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 Reference to Stow is probably Stow Bardolph the seat of the Hare family. Now probably at the NRO

Adam Fyncham

the great man of the family, and perhaps the founder, was the son of **Thomas**, "le "pesteur," or "pistor," the baker, and Cicilia his wife, who were living in 24 Edward I (1296). This appears not from any one single deed, but from many, and from a book, in which he caused to be entered the purchase of divers pieces of land in Fyncham and elsewhere.

He was born circa 1270, and was Attorney General to Kings Edward II and III.

In some early deeds he is called "Attornatum Regis," and "Clericus Regis," in reference to his office.

He had a brother Geoffry living in 1296. -- Deed, 24 Edward I.

His wife was Annabill, daughter of David Downe, of Snettisham. -- Inquis. ad quod dam., 11 Edward II.

He died in 1338, and was buried in St. Martin's church, in Fincham, next to his wife ; leaving a sister Catherine, and the following issue :

John son and heir. -- Will of his father

Ralph, of Stoke Ferry. -- Will of his father

William, who had a daughter Annabill. -- Will of his father

Thomas, as by Fine, 22 Edward III

Simon. -- Deed, s. d., and 23 Edward III

Alicia, who married probably de Freuze, and had a daughter Alicia. -- Will of her father.

The will of **Adam de Fyncham** is a document of great interest and value. The original, in Latin, is in the muniment room at Stow, and I can find nothing so old by half a century in any of the Registry offices at Norwich, or the Prerogative Court of Canterbury in London. It is dated, Wednesday next after the feast of the Assumption, in the eleventh year of Edward III. (1337).

Will of **Adam de Fyncham**, Attorney General to Kings Edward II and III. Dated Wednesday next after the feast of the Assumption, 11th Edward III (1337), and proved the following year. This Will is of unusual interest. It ought rather perhaps to be called his Testament, as it relates only to personals. It is nearly 50 years older than the earliest documents of the kind in the Public Probate Offices. The names of the testator's relatives are put in italics, and explanatory notes are added. The original is at Stow.

*In Dei nomine. Amen. Ego **Adam de Fyncham**, sane memorie existens, in presencia Rogeri de Shulldham et Radulphi filii mei, die mercurii proximâ post festum assumptionis beate marie, anno regni Regis Edwardi tercii post conquestum undecimo, apud Fyncham condidi testamentum in hunc modum. In primis lego corpus meum sepelliri infra ecclesiam Sancti Martini de Fyncham, juxta Anabillam uxorem meam.*

Item lego meliorem. bestiam meam coram corpore meo procedendam, ad opus Rectoris ecclesie antedictæ.

Item lego domino Willielmo parochiali capellano iis , clerico parochiali sex denarios ; -- capellano parochiali ecclesie Sancti Michaelis xiid , et Roberto clerico parochiali Sancti Michaelis supertunicam meam de estate cum capicio.

Item lego centum solidos pro animâ meâ distribuendos inter pauperes et minores ville de Fyncham :

Item lego xxs . distribuendos inter pauperes de Thorpe

Item lego xxs . distribuendos inter pauperes de Bucton

Item lego xxs . distribuendos inter pauperes de Stoke ferrie : -- alicui sex denarios, alicui xiid , aliquibus plus, aliquibus minus, prout indigeant et necesse habeant.

Lego eciam Anabille filie Willielmi filii mei x marcas pro maritaggio suo.

Item Alicie filie Johannis etc.

Item lego quendam. annulum aureum, per quem Anabilla uxor mea et ego fuimus conjugati, et quendam firmaculum aureum, pro me tumbe Sancti Edmundi Regis et Martyris deportari et ibidem attachiari.

Item lego Thome Lai servienti meo duo quarteria frumenti¹ et duo quarteria ordei.

Item lego cuilibet filiorum et filiarum Alicie filie mee unum quarterium siliginis, vel unum quarterium ordei.

Item lego magistro, scholarum de Lincolnie robam² meam integram de cameletto ;

et Phillippo Capellano robam meam integram de bluetto³ ;

et Rogero de Dokkyng robam meam sine collobio de rubeo medleto⁴ ;

et magistro Petro collobium do eâdem sectâ,⁵

et Johanni et Thome consanguineis meis duas robas integras que sunt ex liberatione fontis clericorum⁶ et Galfredi le Scrope.

Item lego Katerine sorori mee unum quarterium frumenti, et unum ordei.

Item lego Alicie filie Alicie de Frenze unam vaccam etc.

Item lego Galfrido Fiz unum quarterium ordei.

Item Johanni Elwyn etc.

Item lego duobus capellanis pro animâ meâ divina celebrantibus in ecclesiâ Sancti Martini de Fyncham per unum annum ix marcas.

Et ad omnia ista exequenda dilectum mihi Johannem filium meum et Robertum Ordiner meos constituo executores per presentes.

*Et si quid super fuerit de catallis meis post mortem meum inventis, ubicunque reperta fuerint, ea lego et concedo **Johanni** filio meo antedicto, prætor xxs . quos lego prefato Roberto Ordiner pro servicio suo. In cujus rei testimonium meum sigillo meo consigno et includo. Datum die anno et loco supradictis. Probatum fuit etc -- XVII Kalend : Julii, 1338. -- Archd. Norf.*

1 "My best horse to precede my body at my burial, for the use of the Rector of the said church."

2 "To Sir William the parish chaplain." This cannot mean parish priest as we say, for he was the Rector if anyone.

3 "To Robert the parish clerk of St. Michael's my summer cloak with its hood," Capicium -- capitis tegmen. -- Du Cange.

4 "A certain gold ring, with which Anabilla my wife and I were united in "marriage, and a certain gold brooch, to be taken to the tomb (or shrine) of St. "Edmund king and martyr [at Bury], and there fixed."

1 Frumentum, ordeum, et siligo -- wheat, barley, and rye.

2 "My entire robe of camlet." -- See notes following.

3 "Of blue." There was much variety of colour at different early periods in legal robes ; and judges and others had their summer and winter vestments.

4 "My robe of red sheepskin, without the cape, or collar." "Medleto pro meleto, seu melote, pellis ovina." -- Du Cange. 5 "De eâdem sectâ." -- "of the same cut," or fashion.

6 This passage is difficult to understand. It seems to refer to two robes, one of which he had received in right of his appointment as Clericus Regis, and the other from his friend Geoffrey le Scrope, who was Attorney General 14 Edward II. The full meaning of fontis clericorum will be found probably in the history of the college of Clerk-in- Well, commonly called Clerkenwell, London.

John s of Adam Fyncham

son and heir to **Adam**, succeeded his father in Fincham Hall.

He married, first, Alice daughter and heiress of Robert de Cawston and Alice his wife, (Deed, 20 Edward III.) by whom he had issue

John, son and heir. -- Heraldic Visitations

Thomas, who had, circa 1400, by gift of his brother John, the Manor of West Winch, now called Fincham's in West Winch. He appears to have been the first of the family settled there, and of whom but little is known. There were several descendants of this branch residing in Lynn for a long period, having a mansion house and garden in what was then called Fincham street, but now New Conduit street Alicia, married to Laurence Trusbutt, of Shouldham, Esquire. -- Marr. Sett., 17 Richard II.

John de Fincham married secondly Christiana, daughter of Robert, or Richard, Chappe, or Chapps, of Wolverton.

Their son was Edmund Fincham, of Watlington, who was the progenitor of a very respectable branch who lived at Rougham through many generations, and of whom see further in the printed pedigree.

He died between the years 1371 and 1374, at which latter date the said Christiana was the wife of Simon de la Hay (Deed, 48 Edward III).

He was buried most probably in St. Martin's church, next to his first wife.

Inventory of his goods, already mentioned in the account of the Hall, will be found with the Wills of the family.

1357 John de Fyncham of Wolverton, merchant. -- Rolls of Parl., vol. ii, p. 456.

1366 John de Fyncham, probably the same, Mayor of Lynn. -- Hist. of Lynn.

The will of **John de Fyncham**, son and heir of **Adam**, has not been found, but an inventory of his goods and chattels is preserved at Stow. This Inventory is dated Michaelmas Day, 13 Edward III (1339). A good facsimile copy of it, printed for me privately, is here inserted. It contains the names of about 140 articles of furniture, plate, books, robes, armour, agricultural implements, and cattle. Some of the words are obsolete, others are so contracted as to be unintelligible to the ordinary reader, and others involve information of more or less interest ; so that I have felt it desirable to write it out in extenso, with a translation, in parallel columns, and a few notes subjoined.

*Inventorium bonorum et catallorum **Johannis de Fyncham**, factum die mercurii in festo Sancti Michaelis Arcangeli, anno regni regis Edwardi tercii post conquestum xiii, apud Fyncham Berton et Thorpe. Et Thome Lay servienti ipsius liberatis ad respondendum de iisdem. DE STAURO. ii. stottis² pro carecta. i. hakeney pro servo. ii. stottis pro caruca. vi. boves tractantes. vii. vacce, quarum due sunt melche, quatuor sunt ferwe, et una ad firmam dimissa. vii. boviculi. ix. juvence. vii. vituli. ii. sues. i. aper. vii. porcii ad mactandum.*

*Inventory of the goods and chattels of **John de Fyncham**, made on Wednesday, the feast of St. Michael the Archangel, in the 13th year of the reign of King Edward the Third after the conquest, at Fyncham Barton and Thorpe. And the said goods, etc., were delivered to Thomas Lay, his servant, to be responsible for for the same.*

OF THE STOCK. 2 young cart oxen 1 riding horse for the servant. 2 young plough oxen. 6 draft oxen. 7 cows, of which two are milch, four are dry, and one has been sent to the farm. 7 steers. 9 heifers. 7 calves. 2 sows. 1 boar. 7 pigs for killing.

1 This Inventory, it will be observed, is taken in the year after his father's death, but it bears the son's name. We can only suppose that he required it for his own purposes, as for sale, transfer, or simple valuation. He himself lived many years after this.

2 Stottis, stots, still so called. The termination "is" throughout this Inventory is awkwardly used to denote the plural, where the proper Latin was not at hand, as for instance, "carte - ropis," "tongis," "mazeris," etc.

xx. porciculi. iii xx. multones liberati henrico atlong per i talliam.1 xxx. ancee juvenes. xviii. capones. xii. galline. ii. gallini. xx. anates et drakis juvenes et veteres.

ITEM IN CARECTARIO. iii. carette ferre-ligate, cum copsis et scalis. ii. caruce cum totis apparatibus. ii. crates. i. barwe.

ITEM IN STABULO. Totæ felleratæ² pro vi. equis ad tres carectas, sed quedam sunt corrigenda. i. par de traycis, odde, pro carecta. iii. carteropis. iii. teyingeropis. i. vanga. ii. souffles.³ iii. furce pro fumo.⁴ i. sedlep.⁵ i. horsekeppe.

ITEM IN GRANGIA. iii. scale longe pro tassibus. iii. furce pro garbis. ii. redelis.

ITEM IN PISTRINA.⁶ iii. kymil⁷ de plumbo. iii. kymil de ligno. xiii. fatys⁸ et tubbis. iii. soos.⁹ ii. plumba¹⁰ in fornace. i. taptrous de plumbo. ii. skelletrays. i. boket ferre ligatum.

ITEM IN GRANARIO. x. sacci. ii. wynewe cloyes. ii. crebre. iii. corbellæ portabiles. i. busellum de ligno. iii. ventilabra. i. byngelep. i. ventilabrum. pro brassio.

20 little pigs. 3 score sheep delivered to Henry Atland by a tally. 30 goslings. 18 fowls. 12 hens. 2 cocks. 20 ducks and drakes young and old.

ALSO IN THE CART-SHED. 3 iron-bound carts, with their coverings and ladders. 2 ploughs with gear complete. 2 harrows. 1 barrow.

ALSO IN THE STABLE. Complete harness for six horses to three carts, but some of them want mending. 1 pair of odd traces for the cart. 3 cart ropes. 3 binding ropes. 1 spade. 2 suffle bags. 3 forks for manure. 1 seed basket. 1 horse-skep.

ALSO IN THE BARN. 3 long ladders for the stacks. 3 forks for sheaves. 2 riddles.

ALSO IN THE BAKE-HOUSE. 4 coolers of metal. 4 coolers of wood. 13 vats and tubs. 3 soes. 2 metal boilers in the furnace. 1 leaden tap-trough. 2 pails. 1 iron-bound bucket.

ALSO IN THE GRANARY. 10 sacks. 2 winnowing cloths. 2 sieves. 3 portable chaff-baskets. 1 wooden bushel. 4 corn fans. 1 bin-basket. 1 fan for malt.

1 Tallia--a piece of wood on which the numbers are scored by notching. --Bailey.

2 Felleratæ, from phalaræ, harness. -- Ainsworth's Dict.

3 Souffles -- saddle bags, so called up to a recent period by pedlars, etc.

4 Fumo is here used for fimo.

5 Lep -- basket. -- Anglo Saxon : Forby's Dict.

6 Pistrina, probably, used also as a brew-house.

7 Kymil, kimeling, a cooler, or keeler. -- Bailey's Dict., and Forby in Archæologia, xxi, 278.

8 Fat, the old spelling for vat. -- See Isaiah, lxiii, 2 ; and Mark, xii, 1.

9 Soo, a large tub with two ears, and carried on a pole. -- Halliwell's Dict.

10 Plumbum, here used for iron, perhaps a ladle, or "catachresis," for melting. -- See Fynchal Inventories.

ITEM IN COQUINA. vi. patelle enee quarum. una est apud Barton. vi. olle enee quarum una est ap. Thorpe. iii. possenets. i. chafour. ii. tripédie. ii. mortaria. i. fruyingpatella de ferro. i. grate. i. gredillie. i. magnus cultellus pro dressing. i. hache. i. boket ferreligatum. i. mortarium eree cum i. pestel de ferro.

ITEM IN CAPELLA. i. calix. i. missale. i. antiphena. 1 i. graduale. 2 ii. vestimenta. iv. manuturgia pro altari. ii. tonicellis. 3 i. capa. 4 i. chesibulum. 5 ii. psalteria.

ITEM IN AULA. i. doser. 6 vi. quarelle. iii. mense. i. mensa dormiens. ii. paria trostellorum. iii. lavatoria. vi. pelvee. iii. aundhyrns. 7 i. ignitegium de ferro. 8 ii. paria tongis. iii. cathedre.

ITEM IN SPENSA. xvi. cocleares argenti. iii. pecie argenti, unde una habet coopertorium argenteum. i. coupe argenti, scilicet est deauratus. ii. mazeris. xxiii. platers de puttre. xxiv. disci de eâdem. xxiv. sauseria de eâdem. ii. charjours de eâdem. ii. salers. vi. mappe. vii. savenape. xii. manuturgia. iii. canewacia pro aula.

ALSO IN THE KITCHEN, 6 brass dishes, of which one is at Barton. 6 brass pots, of which one is at Thorpe. 3 little pots. 1 chafing dish. 2 three-legged stools. 2 mortars. 1 iron frying pan. 1 grate. 1 griddle, or grid-iron. 1 great knife for dressing. 1 hatchet. 1 iron-bound bucket. 1 brass mortar with an iron pestle.

ALSO IN THE CHAPEL. 1 cup. 1 missal. 1 antiphoner. 1 gradual. 2 vestments. 4 napkins for the altar. 2 tonicells. 1 cope. 1 chesibule. 2 psalters.

ALSO IN THE HALL. 1 hanging. 6 arrows (for the cross-bow.) 4 tables. 1 sleeping bench. 2 pair of trestles. 3 washing basins. 6 ewers. 4 hearth-irons. 1 iron fire-cover. 2 pair of tongs. 3 chairs.

ALSO IN THE PANTRY. 16 silver spoons. 3 pieces of plate, of which one has a silver lid. 1 cup of silver, which moreover is gilt. 2 maple bowls. 23 pewter plates. 24 dishes of the same. 24 soup plates of the same. 2 pewter large dishes. 2 salt cellars. 6 napkins. 7 table cloths. 12 towels. 3 canvas cloths for the hall.

1 Antiphoner, a choral service book, the voices alternating. -- Halliwell.

2 Gradual, another service book. -- Bailey.

- 3 Tonicells, from tunicella, a robe for the sub-deacon. -- Du Cange.
- 4 Cope, another robe.
- 5 Chesible, a short robe for the priest.
- 6 Doser, or docer, hanging or curtain. -- Halliwell.
- 7 Andirons, for supporting the wood, -- dogs.
- 8 Fire-cover, couvre-feu in French, whence curfew, to put out the fire, according to the curfew law of William I.

iv. barelle. i. arca pro pane. iii. cultelli in uno vaso pro mensâ domini.

ITEM IN CAMERA DOMINI. xi. tapetes. ii. coverlits pro doceriis. xxvii. lintheanima. ii. lecti de penarum. vi. canewacia. iii. quilts. ii. long pillewys v. curt pillewys. iii. aketones 1 ii. bachenets. 2 i. hauburgium. v. haste iii. mantelle. iii. coffris. 3 iii. coffris trussuris. ii. parve arce. iii. forceria. ii. gissarmis. i. house de ray. 4

ITEM IN LARDARIO. i. archa pro carne. i. alveolum pro carne. ii. barelli stantes pro sale. i. blower de enea. 5 ii. pondera. i. hamerus. i. par pinsonis. i. gladium. i. cultellus longus. i. arca. 6 xxxiii. segette.

4 barrels. 1 bread chest. 4 knives in a box for the lord's table.

ALSO IN THE LORD'S CHAMBER. 11 pieces of tapestry. 7 coverlets for the hangings. 27 sheets. 2 feather beds. 6 canvas cloths. 3 quilts. 3 bolsters. 5 pillows. 3 hacquetons. 2 bascinets. 1 hauberk. 5 spears. 3 cloaks. 4 chests. 3 packing chests. 2 little boxes. 3 cabinets. 2 battle-axes. 1 striped mantle or rug.

ALSO IN THE LARDER. 1 chest for meat. 1 small meat pot. 2 upright salt barrels. 1 skimmer of brass. 2 weights. 1 hammer. 1 pair of pincers. 1 cleaver. 1 long knife. 1 bow. 33 arrows.

Note. -- The Barton and Thorpe portions of this Inventory contain only two words which are not found in the above, viz. :- v. xx. oves⁷ matrices. i. busellum de stramine. 5 score mother ewes. 1 bushel basket.

1 Hacquetons were quilted jackets worn under the armour. -- Halliwell.

2 Bascinet were helmet caps.

3 Coffris. These are still called coffers by the peasantry.

4 House de ray. It is difficult to understand exactly what is meant by this, but according to Halliwell it is a "short coarse mantle for wet weather."

5 Skimmer of brass. According to Bailey, blow-milk is skimmed milk, but what blower originally signifies I cannot find. In an old Inventory of Sir John Fastolfe occurs this : "Item two skymers of brasse." -- See Archæol., xxi, p. 278.

6 Arca, sometimes used for arcus by inferior writers. -- Carpentier.

7 Oves, ewes. In Norfolk these are called the flock, and no other sheep are so called. The Great Captain of our agriculture, Mr. Coke, used to say "yowes," and rightly, thus derived, "oves," "owes," "yowes." Fr. "eaux."

John s of John Fyncham

He married Katherine daughter of Briston, of Briston, in this county, Esquire, with whom he had divers lands in Stody and Hunworth, with the manor of Harthill in the same.

He alienated lands to the Prior of Ely in 1393. His seal was a shield containing three finches circumscribed IOH. FINCE. HAM. -- Deed, 20 Richard II.

His issue by Katherine his wife were :-

Simon, son and heir.. -- His father's Testament.

Guy, who inherited his mother's manors in Hunworth and Stody. -- Deed, 13 Henry IV.

Thomas, "brother to Simon." -- Deed, 7 Henry V.

Christiana, a nun at Crabhouse¹ in Wiggenhall St. Mary Magdalen.

Margaret, married probably to ... Swarthing. -- Harl. MS. 1534.

A daughter, married to John Shouldham. -- Ibid.

A daughter, married to Batchcroft. -- Ibid.

He was buried with his wife in St. Martin's church.

He has left two Testaments. The first is dated on Christmas Eve, 13 Henry IV (1411). From this, though "being of no strength "at all," I may quote that he gives to the church of St. Martin in Fincham "ten pounds of silver,"² and to the church of St. Michael "forty shillings of silver."

The last Testament of **John de Fyncham**, son and heir to the preceding **John**, and grandson of **Adam**, is dated October 2nd (the sixth of the Nones of October), 1415, and proved at Wereham (most probably at the Archdeacon's Visitation), October 15th, 1415.

1415 2 Oct **John de Fyncham** will

In Dei nomine. Amen.

*Ego **Johannis de Fyncham** sane mentis et bone memorie sexto nonarum Octobris anno domini millesimo CCCC quinto decimo condo testamentum meum in hunc modum.*

In primis lego animam meam Deo omnipotenti et beate Marie semper virgini matri sue ; et corpus meum sepeliendum in ecclesiâ sancti Martini de Fyncham.

Item lego Christiane filie mee et conventui de Crabous v marcas.

Item lego Margarete filie mee xiiis ivd .

Item lego Johanni Wystede meam brefiam jupam¹ et unum quarterium ordeï. Et quicquid residuum bonorum meorum fuerit do et lego executoribus meis, ut disponendum pro animâ meâ prout eis melius fuerit visum peragendum.

*Et constituo et ordino **Simeonem** filium meum et Johannem Gyffe perpetuum vicarium ecclesie de Fyncham executores meos ad perficiendum præsens testamentum.*

Datum apud Fyncham die et anno supradictis.

Probatum fuit apud Wyrham XV die Oct. anno MCCCCXV. -- At Stow.

Simon Fincham s of John Fincham

Clackclose Hundred and Half: Fincham', *An Essay towards a Topographical History of the County of Norfolk: volume 7*, pp. 344-364 Francis Blomefield

<http://www.british-history.ac.uk/topographical-hist-norfolk/vol7/pp344-364>

Simon Fincham, son of **John**, married Elizabeth, daughter and coheir of John Tendring, Esq. of Brockdish in Norfolk. His last will is dated Nov. 25, 1458; was buried in the church of St Martin's of Fincham, and appoints **John** his son, and Elizabeth, his wife executors; he had a daughter Alice married to John Batchcroft, Esq.

1433 His name is among the gentry of the county, as returned by the King's Commissioners in the 12th Henry VI

The Fincham book says of him:

John son and heir. -- Will of his father.

Lawrence, citizen and member of the Fishmongers, Corporation, London. By Elene his wife he had issue one son. -- Will, in D. C.

William, whose wife's name was Elizabeth.

Nicholas, in holy orders, who built the Vestry of St. Martin's church, and is buried there.

His will is very curious, and has already been quoted. I may here produce another extract. "Item : I wyll that the sayde chyrche-wardens schall fynde v tapyrs of wax in the bason that hangyth afore oure ladye, every tapyr of halfe a pound, unto the sum of v shillings by the yer, and yerly to bren every dobyll fest ii of the seyd tapyrs, and every pryncypall fest to bren all v tapyrs." --Dated Oct. 2, 1503, and preserved at Stow.

Eleanor, apprenticed to W. Rothay and Ann his wife, silk throwsters, and married probably -- Elwyn. -- Deed, 25 Henry VI.

Alice, married to John Batchcroft, Esq., of Bexwell. -- Harl. MS., 1534.

To **Simon de Fyncham** we are indebted probably for the fine tower of St Martin Fincham church. He was buried there in 1458, and his wife Elizabeth in 1464. His Will and Testament are distinct documents, and are given hereafter. The seal of **Simon de Fyncham** was elaborate and beautiful, viz., the Fincham arms, with the circumscription SIGILLUM SYMEONIS FYNCH --, and three finches separating the words.

Blomefield discussed Simon's wife's Tendring family in his article on Brockdish, but he does not seem certain of the exact relationship between John and his predecessor Ralf.

Sir William Tendring of Stokeneyland, Knt. and Margaret his wife, daughter and coheir of Sir Will Kerdeston of Claxton in Norfolk, Knt. who were succeeded by their son and heir Sir John Tendring of Stokeneyland, Knt. who jointly with Agnes his wife, settled it on Sir Ralf Tendring of Brockdish, Knt. one of their younger sons, who built the old hall (which was pulled down by Robert Lawrence, Esq. when he erected the present house) and the south isle chapel, in which he and Alice his wife are interred;

his son, John Tendring of Brockdish, Esq. who was lord here and of Westhall in Colney, (see p. 5,) and was buried in the said chapel, with Cecily his wife, died in 1436, and left five daughters, coheiresses, viz.

Cecily, married to Robert Ashfield of Stowlangetot in Suffolk, Esq.

Elizabeth, to Simeon Fincham of Fincham in Norfolk, Esq.

Alice, to Robert Morton.

Joan, to Henry Hall of Helwinton.

Anne, to John Braham of Colney.

Francis Blomefield, 'Hundred of Earsham: Brockdish', in *An Essay Towards A Topographical History of the County of Norfolk: Volume 5* (London, 1806), pp. 327-339 <http://www.british-history.ac.uk/topographical-hist-norfolk/vol5/pp327-339>

The will of **Simon de Fyncham**, son and heir to the preceding, is written in English, and separate from his Testament, which is in Latin. The former disposes of the real, the latter of the personal property, according to the custom of the time. It is dated October 10th, 31 Henry VI (1452).

1452 10 Oct **Simeon Fyncham** of Fyncham gentilman will

*This is the last will of me **Simeon Fyncham** of Fyncham in the counte of Norff : Gentilman. First I will that alle my feoffees to myn use in all my londys and tenementes in the seid Counte after my decesse, and of Elizabeth my wyfe, make estat to **John** my sone, and to his heres, or to sweche persones as he shall name to be enfeoffed to his use. And in kas the seid John deye levynge me the seid Symeon, thanne I will that my seid feoffees make estat to John the sone of the seid John, in lyke wise as thei shoulde have done to his fadre. And if the seid John the son overlive not his seid fadre, thanne they shall make estat to Thomas brodyr of the seid John the son, in lyke wise as thei shoulde have don to John the Fadyr : and the lyke estat . . . to him that ovyrleve othir til hese issue male be dispended.*

And if the seid John my sone deye, none issue male komyng of hym, thanne I will that if lie have on issue female, and no more, the seid feoffes kepe the seid londys til thei have reryd CC marke, wech CC marke I will the seid issue female have to here maryage.

And if ii females, thanne thei to have eche of hem Cli.

And after this don, thanne my seid feoffes shalle demene hem in estate to Laurence my sone, and to hese issue male, if any kome of hym, as thei shoulde have done to the seid John my sone, and to his issue male if they had levyd.

And if it fortune the seide Lawrence to deye withowte issue male -- thanne the same to William my sone etc -- thanne to Nicholas etc.

And if it fortune all my seide sones to deye, none issue male komyng of hem, thanne, after the issue female payed and content, that thei selle alle the seid londys etc, and the money reseyved therefore be disposed for the sowles of me and my wyfe and oure seid issue, and of all oure ancestres and frendes, in sweech wise as kan be thought to there discrecion, the seid sowles lengest to be had in preyer and remembraunce. In witness of wech thyngs etc. Geven the X day of Octobr the yere of the regne of Kyng Harry the sexte after the Conquest the XXXI (1452). -- At Stow. _____

The last testament of Simon de Fyncham is dated November 25th, 14--, and proved the 17th of March, 1458.

In Dei nomine. Amen. Vicesimo quinto die mensis Novembris anno domini millesimo CCCC Ego Symeon Fyncham de Fyncham sane mentis etc. Inprimis commendo animam meam Deo omnipotenti beate Marie virgini et omnibus sanctis ejus ; corpusque meum sepeliendum in ecclesiâ sancti Martini predictâ. –

*Item lego summo altari ejusdem ecclesie vis viiid . –
 Item lego fabrice campanilis ejusdem ecclesie viil vis viiid , solvenda in septem annis jam
 proxime sequentibus per equales portiones. –
 Item lego Elizabethhe uxori mee omnia utensilia et totum apparatus camere mee, una cum
 omnibus crateris et coclearibus meis argenteis. – Residuum do et lego executoribus meis,
 ad debita mea solvenda, et eleemosinas et alia opera caritativa pro animâ meâ. et animabus
 ipsorum quibus teneor, distribuendum prout eisdem melius ac magis Deo placabile videbitur
 fore faciendum. Hujus testamenti executores meos ordino Elizabetham uxorem meam et
 Johannem filium meum.
 Datum die et anno supradictis. Probatum apud Norvicum etc, decimo septimo die Marcii
 anno millesimo CCCCLVIII. -- At Stow.*

Lawrence Fincham s of Simeon Fincham and Elizabeth Tendring

1480 26 Dec Lawrence Fyncham citizen and fishmonger of the citee of London will

Very long – can't read it all

*To be buried in the parish church of St Marie Magdalene beside Olde Fish Streete in London
 Lots of bequests to religious houses etc
 sons William Fyncham, John Fyncham
 Wife Elene that late deied
 Nece Margarete Fyncham daughter of brother John Fyncham
 Thomas Baggecroft son of sister, also his brother Richard
 Nece Elizabeth Fyncham the eldest daughter of brother John Fyncham
 Nephew John Fyncham the eldest son of brother John Fyncham
 Sister Melcheborn and her late husband
 Brother William Fyncham*

John Fincham s of Simeon Fincham and Elizabeth Tendring

1446 **John Fincham** married Beatrice Thoresby d of Henry Thoresby, a wealthy merchant at Lynn. -- *Marr. Sett.*, 24 Henry VI

His wife Beatrix was of the Thoresby family in Kings Lynn. For his wife's family see "Miscellanea Genealogica et Heraldica", 4th ser., 4:138-40.[1] She was sister to Thomas Thoresby, father of the wife of Francis Mondeford.

He was steward for the manors of the Abbot of Ramsey, who was Lord of the Hundred of Clackclose
 Fincham Hall was probably built by this John Fyncham.

Children

John the *elder*, son and heir. -- *Will* of his father.

John the younger, of Outwell. -- *Will* of his father.

Henry, married Elizabeth daughter of Stephen Fabian *Visitn.*, 1619.

Simon, Rector of Watlington, and probably of Ringstead parva. – *Bl. Will*, at Norwich, 1512.

Thomas. -- *Will of Simon*, his grandfather.

Margerie, a nun at Blackborough, in Middleton, and from 1517 Prioress there.

The prioress of *Blackburgh* had also a small lordship. *Margery Fincham*, prioress, held her first court on *Saturday* after the feast of St. *Luke* the Evangelist, in the 24th of Henry VII

Elizabeth, married .. Kervile, of the Wiggenthall family. --*Cole's MSS.*

Alice, married .. Miller, of Kent. -- *Harl. MSS.* 1534.

He is said to have purchased the manor of Burnham Deepdale in 1474. *Memorials of West Winch*, p. 106

1494 10 Mar **John Fyncham** son of **Simeon Fyncham** of Fincham, gentleman

*In the name of Almighty God, Fader, Sone, and Holy Gost, the blessed Trinite, I **John Fyncham** the sone of **Simeon Fyncham** sumetyme of Fyncham in the Countie of Norfolk, Gentilman, the Xth day of the moneth of March, the yere of our Lord God 1494 10th year of the reign of Henry VII ordeigne and make for my last will in the manor and forme hereafter ensuyng.*

manor of Depdale, in the counte of Norff

suche lands as lyegh and be within the towne and feld of Brancastre and Depdale, on the weste side of Downgate or Dalegate

*Bequest for a salary for a priest to say masses for the soules me and Beatrice late my wife, and the soules of my fader Simeon Fyncham and Elizabeth his wife, my moder, and for the soules of Lawrence Fyncham and Elyn his my brother Sir Nicholas Fyncham my **yonger sonne John** and Elizabeth his wife my older sonne John land in Fincham, Stradesse, Shuldham Thorpe, Berton, Stoke Fery, Wynham, Wotton, Roxham, Walyngton, Watlington, Sech*, Hunworth, Stodey and Briston which came to me by my father's will to son John the elder All my other land in Fyncham, Stradsett, Thorpe, Barton Bendish, Becton, Stoke, Wretton, and Wyreham, Hunworth, Stodey and Briston Daughter dame Margerie a nonne at Blakebourgh Probate 7 Feb 1496*

The last testament of **John Fyncham** is in Latin, and of the same date as his Will. Besides a number of legacies and bequests to certain churches, the poor, it contains the following :- Filialis meis William Batchcroft Johanni Fyncham et Thome Fyncham cuique vis . viiid . -- Item filialo Johanni librum meum veterum statutorum. -- Residuum do et lego Johanni Fyncham seniori filio meo, **Johanni filio juniori**, magistro Symeon Fyncham, et Gulielmo Batchcroft, etc. -- Proved with the Will as above. -- London, D. C.

1496 6 Sep **John Fincham** died

He was buried, together with his wife Beatrix, in St. Martin's church Fincham

Miscellanea genealogica et heraldica says

His will dated 10 Mar 1494-5 proved (PCC 7 Horne) 7 Feb 1496/7, mentions his sons Henry, Nicholas, Simeon, John the elder, John the younger of Outwell, and his daughters Elizabeth wife of Humphrey Carile, Margaret, Alice and Margerie (nun).

Post Mortem Inquisition was taken 12 Henry VII (1497), at Hingham



St Martin Fincham

John Fincham the younger s of John Fincham and Beatrix Thoresby

John Fincham married Elizabeth Dereham.

1527 18 Apr **John Fyncham** gentelman of Outewell will (hard to read)

To be buried in the parish church of Saint Brides Fletestreete in London if he dies there

To the high alter of St Clement in Outewell

To guild of St Clement Outewell 6s 8d

To guild of Holy Trinitie in Outewell 3s 4d

To guild of St Nicholas in Outewell 20s

To guild of Corpus Christi in Outewell 12d

To guild of St Christofer in Outewell 12d

To church St Martin, Fincham 20s

Wife Elizabeth

*Son **Simeon***

Daughters Alice Jenour, Jane Holding, Dame Elizabeth Fyncham (nun at Elynlgrin? Abbey

*Nephew John Fyncham of Fincham
Frances Mounteford gentilman
Land called Shuldham and Estows in Brancaster and Depdale
Father John Fyncham
Late Uncle Thomas Thursby late of Lynn
Late Thomas Fyncham of Cambridge
Wife Elizabeth and son **Symeon** executors
Nephew John Fyncham and Frances Mounteforde overseers
Probate 26 May 1527*

1528 7 Apr Elizabeth Fyncham former wife of **Joannis Fyncham** of Outwell will (latin)
*To be buried in the church of St Clement, St Nicholas chapel, Outwell
Son **Simon** and Thomas
John Fyncham of Fincham
Probate 19 Jun 1528*

1528 Elizabeth Fincham died, buried in St Nicholas

This very respectable and prolific branch of the family descended from John Fincham, *Junior*, (14b), of Fincham, the younger of the two brothers of the same name, and making the 20th John already noticed. He went to Outwell about the year 1485, having married, or being about to marry, Elizabeth daughter of Thomas Deerham, of Crimpleham, Esquire ; and grand-daughter of Gilbert Haultoft, Esquire, of Outwell, a baron of the Exchequer in the reign of Henry VI. With his wife he inherited Lord Bardolph's manor in Outwell, and the manor of Vernon's (also "jure uxoris,") in Elme, which Haultoft had purchased of William de Grey, of Merton, and Christiana his wife, October 2nd, 15 Henry VI (1436).¹

Elizabeth Fincham d of John Fincham and Elizabeth Dereham

1561 Elizabeth Fincham Prioress of Shouldham Abbey, died Leverington
Leverinton. Mrs Elizabeth Fyncham of late dwellinge in Leverington in the diocese some tyme prioresse of Sholdham on Norf. Had a yerely pencion of 100s she dyed in the yere of our Lord 1561. For the Gilbertine house of Shouldham in Norfolk where the prior received a pension of £20 per year, but the prioress Elizabeth Fincham only received £5.

Simeon Fincham s of John Fincham and Elizabeth Dereham

Simeon Fincham married Thomasyne Gelgate

John s of Simeon and Thomasyne Fincham – eldest, no children

Simon s of **Simeon** and Thomasyne Fincham

Thomasine d of Simeon and Thomasyne, married William Bryan of Bolingbroke

Grace d of Simeon and Thomasyne

Elizabeth d of Simeon and Thomasyne

Anne d of Simeon and Thomasyne

1538 20 Jul **Simeon Fyncham** of Owtwell, gent will
*To be buried in the chappell of Sainte Nicholas in the church of Owtwell
Various church bequests
Thomasyne Fyncham wife use of everything for life, executor
Remain to my heirs according the my father's **John Fyncham** gent will
Wife Thomasyne to control everything until heir comes of age
Symeon Fincham son
probate 25 Nov 1538*



Outwell

Simeon Fincham s of Simeon Fincham

About 1560 **Simeon Fincham** married Anne Balam

Robert s of Simeon and Ann Fincham , died infant

1560 **John** s of **Simeon** and Ann Fincham

1564 Mary d of Simeon and Ann Fincham, married Edward May

1567 Thomas s of Simeon and Ann Fincham

1569 Balam s of Simeon and Ann Fincham

1571 Charles s of Simeon and Ann Fincham

1575 Elizabeth d of Simeon and Ann Fincham

1577 Susan d of Simeon and Ann Fincham

1580 Bridget d of Simeon and Ann Fincham, married William Andrews 1605

Elizabeth d of Simeon and Ann Fincham, died infant

Anne d of Simeon and Ann Fincham

Catherine d of Simeon and Ann Fincham

Richard s of Simeon and Ann Fincham

1611 28 Jun Anne Fincham buried Outwell

1615 16 Jul **Symeon Fincham** buried Outwell



Outwell

John s of Simeon Fincham and Ann Balam

1589 12 Oct **John Fyncham** married Katheryn Showldham, Kings Lynn

1591 9 Aug John s of John Fyncham Outwell

1591 23 Nov Catharine Fyncham buried Outwell



Kings Lynn St Margaret

1581 3 Apr Mary Spence married John Dyckson, Kings Lynn

John s of John and Mary Dixon

Mary d of John and Mary Dixon

Ann d of John and Mary Dixon

1590 1 Nov John Dixon of Well buried Kings Lynn

About 1593 John Fincham married Mary Dixon widow

1596 16 May Richard s of John Fincham Outwell

1596 20 May Richard Fincham buried Outwell

1597 27 Dec Richard s of John Fincham Outwell

Symeon s of John and Mary Fincham, died 1663 London

Balam s of John and Mary Fincham

1603/4 13 Mar Ballam Fincham buried Outwell

Balam s of John and Mary Fincham

1604 20 Jul Balam Fincham buried Outwell

Anne d of John and Mary Fincham, married Humphrey/Anthony Grosvenor of London

William s of John and Mary Fincham

1604 6 Jun William Fincham buried Outwell

Catherine d of **John** and Mary Fincham

1620 22 Apr **John Fyncham** of Owtwell, esquire, will

To be buried in ower chappell near my father and mother

To wife Mary Fincham all land in Upwell, Outwell, Emneth and Walsoken for her life

After her death to son Richard Fincham.

If Richard has no heirs then to son Symeon Fyncham, and lacking heirs to son Richard Fincham

Land in Elme and Wisbiche to wife Mary Fincham for life, and after her death to son Richard Fincham

Lease on land in in London, Holbech, Whaplode and Crowland in Lincoln

Wife Mary to give £30 a year to son Richard Fincham for his maintenance

Granddaughter Catherine Gravenor £100 at 21

Give seale ring to son Richard Fincham

To son Symeon Fincham 40s to make him a ringe, give him no more because have already given him £300. Require him to give land in Walsoken part of Mr Hares manor to brother Richard Fincham

*To daughter Gravenor and **daughter Trench** each 40s to make them rings to weare in remembrance of me*

40s to each of their children

To daughter in law Mary Dixon £5, and the howse I bought of Henrye Medley in Owtwell during her life, and after her death to son Richard Fincham

To John Prance 20s

All the rest of my goodes and chattels to wife Marye Fyncham, executrices

Brother John Crasse gent supervisor

Probate 13 Jul 1622

Extra section in latin not transcribed

1621/2 25 **John Fincham** buried Outwell

1631 30 Nov Marye Fincham of Owtwell widow late wife of John Fincham esqr will

Buried in the chapple in Owtwell church where my said husband were buried and near unto him

All land lying in Upwell, Owtwell, Emneth and Walsoken in Norfolk and in Elm in Cambridgeshire to son Richard Fincham

To son Symeon Fincham £10 to buy a pece of plate to remember me more. Already given what was left by his father

Grandson Symeon Fincham son of son Symeon £10 to buy a peece of plate and £10 when he is 21

Require son Symeon Fincham to deliver to his brother Richard Fincham what was left to him by his father John Fincham including land in Walsoken part of Hares manor

To daughter Ann Gravenor £30

To daughter Mary Dixon 20 nobles

To daughter Anna Dixon 5 markes to buy a pece of plate to remember me

To son John Dixon 20s to buye him a bible

To Cathren Gouldwell 20s at 21

To Mary Prance 40s at 21

To the poor of Owtwell £5

All the rest of my goods and chattels to son Richard Fincham, executor

To son in law John Fincham 40s

To Elizabeth Pigg 20s

Probate 8 Sep 1632

1631 3 Dec Mary Fincham buried Outwell



Outwell

Katherine d of John Fincham and Mary Spence

1615 20 Nov Thomas Trench married **Katherine Fincham**, Outwell

1617 27 Apr **Marie** d of Mr Thomas Trench Outwell

1624 13 Jul Thomas Trenche gente of Tylney in Norfolk will

To be buried in Tylney chappell

*To daughter **Mary Trenche** all of the manor of Broughton, lands in Tylney, Islington, Outwell and East Dereham, and if she dies without heirs then to John Trenche, second son of brother William Trenche when he becomes 30.*

If Mary dies before the age of 16
Edmonde Trenche elder son of brother William Trenche
To sister Mary Northe of the lands I have formerlie devised to her where she now dwelleth with
fower acres during the term of her natural life
Thomas Northe son of said Mary - £20, Mary North, Edmond North, Awdry North - £10
Money for a bell at Tylney Saynt Lawrence - for this paid £20 to Mr William Riche Vicar of Tylney,
and Mr John Calthrope curate there.
Some bequests to servants
Money for poor of the parish of Tylney St Lawrence
To son in law Stephen Saye
Sir John Peyton knight and governor of Jersey
Brother Richard Trenche of London lately deceased
To John Pratt of Lavenham butcher £5
*Executors - loving and beloved wife **Katherine**, friend and cosen Robert Balam of Elme esquire –*
administer all land until daughter Mary Trenche reaches 16, Robert Balam to be guardian of Mary
*All house goods to wife **Katherine** and Mary*
Probate 1624 16 Dec

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Swaffham

1625 16 Jun John Thurston married **Katherine** Trench widow Swaffham
 1627 9 Oct Fredericke s of John and Katherine Thirston Esqr Hoxne (went to Gonville and Caius 1645, BA 1648-9)
 1629 15 Apr Drury s of John and Katherine Thirston Esqr Hoxne
 1631 6 Apr Drury s of Mr John Thurston buried Hoxne
 1630 27 Dec **John** s of John Thirston esqr Hoxne
 1631/2 5 Jan Robert s of Mr John and Katherine Thruston Hoxne
 1640 2 Sep Robert s of Mrs Kartherine Thruston buried Hoxne
 1633 8 May Katherine d of John and Katherine Thirston Esqr Hoxne
 1639 13 Jun Thomas s of John and Katherine Thurston Hoxne
 1640/1 16 Jan Thomas s of Mrs Katherine Thurston buried Hoxne



Hoxne

1640 1 Apr John Thurston Esqr died Hoxne, Suffolk, buried 2 Apr 1640 in Hoxne

1668/9 21 Feb Mrs **Katherine** Thruston widow buried Hoxne

1668 Catherine Thruston Hoxne fo 44 MF 16

1668/9 19 Feb administration of Catherine Thruston married of Hoxne Abbey awarded to Maria Thruston widow daughter

1669 Katherine Thurston widow of Worlingworth Proctor 93 MF 421

1667 Nov **Katherine Thurston** of Worlingworth widow expressed by word of mouth.

Only son John Thurston – sole executor

Nathanyell Schorldham son in law

Money to poor of Hoxne and Worlingworth

Probate 5 Apr 1669

Mary d of Thomas Trench and Catherine Fincham

1618 **Mary Trench** daughter of Thomas Trench and Catherine Fincham, born in Tilney, Norfolk

1516 1 Apr Charter - Grant & Confirmation

John Fyncham of Owtwell, Thomas Guybon, Francis Mounforth, gent. & John Giggis citizen and mercer of London at request of William Bachecroft, gent. to John Fyncham of Fyncham, Esq. Thomas Thursby, Esq. Thomas Fyncham of Owtwell and others
Lands and tenements in Fyncham

1537 29 Sep Covenant Bond

Elizabeth Marler of Thorneham, Margaret Grene of the same, widows and Thomas Marler of Esterforth (Essex), yeoman to Thomas Fyncham of Owtwell (Camb), gent, John Fyncham of Fyncham and Thomas Thorrysby of Geyton, Esqs
To abide by the award of elected arbitrators as to the title to a messuage and lands in Brannkescer

1540 22 Dec Thomas Fincham gent of Outwell will

Johan wife and executor, to bring up the children and dispose of property according to his father's and grandfather's wills.

Son Richard Fincham

Proved 1546

1551 Thomas Fincham will of Fincham esqr Norwich

1592 Robert Fincham married Alce Foster Wimbotsham TR

1601 18 Sep Alice wife of William Fincham buried Wimbotsham TR

Outwell 1616-21, 1589-1600

1617 30 Mar Susan d of Mr Edward Fyncham Outwell

1618 20 Sep Nicolas s of Edward Fincham esqr Outwell

1565 10 Aug Bridget Fincham buried Outwell

1566 18 Apr Robert Fincham, buried Outwell

1570 19 Jun Elizabeth Fincham buried Outwell

1572 7 Aug Joan Fincham buried Outwell

1579 3 May George Fincham buried Outwell

1582 * Sep Cecily Fincham buried Outwell

1582 * Sep Mary Fincham buried Outwell

1602 1 Oct Richard Fincham buried Outwell

1611 23 Jun Elizabeth Fincham buried Outwell

1612 15 Oct Cicely Fincham buried Outwell

1627 15 Nov Robert Fincham buried Outwell

1633/4 24 Mar Frances Fincham buried Outwell

1613 1 Dec John Fincham, senior, of Outwell, Esq., to John Fincham his son to Robert Lord Riche. Manor of Fincham, messuages, lands and tenements belonging. HARE 984, 190X4