

The Taverners of North Elmham

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Who cometh to this court of North Elmham?

I JOHN TAVERNER HARVEY!

Why do you come?

To sell 3 roods of Bondland near Hard Meadows in the Village of North Elmham, Norfolk.

To whom do you sell this land?

To THEODORUS HOST.

Is Theodorus Host here present?

Yes My Lord....

As the land transaction took its course with the offer and acceptance of the symbolic twig of wood, John felt that he was witnessing the very last act of a play that stretched back more than 500 years into history to near the time of the conquest of England by William of Normandy.

John's mother, Ann Taverner had been the last Taverner of North Elmham. Her death had been commemorated.

In the Church of North Elmham is a huge tombstone of Black Marble 7' x 3 1/2' with a Taverner coat of arms at the top ie Bird, Helmet, Sheild surrounded by leaves similar to that drawn on the front of Volume I of "The Taverners". The slab is located in the present vestry floor.

The inscription reads:-

HERE LIETH INTERRED YE BODY OF ANN THE DAUGHTER OF CHARLES TAVERNER GENT: AND WIFE OF WILLIAM HARVEY GENT LINEALLY DESCENDED FROM THE ANCIENT FAMILY OF THE TAVERNERS OF NORTH ELMHAM SHE DYED MARCH YE 15 IN YE 32ND YEAR OF HIR AGE AD1712.

The court of North Elmham held in 1734 from which the previous extract was taken was one of a series involving the land owned by the Taverners.

Ann, who died at the age of 32 in 1712 was the only child of Charles Taverner who died in 1683. Ann was about 4 years old when her father died.

Charles seems to have been the eldest son of Henry Taverner. Henry probably had two wives. His second wife was Ann Rogers. Ann was probably younger than Henry and outlived him and all her children. What a series of tragedies occurred to the family over the previous 50 years. Two generations of male heirs and their legally begotten sons had been taken from their earthly life before even half their span of life had passed. This dissipation had reduced the Taverners of North Elmham down to Ann and John Taverner Harvey was the last expressions of this continuity.

Thomas Taverner, Henry's father had been the last of the North Elmham Taverner to own significant estates in and around North Elmham. He also had outlived his children. One can only imagine his melancholy as all his offspring died one by one. Would he have blamed himself and seen their demise as godly vengeance? Even he did not live to see the full tragedy, since he had 5 grandchildren 3 of them boys to leave his estate of whom only Ann survived.

Thomas had inherited his estate from his father James who was the fifth son of John. John's was an unusually long and significant life. He lived 88 years and had two wives by whom he had at least 9 children. John's father was Nicholas. Nicholas will was proven in 1504 and from Nicholas we can trace the Taverners of North Elmham back to the reign of Henry II (1154-1188) just 100 years after William of Normandy conquered England.

Other volumes of The Taverners detail the history of some of the Taverners who left North Elmham to find their fortunes, but here we append the wills and land transactions from Nicholas to John Taverner Harvey.

Reversing the order of succession we first meet Nicholas Taverner who's will was proved in 1504.

On page 419 of Sir Henry Channcy's "Historical Antiquities of Hertfordshire" is a genealogy of The Taverners of North Elmham. In this genealogy we can read that Nicholas's father was Henry Taverner councillor at law in H V (1413-1422) and H VI (1422-1461). He had lands in North Elmham, and died Edward IV (1466). Henry had two brothers, John who fought at the Battle of Agincourt and the wars in France, and William Taverner, freeman of London obit 1545, Henry's wife is not recorded, but Henry had 3 sons, Nicholas, Henry and Thomas.

Of Nicholas Sir Henry Channcy says:-

"Lived in the time of King Edward IV (1461) and Henry VII (1485-1509) and died 1492".

Nicholas married Margaret, daughter of Thomas Dethick of Wormegay in Norfolk. Nicholas had two sons John and Robert, so what else do we know about Nicholas. I do believe I have a copy of his will. Although Sir Henry says he died in 1492 the will I have was proved in 1504 but is in such poor condition that the date it was written is missing. In the will Nicholas mentions his wife Margaret and his son John, his other son Robert is not mentioned which probably means he was dead. A transcript of his will is attached later in the text.

Next we turn our attention to John Taverner. He was born in 1457 and lived a remarkable 88 years dying in 1545 and is buried in Brisley Church. John married Alice, daughter and heir of Robert Silvester of Brisley in Norfolk. By Alice he had 4 sons Richard, Roger, Robert and Silvester. After her death John remarried Ann Crane of Bilney in Norfolk, Sir Henry list 3 children by Ann:- James, Thomas and Margaret.

Sir Henry says of James:-

"Possessor of North Elmham, married the sole daughter of John Russel of Wighton in Norfolk. The relict of Edmund Bedingfield Esq. The Bedingfields were one of the most influential families in the area their home for the past 500 years has been Oxburgh Hall. A family tree and part history from the Oxburgh Hall guide are attached in appendix The Bedingfield name remains associated with The Taverners for many years. By his mother the sole daughter of Gigges of Wighton. Which James was father of Thomas who held land in North Elmham.

Consulting local parish records I can add that John and Ann had two further daughters, Katherine who married in 1559 Richard Saddler of Norwich and Elizabeth who married Thomas Starling of Kettlestone.

So far John's will has not come to light. James, John's 5th son owned North Elmham. Following James we have seen he married Gracia Russel and before his death in 1604 he had at least 5 children:-

Thomas who was to own the land of the Taverners in North Elmham, Frances, Katherine, Mary and Robert.

One interesting story relates to James, his ancestors had lived in North Elmham since 1154 and when Queen Elizabeth I in 1598 appointed one of her favourites as Lord of the Manor of North Elmham James fought the appointment until his death in 1604. Unfortunately James adversary was Elizabeth's Attorney General Edward Coke and this litigation must have sapped the wealth of the estates.

I know more of Edward Coke. He's descendants built Holkham Hall North of North Elmham on the coast. The Holkham Guide quotes as follows on page 20:-

"Sir Edward Coke 1551-1635, was the founder of the families fortunes. He was Attorney General to Queen Elizabeth I and chief justice to James I. He was the most brilliant lawyer of his time and his interpretations of the law are still quoted today. He is perhaps best remembered for his famous dictum: 'An Englishman's Home is his Castle'".

Also there is an entry in the Churchwardens account as follow:-

Churchwardens Account North Elmham.

James Taverner XIj d 1561 Feast of Penticost. "He was the 5th son of John Taverner of North Elmham, and was of Hadlands in the same parish and died in 1604 having married Grace daughter and heir of John Russell of Wyghton, Norfolk and relict of Edmund Bedingfield". (see family tree later in the text).

I have not been able to find James's will but the estates or what was left of them passed down to his eldest son Thomas Taverner. Thomas married Amye or Ann Richers and they were blest with at least 8 children (see family tree). Thomas lived to a ripe old age and in fact outlived all his children. I have his will written on 16th May 1654 it is rather long, but I will note the salient points.

Firstly he was to be buried, not in North Elmham but in Heydon where his deceased wife was buried. This change suggests that his wife had a significant estate in Heydon, although there is other evidence from previous family funerals that the first partner to die was buried in his (or her) home parish, and the partner buried later, with his or her spouse, and so we find John Taverner buried with his wife at Brisley.

Thomas mentions land in Heydon and Saule (Sall) which he passes to his grandson Payton.

Further lands messuages, tenements called Great Gelhams, Little Gelhams and Gelham's Grove and also the marsh and farm lying between the causey leading to Geist Mill and the causey leading to Bintree Mill to Ann Taverner widow of his deceased son Henry.

NB. Geist and Bintree are just North of North Elmham.

Thomas also gave Ann an Annuity from his other tenements called Dites House, Dites Crofts, Fulford Haugh Closes, Fulford Haugh Croft, Watsons Close and all the lands lately in the occupation of Thomas Herringe, his late farmer lying on the west side of a lane called Greenes Lane.

Lastly Thomas gives all his land and hereditaments (except those in Heydon and Saule) to his grandchild Charles Taverner "...and his heries male of the body of my deceased sonne Henry Taverner".

The two witnesses to Thomas's will were Henry Bedingfield and Roger Rogers. (Henry, Thomas's son married Ann Rogers and Roger was her brother).

Now as I have to deal with a series of deaths that step by step lead to the last of the North Elmham Taverners. Firstly Amy, eldest of Henry's children she died at the end of January 1655 leaving those properties bequeathed to her by her grandfather to her mother. Next to die in 1667 was Payton, he too left his worldly wealth to his mother Ann, and £5 to his brother Henry.

Next to die was the older brother Charles who died in 1683 leaving a 4 year old daughter Ann. Charles's is the longest will, he left his estate to his daughter in trust with his mother Ann, until his daughter Ann reached 21. However if Ann, his daughter died his estates were to pass to Francis Taverner of Corpusty in the County of Norfolk Worstead Weaver - (Francis was Charles father's brothers son). Concerning Francis and Thomas Taverner, brothers and sons of Thomas and Ann Richers. The IGI for Norfolk states that Thomas Taverner married Margaret Middleton in Norwich during 1639. However 3 children John born 1643, James 1646 and Francis 1640 were born in Heydon to Francis Taverner and Margaret Middleton.

This could be a transcription error or perhaps Thomas died and Francis married his widow, there is no record of their marriage. The puzzle certainly warrants further investigation. (Corpusty is 2 miles North of Heydon).

Lastly the will of Ann Taverner (Nee Rogers) Henry's wife in 1685. She left goods to her brother Roger Rogers and her plate jewels etc she left to her neice Elizabeth Wandall, her sisters daughter and her children who were living with Ann. The will was proved 1689.

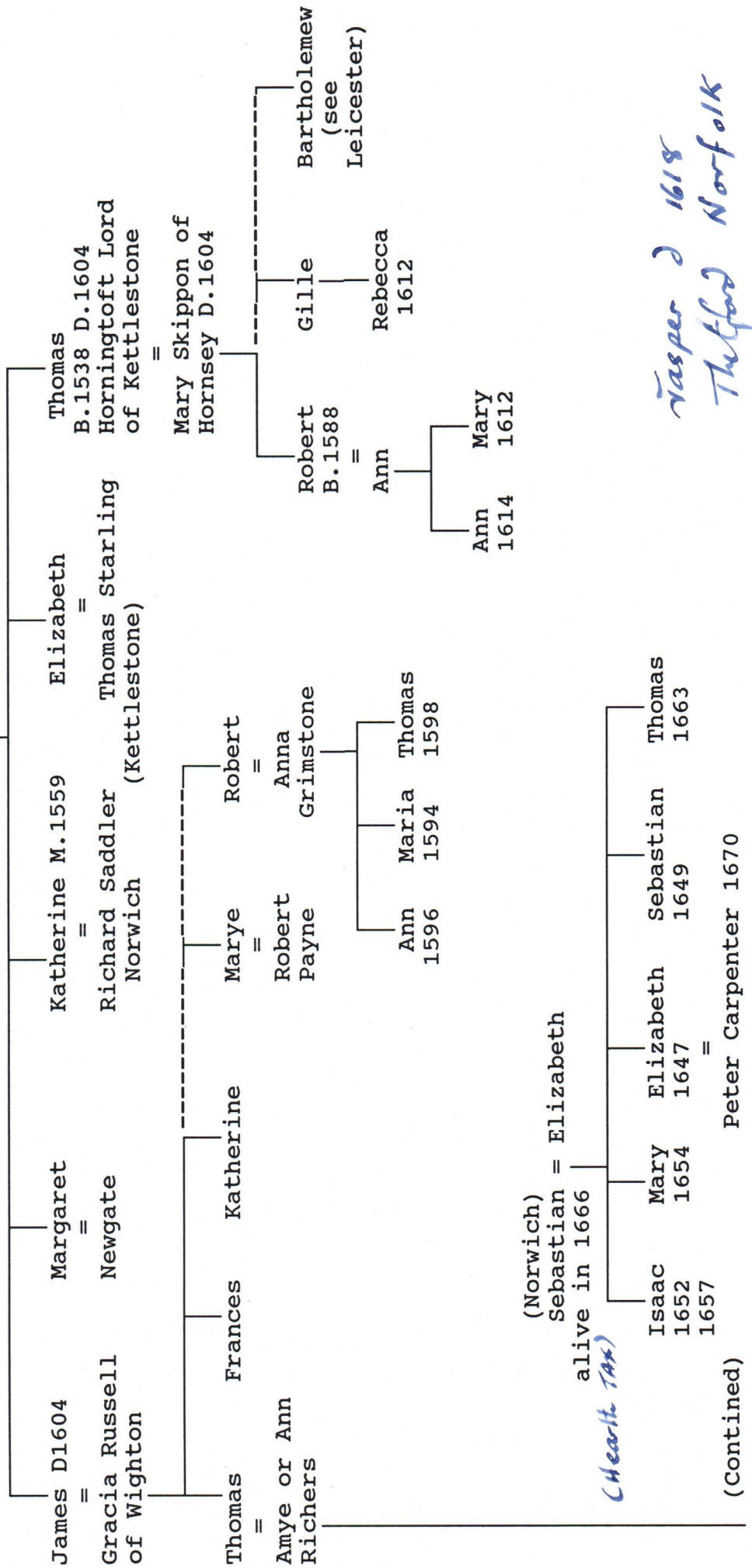
So we have poor Ann (Charles daughter) at the age of 9 without father, mother or grandparents to look after her. She had property and an income and would inherit her father's estate on attaining the age of 21. Clearly she would make an attractive match for someone. That someone was Thomas Harvey. I have not traced her marriage or the birth date of her son John Taverner Harvey. And so the next records is that on her gravestone in 1712 and so my story goes the full circle.

APPENDIX 1

LATER TAVERNERS OF NORTH ELMHAM.

(See Volume 1 for earlier Norfolk)

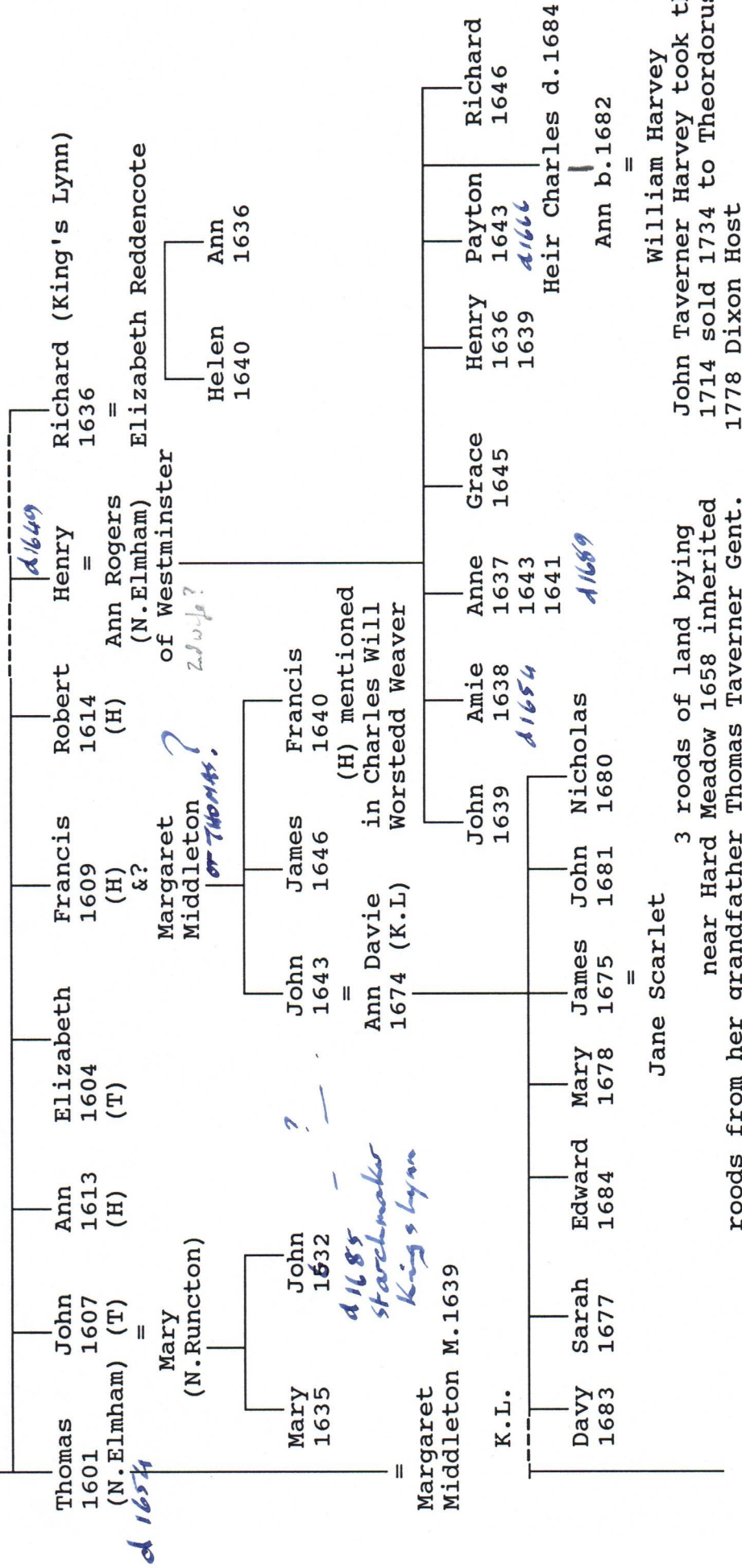
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(Continued)

Norfolk Hearth Tax 1664 a1666
East Derham Ann Taverner Wid (wife of Henry who died
1649)
Heydon, Francis Taverner
Kings Lynn Widd Taverner
Norwich Saffbasten Taverner

alive 1664



APPENDIX 2

TRANSCRIPTIONS OF NORTH ELMHAM MANOR COURT RECORDS

North Elmham Manor Court Records - Dean & Chapter of Norwich Cathedral

Norfolk Record Office ref MF/X/ 184/5 Ch. Comm. 135471

Taverner references

[Sheet 1]

The General Court held in the same place 4 November 27 Charles II (1675)

Homage includes Charles Taverner.

[Sheet 2]

The General Court held in the same place on Wednesday 3 November 2 James II (1686)

Ann Taverner

Whereas, at the last court held here, the homage of this court presented upon their corporal oath that Charles Taverner, bondman of this manor, had died since the last court held here, and that Ann Taverner, of age four years, more or less, was the daughter and right heir of the said Charles Taverner,

And because she did not come etc, therefore at the said court a proclamation etc was made for the first time, according to the custom of this manor;

Now to this court came Thomas Garritt and sought, on behalf of the said Ann, that she, the said Ann, might be admitted to the lands and tenements held in bond of this manor, of which her said father died seised, so that they might descend to her as her right and inheritance, and after the death of her father aforesaid;

That is to say, to three roods of bond land lying near Hard Meadowes, which at this court, held on the sixteenth of July in the year of Our Lord one thousand six hundred and fifty eight, her said father took, to hold to him and his heirs by right of inheritance etc, and after the death of Thomas Taverner, gentleman, grandfather of the said Charles Taverner.

And she, the said Ann Taverner, was admitted as tenant thereof, and to her, the said Ann, through the hands of Thomas Garritt her attorney, the Lords of this manor, through the steward of this court, delivered seisin thereof by rod [symbolic handing over of a twig or branch], according to the custom of this manor,

To have and to hold to her and her heirs, at the will of the Lords, according to the custom of the manor etc, yielding the services and customs due in respect thereof and by right accustomed, saving everyone's right, and she gave to the Lords, as a fine etc [note in margin; Fine 53s] and fealty indeed was respited until [she should be of full age etc].

[Later note in Margin: 3 r[oods]: John Taverner Harvey took [them] 1714.]

[Sheet 3]

The General Court held in the same place 12 November 2 William & Mary (1690)

Recognizance Money

To this court came John Rud, Bondman of this manor, and made paid the arrears concerning the warrant directed to him to collect fifteen shillings due to Henry Fairfax, Professor of Theology, upon installation to the Deanery of the Cathedral Church of Norwich, according to the custom of this manor, to be paid by the separate tenants of this manor in equal proportions, that is to say, in this manner;

	s	d		s	d
John Woodcocke	0	4	Robert Shackle	0	2
Andrew Everard	0	11	John Culling	0	5 1/2
Thomas Davy Esquire	4	3	Hannah Harper and		
Clere Leverington	0	2	Jane Francis	0	1 1/2
Richard Browne	0	1 1/2	Ann Taverner	0	1
Robert Cubitt	1	3	William Bacon	0	1
Nathaniel Duckett	0	4 1/2	Michael Newton	0	1
William Ramsey	0	2	Mary Westun and		
Robert Antill	0	1	Susan Westun	0	2 1/2
John Shackle	0	2 1/2	Francis Webster	0	1
Henry Timperly Esquire	4	3	John Rudd	0	4 1/2

[Sheet 4]

[No Taverners mentioned; the name in the margin of the right hand page is Turner (Charles Turner and John West).]

[Sheet 5]

[No Taverners mentioned.]

[Sheet 6]

The General Court Baron held in the same place 7 November 5 George I (1718)

Homage includes John Taverner Harvey.

[Sheet 7]

The Special Court Baron, 3 February 5 George I (1734/35)

Host, Theodorus Esquire, by the Surrender of John Taverner Harvey

To this Court Cometh John Taverner Harvey, Gent, Copyhold tenant of the said Mannor, And in Open Court, before the homage, doth surrender Out of his hands, into the hands of the Lords of the said Mannor, by the hands of his Steward,

All and Singular his Messuages, Lands, Tenements and Hereditaments whatsoever of him, the said John Taverner Harvey, holden of the said Mannor by Copy of Court Roll,

And the Reversion and Reversions, Remainder and Remainders thereof, with their Appurtenances,

To the use and Behoofe of Theodorus Host Esquire, and of his heirs for ever,

Who being present here in Court, in his proper person, Craves the favour of the Lords of the said Mannor to be Admitted tenant to the premisses soe as aforesaid Surrendred by the said John Taverner Harvey (that is to say).

To three roods of Land lying near Hardmeadows

And thereupon the said Theodorus Host is Admitted tenant accordingly.

To whom the Lords of the said Mannor, by the hands of their said Steward, doth deliver seizin by the Rods.

To hold to him, the said Theodorus Host, and his heirs, at the will of the Lords, according to the Custome of the said Mannor, by the antient rents and services whereby the same are held due and payable, saving everyones Right etc, and Doing fealty etc.

[Later note in Margin: 26 Sept 1778: Dixon Hoste adm[itted]]

APPENDIX 3

TAVERNER WILLS

26th Sept^r 1778

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(That is to say) To three rods of Land lying near Hard Meadows Which Premises the said Theodorus Hosto owned and took up to him and his Heirs at a Special Court Baron hold for the said Manor the third day of February One thousand seven hundred and thirty four on the Surrender of John Taverner Harvey And thereupon the said Dixon Hosto is admitted Tenant to the said Premises To Whom the Lords of the said Manor by the Hands of the said or in Deputy Steward delivered Seisin thereof by the Rod To hold to him the said Dixon Hosto and the Heirs of his Body at the Will of the Lords according to the Custom of the said Manor by the Ancient Tenants and Services &c in

Timo 0. 14. 0 therefore due and of right accustomed saving every One's Right &c And he gives to the Lord for a Timo &c. And his Fealty is Respited Until &c.

Hosto Dixon Esq^r } To this Court Comes Dixon Hosto Esquire a Copyhold Tenant
Surr^t for a Recovery } of the said Manor in person and Surrenders out of his Hands into the Hands of the Lords of the said Manor by the hands of the said Deputy Steward by the Rod All and every the same Lands and Hereditaments whatsoever of him the said Dixon Hosto holden of the said Manor by Copy of Court Roll with the Appurtenances And the Reversion and Reversions Remainder and Remainders thereof And all the Estate Right Title Interest Property Claim and demand whatsoever of him the said Dixon Hosto of in and to the same Premises or with their Appurtenances To the use and behoof of George Baily his Heirs and Assigns for Ever To the intent that a Common Recovery may be suffered thereof as hereafter appears.

Will of Nicholas Taverner, proved 1504

Norfolk Record Office ref ANF 1504 f46 BEMOND (MF/RO 228/9)

Taverner of Northelmh[a]m

In dei no[m]i[n]e Ame[n]. [In the name of God, Amen.]

I, Nycolas ... the 6th daye of Nove[m]byr in the yer of o[ur] lord ... testament & last wyll in this man[er].

Fyrst I bequethe ... God, and to o[ur] lady seynt Mary, and to all the seyntes in hevyn ...
... in the chyrche yarde of Northelmh[a]m.

It[e]m, I bequethe to ... tythys & offerynges forgotyn, 6s 8d.

It[e]m, to the reparac[i]on of the ... , 10s.

It[e]m, I bequethe to the gyld of ovr lady therin 3s 4d.

... to John Taverner my sone the place at the chyrche style[?] in the land th[a]t ...

It[e]m, I bequethe Margaret my wyff my plase that we dwell in w[i]t[h] 2 oder [other] plasys w[i]t[h] all the lond th[a]t [be]long to them & all howsold stuff moveabyll & onmoveabyll the terme of hyr lyff, & aftyr hyr dyssese for to be sold & dyssposyd for me and mt wyff for the p[ro]fyte of o[ur] Sowlys, & to the plesur of allmygthi God.

Also I make John Taverner my sone to be sellar aftyr hys modyr[s] [mother's] dyssese.

It[e]m, I wyll & requere Ric[hard] Trendyll, John Dygthe & John Swanton th[a]t thei delyv[er] or do co [cause] to be redelyv[er]yd all [e]state & sesyn [seisin] of my lond w[i]t[h] in Elmh[a]m to myn[e] attorneys qwahane [when] thei aske for it.

Also I make my executores Margaret my wyff, John Taverner my sonne, and John Dyght, for to dyspose the resedewe of my goodes as thei thynke best to the plesur of God & profyte to my Sowle. Amen.

Probate of Will of Nicholas Taverner, 1504

The present will was proved, approved and favoured at Norwich before our Official in the Manor House of the Lord Bishop of Norwich, that is to say on the first day of the month of October in the year of our Lord one thousand five hundred and four,

And administration of all and singular the goods etc of the will of the said deceased was granted to the executrix named in the same will,

She having been first sworn in due form of law, power being reserved to grant all administration of the said deceased and his will to the other coexecutors if they should come and lawfully seek the same.

In witness whereof we have caused our seal of office to be affixed to these presents.

Given on the day and in the place and year of our Lord abovesaid.

NICHOLAS T. = margaret
disaff.
not

[illegible]

Probatum est et manifestum sunt per istos testes apud nos non esse
in
supra personam dei non quod iura de heredes debeat habere
deus agitur quod sit per nos et commissaria ad ministrato (omni e singulis domibus)
Dicit testis concordare quod in eadem testis nonat informari in personis
Testes autem amittendi omnes admistratores de defunctis et omnes testis qui
alij hoc dicuntur sibi ex bene cum litem subitum suamque vel quoniam legellum
et in hoc officio vident per appropinquum patet de loco et tempore die supradicti

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Will of Thomas Taverner, 1654

Norfolk Record Office ref ANW 1654 (MF/RO 325/4)

In the name of God, Amen.

The sixteenth day of May in the yeare of our Lord God one Thousand six hundred Fifty and Foure.

I, Thomas Taverner, of Northelmham, otherwise Northelmingham, in the County of Norfolk, gentleman, knowinge death to be most certaine but the houre of death most uncertaine, and at this time being of a good, sound and perfect minde & memory, and of a disposinge remembrance, God be praised, doe make and ordaine this my last will and Testament, renouncinge all former wills whatsoever, to be in manner and forme followinge, That is to say,

First and before all things I doe Commend and resigne my Soule into the handes, tuition and protection of the Almighty God, my most heavenly Father, my mercifull Creator, and my maker, hoping assuredly, and faithfully trustinge, that by the Crosse and passion, precious death and glorious resurrection, of Jesus Christ my onely blessed Saviour and Redeemer, on whose mercy and providences whereon as a safe Sanctuary I doe onely depend, and shall rest evermore preserved, and to be eternized and partaker of his glory in life everlastinge,

And my Body I Committ to the earth in the parish Church of Heydon in the County of Norfolk, neare unto the place where the Corps of my deceased wife lyeth,

And my reall and personall estate I dispose thereof in manner following, That is to say,

First I give and ["bequeath" erased] devise all my Messuages, Landes, Tenementes and hereditamentes, both Free and Coppyhold, with their and every their appurtenances, in Heydon and Saule in the said County of Norfolk, unto Amy Taverner my grandchilde, daughter of my deceased sonne Henry Taverner, untill Payton Taverner my grandchilde, one of the sonnes of my said deceased sonne Henry Taverner, shall have accomplished or should accomplish, or be of the age of, six and twenty yeares,

And after that the said Payton Taverner shall or should have accomplished his said age of six and twenty yeares,

Then I give the said Messuages, Landes, Tenementes and hereditamentes, with th'appurtenances, in Heydon and Saule aforesaid, unto him, the said Payton, and to his heires males of the body of the said Payton Taverner lawfully begotten,

And for default of such issue, Then I give the same to Charles Taverner my grandchilde, the sonne of my said deceased sonne Henry Taverner, and to the heires males of his body lawfully begotten,

And for want of such issue, I give the same to the heires males of the body of my said deceased sonne Henry Taverner lawfully begotten.

Item, I give and devise all and singuler my Messuages, Landes, Tenementes and hereditamentes, with th'appurtenances, called or knowne by the name or names of Great Gelhams, Little Gelhams, and Gelhams Grove, and alsoe all the Marsh and Ferm lyinge betweene the Causey leadinge to Geist Mill, and the Causey leadinge to Bintree Mill, unto Ann Taverner, widdow, my daughter in lawe, and late the wife of my said deceased sonne Henry Taverner, To have and hold the same duringe the time of her widdowhood, and noe longer,

Except all timber and Timber trees there growinge, and keeping the houses and Fences in goodreparacions,

HEYDON

Saule
Amy
Henry
Payton

And alsoe I give unto her, the said Ann, one Annuity or yearely Rent charge of Tenn poundes of lawfull money of England, to be yearely issuing and goinge out of all other my Messuages, landes, Tenementes and hereditamentes called by the name and names of Dites Houses, Dites Crofts, Fullford Haugh Closes, Fulford Haugh Croft, Watsons Closes, And all other the landes lately in the occupacion of Thomas Herringe, my late Farmer, lyinge on the West side of a lane called Greenes Lane,

At the Feastes of St Michael Th'archangell and the Annunciacion of our blessed Lady the Virgin Mary by even and equall porcions yearely to be paid unto her, duringe the time of her widdowhood, and not otherwise to be paid,

And if it shall happen the said Annuity or Rent charge, or any part thereof at any time to be behinde or unpaid, That then it shall and may be lawfull to and for the said Anne into all or any the premisses charged therewith to enter, and distreyn for the same, and the Arrerages thereof if any shall be,

Provided that if she, the said Anne, shall entermarry with or take any man to husband, that then and immediately after such her intermarriage, All my aforesaid guiftes unto her, And all other my Guifts and bequests unto her here followinge, in and by this my last will bequeathed unto her, shall cease and be utterly viod.

Item, I give unto the said Anne the use opf all my goodes and Chattells whatsoever duringe the time of her widdowhood, And after her intermarriage as aforesaid, or her death, which shall first happen, I give all the said goodes and Chattelles unto her foure Children, being my Grandchildren, That is to say, Henry Taverner, John Taverner, Payton Taverner and Amy Taverner, to be equeally devided betweene them.

Item, I give unto my said grandchilde Henry Taverner, sonne of my said deceased sonne Henry Taverner, the summe of [blank] poundes of lawfull money of England, to be paid him at his age of one and twenty yeares by his brother Charles Taverner, my said Grandchilde.

Item, I give to my grandchilde John Taverner, one other of the sonnes of my said deceased sonne Henry Taverner, the summe of [blank] poundes of lawfull money of England, to be paid him at his age of one and twenty yeares by his brother the said Charles Taverner,

And if default shall be made of the payment of the said summes of money, or of any part or parcell thereof, That then it shall and may be lawfull, and I doe will that my said Grandchildren, Henry Taverner and John Taverner, shall and may enter into all or any my messuages and Landes in Northelmham in the occupacion of Luther [blank], And into the landes which are in the ocupacion of [blank] Jervis, And hold and enioy the same and the profitts thereof, untill out of the same they shall be satisfied the said summes of money given unto them, together with their damages susteyned by non payment thereof.

Item, I give all my messuages, Landes, Tenementes and hereditaments (Except those in Heydon and Saule) unto my said Grandchilde Charles Taverner and his heries males of the body of my said deceased sonne Henry Taverner,

Provided notwithstandinge That my said daughter in lawe Anne Taverner shall have and enioy such and soe much thereof, And the said Rent of Tenn powndes, in such manner as I have in this my will devised unto her.

Item, my will is, that my Executrix shall have and receive, out of the profitts of my landes in the occupacion of Luther and Jervis, the summe of Forty powndes of lawfull money of England, over and above my said guifts unto her, for the puttinge out and bindinge my said two grandchildren John Taverner and Payton Taverner Apprentices.

And I doe make and ordaine my said daughter in lawe Anne Taverner the sole Executrix of this my last will and Testament.

In Testimony whereof I have hereto putt my hand and seale, the day and yeare first abovewritten.

Thomas Taverner

The publicacion Wittnessed; J Homberston.

His hand sett in the presence of me Henry Bedingfeild.

Roger Rogers.

Probate of Will of Thomas Taverner, 1654

This will was proved at Westminster, before the Judges etc,

The seaven and twentieth day of July in the yeare of our Lord 1654,

By the oath of Anne Taverner, widdow, relict and sole executrix therein named,

To whome Administracion etc was committed in due forme of law, sworne well and truly to administer etc.

Will of Amy Taverner, 1654/5

Norfolk Record Office ref ANW 1654 f128 (MF/RO 325/4)

In the name of God, Amen.

The three and twentieth day of January in the yeare of our Lord one thousand six hundred Fifty and Foure.

I, Amy Taverner, of Northelmham in the County of Norfolk, spinster, being not well in health, though of perfect minde and remembrance, praised be given to God, doe make and declare this my last will and Testament in manner and forme following.

First I bequeath my Soule unto God my Creator and mercifull father, hoping that through the meritts of his sonne my alone Saviour and mercifull Redeemer I shall receive a free and perfect remission of all my sinnes, and eternall salvation;

As for my body, being but dust, I comitt it to the dust, to be interred at the discrecion of my deare and lovinge mother Ann Taverner, whome I constitute, ordeine and make the sole Executrix of this my last will and Testament,

And to whome I give and bequeath all those my Landes, Tenementes and hereditamentes, with all their appurtenances, lyinge and being in Heydon and Saul in the County of Norfolk aforesaid, whether Free or Coppy, untill my brother Payton shall accomplish the full age of six and twenty yeares.

Item, I give and bequeath all my goodes, Cattelles and chattelles whatsoever, and in whose handes soever, unto my said executrix Ann Taverner my beloved mother.

In Wittnes whereof I, the said Amy Taverner, to this my last will and Testament, conteyned in halfe a sheete of paper, have sett my hand and Seale, the day and year above written.

Amy Taverner

Signed, Sealed, declared and published to be my last will and testament in presence of Katherine Crome her marke, Tho: Mobbs, Roger Rogers.

Probate of Will of Amy Taverner, 1654/5

This will was proved at London, the 26th day of February in the yeare of our Lord, (English stile), 1654,

Before the Judges etc,

By the oath of Anne Taverner, mother of the said deceased and sole executrix named in the said will,

To whome Administration etc was committed, being in due forme of Law Sworne well and truly to administer etc.

Heydon
+
Saul
Bro
Payton
mother
Ann

Roger
Rogers

Will of Payton Taverner, 1667

Norfolk Record Office ref ANW 1666/67 f333 (MF/RO331)

In the Name of God, Amen, the Nyneteenth day of May in the Nyneteenth yeare of the Raigne of our soveraigne Lord Charles the second, by the grace of God Kinge of England, Scotland, France and Ireland, Defendor of the Faith etc, Anno Domini 1667.

I, Peyton Taverner, of North Elmham in the County of Norfolk, gent, beinge sicke in body but in good and perfect memory, prayesd be given to God Almighty for the same, doe make and ordaine this my last will and testament in manner and forme followinge.

First and above all thinges I give and bequeath my soule unto God Almighty my maker, trusting and stedfastly beleivinge to be saved by and through the onely meritts, death and passion of my Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ, and by and through him to enioy everlastinge life,

And as concerninge my worldly estate I dispose thereof as Followeth

Whereas there is due to me from Sir Henry Beddingfeild, knight, the younger, (upon one bond of Fifty pounds for the payement of £25) the summe of Fifteene pounds,

And whereas alsoe there is due unto mee from my Brother Charles Taverner, by and upon bond, the summe of One hundred and three pounds,

My minde and will is, And I doe hereby give and bequeath, All and everie the said summe and summes of money due or to be due upon the said severall bonds, unto my deare and loveinge Mother Mrs Anne Taverner, my Executrix hereafter named.

Item, I give and bequeath unto my brother Henry Taverner the summe of Five pounds of lawfull English money, to bee paid unto him within one yeare after my decease.

Item, I give and bequeath unto my Cousin Elizabeth Wandell the summe of Forty shillings of lawfull English money, to be paid unto her within one yeare after my decease.

All the Rest and residue of my goods, Chattells, readye money, and personall estate whatsoever I give and bequeath unto my loveinge Mother before named, shee payeing my debts and legacies, And [I] doe make and ordaine my said Mother sole Executrix of this my last will and testament.

I[n] Witnes whereof to this my present will I have hereunto sett my hand and seale, the daye and yeare first above written.

Payton Taverner

These beinge witnesses, John Crome, Roger Rogers.

Probate of Will Payton Taverner, 1667

This will was proved at Norwich before the worshipful and noble Justinian Lewyn, knight, Doctor of Laws, Commissary and Official in and for the whole of the Archdeaconry of Norwich, sufficiently and lawfully constituted,

On the 27th day of the month of July in the year of Our Lord 1667,

And approved and favoured by him, and indeed a declaration as to the force and validity of the same will pronounced and declared by him,

And administration of all and singular the goods etc of the beforenamed Payton Taverner, the testator, deceased, was granted to Anne Taverner his mother, the sole Executrix named in the same will,

She having been first sworn in due form of law (by virtue of Letters of Commission in that regard issuing elsewhere), [well etc to administer the same],

Saving all rights whatsoever.

Sw Henry
Beddingfeild.
Bro Charles

Will of Charles Taverner, 1683

Norfolk Record Office ref ANW1684 f210 (MF310)

In name of God, Amen.

I, Charles Taverner, of North Elmham in the County of Norfolk, gent, beinge sick and weake in body, of a sound and disposing minde and memory, praised be God for the same, doe make and ordaine this my last will and testament, revoakinge all former wills by me made.

First and above all things I comitt and comend my soule into the hands of Almighty God my heavenly Father, hopeinge and assuredly trustinge in, by and through the merritts and mediation of my blessed Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ my Sins shalbe forgiven and my Iniquity pardoned and I made a Joyfull Inheritor of the Kingdome of heaven,

And as for my body I comitt it to the earth from whence it came, to be decently buried at the discretion of my Executrix and Executors hereafter named,

And as for my worldly [Estate] wherewith it hath pleased God to blesse me withall, I give and dispose of the same in maner followinge.

Item, I give and bequeath unto the poore people of North Elmham aforesaid the summe of Forty shillings, to be paid unto the Church wardens and overseers of the ["of the" repeated] poore of the parish within three monthes after my decease, to be by them distributed amongst such of the poore people as they shall thinke fitt and convenient.

Item, I give, devise and bequeath unto Ann Taverner, my deare and loveinge Mother, for and duringe the time and terme of her naturall life, the yearely sume, rent charge or Annuety of ten pounds of good and lawfull mony of England, to be Issuinge and goinge out yearly and every yeare, and to be had, perceived, received and taken out of all and singular my messuages, lands, tenements and hereditaments scituate, lyinge and beinge in North Elmham aforesaid, or in any other towne or townes there nere adioyninge, or elsewhere in the said County of Norfolk, to be paid to her at the foure most usuall feast dayes or termes, that is to say,

At the feast day of St John the Baptist, comonly called midsomer day, the feast of St Michael Th'arkAngell, the feast day of the Nativity of Christ Comonly called Christmas day, the feast day of the Annuntiation of our blessed Lady Mary the Virgin, by even and equall portions,

The first payment thereof to begin at such of the said feast dayes as shall first next happen after my decease, and at and in the south porch of the parish church of Elmham aforesaid,

And if it shall happen that the said Annuety, rent charge or yearely sume of ten pounds to be behind or unpaid, in part or in all, by the space of one and twenty dayes next after any of the feast day or dayes of payment thereof as aforesaid in which it is to be paid or appointed to be paid,

That then, and soe often as the same or any part thereof shalbe behind and unpaid, it shall and may be lawfull to and for the said Ann Taverner or her assignes, into all and singular the said messuages, lands and tenements, hereditaments and premisses, and every part and parcell of the same, with their Appurtenances, to enter and distraine, both for the annuety aforesaid and the arrears thereof, If any shalbe,

And the distresse and distresses there from time to time found and taken, to load, drive, take and carry away, and the same to withhold, detaine, keepe and Impound, untill the said Annuety, rent charge or yearly sume of ten pounds, and the arrears thereof if any be, and all such damage and charges as shall happen or arise to the said Ann Taverner or her assignes by the occasion of the non-payment thereof, be fully satisfied and paid.

Item, I give, devise and bequeath unto my loveinge unkle Roger Rogers of North Elmham aforesaid, gent, and his assignes, for and duringe the time and terme of his naturall life, one other the Annuety, rent charge or yearly sune of ten pounds of good and lawfull money of England, to be yearly and every yeare had, received, perceived and taken, and to be Issuinge and goinge out of all and singuler my said messuages, lands, tenements, hereditaments and premisses, and to be paid at the foure most usuall feast dayes above mentioned, in such maner and forme as above is limited and expressed for the payment of the said Ann Taverners annuyty, Rent charge or yearly sune,

And if it shall happen that the said Annuity, Rent charge or yearly sune of ten pounds to be behinde or unpaid, in parte or in all, by the space of thirty dayes next after any of the feast dayes or times of payment thereof as aforesaid in which it ought to be paid,

That then, and soe often as the same or any part thereof shalbe behinde and unpaid, It shall and may be lawfull to and for the said Roger Rogers and his assignes, into all and singuler the said messuages, lands and tenements, hereditaments and premisses, with their Appurtenances, to Enter and to distraine, both for the said Annuity, rent charge and yearly sune of ten pounds aforesaid, And for the areares thereof if any be,

And the distresse and distresses there from time to time found and taken, to loade, drive, take and carry away, and the same to withhold, detaine, keep and impound, untill the said annuity, rent charge or yearly sune of ten pounds, and the arrears thereof if any be, And all such damage and charges as shall happen and arise to the said Roger Rogers or his assignes by the occasion of the non-payment thereof shall be fully satisfied and paid.

Item, I give and bequeath unto my kinswoman Elizabeth Wandale of North Elmham aforesaid, spinster, the sune of five pounds, to be paid unto her by my Executors herein after named, within one yeare after my decease.

Item, I give, devise and bequeath unto my sole and onely daughter Ann Taverner, when she shall have attained unto and fully accomplished her full age of one and twenty yeares, All and singuler my said messuages, lands, tenements and hereditaments, whatsoever and wheresoever, and every parte and parcell of the same, with their and every of their appurtenances, rights, members, priviledges and appurtenances,

To have and to hold from and after her said age of one and twenty years to her my said daughter Ann and to her heires and assignes for ever,

But if it shall happen that my said daughter Ann shall dye and depart this life before she shall have attayned and fully accomplished her full age of one and twenty yeares, and without Issue of her body lawfully begotten or to be begotten that shalbe then liveinge at her, the said Anns, age of one and twenty yeares,

That then in such case my will and minde is, And I doe hereby, and not otherwise, further give, devise and bequeath unto my said deare and loveinge mother Ann Taverner, Widdow, for and duringe the time and terme of her naturall life, If she, the said Ann Taverner my mother shalbe liveinge at the time of the death of my said daughter Ann Taverner without Issue of her body as aforesaid,

One further Annuity, rent charge and yearly sune of ten pounds of like good and lawfull money of England, to be yearly and every yeare had, perceived, received and taken, and to be Issuinge and goinge out of all and singuler my said messuages, lands, tenements, hereditaments and premisses, and to be paid at the said foure most usuall feast dayes above mentioned, in such maner and forme as before limited, appointed and expressed for payment of the said Ann Taverner my mother her former Annuity, rent charge or yearly sune of ten pounds,

Save onely the first payment of this last Annuyty, rent charge or yearly sume of ten pounds soe given by me to my said mother shall begin at such of the said feast dayes as shall first and next happen after the decease of the said Ann Taverner my said daughter soe dyinge and departinge this life without Issue of her body as aforesaid that shalbe liveinge as aforesaid,

And if it shall happen that the last mentioned Annuyty, rent charge or yearly sume of ten pounds to be behind or unpaid, in parte or in all, by the space of twenty dayes after any of the said feast dayes or times of payment thereof in which it ought to be paid,

That then, and soe often as the same or any part thereof shalbe behinde and unpaid by the space aforesaid, It shall and may be lawfull to and for the said ["Roger Rogers" erased] Ann Taverner my mother and her assignes, into all and singuler the said messuages, lands, tenements, hereditaments and premisses, with their appurtenances, to enter and distraine, both for the last mentioned Annuyty, rent charge or yearly sume of Tenn pounds aforesaid, and for the areares thereof if any be,

And the distress and distresses there from time to time found and taken, to loade, drive, take and carry away, and the same to withhold, detaine, keep and Impound, untill the said last mentioned Annuyty, rent charge or yearly sume of ten pounds, and the arrears thereof if any be, And all such damages and charges as shall happen to arise to the said Ann Taverner my mother or her assignes by the occasion of the non-payment thereof shall be fully satisfied and paid.

Item, my further minde and will is, And I doe hereby give, devise and bequeath unto my unkle Roger Rogers and his assignes, for and duringe the terme of his naturall life, if he, the said Roger Rogers shalbe then liveinge at the time of the death of my said daughter Ann Taverner without Issue of her body as aforesaid, and before her said age of one and twenty yeares, and not otherwise,

One other and further Annuyty, Rent charge and yearly sume of ten pounds more of like good and lawfull money of England, to be yearly and every yeare had, received, perceived and taken, and to be Issuinge and goinge out of all and singuler my messuages, lands, tenements, hereditaments and premisses, And to be paid at the foure most usuall feast dayes above mentioned, in such maner and forme as before is limited, appointed and expressed for payment of the said Ann Taverner my mothers said first Annuyty, Rent charge or yearly sume of ten pounds herein first given and bequeathed,

Save onely that the first payment of this said last Annuyty, rent charge or yearly sume of ten pounds soe given by me to my said unkle Roger Rogers [shall begin] at such of the said feast dayes as shall first and next happen after the decease of the said Ann Taverner my said daughter soe dyinge and departinge this life without Issue of her body as aforesaid that shalbe liveinge as aforesaid,

And if it shall happen that the last mentioned Annuyty, rent charge or yearly sume of tenn pounds to be behind or unpaid, in parte or in all, by the space of thirty dayes next after any of the said feast dayes or time of payment thereof as aforesaid in which it ought to be paid,

That then, and soe often as the same or any part thereof shalbe behinde and unpaid by the space aforesaid, It shall and may be lawfull to and for the said Roger Rogers or his assignes, into all and singuler the said messuages, lands, tenements, hereditaments and premisses, with their appurtenances, to enter and distraine, both for the last mentioned Annuyty, rent charge or yearly sume of Tenn pounds aforesaid, and for the areares thereof if any be,

And the distress and distresses there from time to time found and taken, to loade, drive, take and carry away, and the same to withhold, detaine, keep and Impound, untill the last mentioned Annuyty, rent charge and yearly sume of tenn pounds, And the areares thereof If any be, And all such damages and charges as shall happen and arise to the said Roger Rogers or his assignes by the occasion of the non-payment thereof shall be fully satisfied and paid.

Item, my further minde and will is, that if the said Ann Taverner my daughter shall happen to die and depart this life before she shall have attained her full age of one and twenty yeares without Issue of her body lawfully begotten as aforesaid that shalbe then liveinge as aforesaid,

That then, in that case and not otherwise, I hereby give, devise and bequeath unto the said Elizabeth Wandale my kinswoman and her assignes, for and duringe the terme of her naturall life, If she shalbe then liveinge,

One Annuyty, rent charge and yearely sune of Tenn pounds of like lawfull money of England, to [be] yearely and every yeare had, received, perceived and taken, and to be Issuinge and goinge out of my said messuages, lands, tenements, hereditaments and premisses, with the appurtenances, and to be paid at the foure most usuall feast dayes above mentioned, in such maner and forme as before is limited, appointed and expressed for the payment of my said ["mothers" erased] Ann Taverners my said mothers first Annuyty, rent charge or yearely sune of ten pounds herein first given and bequeathed,

Save onely that the first payment of the said Elizabeth Blandale [?in error for "Wandale"] Annuyty shall begin at such of the said feast dayes as shall first and next happen after the decease of the said Ann Taverner my daughter soe dyinge and departinge this life without Issue of her body as aforesaid that shalbe liveinge as aforesaid,

And if it shall happen that the said Annuyty, rent charge or yearely sune of tenn pounds to be behinde and unpaid, in parte or in all, by the space of forty dayes next after any of the said feast dayes or dayes of payment thereof as aforesaid in which it ought to be paid,

That then, and soe often as the same or any part thereof shalbe behinde and unpaid by the space aforesaid, It shall and may be lawfull to and for the said Elizabeth Blandale [sic] and her assignes, into all and singuler the said messuages, land, tenements, hereditaments and premisses, with their appurtenances, to enter and to distraine, both for the said Annuyty, rent charge and yearely sune of ten pounds aforesaid, and for the Arears If any be,

And the distress and distresses there from time to time found and taken, to load, drive, take and carry away, and the same to withhold, detaine, keep and Impound, untill the said Annuyty, rent charge and yearely sune of tenn pounds, And the areares thereof if any be, And all such damages and charges as shall happen and arise to the said Elizabeth Blandale [sic] or her assignes by the occasion of the non-payment thereof shalbe fully satisfied and paid.

And my further will and minde is, that if the said Ann Taverner my daughter shall happen to die and departe this life before she shall have attained her full age of one and twenty yeares without Issue of her body that shalbe then liveinge as aforesaid,

That then, in such case and not otherwise, I doe hereby give, devise and bequeath unto Francis Taverner of Corpusty in the County of Norfolk, worstead weaver, and to his heires and assignes, for ever,

All and singuler my messuages, lands, tenements and hereditaments, whatsoever and wheresoever, with their and every of their Appurtenances, upon this condition neverthelesse, and not otherwise,

That he, the said Francis Taverner, his heires and assignes, shall and will ["next after" erased] within one yeare next after the decease of the said Ann Taverner my daughter soe dyinge and departinge this life as aforesaid, pay or cause to be paid all and singuler my debts that shalbe due and owinge to any person or persons whatsoever at the time of the death of the said Ann Taverner my daughter, and all the legacies and sums of money by me in this my last will and testament given and bequeathed that then shalbe due and unpaid as aforesaid,

And upon default of payment thereof my will and meaninge is, And I doe hereby give full power and authority unto my Executrix and Executors hereinafter named, and to the survivor or survivors of them, and the heires, Executors and administrators of such survivor,

To enter into all and singuler my messuages, lands, tenements, hereditaments and premisses, and every or any parte and parcell thereof in the name of the whole, And to have, receive, perceive and take the whole rents, Issues and profitts thereof, for, duringe and untill she, he or they shall have received sufficient thereout to satisfie and pay as well all the said debts and legacies of me, the said Charles Taverner, and by me given, which shalbe due and unpaid at the time of the death of the said Ann Taverner my daughter, together with all maner [of costs] and charges, both in law and equity or elsewhere, that he, she or they shall susteine, expend, lay out or disburse for or by reason of the said Francis Taverners, or his heires, Executors, administrators or assignes breach of the said condition of non payment of the said debts and legacies, or for or by reason of his or their enteringe as aforesaid, And noe longer, nor in any other maner,

And that they shall alsoe receive sufficient to satisfie the yearly sumes herein after mentioned to be allowed to his said Executors and supervisor for their care and paines in managinge these premisses duringe that time,

And furthermore my will and minde is, And I doe hereby give full power and authorety to the said Ann Taverner my mother, Nicholas Parham of Swanton Merly in the County of Norfolk, gent, and Thomas Garret of Gately in the said County, yeoman, and to the survivor or survivors of them, and the heires, Executors and administrators of such survivor, to have, receive, perceive and take, Imediatly ensuinge from and after my decease, for, duringe and untill my said daughter Ann Taverner shall have fully acomplisht and attained to her age of one and twenty yeares, or for, duringe and untill she, my said daughter, shall depart this life without Issue of her body that shalbe liveinge at the time she shall have attained the full age of one and twenty yeares, the yearly rents, Issues and profitts of all and singuler my said messuages, lands, tenements, hereditaments and premises, whatsoever and wheresoever, with their and every of their appurtenances, And also to sell and dispose of my whole personall Estate,

And I doe hereby order and direct that he, she or they shall, yearly and every yeare, duringe the life of my said daughter as aforesaid, or duringe her minority, pay or cause to be paid all and singuler my debts, of whatever nature or kinde soever, And alsoe all and singuler my legacies, Annuyties, Rent charges and yearly summes herein by me given,

And alsoe to pay unto my Executors, Nicholas Parham and Thomas Garrett, and to my supravisor Bartholmew Snellinge of North Elmham aforesaid, gent, their and every of their Respective annuyties and yearly sums of five pounds apeice of good and lawfull money of England hereinafter to them by me given.

All the surplusage of my personall Estate, and of the said yearly profitts, after my debts, Legacies and yearly sumes paid, and after my funerall charges, and other charges and disbursements of my Executrix and Executors hereinafter named defrayed, shalbe preserved and put out at Interest by my said Executrix and Executors, by and with the consent and Approbation of my supravisor, for the benefitt and advantage of my said daughter Ann Taverner, and for and towards her education and maintenance, untill she shall have attained her full age of one and twenty yeares, And then the said surplusage as aforesaid to be paid to her heires, Executors, administrators or assignes.

But if it shall happen that the said Ann Taverner my daughter shall die and depart this life before she shall have attained her full age of one and twenty yeares, without Issue of her body lawfully begotten or to be begotten that shall be liveinge at the time she should have attained to her age of one and twenty yeares,

Then in such case, such part of the said surplusage as aforesaid shalbe equally devided betweene them, the said Ann Taverner my Mother, Roger Rogers, and Elizabeth Blandale, and the survivors of them, or paid to the survivor If such one liveinge,

And then and from thenceforth, from and after the decease of the said Ann Taverner my daughter her said age of one and twenty yeares, without Issue of her body as aforesaid that shalbe liveinge as aforesaid, all and singuler the power and authorety herein last before mentioned touchinge the rents, Issues and profitts of my said Estate duringe the minority of my said daughter to them my said Executrix and Executors herein before given as aforesaid, shall Cease and determine, And such person and persons as shall then have my Reall Estate shall legally discharge and release them and every of them, their and every of their Executors and administrators.

And lastly I doe make, ordaine, nominate and appointe my said deare and loveinge mother Ann Taverner, and my trusty freinds the said Nicholas Parham and Thomas Garrett, my Executrix and Executors of this my last will and testament,

And for their care and paines therein I doe hereby give unto them, the said Nicholas Parham and Thomas Garret, the yearely sume of five pounds apeice, to be by them Received out of the profitts of my said Estate duringe the time herein before limited, and for and toward their charges and expences in yearely accomptinge for the same profitts of my said estate,

And I doe desire that my said Executrix and Executors, or the survivor or survivors of them, will meet once every yeare at North Elmham aforesaid, at some convenient place there, for the stateinge of the said accompts, in the monthes of October and November, for the makeing up of the same,

And I doe hereby [ask] my good freind the said Bartholmew Snellinge to be yearely and every yeare present at the makeinge of the accompt, and that he mayperuse and agree the same, and the entry thereof in the book of accompt by him to be subscribed,

And I doe make him supravisor of this my last will and testament, and for his care and paines herein to be taken herein I doe hereby give unto him the yearely sume of five pounds of like lawfull money of England, to be yearely paid him in the same monthes of October or November, duringe the minority of my said daughter, or untill she shall departe this life before her age of one and twenty yeares without issue of her body that shalbe then liveinge as aforesaid,

And I doe appoint the payment of all and singuler my said legacies to be made and paid in or at the south porch of the parish Church North Elmham aforesaid.

And In witnesse whereof that this is my last will and testament, contained in six sheets of paper, I have to every of the said sheets set my hand and seale, this eight of May in the yeare of our Lord one thousand six hundred eighty and three.

Charles Taverner

Signed, sealed, published and declared to be his last will and testament in the presence of us, who subscribed our names in the presence of the testator.

Oliver Simpson
Edmond Haton
Thomas Reyner

Will of Anne Taverner, 1685

Norfolk Record Office ref W176 f282 (MF213)

In the Name of God, Amen.

I, Anne Taverner, of North Elmham in the County of Norfolk, Widow, being in perfect Health and memory, prised be God for the same, yet subject to Mortality, whereby I am daily drawne to the Consideracion of this transitory Life, and the Uncertainty thereof, doe make and ordaine this my last Will and Testament in Writing, Revokinge all former Wills by me made, in manner and form following, (that is to say),

First and above all things I comitt and Commend my soule into the hands of Almighty God my heavenly Father, hopinge and assuredly trusting in, by and through the mercifull [merits] and mediation of my Blessed Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ my Sins shall be forgiven, my iniquities pardoned and I made a Joyfull Inheritour of the Kingdom of heaven,

And my Body I comitt to the Earth from whence It came, to bee decently buried at the discretion of my Executrix hereafter named,

And as to that small worldly Estate wherewith it hath pleased Almighty God to make me disposer of, I doe Give and bequeath the Same in Manner and form following.

Item, I Give and bequeath unto my loving brother Roger Rogers all that my Bedd and beadstead, with all the Furniture thereunto belonging, as it now standeth in the Roometh of the house where he, the said Roger Rogers now lyeth or useth to lye, and all those Chaires and little Table Likewise there nowe standing,

And alsoe I Give and bequeath unto him, the said Roger Rogers, one pare of Good sheetes, to be delivered unto him Immediately after my decease by my Executrix ["to be delivered unto him Immediately after my decease by my Executrix" repeated] hereafter named,

And all and singular other my Goods, Cattle, Chattles, household stuffe, Plate, Jewells, Ready Money and Personall Estate whatsoever, of what nature or kind soever not hereinbefore given and bequeathed, I doe give, bequeath [and] devise the same unto my Neece Elizabeth Wandall, my Sisters Daughter, her and her Heires who now liveth with me, for ever.

And Lastly I doe hereby nominate, appoint, ordaine and make her, the said Elizabeth Wandall, my sole Executrix of this my last Will and Testament.

In Witness that this is my last Will and Testament, Conteyned in this sheete of Paper, I have hereunto sett my hand and seale, this seven and twentieth day of November in the year of our Lord one thousand six hundred eighty and five.

Ann Taverner

Read, sealed, published and declared to be her last Will and Testament, Revoking all former Wills by her made, the day it beareth date, In the Presence of us, after the Interlineations of "and hereby us"

Thomas Boddy
the marke of Alice Browne
Jo: Covell
Sarah Money

Proved: 24th February 1689.
Examined by me.

London Pedigrees and Coats of Arms

FROM ADD. MS. 5533 AND HARL. MSS. 1086 and 1096.*

Richers.

[Add. MS. 5533, fo. 143.]

ARMS.—*Argent, three annulets azure.*

John Richers 2^d son of John Richers of Richers Castle, $\overline{\text{—}}$
purchased the Manr of Swennington with divers other
lands in Norfolk 20th of Edw. 4th An^o 1481.

John Richers Esq. $\overline{\text{—}}$ Eliz. Da. & Coheir of Bryan Stapleton of Ingham in co.
son & heire. Norfolk. *Argent, a lion rampant sable.*

Henry Richers Esq. $\overline{\text{—}}$ Cicely Da. & heire of [Rob.] Tills of Sallowes in Norfolk.
son & heir. *Gules, a chevron between three eagles' heads argent.*

[For other issue Henry Richers $\overline{\text{—}}$ Eliz. Da. of [Ric.] Appleton of Essex 1st wife.
see Vis. of Nor- Esq. son & *Argent, a fess sable between three apples proper,*
folk (Harl. Soc.).] heir. *stalked vert.*

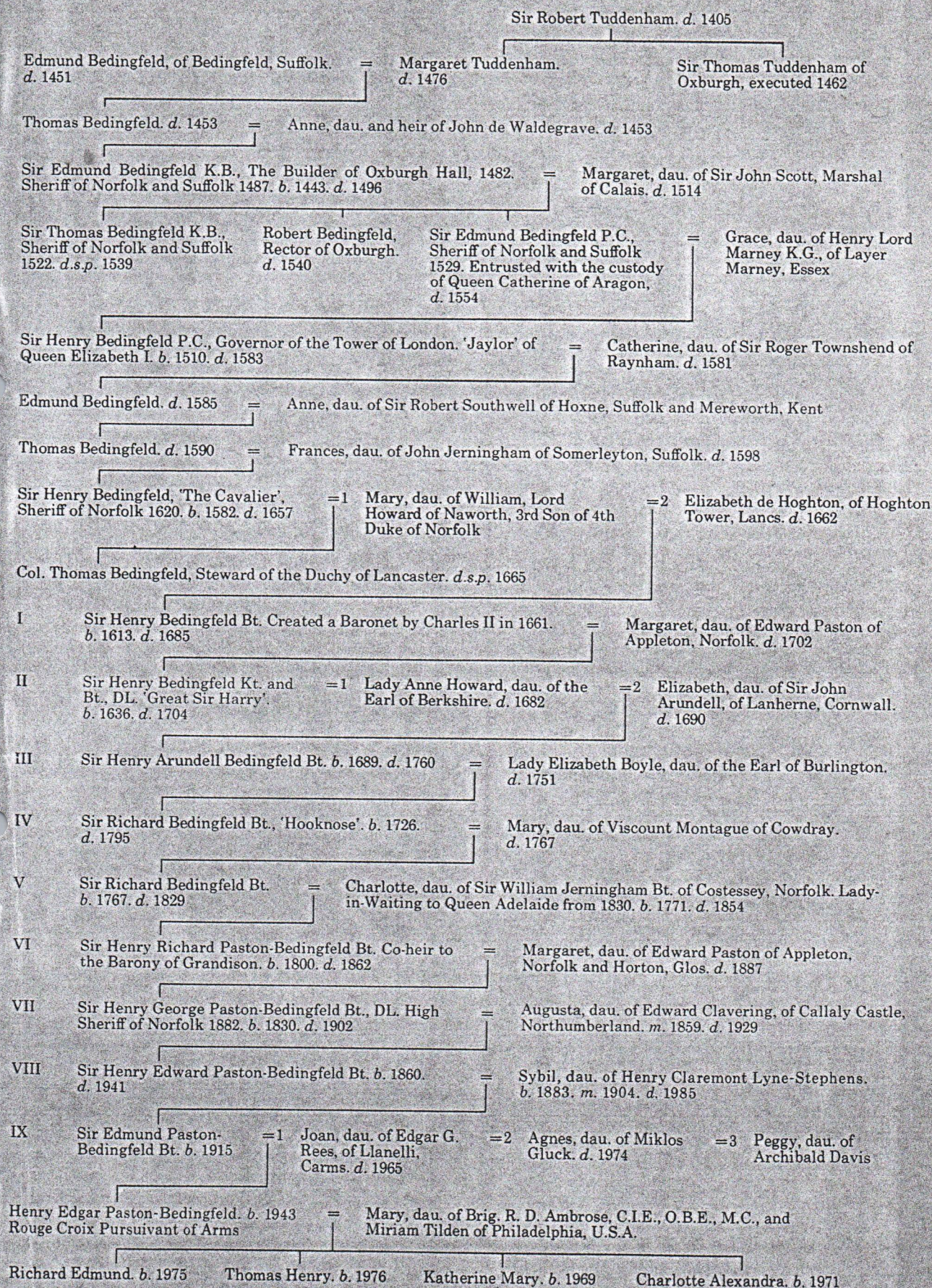
Edmond Richers Esq. $\overline{\text{—}}$ Eliz. Da. of Sr Hen. Bedingfield Knt.
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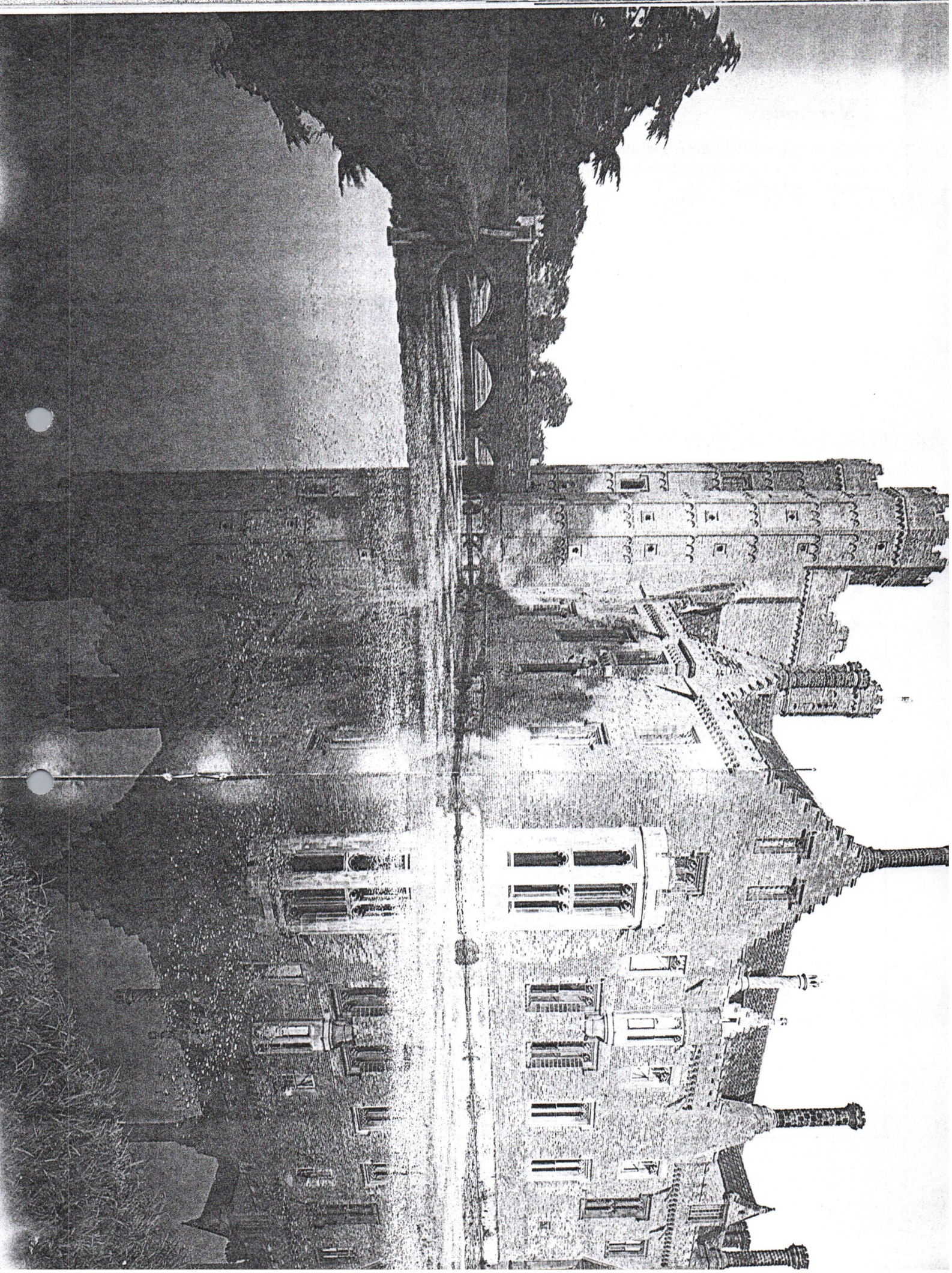
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wife of Francis Min- Coh. wife of Coh. wife of Sr Thos. Crowthorn Knt.
gay Justice of the Rich. Ben- Thos. *Argent, on a saltire gules five*
Peace in Surry. dis. Taverner. *cross-crosslets or.*

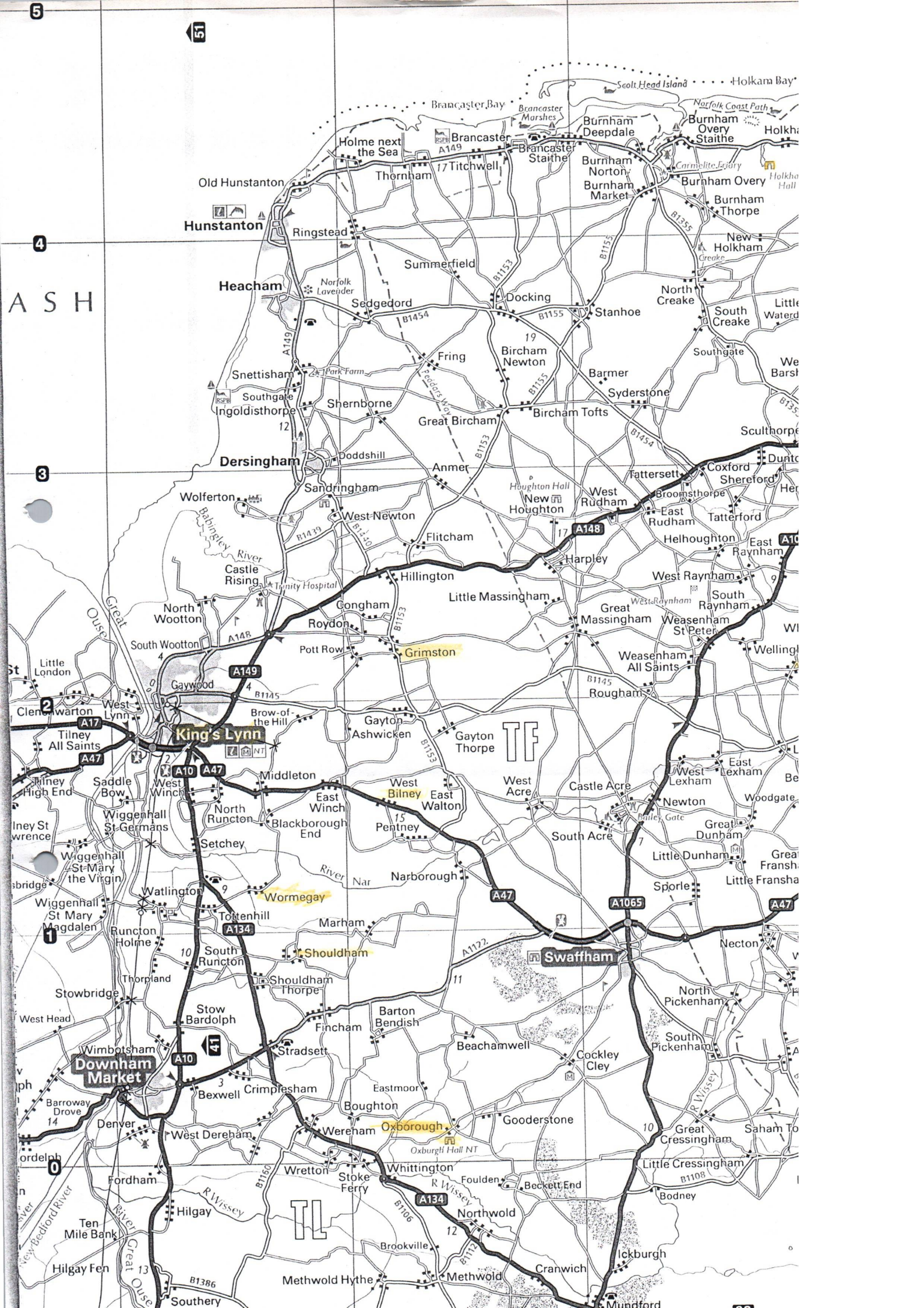
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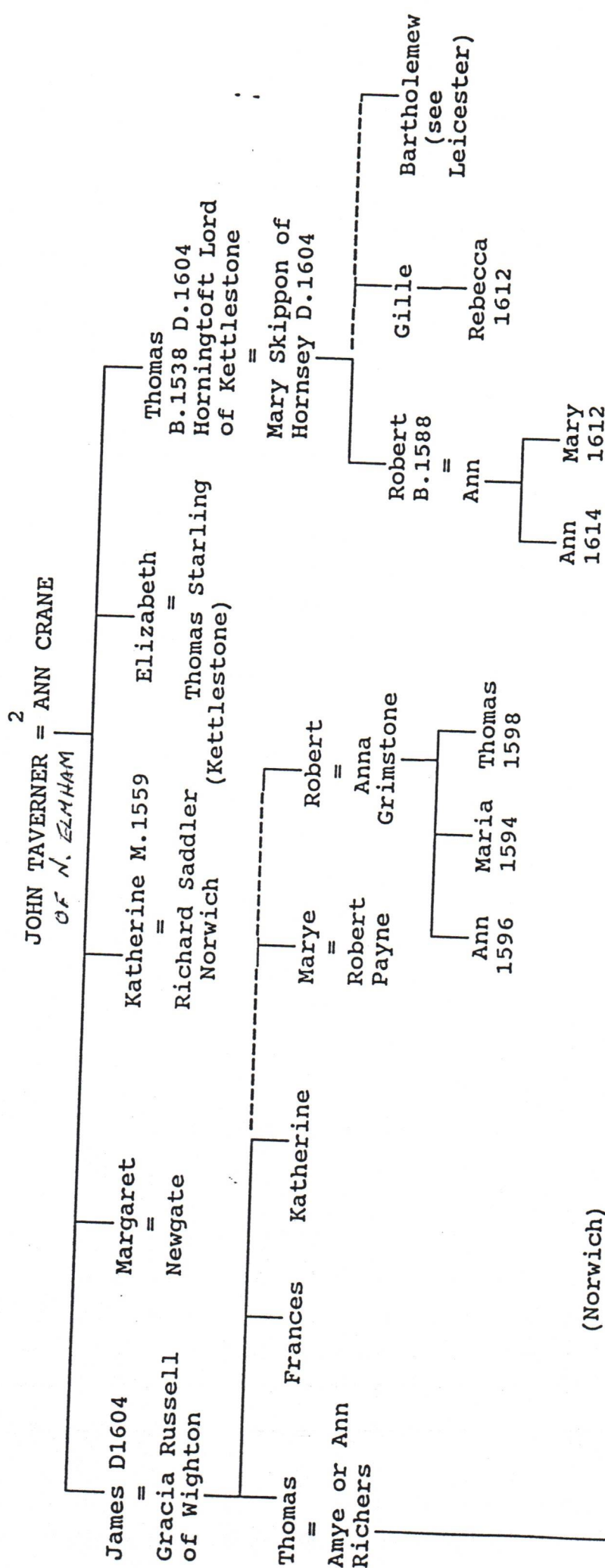
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LATER NORFOLK TAVERNERS

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(Norwich)
Sebastian = Elizabeth
alive in 1666
(Heart Tox)

Isaac
1652
1657
Mary
1654
Elizabeth
1647
Sebastian
1649
Thomas
1663

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Peter Carpenter 1670

*Taver 2 1618
Holtford Norfolk*

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Norfolk Hearth Tax 1664 al666
East Derham Ann Taverner Wid
Heydon, Francis Taverner
Kings Lynn Widd Taverner
Norwich Safbasten Taverner

Spinster
died 1655

alive 1664

Thomas 1601
(N. Elmham) (T)
= Mary
(N. Runciton)
Margaret
Middleton
m 1639

Elizabeth 1604
(T)

Francis 1609
(H)

Robert 1614
(H)

Henry
= Ann Rogers
(N. Elmham)
of Westminster
died

Richard 1636
(King's Lynn)

Elizabeth Reddencote

Mary 1635
John 1632
died 1685
starch maker
K.L.

John 1643
= Ann Davie
1674 (K.L.)

James 1646

Francis 1640
(H)

Helen 1640

Ann 1636

John 1643
= Ann Davie
1674 (K.L.)
died 1685
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K.L.

Francis 1640
(H)

Helen 1640

Ann 1636

Baptist & died
Crossier, E. Durham
Norfolk.

K.L.

Davy 1683

Sarah 1677

Edward 1684

Mary 1678

James 1675

John 1681

Nicholas 1680

Amie 1638
died 1654

Anne 1637
1643
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died 1654?

Grace 1645

Henry 1636
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Payton 1643
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Richard 1646

CHARLES
died 1684?

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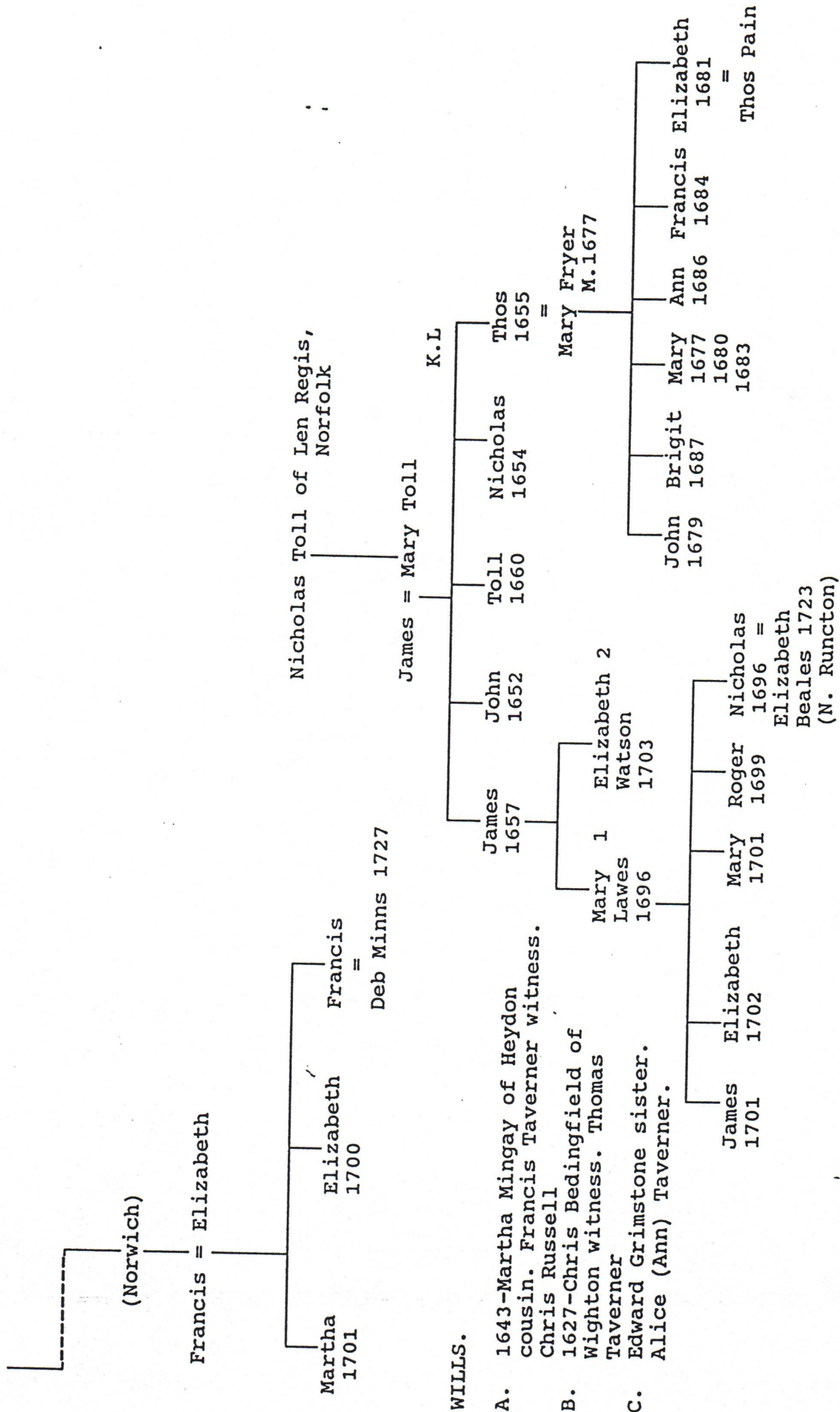
Jane Scarlet

Ann 1682

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John Taverner
Took them 1714
sold 1734
to Theodorus Host
1778 Diner Host

3 roads of land
lying near
Hard meadows.

1658
inherited Books
from S. Father
Thomas T. gaut



26th Sept^r 1778

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(That is to say) To three rods of Land lying near Harcl Meadows Which Premises the said Theodorus Hoste had and took up to him and his Heirs at a Special Court Baron hold for the said Manor the third day of February One thousand seven hundred and thirty four on the Surrender of John Taverner Starvey And thereupon the said Dixon Hoste is admitted Tenant to the said Premises To Whom the Lords of the said Manor by the Hands of the said or in Deputy Steward delivered Said in thereof by the Rod To hold to him the said Dixon Hoste and the Heirs of his Body at the Will of the Lords according to the Custom of the said Manor by the Ancient Rents and Services &c therefore due and of right accustomed saving every One Right &c And he gives to the Lord for a Fine &c. And his Fealty is Respited Until &c.

Hoste Dixon Esq^r } To this Court Comes Dixon Hoste Requires a Copyhold Tenant
Cur^r for a Recovery } of the said Manor in person and Surrenders out of his Hands
into the Hands of the Lords of the said Manor by the hands
of the said Deputy Steward by the Rod All and every the or in
Lands and Hereditaments whatsoever of him the said Dixon
Hoste holden of the said Manor by Copy of Court Roll with
the Appurtenances And the Reversion and Reversions
Remainder and Remainders thereof And all the Estate
Right Title Interest Property Claim and demand whatsoever
of him the said Dixon Hoste of in and to the same Premises or
with their Appurtenances To the use and behoof of George
Paley his Heirs and Assigns for Ever To the intent that a
Common Recovery may be suffered thereof as hereafter
appears

[Sheet 7]

The Special Court Baron, 3 February 5 George I (1734/35)

Host, Theodorus Esquire, by the Surrender of John Taverner Harvey

To this Court Cometh John Taverner Harvey, Gent, Copyhold tenant of the said Mannor, And in Open Court, before the homage, doth surrender Out of his hands, into the hands of the Lords of the said Mannor, by the hands of his Steward,

All and Singular his Messuages, Lands, Tenements and Hereditaments whatsoever of him, the said John Taverner Harvey, holden of the said Mannor by Copy of Court Roll,

And the Reversion and Reversions, Remainder and Remainders thereof, with their Appurtenances,

To the use and Behoofe of Theodorus Host Esquire, and of his heirs for ever,

Who being present here in Court, in his proper person, Craves the favour of the Lords of the said Mannor to be Admitted tenant to the premisses soe as aforesaid Surrendred by the said John Taverner Harvey (that is to say).

To three roods of Land lying near Hardmeadows

And thereupon the said Theodorus Host is Admitted tenant accordingly.

To whom the Lords of the said Mannor, by the hands of their said Steward, doth deliver seizin by the Rods.

To hold to him, the said Theodorus Host, and his heirs, at the will of the Lords, according to the Custome of the said Mannor, by the antient rents and services whereby the same are held due and payable, saving everyones Right etc, and Doing fealty etc.

[Later note in Margin: 26 Sept 1778: Dixon Hoste adm[itted]]

North Elmham Manor Court Records - Dean & Chapter of Norwich Cathedral

Norfolk Record Office ref MF/X/ 184/5 Ch. Comm. 135471

Taverner references

[Sheet 1]

The General Court held in the same place 4 November 27 Charles II (1675)

Homage includes Charles Taverner.

[Sheet 2]

The General Court held in the same place on Wednesday 3 November 2 James II (1686)

Ann Taverner

Whereas, at the last court held here, the homage of this court presented upon their corporal oath that Charles Taverner, bondman of this manor, had died since the last court held here, and that Ann Taverner, of age four years, more or less, was the daughter and right heir of the said Charles Taverner,

And because she did not come etc, therefore at the said court a proclamation etc was made for the first time, according to the custom of this manor;

Now to this court came Thomas Garritt and sought, on behalf of the said Ann, that she, the said Ann, might be admitted to the lands and tenements held in bond of this manor, of which her said father died seised, so that they might descend to her as her right and inheritance, and after the death of her father aforesaid;

That is to say, to three roods of bond land lying near Hard Meadows, which at this court, held on the sixteenth of July in the year of Our Lord one thousand six hundred and fifty eight, her said father took, to hold to him and his heirs by right of inheritance etc, and after the death of Thomas Taverner, gentleman, grandfather of the said Charles Taverner.

And she, the said Ann Taverner, was admitted as tenant thereof, and to her, the said Ann, through the hands of Thomas Garritt her attorney, the Lords of this manor, through the steward of this court, delivered seisin thereof by rod [symbolic handing over of a twig or branch], according to the custom of this manor,

To have and to hold to her and her heirs, at the will of the Lords, according to the custom of the manor etc, yielding the services and customs due in respect thereof and by right accustomed, saving everyone's right, and she gave to the Lords, as a fine etc [note in margin; Fine 53s] and fealty indeed was respited until [she should be of full age etc].

[Later note in Margin: 3 r[oods]: John Taverner Harvey took [them] 1714.]

[Sheet 3]

The General Court held in the same place 12 November 2 William & Mary (1690)

Recognizance Money

To this court came John Rud, Bondman of this manor, and made paid the arrears concerning the warrant directed to him to collect fifteen shillings due to Henry Fairfax, Professor of Theology, upon installation to the Deanery of the Cathedral Church of Norwich, according to the custom of this manor, to be paid by the separate tenants of this manor in equal proportions, that is to say, in this manner;

	s	d		s	d
John Woodcocke	0	4	Robert Shackle	0	2
Andrew Everard	0	11	John Culling	0	5 1/2
Thomas Davy Esquire	4	3	Hannah Harper and		
Clere Leverington	0	2	Jane Francis	0	1 1/2
Richard Browne	0	1 1/2	Ann Taverner	0	1
Robert Cubitt	1	3	William Bacon	0	1
Nathaniel Duckett	0	4 1/2	Michael Newton	0	1
William Ramsey	0	2	Mary Westun and		
Robert Antill	0	1	Susan Westun	0	2 1/2
John Shackle	0	2 1/2	Francis Webster	0	1
Henry Timperly Esquire	4	3	John Rudd	0	4 1/2

[Sheet 4]

[No Taverners mentioned; the name in the margin of the right hand page is Turner (Charles Turner and John West).]

[Sheet 5]

[No Taverners mentioned.]

[Sheet 6]

The General Court Baron held in the same place 7 November 5 George I (1718)

Homage includes John Taverner Harvey.