

Maybe of local interest. Translations of

Will of Sir Thomas Huntingdon (priest)

In the name of god amen, the last day of May, the yere of oure lord god, 1496, I Thomas Huntyngton of Hempstead in the counte of Essex, and Diocese of London esquier. First I bequeth my soule to almighty god our lady seynt Mary, and to alle the sayntes of heven, and my body to be buryed in the church of Hempsted in the saynt Kateryne chapelle, if I dye there. Also I bequeth to the reparacion of the Cathedrall church of saynt Paule in London 3s 4d Also, I bequeth to the high awter of Hempsted for my teythes forgotten in the discharge of my soule, 6s 8d. And to the reparacion of the said church of Hempsted 20s. Also I bequethe to the highe awter of the church of Savstone, in the counte of Cambrege, in the Diocese of Ely, 3s 4d. Also I bequeth to the high awter of the church of Trumpyngton 3s 4d. Also to the reparations of the said church, 6s 8d. Also I bequeth to the reparations of the church of Triplowe 6s 8d. Also I bequethe to Margaret Parish, my daughter, my best cuppe of silver and gilt. And I bequethe to Anne Mordaunt / Mordannt, myn daughter, myne best premer, which was her graunt / grannt dames. Also I bequethe to Jane Parys, 10 marc, and to Robert Brayton, 40s and to Blaunche / Blaunche Coton, 40s to Robert Huntyngdon, 40s and to Richard Blacwalle, 20s and to John Rolf, 20s. Also I wille that myne executors provide or do to be provided a stone of marbille to lye upon me and my wife Margaret. Also I wille that a honest preest be provided by myne executors, whiche will conteneue his study and lernyng, being of a good conersacion, to synge for my soule and Margaret, my wife, in the universite of Cambrege, and for myne fader and moder soules, and for the soules of Sir John Webe, prest and of Richard Warde, and for the soules that I am bounde to praye fore, the said prest to be hyied for the space of 4 yeres, taking the festes of Cristemas, Estir and Witsontyde come to Hempsted, and thann and there to synge the said festes for the soules afore rehersed and to gyffe attendaunce / attendannce upon myne heire that thann shalbe owner of my said Manor of Hempsted during the said 4 yeres. Also I bequethe to every godchild that I have, 12d. Also I bequethe and geve to Robert Claraunce / Clarannce, the tenement that I purchased of John Cokswete, lying in litell Radwynter, to hym and his heires, by the licence of the lord. Also I wille that alle myne houshold servantes by stille provided fore within my house, and myne household stille kept with mete and drynke, and their quarter wages the space of a quarter of a yere next after my deceesse. And furthermore, alle the persones to whome I bequethe none Annuyte or other bequest in money to have the said quarter ende another quarter wages at their departing, more thann shalle amounte to the rate of their service. And the residue of all my goods and catalles what soever that they be, after my dettes paid, I assigne to myne executors to pay with my dettes and to dispose for the helthe of my soule and the soules afore rehersed, as they best please god. And of this my tesament, I make myne Executors Marster John Warde, William Mordaunt, John Parys, Clement Cotton and Robert Brayton,. And supervisor ----- In witsesse whereof to this present testament I have setto my sealle the day and yere above
Proved before the Lord Master at Lambeth on the 9th feb 1498 by the oath of William Mardant and John Paris the exectors. Full and faithful inventory to be exhibited befor the Annunciation of the blessed Mary the Virgin next ensving Also of a plain / honest and hne account etc. sworn on the holy gospel of god, with the power reserved of making a similar grant to the other executors named in this testament when they shall come.

Will of John Barker of Hempstead made 1497. Proved 1497/98

In the name of God 26th October 1497 I John Barker of Hempstead, Essex. First I bequeithe my soule to almighty god and my body to be buried in the church yarde of Saint Andrewe in Hempstede. Item I bequeithe to the highe auter there in recompence for my tithes recligently forgotten, 3s 4d. Item I bequeithe to the laying of the leede over the Rode, £10. Item I bequeithe to the Church of Olde Sampforde 6s 8d Item I bequeithe to the guilde of the blessed trynite in Sampforde aforesaid 6s 8d. Item I bequeithe to Thomas Brette of Sampforde my Russett gowne. Item I bequeithe to William Wotton my other Russet gowne. Item I bequeithe to John Cott/Kott my Violet gowne. Item I will that Jone my wife, have all my landes sett in the towne of Witteffarthe in the dioces of Ely, terme of her life, under this condicion, that she kepe my obite yerely in the Churche of Hempsted under this maner and fourme ever to be kepte, that is to say, to pay for my soule, the soule of John Barker and Deonise, his wife, of John Barker and Margarete his wife John Barker and Jone his wife, and for the soules of all our goode dayers (?doers) Paing yerely to the Curate for the bedde Rolle, the Dirige and masse, 12d to the Ringers, 12d And in almes 12d, within the towne of Hempstede aforesaide. And after her discease to remayne to Robert Lagdens and Agnes, his wife, my elder daughter, and to there heiries under the condicion they kepe yearly myne obite under the fourme aforesaid. And for faute of suche Issue, the remaynder thereof to Thomas Herede and Jone, his wife, my second daughter, and to their heiries under the condicion aforesaid, and for fawte of suche issue, the remaynede thereof to Robert Clarence and Deonice his wife, and to the heires under the condicion be farie rehersed. Item I bequeithe to the churche of Hempstede, two torches. Item I bequeithe to jone Barker, my wife and Robert Lagden, whome I make mye Executours, that they so dispose theme for the helthe of my soul, as it is thought my theme moost expedient to the pleasure of god, and to the helthe of my soule by the advice of my good master Thomas Huntyngden, Esquier, whom I besheche of this my testment and haste will to be Supervisour, these being witnes Frire John Fyshe, Richard Chunne (Chumme), and other of Hempstede.

Hempstead Guildhall

Sorry that my mind was so blank about references to the guild after the EHBG meeting. It was the end of a very long and hectic week!!

1) 1524 lay subsidy assesses the 'moveables' of 'The Gylde of St. Thomas' as £10 5s. To compare: the guild at St. Osyth was judged as modest and their assessment was £5 6s. 8d.

2) Possessions of the guild of All Saints at Hempstead were sold in 1549 to John Harford and Richard Willison. (Calendar of Patent Rolls, 3 Edward VI, pt. 7, m.26.)

3) 'Also grant to them at the request of Nicase Yeitzwert, the Queen's Servant, of lands (tenants named) Co. Essex, as follows – in Fynchingfeild, Sampford Magna, and Parva, Wimbishe and elsewhere, bequeathed by Thomas coe late of Hempstead, Co. Essex, by his will, 31 July 1514, to St. Thomas's Guild in Hempstead 'for a priest to say and sing services in St. Mary's Chapel in Hempstead Church and pray for the souls of him, his wife and other faithful departed'.....(Calendar of Patent Rolls. 1569, 2106, page 353.)

4) 'The messuage called "le Yeldhall" in tenure of William Stonerde in Hempstead given to a guild there in honour of All Saint's Land given for St. Thomas's guild there, sold by the Crown.' (Calendar of Patent Rolls, 12 Elizabeth, 268, page 40.)

There was no guild registered in Hempstead in the Chantry Certificates of 1549 but they were often concealed.

I have also included the drawings made at the time of the restoration. Hope the information etc. will be of use.

Brenda.

Court Rolls 1704, 1707 and 1712

Joseph Cracknell, leading tenant of the Hempstead Hall Court under the Harveys made his pledge.

Court Rolls 1750

Rent William Cracknell for Joseph Cracknell 2 shillings.

Letter 1784

Mr. Cracknell is a copyhold tenant of a cottage built on the wast (formerly Hills) and must take admission to it when a court is held.

Tenants by Free Deed 1784.

The enclosing of the wast lands near Anser consisting of a Tonerment and Garden plus a parcel of meadow by Joseph Cracknell the Younger (father lived here). The lands called Gows Croft and Beldanes plus a parcel of the wast and cottage occupied by John Barker and Richard Moss.

Court Rolls 1819

Thomas Horner (owner) Robert Moss, John Barker (occupier) for a messuage, 3 parcels of waste land believed to contain 24 roods in Hempstead late of Joseph Cracknell.

1845 – 1846

There is no reference in the Electoral Rolls (Q/RPr 1/3) to a Cracknell.

Wayside Cottage Hempsted Essex

This Indenture made the twentieth day of November in the year of the reign of our sovereign Lord George the second by the grace of God of Great Britain France and Ireland King defender of the faith and so forth and in the year of our Lord one thousand seven hundred and fifty Between Robert Hasler the Elder of Hempsted in the county of Essex Wheelwright and Thomasina his wife and Robert Hasler the younger of Hempsted aforesaid Tallow chandler of the one part and Ann Bains of Hempsted aforesaid widow of the other part Witnesseth that for and in consideration of the sum of twenty pounds of lawfull money of Great Britain to this said Robert Hasler the Elder and Robert Hasler the younger in hand paid by this said Ann Bains at and before this sealing and delivering thereof receipt whereof this said Robert Hasler the Elder and Robert Hasler the younger do heeby acknowledge and of and from the same and every part thereof do hereby acquitt release and discharge the said Ann Bains her hairs and assigns and for diverse other good considerations They the said Robert Hasler the Elder and Thomasina his wife and Robert Hasler the younger have and each of every one of them Hath granted bargained Sold Alened Remised Released Quitt Claimed and Confirmed and by those presents do and each and every of them doth Grant Bargain Sell Alien Release and Confirm unto the said Ann Bains (I her actual possession thereof now being by virtue of a Bargain and Sale to he thereof made by the said Robert Hasler the Elder and Robert Hasler the younger for one whole year by Indenture bearing date this day next before the day of the date of those presents and Executed before this sealing and delivering thereof in consideration of five shillings therein mentioned to be paid and by foure of the statute for Transforming of uses into possession and her hairs All that Messuage or Tenement lying and being in Hempsted aforesaid with the yards orchards outhouses buildings and other appurtenantes to the same belonging formerly in the occupation of Daniel Shed and now in the Teniure or occupation of John Stubbing or his assignee or assigns Adjoining to a Tenement or Cottage of William Harvey Esquire in the occupation of William Halls towards the East being heretofore the Messuage or Tenement and premises of Jeremiah Roote and by him granted and conveyed to the said Robert Hasler the Elder and his heirs by Indenture of ffeoffment bearing date the fifth day of November one thousand seven hundred and ffive And all ways Rights Members Commons and appurtenantes whatsoever to the same belonging and Revision and Reversions Remainders and Remainders Rents Issues and profits of all and singular the said premises and every part and parcell thereof and also all the Estate Right Title Interest property Claim and demand whatsoever of them the said Robert Hasler the Elder and Thomasina his wife and Robert hasler the younger and each and every of them of in and the same premises and every part thereof and all Deeds Evidences and writings relating thereto in their any or either power custody or possession To Have and to Hold the said Messuage or Tenement and all and singular other the premises herein before mentioned and intended to be hereby Granted released and conveyed with the Rights Members priviledges and appurtenantes to the same belonging unto the said Ann Bains her heirs and assigns for ever And the said Robert Hasler the Elder and Robert hasler the younger do hereby for themselve respectively and their several and respective heirs and assigns covenant promise and agree to and with the said Ann Bains her heirs and assigns in mannor following (that is to say) That they the said Robert hasler the Elder and Robert hasler the younger now are or one of them is the true and Lawfull owners or owner proprietors or propietor of the said messuage or Tenement and promises herein before mentioned with the appurtenantes and now have in themselves good right full power and Lawfull and absolute authority to grant release and convey the same premisses and every part thereof unto and to the use of the said Ann Bains and her heirs in mannor and form aforesaid And further that the said Messuage or Tenement and Premises herein before mentioned now are ffree and clear and shall fromhenceforth remain and continue ffree acquitted and discharged of and from all and all manner of former and other Gifts Grants bargins Sales Leases Jointures Dowers Title of Dower The Dower and thirds of the said Thomasina Messuages uses Wills Intails and of and from all other Title Troubles Charges and Incumbnantes whatsoever now had made Committed done or Suffered or to be hereafter had made Committed done or Suffered by the said Robert Hasler the Elder and Thomasina his wife and Robert Hasler the younger or any or either of them or any other person or persons Claiming from or under them any or either of them We And Lastly that they the said Robert hasler the Elder and Thomasina his wife and the said Robert hasler the younger and all and every other person or persons Claiming from or under them or any or either of them shall and will from time to time at all times hereafter at the request Costs and Charges of the said Ann Bains her heirs or Assigns make do and Executed all and every such further and other Lawfull and reasonable Act and Acts Devices Conveyances and Assurances in the Law whatsoever for the further better more perfect and absolute assuring Settling Conveying and Confirming the said Messuage or Tenement and premises herein before mentioned and every part thereof with their appurtenaesunto and to the use of the sid Ann Bains her heirs and assigns for ever as the said Ann bains her heirs or assigns or as her or their Council Learned in the law shall devise or advise or require In witness whereof the parties first above nemed have to these presents Interchangeably sett their hands and seals the day and year first above written.

Singed by the mark of Robert Hasler his mark
Thomasina Haslere
Robert Hasler junior

Richard Stock Born 1730 Removal Order

Removal order to the churchwardens and overseers of the poor of the "parish of Hempstead" in the said county and to the churchwardens and the overseers of the poor of "parish of Ashdon" in the said county and to each and everyone of them.

Upon the complaint of the the churchwardens of the said parish of Hempstead aforesaid in the said county of Essex unto us whose names are herunto set and seals affixed, being two of his magesties justice's of the piece in and for the said county and one of us of the quorum that Richard Stock and Elizabeth his wife, John aged six years Richard aged five years Thomas aged three years James aged one year their children have come to inhabit in the said parish of Hempstead not having gained a legal settelment there, nor produced any certificate owning them to be settaled elsewhere and that the said Richard Stock Elizabeth his wife and the said John Richard Thomas James their children likely to be chargeable to the said parish of Hempstead. We the said justices upon due proof made thereof, as well upon the examination of the said Richard Stock upon oath, as likewise upon due consideration had of the premises, do adjudge the same to be true: and we do likewise ajudge, that the lawful settlement of them, the said Richard Stock and Elizabeth his wife and John Richard Thomas James their children is in the said parish of Ashdon in the said county of Essex: we do therefore require you the said churchwardens and overseers of the poor of the said parish of Hempsted or some or one of you to convey the said Richard Stock his wife and children from and out of your said parish of Hempstead to the said parish of Ashdon and them to deliver to the churchwardens and overseers of the poor there or to some, or one of them, together with this our order, or true copy therof; and we do also hereby require you the said churchwardens and overseers of the poor of the said parish of Ashdon to receive and provide for them as inhabitants of your said parish. Given under our hands and seals the tenth day of may in the year of our lord One Thousand Seven Hundred and Sixty Two.

(Thanks to Lesley Lynch)

Richard Stock Elizabeth his wife
John aged six years
Richard aged five years
Thomas aged three years
James aged one year
their children likely to be chargeable to the said parish of Hempstead.

Radwinter Overseers' Accounts, 1758

| | £ | s. | d. |
|---|----|----|----|
| Widow Savill | | 2 | 0 |
| Wakefield a shirt | | 3 | 7 |
| H. Tyser for nursing | | 2 | 0 |
| Coot for breeches | | 2 | 0 |
| Widow Bassett Washing | | 2 | 0 |
| H. Tyser for beer | | | 4 |
| 50 faggotts to Barr | 12 | 6 | |
| Mary Rush for girl | | 5 | 0 |
| Making rate | | 4 | 0 |
| Journey to Sessions | | 1 | 6 |
| Tyzer looking to his mother | | 2 | 0 |
| Mary Barker laying Fras Clayden out and beer and victuals | | 2 | 0 |
| For afedavey | | 1 | 0 |
| Jacob Cakebread to clothe his children | | 5 | 0 |
| 2 loads of wood | 2 | 0 | 0 |
| Widow Cakebread a shift | | 3 | 0 |
| Taking, marrying and carrying home Wm. Tynell and his wife | 7 | 18 | 0 |
| Quatredge | 1 | 10 | 0 |
| Mary Stubbing keeping Levi | | 10 | 0 |
| Tyser's salary | | 15 | 0 |
| A letter | | | 4 |
| John Townsend towards rent | 1 | 0 | 0 |
| 2 yds. flannel | | 2 | 0 |
| Constable | 1 | 16 | 0 |
| Recd of Gardener's spinning | | 1 | 2 |
| Coffin for Sa Cakebread and crape | | 7 | 6 |
| Widow Savill, Wimbish | | 2 | 0 |
| Peter Wakefield blanket | | 5 | 0 |
| Doctor Day's bill | | 17 | 6 |
| John Brayne for half of hiring a militia man | 3 | 3 | 0 |
| Strong beer and small to the smallpox house | | 5 | 10 |
| Wm. Coote's family for smallpox | 5 | 14 | 10 |
| Balance of Churchwarden's rate | | 19 | 10 |

Cost of Poor Relief

| | <u>Hempstead</u> | <u>Gt. Sampford</u> |
|------|------------------|---------------------|
| 1753 | £120 | - |
| 1776 | £227 | £114 |
| 1803 | £708 | £396 |
| 1813 | £1,448 | £930 |