

PARISH OF CHARDSTOCK

PART ONE - WILLS AND ASSOCIATED DOCUMENTS

Name		Type	Date
APSEY	Giles	Transcript of Will	17.5.1743
APSEY	Samuel	Transcript of Will	30.11.1797
APSEY	Samuel	Transcript of Will	28.3.1835
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BONFIELD	Samuel	Extracts of Will	16.7.1883
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CHARD	Robert	Extracts of Will	9.2.1826
CHUBB	Elizabeth	Transcript of Will	11.3.1630/1
CHUBB	Johane [Joan]	Transcript of Will	29.3.1631
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CHUBB	John	Transcript of Inventory	3.12.1628
CHUBB	Nicholas	Transcript of Will	2.12.1679
COGAN	Robert	Extracts of Will	10.6.1723
COGAN	Robert	with Inventory	20.5.1729
COX	William Blatch	Abstract of Will	2.1.1856
DABINOTT	John	Extracts of Will	1.11.1624
DEAN	Sarah	Extracts of Will	12.2.1741
DEANE	Betsy	Extracts of Will	26.5.1821
DEANE	John	Extracts of Will	11.6.1738
DEANE	Maria	Extracts of Will	8.5.1855
DEANE	Richard	Extracts of Will	30.1.1835
DEANE	Samuel	Extracts of Will	30.9.1802
DEANE	Thomas	Extracts of Will	26.5.1770
DEANE	Thomas Palmer	Extracts of Will	9.3.1865
DEEM	Robert	Extracts of Will	24.1.1881
DENING	Amy	Transcript of Will	6.10.1804
DENING	Charles	Transcript of Will	7.2.1795
DENNING	Edward	Transcript of Will	20.11.1661
DENING	John	Transcript of Will	4.2.1680/1
DENING	Richard	Transcript of Will	21.5.1797
DENING	Richard	Transcript of Will	7.9.1859
DOMETT	Emanuel	Extracts of Will	3.4.1705
EAMES	James	Extracts of Will	29.10.1908
EAMES	Sarah	Extracts of Will	8.4.1864
HARVY	George	Extracts of Will	17.3.1701/2
HARVY	George	with Inventory	7.11.1701
HUTCHINS	John	Transcript of Will	27.10.1711
KEATE	James	Transcript of Will	9.12.1719
KEETCH	William	Transcript of Will	3.8.1836
LARCOMBE	James	Abstract of Title	30.8.1867
LEAT	William	Transcript of Will	10.1.1794
LEGGE	John	Extracts of Will	20.9.1549
LONG	Anna	Extracts of Will	30.3.1889
MARKS	John	Extracts of Will	2.5.1761
MARKS	William	Extracts of Will	2.4.1730
MARKS	William	Extracts of Will	6.4.1777
MITCHELL	John	Extracts of Will	8.2.1731/2
NEWBERY	Lloyd	Abstract of Title	3.3.1923
PALMER	Elizabeth	Extracts of Will	11.2.1789
PALMER	Nathaniel	Extracts of Will	14,12,1789
PALMER	Robert	Grant of Probate	11.11.1819

PALMER	Robert Newbery	Grant of Probate	16.11.1805
PALMER	Sarah	Extracts of Will	15.5.1830
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PARYS	Margaret	Transcript of Will	23.5.1584
PARRYS	William	Transport of Will	21.6.1581
PERING	James	Extracts of Will	19.7.1869
PERRING	James	Extracts of Will	3.7.1861
PINNEY	Jonathan	Extracts of Will	31.1.1804
PINNEY	Jonathan	Extracts of Will	6.12.1833
PINNEY	Nicholas	Extracts of Will	28.4.1680
PINNY	Thomas	Extracts of Administration	May, 1674
PINNEY	Thomas	Extracts of Will	12.11.1788
PINNEY	Thomas	Extracts of Will	17.9.1821
PYNNYE	Alis [Alice]	Extracts of Will with Inventory	27.2.1634/5
PYNNEY	Joane	Extracts of Will	6.3.1680/1
PYNNEY	Joane	with Inventory	21.10.1682
PYNNEY	John	Extracts of Will	August, 1551
PYNNY	John	Administration	October, 1645
PYNNY	John	with Inventory	February 1643/4
PYNY/PINNEY	John	Extracts of Will	16.4.1684
PYNY/PINNEY	John	with Inventory	3.9.1684
PYNNY	Richard	Extracts	May, 1651
PYNNEY/PYNNYE	Walter	Extracts of Will	October 1570
POMROY	George	Extracts of Will	14.6.1887
PRYER	John	Extracts of Will	28.7.1863
PRYER	William Henry Isaac	Abstract of Will	29.9.1913
RICE	Mary	Extracts of Will	30.12.1834
SALWAY	John	Extracts of Will	12.10.1848
SEWARD	Aaron	Declaration of Title	17.2.1881
SEWARD	John	Transcript of Will	7.11.1593
SMITH	Isaac Lisle	Extracts of Will	21.7.1943
SMITH	Maria Jane	Abstract of Will & Probate	4.2.1944
STRAWBRIDGE	Albert John	Abstract of Will & Probate	3.10.1946
SYMES	Richard	Extract of Indenture	8.10.1778
TIDY	Bernard Thomas Walter	Extracts of Will	15.7.1960
TURNER	Ann(e)	Extracts of Will	18.11.1729
TUTCHER	Francis	Transcript of Will	12.6.1792
VERIER	John	Transcript of Will	3.11.1586
WALE	John	Transcript of Will	6.5.1932
WALE	Joseph	Extracts of Will	26.6.1893
WALE	Robert	Will dated	7.2.1857
WALE	Robert	Also extracts from Conveyance & separate Statement of Account	June 1893
WALE	Susan Mary	Extracts of Will	29.9.1948
WATTS	Walter	Extracts of Will	29.3.1886
WELCH	Henry	Grant of Probate	October 1596
WOODCOCK	Anna Harriot	Transcript of Will	18.8.1910
WOODCOCK	Charles	Extracts of Will	14.4.1885
WOOLMINGTON	John	Extracts of Will	22.10.1640
WORNER	George Eli	Extracts of Will	19.12.1938

TRANSCRIPT OF THE WILL OF GILES APSEY, NOW BELONGING TO HIS MAJESTYS' SHIP SEAFORD OF THE PARISH OF CHARDSTOCK

Will dated 17.5.1743

Executrix: **Mary Apsey** (Wife)

Signed: **Gile Apsey**

Witnesses: **Tho. Pye, John Rowe, John Dynn**

Will proved 15.4.1749 at London before the right worshipful **John Bettesworth**, Doctor of Laws, Master Keeper of Commissionary of the Prerogative Court of Canterbury

Administration of will granted to **Mary Apsey** (Widow, the Relict)

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.

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.

Source: Wiltshire Record Office

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

Will dated 30.11.1797

Executors: **Judith Chard** (Daughter) and **James Chard** (Grandson)

Signed: **Samuel Apsey**

Witnesses: **Robt Pering, James Pering, Tim.y Hoare**

Will proved 6.5.1799 at Sarum

Probate granted 9.5.1799 at Axminster to **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

Estate valued under £300

First I give devise and bequeath unto **Judith Chard** for her life all that my dwelling house adjoining Blade Mills in the said Parish of Chardstock with the Ringhouse and Carthouse and Garden Plot formerly waste lane with paths watercourses and appurtenances whatsoever, and after her Decease I give the said Dwelling house, Ringhouse and Carthouse 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**.

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

Source: Wiltshire Record Office

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

Will dated 28.3.1835

Sole Executor: **Jeremiah Apsey** (Son)

Signed: The mark of **Samuel Apsey**

Witnesses: **William Sumption, Thomas Dunster**

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**, 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.

Source: Wiltshire Record Office

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

Will dated 11.2.1735

Executor: **Samuel Apsey** (Son)

Signed: **Thomas Apsey** (Signature followed by wax seal)

Witnesses: **Johannys (Darby?), John Symes, James Smaill**

Administration of will granted 7.5.1735 to **Samuel Apsey**, Executor

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 Legacyes 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**

Source: Wiltshire Record Office

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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.

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

Source: Notes taken by local historian Miss Mary Parmiter on documents held in the Parish Chest, prior to depositing at Devon Records Office in 1977

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

Will dated 16.7.1883

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

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

Will proved 5.10.1887

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 niece **Ruth Melhuish**

Brother **Robert Bonfield**

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

Source: Notes taken by local historian Miss Mary Parmiter on documents held in the Parish Chest prior to depositing at Devon Records Office in 1977

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EXTRACTS FROM THE WILL OF ELIZABETH CHARD, SPINSTER OF CHARDSTOCK

Will dated 14.3.1815

Executor: **Matthew Kibbey** of Chardstock, Yeoman

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

Codicil dated 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.

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.

Source: Private Papers held by the current Lord of the Manor Mr Jonathan Milford

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EXTRACTS FROM THE WILL OF ROBERT CHARD, YEOMAN OF CHARDSTOCK

Will dated 9.2.1826.

Executor: **James Perring the Elder** (Nephew)

Witnesses: **Thomas Symes, Thomas Bowbidge** [sic] and **George Kite**.

Will proved 3.3.1830 at Sarum [Bishop of Salisbury]

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 Perring the Elder** - The residue of my entire estate after payment of debts, expenses etc.

Source: Private papers of Mr Cecil Coleman

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TRANSCRIPT OF THE WILL OF ELIZABETH CHUBB OF CHARDSTOCK, WIDOW

Will dated 11.3.1630/1

Sole Executrix: **Joane** (Daughter)

Signed: The mark of **Elizabeth Chubb**

Witnesses: The mark of **John Wolmanton, John Domett**

Probate granted June 1631 to **John Chubb** (Son)

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** Daughter of the foresaid **John Chubb** a silver piece

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

Source: *Wiltshire Record Office*

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

Will dated 29.3.1631

Executor: **John Chubb** (Brother)

Witnesses: **John Clode, Christopher Domett**

Signed: The mark of **Johane Chubb**

First, I give and bequeath my Soule unto allmighty God my only maker saviour & redeemer & my body to be buried 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**

INVENTORY DATED: 14.4.1631

Inventory taken by **John Clode, Christopher Domett** and **Nicholas Turner**

Goods and Chattells of Johane Chubb	£	s	d
Imprimis her wearinge apparrell as well wollen as lynnne prysed in	iiij 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		x s [10s]	
Item one chest, fower coffers, a a boxe & a spruce chest		xxiiij s [23s]	iiij d [4d]
Item iiij [3] brasse pannes, iiij [3] brasse potts, fower		liij s [52s]	iiij d [4d]

caldrons ij [2] old skilletts & a fryeinge panne			
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 prayseed		iiij s [3s]	iiij d [4d]
Sum Inventor[y]	xix l [£19]	vij s [7s]	iiij d [4d]

INVENTORY OF JOHN CHUBB OF CHARDSTOCK

John Chubb died intestate

Administration granted to his widow **Elizabeth Chubb** in February 1628/9

Inventory dated 3.12.1628

Inventory taken by **John Dennyng**, **Christopher Domett** and **Nicholas Wolmyngton**

Goods and Chattells of John Chubb	£	s	d
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 skilletts & 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, porrings, 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]
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 praysed as and such lyke	v s [5s]		
Sum Inventor[y]	xxxix L [£37]	xix s [12s]	viiij d [8d]

Source: Wiltshire Record Office

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

Will dated 2.12.1679

Executor: His wife (unnamed in the will)

Overseers of Will: **Henry Alford** and **Emmanuel Dommet**

Signed: The mark of **Nicholas Chubb Jun.**

Witnesses: **Henry Alford Emanuel Domett**

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 resurrectioun 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 brewing 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 brodbreme one and the lease of all and to platers and to poggers and the halfe hodgset and one barrell and the lesser brewing bocket and one Dowles Sheat and one Dowles bordcloth 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 poggers 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 Daffter **Grace Chubb** Fifteen pounds to be paid out of the Stocke by her Mother

Source: Prerogative Court of Canterbury

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

Will dated 10.6.1723

Sole Executrix: **Mary Cogan** (sister of **Robert Cogan**)

Witnesses: **Fran. Pinney, John Symes, Alice Collins**

Mary Cogan subsequently died.

Administration granted 15.10.1735 to **John Deane, William Deane, Elizabeth Mallack and Bridget Cornish**, the Executors of the Will of **Mary Cogan**

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**.

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

INVENTORY OF ROBERT COGAN, GENT LATE OF AXMINSTER IN THE COUNTY OF DEVON

Inventory dated 20.5.1729.

Inventory taken by **John Newcomen, John Bryant, John Symes, Isaac Deane**

Goods, Chattells, Rights and Credits of Robert Cogan	£	s	d
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 flatts 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 Driping 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 Pailles	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 Wheelles 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 fields 1 Life	100	0	0
Item a Chattle Lease of 6 Closes called Berr 2 Lives	180	0	0
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	30	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

Source: Private papers of the current Lord of the Manor Mr Jonathan Milford

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

Will dated 2.1.1856.

Executors: **Sarah Cox** (Wife), **Anne Deane Cox** (Daughter), and **John Bird** (Friend)

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 23.12.1876 at Taunton District Registry 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.

Source: Private papers held by the current Lord of the Manor Mr Jonathan Milford

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EXTRACTS FROM THE WILL OF JOHN DABINOTT, HUSBANDMAN OF CHARDSTOCK

Will dated 1.11.1624

Sole executrix: **Johane Dabinott** (Wife)

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

Signed: **John Dabynott**

Witness: **Thomas Newbery**

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

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**

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

Source: New England Historical Genealogical Society, Boston, USA

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TRANSCRIPT OF THE PROBATE COPY OF THE WILL OF SARAH DEAN OF BURRIDGE IN THE PARISH OF CHARDSTOCK

Will proved 12.2.1741 (Prerogative Court of Canterbury)

Executors: **Samuel Marks** of [Denurs?, Brother] and **Thomas Deane** of Bowditch

Signed: **Sarah Dene**

Witnesses: **William Mills**, **John Welch**, the mark of **K Elizabeth Welch**

First: I give unto **Thomas Dean** all my Right and Title that I have in my Estate lying in [Cudwith?]

Item: I do give unto my kinswoman **Ann Bare** the sum of five pounds

Item: It is my will that **Thomas Dean** shall pay the sum of six pounds a year unto my Sister **Catherine Holman** out of the Estate lying in [Cudwith?] and to be paid ten shillings a quarter

Item: I give unto my kinsman **Samuel Marke** the sum of four pounds to be paid by my Executors.

Item: I give unto **John Deane**, the son of **Thomas Deane**, the sum of three pounds

Item: I give unto **John Marks** five shillings

Item: I give unto **Williams Marks** five shillings

Item: I give unto **Catherine Rose** one shilling

Item: I give unto **Ann Drayton** one shilling

Item: I give unto **Elizabeth Rounsebel** one shilling

Item: I give unto my wearing apparel between my Sister **Catterine Holman's**, and **Thomas Deane's** daughters to be equally divided

Note: February 14^h 1741 is written at the top of the probate copy of the will

Source: Probate Copy of the Will

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EXTRACTS FROM THE WILL OF BETSY DEANE, SPINSTER OF BOWDITCH IN THE PARISH OF CHARDSTOCK

Will dated 26.5.1821

Seal: **B Deane**

Executors: **Thomas Deane** and **Thomas Palmer**

Witnesses: **Thomas Babb**, **Mary Diment**, **J Bawden**

My brother **Thomas Deane** and his heirs for ever. Dwelling house, garden and orchards with the appurtenances called Dunster's and Pollard's situate in the parish of Chardstock

My sister **Sarah Hipplesley** my mourning ring in memory of my deceased father

William, son of **William Bently** my silver teapot and the sum of ten pounds

My sister **Lydia Seward**. All the rest of my plate and wigs and all my wearing apparel, bed linen, quilts and blankets

My brother **Thomas Deane** for his own use and benefit subject to the payment of the aforesaid legacy of ten pounds and my just debts and funeral expenses. All my household goods and furniture and money in my Dwelling House at Bowditch aforesaid (except what I have before given away)

All the rest residue and remainder of my Estate, Money, Securities for money, Goods Chattels, Rights, Credits and effects whatsoever unto my brother **Thomas Deane** and unto **Thomas Palmer** of Cotleigh Farm in the parish of Chardstock Gentleman upon trust to be divided into equal parts or shares.

As to one fourth part, to deduct one hundred and fifty pounds and add that to the three other parts in trust, for my said brother **Thomas Deane**. It being my intention that he shall have one hundred and fifty pounds less of such residue than my other brother and sisters because I have given him my tenement called Dunster's and Pollard's.

And as to the other fourth part, upon trust to place the same at interest on such security or securities as they shall think proper and pay such interest unto my sister **Sarah Hipplesley** during her natural life. Immediately after her decease to pay and divide her fourth part between the two Daughters of my sister **Lydia Seward** in equal shares or to their lawful issue in case they or either of them shall be then dead. To be paid them on their attaining the age of twenty one years. The interest to be applied to clothing maintenance and education of such Daughters and issue until their respective arrivals to the age of twenty one years.

And as to the other fourth part, upon trust to place the same at interest or such security or securities and pay such interest for the clothing maintenance and education of the child or children of my sister **Lydia Seward** during her natural life. Immediately after her decease upon trust to pay and divide her fourth part in equal shares between the children of **Lydia Seward** that shall be living at the time of her decease. To be

paid to each of them as shall then have attained the age of twenty one years within six months after her decease, and to the other or others of them immediately after their respectively attaining that age

And as to the other fourth part, upon trust to place the same at interest on such security or securities as they shall think proper and pay such interest for the maintenance of my brother **Samuel Deane** or otherwise annulate as they in their direction shall think fit until he shall recover the use of his reason

And immediately thereafter to pay or make over such last mentioned part with the annulation thereof if any unto the said **Samuel Deane**

And in case he shall die without recovering his reason then upon trust for the said **Thomas Deane** his executors administrators and assigns for his and their own use and benefit

Source: Original Copy of the Will

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EXTRACTS FROM THE PROBATE COPY OF THE WILL OF JOHN DEANE, GENTLEMAN OF THE PARISH OF CHARDSTOCK

Will dated 11.6.1738

Executor: Son **Francis Deane**

Witnesses: **William Wheadon, John Stocker**, the mark of **Mary Lane**

Will proved 12.10.1738 (Prerogative Court of Canterbury)

Note: Written on the front of this will is:

11th June 1738 Probate of John Deane's Wife

Admission with the Will annexed of John Deane granted to Sarah Deane the mother of Francis Deane during his minority year 12th October 1738

First of all, I will and desire that my just debts and funeral expenses be first paid and discharged

Item: My daughter **Mary Deane** the sum of five pounds to be paid her within twelve months after my decease

Item: My daughter **Rebecca Cottle** five shillings to be paid her within six months after my decease

Item: My daughter **Elizabeth Deane** the sum of ten pounds to be paid her within the space of twelve months after my decease

Item: My daughter **Ann Deane** the sum of ten pounds to be in hand paid her within the space of two years after my decease

Item: My daughters **Elizabeth Deane** and **Ann Deane** the sum of twenty shillings to each of them to be paid within one week after my funeral

Item: My daughter **Sarah Deane** the sum of three pounds to be paid her within two years after my decease

Item: My wife **Sarah Deane** the sum of ten pounds to be in hand paid her within the space of one year after my decease

Item: My wife **Sarah Deane** the sum of twelve shillings to be paid weekly unto my wife for the life and maintenance of my sons and daughters **Thomas Deane, Samuel Deane, Joseph Deane, Francis Deane, John Deane, Florence Deane, Bridget Deane** and **Susanna Deane** until each of them shall arrive to the age of fourteen years and when anyone of them shall be fourteen years old then that persons pay shall be abated proportionately out of the twelve shillings a week

Item: My sons **Thomas Deane, Samuel Deane, Joseph Deane, Francis Deane** and **John Deane** ten

pounds to each of them to bind them Apprentices when they shall arrive to the age of fourteen years
Item: My daughter **Florence Deane, Bridgett Deane** and **Susanna Deane** five pounds to each of them to bind them Apprentices when they shall arrive to the age of fourteen years

Item: My wife **Sarah Deane** the life of all my household goods until my said sons and daughters **Thomas Deane, Samuel Deane, Joseph Deane, Francis Deane, John Deane, Florence Deane, Bridget Deane** and **Susanna Deane** shall arrive to the age of fourteen years provided also fter that she shall happen so long to live

Item: I appoint my brother **Samuel Deane** of the parish of Chard in the County of Somerset, **John Palmer** of the parish of Chardstock in the county of Dorset Trustees for my Executor hereinafter named
Item: All and whatsoever Cost and Charges my said Trustees shall be at in managing my effects or in presenting or defending any action or actions concerning my business or effects shall be taken out of my effects

Item: My wife **Sarah Deane** all the woodbines and faggots of wood which is now in my custody

Item: My said children **Thomas Deane, Samuel Deane, Joseph Deane, Francis Deane, John Deane, Florence Deane, Bridget Deane** and **Susanna Deane**. All the rest and residue of my reall and personal Estate Goods and Chattles (sic) of what nature kind or quality soever the same may be or wheresoever the same may be and not herein before given or disposed of. To be equally divided amongst them share and share alike when they shall arrive to the age of one and twenty years

Item: Direct and appoint the said Trustees above mentioned to sell my Mill in the parish of Chardstock if necessity requires it before my Executor be of the age of one and twenty years

Source: Probate Copy of the Will

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EXTRACTS FROM THE WILL OF MARIA DEANE, WIDOW FORMERLY OF COTLEIGH IN THE PARISH OF CHARDSTOCK, LATE OF BROADOAK OF WAMBROOK

Will dated 8.5.1855

Executors: **Thomas Palmer Deane**, son of **Maria Deane**

Witnesses: **William Salter, Elizabeth Walden**

Codicils dated 21.2.1856, 20.7.1859, 26.12.1862

Maria Deane died at Broadoak of Wambrook 28.2.1863

Probate Granted 10.7.1863 by District Registry of Blandford

By virtue and in pursuance of the power invested and authority invested in me and by a certain Indenture bearing date the eighteenth day of December one thousand eight hundred and thirty nine made between my late husband **Thomas Deane** and myself of the one part, and **Samuel Newbury** of Membury in the County of Devon Esquire of the other part. I do give devise and bequeath:

To **Samuel Newbury**, my son **Thomas Palmer Deane** and **Edward Clarke** of Chard in the County of Somerset Gentleman. All that messuage tenement and Farm with the several Closes pieces and parcels of Land thereto belonging commonly known by the name of Old Park situate lying and being in the Parish of Marshwood in the County of Dorset and now in the occupation of **William Gillingham** as tenant thereof or of his understewards

Also all that dwelling house with the Garden Orchard and Appurtenances thereto belonging situate lying and being in the Parish of Chardstock in the County of Dorset and now in the occupation of **William Keetch** as tenant thereof or of his understewards

And also all that dwelling house with the Garden Orchard and Appurtenances thereto belonging situate lying and being in the Parish of Chardstock and now in the occupation of **George Phippen** and **Nicholas Phippen** as tenants thereof or of their undertenants

And also all that Close or piece of Meadow Ground situate lying and being in the Parish of Chardstock and now in the occupation of **James Chard** as tenant thereof or of his undertenant

And also all that Orchard called Bounds Orchard situate lying and being in the Parish of Chardstock, late in the possession of my husband **Thomas Deane** and now in the occupation of my son **Thomas Palmer Deane** and **Thomas Palmer Eames** as tenants thereof or of their undertenants

And also all that dwelling house with the Garden Orchard and Appurtenances thereto belonging situate lying and being in the Parish of Chardstock and now in the occupation of **Mark Vizard** as tenant thereof or of his undertenant

And also all that Orchard situate lying and being in the Parish of Chardstock, and now in the occupation of **John Fry** as tenant thereof or of his undertenant

And all that Dwelling House called the Workhouse with the garden and appurtenances thereto belonging situate lying and being in the Parish of Chardstock, and now in the occupation of **Robert Deem** as tenant thereof or of his undertenants being parcel of the Manor of Chardstock and held by me by Copy of Court Roll for lives

And also all that Dwelling House with the Garden Orchard and four Closes or pieces of Land thereto belonging commonly called or known by the name of Navards situate lying and being in the Parish of Chardstock and now in the occupation of **William Tanner** as tenant thereof or of his undertenant being also parcel of the Manor of Bowditch and held by lease or leases for the remainder of a term or terms of ninety nine years determinable on lives

And also all that Dwelling House with the Garden Orchard and three Closes or pieces of Land thereto belonging now in the occupation of **Isaac Jeffery** as tenant thereof or of his undertenant being also parcel of the Manor of Bowditch and held by lease or leases for the remainder of a term or terms of ninety nine years determinable on lives

And all that Dwelling House with the garden and three Closes or pieces of Land that belonging commonly called or known by the name of Rexplot situate lying and being in the Parish of Chard in the County of Somerset, now in the occupation of **Isaac Deane** and **William Deane** as tenants thereof or of their undertenants which said premises are also parcel of the Manor of Bowditch and held by lease or leases for the remainder of a term or terms of ninety nine years determinable on lives

And all that one undivided moiety or half part (the whole into two equal parts to be divided) of and in all or every other the tenements and Lands situate lying and being in the Parish of Chardstock which at the time of the death of my Husband were in his possession and are now in my possession or in the occupation of my son **Thomas Palmer Deane** and **Thomas Palmer Eames** as tenants thereof or of their undertenants being parcel of the Manor of Bowditch and held by lease or leases for terms for ninety nine years determinable on lives

And also all that one undivided moiety or half part (the whole into two equal parts to be divided) of and in all that Dairy House with the outhouses Garden and Orchard belonging situate lying and being in the Parish of Chardstock and now in the occupation of **George Coombe** Dairyman as tenant thereof or of his undertenant

And also all that messuage or tenement or several Close Pieces and Parcels of Land belonging situate lying and being in the Parish of Chard and now in the occupation of **William Keate Eames** and others as tenants or of their undertenants and held by Copy of Court Roll of the Manor of Chard under **Earl Poulett** for lives

And also all those several Closes or pieces of Land situate lying and being in the Parish of Chard and now in the occupation of **James Daw** and **[left blank] Collins** as tenants or of their undertenants part of which

is held by Copy of Court Roll of the said Manor of Chard under **Earl Pollett** for lives and the other part is part of the manor of Bowditch and held by lease for a term or terms of years determinable on lives

And also the Land Tax or yearly sum of sixteen shillings charged on or issuing out of a Close of Land situate in the Parish of Wambrook in the County of Dorset belonging to **Reverend Thomas Babb**

And also all that messuage tenement or Farm with the several Closes pieces or parcel of Land belonging commonly called or known by the name of Townsend and Goulds situate lying and being in the Parish of Stockland in the County of Devon and now in the occupation of **William Moore** as tenant or of his undertenants

And also all that messuage tenement or Farm with the several Closes pieces or parcels of Land belonging commonly called or known by the name of Groveland situate lying and being in the Parish of Yarcombe in the County of Devon and now in the occupation of **James Winter** as tenant or of his undertenants

And also all that messuage tenement or Farm with the several Closes pieces or parcels of Land belonging commonly called or known by the name of Dawes otherwise Higher Blackpool situate lying and being in the Parish of South Molton in the County of Devon and now in the occupation of **Henry Russell** as tenant or of his undertenants

To hold the same and every part thereof unto the said **Samuel Newbury, Thomas Palmer Deane and Edward Clarke** their heirs executors administrators and assigns according to the nature or natures thereof respectively.

Upon Trust to pay the rents issues and profits thereof and of every part thereof for and during the life of my Daughter **Sarah** the wife of **William Keate Eames** unto such person or persons as my said Daughter **Sarah** shall during her coverture by any Note or writing under her hand from time to time direct or appoint And from and after the decease of said Daughter then, In Trust for all and every or such one or more of the child or children of my said Daughter **Sarah** already born or to be born and the issue of any such child or children as may happen to die in her lifetime

Also, I give direct and appoint limit devise and bequeath unto my said Son **Thomas Palmer Deane**

All that messuage tenement or Farm with the several Closes pieces or parcels of Land thereto belonging commonly called or known by the name of Wambrook Farm situate lying and being in the Parish of Wambrook in the County of Dorset now in the occupation of **Richard Crandon** as tenant or of his undertenants

And also all that Dwelling house with the Carpenters Shop Garden and appurtenances belonging situate lying and being in the Parish of Wambrook and now in the occupation of **James Collins** as a tenant or of undertenant

And also all that Dwelling house with the Blacksmith's Shop Garden and appurtenances belonging situate lying and being in the Parish of Wambrook and now in the occupation of **William Denzelow** as tenant or of undertenant

And also all that Dwelling house with the Garden and appurtenances thereto belonging called the Poor House situate lying and being in the Parish of Wambrook

And also all that Dwelling house with the Garden and appurtenances belonging situate lying and being in the Parish of Wambrook and now in the occupation of **Benjamin Beviss** or of his undertenants

And also all that plot of Ground situate lying and being in the Parish of Wambrook and now in the occupation of **Matthew Whiscombe** as tenant or of his undertenants

And also all that Dwelling house with the Garden and appurtenances belonging situate lying and being in the Parish of Wambrook and now in the occupation of **Henry Gillett** as tenant or of undertenant

And also all that Dwelling house with Garden and several Closes or pieces of Land belonging situate lying

and being in the Parish of Wambrook and now in the occupation of **John Wheadon** as tenant or of undertenant

And also all those several woods and plantations late in the possession of my said husband and now in my possession situate in the Parish of Wanbrook

And also all those several messuages tenements or Farms with the several Closes pieces or parcels of Land thereto respectively belonging commonly called or known by the name Underdown and Shutlands situate lying and being in the Parish of Yarcombe in the County of Devon and now in the occupation of **William Walden** as tenant or of undertenant

And also all that messuage tenement or Farm with the several Closes pieces or parcels of Land thereto belonging commonly called or known by the name of Battens situate lying and being in the Parish of Stockland in the County of Devon and now in the occupation of **Robert Newton** and **John Hockey** as tenants or of their undertenants

And also all those several three pieces or parcels of Land commonly called or known by the name of Broadmeads situate lying and being in the Parish of Stockland and now in the occupation of **John Hockey** as tenant or of undertenant

And also all that messuage tenement or Farm with the several Closes pieces or parcels of Land thereto belonging commonly called or known by the name of Griggs situate lying and being in the Parish of Otterford in the County of Somerset and now in the occupation of **Robert Aplin** as tenant or of undertenant which said last mentioned tenement and premises were late part and parcel of the Manor of Taunton Dean

And also all those two Closes or pieces of Meadow commonly called or known by the name of Ham Meadows situate lying and being in the Parish of Combe Saint Nicholas in the County of Somerset and now in the occupation of **[left blank] Vicary** as tenant or of his undertenant

And also all that Dwelling house Garden and Orchard with the appurtenances belonging situate lying and being in the Parish of Chardstock and now in the occupation of **Samuel Whiscombe** as tenant or of undertenant

And also all that the other undivided moiety or half part (the whole into two equal parts to be divided) and in all and every other the Tenements and Lands situate lying and being in the Parish of Chardstock which at the time of the death of my husband were in his possession and are now in my possession or in the occupation of my said Son **Thomas Palmer Deane** and Grandson **Thomas Palmer Eames** as tenants or of their undertenants being parcel of the Manor of Bowditch and held by leases for terms of ninety nine years determinable on lives

And also all that the other undivided moiety or half part (the whole into two equal parts to be divided) of and in all that Dairyhouse with the outhouses Garden and Orchard thereto belonging situate lying and being in the Parish of Chardstock parcel of the Manor of Bowditch and occupied by **George Coombe** Dairyman as tenant

And also all that tenement with the Closes of Land and appurtenances thereto belonging commonly called or known by the name of Whiskerharps situate lying and being within the Parish parcel of the Manor of Membury in the County of Devon and now in the occupation of **William Marks** and **Sarah Smith** as tenants thereof their tenants now held by Copy of Court Roll of the same Manor

And also that tenement or Farm with the several Closes pieces or parcels of Land thereto belonging commonly called or known by the name of Stones situate lying and being in the Parish of Combe Saint Nicholas aforesaid and now in the occupation of **John Stone** as tenant thereof or of his undertenants which said tenement is parcel of the Manor of Combe Saint Nicholas aforesaid and held by lease on Copy of Court Roll of the same Manor

And also, all that Close of Land situate lying and being in the Parish and parcel of the Manor of Membury and now in the occupation of **[left blank] Smith** as tenant

And also, all and every messuages or tenements Farms Closes Lands and Hereditaments whatsoever and wheresoever and of what nature tenure kind or sort soever of or belonging to me or over which I have any disposing power or control

And all my monies securities for money household goods and furniture Real and Personal Estate and effects whatsoever and wherever of what nature tenure kind or sort soever

To hold the same and every part thereof unto my said Son **Thomas Palmer Deane** his heirs executors administrators and assigns according to the nature or natures thereof respectively to and for his and their absolute use and benefit

First Codicil dated 21.2.1856

I have sold and conveyed my messuage and Estate called Dawes otherwise Higher Blackpool situate in Southmolton in the County of Devon within given and devised to **Samuel Newbery, Thomas Deane** (my son) and **Edward Clarke**.

Out of the proceeds of this sale have advanced to my son in law **William Keate Eames** on mortgage of his messuage tenements and lands in the Parish of Stockland in the County of Devon the sum of two thousand three hundred and sixty four pounds and seven shillings, which said mortgage bears date the sixteenth day of February instant and is made between **Rebecca Higgins Poole** of the first part, the said **William Keate Eames** of the second part and myself of the third part

Bequeath and devise the said mortgage and mortgaged premises and all monies due or to become due thereon and all my right and interest therein and thereto respectively unto **Samuel Newbery, Thomas Deane** and **Edward Clarke**

Signed: **Maria Deane**

Witnesses: **William Salter, Matthew Whiskam**

Second Codicil dated 20.7.1859

My grandson **Thomas Palmer Eames**.

The Rent charge of two pounds twelve shillings by the tithe apportionment of the Parish of Stockland in the County of Devon charged on and issuing out of several Closes of Land called Walsham, Walsham Barbary, Little Wrestles, Great Wrestles and Hall's Close containing together by admeasurement nineteen acres one rood and two perches situate in the said Parish of Stockland

And also the Rent charge of two pounds eight shillings by the said apportionment charged on and issuing out of the several Closes of Land called Gillstone, Gillstone and Langlands containing together by admeasurement twelve acres and twenty nine perches also situate in the Parish of Stockland

Signed: **Maria Deane**

Witnesses: **Sarah Ann Hurford, James Farmer**

Third Codicil dated 26.12.1862

My granddaughter **Maria Ann Eames** now living with me the sum of five hundred pounds to be paid her at the end of six calendar months after my decease

Signed: **Maria Deane**

Witnesses: **William Salter, John Cox Bentley**

Source: Copy of the Will

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EXTRACTS FROM THE WILL OF RICHARD DEANE, FARMER OF CHARDSTOCK

Will proved 30.1.1835

Executor: **Joseph Deane** (eldest son)

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

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".

Source: Notes taken by local historian Miss Mary Parmiter on documents held in the Parish Chest, prior to depositing at Devon Records Office in 1977

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EXTRACTS FROM THE PROBATE COPY OF THE WILL OF SAMUEL DEANE, GENTLEMAN OF BOWDITCH IN THE PARISH OF CHARDSTOCK

Will dated 13.9.1802

Executors: **Thomas Deane** and **Samuel Deane** (Sons of the Testator **Samuel Deane**)

Signed **Saml Deane**

Witnesses: **Thomas Babb, J Bawden, John Dalley**

Samuel Deane, Testator, died 8.11.1807

Will proved 29.12.1808 (Prerogative Court of Canterbury)

To my Daughters **Betsy Deane** and **Sarah Deane** the sum of four hundred and fifty pounds each to be paid to them as soon as conveniently can be after my decease

Also to my Daughter **Betsy Deane** and her heirs my House Orchards and Garden with the Appurtenances called Dunsters and Pollard & situate within the Parish of Chardstock aforesaid to and for her own use and benefit

To my two sons **Thomas Deane** and **Samuel Deane** their heirs executors and administrators and equally to be divided between them share and share alike

All my other Estate and Estates Lands Tenements and Hereditaments and all my Goods Chattels Rights Credits and Effects whatsoever subject to the payment of my just debts my funeral expenses and the aforesaid legacies

Codicil dated 16.10.1807

Witnesses: **John Bath**, the mark of **Mary Loaring, Thomas E Clark Junior**

To my present unmarried daughter now do I hereby give the sum of two hundred pounds for her own use and benefit in addition to what I have already given or bequeathed

*Source: Probate Copy of the Will extracted by **William Moore Proctor, Doctors, Commons***

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

Will dated 26.5.1770

Executor: **Samuel Deane** (Son)

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

To my Daughter **Sarah Deane**:

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.

To my Daughter **Anne Bath**:

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.

To my Son **Samuel Deane**:

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

To my Daughter **Sarah Deane**:

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

To my 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.

To my 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.

Source: Wiltshire Record Office

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EXTRACTS FROM THE PROBATE COPY OF THE WILL OF THOMAS PALMER DEANE, GENTLEMAN OF BROADOAK IN THE PARISH OF WAMBROOK

Will dated: 9.3.1865

Executors: **Thomas Palmer Eames** and **William Deane Eames** (Nephews of the Testator **Thomas Palmer Deane**)

Signed: **Thomas Palmer Deane**

Witnesses: **J B Lukin** (Solicitors, Chard), **James Farmer** (his clerk)

Thomas Palmer Deane died 19 July 1870

Probate granted on 16 May 1873 at the District Registry of Blandford

Probate granted to **Thomas Palmer Eames** and **William Deane Eames**, nephews of the deceased **Thomas Palmer Deane**

Probate sworn under £600

INDENTURE DATED 9 MARCH 1865

Whereas by a certain Indenture date the ninth day of March one thousand eight hundred and sixty five and made between **Thomas Palmer Deane** of the one part and **Thomas Palmer Eames** and **John Cox Boutly** of the other part, divers freehold, messuages, tenements, lands, hereditaments and premises therein particularly described, situated in the parishes of Wambrook aforesaid Stockland and Yarcombe in the county of Devon, Combe Saint Nicholas in the county of Somerset and Chardstock in the county of Dorset with their appurtenances, were conveyed and assessed by me to the said **Thomas Palmer Eames** and **John Cox Boutly**, to the use of **Thomas Palmer Eames** and **John Cox Boutly**.

And by the same Indenture, divers leasehold, messuages, tenements, lands and premises therein particularly described situate in the parishes of Wambrook Chardstock and Combe Saint Nicholas with their appurtenances were granted and assigned by me unto the said **Thomas Palmer Eames** and **John Cox Boutly** for the residues and remainders of the several terms of years therein mentioned.

By the Indenture all the estate, right, title, interest, property, possibility, expectancy, claim and demand whatsoever of me **Thomas Palmer Deane** of and in certain Copyhold or Customary tenements, lands and premises situate in the manor and parish of Membury in the county of Devon, therein particularly described or referred to with their appurtenances were granted remised, released and agreed to be surrendered by me to the use of the **Thomas Palmer Eames** and **John Cox Boutly**, to the intent that they might take any new estate or interest in the same for such life or lives as they might agree with the Lord or Steward of the said Manor.

And by the same Indenture certain tenements, hereditaments and premises therein particularly described situate in the parish of Combe Saint Nicholas with their appurtenances ever granted and conveyed by me unto the said **Thomas Palmer Eames** and **John Cox Boutly** for the life of **Sarah Eames** as therein mentioned

And it was by the same Indenture (among other things) declared and agreed that **Thomas Palmer Eames** and **John Cox Boutly** did and should during my life pay apply and dispose of the rents issues and profits thereof and every part thereof unto me and my assigns, or otherwise did and should permit and suffer me and them to receive and take the same to and for my own their own use and benefit.

And from and after my decease upon trust that they **Thomas Palmer Eames** and **John Cox Boutly** did and should yearly and every year during the life of my wife **Susan Deane** pay to her by and out of the rents and profits of the same hereditaments and premises such a yearly or weekly annuity or sum of money not exceeding the sum of one hundred pounds a year.

By my last Will and Testament in writing or codicil or codicils thereto to be my me legally executed, will order direct or appoint and subject thereto upon trust for all and every or such one or more of my Child or Children, whether son or sons daughter or daughters on the body of my said wife, as I should appoint in manner therein mentioned.

And in default of such issue, upon trust and for the use and benefit of the child or children of **William Keate Eames** and **Sarah** his wife vide licet:- **Thomas Palmer Eames, Maria Ann(e) Eames, William Deane Eames, James Eames, Sarah Jane Eames, Eliza Eames, John Eames, Mary Eames, Edward Eames and Lydia Eames** and charged and rechargeable to and with the payment of any sum or sums of money to or in favour or in trust for any such child or children and in such parts shares and proportions manner and form in all respects as I should at any time or times during my life by any deed or deeds instrument or instruments in writing with or without power of revocation and new appointment to be by me legally executed or by my last will and testament in writing or any codicil or codicils thereto direct limit or appoint give devise or bequeath the same or any part thereof.

Beneficiaries of Will

I order, direct and appoint that **Thomas Palmer Eames** and **John Cox Boutly** do and shall from and after my decease, yearly and every year during the life of my wife **Susan Deane** pay to her by and out of the rents and profits of the said hereditaments and premises comprised in the said Indenture, one annuity or yearly sum of one hundred pounds to be paid to her my said wife by four equal quarterly payments in the

year. The first of such payments to be made at the expiration of three calendar months next after my decease.

I devise and bequeath to my Nephew **Thomas Palmer Eames** for his and their absolute use and benefit, my messuages, tenements, lands and premises and moiety of my messuages, tenements, lands and premises situate in and parcels of the Manor of Bowditch in the parish of Chardstock and held by me by leases for terms of years determinable on lives of the Lord or Lords of the same Manor.

I devise and bequeath unto my nephew **William Deane Eames** for his and their absolute use and benefit all that my messuage, tenement, farm and hereditaments with the appurtenances known by the name of Underdown, and also all my tenement and lands with the appurtenances called or known by the name of Sautland, respectively situate in the parish of Yarcombe and now in the occupation of Mary Walden as tenant.

I devise and bequeath the messuages, lands, tenements, hereditaments and premises comprised in or conveyed assigned and assessed or intended so to be in the said Indenture or over which I have any power of disposition or appointment unto and for the absolute use and benefit of **Thomas Palmer Eames, Maria Ann the wife of Abraham Beviss late Maria Ann Eames Spinster, James Eames, Sarah Jane Eames, Eliza Eames, John Eames, Mary Eames, Edward Eames and Lydia Eames** in equal shares as Tenants in Common and not as Joint Tenants.

I give and bequeath unto my said **wife** for her own absolute use and benefit all my household goods and furniture, plate, linen, china, wines, spirits, horses, carriages, moneys, securities for money, rents due at the time of my decease and all the residue of my personal estate and effects.

I give devise and bequeath unto my said Nephews **Thomas Palmer Eames** and **William Deane Eames** all estates vested in me solely as trustee or mortgagee subject to the trusts and equities affecting the same respectively

*Source: Probate Copy of the Will extracted by **Tuther and Forward**, Solicitors Chard*

EXTRACTS FROM THE WILL OF ROBERT DEEM, SHOEMAKER OF CHARDSTOCK

Will dated 24.1.1881.

Executor: **Mary** (Wife)

Witnesses: **Thomas Bently**, Fordwater and **Benjamin Parris**

Robert Deem died 8.9.1885.

Estate valued at £156 17s 6

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 wifes 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.

Note: Additional information relating to the cottages is contained in Indentures dated 3.1.1887 and 11.8.1897, recorded under the house history for Domett's Cottage, Eggmoor Lane.

Source: Notes taken by local historian Miss Mary Parmiter on documents held in the Parish Chest, prior to depositing at Devon Records Office in 1977

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TRANSCRIPT OF THE WILL OF AMY DENING, WIDOW OF CHARDSTOCK

Will dated 6.10.1804

Sole Executor: **Eliezer Dening** (Son)

Signed: **Amy Dening**

Witnesses: **James Pring, Samuel Wright**

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

Source: *Wiltshire Record Office*

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TRANSCRIPT OF THE WILL OF CHARLES DENING, YEOMAN OF CHARDSTOCK

Will dated 7.2.1795.

Executors: **Anstis Dening** (Wife) and **Benjamin Dening** (Son)

Signed **Charles Dening**

Witnesses: **Ann Seward, Robt Hoare**, [third witness illegible]

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 Broadwindsor 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 **Benjamin Dening**.

Source: Wiltshire Record Office

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TRANSCRIPT OF THE WILL OF EDWARD DENNING, YEOMAN OF CHARDSTOCKE

Will dated 20.11.1661

Sole Executor: **George Denning** (Son)

Overseers: **Richard Luce** (Clerk and Vicar of Chardstock) and **Henry Alford** (of Chardstock)

Signed: The mark of **Edward Denning**

Witnesses: **Richard Luce** and **Henry Alford**

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

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 stitch 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 [Knowlence?] 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.

Lastly, **Richard Luce** aforesaid and **Henry Alford** of Chardstocke I doe give to each of them five shillings apeece.

Source: Wiltshire Record Office

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

Will dated 4.2.1680/1

Executrix: **Mary Dening** (Wife)

Signed: The mark of **John Dening**

Witnesses: **Francis Morley, Joseph Hampson, James Keate** and **John [Rockett]**

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

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

Source: *Wiltshire Record Office*

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

Will dated 21.5.1797

Sole Executor: **Eliezer Dening** (Son)

Signed **Richard Dening**

Witnesses: **Robt. Stephens, John S[illeg], Elizabeth Stipkins**

Probate granted 26.8.1800 to **Eliezer Dening**, lawful son of the deceased and sole Executor at the Court of the Dean of Salisbury at Lyme Regis

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.

Source: Wiltshire Record Office

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TRANSCRIPT OF THE WILL OF RICHARD DENING, YEOMAN OF CHARDSTOCK

Will dated 7.9.1859

Signed: **Richard Dening**.

Witnesses: **Thomas Selwood, James Forsey**

Richard Dening died 21.9.1859 at Chardstock

Administration granted to **Mercy Dening** of Chardstock, the widow of the deceased at Blandford 18.4.1866 [Court of the Dean of Salisbury]

Effects under £200

Source: Wiltshire Record Office

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EXTRACTS FROM THE WILL OF EMANUELL DOMETT, YEOMAN OF CHARDSTOCK

Date of Will: 3.4.1705

Sole executrix: **Mary Morley** (Granddaughter)

Witnesses: **John Chubb, Samuel Harvey**

Probate granted: 2.9.1710

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**

Source: Wiltshire Record Office

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EXTRACTS FROM THE WILL OF JAMES EAMES

Will dated 29.10.1908

Sole Executor: **Edward Eames** (Brother)

James Eames died 11.8.1913

Will proved 3.10.1913 at Winchester District Registry

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.

Source: Private papers of the current Lord of the Manor Mr Jonathan Milford

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

Will dated 8.4.1864

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

Signed: **Sarah Eames**

Witnesses: **Anna Webber Bowditch** and **Samuel Forward** of Chard.

Codicils dated 30.7.1869, 24.4.1880

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.

First Codicil dated 30.7.1869

William Middleton having died, **William Symes Pryer** of Axminster, Chemist & **Edward Charles Forward** of Axminster Gent. Appointed Trustee.

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

Second Codicil dated 24.4.1880

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

Witnesses: **Samuel Forward** and **John Temple Clerk** in Holy Orders Wambrook.

William Symes Pryer died in the lifetime of Sarah Eames.

Sarah Eames died 21.3.1883 at Broad Oak.

Estate valued at £215.7s 2d.

Source: Notes taken by local historian Miss Mary Parmiter on documents held in the Parish Chest, prior to depositing at Devon Records Office in 1977

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

Date of Will: 17.3.1701/2

Executors: **Margaret Harvy** (Wife) and **Dorothy Harvy** (Daughter)

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

Probate granted 22.6.1702

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**.

INVENTORY DATED 7.11.1701

Inventory taken by **Richard Tuck, Isaac Bond, Robert Cook**

Goods and Chattells of George Harvey Senior	£	s	d
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	3s	8d

Source: Wiltshire Record Office

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TRANSCRIPT OF THE WILL OF JOHN HUTCHINS, YEOMAN OF CHARDSTOCK

Will dated 27.10.1711

Sole Executrix: **Grace** (Daughter)

Signed and sealed: **John Hutchins**

Witnesses: **Samuel Newberry, John Warry**, the mark of **Henery Sellwood**

Will proved at Lyme Regis 30.5.1719 [Bishop of Sarum/Salisbury]

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 household goods and after her decease to my daughter **Grace**

All the rest of my goods and Chattels I give to my daughter **Grace**

Source: Wiltshire Record Office

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TRANSCRIPT OF THE WILL OF JAMES KEATE OF CHARDSTOCK

Date of Will 9.12.1719

Executors: **Elizabeth Keate** (Wife), **James Keate** (Son)

Signed: **James Keate**

Witnesses: **Robert Guppy**, the mark of **Elizabeth Collier**

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

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**

Source: Wiltshire Record Office

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TRANSCRIPT OF THE WILL OF WILLIAM KEETCHE, SHAREMAN OF CHARDSTOCK

Will dated 3.8.1836

Executor: **James Wescott** of Lyme Regis in the County of Dorset, Cordwainer

Signed: The mark of **William Keetch**

Witnesses: **Charles Symes** and **William Langford**

Will proved 26.5.1837 at Sarum

Effects sworn £200

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.

Source: *Wiltshire Record Office*

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TRANSCRIPT OF THE WILL OF JAMES LARCOMBE OF CHARDSTOCK

Will dated 30.8.1867

Executors: **Samuel Dimon** (Son in Law) and **Sarah** (Daughter)

Signed: **James Larcombe**

James Larcombe died at Chardstock 21.1.1879.

Will proved 24.3.1880 at Blandford District Registry Office.

Will of **James Larcombe** of Chardstock in the County of Devon whereby he gave devised and bequeathed unto his son in law **Samuel Dimon** of Chardstock and **Sarah** his wife the house and premises he then occupied called or known by the name of Cuckolds Pit situate in Chardstock aforesaid and also all the orchard and garden thereunto adjoining and belonging with power for them the said **Samuel Dimon and Sarah** his wife or the survivor of them to dispose of the same either by Deed or Will amongst any or either of the children of them the said **Samuel Dimon and Sarah** his wife as to them or the survivor of them may seem proper but in case the said **Samuel Dimon and Sarah** his wife or the survivor of them shall make default in disposing of the said house orchard garden and premises during their lifetime as aforesaid he gave devised and bequeathed the same unto the children of the said **Samuel Dimon and Sarah** his wife as tenants in common.

He also gave devised and bequeathed unto his son in law **Joseph Searle and Elizabeth** his wife all that piece or parcel of freehold ground and premises to him belonging called or known by the name of New Plot site in Chardstock for and during their lives and the survivor of them and after the death of such survivor of them the said **Joseph Searle and Elizabeth** his wife he gave devised and bequeathed the same unto all and every the child or children of them the said **Joseph Searl [sic] and Elizabeth** his wife as tenants in common but in case the said **Joseph Searl and Elizabeth** his wife should die without issue he gave devised and bequeathed the said plot of ground orchard and premises to the said **Samuel Dimon and Sarah** his wife with the same powers for them to dispose of the same after their death amongst all or any of their children as to them or the survivor of them may seem fit and proper.

Il the rest and residue of his freehold and personal estate of which he died possessed he gave devised and bequeathed the same unto the said **Samuel Dimon and Sarah** his wife absolutely.

Source: Abstract of the Title to a freehold cottage, garden and orchard situate at Cuckolds Pit, Chardstock and later known as Christopher Cottage.

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TRANSCRIPT OF THE WILL OF WILLIAM LEAT, MILLER OF CHARDSTOCK

Will dated 10.1.1794

Executors: **Giles Collier** of Axminster in the County of Devon, Miller, and **Samuel Newman** of Axminster in the County of Devon, Yeoman

Signed: **William Leat**

Witnesses: **Robert Stephen, S Forward, John Facey**

William Leat died at the age of 53 and was buried at Chardstock, St. Andrew's 22.4.1804.

Probate believed to have been granted 25.3.1809.

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 Inter-marriage 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 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.

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

Source: Found uncatalogued with other documents at Somerset Record Office 2005

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

Will dated 20.9.1549

Executor: **Edythe Legge**

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

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

Source: Somerset Record Office

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

Will dated 30.3.1889

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

Estate valued at £47 4s 1d.

Anna Long died 30.3.1889

Executor: **Frederick Daniel Long**, Nephew 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.

Source: Notes taken by local historian Miss Mary Parmiter on documents held in the Parish Chest, prior to depositing at Devon Records Office in 1977

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

Will dated 2.5.1771

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

Trustees: **Robert Deane** and **Hugh Welsh** of Chardstock

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

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 Coppy 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 assignes 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 **Alce 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 **Alce 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.

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

me till my decease.

Source: Wiltshire Record Office

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

Date of Will 2.4.1734

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

Witnesses: **J Gould**, **Katherine Wellman**, the mark of **Susanna Greening**

Probate granted 24.3.1734/5

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 bolster 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**.

Source: Wiltshire Record Office

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

Will dated 6.4.1777

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

Trustees: "**Cozens**", **Samuel Dean** and **Mr John Chard**

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

Probate granted 21.9.1782

Estate under £100

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 baptised: 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.

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.

Source: Wiltshire Record Office

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EXTRACTS FROM THE WILL OF JOHN MITCHELL, CLOCKMAKER OF CHARDSTOCK

Will dated 8.2.1731/2

Sole Executrix: **Elizabeth Mitchell** (Daughter)

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

Probate granted 26.7.1733

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**

Source: Wiltshire Record Office

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ABSTRACT OF TITLE RELATING TO LLOYD NEWBERY

Abstract of Title of the Executors of the Will of **Lloyd Newbery** deceased to a dwellinghouse and premises known as "Village Cottage" in Chardstock.

Will dated 3.3.1923

Executors: **Ann Laura Pratt** (Sister), wife of **George Pratt**, Foreman Maltster, of 12 Clarence Street, Bath and **Rhoda Temperance Newbery**, Spinster of Myrtle Cottage, Greendown, Membury

He bequeathed unto his two sisters the whole of his property to be equally divided between them.

Lloyd Newbery died 24.4.1923.

Probate granted 11.5.1923 at the District Probate Registry, Blandford.

Source: Not Known

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EXTRACTS FROM THE PROBATE COPY OF THE WILL OF ELIZABETH PALMER OF THE PARISH OF CHARDSTOCK

Will dated: 11.2.1789

Executors: **Samuel Palmer** (Son of **Elizabeth Palmer**), **Elizabeth Pryor**, **Joannah Palmer** and **Mariah Palmer** (Daughters of **Elizabeth Palmer**)

Signed: **Elizabeth Palmer**

Witnesses: **William Spicer**, **Thomas Langdon**, **William Channon**

Probate granted at London on 22.11.1792 (Prerogative Court of Canterbury)

Probate granted to **Samuel Palmer** the Son and **Elizabeth Pryer** (wife of William Pryer) and **Maria** otherwise **Mariah Babb** (daughter of the Deceased and wife of **Thomas Babb**) three of the Executors named in the Will of Elizabeth Palmer

Power reserved of making the like grant to **Joannah Palmer** Spinster the Daughter also and the other Executor when she shall apply for the same.

Probate sworn under £300

I give and devise unto and to the use of **Robert Stephens** of Chardstock, Clerk and **John Bentley** of the same place, Gentleman, and upon the several trust and purposes mentioned herein, all that my Moiety or half part undivided of:

- All that Messuage and of all those lands and tenements formerly of **John Davy the older** of Yacombe in the County of Devon, Yeoman and called or known by the Name or Names of **Groveland**, otherwise **Charlbrook** situate in the parish of **Yacombe**;
- All that messuage and of the several lands, fields, closes and pastures thereunto belonging and being within the Manor of Marshwood and parish of **Whitchurch** in the County of Dorset, commonly called by the name of Cricklake, containing by estimation four score and twelve acres with the hereditaments and appurtenances belonging

In trust out of the yearly rents, issues and profits of my said moieties of the said several messuages, lands, tenements, hereditaments and premises or by lease, demise or mortgage thereof, or of some part or parts thereof, for some term or terms of years, to raise the several sums hereinafter mentioned and pay and apply the same and to my **Grand Children** hereinafter named (**daughters of Mr Samuel Deane** of Burrige) to whom I bequeath the same when and as soon as they shall attain their age or respective ages of twenty one years, or day or days of marriage which shall first happen.

- My granddaughter, **Betty Deane**, £50
- My granddaughter, **Lydia Deane**, £50
- My granddaughter, **Sarah Deane**, £50

In the case of the death of any of my said Grandchildren before her or their legacy or respective legacies shall become payable, then to pay and apply the legacy or legacies of them so dying, and divide the same equally amongst the survivor or survivors of such children at the age of one and twenty years, or day or days of marriage which shall first happen. In case all my said Granddaughters should die under the age of twenty one years and unmarried, then the said respective legacies shall sink and not be raised at all.

One undivided third part of the moiety of the said several messuages, lands, tenements, hereditaments and premises, in trust for:

- My daughter **Elizabeth**, the wife of **Mr William Pryor**
- My daughter **Joannah**
- My daughter **Mariah**, the wife of **Mr Thomas Babb**

[The following applies to each of the three daughters mentioned above]

In trust for such person or persons for such estate and estates and to and for such ends, intents and purposes as my daughter by any deed or deeds, writing or writings under her hand and seal, to be by her signed and sealed in the presence of and attested by two or more credible witnesses, or by her last will and testament in writing or any writing purporting to be a will or operating as such, to be by her signed sealed and published in the presence of and attested by three or more credible witnesses. Which said deed or deeds, writing or writings and will, I do hereby empower my said daughter to make execute and publish notwithstanding she may be under Coverture at the time of doing thereof, as if she were sole and unmarried, shall give, devise, limit, direct or appoint the same and in the mean time and until such gift, devise, direction, limitation or appointment.

In Trust during the natural life of my said daughter to pay the rents, issues and profits of the said third part of the said moiety of the said several messuages, lands, tenements, hereditaments and premises into the proper hands of my said daughter for her own sole and separate use and disposal exclusive of her present or any future husband or husbands with whom she may intermarry.

All the rest residue and remainder of my Messuages Lands Tenements and Hereditaments and Personal Estate of what stature or kindsoever (except what I have this day acquitted) to my son **Samuel** by my receipt, my interest in which (if any) I bequeath to him. I give devise and bequeath to my said Son **Samuel** and my said daughters **Elizabeth, Joannah and Mariah** equally to be divided between them share and

share alike

And lastly, I do hereby empower **Robert Stephens** and **John Bentley** to reimburse himself and themselves out of my said trust, estate all such costs, charges, damages, losses, expenses and trouble as he they either or any of them shall at any time or times expend be put into or sustain in.

Source: *Probate Copy of Will extracted by Tuther and Forward, Solicitors Chard*

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EXTRACTS FROM THE PROBATE COPY OF THE WILL OF NATHANIEL PALMER, GENTLEMAN OF STAWLEY IN THE COUNTY OF SOMERSET

Will dated: 14.12.1789

Executor: **Samuel Palmer** (Son of the Testator **Nathaniel Palmer**)

Signed: The mark of **Nathaniel Palmer**

Witnesses: **George Chorley**, the mark of **Richard R Hanley**, **John Darch**

Probate granted to **Samuel Palmer** (Son of the said deceased **Nathaniel Palmer**) the sole Executor

Probate sworn under £2000

First, I give and bequeath unto my dear Wife **Elizabeth Palmer** my best bed, performed the use of all my silver plate and such other parts of my household Furniture as she shall or may want during her life, if she remains my Widow not otherwise.

I also give to my said Wife such victuals the cyder fruit and other necessaries in the housekeeping which she may stand in need of until she shall and do receive the produce of her estates.

After her decease or future day of marriage, if any such shall be, then my will is that my silver plate shall be equally divided between my two Sons **Samuel** and **Robert Palmer** and the rest of my household Furniture to remain to my Son **Samuel Palmer**

I also give and bequeath to my Son **Robert Palmer** all that messuage and tenement with the appurtenances thereto belonging situate in Stawley, commonly called or known by the name of North Haywood, wherein I now live to remain to him for and during all the rest, residue and remainder of the term of years which I shall or may have therein after the decease of my Wife

I also give and bequeath to my Son **Robert Palmer** all that messuage and tenement with the appurtenances thereto belonging, called or known by the name of wills tenement and [Youcombs] situate in Stawley now in my own possession with all the right, title and term of years which I have therein to come and unexpired

I also give and bequeath unto my Son **Robert Palmer** my two Overlands called Furze Close and Belcombe, situate in the Tithing of Betham and Parish of Coombe St Nicholas in the said County, now in the possession of **William Dummet** for and during the Lifetime of my said Wife and after her decease, then to remain to my Son **Samuel Palmer**

I also give and bequeath to my Son **Samuel Palmer** my freehold Meadow known by the name of seven acres situate in the parish of Ling in the said County, now in the possession of **Mrs Veau**, together with all the appurtenances thereto belonging with the fee and inheritance thereof and to his male heir, but for want of such heir to remain to my Son **Robert Palmer**. Subject nevertheless and my will is that my Son **Samuel Palmer** or my Son **Robert Palmer** who shall be entitled or possess of my freehold Meadow in such manner aforesaid for the time being shall and do pay to my Brother in Law **John Hake** the sum of eight pounds and eight shillings a year by quarterly payments as an Annuity charged on the said freehold Meadow during his life

I give and bequeath to my Son **Samuel Palmer** all that messuage and tenements with the appurtenances

thereto belonging called Lake Orchards, situate at Betham in the parish of Coombe St Nicholas, now in the possession of **Robert Dummet** for all the rest, residue and remainder of such term of years which I have therein to come and unexpired, and whereas I am now in my own right lawfully possessed and entitled unto all those several estates hereinafter mentioned, that is to say:

- All that messuage and tenement called Nash and Northay being part of the Manor and within the parish of Whitestaunton in the said County containing by estimation nineteen acres more or less now in the possession of **William Dummet**;
- And also, all that other messuage called Narsh and Northay being part of the said Manor of Whitestaunton, containing by estimation seventeen acres more or less now in the possession of the said **William Dummet**:
- And also, all that other messuage and tenement and the little Close of [Grarure] called by the name of Fourteen Acres, adjoining to the South East of the last mentioned premises, being also part of the Manor of Whitestaunton, now in the possession of the said **William Dummet**, and all that Cottage House and Garden in the possession of **William Dummet** situate-and also called Northy (sic), and all those three Closes called Thorn Field Land Field and Bramble Close containing nine acres (more or less) in the possession of the said **William Dummet**.

Now I do by this will give and bequeath all and every the last mentioned estates and premises with all and every the appurtenances and all and every the right, title interest and term of years which I have therein to my Son **Samuel Palmer**.

I also give and bequeath to my Son **Samuel Palmer** my two overland tenements with the appurtenances thereto belonging in the Parish of Yarcombe in the County of Devon, now in the possession of **William Richards**

I do hereby nominate appoint my son **Samuel Palmer** and declare to be wholly EXECUTOR of this my will, provided always my Son **Samuel Palmer** within the space of two months after my decease to quit the Company of Volunteers in which he is now serving, and it is my particular wish that he will not at any time hereafter enter into any other Company of Volunteers whatsoever.

In case my Son **Samuel Palmer** shall neglect to quit the Company in which he is now serving before the expiration of such two months after my Death, or in case he shall at any time thereafter enter into the same or any other Corps of Volunteers, then I do hereby revoke and make void the said several gifts and bequests hereinbefore made to him. I do hereby declare that the said several gift and bequests shall from thenceforth go unto my Son **Robert Palmer** to whom I do hereby give and bequeath the same for his own use and benefit, upon condition nevertheless that my Son **Robert Palmer** doth not give any consent to my Son **Samuel** so as to enable him to continue in such Corps or to enter into any other Corps of Volunteers. But in case my Son **Robert Palmer** shall give such consent, then I do hereby declare that the said several gifts and bequests so made to my Son **Samuel Palmer**, shall go unto and be equally divided between the children of my Sisters in Law **Sarah Palmer** and **Honor Clatworthy**

*Source: Probate Copy of the Will extracted by **Henry Stevens**, Proctors, Doctors, Commons on 22.8.1800*

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GRANT OF PROBATE CONCERNING ROBERT PALMER OF THE CITY OF LONDON

Robert Palmer died intestate

Administration granted 11.11.1819 at London (Prerogative Court of Canterbury)

Administration granted to **Samuel Palmer** the natural and lawful Brother and only next of kin of **Robert Palmer** late of Fleet Street in the City of London Haberdasher a Batchelor deceased

Probate sworn under £1,500

Source: *Original Letter of Administration*

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GRANT OF PROBATE CONCERNING ROBERT NEWBERY PALMER OF AXMINSTER

Robert Newbery Palmer died intestate

Administration granted on 16.11.1805 at London (Prerogative Court of Canterbury)

Administration granted to **Thomas Palmer** the natural and lawful Brother of **Robert Newbery Palmer** late of Axminster in the County of Devon a Batchelor deceased

Sarah Palmer Widow the natural and lawful Mother and next of kin of the said deceased having first renounced the Letters of Administration of the Goods of the said deceased.

Probate sworn under £1,000

Source: *Original Letter of Administration*

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EXTRACTS FROM THE PROBATE COPY OF THE WILL OF SARAH PALMER, WIDOW OF COTLEIGH IN THE PARISH OF CHARDSTOCK

Will dated 15.5.1830

Executor: **Mariah Deane** (Daughter of Sarah Palmer)

Signed: **Sarah Palmer**

Witnesses: **Thomas E Clarke, John Beviss Jr, John Highmore**

Sarah Palmer died on or about 6.2.1832

Probate granted on 27.3.1847 at London (Prerogative Court of Canterbury)

Probate granted to **Maria Deane** (wife of **Thomas Deane**) the sole Executrix

Probate sworn under £300

I give devise and bequeath unto the **Reverend Edward Cook Forward** of Axminster in the County of Devon, Clerk and **Samuel Newberry** of Membury in the County of Devon, Gentleman all my tenements, lands and hereditaments situate in the Parish of Yarcombe in the County of Devon and the Parish of Marshwood in the County of Dorset

To hold the same and every part thereof unto and to the use of **Edward Cook Forward** and **Samuel Newberry** to, for and upon the following trusts, ends, intents and purposes:

- Upon trust and for the use of my Son-in-Law **Thomas Deane** of Cotleigh, Gentleman for and during the term of his natural life, and from and after his decease;
- Upon trust and for the use of my Daughter **Maria Deane**, the wife of **Thomas Deane** for and during her natural life, and from and to, and after the decease of the survivor of them, **Thomas Deane** and **Maria** his wife;
- Upon trust to pay the rents, issues and profits thereof for and during the life of my Granddaughter **Sarah** (the Daughter of **Thomas Deane** and **Maria** his Wife) unto such person or persons in all respects as my said Granddaughter **Sarah** shall whether married or sole by any Note in Writing under her hand from time to time direct or appoint.

Also, I give devise and bequeath unto **Edward Cook Forward** and **Samuel Newberry** all my right and interest of and in any copyhold messuages, tenements and lands situate in the Parish of Membury, in the County of Devon to hold the same unto **Edward Cook Forward** and **Samuel Newberry** upon the following trusts, ends, intents and purposes:

- Upon Trust and for the benefit of **Thomas Deane** for and during so many years as he shall happen to live, and from and after his decease;
- Upon Trust for the benefit of the said **Maria** his Wife for and during so many years she shall happen to live. And from and after the decease of the survivor of them **Thomas Deane** and **Maria** his Wife;
- Upon Trust and for the benefit of my Grandson **Thomas Palmer Deane** the Son of **Thomas Deane** and **Maria** his Wife

Also, I give devise and bequeath all and singular my real and personal estate and effects whatsoever and wheresoever (not hereinbefore given and devised) unto my Daughter **Maria Deane**, the wife of **Thomas Deane**, to and for her and their own use and benefit.

Note: It is not clear why probate was only granted in 1847 when Sarah Palmer died in 1832. Edward Forward, one of the beneficiaries and a trustee, died in 1836. He went up to Wadham college, Oxford in 1799 and became Rector at Wambrook in 1805 and various other parishes subsequently. He seems not have married. Samuel Newberry of Membury, another beneficiary, died in Axminster in Sept 1837.

Source: Probate Copy of the Will extracted by **Toller and Sons**, Proctors, Doctors, Commons

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GRANT OF PROBATE CONCERNING THOMAS PALMER OF THE PARISH OF CHARDSTOCK

Thomas Palmer died intestate 20.5.1839

Administration granted on 23.12.1839 1839 at London (Prerogative Court of Canterbury)

Administration granted to **Maria Deane** Wife of **Thomas Deane** the natural and lawful Sister and only next of kin of **Thomas Palmer** late of Cotleigh in the Parish of Chardstock in the County of Dorset Esquire Bachelor deceased

Probate sworn under £300

Source: *Original Letter of Administration*

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TRANSCRIPT OF THE WILL OF MARGARET PARYS, WIDOW OF CHARDSTOCK

Will dated 23.5.1584

Executor: **John Parys** (Son)

Witnesses: **William Carter** (Vicar), **Robert Whyte** (Clark), **Richard Parys**, **Robert Smyth**

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 sevallie [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 fourty 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 moreof wheat in thisall [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 considerance 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 [Combpyne] parson deceased whereas I say there remaineth in the hands of the said **John Oblie** 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. And for the better performance thereof I will that **Richard** my son be at the disposing of the same.

Source: *Wiltshire Record Office*

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TRANSCRIPT OF THE WILL OF WILLIAM PARRYS, YEOMAN OF CHARDSTOCK

Will dated 21.6.1581

Executor: **Richard Parys** (Brother)

Witnesses: **Thomas Barksdall** (Vicar there), **Robert Wolmington**, **Robt Smyth** and **Martin Towler**

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 redelnty 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

Source: *Wiltshire Record Office*

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EXTRACTS FROM THE WILL OF JAMES PERING OF CHARDSTOCK

Will dated 19.7.1869.

Executor: **Ezra Pering** (Son)

Signed and sealed: **James Pering**.

Witnesses: **John Welch** and **Richard Deane**

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**.

Source: Private Papers of Mr Cecil Coleman

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

Will dated 3.7.1861.

Executor: **James Perring** (Son)

Witnesses: [Illegible] Chard, Somerset and **Charles Dening**.

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".

Source: Private Papers of Mr Cecil Coleman

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EXTRACTS FROM THE WILL OF JONATHAN PINNEY, YEOMAN OF TYTHERLEIGH

Will dated 31.1.1804

Executors: **Joan Symes** (Daughter) and **Thomas Pinney** (Son)

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

Probate granted 28.6.1804

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

Source: Not Known

EXTRACTS FROM THE WILL OF JONATHAN PINNEY OF TYTHERLEIGH

Will dated 6.12.1833.

Sole Executrix: **Hannah Pinney** (Wife)

Witnesses: **Thomas Deane, Richard Deane**

Jonathan Pinney died 3.1.1834

Probate granted 8.3.1848

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.

Source: Not Known

EXTRACTS FROM THE WILL OF NICHOLAS PINNEY, YEOMAN OF HAWKCHURCH

Will dated 28.4.1680

Executor: **John Pinney** (Son)

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

Probate granted September 1684.

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.

Source: Prerogative Court of Canterbury

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

Witnesses: The mark of **Roger Fippen**, the mark of **Thomas Knight** and the mark of **William Staple**

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**.

Debts and Expenses for Thomas Pinny	£	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	0	6	0
To John Merymoth of Chardstock	10	0	0
Plus interest	0	12	0
To William Fildew of Chardstock	5	0	0
Plus interest	0	3	0
To Magdalen Parrock of Chardstock	5	0	0
Plus interest	0	6	0
To Henry Steephens of Chardstock	5	0	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 being sued for the said deceaseds debt	7	19	6
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	16s	9d

Source: Not Known

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EXTRACTS FROM THE WILL OF THOMAS PINNEY, YEOMAN OF CHARDSTOCK

Will dated 12.11.1788

Executors: **Ann Palmer** and **Grace Chard** (Daughters)

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

Probate granted December 1788.

Note: This Will has been badly damaged by spilt ink, hence the gaps in the transcription

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.

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**.

Source: *Prerogative Court of Canterbury*

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EXTRACTS FROM THE WILL OF THOMAS PINNEY OF CHARDSTOCK

Will dated 17.9.1821

Executors: **James Pinney** and **Phares Pinney** (Sons)

Witnesses: **James Perring**, **John Virgin**, **Samuel Dare**

Probate granted 8.11.1828

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**.

Source: *Not Known*

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

Will dated 27.2.1634/5

Executor: **Henry Spyller**

Witnesses: **William Savery** and **Robert Atkins** (Neighbours)

Probate granted 22.9.1635

Inventory taken 7.3.1634/5 by **William Saverie, John Phippin, Henrie Spiller, Nicholas Hooper** and **William Phippin**

Goods and Chattells of Alis Pynnye	£	s	d
Imp[rimis] all her Wearing apparrell	3	0	0
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		30	3
Item one chest		7	0
Item fower [four] coffers		10	11
Item two Leme [lambs?] one heaffer and two ye[a]rlings	12	0	0
Item for haye		16	0
Item for one sucking Caulfe [calf] and fower ..ich of read [reed]		10	8
Item for one Pig		7	11
Item one Table Bord [board] and one Cubboord		13	4
Item all her Pewter vessle		20	6
Item three Brasson [brass] Candlesticks		13	6
Item two Salte Sellers			8
Item three Brasson Crocks		26	8
Item two Brasson Cauldrons and three Brasson pans		32	0
Item all Wooden vessell of Tubb and shuch like		20	0
Item one Hogshead and three Drink Barrells		13	0
Item all the rest of the wodden vessell and Timber stuffe		10	0
Item two Chaires		2	0
Item all the Iron stuffe as wedges and shuch like		7	4

Item one Cheese Wringe	2	11	
Item for Dung	10	0	
Item for Wood	10	0	
Item for Baken [bacon]	13	4	
Item for forgotten goods		12	
Note: Total value	£23	19s	0d

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 bed which I now ly in with all his furnytire and my crock without legs and one lytel caudron and one newe trundle [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** all the rest of my goods not bequeathed.

Source: Not Known

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

Will dated 6.3.1680/1

Executor: **John Pynney** (Eldest Son)

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

Probate granted 29.11.1682

Inventory taken 21.10.1682, by **Richard Turner, Richard Keat, George Alford, Gabriell Pinney, Rich. Tucker**

Goods and Chattells of Joane Pynney	£	s	d
Imprimis her wearing parell [apparel]	1	0	0

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

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

Source: Not Known

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EXTRACTS FROM THE WILL OF JOHN PYNNEY, HUSBANDMAN OF CHARDSTOCK

Will dated August 1551

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

Overseers: **Robert Pynny** (Brother) and **John Colman**

Probate granted 1552

Note: Handwriting very difficult. Able to extract beneficiaries as shown below

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

Daughters: **Christyne, Margaret** - Executors

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

Source: Prerogative Court of Canterbury

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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 taken February 1643/4 by **John Fry, William Dilling, Roberte Atkins, John Chard**

Goods and Chattels of John Pynny	£	s	d
Imprimis one smaule [small] Lease or Covenant	5	0	0
Item his wearinge apparrell	2	0	0
Item in the Haule [hall] 2 brasse Crooks [crocks]		15	0
Item in brasse		8	0
Item in Pewter Vessell		10	0
Item in Barrells & other tymber stuffe	1	0	0
Item one bedstead bed & furnyture	1	10	0
Item one trendle bedstead and bed		6	8
Item one Chest and three Coffers	1	0	0
Item one trendle		6	8
Item in Iron and plow stuffe, an Iron barr & peckaxes	1	10	0
Item in oates and haye	5	0	0
Item sixteene Sheepe	3	4	0
Item two horses	3	0	0
Item two Steares [steers]	4	10	0
Item two Kind [kine - cows]	5	0	0
Item three young Cattle	3	6	8
Item for three smale [small] Piggs		10	0
Item for one Steare	3	2	0
Item in things forgotten to bee prayسد [appraised]		6	8
Note: Total value	£42	5s	8d

Source: Not Known

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

Will dated 16.4.1684

Executor: **Gabriell Pynny** (Brother)

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

Inventory taken 3.9.1684 by **Richard Harris, Richard Turner, George Alford, Richard Pearce and Robert Pooke.**

Goods and Chattels of John Pynny	£	s	d
Imprimis his Warringe [wearing] apparrell	2	10	0
Item in the Hall one Board and furn[iture] one Chist [chest] & two Chaires		16	0
Item in the Roome within the hall two Brass potts one Caldron & Skillett		18	0
Item in the same roome one hodgshead one halfe hodgshead & two Barrells		6	8
Item in the same Roome three Blanks two Shelves and five Tubbs		9	0

Item in the hall Chamber one halfhead Bedstead and furniture [bedding]	1	0	0
Item in the same Chamber two Coffers & one Box		2	6
Item one Bullocke	1	3	4
Item in Corne & Hay	3	6	8
Item two mowe Stadles		6	4
Item a Chattle [Cattle?] Lease	8	10	0
Item things forgotten & not praysed [appraised]		3	4
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

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 "Warringge 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** - 5shillings apiece

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

Source: Not Known

EXTRACTS FROM THE WILL OF RICHARD PINNY, YEOMAN OF TYTHERLEIGH

Will dated October 1650

Executor: **William Gollop**

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

Elleanor 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

Elleanor 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 **Elleanor** his wife which was my sisters daughter forty shillings apiece

If **Alice** the daughter of **Elizabeth** [possible error for **Elleanor**] 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 Tiddereleigh [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 Tiddereleigh 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.

Source: Prerogative Court of Canterbury

Note: 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

Sole Executrix: **Agnes Pynney/Pynnye** (Wife)

Overseers: **John Cr.....h**, **William Pynnye**, **Robert Pynnye** (Son) and **Anne Crawford**

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

Probate granted November 1570

Note: Handwriting very difficult. Able to extract beneficiaries as shown below

Sons: **Robert, John & Walter**

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

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**.

Source: Prerogative Court of Canterbury

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EXTRACTS FROM THE WILL OF GEORGE POMROY, FARMER OF TYTHERLEIGH

Will dated 14.6.1887

Sole Executrix - **Elizabeth Pomroy** (Wife)

Witnesses: **Thomas Bentley**, Fordwater, Chardstock and **Annie Phippen**, Fordwater, Chardstock

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.

Source: Private papers of the current Lord of the Manor Mr Jonathan Milford

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EXTRACTS FROM THE WILL OF JOHN PRYER, YEOMAN OF CHARDSTOCK

Will dated 28.7.1863

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

Witnesses: **Walter J Tucker**, Solicitor of Chard and **J Mountford Allen**, Architect, Crewkerne

John Pryer died 2.10.1863

Estate under £800.

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.

Source: Notes taken by local historian Miss Mary Parmiter on documents held in the Parish Chest, prior to depositing at Devon Records Office in 1977

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

Will dated 29.9.1913.

William Henry Isaac Pryer died at Fotheringhay, Bournemouth 10.3.1918.

Will proved 20.12.1918.

Executors and 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.

William Henry Isaac Pryer 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".

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:
No. 40 Strongs No. 64 Tenement/Huntley No. 74 Hoarestones
No. 75 Bakers No. 90 Hook Tenement*

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

Will dated 30.12.1834

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

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

Will proved 1.9.1836 by **Robert Cuff** (Prerogative Court of the Archbishop of Canterbury)

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

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.

Subsequently a separate agreement was made 7.4.1837 whereby **James Grove Jun** of Chard, Linendraper & **William Treasure Jun** of Chard, Clothier 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".

Source: Private papers of the current Lord of the Manor Mr Jonathan Milford
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EXTRACTS FROM THE WILL OF JOHN SALWAY, THE ELDER, YEOMAN OF HATCH BEAUCHAMP, SOMERSET

Will dated 12.10.1848.

John Salway died 1.3.1858.

Will proved 21.4.1859

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

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

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.

Source: Private papers of the current Lord of the Manor Mr Jonathan Milford
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TRANSCRIPT OF THE DECLARATION OF TITLE OF AARON SEWARD, GARDENER OF ALL SAINTS IN THE PARISH OF CHARDSTOCK

Declaration made 17.2.1881 at Axminster in the County of Devon, before W Forward a Commissioner to administer Oaths in the Supreme Court of Judicature in England.

Signed: **Aaron Seward**

I **Aaron Seward** of All Saints in the Parish of Chardstock in the County of Dorset Gardener do solemnly and sincerely declare as follows:

1 - I am now of the age of Sixty two years or thereabouts.

2 - That I am the owner of a certain Cottage (in two Dwellings) and Garden containing about half an acre situate at All Saints aforesaid now in the occupation of myself and **Ann White** Widow.

3 - That my grandfather **Joseph Seward** was in possession of the said Cottage and Garden many years prior to his death which took place in or about the year 1823.

4 - That my said Grandfather **Joseph Seward** left two children him surviving namely my mother **Avis Seward** and **Charles Seward** the latter of whom departed this life about thirty five years ago without leaving issue.

5 - That my said Grandfather as I have been informed by my said Mother and believe made a Will giving her the said Cottage (but which Will was lost or mislaid) and she entered into possession on my said Grandfather's death and remained in quiet possession thereof up to the time of her death.

6 - That my said mother **Avis Seward** died in or about the year 1853 having made a Will (which has also been mislaid or lost) under which I became entitled to the said Cottage and Garden and I have accordingly held uninterrupted possession and received the rents and profits thereof from that date up to the present time and have not accounted to any person or persons whomsoever for such rent &c arising from the same premises.

And I make this solemn Declaration conscientiously believing the same to be true and by virtue of the provisions of an Act made and passed in the Sessions of Parliament of the fifth and sixth years of the reign of his late Majesty King William the Fourth intituled "An Act to repeal an Act of the present Session of Parliament intituled "An Act for the more effectual abolition of Oaths and Affirmations taken and made in various departments of the State and to substitute Declarations in heir thereof and for the more entire? suppression of voluntary and extra judicial Oaths and Affidavits and to make other provisions for the abolition of unnecessary oaths".

Source: *Not Known*

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

Will dated 7.11.1593

Sole Executrix: **Maria Seward** (Wife)

Witnesses: **William Carter, Thomas Dabnett**

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 **Timothye 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

INVENTORY DATED 22.11.1593

Inventory taken by **Thomas Dabinote** and **Edward Woodland**

Good Chattels and Household stuff of John Seward	£	s	d
Imprimis a mare aprised in		26	8
Itm. one yearling heifer in		15	0
Itm. a pig in		10	0
Itm. the poultrie in		3	4
Itm. three brasse crocke & a caldren & five litle dish pannes of brasse		26	8
Itm. three candlesticks of brasse in		16	0
Itm. the pewter in		3	4
Itm. the treen vessel in		3	4
Itm. three olde coffers and a fry in		6	0
Itm. 70oards and planke in		2	0
Itm. two ladders in		12	0
Itm. a paire of harrowes in		4	0
Itm. a bedstead wth moare furniture to it & an other empty bedstead in		13	4
Itm. butter and cheese in		5	0
Itm. all the iron stufte		1	6
Itm. certain haie and barly in		20	0
Itm. all his wearing apparell in		13	4
Itm. for things which be forgotten		8	0
SUMMA	£7	17s	6d

EXTRACTS FROM THE WILL OF ISAAC LISLE SMITH OF MONKSTONE, LYME ROAD, AXMINSTER

Will dated 21.7.1943.

Isaac Lisle Smith died 21.9.1943 at Monkstone, Lyme Road, Axminster.

Will proved 3.4.1944 at Llandudno Principal Probate Registry

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

My Wife **Maria Jane Smith** receive £100 together with 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 Granddaughter **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) 2) Two freehold properties known as Nos. 58 and 60 Fore Street, Seaton.
- 3) 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.

Source: Private papers of the current Lord of the Manor Mr Jonathan Milford

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ABSTRACT OF THE WILL OF MARIA JANE SMITH

Will dated 4.2.1944

Maria Jane Smith was living at 'Monkstone', Lyme Road, Axminster.

Sole Executor: **Alec Lisle Smith** of Tytherleigh House, Garage Proprietor

Maria Jane Smith died at Monkstone on 31.5.1946.

Probate granted 28.8.1946 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
688	3.153) Mr I Lisle Smith
698	1.760) deceased
885	1.585)
894	2.124) Mr Matthews
954	1.251)
934	1.975) Mr Wonnacott (sic)
942	3.050)

Source: *Private papers of the current Lord of the Manor Mr Jonathan Milford*

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

Will dated 3.10.1946

Executors and Trustees: **Albert John Strawbridge** (Son), Bricklayer of 17 Barley Mount, Redhills, Exeter, Devon and **Elizabeth Mildred Larcombe** (Daughter), Married Woman of East Coker, Somerset.

Albert John Strawbridge died at Ivy Green, Chardstock 29.6.1947

Will proved 29.9.1947 at Exeter District Probate Registry.

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.

Source: Private papers of Miss Miriam Martin-Green

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NOTES FROM AN INDENTURE CONCERNING THE WILL OF RICHARD SYMES, TAYLOR OF CHARDSTOCK

Will dated 8.10.1778

Holding recorded as "ALL that Messuage, Cottage or Dwelling house with the orchard thereunto belonging situate and lying and being at the north end of Egmore within the Parish of Chardstock".

Indenture dated 4.7.1803 between:

First part:

William Symes, Yeoman, of Barrington, Somerset and **Richard Symes**, Yeoman, of Hawkchurch, Dorset (both the sons of **Richard Symes**, Taylor, late of Chardstock, deceased).

Joan Symes, Widow, of South Chard, Somerset (Relict of **Joseph Symes**, deceased, another son of the said **Richard Symes**, deceased).

Joseph Symes, **Simeon Symes the younger** and **John Symes** (the only children of the said **Joseph Symes**, deceased).

Second part:

Simeon Symes, Innholder, of Charmouth, Dorset.

By his Will of 8.10.1778 **Richard Symes** bequeathed his holding at Egmore to his wife **Sarah Symes** for her life. On her death it must pass in equal share to his four sons, the said **Joseph Symes**, since deceased, **William Symes**, **Simeon Symes** and **Richard Symes**. The Indenture records that **Sarah Symes** "is lately dead". **Simeon Symes** then agreed with the other parties concerned to acquire the outstanding portion of the 2000 year lease for £58 6s 8d.

The back of the Indenture is endorsed to record how this money is distributed:

From Simeon Symes to his brother William Symes	£21 13s 4d
From Simeon Symes to his brother Richard Symes	£21 13s 4d

From **Simeon Symes** to his nephew **Simeon Symes, the Younger** £15 0s 0d

The back of the Indenture is also endorsed to record other payments of money:

William Lloyd and **Sarah Lloyd**, his wife, **John Norris** and **Ann Norris**, his wife, **Joan Symes** and **Robert Cook** and **Elizabeth Cook**, his wife, (**Sarah, Ann, Joan** and **Elizabeth** being the daughters of **Richard Symes**, Taylor, late of Chardstock, deceased) received from **Simeon Symes** £10 10s 0d each being legacies given by the Will of **Richard Symes** and also £4 10s 0d each given by **Simeon Symes** "over and above the said legacies".

Source: Papers relating to Domett's Cottage, Eggmoor Lane, Chardstock held by the current (2009) owners of the property Mr & Mrs Whitworth.

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

Will dated 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.

Source: Private papers of the current Lord of the Manor Mr Jonathan Milford

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EXTRACTS FROM THE WILL OF ANNE TURNER, WIDOW OF TATWORTH

Will dated 18.11.1729

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

Sole Executrix: **Bridget Dean** (Sister)

Administration of will granted 15.10.1735 to **John Deane**, **William Deane**, **Elizabeth Mallock** and **Bridget Cornish**, widow, the lawful children and administrators of **Bridget Deane** deceased

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** of Tatworth to receive all the remainder of the estate.

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

Source: Private papers of the current Lord of the Manor Mr Jonathan Milford

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TRANSCRIPT OF WILL OF FRANCIS TUTCHER, LABOURER OF CHARDSTOCK

Will dated 12.6.1792

Sole Executrix: **Unity Tutcher** (Wife)

Signed: The Mark & Seal of **Francis Tutcher**

Witnesses: **John Bonfield, Henry Allen Pavey, Joseph Coles Pavey**

Will proved 28.8.1794 at Lyme Regis

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

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 charge with the payment of all my lawful Debts and Funeral Expenses and with keeping the above mentioned Cottage in proper and good repair

Source: *Private papers of the current Lord of the Manor Mr Jonathan Milford*

TRANSCRIPT OF THE WILL OF JOHN VERIER, HUSBANDMAN OF CHARDSTOCK

Will dated 3.11.1586

Sole Executrix: **Thomasine** (Daughter)

Witnesses: **William Carter** (Vicar there), **George Cate**, **Robert Wyatt**, with others

Probate granted 5.10.1588

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

Source: *Wiltshire Record Office*

TRANSCRIPT OF THE WILL OF JOHN WALE, RETIRED FARMER OF CRAWLEY LODGE, PARISH OF MEMBURY

Will dated 6.5.1932.

Executors and Trustees: **John Wale** and **Robert Deane Wale** (Nephews)

Signed: **John Wale**

Witnesses: **Lily Northcote**, Crawley Farm, Yarcombe and Mr. **Beviss**, Wambrook, Chard.

John Wale died at Crawley Lodge 5.2.1935.

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 Newpnew the said **John Wale** being otherwise provided for under this my Will.

Source: *Private papers of the current Lord of the Manor Mr Jonathan Milford*
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EXTRACTS FROM THE WILL OF JOSEPH WALE, YEOMAN OF COURT FARM, CHARDSTOCK

Will dated 26.6.1893.

Sole Executrix: **Maria Wale** (Wife)

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

Joseph Wale died 17.6.1894 at Court Farm, Chardstock.

After his wife's death or second marriage, **Joseph Wale** appointed his three daughters as Executrices, **Maria Jane Wale**, **Susan Mary Wale** and **Louisa Ada Wale**.

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".

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:

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.

Source: Private papers of the current Lord of the Manor Mr Jonathan Milford

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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".

Will proved 25.7.1890

Robert Wale 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:

First part - Sister **Susanna Hine**, widow, of Galmington Lodge, near Taunton, Somerset.

Second part - Nephew **John Wale**, Yeoman, of Crawley Farm, Parish of Chardstock.

Third part - Nephew **Robert Wale**, Yeoman, of Crawley Cottage, Parish of Chardstock.

Fourth part - Nephew **Joseph Wale the Younger**, Yeoman, of Crawley Farm, Parish of Chardstock.

Fifth part - Nephew **William Wale the Younger**, Yeoman, of Ridge, 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.

Source: Private papers of the current Lord of the Manor Mr Jonathan Milford

EXTRACTS FROM THE WILL OF SUSAN MARY WALE, SPINSTER OF THE LODGE, CHARDSTOCK

Will dated 29.9.1948.

Susan Mary Wale died 22.1.1956 at Tytherleigh, Chardstock at the house of her Nephew **Alick Lisle-Smith**.

Will proved 21.3.1956 at Bodmin District Registry Office.

Executors: **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.

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**.

Source: Private papers of the current Lord of the Manor Mr Jonathan Milford

EXTRACTS FROM THE WILL OF WALTER WATTS, GROCER OF CHARDSTOCK

Will dated 29.3.1886

Trustees and Executors: **Bridget Alice Watts** (Daughter), **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.

Source: Private papers of the current Lord of the Manor Mr Jonathan Milford

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GRANT OF PROBATE CONCERNING HENRY WELCH OF CHARDSTOCK

Henry Welch died intestate.

Probate granted October 1596 to **Edith Parrock als Welch**, the wife of **Andrewe Parrock** and the naturall and lawful sister of **Henry Welch**.

Signed: The Mark of **Andrewe Parrock**.

Witnesses: **John Searle** and **David Walker**.

Source: Wiltshire Record Office

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TRANSCRIPT OF THE PROBATE COPY OF THE WILL OF ANNA HARRIOT WOODCOCK, SPINSTER OF CHARDSTOCK

Will dated 18.8.1910

Executors: **Mary Ann Parry Woodcock** (First Cousin) and **Henry Hope Shakespear**, Solicitor, of 8 John Street, Bedford Row, London

Signed: **Anna Harriot Woodcock**

Witnesses: **A D Paul** (Manager of Parrs Bank Ld, Chard), **R B Oxley** (Parrs Bank Ld, Chard, Cashier)

Codicils dated 28.11.1910, 5.8.1912

Anna Harriot Woodcock died 22.2.1913 at Chardstock.

Will proved 1.5.1913 in the Principal Probate Registry

Gross value of Estate	£7,769 7s 0d
Net value of personal Estate	£7,376 11s 9d

I bequeath the following legacies free of duty:

To the following persons who are first Cousins of mine namely:

To Lucy Anne Simeon	£200
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To her Brother the Reverend Parry Woodcock	£100
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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 in lieu of the legacy given to her or him as aforesaid. £300

To Marion Woodcock	£100
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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. £50

To Eugene Woodcock	£100
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and if the said **Marion Woodcock** shall predecease me then to the said **Eugene Woodcock** the further sum of £150

To the following persons who are second Cousins of mine or children of my first Cousins:

To Alexander Francis Maconochie my Godson	£200
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To Ernest Woodcock my Godson	£200
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To Emmeline Biddle	£100
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To Evan Maconochie	£100
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To Charles Kenneth Maconochie	£100
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To William Charles M Woodcock	£100
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To Charles F Woodcock	£200
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To Richard Woodcock	£200
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To Ethel Woodcock	£100
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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
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

First Codicil dated 28.11.1910

The Revd **Arthur Lewis**, Vicar of Chardstock is appointed an additional Executor.

Second Codicil dated 5.8.1912

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.

Source: Private papers of the current Lord of the Manor Mr Jonathan Milford

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EXTRACTS FROM THE PROBATE COPY OF THE WILL OF CHARLES WOODCOCK OF CHARDSTOCK

Will dated: 14.4.1885

Executors: **Agnes Woodcock** (wife) and **Madelina Woodcock** (daughter)

Signed **Charles Woodcock**

Witnesses: **John Thos Wagstaff**, **Arthur Henry Wagstaff**, 29 Carisbrooke, St Leonards On Sea, Sussex

Codicil dated: 14.3.1890

Charles Woodcock died on 16.3.1898

Probate granted on 4 June 1898 (Principal Registry)

Probate granted to **Agnes Woodcock** widow (wife) and **Madelina Louisa Woodcock** spinster (daughter) the Executrices named in the Will

Probate certified £2421, 16s, 9d

To my wife **Agnes** and my daughter **Madelina** all my estate and effects in trust.

My insurance policies in the Law Life and University Insurance Offices amounting at this time to £3000 are disposed of under my marriage settlement dated January 1834, and therefore go with the **Mills's** estate of which my friends **Messrs Tucker and Forward** of Chard, Solicitors are cognizant, to be equally divided amongst my 5 children.

Whatever balance there may exist at my death of the Policy in the Clergy Mutual Society lodged in the hands of **Messrs Tucker and Forward**, I bequeath to my Executors for the payment of my funeral expenses and other lawful debts.

This balance whatever it may be, they will appropriate according to their own judgement together with the proceeds of any property they may see fit to realize.

Any money I may have advanced to my son in consequence of his misfortunes in Queensland, and which I have paid **Messrs Tucker and Forward** £70 per annum for many years, I desire that he may consider as a gift with the exception of £1500 raised for his use upon the settlement money, which of course belongs to his sisters.

To my darling wife, I have already given all the furniture of her bedroom and in addition to this I would beg her to adopt and in conjunction with my darling **Madelina** do select all such furniture, books, pictures, etc, trusting that they continue to live together.

To my eldest child **Mary Ann** and her husband **Elberough**, I give **Ross's** beautiful likeness in miniature of her blessed mother and myself taken in 1833, the year before our marriage, begging them to select any other object as may have a special interest in their eyes.

To my dear **Charlie** and his blessed wife the following articles of his own selection: the book doors, the marble bust of his Grandfather, the chimney clock in the hall, the Swiss stags, the Chardstock presentation Inkstand, the print of the Last Supper with all the plate eventually. For their personal use, **Agnes** and **Madelina** will retain such articles as spoons, forks etc as they may choose.

To **Madelina**, the study table with drawers on either side and the Photo of Salisbury Cathedral.

To **Madelina** and **Emma** conjointly the bronzes in the drawing room and the prints in the dining room.

To my dear **Em**, the dining room clock and inkstand which belonged to **H B Greene** and my easy chair from drawing room.

To our darling **Maconochies**, I would give or offer to **Frank Macaulay's** History of England.

To **Alan** and **Evan**, such books as they may select.

To dear **Helen** and **Emmeline**, I have already specified the illuminated text in the study and the water color Alpine Scenery by their blessed mother.

To **Charlie**, my bronze Oxford inkstand which I have used ever since I went to Ch: Ch: (Chardstock Church) in 1829.

To **Willy**, books or any other article he may select

To **Ernest**, the tool box.

To dear **Charlie's** children, **Beanboy** my gold watch, the present my Father when Curate of Ealing 1833. (Note: **Grizzie**, **Dickie** and **Fitzharding** are also written on separate lines, but no bequests have been entered)

To dear **Poll**, her blessed Mother's 2 sketches of Chardstock as already promised from in my dressing room.

To **Parry John**, my Florentine Chalice and Paten, and the British Divine given to me by my Godfather.

To **Frank Nixon**, I have already given the portrait of his Mother.

To **Annie Fan**, the movable reading stand - for special use on her sofa - Grace.

Let something be selected for **E Curtis Hayward and Birdie**, and to my dear faithful servants

Codicil dated 14.3.1890

I think it more just that all my plate be equally divided amongst my 4 children or such of them as shall survive me; and

Charlie Maconochie have my gold watch assigned above to the eldest of the **Woodcock** grandsons commonly called "**Beanboy**".

Signed **Charles Woodcock**

Witnesses: **Mary Stephens**, All Saints Rectory, Axminster; **Anna Elizabeth Edwards**, All Saints Rectory, Axminster

*Source: Probate Copy of the Will extracted by **Tucker and Forward**, Solicitors Chard*

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EXTRACTS FROM THE WILL OF JOHN WOOLMINGTON, YEOMAN OF WAMBROOK

Will dated 22.10.1640

Executrix: **Magdalene** (Wife)

Overseers: Good friends **Henry Bonner** the elder, gent., and son **John Woolmington**

Witnesses: **Henry Bonner** and **Thomas Pitts**.

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.”

I give unto the said **Mr. Bonner** one piece of gold of 20s, and to **Thomas Pitts** the writer hereof [of the Will] 10s.

Source: Wiltshire Record Office

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EXTRACTS FROM THE WILL OF GEORGE ELI WORNER

Will dated 19.12.1938

Sole Executor: **Joseph Henry Worner** (Brother) of The Manor Hotel, Yeovil, retired journalist.

George Eli Worner died 21.12.1938 at the Cottage Hospital, Chard

Will proved 10.8.1939 at Blandford District Registry Office

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.

Source: Private papers of the current Lord of the Manor Mr Jonathan Milford

PART TWO - LETTERS OF ADMINISTRATION

Please note that we do not hold the Wills listed below, but this information is included as it may be helpful to researchers.

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	Alexander Hollocks, creditor, Widow 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