

**WILLS AND ADMINISTRATIONS  
OF CHELSWORTH**

**Bernard Quinlan's  
Summary of 107 Chelsworth Wills  
1441 – 1901**

*Further information on sixteen of these wills can be found in the same folder in the Archives as this document. They are available where the deceased's name is in blue in this document.*

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**JOHN PRYNCHET 1441**

To be buried in the churchyard of Chelsworth Church; to the high altar of the same church for my tithes and oblations forgotten 20d.

To Walter Stapel lately the rector of Illeye Monachorum church 3s 4d.

To each of my godsons 12d.

Simon my son to have all my land and tenements with meadows and pasture in the town of Chelsworth, to him and his heirs at the will of the lord according to the custom of the manor

Agnes my wife to have all her own goods and chattels, and also the tenement in Chelsworth which was formerly Joan's, lately my wife's, now deceased, on condition she pay all the money bequeathed by the said Joan

The residue of all my goods to Simon my son and John Hoberd whom I make executors (etc), to each of whom 6s 8d.

Supervisor Thomas Malcher, to whom 6s 8d for his labour.

**WILLIAM WEYNELD, CLERK, 1447**

To be buried in the churchyard of Chelsworth Church; to the fabric of Lauselle church 13s 4d. to the fabric of Shymplyng church 3s 4d.

To John Heyward of Hadle my best gown of Burnet with a hood of sanguine colour

To John Heyward of Chelsworth 6s 8d.

To Thomas Heyward of the same 40d.

To John Note of Chelsworth my second gown, a blue colour with a black hood

The residue of my goods to my executors to dispose (etc)

Executors Simon Weyneld and John Swaluwe

**JOHN CLARK 1451**

His body to Christian burial. To the high altar of Chelsworth 12d.

To Alice his daughter the rest of his ostilments and utensils of his house.

Residue of his goods to the disposition of his executors: Simon Weyneld, Simon Kendale.

**WILLIAM BOCHER 1452**

Administration to wife Helen. Robert Moor, John Smyth, fuller, executors.

**JOHN SORELL 1452**

(no commendation of soul)

5 lb. of wax for a torch to burn in the church before the high altar at the time of the singing or saying of the antiphons there

To William Sorell my father, an old gown of blue colour with a russet coloured tabard

To William Bocher my part of a torch with the wick for it

To Juliam my wife all my messuage which I have in Chelsworth with all my goods and household stuff, on condition she see both my funeral day costs met and my debts paid; otherwise they are to be sold and the money used in that way by Robert Moor and William Bocher of Chelsworth and John Blowbolle of Hadleigh, whom I make my executors

The residue the said Julian to have to her own use

Witnesses William Amey, rector and (blank)

**JOHN PORTER 1458**

(burial directions omitted)

To the high altar of the same church 40d. To each chaplain present at my obsequies and burial mass 4d. and to each clerk there 2d. and to each poor person ½d.

To each of my godsons and goddaughters now living 12d.

The residue of all my goods and chattels to the disposition of my executors and their supervisor

Executors Katherine my wife and John my son

Supervisor John Haward esq and Richard Felawe, merchant, to dispose for the health of my soul, my father's and mother's, of John Jerveys the elder and all my benefactors

**JOHN GREEN 1461**

Administration to John Grene of Lellesei, executor

### **WILLIAM MOWS 1461**

Sick of body and in peril of death. To be buried in the churchyard of the church of All Saints of Chelsworth

All my debts to be paid before anything else.

To the high altar of the same church for tithes forgotten 3s 4d

To Sir John Hawketon, chaplain, 9 marks, to celebrate for my soul and the souls of my friends, from the feast of St Michael next after this date to the same feast next after that

To William Mous my godson 20s

To Simon the son of the said Thomas (sic) 3s 4d

To Thomas the son of Thomas Mous my brother 3s 4d

The residue of all my goods (to my executor)

Executor Thomas Mous my brother

Witnesses Richard Fyn, William Fyn, Thomas Slawter and William Cook and others

### **SIMON KENDALE 1462**

Sick of body (burial directions omitted)

To the high altar of Chelsworth parish church 20s. To the fabric of the same 20 marks To Lellesley church 13s 4d To the fabric of Semer church 13s 4d. To the fabric of Neddyng church 13s 4d. To the fabric of Nawton church 13s 4d. To Wachesham church 13s 4d. To the reparation of Neddyng chapel 3s 4d.

To the Friars Minor of Gybewic 5 marks; To the Friars of Clare 5 marks. To the Friars preachers of Gibewic 5 Marks. To the Carmelite Friars of the same 5 marks. To the Friars of Sudbury 5 marks. To the Friars of Babwett 5 marks.

For distribution to the poor of Chelsworth for a year viz weekly 20d.

A suitable priest to be found to celebrate divine service in Chelsworth church for four years

Agnes my wife to have the messuage and the croft adjoining to her and her heirs in perpetuity except one house with the attached garden

Agnes my wife to have the household goods belonging to my house

To the same Agnes £40

To Agnes my servant 40s with her wages

To Joan Heyvard my servant 33s 4d with her wages

To Margaret Glovere my sister 20s

To Joan, Margaret's daughter 6s 8d.

To Alice Fyn 6s 8d.

To each of my godsons 12d.

To John Markeday of Bylston 20s.

The residue of my goods to the disposition of my executors: Agnes my wife, John Hell of Chelsworth and James Grene of Lellesley

Supervisor John Lyown of Hadley

John Kendale my brother to be found out of my goods so long as he lives

#### **ROGER TESTARD 1464**

"in extremis"; his body to Christian burial; to the high altar 12d. To the rector of Chellesworth for a "le sangrede" 4s 4d.

The said Roger wished that "if John Testard his son bought a tenement for his dwelling house within the term of six years following his death, then he wished John to have 20s. from the money coming from the sale of the deceased's tenement sold to Ed Goodchale"

To William his son 20s under the same condition

To his daughter living in Orford 6s 8d

To Alice, the said William's daughter 3s 4d

To the other six children of the said William 12d each

For a torch to burn daily before the Sacrament of Our Lord Jesus Christ 6s 8d

To each of his executors 3s 4d, whom he made William Heggessett and John Downing, to dispose the residue of his goods to the use of the church and other deeds of charity as seems to them best to please God and profit his soul

Witnesses Master Thomas Moryell, rector of the said church, Edward Heyward and Margery Edward's wife, Joan Heggessett, William Testard and many others

**SIMON WEYNELD 1464**

Sick of body because of the number and extremity of my days

To be buried in the churchyard of the aforesaid church. To the high altar of the said church 10s. To the fabrication and emendation of the church 20s. To the high altar of Shymplyng church 6s 8d. To the fabrication and emendation of that church 20s. To Alfleton church 13s 4d

To the Friars Minor at Babwell 10s. To the Friars of Clare 10s. To the Friars of Sudbury 10s.

To be distributed among the poor 10s.

To a suitable priest to celebrate for two years for the health of my soul, Christine my wife's, my parents' and benefactors' 18 marks

To each of my godsons and goddaughters 12d.

To Katherine my sister 13s 4d

To John Semere my servant 6s 8d.

To Christian Powlyn my servant 6s 8d.

To Joan Semere 6s 8d.

The residue of all my goods to my executors viz John Tyler the elder of Monks Eleigh and Master Thomas Muryell

All left in my will to be paid by my executors as quickly as possible from the receipt of my debts

Supervisor John Clopton of Melford, Esq.

John Swalwe the elder to have my tenement in which I live, for his lifetime, and after his decease, John Swalwe the younger, his son, to have it to him and his heirs. If John Swalwe the younger dies s.p., then it to remain to Joan Swalwe his sister and her heirs. If she dies s.p., then it is to be sold by my executors and disposed in alms deeds for the health of my soul and Christine's and this Joan's.

Joan the daughter of John Swalwe the elder to have 20 marks at her marriage out of the money received from a tenement sold by John Swalwe, as appears in my deed to John Clopton Esq., John Swalwe the elder, Master Thomas Muryell, John Tyler and John Havell

John Swalwe the elder to have the field called Hacchysfeld and Barkers Croft

All my ostilment with the live stock as it appears in an indenture to be divided between John Swalwe the younger and Joan his sister when they reach full age, by the discretion of their father

Witnesses John Howlet, John Hellys, Thomas Mows, Robert Prynchatt and many others

### **NICHOLAS ABBOTT 1464**

My soul to God etc (sic). My body to be buried in Christian burial

To the high altar of Chelsworth church for tithes etc (sic) 12d. To the fabric of the body of the same church 6s 8d.

The expenses of my burial day, seventh day and thirtieth day to be met according to the discretion of my executors

My executors, within four years following my death, to find a suitable priest to celebrate for my soul in the said church for a whole year and for my parents' and friends' and for the souls of those for whom I am bound (to pray)

To Thomas my son and John my son 6s 8d each

To Katherine Cowper my daughter 6s 8d.

To Alice Prynchett my daughter 13s 4d. in money or money's worth

after the above four years are past, the remainder of my legacies to be paid in the three years next following, at a similar rate each year, without any delay

The residue of all my goods, chattels and debts not before bequeathed, wherever they may be, after my debts have been paid, my burial done and this present testament fully fulfilled, I leave for the disposition of my executors in the distribution of alms and other deeds of piety, as they see best to please God

Executors John Abbott, Thomas Abbott and Walter Cowper, and I leave to each of them for fulfilling this testament 3s 4d.

### **JOHN DOWNYNG 1478**

To be buried in the churchyard of Chelsworth church. To the high altar of the said church for tithes forgotten 12d. To the reparation of the said church 3s 4d.

To Anne my wife all my utensils and a house to live in, to her and her assigns, for her lifetime and after her decease, Nicholas my son to have the house with the garden adjoining, for 40s and he to pay the 40s to Chelsworth church

Nicholas my son to have a house called the Barn for the price of 20s, to be paid for the keeping of my anniversary viz at each anniversary 20d until the sum be paid

The residue of all my goods to Nicholas my son and John Abbott, my executors, to dispose etc To each of my executors 12d. a total of 2s.

Witnesses Thomas Muryell, rector of the said church, John Boton and William Glover

### MASTER THOMAS MERYELL 1495

To be buried in the chancel of the church of All Saints of Chellysworth; to the high altar and my burial 6s 8d; my executors to roof over the high altar in that church with planed wood at the cost of my goods

To the Gild of St Eligius 6s 8d

To an honest priest to celebrate for the health of my soul and my friends' for a year 8 marks 6s 8d

To Margery my sister £10 to be paid at 40s yearly by my executors

All my feoffees to enfeoff my executors, or others whom they assign, of my lands, pastures and feedings both free and bond

To Margery all my utensils in my chamber, storeroom and kitchen to her use

To Agnes Hare, my sister's daughter, 40s; to Christine the wife of John Smyth, a cow; to Christopher and his wife, two cows; to my godson John Smyth, a ewe; to the sons of Christopher, a ewe each; to Richard Dey, clerk, a ewe;

To John Hawkdon, rector of Neddyng, 10s; to John Smyth, 10s; to Margery, 10s

They to be my executors, to dispose etc.

Master Thomas Fyssher, rector of Hecham church, to be supervisor

Witnesses Roger Brome, rector of Reynsell, John Burche of the same, William Fyn, John Newton, Walter Glover and many others

### JOHN SAWNDER 1500

Sick of body; to be buried in the churchyard of All Saints in Chelsworth; to the high altar of the said church for my tithes and offerings negligently forgotten, 3s 4d.

A secular priest to sing in the church of Chelsworth a whole year for my soul and my friends' souls, he to have for his wages 9 marks

To the said church to make with the bellframe 6 marks

To Margery my wife five kine and all the grain in the barn, she to sow such ground as is tilled. If she die while the corn be in the ground, then my executors to have the disposition of it.

Margery my wife also to have all such household as was hers when I married her

All the residue of my household to Alexander my son

Margery my wife to have the profit of my house and lands for her lifetime and after her decease, they to be sold by my executors and disposed for my soul, for my wife's soul and all our friends' souls, in deeds of charity

My executors to pay my debts and to receive all such debts as be to me owing

To Margery my wife 5 marks on condition she dispose it in the church of Chelsworth to that she thinketh should be most pleasure to God, most profit to the church and to her soul and mine.



The residue of my goods to the disposition of my executors to do etc.

Executors: John Sawnder of Kersey and Thomas Wryght of Byldeston, late of Lensey, every of them to have 3s 4d for their labour

Witnesses: Sir John Smyth, my ghostly father and parson of Chelsworth, John Satyrle, John Parlyn of the same town

#### **JOHN ABBOTT OF BILDESTON 1504**

Soul to be prayed for in Bildeston and Chelsworth

Executors to sell all house and lands, both free and copyhold, to fulfil this last will and testament

#### **AGNES TYMPERLEY WIDOW AND GENTLEWOMAN OF IPSWICH 1505**

All my lands and tenements, rents and services in Illy Monachorum, to niece Cecily Fastolf

"I will that five marks be taken of John Sotyrley according to his bargain and be delivered to my attorneys, to be delivered by them to the reparation of the church of Chellisworth where my friends lie, that they may be prayed for there"

#### **ALICE MOWS WIDOW 1507**

To be buried in Chellysworthe churchyard. To the high altar of the same church for my tithes or offerings by me negligently forgotten 12d.

Margaret Sandyr widow, my daughter, to find the lamp burning before the image of St Peter in Chellysworth church on festival days for seven years after my decease

To the same Margaret Sandyr my daughter, my tenement which therein I now dwell, sometime Ynglands, with all the lands and meadows belonging thereto, which she is in possession and estate (to be) taken thereupon for term of her life, and after her decease, Agnes her daughter to have it, if she lives after her mother, when she come to lawful age, to her and her heirs. If Margaret my daughter and Agnes her daughter happen to die s.p. then the tenement and lands to be sold to pray for us all and for all our friends' souls

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I will have a trental sung at the Grey Friars of Yppyswyche for me and my friends 10s.

I will have my obit kept as long while as Margaret my daughter think most best and no hindrance to her

To the same Margaret all my moveable goods in my house to her own use

To Agnes Abury my daughter a brass pot, a basin and a laver

The residue of all my goods to Margaret my daughter, nothing excepted, whom I make, with John Sotyrley the older of Chellysworthe, my executor

Supervisor: Master Nicholas Hoberd, to whom for his good will 40d.

To John Sotyrle for his business to help my daughter 3s 4d.

Witnesses John Smyth and John Clover with others

### **THOMAS MOWS 1517**

daughter Margaret

?Green

?St Peter in Chelsworth Church

### **JOHN SATERLEY 1517**

To be buried in the churchyard of All Saints in Chelsworth

My executors to pay all my debts which may be proved

To the high altar in the said church for my tithes negligently forgotten and the rather to be prayed for my soul and my friends' souls 20s; to the reparation of the said church there as need is, by the discretion of my executors £3 6s 8d

To an honest priest to sing for my soul and all my friends' souls in the church and chancel of Chelsworth for two years immediately after my decease, he to have for his stipend and the service every of the two years £6 13s 4d

To three houses of Friars 30s ie the Friars of Clare 10s, the Friars of Sudbury 10s and the Grey Friars of Ipswich 10s, in every of the said places to have a trental of thirty masses for my soul and my friends' souls

To Elizabeth my wife my house that I bought of Master Tymperley called Porters with all such lands of mine both free and copy in the town field, with the profit as it is now at the date of this present, and the field called the Bessell Field with all the profits, which house and land she to have to give and to sell

To the said Elizabeth six acres of land called Grenys Croft with one acre lying on the other part of the highway against the said six acres

Also she to have four acres called Almesse Closse and four acres called Wollowes and two acres of land called Warensen, the said land she to have term of her life. After her decease, the parcel of lands to remain to Nicholas my son

To the said Elizabeth six milch kine and all my calves

To the same Elizabeth all my utensils of household, as brass pans and bedding with other commodities, no thing excepted save a featherbed and mattress, a transom, a coverlet, a pair of sheets, which I give to William, my son

To the said William, my place that I bought of Robert Wolston, with such lands as I have laid thereto, to give or to

sell

Also to the same William my son, my stuff belonging to my occupation as it is, he to have it on condition he pay my executors towards the performance of my will 100 marks, to be paid at such reasonable days as shall be limited between my executors and the said William

To the same William my son all my horse(s) with all that I have belonging to the husbandry

To John my son my house called Howletts and all the lands called Penottes, lying under Semerwood with all the lands and meadows I have laid thereto, both free and copy

To the said John, two milch kine

To the said Elizabeth my wife, a salt of silver; to William my son, four spoons of silver; to Nicholas my son, four silver spoons

If any of my sons happen to die within the age of 21, the house and land to them bequeathed to be sold by my executors and the money disposed in deeds of charity etc

My feoffees in all my lands and tenements to deliver estate and seisin as and when required by my executors

Executors the said Elizabeth my wife and Henry Stannard

Witnesses: Sir William Boon, parish priest, Sir Thomas Sawll, priest, and John Manfeyld with many others

#### **WILLIAM SATURLEY 1518**

To be buried in the churchyard of Chelsworth; to the high altar of the said church for my tithes unpaid 10s. To the high altar of Stoke Nayland 6s 8d.

to Alice my wife, £30 in money. To the same Alice, all stuff of household and my raiment. If she have a child, then she to have my dwelling place and all my copy lands till the child come to the age of 21. If the child die before 21, then Alice to have the dwelling place and lands for her lifetime and afterwards to be sold by my executors and they to find a priest for two years to sing and pray for my soul, my father's soul and all Christian souls

My executors to pay all my bequests, legacies and other debts in discharging my soul against Almighty God my maker

The residue of all my goods and chattels to be at the disposition of my executors whom I make William Barker and John Whye

Witnesses Sir Alexander Cookes, parish priest of Stoke-by-Nayland, Nicholas Bune, Robert Hedge

### JOAN/JANE WETHERBY 1523

To be buried in the churchyard of All Saints in Chelisworth by my friends; to the high altar in the said church for tithes and offerings not truly fulfilled and the rather for to be prayed for 6s 8d.

To the said altar, my best sheet for to be an altar cloth; to the ford (sic) church in Chelisworth £4 13s 4d for a chalice.

To a Friar of Clare for to sing for my soul and for my friends' souls to the time of a whole year in the church of Chelisworth, he to have for his stipend £6; to the Friars of Clare to sing two trentals for my soul and my friends', 20s.; to the Friars of Sudd' to sing a trenatl for my soul and all my friends' souls, 10s; to the Grey Friars of Ypswich to sing a trenatl for my soul and all my friends's souls, 10s.

John Cloveyr the elder to have my house and my yard called Heywards, to give and to sell on condition he pay yearly 5s to keep withal my obit till the sum of four marks be fully paid

All other goods to the discretion of my executor, to dispose etc whom I make John Clover of Chelisworth and he to have for his time labour 10s.

Supervisor: John Smyth, parson, he to have for his labour 6s 8d

Witnesses: Simon Abott, Robert Dey called Paves, John Clerk

### JOHN ALDEN 1524

Revoking all other wills

My body to have sepulture in the churchyard of Chellesworth; to the altar in the said church for my tithes and offerings by me negligently forgotten and the more to pray for my soul and my friends' souls 13s 4d.

Sir David Brese to have out his year service and to have for his wages after nine marks by year

To the cathedral church of Norwich 12d.; to the Grey Friars of Ippeswich and to the Friars of Clare and to the Friars of Sudburye, 10s each house to pray for my soul and my friends' souls

My executors to bestow in Groton church as it may be raised of my debts five marks, to be bestowed on that thing that most needeth to the said church

My executors to pay the rest of the duty that I owe for the canopy at such days as it is assigned to be paid

To the said church of Chellesworth my best diaper cloth to lay upon the high altar

My executors to have the letting and governance of my house called Kendalls, and my house called Johan Wedierbye with all my lands, meadows and pastures in the town of Chellesworthe for twenty years nextb after my decease, doing therewith "Fermor like", without doing any strip or waste, and finding the said houses well and sufficiently repaired and to discharge the said houses for all causes and also to pay to Lawrence Cowper my son-in-law £20 to be paid yearly at the Feast of St Michael 20s till the £20 be paid.

After the end of the twenty years, the said house and lands etc to remain to John Cowper, now the son of the said Laurence Cowper. If John die before he come to lawful age, the houses and lands etc to be sold by my executors and of the money, to Katherine my daughter £10, and the residue to be disposed in deeds of charity at the discretion of my executors for the health of my soul and my friends' souls

Jane (sic), my wife, to have the house bought of John Clerke in Chellesworth, to her and her heirs for ever, to give

and to sell

My house that I have in Lensey to remain to the child that Johan (sic) my wife is now withal if it be a man child, he to have it when he come to the age of 21 and during that time my executors to have the profits thereof, paying the lord's rent and finding the said houses (sic) in reparation. If the said child die before that age, or if it be a maid child, then the said house at Leysey to be sold by my executors, out of which to the said child being a maid child, 10 marks to be paid her at the age of 18 and the residue to be disposed in deeds of charity by my executors

To the said Johan my wife the term of seven years, every year she to have one hundred of "sale wood", a coombe of wheat and a seam of malt, yearly to be delivered to her by my executors; she also to have a milch cow and a hog to be of the best; the said Joan my wife to have all such stuff of household as was hers when I married with her and also my first wife's wearing clothes and also my best bedcloth

To Katherine my daughter my best sheet and a quilt; the residue of all my linen to Joan my wife.

The residue of all my household stuff as brass, pewter and bedding except that is above-named, to be evenly divided, one part to Joan my wife and the other to Katherine my daughter, but all my brewing vessel to go still with the house by inventory, and also the tables and forms with the stools in the hall with the hangings and cupboards and chests, all such to remain still with the said house

to John Alden my nephew as it may be raised of my debts, five marks

to Maud my sister dwelling in Wynfarthing 40s if she be alive. If she be dead, then the 40s to go to the use of the church of Wynfarthing; to Maud my niece in like manner, 40s. To every of my godchildren 12d.

My cofeoffees that have any strength, 'state or seisin with me in any houses or lands, free or copy, to deliver estate etc as required by my executors to the performance of my will

The residue of all my goods to the discretion of my executors to dispose etc

executors Thomas Harvye otherwise called Assheldon of Chellesworth and Thomas Salter of Bighton, they to bring my body honestly to the earth after the custom of the country and to receive and pay my debts. To every of my executors for their labour 26s 8d.

witnesses John Clovyer, John Clarke, William Byrche and Robert Deye with others

Towards the leading of the church of Chellisworth £4

### **JOHN CLARKE 1524**

Sick in body; to be buried in the churchyard of All Saints in Chellisworth; to the high altar for tithes and offerings negligently forgotten and the rather to be prayed for 12d. To the cathedral church of Norwich 4d.

to Agnes my wife my house and land that I dwell in, lately bought of the executors of Thomas Wetherby, as it is enclosed with a garden lately bought of John Hayward, on condition she keep a widow. If she be married again, then she to pay every child that I have 20s.

to Margaret Lessye my maid, towards the keeping of her child 20s as my wife may pay it at her ease

To Agnes my wife all my corn and all my cattle and all my moveables to me 'longing

the cofeoffees to give estate of the said tenement when required by mine executors

My executor to pay all my debts and receive all my debts

The residue of my goods to the discretion of my executrix

Supervisor: Thomas Clark of Bures, my brother, he to have for his labour 10s.

witnesses Sir John Smythe, parson of Chelsworth, John Wythe, William Borche, William Marchaunte, tailor, and Robert Bolton with others

### **ISBELL GEORGE 1529**

My body to be "humat et tumulat" in my parish churchyard; to the high altar of my parish church for my tithes forgotten 20d. To the reparation pf the bells of my parish church 3s 4d. My cow to St Peter's lamp within my parish church

to Thomas George my husband, a mattress, a pair of sheets, two blankets and a white coverlet

to William Brytithe, 3s 4d

to Thomas Newton my son, my house that I dwell in, both free and copy, on condition he do some deeds of charity as his conscience will move him, for the souls of his father and mine and all Christian souls, to him and his heirs for ever

to Simon Newton, my son, a tenement in Chelsworth with all pertaining to the whole copy, to him and his heirs for ever, paying eight marks to the performance of this will and my funeral expenses

The residue of my goods to be divided betwixt Thomas and Simon my sons

Executor: Simon my son

Witnesses Sir John Smyth, curate, William Brytche and John Pollynge with others

### **JOHN CLOVER 1530**

### **RICHARD BRADSTREET 1535**

(usual pre-Ref commendation); my body to have sepulture in the churchyard of All Saints in Chellysworth; to the high altar for tithes and oblations negligently forgotten and the more to be prayed for 12d.

The money that is coming and due to me of Robert Bradystrette for the sale of certain lands and tenements, as it appears in a pair of indentures made betwixt the said Richard and Robert, of the which money I bequeath to John Bradystrett my son £3 6s 8d. To Roger Bradystret my son £3 6s 8d. To William Byrche of Chellysworth £3 6s 8d.

For my burial and all other things needful for the health of my soul, the discretion of my executors, whom I make John Bradystrette, my son, servant to the right honourable Duke of Norfolk, and Roger Bradystret, my son, dwelling in London, "sherman"

Witnesses William Brette, William Clawyor, John Bocher, clerk

### **SIMON ABBOTT 1537/40**

to my wife Alice for life, then to John Abbott, my son: my house, the adjoining parcel of arable land called Cakebred with the meadow and pasture adjoining the said field

to Thomas Abbott, a parcel of land called Longacre with a meadow called Bradfield and Claypit Field as they lie enclosed hedged and ditched

to my daughter Mary/Maryon

Executors Alice and John Taylor of Bildeston

Witnesses Richard Taylor of Bildeston, Thomas Newton, John Bocher, clerk, John Powling, John Clovyer

### **ROBERT DEY 1538**

Burial in the churchyard of Chelsworth

10s to the poor people to pray for my soul etc.  
to an honest priest etc 20s.

To Annis my wife my house and land lying in Chelsworth

To Annes my wife all my chattels both house and ?note and all my household stuff both bedding, brass and pewter and all other things

Annes and my son Robart to be executors

Witnesses William ?Rochebroke, William Clovyer, John Deye, Richard Marchant and others

**THOMAS HARVEY 1538**

to Isbell my wife - everything (no detail)

witnesses William Byrche, Richard Marchant, Richard Bond

**THOMAS NEWTON 1538**

to Isbell my wife, the house that I now dwell in, by custom of the manor, by the hands of William Clovis in the presence of Thomas Clovis; and the freehold called Slaughters, for her maintenance and for the bringing up of my children

for John my youngest son, daughters Johane and Agnes, sons William, John, Simon, Hugh and Thomas Newton

executors: my wife and Hugh Downing, my brother-in-law

witnesses William Clovis, Thomas Clovis, John Bocheat clerk et al

**THOMAS ROCKLYE 1539**

To the high altar, 12d.

to my wife, her dwelling in my house; the house called Churchmans that I bought of John Rafe, and the field that I bought of William Wythe

youngest son Gilbarde to inherit the house when he reaches the age of 21

to William my eldest son, the house that I dwell in called Aldens ... that I bought of Alden's executors, and the meadow that I bought of John Marchant, with the ground and green that I bought of Abotte

to my three daughters,

to Elsebethe my eldest

a combe of wheat each to Harry Wild, Edward Rocklye, Welles wife?

Witnesses William Borche, Richard Bond, John Bolton the elder

**WILLIAM CLOVER 1541**



### **JOHN SMYTH 1542**

To Alice my wife, the tenement called Webbs, and the house I now dwell in, until John my son comes of age, otherwise to my daughters Rose, or my other children, my daughters Agnes and Elizabeth, otherwise to John Smyth, my brother

executors Alice and Roger Price of Laxfield

brother John as supervisor

Witnesses John Price of Nedging, Thomas Welles, John Bolton, John Bolton the younger, Gilbert Huntingson, John Bocher clerk

### **JOHN POWLING WEVYER 1542**

To be buried in the churchyard of all saints in Chelsworth  
For my burial 6/8d

To Ellen my wife the house that ... with all the lands thereto belonging, for the term of ... five years after my decease; then to be sold and the price parted among my children

10s to the reparation of the highway from my house towards the church

To my daughter Rose the tenement called Marches to give and sell on condition my wife have it term of her life

To Ellen my wife all the chattels and household stuff to her own proper use

The residue to the discretion of my executors, William Powling my brother and John Folkes my brother-in-law; to either of them for their labours 3/4d

Witnesses Sir Robert Deye and Isabel Marchant into the hands of Richard Marchant and William Colman

### **MARGARET HYLL WIDOW 1556**

to son Robert, my tenement when he reaches the age of 21; otherwise to my brothers - Thomas the younger to have the better part

to Johan Green, my best petticoat

to Marion Bolton, my white petticoat

to Margaret Blomfield, my tother red petticoat

executors my son Robert and John Blomfield

Witnesses Symond Pavys, Thomas Laman, Roger Wylton

**THOMAS WELLS 1557**

to Thomas, eldest son, various goods, having sold the house and yards to William Ward  
executor William Ward

Witnesses William Mells and Thomas Wells

**NICHOLAS SATERLEY 1557**

**ROGER WILTON LABOURER 1561**

to Katherin Wilton my daughter the house I dwell in

to my wife Agnes 5 marks to be paid by Katherin when she is 20; Agnes to have the house until Katherin is 18

also to Agnes half a hundred of good and able wood yearly, and live in the house for life if she and the daughter  
can agree, but if not Katherin to give my wife 10s yearly; also the corn, both growing in the field and in the barn

the rest to be equally divided between them

executor my wife Agnes

Witnesses Richard Andrews, clerk, parson of Chelsworth, William Martin

**JOHN MARCHANT LABOURER 1564**

to wife Elizabeth 33s 4d, and one of my milch beasts

all the household stuff to be equally divided between my wife and children

to Thomas my eldest son 10s

to Alice my daughter 20s

the money that Thomas Lawrens owes to be distributed among the rest of my children

?John Wilson owes 20/-

my son Thomas/?John sole executor

Witnesses Thomas Lardge, Thomas Marchant

**KATHERINE BOND WIDOW 1564**

to Richard Clover, my son and executor, the house called Wederbies with two closes of land belonging thereto, and household things

to Robert Clover, the house called Fynnes, with the yard and the pound yard, and one parcel of ground called Fynnes Meadow

bequests to son Richard Bond of Bildeston, daughter Grace Ellett, Richard Clover's son Richard and daughter Martha; to Martha and Alice Smyth, daughters of her daughter Elizabeth

also to Agnes Bond and Margery Cowper

Witnesses John Abbott, Richard Martin

**WILLIAM WARD HUSBANDMAN 1564**

to my son William, a piece of land called Four Acres in Layham

to my son Philip, land in Layham

to my wife Margaret

(nothing in Chelsworth)

**THOMAS MERCHANT HUSBANDMAN 1567**

To be buried in the churchyard of Chelsworth

To Agnes my wife (the sole executor) all my goods chattels and debts conditionally that she pay all my debts, she then to have and to dispose all as she shall think most best to her own comfort and the comfort of my soul

Witnesses Thomas Large gent and John Abbott husbandman

**JOHN POWLING 1567**

Administration to ?

**ROBERT RUGGLES 1569**

Administration to ?wife Margaret

### ROBERT HILLS 1575

to my wife Anne, my houses with the appurtenances, both free and copy, and all my lands in Chelsworth both free and copy for her lifetime, provided that she keep them in sufficient repair

and if she be with child with a son, he to have the houses etc after her decease, but if the son should not live Robert Clover (my wife's son) to have the houses and lands

and if she be with child with a daughter, then the abovenamed Robert Clover to have the houses and lands, paying £10 to the daughter

Anne Clover my wife's daughter my cubbard at the age of fourteen

Executor William Mills; witnesses John Wilson, John Mills with others

### ROBERT JERVIS 1575

To be buried in the churchyard of Chelsworth

Executors to be Annes my wife and Thomas my son

I give to Annes my wife the best cove and I will that she have all the household that she brought to me that is now be longing to the house and the best bed in the chamber where I do ly and a payre of blankets a covering a payre of sheets and pelow the bolster and the bedstead and my letell brase pote and all the foules in the yarde and the best stayne clothe in the house and the profit of the acre of lande in the towne field untell Michaelmas paying tge rent

Item I give to Breget my daughter a great kettle that was her aunt's Grimwards

Item I give to Margret my dauter 13s 4d to be paid unto her at 18 years of age

Item I give to Walter my son a bed and a blanket and my cape and a pair of bedsteads a transom and my canbyd?

Item I give to Thomas my son a bed a covering a blanket a pair of sheets a bolster and bedstead and a ?gone and my waytes with the bone? And scales and my ?stockards in the frames and my mault querns

Item I give to William Hamling my best coat and my wortsted jerkin

Item I give to John Watkinson two coats and a jacket

Item I give to Thomas ?Reade of Ipswich my horse

Item I give to Sarah my maid 3s 4d

Item I give to every one of my children's children 12d to be paid to the sons at one and twenty years of age and to the daughters at eighteen years of age

Item all the rest of my goods unbequeathed, when my debts and legacies and other charges be paid out of them, shall be parted between my wife and my children in --- persons?

Witness Thomas Abbott and John Smith and others

Item he willed in the presence of the aforesaid witnesses to Agnes his wife all his weate in his ?yard and his ?grain in his barn

**JOHN SMYTH 1575**

**RICHARD MARTIN 1576**

(Made and declared his last will)

to Barbara his wife all his goods moveable and immoveable, paying to the ...

ten children that ... John Doble ... Isaac ... Robert ... Thomas Doble, Henry Doble, Robart Doble, and ... and ...

John Doble the younger

And William Smethe Katherine Smethe Alice Smethe and Susanna Smethe, all 20s as they shall come and accomplish the age of sixteen years

Witnesses William Mels ?Robert Sympson and John Abbott

**ALICE SAVERY 1580**

**BARBARA MARTIN 1583**

**WILLIAM FOLKES 1586**

**ROBERT CLOVER 1588**

## JOHN ABBOTT YEOMAN 1588

To Thomas Abbott my eldest son my houses with appurtenances in Chelsworth which were my father's; and one parcel of land called Cakebreads; and one piece of pasture and one meadow, 33 acres altogether; and the house that I now dwell in called Clovers, and the orchard and five acres of land adjoining as it is now enclosed

and pay to James Abbott 100 marks of good and lawful English money as in the Court Rolls of Chelsworth; otherwise house etc to James

to Agnes my wife for life: one messuage with appurtenances called Munkes now in the occupation of Robert Pollonge; and a parcel of land called Downings 5 acres; and one other close called Nether Clay Pit with a pit and a lane belonging to the same, 12 acres; and a meadow called Fynnes Meadow, 3 acres

if she keep maintain and bring up my two younger children which I had by her

and after her decease, the messuage called Munks with the yard; 5 acres of land called Downings; the other close called Nether Clay Pit with the pit and lane, to James

and the meadow called Fynnes Meadow to my son Nathaniel

to my son Matthew, one piece of land called Long Acre with a meadow belonging to the same called Bradfield; and a parcel of land called Over Claypit, 12 acres together

to my son Symon Abbott two pieces of land in a field called Hatches, one free the other copy, 8 acres; and two other pieces of land in Chelsworth Town Field, one piece one and a half acres next to Hatches, the other piece called Bond More, half an acre

to my son Stephen all the rest of my lands in Town Field, 11 acres

to John for life, the houses and appurtenances which Bennett Steven and (blank) now dwell in in Monks Eleigh, and then to Mathew

to soninlaw Thomas Webber ten pounds to daughter Alice wife of James 'Hall tenpounds

to daughter Susan wife of Andrew Chaplyn ten pounds to daughter Sara ten pounds when 20 or on marriage day

to youngest daughter Elizabeth ten pounds when 20 or on marriage day

to grandchild John Webber twenty shillings to Elizabeth Stevens, my servant, twenty shillings to Rose Stevens my servant ten shillings

to my grandchild Elizabeth Stannard twenty shillings

the rest to Agnes my wife and James my son as executors, they to keep and maintain my son John Abbott aforesaid (being a diseased creature) with meat drink and cloathe and other necessaries during his natural life (and if what he left John is not enough, they to pay from their own pockets)

soninlaw Thomas Webber to be supervisor

Witnesses William Mells, Robert Chaplyn, William Grimwade

**WILLIAM BRAME 1592**

**LAWRENCE BOLTON 1595**

**WILLIAM MILLS 1598**

To wife Margery, all my lands and tenements both free and copy for the term of her natural life

Then to son Isaac for ever

To my wife all my moveable goods and chattels, bothe corn on the ground growing and my ?cattle

wife executor

Witnesses Thomas Salter, John Greene, Leonard Cryspe, Anne Martyn

**JOHN WYLSON MILLER 1598**

Tenement to eldest son Thomas, executor; paying to son John, £5 at the house of Thomas Salter of Chelsworth

To son William £5 at age 22

to Ann, wife of Richard Chaplin 10s.

to Amy Trymwood, my daughter and Anne Chaplin, wife of Richard

Witnesses Robert Booth, Lancelot Munning, Thomas Salter, Barnard Salter

**ROBERT SIMPSON YEOMAN 1603**

to son Robert, all my freehold lands and tenements in Chelsworth

to my daughter Elizabeth Wright for her lifetime all my free and copyhold lands and tenement in Kettlebaston and Monks Eleigh now in the tenure of my son Robert and Robert Wright my son-in-law, they to pay my wife Agnes £10 yearly for her lifetime, and on her death to pay £35 as follows

to Robert Kemball her son £5; to Thomas Kemball £5, to Elizabeth Kemball £5, to Abigail Kemball £5, to Rachel Kemball £5, to Anna Kemball £5, to Susan Kemball £5

If Elizabeth Wright dies before her mother all the lands and tenement in Kettlebaston and Monks Eleigh to Robert Kemball, and he to pay Thomas £10 if Thomas surrenders the piece of copyhold land in Kettlebaston left to him by his father Leonard Kemball

Then Robert to pay at yearly intervals to Thomas and Elizabeth £5 each; to Thomas and Abigail £5 each; to Thomas

and Rachel £5 each; to Thomas and An £5 each; to Thomas and Susan £5 each; then to Thomas £40 at £5 pa for five years

And Agnes my wife three of the best beds as she chooses (and much furniture and utensils) the rest to son Robert with all the corn and hay

my wife Agnes and Robert Wright executors; witnesses William Appleton, John Parker, Thomas Welham

#### **NICHOLAS CHAPLIN 1604**

Extensive land to South East (Semer Wood) being between the land of Robert Nightingale in the occupation of Robert Blomfield John Knappe

Money to the poor

Body for burial in the churchyard at Chelsworth

to sons Stephen and Richard, wife Margaret

#### **ROBERT BOOTH CLERK 1606**

to the poor of Chelsworth the sum of 6s 8d , to be distributed by my executrix on the day of my burial

to my loving sister Elizabeth Booth, 16s yearly and free dwelling in the little tenement wherein Alice Bolton widow doth now dwell

to my wife Margaret, land and property also in Groton

my friend Susan Blomfield of Monks Eleigh

to my son Robert Booth to set up a trade and to pay for stock, and mortgaged land in Groton as security to Simon Blomfield for money given to Robert Booth my son

if she fails to pay, or remarries, all to my son, Nathan Booth - then to my son, Thomas Booth, he to pay to his sister Abigail £50

to my sister Margaret Ramsden, £10; to Robert Booth, my son, £20; to Richard Ramsden, my grandchild, £10

to Thomas all my Latin and Greek books

to Nathan £10 held by Edmund Cooke his master for him when he comes out of his apprenticeship

witnesses John Whittle, Abraham Chaplin, Robert Manning



### JOHN BROWNSMYTHE 1613

Body to be buried in the churchyard of Chelsworth (*note: no burial recorded in the register*)

To my son John, my great cubbard and my great table and my brass pot

To my daughter Elizabeth one posted bedstead with a feather bed a bolster and two pillows, two blankets and a covering; one great chest, a pair of cobirons, one brass pot, the greatest, and one great kettle, four greatest of the pewter platters, two pewter fruit dishes and one great pewter salt, a brass pan

To my daughter Katherine my best joined chair, the middle brass pot, one chafing dish

Two pewter candlesticks, one to Katherine, one to Elizabeth

To Katherine one trundle bedstead with a flock bed, with a pair of blankets, a covering, a bolster and two feather pillows and a pair of cobirons and four pewter platters and a slat

To my son John one joined chair

To Katherine and Elizabeth each one brass kettle

To my son John two pewter platters and three saucers

The rest to John and Katherine and Elizabeth equally, to be divided among them, except the wicker chair which I give to Alice Cross of Finborough

John the sole executor

Witnesses William Lynslie minister of Chelsworth, Richard Bacon

### THOMAS SALTER CLOTHIER 1614

My body to Christian burial

to Alice my wife, my messuage or tenement wherein I now dwell for and during the term of her natural life; and after her decease, as it is now divided, to John my son and his heirs for ever

To Alice my wife all that messuage or tenement with the appurtenances as it is now enclosed wherein Thomas Powling now dwelleth, for and during the term of her natural life, then to Richard my son and his heirs for ever

All my land at the Comon containing twenty acres to Alice for and during the term of her natural life, she making no strip or waste, then to be equally divided between my sons Thomas and John

To Alice my daughter £27 at the age of 21

To Prudence my daughter £27 at the age of 21

I either should die before her portion becomes due, then that portion to go to the other daughter

To Esther Coller my daughter 10s

To the poor of Chelsworth 10s on the day of my burial

The rest of my moveable goods and chattels to Alice my wife, the sole executor

Witnesses John Coller, William Lynsey

#### **WILLIAM DIKES 1615**

Money and moveables to children Stephen (youngest son), Robert (oldest son), William; daughters Grace, Prudence, Margaret married to John Clark

Mentions woollen cloths

#### **THOMAS ABBOTT 1618**

I bequeath unto Isaac Abbott my son all my lands and tenements in Chelsworth their appurtenances to him and his heirs forever, except the land which I bought of Edward Ellynet called Goodin's Yards, upon condition that the said Isaac Abbott shall pay or cause to be paid unto Susan Todd or to her assigns 10 pounds of lawful money of England and to Marie Archer or her assigns twenty pounds of lawful money of England within one year of my decease and if he shall fail to pay the sum of ten pounds to my daughter Susan Todd within one year of my decease Item I give and bequeath instead unto my daughter Susan Todd and to her heirs one piece of land being in Townsfield in Chelsworth between the lands of John Green towards the East and the lands of late Robert Simpson towards the West, the North head abutting on the land called Bonds More, and the South head on Bessels Field"

if not paid to Marie Archer, she to have one piece of land in Town Field bought of Robert Simson, the North head abutting on Bonds More and Gosses Acre, the South head on Bessell Field

and on condition he pay to daughter Elizabeth Abbott forty pounds

if not paid to Elizabeth Abbott, she to have land sometime called Norices and Hall Garden, now called Deekeses

I give to Elizabeth Abbott the land bought of Edward Ellynet called Goodin's Yard, and all my moveable goods and household stuff

executors Elizabeth Abbott and Marie Archer and Edward Archer my son-in-law

and to poor of Chelsworth forty shillings at the discretion of the minister and churchwardens and overseers

and Elizabeth Abbott to pay Mother Thurwood 6/8d, and John Rood 6/8d and Elizabeth Boston 6/8d

witnesses William Lynslie, William Strene

### **JOHN SMYTH YEOMAN 1621**

to wife Anne for her lifetime, all my lands pastures and meadows in my own occupation in Chelsworth, both free and copyhold, 19 acres; and the barn and barnyard called Webbs Barn, and the little orchard thereunto belonging; and a parcel of land called Upper Sawyers, leased to Mr Church

after her death, Upper Sawyers, 4 acres, to John Smyth my son;

the rest with Webbs Barn, barnyard and orchard to my daughter Anne Smyth

to my wife Anne for life, after the expiry of the lease to Mr Church, these rooms: the parlour and parlour chamber, half the kitchen chamber, the buttery and the gallery, and the little garden adjoining the parlour, and three loads of wood yearly to be provided by my son John, and access to the pump, and three milch beasts, and the household stuff utensils and implements, and various named items in the house

then to John and Anne to be equally divided

and to Anne the things at Kingsbere's and at Daniel Munnings'

to my wife the corn in the barn or on the chambers, and the wheat in Culphen

to John my son the message or tenement etc where Bartholomew Church gent now dwells excluding the rooms marked for my wife, and the lands free and copyhold in the occupation of Bartholomew Church, 65 acres (money will be owed to Bartholomew Church; on non-payment, Bartholomew Church to have Culphen Meadows, 5 acres, adjoining Nether Culphen, 6 acres, Sandpit Field and Webbs Close, 16 acres.)

to the poor 20/-

to brother Steven's two sons 10s each when they reach the age of 21

the rest to Robert Blomfield, my brother-in-law, sole executor; Bartholomew Church pays £12 pa; John Smyth owes £17; the executor to pay from the £12 and his legacy

witnesses John Coller, Barnaby Salter, William Linsley (huius scriptor)

### **HENRY SMITH HUSBANDMAN 1627**

to Rose my wife, lands in Shimpling

witnesses William Linsley, Roger Smith

### **WILLIAM LINSLEY CLERK 1630**

to Annable my wife, all my lands (no detail);

to Thomas Linsley, clerk, my eldest son, two books: Parens, his commentary on Genesis: and M<sup>r</sup>arolletts' Exposition upon Genesis;

to Robert my second son, the copyhold messuage or tenement that I purchased of Isaac Dikes, with a yard or orchard and a pond, and with a liberty to make a ditch three feet broad next below the lower plum tree from Robert Benstead's pale right over to the land Which I late purchased of Isaac Abbott; and all the meadow and pasture late purchased of Isaac Abbott, he to pay to my daughter Mary £25;

to William my third son, the copyhold messuage or tenement wherein I now dwell, and the meadow late purchased of Isaac Dikes, he to pay to Mary £55  
to Elizabeth Benstead my daughter, 5s.

to the poor of Chelsworth 20s. to be distributed by the churchwardens and overseers

Annable to be my executrix

witnesses Isaac Abbott, John Gostlin, John Dogett

(with a handwritten note?)

#### **ANN SPRING WIDOW 1627**

Administration to husband John Spring during minority of daughter Anne Spring

Will: bequest to Richard Hayle my son-in-law

#### **ABIGAIL BOOTH SINGLEWOMAN 1627**

To Robert Booth, my cousin, eldest son of my brother Robert £5  
To Elizabeth Booth, my cousin, eldest daughter of my brother Robert Booth £5  
To Thomas Booth, my cousin, son of my brother Robert £10  
To Maria Booth, my cousin, daughter of my brother Robert Booth £5  
To Richard Booth, my cousin, son of my brother Robert £5 when 21  
To Henry, brother of Richard £5 when 21  
To Margery Booth my cousin £5 when 21  
To John youngest son of Robert Booth £5 when 21  
To Abigail Booth youngest daughter of Robert Booth £5 when 21

If any die before the age of 21, their portion to be equally divided among the rest then living

To be paid from the money left by her father Robert Booth

Cousin Thomas Booth to be sole executor

witnesses Robert Booth, John and Judith Mynnes, Anne Roffe

#### **THOMAS CLOVER OF STOKE BY NAYLAND 1630** (Son of Robert Clover of Chelsworth)

Administration to son John

**MARY BAWLYE 1631**

Memorandum that ...

All to Edward Bawlye my son and to my daughter Marie the wife of Mark Webb, to be equally divided

Witnesses Isaac Abbott, Abraham Greene

**ALICE SALTER WIDOW 1631**

Administration to son John

**JANE CLARK OF BILDESTON SPINSTER 1634**

To my father Henry Clark, meadow ground in Chelsworth, paying to my brother Richard Clark and my sister Elizabeth Clarke £5 eac

Witnesses John Bateman Thomas Andrews

**JONAS KEELER 1634**

Administration to widow Alice. Estate valued at £57.

**NICHOLAS OSBORNE 1634**

Administration to widow Anne

**JOHN STERNE 1634**

Administration to relict Joanna. Estate valued at £113 13s

**WILLIAM TRAY 1636**

Administration to Judith Tray, widow. Estate valued at £4 14s 8d.

**RICHARD CLOVER 1638**

To Susan my loving wife all my free and copy lands and tenements; the half of all my household effects and implements of household stuff

To Richard Clover my eldest son all my lands and tenements, free and copy, after the decease of my wife, on condition he pays to the rest of my children the legacies set out below:

To my son John £20

To my son Robert £20

To my youngest son William £20

To my youngest daughter Susan £20

To Margaret Powling wife of Thomas Powling £20

The leases of both my mills in Chelsworth to my son John Clover

The rest to Richard my eldest son, he to be my sole executor

Witnesses John Greene, William Greene, Thomas Andrews

**ABRAHAM GROOM ?THATCHER 1639**

To Mary my wife £4 and all the moveable goods she brought with her when we married

To John my eldest son 10s

To Robert my youngest son 30s

To John my best ?

The rest to my wife and children to be equally divided

Witnesses Nathaniel Lufkin, Robert Osmund

**JOSHUA ELLIOTT 1647**

Administration to Widow ?Sara. Estate valued at £82 0s 4d

*(see also the Inventories)*

**RALPH HEWETT 1647**

Administration to widow Elizabeth. Estate valued at £826 9s 8d

**JOHN LONGTOT OR STANDLY 1650**

Administration to John ?Hobert and Lawrence Rye, nearest relatives

**ROBERT COPPING 1651**

to Anne Copping my wife, the household stuff and monies - no detail

Anne to be sole executor

witnesses Robert Andrews, clerk, Alice Parker

**ELIZABETH HEWITT 1652**

“I give and bequeath to my daughter Elizabeth all the household linen that was my mother Smith’s. and the bed and bedstead as it now stands in the hall chamber and the canopy bed in the low room. Also I give her the sum of three hundred and fifty pounds of moneys. In case my goods being indifferently priced amount not to so much after my debts, funeral charges and other legacies be discharged I give to her my said daughter Elizabeth all my house and edifices I now live in with the freehold land thereto belonging until my son Ralph have given to her sufficient security for the makeing up of the fore mentioned sum of 350 pounds and also until he have released to her his right title and interest in a little tenement lying in Long Melford. My will and meaning is that one hundred put out in her name should be part of the 350 pounds.

Item I give to my son Ralph and his heirs forever all that my house and freehold land that I now live in when he hath performed the conditions before mentioned. Also I give to him all my copyhold lands and my other freehold lands which were my jointure to him and his heirs forever. Also I give to him all my house stuff and lumber not before mentioned which shall be in and about my house at my decease. Item I give unto my loving friend Mr Robert Andrews five pounds to buy him a piece of plate. Then I give unto the poor of the town 20s to be distributed within a week of my decease. Item I make and ordain my two children Ralph and Elizabeth executors of this my last will “  
Robert Andrews supervisor

**ROBERT MYNNES YEOMAN 1653**

**JOHN GREEN 1653**

**HENRY ALP HUSBANDMAN 1656**

*(see also the Inventories)*

**SAMUEL CHAPLIN YEOMAN 1656**

**MOSES TRAY HUSBANDMAN 1657**

to cousin Susan Beeton, two tenements in Chelsworth in which I now dwell, and another tenement in Badwell Ash, for her lifetime

and after her death the tenements in Chelsworth to cousin William Daweses' five daughters, Anne, Mary, Katherine, Marjery, Mirable to be equally divided

and the tenement in Badwell Ash to cousin Henry Downing of Knettishall for life, then to his son Moyses Downing

To my cousins, furniture after his wife's death

Executor my cousin William Dawes of Watsham

witnesses William James snr, William James, William Dawes

**JUDITH COOPER WIDOW 1660**

Administration to brother John Mynns (*see also the Inventories*)

**RICHARD CLOVER 1658**

**HUGH GREEN YEOMAN 1659**

**ABEL DEAVES 1661**

Administration to Widow Mary (see also the Inventories)

**STEPHEN DEEKES 1662**

Administration to widow Susanna. Estate valued at £31 2s. (*see also the Inventories*)



**JOHN SIMPSON YEOMAN 1663**

"I give and bequeath unto Rebecca my loving wife for and during the term of her mortal life all that my freehold tenement with all and singular the appurtenances thereto belonging, wherein one John Waltham liveth, lying in Chelsworth aforesaid, she keeping the same in good repair; and after her decease I give and bequeath the aforesaid tenement to John Simpson my son and his heirs forever, upon condition that the said John Simpson my son shall pay out of the said tenement unto Mary Simpson my daughter the sum of twenty pounds of lawful English money within one year next after the death of the said Rebecca my wife in or at the south porch of the parish church of Chelsworth.

Item my mind and will is that in case default be made in payment of the aforesaid sum of twenty pounds to the said Mary Simpson my daughter at the time and place aforesaid that the said mary my daughter shall enter upon the said tenement until such time as the twenty pounds shall be fully paid.

Item I give and bequeath unto the said Mary Simpson that my postbedstead standing in these chambers as it is ready furnished.

Item I give and bequeath unto the said John my son the sum of four pounds of lawful English money to be paid out of the hands of my executor towards the binding of him an apprentice.

Item all the rest of my moveable goods and chattels and household stuff, implements of household stuff, ready monies and debts all whatsoever I give and bequeath to my said wife Rebecca, my debts being first paid and funeral charges defrayed

Rebecca sole executrix  
witnesses John Mynnes, John Clover, James Andrews

*(see also the Inventories)*

**ELIZABETH HEWETT WIDOW 1664**

*(see also the Inventories)*

**HENRY ALPE HUSBANDMAN 1664**

Tenement and orchard in the occupation of Joseph Deekes and Margaret Browne to my wife Elizabeth, and after her decease the East end to my son Henry Alpe. All the rest of my lands to my son Robert.

Greater cow to daughter Elizabeth; lesser cow to daughter Mary

witnesses Thomas Hammond, John Mynnes

### **JOHN GREEN OF LINDSEY LABOURER 1666**

to wife Mary a tenement in Hitcham

to daughter Damaris Green, two fields purchased of Simon Blomfield called Marsh Field and Bricked Field in Monks Eleigh and Chelsworth, 21 acres

daughters Mary, Margery, mother Margery Rudland

sons William, Henry, John

witnesses Ralph Rudland, Benjamin Green, Richard Bishop

### **JANE COATES 1667**

Administration to Marie Coats or Bolton, wife of John Bolton. Estate valued at £81 12s

*(see also the Inventories)*

### **JOHN SPRING 1667**

Administration to Stephen Chaplin

### **JOHN BLEWETT SINGLEMAN 1667**

to brother Henry Blewett of Stansted one brass pot and pot lid; my best suit of apparel; three payres of the very best and chiefest of my earrings as also my hatt and great chest standing in goodman Rudland's chamber; as also two new shirts which are now a making at my Dame Green's; and two old shirts I give to my brother Henry Blewett's wife for her children.

Item, I give and bequeath to the three children of my brother Henry aforesaid viz Henry, John and another whose name I remember not, six shillings and eightpence apiece, to be paid to and for the use of the aforesaid children within half a year after my decease.

Item I give and bequeath unto Elizabeth Hensome, daughter of Matthew Hensome of Boxford sherman, my brother-in-law, as also another child of the aforesaid Matthew Hensome which he had by my sister whose name I cannot call to mind, the sum of six shillings and eightpence apiece of good and lawful English money to be paid to and for their use within one half year after my decease.

Item I give and bequeath unto Peter Blewett my brother living in Long Melford in the county of Suffolk, my middle suit, that is to say, coat breeches and petticoat, as also one certain hutch standing at present in goodman Rudland's chamber where I lodge.

Item, I do give and bequeath unto Sarah Shipp of Chelsworth to who sometime I was related under the notion of a servant, the sum of 20s of good and lawful English money - sixteen shillings I give by remitting a debt which she owes me of sixteen shillings, and the four more to be paid her before one month after my decease.

As for the rest of my goods and chattels or money or utensils of husbandry or any other thing unbequeathed, I do give and bequeath unto Robert Rudland my loving friend in whose house at present I am. And I do hereby constitute and appoint the said Robert Rudland to be both sole executor of this my last will and testament (renouncing any other will made) contained in one sheet of paper, and I do earnestly entreat him to be very faithful in his discharge of his executor's trust by me committed to him

Whereof I have set my hand and seal the day and year first above written

John Blewett (his mark)

witnesses James ?Lumber, Robert Andrews

*(see also the Inventories)*

#### **MARGARET ANDREWS 1667**

To son Robert - one posted bedstead and featherbed, one flock bed, one feather bolster, two feather pillows, two white blankets, one green rug, curtains and vallances with curtains, curtain rods (?), one linen cupboard, one great joined chair, two great joined stools, and two little joined stools that are not covered, and also one little green chair, all which things are standing at ... in my son James Andrews house in Suffolk. Item I give to my said son Robert the couch it is now at Chelsworth and stands in my son-in-law John Mynnes parlour - one screen that was .. the ... entry of the parlour that is now in the possession of my son Andrews who lives now at Naughton. Item I give to my said son Robert two great leisure chairs, two cushions which are at ... aforesaid. Item I give and bequeath to my daughter Mynnes the now wife of John Mynnes all my wearing apparel. Item I give to Judith Mynnes my kinswoman daughter of the said John Mynnes one great trunk that standeth at the house of the said John Mynnes aforesaid. And also one pair of great ... I give to the aforesaid Judith Mynnes the daughter of the aforesaid John Mynnes which are at the house of the said James Andrews my son. I will and bequeath to James my son ... which was carried from my mother and is now at the house of the said John Andrews my son in Naughton aforesaid. Item all the rest of my goods household stuffs and implements of household ... ready moneys whatsoever that and any way

*(see also the Inventories)*

### MARY PORTER SPINSTER 1668

To be buried at the discretion of my executor

to my sister Elizabeth wife of John Green of Whatfield 20s

to my sister Rachel 20s

to my sister Susan 20s

to my brother Edmund Porter 10s

to William Scarfe son of William Scarfe of Chelsworth husbandman 30s

to Ambrose Scarfe the youngest son of William Scarfe of Chelsworth husbandman 30s

to Sarah Scarfe, wife of William Scarfe of Chelsworth husbandman my best red petticoat

to John Scarfe eldest son of William Scarfe of Chelsworth husbandman the 40s I lent him to trade with; also one certain black petticoat

All my other apparel and wearing linen to my three sisters Elizabeth, Rachael and Susan to be divided equally

All my other household stuff bedding and moveables to John William and Ambrose Scarfe

To John Scarfe eldest son of William Scarfe my bonds bills and ready money and all my other personal estate to pay my debts legacies etc, he to be my sole executor

witnesses Sarah Scarfe, John Bolton, Robert Andrews

*(see also the Inventories)*

### HENRY JARROLD 1669

To my wife Susan "all that my messuage or tenement situate in Chelsworth near the pound with all and every the appurtenances thereto belonging and now in the occupation of Robert Rudland and William Raydon

To have and to hold the said messuage with the appurtenances unto her the said Susan for and during the term of her natural life. And after her decease I give and bequeath the same unto Robert Jarrold my brother (if he be then living) for and during the term of his life. And after the decease of my said wife and my brother Robert, I give and bequeath the said messuage with the appurtenances unto my kinsman Robert Jarrold and John Jarrold, sons of my brother Robert Jarrold and to their heirs for ever, the same to be equally divided between them"

### THOMAS HAMMOND YEOMAN 1669

To be buried as my executor thinks fit

My copyhold lands and tenements in Chelsworth with all the houses outhouses barns stables etc in the tenure of me or my assigns to my son-in-law Robert Pryce of Chelsworth yeoman and to his heirs and assigns for ever, subject to the following bequests, paid out of the yearly rents

To Alice my loving wife £14 yearly to be paid in the South porch of the parish church of Chelsworth

£6 yearly to my wife for the education and bringing up of my grandchildren, the children of my son John Hammond deceased, to binding them to prentice to trades and to grow up to be fit for service

Any excess to my grandchildren at age 21

To my grandson John £60 at age 21  
To my grandson Thomas £60 at age 21  
To my grandson Tobias £60 at age 21  
To my grandson Philip £60 at age 21  
To my granddaughter Jane £50 at age 21  
To my granddaughter Susanna £50 at age 21  
To my granddaughter Sara £50 at age 21

If any should die before 21, their portion to go to the others equally

£70 to my daughter Alice, wife of Robert Price  
£50 to my daughter Susanna Harvie widow  
To my grandchild John Hammond £40  
To my wife Alice £10

To my grandchildren, children of my late daughter Sara Rand, William and Elizabeth, £10 at age 21

All the household stuff that my daughter-in-law Jane Abbott have of mine, to be equally divided among all her children aforementioned (?)

To my sister Shippy?, widow, 20s yearly  
To my servant John Kingsberry 40s worth from my moveables  
To my servant Robert Kingsberry 10s  
To my wife Alice moveables to the value of £15

To the two children of Sara Rand deceased by her husband Richard Rand as much household stuff as convenient for their use

£20 to Robert Price to pay the fine on the copyhold lands and tenement in Chelsworth

To the poor of Chelsworth 20s

The rest to my daughters Alice Price and Susanna Harvey

(Strict control on Robert Price to fulfil the will)

Alice to have full access to the parlour in the house and her household stuff to remain there, and access to the common fire in the hall

Robert Price the sole executor

Witnesses Thomas Gallaway, Richard Field, John Gallaway

*(see also the Inventories)*

**THOMAS NEAVE 1669**

Administration to Susanna Neave. Estate valued at £14 6s 4d.

*(see also the Inventories)*

**HENRY GOSSE 1671**

Administration to Judith Gosse. Estate valued at £26 16s 10d.

**WILLIAM SCARPE WIDOWER 1675**

to my eldest son John Scarpe, 1s at the south porch, and 32s 6d paid for him to one Thurston Ashly in full discharge of a debt

my friend James Andrews and my executors to do an inventory of the goods and household stuff of Anne Osborne that stand in my home, to be kept and delivered by my executors when she demands

all my goods etc to my sons William and Ambrose, to be equally divided between them. These two to be my executors.

witnesses John Manistre, Judith Tilliott, James Andrews

*(see also the Inventories)*

**JAMES FOWLSEY 1676 (?1690)**

Administration to Susanna Salter or Fowlser, wife of Thomas Salter of Chelsworth

**FRANCIS WORTH 1678**

Administration to widow Elizabeth Worth

*(see also the Inventories)*

**ROBERT BOOTH OF COCKFIELD 1679**

To nephew Thomas, son of my late brother John deceased, marrying my servant Hester Street, all my lands and

tenements both free and copy in Chelsford (sic)

To my wife Alice all moveables, and after her decease to my nephew Robert Booth brother of Thomas 40s.

To my nephew Henry youngest brother of Thomas £5

### **ROBERT ANDREWS 1689**

“I give and bequeath to my loving wife Elizabeth Andrews and to her heirs and assigns for ever all those my freehold lands and tenements hereditaments with all and singular their appurtenances lying and being in Chelsworth called Swifts Yard or Garden and now in the tenure and occupation of John Osborne.

Item I give and bequeath to the said Elizabeth my wife the sum of thirteen (or three score) pounds of lawful English money to perform fulfill and finish that bargain for the copyhold close in Chelsworth that I bought and purchased of Daniel Worth and Anne his wife of Kersey in Suffolk aforesaid Butcher besides that three and twenty pounds of lawful English money that the said Daniel Worth have received in part payment.

Item I give and bequeath to Elizabeth my loving wife all my copyhold lands tenements hereditaments with all and singular their appurtenances during the term of the natural life of the said Elizabeth my wife situate being and lying in Chelsworth as they are hereafter named - first of all my tenements lands yards and gardens and house called Howletts which I now live in and also all that parcel of land or close called Great Cakebreads now in the tenure of one Ralph Hewett and also all those lands tenements hereditaments with all their premises now in the tenure of Judith Gosse widow and Ralph Hewett called by the name or names of Marshes and Clay Pitts and also all that messuage and tenement with all the yards and all the appurtenances wherein William Chapman the younger and John Offwood doth now live

Those several sums of money hereafter named as following viz. the sum of eight and twenty pounds with the interest belonging to it which William Newton of Groton hath mortgaged ... copyhold lands for the security of ... situate and lying in Chelsworth

To Samuel Mynnes my kinsman and his heirs and assigns for ever (Howletts and Cakebreads)

To Judith Mynnes daughter of my sister Judith (Marshes, Claypitts, also Chapman's tenement)

To James Brett, tenements etc in Wyverston, now in the tenure of John Bateman, if he pays of all his debts, otherwise the property to go to my brother James - also a property in Edwardstone called Market Field

Also property in Wickhamskeith

Money to ... Worth 40s (formerly Liddia Brooks)

Rent money for John Osborne

Judith Goss's rent

I give and bequeath to Edmund Osborne my tenant that liveth in the Parsonage House in Chelsworth the sum of £4 18s 9d to be paid out of the sum of £41 18s 9d which the said Edmund Osborne owes to me  
Money to servants Ruth Nutt and Margaret Grymwood

To be paid in or at the now mansion house of John Mynnes

Sums to the poor, three amounts of £3 6s 8d on my death, after one year and after two years

Property in Westthorpe to brother John

Property from sister Sarah (deceased) and monies also to be distributed

Library and study to brother James

Trunk of sister Sarah's things to Judith. Bedstead and livery cupboard from my mother also to Judith.

### **GEORGE MILLER LABOURER 1680**

son George, 20s

daughter Mary Purcass, 20s in dwelling house in Chelsworth

daughter Sarah Miller

all payments in mansion house and tenement in Chelsworth settled upon me by way of lease from Katherine Dawes and Mirable Dawes (monies, debts, chattels etc)

and to Sarah Miller all goods of household, household stuffs and implements

Sarah Miller sole executrix

witnesses Margaret Payne, Faith Rudland, James Andrews

*(see also the Inventories)*

### **JOHN MYNNES YEOMAN 1685**

*(see also the Inventories)*

### **FRANCIS WORTH 1681**

to Elizabeth Worth my loving mother

to my brothers and sisters, Daniel, Thomas, Judith Greene the now wife of Francis Green, and Margaret Worth.

Elizabeth Worth my loving mother to be my sole and only executrix

supervisors my loving friends and neighbours Ralph Hewett and James Andrews

witnesses Benjamin Greene, Samuel., John Bolton, Robert Paine

*(see also the Inventories)*



**JOHN HULL COMBER 1681**

All my copyhold messuage and tenement with the yards and appurtenances in Chelsworth to Elizabeth Hull my loving wife for the term of her natural life

Then in four parts to my son John (two parts), daughters Elizabeth and Margaret

Unless my wife remarries, in which case all at once to the children

Goods to be equally divided among my wife and three children as they reach the age of 21  
executors Elizabeth my wife and James Andrews

witnesses John Greene, Abigail Greene sen, Susan (blank)

**JOHN MANISTREE 1684**

Administration to widow Elizabeth Manistree

**THOMAS SALTER 1687**

Administration to widow Susanna Salter

**ELIZABETH WORTH WIDOW 1687**

to Daniel Worth my son 1s

to Margaret Cutbard my daughter 1s to be paid at my dwelling house in Chelsworth

to Judith Greene my daughter, the wife of Francis Greene all my wearing apparel and cloaths both linen and woolen

all the rest to my son Thomas Worth my son and Judith Green equally

my loving neighbour Katherine ... to be my supervisor

Judith Greene to be my sole and only executrix

witnesses James Andrews, Abraham Hall, Ruth Nutt

**MARY CLOVER 1688**

Administration to John Clover her son

### **ELIZABETH CLOVER SPINSTER 1688**

to my sister Mary Clover all my houses messuages tenements hereditaments and premises in Chelsworth "on condition that she pays James Andrews for my board dyett and other charges whatsoever he hath been at and costs in keeping of me from the time of my first removing to him and of my aboad with him from the beginning of my sickness during and for so long as I shall continue with him"

10s each to buy rings "for my sake" for James Andrews, Susan Andrews, John Green the elder, Abigail his wife and to John Newman and Mary Newman (sister) to buy a ring for my sake

All the rest to Mary Clover and James Andrews to my debts etc

New bible to Mary Newman, daughter of John

witnesses Hannah Rose, Anthony Vince, Elizabeth Vince

### **FRANCIS CLOPTON OF HAUGHLEY 1690**

Lands and tenements lying in Chelsworth to Sarah Clopton of Ipswich, my brother's daughter, and her heirs (if she dies without heirs, to William Warren and John Warren the two sons of Elizabeth Warren widow of Haughley)

### **SUSANNA SALTER 1694**

to my daughter-in-law Elizabeth Rous, £10

to each of my two children Elizabeth and Mary

to my nephew Stephen James Fouslier, son to my brother Thomas, 40s

to William Bird, Rebecca Taylor, Alice Pattison

to Mary Green the younger, my best bed with the bedding and the furniture to the same belonging; and if the said Mary Green the younger shall die unmarried or before one and twenty years, then I give the said bed and furniture unto Mary Green her mother.

Item, I do give unto my nephew John Fiske and to his heirs forever all that my message or tenement wherein I now dwell

Item I give unto my kinswoman Anne Bird and unto her heirs forever all that my message or tenement in Chelsworth aforesaid with all the lands and appurtenances both freehold and copyhold thereunto belonging now in the occupation of John Kingsbury or his assigns, and also I give unto the said Anne Bird all my household linen and apparel

Item I give unto Susan Howard my bible with silver clasps

Item I nominate and appoint John Fiske and Anne Bird executors of this my last will and testament and Henry Boughton of Lavenham to be supervisor thereof, and I give the said Henry for his pains 20s.

Item all the overplus of my goods and chattels after my debts and legacies and other expenses are paid, I give and devise the same unto the said Anne Bird. And if my goods and chattels that are not ... shall not be sufficient to pay

my debts and legacies and all other expenses, then my mind and will is that John Fisher and his heirs shall pay what is wanting out of my said dwelling house provided the same shall not exceed the sum of £10.

Whereas the aforesaid freehold messuage and lands herein before devised unto the said Anne Bird and her heirs were by my brother Walter Salter conveyed to James Fouslier my son, late deceased, and to his heirs and assigns in trust nevertheless and to the intent and purpose that the said James Fouslier his heirs and assigns should permit and suffer me the said Susan Salter my heirs and assigns to take the rents issues and profits of the said messuage lands and premises to and for our sole benefit and behoof as by the said conveyance bearing date the second day of June Ann Dom 1688 whereunto relation being had appeareth, now my mind and will is that in case I cannot by law give and devise the said messuage lands and premises unto the said Anne Bird her heirs and assigns for ever as aforesaid, then I give and devise the said rents, issues and profits of the said messuage, lands and tenements and all my estate, right, title and interest in the same unto her, the said Anne Bird, her heirs and assigns

In the presence of William Nutton, Robert Kingsbury, Henry Boughton

#### **JOHN BENNIWORTH WOOLCOMBER 1697**

#### **ROBERT BAKER YEOMAN 1697**

I give and bequeath to my son Robert £20 at the age of 21; to my other children John, Judith, William £10 each at age 21; if either of the children should die or depart this life before the age of 21, their sum to be divided between the survivors, share and share alike

The rest of my estate to my wife Judeth

Executors my wife Judith and William Grimwood of Preston St Mary

witnesses Samuel Mynnes, William Rudland, Richard Bishopp

#### **JOHN GREEN OF LYNSEY YEOMAN 1697**

Long intro and much in Lindsey

To my son William Greene all that my messuage or tenement lands meadows and pastures called Swallows wherein I now dwell etc

(Mother Margery Rudland)

Witnesses Ralph Rudland, Benjamin Greene, Richard Bishop

**WILLIAM WRIGHT OF BILDESTON YEOMAN 1698**

I give and bequeath to my daughter Sarah Sparrow wife of John, all that my messuage or tenement, lands and premises free and copyhold and all my estate real in Nedging now in the tenure of Edward Shareman yeoman, after the death of my now wife Katherine, then to their three children Sarah, Anne and Elizabeth equally when they attain the age of 21

Also I give and bequeath to Sarah Sparrow all those my messuage or tenement lands premises and all my estate free and copyhold in Kettlebaston now in the tenure of my kinsman William Wright, paying to my daughter Anne the wife of Andrew Rudland and annuity of eight pounds yearly beginning one year after my decease, and also an annuity of ten pounds yearly after the decease of my wife Katherine for the term of the life of Sarah Sparrow, provided that Anne should so long live

In accordance with our marriage covenant, Katherine my wife is to have twenty pounds' worth of my household goods for her life

I give and bequeath to my niece Sarah Wright daughter of my late brother John Wright deceased five pounds

I give to the poor of Nedging twenty shillings and to the poor of Kettlebaston the like sum of twenty shillings

I nominate Sarah Sparrow as my sole executrix

witnesses Richard Bishop, Mary Bishop, William Rye

**ROBERT PRICE YEOMAN 1699**

*(see also the Inventories)*

**HESTER CLEMENTS OR PAIN 1705**

Administration to Edward her husband and James her son

**JUDITH COOPER OR MINNS 1705**

Administration to John Minns her brother and Samuel Minns her ?nephew, next of kin

**MICHAEL KITCHING 1705**

Administration to Maria his relict

*(see also the Inventories)*

**BENJAMIN GREEN OF NEDGING 1707**

Administration to Anne his relict

**JOHN GREEN 1708**

Administration to Abraham Green his brother

**JOHN GREEN OF BILDESTON 1708**

Administration to Abigail Green his ?mother

**SAMUEL MYNNES YEOMAN 1710**

**ROBERT KINGSBURY WOOLCOMBER 1709**

to daughters Mary, Hannah and Susannah £10 each

to wife Anna all the rest of his estate

sole executor Samuel Mynnes of Chelsworth

Samuel Mynnes (my very good and loving friend) to oversee

witnessed by Robert Price. Elizabeth Clarke, Richard Bishop

*(see also the Inventories)*

**WILLIAM CLARKE FELLMONGER 1709**

to wife Elizabeth, and children John and Elizabeth

executors brother John Clarke, and wife Elizabeth

witnesses Elizabeth Whiting, Violet Haward, Richard Bishop

### **JAMES ANDREWS SCHOOLMASTER 1710**

To my nephew James Andrews of Milding, clerk,

All that I purchased of Mary Blomfield in Chelsworth

Also property in Little Harleston, Wyverston and Wickhamskeith

To Elizabeth Hobart the copyhold messuage and tenement with yards gardens orchards and premises in Chelsworth now in the tenure of Elizabeth Hobart and Stephen Deeks

To my sister Judith Mynnes 5s.

To Samuel Mynnes the elder and his wife 5s each

To Samuel Mynnes the younger and Susan Mynnes their (sic) child 5s each

To Susan Green widow, late wife of John Green deceased £5

To Alice, Mary, Sarah, Abraham, Benjamin and Hugh Green and Abigail Gibson, all children of Susan Green widow 10s each

To Susan Green, daughter of Susan Green, my godchild £5

To Henry Hayward my tenant £5

To Thomas Bradley and his wife 10s

To Stephen Deeks and his wife 10s

To the poor of Chelsworth £3

1710 add: "a certain freehold tenement partly in the tenure of Henry Hayward"

### **JOHN CLARK 1710**

Administration to Elizabeth Clark his relict

### **WILLIAM HILLS 1710**

to Sarah my messuage or tenement with the houses outhouses yards gardens orchards and grounds

witnesses John Rose, William Sulyard

*(see also the Inventories)*

### **SUSANNAH MARSHALL SPINSTER 1712**

Money to brother and sister (Goodin), nieces and nephews

To my brother Robert Marshall my oval table, two black chairs, one board and chair, one feather bed and a bolster and a new ticking for the bolster and two pillows and the pewter case and the pewter in nit as it stands and the livery table and a little hutch and one pair of cobirons, firepan and tongs and the highest joined stool and the little cupboard and a little brass pot and the cupboard in the hall and two cushions and a skillet

And the pictures to be equally parted between Robert Marshall and his siter Ann.

I also give to the aforesaid Robert Marshall two pairs of sheets, a pair of pillow cases, a diaper board cloth and half a dozen napkins of the same sort.

I Give to Ann Marshall, the daughter of my brother Robert Marshall ten pounds and my chest of drawers, the peartree table, the joined stool belonging to it, six pewter plates, two pewter dishes, the bason, the pewter candlesticks, the great pewter dish, and my hanging press and my cloaths after my sister Goodin's decease. But in case the said Ann want any of the cloaths my mind and will is she should have part of them. I give also to the said Ann a box, a trunk and a table with a drawer in it, two stools, a kneading trough, a livery cupboard, a pewter case with the earthenware in it, an iron porridge pot and three chairs, two of them three-legged, one a red back, and two cushions upon the cupboard in the hall, my wicker chair - but my mind and will is that my sister Goodin have the use of the chair and ... during her life.

I give the new glass keep to Isaac Root my kinsman

etc

witnesses Eliza Thurlo, Mary Clark, Ralph Hewett

#### **JUDITH MYNNES WIDOW 1714**

to brother John Andrews five shillings

to grandson Samuel Mynnes, feather bed and bedstead now being in the hall chamber wherein I now lieth

to Susanna Mynnes, granddaughter, my best chest of drawers

the rest to be equally divided between Samuel and Susan

sole executrix, daughter-in-law Susanna Mynnes

supervisor Richard Bishop

witnesses John Raynham, Robert Clover, Mary ?Jacoman

#### **MILDRED REVETT OF BILDESTON 1714**

I bequeath to Richard Weld my son all that library of books which were formerly his father Weld's and are now in the closet over the kitchen or scullery

To my daughter Mildred Weld £100 to be paid her within eight months of my decease at or in the mansion house where now I dwell.

Also to Mildred all singular goods and chattels and implements of household stuff whatsoever which were formerly my father Caley's, specified and mentioned in a certain inventory thereof which she the said Mildred my daughter have now in her own keeping, with their and every of their appurtenances whatsoever situate and lying in Little Waldingfield in the county aforesaid and now in the tenure and occupation of one Russle or his assigns and to be

sold so soon as he happen of a purchaser and at the best price as may be had by the same for and towards the paying of my debts, funeral charges etc

Remainder to be divided between other three daughters Elizabeth, Suzanne and Margaret

Richard Weld sole executor

In presence of Thomas Fanning, Richard Bishop, Mary Bishop

**ABIGAIL GREEN WIDOW 1715**  
**late the wife of John Green**

I give and bequeath to my loving daughter Alice one bed upon the hall chamber as it stands

I give and bequeath to my two daughters Alice and Sarah my household linen to be equally divided between them , except one pair of sheets which I give to my daughter Mary

I give and bequeath to my daughter Alice one ring and one warming pan and my great kettle and two skillets

I give and bequeath to my daughter Sarah one frying pan and a chest of drawers and one feather bed upon the parlour chamber as it stands and one kettle and two skillets and my best suit of cloathes

I give and bequeath to my daughter Folkard my damask suite of cloathes

I give and bequeath to my granddaughter Abigail Foi... stools and my riding hood and twenty shillings

I give and bequeath to my three sons Abraham, Benjamin and Hugh five shillings apiece

I give and bequeath to my granddaughter Elizabeth Gipson one silver spoon

I give and bequeath all my wearing linen to be equally parted between my five daughters

The remainder of the money in my brother's hands to be equally parted among my eight children

The rest of my things to my daughters Alice and Sarah

Executors my daughter Alice and William Rudland

Witnesses William Cuson, William Rudland, Eliza Rudland

**SUSAN KINGSBURY "SPINSTER WIDDOW" 1717**

I give and bequeath to my kinswoman Elizabeth Copsey ten pounds; to Thomas Cooke, son of Thomas Cooke seven pounds; to my kinswoman Susan Cooke seven pounds, to my kinswoman Elizabeth Cooke seven pounds, to my kinsman Stephen Cooke five pounds.

The thirty six pounds for these bequests is now in Mr Willson's hands, to be given as they come of age.

I give and bequeath to my kinsman Thomas Olley fifty shillings, to my kinswoman Elizabeth Olley five shillings, to my kinswoman Margaret Read fifty shillings, to my kinswoman Susan Hull five pounds



To my brother Porter two pounds if he is then still living

I give to Sarah Rudland one silver cup; to my kinswoman Susan Hull one silver spoon; to Margaret Read my thick scarf; to Elizabeth Read my little wheel and lock iron and my little kettle

I give to Elizabeth Copsey my silver bodkin and my best suit of cloathes

I give the house to my executor to be sold within six months for the best price, and the moneys to be paid according as it is given in my dear husband's will, both freehold and copyhold

"It is my mind and will that if my executor cannot light of a Chapman in that time, it may be lawful for my executor paying sufficient middle price to have it as well as another man".

William Rudland senior to be my sole executor

Witnesses William Baker, William Couse, Margaret Read

#### **ELIZABETH THURLOE WIDOW 1720**

#### **RICHARD RANDALL YEOMAN 1728**

to my wife Deborah, use of £3 worth of household goods for life, provided she gives security for their safe return, then to be divided among my children then living; also to her 15s half-yearly to be paid by my children, they to give her security if she gives up her claim to thirds

to my son Richard 40s and the feather bedstead in the parlour, and the trundle bedstead and the bed thereon in the kitchen chamber;

to my daughter Mary, one feather bed and bedstead formerly my sister Nutter's, and a flock bed with the bedstead etc in the parlour chamber

the rest to be equally divided

Thomas Thurlow sole executor  
witnesses Mercy Andrews, James Andrews

*(see also the Inventories)*

#### **JAMES WATERMAN 1721**

My house consisting of two tenements to my four children, James, William, Francis and Bridget

Joseph Elliston late of Chelsworth and my son James to be executors

Witnesses Joseph Driffield, Mary Driffield, Mary Driffield

**JOHN ROOT SINGLEMAN 1721**

to kinsmen Thomas, Benjamin and William Clover 20s each

to Robert Parmenter jnr 20s

to Mr Thomas Thurloe 20s

to Elizabeth Shave £5

to Mary Green daughter of Robert Green of Lindsey £5

to Susan daughter of my sister Susan Culpeck £10

to Mary Prentice my fellow servant 20s

to Richard Randall snr 20s

to Thomas Clover my best suit of wearing apparel

to Robert Parminter snr my grey coat with the tassels, and the waistcoat I usually wear with the same, and my fustian breeches that I wear most commonly

executors my sister Susan Cullpeck and my kinsman John Cullpeck her son

witnesses Joseph Barton jnr, Mary ?Dread

**JOHN CLARK 1723**

Administration to John Clarke his father

**SUSANNA MYNNES 1725**

Administration to Samuel Mynnes

**ANDREW BROWNSMITH 1727**

Nothing relevant to Chelsworth

### **WILLIAM RUDLAND 1727**

To my eldest son William, all my property in Wetheringsett, he to pay £5 yearly to my wife Mary for her life, and to my daughter Mary 50s yearly for her life

To my son William my new-built house in Chelsworth

To my second son John my house late Mrs. Kingsberry's with the three acres belonging to it, now in his own occupation, and adjoining the churchyard; he to pay my wife Mary £5 pa if she takes my daughters Mary and Alice, being both blind, to live with her

To my wife Mary my freehold messuage in Chelsworth, late Mr Fisk's, for her life, and then to Sarah my daughter

Also to her my best bed etc and my great bible and my clock for her life then to my son William

To my youngest son Ralph all my farming stock at Lindsey

All my carpenter's stock to be equally divided between my three sons William, John and Ralph

To my daughter Mary my house in Chelsworth late the widow Harbutt's and my meadow called Hunns Meadow and after her decease to Ralph

To my daughter Elizabeth £80

To my daughter Alice my house in Chelsworth late Francis Lemman's, and my third best bed

To my daughter Sarah my house in Chelsworth now in the occupation of Samuel Gusterson, and a bed

All my other books to be divided among my five children William, John, Ralph, Elizabeth and Sarah

To my kinswoman Mary Rudland 10s yearly ... two woods in my occupation

The rest to my son William

Witnesses Thomas Brundish, John Cutbert, Elizabeth Brooke

### **HENRY HAYWARD CARPENTER 1729**

to my wife Susan, all the goods I bought when I married her, with other household goods to the value of 20s, and dwelling in the house I dwelt in for two years;

to my son Samuel, the messuage or tenement I dwell in, with other property both free and copyhold, on condition he permit my wife to dwell with him for two years, then if she parts after that, he to pay her 30s yearly for her natural life;

to my daughter Elizabeth wife of Thomas Welham, to my son Henry, to my daughter Sarah, wife of Thomas Brown, to my son William, to my son Richard, to my daughter Hannah, to my son John, 10s each

to my daughter Mary, 20s

the rest to my son Samuel

my wife Susan and my son Samuel joint executors

witnesses Thomas Brundish, Mary Christmas, Thomas Price

**LEIORNEY MUNNINGS SINGLEMAN 1733**

Freehold messuage and freehold land to my five brothers and sister Frances, Stephen, John, Abraham, Thomas and Mary share and share equal paying out of it to my mother for her natural life 20s a year

witnesses Mary Randall, Robert Froast, William Rudland

**THOMAS THURLOE GENTLEMAN 1733**

Thomas Brundish clerk to be executor, to sell all in Stanstead

to sister Elizabeth, wife of Abraham Green, £150 apart from her husband

to nephews John and Abraham Green, £20 apiece

to their brother Thurloe Green, £60

to Mary Randall, daughter of Richard Randall late of Chelsworth deceased £100

to Deborah Nutchell and Elizabeth Nutchell, daughters of James Nutchell late of East Bergholt, deceased, £10 each

to Bridget Cundy daughter of Bridgett Cundy widow, to Elizabeth Evered, daughter of my tenant Evered, to William Rudland of Chelsworth carpenter £5 each

many other bequests including to Grace Green of Chelsworth, wife of Joseph Green, and to Susan Hayward of Chelsworth, widow, 20s.

to Deborah Randall of Chelsworth 40s.

to the poor of Chelsworth, 50s.

to Thomas Brundish, John Cutbert, to Mrs Elizabeth Clark and her sister Mary, all of Chelsworth

to James Andrews, rector of Milding, clerk, one mourning ring of 20s. value

and various specific items

witnesses Henry Boughton, Rebecca Boughton, Henry Coppinger

**THOMAS BRUNDISH CLERK 1733**

(He died before being executor to Thomas Thurloe, above)

Land in other parishes

Legacies included: to servant Elizabeth Brooke

to the poor of Chelsworth £5

brothers John and Benjamin as executors and Mrs Elizabeth Bretton

witnesses John Mullis, Elizabeth Brooks, James Andrews

#### **JOSEPH KEEMER 1738**

On the twenty first day (February 1738/9) Administration of the goods and chattels of Joseph Keemer late of Bildeston deceased was granted to Joseph Keemer lawfull grandson of the said deceased, Ann Keemer widow and relict of the said deceased having first renounced the said Administration

#### **JOHN CUTBERT GENT 1742**

to my son Thomas my messuage etc in Chelsworth formerly called Greens, 60 acres

to my son John, my messuage in Nedging

to my son Henry, my lands meadows pastures and grounds in Chelsworth late in the occupation of James Clark and now in my own occupation (late Furleys)

My executors to sell the messuage etc in the occupation of John Osbourn and ... Pilgrim

To my daughters Anne and Elizabeth £300 each

To my son Robert £50

To my daughter Mary £50

My executors to be Thomas Brundish of Chelsworth, Thomas Price & ? of Nayland

Witnesses John Rudland William Cooper Henry Gusterson

Administration (with his last will and testament attached) to John Cutbert son and one of the residuary legatees, the executors Thomas Brundish and Thomas Price having died

#### **ROBERT PRICE 1742**

Administration to son Robert Price

#### **MARY PATRICK 1743**

wife of John Patrick of Little Waldingfield

to my daughter Mary Patrick, all my copyhold land bought of John Lufkin late of Monks Eleigh

to my granddaughters Bridget, Elizabeth, Sarah, Susanna

executor: my son John Patrick

### **JOSEPH ROBARDS 1743**

Administration to his brother Thomas Robards

### **RALPH RUDLAND 1746**

Be it remembered that Ralph Rudland of Chelsworth singleman intending to make his will nuncupative or by word of mouth did desire that Henry Beeston Robert Gillingham and Thomas Raynham his friends and acquaintances might be present and take note of what he should say or declare and that the same might contain his last will and testament nuncupative or by word of mouth.

And so they were present at the house of Henry Beeston in Chelsworth and coming into the bedchamber of Ralph Rudland, he Ralph Rudland did declare and utter the following words: "Everything I have in the world I give to my brother Samuel Rudland, and desire you Henry Beeston to take care of what I leave for my brother Samuel that he may not be cheated, and that you Henry Beeston (naming the said Henry Beeston over again, he being then present) will take care and collect such debts as shall be due and owing to me at my decease for my brother Samuel and that you will pay what debts I shall have and I will give you an account of the same" which he accordingly did, which looks and words to the same effect were spoken by the said Ralph Rudland in the presence of the said Henry Beeston Robert Gillingham and Thomas Raynham and he then desired them to take notice that ... might be and contain his last will and testament - and he well understood what he said.

**ELIZABETH WENYEVE WIDOW 1749**  
living in Chelsworth

To buried in the chancel of Brettenham church next to my dearest husband, in the most private manner, with but one mourning coach to attend my hears and no pall bearers

I give to the poor of Brettenham eight pounds, and to the poor of Chelsworth six pounds

To my son Wenyeve ten pounds

To Dr Wright and Mrs Wright his wife ten pounds each

To my son North and Mrs North his wife ten pounds each

To my grandson Charles North fifty pounds for mourning; to John Wenyeve one hundred pounds for mourning; to my granddaughter Mary Wenyeve fifty pounds for mourning and one pair of silver candlesticks and my smaller silver cup and my cabinet; to my granddaughter Ann Wenyeve thirty pounds for mourning; to my granddaughter Christian Wenyeve thirty pounds for mourning; to my granddaughter Henrietta fifty pounds for mourning

To Mrs Burgate ten pounds; to my godson Joseph Musgrave fifty pounds for mourning

To the servants of the family three pounds each; to my own servants four pounds each, and to my maid my cloaths and wearing linen

My daughter Wenyeve to be my executrix and I give her my goods of all kinds as plates linen and furniture that is mine

Witnesses Mary Dupont Mary Warren

**HENRIETTA WENYEVE 1751**

(unmarried sister of the rector of Chelsworth)

an estate being in the parishes of Brettenham, Buxall and Hitcham, late in the occupation of James Buy, together with the houses and grove belonging thereto but at this time not ...

I give and devise to my brother-in-law the Revd Robert Wright DD Rector of Hackney in the County of Middlesex and to his heirs to be sold as soon as a fair purchaser offers and my will is that the money arising from the sale thereof be banked in some government security in the name of the said Robert Wright upon the following trust, that he pays to my niece Henrietta Wenyeve, youngest daughter of the Rev Edward Wenyeve, rector of Chelsworth aforesaid three fifths of the said money at her day of marriage or attaining the age of twenty-one years which shall first happen and that he pays two-fifths of the said money to my nephew Charles North, son of Roger North of Rougham in the County of Norfolk Esq as soon as he shall attain the age of twenty-one years. The interest of the said money I give to the said Edward Wenyeve and Roger North and their heirs in the same proportion

Also I devise my house and malting office, lying in the town of St Edmundsbury to my sister Christian Wenyeve and her heirs

Money gifts to relatives

to Ann Brugatts of Chelsworth aforesaid the sum of ten pounds

£5 to the poor of Brettenham and Chelsworth

Money also to the servants of her mother and her brother the rector

witnesses Mary Dupont, Elizabeth Lovell, Mary Warren

**PETER GAGE BUTCHER 1753**

**SAMUEL PRICE 1752**

Administration to Alice his widow and relict

**JOHN HURRELL 1753**

Administration to John his ??? daughter

**JOHN PATRICK OF LITTLE WALDINGFIELD GENT 1754**

Property in Pauls Belchamp, Little Waldingfield and Monks Eleigh

To grandchildren at age 21 five pounds each: Elizabeth Went, Eleanor Lee, Bridget Baker, Thomas Green, Susan Halls, John Green, Mary Green, Elizabeth Ewers, Roger Green, Joseph Green, Sarah Green

No mention of Chelsworth

**JOHN PATRICK Jnr  
SON OF THE ABOVE**

Daughters Elizabeth Went, Sarah Bridget and Eleanor Patrick

Wife unnamed

Executors John Patrick, Benjamin Stern and Sarah Patrick

**RICHARD STEWARD 1758**

(Property in Stoke, Nayland, Wiston, Polstead etc)

To my son Philip all my property in Chelsworth



### **ROBERT MUNFORD FARMER 1753**

To my beloved wife, one feather bed with the bedding and furniture thereto belonging to be chosen by her when she thinks proper, and such other furniture for one room as she and my executor shall think proper and convenient for her

To my daughter Mary Munford one feather bed with the bedding, and eighty pounds

As to my copyhold cottage or tenement in Chelsworth and my freehold cottage or tenement in Monks Eleigh and all other my real estate with the rest of my personal estate and effects to my son Robert paying to my wife ten pounds yearly for life and permitting her the free liberty of living in, and free use of, the said cottage in Chelsworth for life

but if my said son and wife shall choose to live together in his house and he shall decently maintain and provide for her there, then so long only as they shall so live together, the benefit of the ten pounds and living in the cottage shall be suspended

My said son and George Chaplin of Bildeston farmer to be executors

Witnesses Thomas West John Burrell John Hall

Codicil: Since the making of this will, my daughter is married to John Keningale junr, so there will be a sum of money for her portion and John Keningale's father is also to advance money towards putting them into a farming business; this to be a revocation of a corresponding part of the eighty pounds above

witnesses Thomas West, John Burrell, John Hull

### **EDWARD MUMFORD YEOMAN 1760**

all and singular my copy and freehold messuages tenements and hereditaments whatsoever situate and lying and being in Chelsworth to my grandson Edward Mumford subject to the payment of

forty pounds to his brother William at 23 years of age

thirty pounds to his sister Sarah at 24 years of age

Annuity of five pounds to his sister Elizabeth, wife to James Roper for 7 years ("to be paid into the hands of his said sister Elizabeth now wife to James Roper apart from her husband")

four pounds to "my daughter Alice now wife of Samuel Price ... apart from her husband" the moneys to be managed until Edward reaches 21 used for his education etc

if Edward dies without issue, the property is to go to his two sisters; thereafter to William; thereafter to "my next heir male retaining the name of Mumford"

My said executor (John Bye) the elder his heirs or assigns shall not sell give nor cause nor suffer any chinks rubbish nor no other sort of earth nor any wood nor timber of any sort to be carried off any of the abovementioned lands in case for every load of rubbish carried off in that time till my said grandson Edward Mumford attain the age of 21 years ... the executor the elder shall forfeit and pay five pounds

to William Cousens of Lindsey ... for the benefit of my grandchildren and my daughter Alice Executors John Bye the elder of Chelsworth, and Edward Mumford

witnessed by William Cousen, Thomas Hall, Thomas Whislay

Note: Edward Mumford of Chelsworth farmer was executor to his kinsman William Cousens of Lindsey in 1764

**JOHN KENINGALE FARMER 1762**

Administration to John, his son and next of kin

**THOMAS CUTHBERT GENTLEMAN 1767**

to my wife Hannah any two rooms in my dwelling house in Chelsworth with the furniture in those rooms, for life

to my son Thomas, my only child, my dwelling house (those two rooms excepted) with the malting house barns stables and outhouses and buildings yards gardens and orchard, lands, meadows and pastures and appurtenances thereto belonging in Chelsworth;

failing him or his heirs, to my son-in-law John Josslyn

also land I own in Nedging, now in my occupation

to his sister Hannah £100

to my brother Henry Cutbert £50

to my sister Ann wife of John Lambert £50;

to my sister Elizabeth wife of Hayward Rush £50

to my nephew Thomas, son of my late brother John, £50 at age 21

executors wife Hannah with John Josslyn

witnessed by B Keningale, Elizabeth Harris, Thomas Underwood

**EDWARD ELLISTON 1767**

Property in Lavenham

witnesses Robert Mumford, Jacob Hewes, John Luckey

**JOHN KENINGALE 1768**

**PETER GAGE 1768**  
now living in Chelsworth

Whereas I am now possessed of the house my father lives in and the adjoining premises after his death, as well as one hundred pounds after the death of my aunt, I bequeath both as follows

I give to my brother Martin the house and premises, to him and his heirs and assigns for ever, reserving to my mother her living in the said house for life, and Martin to pay my brother William twenty pounds provided he does not become possessed of the copyhold estate my father has in Chelsworth. If he does, then this legacy to be voided.

In that case I give the one hundred pounds to five persons: to my mother twenty pounds; to my sister Mary, wife to Edward Mumford, twenty pounds; to my sister Hannah, wife to James Fenner, twenty pounds; to sister Susannah, wife to John Vince, twenty pounds; to my brother John, twenty pounds

Edward Mumford the sole executor

witnesses Joseph Driffield Mary Driffield Walter Wren Driffield

**LETITIA CUTBERT 1770**

Administration to husband Thomas

**WILLIAM COVELL SHOEMAKER 1771**

John Seagar (woolcomber) brother-in-law "to sell all that my messuage or tenement (now divided into two tenements or dwellings) with the yards gardens and appurtenances ... in Kersey late the estate of John Vince"

witnessed by Robert Mumford, Mary Branford, James Griggs

**JAMES WATERMAN 1771**

My house, consisting of two tenements, with the orchards, furniture etc etc to my four children James, William, Francis, Bridget to be equally divided

Joseph Elliston, late of Chelsworth, and my son James executors

witnesses Joseph Driffield, Mary Driffield, Mary Driffield

**ROBERT MUNFORD YEOMAN 1775**

to Miss Mary Chaplin, spinster, daughter of Nathaniel Chaplin late of Monks Eleigh deceased, I give all that my messuage or tenement situated in Chelsworth aforesaid with all the yards gardens and orchards and all other the appurtenances thereto belonging during the term of her natural life, the said Mary Chaplin keeping the same in good and tenantable repair

and after her decease I give the said messuage or tenement with all the yards gardens and orchards and all other the appurtenances thereto belonging as aforesaid to my nephew Robert Keningale to him and his heirs forever

I give to my niece Mary Keningale sister to Robert Keningale all my messuage or tenement in Stackwood Green in Monks Eleigh. Subject to my Aunt Elliott's living in one part of the said messuage or tenement

I give to Aunt Elliott five pounds; to my aunt Mary Munford of Monks Eleigh ten pounds; to my friend Benjamin Keningale ten pounds for his trouble in settling my affairs

The rest to be divided between Robert Keningale and Mary Keningale equally

Executor Benjamin Keningale of Wiston Hall

witnesses C Armstrong, Thomas Chaplin, Robert Price

#### **GEORGE CATER WOOLCOMBER 1781**

All my messuages, lands, tenements etc etc etc to my wife Ann Cater, she to be my executor

witnesses William Elliston, Charles Harrison, James Griggs

*(see also the Inventories)*

#### **MARTIN GAGE BUTCHER 1776**

Administration to Tryphena, widow and relict

#### **ROBERT KENINGALE 1782**

Administration to Hannah his widow and relict

#### **SAMUEL COUSENS YEOMAN 1783**

Administration to Sarah, widow and relict

**JAMES RAYNHAM FARMER 1787**

My will is that my son James Raynham or his heirs shall pay the following legacy and annuity

to my granddaughter Alice, daughter of my late daughter Alice Raynham deceased one hundred pounds, the interest to be paid at the rate of five percent to commence from the time of my decease and to continue until she is 21, when the interest shall cease and the sum of one hundred pounds is to be paid

I give and bequeath to my said granddaughter Alice Raynham twelve pounds yearly for life, at three pounds each quarter from the day of my decease

And for the more secure and effectual payment of the above legacy and annuity I bind tye and ordain my estate in Lindsey

I give and bequeath my message lands tenements and real estate and all and every my goods chattels personal estate and effects of every nature or sort after payment of all my just debts funeral charges and charge of proving my will to my son James Raynham of Chelsworth

James Raynham son, and Thomas Chaplin of Bildeston as executors

witnesses John Raynham, William Raynham, Charles Harrison

**JAMES PRESTON HUSBANDMAN 1790**

I give to Henry Preston my eldest son forty pounds; to Henry Preston my grandson, son of Henry Preston, twenty pounds; to my son Thomas forty pounds

to Alice Salmon my servant now living with me, the sum of ten pounds

As to the copyhold message or tenement in which I now live in Chelsworth I authorise and appoint my executor to make a sale of it, with all the goods and chattels and household furniture, and the money to divided equally between my sons Henry and Thomas

I nominate my son Henry Preston to be my sole executor

Witnesses William Bye, James Griggs, John Segger

**EDWARD MUNFORD FARMER, WIDOWER 1791**

Administration to his sisters Elizabeth Roper widow and Sarah wife of William Osborn

### **THOMAS RAMPLIN SHOEMAKER 1792**

to my eldest son Samuel Ramplin, shoemaker of Halsted, "all that tenement or cottage situate in Chelsworth"; also to sell furniture and other goods within three months of decease to give £5 each to my children Samuel, John, Mary Deeves, wife of William Deeves of Kettlebaston, Sarah Halsted, wife of William Halsted, Catherine and Alice Ramplin, spinsters

Sarah Goslin (who now lives with me) £5

Elizabeth Berry and Robert Petley, the natural children of my late daughter Elizabeth Ramplin 50s each when they have attained the age of 21 years the interest of their respective legacies to be applied in the meantime towards their maintenance by my executor

### **JOHN RUDLAND 1794**

to wife Mary all furniture and living in the house

after her decease, house and land to son Richard, paying grandson William, son of John jnr, deceased, five pounds  
executors Mary and Richard

witnesses James Raynham, William Keningale

### **JEREMIAH GOSLING 1800**

to my wife Mary all my messuage or tenement in the occupation of Robert Raynham, for life so long as she does not remarry, otherwise, and after her decease, to sell for the children equally

executors: brother Isaac Gosling of Ringshall, and my wife Mary

witnesses Martin Gage, Sarah Gage, William Gage of Monks Eleigh

### **THOMAS UNDERWOOD BLACKSMITH 1800**

I give all and every my goods and chattels monies stock in trade bookd debts personal and real estate of every nature and sort to Mary Underwood my beloved wife for the term of her natural life

And after her decease and give and bequeath them to my son Thomas Underwood of Woolpit, blacksmith, to my son Edward Underwood of Chelsworth carpenter, to my son Zachariah Underwood, blacksmith, now in London, to my son William Underwood, wheelwright, of Polstead, to my son George Underwood, blacksmith of Brent Eleigh, to my daughter Ann, wife of Roger Warren of Chelsworth, to my daughter Elizabeth wife of William Scutcher of Polstead, innholder, to my daughter Isabella, wife of Joseph Breckell of Hessem, innholder, and to Mary Bunn, my granddaughter, now of Chelsworth, to be equally divided among them

Executors: Thomas Underwood of Woolpit and Joseph Breckell of Hessem

Witnesses: Abraham Daking, Matthew Sparke and William Bye

**ALICE WALKER 1808**

All to my cousin Ann Seelie, wife of George, now living at Gedding

to my niece Mary Farrow, daughter of Elizabeth and Samuel of Waldingfield, my yellow bed and £10

to my niece Ann Cutter, daughter of Elizabeth and Samuel of Waldingfield, £10

to my sister Susan Bowers, £10

executors William Griffin, schoolmaster, of Melford, Ann Seelie

witnesses William Ruffell, John Sparke

**MARTIN GAGE BUTCHER 1809**

To Sarah my wife I give and bequeath all my freehold and copyhold messuage cottage lands tenements hereditaments and premises with their appurtenances in Chelsworth or elsewhere for the term of her natural life, provided she continues as my widow and unmarried

And after her decease or marrying again, I leave the freehold property to my son Henry Martin Gage and to Richard Osborn of Nedging, farmer, upon trust to sell the same for the most money that can reasonably be obtained; and I leave the copyhold property to my son Henry Martin Gage and to Richard Osborn of Nedging, farmer, upon trust to sell the same for the most money that can reasonably be obtained

The monies arising I give to all my children then living to be equally divided among them, and to my grandchildren of any that have died

I give to my wife free use (but not the property) of such part of my household goods as she may chuse to take during her widowhood and of which I desire my executors to keep an inventory; and the rest to be sold

I name my wife Sarah as my executrix and my son Henry Martin Gage and Richard Osborn as my executors

Witnesses Robert Daking Richard Offord George Offord

**JAMES RAYNHAM FARMER 1814**

I give and bequeath to Mary my beloved wife one hundred pounds, over and above the three hundred pounds for which I have given my Bond

I give to Benjamin Keningale and Robert Lewis ten pounds apiece for their care and trouble in the execution of this my will

To my son John my messuage or tenement and my farm with the buildings lands hereditaments and the appurtenances in Lindsey amounting to twenty five acres, late the estate of James Raynham my father; subject to the payment of nineteen pounds to my niece Alice Groom and to an annuity of twelve pounds to her for life under the will of my late father deceased

To my son James my messuage cottage or tenement in Chelsworth with the yard garden orchard hereditaments and

appurtenances, amounting to one acre, which I purchased of Sir Robert Pocklington, and now in the occupation of William and George Abbott

To my son William my messuage or tenement and farm in Chelsworth, amounting to fifty acres, which I purchased of Benjamin Keningale, part of which are freehold and part copyhold, subject to the payment of any mortgage on the properties

To my son Thomas my properties in Lindsey and Monks Eleigh purchased of Mrs Hannah Keningale and her daughter, subject to the payment of an annuity of twelve pounds yearly to my son James Raynham for life

To my son John my property in Monks Eleigh which I purchased of Mrs Smythies, amounting to thirty acres, subject to the payment of twelve pounds yearly to my son James Raynham for life; and also subject to the payment of two hundred pounds to my daughter Henrietta Raynham when she attains the age of twenty one; subject also to the payment of one hundred pounds to my grandson Robert Raynham Lewis when he attains the age of twenty one. And if he should die before attaining the age of twenty one, the hundred pounds to be shared equally among such of my children James William John Thomas Sarah and Henrietta as are living at that time

I give to my son William Common Lay and Common Field in Chelsworth, amounting to 19 acres 3 roods and 17 perches which I purchased of Richard Wilson Esq subject to the payment of three hundred pounds to my daughter Sarah Lewis, and of three hundred pounds to my daughter Henrietta when she attains the age of twenty one.

I direct that my sons William John and Thomas shall pay my executors for the rent and tillage on the summerland and the muck on these lands according to a valuation to be made by two indifferent men

I direct that my executors shall sell and dispose of all my household goods and furniture, plate linen china, farming stock both live and dead, implements in husbandry, corn grain and other saleable effects; the money remaining to be divided among all my children equally

I direct that my son William shall have the liberty of taking my farming stock at a fair price

I nominate my son William Raynham, Benjamin Keningale of Wiston, gent, and my son-in-law Robert Lewis of Polstead, farmer, to be my executors and as guardians of my daughter Henrietta during her minority

Witnesses: Isaac Clover of Nedging, miller, Henry Martin Gage of Chelsworth, butcher, William Raynham of Chelsworth, labourer

Codicil

I direct that the muck on the lands shall not be charged to my sons; the summerlands also

I direct that my son William shall also have liberty to take my household furniture plate linen and china at a fair price

I direct that my wife and children shall be provided with decent mourning

And that my son James and my daughter Henrietta shall have the liberty of continuing in my house until the Michaelmas next after my decease, and to be provided with good and sufficient meat drink washing and other necessaries at the expense of my estate

Witnesses William Raynham of Chelsworth labourer John Warren of Chelsworth, blacksmith, Robert Offord, attorney-at-law, Hadleigh



**SARAH COUSENS 1816**

leaves money to children

£90 to William; £60 to Sarah, wife of George Underwood; £60 to Elizabeth wife of William Carter; £60 to Robert

residue of personal estate and effects to son Samuel

executor James Raynham, who died before Sarah

**JAMES RAYNHAM FARMER 1817**

Administration to William, eldest brother

**JOSEPH JENNINGS YEOMAN 1818**

"late of Nedging and now of Chelsworth"

leaves everything to his friend John Chaplin of Nedging

£5 apiece to Joseph Jennings, William Jennings and John Jennings, the children of my deceased brothers

witnesses Frederick Wing, Richard Osborn, John Osborn

**ELIZABETH DURRANT 1821**

I give and devise all that my moiety or half part of my copyhold tenement garden and orchard situate and being in Chellesworth and to which I was admitted as sister and co-heiress of John Parminter in the year 1810, unto my nephew Robert Halls and his heirs for ever

I give and bequeath to my nephew Robert Halls all my household goods and furniture after payment of my just debts and funeral expenses, except my worst feather bed and two boxes which I hereby give unto the widow Sarah Gant for her sole use and benefit if she shall be living with me at the time of my death

I name as my executor my nephew Robert Halls

witnesses Mary Ann Smyth, Isabella Gage, Sarah Paull her mark

**JOHN WARREN BLACKSMITH 1833**

to Henry Gage butcher, my freehold messuage or tenement with the shop and other buildings etc in the occupation of myself and Joseph Baldwin, on trust to sell them

to my wife the bedstead bed and bedding in the room we sleep in

Henry Gage to sell the rest of the saleable effects, the proceeds to be paid to my children by present and former wives when 21

executor Henry Gage

witnesses IP Leake, Edward Cooke, Henry Offord

**JAMES ORBELL HORSE DEALER 1842**

All to son Henry of Romford and Robert Luckey of Hitcham, farmer, on trust and as executors, to sell

To three children equally, Frances, wife of John Blomfield of Braintree; Susan Orbell; Ann wife of Thomas Carter of Romford, £20

witnesses Frederick Hayward of Needham Market, Frederick Cattley of Chelsworth

**REBECCA SMYTH 1844**

to Georgina Smyth, only surviving child of my late husband, Rev John Gee Smyth

"all that copyhold house with garden and outbuildings adjoining now in the occupation of Zachariah Edwards as tenant thereof and also all that piece of meadow land containing half an acre or thereabouts in the occupation of Georgina Smyth. Also ... all my household furniture fixtures linen plate books clocks watches money and all other things whatsoever of which I may be possessed at the time of my death, on this condition, that the said Georgina Smyth undertake to pay all my just debts, servants' wages, and funeral expenses

The mark of Rebecca Smyth

witnesses Robert Grouse, A Brown, Sarah Edwards

**ELIZABETH COLLETT WIDOW 1851**

I give and bequeath all my wearing apparel and articles of dress to be equally divided between my two nieces Elizabeth Harmsworth and Marianne Harmsworth

And my Indian workbox I bequeath to Mary Lowndes

I give and bequeath to Elizabeth Harmsworth and Marianne Harmsworth to Henry Harmsworth their brother and to Elizabeth Harmsworth their mother to my godchildren William Fletcher, Henry Fletcher and Elizabeth Hare ten pounds apiece at the age of 21, to be paid them three months after my decease if over 21, and to the minors at 21

After these payments and payment of my just debts and funeral and testamentary expenses, I give and bequeath all my money, securities for money, plate linen and other effects and all other my personal estate of every denomination to my dear son William Collett

Sole executor William Collett

Witnesses William Bunn solicitor of Ipswich and Charles James Baylis his clerk

#### **JOSEPH MAY OF BILDESTON YEOMAN 1851**

To my wife Susan all my household goods etc with two freehold windmills and closes of land in Drinkstone

Property in Hitcham and adjoining parishes; copyhold cottage or double tenement in Bildeston

Son John ...

Codicil "now of Chelsworth" no other mention.

Witnesses George Ambrose and Johnson Goymour

#### **ROBERT PARTRIDGE 1850**

To my wife Sarah the tenements cottages etc in Monks Eleigh recently purchased of John Harris

Sarah to be my executor

Witnesses JT Robinson, solicitor, J Seeley, Hadleigh

#### **THOMAS TAMPION 1855**

I give and bequeath to my dear wife Elizabeth and my sons Daniel and John all my real and personal estate

Upon trust to permit my said wife Elizabeth during the term of her natural life for her own use and benefit to receive and take the rents issues and profits of the said real estate, she keeping up all the necessary repairs and the buildings insured to the full value thereof from loss or damage by fire and paying the interest on the existing mortgages

And upon trust that they sell or dispose of the said real estate by public auction or private contract

And the net money to my eight children equally, Thomas, Daniel, John, Samuel, Caroline, Anne wife of Robert Havens, Elizabeth and Maria share and share alike

Executors Elizabeth Daniel and John Tampion

Witnesses Robinson solicitor of Hadleigh and Postans his clerk

**ANNE UNDERWOOD 1856**

to six sons: John, George, Elijah, Berechiah, Elkanah, William all household goods and funds

executors and witnesses: Elkanah and William

**WILLIAM WIGHTMAN SHOEMAKER 1859**

Executors to sell copyhold house and premises in Chelsworth; to invest proceeds in Cosford Union Savings Bank, and pay to wife Amy £20 pa and furniture; then to Edward Woollard, blacksmith of Bildeston

Amy and Edward joint executors

**EMILY ANNE POCKLINGTON 1873**

Moiety of land in Swansea to sister Frances, wife of Rev Henry Vincent Shortland of Twinstead, and nephew Captain Frederic Pocklington; and after her death, all to Captain Frederic Pocklington

Also to Frederic Pocklington £1000 and to Ellen Pocklington £1000

£1000 in trust to pay the interest to Alice

19 guineas to Captain George Henry Pocklington, and to Rose Emily Wilson

£300 to Rev Henry Vincent Shortland

To servants Jane Gladden and Mary Ann Sewell 19 guineas each

Witnesses TP Platten and Augusta M Platten

**CATHERINE CAUTLEY 1878**

(Children of Thomas Cautley and Catherine Proby married Stratford St Mary 1799

Charles William, Raydon 1800; Proby Thomas Raydon 1802; Catherine Maria Raydon 1803; George Spencer, Stratford St Mary 1807

Rachel Elizabeth Raydon 1798 and Hester, Raydon, daughter of Thomas and Hester Bluitt)

Real estate to brother Rev George Spencer Cautley of Nettleden, Herts (subject to agreement to sell meadow to Marton Robert Pocklington)

Money to Julia Susanna, widow of brother Sir Proby Cautley, or niece Ada Julia, daughter of the above

Money to servant Sarah Spinks

To niece Julia Frances, wife of Rev Edward Higgs, Major Frederic Pocklington, Alice Pocklington, Ellen Pocklington

My dear sister Arabella Tattersall

Sister-in-law Mary, wife of Rev George Spencer Cautley

#### **SMITH GAGE JOBBER 1878**

I direct my executors ( if my son Martin be living at my decease and not apprenticed in my lifetime) to pay the premium on his being apprenticed to any suitable trade or business he may make choice of

I give and devise all my freehold and copyhold lands tenements hereditaments and premises to Mary my dear wife for life, provided she continue my widow and unmarried

And after her decease or marrying again I give and bequeath my said freehold estates to Samuel Matthews of Lindsey and John Pilgrim of Hitcham farmers upon trust to sell them by public auction

My copyhold estates similarly

I give and bequeath to my wife the free use but not the property of all my household furniture plate linen and china for her life , provided she continue my widow and unmarried

then my executors to sell them and the monies to all my children equally at age 21

My wife executrix and Samuel Matthews of Lindsey and John Pilgrim of Hitcham executors

Codicil - new executors son-in-law Clement Poole and Charles Poole of Great Waldingfield

Witnesses: Thomas P Platten and Michael Cooper

#### **REV THOMAS P PLATTEN 1880**

Wife Marianne and son Thomas Edward, son-in-law Seth Jones Harries, trustees and executors

Properties in Norfolk

For son John Henry (?not competent); then three other children

#### **SUSAN DENT SPINSTER 1896**

I devise and bequeath all my real and personal estate to the use of Clement Poole of Chelsworth carpenter upon trust to sell call or collect or otherwise convert into money

And to divide the residue equally between my nephews and nieces, children of my late sister Elizabeth Chinery and my deceased brothers James Dent and Thomas Dent

Sole executor Clement Poole

Witnesses John Gage, Louisa Poole

**GEORGE JOHNSON GOYMER YEOMAN 1897**

I give all the residue of my personal estate to my nephew John Blomfield of Edwardston, labourer for his own absolute use and benefit

I appoint George Gage of Chelsworth, shopkeeper, executor

Witnesses Alfred Newman solicitor of Hadleigh, Charles Verlander his clerk

**RICHARD GAGE DEALER 1899**

I appoint my friend Frederick Thomas Melton of Bildeston collector and my brother-in-law Clement Poole of Semer gent as my executors

I direct my executors to sell and dispose of all my freehold and copyhold property by public auction or private contract

I give and bequeath all my household furniture and effects, stock in hand, book debts, money and securities for money and all my other personal estate and effects to my executors upon trust to sell and convert into money

In the first place to pay to Susan Daking, daughter of late cousin Frederick Gage, the sum of £150

And to divide the residue in five equal shares to Susan Daking, Marinda Gage, now residing with me, Clement Poole, Louisa the wife of Clement Poole, and the remaining share to --- Clarke, daughter of late cousin Edward Gage

Witnesses John King auctioneer of Hadleigh and George King of Hadleigh

**ELLEN BRUCE SPINSTER 1901**

Uncle Charles Gage of Lindsey executor

I give and devise to Charles Gage all my property both real and personal upon trust to sell, and to divide the residue between the children of the said Charles Gage

**GEORGE GAGE GROCER 1896**

I appoint my dear Wife Mary sole executor

I give devise and bequeath all my freehold messuage with the yards gardens and appurtenances in occupation of myself, and Jacob Harvey and Isaac Gosling as my tenants, and all the freehold messuage with the carpenter's shop garden and appurtenances in the occupation of Samuel Ranson carpenter, and the small piece of copyhold land adjoining to and held with the said freehold hereditaments in my own occupation; and all other my freehold and copyhold real estate and hereditaments

To my wife Mary Gage absolutely

I give and bequeath all my personal estate monies and effects to my said wife for her own absolute use and benefit

### **MARY GAGE WIDOW 1900**

I appoint my sons Peter Gage of 21 Sperling Road, Bruce Grove, Tottenham carpenter and John Gage of Chelsworth gardener, to be my executors and trustees

My estate and effects both real and personal to my executors upon trust to divide the ready money between such of my four children John, Martha, Jane and Mary, as are unmarried at my decease

"Whereas it is my desire that the business now carried on by me at Chelsworth shall continue to be carried on for the benefit of my children for the time being remaining unmarried, and that the messuage and premises now in my occupation, my two cottages in Chelsworth formerly in the occupation of Jacob Harvey, Isaac Gosling and Samuel Ranson and now in the occupation of Daniel Drury and George William Cowdray and all my other real and personal effects shall be held in trust for my unmarried children"

I direct my trustees to carry on the business of a shopkeeper now carried on by me at Chelsworth, and to divide the profits and income amongst such of John Gage, Martha Gage, Jane Gage and Mary Gage as shall for the time being remain unmarried; and if only one such is surviving then the estate to be sold for the benefit of that one child

### **RICHARD WOODGATE 1901**

I appoint my wife Elizabeth and my eldest son William Woodgate as executors

I give and bequeath to my wife Elizabeth Woodgate all my household furniture absolutely

All my remaining estate to be divided in twelve equal shares for the benefit of my wife and eleven children

Witnesses: Lt Col (ret'd) George Henry Pocklington and Giuliana Maria Pocklington, his wife