

And Robt. Alcock his sone have v l.; and thai discharge me of forgotten recknyng aenant my fader Alcock; and not to amenyshe my wife's parte ne children parte. Elizabeth, my daughter, to have of my parte, if God fortune hir to be married, x l. To ichone of my seruaunts, men and women, of my porcion, vij s. viij d. To poore people be penydale iiij l' iiij s. iiiij d.; for to pray for soule. A trentall songe for my soule all of one daie, if so many prestes may be gotten. All this to be done of myn owne porcion. If any of my childe be prestes, his places to go to the rest. And this pameplet I will stand as parcell of my forsaide will. 10th Sep. 1495.

[Pr. 7 Sep. 1496.]

#### XVI. THE WILL OF JOHN CARRE, OF YORK.

[Reg. Test. v. 327b.]

In Dei nomine, Amen. The sext daye of the moneth of Novembre, the yere of oure Lord God m<sup>l</sup>.cccc.lxxxvij. I John Carre,\* sometyme mayre of the citee of York, in gude whart and gude hele in mynde and bodie, ordeyns and makes my

I believe that William Tunstall was a son of Sir Richard Tunstall, and first cousin therefore of Cuthbert Tunstall, bishop of Durham. In 1 Rich. III., the king granted him the lordship of Sherburn in Pickering Lythe. (MS. Harl. 433, 40 b.) In 1487 he was constable of Scarborough Castle. (York Arch. Inst., vol 1.)

I now give the will of Catherine Sage:—

Aug. 15, 1498. Katherine Sage of Scarborough, widow. To be buried in the church B. M. V. near the tomb of Thomas Sage, my late husband. To the guild of the Resurrection of our Lord in the Trinity church, Hull, "j zonam sericam blodii coloris, argentatam et deauratam, cum j chine inde currente, in medio." To John Dale, chaplain, to celebrate for me for four years, 21 l. Son Robert Alcock 100s. Daughters Margaret and Elizabeth Sage 10l. each. Residue to executors John Yoele, & John Scausby; Robert Constable, serjeant-at-law, and Cuthbert Hagarston, supervisors. "To Robert Alcocke, my son, a standing pece of silver covered, half gilte, a table cloth, etc., of diapre wark with flou-de-lices, xiij napkins w' ockes, j pair gold bedes, etc. To Marg' Sage, my daughter, ij rynges of gold, a littel bruch of gold, etc. To Eliz. Sage, my dou., j demysyn girdell, j toking girdell, a silver bell, etc. To Ellen Yoele, my sister, a pare of coralle bedes with langels of silver. Sisters Eliz. Scausby and Beatrice Haryngton. To Whitby abbey a great bras pott. To Hawtenprice abbey a great maser; they to remembre the soules of Robert Alcock (&) Thomas Sage, late my husbands, and my soule, to be in their martileges. Aug. 20." [Pr. March 9.] (Reg. Test. v. 516-17.)

\* The testator was the son of Thomas del Carr or Kerr, draper, York, who was Sheriff in 1427-8, and died in 1444 (See. Test. Ebor. ii. 92.) He was free of the City in 1438, Chamberlain in 1438, Sheriff in 1440-1, Lord Mayor 1448 and 1456, and M.P. in 1448. R. H. S. The testator and his father were great benefactors to St. Sampson's church, and to the poor, &c. of the city.

On June 1, 1489, in a very interesting foundation deed, Thomas Simpson, executor of the testator's will, established a chantry at St. Sampson's for the souls of John Kerr and Joan his wife, and Thomas and Isabel their parents, in

testament in this maner. Furste I command and gyffis my soule to Almighty God, my Saveyoure, and to the prayers of the gloriouse Virgyn and moder oure Lady Seynt Marie, and to the prayers of Seynt Sampson, John of Beverley, Mary Magdalene, and to all the Seyntes of heven; and my body to be beryd in the parish-kirk of Seynt Sampson in the citee of York by the bodie of Johannet sumtyme my wyffe, where so I dye w' in the realme of England. And, if I dye els where, as God will dispose for me, in Cristenis man beryall. Also I bewit to my person of my parish-kirk my best gowne w' the hode longyng to my bodie, for my corse present. And I bewit vij dosan wax in v serges, to be maide for to byrn aboute my bodie in tyme of my beryall and the viij daye of myn interment. Also I be wit for my beryall, for to fynd a lampe with byrnyng afore the sacrament in the hye where in my parish-kirk, xx s. Also I bewit ij torches, price xx s., to byrn in the kirk of Seynt Sampson at the high alter in the tyme of the elevation of the sacrament. Also I bewit xij torches, price of every torch v s., to burn at my beryall and at my viij daye of myn enterment; and, after that, ij of thame remayne to the high alter in my parish-kirk; and other ij of thame to oure Lady alter standing afore my stall; and to every alter after in the same kirk a torche of the xij aforesaid. And I will that every house of Freres w' in the citee of York have a torche of the same xij to serve at the high alter. And I bewit one of the same xij torches to the chapell of Seynt Marie Magdalene besides York. And I witt xiij gownes of gude white clothe, iiij yerdes to every gowne and hude, to be geven to xiij pore men that shall hold the torches aforesaid at myn enterment. Also I bewit xx mare for my funerall expenses at the disposicion of myn executores, or more, if it requyre. Also I bewit vii li. to be geven in almose to pore people as sone as I am deade w'oute eny taryng, for my soule and my frendes soules. I bewit to Seynt Peter werk in York xx s. And I bewit my gold ryng w' the dyamonde to hyng aboute the nek of the ymage of oure Lady y' standes abowne oure Lady alter in the mynster where they sing oure Lady messe. Also I bewit an other ryng w' a ruby and one torcos to hyng aboute oure Lorde nek that is in the armis of the same ymage of oure Lady. Also I bewit to my parish-kirk preste of my said parish-kirk iiij s. iiiij d.: and to every preste of the same kirk xiij d. Item to the paryssh clerk xiij d. Also I bewit to every preste in

honor of the Holy Trinity, B.M.V., St. Nicholas, St. Benedict, and St. Catherine, "ad quos idem Johannes, dum in humanis agebat, sinceram devotionem habuit." The stipend of the cantarist is to be seven marks per annum. On June 4th, the Archbishop approved. (Reg. Rotherham, 129, 130.)

parish Kirk or chapell w<sup>t</sup>in the citee and suburbs of the same, saying for my soule, the soule of Johannet suntyme my wiffe, the soules of my fader and my moder, my childef soules, and all Cristen soules, *Dirige* with note, those that er in the parish kirkes where copy of preses is; and one the morne *Messe* of *Requiem*; and every preste in his *Messe* that is disposed to syng *Messe* take a colet, *Inculta*, iij d: and every parish clerk beyng at the same in his owne kirk w<sup>t</sup> ryngyng of his bellis iij d: and to every underclerk, w<sup>t</sup> the same condiccion, iij d. Also I be wit to the Father Noster gyld and Seynt Antonys in York vjs. viij d. Also I bewit to the gyld of Seynt John Baptiste in York vjs. viij d: and, also, to Seynt Christofer and Seynt George vjs. viij d. And I bewit to the house of Seynt Robert of Knaresburgh vjs. viij d, under a condiccion that they say *Placebo* and *Dirige* and *Messe* of *Requiem* for my soule and for all the soules aforesaid. Also I bewit to the Freers of the Tottes in York xx s. for iij trentalles, all of the *Trinitie*, for my soule, and for all the soules aforesaid. And I bewit to the Freers Minores in York xx s. for iij trentalles of Messes, one *de nomine Ihesu*, ij *de Sancta Cruce*, ij *de Spiritu Sancto*, for all the saules aforesaid. And I be wit to the Freers Austyns in York xx s. for iij trentalles, one *de Corpore Christi*, ij *de Sancta Maria*, ij *de Omnibus Sanctis* and convent of Fereby abbay xl s. w<sup>t</sup> the condiccion that they saye one trentall *de Confessoribus*, *Placebo et Dirige*, w<sup>t</sup> *Messe Requiem* for my soule and all the soules aforesaid. Also I bewit to the abbot and convent of Ryaux v marc for iij trentalles, one *de Virginibus*, an other *de Omnibus Sanctis*, and the third *de Selus Populi*, w<sup>t</sup> a *Messe* of *Requiem* w<sup>t</sup> note for my soule and all the soules aforesaid. Also I bewit to the prior and convent of Montegrace xl s. for iij trentalles of *Requiem* w<sup>t</sup> note; and every monk of the same place viij d. Also I bewit to the prioresse and convent of Clemanthorpe vjs. viij d, to say *Dirige* and *Messe* of *Requiem* w<sup>t</sup> note for my soule and all the soules aforesaid. Also I bewit to the prioresse and convent of Appiton x s, and every non, besides, xij d. Also I bewit to the prior and convent of Hull x s, to say *Placebo* and *Dirige* w<sup>t</sup> *Messe* of *Requiem* w<sup>t</sup> note for my soule and all the soules aforesaid. Also, I bewit to dame Margaret Aske, non, at Watton, iij s. iij d. Also I bewit to every lepre-house in the suburbs of York v s, to be disposed at the will of my executores. Also I bewit xl s, to be disposed at the will of my executores in meate and drynke emonge the

prisoners of the castell and kyttottes in York, in the space of iij vere, every vere xij s. iij d. Also I bewit to the prisoners in the archebisshoppis preson of York iij s. iij d. Also I bewit to every auncres w<sup>t</sup>in the citee of York and suburbs v s. Also I bewit to every pore man and woman in masindieus in York and suburbs iij d. Also I bewit to xv pore madyns well disposed to mariage xxvj li, every madyn xl s. Also I bewit l beddis to be geven to pore men and pore women in the citee of York and suburbs where the moste nede is, every bed to have a new coverlet, a new mattresse, ij new blankettes, ij new shetes, price of every bedd xij s. iij d: summa xxxij li. vjs. viij d. Also I bewit to Alison Hayls, sumtyme my servant, xl s. Also I bewitt xl li. to making of ways w<sup>t</sup>in the fraunches of York. Also I bewit xx li. to pore men and pure women wedded, keping housold togeder, where moste nede is, w<sup>t</sup>in the fraunches of York, at the discrecion of myn executores. Also I bewit to the house of Seynt Andrew in the suburbs of York, v s., that they pray for my soule and all the soules aforesaid. Also I bewit to the abbot of Seynt Marie abbay a payr of spectacles of sylver and gyld, and a bonet that was suntyme the bishoppis of Herfforth.\* Also I bewit to doctor Shirwyn of the Grey Freers xx s. Also I bewit and ordeyns a serge of wax to byrn daily at oure Lady messe in the saidie Grey Freers in York, the whylk serge shalbe renued and upholden by my executores by the space of v vere induring next after my decease. Also I bewitt ij candylstykkles of sylver to the high alter of Seynt Sampson kirk in York, to be abiding there at Divine service in the honour of Almighty God and Seynt Sampson, as jewell of the said kirk and parissynge. Also I bewit one of the beddes yt I bewit abown to pure people haberilles to be harberd in the masindie at the White Freers lane. Also I bewit to John Bekyllis, sun tyme my servant, xl li. that he aw me of an obligacion; and x marc in money, w<sup>t</sup> a standing pece of sylver. Also to William Crathorn, my

\* Thomas Spofforth, Bishop of Hereford, resigned his see in 1448, and began *prebendarie* in St. Mary's abbey, York. On Aug. 5, 1456, "Adm. recollecta memoria Tho. episc. Hereford, inter septa mon. B. M. Ebor. dum vixit, prebendarius, et ibidem deponentis," was granted to John Shalford, monk of that house. (Rec. Test. ii. 334.) The bishop was probably a native of the Yorkshire village which bears his surname. Among the Robin Hood ballads there is one that relates to the outlaw robbing the Bishop of Hereford. It is quite possible that our bishop fell into the clutches of the Bannister rovers and lost his money. Unde nomen et carmen. It was not every day that a Bishop of Hereford found his way into Yorkshire.

Some will talk of bold Robin Hood,

And some of barons bold;  
But I'll tell you how he serv'd the Bishop of Hereford,  
When he robb'd him of his gold.

servaunt, e.s., wt a standing pece of sylver. Also I bewitt to Agnes Chaloner, my madyn, ijij. s. iiiij. d. Also I bewitt to Isabell Hylton, my servant, xij.s., uppon a condicione and she abyde wt me: and, if she doo not, x.s. Also I will that my place that I won in, and my other place in Trynkel-strete, be sole be myn executores and disposed for my soule. Also I bewitt to Agnes Scancaby, late the wyffe of William Scancaby, and to his childer, xl.s. The residue of all my gudes not above bewit I gyff and bewittes to myn executores, to dispose for my soule, oure faders, morders soules, oure childer soules, and all other gude doers soules, and all Cristen soules, in synging of messes and to pore people, with other deides of charite where in God is moste pleased, as they will awnswere afore the high Juge of heven. Also I ordelyn and make myn executores Sir John Wyntringham, chantre preste in Seynt Saviour kirk in York, and Sir Thomas Symson, parson of Seynt John of Pyke in York, to all afore written wele and faithfully to be fulfilled. And I gyff to every one of myn executores taking administracion v mire. In witnessesse of this my testament, I have sette my seale. Geven at York, the daye and yere of oure Lord aforesaid. And if I doo anything of this in my lyve wt my owne handes I will that it be admit for done, etc. Thies witnessesses: John Kendell, Thomas Kendell lister, Robert Paulyn fysshmonger, and other.

[Pr. 20 Apr. 1488. Adm. to executors.]

XVII. THE WILL OF MR. ROBERT BOTHE, DEAN OF YORK.

[Reg. Rotherham, 335*b*.]

Jan. 23, 1487-8. Robertus Bothe, \* decanus eccl. cath. Beati (Petri) Ebor. Sep. infra cath. prope sepulcrum magistri Ricardi Andrew, praedecessoris mei, et cooperiendum cum lapide

\* A son of Sir Robert Booth, of Barton in Lancashire, by Dulcie, or Dunc, daughter and co-heir of Sir Richard Venables. (Baines' Lancashire, iii. 112.) He was one of the widely spreading family of that name which took the church of York by storm about this time, and held the great posts within it without any regard to decency or propriety. On Jan. 10, 1474-5, Mr. Robert Booth, I.L.D., was instituted to the living of Bowden, diocese of Lincoln, at the presentation of Thomas Lord Scrope. (MS. Harl. 6952, 104 *ad*.) On Aug. 15 and Oct. 26, 1474, he was one of the commissioners appointed to make a treaty with Scotland. (Ibid. xi. 82*a*, and Rot. Scotie, ii. 44.) On Oct. 27, 1476, he was collated to the prebend of St. James at Beverley. (Reg. Lant. Booth, 11 *ad*.) On Jan. 14, 1476-7, he was collated to the stall of Ampelforth, at York. (Ibid. 7 *ad*.) On Feb. 14, 1476, he was collated to the prebend of St. Andrew at Beverley. (Ibid. 11*b*.) On Aug. 18, 1477, he was elected Dean of York, (Acta Cap. Ebor.) with which office he held the stall of Wetherwax, to which he was collated Feb. 14, 1477-8. (Reg. Booth, 4*b*.) He was also

marmoreo. Volo quod post obitum meum deferatur corpus meum ad locum mansionis decani infra clausuram eccl. praefactae, ad magnam cameram, et quod in aula ejusdem mansionis ibidem celebrentur execuiae animarum per vicarios ecclesiae, ut moris est. Volo quod in die sepulture meae, si commode fieri poterit, distribuantur inter pauperes xx marcas. Volo quod in die septimo, vel alio die congruo, celebrentur execuiae meeae animarum a toto choro pro salute (animaæ) meæ, cum cera, speciebus, et vino, sicut pro deanis et aliis nobilibus viris usitatum fuit. Volo quod in qualibet domo Fratrum infra civitatem Ebor. celebrentur execuiae pro anima mea, retribuendo eidem Fratribus secundum discretionem executorum meorum. Volo quod unus capellanus idoneus celebret pro anima mea, anima domini Laurentii Bothe Ebor. archiepiscopi, et animabus parentum meorum. Per tot annos post obitum meum ad quos bona mea sufficiunt. Volo quod famuli mei permaneant in hospitio meo, et ut eis provideatur de cibaris honestis et competentibus per sex ebdomadas, vel ad minus per quatuor, post obitum meum; et quod unusquisque eorum habeat vadum suum tunus quarterni anni, prout ante a recipere solebat, et unam togam curtain pauci nigri ex sumptibus meis emendam. Item, si bona mea ad hoc sufficiat, lego e marcas ad perficiendum et perimplendum canarium per patrem meum fundatam; et volo quod Philippus Bothus, nepos meus, et Johannes Neve provideant et disponant summan predictam cum redditibus et tenementis infra civitatem London. per praefatum patrem emptis pro duobus capellaniis in eadem canaria celebratis—sicut coram summo Juriice responsore voluerint. Volo quod Gervasius Clifton, miles, recipiat et habeat ut disponat pro salute anime mee, domini Laurentii Bothe, quondam Ebor. archiepiscopi, quondam summan pecuniam master of Bootham hospital in York, to which he was admitted Feb. 23, 1466-7. (Reg. Rotherham, 122 *ad*.) On Sept. 18, 1480 and in August, 1485, he was made Vicar-general. (Ibid. 199, 224 *ad*.) Richard III, in the first year of his reign, excommunicated the Dean during his life from the payment of disse and quid sine. (Ms. Harl. 433, 111 *ad*.) One Robert Bothe, of Harlesey, was ordained in 1448, the nunnerie of Edeston giving him a title, viz. sub-deacon 15th March, deacon 27th May, and priest 2nd Sept. (Reg. Wm. Booth, *ad finem*.) Whether he was the Dean or not I cannot say. Dean Booth must not be confounded with Thomas Booth who was abbot of St. Mary's at the time his namesake held the deanery. (See Curious Discourses, i. 26.) If other proof were wanting, one circumstance only would disprove the identity—a monk could not make a will. The Dean's monument was at the south end of the "cross body" of York Minster. (Torre, 194.) His epitaph, for a mediæval one, was exceptionally complimentary:

"Ingenio, virtute, fide, dape, vix leous iste Vulgi vocie patrem neverat autem diem.

† Robertus Bothe decanus 1487."