

[This is another will from under the shadow of the castle of the earls of Oxford. It may possibly help to fill in one of the many voids in the probate records at Winchester.—L. W.]

JOHN VEERE, Walden, Essex, yeoman. Will 14 January, 1632-3; proved 14 March, 1632-3. To be buried in Walden church yard. To wife Bridgett tenements wherein I dwell for life then to daughter Priscilla Growte and heirs, remainder to kinsman Thomas Eeves. To my 4 sisters 12d. each. To daughter Priscilla Growte 20s. a year. Goods, etc., to wife Bridgett, executrix. Witnesses: William Pearson, John Wright. Archdeaconry of Colchester, File for 1632-3, No. 41.

[This will is sealed with the badge of the "lordly line of Hugh de Vere." The earls, whose chief seat was in Northern Essex, did not use the prefix "de", themselves. Many of the Veres, like the above, were quiet Essex yeomen at such times as they were not sallying forth to fight the battles of England. As both Grouts and Eves were at Watertown together, and as the Livermores, with whom the Grouts married, were from the same section, we have probably here a thread to follow.—L. W.]

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## WITHINGTON'S ABSTRACTS OF ENGLISH WILLS.

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OLIFFE MASTER of the Tower of London, yeoman waiter. Will 22 July, 1631; proved 9 July, 1632. To wife Grace Master for life three houses wherein Mr. Cooper, Mr. Merriell and Robert Horne dwell, all in Redreff, Surrey, paying to my daughter Margerett Adams £4 a year, then to said daughter Margerett Adams for life, then two houses wherein Mr. Cooper and Mr. Merriell dwell to my cozen Elizabeth Askue and house wherein Robert Horne dwells to Anne Ollard eldest daughter of said Elizabeth Askue. To wife Grace for life cottage in Deptford als Westgreenwich bought of William Jaggard, then to Elizabeth Ollard second daughter of Elizabeth Askew. Whereas I have estated daughter Margeret Adams in cottage where she dwells for her life, her husband Richard Adams surviving her to have it for his life, then to Anne Owlard eldest daughter of said cozen Elizabeth Askew. To daughter Margaret Adams six paire of sheets,

one featherbedd and a boulster, two feather pillowes, fower pillowbeers, two blankets, one covering, two pewter dishes, two pewter porringers, two pewter sawcers, one pewter drinking pott, two braise candlesticks, one spitt, one truncke, one chest and all wearinge apparell except my coate w<sup>th</sup> the kings Cognizance. Also all my silver buttons for two doubletts which be in number three score and run to saie thirty three round silver buttons but not all of a bignes and thirtie sixe flatt silver bottons but not all of a bignes. And also my gold seale Ringe and a Jemo of fower double being of small gold wyre. Also one silver and guilt cupp, one white silver beaker one white silver bell salte double w<sup>th</sup> the cover one silver cann or Tankerd guilt one broad silver cupp parcell guilt sixe silver spoones w<sup>th</sup> Lyon knobbs guilt. Also £100. Have more than satisfied legacy of £20 left me for daughter Margerett by my mother Magdalen Master in her will, etc., etc. To eight of my fellows to carry me to burial 12d. each. Residue except wainscott etc. which is to remain as standards in two houses of Redriffe to wife Grace, executrix. Witnesses: Christopher Nailor gen, Richard Smith, Ralph Walkdem. Memo that the three lines interlygned about the silver buttons etc. was written by my own hand etc. Oliffe Master. . . . . Audley, 83.

[Mr. Waters has given the will of Oliffe Master's mother (REGISTER, vol. 50, page 514), he being a son of Edward Master of Rotherhithe, and a great uncle of Lieutenant-Governor Willoughby's wife, Susanna Locke. In the subsidy roll of 1628 the Tower roll is of course headed by the then Lieutenant, Sir Allen Apsley, while Master himself heads the list of the Yeoman of the Guard. It is a tradition that two of his brothers were the originals of Otway's tragedy of "The Orphan." It is a curious coincidence that Otway ended his sad life on Tower Hill—but by the sharp axe of poverty, not that of the headsman.—L. W.

Another of the name, John Masters, came to New England with the Saltonstall fam'y, and in the British Museum may be seen an interesting letter from him to Lady Barrington, dated from Watertown, 14 March, 1680.—WALTER K. WATKINS, *Malden, Mass.*]

JOHN TRASKE, Yeavill, Co. Somersett, Baker. Will 13 March, 1630/31; proved 12 June, 1632. To church of Yeavill 6s. 8d. To poore dittō. To sonne Anthony Traske house in street called Pitane in Burrough of Yeavill, remainder to my daughter Marie. To sonne Anthony Traske house in Backstreete, Yeavill, for sixty years after death of wife Cicely, paying rent to Right Lord. To grand child Beersheba daughter of William Barnard £5. Residue to wife Cicely, executrix. Overseers: Ambrose Lucke and John Newman. Witnesses: Ambrose Lucke, John Newman, John Withell. Audley, 65.

MARKE LOWTHROPP of North Cove, Yorke, yeoman. Will dated 3 Jan'y, 1659/60; proved 17 April 1660. To be buried in the church yard of North Cove. To brother Bartholomew Lowthropp 1 browne mare & 1 grey mare, 1 young grey mare, 1 peyre blacke oxen, 1 redd cowe, 1 black cowe, Branded steer, 2 stōt calves, 2 black whyes 2 years old, 1 Black whye 3 years old, 10 hoggs, 1 iron bound wayne, 1 payre iron carte wheelles, and all wain gear and plough gear. To William Lowthropp a grey mare, black colt, goblocke spenge whye, 10 ewes, bedd, and brass kettle. To Margaret Bateman 1 grey mare and foal, a bay filley, 1 blacke foale, 2 kine, 1 black whye, 3 black calves, 1 black stakeing calfe, 10 weathers, 20 ewes, 10 hoggs, bedd, table sheets, &c &c. To my sister Luce silver spoon. To Jane Lowthroppe 1 ewe. To William Lowthropp 1 chest, 1 counter, and a ewe lamb. Rest to brother Bartholomew Lowthropp, executor. Witnesses: Thomas Huntsman, James Smith. Nabbs, 54.