, James Forsey**

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On the eighteenth day of April 1866 Administration with the will annexed of the personal estate and effects of **Richard Dening** late of Chardstock in the county of Dorset yeoman was granted to **Mercy Dening** of Chardstock aforesaid widow the relict of the deceased the universal legatee named in the said will she having been first sworn duly to administer no executor being named in the said will.

Effects under £200

EXTRACTS FROM THE WILL OF EMANUELL DOMETT, YEOMAN, OF CHARDSTOCK

Date of Will: 3.4.1705

Probate granted: 2.9.1710

Requests made as shown below:

Son in Law **Nathaniel Knight** 40s one month after **Emanuel's** decease provided that he shall before quit all right or claim to the sheershop "now in possession of my Grandson **Nicholas Morley**".

Grandchildren **Henry Knight, Joan Seward** and **Anne Knight** 5s each.

Rest and residue to Granddaughter Mary Morley who is sole executrix.

Witnesses: **John Chubb, Samuel Harvey**

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EXTRACTS FROM THE WILL OF JAMES EAMES

CHRG Scan no. 2357

Extracts of Will given below.

Will dated 29.10.1908

Testator died 11.8.1913

Will proved at Winchester District Registry 3.10.1913

James Eames of Titchfield, Hampshire, Gentleman, left his entire estate to his five brothers and sisters named as **John, Edward, Sarah Jane, Mary and Lydia Eames** of Broad Oak, Wambrook.

Brother **Edward Eames** appointed sole Executor.

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EXTRACTS FROM THE WILL OF SARAH EAMES, WIFE OF JOHN KEATE EAMES, OF BURRIDGE, CHARDSTOCK

Date of Will 8.4.1864

With codicils dated 3.7.1869 and 24.4.1880

Trustees: **William Middleton** of Chard, Brewer, and son **Thomas Palmer Eames**.

Under will of my late mother **Maria Deane** dated 8.5.1856 power of appointment over certain leaseholds and over mortgage debt on Podgelake Farm, Stockland, property of husband **William Keate Eames** -

Bounds Orchard, Chardstock in occupation of son **Thomas Palmer Eames**, other orchard in Chardstock **John Fry** tenant.

Thomas Palmer Eames to use of Farm called Townsend & Goulds, Stockland, occupier **William Moore**.

Son **Edward Eames**, daughter **Maria Eames**, son **William Deane Eames** - All that messuage or tenement with gardens, orchards & close of land in Chard late in my husband's occupation but now of **James Hill** as tenant, copyhold of Manor of Chard.

Also land tax 16s charged on close of land in Wambrook late property of **Rev. Thomas Babb**, deceased, now Mr **Samuel Babb**.

Also Old Park, parish of Marshwood in occupation of **William Gillingham**, son **James Eames**, daughter **Sarah Jane Eames**, daughter **Mary Eames** also three cottages and gardens adjoining dwelling house occupied by **James Hill**.

Also Groveland Yarcombe in occupation of **James Winter**, son **John Eames**, daughter **Lydia Eames** (now minors).

Also leasehold tenement Late Bently's 3 acres 2 roods Manor of Bowditch. Dwelling House garden orchard Chardstock now or late occupier of **William Keech**

Freehold dwelling house Chardstock late occupied by **George Phippen & Nicholas Phippen** now of **Thomas Palmer Eames** or undertenant.

Also dwelling house etc. called Navards with four closes. Manor of Bowditch. Late occupier **William Tanner** now **Thomas Palmer Eames**.

Also meadow ground Chardstock late occupier **James Chard** now **Jeremiah Apsey**.

Also dwelling house etc. & three closes late occupier James Jeffery now **Thomas Palmer Eames & William Keate** Eames manor of Bowditch.

Daughter **Eliza Eames**

Also Rex Plot Manor of Chard (Dwelling house garden enclosures) late occupier Isaac Deane & **William Deane** now **Thomas Palmer Eames**. Manor of Bowditch [underlined]

Also dwelling house Chardstock late occupier **Mark Vizard** now **Thomas Palmer Eames**.

Also Nossiters 27 acres 2 roods occupier **Thomas Palmer Eames** Manor of Bowditch.

Signed 8.4.1864 witnesses **Anna Webber Bowditch & Samuel Forward** of Chard.

First Codicil: William Middleton having died **William Symes Pryer** of Axminster, Chemist & **Edward Charles Forward** of Axminster Gent. appointed.

Signed 30.7.1869. Witnesses: **John Brown** Combe St. Nicholas Gent. & **Samuel Forward**.

Second Codicil: **Sarah Eames** now of Broad Oak. **Maria Ann** now wife of **Abraham Beviss**. Mentions nine children.

Signed 24.4.1880. Witnesses: **Samuel Forward & John Temple Clerk** in Holy Orders Wambrook.

William Symes Pryer died in the lifetime of Sarah Eames.

Estate valued at £215.7s 2d.

Sarah Eames died 21.3.1883 at Broad Oak.

EXTRACTS FROM THE WILL OF GEORGE HARVY, WOOLLEN WEAVER, OF CHARDSTOCK

Date of Will: 17.3.1701/2

Probate granted 22.6.1702

Bequeaths made as shown below:

Son **Samuel Harvy** one shilling

Daughter **Elizabeth Shephard** one shilling

to be paid "at in and upon the day of my buriall if the parties be there to receive them".

Wife **Margaret Harvy** "all the rest and residue of my Goods Chattells and creditts" to share with daughter **Dorothy Harvy**.

Margaret Harvy and **Dorothy** to be executors

Witnesses: **John Harvey** and **Edward Clode**

INVENTORY TAKEN 7.11.1701

Goods and chattells of George Harvey Senior

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| Imprimis his warring [wearing] parell [apparel] | 2 | 0 | 0 |
| Item in the halle one bord one forme and one Cubord and to [two] Chars to [two] Crocks one bras pan | 1 | 3 | 4 |
| Item in the parla [parlour] one bord and one forme to [two] tobs [tubs] and to [two] Chares | 0 | 6 | 2 |
| Item in the Buttery to [two] Cettells [Kettles] to [two] tobs [tubs] and onefry | 0 | 10 | 0 |
| Item in the outer Rume [Room] without the Entry one brase Pan four half ho xets and one hoxet [hoxet = hogshead] | 0 | 4 | 6 |
| Item in the hall chamber one bed formed belonging [i.e. bed and bedding] one chest one ..o..er to boxes | 0 | 13 | 4 |
| Item in the iner chamber one bed and things belonging one Cofer [coffer] one box one Cofer to [two] Chars [chairs] one Bord | 1 | 0 | 0 |
| Item one bond | 18 | 0 | 0 |
| Item one bond more | 5 | 0 | 0 |
| Item in money in house | 2 | 0 | 0 |
| Item things forgotten and not seen | 0 | 3 | 4 |
| The sume total | 31 | 3 | 8 |

Seen and preast [appraised] by us
Richard Tuck
The Mark of Isaac Bond
Robert Cook

TRANSCRIPT OF THE WILL OF JOHN HUTCHINS, YEOMAN, OF CHARDSTOCK

Date of Will 27.10.1711

Proved at Lyme Regis 30.5.1719 [Bishop of Sarum/Salisbury]

I **John Hutchins** of the parish of Chardstock in the County of Dorset yeoman being sick and weake of body but of good and perfect memory thanks be to Almighty God and Calling to mind the Uncertainty of my Life do make this my last Will and Testament in manner and forme following (revoking and annulling by those present all former Wills and Testaments by me heartofore made)

First and principally I Commend my Soule into the hands of Almighty God hoping through the Merits death & passion of my Saviour Jesus Christ to have full and free pardon of all my sinnes and to Inherit Eternall life and my Body I Commit to the Earth to be decently Buryed at the discretion of my Executor hereafter named And as touching the disposition of such Temporall Goods & Estate as it hath pleased God to bestow upon me I do give and dispose thereof as followeth that is to say first I will that my debts and Funerall Charges shall be paid and discharged

Item I give to my Wife the Hundred pound that her father by his Will gave to her. I also give her all that Estate called Whitehouse and after her to my daughter **Grace**. I also give her half my housholl goods and after her deceas to my daughter **Grace**

All the rest of my goods and Chattels I give to my daughter **Grace** whom I do hearby make and appoint to be my Full and Sole Executor of this my last Will and Testament

In witness whereof I have hereunto set my hand & Seal the Twenty Seaventh day of October One Thousand Seaven Hundred Eleaven.

John Hutchins

Signed sealed & delivered In the presents of **Samuel Newberry, John Warry**, the marke of **Henery Sellwood**

TRANSCRIPT OF THE WILL OF JAMES KEATE OF CHARDSTOCK

Date of Will 9.12.1719

Proved at Lyme Regis 26.5.1722 [Bishop of Sarum/Salisbury]

I **James Keate** son of the Parish of Chardstock in the County of Dorsett being in health and of sound and disposing memory praise be given to God for the same Do make this my last Will and Testament in manner and forme following

First and principally I resign my Soul into the mercifull hands of Almighty God my Creator

hoping throw the of my blessed Saviour to obtain pardon and remission of all my Sins; And my body I commit to the earth whence it was taken to be decently buried by the disposition of my Executors. And as for my worldly Goods and Effects the Lord hath lent me, I dispose thereof as follows

Imprimis I give hoe..e acres and Pienies [Pinney's] Close to my son **James Keate** and three pieces of ground called Burgata Ash and five Meadows called by the name of Bonds ground under Wonston to my son **James Keate** all the right and title I have in the said Closes of ground

Item I give unto **Susannah Keate** my daughter one Hundred pounds of lawfull money of England to be paid by my Executors shortly after my decease

Item I give unto **Richard Turner** my son in Law, and to **Elizabeth Turner** my daughter five shillings each of them, and to **Anne Turner, Richard Turner** and **Samuel Turner** my Grand Children each of them five shillings apiece to be paid within a year after my decease

Item I give unto **Henry Stevens** my Son in Law and **Mary Stevens** my Daughter five shillings each of them, and the Meadow called by the name of Freaks meadow

Item I give unto **James Stevens** my Grandchild two Closes of ground called by the name of Butts the years that shall be remaining in them after my Wife's decease paying his fower Brothers **Henry Stevens, Steven Stevens, Richard Stevens** and **John Stevens** twenty shillings apiece and also my Bay Mare to **James Stevens** my Grand Child and my Executors are to renew the said two closes at their Cost

Item I give unto my Grand Child **Sarah Keate** and unto my Grand Child **James Keate** twenty shillings apiece to be paid by my Executors and to **Mary Keate** my daughter in Law five shillings

And all the rest of my Goods and Chattels not hereinbefore bequeathed after my Debts and Funerall Expenses are discharged I do give and bequeath unto my Wife **Elizabeth Keate** and to my son **James Keate** whom I do make joint Executors of this my last Will and Testament revoking all other Wills by me heretofore made

In Witness whereof I have hereunto sett my hand and Seale this Ninth day of December one Thousand Seven Hundred & nineteen.

James Keate/ Signed Sealed & Published in the presence of us/ **Robert Guppy**, the mark of **Elizabeth Collier**.

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TRANSCRIPT OF THE WILL OF WILLIAM KEETCHE, SHAREMAN, OF CHARDSTOCK

Made 3.8.1836

Proven 26.5.1837

In the name of God Amen.

This third day of August in the year of our Lord One thousand Eight hundred and thirty-six I **William Keetch** of Chardstock in the County of Dorsett Shareman being weak of body but of perfect mind and memory and understanding Do make and ordain this my last Will and Testament That is to say principally and first of all I give and recommend my soul unto the

hands of Almighty God that gave it and my body I recommend to the earth to be buried in a decent Christian burial at the discretion of my Executor here in after to be named.

I give and devise unto my son **William** all that newly built Dwelling House and Offices with the Garden thereto adjoining situate at or called Lower Churchill within the Parish of Chardstock aforesaid my son **William** allowing my son **Samuel** to dig a small well under the hedge in pathway between my son **Williams** garden and my son **Samuels** house. To hold the said Dwelling House offices garden and premises to my son **William** his heirs Executors Administrators and assigns according to the nature thereof for him and their own use and benefit with full liberty of Ingress Egress and Regress to and for the person or persons for the time being entitled to the same.

And I give and devise all that newly built Dwelling House with the Garden adjoining the front thereof and the Linhay at the lower end of the said Gardens situate in Lower Churchill aforesaid to my son **Samuel** now in his possession together with all rights and appurtenances thereunto belonging. To hold the same unto him to my son **Samuel** his heirs Executors Administrators and assigns according to the nature thereof for his and their own use and benefit.

And I give and devise unto my son **Thomas** all that newly built Dwelling House with the Garden behind and front of the said Dwelling House adjoining the same situate in Lower Churchill and now in his possession Also a Right of foot path way at all times and as now used by him thorough my orchard adjoining the said last mentioned premises together with all tights and appurtenances to the said premises belonging. To hold the same unto him to my son **Thomas** his heirs Executors Administrators and assigns according to the nature thereof for his and their own use and benefit.

And I give and devise all those two Dwelling Houses and Offices together with the Gardens adjoining the lower or Western side and the orchard adjoining the Southern end thereof and the hedge which parts my son **Williams** Garden and my orchard also Twelve feet of the hedge turning the corner of my son **Williams** Garden all of which said last mentioned premises are situate in Lower Churchill aforesaid one of which is in my own possession and the other in the occupation of **James Create** as tenant thereof also all the Rest and remainder of the messuages tenements lands and hereditaments if any not hereinbefore given or devised or which I shall or may die siezed or possessed of or entitled to whether Freehold Copyhold Leasehold or otherwise to **James Wescott** of Lyme Regis in the County of Dorset Cordwainer in Trust for my Daughter **Mary Keetch** during her natural life for her own use and benefit without any impeachment of waste and should my daughter **Mary** hereafter be lawfully married and her husband survive her I give the aforesaid Two dwellings gardens and orchards and appurtenances thereunto belonging to **James Wescott** aforesaid in Trust for the surviving husband for his use and benefit during his natural life and after his decease should he die without issue by my daughter **Mary** I give it to **James Wescott** aforesaid in Trust to be divided equally between my said sons aforesaid and my daughter **Hanah Clarke** wife of **George Clarke** her share for the use and benefit of my three Grand Children by her former husband namely **Ann Apsey William Apsey** and **Mary Apsey** their executors administrators and assigns according to the nature thereof.

Item The pathway between my son **William** and my son **Samuel** shall always remain the width it now is being at the Entrance Gate Ten feet and half between the garden hedge of my son **William** and the wall of the house of my son **Samuel** had at the end of my son **Williams** garden and opposite the right hand side of the door post of the out house adjoining the House occupied by **James Create** the width of it now is sixteen feet and my will is that my son **William** shall always keep the hedge well shared so as not to hang over the Pathway

also my Daughter **Mary** shall keep the hedge well shared so as not to hang over my son **William** Garden.

And I do hereby revoke and disannull all and every other former Testament Wills and Legacies and bequests and executors by me in any way before named willed or bequeathed ratifying and confirming this and no other to be my last Will and Testament I hereby appoint **James Wescott** of Lyme Regis in the County of Dorset Cordwainer my Executor in Trust in Witness whereof I hereunto set my hand and seal to this my last Will and Testament the day and year first above written.

Signed sealed published and delivered by the said **William Keetch** as and for his last Will and testament in the presence of us who at his request in his presence and in the presence of each other have subscribed our names as Witnesses thereto

Signed: The Mark and seal of **William Keetch**
Witnesses: **Charles Symes** and **William Langford**

At Sarum on the 26th May 1837 the sole Exor above named was duly sworn before me
G J Bensant Surrogate

Effects sworn £200

TRANSCRIPT OF THE WILL OF WILLIAM LEAT, MILLER, OF CHARDSTOCK

Will dated 10.1.1794

Believed to have been proved 25.3.1809 (see note at end of transcript)

This is the last Will and Testament of one **William Leat** of Chardstock in the County of Dorset Miller as follows.

First I give and bequeath to my Aunt **Mary Milverton** the Sum of Thirty Pounds.

To my Cousin **Jane Jeffery**, **Elizabeth Milverton**, **Mary Leach**, **Ann Phillips**, **William Hellier**, **James Hellier**, **Joan Hellier**, **Mary Dare**, **William Salway** (the Brother of the Said **Mary Dare**) **Sarah Parris** and **Sarah Baker** the sum of one hundred and ten Pounds each.

To my Cousins **William Milverton**, **John Bunson** and **John Hellier**, one hundred Pounds each.

To my Cousins **Thomas Salway**, **Catherine Bond**, **Sarah Salway**, **John Salway** and **William Salway** (The Children of my late Cousin **John Salway**) the sum of Twenty two Pounds each.

And to **Mary Leat** my mother Law the Sum of Twenty Pounds.

All which Legacies I will and direct to be paid (without Interest) at the expiration of one year next after my decease.

Also I give and devise unto my good friends **Giles Collier** of Axminster in the County of Devon Miller, and **Samuel Newman** of the same place Yeoman, and their Heirs. All those my Tenements, or Farms called Brimblecombe and Hachers, with the several Closes, Lands,

and Hereditaments thereunto belonging, and all other my freehold Lands, and Tenements situate lying and being in the Parish of Dalwood in the County of Dorset. To hold the same unto and to the use of the said **Giles Collier** and **Samuel Newman**, their Heirs and Assigns forever. Upon Trust and Confidence nevertheless, that as soon as conveniently may be after my decease They the said **Giles Collier** and **Samuel Newman** or the Survivors of them, his Heirs or Assigns shall sell and dispose of all and singular my said Tenements or Farms, Closes, Lands, and Hereditaments either by Public Sale or Private Contract to the best Benefit and Advantage, and for the best Price or Prices that can be gotten for the same; and out of the monies arising from the sale of the said Tenements or Farms, Closes, Lands, and Hereditaments they the said **Giles Collier** and **Samuel Newman**, or the survivor of them, his Heirs, Executors or Administrators, shall well and Duly pay or cause to be paid the several Legacies hereinbefore given by me as Aforesaid, and the Overplus of the said Money arising by such Sale to sink into and be considered as a part of my residuary Personal Estate hereinafter given and bequeathed.

And I do hereby expressly declare that the receipt or receipts of the said **Giles Collier** and **Samuel Newman**, or the Survivor of them, his Heirs, Executors or Administrators under his or their Hands for the Purchase Money for which the said Tenements or Farms, Closes, Lands, and Hereditaments shall be sold as afore said, shall be deemed to be a full and sufficient discharge to the Purchase or Purchases of the same, his her and their Heirs and Assigns.

And that such Purchases or Purchasers from and after payment of such Purchase Money shall be absolutely Acquitted and discharged of and from the same. And shall not be oblig'd to see to the Application or be in way wise Answerable or accountable for any loss, misapplication, or non application thereof or any part thereof.

Also I give and devise unto my Aunt **Elizabeth Hellier** and her Heirs, all that my Cottage or dwelling House, with the Garden and Orchard thereunto belonging lying against Birchill Common in the Parish of Chardstock aforesaid, late in the Possession of **Richard Seaward** deceas'd. To hold unto and to the use of my said Aunt **Elizabeth Hellier** her Heirs and Assigns forever.

Also I give and devise unto **Ann** my beloved Wife, all that my Copyhold Tenement and Water Grist Mill and all other my Copyhold Tenements, Lands, and Hereditaments with their and every of their Appurtenances situate lying and being in the Manor of Chardstock aforesaid. To hold the same unto my said Wife and her Assigns for and during the term of her natural life. If the lives by which the same Premises shall be respectively held at the time of my decease shall so long live or my Estates and Interests shall therein respectively so long continue.

And from and after her decease I give and devise unto my said Cousin **John Salway** all that my said Copyhold Tenement and Water Grist Mill with the Appurtenances. To hold the same unto him and his Assigns for and during the Term of his natural life. If the lives by which the same Premises shall be held at the death of my said Wife shall so long live or my Estates and Interests shall therein continue.

And from and after the several deceases of my said Wife and my said Cousin **John Salway** I give and devise unto my said Cousin **James Jeffery** All that my said Copyhold Tenement and Water Grist Mill with the Appurtenances. To hold the same unto him his Executors, Administrators and Assigns for and during all such Estates and Interests as shall be then subsisting thereon.

And Also from and after the decease of my said Wife I give and devise unto my said Cousin **William Hellier** all that my Copyhold Tenement late **Keate's** called Vulscombs, with the Appurtenances situate lying and being in the Manor of Chardstock aforesaid. To hold the same unto him and his Assigns for and during the Term of his natural life.

And from and after the several deceases of my said Wife and my said Cousin **William Hellier** I give and devise unto my said Cousin **James Milverton** all that my said Copyhold Tenement late **Keate's** call'd Vulscombes with the Appurtenances. To hold the same unto him his Executors Administrators and Assigns for and during all such Estates and Interests as shall be then subsisting thereon.

And Also from and after the decease of my said Wife I give and devise unto my said Cousins **John Hellier John Bunson** and **James Hellier** All that my Copyhold Tenement called Marsh Close and Broom Close with the Appurtenances situate lying and being in the Manor of Chardstock aforesaid. To hold the same to them for and during the Term of their natural lives and the life of every of them longest living successively according to the custom of the said Manor.

And Also from and after the decease of my said wife I give and devise unto my said Cousin **James Hellier** all that my Copyhold Cottage at Ford (late **Grubhams**). And Also all that my Plott of Meadow at Ford Water with their and every of their Appurtenances situate lying and being in the Manor of Chardstock aforesaid. To hold the same unto him his Executors Administrators and Assigns for and during all such Estates and Interests as shall be then respectively subsisting thereon.

Also I give and devise unto my said Cousin **James Hellier** and his Heirs all that my Orchard called Pit Orchard with the Nursery, Crib Barton, and Plott of Ground called Smeadhams Plot near Ford (late **Grubhams**) with the Appurtenances situate lying and being in the Parish of Chardstock aforesaid. To hold the same unto and to the use of my said Cousin **James Hellier** his Heirs and Assigns forever.

Also I give and devise unto my said Cousin **John Salway** and his Heirs all that my Orchard called Seaward's in my own Occupation, with the Appurtenances situate lying and being at Claysteps in the Parish of Chardstock aforesaid. To hold the same unto and to the use of him his Heirs and Assigns forever.

Also I give and devise unto my said Cousin **William Hellier** and his Heirs all that my Orchard at Fairway Marsh in the Occupation of **William Leaves** with the Appurtenances situate lying and being in the Parish of Chardstock aforesaid. To hold the same unto and to the use of my said Cousin **William Hellier** his Heirs and Assigns forever.

Also I give and devise unto my said Cousin **William Milverton** and his Heirs the Reversion in Fee of all that my Farm called Knights with the several Closes, Lands, and Hereditaments thereunto belonging Expectant upon the death or marriage of the said **Mary Leat**, situate lying and being in the Parish of Chardstock aforesaid. To hold the same unto and to the use of my said Cousin **William Milverton** his Heirs and Assigns forever, subject to one Annuity or yearly Rent charge of Twelve Pounds in case the said **Mary Leat** shall marry again, to be paid her during her natural life.

Also I give and devise unto my said Cousin **William Milverton** all that my Orchard situate lying and being upon Chardstock Common within the Parish of Chardstock aforesaid called Shindlers lying very near the messuage or Dwelling houses called Farm. To hold the same to him his Executors Administrators and Assigns for the residue and remainder of a certain

Term of one Thousand years.

Also I give and devise unto my said Cousin **John Bunson** and his Heirs, all those my Tenements, Closes, Lands, and Hereditaments commonly called or known by the several name or names of Barn field, otherwise Pilthays, and Flutteridge, and Harveys house or Frogwell, with their and every of their Appurtenances, situate lying and being within the Parish of Axminster aforesaid. To hold the same unto and to the use of him my said Cousin **John Bunson** his Heirs and Assigns forever subject never the less to such Estate and Estates as are limited in and by my settlement made on or previous to my Intermarriage with my said Wife.

Also I give and devise unto my said Cousin **John Hellier** and his Heirs all that my Tenement called Clarkes or the higher Tenement with several Closes, Lands, and Hereditaments thereunto belonging. And Also All that my Orchard called Paveys in the possession of **Thomas Larcombe** situate lying and being at Smallridge within the Parish of Axminster aforesaid. To hold the same unto and to the use of my said Cousin **John Hellier** his Heirs and Assigns forever.

Also I give and devise unto my said Cousin **John Hellier** All that my Orchard called Rows situate in Chardstock aforesaid lying on the Northside of Smallridge consisting of about Two Acres and now in the possession of the said **Thomas Larcombe**. To hold the same unto my said Cousin **John Hellier** his Executors Administrators and Assigns for and during the residue of a certain Term of nine hundred and ninety nine years.

Also I give and bequeath unto my said **Wife** her Executors and Administrators All my Household Goods, Plate, Linnen, China, and Implements of Household whatsoever.

Also I give and bequeath unto the said **Giles Collier Samuel Newman** and **John Newman Collier** (Son of the said **Giles Collier**) all the rest and residue of my Personal Estate and Effects whatsoever. They Paying within Twelve Calendar Months next after my decease, (in case I shall have no Issue by my said Wife) unto or in trust for my Father Law **John Newman** his Executors Administrators or Assigns the Sum of Five hundred Pounds in Pursuance of my Covenant contained in my said Settlement made on or previous to my Intermarriage with my said wife.

And after payment thereof I will and direct that the Overplus of my residuary personal Estate shall be equally divided between them the said **Giles Collier Samuel Newman** and **John Newman Collier** their Executors and Administrators. share and share alike as Tenants in common, and not as Joint Tenants.

And I hereby constitute and appoint the said **Giles Collier** and **Samuel Newman** Executors of this my last Will and Testament Provided always and I do hereby expressly declare that neither of my said Executors and Trustees his Heirs executors or Administrators shall be answerable or Accountable for the Acts, Deeds, Receipts, and Defaults of the other of them his Heirs Executors and Administrators but each for himself his own Heirs, Executors and Administrators, and his and their Acts, Deeds, Receipts, and Defaults only - nor shall either of them respectively be answerable for any money, but what shall be actually received by him or his order respectively.

And that it shall be lawful for the said **Giles Collier** and **Samuel Newman** their Heirs Executors and Administrators to deduct and retain out of the Trust money estate and effects all such Charges and Expenses as they any or either of them shall lay out or be put unto, in and about the management of any of the Trusts herein before mentioned or any Wise

relating thereto.

In Witness whereof I the said **William Leat** to this my Last Will and Testament contain'd in four sheets of Paper have set my hand and Seal (that is to say) To each of the first three sheets my Hand and to this last sheet my hand and Seal this tenth day of January in the year of our Lord one thousand seven hundred and ninety four

William Leat

Signed, sealed, publish'd, and declared by the said **William Leat**, as and for his last Will and Testament, in the Presence of us, who at his request and in his presence have subscribed our Names as Witnesses

Robert Stephen
S Forward
John Facey

The bottom of the last page carries the date 25.3.1809 and the signature of **John Collier**.

*Notes: The above is the transcript of a hand written document which appears to be a working copy of the Will and includes the date Probate was granted. The Will is dated 10.1.1794. **William Leat** died at the age of 53 and was buried at Chardstock, St. Andrew's 22.4.1804. Probate does not seem to have been granted under five years later on 25.3.1809, but it was a complicated Will, made more complicated by **Ann Leat** (who was 15 years younger than her husband) marrying **Thomas Deane** of Chard, a prominent local family. **Ann Leat/Deane** died in 1845 at the age of 80.*

For further information about the "Water grist mill" please see the publication Chardstock Mill published by Chardstock Historical Record Group.

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EXTRACTS FROM THE WILL OF JOHN LEGGE, HUSBANDMAN, OF WAMBROOK AND PARISHIONER OF CHARDSTOCK

Date of Will: 20.9.1549

Bequests made as shown below:

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| To the lazar house [leper hospital] of | Burport | xij d [12d] |
| | Taunton | xij d [12d] |
| | Langport | xij d [12d] |
| | Honnyton | xij d [12d] |

To Enne Chyldren of my own bodye lawfully begotten be Devyded anded Amongst them at the full age of 21 and not before.

If any child gets into debt before age 21, their portion goes to **John's** wife **Edythe** and **Edythe's** brother **Francis Darman** between them equally.

To any godchild xij d [12d}

To **Edythe** all goods after debts paid

Executor: **Edythe Legge**

Witnesses: **Henry Stapull?, Robert Pynnye, Thomas Stapull?, Francis Darman**

EXTRACTS FROM THE WILL OF MISS ANNA LONG, SPINSTER, OF FARWAY, CHARDSTOCK

Will made 30.3.1889

Executor: Nephew **Frederick Daniel Long** of Farway, Farmer.

To sister **Amelia Compton** of Wadeford, Combe St. Nicholas, widow, annuity £10 8s 0d and she shall occupy part of house at Wadeford with contents until her decease.

To **Frederick Daniel Long** the rest of the estate.

Witnesses: **Charles Plaster**, Solicitor's Clerk, W B House, Chard, Licenced Vit.

Estate valued at £47 4s 1d.

Anna Long died 30.3.1889

EXTRACTS FROM THE WILL OF JOHN MARKS, YEOMAN, OF BURRIDGE IN THE PARISH OF CHARDSTOCK

Will dated 2.5.1771

Probate granted 14.12.1767

Brother **Hugh Marks**: One shilling a week for 4 years commencing the day of John's decease

Granddaughter **Sarah Warry**: £40

Granddaughter **Betty Warry**: £100

Granddaughter **Betty Vincent**: £100 and "that littill orchard lying in Hook Lane adjoining to that Copsy hold estate which **Mathew Noseters** wife is possessed of at present".

To **William Marks** the son of my daughter **Betty Marks** for himself his heirs and assigns for ever:

"all that Cottage Garden and orchard with the Appurtenances situate in the parish of Chardstock aforesaid which I lately purchased of **John Searl** and also my other cottage with the appurtenances situate by the said other cottage".

Daughters **Betty Warry** and **Alice Vincent** to share equally "all the rest residue and remainder of my Goods Chattells and personall Estate" after debts and legacies paid.

The portion to **Alice Vincent** "shall be to her sole and separate use and Disposall so and in such manner that her said Husband shall not Intermedell therewith or have any thing to Doe with any of my Estate goods Chattels or Credirs or effects whatsoever.

Executors: Daughters **Betty Warry** and **Alice Vincent**.

Robert Deane and **Hugh Welsh** of Chardstock to be Trustees and receive reimbursement of expenses.

To **Mary Tucker** my now servant, a gray mare Colt two years old going three if she lives with me till my decease.

Witnesses: **William Marks**, the mark of **Thomas Bridge**, **Robert Vincent**

EXTRACTS FROM THE WILL OF WILLIAM MARKS, YEOMAN, OF BOWDICH, CHARDSTOCK

Date of Will 2.4.1734.

Probate granted 24.3.1734/5

Bequests made as shown below:

Son **John Marks**: All the messuage and tenement with appurtenances in the Manor of Bowdich formerly **William's** father's, on copyhold for the lives of **William** and his son, also **William**.

Son **Thomas Marks**: £100 paid within six months of **William's** decease.

Son **Hugh Marks**: £100 paid within nine months of **William's** decease. Also one feather bed (his choice of any) and one bedstead, bolster pillow, a pair of blankets, pair of sheets, rug and cloth.

Son **William Marks**: Colemans, in the Manor of Bowdich, held on copyhold for the lives of **William's** son **John Marks** and daughter **Sarah French**.

Grandchildren **Betty & Thomas Grobham** £30 each, paid when they reach the age of 21 years

The children of daughter **Sarah French** Half a guinea each, paid within three months.

Grandchildren **Sarah & James Keate** Half a guinea each, paid within three months.

The rest and residue equally to sons John and William Marks, who are to be the Executors.

Witnesses: **J Gould**
Katherine Wellman
The Mark of **Susanna Greening**

EXTRACTS FROM THE WILL OF WILLIAM MARKS OF BURRIDGE IN THE PARISH OF CHARDSTOCK

Will dated 6.4.1777

Probate granted 21.9.1782

Wife **Betey Marks**: one shilling

Sarah Marks the daughter of **Betey Marks**: one shilling

Thomas Marks the son of **Betey Marks**: one shilling

Richard Marks the son of **William & Betey Marks**: one shilling

Betey Marks the daughter of **William & Betey Marks** not bapticed: one shilling

John Marks the son of **William & Betey Marks**: the kitchen the new hous the chamber over the kitchen the milk hous the orchard half the Barn and Stable and wring hous and Downclous, Overhay, Shilues, holaker, Whetcloes and Witherpetes "for the years that I have in it after my Deth Day".

Susanah Froom the wife of **Robert Froom**: £4 a year for life

William Marks the son of my wife: the paler [parlour], the Hol [Hall], the olde Chamber, the Chamer over the Solar and the Solar, half the barn, half the stabel and the wring hous.
and: Longbotoms and Colmens Mead, Fosens, Letel Fosens and Upcraft and Wately for the Lives that I have in it after my Deth, paying **Susanah Froom** the wife of **Robert Froom** fower pounds a year during her Life.

Executors: Sons **John Marks** and **William Marks**

Friends and Trustees for the above: "**Cozens**", **Samuel Dean** and Mr **John Chard**

One calendar month after William's decease, to sell all Stock, Sheep, Cows, horses, corn in ground, all plow tackle - and the estate to be let out to tenants and tenant and to pay **George Warey** the money owed him on Mortgage.

Household goods to be sold except the beds and "some smal interesting things".

To **John Marks**: the bed and all belong unto it that is the bed in the Chamber over the Solar.

To **William Marks**: the bed in the new chamber that is the tornoupt bed and all belong unto it.

To **Sarah Marks** and **Betey Marks**: the bed that is in the kitchen chamber and all belong unto it.

To **Thomas Marks**: the bed and all belong to it.

To **Richard Marks**: the trokel [truckle] bed and all belong unto it.

To sons **John Marks** and **William Marks**: all the remainder of my goods, chatel credets and Estates after expenses and debts divided equally between them.

Witnesses: **Thomas Spiller**, the mark of **Mary Spiller**

Estate under £100

EXTRACTS FROM THE WILL OF JOHN MITCHELL, CLOCKMAKER, OF CHARDSTOCK

Date of Will: 8.2.1731/2

Probate granted: 26.7.1733

Requests made as shown below:

Daughter **Elizabeth Mitchell**: The dwelling house he now lives in, with two gardens and two orchards and one field, adjoining Joseph Cooks in Chardstock.

Daughter **Ann [Mitchell]**: One piece of ground lying against Green Lane for 99 years "if she happen so long to live". After the 99 years, to "my right heirs".

Daughter **Katherine [Mitchell]**: One piece of ground lying against Burrige Common called Bragland and one garden called Stockstyle for 99 years as above, and after. Three pieces of lease ground called Long Rue? for all the term and estate her father has in them.

Daughter **Ann [Mitchell]**: Three pieces of lease ground called Chilpitts during the term remaining. Two pieces of ground called the twelve acres and one pair called Pearses Close, 18 acres altogether during the term remaining.

To his two grandchildren **Betty Draughton** and **Mary Draughton**: Two pieces of ground called Six Acres lying against Chilpitts for the remaining term.

To granddaughter **Betty**: Right and title to copyhold one field called Husk and one garden called Gilwell.

All the rest residue and remainder of goods and chattles and substance whatsoever not hereinbefore given - go to daughter **Elizabeth Mitchell** who is to be whole and sole executrix.

Witnesses: **William Hawker, John Deane, John Chard**

TRANSCRIPT OF THE WILL OF MARGARET PARRYS, WIDOW, OF CHARDSTOCK

Will made 23.5.1584

In the name of god Amen. The three and twentieth day of May Anno Dmi one thousand and five hundred four score and four. I **Margaret Parys** of Woolmington within the parish of Chardstock within the county of Dorset, widow, being sick in body but of perfect remembrance thanks be to almighty god do make and ordain this my last will and testament in manner and form as followeth that is

First: I give and bequeath my soul into the hands of almighty god my maker and redeemer and my body to be buried in the churchyard of Chardstock

Item: I give to the cathedral church of Sarum 12d

Item: I give towards the maintenance of this parish church of Chardstock 3s 4d

Item: I give towards the maintenance of Thorncombe 12d

Item: I give to the poor of the parish of Chardstock the sum of twenty shillings to be distributed amongst those that shall be thought to have most need

Item: I give to any of my godchildren severally [severally i.e. each] 12d

Item: I give to **William Toler** my servant two sheep or other ten shillings in money to be delivered to him at his choice

Item: I give to **Margerie Croppe** my servant two sheep or other ten shillings in money

Item: I give to **John Lyne** my servant forty shillings in money and a sheep

Item: I give to **Richard** my son five oxen whereof two shall be of the best and the other three of the meaner sort together with the plough gear all such furniture belonging to the same also I give him kine whereof two shall be of those that have calves and the other three without calves

Item: I give to the same **Richard** my son a parcel of wheat called furlongs and one acre more of wheat in this all [thistle] field

Item: I give and bequeath unto him two acres of oats in firlong and five acres more of oats in the field without the backside for and in consideration of the standing and growing of the corn and grain upon the farm else wheresoout

Item: I give to the same **Richard** my son my best feather bed with the apparel belonging to the same with the cubberde [cupboard] in the chamber

Item: I give to **Richards** two servants **Timothy Staple** and **Julian Helliard** each of them a sheep or else five shillings in money a piece

Item: I give to any of **Richards** children two sheep a piece whereof the one half to be wethers and the other half ewes

Item: I give to **Helen Bridget** and **Elizabeth** daughters of the same **Richard** my son to any of them a platter apiece

Item: I give and bequeath unto **Margaret Parys** daughter unto **John** my son the sum of six pounds thirteen shillings and four pence. More I give to the same **Margaret** two platters a pottanger and a candlestick

Item: I give to **Alice** her servant the sum of six pounds thirteen shillings and four pence in money. More I give to the same **Alice** a platter a saucer a pottanger a candlestick and a salt cellar. More bettwene her and **Joan Pearce** her sister the feather bed that I lie on with the bedstead and linen with all their apparel belonging to the same

Item: I give and bequeath unto the said **Joan Pearce** the third best pan a salt cellar a platter

and a pottanger

Item: whereas there remaineth in the hands possession and keeping of one **John Obly** of Axminster father in law to **Robert Parys** and **Thomas Parys** the natural children of **Robert Parys** my son late of Coome pine [Combyne] parson deceased whereas I say there remaineth in the hands of the said **John Obly** a some of mine with ten shillings in money Also my will is that the said sum and ten shillings in money should be distributed and equally divided between the said two children **Robert** and **Thomas**

Item: I give to **Richard Pearst** the son of **John Pearst** aforesaid a ewe sheep.

Item: I give to **Thomas John Edward** and **Joyce** children to the foresaid **John** my son unto any one of them two sheep apiece More I give to the said **Joyce** two platters a pottanger and a Candlestick

All the rest of all my goods chattels grains and substance whatsoever unbequeathed and not given my debts legacised and funeral discharged I give and bequeath unto **John** my son whom I make and ordain my full and whole Executor of this my last will and testament to rest and dispose them to the glory of god. And for the better performance thereof I will that **Richard** my son be at the disposing of the same

These amended parts being witness to the same

William Carter vicar **Robert Whyte** clerk **Richard Parys** **Robert Smyth**

TRANSCRIPT OF THE WILL OF WILLIAM PARRYS, YEOMAN, OF CHARDSTOCK

Will made 21.6.1581

In the name of god Amen. The 21st day of June in the three and twentieth year of the reign of our sovereign lady Elizabeth by the grace of god of England France and Ireland Queen Defender of the faith or 1581.

I **William Parys** of Chardstock in the county of Dorset, yeoman, sick of body but of fit memory, thanks be to almighty god, do make and ordain my last will and testament in main due form following

First I bequeath my soul to almighty god my maker and redeemer and my body to be buried in christian burial.

Item: I give to the cathedral church of Sarum 12d

Item: I give to the parish church of Chardstock aforesaid 13s 4d

Item: I give to twenty poor persons of the parish of Chardstock aforesaid 12d a piece

Item: I give to all my godchildren one sheep a piece

Item: I give to all my mothers household servant two sheep a piece

Item: I give to all my brother **John Parris** his children three sheep a piece

Item: I give to all my brother **Richard** his children three sheep a piece

Item: I give to **Robert** and **Thomas Parys**, the sons of my brother **Robert Parrys**, or the longer lived of them, twenty pound of lawful English money to be paid to such men as will take the tuition and bringing up of them and also will come in sufficient candor and shall for the honest ordering of them in their minority as also for the redelnity of their said stock resen [reason] they or other of them shall attain to the age of one and twenty years, with reserving for the charge of the bringing up of them both only five pound thirteen shillings and four pence at the most

Item: I give to my brother **John Parys** six wether sheep

Item: I give also to my said brother **John Parys** one annuity of six pounds thirteen shillings four pence by the year to be paid immediately after the death of my mother **Margaret Parys**, widow, to the aforesaid **John Parys** his executor and administrater and assignees during the natural life of my brother, **Richard Parys** and **Thomas Parys** the sons of my brother **John Parys** aforesaid or other of them quarterly by even portions.

Item: I give to **Thomas Parys** son to my brother **John Parys** one other annuity of six pounds thirteen shillings four pence by the year likewise to be paid immediately after the death of my mother to the foresaid **Thomas Parys** his executors administrators and assignees during the natural life of my brother **Richard Parys** and **Thomas Parys** aforesaid or other of them quarterly by even portions

Item: I give to my brother **Richard Parys** my lease of the farm of Woolmington with all my other goods and chattels whatsoever whom I do make constitute and ordain my sole executor of this my last will and testament

Witness hereunto **Thomas Barksdall** vicar there **Robert Wolmington Robt Smyth** and **Martin Towler** with other.

EXTRACTS FROM THE WILL OF JAMES PERING OF CHARDSTOCK

CHRG Scan no. 2351

Will dated 19.7.1869.

Executor **Ezra Pering**, Son of **James Pering**.

By his Will **James Pering** directed that his entire estate was to pass to his Son **Ezra Pering**, including a Life Assurance Policy for £200 on the life of **William Turner**.

Signed and sealed by **James Pering**.

Witnessed by **John Welch** and **Richard Deane**.

EXTRACTS FROM THE WILL OF JAMES PERRING, YEOMAN OF HAKES IN THE PARISH OF CHARDSTOCK

CHRG Scan no. 2352

Will dated 3.7.1861.

Executor **James Perring**, the Son of the Testator.

By his Will **James Perring** directed the following:

To his Grandson **James Perring** - "My clock and case".

To his Grandson **Ezra Perring** - "My two clothes boxes, my small round oak table and my corner cupboard".

To his Son **James** - "All that copyhold tenement called Hakes in the said parish of Chardstock consisting of a dwelling house garden orchards and several closes of land containing by estimation about eighteen acres in the joint occupations of myself and my said son **James** and now held for the life of **William Turner**." Also a Life Assurance Policy for £200 in the name of **William Turner**.

Also to his Son **James** - "All that my Freehold dwelling house garden and orchard situate in the said parish of Chardstock called Bridges containing about half an acre now in the occupation of my Grandson **James Perring**."

His two Daughters **Elizabeth** (the wife of **John Mellish**) and **Phoebe** (the wife of **James Bentley**) received £5 each as a small token of his love. Their inheritance was small because they had previously received their parts of the estate as recorded in the Will as "I have at different times made advances to my two daughters which I consider equal to the value of the gift and devise hereinbefore".

Witnessed by [Illegible] Chard, Somerset and **Charles Dening**.

EXTRACTS FROM THE WILL OF JONATHAN PINNEY, YEOMAN, OF TYTHERLEIGH

Will made 31.1.1804

Probate granted 28.6.1804

Beneficiaries:

Daughter **Joan Symes**, widow - copyhold dwelling house, Smiths shop, garden and premises at Tytherleigh, called late Pinneys

Son **Thomas Pinney** - Copyhold estate called late Stoodleys, freehold estate called Rows, Backallers and late Deans, in Tytherleigh

Joan and **Thomas** to be joint executors.

Witnesses:**Ilswood, Joseph Amor, Henry Hounsell**

EXTRACTS FROM THE WILL OF JONATHAN PINNEY OF TYTHERLEIGH

Will made 6.12.1833. Testator Died 3.1.1834 Probate granted 8.3.1848

Beneficiaries:

His widow **Hannah**, who inherits all household goods and furniture for life, after her decease to be shared equally between their surviving children [unnamed].

Hannah also inherits a sum of money [unspecified] which Jonathan received as a Legacy from the late Mrs **Martha Davy** and which is in the hands of the Trustee of Mrs **Davy's** Will - together with all other of **Jonathan's** monies which may be owing to him at his demise, after debts and funeral expenses have been paid.

Hannah is sole Executrix.

Witnesses: **Thomas Deane, Richard Deane**

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EXTRACTS FROM THE WILL OF JONATHAN PINNEY, YEOMAN, OF TYTHERLEIGH

Will made 31.1.1804 Probate granted 28.6.1804

Beneficiaries:

Daughter **Joan Symes**, widow - copyhold dwelling house, Smiths shop, garden and premises at Tytherleigh, called late Pinneys

Son **Thomas Pinney** - Copyhold estate called late Stoodleys, freehold estate called Rows, Backallers and late Deans, in Tytherleigh

Joan and **Thomas** to be joint executors.

Witnesses:**Ilswood, Joseph Amor, Henry Hounsell**

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EXTRACTS FROM THE WILL OF JONATHAN PINNEY OF TYTHERLEIGH

Will made 6.12.1833. Testator Died 3.1.1834 Probate granted 8.3.1848

Beneficiaries:

His widow **Hannah**, who inherits all household goods and furniture for life, after her decease to be shared equally between their surviving children [unnamed].

Hannah also inherits a sum of money [unspecified] which Jonathan received as a Legacy from the late Mrs **Martha Davy** and which is in the hands of the Trustee of Mrs **Davy's** Will - together with all other of **Jonathan's** monies which may be owing to him at his demise, after debts and funeral expenses have been paid

Hannah is sole Executrix.

Witnesses: **Thomas Deane, Richard Deane**

EXTRACTS FROM THE WILL OF NICHOLAS PINNEY, YEOMAN, OF HAWKCHURCH

Will made 28.4.1680

Probate granted September 1684.

Beneficiaries:

Son **Robert** one shilling

Son **Nicholas** one shilling; and plot of ground at Dammersland lately purchased from son **Robert**

Daughter **Elizabeth** one shilling; and eight pounds a year for life

Daughter **Joane** one shilling; and eight pounds a year for life

Every grandchild one shilling each

The poor of Hawkchurch and the poor of Thorncombe ten shillings to each parish

Son **John Pinney** - personal estate, goods and chattels. Executor

Witnesses: **Richard Wilkins, Richard Denning, William Shuger, John Gill**

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NOTES OF ADMINISTRATION CONCERNING THOMAS PINNY OF CHARDSTOCK

Thomas Pinny of Chardstock died intestate.

Administration granted to his brother **Gabriel**, a weaver, on 25th May 1674 and who signed with his Mark. Witnessed by **Roger Fippen** (his Mark), **Thomas Knight** (his Mark) and **William Staple** (his Mark)

Goods, chattels and credit were valued at £78. Debts and expenses amounted to £108 16s 9d, leaving a deficit of £30 16s 9d which was paid by **Gabriel**.

| The debts were: | £ | s | d |
|---|----|----|---|
| Funeral expenses | 2 | 0 | 0 |
| To Robert Smyth of Hawkchurch | 20 | 0 | 0 |
| plus interest | 1 | 16 | 0 |
| To John Stower of Lyme | 10 | 0 | 0 |
| plus interest | 1 | 4 | 0 |
| To Richard Rockett of Hawkchurch | 5 | 0 | 0 |
| plus interest | | 6 | 0 |
| To John Merymoth of Chardstock | 10 | 0 | 0 |
| plus interest | | 12 | 0 |
| To William Fildew of Chardstock | 5 | 0 | 0 |
| plus interest | | 3 | 0 |

| | | | |
|--|-----|----|---|
| To Magdalen Parrock of Chardstock | 5 | 0 | 0 |
| plus interest | | 6 | 0 |
| To Henry Steephens of Chardstock | 5 | 10 | 0 |
| To Richard Leeves of Chardstock | 6 | 0 | 0 |
| To Richard Keate of Chardstock | 3 | 10 | 0 |
| and for a cow and calf | 5 | 0 | 0 |
| To William Fildew for one cow and calf | 4 | 2 | 0 |
| To Mr Mathew Bragg an Attorney for his bill of loss | 7 | 19 | 6 |
| being sued for the said deceaseds debt | | | |
| at another time | 3 | 10 | 7 |
| Paid to self for expenses of being sworn as | | | |
| Administrator + expenses incurred in his duties | 1 | 5 | 0 |
| and | 1 | 10 | 0 |
| Total | 108 | 16 | 9 |

EXTRACTS FROM THE WILL OF THOMAS PINNEY, YEOMAN, OF CHARDSTOCK

Will made 12.11.1788 Probate granted December 1788.
 [Note: This Will has been badly damaged by spilt ink, hence the gaps in the transcription].

Beneficiaries:
 Daughter **Ann Palmer**, widow - a Copyhold Tenement containing a house with in the same an Orchard and Garden thereunto belonging situate and lying in Farway Marsh formerly being the property of one..... **Hoares** and lately **Richard Wyatts**. **Ann** also inherits an Annuity of £6 to be paid quarterly in equal payments out of **Thomas's** lands etc. called Hawks in Chardstock during the Lives of the remaining lease on it.

Son **John** - Annuity of £5 paid quarterly from the same estate

Daughter **Grace**, the wife of **Robert Chard** - Annuity of £5 paid quarterly from the same copyhold and a copyhold plot called Hoa.... [Hoares?] lying in Farway Marsh; after her death, the plot to go to **Thomas's** grandson **John Palmer**.

Ann and **Grace** are to share equally a freehold plot containing an orchard lying in Farway Marsh formerly called Reeds, are also to share the household goods and chattels, and are to be joint Executors.

Thomas Pinney, grandson - when he reaches age 12, £10 and a "Good Suit of New Cloaths". The £10 is to be used to pay for an apprenticeship for him. If he fails to reach age 12, it goes to the eldest surviving son of **Thomas's** son **John**.

Witnesses: **John Bragg**, **George Welch**, the mark of **George Mooring**

EXTRACTS FROM THE WILL OF THOMAS PINNEY OF CHARDSTOCK

Will made 17.9.1821

Probate granted 8.11.1828

Beneficiaries:

Thomas's widow *[not named]* receives dwelling house, outhouse, garden & orchards called Backhollers and Rows; dwelling house, outhouse, garden and two orchards called Bonds; a plot of land in Broadmead - for her use during her life.

After her decease, lands to be split as follows:

Backhollers and Rows to **Thomas's** children **Martha, Jonathan, James** and **Phares**

Martha inherits "part of the house which I lately built and also the little Orchard joining the same"

Jonathan inherits "the Kitchen and Pantry and two chambers over the same and half the garden and half the orchard that part joining to Tytherleigh green".

James and **Phares** share "the other part of the said house and outhouses together with the other part of the Garden and Orchard.

If any of the four children die, their share to be divided between the survivors.

If all four die, Backhollers and Rows passes to any other children of **Thomas** if he has any more by then; after that, the holding passes equally to his grandchildren.

Bonds passes to **Thomas's** daughters **Alice, Sarah, Maria** and **Huldah** - dwelling house, garden and two orchards. If one dies her share is split between the other three. After the death of all four, Bonds goes to **Thomas's** son **James**.

Huldah receives a plot of land in Broadmead for her life, after her decease to **Jonathan, James, Phares** and **Martha**; after the decease of all of them, it passes to **Thomas's** grandson **Francis Smith**.

Thomas directs that none of his lands and tenements are to be sold or mortgaged, and that none of his daughters' husbands are to have any involvement.

His wife, daughters **Maria & Huldah** and son **Phares** inherit all household goods, plus live and dead stock, to be divided equally between them.

All the "rest, residue, bonds, notes of hand or other writings" are bequeathed to his sons **James** and **Phares**, who are to be joint executors.

Witnesses: James Perring, John Virgin, Samuel Dare

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EXTRACTS FROM WILL WITH INVENTORY OF ALIS [ALICE] PYNNE OF CHARDSTOCK

Will made 27.2.1634/5

Probate 22.9.1635

Inventory & valuation of goods and chattels made 7.3.1634/5 by **William Saverie, John Phippin, Henrie Spiller, Nicholas Hooper** and **William Phippin**.

| | |
|---|---------|
| Imp[rimis] all her Wearing apparrell | £3 |
| Item one standing bedstead and his furniture [possibly bed curtains, hangings or even coverlets etc] one truckle bedstead and his furniture and two other bedsteads | 30s 3d |
| Item one chest | 7s |
| Item fower [four] coffers | 10s 11d |
| Item two Leme [lambs?] one heaffer and two ye[a]rlings | £12 |
| Item for haye | 16s |
| Item for one sucking Caulfe [calf] and fower ..ich of read [reed] | 10s 8d |
| Item for one Pig | 7s 11d |
| Item one Table Bord [board] and one Cubboord | 13s 4d |
| Item all her Pewter vessle | 20s 6d |
| Item three Brasson [brass] Candlesticks | 13s 6d |
| Item two Salte Sellers | 8d |
| Item three Brasson Crocks | 26s 8d |
| Item two Brasson Cauldrons and three Brasson pans | 32s |
| Item all Wooden vessell of Tubb and shuch like | 20s |
| Item one Hogshead and three Drink Barrells | 13s |
| Item all the rest of the wodden vessell and Timber stuffe | 10s |
| Item two Chaires | 2s |
| Item all the Iron stuffe as wedges and shuch like | 7s 4d |
| Item one Cheese Wringe | 2s 11d |
| Item for Dung | 10s |
| Item for Wood | 10s |
| Item for Baken [bacon] | 13s 4d |
| Item for forgotten goods | 12d |

[Note: Total value is £23 19s 0d]

Beneficiaries:

To **Judeth Pedon**: my red cowe and my black heffer and one yerling bullock and my chest and my coffer to my bedes fe...re and halfe my puter [pewter] fessell [vessels] and my best white pynne [pinny] and my truckle bedstead and bed furnished [i.e. with its bedding] and halfe my wearinge aparell and my best Brasse pan and my longe leged crocke

To **Gilliane Spyller**: the other half of [my] puter fessell and my redewh..... and the other halfe of my wearinge aparill

To **Ales [Alice] Mathew**: my sparked [speckled] cowe and my greate Brasse crock and my greate caudron [cauldron]

To **Agnes Mathew**: my coffer standing to the stares [stairs] and all that in hind

To **John Pynnye** the younger: my borde and forme [table and bench seat] standing in the hall

To **Gabriel Pynnye**: my cuborde

To **Simon Spyller**: my best yerelyng bulock

To **Marryan Spiller**: one coffer nexte to the chamber door and my bedstead and
one bed which I now ly in with all his furnyture and my crock without legs and
lytel caudron and one newe trundell [truckle bed?]

To **Judeth Peadon**: my round bottom panne

All my godchildren: 22d apece [apiece = each]

The poore of the parish of Chardstock 3s 4d

To **Henry Spyller** (executor) all the rest of my goods not bequeathed.

Witnesses: **William Savery & Robert Atkins** (neighbours)

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EXTRACTS FROM WILL WITH INVENTORY OF JOANE PYNNEY, WIDOW, OF CHARDSTOCK

Will made 6.3.1680/1

Probate granted 29.11.1682

Inventory & valuation of goods and chattels made 21.10.1682, by **Richard Turner, Richard Keat, George Alford, Gabriell Pinney, Rich. Tucker**, as follows:

| | |
|--|------------|
| Imprimis her wearing parell [apparel] | £1 0s 0d |
| Item in the hall one bedstead & all the furniture belonging thereunto | 16s 8d |
| Item in the hall one chist [chest] two chaires one shilfe [shelf] | 5s 6d |
| Item in the butry [buttery] to [two] brasse Calldrone and one Skillett | 13s 4d |
| Item to [two] Crooks [crock? crockery?] | 6s 8d |
| Item one side board one shilfe & to [two] flaggons | 2s 8d |
| Item five boketts [buckets] one halfe Hody Sett [hogshead] one barrell | 13s 4d |
| Item three coffers | 3s 4d |
| Item in the hall chamber one bedstead | 2s 6d |
| Item to [two] puter [pewter] dishes one firing [frying?] pan one candlesticke | 1s 6d |
| Item in pease & wheat | £4 10s 0d |
| Item one heifer one steer | £4 0s 0d |
| Item three yearlings | £3 0s 0d |
| Item three calves | £1 13s 4d |
| Item in hay | £2 10s 0d |
| Item one pigg | 11s 0d |
| more in things forgotten | 4s 6d |
| Total | £20 14s 4d |

Beneficiaries:

Son **Gabriell Pynney** £5

Grandchild **Samuel Pynney** son of **Gabriell** £1

Granddaughter **Mary** the wife of **Robert Atkins** 6s 8d

Joan the wife of **John Pooke** 6s 8d

Jane Pynney daughter of **Gabriell** 6s 8d if she is 21 otherwise to her father in trust

Son **George Pynney** 5s

Grandchild **George Pynney** the younger 40s, and "one coffer standing in Chamber" and the coffer to be delivered in 6 days from **Joane's** decease

"Kinsman" **John Pynney** son of **George** £1

Elizabeth Bond the wife of **Isaac Bond** my grandchild 6s 8d

- all monies to be paid within a year of **Joane's** decease

Grandchild **Robert Pynney** 20s. Grandchild **Jane Pynney** the daughter of **George** my son 6s 8d both to be paid when they reach age of 21

Daughter **Joane Tucker** wife of **Richard Tucker** £5 within a year and "one standing bedstead standing in Hall with the bed and all that belong unto it" and "all my Wearing apparell" within 6 days of **Joane's** decease

John Tucker the son of **Joan** my daughter 20s

Sarah Tucker the daughter of **Joan** my daughter 6s 8d

Joan Tucker my grandchild 6s 8d, and "one great brass Caldron the biggest in my possession and one Coffe commonly standing in the hall" within 6 days

- all monies to be paid within one year of **Joane's** decease unless they are under 21 in which case their father **Richard Tucker** is to hold it in trust

Nicholas the son of **Francis Morley** 2s "to be paid at my buriall"

Eldest son **John Pynney** gets all the rest of the goods not before mentioned, and he is to be Executor and pay any debts.

Witnesses: **Francis Morley, Henry Ha..herly, Jane Morley**

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EXTRACTS FROM THE WILL OF JOHN PYNNEY, HUSBANDMAN, OF CHARDSTOCK

Will dated August 1551

Probate granted 1552 .

Handwriting very difficult. Able to extract beneficiaries as shown below

Sons: **John, Thomas, Willyam, Henry**

Daughters: **Christyne, Margaret** - Executors

Witnesses: Mr **John**, Vicar; **John**rye ofmdyge; **John Hyllard**, Parish Clerk;
Wyllyam Woodeland; Johem

Robert Pynny (brother) and **John Colman** are Overseers

Son **John** receives 20s

Son **Thomas** receives £7

Son **Willyam** receives 40s

Son **Henry** receives residue of goods after debts & expenses paid

Each brother receives 6s 8d. One brother is called **Robert**, others are unnamed.

All brothers' children receive 22d each

All godchildren receive 8d each

To the maintenance of the Cathedral of Sarum 4d

To the poor of Chardstock 4d

To the parish church of Chardstock 22d

To the maintenance of the parish church of Chard 22d

To the maintenance of the parish church of Thorncombe 6d

To the poor householders of Chard 6s 8d to be equally divided

NOTES OF ADMINISTRATION WITH INVENTORY CONCERNING JOHN PYNNY, HUSBANDMAN, OF CHARDSTOCK

John Pynny of Chardstock died Intestate 1643/4

Administration granted to **Joane Pynny**, his widow, October 1645

Inventory & valuation made February 1643/4 by **John Fry, William Dilling, Roberte Atkins,
John Chard**

| | |
|---|--------|
| Imprimis one smaule [small] Lease or Covenant | £5 |
| Item his wearinge apparrell | £2 |
| Item in the Haule [hall] 2 brasse Crooks [crocks] | 15s |
| Item in brasse | 8s |
| Item in Pewter Vessell | 10s |
| Item in Barrells & other tymber stuffe | £1 |
| Item one bedstead bed & furnytur | £1 10s |
| Item one trendle bedstead and bed | 6s 8d |
| Item one Chest and three Coffers | £1 |
| Item one trendle | 6s 8d |
| Item in Iron and plow stuffe, an Iron barr & peckaxes | £1 10s |
| Item in oates and haye | £5 |

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|---|----------|
| Item sixteene Sheepe | £3 4s |
| Item two horses | £3 |
| Item two Steares [steers] | £4 10s |
| Item two Kind [kine - cows] | £5 |
| Item three young Cattle | £3 6s 8d |
| Item for three smale [small] Piggs | 10s |
| Item for one Steare | £3 2s |
| Item in things forgotten to bee praysed [appraised] | 6s 8d |

[Note: Total value is £42 5s 8d]

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EXTRACTS FROM WILL WITH INVENTORY OF JOHN PYNYPINNEY, HUSBANDMAN, OF CHARDSTOCK

Will made 16.4.1684

Inventory & valuation of goods and chattels made 3.9.1684 by **Richard Harris, Richard Turner, George Alford, Richard Pearce** and **Robert Pooke**.

| | |
|---|-------------|
| Imprimis his Warringe [wearing] apparrell | £2 10s 0d |
| Item in the Hall one Board and furn[iture] one Chist [chest] & two Chaires | 16s 0d |
| Item in the Roome within the hall two Brass potts one Caldron & Skillett | 18s 0d |
| Item in the same roome one hodgshead one halfe hodgshead & two Barrells | 6s 8d |
| Item in the same Roome three Blanks two Shelves & five Tubbs | 9s 0d |
| Item in the hall Chamber one halfhead Bedstead and furniture [bedding] | £1 |
| Item in the same Chamber two Coffers & one Box | 2s 6d |
| Item one Bullocke | £1 3s 4d |
| Item in Corne & Hay | £3 6s 8d |
| Item two mowe Stadles | 6s 4d |
| Item a Chattle [Cattle?] Lease | £8 10s 0d |
| Item things forgotten & not praysed [appraised] | 3s 4d |
| Sume Tottall | £18 11s 10d |

Note: The Will refers throughout to "Couson" i.e. cousin and seems to refer to nieces and nephews etc, whether blood relations or their spouses

Beneficiaries:

Cousin **George Pyny** son of my brother **George Pyny** - all those parcels of land in Chardstock called Hancocks Mead for the remainder of the lease plus his "Warringe apparrell" except his best suit which he gives to his brother **Gabriell Pyny**. "Cousin" **George** also gets a new plain halfhead bedstead "standinge in the Chamber that I did lye"

Sister **Joan**, wife of **Richard Harris** - six bushels of the best wheat to be delivered Michaelmas Day [25th September] next

Cousin **Mary** wife of **Robert Atkins** - four bushels of wheat the Michaelmas Day next after my decease

Cousin **John Harris** "my sole wheeles" [?]

To Cousins **Joane Harris**, **Sarah Harris** and Cousin **Joane** the wife of **John Pooke** - 5 shillings apiece

Cousins **Samuel Pyny** and **Jane Pyny** son and daughter of my brother **Gabriell Pyny** - 5 shillings apiece

Brother **George Pyny** - one shilling

Cousin **Robert Pyny** son of my brother **George Pyny** twenty shillings to be paid Michaelmas day next after my decease

My wife [not named] "the bedstead that i doe lie onne with all the furniture thereunto belonging"

Cousin **John Pyny** & Cousin **Elizabeth Bond** - one shilling apiece

All the rest of goods, chattels or credits to my Brother **Gabriell Pyny** (**Gabriell** is also executor).

Witnesses: **Edward Clode**, **Thomas Chapman**, **Richard Phipen**

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EXTRACTS FROM THE WILL OF RICHARD PINNY, YEOMAN, OF TYTHERLEIGH

Will dated October, 1650

Probate granted May, 1651

:**Richard Pinny** leaves a sum to the parish of Chard, where he wishes to be buried, twenty shillings for the burial and five shillings a year thereafter to go to the poor of Chard but if there is any problem with this, he will then be buried in Chardstock.

Thomas Woolmington - four shillings at twelve pence a quarter

Elianor Serry, widow - two shillings at sixpence a quarter

If the five shillings a year is payable to the parish of Chard the five shillings, four shillings and two shillings bequeathed as above are to come from the income on two closes of land at Storridge Gate.

Also to **Thomas Woolmington**, twelve pence and to **Joane** his daughter and my goddaughter five shillings

To **John Fowler**, **Henry Hodson** & **Mary Merrimouth** twelve pence apiece

Elianor Baker my servant "if shee continue with mee untill my deth and afterwards tenn shillings"

Nicholas Speede "if he continues with me untill the time of my buriall two pence"

Alice Cox twelve pence

John Mantell of Leishott tenn shillings and all his children sixpence apiece

James Mantell ten shillings

The son of **Hugh Shindler** late of Whitechurch deceased Butcher three pounds six shillings and eight pence two years after my decease if he is living, to the daughter of **Hugh Shindler**

John Bowdich son of **George Bowdich** twelve pence

Mary daughter of **William Darby** ten shillings and to her children twelve pence apiece and all her childrens children six pence apiece

To the children of **Anne** the daughter of **William** twelve pence apiece and all her childrens children sixpence apiece

John Cauly sixpence

Alice Madger twelve pence and all her children six pence

John Parson four pence and his son of which I was a witness (godparent) twelve pence towards his baptizing and to all his brothers and sisters three pence apiece

Henry Parsons twelve pence, **John** his son five shillings and his brothers and sisters twelve pence apiece

William Parsons three pence

Mary Parsons three pence

Jane Parsons three pence

Alexander Culliford six pence

Richard Woodward five shillings and to his sister **Magdalen** five shillings

To the three children of **Edward Smith** which he had by **Elianor** his wife which was my sisters daughter forty shillings apiece

If **Alice** the daughter of **Elizabeth** [possible error for **Elianor**] marry with a **Pinney**, she will get his tenement at Cleeve Hill and the widow **Harris's** cottage after the widow's decease within three years of his (**Richard's**) decease and **Elizabeth** to have ten pounds a year out of the profits on the Tenement and cottage during her life beginning one year after his decease.

To the eldest son of **Elizabeth** six pence and to the youngest twelve pence

To **John Gollop** son of **Alice Gollop** five pounds paid yearly for life out of the two tenements at Tidderleigh [Tytherleigh] one year after **Richard's** decease

To **Johane [Joan]** wife of **William Gollop** ten shillings, her daughter five shillings, her three sons five shillings apiece

If the daughter of **William Gollop** marry with a Pinney, she gets the two tenements and three cottages in Tiddersleigh and one cottage at Chardstock Towne, **William Gollop** to also help his other children with some money out of it, but if she marry into any other name or die before marriage the gift is void.

The two closes of land south side of Storridge Gate go to **William Gollop** and his heirs forever.

Executor: **William Gollop**.

Notes: The following family connections are based on Parish Registers:

The deceased, Richard Pinney, had a sister Alice.

Alice m. Richard Gollopp in 1589 at Buckland St Mary.

Their son William Gollopp married Johane (surname unknown), and had three sons and one daughter (unnamed)

Their daughter Elianor Gollopp (b. 1618 Buckland St Mary) m. Edward Smith (b. 1614 Yarcombe) on 29.7.1639 at Pitminster

EXTRACTS FROM THE WILL OF WALTER PYNNEY/PYNNYE, HUSBANDMAN, OF CHARDSTOCK

Will dated 4th October, 1570

Probate granted November, 1570

Handwriting very difficult. Able to extract beneficiaries as shown below

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Sons: **Robert, John & Walter**

Daughters: **Johan [Joan], Emme, Alice, Maidlyn** [possible derivative of **Madeleine**]

Wife: **Agnes** - sole Executrix

Witnesses: **John Cr.....h**, Vicar

Son **Robert** - the remaining time [on the copyhold or rental agreement] from Robert Crawforde If **Robert** dies before marriage, it passes to Son **John**, and if he dies before marriage, it passes to **Walter's** daughters.

Son **John** - £10 on marriage. If **John** dies before marriage, it goes to son **Walter** and **Walter Senior's** 3 youngest daughters.

Son **Walter** - two and two calves

Daughter **Johane [Joan]** - £20 on marriage

Daughter **Emme** - £22 6s 8d on marriage

Daughter **Alice** - £20 on marriage

Daughter **Maidlyn** - £20 on marriage

If any daughter dies before marriage, her portion to son **Walter**

To **John Cr.....h**, Vicar 6s 8d

To the Parish Clerk 12d

To each godchild 12d

To wife **Agnes** - all goods after debts & expenses paid

To the Cathedral of Sarum 22d
To the parish church of Chardstock 6s 8d
To the poor 5 bushels of wheat to be distributed by **John Cr.....h**, Vicar, **William Pynnye**
and son **Robert**.

Overseers: **John Cr.....h**, **William Pynnye**, son **Robert Pynnye** and **Anne Crawford**

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EXTRACTS FROM THE WILL OF GEORGE POMROY, FARMER, OF TYTHERLEIGH

CHRG Scan no. 2358

Will made 14.6.1887

Sole Executrix - **Elizabeth Pomroy**, the wife of **George Pomroy**.

To my wife, **Elizabeth Pomroy**, for the term of her life provided she remain my widow - ALL my Copyhold tenement in which I reside and all land belonging to the same. ALSO my Freehold House, garden and orchard on Tytherleigh Hill now occupied by **Henry Cousins**.

After the death or second marriage of my said wife, I give the above mentioned Copyhold and Freehold tenements to my daughter **Fanny Toms**, the wife of **William Toms** for her life.

Witnessed by: **Thomas Bentley**, Fordwater, Chardstock & **Annie Phippen**, Fordwater, Chardstock

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EXTRACTS FROM THE WILL OF JOHN PRYER, YEOMAN, OF CHARDSTOCK

Will made 28.7.1863

Trustees: Reverend Charles Woodcock, Clerk, and Samuel Forward, Chard, Gent.

All goods to be sold to provide annuity of £130 per annum for wife, Eliza Pryer.

Daughters Elizabeth Pryer and Joannah Palmer Pryer £200.

Daughter Ruth, wife of John Sumption, mentioned, but inheritance not noted.

Witnesses: Walter J Tucker, Solicitor, of Chard and J Mountford Allen, Architect, Crewkerne
Estate under £800.

John Pryer died 2.10.1863

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**SOLICITOR'S SHORTHAND ABSTRACT OF THE WILL OF WILLIAM HENRY ISAAC PRYER
ESQ. J.P. FOR DORSET OF FOTHERINGHAY, ALUMHURST ROAD, BOURNEMOUTH, COUNTY
OF SOUTHAMPTON** CHRG Scan no. 2359

Extracts of the Will given below.

William Henry Isaac Pryer died at Fotheringhay, Bournemouth 10.3.1918.

Will made 29.9.1913.

Proved 20.12.1918.

Executors & Trustees: Son **William Isaac Pryer**, Estate Agent, of Lymington,
Hampshire.
 Son **Ernest Arthur Pryer**, Architect, of City of Gloucester.
 Daughter **Beatrice Marion Pryer** of Clifton, Gloucester.

Testator directed that he be cremated and that, if possible, his ashes be buried at Chardstock Parish Churchyard.

A fairly complex Will which includes one reference to Chardstock "to pay mydebts including wife's £500 and invested in connection with my Copyhold property at Chardstock".

A Codicil dated 1.6.1917 states that "nothing now owing by testor to wife (**Emmeline**) except the £500 invested in my Copyhold Estate at Chardstock and which sum I direct my Executors to pay and divide equally between my four children (viz the three Executors named above plus daughter **Gertrude Emmeline**) as soon as money belonging to my estate can be conveniently realized for the purpose".

Note: "Property at Chardstock" relates to Copyhold Agreements:

| | | |
|-----------------------|--------------------------------|---------------------------|
| <i>No. 40 Strongs</i> | <i>No. 64 Tenement/Huntley</i> | <i>No. 74 Hoarestones</i> |
| <i>No. 75 Bakers</i> | <i>No. 90 Hook Tenement</i> | |

EXTRACTS FROM THE WILL OF MRS MARY RICE, WIDOW, OF CHARD

CHRG Scan no. 2360

Will made 30.12.1834

Trustees & Executors Rev **John Gunn** of Chard, Independent Minister
 John Lovell of Chard, Sadler
 Robert Cuff of Chard, Gentleman

To my nephew **James Bond** of Chard, Sadler, and my nephew **William Bond** of Chard, Confectioner, a suit of Mourning each.

To my brother-in-law **John Lovell** and **Susannah** his wife a Mourning ring each

To **Sarah Rockett** of Catgut in the Parish of Morelinch a Mourning ring

To my daughter **Elizabeth**, the wife of **Charles Dening** of Chard, Ironmonger and Grocer, all my household goods, furniture etc.

All monies etc to be held in Trust for the benefit of my daughter **Elizabeth Dening**. Should either **Elizabeth** and/or **Charles Dening** die there are complicated arrangements for the

Trustees to follow. One possible beneficiary is named as **Mary Rice's** cousin **Daniel Burnard**, Tinman & Brazier of the City of London. All other possible beneficiaries are already named in the Will.

Witnesses: **John Brown, John Gare & John William Spicer.**

Endorsement on outer cover of Will:

Proved by **Robert Cuff** in the Prerogative Court of the Archbishop of Canterbury 1.9.1836

In pencil on outer cover has been added: "Re Turners & Purdishay"

Subsequently a separate agreement was made 7.4.1837 whereby **James Grove Jun** of Chard, Linendraper & **William Treasure Jun** of Chard, Clothi replaced Rev **John Gunn** and **John Lovell** (both deceased) as Trustees to the Estate of Mrs **Mary Rice**, deceased. **Robert Cuff** remained as the third Trustee.

This second document carries the endorsement 'Re Turners & Purdishay'. The wording of the agreement confirms that Mrs **Mary Rice** held the mortgage to these properties - see separate Indenture dated 16.7.1817 Purdeshay & Turners under which **Robert and John Apsey** "stand bound unto the said **Mary Rice** in the sum of fifty pounds".

**EXTRACTS FROM THE WILL OF JOHN SALWAY, THE ELDER, YEOMAN, OF HATCH
BEAUCHAMP, SOMERSET**

CHRG Scan no. 2361

Extracts of Will given below (includes information from Conveyance dated 26.9.1859).

John Salway died 1.3.1858.

Will made 12.10.1848.

Proved 21.4.1859

Executors & Trustees: Son **John Salway**, Butcher, of Hatch Beauchamp, Somerset.
Daughter **Louisa Cousins**, wife of **Robert Cousins**, Yeoman, of West Hatch, Somerset.

The entire estate of **John Salway** to be divided in equal share between his six children including "ALL THAT my Freehold Orchard situate in Chardstock called Swards". In addition to his one sixth share share, Son **William Salway** to receive £10.

The children are recorded as: Daughter **Louisa Cousins** - as above.
Daughter **Sarah Toms**, wife of **John Toms**, Plumber & Glazier, of Wellington, Somerset.
Daughter **Betsey**, wife of **James Kellaway or Kelway**, Nurseryman, of Huish Episcopi, Somerset.
Daughter **Lucy**, wife of **Thomas Cuff James**, Butcher, of Bristol.
Son **John Salway** - as above.
Son **William**, Butcher, of Durston, Somerset.

TRANSCRIPT OF THE WILL OF JOHN SEWARD OF ALSTON IN THE PARISH OF CHARDSTOCK AND INVENTORY OF GOODS ETC.

Date of Will: 7.11.1593

Date of Inventory: 20.11.1593

The Last Will & Testament of **John Seward**.

In the name of God, Amen. The xiith daie of November a domini 1593. I **John Seward** of Alston in the pish of Chardstock in the countis of Dorset and Somerset? being sick of bodie but of pfect remembrance thanks be to the Allmightie God doe make this my last will andd testament in manner and form followeth First I commend my soule into the hands of allmightie God mine onlie maker and redeemer and my boddie to be burried in the churchyard of Chardstock.

Itm. I give and bequeath unto **James Seward** my sonne my great chest and my best pair of breeches.

Itm. I give unto my **George Seward** my older sonne of that name my best brasse crock and whereas he claimeth as an debt of me xiis [12s] my will is that he shall have as well in satisfaction of the said debt be claimed of xiis [12s]. of also of my good will to ward him in the whole xs [10s] wch xs [10s] my will is shall be paid him out of the xls [11s] wch the aforesaid **James** hath confessed to do to be paid unto mine executors or assignee at such time as this my bargain wherof I am possessed shall fall into his hands, or also if at anie time before he shall fall aware his right and interest in the same and farther I do for mine executs and assignees aforsaid quit & discharge the said **George** of all manner of debts acrous and demands whatsoever due to me.

Itm. I give to my sonne **Richard Seward** my paire of harrowes & my fryer.

Itm. I give to my daughter **Marquess [Seward]** my caldron & mye coffer that was her sister **Elizabeths**.

Itm. I give to **George Seward** my younger sonne of that name xs [10s].

Itm. I give to **John Seward** my younger sonne of that name xs [10s] wch xs [10s] my will is that shall be paid him by **Timothy Seward** my sonne.

Itm. I give to **Dorma? [Seward]** my daughter my best candlestick my best platter my bearing sheet & my black pan.

Itm. I give to **Cissley [Seward]** my daughter my wight pan, my second best platter and second best candlestick.

Itm. I give to **Timothy Seward** my sonne my mare or cow whether said of the two shall be left after the choice of herrit and my middle brasse crock.

Itm. I give to my sonnes **John Seward** the younger of that name and my sonne **Thomas Seward** both of them my heifer bullock.

Itm. I give to **Catherine [Seward]** my dayghter my great brasse crock.

All the rest of my goods chattells and household stuff my debts and legacies paid & fines discharged I give and bequeath unto **Maria Seward** my wife whom I make and appoint the

whole & sole executrix of this my last will and testament. this be my witness.

William Carter. Thomas Dabnett.

The Inventory of all the goods chattles and household stuff of John Seward late of Alston in the Psh. of Chardstock in thee Countie of Dorset deceased taken and appraised the XXth daie of November 1593 by **Thmmas Dabinote & Edward Woodland.**

| | s | d | s | d |
|--|----------|----------|----------|----------|
| Imprimis a mare aprised in | xxvi | viii | 26 | 8 |
| ltn. one yearling heifer in | xv | | 15 | 0 |
| ltn. a pig in | x | | 10 | 0 |
| ltn. the poultrie in | iii | iiii | 3 | 4 |
| ltn. three brasse crocke & a caldren & five litle dish pannes of brasse | xxvi | viii | 26 | 8 |
| ltn. three candlesticks of brasse in | | xvi | | 16 |
| ltn. the pewter in | iii | iiii | 3 | 4 |
| ltn. the treen vessel in | iii | iiii | 3 | 4 |
| ltn. three olde coffers and a fry in | vi | | 6 | 0 |
| ltn. boardes and planke in | ii | | 2 | 0 |
| ltn. two ladders in | | xii | | 12 |
| ltn. a paire of harrowes in | iiii | | 4 | 0 |
| ltn. a bedstead wth moare furniture to it & an other empty bedstead in | xiii | iiii | 13 | 4 |
| ltn. butter and cheese in | v | | 5 | 0 |
| ltn. all the iron stuffe | i | vi | | 6 |
| ltn. certain haie and barly in | xx | | 20 | 0 |
| ltn. all his wearing apparell in | xiii | iiii | 13 | 4 |
| ltn. for things which be forgotten | | viii | | 8 |

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Extuor wid Chardstock **Maria Seward**

EXTRACTS FROM THE WILL OF ISAAC LISLE SMITH

CHRG Scan no. 2362

Will dated 21.7.1943.

Testator died 21.9.1943 at Monkstone, Lyme Road, Axminster.

Will Proved 3.4.1944 at Llandudno Principal Probate Registry.

Executors and Trustees named as **Maria Jane Smith** of Monkstone, Lyme Road, Axminster, widow of deceased, **Alick Lisle Smith** Garage Proprietor of Tytherleigh House, Tytherleigh, son of deceased and **William Graham Forward** Solicitor of Axminster.

Isaac Lisle Smith of Monkstone, Lyme Road, Axminster directed that:

My Wife **Maria Jane Smith** receive £100 together will all my personal effects.

My freehold property called Monkstone, Lyme Road to be placed upon Trust for the benefit of my said wife for her life. After her death the property shall form part of my

residuary estate.

My freehold property known as Pinneys Cottage, Chardstock (O.S. Map No. 790) and adjoining plot called Bean Close (O.S. No. 792) I devise to my Grand-daughter **Kathleen Walker Smith**. The tenant of Pinneys Cottage, **Mrs. Condor**, to be allowed to remain there for as long as she shall desire. The tenant of Bean Close, Mr. **J Lane** to pay rent at the rate of £14 per annum.

For his faithful attendance and service to me in latter years, I devise to **Hubert Apsey** of Hakes Farm, Chardstock free of duty the two commons and small field (O.S. nos. 1174, 1176 and 914) which he rents of me.

I bequeath to my said Wife an annuity of £300.

I devise and bequeath to my Son **Alick Lisle Smith** all my real and personal property not otherwise specifically disposed of above.

The Probate copy of the Will then contains twelve subsequent endorsements, summarised below in date order:

- 24.6.1944 By Conveyance Higher and Lower Farway Farms, Chardstock were sold by **Isaac Lisle Smith** in fee simple to **Frederick Palmer Eames**.
- 25.7.1944 Assent of Vesting to **Alick Lisle Smith** of the following:
1) Blacksmith's premises, yard and adjoining plot of garden ground situated at the junction of Manor Road and Fore Street, Seaton, Devon
2) Two freehold properties known as Nos. 58 and 60 Fore Street, Seaton.
3) Plot of garden ground adjoining Nos. 58 and 60 Fore Street, Seaton.
- 25.7.1944 Assent of Vesting to **Alick Lisle Smith** of a piece of land on the west side of Fore Street, Seaton, Devon together with the house erected thereon known as "Les Hirondelles".
- 25.7.1944 Assent of Vesting to **Maria Jane Smith** of the house and garden known as "Monkstone", Lyme Road, Axminster.
- 24.10.1944 By Conveyance Ransomes Farm, Chardstock was sold by **Alick Lisle Smith** in fee simple to **Anthony Ponsonby Dudley-Hill**.
- 31.5.1946 **Maria Jane Smith** died at Monkstone, Lyme Road, Axminster.
- 25.3.1947 By Conveyance Waterloo Cottage, Chardstock (O.S. Map No. part 800 containing 0.544 acres) was sold by **Alick Lisle-Smith** to **John Paynter McNair Wilson**.
- 24.11.1947 By Conveyance the pieces of land Nimmer 449 part, 618, 619 and 722 on O.S. Map (1905 edition) and the cottage/garden numbered 209 on the Tithe Apportionment Map were sold by **Alick Lisle-Smith** in fee simple to **Ernest Benjamin Wyatt** and **Colin Pring Palmer**.
- 11.9.1948 Assent of Vesting to **Alick Lisle-Smith** of land and premises at Chardstock, Devon and premises at Chaffcombe, Somerset. No further details given.

- 29.11.1948 **William Graham Forward**, Solicitor, died at Axminster.
- 9.3.1949 Assent of Vesting to **Alick Lisle-Smith** of land at Chardstock comprising O.S. Map Nos. 647, 648 and part 195 (total acreage 13.525).
- 9.11.1949 Assent of Vesting to **Alick Lisle-Smith** of all that cottage (formerly in three dwellings but then occupied as two dwellings), garden, yard and premises at Chardstock in the occupation of **Mrs. Powell** and **A Fowler** as tenants.

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ABSTRACT OF THE WILL, DEATH & PROBATE OF MARIA JANE SMITH

CHRG Scan no. 2363

- 4.2.1944 Will made. **Maria Jane Smith** was living at 'Monkstone', Lyme Road, Axminster. **Alec Lisle Smith** of Tytherleigh House, Garage Proprietor, appointed sole Executor.
- 31.5.1946 **Maria Jane Smith** died at Monkstone.
- 28.8.1946 Probate granted to **Alec Lisle-Smith** at Exeter District Probate Registry.

"MEMORANDUM endorsed that by an Assent of 29.8.1947 the freehold properties situate in the Parish of Chardstock in the County of Devon comprising lands called Passcroft, Stockstyle, Seward's and Pinney's or Pearce's was vested in **Alick Lisle-Smith** for an estate in fee simple and his right to production and delivery of copies of the within written Probate was thereby acknowledged".

From documents dated 27.1.1947 relating to the payment of Estate Duty, the land holdings of **Maria Jane Smith** at the time of her death were recorded as:

ALL THOSE three pieces or parcels of land called Passcroft in the Parish of Chardstock containing 10A 3R 8P or thereabouts, numbered 728, 731 and 732 on the O.S. Map. Let to Mr. **Perring**.

ALL THAT piece or parcel of land called Stockstyle in the Parish of Chardstock containing 4A 2R 14P or thereabouts, numbered 704 on the O.S. Map. Let to the Executors of Mr. **I Lisle-Smith** deceased.

ALL THAT orchard called Swards in the Parish of Chardstock containing 1A or thereabouts, numbered 729 on the O.S. Map. Let to Mr. **Perring**.

ALL THOSE eight pieces or parcels of land at Chardstock containing 18.050 acres or thereabouts known as Pinneys or Pearces. Let as follows:

| O.S. No. | Acreage | | Tenant |
|----------|---------|---|---|
| 687 | 3.152 |) | Executors of Mr I Lisle Smith deceased |
| 688 | 3.153 |) | |
| 698 | 1.760 |) | |
| 885 | 1.585 |) | Mr Matthews |
| 894 | 2.124 |) | |

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| 954 | 1.251 |) | |
| 934 | 1.975 |) | Mr Wonnacott (sic) |
| 942 | 3.050 |) | |

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ABSTRACT OF THE WILL AND PROBATE OF ALBERT JOHN STRAWBRIDGE OF THE PARISH OF CHARDSTOCK

Date of Will: 3.10.1946

Albert John Strawbridge died at Ivy Green, Chardstock 29.6.1947 and his Will was proven 29.9.1947 at Exeter District Probate Registry. He appointed as his Executors and Trustees his son **Albert John Strawbridge**, Bricklayer of 17 Barley Mount, Redhills, Exeter, Devon and his daughter **Elizabeth Mildred Larcombe**, Married Women of East Coker, Somerset.

The Abstract records the following lands etc as passing to **Albert John Strawbridge** and **Elizabeth Mildred Larcombe** to be held in Trust:

- 1 - A piece of Orchard land containing about one acre situate close to the George Inn and being part of O.S. No. 790.
- 2 - A piece of pasture land situate on the Chard Road being part of O.S. No. 756 and containing two acres or thereabouts.
- 3 - A piece of arable land known as "Honey Hill Close" situate adjoining the main road leading from Axminster to Chardstock being No. 953 on the O.S. Map and containing 6.253 acres or thereabouts.
- 4 - Two dwellinghouses formerly a dwellinghouse and a shop with the garden thereto adjoining at Kitbridge and being No. 1029 on the Tithe Map, now in the occupation of **Albert Harris** and **Alfred Farrant** as tenants.
- 5 - A piece of land at Farway Marsh containing 3A 2R 21P or thereabouts being O.S. No. 550 with two dwellinghouses and outbuildings on part thereof now in the occupations of **John Parris** and **Bernard Lane** as tenants.
- 6 - A cottage and garden known as "The New Cottage" being part of O.S. No. 790 in the occupation of **William Miller** as tenant with a small enclosure of arable land in Egg Moor Lane being part of O.S. No. 877 the whole containing 0.356 of an acre or thereabouts.
- 7 - Piece or parcel of land part of a larger piece of land numbered 648 on the O.S. Map for the Parish of Axminster situate adjoining the road leading from Axminster to Chard in the Parish of Axminster together with the eight dwellinghouses outbuildings and premises erected thereon and known as Nos. 2 to 9 Chard Road, now in the respective occupations of Mr **D Mitchell**, Mr **Peachey**, Mr **J Mitchell**, Mr **H Banfield**, Mr **A G Connett**, Mr **L Whitford**, Mr **Vernon** and Mr **Parsons** as tenants.
- 8 - Dwellinghouse and premises known as Ivy Green being together with the pieces or parcels of land with the Barn Dairy House cowsheds and other buildings erected thereon situate in the village of Chardstock containing ^A 2R 14P and being 743 part, 744 part and 790 part on the O.S. Map.

9 - Dwellinghouse and premises known as Sunnyside, Chardstock erected on 790 part in the occupation of Lady **Graham** as tenant with pieces or parcels of land situate in the village of Chardstock and containing 9A 3R 15P or thereabouts and being 790 part, 742 and 743 on the O.S. Map.

Of the nine land holdings listed above, the abstract records than Nos. 4 to 9 are the subject of a legal charge or mortgage.

The abstract does not make mention of any other assets of **Albert John Strawbridge** at the time of his death.

EXTRACTS FROM THE WILL OF BERNARD THOMAS WALTER TIDY, GENTLEMAN, OF THE COURT, CHARDSTOCK

CHRG Scan no. 2364

Extracts of Will given below.

Will made 15.7.1960.

Executors & Trustees:

Wife **Beatrice Mary Tidy**

Alfred George Buchan, Chartered Accountant, of Ludgate Hill, London.

To my wife **Beatrice Mary Tidy** all my household and personal effects.

To **Alfred George Buchan** £100 "if he shall prove my Will and act in the Trusts thereof".

All my estate unto my Trustees upon Trust such that after the death of my said wife it shall pass in equal shares to my children:

Ann Beatrice Tidy

Jane Elizabeth Tidy

Susan Frances Tidy

Thomas Peter Tidy

upon them attaining the age of 21 or marrying under that age.

EXTRACTS FROM THE WILL OF ANNE TURNER, WIDOW, OF TATWORTH

CHRG Scan no. 2365

Will dated 18.11.1729

To **Thomas Bowditch** of Axminster, Yeoman, "all such sum and sums of money as he shall owe or stand indebted unto me at the time of my decease". Should **Thomas** die first, the money passes to "my niece **Bridget** wife of **Thomas Bowditch**". If both die first, it shall be shared evenly between their surviving children.

To my niece **Mary James** of Chard, widow, £10.

To my nephew **Isaac Dean** of Lodge in the Parish of Axminster £10.

To my niece **Elizabeth** now wife of **Isaac Dean** £10.

To **Richard, Sarah and Mary** children of **Edward Wyat** late of Hawkchurch, deceased, £5 each when they reach 21.

To **Joan** late wife of **Edward Wyat** one shilling.

To my Kinswoman **Anne Sugar** daughter of **William Sugar** of Axmouth £5. Also to **Anne Sugar** "all such sum and sums of money as **William Sugar** shall owe or stand indebted to me at the time of my decease".

To **William** son of **William Sugar** £5.

To **Sarah and Elizabeth** daughters of **Robert Woodman** of Coxden in the Parish of Chardstock £5 each when they reach 21.

To my nephews **John Dean of Ridge** in the Parish of Chardstock £10 and **William Dean** of the Parish of Chard £10.

To my niece **Elizabeth Mallock** of the Parish of Axminster, widow, £10.

To **Amos Cornish** of Forton in the Parish of Chard "all such sum and sums of money as he shall owe or stand indebted unto me at the time of my decease". Should **Amos Cornish** die first, the money passes to "my niece **Bridget** the now wife of the said **Amos Cornish**". If both die first, it shall pass to **Amos**, their son.

To **Henry Turner the elder** of Chardstock £5

To **Henry Turner the younger** and son of **Henry Turner the elder** £5. To **Richard Turner** son of **Henry Turner the elder** £5 to be paid at 2s per week.

To my Kinswoman **Mary Carter** of Chard, widow, £10 to be paid at 2s per week.

Sister **Bridget Dean**, sole Executrix, of Tatworth to receive all the remainder of the estate.

Witnesses: **Mary Whitty Robert Stonehouse Elizabeth Stonehouse**

In an attached, but separate, document dated 15.10.1735 **John Deane, William Deane, Elizabeth Mallock and Bridget Cornish**, widow, the lawful children and administrators of **Bridget Deane** deceased granted authority to act as administrators to the Will of **Ann Turner**.

See also the Will of **Robert Cogan**, the brother of **Anne Turner**.

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TRANSCRIPT OF WILL OF FRANCIS TUTCHER, LABOURER, OF CHARDSTOCK

Date of Will 12.6.1792

Will proved at Lyme Regis 28.8.1794

In the name of God Amen I **Francis Tutcher** of the Parish of Chardstock in the county of Dorset Labourer being weak in body but of perfect mind memory and understanding do make constitute and appoint this my last Will and Testament revoking all other wills and testaments by me made

First of all I recommend my Soul unto God that gave it and my Body to the dust to be Buried

in a decent manner according to the discretion of my Executrix and as touching those worldly Effects God hath been pleased to bless me with I give and bequeath as followeth

I give and bequeath unto my loving wife **Unity** all my Three parcels of Cottage Land lying being and situate at Crawley in the Parish of Chardstock and County of Dorset aforesaid or else where for and during her natural Life and immediately after her decease unto my three Sons (viz) **Francis Thomas** and **Richard** to be equally divided between them or their Family if they should happen either of them for to die before their Mother and I charge and enjoyn my Three Sons before mentioned or their Family with burying their Mother with a decent and christian Burial the Expences for to be equally defrayed between them

and I further give and bequeath unto my loving wife **Unity** all my other Effects in money Bills Bonds Chattles and Effects whatsoever and wheresoever not herein before bequeathed whom I do nominate and appoint my whole and sole Executrix of this my last will and Testament and charge with the payment of all my lawful Debts and Funeral Expenses and with keeping the above mentioned Cottage in proper and good repair whereunto I have Set my Hand and Seal this Twelfth day of June one thousand Seven Hundred and ninety two.

X The Mark & Seal of **Francis Tutcher**

Signed sealed Published and declared by the said **Francis Tutcher** (to be his last Will and Testament) in the presence of us - **John Bonfield** - **Henry Allen Pavey** - **Joseph Coles Pavey**

This Will was proved at Lyme Regis on the 28th day of August 1794 Before the reverend & worshipful **John Harington** D. D. Office lawfully constituted of the Reverend and worshipful the Dean of the Cathedral Church of Sarum And by him Adcon of the Goods and Chattles of the deced & soforth was granted unto **Unity Tutcher** widow Relict of the said deceased & the sole Executrix within named being first duly Sworn of the truth of the said will to perform the same and pay the Debts & Legacies of the deced &c And to make a true Inventory and render a just Account when requested Saving the Rights of all Persons.

William Bourher Registr[ar]

TRANSCRIPT OF THE WILL OF JOHN VERIER, HUSBANDMAN, OF CHARDSTOCK

Date of Will 3.11.1586

Probate granted 5.10.1588

I **John Verier** of Alston within the pische of Chardstocke in the Countie of Dorset Husbandman sick of body but of perfect remembrance thanks be to Almighty God doe make and ordeine this my last Will and testament in manner & forme as followeth

First I bequeth my Soule to Allmightye God my maker & redemer And my body to be buried in the Churchyearde of Chardstocke

Item I geve to the poore of the parrish xij d [12d]

Item I geve to **William** my Sonne xij d [12d]

Item to **Florence** my daughter xij d [12d]

Item to **Jone Fippen** my daughter xx s [20s] to be payd immediately after my decease by vj s viij d [6s 8d] by the yeare until the full payment be ended.

Item to **Joane Lane** the daughter of **Robert Lane** a table bord standing in the hall.

All the rest of all my goods whatsoever unbequeathed I geve unto Thomasine my daughter whom I make and ordayne my sole executrix of this my last will and testament these beinge witnesses unto the same

William Carter, vicar there
George Cate
Robert Wyatt
with others

**TRANSCRIPT OF THE WILL OF JOHN WALE, RETIRED FARMER OF CRAWLEY LODGE,
PARISH OF MEMBURY.** CHRG Scan no. 2366

Will made 6.5.1932.

John Wale died at Crawley Lodge 5.2.1935.

The Will is reproduced below:

I **John Wale** of Crawley Lodge in the Parish of Membury in the County of Devon Retired Farmer declare this to be my last Will and Testament which I make this sixth day of May One Thousand nine hundred and thirty two.

I APPOINT my Nephews **John Wale** and **Robert Deane Wale** Executors and Trustees of this my Will.

I GIVE all my Household Furniture Pictures Glass and Indoor Effects of every description and also all my live and dead Stock and Outdoor Effects at Crawley Lodge aforesaid unto my Housekeeper **Mrs. Coles** in consideration of her great kindness to me for several Years.

I GIVE and devise all that my Freehold Farm Known as Stevens Farm situate at Crawley in the Parish of Membury with the House and Land belonging thereto ALSO Millers Green Orchard and Coppice adjoining also B??thstaple Common unto my Nephew the said **John Wale** absolutely.

I GIVE and devise the remainder of my real Estate consisting of the Woodage known as Crawley Bottom containing about 22 and a half Acres, adjoining the Property where I reside unto my Brother **Robert Wale** but in case he shall predecease me then I GIVE such last mentioned Property unto his Children then living Equally.

ALL the rest residue and remainder of my Estate (including all moneys in Government Securities or at the Westminster Bank) I GIVE unto my Executors In Trust to convert the same into money and after payment thereof of my Funeral and Testamentary Expenses and debts to divide the residue equally amongst all my Nephews and Nieces (Children of my late Brother **Joseph**, and of my said Brother

Robert) as may be then living and the Issue of any or Either who may have predeceased me other than my Newpew the said **John Wale** being otherwise provided for under this my Will.

IN WITNESS whereof I have set my hand to this my Will the day and year first before written .

SIGNED by the said **John Wale**.

WITNESSED BY **Lily Northcote**, Crawley Farm, Yarcombe and Mr. **Beviss**, Wambrook, Chard.

EXTRACTS FROM THE WILL OF JOSEPH WALE, YEOMAN, OF COURT FARM, CHARDSTOCK
CHRG Scan no. 2367

Will dated 26.6.1893.

Testator died 17.6.1894 at Court Farm, Chardstock.

Will Proved 11.9.1920 at Bristol Principal Probate Registry, although it carries an endorsement on the front reading "Former Grant Probate Blandford District Registry 29.9.1894 Cessate".

When the Will was made in 1893, **Maria Wale**, the wife of **Joseph Wale**, was sole Executrix for her life. After her death or second marriage, **Joseph Wale** appointed his three daughters as Executrices **Maria Jane Wale**, **Susan Mary Wale** and **Louisa Ada Wale**. In the 1920 Probate document the Executrices are recorded as:

Maria Jane Smith (formerly **Wale**), wife of **Isaac Lisle Smith**
Susan Mary Wale, Spinster
Louisa Ada Loveridge (formerly **Wale**), wife of **Tom Loveridge**

By his Will of 26.6.1893 **Joseph Wale** bequeathed his entire estate to his wife **Maria** for her own benefit during her widowhood. Various conditions were attached, mainly relating to the running of the estate, but included was an Annuity of £50 to each of his daughters for their lives.

Upon the death or remarriage of **Maria Wale**, **Joseph Wale** directed that his three daughters should inherit as shown below.

Maria Jane Wale - Land in the Parish of Chardstock described as:

Two pieces of meadow land known as Pass Croft [sic] together with that piece of arable land being an Allotment under the Chardstock Inclosure Award. The three plots totalled 10A 3R 8P and were purchased by **Joseph Wale** from the Ecclesiastical Commissioners.

A piece of land (4A 2R 14P) known as Stockstile purchased by **Joseph Wale's** late Brother **Robert Wale** from the Ecclesiastical Commissioners.

An orchard (1A more or less) called Swards purchased by **Joseph Wale** from

James Kelway .

Piece of land known as Passcroft [sic] Plot and now in the occupation of **John Grabham** as tenant.

Copyhold tenement called Pinney's, otherwise Pearce's Tenement in the South Tithing, together with lands awarded under the Chardstock Inclosure (total 20A 2R 22P), now in the occupation of **John Denning** as tenant and held by **Joseph Wale** on a Copyhold agreement. Also three separate life assurance policies of £200 for the lives of **Joe White Bonfield**, **George Henry Bonfield** and **William John Down**.

Susan Mary Wale - Land in the Parish of Yarcombe described as:

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| Moorhayne Farm (18A more or less) | Tenant Robert Pring |
| Cottage/carpenters shop | Tenant John Moore |
| Dwellinghouse | Tenant Ann Mutter |
| Dwellinghouse adjoining Baptist Chapel | Tenants Elizabeth Powell & Henry Powell |
| Cottage lately erected | Tenant Alfred Every |
| Dwellinghouse | Tenant John Denslow |

All the Yarcombe properties were held by **Joseph Wale** by virtue of an Indenture of partition dated 13.4.1870 between his brother **Robert Wale**, deceased, himself and his brother **William Wale**, also deceased.

No property etc. was specifically left to **Louisa Ada Wale**.

All the remaining real and personal estate, except that detailed above, were to be placed in Trust for the benefit of his three daughters.

Witnessed **J B Lukin**, Chard, Solicitor and **Arthur D Mayne**, his Clerk.

EXTRACT OF CONVEYANCE AND STATEMENT OF ACCOUNT RELATING TO THE WILL OF ROBERT WALE

Will dated 7.2.1857.

Extract of Conveyance dated 14.6.1893:

Robert Wale, Yeoman, of Chardstock died 30.5.1890, his wife **Selina Wale** having predeceased him 5.4.1858 "without issue". His Will dated 7.2.1857 and Proved 25.7.1890 shared his estate between his family as recorded below. It resulted in a Conveyance dated 14.6.1893 for the plot of land at Stockstyle with six parts:

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| First part - | Sister Susanna Hine , widow, of Galmington Lodge, near Taunton, Somerset. |
| Second part - | Nephew John Wale , Yeoman, of Crawley Farm in the Parish of Chardstock. |
| Third part - | Nephew Robert Wale , Yeoman, of Crawley Cottage in the Parish of Chardstock. |

- Fourth part - Nephew **Joseph Wale the Younger**, Yeoman, of Crawley Farm in the Parish of Chardstock.
- Fifth part - Nephew **William Wale the Younger**, Yeoman, of Ridge in the Parish of Chardstock.
- Sixth part - Brother **Joseph Wale the Elder**, Yeoman, of Chardstock.

The four nephews of **Robert Wale** were the sons of his brother **William Wale the Elder**, who died 7.10.1885.

By his Will **Robert Wale** directed that his estate be shared one third to his sister **Susanna Hine**, one third to the children of his deceased brother **William** and one third to his surviving brother **Joseph**. Plot 1176 at Stockstyle was valued at £175. By this Conveyance **Joseph Wale the Elder**, who held one third part, "bought out" the other two thirds at a price of £116 13s 4d with **Susanna Hine** receiving £58 6s 8d and **John Wale, Robert Wale, Joseph Wale the Younger** and **William Wale the Younger** each receiving £14 11s 8d.

A Statement of Account dated June, 1893 which recorded the financial details of **Joseph Wale the Elder** concerning the estate of his late brother **Robert Wale**. Five land holdings were involved:

- Stockstyle - Acquired by **Joseph Wale the Elder**.
- Maxhays Farm and lands in Membury valued at £900 - Acquired by **Joseph Wale the Younger**.
- Crawley Cottage and lands, Gilletts Farm and Walcroft Tenement valued at £940 - Acquired by **Robert Wale the Younger**.

In each case the buyer "bought out" the other members of the family.

EXTRACTS FROM THE WILL OF SUSAN MARY WALE

Will dated 29.9.1948.

Testator died 22.1.1956 at Tytherleigh, Chardstock at the house of her Nephew **Alick Lisle-Smith**.

Will proved at Bodmin District Registry Office 21.3.1956.

Executors named as **John Loader Bartlett**, Solicitor's Articled Clerk of 21 Holyrood Street, Chard and **Alick Lisle-Smith**, Garage Proprietor of Tytherleigh, the nephew of the deceased.

Susan Mary Wale, Spinster of The Lodge, Chardstock directed that:

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| My Cousin Morna Kathleen Macfie receive | £50. |
| Gertrude Macfie receive | £100. |
| My Cousin June Mary Fry (formerly Wale) receive | £50. |
| Dorothy Cousins (formerly Apsey), who was for many years my domestic servant | £20. |

My old tenant **Elizabeth Allen** £20.

Clive Goff of Cotley Wash £20.

My Godson **George Zealley** £20.

To the Vicar and Churchwardens of Chardstock £50 to be invested by them with the income thus received used for the benefit of the Church Sunday School.

All household furniture and effects of every description to my Great-Niece **Kathleen Walker Lisle-Smith** absolutely.

All the residue of my personal estate and all my real estate to be placed upon Trust for the benefit of my Nephew **Alick Lisle-Smith** during his life. After his decease my Trustees shall hold my said residuary estate upon Trust for my Great-Niece **Kathleen Walker Lisle-Smith**.

EXTRACTS FROM THE WILL OF WALTER WATTS, GROCER, OF CHARDSTOCK

CHRG Scan no. 2368

Will made 29.3.1886

Trustees & Executors Daughter **Bridget Alice Watts**
Samuel Forward of Chard, Solicitor
George Morris of Chard, Draper

To my two granddaughters **Beatrice Anne Marley** and **Alice Bridget Mansfield** £20 each

To my daughter **Anne Laura**, the wife of **Edward Thomas Marley**, my eight day clock

To my daughter **Emily Louisa**, the wife of **Thomas Mansfield**, the 30 hour clock given me by my wife's Uncle **Thomas Deem**

Bequeath unto my Trustees £300 in deposit account at Stuckeys Bank, Chard the interest to be paid to my wife for her natural life. After her death the £300 is to be divided between the three daughters **Bridget Alice Watts**, **Anne Laura Marley** and **Emily Louisa Mansfield**.

Also to be held in Trust:

Two Freehold closes of land (about 4 acres) called "Daubneys" in my possession and occupation

Freehold cottage, garden and field (about 2 acres) at Kitbridge in the occupation of **James Beer**

Copyhold dwellinghouse and shop, garden and orchard at Chardstock called 'Pound' in my occupation

Copyhold orchard called 'Tytherleigh" in my occupation

Copyhold orchard and allotment ground (about 3 acres) at Birchill in my occupation

Copyhold dwellinghouse and garden at Chardstock in the occupation of **John Allen** and adjoining orchard in my occupation

All income and profit from these holdings to go to my widow. After her death or second marriage (whichever happens first), the lands are to be divided:

To **Bridget Alice Watts** - Copyhold tenement called 'Pound' and the allotment ground at Birchill.

To **Anne Laura Marley** - Freehold cottage at Kitbridge and the orchard called 'Tytherleigh'.

To **Emily Louisa Mansfield** - Freehold closes of land called 'Daubneys', copyhold house in occupation of **John Allen** and the adjoining orchard.

GRANT OF PROBATE CONCERNING HENRY WELCH OF CHARDSTOCK

Probate: October 1596

Died intestate. Probate granted to **Edith Parrock als Welch**, the wife of **Andrewe Parrock** and the naturall and lawful sister of **Henry Welch**.

Signed with the Mark of **Andrewe Parrock**.

Witnessed by **John Searle and David Walker**.

TRANSCRIPT OF THE WILL OF ANNA HARRIOT WOODCOCK CHR.G Scan no. 2369

Will dated 18.8.1910. Codicils dated 28.11.1910 and 5.8.1912.

22.2.1913 **Anna Harriot Woodcock** died at Chardstock.

1.5.1913 Will Proved in the Principal Probate Registry of His Majesty's High Court of Justice.

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| Gross value of Estate | £7,769 7s 0d |
| Net value of personal Estate | £7,376 11s 9d |

The main part of the Will is an exact copy of the Probate document.

THIS IS THE WILL of me **ANNA HARRIOT WOODCOCK** of Chardstock, Spinster. I appoint my first Cousin **Mary Ann Parry Woodcock** and **Henry Hope Shakespear**, Solicitor, of 8 John Street, Bedford Row, London Executors of this my Will.

I bequeath the following legacies free of duty:

To the following persons who are first Cousins of mine namely;

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| To Lucy Anne Simeon | £200 |
| To her Brother the Reverend Parry Woodcock and in the event of either of them dying in my lifetime and the other of them surviving me then I bequeath to such survivor £300 in lieu of the legacy given to her or him as aforesaid. | £100 |
| To Marion Woodcock and also a further sum of In trust to expend the same in any way which she may think best for the benefit of Caroline Woodcock her sister-in-law. | £100 £50 |
| To Eugene Woodcock and if the said Marion Woodcock shall predecease me then to the said Eugene Woodcock the further sum of | £100 £150 |
| To the following persons who are second Cousins of mine or children of my first Cousins: | |
| To Alexander Francis Maconochie my Godson | £200 |
| To Ernest Woodcock my Godson | £200 |
| To Emmeline Biddle | £100 |
| To Evan Maconochie | £100 |
| To Charles Kenneth Maconochie | £100 |
| To William Charles M Woodcock | £100 |
| To Charles F Woodcock | £200 |
| To Richard Woodcock | £200 |
| To Ethel Woodcock | £100 |
| To Eve Woodcock | £100 |
| To their Sister my Goddaughter Winifred Bray | £300 |
| To Grace Ella Woodcock and her brother Anthony Woodcock to be equally divided between them but if either of them shall die in my lifetime then I bequeath the last mentioned sum of £100 to such one of them as shall survive me. | £100 |
| To Leonora Thompson daughter of my first Cousin Mrs Cornelius Thompson | £100 |
| To Alice Griffith daughter of my second Cousin Mrs Griffith | £100 |
| To my Godson Charles Crommelin | £100 |
| To my Godson William W Giffard Tate | £100 |

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| To my Goddaughter Eleanor Powell | £100 |
| To my Goddaughter Margaret M Allen | £200 |
| To my Friend The Reverend James Edward Bouverie Brine and if he shall predecease me then I bequeath the said sum of £50 to his children living at my decease in equal shares. | £50 |
| To the Vicar for the time being of the Parish of Chardstock to be by him distributed at such times and in such manner as he shall in his discretion think fit among such of the Poor of the said Parish as he shall select. | £50 |
| To the following Servants who are or have been in my service; | |
| To Cecilia Stephens | £5 |
| To Sarah Melhuish | £5 |
| To Alice Larcombe | £5 |
| To Mary Lilian Combs daughter of a Servant | £5 |
| To the said Henry Hope Shakespear son of my second Cousin Alexander Shakespear and if he shall predecease me then I bequeath the said sum of £100 to his daughter Dorothy Shakespear . | £100 |

I make the following specific bequeaths all free of duty:

To **William Charles Marmaduke Woodcock** son of the said **Mary Ann Parry Woodcock** and now in the Indian Army - the Water colour Portrait of my Father **William Henry Woodcock**. Case of four Miniatures (our grandfather **Charles Woodcock** and his wife, his Mother Mrs **Woodcock** and his sister Lady **Stuart**, wife of Sir **James Stuart** of Allan Bank) and silver teapot with ivory handle.

To **Ernest Elborough Woodcock**, son of the said **Mary Ann Parry Woodcock** - Plated inkstand Sheffield ware with white cut glass bottles and candlestick, My mothers mottled brown paper drawing book and a large book with flowers English Indian and Foreign.

To **Alexander Francis Maconochie** B.C.S. son of my first Cousin Mrs **Alexander Maconochie** - Silver inkstand (boat shaped) with three blue bottles, One hundred (now only ninety nine) volumes of Poets with the name of H M Shakespear in them and fitting into a box and Essayists and Elegant extracts.

To **Evan Maconochie** B.C.S. also son of my first Cousin Mrs **Alexander Maconochie** - Travelling clock now in my drawing room, Green Morocco drawing book of my Mothers and others. Also brown Morocco Ditto. Cut glass Liquer bottles in case and Walter Scotts Poems red Morocco.

To **Charles Kenneth Maconochie**, his brother - Silver spoons and forks Twelve of each and two silver Pepper Muffineers all marked with the Woodcock Crest.

To **Emmeline Mrs Waring Biddle** (his sister) nee **Maconochie** - Cut glass tea caddy mounted in silver and small set in case. Silver teapot cream jug and sugar basin and six small tea spoons without Crest. And if she shall predecease me then I bequeath the same last mentioned articles to her two daughters Esme and Dorothy in equal shares or to the survivor of them.

To the said **Grace Ella Woodcock** - Silver Bedroom Candlestick initials E. S. (Lady Stuarts) on it and Magnifying glass set in Mother of Pearl and Silver. Two Silver Salt Muffineers and two Glass Pepper Muffineers with silver tops.

To **Stuart Johnson** - a Magnifying glass Mother of Pearl set in silver.

To the said **Henry Hope Shakespear**, son of my Cousin **Alexander Shakespear** - Oil painting of my Grandfather **Colin Shakespear** when he was 19 in fancy dress of Charles II time by Hilton. Two Miniatures of Mr and Mrs **Colin Shakespear** and also one of their daughter Mrs **William H Woodcock Gray** on Ivory all by Chinnery also Gold Repeater Watch in Morocco case belonging to **Colin M Shakespear** and if the said **Henry Hope Shakespear** shall predecease me then I bequeath the same last mentioned articles to his daughter **Dorothy Shakespear**.

To **Helen Shakespear** - Silver Shell.

To **Emily Mrs Beachcroft (nee Shakespear)** - Silver fish knife and fork ivory handles marked with the Shakespear Crest and six Tea spoons also marked with the Shakespear Crest.

To **Rose Mrs Leaf (nee Shakespear)** - Ivory Chess Board and Sandle wood and Ivory Boxes inside Initials C S on them.

I devise and bequeath all the residue of my personal estate and effects whatsoever and wheresoever and all my real estate of every tenure and wheresoever situate Unto and To the use of the said **Mary Ann Parry Woodcock** her heirs executors administrators and assigns respectively for her and their absolute benefit. And I declare that the said **Henry Hope Shakespear** shall be entitled to charge and be paid all usual professional or other charges for any business done by him or any firm of which he may be a member in the premises notwithstanding his acting as one of the Executors of this my Will IN WITNESS whereof I hereunto set my hand this 18.8.1910 **ANNA HARRIOT WOODCOCK**

Signed and declared by the above named Testatrix **Anna Harriot Woodcock** as and for her last Will and Testament in the presence of us at the same time who at her request in her presence and in the presence of each other have hereunto subscribed our names as witnesses - **A D PAUL** Manager of Parrs Bank Ld Chard
R B OXLEY Parrs Bank Ld Chard Cashier

The following are extracts of two Codicils affecting the Will:

By Codicil dated 28.11.1910 The Revd **Arthur Lewis**, Vicar of Chardstock is appointed an additional Executor.

By Codicil dated 5.8.1912 and following the deaths of **Marion Woodcock** and **Caroline Woodcock**, her sister in law, the bequeath of the further sum of £150 to **Eugene Woodcock** was revoked. Instead £100 was bequeathed to first Cousin **Zaide Woodcock** and the bequeath to **Charles F Woodcock** increased from £200 to £250.

EXTRACTS FROM THE WILL OF JOHN WOOLMINGTON, YEOMAN, OF WAMBROOK

Date of Will: 22.10.1640

Requests made as shown below:

To the poor of Wambrook 6s 8d.

To the poor of Chardstock 20s and to twenty poor people @ 12d each.

To the parish church of Wambrook 3s 4d.

and for burial 6s 8d.

Son **John Woolmington** "all my armour".

To **Anne**, daughter of my said son **John Woolmington**, "my chest".

To **Mary**, daughter of my said son **John Woolmington**, "two of my second best yew [ewe] sheepe".

To **Elizabeth**, wife of my said son **John Woolmington**, "one good yew [ewe] sheepe.

Son **Robert Woolmington** "my forme, Two sacks of wheate".

To **Joane**, wife of my said son **Robert Woolmington**, "one good yew [ewe] sheepe".

Son **Jasper Woolmington** "one good weather sheepe".

Son **Symon Woolmington** "one good weather sheepe".

Daughter **Elizabeth Bull** "one good yew [ewe] sheepe".

Daughter **Maddalene Woolmington** £120 to be paid within one year of his decease. If she dies within that time, the sum to be divided equally amongst her surviving siblings.

Daughter **Joane Woolmington** £80 when she reaches the age of 24. If she dies, same conditions as above for **Maddalene**. His wife, **Magdalene** as executrix "shall find **Joane** her meate, drinke and apparell" until she reaches the age of 24.

"Cousin" **Robert Woolmington** of Lyme Regis and his children £5 between them equally to be paid three months after John's decease.

Andrew Woolmington of Chardstock 20s.

Wife **Magdalene** "the use and occupation of all my goods utensils and implements of house and household stuffe for and duringe the terme of her widdowhood soe as shee alter not the propertie thereof now of any parte thereof".

"Goods, chattells, utensills and implements of house and household stuffe and all my personal estate (my debts legacies and funerall expenses being paid)" - to children **John, Robert, Jasper, Symon, Elizabeth, Magdalene and Joane** to be equally divided, at the day of the remarriage of wife Magdalene or at the day of her death, whichever is first."

Executrix: Wife **Magdalene**.

Overseers: Good friends **Henry Bonner** the elder, gent., and son **John Woolmington**.

I give unto the said **Mr. Bonner** one piece of gold of 20s, and to **Thomas Pitts** the writer hereof {of the Will] 10s.

Witnesses: **Henry Bonner** and **Thomas Pitts**.

EXTRACTS FROM THE WILL OF GEORGE ELI WORNER CHRG Scan no. 2370

Will dated 19.12.1938

Testator died 21.12.1938 at the Cottage Hospital, Chard

Will proved at Blandford District Registry Office 10.8.1939

Sole Executor Brother of deceased, **Joseph Henry Worner** of The Manor Hotel, Yeovil, retired journalist.

George Eli Worner an Alderman of the Chard Corporation, residing at Holyrood Street, Chard, and Rosebank, Furnham Road, Chard, directed that:

My property be divided between my two daughters **Ethel Cleaver** and **Madge Jones**, the latter receiving £600 more than her sister.

To my wife **Charlotte Frances** £100 as a small tribute to her affection and devotion.

To **Miss Eddie** 50 20% shares in Levers Ltd. a recognition of her long and faithful service to my wife.

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