

## Wells Wills.

[SEREL COLLECTION].

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### INTRODUCTION.

#### DESCRIPTION OF THE MANUSCRIPT.

THE book, which is the property of the Somerset Archaeological Society, contains thirty-three leaves of paper (folio size), written on both sides and numbered as follows:—

12—28, 30—33, 79—85, 88—90, 92—93. Folios 29 and 86 are missing; folio 87 is bound up in place of 81 which is missing; folio 91 is missing.

There is a memorandum in Mr. Serel's handwriting (signed T. S.) to this effect:—

“These fragments were rescued from a butcher's shop in Wells where the book of which they had formed a part was being broken up for wrapping ‘steaks,’ ‘chops,’ etc., for customers.”

The first thirty-three leaves are written in a small neat hand; the rest of the MS. in a larger and more straggling script.

On folio 19, at the top is written, Jhūs merce.

On folio 20, Jhūs mercy lady help at nead.

On folio 21, Jhūs mercy John.

On folio 22, Johñs mercy Lady

help at nead have me comend.

The name and parish of the testators are given in the margin: when these differ from the text the difference is noted. An example occurs in No. 35.

## TESTATORS AND THEIR PARISHES.

There are 150 Wills bearing date 1539–41. Three of the Wills are in Latin (Nos. 12, 26, 140).

The following Parishes are represented, and the number of Wills relating to each parish is appended :—

Axbridge, 5.	Langport, 1.
Badgworth, 4.	Leigh-on-Mendip, 1.
Banwell, 1.	Limington, 1.
Barwick, 1.	Locking, 2.
Batcombe, 1.	Lympsham, 5.
Berrow, 2.	Maperton, 2.
Bleadon, 2.	Marston Bigot, 2.
Brent, East, 8.	Martock, 6.
Brent, South, 3.	Milborne Port, 1.
Brewham, 6.	Montacute, 3.
Bruton, 1.	Pawlett, 2.
Burnham, 5.	Pennard, East, 2.
Cadbury, North, 3.	Penselwood, 1.
Castle Cary, 1.	Portbury, 1.
Charlton Mackerell, 1.	Puriton, 3.
Chewton, 1.	Puxton, 1.
Christon, 3.	Pylle, 1.
Churchill, 1.	Shepton Mallet, 4.
Clapton, 1.	Shepton Montague, 1.
Closworth, 1.	Somerton, 1.
Compton Pauncefoot, 1.	Stoke St. Michael, 1.
Congresbury, 13.	Stowell, 1.
Cranmore, 1.	Tintinhull, 1.
Ditcheat, 1.	Weare, 1.
Doulting, 2.	Weston-in-Gordano, 1.
Dunkerton, 1.	Wincanton, 2.
Frome, 2.	Winscombe, 1.
High Ham, 4.	Woolavington, 1.
Huntspill, 6.	Worle, 3.
Hutton, 2.	Wrington, 1.
Keinton Mandeville, 1.	Wyke St. Lawrence, 5.
Kilmersdon, 2.	No parish given, 1.
Kingsdon, 3.	



BROTHERHOODS AND GILDS.<sup>1</sup>

The young men wardens of Puryton (3).<sup>2</sup>

There was a gild which took in all the young men of the place and they would meet in the Church House and yearly they all made their offerings to keep up the young men's light in the Church. At Stanford-in-the-Vale (Berks) in 1583 the lads between ten and thirteen years made a collection and provided for the Church House, four new platters, and two new pottingers.<sup>3</sup>

*The Brotherhood of the B.V.M.*

S. Brent (12). Ditcheat (26). N. Cadbury (80).

Stoke St. Michael (84).

St. Mary House at Congresbury (10).

Our Lady service (14) and passim.

Our Lady priest in E. Brent (136).

Our Lady Light to be prayed for 3s. 4d., East Brent (123).

Brotherhood of St. Michael's Chapel at Congresbury (10) and in most of the Congresbury Wills of which there are 13.

Brotherhood of Martock (25), (63), (103).

Brotherhood of Bruton (66), of Brewham (101), (125). At the latter reference "the brothred preist" is mentioned: of Batcombe (141).

Brotherhood service in Doultling (105).

Brotherhood priest of High Ham (127), (135).

The brothers and sisters of the "Sepulture light" at Charlton Mackerell (74).

The Shoemakers' brotherhood at Axbridge indicated by a bequest to SS. Crispin and Crispinians Light. These martyrs are the patron Saints of that trade (142).

St. Nicholas Service at Huntspill (113).

1. The word "gylde" only occurs once (118) when it means "aisle."

2. The figures in brackets refer to the number of the Will.

3. See a Paper by T. S. H. in *The Guardian*, Aug. 21st. 1889, p. 1265.

St. Nicholas "auter or servyse" at Burnham (104).

The Trinity Light at Axbridge (142).

#### DOWELL LIGHT.

I have found four references to this light :—

1516, will of Henry Style of Frome (*S.R.S.*, XIX, 187).

1524, will of Wm. Jorden of Frome (*S.R.S.*, XIX, 228).

1541, will of Robert Lewis of Frome (92).

And in the Churchwardens' Accounts of Stanford in the Vale (Berks). These are printed in "The Antiquary" for March, 1888, p. 118.

1554 (Receipt). Item of Robert Pynell collector for the Rode lyght uppon ye tweluet<sup>1</sup> evyn most comonly cawlyd ye dawell vjs. *ijd.*

This at first sight seems to settle this difficult question, but in the three Frome Wills, the high cross light is mentioned as well as the Dowell light ; in the Will of Wm. Jorden it is called "le dole light."

I am inclined to the explanation which I gave in *S.R.S.*, XIX, p. xxiii, that it is equivalent to the Almes light, *i.e.* Soul light or Dead light.

#### THE BUILDING OF CHURCH TOWERS.

1. Batcombe (51).

1540. To the belding of the towre of Batcombe 40 lode of Rowe stones or 5s. for them at the choice of the parish.

2. Chewton Mendip (95).

1541. To the byldynge of the Towre of Chewton 16*d.*

It may be said in passing that the usual opinion hitherto has been that towers of this type are to be dated about 1470 : but this I must leave to the experts.

To give one instance of the curiously varied orthography of the MS. :—

HEIFER is spelt in very many different ways, *e.g.* heffer,

1. Twelfth.



heffar, heyfer, heyfar, heiffer, hyeffar, yeaffer, yeaffar, yeffar, yeffer.

The Rev. W. Denton in "England in the XVth Century," p. 174, speaks of the foul and dangerous highways to which a bequest was often made of money, cattle or other goods. Instances of such bequests will be found at (10), (56), (75).

Perhaps it is worth noting that William Sowter of Badgworth had three sons all named John (62).

John my eldest son.

John my myddell son.

John my yowngyst son.

These five female names may be placed on record—Berde (87), Bryne (98), Clase (127), Gelyan (20), Richard (14).

Hort, Storre and Hawke are the names of three oxen (70).

As the Reformation was approaching the Wills as concerns church services, etc., are not so interesting as those printed in *S.R.S.*, XVI and XIX. The following are however mentioned:—

Bead-boke (64); trentals (65), (118).

Placebo and dirige (74); mass of requiem (74).

Holy Rood Lyght (*passim*); torches (48), (149); vestments (130); beam before the high altar (130); ringers (128); months mind (5), (81).

Sir Roger, Chantry priest of Woolavington (51), tithes forgotten (7 and *passim*).

## WELLS WILLS.

[SEREL COLLECTION.]

1. **Jone Crome** of Portbury. Dated 28 March, 1541.  
to be buried in churchyard of Portbury : Cath. of Wellys  
2*d.* : church of Portbury a bushel of wheat : Agnes Tucke  
a heffer, a pan and a forset<sup>1</sup> : my daughter<sup>2</sup> Agnes Stephyns  
a mantyll : Alys Lock and Alys Crome my best kyrtell  
and my best sloppe.<sup>3</sup>

1. Forcet, a little "forcer" or chest (*N.E.D.*)

2. Spelt *dough*ter throughout the MS., and son is *sonne*.

3. An outer garment, a mantle (*N.E.D.*)

*Residue*.—John Tuckye, my son.

*Witnesses*.—Wm. Russell, John Howell.

Summa Inventarii £13 16s. 0d.

2. **Thomas Warnemon** of East Brent. 8 Aug., 1540.

in churchyard of Est Brynt : Cath. Ch. of Wellys 4d. : church of E. B. 12d. : every one of my chylderne 5£ : Maud my servant 3 kye : John Clarke 12d.

*Residue*.—Edyth, my wyff.

*Witnesses*.—Sir John Lyle, curat, John Lyon, Tho. Sturry  
Summa £55 0s. 8d.

3. **Humfray Myrth** of Puriton. 26 Oct., 1539.

in churchyard of Puryton : Ch. of Wellys 4d. : church of P. a sacke of malte : unto the yowng men wardens<sup>1</sup> a sacke of malte : ch. of P. a cow : my ghostly father 12d. : my son John Myrth 2 stears : John Sprytell my servant a heffer : John Yryssh a valow<sup>2</sup> yearling : my godson John Lacy 12d. : to every godchild at ther maryge a bushell of wheat : John Hore a taylyd<sup>3</sup> heffer : yf my wyf wyll remove to Hunspyll or to any other place that then she shall have all sutch goods as I had with her and 20s. of my goods : the residue to remayn to John Myrth my sonne : if she do remayn and end her lyfe yn my howse at Peryton she shall be whole executrix.

*Witnesses*.—Master Vicar of Peryton, Humfray Wyke.

Summa £17 4s. 4d.

4. **William Dene** of East Brent. 28 Aug., 1540.

in churchyard of Est Brynt : Ch. of Wellys 2d. : ch. of E. B. 2d. : Exix. Crystyan my wyf.

*Witnesses*.—Sir John Lyle, curat, John Long, John Dene.

Summa £3 18s. 8d.

5. **Cornell Welshe** of Axbridge. 4 Oct., 1540.

in churchyard of Axbryge : Ch. of Wellys 2d. : hye auter of

1. *i.e.* The wardens of the Young Men's Guild, see *S.R.S.*, iv, 1.

2. Fallow, of a pale brownish or reddish yellow colour (*cf.* fallow deer, *N.E.D.*)

3. Tailed (of cattle) = tagged, *i.e.* having the tail tipped with white or other distinctive colour (*N.E.D.*)



A. 4*d.* : our Lady auter 4*d.* : Jamys my servant my grene cote : Rychard Dycke my servant a jakete : John Welsshe my servant a jakete : Thomas Reve of Cheddar to be my overseer, at my beryng and at my monythys myne<sup>1</sup> to have for his labor 6*s.* 8*d.*

*Residue.*—Jone my wyf.

*Witnesses.*—John Wynter, curat, Wm. Coke, Tho. Reve, John Welssh.

Summa £10 11*s.* 4*d.*

6. **Jone Myllard** of Leigh on Mendip. 16 Feb. 1540.  
in churchyard of Lye : church of Lye 20*d.* : Maud Toogod my best pan : Isat Myllard a coveredled : Alys Stanley my best kyrtell : Florens Stanley a kerchyff : Anstis Stanley a kerchyff : Ede Swete a kyrtell : Margery Swete a pan : Rychard Swete a platter : Alys Towcker of Downhed a petycote : Elyzabeth Wylsward a platter : Edoard Smyth my best gowne and a crocke with a howle<sup>2</sup> : Stephyn his son a cawdron : Stephen Mylward a hosecloth<sup>3</sup> : John Toker a cyffe<sup>4</sup> : Aslyng Cokeryll my best cappe.

*Residue.*—John Toker of Evercrych.

*Witnesses.*—Sir Richard Thomas, curate, John Swete, Edoard Smyth.

Summa 47*s.* 1*d.*

7. **William Goode** of Puxton. 8 Aug., 1540.  
in churchyard of Puxton : Ch. of Wellys 2*d.* : hye auter of P. for thethis<sup>5</sup> forgotten 3*d.* : hye lyght 4*d.* : my son John 2 kye : my daughter Jone 2 kye : my daughter Issabell 40*s.*

*Residue.*—Alys my wyf.

*Witnesses.*—Sir John Hodges, curat, Edm. Kene.

Summa £12 16*s.* 0*d.*

1. Month's mind (commemoration service) on 30th day after burial. See Rock's "Church of our Fathers" (1904), ii, 258, 417.

2. *i.e.* with a hole in it.

3. Hose, covering for the legs, frequently made of cloth of divers colours (*Drapers' Dict.*)

4. Sieve.

5. *i.e.* tithes. See "Wells Wills" 50 (note I).

8. **John Tryppe** of Christon. 10 Sept., 1540.

in churchyard of Cryston afore the porch : Ch. of Wellys 4*d.* : Ch. of C. a jeffar or a bullocke of the valew of 6*s.* 8*d.* : Ch. of Banwell a bushel of barley : Wm. Trypp my son a wayne, a sollow,<sup>1</sup> a dragg with all wother towlys by-longyn to husbandry : 4 chylder of my son Wylyam 2 wethers and 2 yewys : Nycholas my son 2 wethers : Joan my dau. 3 shepe : 2 children of my dau. 2 lambis : John Markys my son in law a dowblet : John and Humfra my sons the halff parte of the barley mowe : Margery my dau. a cow : Thomas Bawlet 2 shepe : John my son the half part of the wheat mowe west from the barley mowe.

*Residue.*—Wm., John, Nycholas and Humfra Tryppe.

*Witnesses.*—Sir Thomas Wylyamson, Omfra Egell, Omfra Kyst, Nich. Kyst, John Kyng.

Summa £15 3*s.* 4*d.*

9. **Raff Mulgrey** of Weston in Gordano. 8 Oct., 1539.

in churchyard of Weston : Ch. of Wellys 2*d.* : ch. of Weston 2 bushels of barley : my son Rychard my best hosys.

*Residue.*—Issabell, my wyff.

*Witnesses.*—Sir Wylyam Adams, parson, Master Edm. Percevall, John Bonowey, Richard Wylcocks.

Summa £5 12*s.* 8*d.*

10. **Mathew Lonewell** of Congresbury. 4 Sept., 1540.

in churchyard of Congarsbury : hye auter for thethys forgotten 4*d.* : hye lyght 12*d.* : brotherred of St. Mychaells Chappell<sup>2</sup> 3*s.* 4*d.* : my 2 sons Thomas and Edmund (between them) 46*s.* 8*d.*, and also that lyeth yn lynnyn cloth owte of my shope 40*s.* : unto the cawss way that goyth from my house and downe by Saynt Mary howse and so to the Church 20*s.*

*Residue.*—Jone, my wyff.

*Witnesses.*—Sir John Danyell, my gostly father, John Tryvet, Wm. Yowng.

Summa £20 17*s.* 8*d.*

1. Sull, zull, a plough.

2. *S.R.S.*, ii, 75.



11. **John Hardyng** of Clapton. 26 Feb., 1540.  
 in churchyard of Clapton : Ch. of Wellys 4*d.* : Ch. of C. 2  
 bushels of barley : Ch. of Portyshed 1 bushel of barley :  
 Ch. of Weston 1 bushel of barley : my dau. Elizabeth 20*s.* :  
 my dau. Elizabeth Kempe a cowe : and a twylling<sup>1</sup> shete :  
 my dau. Jone a yeffar : my son Jamys my best cote :  
 my son Thomas 3 yewys.

*Residue.*—Ededy, my wyf.

*Witnesses.*—Sir Rychard Carey, curat, John Horte, John  
 Kyng, John Pryston.

Summa £5 9*s.* 4*d.*, *ob.*

12. **William Nichols** of South Brent. 8 April, 1540.  
 sepult. in simiterio ecclesie divi Michaelis de Sowth Brynt :  
 ecclesie Wellen 4*d.* : 4 luminibus<sup>2</sup> ecclesie parochie mee  
 4*d.* : fraternitati B.M. 3*s.* 4*d.* : campanis 4*d.*

*Residuum.*—Cristine ux. mee et John Chamberlayne pri-  
 vigno<sup>3</sup> meo.

*Testibus.*—Ric. Peret, clerico ibidem curato, Tho. Borde,  
 Ric. Holys.

Summa £4 6*s.* 4*d.*

13. **Thomas Palmer** of Puriton. 1540.  
 in churchyard of Peryton : Ch. of Wellys 4*d.* : hye auter of  
 my parish church 12*d.* : 3 auters more in the same ch.  
 12*d.* : my curat 4*d.* : Sir Robert Fysshier 4*d.*

*Residue.*—Jone my wyf.

*Witnesses.*—Sir Rob. Fysshier,<sup>4</sup> Robert Rew.

Summa £13 11*s.* 0*d.*

14. **William Cobe** of Huntspill. 10 Nov., 1540.  
 in churchyard of Hunspyll : Ch. of Wellys 2*d.* : hye cross at  
 H. 1 bushel of beans : owre lady servys 1 bushel of beans :  
 Crystian my dau. one welshe heffer : Margaret my dau.

1. A table cloth of twill (Test. Ebor. iv, 17). "Unum pallium de le twyllly."  
 Wadley's "Bristol Wills," 143.

2. *S.R.S.*, xix, xxii.

3. Stepson.

4. Instituted to the Vicarage 24 July, 1554. "Somerset Incumbents," 171.

the same : Richard Martyn a cowe and calff : Wm. Martyn, the same.

*Residue.*—Rychard my wyf.

*Overseers.*—Rychard Organ, John Martayne.

*Witnesses.*—Cristofer Webster, prist, Rich. Alyn, Nich. More.

Summa £5 5s. 10d.

15. **Luce Boy** of East Pennard. 28 Aug., 1539.

in churchyard of Est Pennard : Ch. of E. P. 12d. : John Sterwod a bullocke : Elner Golledge a brass pann.

*Residue.*—my son Thomas.

*Witnesses.*—John Harrys, Rych. Boweke, Wm. Golledge.

Summa £4 0s. 4d.

16. **John Hacker** of Limington. 6 Aug., 1540.

in churchyard of Lymmyngton : Ch. of Wellys 4d.

*Residue.*—Issabell my wyf.

*Witnesses.*—John Lye the elder, John Master, John Lye the younger.

Summa £12 17s. 4d.

17. **Issabell Laver** of Martocke. 1539.

to be buried in the parish ch. of Martocke : Ch. of Wellys 4d. : Ch. of M. 20s. : my dau. Jone Longe 6 silver sponys, 2 of my plow oxen, 6 pewter vessell standyng alway upon my cowbarde : every one of my chylder chylderne 6s. 8d.

*Residue.*—John my son.

*Overseers.*—Wm. Hodgys of Lymmyngton, Thos. Cuff.

*Witnesses.*—Sir Thomas Heccch, curat, Wm. Lavor, Wm. Hodgys, Thos. Coff.

Summa £38 16s. 4d.

18. **Issabell Creye** of Locking. 12 Oct., 1540.

in churchyard of Lockyng : Ch. of Wellys 2d. : John Clarke my son a cowe : Thomas Crey a cow : John Crey a cauff.

*Residue.*—John Crey my son.

*Witnesses.*—Sir Thomas Day,<sup>1</sup> vycar, John Banwyll, John Hurdwyck.

Summa £3 17s. 0d.

1. Instituted 24 May, 1524. "Somerset Incumbents," 128.



19. **Robert More** of Lympsham. 1 Feb., 1540.  
 in churchyard of L. : Ch. of Wellys 4*d.* : hye auter of L. 2*d.* :  
 hye crosse a bushel of wheat : ovr lady servys 3*s.* 4*d.* :  
 Sir John Thomas, curat, 4*d.*  
*Residue.*—Alyce my wyf.  
*Witnesses.*—Sir John Thomas, curat, Rych More, Rich.  
 Gyllyng.  
 Summa £13 9*s.* 6*d.*
20. **Thomas Mey** of Worle.  
 in churchyard of Worley : Ch. of Wellys 4*d.* : hye auter of  
 Worley a bushel of barley : John May 2 bollockys : Alys  
 Mey a yearlyng : Ch. of Worley a bushel of wheat and a  
 bushel of barley : Agnes Mey a cow : Issabell Mey a cow :  
 Gelyam Mey a yearlyng : Jone Mey, the same : Crystyan  
 Mey, the same.  
*Residue.*—John May.  
*Witnesses.*—Sir John Shyppard,<sup>1</sup> vycar, Tho. Tayler, John  
 Bustull.  
 Summa £7 19*s.* 0*d.*
21. **Agnes Geffrays** of Congresbury. 10 Oct., 1540.  
 church of Congersbury 2*s.* : Ch. of Chedder a silver spone :  
 Water Rogers a bolster : Issabell Rogers a kyrtell :  
 Rychard and Roger Jeffray (each) a spone : Alys Harvyll  
 my best peticote : Wylyam Rogers of dett of 26*s.* 8*d.*, the  
 said Wm. to pay to myne Executor but 10*s.* : Richard  
 Clarke a platter.  
*Residue.*—My brother Wm. Geffayry.  
*Witnesses.*—Raynall Sclatter, Rich. Clarke.  
 Summa 38*s.*
22. **Thomas Came** of South Brent. 6 Nov., 1540.  
 in churchyard of Sowth Brynt : Ch. of Wellys 2*d.* : hye auter  
 in S. B. 4*d.* : the rowde lyght a bushel of benys : the  
 bellys 4*d.* : my two daus. a cowe (each).  
*Residue.*—Jone my wyf.

1. Instituted 4 Sept., 1516. "Somerset Incumbents," 223.

*Witnesses.*—Sir Richard Browne, curat, John Gylyng, Rob. Adams, Nich. Wycks.

Summa £5 4s. 7d.

23. **Thomas More** of Stapeltun in Martock. 23 Nov., 1540. to be buried in ch. of M. : Ch. of Wellys 4d. : M. Ch. 2 bushels of wheat : my gostly father 4d.

*Residue.*—Agnes my wyf and John my son.

*Witnesses.*—Sir Robert Lowgh,<sup>1</sup> Rob. Dyar, Wm. Gele.

Summa £4 10s. 8d.

24. **Thomas Burgys** of Shepton Mallet. 12 May, 1540. my sowle to allmyghty God, my body to be buryd yn the churchyard of S. M. : hie crosse ly3ght 2d : Saynt Androwys yn Wellys 2d. : the bellys in my parysh ch. 4d. : Agnes my dau. a cow, a heffer and a calff.

*Residue.*—Jone my wyf.

*Witnesses.*—Sir Robt. Corbet, curat, Edm. Harwycke, Edw. Medham.

Summa £4 10s. 8d.

25. **John Pulman** of Martock. 7 Mar., 1540. to be buryd in the ch. of M. : mother Ch. of Wellys 4d. : Ch. of M. 6s. 8d. : brotherred of the same ch. 1 bushel of wheat : hie auter for ungoten thethys 4d.

*Residue.*—Alys my wyf shall have the governans of all my goodis wyle that she ys wydow for to distribute among my chylder and my wyfe shall save to herself certayne [goods] acordyng to the custome<sup>2</sup> of Martocke.

*Overseers.*—Wm. Schereowd and John Palmer.

*Witnesses.*—Sir Thomas Hecche, curat, Wm. Schere[wod], John Palmer, Rychard Occaronn.

Summa £20 5s. 0d.

26. **Alice Oram** of Alhampton in Ditcheat. 7 Mar., 1541. corpus meum sepeliendum in cimiterio Sancte Marie Mag-

1. Instituted 19 June, 1554. "Somerset Incumbents," 140. Formerly "capellanus" of Stapleton Chapel, *S.R.S.*, II, 111.

2. The custom of Wincanton is mentioned (54), (73).



dalene de Dychat : Cath. Wellen 4*d.* : luminibus alte crucis de Dychat 6*d.* et unum annulum argenteum : fraternitati B. M. 5*s.* quod remanet in manibus Joh. Whyte de Dychat.

*Residue.*—Joh. Turner, filio meo.

*Testators.*—Dno. Joh. Batt suo confessore, Will. Austyng. Summa 40*s.*

27. **William Goldweg** of East Pennard. 8 Sept., 1540.  
in churchyard of Est Pennard : Jone my dau. a coffer, 4 sylver sponys and a yowng calff.

*Residue.*—Em my wyf.

*Witnesses.*—Sir Henry Kyng, vicar, Rich. Bocke, Thomas Boy, John Furber.

Item to John Meddell my wyfs brother a gowne, a swerde, a buckler and a sheff of arrowys. Item to John Newbery a cote. Item Robert Furber a cote. To Thomas Boy a buckes skynne tawyd.<sup>1</sup>

Summa £4 6*s.* 8*d.*

28. **Crystyan Dene, widow**, of East Brent. 4 April, 1541.  
in churchyard of Est Brynt : mother ch. of Wellys 2*d.* : Ch. of E. B. 4*d.* : Jone my dau. a coffer, and another coffer to Edyth Burnet. Exōr. John Dene my son.

*Witnesses.*—Sir John Lyle, curat, John Dene the elder, John Long.

Summa £4 5*s.* 0*d.*

29. **Jone Tryvet** of Congresbury. 1 May, 1541.  
in churchyard of Congresbury : hye auter 4*d.* : hye lyzght a sylver ryng : St. Mychaellys Chappell a bushel of barley : Ch. of Wellys 2*d.* : Nycholas Wrytis chylder a cow : my dau. Agnes Hardwyll my best weryng clothys and my best mantell : my son John Tryvet the elder a pygg : my two godchylder 2 kerchyffs.

*Residue.*—My son John T. the yownger.

1. *Tawed* : made as white leather by the process of tawing.  
*Tawing* : the process of preparing white leather (*N.E.D.*)

*Witnesses.*—Sir Rob. Roo my gostly father, John Tryvet.  
Summa £4 15s. 0d.

30. **Richard More** of Weare. 10 Dec., 1540.

in parish ch. of Weer : Ch. of Wellys 2d.

*Residue.*—Jone my wyf.

*Witnesses.*—Sir Peter Lane my curat, Rob. Bawnton, John More.

Summa £5 11s. 10d.

31. **John Mayo** of Bledon. 23 —, 1541.

in churchyard of Bledon : Ch. of Wellys 3d. : ch. of B. 12d. :  
to the hye auter and unto St. Peter there 4d. pro decimis  
oblitis : Sir John Webb my gostly father 12d.

*Residue.*—Jone my wyf and John my son.

*Witnesses.*—Sir John Webbe, curat, Tho. Clarke, John Buscell.

Summa £9 8s. 0d.

32. **William Kyng** of East Brent. 13 Feb., 1540.

in churchyard of Est Brynt : Ch. of Wellys 4d. : Ch. of E. B. 4d. :  
owr lady in the same ch. 3s. 4d. : my dau. Jone 4 kye and a heffer  
and a calff and Phyllppe my son shall have the profyt of them the  
furst yere and I pute John Wytyng and John Bolgen in trust to see  
the foresayde kye to be vusyde to the profyt of my dau. and when  
that she is at lawful age then to delyver them unto the mayd unto  
her owne use and if she dye in the meantyme they to be bestowyd  
fur the welth of her sowle.

*Residue.*—Phyllpe my son (he to pay my dettis).

*Witnesses.*—Sir John Lyle, curat, John Whytyng, John Bolgen.

Summa £14 14s. 3d.

33. **John Burton** of Burnham. 20 Feb., 1540.

in churchyard of Burneham : Ch. of Wellys 2d. : Ch. of B. half  
a bushel of benys : hye crosse a bushell of benys : owre lady  
servys 2s. 8d. : John Burton my son 9℥ of



money except my wyff by the bargayn<sup>1</sup> unto him then he shall have but 40s., if he dye before the age of 20 year or els be marryd then hys goodis shall remayn halff to hyar a prist and the other halff to my wyf : my wyf shall kepe Thomas Burton my yowngest son honestly untyl he come to lawfull age to 7 year of age and to ray him honestly and then to geve hym 5s.

*Residue.*—Isabell my wyf.

*Witnesses.*—Sir Humfray Dunn, John Hart, Wm. Somersed, Henry Wyttyyn, Thos. Dune.

Summa £14 10s. 0d.

34. **John Clarke** of North Cadbury. 4 Feb., 154—.

in churchyard of N. C. : Ch. of Wellys 4d. : Wylyam Bucke my wean, 2 yokes, 3 yeryng<sup>2</sup> ropes, a sallow : John Clarke the elder 1 cow, 1 yearlyng, 1 coatt : John Clarke the yownger 1 cow, 1 yearlyng : Henry Baker 2 oxys, 2 ropys, a sowle<sup>3</sup> : evry child of H. B. a chylver<sup>4</sup> shepe.

*Residue.*—Elyzabeth my wyf.

*Witnesses.*—Sir Thomas, Hewlet, prist, John Blackom, Wm. Gayne.

Summa £7 0s. 13d.

35. **Robert<sup>5</sup> Roo** of Shepton Mallet. 6 Feb., 1540.

in churchyard of S. M. : hye crosse lyght 2d. : Ch. of Wells 2d. : the bellys 4d.

*Residue.*—Agnes my wyf.

*Witnesses.*—Rich. Stayner, John Mydwynter, Rob. Hannam.  
Summa 53s. 4d.

36. **Issabell Neades** of Congresbury. 15 Mar., 1540.

in crystyn buryell : Ch. of Wellys 4d. : St. Mychael Chappell at Congarsbury a nanfyll [an anvil] and a ryng : hye

1. A small farm-holding (*N.E.D.*)

2. Iron ropes. Yeryn is an old form of iron. See Nos. 42, 137.

3. *i.e.* Sallow (plough).

4. A ewe sheep or lamb *N.E.D.*

5. Henry in margin.

auter 6*d.* : hye lyght 8*d.* : my son Robert Nedys 4 sylver sponys and a pair of quelys [wheels] a yowke, a rope, a table bord and a table clothe : my dau. Jone Nedys my best bedde, a beryng shete,<sup>1</sup> 2 pair of beedis, halff a garnysh<sup>2</sup> of pewter and £6 13*s.* 4*d.* and my growne at Kyngton (if she die befor marriage, she shall give the said ground to one of her three brothers) : Kath Neads £3 6*s.* 8*d.* : John N. and Kath. N. all my weryng rayment.

*Residue.*—My 2 sons, Davyd N. and Wm. N.

*Overseers.*—John Hallyng and John Yeryssh.

*Witnesses.*—John Hallyng, John Yeryssh, Rob. Wyllet, Wm. Hunt, Raynold Slatter, curat.

Summa £38 5*s.* 0*d.*

37. **Roger Dyar** of Hutton. 19 May, 1541.

in churchyard of Hutton : hye auter ther 4*d.* : John Dyar my son a calff : Jone my dau. a calff : Ch. of Wellys 4*d.* : Davy, Thomas, and Agnes my chylder a cowe.

*Residue.*—Agnes my wyf.

*Witnesses.*—Sir John Payne, parson, Thos. Hosyer, John Colyns the younger.

Summa £4 2*s.* 0*d.*

38. **Raff Gollege** of Pylle. 14 Feb., 1540.

in churchyard of Pull : Ch. of Wellys 4*d.* : the rode lyght in the ch. of P. 4*d.* : the bellys 16*d.* : Wm. Gollege my son 20*s.* : John Gollege my son 20*s.* : Alyce Gollege my mother 2 yewys with 2 lammys : Stephyn G. my brother, the same.

*Residue.*—Edyth [my wyf] whom I make myne executrix.

*Overseer.*—My father yn lawe, Wm. Sheppard.

*Witnesses.*—Sir Jamys Raynoll,<sup>3</sup> parson ther, John Bowshe, Rychard Golledge.

Summa £11 8*s.* 4*d.*

1. A christening robe.

2. A garnish contains 12 platters, 12 dishes, and 12 saucers (*N.E.D.*)

3. Instituted 12 June, 1528. "Somerset Incumbents," 173.



39. **William Davys** of Bledon. 3 April, 1541.  
 in churchyard of Bledon : Ch. of Wellys 2*d.* : Ch. of B. 4*d.* :  
 my dau. Isbell 2 yearlyng calffys.  
*Residue.*—Jone my wyf and Thomas my son.  
*Overseer.*—Wm. Rowsyll.  
*Witnesses.*—Thos. Lest, Edm. Gosse.  
 Summa 33*s.* 8*d.*
40. **John Gervys** of Berrow. 9 May, 1541.  
 in the holy herth : Ch. of Wells 4*d.* : hye auter in my parish  
 ch. a bushell of wheat : hye crosse a bushel of wheat,  
 owr lady servys 3*s.* 4*d.* : Sir Davy my gostly father to  
 pray for me a bushel of wheat : my dau. Alis to her maryage  
 40*s.* and a cowe : to my dau. Jone's maryage 4 nobles  
 and a cowe : bytwyxt John Borrow and Jone Borrow a  
 heffer of 12 monyths of age.  
*Residue.*—Margaret my wyf.  
*Witnesses.*—Sir Davy Mylet, curat, Sir Marke Molard,  
 Watkyn Banwell, John Come, Thos. Borrow.  
 Summa £17 0*s.* 12*d.*
41. **John Parker** of Hutton. 22 May, 1541.  
 in churchyard of H. : Ch. of Wellys 2*d.* : Gelyan my dau.  
 a cow : Ilsabeth my dau. a cow.  
*Residue.*—Jone my wyf and Thomas my son.  
*Witnesses.*—Thos. Hoseer, John Colyns, Edm. Yowng,  
 Germon Saylor.  
 Summa £4 0*s.* 12*d.*
42. **Robert Banwell** of Locking. 11 Sept., 1540.  
 in churchyard of Lockyng : Ch. of Wellys 2*d.* : John my  
 eldest son a wayne, a sollow, a drag, a yowke, a rope of  
 yron, a cow, a horse colte, my best jacket, a dowblet :  
 Jelyan my dau. a cowe, 2 wenyd callvys, a mare colte,  
 a pear of beddys [beads] : Thomas my son a cow : John  
 my yowngyst son a yeffer.  
*Residue.*—Joan my wyf.  
*Witnesses.*—Sir Thos. Day, vycar, John Banwyll, John  
 Risun, Ric. Came.  
 Summa £9 0*s.* 22*d.*

43. **Edmund Maye** of Worle. 20 Feb., 1540.  
 in churchyard of Worley : Ch. of Wellys 4*d.* : hye auter of  
 Worell 4*d.* : Ch. of Worley 4*d.* : Wm. May, Thos. Maye,  
 Henry May, Nycholas May, Roger May, Martayne May,  
 Rychard May, Alys May (each) a cowe.  
*Residue.*—Agnes my wyf.  
*Witnesses.*—Sir John Shepperd, vycar, John Pedder, Wm.  
 Tokye, Tho. Goose.  
 Summa £18 11*s.* 0*d.*
44. **Rychard Hody** of Lawrens Wyke. 21 Mar., 1541.  
 in churchyard of L. W. : all my goodis to Issabell my wyf.  
*Witnesses.*—Sir Tho. Smyth, curat, Wm. Tyrrell, Humfray  
 Jefferey.  
 Summa £3 15*s.* 4*d.*
45. **Helen Corwall** of Worle. 21 Feb., 1540.  
 in churchyard of Worley : all my goodis to Rober Underwode.  
*Witnesses.*—Sir John Shyperd, vycar, John Lerversege,  
 Robert Fesse.  
 Summa [none given].
46. **Rychard Clothyer** of North Cadbury. 14 April, 1540.  
 in churchyard of N. C. : parish ch. 4*d.* : Wyllyam my son a  
 yotyng<sup>1</sup> stone, my weyne and all that pertaynyth to hyt :  
 Jone my dau. a yearlyng bullocke.  
*Residue.*—Jone my wyf.  
*Witnesses.*—Thomas Hewlet, pryast, John Blackmore, Henry  
 Clothiar, John Pytman.  
 Summa £5 6*s.* 8*d.*
47. **John Marshall** of Bruham. 14 Nov., 1540.  
 in churchyard of B. : Ch. of Wellys 2*d.* : hye crosse lyzghte  
 and the torches 12*d.* : Rychard my son a bullocke of 2  
 year age : Jayn a calff : Jone a bullocke of 2 year age :  
 Agnes, the same : Henry, the same.  
*Residue.*—Alys my wyf.  
*Overseers.*—Wm. Copyn, Thomas Tabor.

1. A stone cistern used in brewing (*S.R.S.*, xix, 151).



48. **Alice Marshall** of Bruham. 20 Nov., 1540.  
 (widow of the above) : in churchyard of B. : Ch. of Wellys  
 2*d.* : my gostly father 40*d.* : the rode lyght and the torchys  
 12*d.*  
*Overseers.*—Wm. Copyng, Hen. Marshal.  
*Witnesses.*—Sir Robert Wellys,<sup>1</sup> Thomas Amys, John Baber-  
 stoke.
49. **John Dune** of Kilmersdon. 27 Jan., 1540.  
 in churchyard of Kylmersdon : Ch. of Wellys 2*d.* : Wylyam  
 Bure 4*d.* : John my son a cowe, my grette panne : Elyn  
 my dau. a heffar.  
*Residue.*—My wyffe.  
*Witnesses.*—Sir John Jenkynson, vycar ther, John Sheparde.  
 Summa £4 0*s.* 0*d.*
50. **Maude Stacy, widow,** of Maperton. 1540.  
 in churchyard of M. : Ch. of Wellys 4*d.* : Ch. of M. one cow :  
 Ch. of N. Cheryton a cowe : parson of M. 12*d.* : every  
 chylde of Thomas Clothyar and Agnes his wyf one rother  
 best.<sup>2</sup>  
*Residue.*—Thos. Clothyar and Agnes his wyf.  
*Witnesses.*—Thomas heyse, clarke, John Andrews, Ric.  
 Harvy, John Hawey.  
 Summa £15 5*s.* 8*d.*
51. **William Wyllyng** of Wollavington. 5 June, 154—.  
 in churchyard of Wollavyngton : Ch. of Wellys 2*d.* : owre  
 lady ch. of W. 6*s.* 8*d.* : vycar 3*s.* 4*d.* : Sir Roger,<sup>3</sup> Chantery  
 pryast 12*d.* : parson of Barwyke 6*d.* : Katheryng my  
 dau £6 13*s.* 4*d.* : every of my god chylder marryd 4*d.* :  
 not marryd halff a bushel of wheat.  
*Residue.*—Alys my wyf.  
*Witnesses.*—Rob. Stone, vicar, Andrew Hore, John Olde-  
 myxton, Wm. Palmer.  
 Summa £23 13*s.* 4*d.*

1. Formerly Canon of Bruton Abbey (*S.R.S.*, viii, liv).

2. An animal of the ox kind (*N.E.D.*)

3. Roger Wynbery (*S.R.S.*, ii, 62).

52. **John Lane** of South Brent. 8 Jan., 1540.

in churchyard of Sowth Brynt : Ch. of Wellys 2*d.* : hye auter in S. B. 2*d.* : mayntaying of the be [ ]<sup>1</sup> 4*d.* : the bellys in Marke Ch. 4*d.* : Edward, a grey mare : Jone my dau. a cowe : Agnes my dau. a yearlyng.

*Residue.*—Margery my wyf.

*Witnesses.*—Sir Rychard Browne, curat, John Roge.

Summa £5 3*s.* 11*d.*

53. **Humfray Typerton** of Christon. 1 April, 1540.

in churchyard of Cryston : Ch. of Wellys 4*d.* : Ch. of C. 6*s.* 8*d.* : hye ly3ght 8*d.* : my dau. Agnes a cowe : my son John a wayne, a dragg, a sollow with all other harnys belongyn therto : my dau. Issabell a harnys<sup>2</sup> gyrdell that was her mothers.

*Residue.*—John, Isabel and Elyn.

*Supervisors.*—Sir Thos. Williamson, Omfray Kyst, Nich. Kyst, Roger Ryche.

54. **Robert Hyne** of Wincanton. 31 Dec., 1540.

in churchyard of Wynecanton : Ch. of Wellys 6*d.* : Ch. of Wynecaluton 20*s.* : whereas Isabel my wyf has gevyn unto Richard Hine my son all such title as she in time coming might have sued for by custom at the lordis courte yn such holding and ground as I have bow3ght for the term of lyff unto Rychard Hyne my son and unto Edward his son. In consideration whereof I geve and bequeath to the said Isabel my wyf all such goods that she brought unto me at the day of maryage and all such corne and malte as is in the barnehouse and barton to fynd her and her mayde (and when that is expended my sons Richard and Edward shall find her sufficient during her life) : and the house that she dwellyth yn rent free : Wm. Shote 3 shepe : Elyn Shot a yew and a lamb : John Clarke *als.* Clement a cote : Edward Gorwan a cote.

*Residue.*—Richard my son.

1. MS. torn.

2. Mounted with silver or other metal (*N.E.D.*)



*Overseer.*—John Dyar.

*Witnesses.*—Sir Rich. Smyth, curat, John Lane, John Chub.  
Summa £20 8s. 9d.

55. **John Walle** of Burnham. 26 March, 1541.

in churchyard of B. : Ch. of Wellys 3*d.* : St. Androw of B. 4*d.* : hie crosse a bushel of benys : our lady servys 2*s.* 8*d.* : St. Nycholas half a bushel of benys : Sir Humfray Dune my gostly father to pray for me 3*s.* 4*d.* : John Clarke 12*d.* : Item that Kateryn Gylyng my dau. in law be marryd of the holle [goods].

*Residue.*—Issabel my wyf and Rich. my son.

*Witnesses.*—Sir Humfra Dune, curat, Rich. Genocke, Tho. Senclar, Simon More.

Summa £16 8s. 8d.

56. **Wylyam Plucknett**<sup>1</sup> of Mylborn Port. 12 March, 1540.

to be buried in the church : Ch. of Wellys 12*d.* : Reparacyon of the Ch. of M. P. one akar of wheat : my son John my black gowne faced with black lame, a dowblet of black satyn, a jacket of say,<sup>2</sup> a rydyng cape of sattyng : Rychard my son a cow and a calf : William my son a yeffar of 3 year age : Jone my dau. the same : Alys Halet a yew and a lambe : William Exull my wyfs son a heffer : Jone Hyde my wyfs son (*sic*) 2 ewes : Richard Hyde a doublet of chamlet<sup>3</sup> : John Exull my wyfs son 2 yewys : Thomas my son a yeffar : Davy my son the same : Reparacyon of the cawseway from Chamberlaynys myll unto his house an acre of wottis [oats] : John Clarke a lamme : every of my servants now beying in servys a chylver hogge. Item the legacys made by me to John, Richard, Wm., Margaret and Jone my chylder above named be delyvered to Rychard Frye and John Clyd within one quarter of a year next ensuing after my decease unto whose governance I commit my said chylidren Katheryng my wife to have

1. *S.D.N.Q.*, ii, 186.

2. A woollen stuff ; but sometimes it means silk (*Drapers' Dict.*)

3. A fine stuff : the origin of the word is very obscure : according to Skeat it was a sort of cloth originally made of camel's hair.

and injoye my farme of Wyke<sup>1</sup> which I have purchased lxxxv years from year to year during her natural lyff and afterward to John my son, Wm. my son, Richard my son, Thomas my son, Davy my son, my wyfs son Wm. Exull, the said Katheryn shall leve upon the said farme the table bord and the cowbord in the hawle.

*Residue.*—Katheryng my wyf.

*Overseers.*—Wm. Meer of Shurburne and John Plucknett of Horsynton.

*Witnesses.*—John Warman, Wm. Bysshope, Tho. Cammerlayne, John Glod, Jo. Clark.

Summa £55 7s. 7d.

57. **William Powre** of Bruham. 1 Aug., 1540.

in churchyard of Calsebroke<sup>2</sup> : Ch. of Wellys 4d. : my son Wm. 20s. : my kynsman Thos. Power a fleekat<sup>3</sup> heffar of 2 year holde. Residue my wyf she to take of Wm. Hyll 46s. that was dew unto me at mydsummer last paste. Item 17d. of the said Wm. for a cowe grasse. Item of ney3gbur Parsons 25s. Item of Rychar Colyns 3s. Item of Wm. Horte 2s. Item of Jamys Pety 22d. for a cowe grasse.

*Overseers.*—Wm. Warbrunton, Robert Stacy.

My wyf to pay unto John Ele 6s. 8d. wych I was swerty for John Frode.

*Witnesses.*—John Warbrunton, John Hyll, Howdwen Lee, Robert Bancrofte.

Summa £8 8s. 8d.

58. **Omfray Foster** of Badgworth. 12 Aug., 1541.

in churchyard of Bagworth : Ch. of Wellys 4d. : Ch. of B. 12d. : Robert Foster a yearlyng yeffar : Izabell Nycholas a calff.

*Residue.*—Edyth my wyf and my chylder.

*Overseers.*—Walter Yenow and John Goldy.

1. Milborne-Wick.

2. There is no parish of this name.

3. Dappled, pied, spotted (*N.E.D.*)



Rychard my son shall pay to every one of his brothers and sisters 6s. 8d. apeace at the day of ther marryge.

*Witnesses.*—Sir Rich. Rowlandson, John Lyvyng, John Bolgen.

Summa £26 12s. 1d.

59. **Jone Harrys** of Badgworth. 10 May, 1541.

in churchyard of Bagworth : Ch. of Wellys 4d. : Ch. of B. 12d. : Izabell Stebbes a cow, my second kyrtell, my best neck kerchyff, a wovying [woven] apron ; Thomas Stebbis her son a calff : Edyth my dau. my best kyrtell : Crystyan Paynys a payer of shetis : Jone Furbar a flannyng apron and a crescloth<sup>1</sup> kerchyff : Elyn Brese a russet kyrtell : Crystyan Taber a flaning petycote and a smocke : Richard Harrys my blacke mare and a wenlyng calff : Agnes Harrys a kerche.

*Residue.*—Walter Harrys my son.

*Witnesses.*—Sir Rich. Rowlandson, Rich. Harrys, Walter Harrys.

Summa £4 11s. 6d.

60. **Thomas Gybbons** of Axbridge. 1 Jan., 1540.

in churchyard of Axbryge : Jone G. my wyf exor of all my goodes under this condicyon if she do not marry : and if she do marry then Margery G. her dau. to be halff exix. : my son John G. a platter of tynne.

*Witnesses.*—John Smyth, John Wylmut, John Bolgar, Sir John Winter my curat.

Summa 40s. 8d.

61. **Jamys Gummer** of Martock. 1541.

in churchyard of M. : Ch. of Wellys 4d. : Ch. of M. 4d. : hy3ghe auter 2d.

*Residue.*—Agnes my wyf.

*Witnesses.*—Sir Robert Low3ghe, John Stegge, John Illery the clerke.

1. Crest, the middle line of fold in broad cloth (*N.E.D.*)

62. **William Sowter** of Badgworth. 3 July, 1541.

in Churchyard of Bargworth : Ch. of Wellys 4*d.* : Ch. of B. 2 bushels of wheat : Ch. of Byttysham 1 bushel of wheat : John my eldest son my donne mare and all my plough geer : John my myddell son 2 kye : John my yowngest son my blacke mare : Edyth my dau. 2 kye and a salte sellar : Jone my wyf 18 pece of pewter vessell and a aker of wheat in the sowth felde called hupper aker.

*Residue.*—John my eldest son.

*Overseers.*—Phyllype Say and John Lyvyng.

*Witnesses.*—Sir Rich. Rowlandson, Wm. Popull, Phyllyp Say, John Harrys.

Summa £19 16*s.* 11*d.*

63. **John Frye** of Martock. 1541.

in churchyard of M. : Ch. of Wellys 4*d.* : Ch. of M. a bushel of wheat and 4*d.* : hygh auter 4*d.* : the brothredyn ther 4*d.* : my son Hewghe a stere and a coffer : my dau. Jone a yeffar.

*Residue.*—Margaret my wyf.

*Witnesses.*—Sir Rob. Lowghe, Rog. Frye, John Simonds.

Summa £11 0*s.* 6*d.*

64. **Robert Vernam** of Pawlet. 16 —, 1541.

in churchyard of P. : Ch. of Wellys 4*d.* : owre lady servys at P. 12*d.* : the bedde boke<sup>1</sup> at P. 3*s.* 4*d.* : Thomas my son a best dowblet : John my son a bullocke : Thomas and John 7 shepe that came from Whethys to be delivered to them at shere tyme : Jone my dau. a cow and 3*£.* : John Verman 6 sylver sponys after the decesse of his mother : John Gatcomb a lamb : Robert Flemmyng 4*d.*

*Residue.*—Izabel my wyf.

*Overseers.*—Wm. Lantrow, Tho. Dey.

*Witnesses.*—Sir Thomas Sprynt, vycar, John Porkar.

Summa £36 0*s.* 14*d.*

1. *i.e.* Bead-roll.



65. **Thomas Tache** of Huntspill. 20 April, 1541.  
 in churchyard of Hunspyll : Ch. of Wellys 4*d.* : hye crosse  
 at H. 4*d.* : ovr lady servys 4*d.* : St. Nycholas servys  
 ther 4*d.*  
*Residue.*—Wm. Gyllyng and to Jone and Agnes his daus.,  
 they to bestow 2 tryntallis<sup>1</sup> from my sowle : I wyll the  
 longer liver afore maryage shall enjoy both partes of them.  
*Witnesses.*—Christofer Webster, preast, Peter Rogers, John  
 Clarke.
66. **George Wylton** of Wyke in Bruton. 28 Jan., 1540.  
 in churchyard of Bruton : my 4 chylderne 4£ a pece : par.  
 ch. of B. 12*d.* : the brotherede of B. 12*d.*  
*Residue.*—Jone my wyf.  
*Witnesses.*—Sir Edmund Clarke, curat, John Walter the  
 younger, Tho. Amys.  
 Summa £26 2*s.* 8*d.*
67. **John Peers** of Compton Pauncefoot. 1540.  
 in churchyard of Compton Pansfote : Ch. of Wellys 4*d.* :  
 Ch. of C. P. 4 bushels of barley.  
*Residue.*—Agnes my wyf.  
 Summa £4 8*s.* 8*d.*
68. **John Sayard** of Lympsham. 21 June, 1541.  
 in churchyard of L. : Ch. of Wellys 4*d.* : hye aulter of L.  
 for forgotten thethys 2*s.* : hye crosse 3*s.* 4*d.* : ovr lady  
 servys 3*s.* 4*d.* : my son Wm. 5£ and one quarter of my  
 leote,<sup>2</sup> the other 3 quarters I geve to my brother Rychard :  
 my dau. Johne S. 5£ : my dau. Agnes S. 5£.  
*Residue.*—Julyan my wyf.  
*Witnesses.*—Sir John Thomas, curat, Rd. Lawrens, Wm.  
 Ambler, Rob. Bybell, John Tayler.  
 Summa £30 6*s.* 0*d.*

1. Trentals, a set of 30 requiem masses said on the same day or on different days (*N.E.D.*)

2. *Sic MS.* ; it may be *bote*.

69. **Richard Goffe** of Closworth. 10 April, 154—.  
in churchyard of Clovysworthe : Ch. of Wellys 4*d.* : Ch. of  
C. 6*s.* 8*d.* : Raynall my son a browne cow : Helys my son  
a heffar : Issabel my dau. a heffar : Peter Coke a pann.

*Residue.*—my wyf.

*Witnesses.*—Sir John Marsshe, my gostly father, Elys Rocke,  
John Hull.

70. **John Flemman** of Pawlet. 6 May, 1541.  
in churchyard of P. : Ch. of Wellys 4*d.* : Ch. of P. 12*d.* :  
Robert my son a yowke of oxen named Hort and Storre  
and a yearlyng : Agnes my dau. an oxe named Hawke :  
Robert my son ye hogg colte.<sup>1</sup>

*Residue.*—John Flemyng my eldest son.

*Overseers.*—Wm. Launtrow and Thos Day.

*Witnesses.*—Sir Thos. Sprynt, clerke, John Porker, Tho.  
More.

Summa £5 0*s.* 8*d.*

71. **John Day** of Badgworth. 20 June, 1541.  
in churchyard of Barworth : Ch. of Wellys 2*d.* : Ch. of B.  
12*d.* : Nycholas Smythe 4*d.* : my chylder the thyrd parte  
of my goods to be delivered to them when that my wyffe  
doth mary agayne.

*Residue.*—Alis my wyf.

*Witnesses.*—Sir Rich. Rowlandson, Wm. Bleyke, Wm.  
Groff.

Summa £12 0*s.* 16*d.*

72. **John Lawrens** of Montacute. 16 Nov., 1540.  
in churchyard of Montagew : bellys of the same Ch. 20*d.* :  
Edyth L. my dau. 20*s.*, and one chaffyngdyshe<sup>2</sup> : Gelys  
Menbrye son to my wyf 2 cotys and my satten cappe :  
Nycholas Cowlyng one cote : John L. my son the 4th  
part of all my goodis not bequethyd.

1. A yearling colt.

2. A vessel to hold burning charcoal and other fuel for heating anything placed  
upon it : a portable grate (*N.E.D.*)



*Residue.*—Isabel my wyf.

*Witnesses.*—Mr. Thos. Freke my gostly father, Wm. Rogers, Tho. Phyllyps (overseer of my will).

73. **Richard Bekyn** of Wincanton. 16 Feb., 1540.

in churchyard of Wynecalton : Ch. of Wellys *2d.* : and for asmowch I am in dett the sum of 26s. *8d.* rehersyd byfore Sir Ric. Smyth curat, John Plymton, and Edm. Shete with other and not able upon my own goodes to pay hyt ne to provyde mete and dryncke with other necessarys duryng my sycknys with other chargis concernyng my funerall when God shall plese to visyt me. In consyderation whereof I gyve and bequeth to John Vynyng junior *als* Dyar of Wynecalton di quarter of burgage in Wynecalton lyeng bytwyxe the half burgage of John Hody on the est parte and the ground in tymys past of John Chyke on the west part to have and to hold to the said John Dyer his heysr and assynges for ever paying feod. and knolege to the lord after custom and maner.

*Residue.*—John Dyar.

74. **Master John Walgrow Clarke.** 8 April, 1541.

lately rector of West Charelton.<sup>1</sup>

to be buried in the church chancell of Charlton Mackerell : to the said Ch. 20s. for the intent to be prayed for among the brothers and the sisters of the sepulture lyght of that church : the Ch. of Charlton Adam 6s. *8d.* to be prayed for among the brothers and sisters there : Ch. of Wells *12d.* : ch. of Otcumbe 13s. *4d.* : every howssholder of Otcumb ryeh and powre *12d.*, so that the man and the wyff be at my dyrege and masse excepte sycknys or other necessary thyng let hyt and the priast shall have *20d.* for his labor : every howss in Charlton Macrell *12d.* so that the man and the wyff be at my dyryge and beryng except sycknys, etc. John Knyllar my servant all such stuff as I have at Otcumb with 6 sylver sponys : every

1. Also Rector of Odcombe. "Somerset Incumbents," 157. Instituted to Charlton Mackerell, 9 March, 1503. "Somerset Incumbents," 50.

godchild *4d.* : my exōr to provide some honest preast to pray for my sowle one year after my departyng in the ch. of Charlton Macrell the said preast shall every wyke ons by the year say placebo and dirige on the yevenyng and masse of requiem the next day followyng for my sowle specyally, and he shall have for his labor and for bread and wyn £6 13s. *4d.*

*Residue.*—(except my bokys). Thos. Whytelstawle.

*Witnesses.*—Master John Ly3ght the elder, Sir John Style, my parish preast, John Powell the elder, John Drew, John Knyller.

Summa £48 6s. *0d.*

75. **Edmund Kene** of Congresbury. 7 Sept., 1540.

in churchyard of Congarsburi : hye aulter *12d.* : Chappell of St. Mychaell to be prayd for *20s.* : hye ly3ght a bushel of wheat : Sir John Danyell to pray for me *3s. 4d.* : the reparacyon of the hye way *20s.* : my son John Kene *40s.* : Robert Wylet *6s. 8d.* (he to be overseer of my will).

*Residue.*—Jone my wyf and Thomas my son.

*Witnesses.*—Sir John Danyell, John Kyne, Rob. Wyllet.

Summa £60 8s. *6d.*

76. **John Wyllett** of Wrynton. 25 Nov., 1540.

in churchyard of Wrynton : ch. of Wrynton a bushel of wheat : my eldest dau. Jone W. £3 6s. *8d.* : my four sons William, Henry, John and John 5 marks apece : the chyld that my wyfe now goyth withall £3 6s. *8d.*

*Residue.*—Alys my wyf.

*Overseers.*—John Alayn and my brother Thos. Wyllett.

*Witnesses.*—Sir Robert Roo, curat, Wm. Lawrens, Robert Harrys.

Summa £77 0s. *20d.*

77. **John Dunn** of Colford in Kilmersdon. 27 Jan., 1540.

in churchyard of Kylmersdon : Ch. of Wells *2d.* : Wm. Bure *4d.* : John my son my best cow : Ellyn my dau. a cheyffar.<sup>1</sup>

1. A portable grate ; a chafing dish (*N.E.D.*)



*Residue.*—Elizabeth my wyf.

*Witnesses.*—Sir John Jenkynson, vicar, John Shyppard,  
Rob. Baker.

Summa £4 0s. 0d.

78. **Andrew Adam** of Lympsham. ult. Feb., 1540.

in churchyard of L. : Ch. of Wells 4d. : hye alter of L. 20d. :  
hye crosse a bushel of wheat : ovr lady servys 6s. 8d. :  
John A. my son £4.

*Residue.*—Agnes my wyf.

*Witnesses.*—Sir John Thomas, curat, Water Gyst, Rich.  
More, Roger Rich.

Summa £26 8s. 2d.

79. **John Morse** of Churchill. 8 Feb., 1540.

in churchyard of Churchyll : Sir John Davy my gostly  
father 6d. : my son John Barton my best cote : Thomas  
my son a cowe : my wyf and my son William to succer  
my dau. Jone to the best they cann.

*Residue.*—My wyf Alys and my son William.

*Witnesses.*—Sir John Davy, John Mors, Thos. Morys, Wm.  
Merrid.

80. **Robert Petgrew** of North Cadbury. 30 May, 1541.

in churchyard of N. C. : Ch. of Wells 4d. : the brothered of  
owre lady 12d. : my son Richard a cow and a calff, two  
yearyd<sup>1</sup> dysshys of pewter and aker of dregge<sup>2</sup> and an  
akar of meadow : my dau. Alys dwellyng at Glastonbury  
a cowe : my son Thomas my olde oxe.

*Residue.*—Mawde my wyf.

*Overseer.*—John Hawy.

*Witnesses.*—Sir Water Veysy, curat, Job. Robyns, Rich.  
Brownyng.

Summa £7 15s. 5d.

1. Eared.

2. A mixture of various kinds of corn, especially of oats and barley, sown together (*N.E.D.*)

81. **Richard Yevans** of Lympsham. 15 March, 1539.  
 in churchyard of L. : ch. of Wells *4d.* : hye crosse of L. a bushel of benys : ovr lady servys *4d.* : four chylder of my son John Yevans 4 kye : viz. Richard, John, John and John. Moover bycause my wyf Joan is content to yealde up her ryght and wydowhod of my bargayne and tene-ment after my decesse to my son John I gyve her £4, a maser of sylver and my chambyr with althyng belongyn unto hyt, 40s. and the masar to be payd at the makyn of this testament and 20s. to be payd at my monythys mynd.

*Residue.*—John my son.

*Witnesses.*—Sir John Thomas, curat, John Borman, John Balett, Wm. Cocke.

Summa £8 7s. 2d.

82. **John Tryppe** of Christon. 1 Jan., 1540.  
 in churchyard of Cryston : Ch. of Wells *4d.* : my brother Omfra Trippe all such detts as Omfra Edgell doth owe me and also the half part of a dowst bedde<sup>1</sup> with the appertynans to the same : the said Omfray five hogg<sup>2</sup> shepe, a peace of greene cloth : John T. my godson a yew : Agnes T. a calf : Robert T. a yew : John the son of Nicholas T. a yew : Yssbell T. a yew : Thomas Bawlet *12d.* : Ch. of C. *3s. 4d.* : hye lyght *8d.* : Ch. of Banwell *3s. 4d.* : Wm. T. all such debts as my brother Nycholas doth owe me.

*Residue.*—Wm. Tryppe.

*Witnesses.*—Sir Christopher Helme, Rob. Nebb, Nich. Kyst, John Kyng.

Registrum testamentorum a festo S. Michaelis, 1541, probatorum usque ad idem festum, 1542.

83. **Rie Sheryff als Osteler** of Castle Cary. 22 Sept., 1541.  
 in churchyard of Castelcary : Ch. of C. a bushel of wheat :

1 A bed-tick mattress stuffed with chaff (*Eng. Dialect Dict.*)

2 A sheep from six months old till being first shorn.



the brotherrede of C. a bushel of wheat : my gostly father  
20*d.* : my dau. Crystyan of Wells a bushel of wheat and  
a bushel of drege.

*Residue.*—My dau. Alis.

*Witnesses.*—John Hycks, Stephen Hellyar, Wm. Coke, Rob.  
Gypson.

Prob. coram Mag. Joh. Dawis in eccl. Cath. Wellen. 4 Oct.,  
1541.

84. **Raff Meed** of Stokelane. 13 July, 1541.

in church of St. Michaell at Stokelane : Ch. of Wells 4*d.* :  
St. Mychaell a shepe : the fraternyte of owr lady a yew :  
my son John Meed five wethers : my dau. Jone five shepe :  
John Rosetter a yew.

*Residue.*—Alys my wyf.

*Witnesses.*—Sir John Gregory my gostly father, Wm.  
Norman, John Broke.

Summa £14 9*s.* 3*d.*

Prob. in eccl. par. de Batcombe, 20 Sept., 1541.

85. **Richard Betley** of Axbridge. 18 Aug., 1541.

in par. ch. of A. : Ch. of Wellys 4*d.* : hye auter of St. John  
the Baptist 12*d.* : hye crosse lyght 6*d.* : Sir John Wynter  
12*d.* : Ryse Willyam a dosyng sponis of sylver : Margaret  
Walter a brasying pott.

*Residue.*—Agnes my wyf.

*Witnesses.*—Sir John Wynter, Mr. John Payne, John Shep-  
pard.

Prob. in eccl. de A., 27 Sept., 1541.

86. **Thomas Greneway** of Shepton Montagew. 6 Mar., 1540.

in churchyard of S. M. : Ch. of Wellys 4*d.* : par. ch. 2 bushels  
of wheat : my son Wm. a stere bullocke and a yeaffar  
bullocke.

*Residue.*—My wyf.

*Overseer.*—John Bolsome.

*Witnesses.*—Sir Rich. Spenser my gostly father, John  
Bolsome.

Prob. Batcombe, 20 Sept., 1541.

87. **John Hawy** of Maperton. 6 Sept., 1541.  
 in churchyard of M. : Ch. of Wellys 4*d.* : Ch. of M. a hyeffer :  
 Margaret my wyf my best cow and calff, the crophe of  
 my corne : my son Wm. my wayne : Berde a shepe : the  
 children of my son Richard a shepe.  
*Residue.*—My son Richard.  
*Witnesses.*—Sir Thos. Hayse, parson, Rob. Stevyns, Rob.  
 Peerse.  
 Prob. Batcomb. 20 Sept., 1541.
88. **John Androw als Hyckman** of Kyngsdon. 7 May, 1541.  
 in churchyard of K. : Ch. of Wellys 12*d.* : Ch. of K. half an  
 akar of wheat : parson of K. 4*d.*  
*Residue.*—Issbell my wyf.  
*Witnesses.*—Sir Wm. Abbot, Tho. Hilborne, Wm. Androw.  
 Proved at Martocke. 23 Sept., 1541.
89. **Agnes (margin Alice) Erle, widow, of Dunkerton.**  
 1 Aug., 1541.  
 in churchyard of D. : Ch. of Wellys 4*d.* : Ch. of D. one of  
 my best shetis : Richard Allyn a wayne, ropis and yokys  
 a dosyn sylver sponys after his fathers and mothers lyffs :  
 John Allyn a wayne : my godson Thomas Rowsewell a  
 crocke : yowng Agnes Rowswell a pear of bedds [beads],  
 a gyrdell, a pear of silver hoks : John Rowswell an angell  
 nobell : Hurne 6*s.* 8*d.*  
*Residue.*—My son in law Wm. Rowssell.  
*Witnesses.*—Sir Edw. Allyn my curat, Wm. Rowsell, John  
 Rose.  
 Proved at Frome. 19 Sept., 1541.
90. **Harry Leyse** of Marston [Bigot]. 15 Oct., 1541.  
 in churchyard of M. : Ch. of Wellys 2*d.* : hygh crosse lyght  
 4*d.* : Thomas my son two kye : Richard my son one hyve  
 of bees : Jone Umfray one bullocke.  
*Residue.*—Ede my wfy.  
*Witnesses.*—Sir John Ashe my gostly father, Androw Butlar.  
 Proved in Wells Cath. 5 Nov., 1541.



91. **Thomas Cheke** of Lawrenswyke. 1541.  
 in churchyard of St. Lawrens of Wyke : Ch. of Wellys 4*d.* :  
 lyght of St. Lawrens at Weke a bushel of barley : John  
 my son a calffe : Jamys my son a calffe : Agnes my dau.  
 a calffe.  
*Residue.*—Jone my wyf.  
*Witnesses.*—Sir Thos. Smyth, curat, Wm. Carter, John  
 Banwell.  
 Proved in Axbridge. 27 Sept., 1541.
92. **Robert Lewis** of Frome Selwood. 12 June, 1541.  
 in churchyard of F. : Ch. of Wellys 2*d.* : hye crosse lyght in  
 F. 2*d.* : the Dowell<sup>1</sup> lyght in the same ch. 2*d.*  
*Residue.*—My wyf Cesyly.  
*Witnesses.*—Sir Tho. Phillips, curat, Wm. Frye.  
 Proved in Frome. 19 Sept., 1541.
93. **Katheryng Locke, widow**, of East Brent. 10 Nov., 1541.  
 in churchyard of Est Brynt : Ch. of Wellys 4*d.* : Ch. of E. B.  
 12*d.*  
*Residue.*—My three sons and Agnes my dau.  
*Witnesses.*—Sir John Lyle, curat, Wm. Wawle, John Long.  
 Proved in E. B. 5 Dec., 1541.
94. **John Tucker** of Lawrens Wyke. 11 Sept., 1541.  
 in churchyard of L. W. : Ch. of Wellis 4*d.* : Ch. of St. L. at  
 Wyke 3*s.* 4*d.* : Jone my dau. 20*s.* and a cowe : Isbell my  
 dau. the same : Thomas my son 20*s.* : Wm. my son 26*s.* 8*d.* :  
 Henry my son 26*s.* 8*d.* : Margaret my dau. 20*s.* : Flore  
 my dau. 20*s.*  
*Residue.*—Agnes my wyf and John my son.  
*Witnesses.*—Sir Thos. Smythe, curat, John Cocke, Tho. Toky.  
 Proved in E. B. 5 Dec., 1541.
95. **Thomas Halstone** of Chewton. 14 March, 1541.  
 in churchyard of C. : to the byldynge of the Towre of  
 Chewton 16*d.* : Ch. of Wellys 6*d.* : Alis Beys my dau. one

1. See Introduction.

shepe : Jone and John her chyldren two shepe : Richard my son 20 shepe.

*Residue.*—Agnes my wyf.

*Witnesses.*—Sir John Gylis,<sup>1</sup> curat, Wm. Howse, Wm. Weste, John Beys.

Proved in Frome. 19 Sept., 1541.

[Fo. 29 missing  
Fo. 30 fragmentary.]

96. Same parish [Shepton Mallet, see ante, No. 24].

Item. I will that mas and dryge be kept every day duryng the monyth after my beryng.

*Residue.*—Robert Bithese my son in law.

*Overseer.*—Thomas Champion, to him my best salte.

*Witnesses.*—Sir Robert Corbet, curate, John Buckland of Harptre, Ric. Hodgis, Sir Robert Hyll.

97. **John Androw** of Kyngsdon. 6 July, 1541.

at the bakehowse of the parish of Kyngsdowne : to be buried in churchyard of K. : Ch. of Wellys 4*d.* : Ch. of K. an akar of wheat : Thomas my son one bullocke : Helyn my dau. two shepe : Jone my dau. two shepe : John Andro my brother one cote withowte slevys : my syster Crystyn Far one cote with slevys : Robert Andro my brothers son one shepe : every godchild 2*d.*

*Residue.*—Alis my wyf.

*Witnesses.*—Sir Wm. Abbot, Tho. Browning, Wm. Olday.

Proved in Martock. 28 Sept., 1541.

98. **Edith Yllarys de Stowell.** 10 Jan., 1541.

in churchyard of Stoyle : Ch. of Wellys 6*d.* : par. ch. 2*s.* : Milburne Ch. 12*d.* : my dau. Edyth Rayers 20*d.* : Bryne ys dau. a posnett<sup>2</sup> : every godchild 4*d.* : Thos. Kyng for his labor (as overseer) 3*s.* 4*d.*

*Residue.*—Alis Whyte my daughters daughter.

1. Formerly canon of Brnton Abbey. (*S.R.S.*, viii, lv.)

2. A small pot or skillet.



*Witnesses.*—Sir Water Walssh, preast, Tho. Kyng, John Glede, Wm. Golbord.

Proved in Wells Cath. 25 Jan., 1541.

99. **Sir Nicholas Bush**, formerly Rector of Kyngton.<sup>1</sup>

29 May, 1541.

to be buried in the chansell of Kyngton Manfyld in the north side : Ch. of Wellys 20*d.* : K. Ch. half an aker of barley : John Alam half an aker of wotts and half an aker of benys : Isbell Alam the bedd that I lye on : Peter Walter the testure of my bedd : Thomas Marche a sheet : Thomas Adams an old gowne.

*Overseers.*—John Walter and James Alam.

*Residue.*—To the churchwardens for the church behoof.

*Witnesses.*—Sir Thos. Nicholas, Water Walter, Wm. Chary.

Proved in Batcombe. 20 Sept., 1541.

100. **John Daly** of Burnham. 7 Sept., 1541.

in churchyard of B. : Ch. of Wellis 4*d.* : St. Andro of B. half a bushel of wheat : hye crosse the same : owre lady servys 3*s.* 4*d.* : Agnes and Cristian my son William his chylder (each) a calffe.

*Residue.*—Cristyan my wyf and my son Thomas.

*Witnesses.*—Sir John Samford, John Harte, Tho. Donet, Wm. Mover.

Proved in E. Brent. 5 Dec., 1541.

101. **John Hore** of Brewham. 16 Feb., 1540.

in churchyard of B. : Ch. of Wellys 4*d.* : my gostly father 12*d.* : the clerke 4*d.* : the brothered of Brewham a year-lyng : hye crosse lyght 4*d.* : Henry Hore my son a year-lyng : Wm. Hore my son the same : John Hore my son a bolle : my dau. Jane Stoute 8*d.*

*Residue.*—Jone my wyf.

*Witnesses.*—Sir Rob. Wellys,<sup>2</sup> Steping Cox, Peter Byrte, Phillip Ynge.

Proved in Batcombe. 20 Sept., 1541.

1. Inst. Mar. 20, 1500. "Somerset Incumbents," 113.

2. Formerly Canon of Bruton Abbey. (S.R.S. viii, liv.)

102. **Robert Gest** of Berrow. 9 Oct., 1541.  
 yn holye grave : Ch. of Wellys 4*d.* : hye auter a bushel of  
 wheat : hye crosse the same : owre lady servys a yearlyng.  
*Residue.*—Jone my wyf and Henry my son.  
*Witnesses.*—Sir Davy Myllet, curat, Tho. Jonys, John Crese.  
 Proved in E. Brent. 5 Dec., 1541.
103. **John Sibley** of Cote in Martock. 1541.  
 in church of M. : Ch. of M. 5*s.* : hye auter 4*d.* : the brother-  
 reden ther 4*d.* : Wm. my son a cowe : Robert my son a  
 cow and a pair of whelys yron bownd : Wm. my son  
 junior a yeaffar : my dau. Jone, the same.  
*Residue.*—Jone my wyf.  
*Witnesses.*—Sir Robt. Lowghe, John Pyttard.  
 Proved in Montacute. 12 Dec., 1541.
104. **Christian Whityng** of Burnham. 1541.  
 in churchyard of B. : Ch. of Wellis 2*d.* : St. Androw of B.  
 4*d.* : hye auter 4*d.* : hye crosse half a bushel of wheat :  
 owre lady servys my best gowne : St. Nicholas auter or  
 servyse a bushel of benys.  
*Residue.*—My childer Richd. and Agnes.  
*Witnesses.*—Sir John Flode, John Harte.  
*Overseers.*—John Gollid, Robt. Davy, Rich. More.  
 Proved in E. Brent. 5 Dec., 1541.
105. **John Quarman** of Doulting. 6 July, 1541.  
 Ch. of Wellys 4*d.* : brothered servyse in Dowltyng to pray  
 for me and all crystyn sowles a cowe : hye crosse a shepe :  
 hye auter 12*d.*  
*Residue.*—My wyf Cicile.  
*Witnesses.*—Sir Robt. Cocke, curat, Sir Wm. Bisshopp,  
 preast.  
 Proved in Batcombe. 20 Sept., 1541.
106. **Elizabeth Payne, widow**, of Doulting. 16 Feb., 1541.  
 yn holye grave : Ch. of Wellys 8*d.* : hye auter of Dultyng a  
 table cloth to make an auter cloth : hye crosse 7*d.* : bellys  
 20*d.*



*Residue.*—Thomas Payne.

*Witnesses.*—Water Cocke, clerke, John Champyon, John Dorvall, Water Coocke.

Proved in Batcombe. 20 Sept., 1541.

107. **Jone Marshe, widow,** of Winscombe. 1541.

in churchyard of Wynescumb : hye auter 4*d.* : hye lyght ther 2*d.* : Ch. of Wellis 2*d.* : Jone my dau. a crocke, a podynger, etc. : John Marryshe the elder al my bedclothis and a curtell : Eliz Hawkyns my best petycote and a flannyng : Jone H. a candelstycke, etc. : three childer of John H. three sawcers.

*Residue.*—John Hawkyns.

*Witnesses.*—Sir Thos. Nortun, Joh. Adamys, Rich. Kyng.

Proved in Axbridge. 6 Feb., 1541.

108. **Richard Gyllyng** of Lympsham. 28 Dec., 1541.

in churchyard of L. : Ch. of Wellis 4*d.* : hye auter of L. 2*d.* : hye crosse a bushel of wheat : owre lady servyce 6*d.* : my two sons John G. and John 10*£.*

*Residue.*—Cristyan my wyf.

*Witnesses.*—Sir John Thomas, curat, Wm. Lock, Rich. Sparke.

*Overseers.*—John Gyllyng and Nich. Gyllyng of S. Brynt.

Proved 6 Feb., 1541.

109. **John Knyght** of Congresbury. 4 Jan., 1541.

in cristyan buriall : Ch. of Wellys 4*d.* : Chappell of St. Mychaell in C. a bushel of wheat : John my eldest son a yeaffar : my dau. Jone 20*s.* : Alis a cowe and 20*s.* : Elyn the same : Thomas, the same : William the same and 3 acres of new aster<sup>1</sup> and if the sd. Wm. departe before the 21 years be ended, the sd. growne to remayne to Thomas then to John : my two yowng children John and Agnes two yearlyngs.

*Residue.*—My wyf Issabell.

1. Astre, hearth. In Montgomeryshire Ansterland is that which had a house upon it in ancient times. (*N.E.D.*)

*Overseers.*—John Horte, Thomas Swayne.

*Witnesses.*—Wm. More, John Kyng, Tho. Swayn.

Proved in Axbridge. 6 Feb., 1541.

110. **William Nedes** of Congresbury. 12 Dec., 1541.

hye li3ght of Congersbury 4*d.* : Ch. of Wellys 2*d.*

*Residue.*—Agnes my wyf.

*Witnesses.*—Robert Neds, Robt. Batcocke, Raynell Slatter, curat.

Proved 6 Feb., 1541.

111. **Thomas Hurrow** of Marston Bigod. 20 Jan., 1541.

in churchyard of M. : hy3ghe crosse ly3ght 4*d.* : Thomas my sonne a brode lome and an osset<sup>1</sup> lome.

*Residue.*—Edith my wyf.

*Witnesses.*—Sir John Ashe, parson of M., Wm. Danyell, Stevyn Spreyte.

Prob. in Cath. Well. 22 Feb., 1541.

112. **Thomas Parfytte** of Cranmore. 8 Dec., 1541.

in churchyard of Cranmer : Ch. of Wells 2*d.*

*Residue.*—Jone my wyf.

*Witnesses.*—Sir Tho. Bowryng, John Cleve, Tho. Gyll.

Proved in Cath. Well. 22 Feb., 1541.

113. **John Gyllyng** of Huntspill. 2 July, 1541.

my sowle to Allmyghty God meke desyryng the gloryus vergyn our ladi to pray for me with all the celestyall company and my body to be bured yn the cymtory at Hunspyll : Ch. of Wells 4*d.* : hye crosse at H. 12*d.* : our lady servyse 12*d.* : St. Nycholas servyse 12*d.* : Thomasyn and Julyan the chylder of Robt. G. (each) a yearlyng :

1. Osset (this has been conjectured to be a dialect pronunciation of worsted, but investigation does not favour this), some kind of woven material, apparently of wool : also osset loom, a loom for weaving osset.

1482. "6 yardes of blew osed" (English Gilds 321).

1543. Will of R. Parsons of Chard (at Wells).

"An osset lome, otherwyse called a narowe lome." (N.E.D.)



the longer lyver afore maryage to enjoy both : Wm. and Edith the childer of Robt. G. a cowe : Wm. Pepyng one colte.

*Residue.*—Thomasyn my wyf.

*Witnesses.*—Christofer Webster, preast, John Phelps, Ric. Allen.

Proved in Graynton. 7 Mar., 1541.

114. **James Hayne** of Huntspill. 18 Jan., 1541.

Ch. of Wellis 2*d.* : hye crosse 4*d.* : St. Nicholas servyse 4*d.* : our lady servyse 4*d.*

*Residue.*—Cristian my wyf.

*Witnesses.*—Cristofer Webster, preast, Wm. Blower, John Clerke.

Proved 7 Mar., 1541.

115. **Thomas Dun** of Huntspill. 17 Feb., 1541.

in the churchyard of Hunspyll : hye crosse 8*d.* : Sir Cristofer my gostly father 8*d.* : John Clerke 4*d.* : my son Luke Dun a maser : my yonger dau. Alis six sylver sponys : the childer of Jamis Hayne all the sum of money that their father owyth me.

*Residue.*—Luke and Alis my children.

*Witnesses.*—Christofer Webster, preast, John Clerke.

Proved 7 Mar., 1541.

116. **John Horsey** of Somerton. 21 Dec., 1539.

in church of St. Michaell of S. : Ch. of Wells 4*d.* : Ch. of S. 10*s.* : Ch. of Northover 8*d.* : Ch. of Ilchester 8*d.* : Ch. of Lymyngton 8*d.* : Ch. of Yevylton 8*d.* : Ch. of Podymor Mylton 8*d.* : Ch. of Kyngesdon 8*d.* : Ch. of Charlton Makerell 8*d.* : Ch. of Compton 8*d.* : Richard and Robert my sons all the stuff withyn my shoppe, also £4 and two heyfers with the crese.<sup>1</sup>

*Residue.*—Elizabeth my wyf.

*Witnesses.*—Umfrey Blowton, Thomas Cocks.

*Overseers.*—Mayster John Porter, Cuthbert Hillaker, clarke, Vicar there.

1. *i.e.* increase.

117. **Harry Forde.** 8 May, 1539.

lately of Congersbury : in church of C. : Ch. of Wells 2*d.* :  
hie lyght a bushel of wheat : St. Michaellys chapell a  
bushel of barley.

*Residue.*—Joan my wyf.

*Witnesses.*—John White, John Neads, John Horte.

118. **Agnes Cogan, widow,** of Montacute. 6 Aug., 1539.

to be buried yn the gylde<sup>1</sup>[aisle] of St. Kateryn at Mountagew  
nere unto the buriall of Thos. Cogan my husband : Ch.  
of Wells 12*d.* : Ch. of St. Kateryngs at M. 6*s.* 8*d.* : my  
gostly fater Mr. Thomas Freke 6*s.* 8*d.* : Ch. of S. Pether-  
ton 3*s.* 4*d.* : Ch. of Stoke under Hampdon 20*d.* : Ch. of  
Tyntenhull 20*d.* : Ch. of Otcombe 20*d.* : Ch. of Chyltron  
20*d.* : Emlyn C. dau. of John Cogan 40*s.* : my salte of  
sylver, one harnes gyrdell, one payr of beads of corall  
gawded<sup>2</sup> with sylver stones gylte, one borde clothe of  
dyaper, a testor for a bedde, one latyn basynge, a yower  
to the same : Marget Cogan dau. of John C. my lasse [less]  
cuppe or pese of sylver, a gyrdell of blew color with  
sylver stodes, a payr of beads of amber gawded<sup>2</sup> with  
sylver stones gylte : Jone Cogan my sons wyf a gowne :  
John C. the son of the said Jone 5*s.* : Robert C. her son  
5*s.* : Robert C. son of Thomas C. 5*s.* : Margaret Syngulton  
a vyolett gyrtell : Margeth Symon a violet gowne : to the  
Frenche woman a gyrtell : Jone Salman a curtell : Jone  
Seton a mantell : Sir John Cogan 3*s.* 4*d.* : Emlyn C. dau.  
of J. C. a curtell and a bedde shete : Thos. C. my exōr  
to dole halpenye breade to the pepull for the helth of  
my sowle both at the day of my burieng and also at the  
day of my trygyntall and that there be at the lest five  
prysts to pray for my sowle at both these days rehersyd  
and every to have for his labor at every of these days 10*d.*

1. Yeld is the form it sometimes takes. See "Wells Wills," 31, 82, 110, 183, spelt *ilde* (No. 125).

2. "Par preclarum de amber cum gaudiis argentatis" (Wells Wills). A pair of beads of amber with silver gauds.

Every tenth large bead in the Rosary represents a Paternoster, and is called a *gaud*, each smaller bead stands for an Ave Maria (Wells Wills, 201).



*Residue.*—Thomas C. the son of John C. (my Exör).

*Witnesses.*—Mr. Thomas Freke, my gostly father, Wm. Browne, Tho. Norman.

119. **Thomas Bearde** of Congresbury. 4 April, 1539.  
in churchyard of C. : Agnes my dau. a cowe : Jone my dau.  
a cowe.

*Residue.*—John my son.

*Witnesses.*—John Atwyll, Wm. Froman.

120. **William Swane** of Congersburie. 2 Feb., 1539.  
in churchyard of C. : Harry my son all my title in a certayn  
ground called Rydyngs in the par. of C. : Wm. my son  
a heyfar : highe lyght half a bushel of wheat : St. Michaells  
chapell a bushel of wheat : John Swayne my brother half  
a bushel of wheat : Jone and Agnes my daus. two yearlings.

*Residue.*—Joan my wyf.

*Witnesses.*—Thomas Whiting, Nicholas Wryte.

121. **William Berde** of Congersberie. 12 April, 1539.  
in churchyard of C. : hye lyght half a bushel of wheat :  
St. Michaells chapell a pecke of wheat.

*Residue.*—Robert and Agnes my children.

*Overseers.*—John Cotton, John Knyght.

*Witnesses.*—John Atwyll, Will. Froman.

[Folio 81 missing : folio 87 bound up in its place.]

122.

*Residue.*—Agnes my wyf [Fo. 82], John my son.

*Overseers.*—Robt. Dowber, John Crosseman.

*Witnesses.*—Sir Marten Noble, John Longe, Joh. Crosseman.

123. **John Yowng** of East Brent. 8 May, 1540.  
in churchyard of Est Brynt : Ch. of Wells 4*d.* : Ch. of E. B.  
a bushel of wheat : our lady light to be prayed for 3*s.* 4*d.* :  
I owe to Powell of Wells £3 6*s.* 8*d.* : to Cowlys 13*s.* 4*d.* :  
Moris Hunt of Wells 7*s.* : Kalewey of Bawlesborow owithe  
unto me 3*s.*

*Residue.*—Sisly my wyf.

*Overseer.*—John Sheres.

*Witnesses.*—Sir John Lyle, curat, John Bulgen, John Long.

124. **Robert Dabar** of East Brent. 1540.

in churchyard of E. B. : Ch. of Wells *4d.* : Ch. of E. B. *4d.* \*

*Residue.*—Joan my wyf.

*Witnesses.*—Sir John Lyle, curate of E. B., John Long, Tho. Litheyate.

125. **James (margin John) Wicks** of Brewham.

2 Dec., 30 H. 8.

to be buried in new ilde<sup>1</sup> of Brewham Ch. : Ch. of B. to helpe to maynteyn the brothred priest a kowe : John my son the yonger a cawldron : John my son the elder *4d.* : Elinor my dau. *4d.*

*Residue.*—My wyf Joan.

*Witnesses.*—Rich. Hart,<sup>2</sup> curat, Wm. Rekhed., John Itery, John Baberstocke.

126. **John Glistler** of Langport. 25 Feb., 1539.

in churchyard of Lamport : Ch. of Wells *4d.* : Ch. of L. *3s. 4d.* : Thomas my son all my ground betwix the bothe brigges of Lamport in the North partye with my second best cuppe : my dau. Alice Rede my salte of sylver : my dau. Alice Gaterny my flatt peace of sylver the whiche cuppe of silver, salte and flatt peace I will my wif to occupy as long as she is widow and my said ground during her lyfe.

*Residue.*—My wif Joan.

*Witnesses.*—Sir Thomas Rocetor, vicar, Tho. Wever, Androo Bennet, Waiter Rede.

127. **John Gowle, senior, husbondman,** of High Ham.

8 Feb., 1539.

in churchyard of St. Androos of Hygham : Ch. of Wells *4d.* :

\* 1. See No. 118.

2. Formerly Canon of Bruton Abbey (*S.R.S.* viii, liv).



Ch. of H. 4*d.* : Ch. of Compton Dondun 4*d.* : Ch. of Streit 4*d.* : my curat Sir John Jacson a bushel of wheat : Sir Laurence the brothernhed preist, the same. : Eliz. Tutton my dau. a calve of 8 weeks old.

*Residue.*—My wif Clase and John my son.

*Witnesses.*—Sir John Jackson, curat, John Parson, Robt. Snowe, Wm. Amore.

128. **William Popull, husbondman, of High Ham.**

24 Feb., 1539.

in church erthe of St. Androws of Hyham : Ch. of Wells 12*d.* : my gostly father Sir John Jackson, curett 12*d.* : my brother Redyng of Heham a cow : Ch. of Murlynche a blacke cowe : Edyngton Chapell 12*d.* : Chelton is chapell 12*d.* : Wm. Screvyn 2 oxen, 2 kye : my wyf Agnes 4 oxen, 4 kye : my 2 sons all my shepe : to 5 Ryngers 20*d.* : my rayment to Wm. my yonger son, save my best cote and Wm. my elder son to have hym : Thomas, servant to Wm. Screvyn a sleveless coote.

*Residue.*—My two children Wm. and Wm.

*Witnesses.*—Sir John Jackson, curate, John Gowle, John Crosseman.

129. **Peter Edmonde, husbondman, of High Ham.**

17 Jan., 31 H. 8.

in churchyard of St. Johns in the towne of Glastonbury : hie auter of the same ch. 4*d.* : same ch. of St. Johns 2*d.* : Sir Jas. Smythe my gostly father 4*d.* : Cristofer Newman, clarke, 2*d.* : Ch. of Wells 4*d.* : Ch. of Hyham a sacke of wheat : hie auter of H. for forgotten tethes 12*d.* : my son John Emond my wayne, yowkes, roopes to be delivered at his mariage.

*Residue.*—Joan Edmond.

*Witnesses.*—John Hart, Baily of Glaston, John Raynsbury, John Thomas of the same town, Robt. Snowe and John Atwoll sen. of Higham.

130. **Sir John Page of Axbridge.** 13 April, 1540.

to be buried in the church of A. by my mother : Ch. of

Wells 4*d.* : highe [aulter] in A. 6*d.* : the lighte 6*d.* : the churche for vestments 40*d.* : also ye shall receyve of Maister Kemys for his wiffs buriall in the church 6*s.* 8*d.*, and this money I geve to the meanteaning of the beame<sup>1</sup> before the highe aulter : every godson 4*d.* : my godson John Wise my chamlett girkyng : my godson John Hyet my wering coote of clothe : my brother John of Blakedon my mare : my brother Wm. Page a crock, etc. : Margaret Morow my 2 andyerns<sup>2</sup> : Rich. Hyet and Cristian his wif a broche, a frieng pan : Thos. Tanners wif a mantill : servyce of our lady in Wynscombe Ch. 40*d.* : my systers 2 children of Bertun 8*s.*, wh. I had of theirs to kepe and 13*s.* 4*d.* beside : my brother Thos. Shalman of Nye to pay this 21*s.*

*Residue.*—Isabell Hodge and Christian Shalman my sisters.

*Overseers.*—Sir John Goldwege and Tho. King.

*Witnesses.*—Sir Richard Brown, curat (12*d.*), Tho. King, Tho. Ball, Wm. Page.

131. **Thomas Wilkyns** ats **Heliar** of Montacute. 6 May, 1540. in churchyard of St. Katerine in Montagew : Ch. of M. 10*s.* in the hands of Edithe sumtime wif to John Payys : Wm. Elvard *als* Baker my burgage lying in the northe streeit of the borowge of M. : John Morleye, mason, my warking howse standing in the quarrys at Hamdon.

*Residue.*—Joan my wif.

*Overseer.*—Wm. Elvard *als*. Baker.

*Witnesses.*—Mr. Tho. Freeke my gostly father, John Morley, Angell Symes, Wm. Godwyn.

132. **Walter Gilbert** of Penselwood. 7 May, 1540. in churchyard of P. : highe aulter 12*d.*

*Residue.*—Alce my wyf.

*Overseers.*—John Illing and John Alvert.

the said Alice willingly agreeth to kepe herself sole without marieng except it be with the counsell and alowing of

1. "Wells Wills," 6 (note 1).

2. "Fire-dogs" to support burning wood on the hearth.



J. I. and J. Alford, if she do not keep the sd. promise of widowhede then it shall be lawful to take all such goods from the sd. Alice and to dispose them for the helthe of my soul.

*Witnesses.*—Sir Wm. Grene my gostly father, Sir Richard Swayne, John Palmour, Walter Moppe.

[Folio 86 missing : folio 87 in place of 81.]

133. **Bowge.**

in churchyard of Periton : Ch. of Wells *2d.* : my curat *4d.* : St. Michaell Ch. of P. a bushel of wheat : my dau. Elinore a yerlyng heffer : John Wilway a calve.

*Residue.*—Elizabeth Bowge my wif.

*Witnesses.*—Wm. Weke, Robt. Wilway.

134. **Nicholas Hardwill** of Lawrence Wike. 8 Jan., 1539.

in church of L. W. : Ch. of Wells *4d.* : Ch. of Wike for my buriall *6s. 8d.* : every godchild *4d.*

*Residue.*—Joan my wif and my 3 sons, John, Tho. and Wm.

*Witnesses.*—Sir Tho. Smyth, curate, Tho. Toker, Wm. Terrell.

135. **John Colyns** of High Ham. 2 May, 1540.

church erthe of St. Androw in Hyham : Ch. of Wells *4d.* : Ch. of H. 2 bushels of wheat : the brothereden one bushel of wheat : Wm. my son a cowe : my son John a stere : my son Robert a stere : my dau. Jone a cowe.

*Residue.*—My wyf Elizabeth.

*Witnesses.*—Sir John Jackson, Phil. Sherwyn, John Gowoll.

136. **Sir William Donne** of East Brent. 9 March, 1539.

my body to be buried in the chancell of E. B. : Ch. of Wells *8d.* : Ch. of E. B. *8d.* : mayntayning of our lady preist in E. B. *3s. 4d.* : Sir Thomas Bovell *8d.* : John Long the par. clerke *4d.*

*Residue.*—My father John Cary.

*Witnesses.*—Sir Thos. Bovell, Rich. Mere, John Long.

137. **John Androos, husbandman, of Kingsdon.**

29 April, 1540.

in churchyard of Allhalow in Kingsdon : Ch. of Wells 4*d.* :  
Ch. of K. the shere of one acre of whete a long land : the  
3 children of John Walford a great pan and a broche  
[spit] : Joan Walford an yron rope.

*Residue.*—Joan my wyf.

*Witnesses.*—Sir Robt. Barbar, John Tompsy, Tho. Androos.

138. **Thomas Mors of Congresbury. 2 Nov., 1539.**

in churchyard of C. : Ch. of Wellys 4*d.* : St. Michael chapell  
a bushel of wheat : Joan my dau. 3 oxen : Thomas Rust  
a chamlett dublat : Wm. Ruste a shirt : Sir Wm. parish  
priest a shirt.

*Residue.*—Joan my wyf.

*Witnesses.*—Edm. Neads, Wm. Rust, Sir Wm.

139. **John Towkey of Banwell. 11 March, 1540.**

in churchyard at B. : Annys my wif and John my son all  
my goods.

*Witnesses.*—Sir Hew Coper, curat, Tho. Cooke, Wm. Cooke,  
clerk.

140. **John Bremelcumbe of Tintinhull. 7 April, 1540.**

sacre sepulture dive virginis Margarete de Tyntenhull :  
Wellie 4*d.* : eccl. B.V. Margaret 20*d.* : filio meo meum  
plaustrum cum rotis ferro ligatis : Thome filio meo unam  
juvencam.

*Residium.*—Eliz. ux mee.

*Testibus.*—Will. Axe, meo confessore, Wm. Gill, Joh. Hop-  
kyns.

141. **Thomas Penny of Batcombe. 24 Aug., 1540.**

in churchyard of B. : Ch. of Wells 4*d.* : hye crosse lighte of  
B. 4*d.* : belding of the towre of B. 40 lode of Rowe stones  
or 5*s.* for theym at the choice of the parishe : the brother-  
heden of B. 5*s.* : 4 of my son Wm. Penys children Agnes  
Peny, Alice and Alice Peny and Katerine Peny each  
5 shepe.



*Residue.*—Julian my wif and Wm. my son.

*Witnesses.*—John Kingman, Wm. Yerebury, Ric. Williams.

142. **John Blewett** of Axbridge. 14 March, 1541.

in churchyard of St. John in Axbruge : Ch. of Wells *id.* :  
hie auter of A. *1d.* : the Trinytie lyght, the Roode lyght  
and St. Crispyn and Crispinyanes<sup>1</sup> light (each) *1d.*

*Residue.*—Alys my wyf and Maude my dau.

*Witnesses.*—Sir Rich. Browne, curatt, Ric. Blewett, Morrys  
Browne, Tho. Ball.

143. **Clare Sever** of Huntspill. 10 Oct., 1540.

in churchyard of Allhallon of Hunspyll : Ch. of Wells *2d.* :  
hie crosse of H. *4d.* : our lady servys a rynge : my dau.  
Agnes Good my best gowne, a gyrdell.

*Residue.*—Richard Tawzon my son in law.

*Witnesses.*—Sir John Hancockes, Thos. Tatche, Rich.  
Tauson.

144. **Thomas Gyste** of Burnham. 12 Dec., 1539.

in churchyard of St. Androw of B. : Ch. of Wells *2d.* : St.  
A. of B. *2d.* : hie crosse *2d.* : my children Richard and  
Joan 2 yerelyng heyfers.

*Residue.*—Joan my wyf.

*Witnesses.*—Sir John Masse, John Harte, Rich. Jenett, John  
Blower.

145. **Richard Browne** of Congresbury. 9 Feb., 1539.

to be buried at Puckiston : hye light at C. 2 bushels of  
barley : St. Michall chapell the same : John my son the  
elder 2 oxen, 2 kyne and a mare that is in the keypyng of  
Thos. Williams : Wm. my son 2 oxen that are in the  
keypyng of Agnes Colman, and 2 kyne in the keypyng of  
John Bodie : John my son the yonger all my title in a  
certain lease<sup>2</sup> at Wotfords hill with 8 colts being in the  
same lease.

1. They are the Patron Saints of Shoemakers (*see* Introduction).

2. Leasow (meadow).

*Residue.*—Maude my wyf, John the yonger, and Thomas my sons.

*Witnesses.*—John Knyght, Tho. Cooke, Joh. Hunte.

*Overseers.*—J. K., T. C. and Rich. Aveyre.

146. **Wm. Bayly** of Lawrens Wyke. 26 Oct., 1539.  
[rest missing : folio 91 missing.]

147. **William Harvie** of Stowford in Barwick. 16 March, 1540.  
in the par. church of Mary Mawdelyn yn Barwycke : Ch. of Wells 12*d.* : hie crosse light of B. 8*d.* : Sir John Gryme my curett for my forgotten tethes 3*s.* 4*d.* : Ch. of B. 10*s.* : my son Antonye Harvie a goblett of sylver with the cover also a bedde in the low chambre with the tester and curtens and the hangyngs of say that ys in the hawlle after my wyves decease : Richard Harvye my son my salte of sylver with the cover : Jone Harvye £6 13*s.* 4*d.* : Anne Coles £4 : every of Richard Harves children a shepe : Phillipp Harvie one colte.

*Residue.*—Agnes my wyf.

*Witnesses.*—Sir John Gryme, parson of B., Rich. Harvie, Tho. Frye.

148. **Margaret Jorden** of Frome. 8 March, 1539.

in churchyard of St. Babtist in F. : Ch. of Wells 4*d.* : Rich. Morgan one coppe of sylver gylte : wyfe of John Layn a kyrtell violet color : Gabege wyffe a gowne : Isbell Spender a kyrchew holand : Thos. Phillipps curat a pair of shetes : Sir Robert Grey the same and a towell of dyaper for his aulter : John Horner the yonger servant unto Mr. Thomas Horner 4 platters of pewter : Thos. Bullocke 3 platters : John Horseman 4 platters : John Basyng the same : John Trugwell the same : George Felon 2 platters : Anne Burrough the crowne of 5*s.* which she borrowed of Edw. Jorden my husband : Jone Selbye a kyrtell : John Waterman is wyf one pair of canvas shetes : Jone Adene a kyrtell : Isbell my elder dau. and her husband one kerchew of lockeram<sup>1</sup> : Maystress Cocke a smokke : Margaret Johns

1. A linen, said to have been originally manufactured at Locronan in Brittany. (*Drapers' Dict.*)



a kyrche : Avas Edmunds my mantell : hie alter in F. a table cloth for an alter clothe : John Layn 9s. 6d.

*Residue.*—John Danyell my servant.

*Overseers.*—Mr. Tho. Horner (to whom one pece of sylver and a spruse borde).

*Witnesses.*—Sir Tho. Phillipps, curett, Sir Rob. Grey, prist, Mr. John Cooke, John Layn.

149. **Alice Maydman** of Brewham. 4 June, 32 H. 8.

in church of Brewham : Ch. of Wells 4d. : Ch. of B. 3s. 4d. : brothereden awter of B. 3s. 4d. : Mr. Wells my gostly father 12d. : John M. my son 4 steres, a payr of Ethes,<sup>1</sup> 2 sylver spones, a rownde borde, a wymshete<sup>2</sup> : to his wyff a curtell : John his son a wenlyng of this yeare : Margett his dau. the same : 2 other of his children 2s. : John Perry a cowe : a great whiche<sup>3</sup> : Richard Perry a bullocke : Alys Pyrry a heyfer : 5 other children 5s. : Agnes Yowng a sylver spone and 6s. 8d. : John Pyrry a yerlyng : Alls Dole a maser : John Burton a podynger.<sup>4</sup>

*Residue.*—My son Wm. Dole and Syblie his wyfe : holy roode lyght 12d. : torches 4d.

*Witnesses.*—Sir Robt. Wells, prist, Stevyn Coxe, Phil. Davie, John Togood, John Frowde.

150. **Edmund Watts** of Shepton Malett. 25 Feb., 1540.

church yerth of S. M. : Ch. of Wells 4d. : hye crosse lyghte 4d. : bells 8d. : hye auter 2d. : John my son a brode lome and an osat lome<sup>5</sup> : Leonard my son a brode lome : John my foresaid son 10 shepe : Leonard 6 shepe : Jone my dau. 10 shepe : Margere my dau. 10 shepe : Alys my dau. the same : to every of my s<sup>d</sup>. daus. 10s. and a heiffer apece.

*Residue.*—Ane my wyf.

[The rest missing.]

1. Eythe, a harrow (*N.E.D.*) See *S.R.S.* xxi, 111, 140, 229.
2. A winnowing sheet.
3. A hutch or chest.
4. i.e. porringer.
5. See No. 111.

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