

## Will of Alice Falk of Norwich written 1473 probated 1474

In the name of God Amen. I Alice Falk late the Wyf of William Falk in an hoole mend and a gode memorye beyng att Norwiche the vj<sup>th</sup> day of Auguste the yere of oure lord m<sup>mo</sup> cccclxxiiij make my testament and declare myn last wyll here in thys wyse. Fyrst I bequethe myn sowle to godde almyty and to our blyssyd lady and my body to buryd in the chyrche of sent Andrew in Norwiche grofytt? as ny the grave of myn husband as yt may be yf it plesse the parysshe. Also I bequethe to the hey altar vj<sup>d</sup>. And I bequethe to the reparacon of the sayd chyrche x<sup>s</sup>. Also I bequethe to the sayd chyrche ij towellys. And I bequethe to <the> sepulcre in the sayd chyrche my best shete. Also I bequethe to Sir Robert Banham myn sone xl<sup>s</sup> and when myn plate is sold to be payd a marke be (per) yere yf he be well gownyd and of gode disposicon and if case be so that he trobyl or avexe myn executors or any man in hys name trobyl them then I revoke that wethward? and he nevyr to have peny ne penyworthe of my godys and I wyl that he have hys blanketts of stamyn? and a payr of shetes. Also I wult that iiij orderys of freyeres mendicants be remembryd as sone as I am decessyd, the chappell of Fold, the sisterys of Normanny and the pore folk of Sent Andrewe parysshe by the discrecon of myn executors. Also I wult have a prest syngynge for me and myn husband and my frendys by the space of a hoole yere as hastely as may be after myn decease at Sent Andrewys. Also I wylt that he be a man of gode name and fame and weele disposyd and I wylt that <he> have for hys labo<sup>r</sup> and salarye viij mark. I bequethe to John myn brothyr a Russett gown. And to Geffrey my brodyr my blewe gown and to hys wyf 1 red byrtyll? and 1 red hode and 1 grene spete? Also to Thomas my newe sangwen (sanguine) coatt and 1 wyte petykote. Also I desyre myn sayd prest that he praye for the gode state of myn sone that god wyll bryng hym to the state of grace as tenderly as he shube? praye for my sowle and my frendys. Also I wyll that my plate be sold as hastely as it may be be (by) my executors. Also I wyll and ordeyne that my offers? geve a lawfull a state to myn executors ..... they be lawfully required by myn executor or by myn executors in as hasty wyse as it may be done after my terement daye. The residue of myn godys moveabyll I geve to myn executors to performe my last will as afore I declard, that is to sey when my plate and myn movabyll be solde I wolt that it be spent for the best of my sowle and for myn frendys as the payments are reserved wyth in the space of half a yere after the tyme sett there with owt any longer delaye. And I wolt that myn executors devide not my godys nor departe them nowt but defende them be (by) on a sent (innocent?) to the uttermost of one peny. I wylt that they have a lawfull reward for there laborys. I ordeyne and chese (choose) to my trusty executors Syre Edmund Felmingham prest, Robert Gwyll and John Cuteler. In the whiche wytnesse I have put to my seale ..... The day above wrytyn.

Probatum fuit pre.. testamentum apud Norwicum coram.....xxmo die  
mensis ottobris Anno domini millmo ccccmo lxxiiijto (1474)

Executors sworn: Robert Gwyll & John Cutteler

**The Will of Alexander Fawlke of Aldeburgh, written 1557, probated 1558.**

In the Name of God Amen. The 12<sup>th</sup> daye of November anno domini millesimo quingentesimo quinquagesimo septimo (1557), I Alexander Fawlke in the countie of Suffolk and diocese of Norwich being of good and pfyghte mynde and remembrance god be prayسد do ordeyn declare and make this my testament conteyninge my last will on this wise followinge. First I commend and betake my soule unto the great mercye of Almightye god the father and to his sonne our lorde Jesus Christ by the merits of his blessed passion and truste onelye to be saved and my bodie to be buried in the churchyarde of St Peter (and St Paul) in Aldeburgh. Secondlye I give and bequeathe unto the poore howse holders within the towne of Aldeburgh thre poundes of lawfull Englishe monye to be payde and distributed amongst them at the next daye after my buriall. Item I give unto the sayed poore howseholders xiiij<sup>li</sup> of lawfull Englishe monye on and besides the sayed iij<sup>li</sup> to be unto them payed and distributed on this wise following, that is to saye xl<sup>s</sup> by yere until ye sayed some of xiiij<sup>li</sup> be full payed. Item I give unto Johan my wife all the howse or howses with the appurtenances that Henry Peryman nowe hath in occupyinge withall those thinges that I have there of myn in them together with all the grownde which I bought of Robert Purdees holdynge uppon the vicaredge manner with all and singular the appurtenances to have and to holde unto her and her assignes for terme of her naturall lief onelye. Item I will that the howse called the Shoppe shalbe solde by my executor or his assignes within one yere next after my deathe to and for the performance of this my last will and testament. Item I will that my tenement and lands called Pakenhams with the appurtenances even as yt ys nowe in the maneringe of Edmund Holmes shall be solde by my sayde executor or his assignes and oute of the sale of the sayde tenement and lands I give and bequeathe unto Thomas Byrde and Joahan his wife one annuitie of xiii<sup>s</sup> iij<sup>d</sup> of lawfull Englishe monye to be unto them or either of them yerelye payde by my executor or his assignes so longe as they or everye of them shall lyve. Item I will that John Foxe shall have all the sayed tenement and lands called Pakenhams with the appurtenances and that ys nowe in the occupyinge of Edmund Holmes beinge bounde unto myn executor with feoffment suerties for the payment of vj<sup>li</sup> by yere untill the some of one hundreth markes of lawfull Englishe moneye be unto myn executor full contented and payde. Item I give and bequeathe unto Thomas Tyndall xiiij<sup>s</sup> iiii<sup>d</sup> of lawfull Englishe moneye to be yerelye payed unto him by my executor or his assignes for terme of his naturall lief oute of the monye comynge of the sale of the sayed tenement and landes and after his decease the sayed payment to be continued and payed by my executor or his assignes unto the use of the children of the sayed Tyndall so longe as the holle contente of monye payed for the sayed tenement and landes will laste. Item I give unto Johan my wife my stayer grownde and capsten that bottolleth (abuts?) on John Fale and John Stannard to have and to holde to her, her heires and assignes. Item I give unto Alexander Smythe my daughter's childe all those my howses and tenements and landes in Friston with their appurtenances to have and to holde to hym, his heires and assignes forever. Also I will that the sayed Alexander shall receyve at the age of discretion the fiftie poundes which I receyved for the sale of the Ospreye at the hands of my executor or his assignes accordinge to the tenor of his father's will. Item I give unto Fraunces Smythe my daughters childe all that my howse and yarde with their appurtenances in the Northende that was my father's together with the stayer grownde that lieth betwixte Nicholas Browne and Richard Willett with

their appurtenances to have and to holde to her, her heires and assignes for ever and she to enter and take the profyghtes of the same at the age of xvij yeres. Item I give unto Johan my sayed wife all my tacklinge howse and yarde that lieth on the este syde of the waye and agaynst Henry Mylgate and **the fyer tree close** (fire tree = fire beacon on a stand) even as I bought it of John Slyngate to have and to holde to her, her heires and assignes for terme of her naturall lief excepte and reserved from the sayed close unto my daughter Emie the southende of the nether part thereof, that ys to saye from the northende of her garden towards the south with her fence. Item I will that those howses that Mother Preacher, Thomas Leache and Thomas Tyndall nowe dwelleth in as they are nowe inclosed shall by the lordes favor and his deputies to the use of (the) almes howses for the dwellinge of poore people in the same to be assigned thereunto by the discretion of the balyfes and there successors forever and I will that Johan my wife do give to them that do dwell in those almes howses xx<sup>s</sup> by yere and yerelye for the terme and space of xx yeres next after my decease and that she doe fynde feoffment suerties unto my executor for the true payment thereof. Item I give unto Alexander Smythe one of my fartilbotes? with all thinges to .... belonginge that y to saye mastes sayle ores anker and anker rope and all other necessaryes together with two mansfare? of flewes? And two mansfare? of sparnettes redye dressed and beat to the seas. And I give to Fraunces Smythe two manfare of flewes and one manfare of sparnettes redye dressed and beat to the seas. And I give unto Alexander Smythe and to Frances Smythe and to either of them a fetherbedde and whyghts with other furnytures to them belonginge to be unto them and either of them delyvered at the age of xvij yeres and yf anye of them chance to dye before that age, then that the longest lyver to take the other's part, and yf they dye bothe before they and enye of them to come to the age of xx yeres then I will that those giftes both of howse, lands and tenements with all other thinges to them given by this my laste will and testament shal be solde by my executor or the executors of hym or his assignes and the monye thereof cominge to be given to the poore people in the towne of Aldeborough. Item I give to Johan my wife my stable with the shoppe in the ende thereof to have and to holde to her, her heires and assignes for terme of her lief onelie. Item I give unto my sayed wife one half of my shippe called the Thomas and I will that my executor shall sell the other half of my shippe called the Thomas to and for the performance of this my last will and testament and to paye unto the daughter of John Smythe the monye that I receyved for the myrtingale (martingale – here a short spar under the bowsprit) accordinge to there father's will and last testament. Item I give unto Johan my wieff all those tenements and landes which I late bought of Mr. Sand? (*very feint*) to have and to holde to her, her heires and assignes for terme of her naturall lief, payenge the rentes and fynes and other charges due oute of the premisses kepinge the howses in good and sufficient reparation and payenge unto Prudence Smythe everye yere for the space of ten yeres xx<sup>s</sup> by yere untill the some of xx<sup>li</sup> be unto her full payed and yf the sayed Johan make defalte either for payment of the rentes fynes and charges due to the chief lord of the sea oute of the premisses or for due reparations to me made and done uppon the premisses or for the non-payment sayed yerelye pension of xx<sup>s</sup> to be payed unto the above named Prudence Smythe oute of the premisses then I will that my executor or the executors or the assignes of hym shall enter and take the profyghte of the sayed lands and tenements so longe and untill such tyme as he or they have receyved so much monye of the profyghtes thereof as will paye and discharge suche thinges afore rehersed as behynde or undone and that he or they do with all spede discharge the same and then to render the premysses agayne unto the use of my sayed wife as ys afore

sayed. Item I give unto Johan my wife my tacle howse at Slaughtinge (*now called Slaughden*) and all the grownde that I have therewith the appurtenances, savinge the grownde that Robert Aylmer the ferryman his howse standeth on xij fote by northe his howse and vij foote at the east ende of his howse which I give unto hym his heirs and assynges for ever. I give unto Johan my wife the stayer grownde which I took up with the arms howses to have and to holde to her, her heires and assignes for terme of her naturall lief and after her decease unto the sayed almes howse for ever. Item I give towards the buyldinge of the bye (*town*) vj<sup>li</sup> xiiij<sup>s</sup> iiij<sup>d</sup> of lawfull Englishe monye. Also all the howse landes and tenements which I have given to my sayde wieff ys but onelie for terme of her lief so that after her decease they shall remayne unto Alexander Smythe to have and to holde to hym, his heires and assignes for ever and yf he chance to dye without lawfull heire of his bodie then I give them unto Fraunces Smythe his sister to have and to holde unto her and the heires of her body lawfullye begotten and yf she dye without lawfull heires of her bodie, then I will all the premysse shall remayne unto Elizabeth Foxe my daughter's children and to the heires of her bodie lawfullye and yf they dye all without anye issue of there bodies lawfully begotten then I will that all those landes and tenementes be solde by my executor or the executor or assignes of hym and the monye thereof cominge to be distributed amongst the poore people. Item I give and bequeathe unto Elizabeth Foxe my daughters childe fortie poundes of lawfull monye whereof xx<sup>li</sup> to be unto her payed at the age of xvij yeres. Item I will that my executor shall delyver unto ye handes of John Foxe and Emie those obligations remayninge wherein Thomas Cobb joyntly with Thomas Squier stand bounden with xvj<sup>li</sup> xiiij<sup>s</sup> iiij<sup>d</sup> which I have allredye receyved for the same shippe condicionelye that he the sayde John Foxe with feoffment suerities shall stand bounde unto my sayde executor to save hym harmless for the payment of fortie poundes thereof unto the daughters of John Smythe late of Aldeburgh deceased accordinge to the last will and testament of the sayed John Smythe. Item I will that my executor shall receyve my debts and paye all my debtes with as muche spede as may be. All the rest of my goodes whatsoever they be unbequeathed I give them unto my sayed wife towards the discharginge of my debtes and performance of my last will and testament and I ordeyne and make John Favell to be the executor of this my last will and testament. Item I give and bequeathe unto my sayed wife a **close called Jackens Pightle** to have and to holde to her, her heires and assignes for terme of her lief, onelye upon condition that she shall well and honestlye kepe Thomas Baker the lame creature as I late kepte hym hitherto that ys to saye with sufficient food and clothinge duringe his lief tyme and for default of so doinge then the same close to be to the use of my executor or his assignes upon the lyke condition and the remaynder over to be accordyng as ys afore sayed for my other landes and tenements. Item I give and bequeathe unto Alexander Smythe **the close** with the appurtenances beinge by the Armitage to have and to holde unto him his heires and assignes for ever and for defaulte of lawfull heires of his bodie begotten I will they shall descende unto his sister Frances and so forthe as yt ys above sayde for my other lands and tenements. I will that my part of the madlinge shall be solde by my executors or there assignes to and for the performance and fulfillinge of this testament and last will. Item I give unto Francis Coulterman xx<sup>s</sup> to be unto hym payd by my executor or his assignes. Item I give my wife all my howse weares, ewes, colts wheresoever they may be. Item I give to my wife all my xxxviiij shepe to be given to the poore people at my buryall, these beinge witnesses John Foxe, Edward Wrighte, Robert Hedlee, Thomas Tyndall, Frances Coulterman and manye others. (Probate overleaf)

Quarto die mensis martij anno dm millesimo quingentesimo quinquagesimo septimo  
coram magister Marlon Spencer in domo (no place name given – no apud)...(NB in  
modern calendar March 1558)

Johannes Favell sworn as executor.

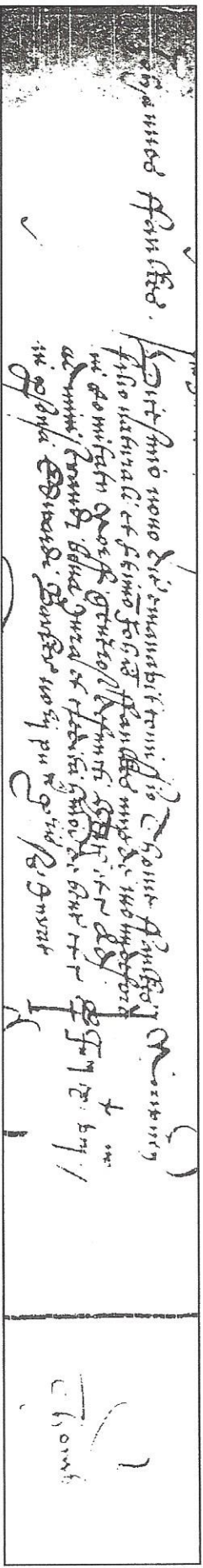
**The Admon of John Faulkes of Mundford.**

**ca 1530 - 1580**

Dicesimo nono die emanavit commissio Thome ffaulkes filio naturali et legitimo Johannis ffaulkes nup(er) de Moundford in comitatu Norff generosi defuncti fideliter et.....administrandi bona jura et credita ..... de bene et ..... in persona Edwardi Barker no<ta>rij pub<lic> .....jurat.

On the nineteenth day the commission fell to Thomas Faulkes the natural and legitimate son of John Faulkes late of Mundford in the county of Norfolk gentleman deceased to faithfully and etc administrate the goods rights and credits .....to well and ..... In the person of Edward Barker notary public ..... he swore.

NB As the admons on the sheet are in date order, and the following record is dated 1<sup>st</sup> November, I assume that the date of this admon is 19<sup>th</sup> October 1582, taking the year from David's gedcom.



## The Will of William Falke of Worlingham, written 1571, probated April 72

In the Name of God Amen. The xxj<sup>th</sup> day of the month of August in the yere of our Lorde god mccccxxj and in the xiiij<sup>th</sup> year of the reigne of our Sovereigne Ladie Elizabeth by the grace of god of England, ffrence and Irelande Quene, defender of the faith etc. I, William ffalke of Worlingham in the countie of Suffolk and diocese of Norwich, holl of mind and perfight of remembrance, thanks be to God, do orden, make and declare this to be my present last will and testament in manner and forme followinge, revokinge and renouncinge all other former wills and testaments heretofore by me made. ffirst I gyve and bequeth my sowle into the mercifull hands of allmightye god. And my bodie to be buried in the south syde of the churcheyarde of Worlingham aforesayde nere unto the place frinds were buried. Item I gyve unto the pore mens boxe of the same churche 2s. Item I will that Johan my wife and Thomas my sone whom I do intende to make my executors shall ioyntlye have, holde and enjoie to them and their assignes all my howse and londs both fre and bond with their appurtenances, set, lieinge and beinge in the townes and fields of Worlingham and Weston dueringe the terme of thre yeres next and immediatelie followinge after my decease and the profight thereof comynge and arisinge to be towards the paiement of suche legacies as by this my last will and testament I shall appointe them to paie. And after th'ende and terme of the seyd thre yeres I will that Johan my seyde wife shall have and enjoie to her and her assignes the third parte of all my seyde howse and londs with th'appurtenancesdueringe the terme of her naturall life. Item I gyve and bequeth unto Thomas ffalke my sone and to his heires and assignes forever my howse and londs both fre and bonde with their appurtenances set, lyenge and beinge in Worlingham aforesayde upon condicion that he the seyde Thomas do paie and discharge all such somes of money as hereafter in this my last will and testament I shall appointe hym and he to enter two parts of the premises imediatelie after the thre yeres before expressed and the other third part imediatelie after the decease of my seid wife, and if it fortune ye seid Thomas my sone to die before as ye seased of ye premises whereby either of my other sones shal enjoie the seyde premises, then I will that he whiche so shall enjoie the same shall paie all such somes of money as I have appointed the seyde Thomas my sone to paie out of the same londs yf then there shalbe anie behynde unpayde. Item I gyve and bequeth unto Austen my sone xxvj<sup>li</sup> (pounds) of lawfull money of England to be payde unto hym in manner and forme followinge, that is to saie, I will that my executors shall paie unto the seyde Austen at his age of xxvj yeres out of the profights arisinge and growinge out of my seyde howse and londs dueringe ye seide iij yeres and of my other goods which I shall shall hereafter gyve unto them, tene pounds and the other xvj<sup>li</sup> I will that Thomas my sone shall paie out of my londs unto the seid Austen in manner and forme followinge that is to saye, the next yere after he hath received the seid tene pounds, xl<sup>s</sup> and so forth yerelie fortie shillings until the seid some of xvj<sup>li</sup> be fullie paide, and if it fortune that the seid Austen my sone to dye before he hath received his said legacie without wief or issue, then I will that twentie pounds of his seyde legacie shall remaine and be to John my sone and the other vj<sup>li</sup> unto the same Thomas my sone. Item I gyve unto John my sone all that my crosse lyenge in Weston to him and his heires forever upon condicion that if he the seid John shall at anie tyme sell the same crosse that then I will that he shall sell it to one of his brothers if either of them will bye it gyvinge therefore twentie shillings within the price that an other man will reasonable gyve and he the same John to enter the same crosse at his age of xxxiiij yeres. And I will that my executors shall have and take the profight of the same crosse until the seid

John come to his age of xxxij yeres, towards the paiement of my other legacies. Item I gyve and bequeth unto the seyde John fourteen pounds of lawfull englishe money to be paid unto the seyde John as hereafter followith, that is to saye, I will that my executors shall paie unto the seyde John at his age of xxvj yeres out of the profights and comodities of my seyde londs which they shall have dueringe the space of the abovesaid iij yeres and of my other goods and out of the profights of the same close eight pounds and the other vj<sup>li</sup> to be paid unto hym by my seid executors out of the last rented premises at his age of xxxij yeres. And if it shall fortune that the seyde John my sone to die without issue and makinge no sale or other conveyance of the same close, then I will that Thomas my sone shall have and enjoye the same close to him and to his heires forever upon condicion that he the same Thomas do paie unto his brother Austen tene pounds of lawfull englishe money and if it fortune the seyde John to dye before the receite of his seid legacie of xiiij<sup>li</sup> then I will that the some or as moche thereof as shall be behynde unpaide to remaine and be to Austen and to his assignes. Item I gyve unto Austen and John my sones and to Johan my doughter to eche of them a stirke of two yeres of age and I will that my executors shall kepe the stirke gyven unto Austen and John untill the seyde stirke be of the age of thre yeres and then they to have them if they shall then have calfe or ells I will my executors shall kepe them one yere longer. Item I gyve unto Johan my doughter xxii shepe and one cowe which are in the ferme of George Swetman of Brome or ells for eche of the same shepe ii<sup>s</sup> and for the cowe xxvj<sup>s</sup> viiiij<sup>d</sup>. Item I gyve unto the seid Johan my doughter one other shepe which I have at home. Item I gyve and bequeth unto George Swetman, William Swetman and Thomas Swetman sones of the seyde George Swetman th'elder eche of them one shepe which are in the hands of the seyde George Swetman their father. Item I gyve unto Ursula Perse my kynswoman tene shillings to be paid unto her by my executors. Item I gyve unto John Deare my gowne. Item I will that all my brasse, pewter, potts, panes, ketells, spets, wullen, lynnens, beds, bedsteds and all other things belonginge unto the same beds with all other my howseholde stuffe be equallie devided into iiij parts, to my wife one and eyther of my sones Thomas, Austen and John an other, and I will that my wief shall chose the first, saveinge I will that Johan my doughter shall have of the foresaide goods one spete. Item I will that Austen and John my sones shall have their parts at the age of xxvj yeres or ells at the daye of mariage yf they do marrie before. Item I will that my executors shall synde my John my sone to schole to learne to write dueringe the terme of one holl yere from michaelmes nexte comynge. The residue of all my goods, corns, cattalls and other things whatsoever heretofore in this my laste will and testament not gyven nor bequethed, I gyve and bequeth them to Johan my wife and Thomas my sone whome I do make my executors, they to receyve my debts and paie my debts and legacies and performe this my last will and testament and so my bodie honestlie broughte to the grownde provided alweis and ***it is my mynde and will that my executors shall not sell anie woode or timber groweing in and upon my close before gyven to my sone John, neyther make anie shippe or mast of the same, but onelie to take a tre or two for the necessarie reparacions of my seid howse if nede that require and some stowenge for firewoode and reparacions of the fenses about the same close.*** Also, whereas I have gyven unto Johan my doughter xvij shepe and one cowe now in the ferme and occupieinge of the within named George Swetman, my holl intente and meaninge is that the seid Johan my doughter nor Thomas Hunt her husbond shall not have the same shepe and cowe nor no profights thereof until the terme be expired which is agreed betwene the seid George Swetman and me which terme I praie and desire the same George



faithfullie and trulie to declare accordinge as it was covenanted betwene hym and me. Provided also, and it is my will that if the seid Thomas Hunt my sone in lawe or Johan my daughter or anie other for them or in their names shall ruinstlye sue or vex my executors for anie legacies gyven unto the seid Johan my daughter or for anie other of my goods, that then the seid Thomas and Johan shalbe frustrate and voyde of the holl benefits of this my last will and testament anie thinge heretofore to the contrarie in anie wise notwithstandinge. Item whereas John .....well of Cove standith bounden unto me for the delyverie of two neats of the which one neat is my sone Austen's, my mynde and will is that my executors shall deliver unto the same Austen everie yere dueringe the yeres expressed in the same obligacion the ferme of one of the same neats and in the end of the same yeres a covee accordinge to the same obligacion. Also whereas William Corfelde of Becclis has two neats to ferme whereof the one is my sone Thomas' and the other my sone John's for the deliverie of the which neats and the yerelie ferme thereof the same William standith bounden unto me, my will is that my executors shall deliver unto the seid William Corrfelde the same obligacion immediatlie upon sealinge and deliverie of an other obligacion for the better assuerance of the same neats to the use of my seid sones Thomas and John. Item I gyve unto Thomas Hunt my sone in lawe one combe of malte. Item I gyve to John Corfelde my godsone xij<sup>d</sup> and to eche of my other godchildren if they shall require it viij<sup>d</sup>. Theise beinge witnesses William Corfelde, John Smythe, Thomas Hunt, Robert Perks the writer hereof and others.

....vicesimo die mensis Aprilis Anno 1572 apud Becclis coram .....et probatum fuit testamentum ..... Executores iurates....

Exhibitum est Inventarium.

## The Will of John Falke of Worlingham, written 1504.

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In dei nomine Amen. The first day of the month of October, the yere of our lord mcccciiij (1504). I John Falke senior hoole of mind beyng make my last will and testament, First I bequeathe my soule to god almighty, to our holy saint Mary, and to all the company of heaven. My body to be buryed in the churchyard of Worlyngham to which earth I bequeathe yt. Item I will that my sonne Herry have my tenement with the lands belonging to it, paying ten pounds of good and lawfull money of England to the performacion of this my last will, with the licence of the lord (of the manor) I surrender up my copyholds into the hands of Watys Prebyl and Walter Lebbard, to the behove (benefit) of my son Herry. Item I bequeathe to the guild of St John Baptist<sup>‡</sup> holey? in the church of Worlygham 3s 4d. Item I willt have a masse of the five woundes said for the wele of my soule immediately after my decease<sup>†</sup>. Item I willt have a requiem? with a dyrge and a masse by the space of a yere. Item I bequeathe to William my sonne xxs (twenty shillings) Item to my sonne Robert xxs. Item to my sonne John xxs and also I forgive hym all detts and whatever wherever he owith me. Item I willt yt only godchylde of myne have xijd (12d). Also I desire and require my feoffes to make and deliver a feoffement estate accordynbg to this my last wille when they ytt to be desired by myn executors. The residue of my goodes and chattell not bequeathed I give and bequeathe to my executors whom I ordeyn and make Herry my sonne and John preing (praying?) yt they dspose as they thynke it best to please god... Item I willt have an honest prest to synge for my soule and all my frends in the churche at Worlyngham as soone as yt may be performed by the space of half a yere.

Probatum fuit apud Bungay xij die octobris anno domini mcccciiij 12<sup>th</sup> October 1504 etc.....

‡ *Probably a burial guild. In the early Christian funeral procession, the body was borne not by hired bearers, but volunteers as an act of mercy. The processions of those in burial guilds included a cross bearer, eight monks and three acolytes. Perhaps the "frends in the churche" referred to at the end of the will were fellow members of this guild. Similarly, it is common for relatives and friends to act as bearers.*

† *There was a special Mass of the Five Wounds, known as the Golden Mass, which medieval tradition claimed was composed by St. John the Evangelist and revealed to Boniface II (532) in a vision.*

## **The Will of Gregory Faux of Croxton, yeoman (1641-1698)**

### **My 7G Grandfather**

**In the Name of God Amen** I Gregory Faux of Croxton in the county of Norfk yeoman being weak in body but of perfect mind & memory praised be God doe make & ordaine this my last will & testament revoking all other wills by me mde ..... I comitt my soule into the hands of Almighty God my Creator hoping to be saved through & by the only merits of Jesus Christ my blessed Saviour and my body to be buried in Christian burial according to the discretion of my Executors hereafter named and my worldly estate which God hath lent me I give as followeth

**First** I give to Mary my beloved wife my copyhold cottage in Croxton aforesd with the appurtenances thereto belonging during her natural life after her decease to my son Gregory Faux and his heires forever.

**Item** I give unto the said Mary my wife all such household goods as she shall think fitt to take for her own sions? and fifty pounds in money to be paid by mine Executors within one weeke after my decease I also give to her soo much corne & hoggsflesh as she shall have occasion to spend in one yeare after my decease

**Item** I give unto my son John Faux all my freehold estate whatsoever & to his heires forever upon condition that he lay in my wife yearly dureing her natural life in good husbandly manner two thousands of flags and that he keepe for her a cow and a shott<sup>1</sup> dureing the six years that he is to have the Norwick farme, but for want of performing the same my will is that my wife shall enter upon my said freehold estate & take the pfitts thereof during her natural life

**Item** I give unto John Faux my son eight horses and mares & ten coves which he shall choose & ten hoggs and all such stores<sup>2</sup> as shall belong to the red hipp farm and all my carts & cart gares<sup>3</sup> & ploughs & other instruments of husbandry which I shall have at my decease with the tillage<sup>4</sup> which shall be due to mee about Norwick farme to be apprized at the intrinsicke value by two men indifferently choosen and what they want of one hundred pounds my will is that it be made up in money

**Item** I give unto Gregory Faux my son the remainder of my term in the lease which I have from the Balife as shall be unexpired he pforming the covenant which I ought to perform and I give him the hundred pounds which he have had of me upon his marriage

**Item** I give unto my wife one cow and one shott<sup>1</sup> out of my stocke, which she please to choose

**Item** I give to David Faux my son fifty and five pounds ten pounds pt thereof to be pay to him upon demand and the other forty and five pounds the remainder thereof at the end of the expiration of his indenture by which he is bound to William Palsey

**Item** I give unto Benjamin Faux and William Faux my sons fourty pounds apiece with interest for the same to be payd to either of them when as they or either of them shall attain the age of one and twenty years & my will is that if they or either of them have a mind to go to a trade that mine Executors disburse six or seaven pounds for either of them to bind them out in part of their aforesd legacies

**Item** I give unto Samuel my son twenty pounds to be payd to him at the age of one and twenty years

**Item** I give unto my son in lawe James Thorpe five pounds & to my daughter Susan his wife fifteen pounds to be payd to them within one year of my decease

**Item** I do give to the aforesaid John Faux and Gregory Faux my sons all the rest & remainder of my stocke, bills, bonds, debts and legacies & chattels whatsoever they

paying my debts & legacyes & funeral charges who I doe make & ordain Executors of this my last will and testament and I doe nominate and appoint my beloved friend nd John Kittell of Thetford supervisor of this my last will and testament desiring him to assist my sayd Executors as occasion shall serve and I doe give him two Guineys for his paines

**In Witness whereof** I have hereunto set my hand and seale the five and twentieth day of February in the tenth year of the Reigne of William the third over England, Scotland, France and Ireland King Defender of the Faythe etc Anno dm 1697/8 M? that (& five) was ...Inter..... and also (James Thorpe) before the sealing hereof

Sign

Gregory Faux

Dated and subscribed and acknowledged to be the last will & testament of the testator in the presence of sign John Cunningm, sign Elizabeth Puttall, Tho Beew? Bear?

3<sup>d</sup> May 1698, apud Swaffham, jurat<sup>um</sup> Ex<sup>ecu</sup>toribus cora<sup>m</sup> m<sup>agistr</sup>o Joh<sup>ann</sup>e Newson cler<sup>ic</sup>o surr<sup>ogat</sup>o ?office er?

“ 3<sup>rd</sup> May 1698, at Swaffham, sworn by the executors before magistrate John Newson, surrogate.....”

<sup>1</sup> Shott = shoat (a young pig, esp. one that has just been weaned)

<sup>2</sup> Cart gares = Cart gears ?

<sup>3</sup> Store = animal being fattened for market; (pl) livestock.

<sup>4</sup> Tillage – the act and practice of tilling; husbandry; a place tilled

## The Will of Gregory Fawks of Methwold Hythe, yeoman My 8G Grandfather

**In the Name of God Amen** Y<sup>e</sup> 12<sup>th</sup> day of March in y<sup>e</sup> year of our Lord God 1676 I Gregory Fawks of Methwold hith in y<sup>e</sup> county of Norfk yeoman being sick in body but of good and pfect memory thanks be to God for itt revoking all other will by me made at any other time before Do now by Gods grace declare pounce this to be my last will and testament in manner and form following that is to say first I being heartily sorry for my sins & offences hoping to receive pdon of my saviour Jesus Christ for them and my soule I comitt into y<sup>e</sup> hands of Almighty God & my body I comitt to y<sup>e</sup> earth from whence it came to be buried in comely and devout manner at y<sup>e</sup> urge and discretion of my Extors hereafter named

**Item** I doe give unto Grace my new wife three Cowes which are called by these names a brown cowe a brown white faced Cowe a black cowe called by y<sup>e</sup> name nancy present after my decease and sufficient boan meal for to winter them out.

**Item** I doe give more unto my wife one cubboard a little table a warming pan a cheesepress and one chyrne all milke bolls all cheese fats and milk pans two tubs one killer one beer vessel one tancke? Two chests all y<sup>e</sup> meat in y<sup>e</sup> powdring tubb one flitch of bacon one sowe all y<sup>e</sup> firing in y<sup>e</sup> yard three bushels of wheat & twenty shillings of monye presently to be paid after my decease

**Item** I doe give unto my son Thomas Fawkes of Crocksham ye sum of twelve pounds to be paid in one whole year after my decease.

**Item** I doe give unto my son Thomas Fawkes more three green curtains one feather bed one bolster one pillow one blanket one kisteringe and all my wearing apparrell hose shoos hatts & shitts whatsoever

**Item** I do give to my son Gregory Fawks my freehold tenement in Crocksham to him and his heires

**Item** I doe make my son Gregory Ffawks & my son Thomas Fawks & my daughter Anne Gathercoale my whole Extors of all ye rest of my moveable goods whtsoevr unbequeathed to be equally divided between them & to receive my debts and to pay my debts & also my body decently buried according to my vocation.

**In witness whereof** I have hereunto set my hand & seale ye 12<sup>th</sup> day of March and in y<sup>e</sup> yeare of our Lord God 1676.

Gregory Fawkes his marke

Read, sealed & seigned in y<sup>e</sup> presence of us Richard Dowller? his? Marke Matthew Wright Thomas Kooly

Probatum fuit testamt apud Swaffam quarto die mensis Octobr An<sup>o</sup> dm 1681.....(etc)  
(Testament was probated at Swaffham on the fourth day of October AD 1681)

Rest of this probate declaration needs to be deciphered and translated.

Killer = cooler

Boll = bowl?

Powdring Tubb = presumably to preserve meat

Firing = firewood

Kisteringe? Pillow?

## Grant of Administration re Thomas Faulke of Brunstead dated 1668

**Named administrator:** Elizabeth Faulke, his widow

**Dated:** 23<sup>rd</sup> May 1668

**Any other information:** Vicesimo tertio die mensis Maij <year 1668 taken from earlier pages by NRO and endorsed on copy provided> per vicarium in spiritualibus generalium et singularium bonorum et iurium et Creditorum *Thomae Faulke* nuper dum vixit *De Brunstead* in Comitatu *blank* ab intestato defuncto commissa fuit *Elizabethae Faulke vidue relicta dicti defuncti* in forma iuris .....

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# The Inventory of John Falke of Lackford (1565-1619)

My 10G Grandfather

The inventory is currently in very poor condition – the copy I have received is stamped ILLEGIBLE so that very little can be read with ease and certainty.

However, what can be read is still interesting in casting some light on the livelihood of our ancestor:

## In the Corne Chamber

Itm Wheate one bushel and a little barley  
Itm rie thre combes  
Itm ¿maise? seven and twentie stone or thereabout  
Itm two french screenes A bushel A paier of scales with  
..... beame weights cheese racks old ¿truffels? And other .....worke..  
..... lumber  
Itm At Icklingham two combes of wheate and five combes of rye .....  
..... at the mill

## In the Cheese Chamber

Item fortie cheeses five truffells two ..... and other .....  
..... Of all sortes weighing seven score and two poundes .....  
..... the pounce  
Item four chamber potts

## In the outhouses and yards

Item twelve coves and a bull  
Item two newelinges two ..... newelinges ..... newelinges .....  
Item

Item eight sto... horses and a geldinge  
Item five hogges one boar two sowes six shotts .....  
Item tenne turkies yonge and old twelve hens and .....  
chickens and duckes and other pulterie  
Item two hundred thirtie and five ewes in .....  
And more threscore and tenne Two hundred five score  
Six ewes and threscore ewes more bought in  
Item in the ..... thirtie eight old rotten shepe  
Item one hundred thirtie and fower lambes ..... for

## In the stables and carthouse

Item two old cartes and thirtie gears and plowes ..... plowe and plowegeres and  
dung cart ..... and other lumber in the houses and yardes two boardes? And  
hogges troughes ....

Item a stacke of old rotten haye and fomenting ..... all the haye upon the grounds  
and in the barn ..... And the grass growinge and ...

Item the lease of one watermill at Thetford ... and the ???? mill ...

Item the lease of Broke Farm next to .....

Item of ..... fortie and three acres....

Item of wheate five acres...

Item of barley fiftie acres or thereabouts....

Item ..... earth? ....fortie acres.....

Item fortie?? dozen of newe hurdles and some old.....

Item old lumber in the houses and yardes.....

.....

Item in .....



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In the name of our Lord Jesus Christ Amen. This indenture made the first day of June in the first year of the said year of our said Lord King Henry the eighth. Between the said King and the said King's most honorable and right honorable Lord Chancellor of England. Touching the said King's most honorable and right honorable Lord Chancellor's petition in that behalf made unto the said King's most honorable and right honorable Lord Chancellor. That he should be allowed to have and to hold the said lands and tenements with the houses and other buildings thereunto belonging in the County of Suffolk. And touching the said King's most honorable and right honorable Lord Chancellor's petition in that behalf made unto the said King's most honorable and right honorable Lord Chancellor. That he should be allowed to have and to hold the said lands and tenements with the houses and other buildings thereunto belonging in the County of Suffolk. And touching the said King's most honorable and right honorable Lord Chancellor's petition in that behalf made unto the said King's most honorable and right honorable Lord Chancellor. That he should be allowed to have and to hold the said lands and tenements with the houses and other buildings thereunto belonging in the County of Suffolk.

Withing name in the occupation of one Thomas Linge All which Landes and Tenements I  
 purchaseth of one Churlland. Item I give and bequeathe unto my sayed sonne  
 Entler and his heires all that my manor of Sutton call and the Dowson with all  
 the Landes nowe to the sayed manor belonging name in the occupation of  
 and one John hylps. All which Landes I purchaseth of William Springe I might  
 have in Brent and said landes and other townes here next adjoining. As worded  
 and my will and meaning is that my wife shall have one Annulet or yerche Rent during  
 her life as yet to fore in this my will I have mentioned and bevalle out of this my manor  
 of Sutton call and the Landes herunto now belonging. Item I give unto my sayed  
 eldest sonne Thomas Entler All the se manors Tenements and Landes called or  
 known by the name of Winkhalls Hall Hems and Domes hme in Minstesley and  
 mlong in Suff. As seemy unto my wife all such righte and interest as she ha the  
 by virtue of a parte of indentures whiche are made betwene my father Entler decessed  
 on the one parte and my father in lawe Thomas Gardner decessed of Hlonfford  
 in the Countie of Suff. on the other parte bearing date the sixt daye of March  
 in the seaven and thentith yere of late soveraigne Queene Elizabeth late Entler  
 Item I will and bequeathe unto my sayed sonne Thomas Entler and his heires all  
 that my sayed Capital messuage or house wherem I now dwell to have and to hold  
 the said Capital messuage or house to my sayed sonne Thomas and his heires after  
 the decess of my wife. Item I give unto my sayed sonne Thomas Entler and his heires  
 all other Landes and Tenements whiche I have in the Countie of Suff. in bequest  
 in this my last will and testament to be free and unpayed. *Quo me Robert Entler*

**Ultimodie**

Mensis Julij Anno Domini millesimo septentesimo Decimo Nono.  
 Emanavit Commissio Thomae Entler filii naturali et legitimo dicitur. Desinitur habentis et  
 ad administranda bona sua et redditu eiusdem Desinitur mixta tenorem et effectum  
 eiusdem Testamenti super scripti eo quod nullum in eodem nominat executorum de  
 bene et iura et alia relicta constituta. *Ex*

T. Minnypat  
 Johis Halle

**In the name of God amen**

In the eight daye of the moneth  
 of July Anno Domini one thousand five hundred and ninetene John Halle late of  
 Eastford in the Countie of Suff. gent. being of perfect memory and memory  
 made and declared his last will and testament Minnypative in manner and  
 forme following. He willid gave and bequeathed unto Margarett Halle his  
 wife all and every his goodes whatsoever he had. Witnesses Wormley Martin  
 Christopher Develye.

**Ultimodie**

Mensis Julij Anno Domini millesimo Septentesimo Decimo.  
 Nono Emanavit Commissio Johanni Martin om. Creditorem Johannis Halle my de  
 Eastford in Comitatu Suff. Desinitur ad administranda bona sua et redditu eiusdem  
 Desinitur mixta tenorem Testamenti Minnypative ad eo quod nullum in eodem nominat  
 Executorum de bene et iura et alia relicta constituta. *Ex*

T. Minnypat  
 Johis Halle

**The last will and Testament of William**

Ward of Effharts in the Countie of Kent made the five and twentieth daye of  
 Maye in the yere of our lord god one thousand five hundred and ninetene. I  
 give and bequeath my soules to allmyghtie god and after this last willed my body to  
 be buryed where it shall please god. Item I give unto Christen my wellbelovyd wife  
 the one halfe of all my household stuffe and furthor I give her one Remount of  
 Oble of thys yarde now in my hande and one Corder of beed and furthor I give  
 her two bushells of good wy to be payed her betwene this and Saint Michael next

## The Will of Agnes Borrage of Lackford (first draft)

**In the Name of God Amen** I Agnes Borage of Lackeford in the Countie of Suffi widowe beyng of good and perfect memorye thanks be to Almightye god / do constitute ordayne and make this my last will and testament revoking and annihilating all former wills made heretofore whatsoever / **First** I commend my soule into the handes of god my creator / trusting to be saved through the merittes of Christ my redeemer and yielding my bodye to be buried in the parish church of Lackford by the bodye of John Borrage sometimes my husband longe sitence deceased.

**Item** I give and bequeathe to my sonne John Borrage and to his heirs and assignes for ever all my lands tenements and herditaments both free and coppie within the realm of England. **Item** I give to Lucye Gips my daughter a Ringe of fortie shillings. **Item** I give to John Gips her sonne a Ringe of fortie shillings. **Item** I give to Francis Tillott of Longham my sonne in Lawe a Ringe of fortie shillings. **Item** I give to Susan Tillott his wife a Ringe of fortie shillings. **Item** I give to Margaret Falke the wife of John Falke a Ringe of fortie shillings. **Item** I give and bequeathe unto Thomas Falke the sonne of John Falke of Lackford the sum of three score poundes of gand (good?) and lawfull money of England towards his education and bringing up to schoole to be payed in manner and forme as followeth viz five poundes within one month after my buryall and so every yere succeeding upon the same day of the month when the former paye was made until the aforesaid three score poundes be fullie paied and satisfied. **Item** I give to my godchilde .....Tillott the daughter of Francis Tillott my sonne in lawe of Longham fortie shillings. **Item** I give to John Cooke my kynnesman of Red Castle a Ringe of fortie shillings. **Item** I give to Johane Tillott, the wife of Thomas Tillott of Longham the sister of the saied John Cooke a Ringe of fortie shillings. **Item** I give to Margaret Cooke my kynneswoman nowe in my house one Cowe.

**Item** I give to every of my servants both man servants and mayde servants five shillings to each of them. **Item** I give to the poore of Lackford fortie shillings to be paied the halfe within one month after my buryall and the other halfe that tyme twelvemonth.

All the rest of my goodes and chattels jewels plate utensils or household stuffe and other goodes whatsoever I give them whollie to John Borrage my sonne whom I constitute and make my sole executor of this my last will and testimony chardging him to see all my debtes trulie paied and dischargdged my bodye decentlie brought to the grounde and this my last will and testament to be well trulie and faithfullie performed.

In witness whereof I have putt my hand and seale to my last will and testament the twentieth daye of Marche in the yere of our Lord god one thousand sixe hundred and eight according to the computation of the church of England with .... of ...John ..... and George Seaman, John Borrage, John Lymes, the mark of the saied Agnes Borrage /

Probate overleaf

Probatum fuit testamentum suprascriptum apud London .vicesimo die mensis  
Maij Anno Domini millesimo sexcentesimo duodecimo (The above testament was  
probated on 20<sup>th</sup> May 1612 at London )

{I need to learn the Latin jargon of probate to complete this translation}

Also note: probated in the prerogative court of Canterbury.

## Will of John Wormeley of Mundford d.1599

In the name of god amen. The nynth daye of July in the yeare of our Lord god according to the computation of the Church of England one thousand five hundred and ffower score and fyfteene and in the one and thirtie yeare of the rigne of o<ur>veraigne Ladie Elizabeth by the grace of God Queene of England France and Ireland defender of the Faith etc.. I John Wormelie of Moundford in the countie of Norffi yeoman being in good health and of good and p<er>fect remembrance thanks be to allmightie god for the same doe make and declare this my last will and testament in manner and forme followinge, that is to saie, first and principallie I give and bequeathe my soule unto almightie god and my bodie to the Earth from whence it came to be buryed at the discretion of my executors. Item I give to the poore people of Mundforde aforesaide three poundes, to the poore people of El<ve>den twentie shillings, to the poore people of Northwolde twentye, To the poore people of Igborough fortie shillings, and to the poore people of the borough of Thetford twentie shillings to be distributed immediatelie after my decease. Item I gyve and bequeath all my landes hereditaments and tenements whatsoever with the appurtenances in manner and forme followinge viz.. First I gyve and bequeath to Wormeley Martyn grandchilde to my first wife and the heires of his bodie lawfullie to be begotten all my Landes and Tenements both free and copie in Mundford aforesaid after the decease of Margery my wife. I gyve to the said Wormeley and to the heires of his bodie lawfullie to be begotten all my Landes Tenements with thappurtenances in Igborough aforesaide to have and to holde to him and his heires lawfullie to be begotten within one yeare after my decease, during which yeare I will that my executor shall have the occupyinge thereof doinge noe waste, and for want of such heires or yssue of his bodie lawfullie begotten then I gyve the said Landes Tenements and hereditaments in Mundforde and Igborough aforesaid to John Martyn brother of the aforesaid Wormeley and to the heires of his bodye lawfullie begotten and for want of such heires or issue of his bodie lawfullie begotten, Then I gyve the said Landes and Tenements in Mundford and Igborough aforesaid as followeth, viz.. I gyve all my Landes and Tenements in Igborough aforesaide to one William Eldred my kinsman and to his heires and assignes forever. And I gyve all my Landes and Tenements in Mundforde aforesaide to Martyn Taylor my kinsman and to his heires forever. Item I give to the said Wormeley Martyn fortie poundes to be paide one month after my decease. Item I give to Martyn Taylor my kinsman twentie poundes; Item I give to Thomas Taylor my kinsman Twentie poundes Item I give to Will<sup>m</sup> Eldred my kinsman Twentie poundes. Item I gyve to every one of the brothers and systers of the sayde Martyn Taylor, Thomas Taylor and Will<sup>m</sup> Eldred Five poundes apiece. Item I gyve to Thomas Taylor the sonne of Martyn Taylor tenn poundes. Item I gyve to Will<sup>m</sup> Eldred the Younger five poundes. Item I gyve to John Eldred my godsonne five poundes. All which legacies I will to be paide within one yeare after my decease. Item I gyve to Francis Woodhouse Esq my cosen William Gardener my sonne Martyn my daughter Martyn my syster Burrage, Richard ffysher my p<ar>tener my cosen Webbes wief, to Thomas Maltwarde of Downham and to Thomas Havers gent to every of them five Angells † and to Thomas ffauxe thirty shillings and to his wief twentie shillings to bestowe in rings in remembrance of my good will. Item I give to George Eade tenn poundes. Item I give to Anthony Fryer of Thetford gent fortie shillings. I give to every of my household servants which shall be living with me at the tyme of my death tenne ahillings and to every of my godchildren five shillings. Item I give to John Oxborough clerk twentie shillings and to Henry Wheeler fortie

shillings. And whereas I have solde my Landes in Northwold to John Skyner of the same towne yeoman with proviso for the paymente of the some of nyne hundred poundes at certaine daies and tymes and in and by an Indenture betwexte ye saide John Skinner and me the saide John Wormeley bearing date the tenth daye of October in the six and thurtie yeare of the Queenes raigne aforesaide as the said Indenture doth appeare yf therefore the saide moneye shall not be paide at the saide daye accordinge to ye proviso then I gyve the saide Landes to William Webbe my executor and to his heires forever to be solde to the pformance of my will. Item I gyve to Margery my wief threescore poundes. Item I gyve to the saide Margery all my household stuff, implements and plate during her naturall lyfe and after her decease I will the same shall be equallie devided betwixt the foresaide John and Wormeley Martyn. Item I give to my sayde wief twentie of my beste ewes sixe of my beste mylchneate in Mundforde aforesaide my beste geldinge three plowghorses with their furniture both for carte and plowe and one shedcarte. Item I gyve to cosen William Webbe for his paynes one hundred poundes whom I make my executor to this my last will and testament and all the reste of my goodes whatsoever after my debts paide and legacies pformed I will shall be equallie devided betwixt my foresayde wief John Martyn and Wormeley Martyn aforesaide. Item I request my brother in lawe Robert Gardener to be supervisor to whom I gyve for his paines tenn poundes. In witness whereof I the saide John Wormeley have hereunto sett my hande and seale and pronounced this to be my last will and testament revoking all other former wills in the presence of John Dowffeilde James Bufferie and Henry Wheeler. Item I gyve and bequeathe to Margey my wief all such household stuff playte and jewels and implements whatsoever as she the saide Margery brought unto me or that she had in her widowhoode together with all apparel my bequest before notwithstandinge witness John Wante John Dowffeilde and Henry Wheeler. Item I further gyve and bequeathe to Margery my wife all such sheepe as shall be marked with a marke Φ as marked as my wifes sheepe and a holl croppe of the best eare and further I gyve to my saide wief the goinge of fourscore and tenn sheepe which I have in the Lordes flocke of Ickboro during her lyfe which fourscore and tenn sheepe being ewes I have belonginge to a tenement called Dingles. Also I gyve to my saide wife fower score and tenn sheepe and all such sheepe as she has brought in my flocke the sixteenth of January A thousand ffyve hundred nynetie eight Witnes John Dowffylde Henry N Pratt and Henry Wheeler.

Probatum fuit testamentum suuprascriptum apud London coram Mr Johanne Smythe doctore surrogato, venerabilis ..... Johi<sup>ann</sup>is Gibson legium etiam doctoris curie prerogativo ..... Nono die mensis Novembris Anno D<sup>omi</sup>n<sup>ini</sup> millessimo quingentesimononagesimo nono.....

† The Angel was a gold coin which had on the obverse a representation of the Archangel Michael spearing the dragon of evil. On the reverse is a ship with the rays of the sun in the masthead. Its value varied, starting at 6s 8d in the reign of Edward IV, then it increased in 1526 in the reign of Henry VIII to 7s 6d and in 1541 to 8s. During the reign of Edward VI in 1550 to 10s, and in 1612 to 11s. So at John Wormeley's death, its value was 10s.



## The Will of John Borrage of Lackford.

- 1576

In the name of god Amen the nynethe daye of ffebruarie in the yeare of o' lorde 1576 and in the nynetenthe yeare of the reigne of o' Sovereigne Ladye Quene Elizabeth etc I John Borrage of Lackforde in the Countie of Suff within the Diocese of Norwiche sick of body but of hole and perfecte mynde thanks be god doo ordaine and make this my last will and testm<sup>t</sup> revokinge all former wills in manner and forme followinge ffirst and above all thinges I desyer gods his mercye for all my sinnes and wickedness with my whole harte mynde and soule that for his sonne Jesus Christe sake he wold receyve my soule into his handes and nexte I will my bodye to be buried in the Churche or Churchyarde of Lackforde aforsaid yf it shall please god to call me there. **Item** I will that Agnes my wieff shall have all suche Landes and Ten<sup><emen>te<s></sup> as I have now both free and Coppie the term of her lyeff naturall and after her deceasse I will that my sonne John shall have all that my messuage or Tenement and landes with their appurtenances that lye in Saxam Parva and Saxam Magna and also my Coppieholde Tenemente with the Appurtenances in Lackforde to hym his heires and assignes for ever **Item** I give and bequeathe unto my sonne Roberte all that my Tenement in Risbie with all the appurtenances which I purchased of William Marham and also my Tenemente in Bury with the appurtenances that I purchased of Richard Byote and Katherine his wieff to hym and his heires and assignes for ever after the decease of my said wieff **Item** I give to John my sonne twooe hundred poundes of good and lawfull Englishe moneye to be paide to hym at his age of one and twentie yeares **Item** I give unto Roberte my sonne twoo hundred poundes of the like moneye when as he shall accomlishe the same terme of yeares to be paide unto hym and if either of my saide sonnes John or Robert depart this lyeff before they accomplishe their full age of one and twentie yeares then my will and mynde is that the survivor of my saide sonnes shall have the whole ffoure hundred poundes and also the Landes and Tente to them before willed provided moreover that Yf it shall please god to call out of this life both my saide sonnes John and Roberte before they come to the ages of one and twentie years Then I will that both the said moneye and also the saide landes and ten<sup><emen>te<s></sup> to hym bequeathed shalbe equallie devided amongst my daughters the lyvinge as well married as unmarried. **Item** I gyve unto my daughter Lucie twooe hundrethe markes of good and lawfull Englishe moneye to be paide unto her at her age of Nynetene yeares or at her day of Mariage **Item** I gyve to Sibbill my daughter one hundreth poundes of like moneye to be paide unto her at her age of eightene yeares **Item** I gyve unto Susan my daughter one hundreth poundes of lawfull Englishe moneye to be paide to her when as she shall accomplishe the same age. **Item** I gyve unto my daughter Anne one hundreth poundes of the like moneye to be paide unto her when she shall accomplishe the same terme of yeares **Provided** also that yf any of my saide daughters depart this lieff before they accomplishe their full term of yeares then my will and mynde is that their part and partes so departed shalbe equallie devided amonst my daughters then lyvinge aswell married as unmarried **Item** I gyve unto my daughter Martin twentie poundes of Englishe moneye **Item** I gyve to John Martin and Margarette the Children of my daughter Marie eche of them ffive poundes of lawfull Englishe moneye to be paide at my wieff her discretion. **Item** I gyve to my systers Johan and Elizabeth eche of them three poundes of like moneye **Item** I gyve to Andrew Jackson my Nevewe syxe poundes thirteen shillinges four pence of lawfull Englishe moneye. **Item** I give to John Borrage my Nevewe syxe poundes thirteen shillinges four pence of like moneye **Item** I gyve to Rose ffisher my nice dwellinge

with my sonne Martyn ffoure poundes of lawfull Englishe moneye **Item** I gyve to everie one of my brother and systers children thirtene shillings four pence **Item** I gyve to Margarette Reyner foure poundes **Item** I give to Johan Rayner her syster ffortie shillings **Item** I gyve to John Talbot of Lacforde one Cowe **Item** I give to eche of his children John and Johan sixe shillings eight pence to buy them coates **Item** I give to the Reparaciones of Lackford Church ffortie shillings **Item** I gyve to eighte of the poorest householders in Lackford to each household twoo bussshels of Rye. Item I give to the poore people of fflemton tenne shillings **Item** I gyve to the poore of Stowe tenne shillings. Item I gyve to the poore of Saxam sixe shillings eight pence. The Residue of all my Goodes and Cattells of what kynde or nature so ever they be aswell as leases and other chattels I gyve them wholie to Agnes my wieff upon this Condition that She bringe up my children with godlie educacion and learninge and payinge my Debtes and Legacies above mentioned and bringinge my bodye decentlie to the grounde whom I make my sole Executrix of this my last Will and Testament **Provided** that yf my saide wieff shall refuse to performe this my Testamentb then I will that John Martyn my sonne in lawe shall take the whole Executorshipp upon hym and be my sole Executo<sup>r</sup> payinge suche debtes and legacies as are above mencioned and shall have all my Goodes and Chattells of what kynde or nature soev<sup>r</sup> they be aswell Leases as other Chattells and bring up my children as I willed before And also shall paye unto the saide Agnes my wiffe w<sup>h</sup>in one year after my decease two hundredth poundes of good and lawfull Englishe moneye and shall suffer the saide Agnes my wieff to take the one half of my household stuff or Implements of household by evin porcione And also sixe of my best mylche beastes the best that she can choose. But yf my wieff be contented to performe this my last Will Then I will her to be my sole Executrix as before mencioned and I make my sonne in lawe John Martyn Supervisour and for his paines I gyve hym ffowre poundes And in witness hereof I have sette my owne hande and Seale This parties followinge beinge witnesses Philipp Barrow John Martin and Thomas Crawford.

Probatum fuit testamentum.....coram Mag<sup>ist</sup>ro Willmo Drewrie legum doctore Curie prerogative Cantuar Commissario apud London decimo quarto die mensis Marcij Anno D<sup>omi</sup>n<sup>i</sup> infra computacionem Eglis<sup>ie</sup> Anglicane Mill<sup>es</sup>imo Septuagesimo Sexto Inramet? Eduardi Orwell Notarij publici procuris Agnetis relicte et Executrice Admi<sup>ni</sup>stracio etc de bene et ac de pleno et fideli<sup>ter</sup> inve<sup>n</sup>tario.....

## The Will of William Falke of Worlingham, written 1571, probated April 72

In the Name of God Amen. The xxj<sup>th</sup> day of the month of August in the yere of our Lorde god mccccclxxj and in the xiiij<sup>th</sup> year of the reigne of our Sovereigne Ladie Elizabeth by the grace of god of England, ffrence and Irelande Quene, defender of the faith etc. I, William ffalke of Worlingham in the countie of Suffolk and diocese of Norwich, holl of mind and perfight of remembrance, thanks be to God, do orden, make and declare this to be my present last will and testament in manner and forme followinge, revokinge and renouncinge all other former wills and testaments heretofore by me made. ffirst I gyve and bequeth my sowle into the mercifull hands of allmightye god. And my bodie to be buried in the south syde of the churcheyarde of Worlingham aforesayde nere unto the place frinds were buried. Item I gyve unto the pore mens boxe of the same churche 2s. Item I will that Johan my wife and Thomas my sone whom I do intende to make my executors shall ioyntlye have, holde and enjoie to them and their assignes all my howse and londs both fre and bond with their appurtenances, set, lieinge and beinge in the townes and fields of Worlingham and Weston dueringe the terme of thre yeres next and immediatelie followinge after my decease and the profight thereof comynge and arisinge to be towards the paiement of suche legacies as by this my last will and testament I shall appointe them to paie. And after th'ende and terme of the seyd thre yeres I will that Johan my seyd wife shall have and enjoie to her and her assignes the third parte of all my seyd howse and londs with th'appurtenancesdueringe the terme of her naturall life. Item I gyve and bequeth unto Thomas ffalke my sone and to his heires and assignes forever my howse and londs both fre and bonde with their appurtenances set, lyenge and beinge in Worlingham aforesayde upon condicion that he the seyde Thomas do paie and discharge all such somes of money as hereafter in this my last will and testament I shall appointe hym and he to enter two parts of the premises imediatelie after the thre yeres before expressed and the other third part imediatelie after the decease of my seyd wife, and if it fortune ye seid Thomas my sone to die before as ye seased of ye premises whereby either of my other sones shal enjoie the seyde premises, then I will that he whiche so shall enjoie the same shall paie all such somes of money as I have appointed the seyde Thomas my sone to paie out of the same londs yf then there shalbe anie behynde unpayde. Item I gyve and bequeth unto Austen my sone xxvj<sup>li</sup> (pounds) of lawfull money of England to be payde unto hym in manner and forme followinge, that is to saie, I will that my executors shall paie unto the seyde Austen at his age of xxvj yeres out of the profights arisinge and growinge out of my seyd howse and londs dueringe ye seide iij yeres and of my other goods which I shall shall hereafter gyve unto them, tene pounds and the other xvj<sup>li</sup> I will that Thomas my sone shall paie out of my londs unto the seid Austen in manner and forme followinge that is to saye, the next yere after he hath received the seid tene pounds, xl<sup>s</sup> and so forth yereie fortie shillings until the seid some of xvj<sup>li</sup> be fullie paide, and if it fortune that the seid Austen my sone to dye before he hath received his said legacie without wief or issue, then I will that twentie pounds of his seyd legacie shall remaine and be to John my sone and the other vj<sup>li</sup> unto the same Thomas my sone. Item I gyve unto John my sone all that my crosse lyenge in Weston to him and his heires forever upon condicion that if he the seid John shall at anie tyme sell the same crosse that then I will that he shall sell it to one of his brothers if either of them will bye it gyvinge therefore twentie shillings within the price that an other man will reasonable gyve and he the same John to enter the same crosse at his age of xxxiiij yeres. And I will that my executors shall have and take the profight of the same crosse until the seid

John come to his age of xxxij yeres, towards the paiement of my other legacies. Item I gyve and bequeth unto the seyde John fourteen pounds of lawfull englishe money to be paid unto the seyde John as hereafter followith, that is to saye, I will that my executors shall paie unto the seyde John at his age of xxvj yeres out of the profights and comodities of my seyde londs which they shall have dueringe the space of the abovesaid iij yeres and of my other goods and out of the profights of the same close eight pounds and the other vj<sup>li</sup> to be paid unto hym by my seid executors out of the last rented premises at his age of xxxij yeres. And if it shall fortune that the seyde John my sone to die without issue and makinge no sale or other conveyance of the same close, then I will that Thomas my sone shall have and enjoye the same close to him and to his heires forever upon condicion that he the same Thomas do paie unto his brother Austen tene pounds of lawfull englishe money and if it fortune the seyde John to dye before the receite of his seid legacie of xiiij<sup>li</sup> then I will that the some or as moche thereof as shall be behynde unpaide to remaine and be to Austen and to his assignes. Item I gyve unto Austen and John my sones and to Johan my doughter to eche of them a stirke of two yeres of age and I will that my executors shall kepe the stirke gyven unto Austen and John untill the seyde stirke be of the age of thre yeres and then they to have them if they shall then have calfe or ells I will my executors shall kepe them one yere longer. Item I gyve unto Johan my doughter xxii shepe and one cowe which are in the ferme of George Swetman of Brome or ells for eche of the same shepe ii<sup>s</sup> and for the cowe xxvj<sup>s</sup> viiiij<sup>d</sup>. Item I gyve unto the seid Johan my doughter one other shepe which I have at home. Item I gyve and bequeth unto George Swetman, William Swetman and Thomas Swetman sones of the seyde George Swetman th'elder eche of them one shepe which are in the hands of the seyde George Swetman their father. Item I gyve unto Ursula Perse my kynswoman tene shillings to be paid unto her by my executors. Item I gyve unto John Deare my gowne. Item I will that all my brasse, pewter, potts, panes, ketells, spets, wullen, linnen, beds, bedsteds and all other things belonginge unto the same beds with all other my howseholde stuffe be equalle devided into iiij parts, to my wife one and eyther of my sones Thomas, Austen and John an other, and I will that my wief shall chose the first, saveinge I will that Johan my doughter shall have of the foresaide goods one spete. Item I will that Austen and John my sones shall have their parts at the age of xxvj yeres or ells at the daye of mariage yf they do marrie before. Item I will that my executors shall synde my John my sone to schole to learne to write dueringe the terme of one holl yere from michaelmes nexte comynge. The residue of all my goods, corns, cattalls and other things whatsoever heretofore in this my laste will and testament not gyven nor bequethed, I gyve and bequeth them to Johan my wife and Thomas my sone whome I do make my executors, they to receyve my debts and paie my debts and legacies and performe this my last will and testament and so my bodie honestlie broughte to the grownde provided alweis and **it is my mynde and will that my executors shall not sell anie woode or timber groweing in and upon my close before gyven to my sone John, neyther make anie shippe or mast of the same, but onelie to take a tre or two for the necessarie reparacions of my seid howse if nede that require and some stowenge for firewoode and reparacions of the fenses about the same close.** Also, whereas I have gyven unto Johan my doughter xvij shepe and one cowe now in the ferme and occupieinge of the within named George Swetman, my holl intente and meaninge is that the seid Johan my doughter nor Thomas Hunt her husband shall not have the same shepe and cowe nor no profights thereof until the terme be expired which is agreed betwene the seid George Swetman and me which terme I praie and desire the same George

faithfullie and trulie to declare accordinge as it was covenanted betwene hym and me. Provided also, and it is my will that if the seid Thomas Hunt my sone in lawe or Johan my daughter or anie other for them or in their names shall ruinstlye sue or vex my executors for anie legacies gyven unto the seid Johan my daughter or for anie other of my goods, that then the seid Thomas and Johan shalbe frustrate and voyde of the holl benefits of this my last will and testament anie thinge heretofore to the contrarie in anie wise not withstandinge. Item whereas John .....well of Cove standith bounden unto me for the delyverie of two neats of the which one neat is my sone Austen's, my mynde and will is that my executors shall deliver unto the same Austen everie yere dueringe the yeres expressed in the same obligacion the ferme of one of the same neats and in the end of the same yeres a covee accordinge to the same obligacion. Also whereas William Corfelde of Becclis has two neats to ferme whereof the one is my sone Thomas' and the other my sone John's for the deliverie of the which neats and the yerelie ferme thereof the same William standith bounden unto me, my will is that my executors shall deliver unto the seid William Corrfelde the same obligacion immediatlly upon sealinge and deliverie of an other obligacion for the better assuerance of the same neats to the use of my seid sones Thomas and John. Item I gyve unto Thomas Hunt my sone in lawe one combe of malte. Item I gyve to John Corfelde my godsone xij<sup>d</sup> and to eche of my other godchildren if they shall require it viij<sup>d</sup>. Theise beinge witnesses William Corfelde, John Smythe, Thomas Hunt, Robert Perks the writer hereof and others.

....vicesimo die mensis Aprilis Anno 1572 apud Becclis coram .....et probatum fuit testamentum ..... Executores iurates....

Exhibitum est Inventarium.

## The Will of Alexander Fawlke of Aldeburgh, written 1557, probated 1558.

In the Name of God Amen. The 12<sup>th</sup> daye of November anno domini millesimo quingentesimo quinquagesimo septimo (1557), I Alexander Fawlke in the countie of Suffolk and diocese of Norwich being of good and pfyghte mynde and remembrance god be prayed do ordeyn declare and make this my testament conteyninge my last will on this wise followinge. First I commend and betake my soule unto the great mercye of Almightye god the father and to his sonne our lorde Jesus Christ by the merits of his blessed passion and truste onelye to be saved and my bodie to be buried in the churchyarde of St Peter (and St Paul) in Aldeburgh. Secondlye I give and bequeathe unto the poore howseholders within the towne of Aldeburgh thre poundes of lawfull Englishe monyeto be payde and distributed amongst them at the next daye after my buriall. Item I give unto the sayed poore howseholders xiiij<sup>li</sup> of lawfull Englishe monye on and besides the sayed iij<sup>li</sup> to be unto them payed and distributed on this wise following, that is to saye xl<sup>s</sup> by yere until ye sayed some of xiiij<sup>li</sup> be full payed. Item I give unto Johan my wife all the howse or howses with the appurtenances that Henry Peryman nowe hath in occupyinge withall those thinges that I have there of mynin them together with all the grownde which I bought of Robert Purdees holdynge uppon the vicaredge manner with all and singular the appurtenances to have and to holde unto her and her assignes for terme of her naturall lief onelye. Item I will that the howse called the Shoppe shalbe solde by my executor or his assignes within one yere next after my deathe to and for the performance of this my last will and testament. Item I will that my tenement and lands called Pakenhams with the appurtenances even as yt ys nowe in the maneringe of Edmund Holmes shall be solde by my sayde executor or his assignes and oute of thesale of the sayde tenement and lands I give and bequeathe unto Thomas Byrde and Joahan his wife one annuitie of xiii<sup>s</sup> iij<sup>d</sup> of lawfull Englishe monye to be unto them or either of them yerelye payde by my executor or his assignes so longe as they or everye of them shall lyve. Item I will that John Foxe shall have all the sayed tenement and lands called Pakenhams with the appurtenances and that is nowe in the occupyinge of Edmund Holmes beinge bounde unto myn executor with feoffment suerties for the payment of vj<sup>li</sup> by yere untill the some of one hundreth markes of lawfull Englishe moneye be unto myn executor full contented and payde. Item I give and bequeathe unto Thomas Tyndall xiiij<sup>s</sup> iij<sup>d</sup> of lawfull Englishe moneye to be yerelye payed unto him by my executor or his assignes for terme of his naturall lief oute of the monye comyng of the sale of the sayed tenement and landes and after his decease the sayed payment to be continued and payed by my executor or his assignes unto the use of the children of the sayed Tyndall so longe as the holle contente of monye payed for the sayed tenement and landes will laste. Item I give unto Johan my wife my stayer grownde and capsten that bottolleth (abuts?) on John Fale and John Stannard to have and to holde to her, her heires and assignes. Item I give unto Alexander Smythe my daughter's childe all those my howses and tenements and landes in Friston with their appurtenances to have and to holde to hym, his heires and assignes for ever. Also I will that the sayed Alexander shall receyve at the age of discretion the fiftie poundes which I receyved for the sale of the Ospreye at the hands of my executor or his assignes accordinge to the tenor of his father's will. Item I give unto Fraunces Smythe my daughters childe all that my howse and yarde with their appurtenances in the Northende that was my father's together with the stayer grownde that lieth betwixte Nicholas Browne and Richard Willett with

their appurtenances to have and to holde to her, herheires and assignes for ever and she to enter and take the profyghtes of the same at the age of xvij yeres. Item I give unto Johan my sayed wife all my tacklinge howse and yarde that lieth on the este syde of the waye and agaynst Henry Mylgate and **the fyer tree close** (fire tree = fire beacon on a stand) even as I bought it of John Slyngate to have and to holde to her, herheires and assignes for terme of her naturall lief excepte and reserved from the sayed close unto my daughter Emie the southende of the nether part thereof, that ys to saye from the northende of her garden towards the south with her fence. Item I will that those howses that Mother Preacher, Thomas Leache and Thomas Tyndall nowe dwelleth in as they are nowe inclosed shall by the lordes favor and his deputes to the use of (the) almes howses for the dwellinge of poore people in the same to be assigned thereunto by the discretion of the balyfes and there successors forever and I will that Johan my wife do give to them that do dwell in those almes howses xx<sup>s</sup> by yere and yerelye for the terme and space of xx yeres next after my decease and that she doe fynde feoffment suerties unto my executor for the true payment thereof. Item I give unto Alexander Smythe one of my fartilbotes? with all thinges to .... Belonginge that y to saye mastes sayle ores anker and anker rope and all other necessaryes together with two mansfare? of flewes? And two mansfare? of sparnettes redye dressed and beat to the seas. And I give to Fraunces Smythe two manfare of flewes and one manfare of sparnettes redye dressesd and beat to the seas. And I give unto Alexander Smythe and to Frances Smythe and to either of them a fetherbedde and whyghts with other furnytures to them belonginge to be unto them and either of them delyvered at the age of xvij yeres and yf anye of them chance to dye before that age, then that the longest lyver to take the other's part, and yf they dye bothe before they and enye of them to come to the age of xx yeres then I will that those giftes both of howse, lands and tenements with all other thinges to them givenby this my lastr will and testament shal be solde by my executor or the executors of hym or his assignes and the monye thereof cominge to be given to the poore people in the towne of Aldeborough. Item I give to Johan my wife my stable with the shoppe in the ende thereof to have and to holde to her, her heires and assignes for terme of her lief onelie. Item I give unto my sayed wife one half of my shippe called the Thomas and I will that my executor shall sell the other half of my shippe called the Thomas to and for the performance of this my last will and testament and to paye unto the daughter of John Smythe the monye that I receyved for the myrtingale (martingale – here a short spar under the bowsprit) accordinge to there father's will and last testament. Item I give unto Johan my wieff all those tenements and landes which I late bought of Mr. Sand? (very feint) to have and to holde to her, her heires and assignes for terme of her naturall lief, payenge the rentes and fynes and other charges due oute of the premisses kepinge the howses in good and sufficient reparation and payenge unto Prudence Smythe everye yere for the space of ten yeres xx<sup>s</sup> by yere untill the some of xx<sup>li</sup> be unto her full payed and yf the sayed Johan make defalte either for payment of the rentes fynes and charges due to the chief lord of the sea oute of the premisses or for due reparations to me made and done uppon the premisses or for the non-payment sayed yerelye pension of xx<sup>s</sup> to be payed unto the above named Prudence Smythe oute of the premisses then I will that my executor or the executors or the assignes of hym shall enter and take the profyghte of the sayed lands and tenements so longe and untillsuch tyme as he or they have reeyved so much monye of the profyghtes thereof as will paye and discharge suche thinges afore rehersed as behynde or undone and that he or they do with all spede discharge the same and then to render the premysses agayne unto the use of my sayed wife as ys afore

sayed. Item I give unto Johan my wife my taclehowse at Slaughtinge (now called Slaughden) and all the grownde that I have therewith the appurtenances, savinge the grownde that Robert Aylmer the ferryman his howse standeth on xij fote at the easte ende of his howse and vij foote at the east ende of his howse which I give unto hym his heirs and assignes for ever. I give unto Johan my wife the stayer grownde which I took up with the arms howses to have and to holde to her, her heires and assignes for terme of her naturall lief and after her decease unto the sayed almes howse for ever. Item I give towards the buyldinge of the bye (town) vj<sup>li</sup> xiiij<sup>s</sup> iij<sup>d</sup> of lawfull Englishe monye. Also all the howse landes and tenements which I have given to my sayde wieff ys but onelie for terme of her lief so that after her decease they shall remayne unto Alexander Smythe to have and to holde to hym, his heires and assignes for ever and yf he chance to dye without lawfull heire of his bodie then I give them unto Fraunces Smythe his sister to have and to holde unto her and the heires of her body lawfullye begotten and yf she dye without lawfull heires of her bodie, then I will all the premysses then I will all the premysses shall remayne unto Elizabeth Foxe my daughter's childrem and to the heires of her bodie lawfullye and yf they dye all without anye issue of there bodies lawfully begotten then I will that all those landes and tenementes be solde by my executor or the executor or assignes of hym and the monye thereof cominge to be distributed amongst the poore people. Item I give and bequeathe unto Elizabethe Foxe my daughters childe fortie poundes of lawfull monye whereof xx<sup>li</sup> to be payed to her at the age of xvij yeres. Item I will that my executor shall delyver ye handes of John Foxe and Emie those obligations remayninge wherein Thomas Cobb .....with Thomas Squier stand bounden with xvj<sup>li</sup> xiiij<sup>s</sup> iij<sup>d</sup> which I have allredye receyvde for the same shippe condicionelye that he the sayde John Foxe with feoffment suerities shall stand bounde unto my sayde executor to save hym harmless for the payment of fortie pounds thereof unto the daughters of John Smythe late of Aldeburgh deceased accordinge to the last will and testament of the sayed John Smythe. Item I will that my executor shall receyve my debtes and paye all my debtes with as muche spede as may be, all the rest of my goodes whatsoever they be unbequeathed I give them unto my sayed wife towards the discharginge of my debtes and performance of my last will and testament and I ordeyne and make John Favell to be the executor of this my last will and testament. Item I give and bequeathe unto my sayed wife **a close called Jackens Pightle** to have and to holde to her, her heires and assignes for terme of her lief onelye upon condition that she shall well and honestlye kepe Thomas Baker the lame creature as I late kepte hym hitherto that ys to sayewith sufficient food and clothinge duringe his lief tyme and for default of so doinge then the same close to be to the use of my executor or his assignes upon the lyke condition and the remaynder over to be accordynge as ys afore sayed for my other landes and tenements. Item I give and bequeathe unto Alexander Smythe **the close** with the appurtenances beinge by the Armitage to have and to holde unto him his heires and assignes for ever and for defaulte of lawfull heires of his bodie begotten I will they shall descende unto his sister Frances and so for the as yt ys above sayde for my other lands and tenements. I will that my part of the madlinge? shall be solde by my executors or there assignes to and for the performance and fulfillinge of this testament and last wil. Item I give unto Francis Coulterman xx<sup>s</sup> to be unto hym payd by my executor or his assignes. Item I give my wife all my howse weares, ewes, colts wheresoever they may be. Item I give to my wife all my xxxviij shepe to be given to the poore people at my buryall, these beinge witnesses John Foxe, Edward Wrighte, Robert Hedlee, Thomas Tyndall, Frances Coulterman and manye others. (Probate overleaf)



Quarto die mensis martij anno dm millesimo quingentesimo quinquagesimo septimo  
coram magister Marlon Spencer in domo (no place name given – no apud)...(NB in  
modern calendar March 1558)

Johannes Favell sworn as executor.

## The Will of Rose Falke of Gorleston, written 1571 and probated 1572.

**In the Name of God Amen** the xxiiij<sup>th</sup> daye of Marche in the yeare of our Lord God 1571. I, Rose Falke of Gorleston in the countie of Suffolk widow being whole of mynde doe make and ordeyne my last will and Testament in maner and forme followinge. First I comend my soule unto almyghtye God the Father the sonne and the holye ghost three persons and one god by whose free grace and mercye through the meryts of our saviour Christes death and passion without my deservynge myne onlye and assured trust is to be saved, and my bodye I bequeathe to Christian buriall at my stooles end in the parishe churche of Gorleston, to the reparation whereof I geve and bequeathe xiiij<sup>s</sup> iiiij<sup>d</sup> and besyde xiiij<sup>s</sup> iiiij<sup>d</sup> in consideration of my buriall in the sayde churche. Item I geve to the poore mens boxe there v<sup>s</sup> to be payed as soone as it maye convenyentlye be beried by my executors. Item I geve xx<sup>s</sup> to be distributed by myne executors at the daye of my buriall unto the poore people of the sayde parishe at home at there howses by the discretion of myne executors accordine as everye one shall have most nede. Item I bequeathe to the repayringe of the Keye called Barkers Keye vj<sup>s</sup> viij<sup>d</sup>. Item I geve to Sir Peter Dyer vicar of Gorleston vj<sup>s</sup> viij<sup>d</sup>. Item I will that my nephewe Thomas Whighte of Leystoft (Lowestoft) shall have all my howses and tenements with their appurtenances in Gorleston to him and to his heires for ever on condition that he his heires or assignes shall paye towards the performance of this my last will and testament the some of fyftie poundes in maner and forme followinge that ys to saye at the feste of the annunciation of the blessed virgin Marye which shall next ensue after my decease fyve poundes and at everye lykje feste of the annunciation of the sayde blessed virgin one after other fyve poundes untill the sayde some of fyftie poundes is fullye answered and payde. And if the sayde Thomas Whighte shall refuse so I will that Thomas Waterden of Gorleston shall have my sayde howses and tenements with all ther appurtenances to him and to his heires for ever uppon condition before expressed. Item I geve to Thomas Kindred my brother tenne poundes. Item I geve to Robert Kindred of Southetowne xx<sup>s</sup>. Item to Margerye the wyfe of the sayde Robert I geve x<sup>s</sup> and one of my best kichers. I geve unto Anne Kindred and Elysabethe Kindred daughters of the aforesaide Robert and Margerye to everye of them x<sup>s</sup> to be payde when they shall accomplyshe the age of xxj yeres and if it shall happen eny of them to departe this lyffe before the sayde age of xxj yeres then I will that the portion of her so deceased shall remayne and be to her syster that shall survive and if it shall fortune them bothe to departe before the sayde age then I will that John there brother shall enoye the sayde xx<sup>s</sup> at the lyke age. I geve to Alyse Kindred my kinswoman iij<sup>s</sup> iiiij<sup>d</sup>. Item I geve to Thomas Whighte John Whighte Robert Whighte Anne Whighte Elysabethe Whighte and Dorothy Wighte children of my above named nephewe Thomas Wighte to everye of them xx<sup>s</sup> to be payde to them at there severall ages of xxj yeres with lyke remaynder eche after other decease as is before expressed. Item I geve to Elysabethe the wyffe of Henry Coe of Gorleston xx<sup>s</sup> to be payde in fower yeres next after my decease by even portions. Item I geve to the sayde Elysabethe one payer of howsehold shetes, my workinge daye gowne and my workinge daye petticote. Item I geve xx<sup>s</sup> to be bestowed by my executors in clothes upon Alys Baxter, daughter of John Falke my late husband as they shall thinke yt mete. Item I geve to Margaret Arnold late wyffe to my sonne John Arnolde x<sup>s</sup> and one fetherbede with the bolster so that she nor anye other in her name shall not make anye clayme or challenge to a flocke bedde whiche I have of hers in my howse. Item I geve to Ursula the wyffe of

Thomas Waterden of Gorleston fower mackrell netts redye furnyshed to the sea. Item I geve to the sayde Ursula my blacke Colke (Clove?), one payer of shetes my best chayer, my gowne within my hall, my grate brasse pott and my limsecke? Item I geve to Ellis Minster my sevante fyve <sup>ii</sup> to be payde when he shall accomplyshe the age of xxiiij yeres. Item I geve to him one fetherbed with all that thereto belongeth. Item I geve to him one mackrell nett redye furnished to the sea to be delyvered to him at or before the begynnyng of the mackrell faire whyche next after my decease happen. Item I geve to Augustine Falk of Aylesham and to Thomas Falk of Bradwell to eyther of them <sup>iiij<sup>s</sup> iiiij<sup>d</sup></sup>. Item I geve to Mistress Falke the wyffe of John Falke of Muntforthe my warmyng panne. Item I geve to John Spange? of Oulton my chest that standeth bye my bed syde in my chamber. I geve to Henry Ennvyle gent my best fetherbede with the bolster to the same belonginge. Item I geve Alys Ennvyle the wyffe of the sayde Henrye <sup>xx<sup>s</sup></sup>, my best copper kettle and my latten ladels. Item I geve to (blank) Thompson of Grate Yermouthe <sup>xv<sup>s</sup></sup>. Item I geve towards the sute of the towne of Gorleston <sup>xx<sup>s</sup></sup>. Item I geve to Margarett Pyton my servante <sup>xi<sup>s</sup></sup> to be payde in the discretion of my executors. Item I geve to Johan Smythe late the wyffe of Laurence Smythe <sup>iiij<sup>s</sup> iiiij<sup>d</sup></sup>. Item I geve to Henrye Smythe the sonne of Richard Smythe of Gorleston two mackrell netts redye furnished to the sea to be delyvered to hym at the age of xxj yeres. Item I geve to Audrye one of my godchildren <sup>xij<sup>d</sup></sup>. Item I geve to Thomas Foster of Gorleston my heringe nett and to Rose his wyffe <sup>xs</sup> and one payer of howsehold shetes. Item I geve to everye of the children of John Clerke of Eye <sup>iiij<sup>s</sup> iiiij<sup>d</sup></sup>. Item I geve to everye of the children of Robert Ellowes of Framingham Parke <sup>iiij<sup>s</sup> iiiij<sup>d</sup></sup>. Item I geve to Robert Horseman of Woodbridge and to his wyffe and his two children to everye of them <sup>iiij<sup>s</sup> iiiij<sup>d</sup></sup>. Item I will that the longe table in the hall the fowrme and the tressell thereto belonginge shall remayne still with my howse without my moneye to be payde for the same. The Residue of my goodes and chattalles before not given or bequeathed I commytt to the goode discretion of my executors whome I make and ordeyne Thomas Whyghte of Leystoft my nephewe and Thomas Waterden of Gorleston and for their paynes to be taken in the execution of this my will I geve to eyther of them <sup>xi<sup>s</sup></sup> and further my very will and mynde is before they attempt or go about the probation of this my last will and testament whiche notwithstanding I will shall be donne within the space of three months next after my decease and before they or eyther of them shall medle with or administer anye of my goodes otherwyse than in bringinge me honestlie to the grounde and in distributinge mony unto the poore people at the daye of my buriall accordinge to the trewe meaninge of this my last will, that they and eche of them shall be and stand joyntlye and severallye bound by their sufficient deede in lawe for the full perfyghte and sure performance of this my last will and testament and everye clause and parcell thereof according to the trewe intent and meaninge of the same. Unto the above named Henrye Smythe gent whom I make and ordeyne supervisor of this my testament and last will to whom for his paynes and travayle to be taken herein considering my especial trust and confidence in him reposed I geve and bequeathe <sup>xi<sup>s</sup></sup>. Witness Henrye Ennvyle gent and others.

xxvij die mensis martij Anno dm millmo quingentesimo septuagesimo secundo probatum fuit huius testamenti apud Norwicum.....

(The probate of this will was made the 17<sup>th</sup> March 1572 AD at Norwich.)

**Will of William Falke of Worlingham shipwright  
written 16 10 1553 & probated 29 5 1554**

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In the name of God Amen. The xvj<sup>th</sup> daye of October, the Firste yere of the Reigne of our Sovereign Lady Mary by the grace of God Quene of England, France and Ireland, Supreme Head of the Church of England and Ireland. I William Falke of Great Yarmouthe in the Countie of Norfolk Shipwright, being of hole mynde and good of remembrance, Lawde and prayse be to God, Do make this my present Testament and last will in manner and fourme following. First I commend my Sowle to God Almighty my maker, saviour and redemer, my body to be buried in the church yerde of Yarmouthe aforesaid, unto the whiche high Aulter there I give and bequethe for my tithes and oblations pechyently (sinfully) forgotten xij<sup>d</sup>. Itm I geve to the reparation of the seid church xij<sup>d</sup>. Item to the poore beade women (beadswomen – women licensed and paid to pray for others) in the hospitall vj<sup>d</sup>. I geve to the pore people without the geates (outside the gates) vj<sup>d</sup>. Itm I geve to Sanders Lesmy n xij<sup>d</sup>. Item to his sonne xij<sup>d</sup>. Item I geve to my brother John's wife my wyve's best gowne. Item I geve and bequethe to eche of my brother John's children vj<sup>s</sup> viij<sup>d</sup> or the value of so much mony. Item I geve and bequethe to eche of my godchildren viij<sup>d</sup>. Item I will that myn executors shall bringe me honestlye to my buriall and there to have the prayers of the church after the lawdable use and manner of the catholacke church and the use of the church of this Realme of England, in like manner also to be prayde for at my 30<sup>th</sup> Daye. Item I geve to my brother John's wife tenne shillings in mony. Item I geve to Kataryne Bryggs an obligation of the next paye (payment) after my departure yf she do lyve to receive it or else not. Item I geve and bequethe to the children of Raff (Ralph) Cubitt fower pounds to be payd to them equally of the last obligation comyng to me & yf any of them departe, those that lyve to enyoye the other parte equally.

I geve to mother Sandall xx<sup>d</sup> and (a) whyte fetherbedde. Item I geve to my sister Rose a rebande of silke with a payer of silver aylets (eyelets). Item I geve and bequethe to eche of my sister Rose's children xxd. Item I will that myn executors or ther assignes shall distribute or cause charitably to be distributed amongst the pore, nedy and impotent people within the Towne of Yarmouthe aforesaid x<sup>li</sup>x<sup>s</sup> yerely by the space of tenne yeres yf my goodes will extende to the same.

The Residue of my goods unbequeathed I comitt to the good disposition of my wellbeloved brother Thomas Falke and my brother John Falke Shipwright, whom I do name and ordeyn to be myn executors and they to dispose my goods to do for me to the pleasure of god and wele of my sowle. Item I geve to eche of them for there peynes iij<sup>li</sup> vj<sup>s</sup> viij<sup>d</sup>. I geve to the mother of John Falke of Kyrby vj<sup>s</sup> viij<sup>d</sup>. Witness of the present last will & testament Sir William Wyls clerke, William Smythe, John Bryggs with others.

Maria, dei gratia Ang;ie Francie et Hibernie Regina, fidei defensor et in terra ecclesie anglicane supremum caput.....xxix die mensis maij Anno Dm millesimo quingentesimo quinquagesimo quarto, et.....apud Yermouthe .....

Mary, by the grace of God Queen of England, France AND Ireland, Defender of the Faith, and on earth the supreme head of the Anglican Church.....this testament was probated on the 29<sup>th</sup> day of the month of May 1554.....at Yarmouthe.

**The Will of John Falke of Worlingham, written 1504.**

**13GGF**

In dei nomine Amen. The first day of the month of October, the yere of our lord mcccciiij (1504). I John Falke senior hoole of mind beyng make my last will and testament, First I bequeathe my soule to god almighty, to our holy saint Mary, and to all the company of heaven. My body to be buryed in the churchyard of Worlyngham to which earth I bequeathe yt. Item I will that my sonne Herry have my tenement with the lands belonging to it, paying ten pounds of good and lawfull money of England to the performacion of this my last will, with the licence of the lord (of the manor) I surrender up my copyholds into the hands of Watys Prebyl and Walter Lebbard, to the behove (benefit) of my son Herry. Item I bequeathe to the guild of St John Baptist<sup>‡</sup> holey? in the church of Worlygham 3s 4d. Item I willt have a masse of the five woundes said for the wele of my soule immediatly after my decease<sup>†</sup>. Item I willt have a requiem? with a dyrge and a masse by the space of a yere. Item I bequeathe to William my sonne xxs (twenty shillings) Item to my sonne Robert xxs. Item to my sonne John xxs and also I forgive hym all detts and whatever whereever he owith me. Item I willt yt only godchyld of myne have xijd (12d). Also I desire and require my feoffes to make and deliver a feoffement estate accordynbg to this my last wille when they ???? yt to be desired by myn executors. The residue of my goodes and chattell not bequeathed I give and bequeathe to my executors whom I ordeyn and make Herry my sonne and John preing (praying?) yt they dspose as they thynke it best to please god... Item I willt have an honest prest to syng for my soule and all my frends in the churche at Worlyngham as soone as yt may be performed by the space of half a yere.

Probatum fuit apud Bungay xij die octobris anno domini mcccciiij 12<sup>th</sup> October 1504 etc.....

<sup>‡</sup> *Probably a burial guild. In the early Christian funeral procession, the body was borne not by hired bearers, but volunteers as an act of mercy. The processions of those in burial guilds included a cross bearer, eight monks and three acolytes. Perhaps the "frends in the churche" referred to at the end of the will were fellow members of this guild. Similarly, it is common for relatives and friends to act as bearers.*

<sup>†</sup> *There was a special Mass of the Five Wounds, known as the Golden Mass, which medieval tradition claimed was composed by St. John the Evangelist and revealed to Boniface II (532) in a vision.*

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# The Will of John Falke (Grene) the elder of Worlingham, written & probated 1471. 14GGF

In dei nomine Amen. Quinto decimo die maij Anno domini millesimo cccc<sup>o</sup> lxxj<sup>o</sup> Ego Johannes Falke (Grene) senior de Wyrlyngham magna. In primis lego animam meam deo omnipotente corpusque meum † ad sepeliendum in cimiterio † ecclesie omnium sanctorum de Wyrlyngham predicte. Item summe altarie eiusdem xij<sup>d</sup>. Item fraternitate sancti Johannis baptiste ibidem xij<sup>d</sup>. Item lego ad reparacionem campanarie ibidem vjd. Item Agneti filie mee xiiij<sup>s</sup> iiiij<sup>d</sup> solvendum eidem tempore nuper ..... Item lego Alis filie mee xiiij<sup>s</sup> iiiij<sup>d</sup>. Item volo quod Alis uxor mea habeat tenementum et messuagium quod vocatur Joyyes cum omnibus suis pertinentiis ad terminum vite sue et inde solvet Alis filie mee xiiij<sup>s</sup> iiiij<sup>d</sup> quod prius sibi legavi. Et tum cum predictum tenementum erit venditum et si Alexander filius meus vivat et vult, eumque volo quod habeat infra pretium ut quo valorem aliqua aliquod haberet xi<sup>s</sup>. Et residuum bonorum meorum erit dispositione predicte Alis uxore mee. Insuper volo do et concedo quod Johannes filius meus habebit plateam et tenementum in quo manet cum omnibus terris maresiis correddiis et pertinentiis suis sibi et assignatis. Ac ecclesia solvat ut solvi societatem orationem mea anima probabiliam. Per istam meam voluntatem ..... aut testamentum faceo et constituo fideles meos attornatus senescallus (et) executores Johannem Ffalke filium meum Johannem Lebbard et Alis uxorem meam etc etc ..... Datum etc...

Probatum etc coram nobis etc apud Becclys xxviii<sup>o</sup> die maij anno domini mill<sup>mo</sup> cccc<sup>mo</sup> lxxj<sup>o</sup> etc Et commissa fuit administrandum.... supra nominati Johannes Ffalke et Alis in forma iuris iurati. Insuper Johanne Lebbard coexecutor ibidem .... present... et omnibus ..... ad ..... recusantur et cum quot .... bonorum et creditorum ..... et .....

In the name of god Amen. On the fifteenth day of May in the year of our lord 1471, I John Falke Grene the elder of Wyrlyngham Magna, Firstly bequeath my soul to almighty god and my body to be buried in the cemetery of the church of All Saints Wyrlyngham aforesaid. Also to the high altar of the same 12d. Also to the fraternity of Saint John the Baptist in the same place 12d. Also to the repair of the belfry of the same vjd. Also to Agnes my daughter 13s 4d paying at the same time..... Also I bequeath to Alis my daughter 13s 4d. Also I will that Alis my wife have the tenement and messuage named Joyyes with all its appurtenances to the end of her life and from that she pays Alis my daughter the 13s 4d which I bequeathed to her above. And then, when the aforesaid tenement shall be sold and if Alexander my son is living and should wish (it), I will that he have it below the price so that in one way or another he will have the value of 40s. And the rest of my goods shall be at the disposal of the said Alis my wife. Moreover I will, give and grant that John my son shall have the plot and tenement in which he is living with all (its) lands marshlands possessions and its appurtenances to him and (his) assigns. And to the church be paid ... .. By this my will or testament I make and constitute my faithful attorney and executors John Falke my son, John Lebbard and Alis my wife. Given etc..

Probated etc before us etc at Beccles the 28<sup>th</sup> day of May 1471 etc.. And the administration was granted to the above named John Falke and Alis, who were sworn in the due form of law. Moreover, John Lebbard, a coexecutor of the same.....

† PTO See notes overleaf on the transcription of the words *ad sepeliendum in ci.....t' ecclie* seen in the image on the



right

† Buried in the church or buried in the graveyard?

The words between the daggers are very indistinct as the image shows, but the symbol for *in* is used commonly in contemporary wills, as is the abbreviation of *ecclesie* to *ecclie*. Comparison with other text in this will supports the first two letters of the being read as *ci* and the *t* with a curl, which I denote here by *t'* agrees with the writing of "cimiterio" in his father William Falke's will, where the script is clearer on this point, written as "in cimit'io ecclie". The whole phrase "ad sepeliendum in cimiterio ecclesie" or "in cimiterio sancti mich<el>is" = in the churchyard of St Michael's, occurs in a number of the other wills such as those of Walter Falk 1434, Agnes Falke 1464, John Falke 1448/1454 and Edmund Crowe 1464 (all Beccles wills). In Walter Falk's will the letters "cimit" are more clearly spelt out, and a curl takes the place of the letters *er*, i.e. *cimit'io*.

"In the nave of or in the chancel of the church" would not fit the image shown above, *nave* being *navis* in latin and the nearest of several medieval latin words for chancel starting with *c* with a *t* near the end being *cancellatura* found around 1500. The distinctive form of the letter "a" would be unlikely to have been reduced to the "i" form found in the image.

Thus, sadly, the document does not support the deduction that John Falke 1471 was a man of substance, because "he was buried inside the Church at Worlingham". At best we can say that the jury is out, if we discount the comparison with the other wills cited here.

I have tried to get a better copy of the will, but I gather that it is a damaged document which has been repaired at some time, and very fragile.

## DRAFT Transcription and Translation

### Sibton in Croxton Manorial Court Record for 5<sup>th</sup> August 1615

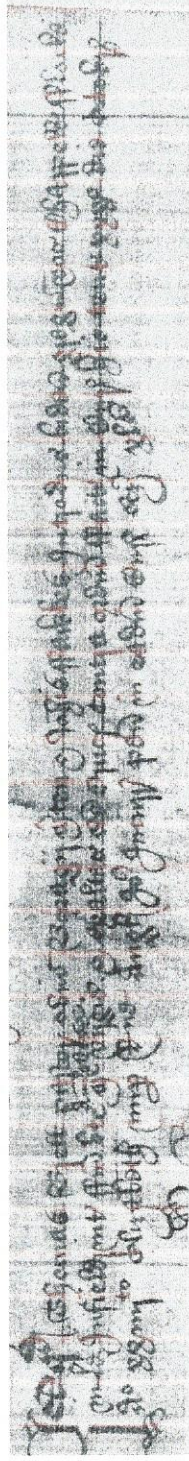
Curia ib<ide>m tenta die Sabb<at>l ꝓ Sid<us>? quinto die Augustij Anno Regni D<o>m<in>| n<ost>ri Jacobi Anglie Francie et Hib<er>nie Regis ffidei defensor<is> etc decimo tertio et Scotie quadregesimo nono /1615/

Court held in the same place on Saturday ꝓ season/day? 5<sup>th</sup> August in the 13<sup>th</sup> year of the reign of our Lord James, King of England, France and Ireland defender of the faith etc and in 49<sup>th</sup> year (of his reign) over Scotland /1615/

.....(Other business, not transcribed at this time)

C<on>q<ueren>d<um> Thomas Brett pastor ovium Boragii <M>arten et Joh<ann>is ffawkes introdux<it>biden<orum> greg<em> voc<atum> Chappell flocke in ꝓ Le? Infield int<ra> F<estu>m S<anct>e M<ari>e virgi<ni>s et exaltat<i>o S<anct>e Crucis contra ordinem fact<um> in Cur<ia> hic  
tent<a> xxx<sup>o</sup> die octobris A<nn><sup>o</sup> xxiiij<sup>o</sup> Elizabeth nup<er> d<omi>ne Angl<e> Ideo incurrit pen<am> in ead<e>m Curia> scr<iptam> xl<sup>s</sup>

**Complaint.** Thomas Brett shepherd of the sheep of Borage <M>arten and John Fawkes introduced a flock of sheep called the Chappell Flocke in ꝓ Le? Infield between Lady Day and the Exaltation of the Holy Cross In contravention of the order made in the Court held here on the 30<sup>th</sup> October of the 24<sup>th</sup> year of (the reign of) Elizabeth lately Queen of England therefore he incurs the penalty prescribed in the same Court 40 shillings.





## **New Notes on the Croxton and Thetford Faux family following examination of new Family Search website.**

Since the recent new website improvements on Family Search from the Church (see <https://www.familysearch.org/> ), and looking more carefully at David K Faux' document Decendants of William Falke, I have been following up a number of new leads to resolve some of the other Faux family members in the Thetford area not yet linked into the tree.

One of the puzzles which has intigued me for some time has been how Gregory Faux yeoman is related to us (will probated 1764, and wife Elizabeth's will probated 1777) and also Gregory Faux innholder [will probated 1787, with references to Mary Miller, who has been linked by some of us in the past as the wife of Gregory Faux senior of Thetford (1697-1770)]. However, Gregory innholder referred to Mary Miller as his grandmother, and so there was difficulty in linking his father (Gregory yeoman) into this scheme.

I noticed, however, that David K denotes Gregory Faux senior's wife simply as Mary, and when I looked on the Find my Past website for Gregory Faux, I discovered there was a marriage for Gregory Faux and Mary Drury recorded in Boyd's marriage index, dated 1720 at the Chapel Royal in St James Palace, Westminster. I have contacted the archivist at St James Palace who confirmed that they have the marriage records for this period, and has offered to trace the record and provide a copy of the marriage record if possible. I wait now to see whether this record has survived, and whether there any clues such as witnesses to confirm a Thetford connection.

Also, I noted from the wills referred to above that Gregory yeoman referred to his sons Gregory and Samuel, as did his wife Elizabeth, and it seemed to me most probable that Gregory yeoman might be the son of Samuel Faux (ca 1688 – ca 1752), which would then mean that Gregory yeoman named his sons after himself and his father Samuel. If this is the case, his wife Elizabeth could well then have been Elizabeth, the daughter of Mary Miller. We know that Mary Miller died in Thetford in 1794 at the magnificent age of 106, so would be of the right age to be Elizabeth's mother.

But how would Gregory Faux senior have come to be married at the Chapel Royal at St James Palace, Westminster?

At this point, I recalled seeing the name Drury on one of the documents I obtained from NRO regarding the Thetford estates, including Sibton in Croxton, and also that the will of Burrage Martin (d 1687) had left all his estate to his son-in-law Thomas Drury, the husband of his daughter Mary. We know that there had been a close association between the Falke/Faux and the Martin, Burrage and Wormeley families in earlier generations.

I looked through my manorial papers and found the reference I wanted – some accounts by the bailiffs of the Duke of Norfolk's estates in Thetford – the manors of Thetford, Halwick and Sibton in Croxton. From at least 1675 – 1686, the bailiff's name was Burrage Martin. The accounts for 1689 – 1694 were rendered by his successor Thomas Drury! It seems likely that Drury was the bailiff referred to in

Gregory junior of Croxton's will (probated 1698), where he says "*Item I give unto Gregory Faux my son the remainder of my term in the lease which I have from the Balife as shall be unexpired he pforming the covenant which I ought to perform and I give him the hundred pounds which he have had of me upon his marriage...*"

Another indicator is given by the will of John Faux, the brother of Gregory senior of Thetford, who died in the parish of St James Westminster in 1770, suggesting that there was certainly a strong connection between the Faux family and the City of Westminster at this time.

John makes bequests to his brother Gregory, his nephew Gregory (his brother Gregory's son), his niece Mary (married to Henry Savage), his nephew Thomas (father of John, Mary, Gregory, Joseph and Benjamin), his nephew Thomas the son of his brother Benjamin, and "his nephews the sons of his brother David".

In David K's document (index number 157), he has suggested that Gregory Faux who married Mary Ransom 18<sup>th</sup> October 1762 at Illington, was the son of David, the brother of Gregory and John, and hence would be one of the nephews referred to in John's will. He notes their children as John baptised 9<sup>th</sup> January 1763 in Stow Bedon and David baptised 26<sup>th</sup> March 1767 in Brettenham.

David K also refers to "an unknown Faux" as another son of David Faux. With the help of the Family Search site, I have discovered that David Faux and Mary had their son Edward baptised on In Great Hockham, the next village to Illington. This Edward then went on to marry Mary Etheridge and raise a family in Bodney and Illington. This would seem to be the other nephew mentioned in John's will.

Regarding the nephew Thomas, son of Benjamin, we would assume that he would be born in around the 1730's, since Benjamin was born in 1704. David K refers to this son Thomas (index 159) only as having died after 10<sup>th</sup> January 1769 – the date of John's will. Interestingly, I have also discovered with the help of Family Search a marriage in the parish of St James Westminster of Thomas Faux to Ann Shipp, dated 5<sup>th</sup> May 1769. Later Faux marriages in Westminster turned up John Faux, who married Sarah Round at St Annes Soho on 7<sup>th</sup> June 1789, and Thomas Faux, who married Mary Kain on 31<sup>st</sup> October 1790 at the same church. These could possibly be sons of this other Thomas Faux, cousin of "our" Thomas Faux.

Thus there seems to have been a continuing connection between the Thetford family of Faux and the City of Westminster. It is likely that some of the records will turn out to be at St James, Piccadilly, rather than at the Chapel Royal.

Returning to my earlier question – why was Gregory married to Mary Drury at the Chapel Royal in St James Palace? A very select few had this privilege. This, for example, was where Queen Victoria married Prince Albert in 1840.

I suspect that the clue lies in the role of Thomas Drury as bailiff of the Duke of Norfolk, who at the time he took over this role in 1690 would have been Henry Howard, the 7<sup>th</sup> Duke. The Dukes of Norfolk had and still have the hereditary title of Earl Marshal, the 8<sup>th</sup> of the Great Officers of State. He is responsible for the Coronations and State Funerals.

The Dukes of Norfolk would have needed to have a Westminster home, not only for social reasons, but particularly in order to carry out their role as Earls Marshal.

The 8<sup>th</sup> Duke of Norfolk acquired St Alban's House in St James Square in 1722 as his principal residence in London. This was later rebuilt on an extended site and renamed Norfolk House in 1748-52.

The possibility therefore arises that Thomas Drury had some duties in relation to the Duke's London home, possibly prior to, during and subsequent to the Duke moving to St Albans House. I have contacted Heather Warne, the archivist at Arundel Castle, and she has given me some leads to follow up regarding the papers relating to the Duke's properties in London.

What is clear also is that there must have necessarily have been carpentry to be done, both at his previous Westminster home, at St Alban's House, and eventually at Norfolk House. It may therefore be that Gregory Faux and his sons were able to secure some of this work through Gregory's father-in-law Thomas Drury.

The archivist at St James Palace confirmed that the Duke's retainers and staff would have had the privilege of using the Chapel Royal for marriages, so this may explain how Gregory and Mary Drury came to be married in such an exalted environment.

I will let you know about further developments as they arise.

Ivor 20.7.2011

Made 1st day of April 1453

(requests to be buried in the church of St Michael Archangel in Beccles)

I bequeath to the high altar of the same church	iiis.
I bequeath to the fabric of the same church	iiis.
I bequeath to the parish priest of Beccles	vid.
I bequeath to the parish clerk	4d.
I bequeath to St Peter's chapel of the same place	xiid.
I bequeath to the great bridge of Beccles	xii.
I bequeath to St Mary Magdalene's chapel of Beccles	vid.
I bequeath to the lepers of the same	vid.
I bequeath to the fabric of Endgate church	iis.
I bequeath to the fabric of Weston church	xiid.
I bequeath and grant the residue of all my goods, not granted to legatees, to John Isaac of Beccles and John Grene	

WILL

I give to my wife Joanna a freehold house in my messuage in which she may stay until the end of her life.

I wish Joanna my wife to have a moiety ( $\frac{1}{2}$  part) of the income from the said messuage and the other moiety I grant to be distributed through the hands of my executors.

I wish and grant to Joanna one pigtle called Goseacre lying in the field of Beccles with one piece of my land lying opposite one acre of land formerly of Katherine Hackney lying in the field of Beccles between my lands from the eastern and western sides  $\frac{1}{2}$  an acre of land in the aforesaid field between the lands of Richard Isaac from the southern side and the lands formerly of Thomas Cobbe from the northern side and one piece of land called Pysinere Castellond lying in the field of Beccles between the lands of John Grene from the southern side and the lands of Edmund Garneys from the northern side to have and to hold the afore mentioned pigtel and piece of land for Joanna and my heirs and assigns.

I wish and grant that Joanna my wife should have two enclosures joined together called Conynisclos intact for 2 years and after that time I wish that they should be sold by John Grene my executor with the assent of my wife, Joanna, and the money coming from that sale should be divided in two equal parts of which Joanna should have one and I wish the other part to be disposed by my executors in celebration of Our Lady and her other works.

I wish and grant to Joanna my wife all my household goods without those needed in the house.

I grant to Joanna 2 of my best cows and 2 calves.

I wish and grant that my wife Joanna should have half the grain and corn from my land already sown and that sown in the current year up to the end of Michaelmas in the following year, so that Joanna should support with this half the expense of collecting the mown crops.

I give to John Martyn the son of John Martin 4 bushels of barley.

I give to Anne Benia 4 bushels of barley

I wish to have one secular priest with a good name to celebrate mass in the same church in Beccles for one whole year.

I wish to have one other secular priest of good renown and with stipulations for another year to celebrate mass if it can be done conveniently with my goods.

I wish and grant to both my executors on account of their work concerned with carrying out my last requests

5s.

Probate dated 4th day of June 1454

IC/AA2/2/133 Will of Agnes Falke of Beccles 1465.

Made 16th day of November 1464

I commend my soul to Almighty God and I leave a mortuary payment for my burial in the cemetery of St Michael the Archangel Church, Beccles.

I bequeath to the high Altar of the same church for my tithe offerings should they be badly exacted

xiiid.

I bequeath to the fabric of the same church

xiiid.

I bequeath to the Guild of St Michael the Archangel in the same church

viiid.

I bequeath to the Guild of the Holy Spirit in the same church

viiid.

I bequeath to Thomas Leke Chaplain of the same parish church

xiiid.

I bequeath to the lepers in the Hospital of St Mary Magdalene in Beccles

iiiiid.

I bequeath to the high bridge of Beccles

xiiid.

I bequeath to the fabric of the church of St Mary Endgate

viiid.

The residue of all my goods not given to the above named legatees

I bequeath to Geoffrey Falke my husband and Thomas Leke Chaplain of Beccles aforesaid, whom I appoint, make and establish as the executors of my will.

Probate made at Beccles 20th day of February 1465.

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Dear Dr Faux,

Thank you for your further letter received on 17 November 1988.

I have now completed abstracts of the wills of William Falk 1455, John Falk 1471 and John Falk the elder 1517 and hope these prove as informative as the previous ones.

Unfortunately no other manorial records for Weston (or indeed Worlingham, Ellough and Ingate) survive for the period 1400-1590. The next step is to check surviving title deeds for the period.

I have found one title deed (our ref. T5/4) which refers to John Falk of Great Worlingham. The deed, dated 1 March 1516, records another land transaction dated 6 Sept. 1515 at North Cove, Suffolk. Thomas Byngley clerk, and Thomas Herde, Chaplains grant to Thomas Grenall, Thomas Rede, clerk, John Bowes and others, of lands and tenements in North Cove, Great Worlingham and Mutford which they had (with Thomas Grenall) of the feoffment of James Hobart, knight, John Falk of Great Worlingham and others. I enclose a copy of the deed, but have not made a full abstract as the land boundaries are not described in detail.

The abstracts on this occasion took 3 hours to prepare and therefore I look forward to receiving a further £7 as agreed to cover the work undertaken on your behalf.

It may be possible to check other title deeds relating to the Worlingham area for references to the Falk family.

Yours sincerely,

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Will of William Falke 1455

20 February 1454

Will of William Falke of Great Worlingham.

Requires to be buried in churchyard of All Saints Church, Worlingham.

Bequests to:-

high altar of All Saints church

xxd.

bells of All Saints church

xld.

Guild of St John the Baptist in the same church

iiii bushels of barley

Residue of all goods given and bequeathed to legatees, Agnes his wife, and John Falk his son whom he appointes as executors to dispose of the remainder as seems best to them, to please God and for the benefit of his soul.

Probate granted 5 March 1454.

Will of John Falk [?greve] senior of Worlingham, dated 15 May 1471  
Requests his body to be buried in All Saints church, Worlingham

I bequeath to the high Altar	xiid
" " " " Guild of St John the Baptist in the church	xiid
I bequeath for the repair of the bells	vid
I bequeath to Agnes my daughter	xiiis. iiiid
to be paid to her in times of need	
I bequeath to Alice my daughter	xiiis. iiiid

I wish Alice my wife to have my tenement or messuage called Joyyes to the end of her life and then xiiis. iiiid to be paid to Alice my daughter which sum I bequeathed to her before. And then the aforesaid tenement will be sold and if Alexander my son is willing and wishes to buy it I wish that he might have it for xls below the price or value that someone else by whichever means should have it.

And the residue of my goods shall be given to Alice my wife. As mentioned above I wish, give and grant that John Falk my son should have the residence or tenement with all its lands, marshes, payments and services for himself and his heirs. And he should solve all my debts to the church. I appoint John Falk my son, John Lebbard and Alice my wife as executors to my will.

Proved at Beccles 28 May 1471



Will of John Falk the elder of Great Worlingham, dated 14 December 1517.  
Requests his body to be buried in the churchyard of All Saints church.

I bequeath to the high Altar of the church for all tithes and offerings  
forgotten, ommissed and not paid xiid  
I give and bequeath to the Guild of St John xiid

I bequeath for the painting of the rood tabernacle in the said  
church iiii marks

And if it happens that any other person paints the tabernacle or  
the many [?growyths] of John Falke my son, then I will that the  
said sum go to some other good use for the church.

I wish to have a half yearly service of an honest secular priest  
to sing for me and my friends in the church.

I give and bequeath to Elizabeth my daughter all my household effects  
not given or bequeathed.

I will that the money Michael Mott my son-in-law will pay me will go  
towards a yearly obit [= anniversary service for the dead] for the  
priests as long as the money will continue.

I desire and require my coffers to deliver a peaceable estate at such  
time as they are required.

I bequeath to any godchild iiiiid

The residue of all my other goods not given or bequested I hand over  
to the disposition of my executors.

Executors: Sir Nicholas Chamberlain, Michael Mott,  
Witnesses: Thomas Smyth of Worlingham, John Garard of Beccles and Henry  
Falke.

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From manorial Extent for Weston 1494/5

Falke & Lebbard [Thomas Falke]

John Falk of Worlingham and Walter Lebbard of the same place hold by birth by copyhold one close containing by estimation xxii acres of land with their appurtenances in Weston as it lies between the public road leading from Beccles as far as Elgh [Ellough] from the eastern part and the close recently (occupied) by John Franke more recently by Robert Caryon of Beccles and the public road from the eastern part. And it abutts upon the same close and franchise towards the north and upon the green called Blakstansgate towards the south. And the rent in respect thereof from the manor of Weston as in the court held there on Monday next after the holy day of St Fides the Virgin in the 16th year of Edward IV.

xiis at the October  
Court

In dei nāe Amen The 25 daye of march the yere of  
our lord god 1514. I Robt Falke of Wyrlyngham of  
Holl mynde + of cleve understanding make my  
testament + last wyll in this wise. ffirst I  
bequeyth my soule to all myghty god our lady  
saynt Mare + to all the Holy company of heauen +  
my body to be beryde in the church yerde of all  
halowes of Wyrlyngham. To the  
for my \_\_\_\_\_ + \_\_\_\_\_ forgotten + not truly  
payde. I gyfte. \_\_\_\_\_ I wyll be  
payde in the church of Wyrlyngham \_\_\_\_\_ for me + my  
wyfe + my frends as soon as it may be pformed  
tt I bequeyth to any chyld of myne.

\_\_\_\_\_ to my d-aught. Catheryne.  
Margere. Robt. John + Margere. as  
soon as it may be pformed.  
tt I bequeyth to my good chyld Herry Falke.  
I bequeyth to my wyfe all my goods.

to gyfte + to sell. my tenement. portenayne  
durynge hur lyfe + after hur de ptyng \_\_\_\_\_  
~~wyfe + my go~~ to sell + do it for me my  
wyfe + my good doctrs. also. I wyll.  
to syng in the church of Wyrlyngham

by the  
if it may be pforming tt. I wyll. I peced  
lande lying in the south felde.  
my wyff + paye my detts  
ffor. I requize + desyre my.

whom I order to make my wyfe Agnes Falke  
+ my brodr Henry Falke that they dyspose  
as shall please godd.  
to dy. charge and I gyfte to my brodr Henry Falke  
for hys labour - £3 4 d 5 s.

Thomas ffalke the elder of Grett Wurlyngham  
in the County of Suffolk, Diocese of Norwich, yeoman,  
31 October 1560

- to be buried in the church or church yard of  
Wurlyngham

Bequests to:

- toward the maintenance of said church
- wife Alyce.
- lands in towns of Wurlyngham, Weston,  
El lough, Ingate. (free and copyhold).
- son Robt ffalke.
- son Auster ffalke.
- Thomas ffalke son.
- John ffalke youngest son. (not yet <sup>18</sup> yrs. old).
- Johanne ffalke youngest daughter.
- Ursula ffalke daughter.
- Elisabeth ffalke daughter.
- Ursula Gunton grandchild.
- James — godson.
- Thomas ffalke nephew.
- Johan Wright.
- William ffalke brother.
- John Duke gentleman, witness.
- Wall gentleman, witness.
- ffalke, witness
- Johanne Thirbyld, witness
- Gunton, witness.
- Mydleton, witness.

Probated 22 January 1560/1.

# William Falke

Probate granted:  
April 1572.

- Will written 21 August 1571
- of Worlingham, Suffolk.
- body to be buried in the south side of the church yard of Worlingham nere unto the place where my friends were buried.
- wife Johan } executors
- son Thomas }
- free and bond lands in the towns and fields of Worlingham and Weston.
- if Thomas dies without male heirs, lands to descend to <sup>other</sup> sons Austen and John.
- daughter Johan.
- close in Weston to son John.
- one sheep each to George Sweetman, William Sweetman, and Thomas Sweetman - sons of George Sweetman of Brome on whose farms are sheep owned by William Falke
- Ursula [Perse] kinswoman
- John [Voare]
- Austen and John to have their profit at the age of 26 years or else at the day of their marriage.
- John to go to school to learn to write.
- Thomas Hunt, husband of daughter Johan.
- John ell of Cove standith bounden unto me for the deliverye of two
- William Corfeld of Beccles
- John Corfeld, godson.
- Witnesses: William Corfeld, John Smyth, Thomas Hunt, Robert Peck the writer.







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In dei nomine Amen the xxviij daye of march the yere of o<sup>r</sup> lord god 1500  
 xiiij John falls of Wyzlyng hii of holl mynde & clere vnderstandyng make  
 my testament & last wyll in this wise first I bequeyth my s<sup>ou</sup>le to all  
 myghty god o<sup>r</sup> lady saynt marie & to all o<sup>r</sup> holy company of heu<sup>en</sup> & my  
 body to be buryed in the church wyde of <sup>all gloucestre</sup> ~~of~~ Wyzlyng hii  
 To ~~the~~ <sup>the</sup> ~~same~~ <sup>same</sup> Antoz for my tyege & obla<sup>te</sup> fa<sup>te</sup> goton & not only payde  
 I gyfte & bequeyth I wyll haue on tyme all lande in the church Wyzlyng  
 hii for one & my wyfe & my chyld as shal be it may be p<sup>er</sup>formed  
 I bequeyth to my chyld of mynde & if he be dead & yet to my wyfe  
 & my chyld. John & Margarete. do sone as it may be p<sup>er</sup>formed  
 I bequeyth to my good chyld Gey falls & if he be dead & yet to my  
 wyfe all my good meubaillynt w<sup>it</sup> althowgh good tyme I ad by estate to  
 gyfte & to sell w<sup>it</sup> my tounment w<sup>it</sup> ye p<sup>er</sup>tenance duryng hir lyf & after  
 hir de<sup>ce</sup>asyng & after w<sup>it</sup> it lyke hir & my tynny it to sell & do for me  
 my wyfe & my good doct<sup>r</sup>. If I wyll haue ano<sup>r</sup> next & best to fyng in p<sup>er</sup>son  
 of Wyzlyng hii. By ye s<sup>ou</sup>ces of his wyfe & langre if it may be p<sup>er</sup>formed  
 I wyll w<sup>it</sup> I p<sup>er</sup>ce of lande lymg in yo<sup>r</sup> s<sup>ou</sup>th s<sup>ou</sup>th g<sup>o</sup>u<sup>er</sup>nyng I ad be  
 s<sup>ou</sup>th to p<sup>er</sup>forme my wyll & paye my d<sup>eb</sup>t<sup>t</sup> for I requyre & desyre my feffor  
 to delynder alafull state to myne ex<sup>er</sup>citours w<sup>it</sup> they be paynd tye  
 to be myne ex<sup>er</sup>citours whom I ord<sup>r</sup> & make my wyfe & Gey falls & my  
 bro<sup>th</sup>er Gey falls w<sup>it</sup> they shal as shall p<sup>le</sup>se god & my s<sup>ou</sup>le & to th<sup>er</sup>e  
 to dyscharge. And I gyfte to my good Gey falls for good lym<sup>g</sup> & my d<sup>eb</sup>t<sup>t</sup> &

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