

**126. Ralph<sup>7</sup> Peirson**, esquire, born about 1647, of Ely, Cambridge, England<sup>1</sup>; died<sup>2</sup> 21 Mar 1711, age 65; buried<sup>3 4</sup> 6 Apr 1711 in Holbeach, Lincoln, England. He married **127. Susan Mingay**, christened<sup>5</sup> 1 Apr 1650 in Arminghall, Norfolk, England, died<sup>6</sup> 13 Feb 1713, buried<sup>7</sup> in Holbeach, Lincoln, England, daughter of **254. John Mingay** and **255. Jane Davy**.

I have traced Ralph Peirson as early as 19 Aug 1672, when he is named in a charter and described as ‘Ralph Peirson, of Ely, gentleman.’ At this time he was purchasing a swan mark, which was a unique design that was cut into the bills of swans swimming in certain rivers. Swans were a game bird reserved for the upper classes, and the swan mark signified the owner of the birds. Ralph Peirson’s swan mark was described as the ‘double compasses.’ Until his death Ralph occasionally traveled certain rivers in Cambridgeshire and Norfolk, marking the bills of the offspring of swans marked with the double compasses. After his death, his widow Susan Peirson sold the mark on 17 March 1711/12 for 5 pounds, 7 shillings, and six pence.<sup>8</sup>

Ralph Peirson was involved with the Corporation of the Bedford Level. A little background: The northern half of Cambridgeshire was part of a large swamp or fen and was known as the Isle of Ely. In the mid-1600s attempts were made to drain the fens to make useful lands therefrom. Eventually a corporation was formed, named the Corporation of the Bedford Level, that had responsibility for the maintenance of the drainage ditches and canals. The Corporation also maintained a deeds registry to assist in proving correct ownership of the newly drained land. Ralph was involved in the governance of the Corporation, as was his father-in-law John<sup>8</sup> Mingay and his brother-in-law Robert Mingay. Ralph Peirson is mentioned in several extant petitions 1674-1702 in the Corporation’s records.

Ralph Peirson and Susan Mingay had at least three of their children christened in Ely between 1676 and 1681. Because of gaps in the bishops transcripts, it is possible that other of their children (perhaps Richard, buried 1681, and Dorothy) were also born there. At about 1682 or 1683, Ralph Peirson moved his family to the parish of Thorney, Cambridgeshire, which is one of the northernmost parishes in the county. His daughter Rebecca was christened<sup>9</sup> in late 1683 in Thorney. From 1684-1709 Ralph was the steward for the Duke of Bedford<sup>9</sup>, who owned most of the land in the large parish of Thorney. In this position Ralph was responsible for the Duke’s estate in Thorney and was one of the most important men in the parish.

Ralph Peirson was also one of the Justices of the Peace for the Isle of Ely.<sup>10</sup> In this capacity he met four times a year with other justices, in a proceeding called the Quarter Sessions, to administer the affairs of the Isle of Ely and to preside over civil and criminal trials. He was not paid for this service.

Ralph Peirson was Impropriator of the tithes for the parish of Holbeach in Lincolnshire. This meant he was responsible for collecting the tithes of those living in the parish, and after paying the required amount to the local curate, could keep anything that remained. Ralph obtained the impropriatorship through a series of leases from Richard Lord Gorges, Baron of Dundalk, with whom he was acquainted at least as early as 1689, when the two were co-beneficiaries of a bequest in Robert<sup>7</sup> Mingay’s will.

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<sup>1</sup> Grant of swan mark 19 Aug 1672 by Thomas Adamson to Ralph Pierson of Ely, gent. Northamptonshire Record Office, F(M) Charter/2561 (Index only; not yet transcribed)

<sup>2</sup> Macdonald, Grant W. *Historical Notices of the Parish of Holbeach*. Kings Lynn, 1890. p. 136. Family History Library, 942.53/H3 K2m. (Document 97)

<sup>3</sup> *ibid.*

<sup>4</sup> Parish Registers of Holbeach, Lincoln, England: burial of Radulphus Pearson 1711. FHL # 1,542,147. (Document 98)

<sup>5</sup> Parish Registers of Arminghall, Norfolk, England: christening of Susan Mingay 1650. FHL # 1,472,794. (Document 99)

<sup>6</sup> *Historical Notices of the Parish of Holbeach* ,p.136. (Document 97)

<sup>7</sup> *ibid.*

<sup>8</sup> Grant of swan mark 17 Mar 1711/12 by Susan Peirson, of Thorney, widow, to Robert Smyth. Northamptonshire Record Office, F(M) Charter/2562. (Index only; not yet transcribed)

<sup>9</sup> Peirson Surname File, Thorney Society, 1993. p.5. (Document 217)

<sup>10</sup> Index description of Blakeney Collection, vol. xxxi, ff. 41-93. British Library, Add 63109

In 1696 Ralph Peirson was plaintiff in a suit in the Court of Exchequer<sup>11</sup> because there was a dispute as to the method of collecting the Holbeach tithes. Ralph Peirson lost the suit, which was of some notoriety, as a song was even written about it. Part of the song went:

For George without Garter  
Has lost his sham charter  
For tithing lambs after  
not on clipping day.<sup>12</sup>

Even though he and Lord Gorges lost the suit, Ralph Peirson remained impropiator of Holbeach tithes. According to Ralph Peirson's will, he held the impropiatorship by virtue of grants dated 7 March 1698 and 7 June 1710.<sup>13</sup>

Approximately 30 letters of Ralph Peirson have been located. These letters date from 1695-1702 and were almost all written from London to his friend and assistant, Nathaniel Browne. The letters mostly deal with Ralph Peirson's agricultural interests, such as caring for and selling sheep and horses, burning and plowing fields, collecting rents from his tenants, mole infestations, and purchasing seeds and trees. For example, in a letter dated 6 February 1696 Ralph indicates he will be sending the following seeds to Mr. Browne: "4 ounces of Cucumbers, ½ all of oynions, 1 ounce of winter savory, 1 ounce of mellons, 2 ounces of leeks (wch are very scarce and dear) 1 ounce of curld Endive, 2 ounces Cabbidge Lettuce, ½ an ounce of Colly flower, 1 pint of Radish, double Larke spurr...."<sup>14</sup> In a subsequent letter Ralph also mentions French Marigolds, African Marigolds, Garden Cresses, red beets, sweet cherrill, and curled cresses.<sup>15</sup>

In another letter Ralph relates an event known to anyone who has purchased seeds or trees through the mail:<sup>16</sup>

On saterday next Clark ye Carryer will bring to Peterb[orough] a parcell of Trees done up close in a Garden: Matt & therefore I would have ye Gardenr take one of ye Mares & fetch them carefully on munday next, there is 42 of them vizt. 6 black: Harts, 6 white, 6 Red, 6. Bleeding, 6 Luke=wards, 5 Dukes, 3 Carnations, Tell ye Gardnr: these last 8 should have been Flanders, but there is no Dwarfes of that kind to be had) & 2 ffigs one white, another Red, these 40 are for my selfe & ye 2 Kentish pippins are for Mr. Brecknock....

Included in Ralph's letters is one letter written by his wife Susan<sup>17</sup>. It is extremely rare for a letter written by a woman in the 17<sup>th</sup> century to survive. The letter is written in two different hands. It is addressed to Dell, which is a nickname for their daughter Dorothy, who was about 18 at the time the letter was written. Jack, also mentioned in the letter, is a nickname for their son John, who was then about 4 years old.

I am glad to heare that you are well & that my sister is noe worss I wish I could say so but I have had 4 days of great extreamyty in my backe & this day it is fallen into my thigh & so to my Tooos and I can not stand with out paine I pray God derecte me that I may fall into such hand as I may find benefitts for if it doe not goe off within 3 or 4 days longer which I will strive to beare: upon the account of the time you may guess what I

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<sup>11</sup> *Peirson v. Hockerston*. Public Record Office. E 134/9Wm3/East10. (Index record only: actual documents not yet accessed)

<sup>12</sup> *Historical Notices of the Parish of Holbeach*, p.135. (Document 97)

<sup>13</sup> Will of Ralph Peirson, esquire, Prerogative Court of Canterbury (proved 18 Jun 1711). FHL # 092,487. (Document 215; transcript at Document 215T)

<sup>14</sup> Letter to Mr. Nathaniel Brown 6 Feb 1696. Blakeney Collection vol. xxxi., fol. 47. British Library, Add 63109. (NOTE: Ralph Peirson's letters are in a separate binder)

<sup>15</sup> Letter to Mr. Nathaniel Brown 18 Feb 1696. Blakeney Collection vol. xxxi., fol. 50. British Library, Add 63109.

<sup>16</sup> Letter to Mr. Nathaniel Brown 14 Jan 1696. Blakeney Collection vol. xxxi., fol. 44. British Library, Add 63109.

<sup>17</sup> Letter to Dell [Dorothy Peirson] 22 Jun 1695. Blakeney Collection vol. xxxi., fol. 32. British Library, Add 63109.

meane: & if I doe not prove so: I am sure It will be worse, I am mightly beholdden to good Mrs Larrand & her two sisters but for business we have done little. but to be \_\_\_\_\_ I have strived more then what was easy to me to aske questions what is fashionable: because I know you would be resolved how your mony will goe you know Mrs Ridhouse is a fashionable woman & maintaining her daughter very gentle att Chelsey Scoole & therefore sees all fashons: & she says that mourneing is little regarded onely in ribens & lineings of theire gounds blacke & petycots also with black knotted freings which I thinke if this lineing prove well done which yor cosen Bety have put to her cosen Williams will bind your lutestringe gounds & so buy a fringe a bould 2 5 for your pettycote which is the same alteration I in tend to buy for my damaske gound & pettycotte for blacke & white stuffs theire is nothinge but what I like your & your sisters Slys or a stripe blacke & white Greaseat which yor cosen Bety have bought A Manttul & pettycott with knotted fringe to it & that cost 3s & 6d a yard which is very deare, but because we must apeare a little minding mourneing & have not change here or else she would not have given so deare for her fancy and for a camlett we have sent to many shopts & can get none under 3s a yard yard wide pray send us word whether Mrs Brecknocke will have any at that price for one can be willinger to serve her but am loath to give more then she would have me & then for blacke & white it looke the worst of any couler of that sortt of stuffs for the litter the collers be the glosser that stuffe looke & for mourening she does not regarde it for they weare any couler if blacke be but one. I thinke the pattern we brought of blacke & Lemon which we cannot light of yett is as pretty as any: [in a different hand:] yor mother has wearyed her selfe wth writing of this & is forct to lye downe, but joynes wth me in giving true love & service to good sister Burrell & all our friends & neighbours, wch wth our blessing to yor selfe & Jack is all from yor Lov: father Ralph Peirson

Ralph went to London for several specific reasons: to lobby Parliament on behalf of the Corporation of the Bedford Level, to conduct legal business, and to seek treatment for his wife's illnesses. Susan (Mingay) Peirson apparently suffered from chronic illnesses. In one of the letters Ralph explains this reason for traveling to London:<sup>18</sup>

... I am in great hopes my wife will do well againe she having had ye advice of two Physicians & their medicines have agreed well wth her, wch is likely that they do take place, but she is to go thorough a Course of Physick wch is ye occasion of our long stay; ....

The next week Ralph writes his daughter Dorothy:<sup>19</sup>

... yo:r mother is still in a Course of Physick & not well, but must come home to gett a stomach, wch wth our blessing to you & Jack, true love & service to good Sister Burrell & all friends that ask for us is all att present from yo:r Loving Father Ralph Peirson

In the same letter Ralph mentions his 11- year old daughter Rebecca, who he calls 'Beck':<sup>20</sup>

Send us word by Mr. Browne if Willm & Mary have kept their promise in our absence, & if they have you may send mary word wee will call for her as wee come by, & let Beck be wth her that wee may see her....

<sup>18</sup> Letter to Mr. Nathaniel Brown 9 Jul 1695. Blakeney Collection vol. xxxi., fol. 37. British Library, Add 63109.

<sup>19</sup> Letter to Dell [Dorothy Peirson] 16 Jul 1695. Blakeney Collection vol. xxxi., fol. 38. British Library, Add 63109.

<sup>20</sup> *Ibid.*

The letters included other personal or family matters. For instance, Ralph discusses the christening of his neighbor's child:<sup>21</sup>

you write me word of Mr. Brecknocks child's christening & my son Sly informes me that Mad:m Johnson & my Dear were Gossips [godparents] to his child, but neither of you sey whether it is a boy or girle, only I concluded ye latter by ye Gossips, I am glad shee is safely delivered.

Four days after the burial of his son John (at age 5), Ralph wrote:<sup>22</sup>

Seeing it has pleased God to visitt my family I do submitt in all humility, & beg his assistance in supporting my Dear & selfe in ye affliction wch we mortals are subject to upon such occasions, & that hee will give us his grace to make ye right use of it.

In his letters Ralph refers to several of his relatives. Because of the personal or familiar nature of the letters, in which Ralph refers to his own wife and children only by their nicknames, there are few clues as to whom Ralph is actually referring. He mentions his brother Mingay (most likely referring to John<sup>7</sup> Mingay, his wife's eldest brother), his cousin Jenyns (most likely referring to Roger Jenyns, who married the widow of Robert<sup>7</sup> Mingay, his wife's youngest brother) his sister Burrell (possibly referring to Margaret Burrell, who with Ralph Peirson and John Mingay were defendants in a 1693 chancery suit regarding a lease on lands in Weston and Spalding, Lincolnshire<sup>23</sup>) cousin/niece Betty (who may have been Elizabeth Wright, who with Margaret Burrell, were plaintiffs in a 1715 suit in the Court of Exchequer regarding lands in Sutton and Gedney, Lincolnshire<sup>24</sup>), and his cousin Twells (which may have been John Twells or Robert Twells, who are mentioned in the 1715 Exchequer suit.<sup>25</sup>

The design on the seals Ralph Peirson used to seal his letters are difficult to inspect using the photocopies obtained from the British Library, but the seals on folios 39, 49 50 and 74 are sufficiently readable to show the inclusion of a sunburst. This is interesting because a "sun in splendour" (i.e. a sun with rays emanating therefrom) is a feature of the coat of arms of several Pearson/Peerson/Pierson families in London and Cambridgeshire. Of particular interest is a grant to a Peerson family of Wisbech (a parish in northern Cambridgeshire) and London, with a coat of arms described as "per fesse embattled gules and azure three suns or."<sup>26</sup> Another grant of arms, with the principal colors reversed is to Hugh Peirson in 1714, who "descended from a family of Pearson, of Wisbeach, Isle of Ely, Cambridge."<sup>27</sup> These arms are described as "Per fess embattled azure and gules three suns in splendour or." This is interpreted as a shield divided horizontally in the middle of the shield ('per fess') with the top half blue ('azure') and the bottom half red ('gules'), with the division between the two halves resembling the stylized up/down pattern found on the tops of castle walls ('embattled'). Three yellow ('or') suns, with rays radiating from each sun, are arranged with two suns on the top half of the shield and one sun on the bottom half of the shield. Several variations of these arms have also been found for other Pierson/Parson/Pearson families. Ralph Peirson's use of a 'sun in splendour' on his seal suggests he may descend from one of these families. Unfortunately, searches among the publicly available heraldic records have not produced any

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<sup>21</sup> Letter to Mr. Nathaniel Brown 30 Jan 1696. Blakeney Collection vol. xxxi., fol. 46. British Library, Add 63109.

<sup>22</sup> Letter to Mr. Nathaniel Brown 29 Dec 1696. Blakeney Collection vol. xxxi., fol. 42. British Library, Add 63109.

<sup>23</sup> *Ravenscroft v. Burrell*, Public Record Office, C 6/305/30 (Online index record only: actual documents not yet accessed)

<sup>24</sup> *Allen v. Baldwer*, Public Record Office, E 134/13Anne/East16 (Online index record only: actual documents not yet accessed)

<sup>25</sup> *Ibid.*

<sup>26</sup> Burke's *General Armory*. University of Iowa. p. 786 (Document 218)

<sup>27</sup> *General Armory*. p. 784. (Document 218)

connection. The College of Arms, which is an English institution historically charged with maintaining heraldic records, will search its records for a rather stiff fee.

Other papers of Ralph Peirson are privately held in England in the Townsend Collection. It is not known whether these papers, which apparently cover the years 1665-1702, provide further biographical or ancestral information about Ralph, but initial inquiries to the Norfolk Record Office suggested there would be little such information in these papers.

The following are excerpts from the will<sup>28</sup> of Ralph Peirson, dated 8 Jan 1710/11:

... I do give and bequeath unto *my dearly beloved Wife Susan Peirson* all that my Right Title Interest claim demand and property which I have may have or ought to have to and in the Parsonage or Rectory of Holbeach in the parts of Holland and County of Lincoln (by virtue of a grant & settlement thereof made unto me the said Ralph Peirson my Heirs and Assigns of the said Parsonage or Rectory under the hand and Seal of the Right Honourable Richard Lord Gorges Baron of Dundalk in the Kingdom of Ireland and bearing Date the Seventh Day of March One Thousand and Six Hundred Ninety and Eight after his Death and by another the like settlement bearing Date the Seventh Day of July last One Thousand Seven Hundred and Ten) for and during the Term of her natural Life and then to to be disposed of as I have hereafter directed which Parsonage or Rectory is a Lease for three Lives from the Bishop of Lincolne being now filled by my own my said Wifes and *my Eldest Son Ralph Peirsons* Lives...

I do give and bequeath unto *Dorothy Sly my Granddaughter* who is also my Goddaughter and Daughter to *Walter Sly my Son in Law (who married my Daughter Susan)* the summe of One Hundred pounds And likewise I give and bequeath One Hundred pounds more unto *Peirson Sly my Grandson now the Youngest Son of the said Walter and Susan* to be paid by my Executrix or as it is herein further mentioned and provided which Two Hundred pounds is in lieu of Two Hundred pounds that I promised the said Walter Sly in consideration of his leaving Dogsthorp to come to Thorney...

I give and bequeath the said Parsonage or Rectory of Holbeach after the Decease of my said Wife Susan Peirson unto *my Son Richard Peirson* and to his Heirs for ever But if he happen to dye without Issue Then my Will and pleasure is that after the Decease of my said Wife the said Parsonage or Rectory shall be sold and the Money it is sold for shall be equally divided into three parts whereof I give and bequeath to *my Eldest Daughter Susan Sly* one Third part To *my Second Daughter Dorothy Ris* another Third part And to *my third Daughter Rebecca Phillipson* the other Third part to each of them the said proportions to them and their Heirs for Ever ...

I give and bequeath unto *my Grandchildren John Sly Walter Sly and Susan Sly and to Abraham Ris Jeremiah Ris Samuel Ris Dorothy Ris Mingay Ris and Martha Ris and to Clement Phillipson and Susan Phillipson* and to my three Godchildren John Twells Junr Jane Doughty and Jane Norris each of them Twenty shillings apiece to be paid by my Executrix ...

I do make constitute and appoint *my said Wife Susan Peirson* my full and sole Executrix of this my last Will and Testament ...

And my desire is that I may be buried in the Chancell of Holbeach Church where I hope my dear wife and the rest of my ffamily will also lye ...

I do make and ordain my three very good ffrinds *Walter Sly my said Son in Law Mr. Edward Brown Junr of Quadring in the County of Lincolne and Mr Anthony Kingston of Thorney aforesaid* to be supervisors and Trustees of this my last Will ... That then they will take collect and receive all the clear Rent issues and profitts of my Estates in Wisbeach High ffen and Guyhurn in the Isle and County aforesaid And that in the

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<sup>28</sup>Will of Ralph Peirson, esquire, Prerogative Court of Canterbury (proved 18 Jun 1711). FHL # 092,487. (Document 215; transcript at Document 215T)

Parishes of Southery Methwold and ffeltwell in the County of Norfolk and likewise that of my One Hundred and ffifty Acres in the Parish of Ramsey and Warboys in the County of Huntingdon and the above said twenty Acres in Littleport out of all which Rents issues and profitts (which may be about One Hundred and ffifty pounds per Ann) I do enjoin and require my said Son in Law and my other said two ffriends to *keep and maintain my Eldest Son Ralph Peirson* which charge may amount unto about fforty or ffifty pounds per Ann) having on the Second of October last 1710 agreed with Mr. Thomas Buckworth of Gretton in County of Northton to Board and take care of him at Thirty pounds per Ann and to pay him One hundred pounds if he brings him to his right senses again a year after he is so recovered which Year he is also to continue Boarding with him at the same rate And out of the surplusage or Surplus of the said Estates I do will and require that the said Hundred pounds be paid if it shall please God to give him success ...

After Ralph Peirson died, his descendants were involved in multiple suits in the Courts of Chancery and Exchequer. Although the actual documents are in the Public Record Office just outside of London, details of some of these suits have been extracted by the genealogist Charles Bernau. For example, a Chancery suit<sup>29</sup> in 1720 describes the parties as:

Robt. CHESTER. Esq., Ingismund TRAFFORD, Esq. Anthony KINGSTON, gent., Abraham PERROTT, & Wm. MINGAY (for themselves & other creditors of Ralph PEIRSON senr., Esq., decd.) & Peirson SLY, and infant (for himself & other legatees of sd. Ralph P., decd.) v. Hy HAUKIN, Wm. PHILLIPSON, gent. (admr. of Rebecca his late wife) John SLY, Clementina PHILLIPSON, Susan PHILLIPSON, Edwd. Brown, Dorothy SLY, spinr, (admx of Susanna PEIRSON, widow & of Ralph PEIRSON, Esq., unadmrd by sd. Susanna P.) Thos. ROWELL, Stephan LE COUNT, Abraham RIS & Jeremy RIS (exors of Abraham RIS, decd.) Walter Walker, Esq., & \_\_\_ his wife, Ralph Peirson junr., Mariana Dorothea PEIRSON, widow, Patrick Richd. PEIRSON & Susanna Catherina PEIRSON...

Children of Ralph Peirson and Susan Mingay were as follows:

- i        **Susan<sup>6</sup> Peirson**, christened<sup>30</sup> 12 Oct 1676 in Ely Trinity, Cambridge, England. She married<sup>31</sup> on 25 Feb 1694 in Thorney, Cambridge, England **Walter Slye**.
- ii       **Dorothy<sup>6</sup> Peirson**. She married<sup>32</sup> about 1698 **Abraham Ris**.
- iii      **Ralph<sup>6</sup> Peirson**, christened<sup>33</sup> 16 Mar 1679/80 in Ely Trinity, Cambridge, England. Notes: Ralph was known as Ralph Peirson, Junior. He witnessed a land transaction 28 Jun 1698<sup>34</sup>. Ralph is mentioned in his father's will, *q.v. supra*.
- iv       **Richard<sup>6</sup> Peirson**, buried<sup>35</sup> 9 May 1681 in Ely Trinity, Cambridge, England.
- v        **Richard<sup>6</sup> Peirson**, christened<sup>36</sup> 2 Nov 1681 in Ely Trinity, Cambridge, England, died<sup>37</sup> 29 Jun 1712 age 32, buried<sup>38</sup> 1 Jul 1712 in Thorney Abbey, Cambridge, England. He married **Mariana Dorothea (---)**<sup>39</sup>.

<sup>29</sup> Bernau Notebooks: C 11/399/9. FHL# 385,289. (Document 219)

<sup>30</sup> Bishops Transcripts of Ely Trinity, Cambridge, England: christening of Susanna Person 1676. FHL # 2,112,077. (Document 100)

<sup>31</sup> Peirson Surname File. (Document 217)

<sup>32</sup> *ibid.*

<sup>33</sup> Bishops Transcripts of Ely Trinity, Cambridge, England: christening of Ralph Peirson 1679/80. FHL # 2,112,077. (Document 101)

<sup>34</sup> Peirson surname file. (Document 217)

<sup>35</sup> Bishops Transcripts of Ely Trinity, Cambridge, England: burial of Richard Peirson 1681. FHL # 2,112,077. (Document 102)

<sup>36</sup> Bishops Transcripts of Ely Trinity, Cambridge, England: christening of Richard Peirson 1681. FHL # 2,112,077. (Document 103)

<sup>37</sup> Peirson surname file. (Document 217)

<sup>38</sup> *ibid.*

<sup>39</sup> Bernau Notebooks. (Document 219)

- 63      vi      **Rebecca<sup>6</sup> Peirson**, christened<sup>40 41</sup> 2 Nov 1683 in Thorney, Cambridge, England, buried<sup>42</sup> 18 Jul 1716 in Thorney, Cambridge, England. She married<sup>43</sup> on 14 Aug 1705 in Thorney, Cambridge, England **William Philipson**, *q.v. supra*.
- vii      **John<sup>6</sup> Peirson**, christened<sup>44</sup> 11 Jun 1691 in Thorney, Cambridge, England, buried<sup>45</sup> 25 Dec 1696 in Thorney Abbey, Cambridge, England at age 5.

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<sup>40</sup>Parish Registers of Thorney, Cambridge, England: christening of Rebecca Pierson 1683. FHL# 1,040,557. (Document 65)

<sup>41</sup>Peirson Surname file. (Document 217)

<sup>42</sup>Parish Registers of Thorney, Cambridge, England: burial of Rebecca Philipson 1716. FHL# 1,040,557. (Document 66)

<sup>43</sup>Parish Registers of Thorney, Cambridge, England: marriage of William Philipson & Rebecca Peirson 1705. FHL# 1,040,557. (Document 64)

<sup>44</sup>Parish Registers of Thorney, Cambridge, England: christening of John Peirson 1691. FHL# 1,040,557.

<sup>45</sup>Peirson Surname file. (Document 217)

**254. John<sup>8</sup> Mingay**, christened<sup>46 47</sup> 9 Feb 1614 in St John Timberhill, Norwich, Norfolk, England, buried<sup>48</sup> 14 Jul 1676 in Ely Trinity, Cambridge, England, son of **508. Henry Mingay** and **509. Mary Jernegan**. He married<sup>49</sup> on or about 2 March 1635 in Horsford, Norwich, England **255. Jane Davy**, of Oulton, Norfolk, England<sup>50</sup>, daughter of **510. Robert Davy** and **511. Ann Stanhaw**.

The Mingay surname is highly concentrated in the County of Norfolk, which is immediately to the east of Cambridgeshire. A one-name study is being conducted on the surname, and some of the information provided herein has been obtained from the proprietor of the one-name study. Other information has been obtained from a collection of documented manuscript Norfolk pedigrees as compiled and documented by G.H. Holley, a well-known Norfolk genealogist.

John Mingay descended from a long line of well-to-do Mingay families centered in Norwich and Shottesham (in Norfolk). He became involved in the governance of the Corporation of the Bedford Level, and according to his will, by 1674 he acted as Receiver and Expenditor for the Corporation for seventeen years (beginning in 1657).

The Norfolk Record Office has maintained a collection of the papers of the Mingay family of Arminghall and Shottesham, Norfolk, England. These papers date as early as 1563 but are not readily accessible from the United States. While these papers would probably not add to the already strong genealogical proofs for the Mingay family, the papers would likely provide significant biographical and historical context for the family.

This Mingay family is the first mentioned in this report to whom it is known arms were granted. The arms are described as: Or, on a bend azure, three leopards' faces of the first.<sup>51</sup> This is interpreted as a yellow (or) shield with a blue diagonal stripe (a bend azure), and three yellow leopard or lions' faces evenly placed along the blue stripe.

The following are excerpts from the will<sup>52</sup> of John Mingay, written 23 Dec 1674:

... my Will is that my Executors shall cause my Body to be buried close by *my Deceased Wife* as neare as the place will admitt and to have ingraven in the stone that now lyes over her these words/ here ly the Body of Mr. John Mingay who was Receiver and Expenditor to the Right Hon[or]able the Corporation of the Great Levell of the ffens for seaventeene yeares last past and was buried the . . . day of . . . in the yeare of our Lord . . .

I give and bequeath to *my Eldest Daughter Mrs Jane Baldwer* the sume of tenn pounds...

I give and bequeath unto *my daughter Susan Mingay* Six Hundred pounds of current english money to be paid her by my Executors within a twelve month after my Death together with the full Interest for the said six Hundred pounds from the day of my Death Also I give and bequeath unto my said Daughter Susan my wrought bed being wrought with red worsted upon [dinity?] with the bed bedstead rugg blanketts and twill and all the furniture in that Chamber where it now stands And \_\_\_\_ was by a Settlement made upon the marriage of *my Eldest sonn John Mingay* ...

I doe hereby Will my Executor hereafter named to pay or cause to be paid the Interest of three Hundred pounds parte of the said six Hundred pounds unto *my second sonn Henry Mingay*

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<sup>46</sup>Parish Registers of St. John Timberhill, Norwich, Norfolk, England: christening of John Myngaye 1614/15. FHL# 993,674. (Document 114)

<sup>47</sup>Baptismal certificate of John Mingay 1614/15. Norfolk Record Office, FEL 923. (transcript at Document 115)

<sup>48</sup>Bishops Transcripts of Ely Trinity, Cambridge, England: burial of John Mingay 1676. FHL # 2,112,077. (Document 116)

<sup>49</sup>Holley, G.H. *Marriage License Transcripts, Consistory Court of Norwich*. FHL# 094,835. (Document 117)

<sup>50</sup>*ibid.*

<sup>51</sup>The Visitation of Norfolk 1563 & 1613. Harleian Society, 1891. (Document 220)

<sup>52</sup>Will of John Mingay, Prerogative Court of Canterbury (proved 1676), FHL# 092,317. (Document 118; transcript at Document 118T)



the other three Hundred pounds of the said six Hundred that my said sonn John Mingay his Heires or Assignes is to pay with the Interest of it from and after my Death I give and bequeath it to *my youngest sonn Robert Mingay* ...

And for all my Howses and Land lying in Shoatesham Stoake or any where else in the County of Norfoulke aforesaid that I have power to dispose of I doe hereby give and bequeath them all to *my Eldest sonn John Mingay* and his Heires forever ...

and alsoe that my said sonn John Mingay his Heires and Assignes do pay or cause to bee paid unto *my Cosin Mary Mingay Eldest Daughter to my Deceased Brother Anthony Mingay* the sume of ffive pounds a yeare of lawfull english money ...

I doe hereby nominate ordaine and make my *youngest Sonn Robert Mingay* sole Executor to this my last Will and Testament ...

A codicil, dated 12 June 1676, was included with the will, excerpts of which are as follows:

...Whereas by the said Will I have given to *my Daughter Susan Mingay* six Hundred pounds to be paid her by my Executor and all my ffurniture bedd bedstedd stoole and chaires in the Belcony chamber I doe hereby Declare the said Guift of six Hundred pounds to be utterly voyd and not to be paid by my Executor to her or hers but the furniture in the Belcony chamber to be delivered unto her after my Decease according to my said Will for since I made that Will I have given her in marriage to one *Mr. Ralfe Parsons* and Paid him One Hundred pounds and obliged my selfe and my Executor to pay him ffive Hundred pounds more as may more at large appeare by a paire of Indentures made betweene him and me ...

Both the will and the codicil of John Mingay were witnessed by Ralph Peirson.

Children of John Mingay and Jane Davy were as follows:

- i **John<sup>7</sup> Mingay**, christened<sup>53</sup> 27 Nov 1636 in Arminghall, Norfolk, England, buried<sup>54</sup> 6 Nov 1704 in St. Stephen, Norwich, Norfolk, England.
- ii **Henry<sup>7</sup> Mingay**, christened<sup>55</sup> 3 Nov 1639 in Arminghall, Norfolk, England.
- iii **Jane<sup>7</sup> Mingay**, christened<sup>56</sup> 3 Mar 1641/42 in Arminghall, Norfolk, England. She married **James Baldwer**.
- iv **Ann<sup>7</sup> Mingay**, christened<sup>57</sup> 7 Jul 1644 in Arminghall, Norfolk, England. Ann is not mentioned in her father's will, and probably died before he wrote his will in 1674.
- v **Rev. Henry<sup>7</sup> Mingay**, christened<sup>58</sup> 20 Dec 1647 in Arminghall, Norfolk, England, buried<sup>59</sup> 7 Oct 1690 in Shotesham, Norfolk, England. He married on 4 Jun 1673 in Pulham St. Mary, Norfolk, England **Bridget Starkey**, died 20 May 1686, buried 22 May 1686 in Shotesham, Norfolk, England.
- 127 vi **Susan<sup>7</sup> Mingay**, christened<sup>60</sup> 1 Apr 1650 in Arminghall, Norfolk, England, died<sup>61</sup> 13 Feb 1713, buried<sup>62</sup> in Holbeach, Lincoln, England. She married **Ralph Peirson**, *q.v. supra*.

<sup>53</sup>Parish Registers of Arminghall, Norfolk, England: christening of John Mingay 1636. FHL# 1,472,794. (Document 119)

<sup>54</sup>Parish Registers of St. Stephen, Norwich, Norfolk, England: burial of John Mingay, Esqr. 1704. FHL # 1,471,578. (Document 120)

<sup>55</sup>Parish Registers of Arminghall, Norfolk, England: christening of Henry Mingay 1639. FHL# 1,472,794. (Document 121)

<sup>56</sup>Parish Registers of Arminghall, Norfolk, England: christening of Jane Mingay 1641. FHL# 1,472,794. (Document 121)

<sup>57</sup>Parish Registers of Arminghall, Norfolk, England: christening of Ann Mingay 1644. FHL# 1,472,794. (Document 122)

<sup>58</sup>Parish Registers of Arminghall, Norfolk, England: christening of Henry Mingay 1647. FHL# 1,472,794. (Document 122)

<sup>59</sup>Holley, G.H. *Norfolk Pedigrees*:Mingay of Arminghall - 1. FHL# 094,840. (Document 137)

<sup>60</sup>Parish Registers of Arminghall, Norfolk, England: christening of Susan Mingay 1650. FHL # 1,472,794. (Document 99)

<sup>61</sup>*Historical Notices of the Parish of Holbeach*, p. 136. (Document 97)

<sup>62</sup>*ibid.*

- vii **Mary<sup>7</sup> Mingay**, christened<sup>63</sup> 22 Jan 1652/53 in Arminghall, Norfolk, England, buried<sup>64</sup> 13 Mar 1652/53 in Arminghall, Norfolk, England.
- viii **Robert<sup>7</sup> Mingay**, christened<sup>65</sup> 12 Jun 1654 in Arminghall, Norfolk, England, buried<sup>66</sup> 25 May 1689 in Ely Cathedral, Cambridge, England. He married **Martha Pennington**. Excerpts from the will<sup>67</sup> of Robert Mingay, written 26 Oct 1688:

... *my dearly beloved wife Martha Mingay ...*

I give and bequeath all those my Adventure Lands which I bought of Dr. Edmond Castle to *my brother in Law Ralph Peirson Esqr ...*

*my brother in Law James Baldwer Esqr's Will and the Will of my sister Jane Baldwer his Relict both deceased ... my brothers John Mingay Esqr and Henry Mingay Clerke and Ralph Peirson Esqr ... to my eldest sonne John Mingay ...unto my second sonne Penington Mingay ... to my eldest Daughter Amaretta Mingay ...my youngest daughter Martha Mingay ... unto the child yet unborne with which my wife is now big be it boy or girle ... my sister Peirson ... I give to my Nephew Ralph Peirson my Godsonne a broad peice of gold to be remembered by ...*

**508. Henry<sup>9</sup> Mingay**, christened<sup>68</sup> 27 May 1577 in St. Stephen, Norwich, Norfolk, England, died<sup>69</sup> 5 Dec 1632, buried<sup>70 71</sup> 7 Dec 1632 in St. Stephen, Norwich, Norfolk, England, son of **1016. John Mingay** and **1017. Isabel Gawdy**. He married (1)<sup>72</sup> on 19 Jan 1603 in Redenhall, Norfolk, England **Elizabeth English**; (2) **509. Mary Jernegan**, daughter of **1018. Thomas Jernegan<sup>73</sup>** and **1019. Elizabeth Thompson**.

Henry Mingay was a lawyer. According to his epitaph the Norwich parish of St. Stephens, he was a member of the Inner Temple in London, which was one of the four Inns dedicated to the education and fellowship of lawyers practicing before England's courts of law.

In 1643 or thereabouts, Mary Mingay of Shotesham, the late wife and now widow of Henry Mingay of Amringalle, Esquire, submitted the following petition<sup>74</sup> to the committee for the disposition of tithes in the parishes of Shotesham, Norfolk, England:

your petitionoers husband a bout one and twenty yeres since gave unto her by his last will & testamt the Impropriacon or Tyethes of the parishes of Shotesham in the Cou aforsd for her Jointure it then being her said husbans Inheritance and after your peticonoers death it is tyed for the paymt of porshons for her younger Children which she veryly beleive he conceived he had as good right so to disspose of as any owner of lands in the said parishes had the theire

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<sup>63</sup>Parish Registers of Arminghall, Norfolk, England: chirstening of Mary Mingay 1652. FHL# 1,472,794. (Document 99)

<sup>64</sup>Parish Registers of Arminghall, Norfolk, England: burial of Mary Mingay 1652. FHL# 1,472,794. (Document 99)

<sup>65</sup>Parish Registers of Arminghall, Norfolk, England: christening of Robert Mingay 1654. FHL# 1,472,794. (Document 99)

<sup>66</sup>Bishops Transcripts of Ely Trinity, Cambridge, England: burial of Mr. Robert Mingay 1689. FHL # 2,112,077. (Document 123)

<sup>67</sup>Will of Robert Mingay, Prerogative Court of Canterbury (proved 13 July 1689). FHL# 092,362. (Document 124; transcript at Document 124T)

<sup>68</sup>Parish Registers of St. Stephen, Norwich, Norfolk, England: christening of Henry Myngie 1577. FHL# 1,471,578. (Document 133)

<sup>69</sup>Holley, G.H. *Monumental Inscriptions Transcripts*: Mingay. FHL# 094,834. (Document 134)

<sup>70</sup>*ibid.*

<sup>71</sup>Parish Registers of St. Stephen, Norwich, Norfolk, England: burial of Mr Henrey Mingaye. FHL# 1,471,578. (Document 216)

<sup>72</sup>Holley, G.H. *Norfolk Pedigrees*:Mingay of Arminghall - 1. FHL# 094,840. (Document 137)

<sup>73</sup>*Visitation of Suffolk 1561*. Harleian Society, London 1981. p. 268. University of Iowa Library. (Document 204)

<sup>74</sup>Petition of Mary Mingay. Norfolk Record Office, FEL 506. (transcript at Document 183)

lands and that it would be very unresonable to take a way your petitioners livelehoode her younger Childrens porshons & eldest sonnes inheritance for the ease of the occupiers of the lands in those parishes who all hould there lands charged with paymt of tyethes and ptend no instice to discharge the same with out satisfacon to the own: of the Tyethes all which your peticonoer humbly prayeth that you would be pleased to take into your pious consideracon and your peticonoer shall dayly pray for it ....

Mary Jernegan descends from the well-known Jernegan family from Suffolk. As can be seen in the *Visitation of Suffolk*<sup>75</sup> and on the large pedigree chart accompanying this project, this family has been traced back many generations. The large pedigree chart does not include all generations of ancestors that have been discovered: several, such as the Drury, Bedingfield, and Jernegan families, claim descents from the 11<sup>th</sup> or 12<sup>th</sup> centuries. Because of the difficulties in obtaining documents to verify these families, I have not attempted to prove any of these descents, but present them as items of interest without further discussion herein.

The will<sup>76</sup> of Henry Mingay has been located but has not been transcribed.

Children of Henry Mingay and Mary Jernegan were as follows:

- i **William<sup>8</sup> Mingay**, christened<sup>77</sup> 17 May 1607 in Arminghall, Norfolk, England, buried<sup>78</sup> 26 Dec 1607 in Kirby Bedon, Norfolk, England.
- ii **Mary<sup>8</sup> Mingay**, christened<sup>79</sup> 1 Jan 1608 in Arminghall, Norfolk, England. She married<sup>80</sup> on 5 Oct 1627 **Reverend Hamond Claxton**.
- iii **Elizabeth<sup>8</sup> Mingay**, christened<sup>81</sup> 14 Dec 1609 in Arminghall, Norfolk, England.
- iv **Henry<sup>8</sup> Mingay**, christened<sup>82</sup> 31 Mar 1611 in Arminghall, Norfolk, England, buried<sup>83</sup> 7 Feb 1611/12 in Shotesham, Norfolk, England.
- v **Katherine<sup>8</sup> Mingay**, christened<sup>84</sup> 9 Nov 1612 in St. John Timberhill, Norwich, Norfolk, England. She married<sup>85</sup> on 13 Oct 1631 in Arminghall, Norfolk, England **Robert Phillips**.
- vi **Susan<sup>8</sup> Mingay**, christened<sup>86</sup> 9 Dec 1613 in St. John Timberhill, Norwich, Norfolk, England, buried<sup>87</sup> 16 Dec 1613 in Arminghall, Norfolk, England.
- 254 vii **John<sup>8</sup> Mingay**, christened<sup>88</sup> 9 Feb 1614 in St John Timberhill, Norwich,

<sup>75</sup>Visitation of Suffolk. (Document 204)

<sup>76</sup>Will of Henry Mingay, Consistory Court of Norwich (Proved 27 Mar 1632/33). FHL# 094,943. (Document 135; transcript at Document 135T)

<sup>77</sup>Parish Registers of Arminghall, Norfolk, England: christening of William Mingaye 1607. FHL# 1,472,794. (Document 136)

<sup>78</sup>Holley, G.H. *Norfolk Pedigrees*:Mingay of Arminghall - 1. FHL# 094,840. (Document 137)

<sup>79</sup>Parish Registers of Arminghall, Norfolk, England: christening of Mary Mingaye 1608. FHL# 1,472,794. (Document 138)

<sup>80</sup>*Norfolk Pedigrees*. (Document 137)

<sup>81</sup>Parish Registers of Arminghall, Norfolk, England: christening of Elizabeth Myngaye 1609. FHL# 1,472,794. (Document 138)

<sup>82</sup>Parish Registers of Arminghall, Norfolk, England: christening of Henrye Myngaye 1611. FHL# 1,472,794. (Document 138)

<sup>83</sup>*Norfolk Pedigrees*. (Document 137)

<sup>84</sup>Parish Registers of St. John Timberhill, Norwich, Norfolk, England: christening of Katherine Myngaye 1612. FHL# 993,674. (Document 139)

<sup>85</sup>Parish Registers of Arminghall, Norfolk, England: marriage of Robert Phillips and Katherine Mingay 1631. FHL# 1,472,794. (Document 146)

<sup>86</sup>Parish Registers of St. John Timberhill, Norwich, Norfolk, England: christening of Susann Myngaye 1613. FHL# 993,674. (Document 140)

<sup>87</sup>Parish Registers of Arminghall, Norfolk, England: burial of Susanna Mingay 1613. FHL# 1,472,794. (Document 141)

<sup>88</sup>Parish Registers of St. John Timberhill, Norwich, Norfolk, England: christening of John Myngaye 1614/15. FHL# 993,674.

- Norfolk, England, buried<sup>90</sup> 14 Jul 1676 in Ely Trinity, Cambridge, England. He married<sup>91</sup> on or about 2 Mar 1635 in Horsford, Norwich, England **Jane Davy**, of Oulton, Norfolk, England<sup>92</sup>, daughter of Robert Davy and Ann Stanhaw.
- viii **Ann<sup>8</sup> Mingay**, christened<sup>93</sup> 13 Dec 1616 in St. Stephen, Norwich, Norfolk, England. She married<sup>94</sup> **Reverend Thomas Buttolph**.
  - ix **Anthony<sup>8</sup> Mingay**, christened<sup>95</sup> 16 Jul 1619 in St. Stephen, Norwich, Norfolk, England, buried<sup>96</sup> 12 Dec 1619 in St. Stephen, Norwich, Norfolk, England.
  - x **Anthony<sup>8</sup> Mingay**, christened<sup>97</sup> 4 Aug 1620 in St. Stephen, Norwich, Norfolk, England.
  - xi **William<sup>8</sup> Mingay**, christened<sup>98</sup> 26 Feb 1620/21 in Shotesham, Norfolk, England.
  - xii **Frances<sup>8</sup> Mingay**, christened<sup>99</sup> 18 Jan 1623/24 in Arminghall, Norfolk, England.
  - xiii **Margaret<sup>8</sup> Mingay**, christened<sup>100</sup> 15 May 1625 in Arminghall, Norfolk, England, buried<sup>101</sup> 20 Sep 1625 in Alburgh, Norfolk, England.
  - xiv **Susan<sup>8</sup> Mingay**, born<sup>102</sup> 4 Dec 1626; christened<sup>103</sup> 10 Dec 1626 in Arminghall, Norfolk, England.
  - xv **Isabella<sup>8</sup> Mingay**, buried<sup>104</sup> 25 Nov 1668 in Shotesham, Norfolk, England.

**510. Robert<sup>9</sup> Davy**, buried<sup>105</sup> 14 Oct 1656 in Arminghall, Norfolk, England, son of **1020. (---)** Davy. He married **511. Ann Stanhowe**, buried<sup>106</sup> 28 Jul 1638 in Arminghall, Norfolk, England, daughter of **1022. John Stanhowe** and **1023. Anne Bendishe**.

The following are excerpts from the will<sup>107</sup> of Robert Davis, gentleman, written 12 April 1653:

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(Document 114)

<sup>89</sup> Baptismal certificate of John Mingay 1614/15. Norfolk Record Office, FEL 923. (Document 115)

<sup>90</sup> Bishops Transcripts of Ely Trinity, Cambridge, England: burial of John Mingay 1676. FHL # 2,112,077. (Document 116)

<sup>91</sup> Holley, G.H. *Marriage License Transcripts, Consistory Court of Norwich*. FHL# 094,835. (Document 117)

<sup>92</sup> *ibid.*

<sup>93</sup> Parish Registers of St. Stephen, Norwich, Norfolk, England: christening of Ann Myngay 1616. FHL# 1,471,578. (Document 142)

<sup>94</sup> *Norfolk Pedigrees*. (Document 137)

<sup>95</sup> Parish Registers of St. Stephen, Norwich, Norfolk, England: christening of Anthony Myngaye 1619. FHL# 1,471,578. (Document 143)

<sup>96</sup> *Norfolk Pedigrees*. (Document 137)

<sup>97</sup> Parish Registers of St. Stephen, Norwich, Norfolk, England: christening of Anthony Mingay 1620. FHL# 1,471,578. (Document 144)

<sup>98</sup> *Norfolk Pedigrees*. (Document 137)

<sup>99</sup> Parish Registers of Arminghall, Norfolk, England: christening of Frances Mingay 1623. FHL# 1,472,794. (Document 145)

<sup>100</sup> Parish Registers of Arminghall, Norfolk, England: christening of Margaret Mingay 1625. FHL# 1,472,794. (Document 145)

<sup>101</sup> *Norfolk Pedigrees*. (Document 137)

<sup>102</sup> Parish Registers of Arminghall, Norfolk, England: birth and christening of Susan Mingay 1626. FHL# 1,472,794. (Document 146)

<sup>103</sup> *ibid.*

<sup>104</sup> *Norfolk Pedigrees*. (Document 137)

<sup>105</sup> Parish Registers of Arminghall, Norfolk, England: burial of Robert Davis 1656. FHL# 1,472,794. (Document 147)

<sup>106</sup> Parish Registers of Arminghall, Norfolk, England: burial of Anna Davis 1638. FHL# 1,472,794. (Document 119)

<sup>107</sup> Will of Robert Davis, Prerogative Court of Canterbury (Proved 24 Nov 1656). FHL# 092,223. (Document 148; transcript at Document 148T)

... I give devise and bequeath all those my Coppyhold lands and Tenements whatsoever lyeing and being in Coltelshall, Bylaughe, Hoveton St. John Hoveton St. Peter and Horsteed or elsewhere in the County of Norffolke And all that peece of Meadowe Lyeing by Wroxham Bridge ... after my decease *unto Jane Mingay my daughter the wife of John Mingaye of Amringall aforesaid Gent.* and the said John Mingaye and their heires for ever...

I give unto Jane \_\_\_\_ that was my daughters Servant in my former greate sicknesse, Three shillings ffower pence...

I give and bequeath unto *my loveing and kind Sister, Mrs Mary Mingaye Widdowe* Twenty Shillings to make her a Ring, Item I give unto *my loving Brother Giles Davis* Twenty Shillings to make him a Ringe yf att the tyme of my decease hee shall bee liveing, Item I give unto *my Godsonne John Mingaye sonne of Johne Mingaye Gent. and Jane my daughter* Tenn pounds To bee paid him att his age of Twenty and One yeares...

I give and bequeath unto *Jane Mingaye, Anne Mingay, Henry Mingay and Susan Mingay my Grandchildren, and the children of the said John Mingay and Jane his wife my daughter* one hundred pounds to be putt out for them, within One yeare after my decease, And soe to bee continued Untill every of them shall accomplish the age of Twenty and One yeares...

I give and bequeath unto *my loveing sonne in Lawe, John Mingay Gent. and Jane his wife my deere and welbeloved daughter,* And I doe ordaine and make the said John and Jane my Executors of this my last Will and Testament, desyryng them to see the same pformed & to see mee decently and Christian like, buried in the grave of my deceased wife or as neere as conveniently it may be, and in the day time, and not in the nighte desyryng them alsoe to repaire that part of the Church where I shalbe buried, in convenient time....

Children of Robert Davy and Ann Stanhowe were as follows:

**255**     i     **Jane<sup>8</sup> Davy**, of Oulton, Norfolk, England.<sup>108</sup> She married on or about 2 March 1635 in Horsford, Norwich, England **John Mingay**, *q.v. supra*.

**1016. John<sup>10</sup> Mingay**, esquire, christened<sup>109</sup> 6 Sep 1545 in St. Stephen, Norwich, Norfolk, England, buried<sup>110</sup> 7 Oct 1622 in St. Stephen, Norwich, Norfolk, England, son of **2032. William Mingay** and **2033. Dorothy Greene**. He married **1017. Isabel Gawdy**, buried<sup>111</sup> 11 Aug 1621 in St. Stephen, Norwich, Norfolk, England, daughter of **2034. Sir Thomas Gawdy** and **2035. Audrey Knightley**.

The following are excerpts from the will<sup>112</sup> of John Mingay, written between 6 Sep and 4 Oct 1622:

... I give unto *my sonne Henrie Mingaie* and his heires all my Messuages houses lands Tenents and hereditamts and their Apputences, as well freehould as Coppie hould and lease lands sett lyinge and Beinge in the Cittie of Norwch, Arminghale Shotisham howe, Saxelinghm Bixley Stoke, Trowse Caster & Wymondhm or ells where, in the Countie of Norff and Cittie of Norwch, To have and to hould the sd

<sup>108</sup>Marriage License Transcripts, Consistory Court of Norwich. FHL# 094,835. (Document 117)

<sup>109</sup>Parish Registers of St. Stephen, Norwich, Norfolk, England: christening of John Myngay 1545. FHL# 1,471,578. (Document 164)

<sup>110</sup>Parish Registers of St. Stephen, Norwich, Norfolk, England: burial of John Mingay 1622. FHL# 1,471,578. (Document 165)

<sup>111</sup>Parish Registers of St. Stephen, Norwich, Norfolk, England: burial of Isabella Mingay 1621. FHL# 1,471,578. (Document 166)

<sup>112</sup>Will of John Mingay, esquire, Consistory Court of Norwich (proved 9 Nov 1622). FHL# 094,937. (Document 167; transcript at Document 167T)

lands and Tenemts, to him his heires and assignes providinge that he will after his decease bestowe them

on *his sonnes, John as his heire, and Anthoney as a younger Brother...*

I give and bequeathe unto *Isabell Mingay & Elizabethe Mingaye, daughters of my said Sonne Henrye*, to each of them Three hundred pounds of lawfull Englishe money Item I give and bequeath unto *Marye, Katherine and Ann daughters of my said sonne Henrye* to Everie of them, two hundred pounds of like lawfull money...

I doe and shall heerein give and bequeat unto my Sonne Henrye his daughteres and to *his sonne William Mingaye...*

I give and bequeath unto *Marye Kempe the daughter of my daughter ffrances Kempe*, one hundred pounds of good Englishe money after my decease...

I give unto *my daughtr Mingay* one Cheine of Gould in her owne possession wch my wyfe did leave unto her, Item I give unto *my lovinge kinsmen, Mr Mingaye Alderman, and unto Mr Robert Greene*, to Eyther of them xxx L a peece in Gould for a smale Remembrance, ...

I give and bequeath unto *Elizabeth Mingay my Sister* ffower pounds of good money yearlye during her lyfe ...

Children of John Mingay and Isabel Gawdy were as follows:

- i **Thomas<sup>9</sup> Mingay**, christened<sup>113</sup> 28 Jul 1572 in St. Stephen, Norwich, Norfolk, England. He married<sup>114</sup> **Margery Wentworth**, daughter of Philip Wentworth.
- 508 ii **Henry<sup>9</sup> Mingay**, christened<sup>115</sup> 27 May 1577 in St. Stephen, Norwich, Norfolk, England, died<sup>116</sup> 5 Dec 1632, buried<sup>117 118</sup> 7 Dec 1632 in St. Stephen, Norwich, Norfolk, England. He married (1)<sup>119</sup> on 19 Jan 1603 in Redenhall, Norfolk, England **Elizabeth English**; (2)<sup>120</sup> **509. Mary Jernegan**, daughter of **1018. Thomas Jernegan** and **1019. Elizabeth Thompson**.
- iii **Frances<sup>9</sup> Mingay**, christened<sup>121</sup> 18 Sep 1575 in St. Stephen, Norwich, Norfolk, England, died 1638. She married<sup>122</sup> on 19 Jan 1591/92 **Robert Kempe**, gentleman, of Finchingham, Essex, England.
- iv **Edward<sup>9</sup> Mingay**, born<sup>123</sup> 20 May 1581 and christened in Arminghall, Norfolk, England.

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<sup>113</sup>Parish Registers of St. Stephen, Norwich, Norfolk, England: christening of Thomas Myngay 1572. FHL# 1,471,578. (Document 168)

<sup>114</sup>*Norfolk Pedigrees*. (Document 137)

<sup>115</sup>Parish Registers of St. Stephen, Norwich, Norfolk, England: christening of Henry Myngie 1577. FHL# 1,471,578. (Document 133)

<sup>116</sup>Holley, G.H. *Monumental Inscriptions Transcripts: Mingay*. FHL# 094,834. (Document 134)

<sup>117</sup>*ibid.*

<sup>118</sup>Parish Registers of St. Stephen, Norwich, Norfolk, England: burial of Mr Henrey Mingaye 1632. FHL# 1,471,578. (Document 216)

<sup>119</sup>*Norfolk Pedigrees*. (Document 137)

<sup>120</sup>*ibid.*

<sup>121</sup>Parish Registers of St. Stephen, Norwich, Norfolk, England: christening of ffrancys Myngey 1575. FHL# 1,471,578. (Document 169)

<sup>122</sup>Parish Registers of St. Stephen, Norwich, Norfolk, England: marriage of Roberte Kempe & ffrancis Mingaie 1591/92. FHL# 1,471,578. (Document 170)

<sup>123</sup>Parish Registers of Arminghall, Norfolk, England: christening of Edward Meingye 1581. FHL# 1,472,794. (Document 213)

**1022. John<sup>10</sup> Stanhowe**, buried<sup>124</sup> 17 Aug 1598 in Arminghall, Norfolk, England. He married **1023. Anne<sup>10</sup> Bendishe**, buried<sup>125</sup> 25 May 1604 in Arminghall, Norfolk, England.

John Stanhowe was apparently the Lord of the manor of Arminghall at the time of his death. He may have descended from the well-to-do Stanhowe family of Bedingham, Norfolk, England, although more research must be done to confirm this descent.

The following are excerpts from the will<sup>126</sup> of John Stanhowe, gentleman, written 28 July 1597:

I geve and bequeath to *Anne my wyfe* during her naturall Lyfe xxxl yearly to be payd at the feasts of St Michael and the annunciacon of our Lady by even porcons Also I will that \_\_\_\_ shall have during her Lyfe the disposition and p[ro]fitt of two hundreth pounds p[ar]cell of the mony rayseed of the sale of my howse in Shotteshm or els xxl yearly during hir Lyfe at the election of *Edward Doylye gente my sonne in Lawe* according to the Bargainne ~~and sale~~ made betwene me and *the sayd Edward upon the marryage of Audrie my daughter* Itm I will that during hir Lyfe she shall have for the residence of hir selfe and hir servants my p[ar]lor and buttry wth the chambers on them and the entrie togethr wth the orchyard and the apple tree in the gardin....

I will that my executor shall paye yearly to *Anne my daughter* or to hir husband during hir naturall Lyfe the some of twenty pounds at the feast of thanunciacon of our Lady for the payment whereof my will is that my executor shall wthin one month next after my decease gyve sufficient securitye wth securitye and payment my will also is shall be defesible by the Lawfull eviction of my manor of Amringhall or any p[ar]t thereof from my sayd executor. Itm I give to *Edward Colfer and John Colfer* forty pounds a peece and to *Anne Colfer* hir daughter twenty pounds to be payd to eny of them as they shall sevrally atteyne their sevrall ages of one and twenty yeares and yf any of them dep[ar]t this Lyfe before their sayd age then their p[ar]ts to be equally devided amonst the survivors. ...

I geve to *evry of my daughter doylies children now borne and to be borne (except Thomas)* one hundreth mrks wch I will shalbe payd in this mann as they shall sevrally atteyne to the age of seaventen yeares forty pounds a peece and soe soone as they be all payd forty pounds a peece in that mann then yearly to eny of them one after anothr forty mks untill they be all payd, ...

I give to *Elizabeth Doylie my grandchild* ovr and above hir formr Legacye one hundreth mrks

...

I give and bequeath to *Erasmus Stanhowe my brothr* and to his heires all those my Lands in Badinghm Wootten and brooke wch were *my ffathrs or Willm Stanhowe my uncles*. ...

I give to *my godson the sonne of Erasmus Stanhowe* xxs....

I gyve to *evry of the servants of Nicholas Herne and Richard Colfer my sonnes in Lawe* except to *Robert Davies* and Robt Rose iiis iiid. ...

I give to my *brothr John Bendishe* Twenty shillings and forty shillings for his gray nagg besyde forty wch he receyved of my *Uncle Kemball* for him and doe also discharge him of a bond wherein he is bound to me....

I give to *Nicholas Herne my sonne in Lawe* his heires executors and assignes All my Leases Lands and

hereditaments in the county of Norff (except Shottishm and Saxlinghm) and all othr my goods debts and chattells

whatsoever not before bequeathed ....

I doe ordeyne and make the sayd *Nicholas Herne* my sole executor ...

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<sup>124</sup>Parish Registers of Arminghall, Norfolk, England: burial of John Stannowe 1598. FHL# 1,472,794. (Document 210)

<sup>125</sup>Parish Registers of Arminghall, Norfolk, England: burial of An Stannowe 1604. FHL# 1,472,794. (Document 211)

<sup>126</sup>Will of John Stanhowe, gentleman, Consistory Court of Norwich (proved 1598). FHL# 094,921. (Document 212; transcript at Document 212T)

Witnesses: Richard Thacker Stephen Ringall *Robt davis* and Robt Rose.

Children of John Stanhowe and Anne Bendishe were as follows:

- i        **Audrey<sup>9</sup> Stanhowe**. She married **Edward Doyley**<sup>127</sup>.
- ii       **Jane<sup>9</sup> Stanhowe**. She married<sup>128</sup> (1) on 9 Jul 1589 in Arminghall, Norfolk, England **Nicholas Herne** of Lincolns Inn, gentleman; (2) **John Smith**<sup>129</sup>.
- 511.    iii    **Ann<sup>9</sup> Stanhowe**, buried<sup>130</sup> 28 Jul 1638 in Arminghall, Norfolk, England. She married (1) **Richard Colfer**<sup>131, 132</sup>, (2) **Arthur Fountaine**<sup>133</sup>, and (3) **510. Robert Davy**, *q.v. supra*;

**2032. William**<sup>11</sup> **Mingay**, died<sup>134</sup> 3 Aug 1564, buried<sup>135 136</sup> 3 Aug 1564 in St. Stephen, Norwich, Norfolk, England, son of **4064. Robert Mingay** and **4065. Joan** (---). He married (1)<sup>137</sup> on 25 May 1544 in St Stephen, Norwich, Norfolk, England **2033. Dorothy Grene**, buried<sup>138</sup> 20 Jan 1558 in St. Stephen, Norwich, Norfolk, England, daughter of **4066. Robert Greene** and **4067. Joan Brown**; (2)<sup>139</sup> on 15 Jan 1559 in St. Stephen, Norwich, Norfolk, England **Elizabeth Wood**, daughter of Edmund Wood and widow of Alexander Mather<sup>140</sup>.

William was a mercer and a notary by trade. He was admitted as a Freeman of Norwich on 4 May 1550.<sup>141</sup> He was also the principal registrar of the Diocese of Norwich. He was made sheriff of Norwich in 1544 and was elected mayor of Norwich in 1561.

The following is an extract from *The Mayors of Norwich 1403-1835*:<sup>142</sup> “During his year of mayoralty he invited the Duke of Norfolk, the Earl of Northumberland and other Lords with their retinues to the civic feasts at the New Hall, now St. Andrew’s Hall, and they expressed a great deal of satisfaction with their generous reception.” The four-course feast included beef, geese, veal, mutton, partridges, rabbits, mallards, oranges, quince pie, swan, bread, and plenty of beer and wine.<sup>143</sup>

The following are excerpts from the will<sup>144</sup> of William Mingaye, written 1 August 1564:

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<sup>127</sup> *Ibid.*

<sup>128</sup> Parish Registers of Arminghall, Norfolk, England: marriage of Nicholas Herne & Jane Stannow 1589. FHL# 1,472,794. (Document 196)

<sup>129</sup> Rye, Walter. *Norfolk Families: Stanhoe or Stanhow*. p. 842. FHL# 359,136. (Document 214)

<sup>130</sup> Parish Registers of Arminghall, Norfolk, England: burial of Anna Davis 1638. FHL# 1,472,794. (Document 119)

<sup>131</sup> Will of John Stanhowe (proved 1598). (Document 212)

<sup>132</sup> *Norfolk Families*. p. 842. (Document 214)

<sup>133</sup> *Ibid.*

<sup>134</sup> *Monumental Inscriptions Transcripts*: Mingay. FHL# 094,834. (Document 134)

<sup>135</sup> *Ibid.*

<sup>136</sup> Parish Registers of St. Stephen, Norwich, Norfolk, England: burial of Willyam Mingay 1564. FHL # 1471578. (Document 180)

<sup>137</sup> Parish Registers of St. Stephen, Norwich, Norfolk, England: marriage of William Myngay & Dorothy Grene 1544. FHL# 1,471,578. (Document 181)

<sup>138</sup> Parish Registers of St. Stephen, Norwich, Norfolk, England: burial of Dorothy Myngay 1558. FHL # 1,471,578. (Document 182)

<sup>139</sup> Parish Registers of St. Stephen, Norwich, Norfolk, England: marriage of William Myngay & Elizabeth Mather 1559. FHL# 1,471,578. (Document 184)

<sup>140</sup> Cozens-Hardy, Basil. *The Mayors of Norwich 1403-1835*. Jarrold & Sons, Ltd. (London 1938). p.57. FHL# 942.61/N1 3C02. (Document 185)

<sup>141</sup> *Norfolk Pedigrees*. (Document 137)

<sup>142</sup> *The Mayors of Norwich*. (Document 185)

<sup>143</sup> Expense list and menu for the Feast of William Mingay, 1561 (17<sup>th</sup> century copy). Norfolk Record Office, COL 13/53. (transcript at Document 186)

<sup>144</sup> Will of William Myngaye, Consistory Court of Norwich (Proved 4 Oct 1565). FHL# 094,902. (Document 187; transcript at Document 187T)



... I will That *Elizabeth my wyfe* shall have and Inioye all suche goods plate debttts and all other movables she brought unto me and further I will that the sayd Elizabeth my wyef and the Reste of my Executors shall Receyve and take all suche debttts and Revenes as do appurteyne unto me for the space of fyve yeares next after my departure to kepe my howse to bringe upp my children in learninge and vertew and the payement of my Debttts And those fyve yeares being expyryd then I will and bequeth unto *John my sonne* all that my mansion howse in Norwiche with all the howsys adioyninge late ly Callyd Abrahames Hall and all those my free lands and leases in Amering=hall which I latelye purchasyd of master Gurton Excepte the demeane lands which Henry Sendall hathe nowe in fearme To have and to howlde the sayd howsys lands and Tenements to the sayd John my sonne and to the heyres of his bodye lawfullye begotten and for Wante of suche Issewe of the bodye of the sayd John Then I gyve and bequethe all my sayd Howsys lands and tenements ~~to the sayd John my sonne~~ so as before sayd to my Sonne *myles Myngaye* and to the heyres of his bodye lawfully begotten and for Wante of heyres of his bodye lawfully begotten then I Will and bequeth all my sayd howsys lands and Tenements to Remyne and descende Unto my Sonne *Robart myngaye* and to the heyres of his bodye lawfully begotten And for lacke or wante of such Issewe of the bodye of the sayd Robart my sonne lawfully begotten then I wil land bequeth that the sayd howsys lands and Tenements shall Remyne unto my sonne *William Myngaye* and to the heyres of his bodye lawfully begotten And for wante of suche heyres of the bodye of my sonne William lawfullye begotten Then I will the sayd howses lands and Tenements shall Remyne unto my sonne *George Myngaye* and to the heyres of his bodye lawfullye begotten and for wante of such heyres of the body of my sayd sonne George lawfully begotten Then my mynde and Will is the sayd howsis landes and Tenements shall Remyne unto *my yongest sonne Thomas Myngaye* and to the heyres of his bodye lawfullye begotten for ever and I will that after the sayd fyve yeares be expyryd the sayd John my sonne shall paye yerlye oute of the premiss to hyme before gyven to Elizabeth my Wyfe early dewringe hir lyfe the which I will the sayd Eliza=bethe shall have in Consideracon of her dowrye in the lands before sayd and all other my lands & Tenements which she is intytyled unto by the lawes of the Realme and I gyve to the sayd *John my sonne* my bason and Ewer of sylver and parcell gylte wth all such hangings and stufe that I have at Ambringhall in my howse there Item I gyve to *myles myngaye* my sonne all that my lease of the howse and demeanes of the of the maner of Ambringhall which Henrye Sendall afore sayd doth occupye the sayd myles payenge the Rente yearlye to Christs his Church in Norwich as I ame bounde by the sayd lease And I gyve to the sayd myles one Chene of gaulde extendinge to the value of xxxv L or there abouth which I bought of master Godsalve ...

I gyve and bequeth to *William myngaye* my sonne all those my lands and Tenements bothe free and Coppye left lyenge and beinge in the Townes and fylde of Shottyscham houghe lande and Saxlingham and also all that my Rectorye in Shottesham afore sayd as I purchasyd the same as appears by ltrs paten of Kinge Edward the syxte to have and to houlde the sayd landes Tenements and Rectorye to the sayde William myngaye and to his heyres for ever after the fyve yeares before mencyoned be expyryd Item I gyve and bequeth unto *George myngaye my Sonne* all those my Tenements lyenge and beinge in the parishe of Saint Stephans which [I] latelye purcha=syd of master Eyer and master Browne to have and to houlde the sayd Tenements to the sayd George and to his heyres for ever Item I gyve to the sayd George fortye pounds of lawfull monye of England Item I gyve to *Thomas my sonne* all that my lease of A lease with oute saint Stephans gattes and also fortye pounds in monye Item I gyve and bequeth to *Elizabeth Johan and dorothey Myngaye my daughters* to every one of them one hundreth markes to be payed to every Iche of them at theyr severall dayes of Maryage or at the age of xviii yeares so that they marye not before Also I gyve and bequeth to *my brother Robart Myngaye* suche free lands which I had be feofment of John Tuttells

of Saxlingham some tyme [brannchries?] to have and to hould to the sayd Robart and to his heyres for ever so as he leave the same to *William myngaye his sonne and my godsonne...*

I gyve to *Margaret Smyth my nece* x L of lawfull monye of England to be payed to her at thage of xix yeares in Recompence of such goods and debtt as I procured for her by vertue of an Administracon grant tyd to my of her fathers goods and I will that she shall have a blake coffer that came from hir sayd ffathers wth the Evidence of her howse Remayninge in the same Also where as *my late brother in Lawe Robart Clarke* dyd morgage his howse and lands to me for fortye pounds I will the sayd howse and lands rema=yne to *my too necis daughters of the sayd*

*Robart Clarke* at theyr lawfull age pay=enge for the same the sayd fortye pounds to John my sonne beinge myne heyre whence I \_\_\_\_ for the delyverye of the Evidence and estate \_\_\_\_ Singlye Item Wheras I Receyved twenty markes of Oblygacons of *my Syster [Plante?]* and that hir husbände dothe owe me twentye pounds I will that hir husband be bounde to my Executors to paye the sayd xx L emonge hir Childerin that she had by Edward Robynsonne equally to be devi=did emongest them ...

I gyve to my ffrynds Mr ffletcher Mr William ffarrar Mr Whall Mr Norgate Mr Parker Mr Woode *my*

*brother Mr Browne Mr Greane my brother Mr Neale* to my [Costige?] Tayler and to Syr James Greane to every one of them a Ringe With a [posye] of death Conteyninge in any of them xs in goulde desyeringe them and all other my frynds to take in good parte my poore Remembrance besechinge them to be good to my Children ...

I gyve to every of *my brother Grene his Childrin* twentye shillings and to *Robart Browne my godsonne* twentye shillings...

Children of William Mingay and Dorothy Greene were as follows:

- 1016 i **John**<sup>10</sup> **Mingay**, christened<sup>145</sup> 6 Sep 1545 in St. Stephen, Norwich, Norfolk, England, buried<sup>146</sup> 7 Oct 1622 in St. Stephen, Norwich, Norfolk, England. He married **Isabel Gawdy**, buried<sup>147</sup> 11 Aug 1621 in St. Stephen, Norwich, Norfolk, England, daughter of Sir Thomas Gawdy and Audrey Knightley.
- ii **Miles**<sup>10</sup> **Mingay**, christened<sup>148</sup> 30 Jan 1546 in St. Stephen, Norwich, Norfolk, England, died<sup>149</sup> at St. James, South Elmham, Suffolk, England. He married **Winifred** (---).
- iii **Robert**<sup>10</sup> **Mingay**, christened<sup>150</sup> 29 Apr 1548 in St. Stephen, Norwich, Norfolk, England.
- iv **William**<sup>10</sup> **Mingay**, christened<sup>151</sup> 19 Jan 1549 in St. Stephen, Norwich, Norfolk, England, died<sup>152</sup> 6 Jun 1607 and buried<sup>153</sup> in St. Stephen, Norwich, Norfolk, England.
- v **George**<sup>10</sup> **Mingay**, christened<sup>154</sup> 1 Nov 1551 in St. Stephen, Norwich,

<sup>145</sup>Parish Registers of St. Stephen, Norwich, Norfolk, England: christening of John Myngay 1545. FHL# 1,471,578. (Document 164)

<sup>146</sup>Parish Registers of St. Stephen, Norwich, Norfolk, England: burial of John Mingay 1622. FHL# 1,471,578. (Document 165)

<sup>147</sup>Parish Registers of St. Stephen, Norwich, Norfolk, England: burial of Isabella Mingay 1621. FHL# 1,471,578. (Document 166)

<sup>148</sup>Parish Registers of St. Stephen, Norwich, Norfolk, England: christening of Milo Myngey 1546. FHL# 1,471,578. (Document 188)

<sup>149</sup>*Norfolk Pedigrees*. (Document 137)

<sup>150</sup>Parish Registers of St. Stephen, Norwich, Norfolk, England: christening of Robert Myngay 1548. FHL# 1,471,578. (Document 189)

<sup>151</sup>Parish Registers of St. Stephen, Norwich, Norfolk, England: christening of William Myngey 1549. FHL# 1,471,578. (Document 190)

<sup>152</sup>*Monumental Inscriptions Transcripts*: Mingay. FHL# 094,834. (Document 134)

<sup>153</sup>*Ibid.*

<sup>154</sup>Parish Registers of St. Stephen, Norwich, Norfolk, England: christening of George Myngey 1551. FHL# 1,471,578. (Document

- Norfolk, England, died<sup>155</sup> 30 Oct 1593, buried<sup>156 157</sup> 1 Nov 1593 in St. Stephen, Norwich, Norfolk, England.
- vi **Elizabeth<sup>10</sup> Mingay**, christened<sup>158</sup> 20 Apr 1554 in St. Stephen, Norwich, Norfolk, England.
  - vii **Joan<sup>10</sup> Mingay**, christened<sup>159</sup> 17 Oct 1555 in St. Stephen, Norwich, Norfolk, England. She married<sup>160</sup> **William Daynes**, of Burlingham, Norfolk, England.
  - viii **Thomas<sup>10</sup> Mingay**, christened<sup>161</sup> 18 Jul 1557 in St. Stephen, Norwich, Norfolk, England, buried<sup>162</sup> 6 Jan 1636 in Arminghall, Norfolk, England.
  - ix **Dorothy<sup>10</sup> Mingay**, christened<sup>163</sup> 10 Jan 1558 in St. Stephen, Norwich, Norfolk, England. She married<sup>164</sup> on 10 Jul 1587 in Arminghall, Norfolk, England **Thomas Wetherley**.

**2034. Sir Thomas<sup>11</sup> Gawdy**, died<sup>165</sup> 5 Nov 1588 in Redenhall, Norfolk, England; buried<sup>166</sup> 12 Dec 1588 in Redenhall, Norfolk, England, son of **4068. Thomas Gawdy** and **4069. Anne Bennett**. He married (1) **2035. Audrey Knightley<sup>167</sup>**, daughter of **4070. William Knightley** and **4071. Margaret Pawe**; (2) **Frances Richers<sup>168</sup>**.

Percy Millican has written several pages of biography on Sir Thomas Gawdy, and for the sake of brevity it is not reproduced in its entirety here. However, Millican did state that "Sir Thomas Gawdy was unquestionably one of the greatest legal authorities of his time."<sup>169</sup>

Sir Thomas Gawdy bore an interesting coat of arms: a green turtle on a white background. In an age where lions, birds and abstract geometric figures were the customary heraldic objects, the use of a turtle was unique.

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The Gawdy family v

The following are extracts of the will<sup>170</sup> of Thomas Gawdye, knight, written 1 November 1586:

...The residue of all my money goodes Cattells and chattells debtes and readie money (excepte suche Leases as lye amongst my groundes and except my hawshawld stuffe cattell Jewells and plate) I will that my executors shall have towards the payment of my debts and

<sup>191</sup>)

<sup>155</sup> *Monumental Inscriptions Transcripts: Mingay*. FHL# 094,834. (Document 134)

<sup>156</sup> *Ibid.*

<sup>157</sup> Parish Registers of St. Stephen, Norwich, Norfolk, England: burial of George Myngaye 1593. FHL# 1,471,578. (Document 192)

<sup>158</sup> Parish Registers of St. Stephen, Norwich, Norfolk, England: christening of Elisabeth Myngay 1554. FHL# 1,471,578. (Document 193)

<sup>159</sup> Parish Registers of St. Stephen, Norwich, Norfolk, England: christening of Johana Myngay 1555. FHL# 1,471,578. (Document 194)

<sup>160</sup> *Norfolk Pedigrees*. (Document 137)

<sup>161</sup> Parish Registers of St. Stephen, Norwich, Norfolk, England: christening of Thomas Myngeie 1557. FHL# 1,471,578. (Document 195)

<sup>162</sup> Parish Registers of Arminghall, Norfolk, England: burial of Thomas Mingay 1636. FHL# 1,472,794. (Document 119)

<sup>163</sup> Parish Registers of St. Stephen, Norwich, Norfolk, England: christening of Dorothea Myngay 1558. FHL# 1,471,578. (Document 195)

<sup>164</sup> Parish Registers of Arminghall, Norfolk, England: marriage of Thomas Wetherley & Dorothea Myngaye 1587. FHL# 1,472,794. (Document 196)

<sup>165</sup> *Millican, Percy. The Gawdys of Norfolk and Suffolk: Part II*. Norfolk Archaeology, v. 27, p. 39. FHL# 990,354. (Document 197)

<sup>166</sup> *Ibid.*

<sup>167</sup> *The Gawdys of Norfolk and Suffolk* p. 33. (Document 197)

<sup>168</sup> *Ibid.*

<sup>169</sup> *Ibid.*

<sup>170</sup> Will of Thomas Gawdye, knight, Prerogative Court of Canterbury (Proved 1 Feb 1588/89). Leicester 22. FHL# 091,976. (Document 198; transcript at Document 198T)

Legacies and bringinge upp of my children And I will to *each of my daughters nott yett married* five hundred poundes a peece, ... And if any of my dawghters dye before eightene yeares of age and before marriage her or their parte to be evenly devided amongst them my saide dawghters that doe overlive and were never married ...

I will unto *ffrances my welbeloved wife* the reasonable use and occupation of all my howshowld stuffe armor and plate that I have of Gawdye hall so longe as she live and after her deathe to *Clipsbye Gawdie* ...

... to *Clipsby Gawdy* and to the heiers males of the bodye of the saide Clipsbye comminge and for default of such heiers males to the second sonne of my saide wife by me begotten or to be begotten and to the heiers males of the bodie of the saide second sonne and for want of suche heier male then to the heier male of my bodie and to the heiers male of the bodie of the said male, and for want of such heier male then to the next heier male of the bodie of *Thomas Gawdie of Harlstone my father* ...

I will that *Henry my sonne* ... shall have suche somes of money as I have reserved uppon any stock of Cattell or that is covenanted to be payde by any of my leases made from me when he or suche as shalbe my next heier come to the age of one and twentie yeares ...

Item I will also that the saide Henry my sonne paye unto the said *ffrances my wife* tenne poundes yearly for the bringinge upp of my children that I have by her duringe tenne yeares and towards the bringinge upp of *his owne sister ffrances* yearly tenne poundes ...

I give to *my dawghters Myngaye Reade and Wincoll* viz to each of them twentie poundes a peece And of this my will and testament I make my executors the saide Henry my sonne and *ffrances Gawdye my brother* And supervisors therof *Henry Riches and Reynolde Raines my brothers in Lawe* to see my will and testament performed ...

Children of Sir Thomas Gawdy and Audrey Knightley were as follows:

- i **Sir Henry<sup>10</sup> Gawdy**, born<sup>171</sup> 1547 ; buried<sup>172</sup> 1620/21 in Claxton, Norfolk, England. He married (1) on 14 Dec 1573 in St. Stephen, Norwich, Norfolk, England **Elizabeth Warner<sup>173</sup>**, buried in Claxton, Norfolk, England, daughter of Robert Warner; (2) **Elizabeth Barnardiston<sup>174</sup>**, died 1604, daughter of Sir Thomas Barnardiston.
- ii **Thomas<sup>10</sup> Gawdy<sup>175</sup>**.
- iii **George<sup>10</sup> Gawdy<sup>176</sup>**.
- 1017 iv **Isabel<sup>10</sup> Gawdy**, buried<sup>177</sup> 11 Aug 1621 in St. Stephen, Norwich, Norfolk, England. She married **John Mingay**, *q.v. supra*.
- v **Anne<sup>10</sup> Gawdy**. She married in 1581 in Woolverstone, Suffolk, England **Thomas Reade<sup>178</sup>**, born of Weston, Suffolk, England.
- vi **Mary<sup>10</sup> Gawdy**, buried<sup>179</sup> 1610 in Tunstall, Essex, England. She married in 1581 in Woolverstone, Suffolk, England **Isaac Wincoll**.
- vii **Frances<sup>10</sup> Gawdy<sup>180</sup>**. She married **Sir Edmund Moundeford<sup>181</sup>**, of

<sup>171</sup> *The Gawdys of Norfolk and Suffolk*. p. 44. (Document 197)

<sup>172</sup> *Ibid.*

<sup>173</sup> *Ibid.*

<sup>174</sup> *Ibid.*

<sup>175</sup> *The Gawdys of Norfolk and Suffolk*. p. 43. (Document 197).

<sup>176</sup> *Ibid.*

<sup>177</sup> Parish Registers of St. Stephen, Norwich, Norfolk, England: burial of Isabella Mingay 1621. FHL# 1,471,578. (Document 166)

<sup>178</sup> *The Gawdys of Norfolk and Suffolk*. p. 43. (Document 197).

<sup>179</sup> *Ibid.*

<sup>180</sup> *Ibid.*

<sup>181</sup> *Ibid.*

Feltwell, Norfolk, England.

## Generation 12

**4064. Robert<sup>12</sup> Mingay**, citizen of Norwich, son of **8128. Robert Mingay** and **8129. Katherine** (---). He married **4065. Joan** (---).

The following are extracts from the will<sup>182</sup> of Robert Mingay, written 3 April 1545:

... I woll that eche of ~~my systers~~ *Daughters* have ten marks to be paid to them and eche of them by even porcons as yt may be received of the yerelye purchase And to eche of them a brasse pott ...

I woll that *my sone Robt* shall have my howse and all my lands in Shoteshm and other townes therto adioyning to have and to hold to my said sone Robt and to the heires males of his body lawfully betotten and for Defunte of suche yssewe male then all my said tente and lands to Remayne to *Willm Myngaye my sonne* and to theyres males of his Body law fully begotton ...

I give to *Willm my sone* xl whereon I woll he shall have the obligacon to Maister Billingford xil and iiil of the obligacons of Pollerd ...

The Resydew of my goods I part them to the dysposycon of my executors whom I ordeyne and make *my said sones Robt and Willm my naturall children* and John Smyth he to have for his labour xxs ...

Children of Robert Mingay and Joan (---) were as follows:

- 2032 i William<sup>11</sup> Mingay**, died<sup>183</sup> 3 Aug 1564, buried<sup>184 185</sup> 3 Aug 1564 in St. Stephen, Norwich, Norfolk, England. He married (1)<sup>186</sup> on 25 May 1544 in St Stephen, Norwich, Norfolk, England **Dorothy Greene**, buried<sup>187</sup> 20 Jan 1558 in St. Stephen, Norwich, Norfolk, England, daughter of Robert Greene and Joan Brown; (2)<sup>188</sup> on 15 Jan 1559 in St. Stephen, Norwich, Norfolk, England **Elizabeth Wood**, daughter of Edmund Wood and widow of Alexander Mather<sup>189</sup>.
- ii **Robert<sup>11</sup> Mingay<sup>190</sup>**, of Shotesham, Norfolk, England; will proved 15 Mar 1573 in the Consistory Court of Norwich<sup>191</sup>.
- iii **(---)<sup>11</sup> Mingay**, an unnamed daughter mentioned in Robert<sup>12</sup> Mingay's will.
- iv **(---)<sup>11</sup> Mingay**, another unnamed daughter mentioned in Robert<sup>12</sup> Mingay's will.

**4066. Robert<sup>12</sup> Greene**, Alderman and Mayor of Norwich, born in Northwold, Norfolk,

<sup>182</sup>Will of Robert Mingay, Consistory Court of Norwich (proved 14 Feb 1545/46). FHL# 094,887. (Document 199; transcript at Document 199T)

<sup>183</sup>*Monumental Inscriptions Transcripts: Mingay*. FHL# 094,834. (Document 134)

<sup>184</sup>*Ibid.*

<sup>185</sup>Parish Registers of St. Stephen, Norwich, Norfolk, England: burial of Willyam Mingay 1564. FHL # 1,471,578. (Document 180)

<sup>186</sup>Parish Registers of St. Stephen, Norwich, Norfolk, England: marriage of William Myngay & Dorothy Grene 1544. FHL# 1,471,578. (Document 181)

<sup>187</sup>Parish Registers of St. Stephen, Norwich, Norfolk, England: burial of Dorothy Myngay 1558. FHL # 1,471,578. (Document 182)

<sup>188</sup>Parish Registers of St. Stephen, Norwich, Norfolk, England: marriage of William Myngay & Elizabeth Mather 1559. FHL# 1,471,578. (Document 184)

<sup>189</sup>*The Mayors of Norwich 1403-1835*. p.57. (Document 185)

<sup>190</sup>*Norfolk Pedigrees*. (Document 137)

<sup>191</sup>*Ibid.*

England<sup>192</sup>; died<sup>193</sup> 3 Jul 1541; buried<sup>194</sup> 5 July 1541 in St. Stephen, Norwich, Norfolk, England<sup>195</sup>. He married **4067. Joan Brown**, daughter of **8134. Robert Brown** and **8135. Alice** (---).

Robert Greene was a grocer by trade<sup>196</sup>. He was sheriff of Norwich in 1517 and Mayor of Norwich in 1529. I have obtained a copy of his will, which was written 22 March 1540, although most of it is in such poor condition that it is very difficult to transcribe. However, he does mention his son Robert Grene (under 22), his daughter Dorothe (under 20), his son Thomas Grene, his sister Agnes Stanning, and his brother's son James Grene, parson. He also gives "to the church of Northewhold where I was borne a vestement of white damaske." His epitaph, which was in the north aisle of the church of St. Stephen in Norwich, is as follows: "Of your charitie pray for the soule of Master Rob. Grene, sumtyme Mayor of the Citie of Norwhich, which departed the threde Daye of July in the yere of our Lorde God a thousand ccccxl & on."

Children of Robert Greene and Joan Brown were as follows:

- i **John<sup>11</sup> Greene<sup>197</sup>**.
- ii **Joan<sup>11</sup> Greene.**
- iii **Thomas<sup>11</sup> Greene<sup>198</sup>**.
- iv **Robert<sup>11</sup> Greene<sup>199</sup>**.
- 2033 v Dorothy<sup>11</sup> Greene**, buried<sup>200</sup> 20 Jan 1558 in St. Stephen, Norwich, Norfolk, England. She married<sup>201</sup> on 25 May 1544 in St Stephen, Norwich, Norfolk, England **William Mingay**, *q.v. supra*.

**4068. Thomas<sup>12</sup> Gawdy<sup>202, 203</sup>**, of Harleston, Norfolk, England; buried in Redenhall, Norfolk, England. He married **4069. Anne Bennett<sup>204, 205</sup>**, daughter of **8138. Thomas Bennett**.

Children of Thomas Gawdy and Anne Bennett were as follows:

- 2034 i Sir Thomas<sup>11</sup> Gawdy**, died<sup>206</sup> 5 Nov 1588 in Redenhall, Norfolk, England; buried<sup>207</sup> 12 Dec 1588 in Redenhall, Norfolk, England. He married (1) **2035. Audrey Knightley<sup>208</sup>**, daughter of **4070. William Knightley** and **4071. Margaret Pawe**; (2) **Frances Richers<sup>209</sup>**.

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<sup>192</sup> Will of Robert Grene, Alderman, Consistory Court of Norwich (Proved 30 Jul 1541). FHL# 094.882. (Document 200)

<sup>193</sup> *Monumental Inscriptions Transcripts*: Greene. FHL # 094,834. (Document 201)

<sup>194</sup> Parish Registers of St. Stephen, Norwich, Norfolk, England: burial of Robert Grene 1541. FHL# 1,471,548. (Document 202)

<sup>195</sup> *Monumental Inscriptions Transcripts*: Greene. FHL # 094,834. (Document 201)

<sup>196</sup> *The Mayors of Norwich 1403-1835*. p.47. (Document 185)

<sup>197</sup> Will of Alice Browne, widow, Consistory Court of Norwich (proved 18 Apr 1534). FHL # 094,883. (Document 203; transcript at Document 203T)

<sup>198</sup> *Ibid.*

<sup>199</sup> *Ibid.*

<sup>200</sup> Parish Registers of St. Stephen, Norwich, Norfolk, England: burial of Dorothy Myngay 1558. FHL # 1,471,578. (Document 182)

<sup>201</sup> Parish Registers of St. Stephen, Norwich, Norfolk, England: marriage of William Myngay & Dorothy Grene 1544. FHL# 1,471,578. (Document 181)

<sup>202</sup> *Visitation of Suffolk 1561*. Harleian Society, London 1981. p. 268. University of Iowa Library. (Document 204)

<sup>203</sup> *The Gawdys of Norfolk and Suffolk*. p. 43. (Document 197)

<sup>204</sup> *Visitation of Suffolk 1561*. p. 268. (Document 204)

<sup>205</sup> *The Gawdys of Norfolk and Suffolk*. p. 43. (Document 197)

<sup>206</sup> *Ibid.*

<sup>207</sup> *Ibid.*

<sup>208</sup> *The Gawdys of Norfolk and Suffolk*. p. 33. (Document 197)

<sup>209</sup> *Ibid.*

**4070. William<sup>12</sup> Knightley**, attorney, of St. Peter Parmentergate, Norwich, Norfolk, England; died<sup>210</sup> 12 Feb 1548. He married **4071. Margaret Pawe**, daughter of **8142. Andrew Pawe** and **8143. Margaret (---)**.

According to Rye, William Knightley “was the son of John Knightley and grandson of John Knightley of Calais, who died 1451.”<sup>211</sup> At this point I have not sought to verify this statement; however, a brief survey of available information suggests the Knightley line may extend, if proven, several generations before William<sup>12</sup> Knightley.

Children of William Knightley and Margaret Pawe were as follows:

- 2035**    i        **Audrey<sup>11</sup> Knightley**. She married **Sir Thomas Gawdy**, *q.v. supra*.  
          ii        **Elizabeth<sup>11</sup> Knightley**, died before 1552. She married **John Hill<sup>212</sup>**.  
          iii       **Lettice<sup>11</sup> Knightley<sup>213</sup>**, died after 1552. She married **John Clippesby**.  
          iv        **Winifred<sup>11</sup> Knightley**. She married **Robert Coke<sup>214</sup>**, of Mileham, Norfolk, England.

### *Generation 13*

**8128. Robert<sup>13</sup> Mingay**, of Norwich, Norfolk, England and Shotesham, Norfolk, England.. He married **8129. Katherine (---)**.

Robert Mingay was admitted a Freeman of Norwich in 1452.<sup>215</sup>

The following are extracts from the will<sup>216</sup> of Robert Mingay, written 9 December 1505:

...I gife and bequeth to *Robert my sone* dwelling at norwiche xxs ...

I gife to *Agnes my daughter wif of Willm Brown* xiiis iiid...

I gif to *my godson Robert Brown* vis viiid ...

I gif to iii of ~~my~~ the daughters of the said Willm Brown to ich of them iiis iiid ...

The residue of my goods in this present testament not govyn nor bequethede I gif and bequeith to *Kateryn my wif John and Robert my sonnes* Whom I make and orden myn executors...

Children of Robert Mingay and Katherine (---) were as follows:

- 4064**    i        **Robert<sup>12</sup> Mingay**. He married **Joan (---)**.  
          ii        **Agnes<sup>12</sup> Mingay**. She married **William Browne**.  
          iii       **John<sup>12</sup> Mingay**.

**8134. Robert<sup>13</sup> Brown**, Citizen and Alderman of Norwich, died<sup>217</sup> 3 Aug 1530, buried<sup>218</sup> in St.

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<sup>210</sup> *Ibid.*

<sup>211</sup> Rye, *Norfolk Families*. p.447. (Document 209).

<sup>212</sup> *Ibid.*

<sup>213</sup> *Ibid.*

<sup>214</sup> *Ibid.*

<sup>215</sup> *Norfolk Pedigrees: Mingay*. (Document 137)

<sup>216</sup> Will of Robert Myngey, Consistory Court of Norwich (proved 4 Apr 1520). FHL# 094,877. (Document 205; transcript at Document 205T)

<sup>217</sup> *Monumental Inscriptions Transcripts: Browne*. FHL # 094,834. (Document 206)



Stephen, Norwich, Norfolk, England. He married **8135. Alice (---)**.

Robert Brown was a mercer and alderman of St. Stephens ward in Norwich. He was sheriff of Norwich in 1508 and mayor in 1522.<sup>219</sup> His arms were “sable, three cranes argent,” which means three white cranes (birds) arranged in a triangle shape (two on top, one on the bottom) on a black background. His epitaph<sup>220</sup>, in Saint Stephens church in Norwich, reads: “Of your Charitie pray for the Soule of Mr Rob. Browne and Alice his wife sometime Mayer of the Cety of Norwiche, the whiche departed the thred daye of Aug. in the yere of our Lord gode a thowsent ccccc xxx, on whose soule Jhesu have mercy Amen.”

The following are excerpts from the will<sup>221</sup> of Robert Brown, Citizen and Alderman of Norwich, written 12 July 1530:

... I will that *Alice my wife* have my place that I dwell in th thappurgenncs to hold to hir and to her heres and assignes in fee forevr. Item I bequethe to the same Alice my wife all my implements Utensiles and stuffe housholde and plate being wtin my said place to give and to sell. Item I will that the said Alice my wife have all my landes and tenements indowses foaddinges and pastures wt all thappurtenncs Lying in the Townes and feeldes of Eton and Erlehm next Norwiche And also my incloase wt thappurtenncs called Sloparscloase lying in framynghm or Byxley to hold to hir hir heires and assignes forevr ...

whereas I gave in mariage wt *my daughter margarete to John Kempe gentylman xl mrs* whereof I have payed xxi mrs Item I will he have xl mrs on and besides the said xxi mrs to him before payd so that he make hir ioyntour of lands and tents within the Countie of Norff to the yerely value of viii mrs by yere to hir and to her heres of her bodye lawfffully begotten ...

I bequethe to *Robert Grene Alderman my sonne in lawe my furred cloake* and to *Johane Grene my daughter his Wife xl*. Item to eche of *the childerne of the said Robert Grene that ys to saye John Johane Thomas Robert Dorathie* to every of them vil xiiis iiiid ...

I bequethe to *Cyceley Homerston my daughter xl* and to *John Homrston her sonne x mrs...*

I bequethe to the said *Robert Grene and Johanne his wife John Homrston Cyceley his wife John Kempe margarete his wife Robert Browne my sonne* and Master Thoms Godsalue to sir John Browne to Henry Croke and his wife and to Thomas Leeke and Cyceley his wife to eche of them a blacke gowne ...

I forgive and remytte to the said Thomas and Cyceley his wife all the mony that they owe me. ...

to the Childe that margarete my daughter is wt xls Item to the childe that Cyceley my daughter is wt xls if

~~may be borne of my goodes~~ if yt may be borne of my goods ...

The Residewe of all my goodes and cattalls movable before by me not bequethed I give comite and bequethe unto the good disposicion of Alice my wife ...

I constitute and ordeye myn executours the said Alice my wife John Homerston my sonne in lawe and

maister Robert Grene Alderman And I bequethe to eche of them for their labr v mrs and I pray Harry Croke to be supervisore ...

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<sup>218</sup> *Ibid.*

<sup>219</sup> *The Mayors of Norwich 1403-1835*, p.45.

<sup>220</sup> *Monumental Inscriptions Transcripts: Browne*. (Document 206)

<sup>221</sup> Will of Robert Brown, Prerogative Court of Canterbury (proved 5 May 1531). FHL# 091,914. (Document 207; transcript at Document 207T)

The following are extracts from the will<sup>222</sup> of Alice Brown, widow, written 28 December 1533:

...I commende my soule to almighty god to our blessed lady saynte mary and to all the holy company of heven and my body to be buried in the chapell of Mary Mawdelyn nexte my husbnde where moste conveniently it maye be ...

I bequethe to *Johane Grene my daughter* x mrs ...

I bequethe to *Roberte Browne my son* a stendyng cup percell gylte wth a cover ...

to *Cecylie my daughter* x mrs ...

I bequethe to *Margarete kempe my daughter* x mrs ...

I bequethe to *yche of the children of Mayster Grene that is to saye John Grene Thomas Grene Roberte Grene and Dorothe Grene* at the daye of theire mariages or when they come to thage of xxi yeres v mrs ...

to *yche of the children of John kempe gento that is to saye Margaret Roberte and Elizabeth* at the daye as is aforesayde v mrs ...

to *yche of the children of John Homerston that is to saye John Avise and Jone* at lyke age or mariage as is aforesayde v mrs ...

I make constitute and ordeyn myn executrs *John Homerston Roberte Browne my son and Roberte*

*Grene citizen and Alderman of Norwyche* and Henry Croke scryvener / And I bequethe to *yche of them for their labrs iiii mrs* And I make and ordeyne *John kempe gent supervisor* of this my testamente and laste wyll And I gyve hym for his labrs iiii mrs ...

Children of Robert Brown and Alice (---) were as follows:

- i **Robert<sup>12</sup> Brown.**
- 4067 ii **Joan<sup>12</sup> Brown.** She married **Robert Greene**, *q.v. supra*.
- iii **Margaret<sup>12</sup> Brown.** She married **John Kempe<sup>223</sup>**.
- iv **Cicely<sup>12</sup> Brown.** She married **John Homerston<sup>224</sup>**.
- v **Alice<sup>12</sup> Brown.** The following are excerpts from the nuncupative will<sup>225</sup> of Alice Browne, written 25 June 1529: ... her body to be buried in the Churche yarde of saynt Stephyn in Norwiche ... all the house and lande goods and Catells and all other movables that was gevyn to ~~me~~ her by the gifte of ~~my~~ her grandame I geve to *her mother Alice Brown the wife of Mr Robert Brown Cytezyn and alderman of Norwiche* the whiche Alice Browne wife to the said Master Brown I shee make ex ecutoire ...

<sup>222</sup>Will of Alice Browne 1534. (Document 203)

<sup>223</sup>*Ibid.*

<sup>224</sup>*Ibid.*

<sup>225</sup>Will of Alice Browne, Consistory Court of Norwich (Proved 22 Dec 1529). FHL# 94880. (Document 208; transcript at Document 208T)