

APPENDIX

INTRODUCTION TO 1914 EDITION

By Sarah Alice Worcester

In the year 1856, Jonathan Fox Worcester, Mass., published "The Worcester Family, or the Descendants of Rev. William Worcester." More than a half century has elapsed since that date and new generations have come to take the places of their fathers and grandfathers. There has been a loud call for a new edition of the Worcester Genealogy, the argument being that unless this were done soon, it would be impossible to supply the missing links. The writer was approached by several prominent members of the family and urged to undertake this work. Not without great reluctance, however, was the task assumed, but once launched upon the new enterprise it was both inspiring and encouraging to find how widespread was the interest felt, and how sincere the gratitude expressed that the work was to be undertaken. Many volunteered pecuniary assistance, making their cheque as good as their word.

It was quite a problem how to reach the different representatives of the family, scattered widely over the face of the earth. From a small beginning an endless chain was evolved. Each one addressed was requested to send the names of Worcesters or descendants of Worcesters that were known to him personally, and in most cases this appeal brought definite and helpful results.

In revising "The Worcester Family," the writer felt that a strenuous effort should be made to ascertain the early history and antecedents in England of our progenitor, the Rev. William Worcester. It may be of interest to the reader to know of the several steps that led to the possession of the data in reference to this point at present in hand. In April, 1907, a cousin in Waltham sent me a clipping from a recent number of Boston Transcript, which advertised a certain parchment indenture, dated June, 1708, in which there was mention that this property in Drayton, Warwickshire, England, once belonged to William Worcester. This was a clue; I wrote to the postmaster in Drayton, Eng., somewhat tentatively, to know if he could give me addresses of any Worcesters in that place. Not knowing any, he sent the letter to Mr. Richard Savage, an antiquarian, Secretary and Librarian of the Shakespeare birthplace at Stratford-at-Avon. He answered my letter, saying that Drayton should read Draycott. He had visited the latter place and taken some notes. Those relating to Worcesters he transcribed for me, and one of these from the Oxford Alumni list seemed suggestive,—it was this: William Worcester, B. A. 12 April, 1570, Vicar of Watford, Northamptonshire, 1574. This might be the father of our progenitor. But how to prove it? One of the family relatives, I learned, was to visit England in 1909, and I commissioned her to pursue the investigation as best she could. Her efforts resulted in obtaining from the Librarian of the British Museum the address of a competent genealogist which she passed on to me, and with whom I have since been in correspondence. This was Mr. F. A. Lumby, 15 Glyn Street, Vauxhall, London, S.E.

In the summer of 1910 the way was opened for me to go England and I embraced the opportunity in the hope of ascertaining much valuable information. I was able to communicate directly with my genealogist and oftentimes to accompany him in his researches. We tried first to see if the clue already mentioned in connection with the vicarage of Watford would lead to satisfactory results. On examining the Parish register at Watford, interesting records in Latin were found. From these it appears that William Worcester, the Vicar of Watford, had eight children, the

youngest of whom named William, was baptized in October, 1595. This date would agree well with what we know in regard to the time of the coming of Rev. William Worcester to Salisbury and his probable age.

Mr. Edward Dean Worcester, a lawyer in N. Y. City, sent me a copy of records which a genealogist, Gustave Anjou by name, had prepared for him. Inasmuch as these records give a list of children's names coincident with those of our ancestor before he sailed, there was a semblance of probability that the William Worcester of Willesden, mentioned in these records, was the one sought for. But there was no suggestion of clerical experience or prospects in these papers, so further quest was imperative.

Tradition points very strongly to three brothers, William, Thomas, and Edward, the latter of whom went to Connecticut and founded what is called the Connecticut line. Thomas is supposed to have remained in Massachusetts with William. I therefore told my genealogist that he must look for a family where there were three sons, bearing the names William, Thomas, and Edward. On the 29th of July, a few days before I sailed for America, he greeted me with the welcome news that he had found the will of William Worcester of Chedington, Buckingham Co., dated 1623, in which he bequeaths to "Willyam his eldest sonne tenn pounds, to his sonne Thomas 10 pds. and to his sonne Edward 10 pds." To his sons George and Francis he gives all his lands after his wife's decease. To each of his two daughters, Mary and Rebecca, he gives 100 pds. It is worthy of note that he cuts his three eldest sons with only 10 pds. each, bequeathing them no land. This would seem to point to some estrangement on the part of the father from these sons, and this may have led later to their embarking for America. Judging from the data at hand at present it would appear that William Worcester, our progenitor, was Vicar of the church in Olney, Buckingham Co., some years before sailing to America. Those conclusion we draw after considering the claims of the three lines which have presented themselves: First, the son of the Vicar of Watford, baptized in 1595; second, the Willesden line, offering names of children born in England coincident with those recorded in our genealogy; and third, the Chedington line, which gives us the names of the three brothers, William, Thomas and Edward, data which neither of the other lines possess, and which we have a right to insist upon from the traditions which have come to us concerning Thomas and Edward.

A word in regard to these traditions may not be out of order. In the Connecticut Magazine, Vol. XII., No. 1, Spring of 1908, is an article on "The British House of Worcester in America." From this it would appear that Edward Wooster and his brother came to this country in 1651, several years after William; that the brother remained with William in Massachusetts, and that Edward settled in Connecticut. This article does not give the name of the brother that came with Edward, but the latter calls his eldest son, born in 1656, Thomas, which seems to point towards his wish to thus keep in mind the brother who accompanied him to the new world.

In regard to Thomas we are led to believe that he remained in Salisbury with William, and that he may have assisted the latter in his ministerial work. There seems to be some confusion in regard to the name of the first minister of Salisbury. Johnson in his "Wonder Working Providence" speaks of him as the "reverend and graciously godly M. Thomas Woster," and this mistake may have led to a tradition in the family that the name of the first minister was Thomas. It is said that when the Rev. Thomas Worcester of Boston, Mass., received his name, it was supposed to be in memory of the first Worcester minister in our country.

Again,--in this last connection, an ancient heirloom in the Worcester family, bears its silent testimony. This is a little book of poems, called, "Meditations all in Verse," written by Rev. Francis Worcester, in the 60th year of his age. Among the poems he devotes one to each of his ancestors, viz. to "his honored great grandfather, his grandmother, and his father, godly men he trusts." After this quotation we find in ink, at the opening of his poem on his great grandfather, the name, "Thomas Worcester." A star in paler ink refers to a foot note which reads. "Brother, William Worcester, not Thomas." We do not know who wrote the name Thomas Worcester, but the foot note is in a different handwriting, noticeably like that of Joseph E. Worcester, in whose possession the little book remained for many years, indicating plainly that later generations recognized the error and corrected it. We may safely conclude then that three Worcester brothers named William, Thomas and Edward came to this country and settled, the first two in Massachusetts, the third in Connecticut. But what evidence have we that William Worcester was Vicar of Olney before coming to America? Also that he was a son of William Worcester of Chedington? Mr. Lumbye, my diligent genealogist, thinks there can be no moral doubt that the Vicar of Olney was our ancestor, but whether we can establish this by written documents is doubtful, as so many records were destroyed in the great London fire of 1666. He hopes to obtain some valuable information in a few years from the investigations of Canon Foster, who is trying to bring order out of confusion in the archives of the Lincoln Archdeanery.

We shall have to content ourselves at present with assumptions drawn from the few facts we have at hand. We find it recorded, 1st, that a certain "William Worcester compounded the first fruits of the vicarage of Olney in 26 July 22 James I, 1624. His sureties being Peter Worcester of St. Edmunds, Lomdard St. London, merchant taylor and Ralph Pavier of St. Stephen's in Colman Street merchant taylor."

Presentation by Rob Gorge Knt. of William Worcester, cl. to the vic. of Olney, vac. by the cession or demise of Robert Thogmerton, 29 Ap. 1624, 22 James, Endorsed-- Instituted 27 July, 1624.

(Presentation. Deed 1624, No. 2)

Robert Throckmorton was instituted to Olney Vicarage 27 May 1623.
(Bishop's Certificate.)

Also, 2nd, that he retained this position till 1636, when on acct. of refusing to comply with the command of his Superior to read from the King's book to his congregation those portions which allowed sports and recreations after service on the Lord's day, he was suspended from his office at Olney.

The full account of the disturbance at Olney is given in "State Papers Domestic," Vol. No. 25.

From this account we are impressed with the strong points in the character of the Vicar of Olney,--points which we readily recognize as characteristic of leading representatives of the Worcester family in America, and which make us feel that this man must in all probability be our ancestor, and we his linear descendants.

The attentive reader of the following records will note that a large number of William Worcester's descendants have chosen the clerical profession. He will note that there are three

lines of Worcesters, each having four ministers in direct succession, viz. 1st, Rev. Noah, Rev. Thomas, Rev. John, Rev. William Loring.

2d, Rev. Noah, Rev. Samuel, Rev. Samuel Howard, Rev. Samuel.

3d, Rev. Leonard, Rev. John Hopkins, Rev. John Hopkins, Jr., Rev. Edward Strong.

The first of these is given in our illustrations. We regret that we were unable to procure all the pictures of the 2d and 3d groups.

In regard to the silhouettes it may be of interest to know that the originals of these were made by James Worcester the youngest son of Capt. Noah Worcester, in September, 1798, on the occasion of a family reunion, when as the record shows, there were present eighteen children of his own and by marriage at his table.

There are pictures of different members of the family, past and present; of old residences; of places in England associated with our ancestors, and of coats of arms that have been borne by Worcesters in England, including the one adopted by Worcesters in America. It should here be stated that the device with which we are so familiar As the so-called Worcester coat-of-arms, does not belong to us as a family, but is the emblem of the Episcopal See of Worcester in England. The writer made strenuous efforts when in England in 1910 to ascertain if there were any coats of arms which did belong to the family, and with the aid of the genealogist, Mr. Lumbye, five were found. Mr. Lumbye said any one of these could be adopted by vote of a representative gathering of Worcesters and a motto selected. Accordingly the device given as our family arms and the motto, "Pax potior Bello" was adopted at the Worcester Reunion in Hollis, N.H., June 22, 1912.

The frontispiece gives a view of the old Worcester homestead where the reunion was held. This has been in the family for five generations, dating from 1750 the year of its foundation by Rev. Francis Worcester.

In preparing the biographical sketches it has been the aim to give such items as would help to make distant members of the family in a way acquainted with others of their kin, rather than confine the narrative to a dry statement of facts.

It has been my wish and effort to come into touch with all branches of the family and to have them represented in this edition. Doubtless after the book is published, many will come to the front, wondering why they were not recognized. I can only say that I have been faithful in following out such clues as presented themselves, though in many cases no response has been received to my inquiries.

The work of revision has led to some interesting results. A New England Worcester Family Association has been organized with an increasing number of members. We have held two reunions.--the first, June 22, 1912, in Hollis, N.H.; the second, June 21, 1913 in Salisbury, Mass. We are glad to learn that there is an Ohio Worcester Family Association which has held regular annual meetings for several years. The descendants of Samuel Worcester who removed to Pittsfield, Ohio, from Vermont, are represented in this Association.

We have been invited by the Panama Exposition Committee to hold our 1915 reunion in San Francisco. It remains to be seen whether we shall be able to accept the invitation.

It has occurred to me that it would be desirable to collect souvenirs of the family and keep them in a fire-proof receptacle. Perhaps these could be kept at Worcester Place, Hollis, N.H., and so be seen by all who would like to visit the old homestead.

This suggestion may be considered at some meeting of the Association.

In severing my connection with my constituency, I wish to express my gratitude to those who have rendered me substantial aid in collecting family data. I am under especial obligation in this regard to Mr. Francis W. Doughty, Mr. Edwin Dean Worcester, Mrs. Sarah W. Deming, Miss Susan Cummings, Col. H. L. Worcester, Mr. John P. Fox, and Francis E. Bouck, Esq.

For list of names from various city directories to Mrs. Francis J. Worcester and others.

To Frank Bulkeley Smith, Esq., for assistance in defraying the expenses of genealogist and typewriter.

A goodly number responded to the first printed circular by sending checks of a larger and smaller amount. The aggregate sum of these I placed in a Savings Bank, and the interest of this deposit, with other contributions of stamps has enabled me to carry on the large correspondence of several years, which work of this nature would necessitate.

The compiler wishes to recognize the able and efficient work of Mrs. Sarah Frances Fletcher, who was employed as a copyist and collator in the latter part of the revision.

This has been on my part a work of love. For five years I have given my time and best strength to it. Imperfect as it must necessarily be, I offer it to my friends and relatives with the hope that it will find a not unwelcome place on the library table.

Though the general plan of the edition of 1856 has been adopted, there are some innovations. The pedigree of each Worcester head of a family is given, an obvious advantage to one seeking to trace his line back to Rev. William Worcester.

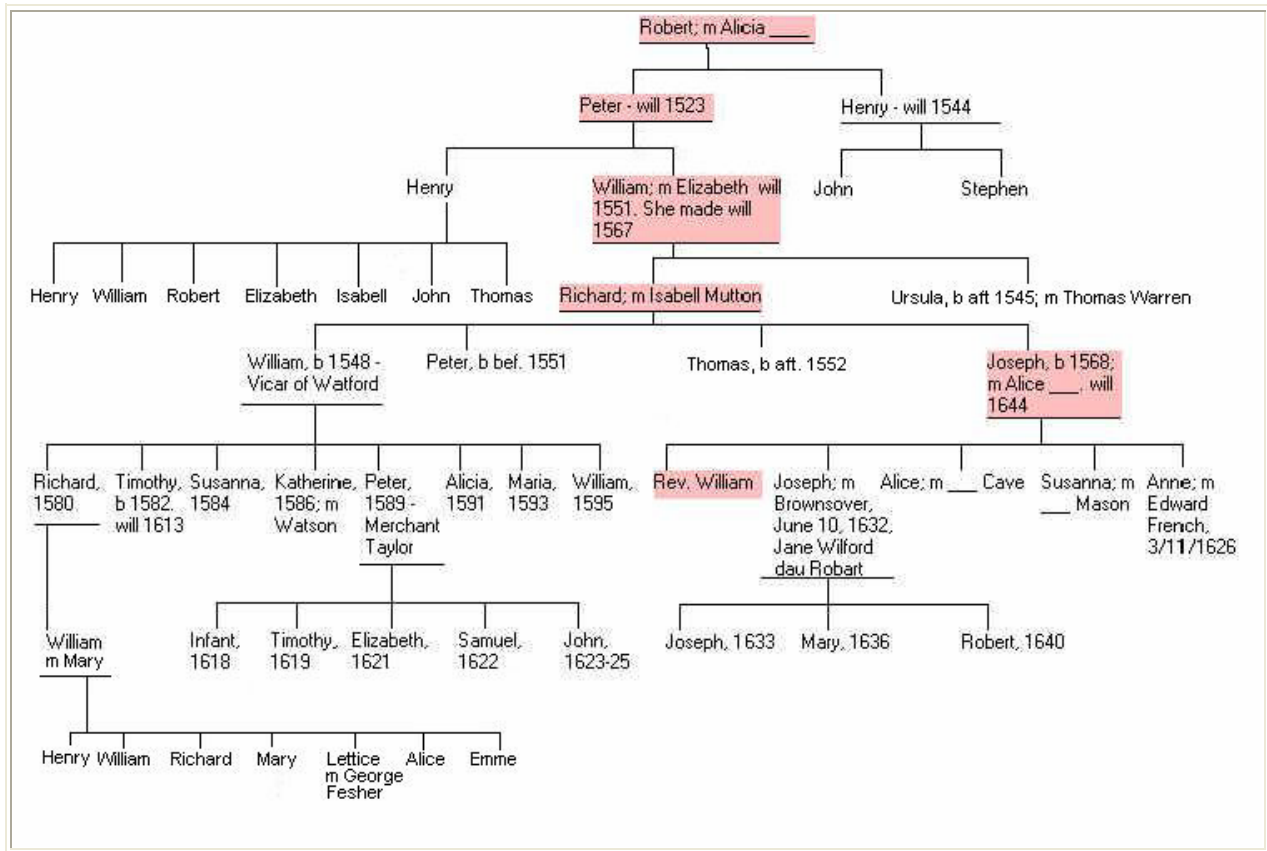
The descendants of Moses who went to Maine and founded the Maine branch, have been introduced in the body of the book, according to their generations rather than at the end, as in the old edition.

It has been my aim to have as far as possible all descendants of Worcester sons and daughters represented in this book. The sons who have families, or who have otherwise distinguished themselves, are taken up in their respective generations, while the descendants of daughters are given continuously in connection with their names, the different generations being indicated by alternating letters and figures. Many of the records are necessarily incomplete but "such as I have, give I thee."

If errors are noted in the family record, will the person who discovers such, kindly report the same to the printer, Mr. Edward F. Worcester, 146 Summer St., Boston, Mass., that a list of such errors may be kept on file for future correction.

Sarah Alice Worcester
Cambridge, Mass. 1914

The Family Tree for Rev. William's Family in England



Will of Petryr Wysseter of West Haddon – 1523

In die nae(?) Amen the xviiijth daye off marche In the yere off oure lorde god m cccc xxiiijth I petyr Wysseter of Westhaddon husbandman hole off mynde & sycke make this my testament & laste wyll ffyrst I bequeth my sowell to Allmyghte god owre lady saynt mare & All the holly copany off hevyn my body to be bured in the churchyard off haddon afforesayd It. I bequeth to be(?) my mo..? that thyrbys & (?) yo(?) It. to the modyr church off lyncoln = iiij d It. to the church off haddon = xx d It. I bequeth to **henry my sone** x shepe one cow & a bullock It. to **Angnes my daughter** vj shepe one cowe & A calffe It to **Clemense my daughter** vi shepe one cowe & a calffe & iff god do hys wyll off any off theye my chyldr or all I wyll ther part thatt remayne unto **emmet my wyffe** & **wyllm my sonne** jonytly together the ressedew off my goods not bequeth I gyffe & be queth to **emet my wyffe** & **wyllam my sonne** them(?) thewythe I order & (?) to be by full exsecutyrs yontly together that they may dysposse my goods ffor the helth off my soulle as they thatt thynk moste best or expedient ___ also I will that **Henry Wossetr my**

brother & John Goodman be my supervisors off my last wyll & god bering witness bye Thomas Webster (my?) ___? ___/ & gregory golen & wyllm gollen with other men....

(no probate added)

note: Sir Thomas Webster was curate according to Northamptonshire and Rutland Clergy).

Also: the diocese was Lincoln until 1543 when Henry VIII formed the diocese of Peterborough.

So the "mother church" was Lincoln until 1543 and Peterborough thereafter.

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Will of William Wysseter of West Haddon – 1551

The Wyll of William Wysseter of Westhaddon In the Name of God Amen the xxvijth day of November In the Vth yere of our Soverant Lorde Kynge Edwarde the sext by the grace of god Kynge of england france & ireland defender of the fayth & in yerth supprime heade of the church of England and Irelande and that I Willm Wysseter of Westhaddon seake in body hole in mynde and in good memori dothe make thys my testament and last will in Maner and forme as here after dothe folow fyrst I bequeth my soule to god almighty & our saint Mary with all the saynts with hym in heaven my body to be buried in the church yarde of Westhaddon of all sayntes Item ytt ys my will and my mynde that my promisse wyche I did geave to Rychard Wysseter my sonne at the daye of marage When he did mary Issabell Mutton hys wyffe was to have halffe of my goodes throught oute my goodes throught oute all movable and unmovable both within the howse and without Item I geave and bequethe to the foresaid Ryd Wysseter my son to have all my landes to hym and to his heres for ever xvij^s iij^d except to Elisabeth Wysseter my wyffe and she to have it hir lyffe and at the deceassece of my wyffe it to remayne to the foresaid heres for ever Item I geave and bequethe to William Wyseeter my godson V shepe one cowe Item I geave & bequeth to Peter Wysseter V shepe one cowe Item I geave & bequeth ursuley Wysseter my daughter xxx[£] and yff yt please god to take hir his marci the goods shall remayne to Rychard my sonne and he to be hir full executor Item these my fulfyllid The resedew of my goodes on bequeste bequethe to Elisabeth my wyffe and she to have h..... and iij trees and she to be halfe with Rychard Wysseter wife..... as longe as they too can agre and yff Elisabeth my w.... do mari or goo to the other house then she shall the thyrede parte of my goodes and Rychard Wysseter & Elisabeth my wyffe to be my full executors of this and present testament & wyll Item I do make my brother John Mutton of Esthaddon and Henry Wysseter my brother of Weste haddon the supervisours of thys my last wyll and to se that yt be fulfyllid in all causas The recorders hereof Sir Robert Kechyn curate Ryd dassren Willm markt Thomas Gollen(er) edwarde morkett with other men.

Edwardus sextus dei gra' anglie francie et hibernie rex fidei defensor ac in terra ecc'lie anglicane et hibernice sub x^o caput supremum omnibus ad quos hoc p'ns scriptu' per venerit salute sciates quod testamentu' infra scriptu' probatu' approbatu' infirmatu' et pro vero valore emsde ultimo promitiatu' fuit et est coram dilecto sub dito nostro Gulielmo Bynsley in legibus bach' domini arch'ini North' Officiali visecimo sexto die mensis february Anno Domini 1551 Et regni nostri anno quinto Com-missaque fuit ad ministratio omniu singuloru bonoruy dicti de functi executoribus in eode' nominates et in debito. Juris forma Jurato salva lure cuisscumque Teste prefato archino suc sigillo nostro ad causas ecclasticas arch'inatus North' die et annis predictes.

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Will of Elizabeth Wussotter of West Haddon – 1567

Elizabeth Wusceter de westhaddon del(?) Anno 1567

In the name of God Amen the fyfte daie of the monethe of Decembre Anno dm 1567. I **Elizabeth wussotter** of westhaddon wyddowe being of hoole mynd and in good and pfect remembrance Laude and prayse be unto almightie god doe make and ordain this my psent testament concernynge herein my last will in mann'r and forme followynge It. first I comend my soule unto almightie god my maker and reddemer and my body to be buried in the churchyard of allhallowes in westhaddon aforesaid I gyve and bequethe to evrye one of my godchildren iid I gyve and bequethe unto **ursula my daughter** a coffer(?) and xl s(shillings) off money and to **evrye one of her children** a shepe and I gyve also to the foresaid **ursula** a kyrtle (probably girdle) iiij petty cootes and a frocke Itm I gyve and bequethe unto **peter worcetter** a cowe xl s in money and xx shepe his father to take the best score fyrst and he to have the best score next Item I bequeth to **Richard my sonns iii youngest children** evry one of them two shepe Item I gyve and bequethe to **Dorethie Smarte** an olde coate and to **henrie applebee's wyfe** vii d The residewe of all my goods unbequethed I gyve unto **Richard my sonne** and he to be my full executor and these to be my supvisors **Willm warren John Sunell (?) and Richard Phillipe**

Probate: xiiij die mensis Januarie Anno dm 1568 (i.e 1568/69)

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Will of Tymothee Worceter of West Haddon – 1613

In the name of God Amen the sixteenth day of Auguste Anno Domini 1613 Annoque regni regis Jacobi nunc undecimo I **Tymothee Worceter** of Westhaddon in the County of Northton yeoman being sicke in body but wholl in mynde and of perfect remembrance thanks be to God therefore revokinge and makinge voyd all other wylles by me made heretofore doe ordeyne and make this my last will and testament in manner and forme followinge ffirst I bequeth my soule and body unto God my heavenly father and maker and to God the sonne my only redemer and Savyour and to God the holy ghost my sanctyfier thre persones distinct and one trewe & everlyvinge God trustinge to be saved only by the merritts of Jhesus Christe And I do appoint my body to be buryed where my executor shall think fitt Item I do geve and bequeath unto **Elizabeth Bride** my dearly beloved ffrend (whom I purpose to make my wif if God shall prolonge my dayes and make me fitt thereunto) the full some of twentie poundes to be payd unto her or her assignes at the feast of Saint Michaell th arch angell which shalbe in the yeare of our Lord God one thousande sixe hundred & sixteene Also I doe geve and bequeathe unto **Peter Worceter** and unto **William Worceter my brethren** the full some of [five – crossed out] sixe poundes a peece to be payd unto them at the feast of th annunciation of the blessed virgin Mary which shalbe in the yeare of our Lord God one thousande sixe hundred and seventeene or within one monethe then next followinge Item I doe also geve and bequeathe unto **Katheryne Watson** and unto **Alyce Worceter** and to **Mary Worceter my three sisters** [five – crossed out] sixe poundes a peece to be payd unto them at or upon the sayd feast day of th annunciation of the Blessed Virgin Mary or within one month the next ensuinge And my will is that if any of my

said bretheren or sisters shall happen to depart this present lief before the sayd feast of th annunciation of the Blessed Virgin Mary then the portion of him or her soe dyinge shall be equally devyded amongst the sayd bretheren or sisters then lyvinge soe that the brother or sister soe dyinge be then unmarried but if the party soe dyinge hath eyther wief or children then shall the wief or husband or children have an equall parte of the portion of the party soe dyinge Item I doe geve and bequeath the full somme of tenn shillings unto my **Sister Elizabeth Worceter** to be payd unto her when the portions of my other sisters and bretheren are to be paid unto them Also I do geve unto **Alyce Rose my aunt** twentie shillinges and to **Mr ffoster, Mr Ruchbrook and to Mr fflud** ten shillinges a peece And to **John Ball, Rychard Coles, William Weston and John Wright** six shillinges and eight pence a peece to be payd unto them at such tyme as is herein last mentioned All which mony and severall somes aforesayd I will have to be payd unto them by **Stephen Henchman and Thomas Storer** whoe doe stand bounden unto me for the payment of a certen somme of mony at a day to come for a certen messuage & landes with thappertenances which I have heretofore solde unto them And I doe hereby confyrme the same sale unto them & to their heires and assignes for ever and to their only use and behoof accordinge to certen deeds heretofore made unto And furthermore my will is that if they shall pay the same legacies that then they shall be acquit for soe much mony as they shall pay in legacies for to that end dyd I make sale of the said messuage & landes with thappurtenances Item I doe hereby geve unto the sayd **Stephen Henchman & Thomas Storer** twenty shillings a peece Also I do hereby geve & bequeth the somme of twentie shillinges unto **Alyce Marshall** for her paynes taken with me Also I doe geve unto **Elizabeth Gibbes** five shillinges and I doe geve unto the twwo children of **Thomas Storer** sixe shillinges and viij^d a peece I My goodes and chattells whatsoer unto the sayd **Elizabeth Bride** who I doe make executrix of this my laste will and testament And I will that she shall are dewe to me save only my cloak which I doe hereby geve unto hereby mak and constytut **Mr William Sharpe** and **Mr Lewes Thoms** th testament and for their paynes herein doe geve unto them vs **Tymothe Worceter** have hereunto putt my hand and seale the

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Will of Joseph Worcester of Rugby – 1644/5

In the name of God Amen.

The tenth daie of Februarie Anno Dom 1644 And in the twentieth yeare of the reigne of our Sovereigne Lord Charles by the grace of God of England, Scotland France and Ireland King defender of the faith be. I **Joseph Worcester the elder of Rugby** in the Countie of Warw yeoman being in good health and perfect memory (I praise God therefore) doe make constitute and... ordaine this my last Will and Testament in manner and forme following that is to say First I comend my soule into the hands of Allmightie God my Creator and his sonne Jesus Christ my onlie Saviour and Redeemer hopeing assuredlie to obtaine pardon and remission of all my sins and transgressions and finallie eternall life and Salvacon of my soule by faith in him And my bodie I remitt to the earth whereof it was formed. And I dispose of my worldly goods as followeth. And first I give and bequeth unto my eldest sonne **William Worcester** twelve pence of lawfull English money. And likewise to my sonne **Joseph Worcester** twelve pence of like lawfull money. Item I give unto my daughter **Anne French** twelve pence Item I give unto my daughter **Alice Cave** twelve pence. Item I give to my daughter **Susanna Mason** twelve pence. Item I give unto evrie one of my grandchildren six pence Item I give unto the poor of Rugby aforesaid five

shillings to be distributed in white bread by penny dose at my buriall by my executrix hereafter named. All the rest and residue of my goods shepe money Cattle and Shattells whatsoever I give and bequeth unto my loving wife **Alice** my debts and funerall expenses being discharged. And I doe make the said **Alice** my wife full and sole Executrix of this my last Will and Testament. Sealed with my seale and Dated the daie and yeare first above written. **Joseph Worcester**. Sealed read published and declared in the presence of **John Hiccock** of Bilton his marke **Fawkes(?) Newbolde**

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Will of **Peter Worcester**, Merchant Taylor of London – 1656

>In the name of God Amen

I **Peter Worcester** citizen and Merchantaylor of London being sick in body but of good and perfect memorie thanks be therefore given to Almighty God and Considering with my selfe the frailtie of this mortall Life And that it is appoynted me for all men to die doe therefore make this my last Will and Testament In manner and forme following In primis my Soule I recommend into the hands of Almighty God most assuredlie trusting and verelie beleeeving to be saved through the merritts of my Saviour Jesus Christ My Body I Committ to the Earth to be decently and Christianly buried And as for my Worldly Estate wherewith it hath pleased God to blesse me I give and dispose the same In manner and forme following.

Item I give and bequeth unto my loving **Sonne John Worcester** the summe of one hundred pounds Sterling to be paid unto him by tenn pounds a Quarter. The first payment to be made a yeare after my decease provided he be diligent dutifull and **helping to his Mother** in her Trade And I make Executrix of this my last Will and Testament my Loving **Wife Dorothy** who I desire to performe this my Will well Well and truly in all things and pay the Legacies hereby given. Item I give and bequeath to my **Grandchildren Rebecca and Sarah Cobbett** twentie shillings a peece to be paid them att the age of one and twentie in yeares or day of marriage which first shall happen. Item I give and be queath to my Loveing **Wife Dorothe** all my goods Chattells Leases monie plate and household stuffe during her life and after her decease I give the same to my **Sonn John** And I further give unto her twentie pounds as(?) I will she dispose of att her descease Item I make **Tho Mannering and Richard Kemble** overseers of this my Will and give unto them twentie shillings a peece And also I will that my said Wife shall first pay and discharge my debts out of my Estate immediatly upon receiving(?) the Administration thereof or within one yeare following. In Witnese whereof to this my last Will and Testament Concerning ____ these and the ____ peece I have he..... ____ Body and Soule the twelveth(?) day of August in this year of our Lord One thousand six hundred fiftie six

Peter Worcester ... (manuscript is very darkened here, almost illegible)

named..... presence of R Shelbery S

This will London ye Twenty Eight day of August in this yeare of our Lord God One thousand six hundred fiftie and six __ the Judge of the probate of Wills and granting Administrations _____ authorized by the oath of **Dorothy Worcester** the Relict and sole and only executrix named in the above written Will to whome Administration of all and singular the goods Chattells and debts of the said deceased __ Co ____ she being first Loyallie sworne truly and faythfullie to administer the same..

Public Record Office, London. Reference PROB 11/257

Will of Dorothy Worcester of London – 1660

Will of Dorothy Worcester of London
>dated 26 Sept. 1659, probated 20 April 1660.
>Prerogative Court of Canterbury
>PRO ref. PROB 11/298

In the name of God Amen:

I Dorothy Worcester of Hackney in the County of Middlesex widow being sick in bodie but of sound and perfect mind and memorie praised bee God wherefore Doe make and declare this my last will and testament in manner and forme following That is to say First I commend my soule into the hands of Almighty God my Creator hoping and believing by and through the ___?__ of my Lord and only saviour Jesus Christ to have full and fair remission of all my sinns and to inherit Eternall life with the rest of God's Host who are willed(?) and sanctified by the spiritt of Grace and my body I committ to the Earth from whence it came And my goods and Estate I Give and dispose of as followeth, that is to say whereas **my late Husband Peter Worcester** late citizen and Merchantaylor of London deceased did make me Executrix of his last will and Testament and by ___?___ did (amongst other things) give and bequeath unto **my sonn John Worcester** the sume of One hundred pounds sterling to be paid unto him by Tenn pounds a quarter, the first payment to be made a year after the decease of my said husband provided he should bee dilligent dutifull and helping to me in my Trade, after the decease of his said father as he ought to have been W___? ___? personal estate of his said father after his debts and funerall charges paid of such a Considerable as to afford unto **my said sonn John** the said sume of One hundred pounds over and above the Remainder of his estate(?) which he gave to my said sonne after my decease Specially Considering that one third part of the personall Estate of my said late husband was due unto me by the Custome of the City of London I doe therefore ___? myself not obliged in law or igtuity to make payment of the said some of One hundred pounds or any part thereof to **my said sonn John**. But I do leave unto him the said leases which were my husbands from and after my decease for ___? during the residue of the several times of years which herein shall be to ___? and unexpired according to the true meaning of the last will and testament of my said husband. Item I give and bequeth to **my Maid Dorothy** ___? ___? pounds To **Sibill Worcester widow late wife of my late husbands brother** sume of forty shillings To **my loving freind Mr Thomas Manwarring** Twenty shillings To my verie **loving freind Mr Daniell Bridge** forty shillings To **Mrs Ellen Bridge his wife** my silver Tankard and to his six Children my six Guilt spoones of them one to be delivered to their father for their use; The Rest & Residue of all and ___? my Goods Chattells Household stuffe money debts and personall Estate whatsoever (after my debts paid and funerall charges discharged) I give and bequeth unto **my Daughter Elizabeth Cobbetts wife of Serieant Maior Robert Cobbets** And I make and ordaine the said **Elizabeth Cobbets** full and sole Executrix of this my last Will and Testament not doubting of her faithfull performance of the same according to my true meanning hereni declared; In witnes whereof I the said Dorothie Worcester to this my last will and Testament ___? in one sheete of paper ?? ___? peece ___? to have sett my seale and to ech sheete thereof subscribed my name the six and Twentieth day of September in the year of our lord God One Thousand six hundred fifty and Nine The marke of the said Dorothy Worcester, Signed sealed published and delivered by the said Dorathie Worcester for and as her last Will and Testament in the presence of **Danielle Bridge Elline Bridge Mary Wilson Edmond Rolfe**.

This Will was proved att London The Twentieth day of Aprill in the yeare of our Lord God One Thousand Six Hundred and Sixty, Before the Judges for the probate of Wills and granting Administratione lawfully Authorized By the Oath of **Elizabeth Cobbetts** the daughter of the said deceased and sole Executrix named in the said Will to whom was granted Administration of all and ____ the Goods Chattells and Debts of the said deceased She being first sworne truly to Administer the same

Will of **Henry Wossiter** of West Haddon – 1559

Testa't **henrici Wossiter** de west haddon In the name of god amen the xxth daie of Februarie: 1559, I **henri wossiter** of the p'ishe of all saints of West haddon my bodie to be buried in the churchyard of West haddon aforesaid Item I bequethe to the mother churche of peter borowe ijd Itm I gyve to my p'ishe churche ijs iiijd Itm I gyve unto **Thos my sone** viij li(pounds) to be paid unto him iiij li the yere next after my decease and the other iiij li to be paied unto him the next yere after that besids his stocke if he will cotynow (continue) ij yeres wth his mother afrm my decease and to do his laboures as he hath at the discrecon of the supvisors. Itm gyve unto **Willm my sone** vij li (pounds) to be paid unto him at the feaste of Saint John baptiste wth his owne stocke. Itm gyve and bequeth to **John and Robt Elizabeth and Isabell** xx nobles a pece when thei come to xvi yeres of age besides their owne stockes I gyve and bequethe to **Agnes my wiffe** the best bed and all things thereto belonging wth a coffer and all thinges that is in it Itm gyve and bequethe to **henry my sone** a folden table After the decease of his mother the great brasse pott and the thirde pte of the pewter vessill provided yt **my iij children** yt be wt in age one shalbe anothers heire if thei die before thei come to the age of xvi yeres as is a foresaid Itm gyve and bequethe to **Agnes my wiffe** a new pa (?). The residew of my goodes I gyve and bequethe to **Agnes my wiffe** and henry my sone whom I make my executors and these to be my ovrsears **Ric Wossiter Willm Warren Robert Lucas and Thomas Palmer** hyc testibus cn muts alijs

Probatu fuit xxij die Junij A dm 1559 & administrato comissge fuit exectevis & Salvo Iure crans?.

NRO 1st Series, Book R 13.

Will of **William Worster** of West Haddon – 1669

December 7th 1669

In the name of God Amen, I **William Worster** the elder of Westhaddon in the County of Northton yeoman being weake of body but I prayse God of a pfect rembrance doe make my last will & testmt as followeth; First I bequeth my soule into the hands of Almighty God trusting to bee saved by the all=sufficient merits of my redeemer Ct Jesus; and my body to bee buried in the Church or Churchyard of Westhaddon and for ye worldly goods yt God has given mee I dispose of them as followeth; It pr. I give unto my severall children sons and daughters six pence apeice, namely **to my sons Henry William & Richard** sex pence a peice & **to my daughters Mary Lettice Alice and Emme** six pence apeice Ite I give unto **my second son William Worster** three lands with their hades (probably for hides) belonging to them belonging(crossed out) namely I give to him his heyres & assignes for ever, one ha?dland lying in the southfeild of West Haddon shooteing upon the West end of the Holme of **John Lucas** and I give him the hade thereof goeing along the end of the sd Holme and shooting into Buckby brooke, and I give the two lands &

hades that ly upon the North side of the Holme of the sd John Lucas and **Bartin Gutteridge** his land by North, wch lands & hades I purchased of one **Roger Botterill**; and give them unto **my son William** his heires & assignes for ever pvided that **my wife Mary Worster** shall use and enioy them during her naturall life. Itē I give unto the sons of **my daughter Lettice now the wife of George Fesher of Brington**, namely to **their two sons William & Richard** each of them a sheepe to be pformed to the as according to the discretion of my Executrix. lastly All my goods cattell & chattells whsoever that I have not disposed of, I give & bequeth unto my beloved **wife Mary Worster** whom I make the sole Executrix of this my last will & testamt revoking all former wills made by mee wtsoever, In witsesse hereof I have hereunto put my hand & seale the day & yeare above written in the psense (presence) of. **Greg Palmer**
Mary Worster her marke
Joyce Waren her marke
the marke of **William Worster**

Northamptonshire Record Office - 4th series, MW68, vi 33.

Will of **William Worcester** of Salisbury - 1662

I **willi: Worcester** being || Sick & || weake of body but of sound & pfct memorie doe make & ordeine this my laft wil & Testamt as followeth: Imp my will is that my beloued wyfe: shall haue that bonde of fiftie pound wch is due vnto me from **Thomas clarke** of Boston Iron munger: she securing my daughter in Law **Rebecka bilie** of wt remaynes due to hir out of yt bonde Also my will is that my myfe shall haue the vFe & benefit of my dwelling house oarchyard & house lott duering the time of hir widowhood; & three coves comonage: duering ye sd term Also that my wyfe shall haue wt moneys soever as due in England : for rent : for wt lands & houseing belongs vnto her, or anyother wayes due Itt: I doe giue & bequeath avnto my sonn **Samuell worcester** my last higledee pigledee lott of Salt marsh lying towards Merimack Rivers mouth: & als a silver wine bole that hath ye letters of his name ingraven vpon it & a thousand of pine board towards the finishing of his house: as also all my wareing Apparrell; myminde is yt my **grandchilde willia: worcester** * * Samuels chiddle shall haue ye Sylver wine boule * * named Itt: I doe giue & bequeath to my daughter **Susana s** * * my pide mare Colt : It: I doe giu vnto my grand childe **Rebecka stacy** five pound in houshold stuff : such as her grandmother shal thinke meet It: I doe giue & bequeathe to my Sonne **william worcester** all my vpland wthin ye bounds of the new towne of Salisbury : wth all rights & privilidges thervnto belonging as also my first Higgle pigledee lott of Salt Marsh : & all my lott of Sweepage at the beache : by my land at ye newtown: my meaning is : my twenty acre lott abuttin vpon merimack River & the sevnty acres granted vnto mee by the towne of Salisbury lyng next : to the land of Capt Pike " n esterly: Itt: I doe give & bequeath vnto my sone **Timothie worcester** & to my Sonn **Moses woster** all the remaynder of my lands both vpland Marsh & meadow, lyng & being wthin the bounds of the old towne of Salisbury wth all rights, Comonages & privilidges thervnto belonging (Except before Exepted) to bee equally devided between them: prsently after my decease Also I doe giue vnto my said Sonns **Timothe & Moses**: my dwelling house, orchyard & house lott: after their mothers death or day of mariage wch first happens : to bee equally divided between them & to haue the barne prsently after my decease wth free egress & regress vnto ye sd barne : to cary hay or corne of ye like" Always pvided that the marsh Lott: wch was formerly my wyfes by hir former husband **mr John Hall** : remayne to the vse of my Said wyfe hir heirs & assignes for ever. It: I doe giue & bequeath vnto my Sonne **william** : my pride mare : & a cove that is cald short & fiue

povnd in household goods :: all other guifts by any to my said sonne Comprhended in ye abouesd estate giuen || by me || vnto him It: I doe giue & bequeath vnto my Sonne **Timothy** my old horse : & a cowe cald : Cherry & fiue pound in household goods It: I doe giue & bequeath vnto my Sonne **Moses** my young mare between two & three yeare old & also the young heifer & fiue pound in household goods: It: I doe giue vnto my grandchild willia worcester : my Cow cald the Barbar It: I do giue vnto my Daughter **stacy** : yt cowe which is cald the young cowe : & also my two yearling steers It: I do giue vnto my grand Childe **Rebecka stacy** : my two yeare old steeres It: my will is that all the Cattle : before named in this my will be wintered wth the hay pvide for them if ye owners please I doe giue vnto my Daughter **Rebecka : Bylie** : my brass Chafendish; & also I giue vnto her a booke of mr anthony Burgases concerning the tryall of grace, as a small tolen of my Speycall loue vnto hir It: I doe giue vnto my servant mayde **Hannah Hendrick** : tenn shillings It: I doe appoint my loueing freinds **Capt Robert Pike** my brother **Edward ffrench** : **Richard wells & mr Tho : Bradbury** to bee overseers of this my will & testamt & for the care & paynes theirin I doe bequeath vnto each of them twenty shillings to bee payd vnto them: out of my library in some good || English || authors, as they shall like off Lastly my will is that my dearly & welbeeloved wyfe : **rebecka worcester** to bee my sole Executrix vnto this my last will & testament It: my will is that after my wyfe hath taken hir owne books out of my library & wth others shal think meet for hir vse; and ye * * ond x ryd in books to my overseers as afore (remainder of page torn to bottom) books shalbe sold s willia: **Timathie** portion: It: my will is that all discharged & pay'd the remayne & bee to ye utrix afore named In wittness wherof hervnto sett my hand wittness

Tho: Bradbury

Robert Pyke

Edward ffrnch

Richard Wells

wheras it is be reaminder of giuen to my Sonns to each an equall p that my books shalbe yte : to disposof a

I haue gaiven to my wittness to this last addicon of the will this 18th day of Octobr

Tho: Bradbury

John Severance

Inventory of estate of **Rev. Mr. William Worcester** of Salisbury taken 6: 9: 1662 by **Edward French, Richard Wells, Nicholas Noyes**: money & plate, 20li.; wareing Apparrell, 25li.; the bedding & furniture in ye parlor, 15li. 7s.; the beding, table & Chayer in ye studdie, 3li.; the bedsted & bedding in ye parlor Chamber, 4li.; a small Chest wth household linnen, 4li.; a little box wth linnen, Ili. 11s.; a Trunke, 10s.; bedding, bedsted & furniture in ye kitching Chamber, 12li.; a trundle bed wth ye furniture, 5li.; a great Cheast wth pilloes, Rugg, blankets & Cushins, 7li.; a great trunk wth furniture in it, 15li.; a small trunke of linen, 9li. 10s.; a cheast of linen in ye passage, 9li.; goods in ye Clossett, 7li.; Yarn & other linen, 3li.; in peuter, 10li.; in Brass, 8li.; Iron & tinn, 7li. In ye Hall: Chayers, forme, table, Cubard, etc. 2li.; severall small things in ye lower Clossett, 10s.; Tubbs & milk vessell & other lumber in ye seller, 3li. 10s.; working tooles, 3li.; in ye garrett in Indian Corne & other lumber, 8li.; The dwelling house, barne & hen house, house Lott & planting Lott, 100li.; tenn acres of fresh meadows 40li.; ye comonage, 12li.; the last division of upland, 5li.; about 9 acres of upland att ye newtown, 45li.; the Sweepage at ye beach & the first Higledee pigledee lott of Salt marsh, 20li.; the last Higledee pigledee lott of Salt marsh, 3li.; the 6 acre lott of Salt marsh yt was **Mr. Jno. Halls**, 10li. In Cattle: the lame mare, 5li.; ye pide Mare Colt, 8li.; ye old pide mare, 14li.; the bald facet Horse, 10li.; the young Mare

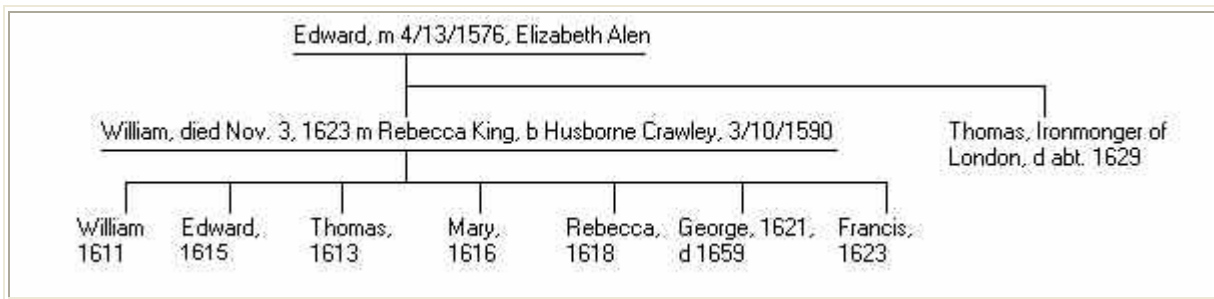
given to **Moses**, 9li.; two Oxen, 14li.; a Cow cald Cherrie, 5li.; Cow cald barbar, 4li. 5s.; Cow cald Golding, 4li. 10s.; cow cald short, 4li. 15s.; cow cald Madkitt, 4li. 5s.; cow cald brown, 4li. 5s.; a heiffer at Kimbals, 4li.; a brown heiffer, 3li. 10s.; a ffinch steere, 3li. 10s.; 2 yearling steers, 4li. 10s.; 8 Ewes & 4 lambs, 5li. 10s.; 2 Swine & 4 piggs, 5li.; 70 acres att ye Newtown weh was **Mr Biles**, 20li.; in goods, 5li. 9s.; a bill of fifty pound due from **Mr. Clarke of Boston Iron munger**, 50li.; a bill from **Ben Kimball**, 1li. 10s.; in bookes, 30li.

Court 14:2:1663 ordered that the Worshipfull Major Eliazar Lusher take **Mrs. Worcester's** oath to the inventory of Mr. Worcester's estate presented by her executrix. *Salisbury Quarterly Court Records, vol. 1, leaf 11.*

Source: The will of Rev. William Worcester of Salisbury was proved before **Samuel Symonds and Daniel Denison** Dec. 2, 1662 in the Norfolk county court. Essex Probate Docket # 30679

The following are wills for which a connection to the family has not been found, but which could be important in developing further familial connections.

The Family Tree for William of Cheddington



Will of **William Woster** of Cheddington - 1623

In the Name of God Amen.
Dated 30th Octr. 1623

Willyam Woster of Chedington, co Bucks.

I bequeath my Soule to Almighty God, my maker & redeemer, & my bodie to be buried in the churchyarde or church of the parishe of Chedington aforesaid att myne execs. Appointement. Item. I give & bequeth unto **Willyam Woster**, myne eldest Sonne tenn poundes. To my sonne **Thomas** £10. To **Edward** my sonne £10. To **George** my Sonne, & his heires forever, one messuage lately purchased of **Robert Steevens**, & all my free growndes, & a yarde lande of copie holde in the feildes of Chedington within the parishe of Ivinghoe, after my wife's decease. Unto **ffrancis**, my Sonne, all the rest of my copie holde lands, being by estimation one yarde be it more or lesse, after my wife's decease. To **Mary**, my eldest daughter £100, & to **Rebecca** my younger daughter £100, to be paid when they shall come to the age of twentie yeares, or at their dte of marriage; looke wch. shall happen firste. Item. My Will is that my three Sonnes, **William**,

Thomas, & Edward, shall have their legacies bequeathed as they shall come to the age of one & twentie yeares. To the poore of Chedington 10 s. The rest of my goodes & chattels, , my debtstes paide, my funeral discharged, I bequeath to Rebecca, my loving wife, whom I make my full & lawfull executrix. I desire my lovinge ffreindes George king, my ffather-inlawe, & Thomas Wigge of the Rectory of Mentmore to be Overseers.

Witnesses: Richard Reynolds
Thomas Wigg
John Houghton
George Kinge.

Probate granted 20th Novr. 1623 to the executrix

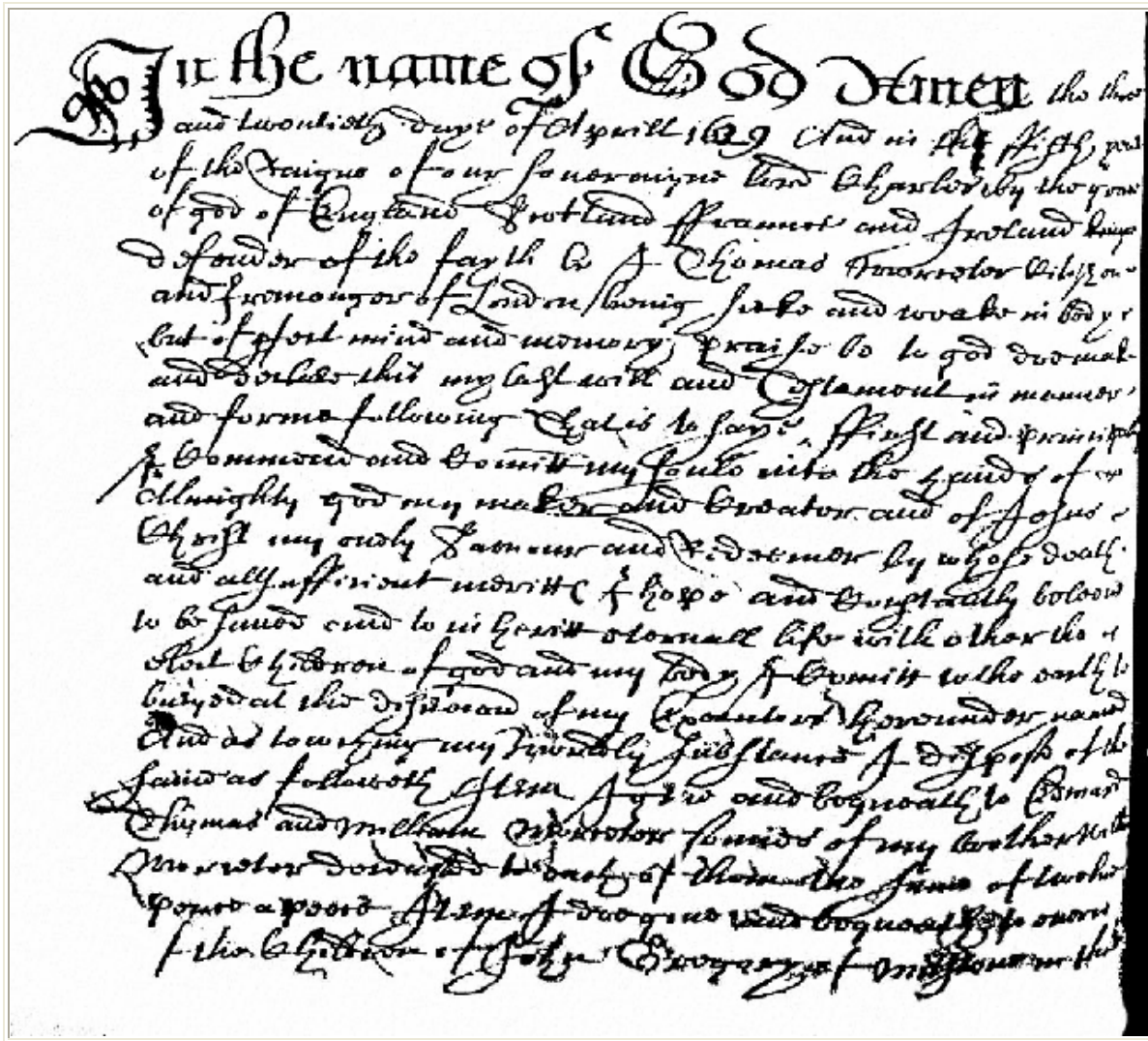
Will of Thomas Worceter of London - 1629 - as recorded in the Probate Records of Commissary Court of London.

Will of Thomas Worceter, Citizen and Ironmonger of London. 23 April 1629.

In the name of God Amen. the three and twentieth day of Aprill 1629 And in the fifth year of the reigne of our sovereigne lord Charles by the grace of god of England Scotland Fraun(ce) and Ireland being defender of the faith __? I Thomas Worcester Citizen and Ironmonger of London being sick and weak in body but of pfect mind and memory praise be to god doe make and declar this my last will and Testament in manner and form following That is to saye First and principlly I commend and comitt my soule into the hands of Almighty god my maker and Creator and of Jesus Christ my only Saviour and Redeemer by whose death and all sufficient meritts I hope and constantly beleeve to be saved and to inheritt eternall life with other(?) the Best(?) children of god and my body I comitt to the earth to (be) buried at the __? of my Executors hereunder named And as to ___? my worldly substance I dispose of the same as followeth Item I give and bequeth to Edward Thomas and William Worceter Sonnes of my brother William Worceter deceased to each of them the sume of twelve pounds a peece Item I doo give and bequeth to everie of the Children of John Gregory of Wilstone in the parishe of Tring in the County of Hertford the sume of twelve shillings a peece Item I give and be queath to the poore people of the parishe of Ashton Clinton in the County of Bucks where I was born the sume of Eight pounds of lawfull money of England to this intent and purpose that the parson and Churchwardens of the said parish of Aston Cllinton for the tyme being shall lett and dispose of the said summe of eight pounds after the usuall Rate that monye shall be lette and with the benefitt and interest thereof shall everie fourteene dayes for ever to and amongst the poor people of the said parish of Aston Clinton who shall have most need thereof the sume of sixe pence in bread. And my will and meaning is that if the said pson and Churchwardens for the tyme being shall not performe this my bequest according as I have decreed the same, then I doo give and bequeth the said summe of eight pounds to the Company of Ironmongers in London Item I give and bequeth to such of the Company of Ironmongers as shall accompany my body to be buried the sume of forty shillings in monye. Item I give and bequeth to the poore of the parishe of Christchurch in London the sume of twenty shillings in monye. The residue of all and singular my goods and Chattells whatsoever my debts being payd and funerall expenses discharged I doe give and bequeath to my loving Frends William Feild Citizen and Vintner of London and Richard Briggenshawe Citizen and Cutler of London whome I make full and sole Executors of this my last will and Testament In witness whereof I have hereunto sett my hand and seale the day and yeare abovewritten Item I

give to **William Hollyman** Servant to **William Feild** my Bible By me **Thomas Woseter** Sealed
dyelevered and published by the above named **Thomas Worceter** and for his last will and
Testament in the presence of **William Hollyman William Keene and Arthur Dithersor(?)**

Probatum fuit humis(?) testame... 16 die mensis April AnnoDom 1630.....**Willim Foster et Rich
Braggenshaw**2 more lines in Latin...



Probate Records of Commissary Court of London, LDS film #0094108.

Will of Richard Wyssheter of East Haddon – 1544

In the name of God amen the yere of our Lorde god M^o CCCCXLiiij^o and of the raigne of Our
most drede soff. aygne lord Henry the eyght by the grace of god kynge of englonde ffrance

and Ireland defender of the fayth and in earthe supreme hed of the Church of englonde and also of Ireland the xxxvjth the xxij day of May I **Rycharde Wyssheth** of Esthadden hole of mynde and seke in body make my testament and last wyll in this manner and forme fooling first I bequeth my soule to almightie god to his blessed mother sancte Marie and to all the holy company of heven my body to be buried in the churche yarde aforsayd allso I bequeth to the hieghe allter vj^d Item to petribrough churche ij^d Item to the sepulture lyght iij^d Item to the rode lyght iij^d Item to the torche lyght iij^d to the bells iij^d Item I bequeth x^s for a trentall and yff his please god to take me at this tieme I will they that he whom I make my executor shall have respet & tieme a yere after allso I bequeth to **Lambert Wyshet** all the jren that belongythe to a cart that is lefte behynde a rye londe a barley londe and a pease londe and astonne of hемpe allso I bequeth to **Thoms Whyshet** a lambe allso I bequeth to **Alice Wyshet** a cowe callfe that is wenyd this yere allso I bequeathe to **Alyce Wyshetr Willm Wyshetr**s daughter a yonge cowe Item to **Margerye Walker Gregory Walters** daughter a lambe Item to **Agnes James** a lambe and hit to be delyvered the next yere Allso I bequeth to **Wylyyam Humfre** all the detts that he oweth me and halfe a quarter of myll corn the resydew of my goodes not bequethed I geve them to **John Wyshet** my sone whom I make my executor of this my will to dyspose them for the helth of my soule and all christes soules supervisor to se this my last will be performyd I make **gregorie Wallker** and he to have for his labor xij^d theis baring wytness **John Fox vycar John Gemes** as other that theis be the dettes that I **Rycharde Wyshet** do owe In primes to **Agnes James** iij^s viij^d allso to **Robert James** iij^s Item to **Gregory Walker John Mott Wylyyam Rose** xx^s and hit to be dysposyd at there discretion allso to **gregorie Walker** xij^s iij^d allso to **John James** vij^s vj^d

Probatum fuit pub' test-' superscript' in ecalesia parochiali Sanctorum ville Northapt ij die mensis augustij Anno domini M^o CCCC XLiiij coram Magistro **Thoma Monforthe** in iure bach officiali de arch'ini petriburgen rite et legitime deputato ac per eiusdem approbat' et infirmat' ae pro viribus et valore einsdem pro legitime pertinent'et declarat' commissorum fuit et est administratio omnia et singulorum bonorum iurium et creditorum dicit' defunct' executori infra nominato in forma iuris iurato ac per eiusdem admissi et accepta Saluo iure cumist' per pn'tes dat' die loco mense et anno de superscript.

Will of Katherine Watson of Crick - 1638 ([Timothy's Sister](#) ?)

Katherine Watson is a name given in Timothy's will as one of his sisters, also listed in Watford register. This might be her will, although 'brother Cowlie' and 'Elizabeth Cowlie' mentioned in the will possibly suggests that this may be a different Katherine Watson. Timothy mentioned a 'sister' Elizabeth in his will, but no Elizabeth was christened at Watford.

Memoranda that **Katheren Watson** of Crick in the countie of Northton widowe, did the Eleventh daie of June, Anno dom; 1638 in the prsence of us whose names are hearunder subscribed as witnesses speake these words followinge **Brother Cowlie** I praie you Let **my daughter Alice** have my old featherbed and two paire hives of bees. Let **my daughter Elmar** have my truncke and three paire of sheete; give **Thomas** xiid And al the residue of my goodes I give **my daughter Anne**, for shee shal be my Executrix. witnesses

Edmunde Cowlie

Elizabeth Cowlie E her marke

Marie Loies O her marke

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