

## WILLS

Source: Private papers held by the current Lord of the Manor Mr Jonathan Milford, except for the following:

Robert Chard, James Pering and James Perring -  
Private papers of Mr Cecil Coleman

Name		Type	Date
CHARD	Elizabeth	Copy	14.3.1815
CHARD	Robert	Originals of both Will & Probate	9.2.1826
COGAN	Robert	Original plus Inventory	10.6.1723 20.5.1729
COX	William Blatch	Abstract	2.1.1856
EAMES	James	Copy	29.10.1908
PERING	James	Original	19.7.1869
PERRING	James	Original	3.7.1861
POMROY	George	Original	14.6.1887
PRYER	William Henry Isaac	Abstract	29.9.1913
RICE	Mary	Copy	30.12.1834
SALWAY	John	Probate copy	12.10.1848
SMITH	Isaac Lisle	Probate copy	21.7.1943
SMITH	Maria Jane	Abstract	4.2.1944
TIDY	Bernard Thomas Walter	Copy	15.7.1960
TURNER	Ann(e)	Original	18.11.1729
WALE	John	Copy	6.5.1932
WALE	Joseph	Probate copy	26.6.1893
WALE	Robert	Note (A)	7.2.1857
WALE	Susan Mary	Probate copy	29.9.1948
WATTS	Walter	Original	29.3.1886
WOODCOCK	Anna Harriot	Probate	18.8.1910
WORNER	George Eli	Probate copy	19.12.1938

Note (A)

Extracts taken from Conveyance and separate Statement of Account dated June 1893.

Extracts of Will given below.

Will made 14.3.1815

Codicil added 9.4.1818

To my nephew John Kibby my orchard at Churchill

To my niece Elizabeth Kibby my cottage, garden and orchard at Chardstock, now (1815) in the possession of my brother-in-law John Seward

To my niece Mary Kibbey my Copyhold tenement at Chardstock called 'Late Wyatts'

To my sister Rachael Amor £30

To my sister Mary Paul £5

To my sister Rubith Seward £5

To Matthew Kibbey of Chardstock, Yeoman, the residue of my Estate

Trust for maintenance/education of my nephew and nieces John Kibbey, Elizabeth Kibbey and Mary Kibbey until they reach the age of 21.

Matthew Kibbey appointed Executor.

Witnesses: Rawl Mallock Axminster, James Pering & James Pering Junr.

Amendment (Codicil) dated 9.4.1818

The £30 to be left to her sister, Rachael Amor, is revoked and made void.

Witnesses: Rawl Mallock Attorney at Law Axminster & Thomas Mallock.

Note: Contains surname spelling of both Kibby and Kibbey.

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**ORIGINALS OF BOTH THE WILL AND PROBATE OF ROBERT CHARD YEOMAN OF THE  
PARISH OF CHARDSTOCK**

**CHRG Scan no. 2353**

Extracts of Will dated 9.2.1826. Proved at Sarum [Bishop of Salisbury] 3.3.1830.

Executor James Perring the Elder, Nephew of the Testator.

By his Will Robert Chard directed the following:

To my Nephew James Pering (the Son of my deceased Sister Elizabeth) - ALL that my Copyhold Farm commonly known as Hakes in the Parish and Manor of Chardstock. From this inheritance legacies were to be paid:

To my Nephew Jacob Perrin or Perin [sic] (the Son of my deceased Sister Elizabeth) - £10.

To my Nephew Isaac Pering (the Son of my deceased Sister Elizabeth) - £5

To my servant Mary Potter - £10

Also to my Nephew James Perring - All those my two Copyhold Orchards called Copy Plot and Copy Orchard situated at Farway.

To my Great Nephew James Pering (the Son of my Nephew James Pering) - ALL those my three Freehold Orchards and Meadow situated at Yard. From this inheritance legacies were to be paid:

To my Brother William - £5

To my Brother William's two Sons Robert and John and his Daughter Elizabeth - £2 10s 0d each.

To my Nephew James Chard (the Son of my deceased Brother Richard) - £2

To my Nephew James Pering the Elder - The residue of my entire estate after payment of debts, expenses etc.

Witnesses to Will - Thomas Symes, Thomas Bowbidge [sic] and George Kite.

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**ORIGINAL WILL OF ROBERT COGAN, YEOMAN, OF LODGE IN THE PARISH OF AXMINSTER**

**CHRG Scan no. 2355**

Extracts of Will given below.

Will dated 10.6.1723

Lands called Great Lawn, Harts Ground and Pond Meadow lying in Axminster plus the yearly sum of £12 to my niece Joan the now wife of Edward Wyatt and the same unto my niece Elizabeth Cogan, Spinster.

Lands called Slades Beaver lying in Axminster to my niece Catherine Cogan, Spinster.

To my niece Sarah, the wife of Robert Woodman, those lands known by the name Kentsbears field.

Messuage and Tenement called Ford in the Parish of Chardstock to my niece Mary James, Widow.

Messuage and Tenement called Coxden in the Parish of Chardstock to my niece Sarah, the wife of Robert Woodman.

Messuage and Tenement called Lodge in the Parish of Axminster to my niece Elizabeth Cogan, Spinster.

Messuage and Tenement plus the Water Grist Mills and Fulling Mills called Coxden Mills within the Parish of Chardstock to my niece Bridget, the wife of Thomas Bowditch.

To my sister Bridget Deane £10.

To my nephew John Deane of Chardstock £50.

To my nephew William Deane of Chard £20.

To my nephew Isaac Deane of Chard all the money he owes me at the time of my decease. I also give unto my said nephew Isaac Deane £20.

To my niece Elizabeth Mallack, Widow, £10.

To my niece Bridget Cornish £10.

To my sister Anne Turner £5.

To my niece Joane, the wife of Edward Wyatt, £50 and to my Kinswoman Mary Carter £5.

To William Sugar, the younger son of William Sugar of Coxden, £50 to be paid when he reaches the age of 21.

Ann Sugar, daughter of William Sugar the elder, £90 to be paid when she reaches the age of 21.

To my kinsman Thomas Bowdidge of Bealey, Chardstock £5 at the rate of 2s 6d per week.

The remainder of the estate not specified above to my sister Mary Cogan.

Sole Executrix Mary Cogan, sister of Robert Cogan.

Witnesses: Fran. Pinney John Symes Alice Collins

Mary Cogan subsequently died and by an attached, but separate, document dated 15.10.1735 John Deane, William Deane, Elizabeth Mallack and Bridget Cornish, the Executors of the Will of Mary Cogan, were granted authority to act as administrators to the Will of Robert Cogan.

See also the Will of Anne Turner, the sister of Robert Cogan.

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## **INVENTORY OF ROBERT COGAN'S GOODS CHATLES MORTGAGES AND BONDS**

Inventory dated 20.5.1729.

A true and perfect Inventory of all & Singular the goods Chattells Rights & Creditts of Robert Cogan late of Axminster in the County of Devon Gent Taken & appraised by us whose Names are hereunto subscribed this 20th day of May Anno Dni 1729.

	£	s	d
Imprimis in his Lodging Chamber his Wearing Apparell	5	0	0
Item one Bed performed	5	0	0
Item one Press for Clothes	0	8	0
Item one Coffe & one Desk & 5 Silver Spoons	1	15	0
Item in the Woolchamber one Box & one Truckle Bed & also one standing Bedd	1	10	0
Item in the Kitchen Chamber one Bed performed	2	0	0
Item one Box & one Chest of Drawers	0	10	0

Item in the Hall Chamber One Bedstead one smal Round Table Board & 8 Timber Chairs	0	18	0
Item in the Stair Case one Clock	2	2	0
Item in the Kitchen One Long Table Board One Settle 5 joint stooles, One Jack One Spit 2 Back Crooks 3 Chairs, a Salt Barrell, a pair of Brandyes a fire pan & pair of Tongs One Grid Iron a Backon Rack & 2 shelves a dozen & half of pewter Dishes 2 Dozen of Tre.....	2	10	0
Item in the Room within the Kitchen One Long Table Board & forme 2 Joint Stooles One Cupboard 2 Chaires & one Brass Warming pan a Pestle & Mortar	1	0	0
Item in the Milk house ten Brass pans 16 Cheese flatts a Cheese siller(?) & a forme	3	0	0
Item in the Buttery 3 hogsheads & a Quarter Barrill One ..... Try, One Buckett 5 shelves 2 Timber Flaggons & 2 Bowl Dishes & a pair of Timber Weights	1	0	0
Item in the Brakehouse 2 Boilers 2 Crocks 3 Kettles 2 Skilletts a frying pan One Skewer 2 Driping Ladles a flesh pick & 2 Ranges(?)	2	10	0
Item in the Hall One Settle one form 2 pair of fire Doggs	0	5	0
Item in the Cellar 1 Punchion 2 Hogsheads 5 Half Hogsheads	1	5	0
Item in Dairy House 3 Cheese stands, 6 Tubbs, 6 Pailes	0	15	0
Item in the Chamber over the Dairy House 7 Hogsheads one half hogshead & one Chest	2	0	0
Item in the Chamber over the Wringhouse 5 Butts 4 Hogsheads 5 Lathers 3 Peck axes an Iron Barr	2	0	0
Item in the Wringhouse a Cider Wring & Mill 3 Butts One Hogshead	3	0	0
Item in the Cellar next the Wringhouse 7 Butts	2	2	0
Item one pair of Wheeles 2 Sulls, 2 pair of Harrows a smal Cart & Wheels 2 Axes 6 Borriers 2 Hatchetts 2 s.....s & Horse Tackling	2	10	0
Item 6 pair of Sheets 4 Table Cloths a Dozen & half of Table Napkins	2	10	0
Item 4 Horses	20	0	0
Item One Bull & 7 milch Cows	30	0	0
Item a Yoke of Oxen	8	0	0
Item 44 Ewes	16	0	0
Item 33 Sheep Hoggs	11	10	0
Item 33 Lambs	4	10	0
Item 3 Swines	2	0	0
Item in Hay	5	0	0
Item a Chattle Lease of Koulsberes feilds 1 Life	100	0	0
Item a Chattle Lease of 6 Closes called Berr 2 Lives	180	0	0
Item 2 Chattle Leases of Culhay & Long Culhay 2 Lives on each Lease	300	0	0
Item a Mortgage of 400£ due from Mr. Geo. Warry	400	0	0
Item a Mortgage of 40£ due from Wm. Crow	40	0	0
Item a Mortgage of 100£ from from Jno. White	100	0	0
Item a Mortgage of 40£ from Esqr. Bragg	40	0	0
Item a Mortgage of 60£ from Mr. Ralph Eggerton	60	0	0
Item a Mortgage of 100£ from Geo. Strong	100	0	0
Item a Bond of 20£ from Mr. P. Towgood	20	0	0
Item a Bond & Bill of 40£ from Richd. Linckon	40	0	0
Item a Bond of 30£ from Mr. Tho. Whilly	30	0	0

Item a Bond of 30£ from Nath. Whilly	30	0	0
Item a Bond of 30£ from Henry Whilly	30	0	0
Item a Bond of 50£ from R. Woodman	50	0	0
Item a Bond of 50£ from Geo. Domett Junr.	50	0	0
Item a Bond of 40£ from [blank]	40	0	0
Item a Bond of 50£ from Mr. Jos. Skinner	50	0	0
Item a Bond of 50£ from Mr. Wakely	50	0	0
Item a Bond of 30£ from [blank]	30	0	0
Item a Bond of 20£ from Tho. Raymond	20	0	0
Item a Bond of 20£ from Mr. Jos. Hutchings	20	0	0
Item a Bond of 200£ from Mr. Paul	200	0	0
Item a Bond of 100£ from Mr. Wm. Domett	100	0	0
Item a Bond of 30£ from Robt. Stonehouse	30	0	0
Item a Bond of 40£ from Jno. & Wm. White	40	0	0
Item a Bond of 50£ from [blank]	50	0	0
Item a Bond of 12£ from Jno. Denslow	12	0	0
Item a Bond of 30£ from John Tucker	30	0	0
Item a Bond of 10£ from Tho. Newbury	10	0	0
Item a Bond of 24£ from [blank]	24	0	0
Item a Bond of 20£ from D. Cook	20	0	0
Item a Bond of 10£ from Wm. Dighteat	10	0	0
Item a Mortgage of 36 from Robt. Woolley	36	0	0
Item a Note of Hand from John Domett	30	0	0
Item a Note of Hand from Joan Warry	6	0	0
Item a Note of Hand from Mr. Sam. Ramson	50	0	0
Item a Note of Hand from Mr. Cornish for	35	0	0
Item a Note of Hand from Mr. Sealy(?) for	5	0	0
Item a Note of Hand from Jno. Symes for	20	0	0
Item a Note of Hand from Mr. Steph. Towgood	20	0	0
Item a Note of Hand from Jno. Baily for	10	0	0
Item a Note of Hand from Malachy Mallack Junr.	10	0	0
Item a Note of Hand from Tho. Dunning for	0	13	0
Item a Note from Joan Linckon	2	10	0
Item Money in House	48	11	0
Item Books	6	0	0
Item in Lumber & Things Forgotten	5	0	0

John Newcomen  
John Bryant  
John Symes  
Isaac Deane

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**SOLICITORS' SHORTHAND ABSTRACT OF WILL OF WILLIAM BLATCH COX OF  
COMBE ST. NICHOLAS** **CHRG Scan no. 2356**

Will dated 2.1.1856.

William Blatch Cox died 22.8.1876.

William Blatch Cox directed that his entire estate pass to his wife, Sarah Cox, his daughter, Anne Deane Cox, and his friend, John Bird (the three named Executors). On the death of his wife, or her remarriage, her part to pass to his daughter Anne Deane Cox.

Will Proved Taunton District Registry 23.12.1876 by surviving Executors Sarah Cox and Anne Deane Cox. (John Bird presumably died prior to the Will being Proved).

Sarah Cox died 29.12.1888 leaving Anne Deane Cox sole surviving beneficiary.

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**COPY OF WILL OF JAMES EAMES**

**CHRG Scan no. 2357**

Extracts of Will given below.

Will dated 29.10.1908

Testator died 11.8.1913

Will proved at Winchester District Registry 3.10.1913

James Eames of Titchfield, Hampshire, Gentleman, left his entire estate to his five brothers and sisters named as John, Edward, Sarah Jane, Mary and Lydia Eames of Broad Oak, Wambrook.

Brother Edward Eames appointed sole Executor.

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**ORIGINAL WILL OF JAMES PERING OF CHARDSTOCK**

**CHRG Scan no. 2351**

Extracts of Will dated 19.7.1869.

Executor Ezra Pering, Son of James Pering.

By his Will James Pering directed that his entire estate was to pass to his Son Ezra Pering, including a Life Assurance Policy for £200 on the life of William Turner.

Signed and sealed by James Pering.

Witnessed by John Welch and Richard Deane.

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**ORIGINAL WILL OF JAMES PERRING, YEOMAN OF HAKES  
IN THE PARISH OF CHARDSTOCK**

**CHRG Scan no. 2352**

Extracts of Will dated 3.7.1861.

Executor James Perring, the Son of the Testator.

By his Will James Perring directed the following:

To his Grandson James Perring - "My clock and case".

To his Grandson Ezra Perring - "My two clothes boxes, my small round oak table and my corner cupboard".

To his Son James - "All that copyhold tenement called Hakes in the said parish of Chardstock consisting of a dwelling house garden orchards and several closes of land containing by estimation about eighteen acres in the joint occupations of myself and my said son James and now held for the life of William Turner." Also a Life Assurance Policy for £200 in the name of William Turner.

Also to his Son James - "All that my Freehold dwelling house garden and orchard situate in the said parish of Chardstock called Bridges containing about half an acre now in the occupation of my Grandson James Perring."

His two Daughters Elizabeth (the wife of John Mellish) and Phoebe (the wife of James Bentley) received £5 each as a small token of his love. Their inheritance was small because they had previously received their parts of the estate as recorded in the Will as "I have at different times made advances to my two daughters ..... which I consider equal to the value of the gift and devise hereinbefore".

Witnessed by [Illegible] Chard, Somerset and Charles Denning.

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**ORIGINAL HAND WRITTEN WILL OF GEORGE POMROY, FARMER, OF TYTHERLEIGH  
CHRG Scan no. 2358**

Extracts of Will given below.

Will made 14.6.1887

Sole Executrix - Elizabeth Pomroy, the wife of George Pomroy.

To my wife, Elizabeth Pomroy, for the term of her life provided she remain my widow - ALL my Copyhold tenement in which I reside and all land belonging to the same. ALSO my Freehold House, garden and orchard on Tytherleigh Hill now occupied by Henry Cousins.

After the death or second marriage of my said wife, I give the above mentioned Copyhold and Freehold tenements to my daughter Fanny Toms, the wife of William Toms for her life.

Witnessed by: Thomas Bentley, Fordwater, Chardstock & Annie Phippen,  
Fordwater, Chardstock

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**SOLICITOR'S SHORTHAND ABSTRACT OF THE WILL OF WILLIAM HENRY ISAAC  
PRYER ESQ. J.P. FOR DORSET OF FOTHERINGHAY, ALUMHURST ROAD,  
BOURNEMOUTH, COUNTY OF SOUTHAMPTON** **CHRG Scan no. 2359**

Extracts of the Will given below.

William Henry Isaac Pryer died at Fotheringhay, Bournemouth 10.3.1918.

Will made 29.9.1913.

Proved 20.12.1918.

Executors & Trustees: Son William Isaac Pryer, Estate Agent, of Lymington, Hampshire.  
Son Ernest Arthur Pryer, Architect, of City of Gloucester.  
Daughter Beatrice Marion Pryer of Clifton, Gloucester.



Mrs Mary Rice, deceased. Robert Cuff remained as the third Trustee.

This second document carries the endorsement 'Re Turners & Purdishay'. The wording of the agreement confirms that Mrs Mary Rice held the mortgage to these properties - see separate Indenture dated 16.7.1817 Purdeshay & Turners under which Robert and John Apsey "stand bound unto the said Mary Rice in the sum of fifty pounds".

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**PROBATE COPY OF THE WILL OF JOHN SALWAY, THE ELDER, YEOMAN, OF HATCH  
BEAUCHAMP, SOMERSET** **CHRG Scan no. 2361**

Extracts of Will given below (includes information from Conveyance dated 26.9.1859).

John Salway died 1.3.1858.

Will made 12.10.1848.

Proved 21.4.1859

Executors & Trustees:      Son John Salway, Butcher, of Hatch Beauchamp, Somerset.  
   Daughter Louisa Cousins, wife of Robert Cousins, Yeoman, of  
   West Hatch, Somerset.

The entire estate of John Salway to be divided in equal share between his six children including "ALL THAT my Freehold Orchard situate in Chardstock called Swards". In addition to his one sixth share share, Son William Salway to receive £10.

The children are recorded as:

Daughter Louisa Cousins - as above.  
Daughter Sarah Toms, wife of John Toms, Plumber &  
Glazier, of Wellington, Somerset.  
Daughter Betsey, wife of James Kellaway or Kelway,  
Nurseryman, of Huish Episcopi, Somerset.  
Daughter Lucy, wife of Thomas Cuff James, Butcher, of Bristol.  
Son John Salway - as above.  
Son William, Butcher, of Durston, Somerset.

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**PROBATE COPY OF WILL OF ISAAC LISLE SMITH**

**CHRG Scan no. 2362**

Will dated 21.7.1943.

Testator died 21.9.1943 at Monkstone, Lyme Road, Axminster.

Will Proved 3.4.1944 at Llandudno Principal Probate Registry.

Executors and Trustees named as Maria Jane Smith of Monkstone, Lyme Road, Axminster, widow of deceased, Alick Lisle Smith Garage Proprietor of Tytherleigh House, Tytherleigh, son of deceased and William Graham Forward Solicitor of Axminster.

Isaac Lisle Smith of Monkstone, Lyme Road, Axminster directed that:

My Wife Maria Jane Smith receive £100 together will all my personal effects.

My freehold property called Monkstone, Lyme Road to be placed upon Trust for the benefit of my said wife for her life. After her death the property shall form part of my residuary estate.

My freehold property known as Pinneys Cottage, Chardstock (O.S. Map No. 790) and adjoining plot called Bean Close (O.S. No. 792) I devise to my Grand-daughter Kathleen Walker Smith. The tenant of Pinneys Cottage, Mrs. Condor, to be allowed to remain there for as long as she shall desire.  
The tenant of Bean Close, Mr. J Lane to pay rent at the rate of £14 per annum.

For his faithful attendance and service to me in latter years, I devise to Hubert Apsey of Hakes Farm, Chardstock free of duty the two commons and small field (O.S. nos. 1174, 1176 and 914) which he rents of me.

I bequeath to my said Wife an annuity of £300.

I devise and bequeath to my Son Alick Lisle Smith all my real and personal property not otherwise specifically disposed of above.

The Probate copy of the Will then contains twelve subsequent endorsements, summarised below in date order:

- 24.6.1944 By Conveyance Higher and Lower Farway Farms, Chardstock were sold by Isaac Lisle Smith in fee simple to Frederick Palmer Eames.
- 25.7.1944 Assent of Vesting to Alick Lisle Smith of the following:  
1) Blacksmith's premises, yard and adjoining plot of garden ground situated at the junction of Manor Road and Fore Street, Seaton, Devon  
2) Two freehold properties known as Nos. 58 and 60 Fore Street, Seaton.  
3) Plot of garden ground adjoining Nos. 58 and 60 Fore Street, Seaton.
- 25.7.1944 Assent of Vesting to Alick Lisle Smith of a piece of land on the west side of Fore Street, Seaton, Devon together with the house erected thereon known as "Les Hirondelles".
- 25.7.1944 Assent of Vesting to Maria Jane Smith of the house and garden known as "Monkstone", Lyme Road, Axminster.
- 24.10.1944 By Conveyance Ransomes Farm, Chardstock was sold by Alick Lisle Smith in fee simple to Anthony Ponsonby Dudley-Hill.
- 31.5.1946 Maria Jane Smith died at Monkstone, Lyme Road, Axminster.
- 25.3.1947 By Conveyance Waterloo Cottage, Chardstock (O.S. Map No. part 800 containing 0.544 acres) was sold by Alick Lisle-Smith to John Paynter McNair Wilson.
- 24.11.1947 By Conveyance the pieces of land Nimmer 449 part, 618, 619 and 722 on O.S. Map (1905 edition) and the cottage/garden numbered 209 on the Tithe Apportionment Map were sold by Alick Lisle-Smith in fee simple to Ernest Benjamin Wyatt and Colin Pring Palmer.
- 11.9.1948 Assent of Vesting to Alick Lisle-Smith of land and premises at Chardstock, Devon and premises at Chaffcombe, Somerset. No further details given.

- 29.11.1948 William Graham Forward, Solicitor, died at Axminster.
- 9.3.1949 Assent of Vesting to Alick Lisle-Smith of land at Chardstock comprising O.S. Map Nos. 647, 648 and part 195 (total acreage 13.525).
- 9.11.1949 Assent of Vesting to Alick Lisle-Smith of all that cottage (formerly in three dwellings but then occupied as two dwellings), garden, yard and premises at Chardstock in the occupation of Mrs. Powell and A Fowler as tenants.

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**ABSTRACT OF THE WILL, DEATH & PROBATE OF MARIA JANE SMITH**  
**CHRG Scan no. 2363**

- 4.2.1944 Will made. Maria Jane Smith was living at 'Monkstone', Lyme Road, Axminster. Alec Lisle Smith of Tytherleigh House, Garage Proprietor, appointed sole Executor.
- 31.5.1946 Maria Jane Smith died at Monkstone.
- 28.8.1946 Probate granted to Alec Lisle-Smith at Exeter District Probate Registry.

"MEMORANDUM endorsed that by an Assent of 29.8.1947 the freehold properties situate in the Parish of Chardstock in the County of Devon comprising lands called Passcroft, Stockstyle, Seward's and Pinney's or Pearce's was vested in Alick Lisle-Smith for an estate in fee simple and his right to production and delivery of copies of the within written Probate was thereby acknowledged".

From documents dated 27.1.1947 relating to the payment of Estate Duty, the land holdings of Maria Jane Smith at the time of her death were recorded as:

ALL THOSE three pieces or parcels of land called Passcroft in the Parish of Chardstock containing 10A 3R 8P or thereabouts, numbered 728, 731 and 732 on the O.S. Map. Let to Mr. Perring.

ALL THAT piece or parcel of land called Stockstyle in the Parish of Chardstock containing 4A 2R 14P or thereabouts, numbered 704 on the O.S. Map. Let to the Executors of Mr. I Lisle-Smith deceased.

ALL THAT orchard called Swards in the Parish of Chardstock containing 1A or thereabouts, numbered 729 on the O.S. Map. Let to Mr. Perring.

ALL THOSE eight pieces or parcels of land at Chardstock containing 18.050 acres or thereabouts known as Pinneys or Pearces. Let as follows:

O.S. No.	Acreage	Tenant
687	3.152 )	Executors of Mr I Lisle Smith deceased
688	3.153 )	
698	1.760 )	
885	1.585 )	Mr Matthews
894	2.124 )	
954	1.251 )	



To my nephews John Dean of Ridge in the Parish of Chardstock £10 and William Dean of the Parish of Chard £10.

To my niece Elizabeth Mallock of the Parish of Axminster, widow, £10.

To Amos Cornish of Forton in the Parish of Chard "all such sum and sums of money as he shall owe or stand indebted unto me at the time of my decease". Should Amos Cornish die first, the money passes to "my niece Bridget the now wife of the said Amos Cornish". If both die first, it shall pass to Amos, their son.

To Henry Turner the elder of Chardstock £5

To Henry Turner the younger and son of Henry Turner the elder £5.

To Richard Turner son of Henry Turner the elder £5 to be paid at 2s per week.

To my Kinswoman Mary Carter of Chard, widow, £10 to be paid at 2s per week.

Sister Bridget Dean, sole Executrix, of Tatworth to receive all the remainder of the estate.

Witnesses: Mary Whitty Robert Stonehouse Elizabeth Stonehouse

In an attached, but separate, document dated 15.10.1735 John Deane, William Deane, Elizabeth Mallock and Bridget Cornish, widow, the lawful children and administrators of Bridget Deane deceased granted authority to act as administrators to the Will of Ann Turner.

See also the Will of Robert Cogan, the brother of Anne Turner.

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**HAND WRITTEN COPY OF THE WILL OF JOHN WALE, RETIRED FARMER OF CRAWLEY LODGE, PARISH OF MEMBURY. CHRG Scan no. 2366**

Will made 6.5.1932.

John Wale died at Crawley Lodge 5.2.1935.

The Will is reproduced below:

I John Wale of Crawley Lodge in the Parish of Membury in the County of Devon Retired Farmer declare this to be my last Will and Testament which I make this sixth day of May One Thousand nine hundred and thirty two.

I APPOINT my Nephews John Wale and Robert Deane Wale Executors and Trustees of this my Will.

I GIVE all my Household Furniture Pictures Glass and Indoor Effects of every description and also all my live and dead Stock and Outdoor Effects at Crawley Lodge aforesaid unto my Housekeeper Mrs. Coles in consideration of her great kindness to me for several Years.

I GIVE and devise all that my Freehold Farm Known as Stevens Farm situate at Crawley in the Parish of Membury with the House and Land belonging thereto ALSO Millers Green Orchard and Coppice adjoining also B??thstaple Common unto my Nephew the said John Wale absolutely.

I GIVE and devise the remainder of my real Estate consisting of the Woodage known as Crawley Bottom containing about 22 and a half Acres, adjoining the Property where I reside unto my Brother Robert Wale but in case he shall predecease me then I GIVE such last mentioned Property unto his Children then living Equally.

ALL the rest residue and remainder of my Estate (including all moneys in Government Securities or at the Westminster Bank) I GIVE unto my Executors In Trust to convert the same into money and after payment thereof of my Funeral and Testamentary Expenses and debts to divide the residue equally amongst all my Nephews and Nieces (Children of my late Brother Joseph, and of my said Brother Robert) as may be then living and the Issue of any or Either who may have predeceased me other than my Newpew the said John Wale being otherwise provided for under this my Will.

IN WITNESS whereof I have set my hand to this my Will the day and year first before written.

SIGNED by the said John Wale.

WITNESSED BY Lily Northcote, Crawley Farm, Yarcombe and Mr. Beviss, Wambrook, Chard.

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**PROBATE COPY OF THE WILL OF JOSEPH WALE, YEOMAN, OF COURT FARM,  
CHARDSTOCK** **CHRG Scan no. 2367**

Will dated 26.6.1893.

Testator died 17.6.1894 at Court Farm, Chardstock.

Will Proved 11.9.1920 at Bristol Principal Probate Registry, although it carries an endorsement on the front reading "Former Grant Probate Blandford District Registry 29.9.1894 Cessate".

When the Will was made in 1893, Maria Wale, the wife of Joseph Wale, was sole Executrix for her life. After her death or second marriage, Joseph Wale appointed his three daughters as Executrixes Maria Jane Wale, Susan Mary Wale and Louisa Ada Wale. In the 1920 Probate document the Executrixes are recorded as:

Maria Jane Smith (formerly Wale), wife of Isaac Lisle Smith  
Susan Mary Wale, Spinster  
Louisa Ada Loveridge (formerly Wale), wife of Tom Loveridge

By his Will of 26.6.1893 Joseph Wale bequeathed his entire estate to his wife Maria for her own benefit during her widowhood. Various conditions were attached, mainly relating to the running of the estate, but included was an Annuity of £50 to each of his daughters for their lives.

Upon the death or remarriage of Maria Wale, Joseph Wale directed that his three daughters should inherit as shown below.

Maria Jane Wale - Land in the Parish of Chardstock described as:

Two pieces of meadow land known as Pass Croft [sic] together with that piece of arable land being an Allotment under the Chardstock Inclosure Award. The three plots totalled 10A 3R 8P and were purchased by Joseph Wale from the Ecclesiastical Commissioners.

A piece of land (4A 2R 14P) known as Stockstile purchased by Joseph Wale's late Brother Robert Wale from the Ecclesiastical Commissioners.

An orchard (1A more or less) called Swards purchased by Joseph Wale from James Kelway.

Piece of land known as Passcroft [sic] Plot and now in the occupation of John Grabham as tenant.

Copyhold tenement called Pinney's, otherwise Pearce's Tenement in the South Tithing, together with lands awarded under the Chardstock Inclosure (total 20A 2R 22P), now in the occupation of John Denning as tenant and held by Joseph Wale on a Copyhold agreement. Also three separate life assurance policies of £200 for the lives of Joe White Bonfield, George Henry Bonfield and William John Down.

Susan Mary Wale - Land in the Parish of Yarcombe described as:

Moorhayne Farm (18A more or less)	Tenant Robert Pring
Cottage/carpenters shop	Tenant John Moore
Dwellinghouse	Tenant Ann Mutter
Dwellinghouse adjoining Baptist Chapel	Tenants Elizabeth Powell & Henry Powell
Cottage lately erected	Tenant Alfred Every
Dwellinghouse	Tenant John Denslow

All the Yarcombe properties were held by Joseph Wale by virtue of an Indenture of partition dated 13.4.1870 between his brother Robert Wale, deceased, himself and his brother William Wale, also deceased.

No property etc. was specifically left to Louisa Ada Wale.

All the remaining real and personal estate, except that detailed above, were to be placed in Trust for the benefit of his three daughters.

Wintessed J B Lukin, Chard, Solicitor and Arthur D Mayne, his Clerk.

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## **EXTRACT OF CONVEYANCE AND STATEMENT OF ACCOUNT RELATING TO THE WILL OF ROBERT WALE**

Will dated 7.2.1857.

Extract of Conveyance dated 14.6.1893:

Robert Wale, Yeoman, of Chardstock died 30.5.1890, his wife Selina Wale having predeceased him 5.4.1858 "without issue". His Will dated 7.2.1857 and Proved 25.7.1890 shared his estate between his family as recorded below. It resulted in a Conveyance dated 14.6.1893 for the plot of land at Stockstyle with six parts:

First part - Sister Susanna Hine, widow, of Galmington Lodge, near Taunton, Somerset.

Second part - Nephew John Wale, Yeoman, of Crawley Farm in the Parish of Chardstock.

Third part - Nephew Robert Wale, Yeoman, of Crawley Cottage in the Parish of Chardstock.

Fourth part - Nephew Joseph Wale the Younger, Yeoman, of Crawley Farm in the Parish of Chardstock.

Fifth part - Nephew William Wale the Younger, Yeoman, of Ridge in the Parish of Chardstock.

Sixth part - Brother Joseph Wale the Elder, Yeoman, of Chardstock.

The four nephews of Robert Wale were the sons of his brother William Wale the Elder, who died 7.10.1885.

By his Will Robert Wale directed that his estate be shared one third to his sister Susanna Hine, one third to the children of his deceased brother William and one third to his surviving brother Joseph. Plot 1176 at Stockstyle was valued at £175. By this Conveyance Joseph Wale the Elder, who held one third part, "bought out" the other two thirds at a price of £116 13s 4d with Susanna Hine receiving £58 6s 8d and John Wale, Robert Wale, Joseph Wale the Younger and William Wale the Younger each receiving £14 11s 8d.

A Statement of Account dated June, 1893 which recorded the financial details of Joseph Wale the Elder concerning the estate of his late brother Robert Wale.

Five land holdings were involved:

Stockstyle - Acquired by Joseph Wale the Elder.

Maxhays Farm and lands in Membury valued at £900 -

Acquired by Joseph Wale the Younger.

Crawley Cottage and lands, Gilletts Farm and Walcroft Tenement valued at £940 -

Acquired by Robert Wale the Younger.

In each case the buyer "bought out" the other members of the family.

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## **PROBATE COPY OF WILL OF SUSAN MARY WALE**

Extracts of Will given below.

Will dated 29.9.1948.

Testator died 22.1.1956 at Tytherleigh, Chardstock at the house of her Nephew Alick Lisle-Smith.

Will proved at Bodmin District Registry Office 21.3.1956.

Executors named as John Loader Bartlett, Solicitor's Articled Clerk of 21 Holyrood Street, Chard and Alick Lisle-Smith, Garage Proprietor of Tytherleigh, the nephew of the deceased.

Susan Mary Wale, Spinster of The Lodge, Chardstock directed that:

My Cousin Morna Kathleen Macfie receive £50.

Gertrude Macfie receive £100.

My Cousin June Mary Fry (formerly Wale) receive £50.

Dorothy Cousins (formerly Apsey),  
who was for many years my domestic servant £20.

My old tenant Elizabeth Allen £20.

Clive Goff of Cotley Wash £20.

My Godson George Zealley £20.

To the Vicar and Churchwardens of Chardstock £50 to be invested by them with  
the income thus received used for the benefit of the Church Sunday School.

All household furniture and effects of every description to my Great-Niece  
Kathleen Walker Lisle-Smith absolutely.

All the residue of my personal estate and all my real estate to be placed upon Trust  
for the benefit of my Nephew Alick Lisle-Smith during his life. After his decease my  
Trustees shall hold my said residuary estate upon Trust for my Great-Niece  
Kathleen Walker Lisle-Smith.

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**ORIGINAL WILL OF WALTER WATTS, GROCER, OF CHARDSTOCK**

**CHRG Scan no. 2368**

Extracts of Will given below.

Will made 29.3.1886

Trustees & Executors      Daughter Bridget Alice Watts  
   Samuel Forward of Chard, Solicitor  
   George Morris of Chard, Draper

To my two granddaughters Beatrice Anne Marley and Alice Bridget Mansfield £20 each

To my daughter Anne Laura, the wife of Edward Thomas Marley, my eight day clock

To my daughter Emily Louisa, the wife of Thomas Mansfield, the 30 hour clock  
given me by my wife's Uncle Thomas Deem

Bequeath unto my Trustees £300 in deposit account at Stuckeys Bank, Chard the  
interest to be paid to my wife for her natural life. After her death the £300 is to be  
divided between the three daughters Bridget Alice Watts, Anne Laura Marley and  
Emily Louisa Mansfield.

Also to be held in Trust:

Two Freehold closes of land (about 4 acres) called "Daubneys" in my  
possession and occupation

Freehold cottage, garden and field (about 2 acres) at Kitbridge in the  
occupation of James Beer

Copyhold dwellinghouse and shop, garden and orchard at Chardstock  
called 'Pound' in my occupation



To the following persons who are second Cousins of mine or children  
of my first Cousins:

To Alexander Francis Maconochie my Godson	£200
To Ernest Woodcock my Godson	£200
To Emmeline Biddle	£100
To Evan Maconochie	£100
To Charles Kenneth Maconochie	£100
To William Charles M Woodcock	£100
To Charles F Woodcock	£200
To Richard Woodcock	£200
To Ethel Woodcock	£100
To Eve Woodcock	£100
To their Sister my Goddaughter Winifred Bray	£300
To Grace Ella Woodcock and her brother Anthony Woodcock to be equally divided between them but if either of them shall die in my lifetime then I bequeath the last mentioned sum of £100 to such one of them as shall survive me.	£100
To Leonora Thompson daughter of my first Cousin Mrs Cornelius Thompson	£100
To Alice Griffith daughter of my second Cousin Mrs Griffith	£100
To my Godson Charles Crommelin	£100
To my Godson William W Giffard Tate	£100
To my Goddaughter Eleanor Powell	£100
To my Goddaughter Margaret M Allen	£200
To my Friend The Reverend James Edward Bouverie Brine and if he shall predecease me then I bequeath the said sum of £50 to his children living at my decease in equal shares.	£50
To the Vicar for the time being of the Parish of Chardstock to be by him distributed at such times and in such manner as he shall in his discretion think fit among such of the Poor of the said Parish as he shall select.	£50
To the following Servants who are or have been in my service;	
To Cecilia Stephens	£5

To Sarah Melhuish	£5
To Alice Larcombe	£5
To Mary Lilian Combs daughter of a Servant	£5
To the said Henry Hope Shakespear son of my second Cousin Alexander Shakespear and if he shall predecease me then I bequeath the said sum of £100 to his daughter Dorothy Shakespear.	£100

I make the following specific bequeaths all free of duty:

To William Charles Marmaduke Woodcock son of the said Mary Ann Parry Woodcock and now in the Indian Army - the Water colour Portrait of my Father William Henry Woodcock. Case of four Miniatures (our grandfather Charles Woodcock and his wife, his Mother Mrs Woodcock and his sister Lady Stuart, wife of Sir James Stuart of Allan Bank) and silver teapot with ivory handle.

To Ernest Elborough Woodcock, son of the said Mary Ann Parry Woodcock - Plated inkstand Sheffield ware with white cut glass bottles and candlestick, My mothers mottled brown paper drawing book and a large book with flowers English Indian and Foreign.

To Alexander Francis Maconochie B.C.S. son of my first Cousin Mrs Alexander Maconochie - Silver inkstand (boat shaped) with three blue bottles, One hundred (now only ninety nine) volumes of Poets with the name of H M Shakespear in them and fitting into a box and Essayists and Elegant extracts.

To Evan Maconochie B.C.S. also son of my first Cousin Mrs Alexander Maconochie - Travelling clock now in my drawing room, Green Morocco drawing book of my Mothers and others. Also brown Morocco Ditto. Cut glass Liquer bottles in case and Walter Scotts Poems red Morocco.

To Charles Kenneth Maconochie, his brother - Silver spoons and forks Twelve of each and two silver Pepper Muffineers all marked with the Woodcock Crest.

To Emmeline Mrs Waring Biddle (his sister) nee Maconochie - Cut glass tea caddy mounted in silver and small set in case. Silver teapot cream jug and sugar basin and six small tea spoons without Crest. And if she shall predecease me then I bequeath the same last mentioned articles to her two daughters Esme and Dorothy in equal shares or to the survivor of them.

To the said Grace Ella Woodcock - Silver Bedroom Candlestick initials E. S. (Lady Stuarts) on it and Magnifying glass set in Mother of Pearl and Silver. Two Silver Salt Muffineers and two Glass Pepper Muffineers with silver tops.

To Stuart Johnson - a Magnifying glass Mother of Pearl set in silver.

To the said Henry Hope Shakespear, son of my Cousin Alexander Shakespear - Oil painting of my Grandfather Colin Shakespear when he was 19 in fancy dress of Charles II time by Hilton. Two Miniatures of Mr and Mrs Colin Shakespear and also one of their daughter Mrs William H Woodcock Gray on Ivory all by Chinnery also Gold Repeater Watch in Morocco case belonging to Colin M Shakespear and if the said Henry Hope Shakespear shall predecease me then I bequeath the same last mentioned articles to his daughter Dorothy Shakespear.

To Helen Shakespear - Silver Shell.

To Emily Mrs Beachcroft (nee Shakespear) - Silver fish knife and fork ivory handles marked with the Shakespear Crest and six Tea spoons also marked with the Shakespear Crest.

To Rose Mrs Leaf (nee Shakespear) - Ivory Chess Board and Sandle wood and Ivory Boxes inside Initials C S on them.

I devise and bequeath all the residue of my personal estate and effects whatsoever and wheresoever and all my real estate of every tenure and wheresoever situate Unto and To the use of the said Mary Ann Parry Woodcock her heirs executors administrators and assigns respectively for her and their absolute benefit. And I declare that the said Henry Hope Shakespear shall be entitled to charge and be paid all usual professional or other charges for any business done by him or any firm of which he may be a member in the premises notwithstanding his acting as one of the Executors of this my Will IN WITNESS whereof I hereunto set my hand this 18.8.1910 ANNA HARRIOT WOODCOCK

Signed and declared by the above named Testatrix Anna Harriot Woodcock as and for her last Will and Testament in the presence of us at the same time who at her request in her presence and in the presence of each other have hereunto subscribed our names as witnesses -

A D PAUL Manager of Parrs Bank Ld Chard

R B OXLEY Parrs Bank Ld Chard Cashier

The following are extracts of two Codicils affecting the Will:

By Codicil dated 28.11.1910 The Revd Arthur Lewis, Vicar of Chardstock is appointed an additional Executor.

By Codicil dated 5.8.1912 and following the deaths of Marion Woodcock and Caroline Woodcock, her sister in law, the bequest of the further sum of £150 to Eugene Woodcock was revoked. Instead £100 was bequeathed to first Cousin Zaide Woodcock and the bequest to Charles F Woodcock increased from £200 to £250.

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**PROBATE COPY OF WILL OF GEORGE ELI WORNER**

**CHRG Scan no. 2370**

Extracts of Will given below.

Will dated 19.12.1938

Testator died 21.12.1938 at the Cottage Hospital, Chard

Will proved at Blandford District Registry Office 10.8.1939

Sole Executor Brother of deceased, Joseph Henry Worner of The Manor Hotel, Yeovil, retired journalist.

George Eli Worner an Alderman of the Chard Corporation, residing at Holyrood Street, Chard, and Rosebank, Furnham Road, Chard, directed that:

My property be divided between my two daughters Ethel Cleaver and Madge Jones, the latter receiving £600 more than her sister.

To my wife Charlotte Frances £100 as a small tribute to her affection and devotion.

To Miss Eddie 50 20% shares in Levers Ltd. a recognition of her long and faithful service to my wife.

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