

**ST. PETER AND ST. PAUL**  
**SHORNE, KENT**  
**SUPPLEMENT TO THE**  
**MONUMENTAL INSCRIPTIONS**  
**SECTION B**

**BAKER**

**Thomas Baker**, of Deptford, House Carpenter, Mentioned on Headstone of daughter, Rebecca Gardiner; I have found no will for George Gardiner, so this will gives a glimpse of Rebecca's background and standing.  
P.C.C. Will dated 7<sup>th</sup> August 1760

His body to be buried in his vault in St. Nicholas Churchyard, Deptford. To wife Mary, all freehold and leaseholds, household goods, money, etc. for life, provided she remains his widow and on condition she maintains daughters, Mary and Rebecca Baker, until they marry. She to pay them, on day of marriage, £100 each. If wife marries again, instead of the £100, she to pay on marriage day of all children, John. Thomas, Mary and Rebecca, £200 each and give his estate to them, as follows: to eldest son John, after mother's death or her remarriage, in addition to what he had on his marriage with the late Mary Bone, the house, garden and summerhouse, lately occupied by Rawlins and now occupied by testator. This is in the Stowage, Deptford, and also house in Lewisham, occupied by Miskin, for ever. To son Thomas, , as above, four houses in the Stowage, occupied by Lyon, Mariner; Crow, Labourer; John Smith, Shipwright and John Fryday, Shipwright; two houses in Dog Kennel Row, Upper Deptford, occupied by Carey and Childs, Labourer, for ever.

To daughter Mary, as before, three houses in the Stowage, occupied by Trigg, Nunn and Kent; four houses in Flagen Row, Deptford, occupied by Rogers, W. Marshall, Lee and Collingsworth and two cellars occupied by Williams and Sarah [     ], for ever. Also to Mary his leasehold house in Blackheath, occupied by Nash, Esq., for rest of term. To daughter Rebekah, as above, four houses in the Stowage, occupied by Ravener, Barrel, Knight and Summers; pitch house and shed, wash house, shed, oven and yard in his own occupation, late of Rawlins; two houses in Lower Street, Deptford, occupied by Curd and Groome, for ever. Also to Rebekah, six houses on east side of Butt Lane, Deptford, adjoining gravel pits, occupied by Hughes, Humbden, Rollick and Carver, for rest of lease.

Also to his four children, on death or remarriage of his wife, use of his deep wharf and crane near the Stowage and road leading to it.

He owns 2/3 of lease of windmill in Limehouse, the other 1/3 belongs to son John, occupied by Lewis Benson, his share to his two daughters, for rest of lease; they also get barn, shed and field in the Stowage, occupied by himself and Hawkes, Butcher, for ever.

Wife Mary is executor, along with son John, as long as she remains his widow.

Witnesses: William Rose, Richard Phillips and Edward Moore  
Proved 16<sup>th</sup> June 1761

**Mary Baker**, of Deptford, Widow, Mother of Rebecca Gardiner  
P.C.C. Will dated 3<sup>rd</sup> June 1766

Her body to be buried in vault belonging to her family, next to her late husband. To her two daughters, ,Mary and Rebecca Baker, all her clothes, linen and woollen, equally. Residue to daughters and son Thomas, equally. Daughter Mary and son Thomas, executors.

Witnesses: Mark of Ann Wheatley, James Mackis and Thomas Sawyer.  
Proved 13<sup>th</sup> June 1766

### BLACKMAN

**John Blackman**, married Elizabeth Church at Higham in November 1795

### BROOKS

**George Brooks**, 1851 Census, Market Gardener at Upper Higham, 30 acres, 4 men. Born at Shorne, Mary Bushell, widow of John, his daughter.

### BUSHELL

**John Bushell**, 1841 Census, Couch Man (Paper Making) of Sandling Road, Maidstone, wife Mary (Brooks, above), I servant in house.

### CARYER

**Richard Caryer**, of Shorne, Miller, Vestry Member 1751, may be the husband of Elizabeth Caryer? The will gives no clue.

Consistory Court of Rochester Will dated 12<sup>th</sup>? June 1759

Personal estate to wife Ann, for life; he desires her to make inventory and give it to nephew, William Caryer, Parish Clerk of Shorne. His freehold house in Shorne, to Ann, for life. After her death, personal estate to daughter Elizabeth Medhurst, wife of William Medhurst of Chatham. His freehold house is to be sold and proceeds shared equally between daughter Elizabeth and sons Richard and William, for ever. Wife Ann is executor.

Signs with a mark.

Witnesses: Caleb Perfect (Vicar of Shorne), mark of Mary Giles and mark of Mary Tapsfield.

Proved 27<sup>th</sup> June 1759

### COOKE

**Henry Cooke**, Kelly's Directory 1882, Land Agent to Earl of Darnley

### CRACKLOW

**John Cracklow**, of Pier Head, Wapping, Lighterman, (Dock Master at daughter Isabella's marriage to Joseph Dine) P.C.C. Will dated 10<sup>th</sup> August 1840

To wife Sarah (nee Tomlin), his share in freehold at Breezers Hill, St. George in the East, Middlesex, called the "Red Lion", and house adjoining; three freeholds in Red Lion Court, behind latter, and any other freeholds, upon trust. She to receive rents during minority of their children, Thomas Tomlin, Mary Ann and Isabella Cracklow, for their maintenance and education, and advancement in life. When they are all 21, trustee to sell properties and share proceeds equally among them. If all children die pre 21, then above properties to wife Sarah and residue; Sarah is executor.

Witnesses: Thomas Edward Fearnly of Ratcliff Cross, Middlesex, Richard Gregg, his Clerk and George Birkett of Shadwell Dock Street.

Proved 18<sup>th</sup> September 1840

John Cracklow, married Sarah Tomlin at Shorne in 1826

### DEADMAN

**James Deadman**, of Chalk, Yeoman, mentioned on wife Mildred's Monument

Consistory Court of Rochester Will dated 13<sup>th</sup> June 1764

Appoints nephew Thomas Richman and niece Ann Brown, wife of William Brown, executors. He wishes them to arrange for an inventory to be made. His "dear" son Thomas, for many years since, in H.M.'s service (Navy?), has been overseas. It is not known if he is dead or alive; so, if within 17 years of the date of this will, his son does return to England, he gets the entire estate. If he does not return within this time, testator concludes he is dead. In meantime until son returns, the executors will lay out £500 from personal estate in Public Funds. The dividends to brother in law Edmund Richman and sister Abigail Smith, equally, for life.

If son does not return within 17 years, then £200 to niece Sarah Brown if she is living, if not then to her children; £200 to niece Ann Darby, as above; £200 to nephew James Deadman, as above; £200 to executor Thomas Richman, as above; £200 to executor Ann Brown, as above. Residue to his executors, equally.

Witnesses: William Gates and George Gates  
Proved 22<sup>nd</sup> June 1764

Inventory: Appraised by John Tilden, John Savage and William Fry on 9<sup>th</sup> and 10<sup>th</sup> of July 1764  
Quite a prosperous farmer. Total Value of inventory £2,380

Home Farm, Chalk: 167 acres, 300 ewes, 300 lambs, 5 rams, lot of equipment, including 8 cart horses, 4 riding horses.  
Shorne Farm: 147 ½ acres, 230 sheep, 11 cart horses, 3 wagons, 3 carts, hay in Shorne Mead. All in hands of nephew  
Thomas Richman and Anne Brown wife of William Brown, executors, (she is buried at Shorne, Section C)

James Deadman married Mildred Sacher at St. Margaret, Rochester in July 1740

### DINE

**Joseph Dines**, See Supplement for Section A

**Isabella Dines**, Isabella Cracklow, daughter of John Cracklow, married Joseph Dine in 1869

### GARDINER

**George Gardiner**, married Rebecca Baker at Deptford in March 1774. George seems to be the son of William Gardiner, who was a Yeoman Farmer, and died in the same year (Will 1782). It is odd that there is no monument for the father, when there is such a handsome one for the son ?

### GLOVER

**John Glover**, of Shorne, Yeoman (Tanner in Parish Register, 1700, "Colorii")  
Inventory: Appraised by William Cottmar and Thomas Udall on 3<sup>rd</sup> November 1707  
Includes 32 acres of wheat, 84 sheep, 19 cows, 1 bull, 17 pigs, 8 horses. Together with ready money, household goods, etc., valued at £358 15s

**John Glover**, Junior married Elizabeth Oliver at Stone in 1722 ?

### MEDHURST

**Edmund Medhurst**, 1891 Census, of the Street, living on "own means".

### RHODES

**Hezakiah Rhodes**, of Shorne  
P.C.C. Will dated 11<sup>th</sup> February 1829

Desires to be buried in Shorne Churchyard. To wife Hannah all his estate, for her own use and support and education of their children. Hannah is executor.

Witnesses: Thomas Bowra and William Woollett  
Proved 27<sup>th</sup> April 1839

### SACHER

**Thomas Sacher**, Carpenter (Will of John Smith)

### SMITH

**John Smith**, of Shorne, Husbandman  
Archdeaconry Court of Rochester Will dated 19<sup>th</sup> October 1727

To daughter in law Mildred Sacher, wife of Thomas Sacher, Carpenter, 1/- and "exclude and cut 'em both of (sic) from laying any claim to any effects, whatsoever belonging to me .....". To his brother and sister's children, 1/- each. To John French, "whom I brought up", £5. To "son" Thomas Glover, (stepson), at 21 years, livestock, cattle, corn, goods and chattels, money, household goods and personal estate. Glover must raise from the property, an annuity of £20, to pay his mother Mildred Smith, "being my wife at the time of my decease". Wife Mildred is executor, she is to act on behalf of

Thomas Glover until he is 21. If he dies without heirs before he is 21, then wife shall have everything bequeathed to him.

Signs with a mark

Witnesses: John Tasker, James Greenhill and Charles Dugdale

Proved 29<sup>th</sup> December 1727

Inventory: Appraised by John Tasker and John Cadwell on 17<sup>th</sup> July 1728

Includes 27 acres of wheat, 80 sheep, 16 hogs and pigs and 8 horses, crops in barn, ready money and household goods.

Total value £372 5s

### SOLOMON

**Henry Solomon**, in June 1886, "The Times" reports that Henry Solomon, Senior of Thong, Farmer and Grazier was bankrupt. Married Catherine Hammond at Dartford, October 1838

"Gravesend Reporter", August 29<sup>th</sup> 1890

"DEATH OF MR. HENRY SOLOMON, OF THONG

We regret to have to record the death of Mr Henry Solomon, of Thong, which took place on Friday last, at the age of 77 years. The deceased was the oldest tenant of Lord Darnley, having held a farm under him for over half a century. The deceased was buried at Shorne on Tuesday, amidst every manifestation of respect. Beside the sons and grandsons, the body was followed to the grave by Lord Darnley, Mr Jull (Shorne), Mr Forfeitt (Thong), Mr Stanley Solomon (Winchester), Mr Winch (Shorne), Mr R.J. Beamish (Gravesend), Mr Brown (Chalk) and many others.

The corpse was borne to the grave by six of the deceased's oldest workmen, they having been with him all their lives.

The funeral service was most impressively performed by the Vicar of Shorne, while the arrangements were satisfactorily conducted by Mr P. Shearman of Cobham."

### TOMLIN

I am putting in all the Tomlin wills, even though not all have monuments. I suspect that Hannah Tomlin was on the east side of headstone 82. Both sides have mid 18<sup>th</sup> century carved motifs, the east side was reused for John Tomlin in 1843.

**John Tomlin**, died 1749, Tanner (Parish Registers) He married Ann Boghurst at Chalk in May 1728, and Elizabeth Parfect at Rochester in December 1748

**Thomas Tomlin**, of Shorne, Tanner, died 1728

Consistory Court of Rochester Will dated 26<sup>th</sup> December 1727

Weak and in great pain. To son John, £70; to son George, £230; to daughter Olive Bedham, £30; to grand daughter, Olive Bedham at 18 years, £30; if she dies pre 18, then the £30 to her mother, if she is also dead, then to his sons, equally. To son Thomas, £230 at 24 years; to wife Ellen his house and lands, tan yard, etc., in Shorne for as long as she is his widow, she to get in repair. If she marries again, or after her death, then to son William, for ever. William must pay from the property, £100 to brother Thomas. To his brother George, all his clothes and 20/-. Residue to wife, who is executor.

Witnesses: William Warren, Anne Glover and Richard Sheafe

Proved 17<sup>th</sup> July 1728

Thomas Tomlin married Olive Masters at Cuxton in in 1695

**William Tomlin**, of Shorne, Tanner

Consistory Court of Rochester Will dated 23<sup>rd</sup> April 1756

His freehold house where he lives and tan yard, outhouses and 8 acres, to wife Hannah, for life, she to keep property in good repair. With the other executor she is to carry on business for their childrens' benefit until daughter Mary is 21.

After Hannah's death, then to his children, Thomas, William, Philip, Ellen and Mary, equally at 21.

One third of household goods to wife, for ever; two thirds to children, equally shared. Stock in trade, tools, utensils, ready money, investments, residue of personal estate, to executors, upon trust, to carry on business of Tanner, for support executors and education of children. Until daughter Mary is 16. Executors can sell above is business decreases or fails, proceeds as follows: £100 to wife, 3/5 of residue of money to wife, 1/3 to son Thomas and 1/3 to son William, upon trust, to invest, for benefit of other children when they are 21, then 1/5 each. His wife shall not be charged with any loss of invested money unless by neglect or wilful default, provided she claims no rent from the house, tan yard or 8 acres for herself, which is carried on for children. Wife and son Thomas executors.

Witnesses: Alles Overy, Ann West and Thomas Savage

Proved 9<sup>th</sup> September 1756

Thomas Tomlin, married Mary Ellis at Aylesford in October 1733 , and Hannah Groombridge at Cuxton in January 1741

**Thomas Tomlin**, of Shorne, Farmer, died 1759  
Consistory Court of Rochester Will dated 2<sup>nd</sup> July 1759

Personal estate, goods, etc., to “trusty friend” and executor, Francis Calvert of Gravesend, Gentleman, upon trust, to sell and from proceeds, , pay debts, etc., surplus to wife, Mary.

Witnesses: William Calvert and Thomas Pattinson

Proved 8<sup>th</sup> January 1760. Admin to wife, Francis Calvert having renounced execution of will

Thomas Tomlin, married Mary Cotmar at Rochester Cathedral in 1731

**Hannah Tomlin**, of Shorne, Widow  
Archdeaconry Court of Rochester Will dated 22<sup>nd</sup> December 1756

Her clothes to daughters, Ellen and Mary, equally. One third of plate, pewter, brass, linen and household goods, (which were left to her by husband William) to her three children, Philip, Ellen and Mary, equally. These goods are to be kept intact until children are 21. Executors can sell household goods at their discretion; if sold proceeds to be invested for children. £100 which was given to her by her husband, to the children, equally. Rev. Caleb Parfect and Rev. John Parfect are executors and guardians of children.

Witnesses: Matthew Coppin and Henry Mittoy

Proved 6<sup>th</sup> January 1762

**Thomas Tomlin**, of Shorne, Tanner, died 1763  
Consistory Court of Rochester Will dated 30<sup>th</sup> March 1763

Real and personal estate, including stock in trade, watches and rings, household goods, to brother Philip of Shorne, Tanner, and sisters Ellen and Mary, of Shorne, Spinsters, equally. Philip is executor.

Witnesses: Jarvis Maplesden, Junior, Joshua Nunn and George Taylor

Proved 11<sup>th</sup> April 1763

**John Tomlin**, of Shorne, Tanner, died 1843  
Consistory Court of Rochester Will dated 7<sup>th</sup> December 1842

Unusually pious preamble for this date.

His freehold property which came to him by the will of James Lance of Ash, to wife Mary for life; after her death, divided as follows:

The House, tan yard, barn, stable, drying shed, garden, part of hop garden, on a line through and landway from the Highway to Fen Wood, bound by the Upper Garden; and from Hales Lane to Fen Wood, along the lower part of Pond Field to Comport's Shaw, joining Mrs Ware's land on the south, to sons Stephen and George, jointly, for ever.

If they disagree about carrying on business of Tanner, or any other account, they can separate, one leaving the business is entitled to annual sum as executors shall award as fair share. If son who carries on, refuses the payment, he forfeits business to brother. If executors can not agree on sum they will enlist a Churchwarden and Overseer to adjudicate, their decision is final.

He gives that part of estate called Hop Ground, measuring 310 links deep, next to Mr Barrett's garden, frontage 132 links, marked on plan number 1, to son John, for ever.

The part adjoining the south side of Edward Tomlin's piece of land, 132 links wide, frontage, near the road, 150 links, the back adjoining Fen Wood, number 2 on plan to daughter Mrs Sarah Cracklow, for ever.

Hill Field, from top of Upper Garden, joining Hales Lane, frontage 576 links and from Hales Lane to back, adjoining Jarret's garden, 465 links, and from Upper Garden to piece of land marked for James Tomlin, of 703 links, from Hales Lane to Comport's Shaw, [ ] links, to daughter Mrs Mary Wates , for ever.

She also gets a small piece of land for her “accommodation”, laying between Stephen Tomlin's , George Tomlin's and James Tomlin's land, joining on the west Comport's Shaw.

Piece numbered 4 on plan, on south of Mrs Mary Wates piece, frontage 143 links, to Hales Lane, and back to Comport's Shaw, to son James , for ever. If he dies without heirs, his share to daughter Elizabeth Tomlin, for ever. Also to Elizabeth, the remaining part of of land on south of 575 links, next to Hales Lane and 524 links next to Comport's land, number 5 on plan, for ever.

All his children can freely cross any part of land owned by Stephen and George, to lay pipes or tanks for water to their

houses, or any other purpose, except tanning business. Elizabeth is unmarried and un-provided for except by his will; if she wishes to leave house, she is to get an annuity of £10, as long as she remains single; this to be paid by brothers Stephen and George from their properties.

Jarvis Noakes of Shorne Ifeild and James Wates of Milton, Gravesend are executors.

Witnesses: Charles Jarrett, Samuel Bone and James French

Proved 1<sup>st</sup> November 1843 James Wates is an Inn Keeper; power reserved to Jarvis Noakes

Value of goods not more than £100

John Tomlin, married Mary Bowman at Shorne, February 1796

### WATES

**James Wates**, 1871 Census, Hotel Manager at Northfleet.

### WHATMAN

**James Whatman**, Farmer, 1882, 1891, 1903 and 1913 Kelly's Directory; 1891 Census Farmer of Mill House, Hannah Rhodes, his sister.

### WRIGHT

**Michael Memory Wright**, of Shorne, Gentleman.

PC.C. Will dated 25<sup>th</sup> September 1837

Appoints William Reynolds the Younger, of 2 St. Mary Axe, Wine Merchant and George Spratt of the Bank of England, executors. To them his real and personal estate, upon trust. His money to be invested for benefit of wife, Ann, for life; after her death, £100 to Jane Norris, for her care of him; to George Spratt, £400 for his troubles as executor. Residue to William Reynolds. Executors to give mourning rings to Mr Saunders of Gravesend, Surgeon, Mr Allfree of Shorne, Mr G.E. Fenton of Shorne and Mr George Hodges of Shorne.

Witnesses: Frederick Allfree, W, Saunders and George Hodges.

Codicil dated 25<sup>th</sup> September 1837

He had given wife income from real and personal estate, for life, now gives her all household furniture, plate, linen and books .

Witnesses: W, Saunders and George Hodges

Proved 31<sup>st</sup> October 1837

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