

SUFFOLK WILLS FROM THE
PREROGATIVE COURT OF CANTERBURY.
WHETCROFT OF SUFFOLK.

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Even a desultory examination will show that the Suffolk wills proved in the Prerogative Court of Canterbury are, as a rule, of a higher class than those to be met with in the Registries at Norwich, Ipswich, and Bury St. Edmund's; of more importance as regards the wealth and social status of the testators; and decidedly more interesting as witnessing to ancient usages and to subtle traits of personal character. The admirable volume of "Bury Wills" edited by the late Mr. Tymms, F.S.A., might easily be supplemented by a selection from the archives of the Court of Probate, Somerset House; auto-biographical, sentimental or piquant according to the bias of the long forgotten writers. The will of Henry Whetcroft, a Master in Chancery in the reign of James the First, is scarcely a fair example, as coming from the hands of a lawyer and pervaded with the verbosity and long-windedness of his profession. But amid the profusion of its words the reader lights upon such curious details as the family history of the Whetcrofts and their connection with the Willoughbys; the precise arrangements for the felling and lopping of timber, an important matter when firewood was not yet supplanted by coal; the affectionate memory of his wife, and the careful preservation of the trees she had been wont to walk under and to call the Pillars of Hercules; the matter of the new buildings at Doctors Commons;

the careful provision for the future studies of his young children, or their binding out to merchandise and trades—an universal custom with the gentry of the time; and the final commendation of himself, his “pore estate thus sett at a staye” to the merce of his “good Saviour.” There are, as is just said, too many words with it all. There was a question of giving extracts only with suitable comment. But it seemed a pity to mutilate so well written and characteristic a document: the more so that the number of ancient wills which have found their way into print is relatively very small.

No pedigree of the Whetcrofts of Suffolk is to be found amongst the Harleian MSS, nor, it is believed, in the records of the College of Arms. Davy makes but scant mention of them in his Suffolk Collections. The parish registers of Wherstead, of Eye and of Witnesham, as copied by Jermyn, have singularly few Whetcroft entries. Indeed the brief genealogy which accompanies this paper and which has been compiled by its writer is, not improbably, the only connected record of the family, which mated, it may be remembered, with the Shermans, the Colts, the Appletons, the Cloptons and the Glemhams, and was clearly of good standing. The claim to a Lincolnshire ancestry has some support in the wills of Richard Whetcroft [Cur. Prærog. Cant. 29. Bodfelde] and of Robert Whitecroft [Ib. 19 Porch] his brother, both of Conyngesby in that county, both merchants of the Staple at Calais, and both desiring to be buried in the parish church of their native place.

There were Whetcrofts, Aldermen and gentlemen of Eye, for one or two generations later than the time of our testator; but with this exception they seem to have soon disappeared from Suffolk. It would be satisfactory to know if any descendants, even on the female side, are still to be found in the county.

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WILL OF HENRY WHETCROFT. CUR. PRÆROG. CANT. 76 COPE.

In the name of God Amen. I Henry Whetcroft of Whersted in the county of Suff, Doctor of lawe and one of the Maisters of the Chauncery (haile of body and of pfect memory, thanked be God therfore) onely haueing in mynd the frailtie of all fleshe and an honest care (as God hath made me able) to provide for all those our children which he hath pleased to send me [and] my late loveinge wife Elizabeth Glemham (sole sister of S^r Henry Glemham of litle Glemham in the county aforesaid her sole brother, Knight) that is to say our six children now liveinge, Philip, Henry, Robert, Anthony, Glemham and Barbara; for though my wife wer left a younge widowe of Mr. Jennings, she left no issue behinde her but of me, neither haue I or hope to haue any but of her, and as before w^{ch} for the true love I bare her and in due regard of our posteritie I will, godwillinge, provide for as herein followeth. ffirst I bequeath my soule to Allmightie God, my maker, Redeemer, and onely Saviour. And my body to be buried by my late good wyfe in the chancell of the parish church of Whersted aforesaid, or else, where it shall please God I appoynt hereafter next, this thirteenth of July One Thousand six hundred and fourteene, I doe frustrate, dissanull and for ever make voyde all former will or willes and every pcell of them w^{ch} I haue any wayes made before the said Thirteene of July, and will and ordayne that this only of the Thirteenth of July shall be accounted and taken for my last will and Testament, wherein I bequeath unto my daughter Barbara, my youngest childe and onely daughter, five hundred poundes of good and lawful money of England when she shall accomplish the age of one & twentie yeares, or at her day of marriage wth the liking and consent under the hand writeing of her honorable Alyes S^r Henry Glemham Knight, S^r Calthrop Parker Knight and their now ladies, the worthy ladye Bāning, my wōr: and beloved nephew M^r Thomas Glemham, my deare freind and Kynseman M^r Edmond Jenney, my loveing brother M^r George Whetcrofte and of her brothers Philip and Henrye or the more pte of them that shalbe livinge at her betrothing in mariage beforesaid. And I further will in the behalf of my daughter that the said five hundred poundes with the assistance of my sonne Henry and other freindes be leuyed by [my] Executor or his Executor or the Assigne or Assignes of Either of them or by any their Servants or deputies wth all meete and necessary provision in that behalfe (if in my life tyme I shall not otherwise take order for it or haue it by me or due to me) by the felling and sale of all the wood called Toppwood that is twenty one years growth or above, or groweinge and being in the severall places of my ground as hereafter followeth. That is aboue fyve and twenty score trees viz^t of all such trees as haue bin formerly topped groweinge and being on a peece of coppye ground called fresson heath, and of one peece more north to the same adjoining some tyme Bonds and of one pcell of ground lyeing yet more north haueing the said Bonds peice and Holbrooke pke of the south, w^{ch} is the very peece

(of pte whereof Stoyles valey tenement in Whersted standeth) and of the toppes of a Groue betwixt Stoyles pytells and of the toppes of all the oakes and Ashes that haue bin formerly topped from the South east corner of Hethcrofte to London rode at the South west corner of Heathcrofte aforesaid, and of all from the said West corner that haue bin formerly topped groweing alongst London rode aforesaid untill the grownd or whynnery pytell in the occupation of Steven Legy, and of all the toppes of my Grove upon Panington heath and besides of the bodies & toppes of the greatest trees standing upon the pcell of ground before mentioned, that Stoyles valey tenement standeth on, neare unto Legy his grove and Stoyles tenement aforesaid, and of the bodies and toppes of all the oakes (except som smale ones here and there for staks and such like in and about the said Stoyles pytells (excepting allwayes all the bodyes of all the younger and smaler oakes in the Grove betwixt Stoyles Pytells or about the said Groves and every of them that be tydye and good to beare toppes for fyinge, and also of all the boddies and toppes of all the oakes of greatenes and age about Heathcrofte aforesaid to the number of twelve score and tenn on the East side of London rode, and besids of the seventeen score and tenn of the greatest trees for age or growth in and about all my groundes on the westside of London rode aforesaid, exceptinge those about my yarde and gardens, and exceptinge two my long new entrye groweinge in or about the midst thereof; w^{ch} my said good wyfe was wont to walke to, and shee called them Hercules' pillers: of all these trees aforesaid to be stubbed and taken downe and sould, besids all the xxv score to be topped or stowed as before, the number will be after five score to the hundred six hundreth w^{ch} stubbed trees besids the toppes of them and of others appoynted to be lopped at v^s the loade, all charges borne, will amount to fower hundred poundes: and the toppes aforesaid for cubit and such like after the rate of vi^s viij^d the loade, all charges borne will amount to one hundred pounds. And if the money of all these trees and toppes before willed to be stowed and lopped and taken downe will not rase and be sufficient both to make my said daughters portion, and make up (where they shall be broken by felling, stubbing or sloweing any the aforesaid trees) all the needfull fences so broken, and for the well layeing them with good quicksett of all sorts and hanging them conveniently for preservation. Then I will that the bodies of all the trees in Panington grove, though somewhat young, and more of the owldest trees where they may best be spared in my grounds of the East and West side of London rode in the places aforesaid be taken downe indifferently to supply what wanteth in that behalfe. Provided allwayes that in all the west side the roade last remembred there be not taken downe more than twentie score besids those in Panington grove ledst they that have my houses hereafter on that side Wherstead bescanted of fyinge for the same. Item I will and bequeath to my sonne Phillipp Whetercroft a Capitall Messuage or howse wherein I dwell in Wherstead aforesaid called or knowne by the name of Rayners or

Rayners & Swannes wth seven croftes inclosed lyeing by antient dooles round about the said messuage and two acres or more w^{thout} the said inclosure on Panington heathe wth the broadway leadeing from the said inclosure to the said two acre pece or more together wth all other my lands, tenements, feedings, inclosed or not, and hereditaments that I haue or haue right unto in any other mans use or possession, lyeing on the westside of London rode, in which side my foresaid messuage is scituate in Whersted, for and during his naturall life w^{thout} impeachment of waste. And after my sonne Phillips decease I will my said messuage or howse, lands, tenements and hereditaments wth all other the appurtenances to my said sonne Philip, his heire male and his the said heires heires for ever. Provided nevertheles if my sonne Phillip shall thinke good to marrie it shall be lawfull for him to make A joynter of all the said messuage, lands, tenements & hereditaments to him bequeathed, or any pcell thereof to his wife or wives. And my will is his said wife or wiues shall inioye her or their ioynter soe made for her or their naturall life, any thinge in this my will to the contrarye not wthstandinge. Except allwayes and reserved out of this grant or gifte to my sonne Philip all my goods whatsoever not herein devysed to him by speciall wordes either wthin dores or wthout, and all the brome now groweing upon the premises to be taken of in convenient tyme and the alotement of trees and woods before specified for my daughters portion to be taken downe and for the makeing good the fences thereby hurte wth all, my will and mynde is, shall be to the use of my will, any thinge, heretofore to the contrary not with standinge. Item I also will and bequeath to my said sonne Philip and his heirs for ever my messuage or tenement called the Bull scituate in the parish of St Mary at the Key in Ipswich wth all the easments both of water, yarges, gardins, buildings and all other the appurtenances therevnto belonging or with the same occupied, and all my household stuffe and implements whatsoever there nowe is in the occupacōn of one William Male, for the yearly payment for rent and otherwise of Twenty poundes; viz^h five poundes quarterly, who for better securitie of the said payment hath desired and vsed to pay every quarter five poundes beforehand. Item I will to my sonne Henry and to his heires for ever my messuage or tenement called Stoyles scituate on Stoyles Valye together wth my Tenement wherein the widowe Tyler dwelleth in Whersted aforesaid wth all other my lands, pastures, feedings, woodes, wayes, hereditaments, lyeinge and beinge on the east-side of London rode in Whersted, fresson and other townes thereto adioyning, both free and bonde, and one pece of ground lately pcellod out by one Steuen Payne or his assignes from the residue thereof lyeing home to my gate; my ground called Swannes toward the west wth all and all other I inioy or haue right vnto on the east side of London rode aforesaid; except and allwayes reserued out of this graunt the alotement of trees and wood to be taken downe of any of the premisses for my daughter's portion as hath bin before declared. Item I will the dyehowse and other my tenements wth their appurtenances vtensells and easments

whatsoever now buylt where my late orchard was in the rapish of St Mary Key in Ipswich, if it please God I live not till the lease come into my handes, and buyld it otherwise my selfe, shall be sould to the best benefit of my will, though by reason they buylt the howses there be but xl^s reserved yearly to me and my heires in the grand lease for some few yeares yet to come, it is worth Twentie poundes yerely to be lett. And if it may not be sould for three hundred poundes at least before my sonne Robert hath served all his prentishood, Then I will it to him and his heires if he thinke good to take it for and in lew of his portion herein bequeathed. Yf he desires his portion rather, Then I will my Executor or Executors or his or their Assigne or Assignes shall sell it to the best benefit and pay his said legacie accordinge to my will and mynd herein declared; and if any overplus be, that it be to the use of this will and Testament. Item I will my Jewells, my plate, the vtensells that were my wives of good worth for her lying in and other vses, together wth my Bookes at my howse, my howsehold stuffe and implements whatsoever both lynnens, woollen, Bedding, Bedstead, tables, hangings, brasse, pewter and all other my vtensells and goodes within dores and without either for myne owself or howse or otherwise. Except my goldringe with my seale of Armes, my wives marrying ringe, my wives virginalles w^{ch} also were her mother's and my great Iron Chest w^{ch} was my fathers and Ancesters honestly pryed by the assistance of my sonne Henry, and Inventorye shall be sould to the use of my will. I will also that all my geldins, mares, coltes, mylch Kyne and fatte Kyne, young Bullockes, weanells, swyne and such lyke be sould for the best benefit of my will. I will also my Tymber in my yard and about my grownd ready felled in Whersted, if I shall not live to buyld it owt either at Whersted or at my messuages or tenements in Ipswich, shall be also sould to the use aforesaid, except that which is cleft for postes rayles and pales and all that have been framed, w^{ch} I will shall be and remayne to the use of my sonnes Philip and Henry. Item whereas I have for many yeares yet to com from Trinity hall in Cambridge one lease for a buyldinge to be don at their howse called the Doctors Co^mons in London, w^{ch} I was hindered to pforme by the evill will of some that are nowe dead, vnder the Co^mon Seale of the said Colledge; I will the said lease shall forthwith be sould to my w^{or}: and especiall good friend Doctor Jeames iudge [=Judge] of the Audience, or to some other he shall thinke good of, or in his great kyndnes to me ever shewed wishe to it. And because the buyldinge I had provided for that place cost me a great deale of money, and it would ever haue bin behouefull for the company there, I hope by his good meanes the rest of my w^{or}: freinds of the Co^mons will be pleased my Executors should make some good valew of it towards my younger Childrens portions. Item of the money that shall growe and arise of all these sales and prisements aforesaid and of the rents herein reserved to the vse of my will and of the money I shall haue by me at my death or due unto me, exceptinge for my daughters portion before devyded, I will shall be raysed my three younger

sonnes portions, viz' fower hundred markes of good and lawful money of England w^{ch} I bequeath to my sonne Robert wth in three monethes after his prentishood ended if it please God he serve out his prentishood, and not before, if not (then he refusinge the dye howse and Tenements to him bequeathed when he have accomplished the age of ffoure and Twentie yeares, then my will is that his portion shall be paid him by my executores and the dye house and tenements aforesaid to be sold towards the payment thereof to the best Comoditie. Item for my youngest sonnes Anthony and Glemham, if I in my life time or my executor's or his execut or assigne after my death buye not for either of them dureing their severall lives vpon good assurance of lands quarterly to be paid either of them sufficient Rent chargs of Twentie poundes a yeare so that eache and either of them may receive quarterly five pounds for their mayntenance at studdy, or elsewhere it shall please God dureing life. Then I will to my said twoe sonnes Anthony & Glemham three hundred markes a peece when they shall accomplish the full age of **xxi** yeres successively. Item I give to Bridget my Kynsewoman Tenn pounds wherof she and her husband ought me **xx^s** in full satisfaction of all demands. Item I give to my Brother Cowlte my furred night gowne of clothe. Item I give to my mayd Anne Ward **x^s**. I also give to my servant Henry Mawling about five poundes that he oweth me of good debt. Item I will to my sonne Philip my gold ringe wth my seale of Armes as my fathers was left me, wherof I wishe he should take good heede bicause my ffathers was stolne from me, and if my said sonne or any other of my bloud desire to know of their gentry and the Antiquitie thereof, they must inquire in Lincolnshire (from whence my Grandfather cam into Suff wth his especiall and honorable freinds the Lord and lady Willowghbye*) for the heires of one M^r Hall (that was in great favour for Auditeing, survaying and such like with them and the Dutches of Suff: their daughter) who bought of my father then newly come of age, and haveing never seene Lincolnsheire, two severall purchases of Whetcroft lands there for good prices, and vsed in that behalf the helpe of the then lady Willowghbye, who had formerly mayntayned my father at Cambridge & Oxeford wth her grandchildren the two Dukes of Suff and alowed him there, then but a child or young boy fowerscore poundes in one yeare for expences, as my self haue heard him report, which said M^r Hall upon the said purchases brought him certaine knowledge of the armes of his Ancestors w^{ch} we ever and now beare; viz^t Sables, two Garbes wheat proper wth a bend betwixt Argent the crest a Garbe wheat proper) wer standing to be seene in Cuninsbye Church in the Countye of Lincolne where our Ancestors lye

* "The Lord and lady Willowghbye and the Dutches of Suff: their daughter":—Davy, Add. MS. 19.155. fo. 324^b quoting Collins' Peerage, says, William Willoughby, Lord Willoughby of Eresby, eldest son of Sr Christopher Willoughby, died 17. H. 8. and was buried at Mettingham. By Lady Mary Salines his wife, a Spaniard, he had issue Catharine sole daughter and heires who married 1st Charles Brandon Duke of Suffolk and 2^{dly} Richard Bertie, Esq^{re} from whom descend the Barons Willoughby d'Eresby."

buried: and further that there was a Religious house of the name of Whetcrofts founded by some of them, as he then also understood. Item I will & bequeath to my second sonne Henry my great Iron chest which was his grandfathers, whereof I hope he will haue a care because he can not get one so faire for a great deale of money, and also my sattyne sute and my veluct coate hoping he will followe his studdye and be so wise that he may use them. Item I will to my daughter Barbara one fayre silver and guilt spoone w^{ch} shee nowe hath to use, her mothers maryeing ringe to me, and her mothers and grandmothers virginalls, beinge well mended and trymmed by my executor for her. Item I further will that every of my sonnes and my daughter haue, as they shall growe of age, one prety goldringe in honorable remembrance of their worthy mother, worth at least Tenn shillings. Item I will a like gold ringe to my nephew Mr John Shermā and to each of my nephewes and neice, my Brother Mr George Whetcroft his children and to my nephew John Wenlock a ringe of x^s and I will my nephew Henry and neeces, my sister Edwards children xiiij^s iij^d a peece if their father shalbe content (according to right) that my executor or his executor or his Assignes or the Assigne of either of them shall take and fell downe, cutt owt and cary away one greate oake growing by his yarde neare the saweing pett there at their or either their pleasure as I should haue don upon iust and due consideracōn pformed. Item I will my sister Sherman, my sister Colte, my sister Spleton, my sister George, my sister Edwards, my sister Wood & to every of them a Ringe of Tenn Shillings price. Item I will that all my fower younger children be maynteyned vntil they shall attayne their severall ages, wherein their severall portions shall successively grow dew (if other order be not taken in that behalf either by payinge of marriage money, bynding prentice or purchaseing of Annuyties as hath byn declared or otherwise mayntayninge them to their likeinge, and that my daughter haue for mayntenance as her oste and ostis and I am agreed, or further as cause require; and if by any meanes she happen to be removed from whence shee is, or shall grow bigg in stature, Then I will for her maintenance sufficient allowance accordingly. Item to my sonne Rōbert vntill he be bound prentice yearlie mayntenance, and to Anthony and Glemham vntill their severall Rent chargs be purchased or their portions paid I will the like yearely mayntenance. And I hartely desire and will that my sonne Robert may wth convenient speed be bound to a merchant in London, if it please God to rayse him vp soe good friendes as will place him wth some honest Mr there or els to some othe good trade as it shall please God. And I will that the money that must be disburssed for bindeing him prentice, or any other my younger sonnes, if any shall not prove fitt for learninge shall be allowed out of the profitts aforesaid, as well of my daughters portion as otherwise yet as thriftely as may be, haueinge most care of his or their well placeinge wheresoever. Item I ordaine and make my sonne Philip my sole executor, if he shall enter bonde in one thowsand poundes to S^r Henry Glemham Knight and

S^r Calthrop Parker his neare Alyes wth convenient speed within one moneth (being of age) after my decease both to prove my will and doe accordinge to honesty and good conscience and the trust I repose in him, else he to be no executor. And then I make my sonne Henry my executor being lawfully bound as his brother should haue bin: whom I will to haue a diligent care that in all these great disbursements he deale wth the advyce of his unckle S^r Henry Glemham Knight and of S^r Calthrop Parker his neere Alyes and worthy freindes whom I ordayne and make my supravisors of this my testament, to whom I give for A Remembrance of good will fortie shillings a peece, desiringe them of their counsell and countenance to my executor and the rest of my children. Item I give also to my honorable ladies desiringe them to haue care of my daughters bestowinge in marriage (to whose loue and care I comitt her) the wydowes myte, xx^s a peece. Item I will if any of my children dye before their portion or portions shall grow due to them or any of them, if such childe or children leaue issue behind them lawfully begotten, he, shee or they to haue the portion of their Auncestor or Auncestors when either of them shall accomplish XXI yeares of age or otherwise. I will such portion or portions (my legacies being made up) to the full to them that be vn timer paid, to remayne equally to be devided amongst my children as they successively come of age, for avoydinge of question wherein I have thought good to expresse their severall ages. Inprimis Philip was borne the eleventh of June being Wedensday in Whittson weeke Anno 1595; Henry was borne the second day of March beinge the Thursday after Shroue Sunday anno 1597; Robert was borne the sixteenth day of July on Monday the day after St Sweetings day Anno 1599: Anthony was borne the Twentieth of february in the morning being Shroue Munday Anno 1603: Glemham was borne the Two and Twentieth of November, fryeday senate before Andrew 1605. Barbara was borne the ninth of March in the mornjnge, beinge Thursday Anno 1608. Item I will that all my children haue a reuerend regard (yet but with a discrete remembrance of their parents and of S^r Henry Glemham, both bicause he is their unckle and by their good cariage towards him, some thinge may be brought to his mynde that he knoweth hath bin and is amisse both for their good and his owne if it so please God. Then if I dye before I surrender to the vse of my will my coppinghold land, viz, about fower acres called freston heath and about sixteene acres called Whersted heathe, as by the old coppies appeare (though the latter be most false abutted) then I will my child upon whom the law cast it shall doe all actes to assure it to such pson as I haue appointed it in my will at such said psons charge before he haue his legacie if he be of age, and if he haue received pte thereof yet the residue to surcease while he haue don as before is appointed. Item whereas my fater hath granted out of my said houses and landes one rent charge of ij^{li} x^s yearly to be due and payable to the Bayliffes, Burgesses and Comons at Hallowmas to the releefe of certayne poore in Ipsw^{ch} entering longe since of a peece of the obliged premises for the

said Rent charge, being next the late Comon privye, and employeing the same to their owne vse, the charge whereof hath bin proved and allowed in their Towne comon accountes followeing; and the same peece still they hold to their vse as their owne w^{ch} my father vsed for a carte gate way to his orcheyard, nowe buylt wth tenements and A dye house, or if not extinct by entrye and usinge as their owne one other pcell of ground, parte also of the obliged premises lying west of the said Orcheyard and nowe by the towne granted to Austen Parker and by him inclosed, my will is that Whersted howses and landes given to my sonnes Philip and Henry shall paye either of them xxij. iiij^d a peece towards the discharginge of the same; The Bull or the owners thereof xxij. iiij^s; my orcheyarde now built with houses xx, till amongst the owners of them all some order be taken for the freeing of their severall estates of the said payments. And if in the meane tyme any of the owners of any of the pcells be driven to paye the hole in Rente charge or any other charge thereby groweing by negligence or default of any of the other pties as before is declared, Then I will that it shalbe lawful for him or them that soe make payment of the whole some forthwith at their pleasure to distreyne him or them or any occupier of his or their parte that made defaulte, and the distresse or distresses so taken to cary away and keepe till the said ptie' or pttes' and all cost charges, damages, be to the full allowed, contented and paid, notwithstanding any thinge in this my will to the contrary. Item I will my sonne Henry my best gowne Item I will to my sonne Philip my grograyne gowne and best cloake, best veluet Jacket and two of the best sutes of apparell to dispose of at his pleasure. Item because I am not lyke to leave behinde me any guide but young men and children, I will for bringing my body honestly to the ground that whersoever it please God to call me, it be don in some morning eerly, w^hout any great solemnitye, yet afterward my executor to give as cause require. I will for the more full pformance of this my will that the rents of the Bull especially that is now (saueing honest deductions) be used and taken for and dureinge the space of Tenn yeares next after my decease to the vse and pformance of this my last will and Testam, if there shall not otherwise fall out to be sufficient for all poynts, and not otherwise. Lastly I hartely desire my supravisors of their loveinge help countenance and furtherance to my Executor, my sonne Philip and the rest of my children from tyme to tyme especially dureing their nonage. And I humbly beseech God (my pore estate thus sett at a staye) to blesse my indevours as he hath graciously done and to grant me peace and patience and therewith perfect Charitie and true faith in Jesus Christ, and so my good Saviour I yeeld my soule to thy mercye at thy good pleasure. In Wittnes that this is my last will and Testament and determinate dysyre I haue subscribed my hand to every sheete there of:

Probat:apud London.....Curia prerog.....Cant.....
 primo die mensis July A. D. 1616. Juramento Philippi Whetcrofte filij
et exor.

PEDIGREE OF WHETCROFT OF SUFFOLK.

Whetcroft or=
Wheatcroft came from
Lincolnshire into Suff-
olk with Lord and Lady
Willoughty

Arms. Sa, a bend arg. between
2 garbs or. Crest. A garb or,
charged with a martlet Sa.
Seventeenth Century MS.
quodam penes Sir J. Blois.

William Whetcroft of Ipswich Gent. Will Cur. ep Norw. dated 13 April 1581 Probate 26th May same year. Bequest to the poor of Ipswich. Names Robert Frier of Wangford, his nephew
= Alice Wheatcroft of Witlesham Co. Suff: widow. Will Cur. ep. Norw. dated 30 Octr 1589. Desires to be buried in Witlesham chancel. Probate 19 May 1590

Richard Wheatcroft clerk. Parson of Witlesham 1581. Will Cur ep. Norw. dated 30 July 33 Eliz. Probate 7 Octr 1591. To be buried in Witlesham Chancel. Advowson of Witlesham to his brother William Rector of Witlesham 13 June 1577 on presentation of Henry Whetcroft LL.B. his brother.

Barbara ux Mr Tho^s Sherman. A widow in 1591. Had son Mr John Sherman 1595. & a son, William Sherman. Buried in Yaxley Church. Page's Suffolk p. 506.

William Wheatcroft = apparently a clerk Ao 1591. when his brother Richard wished him to be next parson of Witlesham. Rector of Witlesham Decr 13. 1591. on presentation of Henry Whetcroft, LL.B. his brother

Agnes yet unmarried in 1591 in his will her brother Richard calls her "Anne als Amy." she mara John Colt 3^d son of John Colt of Boxted Esq^r whose Will, dated 8 March 1595, is given in Howard's Harveys Visitation of Suffolk vol. II. 33. 34. 41.

Catherine Alice

Bridget 1589. 1591 Charles Wheatcroft 1591

Mr. John Jennings of Fordeley Gent. 1. husband. His Will Arch. Suff. is dated 13 March 32 Eliz. Probate March 1590.

Elizabeth sole sister of Sir Henry Glemham of little Glemham Kt. by Anne d. of Sir Henry Parker Lord Morley. Harl. MS. 1820 fo. 29. She died before Dr. Whetcroft

Henry Whetcroft 2 husband of Whersted Co. Suffolk Dr of Civill Lawes and one of the Masters of the Chauncery. Will Cur. Prerog Cant. 76. Cope 13 July 1614. Probate 1 July 1616

Elizabeth probably youngest dau^r

Mr. George Whet- = Mary d. of William Clop-croft of Aye Co. Suff ton of Liston & relict of William Smyth of Thordon. Harl. MS. 1560 fo. 4^b
His mother left him her houses there 1589 [his descendants seem to have continued in Eye for several generations]

Francis Jennyns only child. ob. 3. p. In his will dated 26 Sept^r 1608 [Arch Suff:] he leaves all to Elizabeth Whetcroft his mother. Probate 15 Decr same year.

Philip Whetcrofte

Henry Whetcroft

Robert Whetcroft

Anthony Whetcroft

Glemham Whetcroft

Barbara child.

youngest child.