

parlour and the going on the grounds with the kine of the owner of the grounds and 3 beasts and 20 sheep yearly while she be unmarried. For default of issue of Thomas, to my daughters Margaret, Parnell, Mary and Rose. To my said daughters £6 13s.4d. each at marriage or 21. The rest of my goods (except the long table and form in the hall, the brass hanging in the kitchen, and the quern in the kitchen chamber, which shall remain to the house for ever) to my wife, whom I make ex'rrix. I make Nicholas BENYTT supervisor, and for his pains 10s. Wit. William JOLYE, Thomas FLOWER, Thomas WEBBE. Surrendered the house and lands to the bailiff and 2 tenants to the use of Rose his wife. Pr. 11 April [1559].

**WILLIAM WARDALL of Great Holland, 10 Feb. 1558/9.**

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I will that the table in the hall, 2 trestles, form, 4 hutches, 1 dozen of the best pewter, 2 of the best brass pots that were my own, 2 little kettles, 1 featherbed now in the custody of Thomas GOLDING of Walton, 1 transom, 2 latten candlesticks, 2 pair of silver hooks, 1 bearing sheet, 1 sow hog, 2 store pigs, 2 chairs, 1 chafing dish, 1 cauldron, 1 spit, half my rye now growing on the ground, 4 scythes, 1 hook, 1 axe, and 1 handsaw be sold by my exors., the money to pay my debts. My exors. shall sow my 2 fields with barley at seasonable time or sell that field of barley that is next to the church, the money likewise. My exors. shall sell my house in Kirby-in-the-Soken with the ground, the money likewise. The money that shall remain, my debts paid, shall return to the use of my 2 children Thomas and Agnes WARDALL at 20; if both die before, the money to Joan my wife, she to bring up Agnes. I make exors. Thomas GOLDING and John GOLDING of 'Oakley', and for their pains 3s.4d. apiece. Wit. William HORSELEY, John COKE, John NEYLL, George DARBY parson. Surrendered my house and ground in Kirby according to my Will, William HORSLEY for the bailiff, John COKE and John NEYLL tenants of the manor of Kirby Hall.

**ALICE WHYTLOKE of Goldhanger widow, 19 Jan. 1558/9.**

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To Joan my daughter 8 sheep and 3 kine, paying Margaret my eldest daughter 30s. To Agnes BARKER my daughter 2 kine and 4 sheep, John my son 2 kine, and Margaret KYNG my daughter 1 cow and 4 sheep. To Thomas son of Thomas SKARLET 1 cow, 'R' [Robert or Richard?] his brother 1 cow, and John SKARLET, Joan SKARLET, Robert RESHE and Agnes PYLLGROME each 1 sheep. To 12 poor folk 12 shirts and smocks. To my godchildren each 12d. To John, Joan, 'R' and Thomas SKARLET his brother each 10s. The rest of my goods to my ex'rrix., whom I make Joan my daughter. I make William WHYTLOKE and Thomas SKARLET supervisors. Wit. John CARNELL, Edward POSTE.

**JOHN WELMAN of St. Osyth yeoman, 6 March 1558/9.**

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To be buried in the church or churchyard. To John my son my lands and tenements. If he die without issue, my tenement and lands called Levynges in St. Osyth to remain successively to John son of Robert SMYTH, Joan SMYTH his sister, and the next of my kin. To John £10 at 21, a bedstead, a featherbed, and a darneck coverlet that was his grandame's [not named]. To Joan SMYTH his sister £10 at 18. To Maud WILLYAMSON my servant £10, 2 milch beasts, 10 ewes, and a cottage in North Street [in St. Osyth]. To the reparations of the church 40s. To the poor people £4. To my 'dom[b?]e' [dumb?] servant 40s. that was his old master's gift, and to him other 40s. To [5?] other servants being menservants dwelling with me 5s. apiece. To my servants John COLLEN 13s.4d., Rose WARDDE 6s.8d., and Alice PAYNE 6s.8d. John my son shall have the governance of my daughter's children, fulfilling their friend's Will; if he do not bring them up, i.e. John SMYTH to be put to school and learn to write and read and Joan his wife [recte sister] to such good order as shall be convenient, then John CASON, whom I ordain supervisor, shall take them away and their portions to be decently kept at his - -ment. To Robert WELE 3 bushels of wheat. To 4 men that shall bear me to church 12d. apiece. To my godchildren 3s.4d. apiece. To Robert COLE of St. Osyth 3 years' farm [i.e. rent] of my 'ware' [weir] called Mall; I forgive him all other debts. I forgive Joan CROSE likewise and give her the pasturing of her cow between this and Michaelmas next and her dwelling in the house that she dwelleth in for 3 years, paying therefor 2s. To my brother-in-law William SMYTHE of St. Osyth 3 yards of blanket. The rest of my goods to my son William, whom I ordain exor. I make John CASSON supervisor, and for his pains 20s. Wit. Philip CASSON, John ELYOT shipwright [of St. Osyth], Thomas MERYFYLD this writer. Surrendered to the lord [of the manor] my cottage in North Street, Thomas MERYFYLD in stead of the bailiff in the presence of John CASSON and Philip CASON, tenants to the lord. Pr. 1 April 1559.

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**ROBERT KYNG of Goldhanger, 3 June 1559.**

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To Joan my wife my house for her life and Hal Field, my daughter [not named] shall have half the same field and half the profits of the corn and then to meddle no further of that ground. To my wife £50. To Alice PERSYN 20s. To Katherine PERSEN 20s. To John RANDE 40s. if he will be ruled by John KYNG my brother; if he will not, to have none; my brother John to have the rule of John RANDE till he come to age as he was willed to me. To Robert DAGNET 20s. To Richard MOMPARD and John KYNG each a bullock. To Joan FANE and Alice BEKAT each 3s.4d. To CHEREY's wife a bushel of wheat. To Richard AYLE a fustian jerkin, BOVER and BENET each a black frieze coat, John CHERE a pair of hose, and Richard CLARKE my best felt hat. I will that Richard CLARKE of Goldhanger give Denis PAYNE 33s.4d. a year till the money become one [sic] that I laid out for the same ground. Robert KYNGE hath laid out for the land of John RAND in Goldhanger and Heybridge 7s.8d. To the poor folk in St. Mary in Maldon 40s., my godchildren 12d. apiece dwelling in the same parish that to be debt [sic] by John my brother and John PEKE. To the poor folk in Goldhanger 40s., my godchildren there to have 12d. apiece. To the poor in Little Totham 10s. and 'Little Tolleshunt' [now Tolleshunt Knights] 10s. 14 bushels of wheat to be distributed in Goldhanger by John my brother, Robert SMETHE to have 2 bushels thereof. I ordain Ellen KING my daughter ex'rix.; John my brother shall have the rule of her till she be 21; my goods to be appraised and John to have the keeping of them until she is 21 and then deliver to her the goods or so much money as they be appraised at. John shall sell my lease of Barowe [in Goldhanger] and Ellen to have the store thereof. The rest of my goods to the discretion of my exor. I will John my brother supervisor and Richard WHYTLOKE, Richard CLARKE and Thomas SKARLET supervisors. Wit. Hugh BRETTE, Roberet MOMPARD, Richard CLERKE. [Pr.] 9 June 1559.

**RICHARD KYNETT of North Fambridge tailor, 14 March 1559.**

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To Joan my wife my lands and tenements called Kynnettes and Lorkyns for her life; after her decease, to John HASELL my sister's son, on condition that, if he when 21 enter into bond with sureties to pay George and William CAMPER his uncle's sons and Henry, Samuel and Anne SAUNDERS his aunt's children £40, saving 50s. which shall be given and that to see deducted out of the £40, the residue of the £40 equally to be divided betwixt them at 21. If John HASELL refuseth to do this, the lands and tenements shall be sold by my overseers, and he shall have the overplus of the £40; if he die before, the lands and tenements to be sold and the money equally divided between his uncle's and aunt's children. To the parishes of North Fambridge 20s., Cold Norton 10s., and Stow Maries 10s. To North Fambridge to be bestowed on the highways 10s. The rest of my goods to my wife, whom I constitute ex'rix. I make William OSBORNE and John COMYNE overseers, and for their pains each 6s.8d. Wit. George SAUNDERS, William ELLIS, Thomas REVELL.

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goddaughter and John; if they sell their part, my wife to have it 13s.4d. better cheap than another. To John OFFEN my brother-in-law a leather jerkin. The rest of my goods to my wife, whom I make ex'rrix. Wit. John CORMOTH vicar, Richard BURTON, Nicholas CASTELL, Richard CLERKE.

**ROBERT FAWCON of Ugley, 4 June 1560.**

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To Robert FAWCON my son £5 at 20 and Mary my daughter £5 at 20 or marriage. to my sisters Joan 40s. and Margaret 4 marks each at marriage which were their father's bequests. To Clemence my wife my house at Dunmow freely to give and to sell, to bring up my 2 children in the fear of God. The rest of my goods to my wife, whom I make ex'rrix. To her my right to a house in Pebmarsh for her life; after to my heirs; which house doth descend to me after the death of Robert FAWCON my father and as cousin and next heir to Margery FAWCON sister to Robert. To Robert FACON my son 1 acre of land in Edwardstone (co. Suffolk). Wit. Robert MAPLETON parish priest of Ugley, Richard PAWLFLYN, Thomas BRANDE. Pr. 16 Oct. 1560.

**JOHN FYTCHE the elder of Steeple Bumpstead, 11 June 1562.**

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To Agnes Fytche my daughter my cupboard in the hall, the shortest table there, the brass pot which I had of my grandmother [not named] and £20 at marriage or 21. To John HARTE the elder, Richard HARTE and John HARTE the younger my sons-in-law each 40s. at marriage. Christian my wife to pay Thomas FYTCHE my father £7 which I owe him. The rest of my goods to my wife, whom I ordain ex'rrix. I make my father supervisor. Wit. Thomas my father, Richard FYTCHE the writer, William CONSTABLE, Thomas BYRDE, Henry CHATWARDE.

**THOMAS FOWLE of Farnham brickmaker, 3 June 1562.**

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To be buried in the churchyard of Great Staughton (co. Huntingdon). To Philemon and 'Zachie' sons of Richard FOWLE my brother deceased each £7 at 21; if both die before, the £14 to be bestowed and employed on the town house of Farnham for the relief of the poor. To my sister Margaret COLMAN 40s.; to John COLMAN her son 40s. at 21; if she decease before John is 21, the 40s. to Joan COLMAN. To the town house 40s. To Simon CRAMPHORNE 20s. The rest of my goods to Denys CRAMPHORNE my master, whom I make exor. I Thomas FOWLE confess after the making of the Will that such sums of money as I have bequeathed are at present owing to me by divers men underwritten, and if Denys CRAMPHORNE my exor., cannot by any means get them into his hands, then he shall bestow at his discretion. My debtors—Thomas [blank] butler to Mr DOCKREY £14 15s.; George BURLYNG 20s.; Mr BARRINGTON 33s.4d.; William WATERS 20s.; Richard ALLYS 6½ quarters of malt; William BRAUNCHE ½ quarter of malt. Wit. John GOSTELOWE, Richard EDWARDES, Anthony COSYN, William BUSSHE, Randall WESTE, John PAYNE.

**EDMUND FYNCH of Ingatestone butcher, 5 June 1564.**

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To John my son my house called Hawkyns with the buildings, lands, meadows and pastures in 'Yngepeter' [Ingatestone?], on condition that he pay my daughters Alice £10 at 20 and Joan £3 6s.8d. within 1 year after; all paid out of my lands called the Mores. To John the Mores in Fryerning, on condition that he pay his brothers and sisters out of the Mores, i.e. to Anne SANDFORD my daughter (and if she die before being paid, to remain to her 2 sons William and Thomas SANDFORD), to William my son, Joan my daughter, and Peter and Thomas my sons each £6 13s.4d. within 2, 3, 4 and 5 years after my decease. To Joan a featherbed, the great cauldron, a great pewter platter, a pewter quart pot, and half my linen in my chest. To Alice my daughter my last featherbed with the hangings in the parlour, a pewter pint pot, and half the linen. To William a sheep, Peter and Thomas each 3 sheep, and my daughter SANDFORD's 2 sons my black cow. The rest of my goods to John, whom I make exor. I make supervisors William FYNCH my brother and John the younger son of John FYNCH tiler, and for his pains 3s.4d. Wit. John FYNCH tiler, William FYNCH, John PAPERELL, John PONDE, Humphrey TABER.

**JOHN FRY of Goldhanger husbandman, 12 Dec. 1565.**

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To my son John my 4 acres of ground; for lack of heirs, to the heirs of my son Richard. To John my black garled cow, my red cow, 8 dry sheep, and best bed saving 1, my mare, my

brass pot (which pot after his death to his eldest son). To my son John's children Thomas, Joan, Agnes, Ellen and Margaret FRY, each an ewe sheep. To my son black bullock, my old cow, 5 dry sheep, my 3rd bed, a cauldron, my colt, and the house and ground that I dwell in. To his children, Catherine and Richard, each an. To my daughter Agnes my white backed cow, dun cow, wennel, 13 dry sheep, 10 'c my best bed, 4 of my greatest kettles, and my bald gelding. To my daughter's child PARKER an ewe sheep. To my maid 2 ewes. To John RIEMAN an ewe lamb. The goods to my 3 children equally divided. I ordain Richard my son and Thomas son-in-law exors. and John WHITLOCKE of Goldhanger overseer, Wit. Henry SW HAUKES.

**HENRY FELEX of Purleigh husbandman, - 1566 and 8 Eliz.**

To Nathaniel my son half my lease that I dwell in with the stock of cattle, i.e. 10 score of ewe sheep, with half my cart, horse, and cart and harness as they do now wife the other part of my lease with the [other] part of my stock. To Timothy [not named], Margaret WHIT and William WHITTE each 1 bullock. My mother [not named] have her dwelling at Tobies for her life with meat, drink and cloth at my executor To my daughter the lease of Shaufordes [in Purleigh?] with the stock and store of c i.e. 8 kine, 32 ewe sheep and 2 rams. To my brother Edward 1 cow; he shall also dwelling at Shawfordes and the occupying and herding of 7 kine and 30 sheep as term of years endures paying for the stock as he ought to do and to have his covenant sheep as he ought to have, i.e. 1 cow and 6 sheep. To my brother John 1 bullock c FELLPS [FELLE?] 2 bullocks at 20. To Thomas my brother 1 cow. To Mary my bed in the parlour, 1 kettle, and 1 posnet. To 'Heue' ['Hene?], for Hugh o STELLOMAN 2 lambs. The rest of my goods to my wife and Nathaniel my son ordain exors. I make my brother William overseer and to have the custody of my stock and beasts until 20, yielding an account to him of the revenue and the price of beasts and stock of cattle, and for his pains 10s. Wit. Bartholomew BRETT, William Edward FELLEXX, Thomas BON[N]ER, William SOME writer.

**JOHN FOSTER of 'Yngberners' [Fryerning], husbandman, 7 Sept. 1566.**

To Rose my wife my goods. I ordain her my ex'rrix. Wit. Edward HYLLE WRYGHTE, William BELL. John CLARKE curate of 'Yngberners'. Pr. 23 Sept. 1566.

**CATHERINE FANCE of Moze, 6 Oct. 1566.**

To Thomas Fance my son my land called Sowles in Moze, my exor. to have the Thomas is 17, to bring him up well and virtuously and find him meat, drink and other necessaries; after the 17 years my exor. shall be counsel to Thomas until he Thomas shall enjoy his land, and for the money for the 4 years my exor. shall be ac To Thomas my 2 chests. To Robert WADE's wife 2 of my best kerchers. To Eller little posnet, a lockram rail, and a corner kercher. To Martha BADE [sic] a pair of fustian sleeves, John BERDELE's wife a petticoat and a smock, Mary HEDGE widow and a new canvas apron, Elizabeth NOKES a lockram apron, Martha NOKES a lock and my best quarter, and Agnes HUNT my hat. To John BROUGHTON 1 load of Robert WADE a load of my old hedge in Sowles. The rest of my goods to CAMBREDGE, whom I ordain exor. I surrender my right in Sowles according to the presence of Thomas BORHAM and Robert WADE tenants [of the manor] WARDE bailiff. Wit. Thomas BORHAM, Robert WADE, Thomas NOKES, John W

**NICHOLAS FLETCHER, [abode not given], 18 Aug., 8 Eliz. [1566].**

To be buried in Canewdon churchyard. To Goodman HASTLER for my wages 30s. REDMAN 40s., John CHANELER the younger 33s.4d. Mr BYRD 12s., John WYG now dwelling at Barling 10s., Robert ELLSEGOOD 6s.8d., John CREKE 6s.8d. GRENBANCKE 6s.8d., Thomas HARRYS 5s., John SHETTELL 5s., and PHARNELL 6s.8d. To Mr BYRD for making my Will 6s.8d. To John WOC GUPBORDE, Robert SHEATH, John BRYDG, and John MAKINGE each 5s. a

<sup>1</sup>cf. Harry STELLOMAN of Woodham Ferrers, 1578 (*Wills at Chelmsford, 1400-1619*).

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WILLIAM BUCKE of Dedham, 25 Feb. 1566/7.

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I will that my customary land and tenement in Dedham and Stratford [co. Suffolk] shall remain according to my surrenders into the hands of the several lords of the lordships [i.e. manors] of Dedham Hall and Stratford Hall by the hands of Robert DENNISON instead of the bailiff of the manor of Stratford Hall in the presence of John ELMES and Robert CORNESDALE, the tenants there, i.e. to my brother John BUCKE the messuage called the New House or 'Tole Both' [now the Talbooth, in Stratford], holden of the Manor of Dedham Hall, to dwell in during his life. I will that my executor shall have my customary land and meadows in Stratford held of the manor of Stratford for the life of John my brother, and to take the profits; in consideration whereof I will that my executors shall have the governance of John and find him sufficient meat, drink, apparel and other things meet for the sustenance of his body and be charged to succour John my poor brother for his life, and to maintain the New House or the 'tole both' [now the 'Tolbooth'] in reparations. After his decease, my executors shall sell the tenement, and the money to be bestowed on the poor people in Dedham, also sell the land and meadow in Stratford, and the money bestowed on the poorest people of 'Moch Tayne' [Great Tey] £10, Dedham £10, and Stratford £3. To my cousin William GARDENER, Robert KELTELL and Peter his brother, and Barbara KELTELL and her sister [not named] each 20s.; if my executors will buy the said house, land and meadow, they shall have it 40s. better cheap than any other man. To the worshipful and my singular good master Sir Thomas NEVELL knight, in consideration of his great kindness showed to me, my furred gown of fine cloth for a night gown; my executors shall pay him 44s.5d. of rent in my hands for Old Hall in Wethersfield. To my Lady my coat guarded with velvet to bestow at her good pleasure. To Mistress WINFELLD of Brantham [co. Suffolk], my master's daughter, my velvet cap. To John son of Robert BARNABE my piece of orange tawney cloth (about 3 yards). To John my brother the rest of my apparel. He shall have the use of my household stuff for his life; after his decease, to Robert HURLOCK, and Anne his sister shall have all my brass and pewter equally divided. To the poor people at the day of my burial 40s. To Mr. [John] WORTH vicar 3s.4d. To John ROFFE, Richard WINTERFLOOD, John BARNABE, Robert DENNISON and John STEVEN each 12 lb. of sheep's wool with an eye of blue therein. After my brother John's decease, Margaret LONGE daughter of Nicholas LONG shall have my best chest and counter table. The rest of my goods I commit to my executors to be bestowed to God's glory and commodity of his people. I appoint Lewis SPAROHAKE and Mr. Michael UPCHER my executors and to be 'gardeners' [guardians] to my brother John. Witnesses: John ELMES, Robert CANDELL [sic]. Proved 2 June 1567.

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MARGERY DEANE of Fingringhoe widow, 5 May 1567.

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To Margery wife of Randall WILBORNE 6s.8d., 1 ewe sheep, 1 lamb, 5 ducks, and 1 hen; Agnes PUCKELL 1 ewe sheep, a lamb, and a grey russet petticoat; and Joan my daughter, wife of Abraham NEWALL, all my wearing raiment, both linen and woollen, and all my feathers that I have gathered of my pullen. The residue of my goods to my three children, Lawrence DEANE, Richard DEANE and Joan NEWALL, equally to be divided. I ordain Lawrence and Abraham NEWALL my son-in-law to be my executors. I appoint John DORRELL and John WOOD to be my supervisors, and for their pains each 5s. Witnesses: John DORRELL, John WOOD, Robert MERCHAUNT. Proved 2 June 1567.

EMME SMYTH of Dedham widow, 14 Apr. 1567.

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To Isaac the featherbed, the great brass pot, and a platter; Grace my red cow and the mare to the keeping of her; Margaret and Alice my other cow;

and Alice, Margaret and Grace all my 'household' [stuff] part and part like, also all my linen and woollen. I would that Alice should have the chamber that Joan DAVIE doth dwell in until Isaac cometh to age and 2 load of wood in the meadow. I make my brother WHITLOCKE and John LUFKINE that married good-man CROWE's maid my executors.

WILLIAM ABBOT of Inworth, 8 Oct. 1566. (576)

To the poor men's box 2s. To Daniel ABBOT my horse or so much money as he shall be appraised at; Dorothy ABBOT my daughter my bed which I lie in; and Mary ABBOT my daughter a flockbed; all at 14. To Ellen my wife, whom I make my executrix, all other things. Witnesses: John READ, John FORD.

ROBERT SMYTH [abode not given], 28 Apr., 9 Eliz. [1567]. (577)

To my brother William 2 sheep, my sister Katherine 2 sheep, my sister Agnes 1 sheep, my godson John HAMMONT 1 sheep, and Nicholas ABDEN [ALDEN?] 1 sheep. I make Christian my wife my executrix, and the rest of my goods to her. If she be with child, to the child 5 marks at 15. Witnesses: John WOOD, Ralph FARE. Proved 21 July 1567.

GEORGE BAKONE [BACONNE in margin], [abode not given], 2 March, 9 Eliz. [1566/7]. (578)

To my wife Dorothy £10, William my eldest son and John my son each £5, and if she be with child the same to have £3; each at 18; but if my goods shall come to more than is given, to the child £5, and if they will not extend to so much my gifts be abated part and part like. I appoint my wife and my brother William BAKONE my executors, and for his pains 10s. Witnesses: William LION parson, Roger GRACE. Proved 2 June 1567.

RICHARD MITCHE of St. Leonard, Colchester, 4 Apr. 1567. (579)

To Richard MYTCHE my son £6 13s.4d. at 21. To Bridget MYTCHE my daughter £6 13s.4d. at 20 or marriage. If she overlive them, Rose my wife shall have the legacy before given; if she die, Mary daughter of Christopher BATE, my wife's sister, shall have £3 of the £13 6s.8d., the rest of the money to be divided among the children of my brothers John and Anthony MYTCH and my sister Elizabeth MYTCH's children. The rest of my goods to my wife, whom I make my executrix, on condition that she bring up my children honestly. I will my wife's brother William BEYRIFFE to be supervisor. Witnesses: Michael GODHERE, George DIXE, John FOWLE. Proved 21 July 1567.

JOHN LYND [LYNDE in margin] of Great Oakley, 22 Aug. 1564. (580)

To Anne my wife my parcel of land called King's Lands in Wix for her life; after her decease, to Anne my daughter; if she die without issue, to Robert my son. To Anne my tenement and lands called Boroughes and my lands called Pecokes and Westland until my son Nicholas is 28, if my wife live so long, and then to him. To my wife my lands called Great Alney and Little Alney, Beldam Field and Byrchet until Robert is 28, and likewise. To my wife all my goods. To the poor of Oakley 3s.4d. I ordain my wife my executrix. Witnesses: Nicholas STEWARD, Thomas COTTON, Thomas ROCHESTER parson of Oakley, being required for witnesses of my surrender of all my lands and tenements. Confirming his Will, 20 Feb. 1564/5, John LYNDE did then also give to Anne his daughter £4. Proved 21 July 1567.

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THOMAS DAMOTE [DAMOTT in margin] of Coggeshall, 9 Apr. 1567. (549)

To Agnes my wife my house which I dwell in with the yardroom on the backside which I hold of Robert BREDGES of Coggeshall by lease; also a tenement which widow MANNINGE dwelleth in. After my wife's decease, all to Thomas my son; if he die before my wife, having no heirs, to Edward my son. To my wife my cow and 2 bullocks and pasture for keeping them, putting away the old cow as shortly as she conveniently may, and she to have pasture for the bullocks on the ground that belongeth to my mill called Pointell Mill [in Coggeshall] during the term of years in the lease of my mill. To Thomas my lease of Pointell Mill with the years yet to come. To my wife my best cloth now thicked. To Robert my son my tenement which John TOWLE dwelleth in. To Thomas £12, Robert £13 6s.8d. at 20, and Edward £10 at 21. I will that my executors have the government and keeping of Edward at their charges till he be able to be set forth to the occupation of weaving with some honest man. To John EVENSE my prentice so that he tarry to comb up the wool that is now in my house. To my two daughters Agnes and Joan each £7 at marriage or 18. To my wife and my five children an obligation of Nicholas SPENCER of London for £25 due to be paid to me, to each portion and portion like. To Agnes my sister 40s. To old mother CLARKE 12d. To Margaret my wife's sister 20s. To Robert CLARKE's wife 12d. To George TAYLOR my working-day coat. To the poor 5s. I will that my executors bestow on Agnes and Joan and my brother Richard's daughter in raiment each a froock or else a cassock and each a petticoat ready to put on their bodies. To my brother's daughter 20s. To Robert and Thomas my sons a flockbed each, also my occupation whole between them. To my wife the use of my household stuff in the hall and chamber, as painted cloths, tables and forms, trestles and cupboard, also in my chamber painted cloth, bedsteadles, hangings, chests and bedding, for her life; after, to the use of my children portion and portion like. The rest of my goods to be equally divided between my wife and Thomas, whom I make my executors. I elect William SAUNDER and Edward GOODDAIE of Coggeshall to be supervisors, and for their pains each 20s. Witnesses: William SAUNDER, Edward GOODDAYE, Robert LARKE. Proved 24 Apr. 1567.

ROBERT BEARD of Colchester, 14 March 1566/7. (550)

To Mary my wife £20 so soon as it can be gathered out of the mill after my burial. If she mistrust to be unpaid, she may enter the same mill called 'Holle' [now Hull] Mill in the parish of St. Botolph [in Colchester]. To her a posted bed, a new cupboard standing on my sollar, and half my brass and pewter part and part like, to be equally divided by two honest persons. To Samuel PITTE £5 out of the mill at 21. To Robert WHITLOKE's children £5. I owe my sister STACE £3 and for that I give her £10 out of my goods of 'Holmes'. To her my best bed after my wife, with all implements as they will be found together. Martin BOWERS oweth me 36s.8d. and that shall be towards the paying of my debts. William AMIES of the town of Colchester, being in the office of a beadle, oweth me £5 saving 4s.4d. that he paid to the officers for amercement [fines]; if he will pay my executors 50s. within 1½ years I forgive him the rest. The rest of my brass and pewter to my sister STACE and a cupboard that was her father's. Debts owing to me — by Harry LAMBE the butcher and the elder man 30s.; one CLARKE a merchant of London 30s.; I have paid to Thomas VINCENT cheesewright for a rowel block 15s. I have paid to William PRESNE dwelling in the parish of St. Giles [in Colchester] for a millstone 51s.8d. and I should pay more for the stone 8s.4d. William LANGLYE hath 2 pieces of timber of mine, one is 17 foot long and 18 inches square, the other 23 foot long and 12 inches square, and for the 2 pieces I owe him 5s. and 2s. for work. I make my sister Joan DEWCKE wife of John DUCKE dwel-

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ling in 'Cannack' [now Cannock] Mill [in Lexden] my executrix and Thomas HARVIE at Laver Mill my executor, and if he will do so much for me I give him 10s.; if not, she to stand sole executrix. To her my lease of Holmes with my corn and cattle thereunto belonging and all other things saving my wife's poultry; also to Joan my lease of Cannock Mill, paying to Richard HARVIE her son 20 marks and to her daughter Susan 20 marks. To Isaac SOMER 6s.8d. I will that from the 40 marks there be taken 20 nobles, which I give my wife to buy her raiment. Witnesses: John DUCKE, John TURTINE. Proved Apr. 1567.

NICHOLAS PERRE of Messing, 17 Dec. 1566.

(551)

To the poor men's box of Messing 3s.4d. To Dorothy my wife the lease of my farm with the profits for her use until my son George is 21, towards fulfilling my Will and bringing up my children, then to him, he paying out of the same to my son Nicholas PERRE £40 2 years before the lease be expired. To George my best featherbed in the inner parlour with a bedstead, the cupboard there with a joined chest, a joined chair and a round table at 21; he shall at his entrance thereon have half of the corn on the ground, the other half to my wife, who shall keep and bring up George and Nicholas to school until they can write and read and cast account. To Mary my daughter £24 at marriage or 24, a featherbed in the inner parlour with the bedstead, 1 fine table there, and 2 buffet stools. If George and Nicholas both die before age, the lease to be sold and the money equally divided between my wife, Mary and Grace my daughters. To my wife my house called Wittams in Messing. All other my goods to her and Mr. John WESTON, they to discharge my Will, whom I make my executors, and to him for his pains 10 seams of barley (2 seams every year). Witnesses: William BORLEY, Robert HAYWARD, John LUFFKIN. Proved 24 Apr. 1567.

OSBERT WALLE of Manningtree, 30 March 1567.

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To Agnes my wife my house with the appurtenances in Ardleigh for her life; after her decease, to my child between her and me begotten, if God do send it. To my wife my loom with all things belonging and all my other goods. I ordain her my executrix. Witnesses: Richard PEKE, Roger PLOMBE. Proved 21 Apr. 1567.

ANNE ORBISTONE [abode not given], 23 Dec. 1567 [recte 1566].

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To my sons John, Richard, Robert and James ORBISTONE each a pair of sheets over and besides their father's Will; also each to have a tablecloth, James to have the best, Robert the next, Richard the third and John the fourth. I will that my painted cloths and hangings in my houses shall be equally divided among my said four sons portion and portion like at the discretion of John, whom I make my executor. To Richard the new hutch in the parlour, John my greatest hutch, and James a little coffer. I will that the cheese, butter, flesh and wood be sold by William HOLDEN, John BANCKES, Robert KINGE, Stephen JAY and John FELSTED, whom I make my supervisors, and the money equally divided among my four sons. I will that the house and land be sold at the discretion of the same five men, John to have it 20s. better cheap than any other, the money to be equally divided among my four sons, Robert and James at 22, and they to choose their 'gardiner' [guardian] for keeping their stuff. To my sister WARIN my best cassock and Agnes EMES my best frock. To the churchwardens for the reparations of the church of 'Wenden' 12d. All other movables to be sold by the discretion of my supervisors and the money to be equally divided among my children. To James 40s. over and above the rest. To James and Robert each a bearing sheet. Witnesses: Harry SARSON, William BAYLIE, John NYTINGALL. Proved 8 Apr. 1567.

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her the profit of my boats till Easter next, and my whole boat called the 'Gardiner'. To John GOLSTONE the other half boat [sic]. My wife shall have the whole profits of my farm with my cattle both beasts and sheep till Michaelmas next coming; afterwards, my stock to be divided between her and Thomas WADE part and part like. To my wife my red coffer with all therein. She shall pay young John son of John GOLSTONE the elder £10. To her the lease of Doghole and Clerkes for the term of years. To my sons-in-law young John GOLSTONE and old John GOLSTONE each a quarter of cheese after Lammass next. The rest of my goods to my wife and my son-in-law equally to be divided by the discretion of my neighbours John WILSONNE, William FOOXE and William HENTON. I constitute my executors my wife and Thomas WAD. I make William FOOXE the supervisor, and for his pains 5s. I deliver a surrender of my house and ground to the bailiff to the use of my Will in the presence of William FOOXE and John WILLSON tenants and William HENTON bailiff. Witnesses: John GOLSTON, William HENTON.

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JOAN WHITLOCKE of Little Totham single woman, 27 Apr. 1564. (780)

To Agnes my sister, wife to Thomas BARKER of Nayland (co. Suffolk), a house and garden in Goldhanger called the Corner House; if she die without issue, successively to John son of Thomas SCARLET of Little Totham and to John WHITLOCKE my brother. To Richard SCARLETT my godson, brother to the said John, my house and 2 crofts of land with a pightle customary (2 acres) in Little Totham, and my tenement and lands customary and heritable, late parcel of the lands called Lee *alias* Palmers (8 acres); if he die without issue, successively to the said John SCARLET and to Thomas SCARLET brother of John and Richard. To Richard 1 hutch, 3 great platters and 2 pewter dishes. To Thomas 3 platters and 2 pewter dishes. To Joan SCARLET my sister's daughter 1 pair of lockram sheets and a good canvas tablecloth now in my house at Goldhanger. The residue of my 'household' in the same house to Agnes and Margaret my sisters equally divided between them. To Richard 1 featherbed and 1 flockbed. To my godchildren each 12d. To the poor 12s. The residue of my goods shall be at the discretion of my executor and supervisors. My will is that Thomas SCARLET, Richard's father, shall have the rule and letting of those tenements given to Richard until he or his brothers are 21. I make Richard my executor and Richard WHITLOCKE my cousin and John WHITLOCKE my brother and Thomas father of Richard my overseers. I will that Thomas the elder shall make an account to Richard at 21. Witnesses: John WHITLOCKE the elder, Thomas JENYNE.

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RICHARD BEDLE [BEDELL *in margin*] of the hamlet or endware called Duck Street in [Saffron] Walden, 11 Oct. 1563. (781)

To Audrey BEDLE my daughter £6 13s. 4d. at marriage; my joined bed in the chamber above my hall with a featherbed, my table and form at the house of James WOODALL in Walden, and 2 buffet stools and a chair. To Thomas WRIGHT and Richard SMITH my servants each 5s. To the poor folks at the Almshouse in Walden 2s. to amend their gates. To the poor men's chest 12d. The residue to Alice my wife and Richard my son, they to continue in occupying the same until he is 21, and I ordain them my executors, and James WOODALL and William BIRDE my overseers, and for their pains each 3s. 4d. Witnesses: John BROWNE clerk [vicar of Walden], Thomas CRAFTE, John REYNOLD.

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RICHARD SMYTHE of Dedham, 16 Dec. 1565.

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I make 'Eme' my wife my executrix. To her all my goods. She shall take my debts and pay my debts. I make my supervisor Hugh BORAGE. To Grace PILGRAME and William ELLYNOT each a pewter platter. Witnesses: Michael UPCHER, John WHITLOCK, Hugh BORAGE. Proved 17 Dec. 1566.

CHRISTOPHER HEWET of Bradfield, 28 March 1565.

(530)

To Joan my wife my house and land in Bradfield called Leches, and all my goods, whom I make my executrix. Witnesses: Thomas PEPPER, John HAVELOCKE, Robert STONE. Proved 27 Dec. 1566.

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THOMAS NORTHEY of St. Leonard, Colchester, 20 Sept. 1566.

(531)

To Margery my wife my house wherein I dwell for her life; after her decease, to my child; if the child die before my wife, to remain to her. To my cousin William TURNER the younger my silver whistle. To my sisters Mary and Margery each a silver spoon. To Henry son of William DIXE my brother-in-law an angel noble. To my sister TURNER a gold ring. The residue of my goods to my wife, whom I make my executrix. To the said child £10 at 21, if it be a son; if a daughter, at 18. Witnesses: William DEKES, John SPARROWHAKE, John DRAPER. Proved 16 Dec. 1566.

THOMAS CLERKE of Littlebury, 26 Nov. 1566.

(532)

To my wife Margery my house and my copyhold until Simon my son is 21; then to Simon for 2 years ensuing; then to Erasmus my son until Simon have paid to Erasmus £5; then to Simon for other 2 years; then to Erasmus until Simon have paid him other £5; then to Simon for other 2 years; then to Erasmus until Simon have paid him other £5; then to Simon and his heirs. If Simon did without issue, the house and land to Erasmus at 21. If Erasmus die without issue, to my wife for her life; then my house and land to be sold by Simon BYGRAVE, and the money to be distributed in form following. To the children of Erasmus CLARKE my brother £20 to be equally distributed among them; to my brother William CLARKE £20; to Margaret FORDAM my sister £20; and to my sister Agnes DOVE £20. If either of my sons Simon or Erasmus live and enjoy the house and land, then my wife shall have out of them 40s. a year. To Simon and Erasmus each 1 bullock, 1 cow and 1 lamb at 21. I will that my wife shall wean a calf this year for Elizabeth BYGRAVE my servant. The residue of my goods to my wife, whom I make my executrix. I make Simon BYGRAVE my supervisor. Witnesses: Thomas BUCKE, John SKINNER, John BUCKE, Stephen WARREN.

KATHERINE GOODDAYE of Hatfield Peverel, 20 Oct. 1566.

(533)

To William SMYTH my son £6 and 4 lambs. To Agnes SMYTH my daughter 1 of the beds in the parlour, 2 platters, and 4 lambs of a year old and the vantage at marriage. To Welthian GOODDAIE my daughter a bullock of 2 years old and the vantage, 2 sheep of 2 years old, a cauldron, and 2 platters at marriage. To my son Christopher's two children, Thomas and Agnes SMYTH, each 2 sheep at 18. To Christopher 2 bushels of wheat, 2 bushels of rye, and all debts between us. The rest of my goods to Thomas SMYTHE, whom I make my executor, with the lease of my farm and all kind of debts. I ordain John CR[OWE?] of Maldon my overseer. Witnesses: John BAKER, John DENNIS, Richard BARRET. Proved 20 Feb. 1566/7.

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ROBERT ABBOT of Earls Colne, 7 May 1568.

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To my son Henry ABBOTT £6 13s.4d. at 21; if he die before, to be parted equally between my two daughters Grace ABBOT and Joan ABBOT; I will that the said sum be in the custody of my brother Henry ABBOT until Henry my son is 21, and he to put in bonds to my brother [-in-law] Robert PERSON. To Grace and Joan each an old angel at marriage, Robert to occupy the angels until then. If all my children decease before their age or marriage, their parts shall be divided between my brother Henry and my sister Joan. The residue of my goods to Joan my wife to the bringing up of my children. I make her and my brother Henry my executors. I desire my brother PEERSON to be supervisor. Witnesses: John PETEFELDE clerk [vicar of Earls Colne], Thomas POLLEY, William SMYTHE. Proved 16 June 1568.

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JOHN BROKE of Hatfield Peverel, 18 Jan. 1568/9.

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To Henry BROKE my youngest son 40s. at 20. I will that Anne my wife shall have all such movable goods as she brought to me when we were married, also 2 beasts going on my ground in the parish between this and Michaelmas next, and her dwelling in the house, also 40s. a year for 5 years after my death. To the poor people of the parish 3s.4d. To Samuel BYCKNER and Anne BICKNER each 6s.8d. at 21. To Thomas and William BROKE my sons, whom I make my executors, all my other goods to be divided between them by two honest men, my executors to bring up BICKNER's children as they will answer before God at the day of judgement. Witnesses: Walter WILMOT, John PAYNE, Richard HARRIS, Alexander WILLMOTE. Proved 2 March 1568/9.

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HENRY SWIFTE of Goldhanger, 3 Jan. 1568/9.

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To Margery my wife my house in which I dwell in Goldhanger for her life; after her decease, to remain to Richard my son; if he die without heirs, to remain successively to my son Stephen, my daughter Joan, and to my wife. To my said three children 40s. each at 21. The residue of my goods to my wife, whom I make my executrix. I make John TYLL my father [-in-law] overseer. Witnesses: Andrew CUTLER, John FANNE, John VILLARS. He delivered a surrender in the presence of John VILLARS clerk\* [cf. no. 643], Andrew CUTLER bailiff, and John TYLL and John FANNE tenants [of the manor]. Proved 2 March 1568/9.

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JOHN WHITLOCKE of Little Totham, 22 Sept. 1568.

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To Mary WHITLOCKE and Dorothy WHITLOCKE the daughters of Richard WHITLOCKE my nephew each £6 13s.4d. at 21. To Alice ALMONE my brother's daughter now dwelling in Goldhanger 20s. To Henry BADCOCKE dwelling with Richard WHITLOCKE 6s.8d. and Eustace SUBTELL dwelling likewise 12d. To Grace WENDON, Grace PERCIVALL and Joan MELLOWS servants with the said Richard each 6s.8d. To the mending of the church porch of Little Totham 5s. To five poor men and 5 poor women in Little Totham each 18d. on Good Friday next after my departure. To John SCARLET, Edmund MELLOWS, Allen HINCKELEY, and John CLAYTON, my godsons, and to Alice ALLEINE, each 12d. The residue of my goods to Richard WHITLOCKE of Little Totham Hall, my nephew, whom I ordain my executor. I make Robert BRIAN of Little Totham supervisor, and for his pains 3s.4d. Witnesses: John FULLER, John FOSTER, Thomas WEST.

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ELIZABETH BREME [BREME in margin: recte WRENNE of Harlow widow, 24 Aug. 1570. (837)

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NEWMAN of Buntingford [co. Hertford] oweth me; also a close of land (con-  
taining 2½ acres) in Layston (co. Hertford). To Daniel SPRIGGE, my daughter's  
son, a half-acre in a common field in Layston. To Elizabeth and Susan  
SPRIGGE my daughter's daughters, 20s. apiece at 18 or marriage. To John  
WRENNE, my son's son, 40s. and 1 pair of flaxen sheets. To Thomas and Robert  
STEVEN, my daughter's sons, 20s. apiece at 20. To Elizabeth BOVIE, my daugh-  
ter's daughter, £6 13s. 4d. at 18 or marriage. To Ralph BOVIE and Thomas BOVIE,  
my daughter's sons, 20s. apiece at 20. To Agnes BOLTON my late servant 6s. 8d.,  
my best mattress, my 2nd red coverlet, a pair of white woollen blankets, 2  
pair of sheets not of the best nor the worst, and a tick bolster of feathers.  
To Elizabeth TYLL 1 pair of towen sheets. The rest of my goods with the  
lease of a piece of ground called Bushes to George WREN my son, whom I make  
my executor. I ordain William NEWMAN of Buntingford my overseer, and for his  
pains 3s. 4d. Witnesses: Thomas HARRIS, Richard HARRISON clerk [vicar of  
Harlow], Robert REEDE, Thomas ADAMS. Proved 26 Oct. 1570.

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JOHN BENBOW of Epping husbandman, 16 Jan. 1569/70. (838)

To John my son 6s. 8d., which was the gift of his mother [not named], and  
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and a pair of flaxen sheets. To Susan my daughter 20s. and a pair of sheets  
at marriage or 20. The rest of my goods to Joan my wife, whom I make my exe-  
cutrix. Witnesses: John BENTON, John KYNG, William ADAM, Robert SPENCER,  
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JOHN COOKE of Halstead husbandman, 30 Oct. 1570. (839)

To Agnes my wife my message wherein I dwell called Constantines, with my  
lands, meadows and pastures belonging, for her life; after her decease, to  
John my son, on condition that he shall pay William my son £13 6s. 8d. within  
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of land called Rye Hills and a little meadow adjoining called Borne Brook  
Meadow (containing 9 acres), and my gift to John to be void. I will that John  
shall pay my three daughters, i.e. Joan, Agnes and Elizabeth, each 20s. with-  
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called How Pasture to be equally divided between them. To them also each 40s.  
The rest of my goods to my wife, whom I make my executrix. Witnesses: Robert  
BUNTYNGE of Colne Engaine, John ATKYN. Proved 9 Nov. 1570.

JOHN SYBLYE [SIBLY in margin] of Great Henny, 24 Aug. 1570. (840)

To the chancel of Henny 3s. 4d. and the chancel of Gestingthorpe 3s. 4d. To  
Thomasine my wife my houses and lands in Gestingthorpe, Castle Hedingham,  
Little Yeldhem, and Sudbury [co. Suffolk] for her life. After her decease,  
to Mary wife of Robert BLACKEMAN my house called Marians in Gestingthorpe  
with the lands in the tenure of John BUTCHER for her life; after her decease,  
to John her son, my godson. After my wife's decease, to Alice wife of Wil-  
liam CHAMBERLEYNE my house in Cordmarse Row in Sudbury in the tenure of Wil-  
liam COLE and John FLURRIE; if William COLE will buy it, he shall pay Alice  
£40. After my wife's decease, to Robert BREWSTER my godson my house called  
Lefyngwelles in Gestingthorpe with the lands free and copy belonging in the

tenure of Edward MYLLES; if Robert die without heirs, to remain successively to John BREWSTER, to Richard BREWSTER, and Cordall BREWSTER. After my wife's decease, to William BREWSTER gentleman my house called Bryerslie with a piece of meadow in the Flash and my ground in Castle Hedingham in the tenure of William WHATLOKE. After my wife's decease, to Richard BREWSTER my house called Segges Hall in Yeldham with the lands, woods and pastures belonging in the tenure of John MAY; if Richard die without heirs, to remain to John BREWSTER. If Robert alien the house in Gestingthorpe by fine or recovery or other means, contrary to my Will, then John BREWSTER may occupy it for his life; if he alien it, likewise to Richard. To Joan HARDCROFTE my girl that I bring up my house in Nether Street in Gestingthorpe called the Water House; if she die without heirs, to remain to Gestingthorpe for an almshouse to the poor. To John CULLYN my servant in consideration of good service to me and my wife my house called Basses in Gestingthorpe late in the tenure of Thomas HARVIE for his life; after his decease, to remain to Gestingthorpe for an almshouse. I will that three of my tenants, i.e. Edward MYLLES, John BOWCHER and John MAN, and their wives, shall not be put out of their farms during their lives nor pay any other rent than they now do, except the proper owners will inhabit there themselves. To Ellen HARDCROFTE which I bring up, after my wife's decease, my house in Castle Hedingham that I bought of Richard LOVE-DAYE at the south end of my house called Brierslye; if she die without issue, to the poor there for an almshouse. To Richard LOVEDAIE, John LOVEDAIE and Joan HANBUYE their sister and kinsfolk 40s. apiece. To Mary wife of Robert BLACKEMAN my little postbed standing above in the chamber next the stair head. To Elizabeth MOTTE and Rose MOTTE my servants at marriage each £3 6s.8d. by the advice of her godmother, my wife. To Geoffrey POTTER, John HAULL and Thomas ELLES each 1 seam of barley. I make my wife my executrix. To William BREWSTER my great horse, he to be an executor with my wife, and not to have anything to do during her life. Witnesses: Anthony BYSSHOPPE, John BECHAM, John WALCHE. Proved 23 Oct. 1570 by Thomasine SIBLIE, power reserved to William BREWSTER when he shall come.

THOMAS WILLES of Castle Hedingham, 1 June 1568.

(841)

To the relief of the poor 3s.4d. The residue of my goods to Robert HARRYNGTON of Hedingham, discharging my funeral and executing my Will. Witnesses: William JOHNSON, John LIDDIE, George WARDE, William SHOOTER. Proved 17 March 1569/70.

ROBERT PECOCK of Hatfield Broad Oak, 30 Sept. 1566.

(842)

To Gilbert my son my tenement and land belonging called Sparrowes in Abbess Roothing, he to pay my wife Agnes, his mother, 8s. yearly for her life and my son John £3. To Dorothy my daughter-in-law my table in the parlour after my wife's decease. The residue of my goods to my wife, whom I ordain my executrix, and Gilbert overseer, and for his pains 20d. Witnesses: William JOSSELEYNE, William HEWETT. Proved 26 Oct. 157-.

JOHN REVE of Harlow shearman, 18 Jan. 1568/9.

(843)

To the poor 2s. To Richard my son at 21 my shop stuff, i.e. 3 pair of shears, a pair of tainters, 10 dozen handles, 2 burling irons, 2 'scrayes' [drying frames?], a press, a 'pryme' [cutting instrument?], a lard box, a cutting board, a 'perche' [bar?], a rack head, and shear board. To William my son the long table and the form belonging to it in the hall, after his mother's decease. To George my son a bedsteadle with the tester that I bought of 'Sir John of Latton' [not the vicar], a flockbed, and a great brass pot, after his mother's decease. To Elizabeth my daughter a standing bed with a featherbed,

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a brass pot, a spit, the little frying pan, 2 pillowberes, and a chair, also a cow, 4 sheep, the quern in the kitchen, the best kettle there, the kneading trough, the round table in the hall, the trammels with the pothooks, a chest, a pair of sheets, a fustian pillow, a posnet, a little kettle, the great frying pan; also a latten chafing dish, the best candlestick, her father's chair, 4 kettles that be occupied every day, a latten garland [representation of a garland in metal] to set a platter on, a latten mortar, the cobiron, the andiron, and 3 pillowberes. [No witnesses.] Administration granted, 23 Nov. 1571, to Emme wife of John BASSET, Joan STEPHENS, and Thomas STEPHENS.

WILLIAM SICKES [SYCKES in margin]

the elder of Billericay, 30 Sept. 1571.

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To be buried in Great Burstead churchyard. To Elizabeth my wife my tenement in Billericay with the land belonging for her life; the remain to William my son. To my wife all my household stuff for her life, then to William. He shall pay John, Peter and Elizabeth my children each 20s. I ordain my wife executrix. Witnesses: William BUCKETT my brother [-in-law], John CUCKOOE the elder, Thomas FREMAN. Proved 20 Nov. 1571.

(64)

ELLEN IRELAND of Dunton, [date not given]. (Nuncupative) (67)

I give my goods to Anne WADE. Witnesses: Thomas MALL, John GEFREY. [Administration granted, 20 Nov. 1571, to Alice WADE, next of kin (in Register only)].

ADRIAN REYNOLDES of Great Baddow widow,  
11 Nov. 1571. (Nuncupative)

(68)

She gave her goods to be divided equally between Joan OLIEF, Alice BOYLAND and Mary GARETT at the discretion of John OLIEF her son-in-law. Witnesses: John ANDROWES, Sybil ANDROWES, John OLIEF, Joan his wife. Administration granted, 25 Nov. 1571, to Joan OLYFFE in the person of John OLYFF proctor.

(65)

THOMAS ELNOR of Rainham, [no date].

(69)

To Thomas HATTER the lease of my house and ground, on condition for 10 years to bring up my youngest daughter Sybil till she be 10. If it please God to take her into His mercy before, Thomas

to give a crown a year to the other children for the 10 years. If my three children die, the lease to remain to him for the 20 years. To him my black 'howede' [hamstrung] cow and my mare, on condition that he pay 20s. to widow MACKERELL, and my hay at my house. To George UPHAVERINGE the leases of my marsh ground, i.e. Red Meadow and Water Flyte and the Four Acres, on condition that he pay at Christmas next f9 10s. and to William HERD for my children's use at Christmas 1581 f6. To Sybil 5 marks at 20. I make my two other daughters, i.e. Agnes and Joan ELNER, executrices of the rest of my goods. I make overseers William HERD and Richard PEACOCKE. Witnesses: William HEARD, George FRYTHE, George UPHAVERINGE. Debts to be paid by the testator -- to Thomas TURVEYE 10s., George UPHAVERINGE 4s.4d., Richard HERD 10s., Ralph WHITLOCKE for 2 bushels of rye 3s., my maid 6s.8d. Proved 28 Nov. 1571 by William HERDE and Richard PEACOCKE during the minority of Agnes and Joan.

MARY ROBEGENT, [abode not given] 30 Nov. 1571. (70)

To be buried in Margaretting churchyard. To my sister-in-law Margery ROBEGENT widow my red petticoat, 2 canvas aprons, 1 holland apron, and my hutch; to her two children Joan and Mary 2 of my petticoats, to Joan my hat, and to her three children Joan, Mary and Catherine my cow for to be equally divided among them. To each a sheep to be delivered to their mother STRAYTE for their behoof. To Margery my cassock, best hat, best apron, best neckercher, my featherbed, and my great chest at my brother's. To Mary SILVESTER and Joan CLARKE each a kercher, a headcloth, and a neckercher. To mother MAUTTE my keeper my russet petticoat and 1 of my smocks. To my brother ROBEGENT's children 13s.4d. among them. To the poor folk of 'the Tye' [in Margaretting] 5s. The rest of my goods to Edward ROBEGENT my brother, whom I make my executor, if he will; if not, my sister-in-law Margery shall be my executrix and receive my goods out of my brother's hands. My best sheet save 1 to be my bearing sheet. Witnesses: Robert JARVES, Edward BOWSYE, Thomas FRETON, Thomas BROWNE. Proved 18 Dec. 1571 by Edward.

JOAN GRAYGOOSE [GREYGOOSE in margin]  
of Shelley widow, 8 Aug. 1569. (71)

To my son Nicholas FYLD 1 bullock which he hath already, a mattress, 2 pair of sheets, 2 blankets with 1 covering, 1 bedstead and bolster thereto, 1 chest, and 2 platters. The rest of my

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**RICHARD WOLVETT of Margaretting husbandman, 16 Jan. 1573/4.**

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To my 3 children [not named] which I had by my 1st. wife my 2 tenements in Chelmsford, they to be sold by Henry BORNE and Thomas WHITBREAD and the money equally divided among my 3 children, saving 40s. apiece to my 2 sons more than my daughters, my sons at 21 and my daughters at 18. The rest of my goods to Olive my wife, on condition that she pay my 3 children by her each 5 marks at 21. To my daughter which I had by my 1st wife 1 featherbed to be paid to her when it shall be required by my overseers so that my wife be bound to my supervisors for paying my children's legacies and for bringing them up in the fear of God. I make my wife ex'rix. and Henry BORNE and Thomas WHITBREAD overseers. Wit. Thomas BUTT, John POWTER, Henry BORNE.

**JOHN WHETTLOKE of Goldhanger yeoman, 20 Jan. 1573/4.**

(987)

To Catherine my wife my copy land in Bradwell[-juxta-Mare] for her life; after her decease, to Catherine WHETTLOKE my daughter; if she die without heirs before my wife, my lands to my wife. To her my free land and copy land in Great and Little Totham until Catherine my daughter is 12, then to her. To Catherine my daughter a parcel of land in Goldhanger called Warrens Croft. To my wife my lease and term of years [of my house] which I dwell in called Follyfans [now Follyfaunts Farm] which I hold of Mr Thomas BECKYNGGAM gentleman for 1 year to come, paying out of it to my daughter at 18 £40. To my wife my lease and term of years [of land] in Goldhanger which I hold of the right honourable Thomas RADCLIFFE, [3rd] Earl of Essex called Bakars and Wood Croft. To John SKARLYTTE 1 bullock and 1 featherbed. To all my men 'skyns' [recte servants] that dwell with me each 6s.8d. To Elizabeth HARRYSANT 1 bullock. To Catherine GYLLS 6s.8d. To the poor of Goldhanger 20s. at my burial and 20s. a year after. To my godchildren each 12d. If Catherine my daughter die without heirs, Warrens Croft to Catherine BARKAR my sister's daughter, and my lands in Bradwell and Great and Little Totham to be sold by the discretion of John BARKAR and Richard BARKAR my brothers-in-law, the money to be given to my sister's children and John BARKAR's children, 40s. apiece. To Thomas SKARLYTTE 10s. and Joan SKARLYTTE 10s. To William BUTTLAR's son 5s. To my wife and daughter my milch kine, bullocks, sheep, geldings, mares and swine, and all my household implements to be equally divided. To my daughter the mazer bound with silver and my silver spoons. The rest of my goods to my wife, whom I make ex'rix. If my wife die before my daughter is 18, John BARKAR shall have the goods and the government of her until she is 18. I make John BARKAR and Thomas SKARLYTTE supervisors, and for their pains each 6s. Wit. John BARKAR, William CATMAR, George SAMPSON, Robert BRYAN.

**ANNE WYNDEWELL of Aldham, 16 Nov. 1573.**

(988)

To Joseph WINDEWELL my son my bed in the parlour with the curtains, my daughter Joan my tick bed in the collar, Elizabeth my daughter the other bed in the collar, and Anne my daughter a trundle bedstead with a featherbed; to my 3 daughters all my other linen equally divided, except 1 pair of sheets which I give to Roger my son. To him my brass pot, broad posnet, and 2 platters; Joan a pewter platter and a basin; Elizabeth and Anne each 2 pewter platters; Joseph 2 pewter platters; Joan my cauldron with 2 ears; Elizabeth my great brass pot and great round posnet; Anne my best brass kettle, frying pan, a cassock, and my latten ewer; Elizabeth my 2nd chafing dish and best candlestick; Joan the 2nd. candlestick and best chafing dish; Anne my chafer and a candlestick; Roger my best kettle save 1 and a candlestick; Joan and Anne 2 cobirons; Joseph my least spit; Elizabeth my 2nd spit and least kettle; Roger my cow; Joseph my dun bullock; Joan my great garled cow; Elizabeth my old dun cow; and Anne my cut-tailed cow. To my 3 daughters and my son my lease and term of years which I hold of Sir Thomas LUCAS knight for the years to come and the hay in the lodge there equally. To Roger a young sow hog and my other children the rest of my hogs equally. To the poor of Aldham 1 load of wood. To my sister SAMON 2 yards of canvas of 12d. a yard, 20d., and 1 chest. To John my son's son 15s. which Roger oweth me. The rest of my goods to my 5 children divided by John WILTON clerk, parson of Aldham, and James STRACHEN, whom I make exors., to whom each 6s.8d. besides my old back chair to James. Wit. William SAMMES, George KITRICHE. Pr. 12 Jan. 1573/4.

**WILLIAM WHYTING of Buttsbury, 13 Feb. 1573/4.**

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To my brother John WHYTYNG my grey mare that I bought of Luke MYDDLETON, all my

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**RICHARD BUSHOPE of Barking single man, 18 Aug. 1578. (125)**  
To the poor of Barking 40s. To Mgy. daughter of John BUSHOPE my brother 40s. The rest of my goods to Edw. BUSHOPE my brother, whom I make my executor. Witnesses: John HORTON minister of Barking, Rd. WALLETT of London. Proved 31 Mar. 1579.

**ROBERT BACHELER of Stow Maries, 14 Feb. 1578/9. (126)**  
To the poor 20s. To the reparations of Stow Maries church 6s.8d. To a godly learned preacher for his painstaking in making 2 sermons 10s. To Alice my wife 40 of my best beasts, all my sheep, horse, colts, mares and geldings, my carts and ploughs and all my corn except 60 quarters of oats to my executors towards paying my debts and legacies. To my wife all my household stuff, the butter and cheese in the house, and my hogs. She shall have the occupying and profit of my farm called Maris [now Morris Farm, in Stow Maries] except the Marsh and ground belonging (by estimation 50 acres) during the lease which I have of the manor, on condition that she shall pay yearly £44 rent. She shall bring up my children at her costs with meat, drink, cloth and learning until they are 21 and be bound with sureties to my executors to do no act prejudicial to my lease. To Mary my daughter £40 at 20 or marriage. To Frs. BACHELER my brother 40s. The residue of my goods and my lease of the manor with the profits to my executors, they to take so much as above; then the residue of my goods to my two sons John and Henry equally divided. I make John STELLY-MAN and John LORAINÉ executors, and for their pains each 10s. I make Wm. SOAME supervisor, who shall request my executors to make a yearly account of the profits of my farm. Witnesses: Henry SALISBURYE clerk [rector of Creeksea], Edw. STELLIMAN, James BRI[D]GES. Proved 3 Mar. 1578/9.

**WILLIAM DALE of Bradwell-juxta-Mare husbandman, 10 Jan. 1578/9. (127)**  
To Joan DALE my daughter 1 featherbed with the posted bedstead with the white ceiling, 3 pewter platters, 3 pewter dishes, and a kettle of 1½ gallons at marriage or 24. To John MEDCALF of Bradwell my black fustian doublet and black frize jerkin. To Wm. ELLIS of Farnbridge [sic], my brother-in-law, 3s.4d., whom I ordain overseer. The residue of my goods to Alice my wife, whom I ordain executrix. Witnesses: John COLMAN, John NEVELOCKE, John MEDCALF, Th. SMITH. Proved 2 Mar. 1578/9.

**JOHN CARTER of Grays Thurrock husbandman, 5 Feb. 1578/9. (128)**  
To Joan my wife and John my son all my goods jointly for the time of the longer liver of the twain. To my wife my tenement in Little Thurrock with the land belonging called Howchins for her life and the wood there growing to be 'dispent' jointly between her and my son at my tenement at Grays [Thurrock] so oft as needful occasion arise. To John my two tenements in Grays which I bought of John COMENS of Ilford, a marsh of 5 acres called Gossoppes Mead in Little Thurrock, 1 'salton' [salting?] in Grays (2 acres), and a parcel of arable (1 acre) in Grays. I ordain my wife and my son executors and my brother Rd. RAISTELL overseer. Witnesses: Rd. RAISTELL, John ALLANN, Wm. CROWDER writer hereof. The rent of my land at Orsett shall also be deducted to the payment of my debts. Proved 3 Mar. 1578/9.

**RALPH WHITLOCKE of Rainham yeoman, 11 Jan. 1578/9. (129)**  
To Wm. my son £40 at 21 and Kath. my daughter £20 at marriage or 18. My executrix shall bring up my children well and honestly, the boy as soon as may be to be taught to read and write well. To my brother's son [not named] a cow called Broad Horn and his daughter a cow called Little Cherres. The rest of my goods to Agnes my wife, whom I make executrix. I make overseers Rt HOLDEN, Wm. RADLE and John LAWRENCE vicar of Rainham. Witnesses: Wm. WHITLOCKE, Rt. HOLDEN, Wm. RADLEY, John LAWRENCE. Proved 4 Mar. 1578/9.

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**MICHAEL DELLOE of Ugley, 3 July, 22 Eliz. [1580]. (Nuncupative.)**

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He did give to Michael his father 2 bushels of wheat and his brothers Jonas 1 bushel and Thomas his best coat. To Judith his wife his copyhold house and pightle in Ugley for her life; after her decease, to his son Richard; if his wife die before Richard is 21, his father and Thomas shall have the custody and bringing up of Richard and the house towards the charges until then; if Richard die, to Thomas. The rest of his goods to his wife, whom he made ex'rrix. Wit. Richard SAVELLE, John CLARKE, Richard HOCKLEY. Pr. 7 Nov. 1580.

**GEORGE DAYE senior of Clavering yeoman, 26 Jan. 1578/9.**

(251)

To be buried in Clavering church or churchyard. Towards the reparations of the church 3s.4d. To the poor people 5s. a year on Good Friday in bread for 18 years after my decease, to be delivered by Robert my son with the consent of George my son and other honest men of the parish. To Edward my son the lease of my farm which I dwell in for the years that I have; £5 a year for 4 years; my mattress price 7s., 1 pair of sheets price 8s., 1 blanket for 5s., 1 covering for 6s.8d., and 1 pillow and 1 bolster for 5s. To Agnes GARDNER my daughter 20s. a year for 4 years, Joan WENNAM my daughter 5s. a year for 4 years, and William my son 20s., and Nicholas and Thomas my sons each £6 13s.4d., and Richard my son 20s., all within 4 years. To John WHITELOCKES £5 and John WHITELOCKES the younger 40s., each at 21. To my godchildren and my children's children [not named] each 12d. The rest of my goods to Robert, whom I make exor. I make George my son supervisor, and for his pains 5s. Wit. Thomas SIMSON vicar, Thomas CHAPMAN.

**RICHARD DOWNES *alias* STAFFORD,****servant to Mr Henry CAPELL of Rayne, 23 Eliz., 1580.**

(252)

To John DOWNES *alias* STAFFORD of Old [now Great] Saling my eldest brother 48s.4d. in his hands already and 3 seam of barley; Edward DOWNES *alias* STAFFORD my 2nd brother 33s.4d. to be paid by my aunt Margery THEALE of Braughing (co. Hertford); Henry DOWNES *alias* STAFFORD of 'Saling' my 3rd brother 33s.4d. to be paid likewise, also 1 seam of barley and 5s.; Marian my sister, wife to Thomas STOCKLEYE, 33s.4d. to be paid likewise, and 1 seam of barley; and my aunt THURGOOD and John THURGOOD, both of Rayne, each 1 seam of barley; all which barley to be delivered by William NEVELL of Rayne (5 seam) and Radulph JOSSELYNG of Felsted (2 seam). To the said John 16s.8d. and Henry my best coat, best doublet, best hosen, best hat, my boots, boot hosen, a new pair of high shoes, and a hose cloth. To John HURRELL my fellow servant 3 of my best shirts. To Daniel THURGOOD of Rayne a pair of russet hosen and a leather doublet. To John DOWNES my brother 2 chests and all in them. To Mary GRENE servant to Peter WAKELING of Shalford 10s. to be paid by John son of Simon JOSSELYN at Christmas 1581. The rest of my goods to John my brother, whom I make exor. Wit. John WOOD, Roger CARR. Pr. 17 Jan. 1580/81.

[There are no nos. 253, 254.]

**WILLIAM DERYFALL of Hawkwell labourer, - 1581.**

(255)

To Joan my wife my house wherein I dwell and the land belonging for her life; after her decease, to Philip my son; if he die without heirs, successively to Dorothy my daughter and Giles BAND of Hawkwell. If Giles doth inherit the land 3 years after his mother's decease, he to pay Dorothy 40s. The rest of my goods to my wife, whom I make ex'rrix. and Giles BAND overseer. Wit. Edmund SANDERSON, John BRETTE. Pr. 6 June 1581.

**JOHN DEATH of Great Clacton single man, 23 June 1581.**

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To Thomas my brother £20. To Sarah HEIWOOD and Margaret HEYWARD my daughters £6 apiece to be delivered to them that shall bring them up, sufficient bonds for payment to be taken by my exors. until they are 20. If it shall happen the overplus goods divisible amongst the rest of the children undernamed reach above £6 apiece, then the certain legacy of the £6 apiece to them bequeathed, I will that the parts of Sarah and Margaret be equal with the greatest part. To Thomas, William, Mary, Robert, Martha, Susannah and Amy the sons and daughters of my brother Thomas DEATH, also to Jane STOE the daughter of my sister STOE of Great Holland. The rest of my goods to be equally divided and paid to them at 20. To John HEYWARD 40s. at 15. To the poor 13s.4d. To the repairing of the church of Great Clacton 6s.8d. I make Thomas WOOLMER exor., to whom 20s. and Robert OKEY supervisor, 6s.8d. Wit. Samuel COTTESFORD clerk [curate], John BATMAN husbandman. Pr. 6 July 1581.

youngest daughter each £20 at 21. To William my eldest son my lands and tenements called Bowles in West Mersea, Richard my 2nd son my new builded house which I myself builded on land adjoining called Sowthes *alias* Pirrells and a parcel of land called Pinders, both at 26, and John my youngest son my old builded house next the highway with the yards together with his brother Richard with free egress and regress to the pond for water, and my tenement and land called Master Johns in West Mersea at 21; if any of my 2 youngest sons die before 21, his part to the child that my wife now goeth withal if a manchild but if a womanchild his part to remain to the longer liver. To the said child £20 at 21. To Agnes my wife my house and lands in West Mersea until my children come to their several ages. The rest of my goods to my wife, whom I make ex'rix. to bring up my children. I make William SMYTH of West Mersea supervisor, and for his pains 6s.8d. Surrendered to the lord by Richard RICHARDSON in the presence of John HUNTER and John SMYTH 2 customary tenants. Wit. Richard RICHARDSON, John HUNTER, John SMYTH. [Pr.] 4 July 1582.

**WILLIAM FULLER of Theydon Garnon husbandman, 3 Sept. 1582. (332)**

To my daughter Elizabeth £4 at marriage or 18, also my joined bedstead in the parlour where I lie; if she die before she be married, to Bridget FULLER daughter of my brother John. If my wife at any time refuse or do not bring up my child orderly or in the fear of God, to my daughter £6 to be paid to my overseers to her use. The rest of my goods to Joan my wife, whom I make ex'rix. I request my brothers John FULLER and John BENNETT [brother-in-law] to be overseers, and for their pains each 2s. Wit. Robert BRADLEY, Robert DAUGS, Henry ARCHER. [Pr.] 4 Oct. 1582.

**NICHOLAS FELSTED of Littlebury, 9 Dec., 25 Eliz. [1582]. (333)**

To be buried in Littlebury church. To Alice my wife a black cow, a black bullock, 1 acre of wheat, 1 acre of barley, 1 rood of the best saffron ground in Seven Acres, a featherbed, a bedstead, 2 hutches, the painted cloths in the chamber at the east end of the house, a table in the hall on the north side, a long form, a cupboard, a malt quern, a kneading trough, a powdering trough and another little trough, with other things as in a writing in the hands of Mr Henry BRADBURIE, to her use. To Anne BUCKE my daughter £5, a bullock, 3 ewes, and an old bedstead. To Katherine JION my daughter 26s.8d. To Elizabeth BUCKE my daughter's daughter 40s. at marriage. To the collection for Colyton Haven [co. Devon] 4d. To the poor folks 6s.8d. at the day of my burial. The rest of my goods to Richard my son and Thomas his son, whom I appoint exors. I appoint Mr Thomas MEADE the younger supervisor. Wit. Thomas MEADE, Thomas DANE, Simon CLARKE, Francis LINDSELL parson of Stretthall.

**JOAN FULLER of Chigwell widow, 1 Dec. 1582. (334)**

To Joan DEANES my goddaughter 2 beasts, i.e. Nut and Nan, and my biggest cauldron. To Adam HILL my cousin 2 beasts, i.e. Lily and young Whitelock, and a table in the hall with a form. To Elizabeth JENINS daughter of Richard HILL 2 beasts, i.e. old Whitelock and Hart, and £4 in the hands of my cousin Henry FULLER. To my sister MILES a coverlet, a blanket, and a bushel of wheat meal. To my cousin Harry FULLER my powdering trough, my boulding tun, the best spit, and the table in the kitchen with the form by the wall. To Elizabeth his daughter my little cauldron. To my brother Thomas HILL 1 bushel of wheat. The rest of my household stuff to my cousins Adam HILL and Elizabeth JENINGS, children of my brother Richard HILL, equally divided. To every godchild that I have which were my servant's [servants'?] children 3s.4d. apiece and my other godchildren 2s.6d. apiece. The rest of my goods to Adam HILL, whom I make exor. I make Harry FULLER overseer. Wit. John PRESSEN, Harry FULLER. [Pr.] 5 Feb. 1582/3.

**JOHN FANE of Tolleshunt Major, 29 March 1583. (335)**

To Joan FOSTER and Margaret FANE my 2 daughters my house and pigtle equally to be divided. To John FOSTER my godson 1 pewter platter. The rest of my goods to Joan and Margaret divided betwixt them, whom I make ex'rices. Wit. John BRETT, Thomas WAST, John FANE. Pr. 26 April 1583.

**JOHN FREMAN of Bowers Gifford, 1 Jan. 1582/3. (336)**

To the poor 5s. To Joan my wife the moiety of the farm wherein I dwell for my term of years; if she die before the end, the residue to Thomas SANDLE my kinsman and servant now

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**THOMAS SAMMES of Goldhanger, 20 Feb. 1584/5. (912)**  
To my daughters Mary and Susan each 100 marks at 22 or marriage; if either die before, her part to be equally divided among the rest of my children. I will that my brothers William, John and Henry SAMMES shall take the profits of my part of Polle March and all other my leases and profits, also my part of the stock, and my part of Sowthy Wood towards the performance of my Will. To Sarah my daughter 2 kine, 10 ewes, and 40s. To 20 of the poorest householders in Goldhanger 20s. to be distributed at the discretion of my exor. and supervisors and 20 of the poorest householders in Great Totham 40s. likewise. To all my menservants and maidservants in my house 10s. apiece. I make Henry my son exor. and William, John and Henry my brethren supervisors, and for their pains each 40s., whom I will shall have the custody and bringing up of my son until 21 and to have power to sell, let and receive the profits of my farms or lands and to sell such of my goods as will soonest decay towards the performance of my Will. To my brother-in-law Richard THORNTON and my sister his wife each a piece of gold of 10s. To Mr ALLESON a piece of gold of 10s. The rest of my goods to Henry my son. Wit. Richard ALYSON, Abraham GARINGTON, Richard BARD. Pr. 16 March 1584/5.

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**HENRY SAMMES of Goldhanger, 22 March 1584/5. (913)**  
To the poor people 12s. To my sisters GARINGTON my gilt goblet of silver, 10 silver spoons of equal sort with the rest, Mary my silver goblet not gilt and 7 silver spoons, and Susan my best silver salt, 8 silver spoons, and 1 mazer footed with silver. To my sister-in-law Katherine WHITLOCK 2 gold rings which were her mother's and all her mother's wearing apparel. To Mr ALLISON 20s. To Richard BEARD my father's late servant a cow. I will that my exors. pay my father's debts and legacies as I should or ought to have done. To goodwife HARWERD 10s. The rest of my goods to my 3 sisters Sarah GARINGTON, Mary SAMMES and Susan SAMMES, whom I make ex'rices. I make my sons William and John supervisors, to whom I give power, if any strife arise amongst my exors. in performing my father's Will, paying his debts, or performing my Will, that they should end and judge amongst them. If any will not be ruled to stand to such order as they shall judge, then she or they which will not be ruled to lose the benefit of my Will. Wit. Richard ALISON, John SAMMES, John WYETT.

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To be buried in Salcott [i.e. Salcott] churchyard. To William JOHNSON my brother a trendlebed and a flockbed. To Elizabeth SYMSON my bed and bedsteadle in my chamber and my table with the form in the hall and 2 pewter dishes; 'Ty' KATERICK 2 saucers, my cupboard in the hall, and the hutch in the chamber; goodwife RWT [sic] a pewter dish and a salt cellar; goodwife JOHNSON a pewter dish and a saucer, Ralph CHERK and Thomas MYNKES each a pewter dish; John SYMSON a hutch and 2 'cattelles' [kettles?]; Tryphena CRYPES a hutch in the chamber; William JOHNSON the stained cloths over my bed; Priscilla GYPSONE 2 stained cloths in the chamber, a posnet, and a mortar; Elizabeth SYMSONE all the stained cloths in the hall, 1 pair of pothooks, 1 cobiron, a spit, and a trammel; Mary LYKMAN a gridiron; Mary ELEIS a 'cupdish' and the smock on my back; Joan MILLER a posnet; Frances MILLER a pillowbere; goodwife HA[U]KYN a long spinning wheel; Elizabeth a pillowbere and a tablecloth; goodwife CRYPS and her sister 20 treen trenchers; Joan SYMSONE a tablecloth; 'Ty' KATERICK a hutch in the west end of my chamber; and Agnes FARR a neckercher. The rest of my linen and other implements to be sold and with the money to bring my body to the ground and to my supervisor and exors. for their pains, and the residue, if any, to Elizabeth. I make Thomas MYNKES and Ralph CHERK exors. and Mr DAND [DANE?] minister [not identified] supervisor, and for his pains 20d. Wit. Thomas MYNKES, David GLENE, Ralph CHERKE.

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**KATHERINE SMYTHE, [abode not given], 11 April, 37 Eliz. [1585]. (915)**  
To my daughters Jane and Margaret each a cow, Joan 1 joined cupboard, Mary my best chest, Margaret the 2nd chest, and Jane my new chest. The rest of my goods to my 4 children. I ordain my loving neighbour Mr Anthony BRASIER [rector of Ingatestone and Mountmessing] and John FYNCHER tiler exors. Wit. John BYRD, John FINCHE.

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**THOMAS LAYSE of Ramsey husbandman, 24 Feb. 1600/1.**

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To 10 of the poorest sort of people of the parish each 1s. at Christmas. To John and Thomas LASEYE my sons each £13 6s.8d. at 21; if both die before, to Barbary my wife and their mother the said sums. To Thomas RUMBALL, Thomas HARVIE *alias* FISHER and Margaret HAYWARD my godchildren each a lamb on 1 May after my decease, provided that my ex'rix. put in sufficient bond of £40 with 2 sufficient sureties to my brother[-in-law] John EDWARDES for the performance of my Will. The rest of my goods to my wife, whom I appoint ex'rix. Wit. John HERD, Nicholas SMYTH writer.

**William FREEMAN of Great Wigborough husbandman, 10 Apr. 1601.**

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My goods to be appraised and sold by my good neighbours William BARON and Thomas LEATCH, whom I make exors., and equally divided among my 3 children, viz. Anne FREEMAN my daughter and my 2 younger sons William and Thomas. Wit. Richard CANNON, Thomas FULKE clerk [rector of Tolleshunt Knights].

**JOHN WHITLOCK of Great Coggeshall blacksmith, 23 June 1601.**

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My goods to the only use of my exors., whom I nominate George MANNERS of Colchester shoemaker and Joseph PRENTYCE my servant. Wit. Nicholas JUKE, Robert SPOONER, Thomas RIGBE. Pr. 9 July 1601.

**WILLIAM NICHOLLS of Mile End, Colchester, husbandman, 10 Apr. 1601.**

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To Mary my well-beloved wife my goods towards the payment of my debts, she bringing up my children [not named]. I make her my ex'rix. and my loving friends 'Ninian' WINSLEY and John BUTLER supervisor desiring them to aid her with their best advice. Wit. John BRINCKLY, John MULBERRY.

**RICHARD HAYMER of St. Botolph, Colchester, glover, 16 July 1601.**

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Dorothy my wife shall have the occupying of my house in St. Peter, Colchester, purchased of John WISELY [*recte* WINSLEY?] and the profits thereof until my son Daniel is 24; if she die before, he shall enter presently on the house. To her my 3 several tenements lying together in St. Botolph and All Saints in the several occupations of me, Alexander BRADDOCK and John TURNER. After her decease, the house wherein I dwell to Rebecca HAYMER my eldest daughter and the others to Hester and Sarah HAYMER my daughters. If they die before my wife or any of them are 21, the house that is given her shall descend to Mary HAYMER my youngest daughter. To Rebecca and Hester at 20 and Sarah at 19 each 5 marks, and Mary £10 at 19. If my wife be minded to marry, she shall enter into bond of the penal sum of £20 to the churchwardens of St. Botolph for the payment of the £10 given to Mary as shall be reasonably devised by learned counsel in the law of this realm. Whereas by my deed indented, 1 May last past, I sold to John MASON a cottage with a garden in Lexden on condition that he pay me at Michaelmas next £13, which be not paid, I give the cottage to Mary, and my wife shall have the use of it for her life, and then I revoke my gift of £10 to Mary and give her 5 marks at 19. The rest of my goods to my wife, whom I make ex'rix. Wit. Robert TAYLCOTT, Thomas RIGBYE.

**JOHN BARNARDE of St. Botolph, Colchester, weaver, 13 May 1601.**

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To the poor people of St. Botolph 3s.4d. at the time of my burial. To Joan my wife my best bed and £4. To Alice daughter of Nicholas my son 2s.6d. and my son John's children each 2s.6d. to be paid to their father to their use. To Mary daughter of my son Abraham 2s.6d. likewise. To my daughter Joan BARKER's 3 daughters, i.e. Phenenna, Anne and Joan, 2s.6d. apiece. To Elizabeth daughter of my daughter Elizabeth 2s.6d. likewise. All my goods shall be sold by my exors. and the money and whatsoever else is mine or due to me shall be divided between my wife and my six children, i.e. Nicholas, Stephen, John, Abraham, Sarah and Elizabeth BARNARD; Sarah shall pay Phenenna BARKER 12s. out of her part. I make my wife and Stephen exors. I appoint William MERRELL my brother-in-law supervisor, and for his pains 5s. Wit. William COCKE, Abraham BARNARD.

**MARGARET CACCOE of Wix widow, 19 Apr. 1601.**

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To my John PAKEMAN of Mores [in Wix?] £4, 1 flockbed, a brass pot, 2 kettles, with my part of wheat growing in Rough Footes Pightle and to Margaret his daughter 20s. at 18. To Margaret PAKEMAN, my son Robert's daughter of Wix, 1 featherbed, a spit, and a cobiron. To Margaret

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