

ST. PETER AND ST. PAUL

SHORNE, KENT

SUPPLEMENT TO THE MONUMENTAL INSCRIPTIONS

SECTION A

ARMSTRONG

William Armstrong, of Shorne, Yeoman, Churchwarden, c. 1635
Consistory Court of Rochester Will dated 1st January 1635 (36)

To poor of Shorne, 20/-, distributed on day of his funeral. To his eldest son, Edward, and his heirs, for ever, his dwelling house called Wallifins ? House. If Edward has no lawful heirs, then it goes to other son William, for ever. If William dies with no heirs, then to youngest son Thomas, for ever. Also to son William his house in Allhallows, which he bought from his brother George, and all other land and property in Allhallows.

If William dies with no heirs then the property to be shared equally between his two other sons. Also to William his two houses in Shorne, if William dies with no heirs then shared as before. To daughter Kathlen Simmonds [lost in fold].

His wife Ann to have benefit of his lands and properties for life; his children to allow her to have the benefits, if any refuse this, they lose their benefit in the will, which will go to wife instead. Wife is executor, she gets residue of estate.

He desires _____ and Gervase ? Maplesden, his "loving neighbours" to be overseers of the will and assist his wife, for their troubles, 20/- each.

Witnesses: Hierome Wincoats and Richard Parker
Proved 23rd January 1635 (36)

BAYNARD

John Baynard, of Thonge, Yeoman
Consistory Court of Rochester Will dated 1st July 1632

To the poor of Shorne, 40/-. To John Boyden, son of his nephew Ralph Boyden, 20/- at 14 years of age. To his daughter Ann Boghurst, 20/-; to daughter Alice Baynard, £20; to only son John, for ever, his lands and properties in Shorne or elsewhere in Kent, and all his goods; son to pay all debts and funeral costs, he is also executor.

Signs with a mark

Witnesses: Hierom Wincoats and Richard Hobson
Proved November 1632

BEVAN

John Bevan, of Epsom, at present of Sandy Brook, Derbyshire.
Prerogative Court of Canterbury Will dated 16th March 1796

Executors to pay, after expenses, his "ever dear and honoured mother" Mrs Elizabeth Drewitt, relict of Paul Drewitt, an annuity of £50 for life. To Thomas Frederick, Charles, Caroline and Juliana Bevan, his nephews and nieces, children of late brother Thomas, of Upper Harley Street, Marylebone, 100 guineas each, on their marriage days.

To nephew Thomas Torin, £100 and a further £200 after death of testator's wife, Sarah. To Mary Hartshorn, daughter of Mary Hawkes, his half sister, £200, after wife's death. To Sarah Williams, his half sister, £100, as before. To Thomas Pullen, his uncle, £25 annuity for life, continued after his death to his wife Bethiah Pullen for her life. To nephew Thomas Bevan, his engraved gold -----? watch by Elliot; to nephew Charles Bevan, his silver gilded cup; to his "much esteemed" friend Mrs Ann Shaw, a set of Japanned dressing boxes, a set of brown and gold dressing boxes, a set of black and gold quadrille boxes, a pair of green and gold china jars, a pair of candle enamelled cups and covers and one silver filigree chain. To Thomas Fitzherbert of South Cannons, Hertfordshire, his large gold headed cane with gold ferule. To Sarah Priestly, an old servant in his mother's family, £20 for her long and faithful service. To Sarah Chapman,

his servant £10 annuity for life and £10 after his wife's death. Wife Sarah is executor and residuary legatee, legacies to be paid after her death, will be paid by her executor. Wife gets all personal estate, horses, harness, carriages, plate, jewellery, books, china, etc.

Witnesses: Mary Bateman, George Buckston, Junior and William Osborne

Proved 28th May 1796

Sarah Bevan, of Epsom, Widow, Relict of John Bevan. (Married at St. Marylebone, March 1786)

P.C.C. Will dated 24th June 1836

Wishes to be buried in same grave as her husband at Shorne Churchyard. Executors to carry out her instructions for funeral.

Residue of personal estate of her late father Mr George Holmes, is now in hands of Accountant General of the Court of Chancery, by reason of her having no children; this will be divided after her death according to her father's will. Her late husband made several bequests to be paid after her death, her executors will pay these.

To Mary Hawkes, her late husband's half sister, £100 and half pint silver mug; to Elizabeth Johnson, another of her husband's half sisters, £100, if she is dead, then the £100 to her husband George Johnson. To Sarah Williams, another half sister of her husband, £100; to Mary Lee formerly Hartshorn, niece of her husband, £100; to god daughter Sarah Jowett late of Draycott but now of ----- ?, Nottingham, £100; to Hannah Lakin of Swithland, Leicestershire, wife of John Lakin, £100; to Miss Ellen Phillips daughter of Rev. Luke Phillips of Gravesend, £100; to her friend, Miss Sarah Edmeads of Boughton, £500 and her inlaid mahogany work box, and Japan card box with the fish and counters; to the sisters of Miss Edmeads, Elizabeth, Sophia, Charlotte, Mary Ann and Eleanor, £100 each; to friend, Mrs Louisa Frances Edmeads wife of John Edmeads, Rector of Cricklade, Wiltshire, £100 and her mourning hooping, set with diamonds; to friend Mrs Baker of Limehouse, late Miss Smart, £100; to her "esteemed" friend Mrs Caroline Sauxon of Epsom, 50 guineas for a ring and her two large flower pattern china jars; to friend Mrs Brown of Epsom, wife of her executor, Thomas Brown, £100 and silver teapot and stand; to Charles eldest son of late Col. Charles Bevan, her gold snuff box and £100; to Thomas Bevan and Edward Bevan, two sons of Col. Bevan, £100 each; to Eleanor Bevan, daughter of Col. Bevan, £100 and silver bread basket.

To god daughter Annie Sarah Gunnell her gold watch and chain, and her Oxford edition of the Holy Bible printed in 1733, bound in Morocco; to Rev. John Edmeads, such of her religious books he may choose and £500; to her solicitor, Stacey Grimaldi "Pope's Works", 9 vols. 1760 edition, "Swift's Works" 14 vols. 1760 edition, the "Spectator" 1765, two landscapes on china in drawing room and £500; to "esteemed" friend Peter Hunter late of Feltham, now of Bognor, one of her executors, all drawings and pictures in drawing room; to friend Thomas Brown of Epsom, Surgeon, another executor, four silver candlesticks, large china bowl, on which is a picture of the Gates of Calais. Her late husband bequeathed to Sarah Chapman, now Thornton, an annuity of £20 payable after testator's death, this to come from her personal estate. She wants executors to invest in the Public Funds to produce annuity of £130 for servant, Elizabeth Peters for life; and after her death, the principal sum to those Elizabeth Peters directs in her will, in default, to those entitled to her estate by Laws of Intestacy. To Sarah Peters another servant, an annuity of £40 for life.

To Elizabeth Peters for her long and faithful attention £40 for mourning and her watch made by Wightwick, no. 1194, looking glass in back sitting room, dining table in drawing room and all her clothes, lace, muslin, silk, seven silver table spoons with flower on back, twelve silver tea spoons, sugar tongs, tea strainer, oval tea table, bedstead, bedding, mahogany double chest of drawers. To Sarah Peters and Elizabeth Webb, £20 each for mourning and their beds. To servant Caroline Hooker, if still with her, £100 and £5 for mourning. To any other servant with her at death with two years service, £20. Servants may remain in house if they choose with board and pay of ½ guinea per week for three months after her death. £200 to the poor of Shorne at discretion of Minister and Churchwardens. To Mrs Henrietta Hunter wife of Peter Hunter, £1,000 and £1,000 which by an earlier will she had bequeathed to her mother, her late friend widow of Thomas Bevan, also to Henrietta, the miniature of her late husband John Bevan, set in gold, also all plate with Bevan crest, except that already given, china dinner and tea set with Bevan crest and portrait in crayons of her late husband by Lawrence (Sir Thomas Lawrence P.R.A. ?) and portrait of his brother Thomas.

To Miss Henrietta Caroline Sophia Hunter daughter of Peter Hunter, £1,000 stock in 3% Reduced Annuities at 21 years, this in meantime to her father. To god daughter Anne Sophia Gunnell annuity of £100 for life, from her personal estate. £500 each to executors. Her freeholds at Shorne to Thomas Brown forever. Residue shared equally between Peter Hunter and Thomas Brown, who are executors.

Witnesses: George Peters of Epsom, Painter, James Puttock of Epsom, Solicitor and Thomas Stowers, Junior, Clerk to Mr Puttock.

Codicil dated 7th December 1836

Revokes bequest of freehold estate at Shorne to Thomas Brown, forever, now he gets it for life only. After his death, to his wife Elizabeth, for life; after her death to Henrietta Ann wife of Peter Hunter, for ever. Rest of will stands.

Witnesses: George Peters, James Puttock and Thomas Stowers, Junior.

Codicil, no date, "Directions for my Funeral"

Her body to be in her usual night clothes and wrapped in a long white dress; she is to go in an inner coffin, then in a lead coffin, covered with black cloth, black plates and nails. She is to be kept 10 days before burial and taken to churchyard with two black coaches to attend. Clergyman of Shorne to have 10 guineas and silk scarf hat band and gloves, same for Parish Clerk and 2 guineas. If she is at Epsom at her death the Clergyman and Clerk there to have the same. It has been usual for 6 of her tenants of the cottages at the Ridgeway to attend funeral, each to be paid 1 guinea. Her name to be added to tomb in concise a manner as possible; any repairs needed for her tomb or her parents (Holmes, identical tomb), then it should be done. Mr Butcher of Epsom to conduct funeral. Executors to have silk scarf hat bands. Friend Elizabeth Peters will see that all is properly done during 10 days prior to burial. Until "change" has taken place, the lid of the coffin not to be closed. She wishes Elizabeth Peters and Elizabeth Webb to attend her body to grave.
No witnesses

Codicil dated December 1836

She wishes her friend Baroness de Rolle to have two silver filigree eggs with stand, picture painted on glass of a Dancing Girl; she fears the India tea boards may be too worn to be worth the Baroness's acceptance, but leaves her to choose, testator is anxious to keep promise to her. She "begs" Mrs de Tessier of Woodcote Park, Epsom to accept two pictures of Mr and Mrs Fitzherbert. To Benjamin Tourin the picture of his sister and two drawings by himself, "the residence is either Inglefield Green or Wimpole Street". To Mrs Grimaldi a pair of china jars and four enamelled basins and covers. To Mr Hunter late of Feltham, two trays of ornamental china, two enamelled basins, saucers and covers, red covered Japan square box and tray, card box with fish ans counters, with family crest, presented by Mr and Mrs Peter Hunter, small Japan cabinet, pair of green jars and saucers (called nurses). To Mr Bevan a picture of her husband in black frame, deal box of telescopes and book of charts. To Mrs Hunter her copy of Milton's Works and all remaining books.
No Witnesses

Codicil dated 16th December 1836

If residue of personal estate exceeds £1,000, she revokes clause in will giving residue to executors, in that case, gives residue to husband's great niece Henrietta Hunter, except sum of £1,000 which was given in equal share to executors.
Witness: George Peters of Epsom

Codicil dated 16th December 1836

Desires Mrs Hunter wife of Peter, to occupy her house for 12 months after her death; she gets all contents of house and effects not already given.
Witness: George Peters of Epsom

Affidavit dated 16th December 1839

Peter Hunter of Woodcote Green, Epsom, Elizabeth Peters of same place, Spinster and Elizabeth Webb of same place, Spinster sworn.
Peter Hunter recalls visiting testator in early December 1836 (after the 7th); she showed him the document giving directions for funeral, he has examined the document and swears it is the same as testator showed him. Elizabeth Peters and Elizabeth Webb state they were well acquainted with testator and were acquainted with her hand and signature. Having examined will and codicils and believe they are in testator's hand.
Proved 28th December 1839 Power reserved to Thomas Brown

BOTTING

John Botting, of Shorne, Builder
Consistory Court of Rochester Will dated 21st September 1829

To wife Elizabeth his freehold house at Shorne, household goods and furniture and £150, 4% Bank Annuities, £350, 3% Consolidated Bank Annuities, remainder of lease in his dwelling house. To two brothers Peter and Henry and nephew William Botting, his building and carpenter business, stock in trade, all buildings now erected, carts, horses, harness, tools, etc. All this to be valued by two competent persons and shared equally. If Peter wants to carry on business, Henry will receive 2/3 of valuation at 21 years. To his brothers and nephew all debts due to business. Residue to wife, she and his brothers are executors.

Witnesses: Mark of Ann Day, Servant to Mr Botting and Edward Reeves, Notary, Doctors Common, Bennett's Hill.
Proved 6th November 1833 Value of goods under £200 Power reserved to Peter Botting

Mary Botting, wife of John Botting ,Senior, died 1823

Was probably the temporary Schoolmistress in 1816 (Allen "History of Shorne" p.125)

John Botting married Mary Fludd at Chatham in May 1797

BOWRA

Thomas Bowra

Appears in the Parliamentary Poll Book 1835. Married Elizabeth Butcher ? at Chalk October 1800

CANNON

Stephen Cannon

1804 Farmer at Cheney's Farm and landlord of Yorkshire Grey, Inn , both at Thong (Allen p. 106)
1841 and 1851 Census :A Miller at Burnt House, Sutton at Hone. Married Mary Reed at St. Clement Dane, 1797

DINE

Joseph James Dine

Master of National School, also Shorne Post Office, Kelly's Directory 1882, 1891 and 1903
Married Isabella Cracklow at Shorne in 1869

DOWNING

Thomas Downing

Member of Vestry 1751; married Mary Ashdown at St. Mary, Chatham 1749

EVE

Daniel Eve married Elizabeth Overy at Shorne in 1762

FRENCH

Elizabeth French, of Shorne, Widow
P.C.C. Will dated 14th September 1852

To executors all personal estate and effects, upon trust, to sell and share proceeds, after expenses among her children, Ellen Stanley, Lucy Mary Ann and Thomas William French, equally. Share of Lucy to be paid when she is 24, in meantime executors to pay her £20 per annum for her support. Executors can pay money to son to advance him in the world, as they think fit. To executors freehold cottages at Shorne Ridgeway, upon trust, rents to be paid to son until he is 21, then the property to be conveyed to him, for ever. Thomas Hills Barnard of Shinglewell, Farmer and Jarvis William Maplesden Noakes of Shorne, Farmer are executors and guardians of son.

Witnesses: Frederick Thomas Southgate, Solicitor, Gravesend and John Boura ? Of Shorne
Proved 27th October 1852

N.B. The wrong year is on the headstone 1854 instead of 1852

David French

Appears in the Parliamentary Poll Book 1835

James French

1861 Census: Tanner

GODDEN

Stephen Godden, of Shorne , Tanner (No Monument but mentioned on his first wife's headstone)
Consistory Court of Rochester Will dated 20th July 1698

To youngest son, Stephen, 20/-; to daughter Ann 20/-. Executors to pay wife Anne, mother of Stephen and Anne, £200, according to a bond entered into before their marriage. To eldest son Edward and daughter Elizabeth, born of his first wife, after legacies and debts paid, residue of goods household goods, furniture, money, stock in trade and personal estate, equally shared, if either die pre 21 or day of marriage all goes to survivor. His brother in law, George Startupp and son Edward Godden are executors; 10/- to Startupp for a ring to wear in remembrance. Desires "loving friend" Jarvis Maplesden of Shorne, Tanner to be overseer of will and to assist executors and wife; 10/- to Maplesden to buy a ring in remembrance.

Witnesses: John Stone, Senior, Nicholas Middleton and George ----- ?

Proved 11th October 1700

Stephen Godden married Elizabeth Startupp at Allhallows, London Wall in December 1686

GOODING

Henry Gooding, of Shorne, Yeoman, Vestry member c. 1751

P.C.C. Will dated 18th September 1759

To sister in law [] Gooding wife of his late brother John of Stansted, Labourer and to cousin Mary Adams wife of [] Adams, Cordwainer of Fleet Street, London 1/- each. To brother George of Yalding, Labourer, £50; to his sister Ann wife of Isaac Lock of Stansted, Yeoman. £50. To wife Alice, use of his house and garden and orchard in Shorne, ready money, investments, rings, plate, watches, pewter and other household goods for life. After her death. After her death, then with residue of personal estate to brother George and sister Ann, equally. Wife is executor, she to make inventory of personal estate and give copy to his brother and sister.

Witnesses: Thomas Bigg and William Gates

Proved 16th January 1760

GREENHILL

Robert Greenhill, probably first husband of Ellen Tomlin was a Tanner ("Colori" in Parish Register)

HOLMES

George Holmes, Junior, of Shorne

P.C.C. Will dated 30th January 1779

All his property, personal and goods, to sister Sarah Holmes.

Witnesses: Robert Beckett and Frances Exton

Proved 20th August 1780

George Holmes, Senior, of Denton, Gentleman (Tanner and Farmer), a Trustee of Lady Page's Charity, c. 1765

P.C.C. Will dated 11th March 1780

Desires to be buried in churchyard of Milton next Gravesend (not complied with). Coffin to be carried by his men servants with a "Weeping Pall", and followed by two or more friends.

To wife Hannah, £100, the ring he had from his late son, George, and all his liquors. To daughter Sarah Holmes, his carriage or post chaise. To Henry Edmeades of Nurstead, Gentleman and William Brown of Chalk, Yeoman, all his leasehold farm at Denton, held from Thomas Barrett, Esq., of Lee near Canterbury, for term of 17 years (14 years left), upon trust, for remainder of term. Also to his trustees, household goods and furniture, stock and utensils of farm, crops still in ground, investments, debts and residue of personal estate, upon trust. Trustees to make inventory of estate; they to permit his wife to have use of household goods and small bed with printed cotton furniture in his former house in Shorne. He had quit this house for his son late George. After death of his wife, the household goods, etc., to daughter Sarah. If wife only wants part of the goods the rest to daughter. His leasehold trust to be sold, together with stock and crops. From his money (after above legacies paid) £10 to Edmund Bennett of Chatham, Ropemaker; trustees to have £10 each for mourning. Residue of money to be placed in Public Funds, the annual interest of which to daughter Sarah (except interest on sum of £100), for life.

After daughter's death, upon trust, trustees to receive interest to use for maintenance and education of daughter's female children; her son will be entitled to estate settled on father when he married mother. (The will then goes into details concerning daughter's children, but she did not have any.) In default of grandchildren the money is to be shared equally between Joseph and Sarah Harris, children of John Harris of Bishopsgate, Coach Harness Maker, at 21 years; including interest. If both died under 21, money to continue in investments.. Concerning the £100 at interest, this is for the Harris children's maintenance and education to 21, then the £100 to be shared equally between them. If they die pre 21 then all money to whomever daughter Sarah directs in her will. If money is needed to carry on farming business until it is sold,

trustees an apply money so needed.

If he dies after or near seed sowing time, corn to be harvested and brought to market. To trustees 22 acres of land at the Ridgeway and four houses on the land, purchased from Mr Carden of Chatham, House Carpenter, upon trust, for use of daughter Sarah, for life. After her death then to her husband for life. Their son shall be brought up in the business of Tanner and use the Tanyard at Shorne, settled on the testator when he married. If a son does not take up the business of tanner, then the property shared equally among Sarah's children. In default, to whoever Sarah directs in her will. In default, then to her right heirs.

To trustees 21 acres called Mill Hill or Chequers Orchard in Denton, purchased from Daniel Darkin of Milton, Gravesend, House Carpenter, upon trust, for use of daughter Sarah, for life. After her death, then to her 2nd son, in default to eldest daughter, in default to other children, in default, as her will states, in default, to her right heirs.

By an Indenture of about 13th September 1775, between the Bishop of Rochester and the testator, the Bishop devised to him the Rectory of Denton with the Churchyard and Glebe lands and Tithes, during the lives of Susanna Green, the testator and his daughter Sarah. He gives this to trustees for lives of Susanna Green and Sarah, upon trust, to carry on and renew lease. Daughter can lease this property for up to 21 years. Trustees are also executors. They can sell any of his investments with the approval of his daughter; they can purchase land, in their names, upon trust, for benefit of daughter.

Witnesses: Thomas Pattinson, Henry Jones and John Pattinson

Proved 22nd August 1782. Trustees and Executors have renounced execution of will; administration granted to Sarah Holmes.

Note in Margin dated 4th May 1840

Will was not administered by daughter, now Sarah Bevan. Administration granted to Caroline Small wife of Joseph Small, the niece and administrator of the goods of the late Joseph Harris, one of the residuary legatees, the other one, his sister Sarah Harris, late wife of William Bamfield has also died.

George Holmes married Hannah Startupp at Shorne in 1750

HUNT

Christopher Hunt, of Shorne, Butcher

Inventory appraised by George Startupp, Tanner and Thomas Tomlin, 5th April 1703

Total value of ready money, household goods and equipment and tools in shop, £90 5s 6d

JUDD

Thomas Judd, of Shorne, Farmer. The identity of the headstone is not certain but this is the only Thomas buried in October in the 1730's.

Consistory Court of Rochester Will dated 9th October 1734

To son Thomas, 1/-; rest and residue of real and personal estate, to wife Elizabeth and brother William Startupp, equally divided.. Brother William and James Hubbard of Cobham, Farmer, are executors.

Signs with a mark

Witnesses: John Durling, James Dingley and Thomas Harkton ?

Proved January 11th 1735

Inventory, Household Goods only, appraised by John Fox, 21st October 1734

Total value £14 16s 9d

KETTLE

William Kettle married Elizabeth Eves at Shorne in 1767

LAYTON

Mary Layton, of Shorne, Widow and Tanner

Archdeaconry Court of Rochester Will dated 3rd November 1750

Appoints Rev. Caleb Parfect of Shorne and brother in law, Thomas Johnson of Cobham, Yeoman, executors.

Her freehold house in Shorne Ridgeway, adjoining her dwelling, occupied by Thomas Carver and Abraham Dean, to son Joseph, for ever. If Joseph dies pre 21 without heirs, then to daughter Hannah wife of George Holmes of Denton, near Gravesend, Yeoman, for ever. Her silver tankard and silver porringer, all child bed linen and all clothing to daughter Hannah. Rest and residue, personal and household to son Joseph; she wishes Tanyard business which she now uses, to be continued for benefit of Joseph. If he dies pre 21, without heirs, then to daughter Hannah, for ever.

Witnesses: Thomas Caryer, William Caryer and Robert Taylor
Proved 1st June 1762 Administration granted to Hannah Holmes, the surviving legatee, Thomas Johnson and Caleb Parfect have renounced as executors.

NOAKES

Richard Maplesden Noakes,
1858 Melville's Directory Farmer
1861 Census at Gad's Hill House, Farmer, 29 acres
1871 Census same place, retired Farmer. Married Jane Shaw at Shorne in November 1831.

Walter Maplesden Noakes, died at his house, "Long Rede" at Barming, he was "late of Sydney, N.S.W.", youngest son of Richard Maplesden Noakes (Kent Messenger, July 20th 1918)

OVERY

Stephen Overy, of Shorne, Blacksmith
Consistory Court of Rochester Will dated 28th October 1765

He gives half of his 5 houses and his forge in Shorne to use of his daughter Elizabeth Eve, widow, for life, as long as she remains a widow. She to keep properties in good repair. After her death or re-marriage, then to the use of his grandchildren, Elizabeth and John Eve, for ever, equally shared. The other half of the property to the use of daughter Mary Eason wife of John Eason, for life, she keeping property in good repair. The properties are to be held in trust, during Mary's life by George Holmes of Shorne, Tanner and James Bowes of Strood, Stone Mason, to preserve the estate and to allow Mary to take the profits for life. After her death, her share shared equally between her children, for ever. In default of children, then to John and Elizabeth Eve, equally, for ever. To wife Ann 35 for mourning; to grand daughter Elizabeth Eve, £60 at 21 or day of marriage; to grandson John Eve £30 at 21. These legacies to be invested in Public Funds and interest used for maintenance and education of grandchildren. Residue to daughters Elizabeth and Mary, equally.

George Holmes and John Bowes are executors
Witnesses: Joseph Wilkins, Robert Foreman and Thomas Watts
Proved 12th June 1767

Stephen Overy married Elizabeth Baker at Thurnham, in December 1728

PARSONS

William Parsons, married Ann Skinner at Strood in October 1771 or Ann Whitehead at St. Nicholas, Rochester in May 1780 ?

PITT

Thomas Pitt, of Gravesend, Inn Keeper
P.C.C. Will dated 18th March 1799

His household furniture, plate, linen, china, leases, debts, etc., to wife Sarah, she is executor.
Witnesses: Harriott Smith and Christopher Bedingfield

Codicil dated 22nd March 1805

To Harriott Smith, niece of wife, £100
Witnesses: Sarah Poggetts, James Langhams, servants to Mr Pitt and Christopher Bedingfield of Gravesend
Proved 12th June 1806

PRINGLE

Matthew Pringle, of Shepherd's Well
P.C.C. Will dated 13th June 1823

To wife Jane, all his property for life; after her death, to daughters Deborah and Mary Ann Pringle; they also get his property at Ball's Pond in Islington (to the amount of £28 per annum); ground rent of house and garden in Minerva Terrace, Hackney Road (£16 per annum, equally shared. To daughter Sarah Pringle, £300 insured on the life of Mrs Price ?, on the property of 66 Fleet Market, occupied by George Rawbone ? Wife Jane and daughter Sarah are executors.

Witnesses: Catherine Ruddle, Spinster, Shepherd's Well and Frances Else, same place.
Proved 24th October 1827

3rd July 1834

Will left unadministered by wife; administration granted to daughter Sarah. Pringle was formerly of Shepherd's Well but
late of Shorne

REED

John Reed the Elder, of Shorne, Gentleman
P.C.C. Will dated 5th April 1803

He gives the "Bull" Inn at Birchwood Corner in St. Mary Cray, purchased from Mary Pope, and occupied by [] Jewell, plus property called Farmers Haugth, with barn, stables and 12 acres of land in Shorne near St. Thomas Well, purchased from Daniel Jackson and [] Jackson, occupied by John Clark, to son William, for ever. Several parcels of land called Hungar of about 80 acres, in Chalk, lately occupied by William Crips, now in his occupation; also his new house with land of about 24 acres in Shorne in his occupation; another new house, in two units, adjoining last house, occupied by [] Marsh and [] Hodsell; and house in three units near the Ridgeway, occupied by [] Crowhurst, George Howe and George Kemp, with nearby granary in his occupation, to son David for ever.

His lease on part of Cobham Tithes for rest of term to son David; also to David his interest inland at Milton, next Gravesend, rented from the Hon. Board of Ordnance, and all crops, live and dead stock. His farm at Shorne in his occupation (except stock belonging to his farm at Halstow); his farm of 22 acres at High Halstow in his occupation, purchased from Catherine Winspeare; his orchard in Cliffe, occupied by [] Bright; his woodland in Cliffe in his occupation; house in Shorne Street, purchased from [] Dann, occupied by [] Wilson; house in Shorne near the Windmill, occupied by Edward Bodding, John Green and John Ellis, purchased from George Phillips, to son Thomas for ever. Also to Thomas, crops and live and dead stock on farm at Halstow, plus £200 and interest owed on mortgage by John Aldersley, late of Chatham, Inn Keeper.

To grandson William Reed, £200 stock in 5% Bank Annuities at 21, until then interest for his maintenance and education. If he dies pre 21, the stock to son William. To grandsons John and David Reed sons of late son John, £1,000 stock in 4% Bank Annuities, equally at 21, interest as above. If they died under 21, legacy to be shared under intestacy rules, except for children of son George. To grandchildren, Ann, George Beckett, Frances Elizabeth and Charles Johnson Reed, children of late son George, £1,000 4% Bank Annuities, equally at 21, interest as above. If they all die pre 21, then as intestacy rules. To grandson James Reed son of James, £500 4% Bank Annuities at 21, interest as before. If he dies pre 21, as above, except George's children.

His house divided in two parts, one the "White Horse" at Thong, occupied by Stephen Cannon and William Palmer, to daughter Mary wife of Stephen Cannon, for life. After her death to her children, for ever, equally. If she has no surviving children then to his own right heirs, for ever. To Nicholas Gilbee of Denton, Gentleman, John Westbrook of Chalk, Yeoman and son David Reed, £1,000 3% Bank Annuities, upon trust, to pay dividends to housekeeper Margaret Easdown for life; after her death, the stock to son Thomas.

Also to Margaret Easdown, £30, brass bedstead and bedding which she now uses. His farm in Thong, lately purchased from William Hammond, occupied by Stephen Cannon, and 34 acres in Shorne occupied by Nicholas Gilbee, purchased from Phillip Mair, to Nicholas Gilbee, John Westbrook and son David, upon trust, to sell, and pay £1,000 to daughter Mary and place another £1,000 in Public Annuities, dividends to Mary; after her death, money to her children, equally, interest in meantime for maintenance and education. If all died pre 21, then according to intestacy rules, except children of George. Sum of £1,500 upon trust, to buy annuities in Public Funds to pay daughter Sarah dividends for life, after her death to her children, as before. Residue to be divided into six equal parts; 1/6 each to son William, grandsons John and David and James, son David, son Thomas, daughter Mary, daughter Sarah. Until estates sold rents to daughters 4/7 to Mary, 3/7 to Sarah.

To nephew John Reed son of brother Clifford, £50 and £5 for mourning; his quart silver can to son William; his silver tankard to son Thomas; pint silver mug to daughter Mary; silver pint mug to daughter Sarah. Residue of plate and household goods to son David; to trustees £10 each; residue to his children, equally. Trustees are executors.

Witnesses: Jonathan Prall, Attorney, Rochester, Thomas Church, his Clerk and John Marsh of Shorne, Labourer

Codicil dated 18th April 1803

He had given to son Thomas £200 and interest due from John Aldersley; he revokes this and gives this to son William, who also gets his silver watch with the name Robert Reed on the face. House Keeper Margaret Easdown to have a year's wages for year in which he dies, in addition to usual wages.

Witnesses: Jonathan Prall and John Marsh

Affidavit dated 10th May 1803

Jonathan Prall sworn. He drew up will and confirms that alterations and obliterations were made by testator before will was signed and witnessed.

Proved 6th June 1803

According to Allen's "History of Shorne", Reed was Licensee of the "See Ho", and bought Cheney's Farm, 200 acres in 1792. Reed's sons sold his lands, including Farmers Hoath and Cheney's to Lord Darnley in 1804.

John Reed appears in the Parliamentary Poll Book 1790 and 1803

David Reed, 1841 Census, Agricultural Labourer of Shorne Hill

RENTON

Iru Renton, Kelly's Directory 1882 and 1891, Market Gardener

Appears in Parliamentary Poll Book 1857; in 1865 Post Office Directory, "Rose and Crown"

Albany Renton, Farmer 1911 Census

SALMON

William Salmon, married Elizabeth Nouné at Shorne in October 1758

SOLOMON

Thomas Solomon, died 1873, 1841 and 1871 Census, Farmer, Queen's Farm, Lower Shorne, 840 acres
Parliamentary Poll Book 1847 and 1857. Married Mary Solomon at Stone, in February 1835

Joseph Haines Solomon, died 1877, 1841 Census, Farmer, Green Farm, Lower Shorne; 1861 Census, Queen's Farm, 700 acres, 20 men, 6 boys; 1871 Census, Torquay Villas, Retired Farmer
Parliamentary Poll Book 1835 and 1857. Married Charlotte Amos at Molash in July 1830.

Henry Solomon, 1871 Census, 8 Star Hill, Rochester, Farmer 430 acres, 7 men, 2 boys; 1881 Census, Queen's Farm, 600 acres, 17 men, 6 boys; 1882 Kelly's Directory, Farmer and Hop Grower, at Thong; 1891 Census, Queen's Farm, Farmer and Grazier

Agnes and Clara Solomon, 1901 Census Haye's Terrace, Shorne, Own Means

Lacey Solomon, 1901 Census at Bexley, Ship Broker

STARTUPP

George Starupp, of Shorne, Tanner, (His monument is probably the completely eroded headstone close to son's ?)
P.C.C. Will dated 26th September 1720

To three grandchildren, Mary, John and George Stone, I guinea each; to "loving friend" Thomas Tomlyn of Shorne, Tanner, I gold guinea, gold ring of I guinea value. To wife Margaret, for life, use of his green bed and furniture belonging, three pairs of sheets, two pairs pillow coats, silver spoon, residue of household goods, stock in trade and personal estate. After her death, to sons George and Richard, they are executors. Thomas Tomlyn is overseer. His 12 acres at Linton, occupied by brother Francis, house at Shorne Street, occupied by John Tomlyn, Shoemaker, to wife for life, she to keep in good repair. After her death, to his two sons, equally, for ever. His house, yard, buildings and orchard at Shorne in his occupation and little house next to his, occupied by Edmund Boddying and another small house in Shorne Street, occupied by Joseph Freeman, Fellmonger, eight acres of marsh in Shorne Mead, purchased from his on in law John Stone and other property elsewhere, to two sons, equally, for ever, except his house in Ashford, which came to him by his wife, which after her death, he leaves as the "law shall direct"

Witnesses: Richard Watte, Richard Sheafe and Richard Sheafe, Junior

Proved 26th September 1721

TOLHURST

John Tolhurst, married Elizabeth Solomon at Addington, Surrey, February 1785. Same family as Shorne Solomons ?

TOMLIN

Ellen Tomlin, of Shorne, Widow

Consistory Court of Rochester Will dated 9th February 1743 (44)

To son Thomas Tomlin, £10, gold ring and silver spoon; to grand daughter Ellen Greenhill, £30 at 21, if she dies pre 21, then the £30 to grandsons, Thomas, William and John Tomlin, sons of son William, equally.

Residue to son William, who is executor.

Witnesses: Elizabeth Peterson ? And William Stubbs

Proved 28th February 1744 (45)

UDALL

Thomas Udall, of Shorne, Yeoman

Consistory Court of Rochester Will dated 8th April 1704

To grandson John Kingsbury son of Henry Kingsbury of Shorne, Miller, £40 and best feather bed at 21. To nephew Thomas Udall son of John Udall of Farningham, Husbandman, residue of personal estate. If nephew Thomas dies before testator, personal estate to Grandson John Kingsbury, if he dies before testator, the to John Udall of Sutton, Husbandman and George Udall of Farningham, Husbandman, equally. Nephew Thomas is executor.

Signs with a mark

Witnesses: Edward Jones, John Rutton and Thomas Rutton

Inventory: Appraised by James Warren and William Carroll 26th December 1704

Includes 24 cattle (in the Marsh), 5 plough horses, 2 colts, 154 sheep, 13 pigs, 20 acres of wheat, crops in barn. Total value £356 4s

Married Ellen Parvin ?, at Trottscliffe in 1669

WALKER

Thomas Walker, relation of Solomons, 1881 Census, Retired Farmer

WALTER

Thomas Walter, Husbandman, died Intestate, value of estate under £450, administration to daughter Mary, a Spinster

WELLARD

William Wellard, Farmer. Inventory Appraised by James Cadwell and George Maplesden, 10th July 1728

Includes 7 horses and colts, 6 cows and 4 bullocks, 7 hogs, 16 pigs, 32 acres of wheat, 29 acres of oats, 4 acres of peas and 1 acre of buckwheat. Total value £228 15s

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