

## **PREROGATIVE COURT OF CANTERBURY WILLS 1348 – 1858**

The following index lists those wills made by Martock people over a period of 473 years and held by National Archives Documents OnLine and available for a fee of £3.50 each at [www.nationalarchives.gov.uk](http://www.nationalarchives.gov.uk)

Until 1858 the country was divided into two provinces – York and Canterbury, which, in turn, were split into a number of dioceses, each with two bishops. These, in turn, were again split into several archdeaconries and then split again into rural deaneries. The Prerogative Courts of Canterbury dealt with matters for the south of England and Wales.

There were three main factors in determining in which court a will could be proved:

- where the person died;
- the value of the goods;
- how the goods were distributed geographically

### **If the property was....**

### **The will was proved in the....**

Within one archdeaconry

Archdeacon's court

In more than one archdeaconry  
but all in the same diocese

Bishop's court (Consistory or  
Commissary court)

In more than one diocese

Archbishop's prerogative court

Good valued at more than £5  
or £10 in London and in more  
than one diocese

Archbishop's prerogative court

More detailed information can be found on the National Archives website.

Will Aslett, December 2011.

Maria Carr, Widow	19 Mar 1857	PROB 11/2247
John BOWDEN, Commander in the R.N., of Mash	23 Aug 1856	PROB11/2237
Christopher LUCAS, Gentleman	11 Apr 1855	PROB 11/2210
Josiah WESTLAKE, Music Master	20 Jun 1854	PROB 11/2194
Mary BULLEN, Widow	23 May 1854	PROB 11/2190
Mary PAINE, Widow	07 Feb 1853	PROB 11/2167
Jesse TERRELL	25 Jan 1853	PROB 11/2166
Arthur Bedford PEPPIN	03 Nov 1852	PROB 11/2162
Charlotte HOPKINS, Spinster	21 Oct 1852	PROB 11/2160
Edward PATTEN, Gentleman	12 Mar 1852	PRPB 11/2149
William LEGGE, Yeoman	13 Nov 1850	PROB 11/2122
Joseph CHAFFEY	07 Aug 1850	PROB 11/2117
Sarah PATTEN	04 Feb 1850	PROB 11/2107
James WALKER, Tailor	19 Sep 1849	PROB 11/2100
George SLADE	26 Dec 1848	PROB 11/2085
Elizabeth BUSSELL, Widow	25 May 1848	PROB 11/2074
John WORNER	07 Mar 1848	PROB 11/2072
Margaret or Margaret CRUDGE, Widow	24 Jun 1847	PROB 11/2057
William Cole WOOD	20 Mar 1846	PROB 11/2033
James PALMER, Woolstapler	14 Jan 1846	PROB 11/2030

Thomas LANE, Yeoman	20 Oct 1845	PROB 11/2025
Revd. Peter Monamy Scrope CORNWALL, Clerk	10 Jan 1845	PROB 11/2010
William DARBY, Gentleman	21 Jun 1843	PROB 11/1980
Ann COGGAN, Widow	16 Nov 1842	PROB 11/1970
William Pipe PAYNE or PAINE, Yeoman	16 Jun 1842	PROB 11/1964
Thomas COGGAN, Yeoman	22 Jun 1841	PROB 11/1947
Ann RICHARDS, Widow	01 Sep 1840	PROB 11/1934
Betty BISHOP, Spinster	05 Oct 1839	PROB 11/1917
Robert HAMLYN, Gentleman	06 Aug 1839	PROB 11/1915
Samuel WITHERS, Gentleman	06 Feb 1839	PROB 11/1907
Henry KIDDLE	31 May 1839	PROB 11/1911
Edward BICKNELL, Bachelor	13 Oct 1838	PROB 11/1901
Elizabeth CORNISH, Widow	04 Sep 1837	PROB 11/1883
Revd. Henry BENNETT, Clerk	06 Jan 1836	PROB 11/1856
John HOPKINS, Miller & Corn Dealer	23 Dec 1835	PROB 11/1855
Elizabeth BRAIN, formerly SHERRON, Wife	04 Mar 1835	PROB 11/1843
James HART, Yeoman	05 Oct 1832	PROB 11/1806
Charles Hutchins LEWIS	04 Apr 1827	PROB 11/1724
William BALL	20 Jan 1827	PROB 11/1720
John EVERY, Gentleman	28 May 1824	PROB 11/1685

Edward DREW, Labourer	02 Jun 1823	PROB 11/1671
Edward Bampffield CARSLAKE, Gentleman	14 Mar 1823	PROB 11/1667
Joseph CRABB, Gentleman	05 Jun 1819	PROB 11/1617
Joan BAKER, Spinster	06 Jun 1818	PROB 11/1605
Revd. William HORSEY, Clerk	01 Jul 1817	PROB 11/1594
Abigail Rose WILLS, formerly YOUNG, Sp.,	10 Jan 1815	PROB 11/1564
Agnes or Agness BAKER, Spinster	19 Mar 1811	PROB 11/1520
Thomas POTENGER, Gentleman	31 Jan 1809	PROB 11/1492
Mary Collier BAKER, Spinster	15 Dec 1806	PROB 11/1452
John COLE, Collector of HM Excise	24 Apr 1805	PROB 11/1423
Hannah WHITE, Widow	15 Mar 1805	PROB 11/1423
Joseph DREW, Yeoman	07 Apr 1803	PROB 11/1390
Mary BAKER, Widow	01 Dec 1802	PROB 11/1383
Edith LEWIS, Widow	17 Sep 1802	PROB 11/1380
Joan PATTEN	15 May 1802	PRPB 11/1375
William WOOD, Clothier	26 Aug 1801	PROB 11/1362
John HOPKINS, Miller	20 May 1801	PROB 11/1357
William BAKER, Widower	25 Sep 1799	PROB 11/1329
George ADAMS, Clothier	24 Dec 1798	PROB 11/1325
Revd. Nicholas BAKER, Clerk	04 Dec 1798	PROB 11/1315

Silvester Prior BEAN	02 Jun 1797	PROB 11/1292
Revd. Charles LEWIS, Clerk	22 May 1797	PROB 11/1291
Joseph HORSEY, Surgeon	06 May 1795	PROB 11/1260
James BUTTER, Clothier	24 Mar 1795	PROB 11/1275
Henry WEARE, Gentleman	23 Mar 1791	PROB 11/1203
Jemima SYMS, Widow	23 Jan 1790	PROB 11/1187
Nicholas HUTCHINGS or HUTCHINS, Gent.	27 Jan 1787	PROB 11/1149
Edward Knyvett WILSON	10 Nov 1784	PROB11/1124
John GOODDEN, Gentleman	01 Jul 1783	PROB 11/1106
Amos PITTARD	06 Nov 1781	PROB 11/1084
William COLE, Clothier	07 Feb 1781	PROB 11/1074
Joan ROYCE, Widow	28 Apr 1777	PROB 11/1030
Ann MORRISON, Widow	24 May 1776	PROB 11/1020
James WHITE, Mercer	20 Feb 1775	PROB 11/1005
John MASSTERS or MASTERS, Yeoman	09 Jul 1773	PROB 11/990
William COLE, Clothier	05 Aug 1762	PROB 11/878
Edward HAMLYN, Clothier	05 Jan 1760	PRPN 11/852
Arthur BAKER, Linen Draper	22 May 1753	PROB 11/801
John ADAMS, Clothier	29 Jan 1750	PROB 11/776
John CULLIFORD, Gentleman	26 Jan 1732	PROB 11/649

Anne HIPPISLEY, Widow	27 Mar 1729	PROB 11/628
Mary COX, Widow	03 Nov 1709	PROB 11/511
Philip SPEED, Mercer	25 May 1695	PROB 11/425
Henry PALMER, Yeoman	27 Feb 1686	PROB 11/382
James STEPHENSON, Clerk	26 Nov 1685	PROB 11/381
John SLADE, Husbandman	06 Feb 1680	PROB 11/382
Hannah SYMONDS or SYMONS, Widow	28 Mar 1679	PROB 11/359
Alice MATRIVIS or MATTRIVIS, Widow	01 Feb 1679	PROB 11/359
Henry GOODDEN, Yeoman	27 Jun 1672	PROB 11/339
James CHAFFEY, Yeoman	25 Nov 1679	PROB 11/331
John MASTERS, Yeoman	04 Jul 1664	PROB 11/314
William GOODDEN, Gentleman	02 June 1662	PROB 11/308
Robert WILLS, Gentleman of Hurst	03 Oct 1661	PROB 11/306
<i>Sentence<sup>1</sup> of Amos KEELE</i>	04 Jul 1661	PROB 11/304
John DOLLEN, Yeoman	13 Feb 1661	PROB 11/303
John MASTRES or MASTERS, Husbandman	28 Oct 1650	PROB 11/214
Rorbete GOODDEN, Yeoman	4 Aug 1649	PROB 11/209
Nicholas PULMAN, Yeoman	18 Oct 1648	PROB 11/205
Alice KEELE, Widow	14 Feb 1648	PROB 11/203

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<sup>1</sup> SENTENCE: A judgement about a disputed Will given at the conclusion of litigation. A sentence does not necessarily contain the same details as a Will so will have differentiated between the two.

Robert WILLS	12 Oct 1647	PROB 11/201
John JEANES	11 Aug 1646	PROB 11/197
John HILLARD, Yeoman	10 Jul 1646	PROB 11/197
John HILLARD, Yeoman (incomplete)	June 1646	PROB 11/196
Arthur SYMONS	19 Oct 1641	PROB 11/187
John JEANES, Gentleman	10 Sep 1641	PROB 11/187
George PALMER	26 Jul 1641	PROB 11/186
John HILLARD, Yeoman	20 Feb 1641	PROB 11/185
Elizabeth JEANES, Widow	13 May 1640	PROB 11/183
William NAPPER, Yeoman	12 Nov 1638	PROB 11/178
John RAPSON, Yeoman	3 May 1638	PROB 11/177
William GAWLER, Yeoman	28 Jun 1637	PROB 11/174
Elizabeth BRODFORD, Widow	12 Sep 1636	PROB 11/172
Grace BRODFORD or BRADFORD, Spinster	12 Sep 1636	PROB 11/172
Thomas CALLOWE	28 May 1636	PROB 11/171
John DOLLEN, Husbandman	25 May 1636	PROB 11/171
William KNIGHT	27 Apr 1636	PROB 11/170
John JEANES, Yeoman	15 Oct 1635	PROB 11/169
Lawrence HOOPER	22 Oct 1634	PROB 11/166
Alice SEALE or SEALEY, Widow	29 Oct 1633	PROB 11/164

Thomas PERRET or PERRETT, Husbandman	3 Jul 1633 PROB 11/164
Isable MEAKER, Widow	25 May 1633 PROB 11/163
Mary BORROWE, Widow	07 Mar 1632 PROB 11/161
Margery WHORWOOD, Widow	09 Feb 1632 PROB 11/161
Thomas GARDNER	24 Mar 1631 PROB 11/159
Thomas BRAGG, Yeoman	03 APR 1629 PROB 11/155
John SMEATH, Yeoman	14 May 1628 PROB 11/153
Henry MASTERS	29 Nov 1627 PROB 11/152
John CULLIFORD als. POOLE, Husbandman	04 Jul 1625 PROB 11/146
Christian HAWKINS	05 Mar 1625 PROB 11/145
George NAPPER, Husbandman	25 Nov 1623 PROB 11/142
Robert KERRAM als. ROWE	27 Sep 1623 PROB 11/142
Margaret GOULD, Widow	09 Oct 1619 PROB 11/134
William SPELTE, Yeoman	10 Jun 1619 PROB 11/133
Thomas HAMBLING	03 Feb 1619 PROB 11/133
Alice GOODYN, Widow	27 Jan 1619 PROB 11/133
Myles BURRDOE, Yeoman	19 Oct 1618 PROB 11/132
Henry TRENTE, Gentleman	28 Mar 1617 PROB 11/129
Thomas LIDE or LYDE, Yeoman	27 May 1614 PROB 11/123
John RAYSON, Husbandman	07 May 1614 PROB 11/123



Christopher LAVOR	29 Oct 1613	PROB 11/122
Anthonye PARSONS, Gentleman	19 May 1613	PROB 11/121
Joane HILLARDE, Widow	26 Nov 1612	PROB 11/120
Robert GOODDINGE	14 Aug 1612	PROB 11/120
Thomas BREMBLE	02 May 1612	PROB 11/119
John GOULD, Yeoman	16 Apr 1612	PROB 11/119
John BURNARD	15 Jun 1611	PROB 11/118
Isabell PYPE, Widow	24 Jun 1609	PROB 11/114
Henry PITTARD or PITTERD	16 Jun 1609	PROB 11/114
John LAVOR	16 Jun 1609	PROB 11/114
John GILL or GYLL	30 Nov 1608	PROB 11/112
William LAVOR, Yeoman	15 Nov 1606	PROB 11/108
Joane JEFFRIES, Widow	22 Feb 1606	PROB 11/107
John BAYLY or BAILY	07 Dec 1606	PROB 11/106
Edwarde HOSKINS	16 Feb 1605	PROB 11/105
Henry LONGMAN	16 Feb 1605	PROB 11/105
Robert HILLARD, Yeoman	08 Feb 1605	PROB 11/105
John SYMMES	02 Feb 1605	PROB 11/105
John PIPE or PYPE, Yeoman	14 Jul 1603	PROB 11/102
William ROYSE, Yeoman	18 May 1603	PROB 11/101

John ROYES	24 Mar 1603	PROB 11/101
John PULMAN, Yeoman	14 May 1601	PROB 11/97
John BRADFORD als. BALIE or BAILY	26 Jul 1600	PROB 11/96
John RAPSHYN, Husbandman	01 Jul 1599	PRPB 11/94
William LAVOR, Yeoman	15 Jun 1597	PROB 11/89
Robert GODDYN , als. LINGE	06 Jun 1597	PROB 11/89
Thomas ANDREWES als. FRYE	18 Feb 1596	PROB 11/87
Andrew PAYNE	12 Jun 1595	PROB 11/86
Marye TROTT, Widow	28 Nov 1594	PROB 11/84
Thomas SMITHE	04 Jul 1594	PROB 11/84
Thomas BALCHE	22 Jun 1594	PROB 11/84
John DIER	27 Oct 1592	PROB11/80
William PORTER, Husbandman	10 Nov 1591	PROB 11/78
John TROT or TROTT, Husbandman	26 Jan 1590	PROB 11/75
Henry CRIBBE	15 Mar 1588	PROB 11/72
John WATTS, Merchant	07 Feb 1588	PROB 11/72
John HUTCHINS	02 Dec 1587	PROB 11/71
Humfrye JEFFRYE	21 Oct 1587	PROB 11/71
George PYCHER	05 Oct 1587	PROB 11/71
Humfrye SYMOND or SIMOND	28 Sep 1587	PROB 11/71

William DEAME, Yeoman	26 Apr 1586	PROB 11/69
Thomas PEPE	12 May 1585	PROB 11/68
Robert PITTERD or PITTARD, Husbandman of Henton	07 Dec 1580	PROB 11/62
Thomas LAVOR	10 Feb 1574	PROB 11/56
Edmond JEANES	08 Aug 1572	PROB 11/54
John GENTLE or GENTIL	28 Apr 1567	PROB 11/49
Robert PULMAN, Yeoman	15 Jan 1563	PROB 11/46
Richarde PYPE	05 Mar 1562	PROB 11/45
John JENYS	22 Oct 1557	PROB 11/39
John BURLAND, Gentleman	03 Sep 1557	PROB 11/39
Richard BURLAND or BURLANDE, Gent.	08 May 1557	PROB 11/39
John LAVOR	06 Feb 1557	PROB 11/39
John COGAN	06 Feb 1553	PROB 11/36

*None found between 1553 and 1484*

Thomas LARDER	28 Aug 1484	PROB 11/7
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*None found earlier than 1484*

