

FRAGMENT OF FOLIO M.S. OF ARCHDEACONRY
COURTS, 1491—1495.

PAPER IV.

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parochiali de Denham 15 Julii 1493.
- Farnham Johannes Peryman et Willus Peryman pro reten-
tione bonorum ecclesiasticorum ibidem. Partes
comparuere et iungitur eis quod concordent cum
parochianis et solvant bona per eos debita ecclesie
ibidem. Pax et dimiss.
- Ever Robertus Chesilton et Willmus Wyfold yconomi
ibidem prosecuntur Johannem Dary pro retencione
bonorum ecclesiasticorum viz. 22s. Pax et dimiss.
- Wyrardes- Thomas Chamber de Iver prosequitur Edmundum
bury Hogges de Wyrardesbury. Pax et dimiss.
- Burnham Johannes Hill ad instanciam Johannis Kener in
quadam causa impeditenti ultime voluntatis
Johannis Bedell defuncti. Partes comparuere; rea
fatetur quod debuit certum debitum quodquidem
debitum dicit quod solvit. Iungitur ad proban-
dum solucionem ad minus cum duobus testibus
sufficientibus in proximo. Quo die proximi veniente
viz 15 die Julii Anno supradicto dictus Johannes Hill
non comparuit et deficit in probatione. Ideo ex-com.
Postea obtulit satisfactionem et dimissus est.
- Denham Injunctum est yconomis ibidem quod faciant cimi-
terium ibidem sufficientis reparari erga proximum
sub pena 10s. ecclesie ibidem applicandos. Postea
comparuere et allegaverunt reparatum, et sic
dimissi sunt.
Capitulum Archidiaconi celebratum in ecclesia
parochiali de Magna Marlow 16 Julii 1493.
- West Willius Clark ad instanciam rectoris de Tyngest.
Wycombe Rea comparuit, actrix non. Idecirco dimittitur ab
officiali una cum refusione expensarum.

- Radenage Henricus Assynden ad instanciam Nicholai Est in quadam causa diffamacionis. Partes comparuere; rea dicit quod voluit habuisse rem tacitam cum uxore sua. Habet terminum ad probandum hoc in proximo. Pax et dimiss.
- Hamelden Johannes White et Isabella Strode ex officio viz pro quodam gravi crimine perjurii.¹ Partes comparuere et fatentur peccatum. Ideirco f.g. ter per ecclesiam. Peregerunt penas et dimiss ab officiali.
- Wycombe Willmus Freeman ad instanciam Thome Wyk de Merlow. Pax et dimiss.
- Hamelden Radulphus Watts ad instanciam Ricardi Hardyng de Merlow. Partes comparuere, rea fatetur 4s. 4d. Injungitur ad solvendum dimidium citra festum Sti Michaelis Archangeli et aliud dimidium citra festum omnium sanctorum sub pena excom. Pax est et dimiss.
- Tyngest Rector ibidem ad instanciam Magistri Johannis Gamage et Willi. Clark de West Wycombe in causa temerarie vexationis. Pax et dimiss.

(The Will of) Thomas Knight.

In Dei nomine. Amen. 24^o die mensis Maii A.D. 1493 ego Thomas Knight de Bekynsfeld compos mensis saneque memorie condo testamentum meum in hunc modum. In primis lego animam meam Deo omnipotenti beateque Marie matri sue ac omnibus sanctis, et corpus meum sepeliendum in ecclesia parochiali de Bekynsfeld predicta. Item lego ecclesie Cathedrali Lincoln 6d. Item Summo altari de Bekynsfeld antedicta 6d. Item lumini Sancte Crucis 4d. Item lumini Sti Nicholai 4d. Item lumini Sancte Anne 4d. Item lumini omnium Sanctorum 4d. Item lumini Sancte Trinitatis 2d. Item lumini beate Marie pietatis 2d. Item lumini Resurrectionis 2d. Item lumini Ste Margarete 2d. Item lumini Sti Johis Baptiste 2d. Item lumini in capella beate Marie in cimeterio ecclesie parochialis de Bekynsfeld 4d. Item lumini vocato le torche light 3s. 4d. Item lumini Ste Katerine 2d. Item lego ad emendacionem vie vocate Holdspere Lane 26s. 8d. Item lego Mr. Tristramo Registrario cum officiali 6s. 8d. Residuum vero omnium bonorum meorum superius non legatorum do (et) lego juxta disposicionem Alicie uxoris mee et Johannis Lorkyn, quos facio ordino et constituo hujus testamenti executores ut ipsi inde disponent pro salute anime mee prout eis melius videbitur

¹ The charge was brought by the Court itself. What exactly the penance was is not intelligibly stated, but it had to be repeated three times.

Deo placere. Presentis eciam testamenti mei supervisoros constituo Willm Edmunde, Johannem Pey et Ricardum Elderugge et lego culibet executorum meorum pro eorum laboribus 6s. 8d. et eciam culibet supervisorum meorum antedictorum pro eorum laboribus 6s. 8d. Datum die et anno Domini suprascriptis. Hiis testibus, Thoma Tournour, Johanne Grove, Thoma Hasilden, Thoma Catour Christofero Hesky, Rolando Hunter et aliis.

Abstract of provisions. My soul to Almighty God, and St. Mary his mother and all the saints; my body for burial in the parish church of Beaconsfield. To the Cathedral Church of Lincoln I leave 6d. To the high altar of Beaconsfield 6d. To the light of Holy Cross therein 4d.: to the light of S. Nicholas 4d.: to the light of S. Anne 4d.: to the light of All Saints 4d.: to the light of the Holy Trinity 2d. To the light of St. Mary of Pity 2d. to the light of the Resurrection 2d.: to the light of S. Margaret 2d.: to the light of S. John Baptist 2d.: to the chapel of S. Mary in the Churchyard of Beaconsfield Church 4d.: To the light called the torchlight 3s. 4d.: to the light of S. Katherine 2d. For repair of the road called Holdspere Lane 26s. 8d.: to Mr. Tristram registrar of the (Archdeacon's) Official 6s. 8d. The residue of my goods not included in the above to be at the disposition of my wife and John Lorkyn whom I appoint executors, for them to dispose of it as they think it will please God best for the good of my soul. As Supervisors I appoint William Edmunde, John Pey, and Richard Elderugge, and I give to my executors 6s. 8d. each, and to my supervisors 6s. 8d. each for their labours.

Noticeable in this is not only the number of altars in the Church before which the lights were to be lit on the particular festivals connected with the different Saints, but the great difference of amounts left to those and to the torch light; this was evidently to light the way from the gate to the Church, and therefore burnt much more often than once or twice a year, on the vigil or the festival of the Saints, its companion legacy is for the repair of Holdspere Lane. Does this lane still exist?

(The Will of) Christofer Wase.

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In the name of God Amen. In the yere of our Lord 1492 in the 15th day of Juny I Christofer Wace of Chepyng Wycombe, in my right mynde bequeth my sowle to God and my body to be buried in the wedding porche next to Kateryn my wife. Item to the moder chirche of Lincoln 20d. Item to the high auter in Wycombe 20d. Item to the four auters in the body of the Chirche of Wycombe 4s. I will that Luce my wife have oute of my lande w^t in the borow of Wycombe and w^tout and in the shire of Buck 20s. with the sende² and

² That is " Assent."

graunte of John Wace my Son paide by the hands of John Wace my Son at two termes of the yere or his heyres. I will that John Wace my son have all my land wthin the borow and pariss^h of Wycombe wthin the shire of Buk and in all other shires where they may be founde, all my purchase land and copy lande and all myn a ray, alle my goodes moveable and unmoveable at the will of John Wace my Son and Luce my wife, the which I ordeyne to be my executours and to pay my detts: thiesse be my wittensis:—My gostely fadr Sir John Massynger and Sir Thomas Bayle pariss^h prestys of the chirche of all Halowes wthin the borow of Chepyng Wycombe and Robert Michell pariss^h clerk and Richard Cary, Mayre of the towne for the tyme being, William Redhode, Roger Braunston, Thomas Pym, and John Blakepoll. I will that John Blakepoll be my overseer and have a royale for his labour and counsaile. Item I will that Amies Martyn my moder (in) lawe have a long gowne of myn, colour vyolet lynced with blake. Item I will that Luce my wife and John myn son kepe householde togeder on to the tyme that John my son be maried or sette up householde, if they can lenger acorde to be at theire will and then I will that Luce my wife wth thassent of John Wace have a house in Crondil Lane wth the gardyn duringe her lif naturall, and after the decease of the said Luce to remayne to John Wace and to his heires, and she to kepe reparacions and the out rent. Item I will that John Wace have a cross of gold wth a lace chekked wth gold and a tabled of gold and an Image of our Lady yeron and 5 kyngs of gold (on) sette wth amyttise stone and other wth a rube. that blessing that God gave to alle goode childryn fulfilling theire faders and moders will and my blessing as ferre as God will geve me leve I geve hym, thies thinges doon.

Capitulum Archidiaconi Buck celebratum in ecclesia parochiali de Ludgarsale 4 Nov. A.D. 1493.

- Ocley Johanna Boner ad instanciam Ricardi Bayle in quadam causa diffamacionis. Partes comparuere. Rea negat et sic lite contestat. Actrix habet terminium ad libellandum in proximo. Pax et dimiss.
- Wormale Johannes Collyngrige et Willus North ad instanciam Yconomorum ibidem. Actrix comparuit; rea non. Idcirco excom. Postea obtulit satisfactionem et pax est. Dimiss. sunt.
- Brehill Rogerus Trewman ad instanciam Johannis Machyn de Borestall. Actrix comparuit; rea non. Idcirco excom. Postea obtulit satisfactionem et dimiss est.

- Magna
Brikhill Thomas Wedon ad instanciam Yconomorum ibidem. Actrix comparuit rea non. Idcirco excom. Postea obtulit satisfactionem et habet terminum ad producendum Johannem Frankelyn Johem Merydall et Johem Stephyns in proximo in testes quod nichil debet ecclesie ibidem. Quo die proximi (capituli) veniente viz 14 Januarii anno ut supra in ecclesia parochiali de Whitechirche partes comparuere. Dictus Thomas nullum testem produxit; habet terminum ad secundo producendum in proximo. Quo die proximi adveniente viz 18 die Februarii Anno Domini supradicto in ecclesia parochiali de Wyng, rea comparuit, actrix non. Idcirco excom.— Postea obtulit satisfactionem et dimiss est.
- Chesham Capitulum Archidiaconi Buck. celebratum in ecclesia parochiali de Chesham 8 die mensis Novembris AD 1493.
- Chesham Johannes Felde et Johannes Grover, Thomas Bennyng, Thomas Nele comparuere. Injungitur eis quod superpelicia² ordinentur erga proximum sub pena excom. Pax est et dimiss.
- Langley Robertus Penythorn et Willus Parke yconomi ibidem ad instanciam domini Edmundi Edilston curati ibidem. Pax et dimiss.

(The Will of) Ricard. Gardyner.

In Dei nomine. Amen. Anno Domini 1493, 9 Octobris, Ego Ricardus Gardener parochie de Chesham Woborn compos mentis saneque memorie condo testamentum meum in hunc modum. In primis lego animam meam Deo omnipotenti et corpus meum sepulture ecclesiastice. Item lego matri ecclesie Lincolniensi 4d. et ecclesie parochiali de Chesham antedicta 6s. 8d. Item summo altari pro decimis oblitis 12d. Item fraternitati beate Marie de Chesham predicta 20d. Item Roberto Culverhous 4d. Item volo quod fiat pro anima mea unum trentale pro quo lego 10s. Item lego luminibus ecclesie de Chesham 3s. 4d. Item luminibus de Bowyndon 12d. Item reparacioni loci in quo campana pulsantur 20d. Item cuilibet presbitero interessenti obsequiis meis et misse 4d. Item cuilibet filiorum meorum 4d. Item matri mee unam juvenulam et ovem, Willo Bennyng unum bucelum et ovem, Johanne Bennyng unam vaccum et 4 oves et Agneti Bennyng unam juvenulam et unum agnellum. Item de debitis Johannis Gatte que sunt 20s., de quibus lego fraternitati de Chesham antedicta 6s. 8d. et fraternitati Sti Johannis in Barkehamstede 6s. 8d. Capelle de Latemers 3s. 4d. et capelle

² Surplices.

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de Bowendon predicte 3s. 4d. Item do et lego Johanne uxori mee heredibus et assignatis suis unum messuagium vocatum Pertriche place cum pertinenciis suis prout jacet et situata est in parochia de Chesham Leycester. Item volo quod annualis redditus 4 denariorum exeat de messuagio meo predicto in perpetuum Vicario perpetuo ecclesie parochialis de Chesham Woburn per annum pro quo ipse exequias faciet et missam celebrabit in die anniversarii mei in perpetuum. Insuper volo quod executores mei solvant seu solvi faciant matri mee antedictae durante vita sua naturali 6s. 8d. per annum, scilicet in festo annunciacionis beate Marie virginis proxime sequente datum istius testamenti mei 3s. 4d. et in festo Sti Michaelis ex tunc proxime sequente 3s. 4d. et sic de anno in annum quamdiu vita sua duraverit. Residuum vero bonorum meorum superius non legatorum do et lego Johanne uxori mee quam cum Thoma Whelpley et Nicholao Coke constituo et ordino executores meos, et Johannem Okeley de Latemers supervisorem istius testamenti mei ut isti, habentes Deum coram faciebus suis perimpleant istud testamentum cum effectu. Hiis testibus, domino Johe Nykson, Vicario de Chesham Woborn, Stephano Elmys, Willmo Tokfeld Thoma Growere, Roberto Culverhous, cum multis aliis. Dat. apud Chesham antedictam die et anno suprascriptis.

Abstract of provisions: My soul to Almighty God and my body for burial with church rites: to the Mother Church of Lincoln 4d.: to the parish church of Chesham 6s. 8d.: to the high altar there for tithes not paid 12d.: to the fraternity of St. Mary of Chesham 20d.: to Robert Culverhous 4d.: for a trentale (30 masses) for my soul 10s. For the lights of Chesham Church 3s. 4d. For the lights of Bowyndon (Bellingdon) 12d. For the repair of the belfry 20d. To each priest who takes part in my obsequies and the mass 4d. To each of my sons 4d., to my mother a young cow and a sheep, to William Bennyng a young ox and a sheep, to Joan Bennynge a cow and 4 sheep, to Agnes Bennynge a young cow and a young ram. From the debt which John Gatte owes me, viz. 20s., I leave to the aforesaid Fraternity of Chesham 6s. 8d., to the Fraternity of St. John in Berkhamsted 6s. 8d., to the Chapel at Latimers 3s. 4d., and to the Chapel at Bellingdon 3s. 4d. Also to Joan, my wife, her heirs and assigns a message called Pertricke place situate in Chesham Leicester; and I will that a rent of 4d. yearly issuing from this be given for all time to the Vicar of the Church of Chesham Woburn, that he may celebrate a Mass there on the anniversary of my death for all time. Also I will that my executors pay my mother so long as she lives 6s. 8d. yearly, 3s. 4d. at the Annunciation and 3s. 4d. at Michaelmas, to begin on the Annunciation following this date. The residue of my goods not bequeathed I give to Joan my wife

whom with Thomas Whelpley and Nicholas Coke I make my executors and John Okeley of Latimers Supervisor of this my will.

Marlow Magna Testamenta nuncupativa Willmi Smyth et Johannis Lawrence probantur. Committitur administratio Johanne et Alicie relictis dictorum Willi et Johannis, et dimittitur in forma pauperis Salvo Jure Cujuscunque.

CCLXIII. Capitulum Archidiaconi Buck. celebratum in ecclesia parochiali de Chilton 13 die Januarii 1493.

Borstell Testamentum nuncupativum Johanne Streteley probatur. Commissa est administratio Willmo Streteley marito ejusdem Johanne et dimittitur in forma pauperis Salvo, &c.

(The Will of) Wil. Long.

In Dei nomine, Amen. Decimo die mensis Aprilis anno Domini 1483 Ego Willmus Long de Astwode in Comitatu Buck husbandman compos mentis et sane memorie condo testamentum meum in hunc modum. In primis lego animam meam Deo omnipotenti, Sancte Marie matri sue et omnibus Sanctis, corpusque meum sepeliendum in ecclesia parochiali de Astwod. Item lego ecclesie de Astwode predicta unam acram meam magnam terre arabilis jacentem juxta le grene dych, preterea do et lego Elizabethhe uxori mee omnia bona mea mobilia et immobilia tam viva quam mortua cujuscunque generis sint seu speciei, ut ea omnia habeat et teneat sibi et assignatis suis in perpetuum sive marietetur sive non, ut ad placitum suum ea disponat. Et eidem Elizabethhe uxori mee do et lego omnia terras et tenementa mea prata pastus et pasturas tofta crofta clausa redditus et servicia mea eum omnibus eorum pertinentiis que habeo in villis et campis de Astwode et Harmede predictis, habenda et tenenda predicte Elizabethhe heredibus et assignatis suis ad terminum vite sue si nupta non fuerit. Post ejus decessum volo quod omnia predicta terre et tenementa cum pertinentiis pastibus pasturis toftis croftis clausis redditibus et serviciis et omnibus eorum pertinentiis integre remaneant Thome Long filio meo heredibus et assignatis suis in perpetuum et proviso semper quod cum idem Thomas legitime fuerit etatis et mater sua mortua dabit et solvet Alicie sorari sue decem marcas sterling cum legitime fuerit etatis.

Si vero dicta Alicia prefatum Thomam fratrem supervixerit tunc volo quod eadem Alicia filia mea habeat teneat et gaudeat omnibus predictis terris et tenementis cum ceteris premissis sibi heredibus et assignatis suis in perpetuum de capitalibus dominis etc. Volo insuper si predicta Elizabeth

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uxor mea prefatum Thomam et Aliciam supervixerit non maritata quod omnia predicta terre et tenementa cum omnibus et singulis premissis per eandem Elizabeth vel ejus executores vel assignatos vendantur et disponantur pro majore salute animarum nostrarum nostrosunq; parentum, cujus quidem testamenti executores ordino facio et constituo predictam Elizabetham meam uxorem Johannem Roonale et Willm Soomer filium predicti Johannis Soomer ut hii inde disponant pro majore salute anime mee etc. Hiis testibus; dno. Hugone Bourton vicario ibidem, Roberto Bourre, Johne Long et Johne Myddelton cum aliis.

Abstract of provisions: My soul to Almighty God, St. Mary his mother and all the Saints: my body to be buried in the parish Church of Astwood. To Astwood church I leave my large acre of ploughland situated by the green ditch, to Elizabeth my wife all my goods of every kind to have in complete possession whether she marries again or not: to her also all my lands and tenements in Astwood and Hardmead and the services due to me, for her life if she do not marry again. After her decease all to remain to my son Thomas Long his heirs and assigns, provided that when he comes of age and his mother is dead he pay to Alice his sister when she comes of age 10 marks. Should Alice outlive Thomas, she is to have and enjoy all the above said, for her own, to hold under the chief lords, etc. Should Elizabeth my wife outlive Thomas and Alice and be not married again, all is to be sold by her or her executors and disposed for the good of our souls and kindred. Her and John Roonale and William Soomer I make executors.

Capitulum Archidiaconi Buck, celebratum in ecclesia parochiali de Whitechirche 14 die mensis Januarii A.D. 1493.

White-
chirche

Willus Smyth als Tusky—dimittitur. Johannes Hayward als Riley, Wills Cowper als Clerk ad instanciam yconomorum ibidem in causa subtractionis juris ecclesiastici. Willus Alewey, Robertus Sewster sunt yconomi ibidem. Pax et dimiss.

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Radulphus Jane et Ricardus Blakhed ae Thomas Bacon et Johannes Hardyng executores Roberti Hopkins citantur pro testamento dicti Roberti. Vicarius ibidem habet potestatem ad examinandum controversiarum causas inter dictos Radulphum, Ricardum, Thomam, Thomam et Johannem ac ad exhibendum inventarium in proximo, per supervisurum Magistrorum Wodemancy et Bernardi Brokas generosorum. Pax et dimiss.

Capitulum dicti Archidiaconi celebratum in ecclesia parochiali de Stone 15 die Januarii anno suprascripto.

- Prestwode paroch. de Missenden Agnes Widmer super certis articulis.³ Pax et dimiss. Matilda Gardener super certis articulis. Pax et dimiss.
- Kymbell Thomas Challey ad instanciam yconomorum de Magna Kymbell. Pax et dimiss.
- Rysburgh Thomas Hawe ad instanciam Johannes Temple de Merssh. Pax et dimiss.
- Capitulum antedicti Archidiaconi celebratum in ecclesia parochiali de Bekynsfeld 16 die mensis Januarii anno suprascripto.
- Dachet Commissio administrationis bonorum Willmi Hovell emanavit directa Magistro Johanni Vaghan et Margerie, relicte dicti Willmi defuncti videlicet ad reddendum compotum. Fecerunt compotum et dimissi sunt.
- Agmondesham Michael Taillour et Johanna Dawson super certis articulis. Pax et dimiss.
- Slogh Thomas Cols ad instanciam Vicarii de Upton in causa subtractionis decimarum. Partes comparuere: injungitur parti ree quod solvat decimas juxta consuetudinum ibidem sub pena jur.⁴ Pax et dimiss.
- Capitulum prefati Archidiaconi celebratum in ecclesia parochiali de Wycombe 17 die mensis Januarii anno antedicto.
- Wycombe Ric. Bocher ad instanciam Thome Wokebanke. Partes comparuere. Pax et dimiss. Dominus Willus Waterman canonicus cantarie Sancte Trinitatis juxta ecclesiam parochialem de Wycombe exhibuit literas ordinum suarum die anno et loco supradictis.
- Crendon Thomas Adam ad instanciam Nichi Pede et Nichi Antony. Partes comparuere: rea fatetur 2s. Injungitur ad solvendum infra octo dies sub pena excom. Pax et dimiss.

³ Certain stated charges written.

⁴ I am not sure about the meaning of this; it is unusual.