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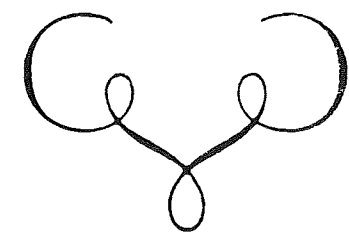
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In hall chamber	
one standing bed, one trundle bed & furniture -	7.00.00
one Table, Side cubberd w th Carpetts, 2 stools -	2.00.00
one Scarfe. 5 ^s , pr Buttons & Silke 40 ^s -	2.05.00
8 small dressed skins 6 ^s , 17 yds linnen 32 ^s } -	2.08.00
2 yds kersy 10 ^s	
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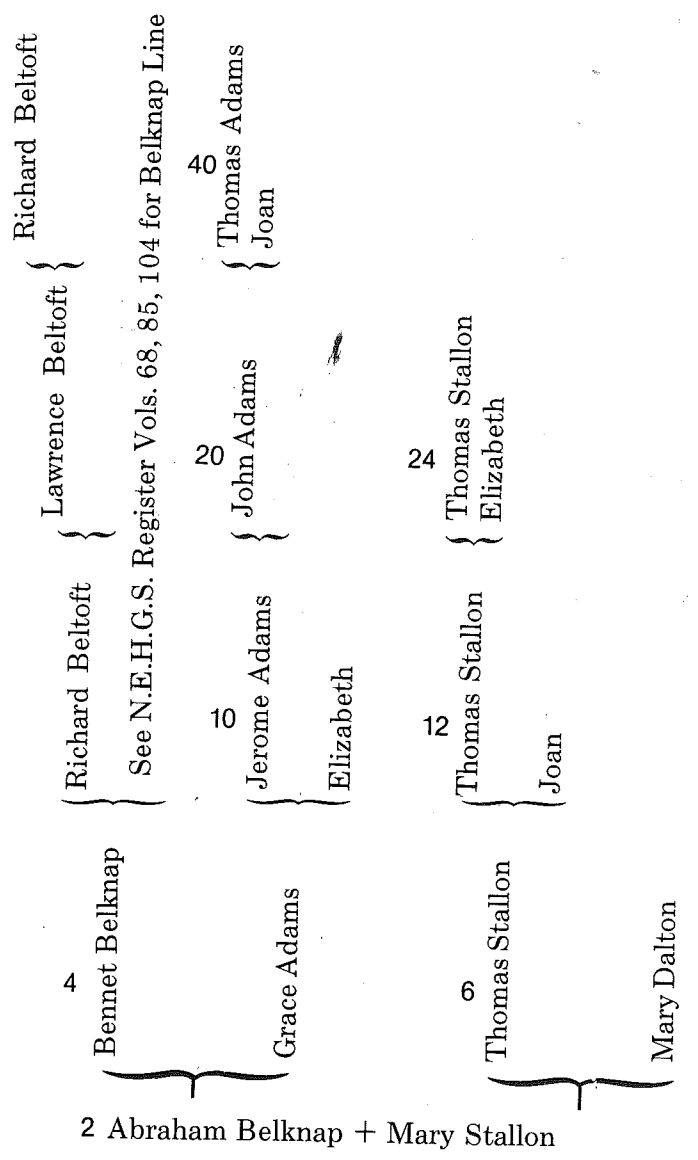
Thomas Clark Alex. Adames
 Martha Beamsly deposed y^s to be A true Inventory of W^m
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 to m^r William Paine is due - - - - - 4.00.00
 to Capt. Walden " " - - - - - 3.00.00

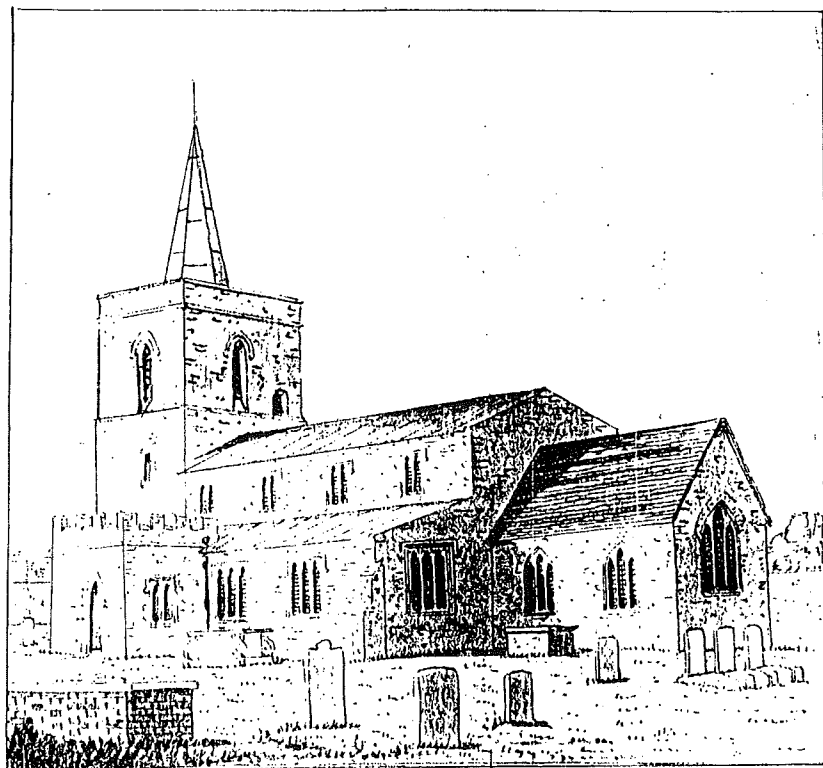
Children, born in Boston, baptized at First Church of Boston:

- ANN, b 13 Feb. 1632/3; m Ezekiel Woodward; 9 ch.; she d 1670-72; he d 29 Jan. 1698/9
 GRACE, b 10 Sept. 1635, bapt. 20th; m Samuel Graves of Ipswich; 5 ch.; she d 26 Nov. 1730
 MERCIE, b 9 Dec. 1637, bapt. 10th; m 1, 17 Oct. 1656, Michael Willborne who d before her father's will (?26 Sept. 1658); 1 ch.; she m 2, 1658-9, Andrew Peters of Boston, Ipswich, Andover; 7 ch.; d 5 Nov. 1726
 SAMUEL, b 31 Dec. 1640, bapt. 7 Feb. 1640/41; d April 1641
 HABAKUK, twin to Samuel, also d April 1641
 HANNAH, b Dec. 1643, bapt. 17 Dec. "at about 4 days old"; m 16 Oct. 1661 at Ipswich, Abraham Perkins, son of John; 5 ch.; d 16 Oct. 1732; he d 1722
 ----- by wife Martha -----
 ABIGAIL, b 6 Feb. 1645/6, bapt. 8 Feb. "age about 2 days"; not named in father's will, so prob. d.y.

Ref.: Savage; Suffolk County Deeds; Suffolk County Probate 198; Boston Records; Ipswich V.R.; Pope; Dawes and Allied Families, by Mary Walton Ferris

The Ancestry of
 ABRAHAM BELKNAP & MARY STALLON
 Compiled By
 John Brooks Threlfall





THE CHURCH OF GREAT SAINT MARY
SAWBRIDGEWORTH, HERTFORDSHIRE

Circa 1800

Sketch by H.G. Oldfield

ABRAHAM BELKNAP *alias BELTOFT* (*Bennet, Richard, ?Lawrence, Richard*) was baptized at Sawbridgeworth, Hertfordshire, England, on 10 March 1589/90. The names of his parents are not given in the record, but his grandfather, Richard Beltoft, in his will of 20 August 1594, bequeathed 10 shillings to "Abraham Beltofte sonne to Bennett Beltoft my Godchilde", and he is also mentioned in his father's will of 14 April 1623. On 28 October 1617 at Latton, Essex, he married Mary Stallon, daughter of Thomas and Mary (Dalton) Stallon. She was baptized at Latton on 24 December 1595. They lived at Latton, Nettleswell and Northweald in Essex. The first indication of his residence in England is in the parish register of Nettleswell: *Abra Bel ... f.s. Abra et Mara*, buried 6 December 1620, which seems to refer to an infant, probably born and baptized in some other parish. Altho baptized as Beltoft, he resumed the original ancestral name of Belknap sometime before 1624 when the trial of Emmanuel Norrington of Loughton for stealing 7 white sheep worth 5 shillings each from "Abraham Belknap of Latton" confirms the use of the name.

About 1635, Abraham Belknap emigrated to New England. In 1638, he received a grant of 40 acres at Lynn. He moved to Salem and died in early September 1643, leaving a will which has been lost. However, the inventory of his estate has survived.

Children:

ABRAHAM, buried 6 Dec. 1620 at Nettleswell

ABRAHAM, b about 1622; alive 14 April 1623; d.y.

DAVID, b about 1624; buried 2 March 1624/5 at North Weald, Essex

SAMUEL, (recorded as Immanuel - evidently a clerical error for Samuel);

bapt. 16 March 1627/8; m before 1653, Sarah Jones, dau. of Robert & Elizabeth Jones of Hingham, Mass.; 8 ch.; she d 18 April 1689 at Haverhill, Mass.

DORCAS, bapt. 7 Feb. 1629/30 at N. Weald.; d.y.

JOSEPH, bapt. 12 May 1633; m before 1657/8, Ruth Williams, dau. of Nathaniel & Mary, b 1638, bapt. 2 June 1639 ae 1 year; 4 ch.; m 2, before 1668, Lydia Ingalls; 1 ch.; m 3, before 1670, Hannah Meakins, dau. of Thomas of Hatfield, bapt. 13 March 1646/7; 6 ch.; she d 26 Dec. 1688; res. Hatfield 1682-96; returned to Boston & d there 14 Nov. 1712; buried in King's Chapel, Boston; a glover by trade
 JOHN, bapt. 10 May 1635; only rec. of him in N. E. is a deposition made 27 March 1655 & filed at Ipswich a year later (Quarterly Ct. I:417)
 HANNAH, b about 1639-40; m 6 Dec. 1663, Christopher Osgood, b 1643; 6 ch.; she d 21 Nov. 1679; he m 2, 3, 4 & d 9 May 1723 in his 80th year at Andover

ESTATE OF ABRAHAM BELKNAP OF LYNN

Will of Abram belknap sworn to 20: 12: 1643

Inventory of estate of Abraham Belknap of Lynn, who deceased the beginning of the 7 mo. 1643, taken by William (his mark) Tilton and Edward Tomlins, 16: 12: 1643:

Sheep, 4 yewes	£5 00 00	1 candle stick and	
2 wethers	1 06 08	dripping pan	02 00
7 yerlinge calves	3 00 10	1 ould warming pan	03 04
2 coves and calves	8 10 00	1 payre of tongs	01 00
2 yerlinge calves	3 15 00	1 payre andirons	02 00
4 yow gotes	1 06 08	1 table	03 00
1 kidd	04 00	1 Chyer	02 06
1 sow and piggs	1 00 00	1 chest, 1 box	04 00
4 shottes	1 10 00	1 chest	01 00
the houses and		2 flock beds	
5 akres of land	7 00 00	1 boulster	13 04
2 akers of planting Land	1 10 00	1 fether bed & boulster	1 00 00
2 akers salt marsh	1 00 00	3 coverlettes	1 06 08
6 akers salt marsh		4 blankits	13 04
at fox hill	2 00 00	3 pillowes	06 00
30 akers at the village	2 00 00	3 prs. sheetes	1 00 00
1 braspitt	10 00	1 sheete	02 06
1 iron cettle	06 08	2 payre pillow beres	06 00
1 brasettle	03 04	2 table clothes	04 00
3 ould skilletes	03 00	1 doos. of napkins	03 00
1 friing pan	01 00	ould iron, 4 wedges	04 00
pot hookes and		1 ould ax	01 00
pot hangers	02 06	1 ould hatchett	08
1 spitt	01 06	1 mattock,	01 06
7 pewter platters	14 00	Total	£ 53 10 03
1 bras pestill & Morter	02 06	Mary (her mark) Belknap	

The estate owed Joseph Armytage, Francis Ingalls, Goodman Phillipes, Rich. Rowton, Tho. Laighton, Ed. Farington, Jerard Spencer, Mr. Kinge and John Person, amounting to £5.13s.3d.

Ref.: N.E.H.G.S. - 68, 85, 104; Quarterly Court Files as published; Heritage With Honor, by W. Dean Belnap, M.D., 1974

THOMAS STALLON (*Thomas, Thomas*) *alias* Butler, was baptized on 21 August 1567 at Latton, Essex. On 14 April 1592 at Great Parndon, which is about 2 miles west of Latton, he married Mary Dalton. She was buried at Latton 14 August 1600. He married secondly, 5 October 1612 at Latton, Elizabeth Benbowe, probably a widow.

23 October, 36 Elizabeth (1594) - It was found by the Homage (manor jury) that Thomas Stallon out of court and after the last court had surrendered the east part of a tenement late of Thomas Stallon his father called *Harlowe*, in which Robert Weylet late dwelt (which said Thomas took to himself and his heirs at the court on 15 June, 32 Elizabeth), to the use of John Stallon and his heirs; and John being present at court was admitted. Afterwards, at the same court, the said John surrendered the same to the use of George Wright and his heirs; and George was admitted. It was found that Emmanuel Stallon out of court and since the last court had surrendered the middle part of a tenement called *Harlowe*, in which Joan Planche *alias* Joyner widow dwells, to the use of Nicholas Sibley and his heirs; and Nicholas was admitted. (Ref.: Manor Court Rolls in Essex Record Office)

Thomas Stallon was on an Inquest Jury held at Latton 5 February 1602 regarding the death of Thomas Warde, a one year old child, who was killed by the accidental discharge of a fowling piece.

He was on a Trial Jury to decide on an indictment against John Cornell of Borley, a joiner, and Robert Parker of Toppesfield, gentleman, for murder by witchcraft, they allegedly having bewitched Thomas Browne, junior, who died on 25 July 1612. (Calendar of Assize Records - Essex Indictments, James I, H.M.S.O., 1982)

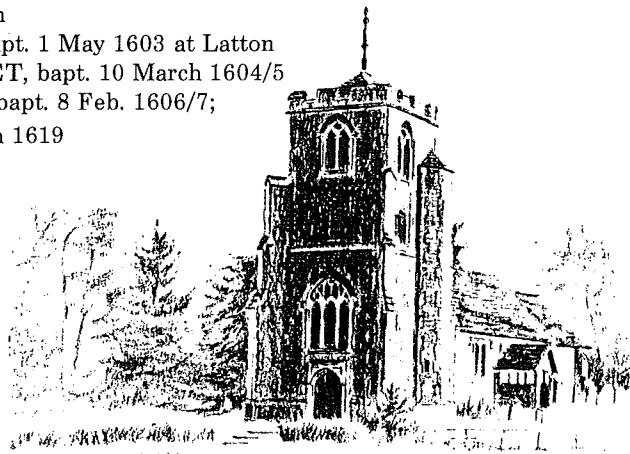
Thomas was a carpenter according to his will. No doubt sick at the time, he made his will on 13 June 1619 and died a few days later. He was buried at Latton on 18 June. Elizabeth survived him. His children were all by his first wife. His homestead, called Bromley's, was inherited from his father. An abstract of his will follows.

13 June 1619 - the will of Thomas Stallion *alias* Butler of Latton in county of Essex, carpenter, to wife Elizabeth all my lease and term of years yet to come in the house wherein I now dwell & the land belonging thereto called Bromleis ... to her all my five leases ... to daughter Parnell the settle in the parlor with the featherbed in the chamber above, one pair of sheets at day of her marriage ... to daughter Elizabeth my joined bedstead in

the parlor, the malt quern and a pair of sheets immediately after the death of my wife ...to daughter Susan one pair of sheets... to daughter Margaret one chest standing in the parlor with the joined chair there, and one pair of sheets ...to each of four said daughters Parnell, Elizabeth, Susan & Margaret three table napkins each, all the corn of wheat & barley growing in the common field at Mets Cross upon my ground there, to be equally divided among them, except wife to have one quarter of barley and two quarters of wheat ...to daughter Dorcas a sheep, a lamb and one young bullock ... Executrix shall pay unto my son in law Abraham Beltoft £6 of lawful money of England within 3 years next after my decease, which said sum I owe him as part of his wife's portion ...to son Emanuel the joined press in the parlor ... to daughter Katherine the joined cupboard there. Residue to wife Elizabeth whom I make sole executrix... In consideration - - - - (damaged part of will) - - - - Joane Walet my mother with all things necessary for her estate during her natural life. Thomas (his mark) Stallion. Witnesses: Thomas Denne, Seth Hagger, John Wood, George Harrison. Proved Tuesday 22 June 1619. (Reference: D/ABW 36/341)

Children:

- EMMANUEL, prob. b late 1592 or 1593; alive in 1619
- KATHERINE, prob. b 1594; alive in 1619
- 3 MARY, bapt. at Latton 24 Dec. 1595; m 28 Oct. 1617 at Latton, Abraham Belknap, alias Beltoft, son of Bennet Beltoft; they went to N.E. about 1635, settled in Lynn where he d in Sept. 1643; 8 ch.
- PARNELL, bapt. 3 Dec. 1598 at Latton; alive in 1619
- ELIZABETH, bapt. 31 Aug. 1600 at Latton; alive in 1619; perhaps she was the Elizabeth Stallon who m Anthony Griffin at St. Antholin, London
- SUSAN, bapt. 1 May 1603 at Latton
- MARGARET, bapt. 10 March 1604/5
- DORCAS, bapt. 8 Feb. 1606/7; alive in 1619



Saint Mary-at-Latton, a Norman Church Built on Saxon Foundations using Early Roman Tiles

Ref.: Parish Registers; Essex County Probates

JEROME ADAMS (*John, Thomas*) was born probably about 1525-35. He married Elizabeth _____, who may have been a widow Perry at the time. He died before late 1598. She made an oral will on 29 November 1598 and probably died within a few days, although the will was not proved until June, 1606.

Adam, Elizabeth, widow of Sawbridgeworth

In the name of God Amen. Item, I bequeath my soul unto almighty God and my body to be buried in the churchyard of Sawbridgeworth. Item, I bequeath and give unto Grace, being the wife of Benet Baltoft, a bed with all belonging to it, also an anvil and a barrel, a brass pot. Item, I give unto John Pery a bed with all belonging to it and a little brass pot and one kettle and a quern, also a salting trough. Item, I give unto Anyes the wife of Thomas Adam one kettle and two pewter platters, also my best coat. Item, I give unto Grace my old gown and a red petticoat and my best hat. Item, I give unto Ralph Pery one kettle and two pewter platters. Item, I give unto Jerome Adam one kettle and also a bed with all belonging to it. Item, I give unto Thomas Adam the cow which he hath of his mother, also one kettle and two pewter platters and a pair of sheets. Item, I give unto Tabitha Luce one hutch and a pair of sheets and a table cloth and 20s. of money. Item, I give unto John Adam the cupboard in the parlor, also the cauldron and the trivet, also one spit and the best candlestick and one joined stool. Item, I give unto Thomas Pery the old cupboard in the hail and one joined stool and also a tub. Item, I give unto my children my corn and cattle the which is spare of those charges which is they shall be at after my decease to be equally divided among them by even portions and thus in name of the lord friend, being the last will and testament of mother Adam made, she being in perfect memory, God be thanked, being delivered as her own act and deed in the 29 day of November in the 41 year of our gracious queen Elizabeth 1598.

Thomas Pery and John Adam
Executors to their mother's will

Witnesseth
John Poole
John Wall

Proved 18 June 1606

(Reference: D/ABW 2/187)

Children:

- 5 GRACE, prob. b about 1561; m Bennet Beltoft who d 1624; res. Sawbridgeworth; d 1630
- JOHN, alive in 1598; made a will 17 April 1591, proved 25 May 1593
- THOMAS, of Sawbridgeworth; m Agnes _____; he was a Harlow draper; he d 1632
- JEROME, alive in 1598 per his mother's will
- TABITHA, m _____ Luce before 1598

DAUGHTER, who m Thomas Perry & had sons John & Ralph or, she may have had 3 sons by an earlier m:

THOMAS PERRY, named by her as her son, but may actually have been a son-in-law

JOHN PERRY, named in her will, relation not stated

RALPH PERRY, named in her will, relation not stated



Ref.: Essex County Probates; Parish Registers

THOMAS STALLON *alias* Butler, (*Thomas*) was born about 1540, probably at Harlow, Essex. He married about 1564 Joan —, who was born about 1543. They lived at Latton which is about 2 miles from Harlow. From his will, it appears that he was a prosperous businessman with rental property who also did some farming. He had a brother-in-law, Nicholas Sybley, who was a linen draper of Harlow and who died in 1618. He had another brother-in-law named William Wytham and a son-in-law named William Lewter. Since he named no daughter in his will, this last is a puzzle. Possibly Lewter was a step-son by an earlier marriage of his wife's.

Thomas received from his brother John in 1560 a cottage in the Wood of Harlow which had been left to John by their mother. John was then living in Clavering. Thomas was presented for having two tenants in one house, against manor court orders given at the last court. In 1566, he was again presented and fined 20 shillings for not evicting one of the tenants. In 1568, he still had two tenants and was fined another 20 shillings and the bailiff was ordered to distrain the fine.

Thomas Tagell of Harlow, glover, was indicted for grand larceny. On 2 November 1565 he broke into the close of Thomas Stalland *alias* Butler at Latton and stole a black horse worth 46s.8d. Not guilty. (Calendar of Assize Records, Essex Indictments, pub. by H.M.S.O., 1978)

On 28 November 1582, Thomas Stallon was named on the list of manor jurymen.

At the manor court of 15 June 1590, it was reported that Thomas Stallon "now deceased" had surrendered the west part of a tenement called Harlowes in which the widow Newman dwells, to the use of John, son of the same Thomas, to enter immediately after his death, according to his will dated ... and John being present at court was admitted. Fine [i.e. ordinary fee] 20d.

A similar entry that Thomas had surrendered the middle part of the same tenement in which widow Planche *alias* Joyner dwells, to the use of Emmanuel Stallon, his son. Fine 20d.

Similar entries treat on Thomas's surrender of the east part of the same tenement in which Robert Waylett dwells to the use of son Thomas, surrender of two tenements called *le Highouse* in which Richard Morrice and John Cooke dwell, to the use of his wife Joan until his sons Robert and William attain age 21.

Thomas Stallon made his will 13 September 1587, being sick at the time. He apparently recovered for a while and did not die until about two years later, for the will was proved 25 May 1590. His wife survived him and remarried to (Robert?) Walet. She was living in 1619 according to their son Thomas's will. An abstract of his will follows.

13 September 1587 - the will of THOMAS STALLON of Latton, county of Essex, sick in body, to be buried in the churchyard of Latton ... wife Johan to have the lease house wherein I now dwell, with all lands, meadows, pastures, yards, orchards, gardens, ponds, the 2 acres & a half of ground lying against the highway leading from Harlow to Roydon already let to Nicholas Sybley my brother in law excepted for the term let to him, for term of her life, on condition that she bring up my two youngest children in honest & decent manner, reversion to all my sons upon her death or immediately if she marry, they to then pay her 20 marks within 3 years of her marriage. If wife becomes delinquent in rent for 6 weeks, then any or all his sons may make payment and take over premises.. to wife Joan two joined hutches, one covering of carpet work red & green, one pair of blankets, two bolsters, two pillows, four pillowbiers, the curtains of the fore-said bed, two pairs of fine sheets, two pairs of coarse sheets, one flaxen table cloth, half a dozen diaper napkins, four brass kettles one of them bigger than the other, one skillet, one scummer, one pewter basin, six pewter platters, four pewter dishes, one great candlestick of pewter, three latten candlesticks of the biggest sort, four pewter pots, one a thirde deale, another half a thirde deale, the third a quart pot, the fourth a flower pot, my branded cow, my two hogs, all my hens & other poultry, half the painted cloths in all my house, a trivet, a pair of pot trammels, a spit, a pair of brandirons, a fire shovel, the brass pot that I last bought, my pails, milk vessels & brewing tubs.. the following to Joan for life as long as she does not remarry: my cupboard in the hall, my best table frame & form in the hall, the bedsteadle in the chamber over the parlor where I lie, my malt quern & featherbed, a bolster, a covering, a blanket & a mat to the same belonging.. to Emanuel my son all my black apparel, viz. a coat, a doublet, a pair of hose & a Spanish jerkin of leather, my largest cloak, my long sword at my cousin Archers at Epping, my largest clock with that belonging to the same, my back sword & dagger, my privy coat made with eyelet holes with a breast plate to the same, all these immediately after my death to said Emanuel my son my joined frame, table and form standing in the

hall & one of my shorter settles standing in the hall, he to have them immediately after the decease of my wife Joan or on the day of her marriage.. to Thomas my son my long whip saw, my iron crow, my black bearing bill, my table in the barn & frame at Fords & all my boards, trestles & poles & other things being at Harlow in the house that Robert Jenings now holdeth of me... to son Thomas one of my blue coats, a doublet & a pair of hose, my malt quern & the joined work with the bench in the hall & joined chair in the hall, all to him immediately after the marriage or death of Joan my wife to John my son my lesser clock, my joined trundle bed, my brasen mortar with iron pestle which be at my brother Sybley's, my great scales with an iron beam and all the leaden weights, a hanging candle stick of latten, my black halberd, two hutches great, with all the rest of the stuff in the chamber over the hall house where the widow Plancke alias Joyner my tenant now dwelleth, except one joined cupboard with four locks the which shall there remain to the use of my executors to keep my will & testament, with the lease also of Brumleas with other writings therein lying... to son John one of my blue coats, a doublet, a pair of hose ... after the death of my wife to son John my joined press in the parlor ... to Robert my son a joined frame, a table, a joined form to the same being at my brother Sybley's, a layer of pewter standing in a frame of wood to wash hands with, one basin of latten to the same & my three footed kettle of brass, all to be delivered at age 21 ... to Robert my son a coat cloth of rat's color, a doublet & a pair of hose to be delivered immediately after my decease, to Robert my son my great joined settle standing in the hall & one of my shorter joined settles in the hall immediately after the death or marriage of wife Joan .. to William my son one of the best joined frames & a table to the same with a joined form & a pair of pot hangers being at the house where one John Cooke now dwelleth, & my great brass pot, at age 21 ... to said William a coat, doublet & a pair of hosen immediately after my decease... to said William my joined cupboard standing in the hall after death or marriage of wife Johan ... residue, debts paid, legacies fulfilled, my body honestly buried to be equally divided among my five sons ... rents & letting of my tenement called the High House wherein Richard Morris & John Cooke dwell, with yards & garden thereto, to son John for three years, he to pay the Lord's rent and repairs. I surrender to the Lord of the manor of Harlow Bury by the hands of Nicholas Sibley & John Jenyns two of the tenants customary of the same manor, the west end of my tenement called Harlowes wherein widow Newman now dwelleth with the yard or garden, to the use of my son John immediately after my decease. If I live until the next Court Baron of the manor of Harlow Bury, then it shall be lawful for me to call in again this my surrender, etc... I do surrender the middle part of the same tenement wherein the widow Plancke alias Joyner now dwelleth, to the use of Emanuel my son immediately after my decease.. I surrender the east end of same tenement where Robert Waylett now dwelleth to the use of Thomas my son immediately after my decease. I surrender my two tenements called the High House wherein Richard Morris & John Cooke now dwell to the use of Joan my wife until sons Robert & William are 21 except son John to have it for first three years, he to pay the Lord's rent ... I do surrender the north end

of High House wherein John Cooke dwelleth to use of son Robert when he is 21, same conditions as before, south end where Richard Morrice dwelleth to the use of son William at age 21, same conditions. Executors to be Nicholas Sibley my brother in law, William Lewter my son in law, Thomas & John my sons, each to have 2s. 6d. Overseers: William Wyttram of Gyngrave Hall my brother in law and he to have 3s. 4d. for his pains. Witnesses: Richard Harrison, Richard Shelley et al. Signed Thomas Stallon. Proved at Stortford 25 May 1590 by the executors. (Reference: D/ABW 35/67)

Children:

EMMANUEL, prob. b about 1565; apparently eldest son. He became a haberdasher in London

22 December 1607 - Manor of Harlow Court Rolls: Homage found that Emmanuel Stallon of London haberdasher on 8 November had surrendered a messuage lying on the south side of High Street [in Harlow] to the use of George Kilner of London tallowchandler and his heirs for ever.

6 THOMAS, bapt. 21 Aug. 1567 at Latton; m 14 April 1592 at Great Parndon, Mary Dalton who was b about 1573. She was buried at Latton, 14 Aug. 1610; he m 2, 5 Oct. 1612 at Latton, Elizabeth Benbowe who survived him; he d testate & was buried 18 June 1619

JOHN, bapt. 26 Aug. 1568; alive 1587 and 1590

JOAN, bapt. 20 March 1574/5; prob. d.y.

ALICE, bapt. 20 March 1574/5; prob. d.y.

ROBERT, bapt. 12 Nov. 1574; alive in 1587 and 1590

WILLIAM, bapt. 31 Aug. 1580; alive in 1604

17 October 1604 - Manor of Harlow Court Rolls: Homage found that William Stallon held the south part of a customary tenement called *le Highe Howse* in which Joan Morris widow now dwells and that Emmanuel Stallon of London haberdasher is his brother and next heir, who being present is admitted; he paid the fine [i. e. entry fee] 6s. 8d.

Ref.: Parish Registers; Essex County Probates; Manor of Harlow Court Rolls; Calendar of Assize Records, Essex Indictments

JOHN ADAMS (*Thomas*) was born probably in the first decade of the sixteenth century. He lived in Sawbridgeworth on Newnes Farm where he died. He was buried in the churchyard of Sawbridgeworth, if his wishes were carried out. He made his will on 22 March 1577/8 and died shortly thereafter. His will was proved in June. Since he mentioned no wife, she must have died earlier. An abstract of his will follows.

In the name of God the 22nd day of March in the 20th year of the reign of our sovereign Lady Elizabeth, etc. I John Adam of Newnes farm in the parish of Sawbridgeworth in the county of Hartford, husbandman, being of sound mind & good memory albeit in body acraded do ordain, constitute & make this my last will & testament in manner & form following. First, I give & bequeath my soul to almighty God, my body to be buried in the parish church yard of Sawbridgeworth aforesaid. And I give to the most needy poor people of the parish of Sawbridgeworth 6s. 8d. of good & lawful money of England within one month next after my decease. Also, I give to my son Jerome Adam & to his assigns 20s. of lawful money of England to be paid to him or his assigns immediately after one year following my decease. Also, I give to Agnes Flayle my daughter 40s. of lawful money of England & to Alice Burle my other daughter 40s. of lawful money of England to be paid to them & either of them or their assigns within one year next following after my decease. Also, I give to John Herde my servant the sum of £5 of lawful money of England to be paid unto him or to his assigns within one year next following after my decease. Also, I give to William Adam my son & to his assigns one lease of the land called Whittengers bearing date the 16th day of September in the 10th year of the reign of our sovereign Lady the queen's majesty Elizabeth. Also, I give to Joan Kinge my servant 3s. 4d. of good & lawful money and I give to every one of my godchildren 12d. of lawful money. The residue of all my goods and cattle & moveables I give to Thomas Adam & William Adam my sons whom I make mine executors of this my last will & testament, charging them & either of them to see the same will & testament truly fulfilled & kept & to occupy together all these my lands as I have done & do until Michaelmas next coming & then to divide their goods & to pay the rents between them as heretofore they have done by equal portions and further to see my debts justly paid, my body honestly brought to the earth and my funeral charges discharged. And I appoint & assign Peter Lyndsell of Sawbridgeworth & Richard Fanne of Sawbridgeworth, yeomen, supervisors of this my last will & testament and for their charges I will them to be allowed & recompensed. In witness whereof I the said John Adam have set to my mark with my own hand in the presence of the said Peter Lyndsell, Richard Fanne & Nicholas Compton, clerk, the writer hereof and others. Proved at Stortford 23 June 1578. (Reference: D/AMR 3/277)

Children:

10 JEROME, m Elizabeth _____; he d before 1598; at least 5 ch.

AGNES, m _____ Flayle before 1578

ALICE, m _____ Burle before 1578

WILLIAM, b before 1650; he made his will 1616; pr. 1619; 2 sons & 1 dau.

16 July 1616 - the will of William Addams of Sawbridgeworth, county of Hartford, husbandman, in perfect health ... to be buried in the churchyard there .. to eldest son John 4 $\frac{1}{2}$ acre field called Halestock... if it have a crop of corn at time of my decease, the crop to son William; if fallow, they to share next crop & William to pay John 3s. 4d. .. to son William my mansion house called Nakes ... to Clemence the wife of son William my cupboard standing in the hall and 20s... to Elizabeth my daughter, wife of George Prentice, 5s. & to her 3 children 12d. each... to Edward Whorlicane 2s. ... to Thomas Addams the son of my brother Thomas 10s... to the poor of Sawbridgeworth 6s. 8d. worth of bread... residue to sons John & William... 20d. each to son William's 3 children... John Dane to be overseer and he to receive 3s. 4d. for his pains. Signed by mark. Witnesses: Ralph Brown the elder, John Dane. Proved 22 June 1619. (Reference: D/ABW 2/290)

THOMAS, b before 1560; m Agnes _____; he d 1608; 5 ch. per his will

1 May 1608 - the will of Thomas Adam of Sawbridgeworth.. sick of body ... to Henry Sawman and his wife my daughter one quarter of malt and my screen ... to son Thomas Adam one quarter of malt, a bedsteadle, a flock bed, a coverlet, a bolster, a blanket ... to John Adam my son one brass pot and 20s. at end of his apprenticeship ... to daughters Lydia Adam and Sara Adam each a bedsteadle, a flock bed, a coverlet, a blanket and a bolster ... residue to wife Annys who is to be executrix. Signed by mark. Witnesses: Richard Barker, Thomas Thackgure... n.p.. (Ref.: D/ABW 2/202)

Ref.: Parish Registers; Essex Probates

THOMAS STALLON (*alias* Butler) was born about 1509. He married Elizabeth _____. They lived in Harlow, Essex, where they had a shop of some sort, according to their wills. That he bequeathed a quadrant, an astrolabe and an ?a[ne]m-omter suggests that in his prime he was perhaps a sea captain, or at least a mariner of some rank, or possibly an amateur astronomer.

He made his will on 5 August 1556 and died soon afterwards. Elizabeth made her will on 16 September 1557. She died shortly thereafter but the will was not proved until 26 April 1559. He had a brother John who survived him.

According to the Manor Court Rolls, Elizabeth left to her son, John Stallon *alias* Butler, a cottage in the Wood of Harlow. This bequest does not specifically appear in her will, so perhaps she gave it to him before she made her will and died. John, who lived in Clavering, surrendered the cottage to his brother, Thomas Stallon, in 1560.

The name Stallon is a corruption of the place name Stalham, a parish in Norfolk. It derives from *ham by a stall* or *pool*, there being quite a few shallow ponds in the area. There was an Alfwyn Stalun and his wife Goda mentioned on 4 July 1202 at Norwich in a Feet of Fines which involved 9 acres in Swinethorp, Lincolnshire, and the payment of 4 shillings sterling by Alfwyn and Goda. In 1273, there was a Nicholas de Stalham, a Ralph, and a Herbert Stalun in Norfolk. In 1336, Jeffrey de Stalham was bailiff of Yarmouth. William de Stallon was bailiff of Norwich in 1367. John de Stalham was living in Norfolk in 1370.

John Stalonn of Mildenhall, Suffolk died about February 1452/3, leaving a wife Joan, and a daughter Christian. He mentioned his late wife Etheldrada and a John Stalonn of *Ham'le* (or Gazeley?) barker and a John Stalonn, son of John Stalonn of Kentford. All these towns are nearby. A John Stalham of Mildenhall died in 1461 and in his will mentioned his late brother John and wife Joan. This must have been the John who died eight years earlier. Thus there were two brothers, both named John. Further, he named his wife, Katherine, and his late wives Margaret, Katherine and Alice,

two married daughters, a son John, and William Stalham of London. The son John was probably the father of John Stallon who married Benet Howe.

The origins of Thomas Stallon are unproved, but not far from the Harlow area is Foxearth, Essex, where some Stallons also lived. One John Stallon and his wife, Benet, daughter of William Howe (or de Hoo) held lands there, lands which Benet apparently inherited from her father. John was probably the father of Thomas, and also of a John Stallon whose wife Joan, apparently a second wife, had a daughter Katherine by an earlier marriage. In later years there were Stallons in Foxearth, so we can deduce that John left at least one son, but Thomas moved on to Harlow.

William Howe, who had the land in Foxearth, lived in Melford, Suffolk, and died testate in 1516. He left a wife, Agnes, apparently a second wife. He was apparently the son of Robert de Hoo of Foxearth, who died testate in 1497 and left, beside a son William, a daughter who was married to — Matthews.

The Robert mentioned above had two brothers: John and Roger of Melford who died testate in 1482, left a wife Emma. This Robert and Roger were sons of Thomas de Hoo and his wife Isabell of Melford. Thomas died in 1470/71. He was probably a grandson of John de Hoo and great grandson of Nicholas of Bury Saint Edmunds who died in 1361.

In the name of God, Amen, the fifth day of August in the year of our lord God 1556, I Thomas Stallon alias Butler of Harlow in the county of Essex & Diocese of London, whole of mind & of perfect memory, thanks be unto almighty God, I do ordain and make this my testament & last will in manner & form following. First, I bequeath my soul unto almighty God my creator & to our Blessed Lady Saint Mary the Virgin & to all the blessed company of heaven and my body to be buried within the church yard of Harlow aforesaid. Item, I bequeath unto John my eldest son my chest standing at London and that which is in it, my little clock called A[n]emometer, my great written book with a boarded cover that Isaac wrote, my quadrant & a great astrolabe that was wont to hang over the sphere in the hall & twenty marks in ready money to be delivered unto him by the hands of mine executrix within one year next after my decease. Also, I bequeath unto my said son, his executors & assigns the lease of the moor and the Park Land lying in the parish of

Latton, he to enjoy it immediately after the decease of Elizabeth my wife. Moreover, I bequeath unto my said son [and] his heirs a house in Harlow aforesaid called Harlowes with all & singular the appurtenances, he to enjoy it immediately after the decease of my said wife. Item, I bequeath unto my son Thomas my press, my jack, my shears, my cutting board, my clock, my joined chest in the shop and a box of iron & twenty marks in money to be delivered unto him by the hands of my executrix within one year next after my decease. Also, I bequeath unto my said son Thomas, his executors & assigns immediately after the decease of Elizabeth my said wife, the lease of Brome Lees in the said parish of Latton. Item, I give & bequeath to Alice my daughter a great chest in the chamber, a little coffer with two bottoms, a brazen mortar & twenty marks in money or money's worth, a feather bed with that which belongeth thereto and also honest apparel for a chamber at her mother's appointment, to be delivered unto her by the hands of mine executrix within two years next after my decease or else at the day of her marriage. And if it fortune any of my said children to die before the time appointed that they should receive their portion, I will then that his or their part or parts shall be equally distributed among the rest of my children being alive. Item, I bequeath unto John Awnewell of Cobowne (Cobham?) in Kent for that I owe unto him 40s. Item, I bequeath to the amending of the highway between Harlow church and Latton church 20s. to be bestowed by mine executrix within one year next after my decease. Item, I bequeath unto the poor people of Harlow & to the maintenance of the song books & other necessaries in the said church, over & besides the charges which heretofore I have been at in the said church, £3 to be delivered by my executors unto the church wardens within one year next after my decease, to be distributed and disposed according to their discretions. Item, I bequeath unto the poor folk within the parish of Latton & to the maintenance of the song books & other necessaries in the said church 40s. to be delivered by my executrix unto the church wardens of that parish within one year next after my decease. Item, I bequeath unto Alice Stallon my son's daughter five marks to be delivered unto her at 18 years of age. Item, I bequeath unto my brother John Stallon a coat, a doublet & a pair of hosen of the best. Item, I bequeath unto Elizabeth my wife the lease of Bromelees, the moor and park land aforesaid, to occupy and enjoy during her life time, provided always if it fortune the said Elizabeth my wife to marry with any man, I will then that the said leases shall remain unto my sons as is above appointed immediately after her marriage, anything therein to the contrary notwithstanding. All the rest of my goods, moveable and immovable, unbequeathed over and besides, my debts paid and my said bequests performed, I give & bequeath unto Elizabeth my wife whom I ordain & make my sole executrix to see this my will performed, my debts paid and my funerals discharged. And also I ordain & make William Somner of Harlow the elder & Thomas Genyns of Harlow aforesaid the overseers of this my last will and testament & I give to either of them for their pains 6s. 8d. These being witnesses: Sir William Howe, vicar of Harlow aforesaid, Robert Gladwin, William Somner the elder, Thomas Genyns, Robert Steven & others. (Ref.: D/A MR 1/55)

16 September 1557 - the will of Elizabeth Stallon of Harlow, widow, late the wife of Thomas Stallon alias Butler of same, to be buried in the churchyard of Harlow... to John Stallon my son my lease of the moor & parkland in the parish of Latton... to the church of Harlow 2s... to the said John all the goods and stuff in my parlor, one cow, one quarter of rye, one quarter of malt & one quarter of oats, the third part of all the wares in my shop or else the value thereof in money... to Agnes Stallon my daughter-in-law my best frock, my red kyrtle and 2 pair of sheets... to Alice Stallon daughter of my said son John two pair of sheets, a table cloth, three table napkins, a pewter platter, a pewter dish, two saucers, the least brass pot and a trundle bed with the least featherbed thereto belonging, and a chest standing in the chamber over the woolen shop at the bed's feet next the door and also a table, a pair of trestles, a form and five marks of money to be delivered unto the said Alice at age 18 or the day of her marriage if she marry before age 18... to the three sons of my said son John, viz. Zachary, Samuel and Christopher, to every one of them a pewter platter... to Thomas Stallon my son my lease of the house wherein I now dwell, all the goods and stuff in my hall, my greatest brass pot, my least chafer, my least posnet, a chafing dish, four pewter platters, two pewter dishes, all the remainder of my corn not bequeathed, to said Thomas all the goods and stuff in my great chamber except one chest already given, also two kine and he to deliver to Alice Stallon aforesaid one milk cow at age 18 or day of marriage... to said Thomas the third part of the wares in my shop... to Alice Knyght my daughter a quarter of rye and a quarter of malt and a quarter of oats, my best gown, my best kyrtle, with a pair of sleeves belonging thereto, my best petticoat, a great kettle, a great pan, the greatest posnet, the biggest brass pot saving one, the biggest chafer, a new chafing dish, one cow, and the third part of the wares in my shop... to Thomas Knyght my son in law four cushions embroidered... I have already delivered with my own hands to my daughter Alice one silver spoon which I will her to deliver to the child that she now goeth with at age 16. Residue of estate equally to sons John and Thomas Stallon whom I make my executors. William Sumner the elder & Thomas Jenyns of Harlow to be overseers, they each to have 2s. 6d. for their pains. Witnesses: William Sumner, John Godsave, Thomas Harrys, Thomas Jenyns et al. Proved 26 April 1559. Administration granted to Thomas Stallon, the other exec. renouncing admin. (Ref.: Essex County Probate D/AMR2)

Children:

JOHN, eldest son, prob. b about 1532; res. Clavering; 4 known ch.: Alice prob. b about 1555-6, Zachery, Samuel, Christopher, of whom no further rec. can be found

12 THOMAS, b about 1541; m about 1561, Joan _____; his will proved 25 May 1590; res. Harlow

ALICE, m Thomas Knyght, prob. son of Thomas & Joan of Great Parndon

Ref.: Parish Registers; Essex Probates

THOMAS ADAMS of Harlow in Essex was born probably about 1470. He married Joan _____. He asked to be buried in the churchyard at Harlow, but left bequests to the church of Northweald Basset, which suggests that perhaps he was born and grew up there. He had land in Little Parndon. Thomas Adams died in 1542. Joan survived him.

5 June 1542 - the will of Thomas Adam of Harlow, county of Essex... to be buried in the churchyard of Harlow... to the high altar 20d... to Sir William, the chantry priest of Harlow, to pray for me 20d... to the church of Harlow 20s... to the church of Northweald Basset 6s. 8d... to Johan my wife my house and lands in Roydon called Rossers with all the free and copy lands for life, then to son John Adam; to son William the house and lands called Deneuels in parish of Little Parndon, conditional that he pay to wife Johan 40s. per year for her life, payable quarterly, Johan to see that I have sung for me every quarter of the year a trental of masses and that Sir William How, clerk of Northweald, shall sing the four yearly trentals until such time as he be beneficed, he to sing it in the church of Northweald aforesaid or else where he shall after serve, and after he shall be beneficed, I will that he shall find some other honest priest to sing for me quarterly as he did before during the term and life of Johan my wife, and after her decease, the said house and lands to son William and his heirs male, in tail to son Robert and his heirs male, in tail to son John and his heirs male, in tail to heirs general of son William... to wife Johan for life the house and lands called Pollard's lying in Epping, then to Robert and his heirs male, in tail to son William and his heirs male, in tail to son John and his heirs male, in tail to heirs general of Robert... to Johan Adam my daughter 5 marks sterling, to Agnes my daughter 5 marks sterling, to Richard Chelly my servant 40s., to Agnes Swaston 3s. 4d.... godsons 4d. apiece, to children's children 3s. 4d. each. Executors shall keep a yearly obit for me for which they shall have the profits and rents of my house and lands in Magdalenlaver. Residue to wife Johan. Sons William and Robert to be executors. Witnesses: Sir William Howe, priest, Thomas Lacy, William Westood et al. Proved 22 September 1542. (49EW2)

Children:

20 JOHN, prob. eldest; 5 ch.; d 1578 testate

WILLIAM, prob. 2nd son; d 1573; his will:

8 July 1573 - the will of William Adam of Little Parndon, Essex, yeoman... sick in body... to be buried in churchyard of Little Parndon... for the poor of Little Parndon, Much Parndon & Epping, 12d. to each parish... to my son William Adam my house and land called Daniulls in Little Parndon & lands I bought of Richard Adam in Much Parndon & Epping, his mother to occupy half until Michaelmas 1575, she to have a chamber and meat & drink for life and William to provide her with a nag or mare for life as long as unmarried... if

William d.s.p., to his wife Joan for her life or until remarriage, then to be divided among my four daughters .. to wife Elizabeth house and land called Dunches which Hawknett holdeth in Much Parndon for life ... after her decease to Katherine 20 marks, also £6.13.4. at 21 or marriage, to other 3 daughters Annis, Martha & Alice £6.13.4. within a year after decease of wife. Son William to pay these legacies, in consideration he to have Dunches after wife's decease ... to William my dun horse, to Alice my long coat, 2 geldings & 2 harnesses, 6 thongs, 2 rackropes, 2 beasts ... to Alice a standing bed, a feather bed, 3 pair of sheets, a bolster, 2 pillows, a coverlet, 2 blankets & a cupboard, 3 pewter platters, 3 pewter dishes, the whole stock of boards lying in my sheapon, the salt trays in the milk house, the best spit, 2 quarters of oats, a quarter of wheat, the best witchin table in the kitchen, a sow, a hog ... to daughter Katherine a standing bed, a feather bed, a bolster, 2 pillows, 3 pairs of sheets, a coverlet, 2 blankets, my cupboard in the hall, the long chest with 2 lids, my white bullock & a calf, 3 pewter platters & 3 pewter dishes... to Matthew Ryme the other calf to daughter Martha my black mare to godson Edward Graygoose my ambling colt ... to godson Edward Ryme the other colt ... other son in law Richard Marion & his wife to continue in my house with wife until Michaelmas 1574 Residue to Elizabeth, she & son William executors. Cousin John Yngold overseer. Wit.: John Ingold, William Stracy, Silvester Asssheby. Pr. 28 October 1573 (Ref.: D/AM R3)

AGNES, living in 1542 (one of these girls perhaps m

JOAN, living in 1542 John Spranger of Northweald)

ROBERT, prob. youngest son; m Joan Thoroughgood, dau. of Robert of Magdalen Laver; res. Harlow; 5 ch.; he d 1565

25 April 1565 - the will of Robert Adam of Harlow, county of Essex, yeoman, to be buried in the churchyard of Harlow; to the poor people of Harlow 40s. . to Marcas my eldest son my tenement called Pollard's and all the land thereto belonging in Epping, in tail to my son Robert, possession to son Marcas at age 21, and in the meantime after the decease of my mother, my wife Johan shall receive the rent of the said tenement for the benefit of son Marcas until he reaches 21.. to son Robert my tenement called Fannes at Waterman's End in the parish of Little Laver, in tail to son Barnaby, possession to Robert at age 20 and his grandfather Robert Thoroughgood of Magdalen Laver shall take the rents for the benefit of Robert until he comes to age 20... to son Barnaby four score pounds money at age 20, but if he die before age 20, then the £80 to be divided among his other brothers and sisters ... to each of my daughters Ellenor and Sara £20 apiece at age 21 or at day of marriage but if one should die before, then her £20 to the other also ... residue and lease of my farm to wife Johan whom I make sole executrix ... my father Robert Thurgood of Magdalen Laver and my brother John Spranger of Northweald to be my overseers. Witnesses: Richard Harryson, Clerk, Thomas Lyndsell, John Cramphorne, with others. Proved 7 July 1565 (91BR3)

Ref.: Parish Registers; Probates

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