

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

[Pr. 7 Sep. 1496.]

XVI. THE WILL OF JOHN CARRE, OF YORK.

[Reg. Test. v. 327b.]

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

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

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

\* The testator was the son of Thomas del Carr or Kerr, draper, York, who was Sheriff in 1427-8, and died in 1444 (See. Test. Ebor. ii. 92.) He was free of the City in 1433, Chamberlain in 1438, Sheriff in 1440-1, Lord Mayor 1448 and 1456, and M.P. in 1448. R. H. S. The testator and his father were great benefactors to St. Sampson's church, and to the poor, &c. of the city.

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

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

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

parissh kirk or chapell w<sup>in</sup> the citee and suburbs of the same, saying for my soule, the soule of Johanneet sunnyrne my wyffe, the soules of my fader and my moder, my childer soules, and all Cristen soules, *Dirige* with note, those that er in the parissh kirkes where copy of prestes is; and one the morne *Messe* of *Requiem*: and every preste in his *Messe* that is disposed to syng *Messe* take a colet, *Inclina*, iij d.: and every parissh clerk beynng at the same in his owne kirk w<sup>t</sup> rnyngyng of his bells iij d.: and to every underclerk, w<sup>t</sup> the same conditacion, ij d. Also I be wit to the Pater Noster gyld and Seynt Antonys in York vj s. viij d. Also I bewit to the gyld of Seynt John Baptiste in York vj s. viij d.: and, also, to Seynt Christopher and Seynt George vj s. viij d. And I bewit to the house of Seynt Robert of Knarresburgh vj s. viij d., under a condicion that they say *Placido* and *Dirige* and *Messe* of *Requiem* for my sandle and for all the soules aforesaid. Also I bewit to the Fyeres of the Toffes in York xx s. for ij trentalles, all of the *Trinitie*, for my soule, and for all the soules aforesaid. And I bewit to the Fyeres Minores in York xx s. for ij trentalles of *Messes*, one *de nomine Jesu*, ij *de Sancta Crucis*, ij *de Spiritu Sancto*, for all the soules aforesaid. And I be wit to the Fyeres Austyns in York xx s. for ij trentalles, one *de Corpore Christi*, ij *de Sancta Maria*, ij *de Omnibus Sanctis* de *Corpore Christi*, ij *de Sancta Maria*, ij *de Omnibus Sanctis* for my soule and all my frendes soules aforesaid. Also to the White Fyeres in York xx s. for ij trentalles, one of *oure Lady*, an other of *the Angelis*, and the third *de Martinibus*, for my soule, and all the soules aforesaid. Also I bewit to the prior and convent of Eareby abbay xl s. w<sup>t</sup> the condicion that they saye one trentall *de Confessoribus*, *Placido et Dirige*, w<sup>t</sup> *Messe Requiem* for my soule and all the soules aforesaid. Also I bewit to the abbot and convent of Ryraux v mare for ij trentalles, one *de Virginibus*, an other *de Omnibus Sanctis*, and the third *de Salus Populi*, w<sup>t</sup> a *Messe* of *Requiem* w<sup>t</sup> note for my soule and all the soules aforesaid. Also I bewit to the prior and convent of Montegrace xl s. for ij trentalles of *Requiem* w<sup>t</sup> note; and every monk of the same place vij d. Also I bewit to the prioresse and convent of Olementhorp vj s. viij d., to say *Dirige* and *Messe* of *Requiem* w<sup>t</sup> note for my soule and all the soules aforesaid. Also I bewit to the prioresse and convent of Appilton x s., and every non, besides, xij d. Also I bewit to the prior and convent of Hull x s., to say *Placido* and *Dirige* w<sup>t</sup> *Messe* of *Requiem* w<sup>t</sup> note for my soule and all the soules aforesaid. Also, I bewit to dame Margaret Aske, non at Watton, iij s. iij d. Also I bewit to every lepre-house in the suburbs of York v s., to be disposed at the will of my executores. Also I bewit xl s., to be disposed at the will of my executores in meate and drynke emoung the

presoners of the castell and lycottes in York in the space of iij yere, every yere xij s. iij d. Also I bewit to the presoners in the archebissshoppis prison of York iij s. iij d. Also I bewit to every ancre w<sup>in</sup> the citee of York and suburbs v s. Also I bewit to every pore man and woman in masindens in York and suburbs iij d. Also I bewit to xv pore madyns well disposed to marriage xxvij li., every madyn xl s. Also I bewit I beddys to be gyven to pore men and pore women in the citee of York and suburbs where the moste nede is, every bed to have a new coverlet, a new matresse, ij new blankettes, ij new shetes, price of every bedd xij s. iij d.: summa xxxij li. vj s. viij d. Also I bewit to Alison Haylis, sunnyrne my servant. xl s. Also I bewit x li. to making of ways w<sup>in</sup> the franchises of York. Also I bewit xx li. to pore men and pure women wedded, keepng housold togeder, where moste nede is, w<sup>in</sup> the franchises of York, at the discrecion of myn executores. Also I bewit to the house of Seynt Andrew in the suburbs of York, v s., that they pray for my soule and all the soules aforesaid. Also I bewit to the abbot of Seynt Marie abbay a payr of spectacles of sylver and gylted, and a bonet that was sunnyrne the bissshoppis of Hereforth. Also I bewit to doctor Shirwyn of the Grey Fyeres xx s. Also I bewit and ordeyns a serge of wax to byrn daily at oure Lady messe in the said Grey Fyeres in York, the whylk serge shalbe renued and upholden by my executores by the space of v yere induryng next after my decease. Also I bewit ij candylstykes of sylver to the high altar of Seynt Sampson kirk in York, to be abiding there at Divine service in the honour of Almighty God and Seynt Sampson, as jewell of the said kirk and parissyng. Also I bewit one of the beddes yt I bewit abowen to pure people harberles to be harberd in the masindue at the White Fyeres lane. Also I bewit to John Bekyllis, sunn tyrne my servant, ix li. that he avr me of an obligacion; and x marc in money, w<sup>t</sup> a standing pece of sylver. Also to William Crathorn, my

\* Thomas Spofforth, Bishop of Hereford, resigned his see in 1448, and began *preludiarie* in St. Mary's abbey, York. On Aug. 5, 1456. "Adm. recordandæ memorie Tho. episc. Hereford, inter septis mon. B. M. Ebor., dum vixit, prebendam et ibidem decedentis," was granted to John Skelford, monk of that house. (Reg. Test. ii. 334a.)

The bishop was probably a native of the Yorkshire village which bears his surname. Among the Robin Hood ballads there is one that relates to the outlaw robbing the Bishop of Hereford. It is quite possible that our bishop fell into the clutches of the Barnsdale robbers and lost his money. Unde nomen et carmen. It was not every day that a Bishop of Hereford found his way into Yorkshire.

Some will talk of bold Robin Hood,

And some of barons bold;

But I'll tell you how he serv'd the Bishop of Hereford,

When he robb'd him of his gold.

servant, c. s., w<sup>t</sup> a standing pece of sylver. Also I bewitt to Agnes Chaloner, my madyn, ij s. iij d. Also I bewitt to Isbell Hyton, my servant, xl s., uppon a condicion and she abyde w<sup>t</sup> me: and, if she doo not, x s. Also I will that my place that I won in, and my other place in Fynkel-strete, be solde be myn executores and disposed for my soule. Also I bewitt to Agnes Saunceby, late the wyffe of William Saunceby, and to his childer, xl s. The residue of all myn gudes not above bewitt I gyff and bewittes to myn executores, to dispose for my soule,oure faders, moders soules,oure childer soules, and all other gude doers soules, and all Cristen soules, in syngyng of messes and to pore people, with other dedes of charite where in God is moste pleased, as they will aunswere afore the high Juge of heven. Also I ordeyn and make myn executores Sir John Wymthingham, chautre preste in Seynt Saviour kirk in York, and Sir Thomas Symson, parson of Seynt John of Pyke in York, to all afore written wale and faithfully to be fulfilled. And I gyff to every one of myn executores taking administration v marc. In wittenesse of this my testament, I have sette my seale. Given at York, the daye and yere ofoure Lord aforesaid. And if I doo anything of this in my lyve w<sup>t</sup> my owne handes I will that it be admit for done, etc. Thies wittenesses: John Kendell, Thomas Kendell lister, Robert Paulyn fyshmonger, and other.

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

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

[Reg. Rothenam, 385b.]

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

\* A son of Sir Robert Booth, of Barton in Lancashire, by Dulcis, or Dounce, daughter and co-heir of Sir Richard Venables (Baines' Lancashire, iii. 112.) He was one of the widely spreading family of that name which took the church of York by storm about this time, and held the great posts within it without any regard to decency or propriety.

On Jan. 10, 1474-5, Mr. Robert Booth, LL.D., was instituted to the living of Bowden, diocese of Lincoln, at the presentation of Thomas Lord Scrope. (MS. Harl., 6882, 104a.) On Aug. 15 and Oct. 26, 1474, he was one of the commissioners appointed to make a treaty with Scotland. (Ford, xi. 824, and Bot. Sochias, ii. 444.) On Oct. 27, 1476, he was collated to the prebend of St. James at Beverley. (Reg. Lam. Booth, 11a.) On Jan. 14, 1476-7, he was collated to the stall of Amplesforth, at York. (Ibid. 7a.) On Feb. 14, 1477, he was collated to the prebend of St. Andrew at Beverley. (Ibid. 11b.) On Aug. 18, 1477, he was elected Dean of York. (Acta. Cap. Ebor.), with which office he held the stall of Wethering, to which he was collated Feb. 14, 1477-8. (Reg. Booth, 4b.) He was also

maritimo. Volo quod post obitum meum deferatur corpus meum ad locum mansionis decani infra clausuram eccl. præfate, ad magnam cameram, et quod in aula ejusdem mansionis ibidem celebratur exequiæ animarum per vicarios ecclesiæ, ut moris est. Volo quod in die sepulture mee, si commode fieri poterit, distribuatur inter pauperes xx marcæ. Volo quod in die septimo, vel alio die congruo, celebratur exequiæ mee animarum a toto choro pro salute (animæ) mee, cum certis speciebus, et vino, sicut pro decanis et aliis nobilibus viris usitatum fuit. Volo quod in qualibet domo Fratrum infra civitatem Ebor. celebratur exequiæ pro anima mea, retribuendo eidem Fratribus secundum discretionem executorum meorum. Volo quod unus capellanus idoneus celebret pro anima mea, anima domini Laurentii Bothe Ebor. archiepiscopi, et animabus parentum meorum per tot annos post obitum meum ad quos bona mea sufficiunt. Volo quod famuli mei permaneant in hospicio meo, et ut eis provideatur de cibariis honestis et competentibus per sex ebdomadas, vel ad minus per quatuor, post obitum meum; et quod unusquisque eorum habeat vadium suum unius quartarii anni, prout antea recipere solebat, et unam togam curtam panni nigri ex sumptibus meis emendam. Item, si bona mea ad hoc sufficiant, lego e marcus ad perficiendum et perimplendum caritatem per patrem meum fundatam; et volo quod Philippus Bothe, nepos meus, et Johannes Neve provideant et disponant summam prædictam cum redditibus et tenementis infra civitatem London. per præfatam patrem emptis pro duobus capellanis in eadem cantaria celebrandis—sicut eorum summo Juce respondere voluerunt. Volo quod Gervasius Clifton, miles, recipiat et habeat ut disponat pro salute anime mee, domini Laurentii Bothe, quondam Ebor. archiepiscopi, quantum summam pecu-

master of Bootham hospital in York, to which he was admitted Feb. 22, 1486-7. (Reg. Rothenam, 122a.) On Sept. 18, 1480, and in August, 1485, he was made Vice-general. (Ibid. 199a, 224a,b.) Richard III., in the first year of his reign, exempted the Dean during his life from the payment of tithes and quindisme. (MS. Harl. 433, 33i a.)

One Robert Bothe, of Hartesey, was ordained in 1458, the nursery of Elyden giving him a title, viz., sub-deacon 15th March, deacon 27th May, and priest 23rd Sept. (Reg. Wm. Booth, *ad fons.*) Whether he was the Dean or not I cannot say.

Dean Booth must not be confounded with Thomas Booth who was abbat of St. Mary's at the time his namesake held the deanery. (See *Curious Discourses*, i. 266.) If other proof were wanting, one circumstance only would disprove the identity—a monk could not make a will.

The Dean's monument was at the south end of the "cross body" of York Minster. (Torre, 104.) His epitaph, for a mediæval one, was exceptionally complimentary:

"Ingenio, virtute, fide, dape, vix locus iste  
Vulgi voce parum noceret ante diem.  
† Robertus Bothe decanus 1487."