

EARLY SUFFOLK WILLS.

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Few records are of so great a value and interest to the local historian as early wills. The county of Suffolk is peculiarly fortunate in the existence of these records. Its early historian, Sir Simond d'Ewes, knew the importance of them, and has added useful notes from this source to his collection deposited in the Manuscript Department of the British Museum.

Tymms, the first Secretary of our Institute, rendered great service to historians by his selection of early wills at Bury St. Edmunds. These wills were published by the Camden Society, and are often quoted and referred to by writers on Social History:

Little had been done to bring to light the existence of early wills and records of East Suffolk, before the publications of Mr. F. A. Crisp, and the report of Mr. Cordy Jeaffreson on the Borough Records of Ipswich. Through the careful docquetting and arranging of the latter manuscripts by Mr. C. Jeaffreson I have been able, with the kind permission of the Town Clerk, to collect notes and abstracts from all the wills and testaments which were enrolled after being proved before the Borough Court.

A Calendar of the Wills proved at the City Hustings, drawn up by Dr. Sharpe, shews the earliest will there recorded bears the date 1254. The earliest will enrolled at the Ipswich Court is dated thirty years later. The enrolments of wills are to be found on the same documents as the enrolments of various other Court

proceedings, viz., recognisances of debts, proofs of age, conveyances of lands, etc. It is therefore difficult for the searcher to light upon a will with only a reference to the year in which the court was held at the time the will was proved. Even then much time will be spent in finding the enrolment.

The accompanying calendar gives a list of the wills which were enrolled between the years 1284 and 1660. It will be seen from this list that the probates were made chiefly before the 15th century, that subsequently the enrolments gradually decreased in number until they were practically *nil* in the 17th century. The first mentioned wills, i.e., those before the 15th century, are for the greater part *testaments* in Latin, referring to land devised to legatees; the latter records are extensive wills in English. Not only were the wills and testaments proved in the Borough Courts, but in the Ecclesiastical Courts also, although the latter courts dealt only with personally property.

Suffolk wills were proved in divers Ecclesiastical Courts, as I have shewn in my preface to the Calendar of Pre-Reformation wills, etc., registered at the Probate Office, Bury St. Edmunds. I have noted in the subjoined Calendar, as far as I have been able, the registration, where it now exists, of those wills which were proved both at the Borough Courts and at the Ecclesiastical Courts of London, Bury St. Edmunds, and Ipswich.

Space will not permit me to publish in full the abstracts of the wills which I have made, so I have furnished the reader with a few notes from the wills not to be found elsewhere. It will be seen from those notes that the historian of Ipswich must study these wills if he wishes to write a complete history of the Borough. The wills mention the existence of *parish* churches,

St. George, St. Augustine, St. Mildred ; adding at the same time names to the list of incumbents. Here and there peculiar trades are mentioned, and the antiquity of words, e.g., mustarder, bonnet, is to be noted. Again, men of note are not allowed to be forgotten, and their connection with the town is clearly seen. This is especially noticeable in the references made to John Chaucer and his kinsfolk.

Social customs, too, are often hinted at, as well as customs regulating the procedure of borough courts. What has struck me most in studying the wills is the power of the Church, the numerous clerks and chaplains, and the presence of married vicars and clergy.

CALENDAR OF WILLS ENROLLED AMONG THE
RECORDS OF THE IPSWICH BOROUGH CORPORATION,

1254—1660.

References within brackets refer to same will registered at the Probate Offices ; *b.* of Bury St. Edmunds ; *i.* of Ipswich ; *l.* of Somerset House.

Adelina, Henry, 1343.

Akenham, John de, 1349.

Alderman, John, 1588. (*i.* Book 32, fol. 172)

Alleyn, John, portman, 1551. (*l.* 25 Moore)

Andrews, Robert, 1570. (*l.* 38 Lyon)

Archer, John, of Lavenham, 1452. (*b.* 100 Baldwyne)

Ardeleye, Beatrice, wife of John, 1418.

Armiger, John of Clopton, 1539. (? *i.* Book 14, fol. 353)

Attebergh, John, 1349.

Attegate, Laurance, 1318.

Avelyn, John, 1404.

Bacon, Elizabeth, Widow, 1537.

Balay, William, 1304.

- Baldry, Seman, son of William, 1349.
 Barbour, Thomas, yeoman, 1552 (*i.* Book 16, fol. 516) ; William, merchant, 1571 (*l.* 38 Holney.)
 Barkere, Emma, widow of Geoffrey le, 1303, John le, 1349, Margaret, widow of Thomas le, 1348.
 Baxtere, Richard le, 1344 ; Stephen, merchant, 1571 (*l.* 55 Leicester)
 Bell, John, 1530 (*l.* F. 19 Jankyn) ; Thomas, glover, 1578 (*l.* 22 Tirwhite).
 Bendel, John, 1366.
 Berkyng, Margaret de, 1320.
 Betil, John, 1385.
 Blome, Robert, 1383.
 Blowgate, John, 1550. (*i.* Book 16, fol. 23)
 Bloyse, Richard, mercer, 1557. (*l.* 16 Chaynay)
 Bobbett, Thomas, innholder, 1576. (*i.* Book 26, fol. 175)
 Bonde, Roger, 1315.
 Bonmarchee, Nicholaa, widow of Wm., 1385.
 Boreman, Harold, 1288.
 Boteller, John le, 1373, Matilda le, widow of John, 1383 ; Richard le, 1290.
 Botyld, Seman, 1345.
 Bramford, William Chaplain, 1349.
 Brasiere, Richard le, 1349.
 Brayton, Robert, 1325.
 Bray, Robert, 1537 (*l.* 7 Cromwell) ; 1572 (*l.* 46 Langley).
 Bricoun, Margaret, daughter of Henry, 1349.
 Brokes, Hamon de, 1332 ; Robert, 1378.
 Brune, John le, 1350.
 Bryde, *alias* Byrde, Richard, gentleman, 1568. (*l.* 23 Babington)
 Buckenham, John, woollenweaver, 1574.
 Bullock, William, 1549. (*i.* Book 16, fol. 163).
 Burstall, William de, 1288.
- Cady, John of Stoke, 1537. (*l.* F. 22 Alerd)
 Cane, William, 1537. (*i.* Book 13, fol. 18)
 Cardenay, Nicholas, 1349.
 Carpenter, Roysia, 1303.
 Carter, Alice, widow, 1540 ; widow of Roger, 1349 ; Gilbert le de Wickham, 1317.
 Carver, Thomas, 1533.
 Causton, William de, clerk, 1345.
 Cawche, *alias* Cage, Jeffrey, baker, 1570. (*i.* Book 23, fol. 163)
 Celye, Thomas, merchant, 1589. (*l.* 91 Leicester)
 Chamberleyn, Richard, 1364 ; Robert, 1340.
 Chaplain, John, parish of St. Nicholas, 1326.

- Chesten, William, carpenter, 1545.
 Clarke, John, mariner, 1561. (*i.* Book 20, fol. 195)
 Clerk, Nicholas le, 1307 ; Walter, chaplain, son of Roger; chaplain,
 1349 ; William, son of Nicholas, 1329 ; William, son of Robert,
 1300.
 Clevit, John, 1294.
 Cleydon, John de, 1301 ; Robert de, rector of Braydeston with
 chapel of Brundall, 1349.
 Clopton, Hugh de, 1331.
 Cok, Thomas, 1349.
 Cokefield, Walter de, 1349.
 Colt, Geoffrey le, 1308.
 Coman, Thomas, 1329.
 Cook, Crispiana le, 1369 ; Robert, son and heir of Adam, 1392 ;
 William le, 1349.
 Cooper, John, son of Thomas, 1543.
 Coppinge, George, 1578. (*l.* 35 Langley).
 Costyn, John, of Hintlesham, 1319.
 Coteler, John le, of Somersham, 1349 ; Thomas le, 1349.
 Cou, Helias le, 1299.
 Coudde, William, chaplain, 1289.
 Coulot, Richard, 1316 ; Thomas, 1327.
 Crane, Thomas, clothmaker, 1541.
 Cretyngge, John de, 1309 ; Ralph de, 1315 ; William de, 1334.
 Culet, William, 1311.
 Curdys, William, of Tuddenham, 1552.
 Curson, Robert, knt., Lord Curson, 1534.
 Curteys, Edward, 1332 ; Mabilia, widow of John, 1379.
 Cuteler, John le, 1320.
 Cutler, Robert, merchant, 1584 ; Thomas, merchant, 1538 (*l.* F. 22
 Dyngeley)

 Dameron, Agnes, widow, 1545.
 Damsell, Robert, of Flowton, clerk, 1540. (*i.* Book 13, fol. 235)
 Daunce, John, skinner, 1385.
 Davillers, Bartholomew, 1329.
 Davy, Alan, 1332 ; Matilda, widow of Henry le Rotoun, 1329 ;
 Roysia, wife of Alexander, 1349.
 Dawndye, John, merchant, 1569 (*l.* 2 Peter) ; Robert, merchant,
 1557 (*l.* 41 Wrastley).
 Debenham, Simon de, 1307.
 Dekene, John, 1448.
 Denisman, Walter le, 1313.
 Deystere, Mariot, 1297.
 Done, Roysia, 1343.

- Doo, William, 1312.
 Drye, Robert, 1449. (*i.* Book 1, fol. 89)
 Dyebeney, Simon, 1304.
 Dyer, *alias* Smythe, Katherine, 1574. (*l.* 16 Carew)
- Elmesette, Beatrice, widow of Robert de, 1282 ; Robert de, 1282.
 Espicer, Edmund le, 1304.
 Eye, Thomas de, 1343.
- Faber, Geoffrey, 1327 ; William, 1290.
 Fader, John, 1324 ; Margery, wife of John, 1329 ; Roysia, 1303 ;
 Thomas, 1296.
 Fallenden, Hervey, 1303.
 Feket, John, 1460. (*i.* Book 2, fol. 218)
 Folkewalle, Cristina de, 1296.
 Fornels, *alias* Broocke, Joan, wife of Baron Fornels, shoemaker,
 1541.
 Fornham St. Martin, 1541 ; Robert de, 1319.
 Foucher, John, 1373 ; Thomas, 1348.
 Framysden, Matilda de, 1305 ; Robert de, 1349.
 Freman, John, tailor, 1404.
 Froysch, William, 1345.
 Fyket, Richard, 1346.
 Fyme, Nicholas, 1319.
- Gardiner, John, senior, tanner, 1587. (*i.* Book 31, fol. 540)
 Garneys, Seman, 1302.
 Garson, Stephen, 1367.
 Ged, Roger, 1442.
 Geldeneye, Alexander, 1349.
 Geloun, Richard, 1349.
 Gerard, John, 1408.
 Gippeswic, William de, 1325.
 Godesman, John, 1281.
 Gogham, John de, senior, 1326.
 Goldyng, Selona, 1305.
 Gor, John de, 1307.
 Gostalk, Margery, 1332 ; Matilda, 1333.
 Grene, Robert de la, 1303.
 Griggs, Beatrice, 1313.
 Grimsby, John de, 1326, 1327.
 Gylbert, Jeffrey, goldsmith, 1578. (*i.* Book 27, fol. 337)
 Gyloun, John, 1334.
- Halk, Susan dil, widow of John, 1345.

- Hall, Robert, clothier, 1575. (*i.* Book 26, fol. 327)
- Halle, William, yeoman, 1464.
- Hammond, Thomas, barker, 1455.
- Hampton, John, skinner, 1539.
- Harneys, Alice, widow of Philip, 1312; John, 1303; 1333, senior, 1334.
- Hastings, Alice, formerly wife of John Margaretts, 1319; Margaret, 1300; Ranulf, 1338.
- Hayl, Amicia, wife of Richard, 1375.
- Hayles, Robert, shoemaker, 1556. (*i.* Book 17, fol. 369)
- Hell, Basil, dil, of Nacton, 1371.
- Hobson, Rose, wife of John, tailor, 1540.
- Holbrook, John de, 1349.
- Horald, Hugh, 1313, Laurance, 1305.
- Huggett, William, 1569. (*l.* 12 Sheffield)
- Humphreys, John, mariner, 1551. (*i.* Book 16, fol. 142)
- Hunte, Richard, 1307.
- Hunteman, Agatha, 1303.
- Irp, John, 1349.
- Jalle, Agatha, 1349; John, 1349.
- Jay, Peter le, 1343.
- Jeffrey, William, clothier, 1596. (*l.* 69 Drake)
- Jennings, Myles, 1570.
- Kenyngton, Thomas, sen., 1588.
- Kyng, John le, 1300.
- Lambe, Edward, 1473.
- Laurens, William, weaver, 1538. (*i.* Book 13, fol. 42).
- Leew, Sayena, 1315.
- Leyham, John de, 1349; Richard de, 1356; Robert, chaplain, 1405.
- Limefeld, William, innholder, 1585. (? *i.* Book 31, fol. 196)
- Lomekyn, Joan, widow, of Roger, and daughter of John Clement, 1324.
- Loudham, Henry de, 1379.
- Lour, Emma, widow of John le, 1346.
- Love, John de, Cauldwell, 1369.
- Lynche, William, clothier, of Lavenham, 1543. (*b.* 83 Mollande)
- Malyn, William, 1349.
- Man, Emma, widow, 1602; John le, 1327, 1328; Nicholas of Westerfield, 1537 (*i.* Book 12, fol. 197); Sebastian, senior, 1595 (*l.* 20 Scott)

- Mancer, Mabel, widow of John, 1349.
 Manne, Thomas, mercer, 1540. (*i.* Book 14, fol. 39)
 Manser, Thomas, portman, 1540.
 Mannyng, John, dyer, 1342.
 Manscho, William, 1287.
 Mareschal, Thomas le, 1316.
 Margarete, Alice, widow of John, 1319.
 Martlesham, Richard de, 1380.
 Martin, Gilbert, 1349.
 Mayden, Alice, wife of William, 1313.
 Maynard, Richard, 1332.
 Mayster, John, son of Gamelyn le, 1349 ; John, son of Roger le, 1333.
 Meler, Radulf le, 1323.
 Melford, John de, 1349.
 Meneter, John le, 1333.
 Mere, William dil, 1309.
 Mey, Thomas le, 1303.
 More, Margaret, wife of Myles, 1544. (*i.* Book 15, fol. 48)
 Mundekyn, Robert, 1349.
 Mundi, John, 1334.

 Noble, John, chaplain, 1348.
 Noket, Joan, 1392.
 Northerne, Nicholas de, 1357.

 Ode, Julian, wife of Richard, 1333 ; Richard, 1346.
 Oke, Cristiana, atte., 1380.
 Oldhyne, Richard, 1366.
 Oliver, Benedict, 1328, Walter, 1324.
 Ondymer, Thomas, 1288.
 Ordimer, Bartholomew, 1349.
 Orford, Robert de, 1284.
 Osteler, Agnes, wife of John le, 1349.
 Otter, Elias, 1349.
 Otyr, Isabel, widow of Robert, senior, 1312.
 Owtyng, Nicholas, yeoman, 1537. (*i.* Book 13, fol. 28)

 Pachet, Roger, 1359.
 Pacot, William, 1330.
 Pake, Agnes, daughter of Robert Fattyng, 1349.
 Paryshe, Nicholas, weaver, 1571.
 Payn, John, 1326.
 Pery, William, sherman, 1528.
 Petygard, Edward, 1349.

- Pimman, Martin, 1302.
 Plomer, William le, 1320.
 Porta, Roysia de, 1295.
 Potésgrave, Thomas, brewer, citizen of London, 1393.
 Preston, Robert de, 1374.
 Pulterer, Geoffrey le, 1324 ; Thomas le, 1305.
 Purpelt, William, stayner, 1346.
 Pypho, John, late husband of Cicely, 1537. (*l.* 10 Crumwell)
 Pykerell, Roger, barber, 1537. (*i.* Book 13, fol. 81)
- Randolph, Matilda, widow of Thomas, 1349 ; Robert, 1300 ; Nicholas, 1335.
 Ray, Alice le, 1339.
 Rayson, Thomas, baker, 1349.
 Rede, Geoffrey, 1304.
 Reson, Thomas, 1517. (*l.* 7 Crumwell)
 Rever, Richard, carpenter, 1542. (*i.* Book 14, fol. 338).
 Reygnolde, Thomas, 1552. (*i.* Book 16, fol. 384)
 Reymes, Hugh de, 1295.
 Reynburghe, Thomas, clothier, 1543. (*i.* Book 15, fol. 61)
 Rising, Thomas, 1393.
 Rokhey, Adam de, 1305.
 Ronbrok, Thomas de, apothecary, 1367.
 Roos, Paul de, clerk, 1349.
 Russell, William, 1417.
 Rycher, Isabel, widow of Roger dil Grene, 1376.
- Sauvage, John le de Henstead, 1333.
 Sebbyn, *alias* West, William, merchant, 1558. (? *l.* 21 Spert)
 Seely, Thomas, saddler, 1536. (*l.* 3 Crumwell)
 Sellysden, Thomas, butcher, 1545. (*l.* 2 Alen)
 Shakelok, William, 1335.
 Shethere, Walter le, 1382.
 Shirreve, John, 1402.
 Silvester, Vivian fitz, 1297.
 Skengham, Gilbert de, 1308 ; Sara de, 1307.
 Skinner, Arnald le, 1312 ; Ralf le, 1315 ; Richard le, 1317.
 Smart, Richard, draper, 1560.
 Smelt, Hugh, 1348 ; Walter, 1349.
 Smyth, Myles le, 1347 ; William le, 1334.
 Smythe, *alias* Dyer, Katherine, 1574. (*l.* 16 Carew)
 Soler, John de le, 1333.
 Somenour, Gerard le, 1313.
 Sorel, John, 1403.
 Spicer, Andrew le, 1340 ; Clement le, 1331.

- Spryngold, John, 1334.
 Stabler, Adam, 1297.
 Stace, Nicholas de, 1347.
 Stannard, Agnes, 1329 ; Henry, portman, 1539 ; Margaret, 1540.
 Starlyng, Isabel, widow of Alexander, 1360.
 Stoke, Reginald de, 1329.
 Ston, Robt. dil, 1360.
 Stone, Agnes atte., of Hadleigh, 1504.
 Stoyl, Henry, 1330 ; William, 1324.
 Stryk, Clarice, 1317 ; John, 1333.
 Styward, Thomas, 1361.
 Tannur, Geoffrey le, 1290 ; Henry le, 1312.
 Taverner, Cristine, 1302 ; Walter le, 1311.
 Terry, Thomas, 1383.
 Teynturer, Hervey le, 1311.
 Thebaud, Robert, 1366.
 Thede, Joan, widow of William, 1349.
 Tinctor, Marcella, widow of Little Simon, 1338.
 Toke, William, 1335.
 Toller, Richard le, 1294.
 Tomson, Thomas, baker, 1539. (*i.* Book 13, fol. 141)
 Tooley, Henry, merchant, 1550.
 Ty, Matilda de, 1346.

 Verdon, Adam, 1389.

 Wachesham, Walter de, 1345.
 Waleys, John, 1348.
 Warner, Cicely, 1384 ; Ralph, clothmaker, 1544. (*i.* Book 15, fol. 93)
 Webbere, Joan, wife of Richard le, 1349 ; Robert le, 1338.
 Welles, Laurance de, 1356.
 Wente, Henry de le, 1304 ; Juliana de le, widow of John dil Wente, 1343.
 West, *alias* Sebbyn, William, merchant, 1558. (*? l.* 21 Spert)
 Westerfield, John de, shoemaker, 1322.
 Westhall, Adam de, 1328.
 Weston, Cristine, wife of Thomas, 1332.
 Weyland, Margaret, 1420.
 Whetcroft, William, gent., 1581.
 Whitinge, Thomas, grocer, 1571. (*l.* 14 Loftes)
 Whytman, Thomas, 1595. (*i.* Book 35, fol. 542)
 Wilebye, Beatrice de, 1322.
 Wode, Gilbert dil, 1349 ; Roger dil, 1317.
 Wodebregge, John de, 1319.

NOTES FROM EARLY IPSWICH WILLS.

The first testament enrolled Tuesday before the Feast of St. Michael and All Angels, 1284, commences thus :—

“*Ego Robértus de Oreford condo et ordino testamentum meum in hunc modum.*” This is the only instance in which the actual words of the testator are given before the enrolments of the sixteenth century. The usual entry notifies the production of the testament in full court to be proved by the executors. Robert de Orford desired to be buried before the altar of St. John within the Church of St. Mary “*de Kayo.*” He bequeathed to his daughter Alice, wife of John de Herewic, four shillings; to his daughter Beatrice two bonnetts “*bonettos*”; to Margery, daughter of the said Beatrice, two lambs; to his son, Henry, six rents in St. Peter’s Parish, besides land in Cauldewell and Rushmere; to his son Thomas a pigtle in St. Margaret’s Parish called “*le bruereyard,*” and forty shillings. He willed that his sons, Robert and Nicholas, should remain in their mother’s custody.

The *testament* of Harold Boreman mentions a message in St. Helen’s Parish to be sold for the benefit of his wife Crispiana.

In the testament of William Mancho, proved by Sayena his wife, the testator devised all the lands and tenements which he had bought to his wife. To Alice, his daughter, he gave a message which William Faldeden had given to his first wife, Agnes. It appears that a testament, at times, dealt with other than personal property.

Ralph the Miller bequeathed to his wife, Emma, a message which Richard Topy had bequeathed to him.

William Faber, in his last will “*in ultima sua voluntate,*” gave to William de Hoo an annual rent. This is the earliest mention of a “*will*” not testament in these enrolments.

On Tuesday, before the Feast of St. Valentine, 1294, the *probate* and testament of Richard le Toller were brought into the Court before the bailiffs, John Leu and Thomas de Petra, and fifteen men then present, to be proved by his wife, Sayena, and sons Philip and John.

Charles, vicar of the Church of Wherstead, was one of the executors of the will of Hugh de Reymes, 1295. This Vicar is not mentioned by the Rev. F. B. Zincke in his History of Wherstead. *Magister* Daniel de Cantia mentions Cristian de Wytresham as his wife.

Margery Hastings desired a tenement in the *parish of St. Augustine, Ipswich*, to be sold:

Elias le Cou devised a part of his house with soler to his wife, Frescencia, and the remainder to his son, John.

The testament of William, son of Robert le Clerk, is of interest as it mentions Isabella, daughter of Walter, the goldsmith, wife of Andrew le Taverner, and ancestor of Geoffrey Chaucer.

Emma, relict of Geoffrey le Barkere, bequeathed to Thomas Nouwel de Codenham and Joan, his wife, a messuage in the *parish of St. George, Ipswich*.

Seman Garneys bequeathed to Peter, his son, and Lucy, his daughter, his share of a ship called "*le Semeul*." To his wife Alice he gave his land in Grenewych, on the Orwell.

Adam de Rokbey devised to his wife Roysia a shop in the *Parish of St. Mildred, Ipswich*.

Thomas le Pulterere mentions land in the parish of St. George in the suburbs of Ipswich.

Roger Pachet names John le Mustarder.

Arnald le Skynnere bequeathed the rent of a messuage in the parish of St. Margaret's to find two wax tapers to burn upon the altar of the Blessed Virgin in the Church of the Convent of the Holy Trinity, Ipswich for the space of a hundred years.

Hugh de Clopton, by a nuncupative will, devised a messuage which he had bought of Walter, Rector of St. Stephen's, Ipswich, to be sold. This rector is not named by Wodderspoon; the name occurs again in the will of Ralph de Cretingg, rector of Holbrook.

William de Mayden mentions a vacant piece of land in the parish of St. Lawrence, Ipswich, lying between a tenement of John le Cuteler, and a tenement of Robert Malyn, who was the father of John Chaucer, the probable father of the poet, Geoffrey Chaucer.

Mabilia, wife of William Toke, proved her husband's will, although her son, John, at the Feast of Easter last past, was of full age according to the custom of the borough, viz., 14 years. Nevertheless it was decreed by the full court then sitting that the said John knew how to measure cloth and to count money (*scivit pannum ulnare et denarios computare*) and so it was considered he was of full age (*fore plene etatis*).

Sayena Leew bequeathed the rent of a tenement in the meat market to find seven tapers before the altar of St. Katherine the Virgin in the *Chapel of All Saints, Ipswich*, and two lamps to burn in the Church of St. Matthew before the Holy Cross and Altar of the Blessed Mary, the Virgin.

Roger Bonde mentions the highway called Thyngstede in the parish of St. Margaret's.

The will of Nicholas Fyne was proved by Thomas de Haliwell, parson of the Church of St. Matthew. He devised a third part of his place (*placea sua*), a term applied to a principal residence, to be sold to find a man to undertake a pilgrimage from Bordeaux to St. James.

Robert de Fornham St. Martin, chaplain, devised to the convent of the Friars Minors of Ipswich a tenement wherewith to enlarge their premises.

Laurence Attegate devised to John, son of Gilbert, the smith, a stall with the ground on which it stood (*selda cum funde*) in the parish of St. Mildred. To his brother Clement he devised a rent purchased of William Malyn in le Cokesrowe, and William Malyn came into court and gave the said Clement one penny by name of seisin of the aforesaid rent.

The will of Walter Olyver, proved before John de Ely, Bishop of Norwich, mentions the residence of the Archdeacon of Suffolk in the parish of St. Mary at Tower. (*See Marie ad Turrim*).

In the will of William Scrutling the present Carr Street appears under the name *Carieshestret*.

The will of Adam de Westhall, otherwise Adam de le Carecta, vicar of Assh, was proved by his wife Cristine, and his son Walter de Westhall. Agnes, wife of Walter de Westhall, was concerned with Geoffrey Stace in the kidnapping of her nephew, John Chaucer, father of Geoffrey Chaucer.

Roeyisia, dau. of = Adam de Westhall = Cristine

Roger le Mayster vicar of Asshe.

Walter de Westhall = Agnes Chaucer = Geoffrey Stace
dau. of Andrew Malyn le Taverner.

The will of Alan Davy mentions a messuage in the Parish of St. Mildred abutting west upon the tenement of William le Berre, smith; east upon the market called the applemarket; having its north head towards the Cornhill, and its south head abutting the Church of St. Mildred.

William, dean of Ipswich, was an executor of the will of Cristine, wife of Thomas de Weston, 1332.

John Mundi bequeathed an annual rent of five shillings to provide two tapers, one burning before the altar of St. Mary in the recently constructed (*de novo constructa*) church of St. Margaret, and the other before the image of St. John the Baptist within the said church.

William de Smyth devised to his daughter, Joan, five shops in the parish of St. Mildred the Virgin, situated in the street called "*le Mercerierowe*."

Marcilia, widow of Little Simon, the dyer, devised to Thomas, perpetual vicar of Preston, a messuage in the parish of St. Margaret in Thingstead alongside the walls of the King.

Andrew Spicer bequeath two shillings rent to the lights of the Blessed Mary in the Church of St. Margaret in the chapel of Richard de Leyham to find two great candles to burn as the said Andrew was

accustomed to find. He devised to his daughter, Joan, a messuage in the parish of St. Margaret, which he had at the baptismal font of the gift of Andrew Tolle, chaplain.

Henry Adelina bequeaths to his wife Agnes for the support of their children half the quarter of a ship called *le Seyntemarie-lodship*, as well as a small vessel known as *le Trinity*.

Susan dil Halk desired to be buried in the church of the Friars Minors by the side of her husband.

William de Causton, clerk, bequeathed to his executors four shops in the fishmarket in the parish of St. Lawrence, which he bought of Thomas Stace and *Geoffrey Stace* his son.

Thomas Foucher devised his forge at the Corn Market of Ipswich in the parish of St. Mildred to his wife Joan.

Walter le Clerk, chaplain, son of Roger le Clark, chaplain, devised all his lands to be sold.

Mabilia, wife of John le Mancer, devised a messuage in the parish of St. Lawrence to find two lamps, one to burn before the high altar and the other before the altar of St. Lawrence within the parish church.

An executor of Thomas Coteller was Robert de Beylham, rector of St. Stephen's, 1349. The name in Wodderspoon's list of rectors, 1341, Rob. Chauntbieu de Brillham, patron Andrew de Breres, should read 1341, Robert Chauntbien de Baylham, patron Andrew de Bures.

Joan, wife of Richard le Webbere, bequeathed to the Fraternity of St. Margaret, the sum of 13s. 4d., as an allowance (*in alocacione*).

Richard de Leyham devised a tavern in the parish of St. Lawrence, with stalls and other appurtenances, which he purchased of *John Chaucer* (father of Geoffrey Chaucer), to his wife Alice for life.

John Rye desired his body to be buried within the churchyard of St. Saviour's, Bruges.