

In London at Somerset House, I found Index to Wills, Peterbere - covers wills for N Hampts + Rutland counties

In the Peterbere Wills, the ordinary entries are in the Peterbere, covers for Northampton and Rutland Counties. The book I saw

Name	Date	Relationship	Location	Book #
Jackson, Alice	1621	widow	Little Galden	K. F #227
" " "	1643	yes	Benefield	H #135
" Thomas	1679		Golden Parva	P #15
" John	1681		Benefield	P #259
" Thomas	1678		O (sic)	H #305
" William	1712		Tichmarsh	H #105
" John	1701		Oundle	Y #203
Kerton, John	1617	gent.	Cotterstock	A #238
William	1641		Peterbere	G #225
Samuel	1679		"	P #52
John	1701		<u>Brigsteck</u>	V #105
Kickham, Walter	1637	Esq.(finished)		C #36
Stanyan, Ed:	1631	Husb.	<u>Brigsteck</u>	<del>W #110</del> E #63
Stanvar, Jno:	1632	Yes.son.	Stanien	<del>W #110</del> E #277
Stanvan, Robt:	1636	almsman	<u>Brigsteck</u>	<del>W #110</del> L #206
Stanvarne, Jas:	1638		Stoke Doyle	H #110
Stanien, Richard	1676		<u>Brigsteck</u>	O #55
Stanvarne, Robt:	1673		<u>Brigsteck</u>	Q #127
Stanien, Eliz:	1673 86	sen.	"	Q #201
Stanvarne, James	1622 70		"	H #49
Stanvan, Edw.	1622 84		Middleton	R #208
" John	1672		Stoke Doyle	R #380
" "	1638		<u>Brigsteck</u>	S #31
" "	1690		<u>Stoke Doyle</u>	S #35
Stanien, Charles	1715		<del>Stoke Doyle</del> <u>Brigsteck</u>	W #181
Stanvan, Thurlby	1798		<del>Cottingham</del> "	X #309
Stanvarne, John	1715		<u>Brigsteck</u>	X #340
Stanien, Alice	1703/4		Cottingham	Y #139
Stanvarne, James	1705		<u>Brigsteck</u>	Y #257
Pitche, Lan.	1615	Smith	Coddington	A #169
" Alice			"	A #249
" "			"	A #254
Fitch, Rob.			Aldwinokle	Y #239
			(suit in chancery 1682)	
Fitch, Thos.			Iaxten	S #134
Wayte, Payte	1639	Husb.	Oakham	F #183
Alice	1616		Teigh(nunc)	H #329
Waite, Mark	1663	"	Oakham	M #267
" "	1667	sen.	Aldwynokle	O #78
Wayte, Robt.	1691		Oakham	S #137

In going to Belapre Abbey in Northampton, I found that this index refers to wills which belong to both Rutland and Northampton counties, which were formerly filed at Peterbere. The wills I have abstracted following are original wills, rather poorly bound in books - nicely bound - the poor part is that some were written on scraps of parchment, or on large pieces and folded; some were on scraps of paper. Really in remarkable state of preservation considering. They said they could make photostats, given plenty of time - I don't quite see how, as many I could scarcely get the book open enough to read the initial words of each line. It is a lovely place to work - quiet - lots of room - no confusion - beautiful grounds - the office closes between one and two for lunch, so I took a sandwich, my bird glasses and enjoyed nature.

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Nk.I 127 Alas Ladsen of Little Weldenman County of Northampton, widow...weake and sicko  
to body...to be buried in parish churchyard...unto my daughter Corey...my husband gave  
me by his will bearing date 1 March 1620....pewter platters, etc...and my best hatte.  
Now whereas my husband George Ladsen had concluded to surrender, and did before his death  
surrender to his son in law Robert Chesterton of Thorne in countie aforesaid on con-  
dition said Robert deliver to executors afo...all the rest of my goods to my son  
James Ladsen, whom I make sole executor....year 1620 her marke  
Wit. Robert Rydgway(?) M. Smith(?) Edward Jesh bus(?) (mark)

Nk.H 135 Bartholomew Ladsen of benefield in county of Northampton, yeoman (sic)...dafter  
Jane 4 guineas...to da Elizabeth 4 s...son William Ladsen the bed he lies in...and 1/4  
da Bridget 1/4...da Mary 1/4...to Elizabeth Ladsen and Eilene (Jean) her da...my wife  
Elizabeth Ladsen to be executrix dated 21 April 1663 Proved - July 1663  
Wit. M: Broughton John Coles (his mark)

Nk.P 15 21 Nov. 1675 Thomas Ladsen of Welden Parva in county North'ton, freemason...  
to my kinsman Joseph (Pride?) my best Bed in the farr chamber wzt the Bed and green  
coverlett, a paire of Blanketts, a Bolster and 2 pillows, 2 paire of good sheetes, a paire  
of good pillowcases, & the featherbedd & the Curtaines belonging to yt, yt was my first  
wife's his aunt Jeane, 4 pewter Dishes, the chest yt stands in the farr Chamber and the  
biggest brass pan but one, and the midmost brass pott with all the inward Doors, locks  
& bolts, shelves, Benches & Wainscotts belonging to the House. I give him alsoe two  
shirts...to Elizabeth Butten, my wife's daughter 5 sh...to Thomas Ladsen, my kinsman  
the sene of George Ladsen 1 sh...to my kinsman John Ladsen 5 sh...to Joan pratt, the  
wife of Francis pratt, the great skillett...to kinsman Edward Herwood 1 sh...to John  
Knight, senn of John Knight of Welden, wheelwright 1 pewter dish yt was good wifes Caussey?  
all goods excepting the 1/4 yt is in Robert York's hands in Southwick to Elizabeth my  
wife, making her sole executrix. dated 21 Nov. 1675 Proved 2 May 1679  
Wit. Tho: J acksen John Knight

Nk.P 259 John Ladsen of Benefield in county of North'ton...to John Ladsen my senn  
the gray mare wch is now in his possession...unto Abel Ladsen my senn 5 sh...unto Jeane  
my daughter 5 sh...unto Mary my daughter 5 sh which shall be paid by Daniell Ladsen  
my senn...all the house and grounds at Benefield where I now live to senn Daniell and  
his heirs forever after the decease of Joane my wife...unto Daniell Ladsen the gray  
mare and foal (sic)...unto Samuel Ladsen my senn the young gray mare...rest and residue  
to Joane my wife whom I make full and sole executrix. 7 July 1691 Proved July 26, 1691  
signed with his I L mark Wit. Thomas Duke Thomas ffriar Tho: Remington

The writing of the following will is very difficult-I did it in a great hurry, thinking  
it was the same will Mrs. Norton had sent me-it is an earlier generation-perhaps two.

Nk.A 238 John Norton of Catterstock in County of Northampton -Nov. 1617...to be buried  
in church of Catterstock...to parish of Catterstock 20 sh. for the poor people of the  
town of Cundle 6 sh...peer of Tauser 6 sh...to the peer of Claptherne 6 sh...daughter  
Hanna 1300...dau Roberta 1300...to the rest of my daughters ? Prudence Belgrave  
Sara Bryan, Eliener Desberew (or n), Mary Cook, Katherine Jugland and Elizabeth Hickensen D  
20 sh apiece...grandchild Elizabeth Belgrave 110...grandchild Anne Desberren 15...  
my senn Jeremy to live and dwell in my house in and 120 a year...Amy Hylles...  
All my lands in County of Lincoln, Tauser, Catterstock, Claptherne and Cent except  
that in my own occupation...to senn Jeromy Norton, if he die to John Norton my grand-  
child...senn Peter Norton 110...wife...senn Henry Norton...evorseers my brother  
Ladsen Claypole, Esq and my kind senn in law Thomas Belgrave, gent. No signature  
Proved Oct. 23, 1617 Wit; (to me illegible) Thomas Leeyet(?)

Administrations of the Archdeaconry of Northampton p.59 John Lee is surety for the  
administration of John Fitch of Beddington, sen'r, deceased 21 May 1693, granted 18 Feb.  
1693/4 to John Fitch of Beddington, yeoman. Inventory 121..5..6 taken by Thomas Ribb  
Thomas Ladsen, Henry Ashbey

Wk.A 239 2 Nov. 1386 Robert Fitch of Oldwinkle in County of Northampton, smyth... to the peer of Boddington 20 sh... to be buried at discretion of loving wife Alice and senn William... towards repairing the Bridge at Boddington 40 sh... 40 sh to be used from time to time for the release of peer... senn William my shoppe and all that is in it either at the day of my senn's marriage or my heure of death, both at my shoppe at Boddington and my shoppe at Kettering, and all property at Boddington... to my senn Thomas ffitich the sur of 100 to be paid by executer a year after death... to daughters Sara and Susanna 10 sh apiece when 21 or marriage... to Ann Shacklee my daughter Elizabeth's child 10 at fourteen yeares. If my senn William shall hereafter marry Will'm Clarke's daughter then I give unto her... I desire that my wife take use of my senn in law Edward Depup (is what the archivist made it - I thought Lexux - it occurred twice in this will and the same in the wife's - and it never looked sensible! HDH)... to my good friend Sir Thomas Tresham, Knight one Elizabeth Souveraign and to Mr. Henry Tresham his senn and heire apparent and other souvereign of shoulde and to Dame Ann Tresham wife of the said Sir Thomas Tresham, 10 sh and I release her of the 22 sh 6d which she owes me... loving wife Alice ffitich executrix and senns in law Henry and Edward Depup and my senn William ffitich overseers Dated 10 Aprill 1313 Proved 1615 (Proof is usually in Latin and sometimes wills also - and I don't remember enough Latin to recognize dates HDH) Wit. Edwards Depup

Wk.A 249 23 April 1617 Alibe ffitich of Boddington, county Northampton... beeing well in Bodye... be buried in parish church at Boddington neare the grave where my late husband was buried... 10 sh to the peer... 20 sh to repair bridge... everyone of my children... to everyone of my daughters 20 sh... senn in law Edward Depup... to Lawrence ffitich my senn William's child... to Ann my daughter Elizabeth's child... unto my daughter Jean (Glover)... senn Thomas ffitich... dau Sara ffitich... dau Susanna ffitich... senn William ffitich... to Sir Thomas Tresham my good landlord and his lady Ann in remembrance of former favours... Executers senns in law William Glover and Edward Depup Proved May 1617 Dedicil 22 Apr 1617 gifts to senn Thomas and grandchildren... signed with her marke

Wk.B 154 Thomas ffitich of Lexton, county of Northampton, blacksmith... to daughter Elizabeth ffitich all my house in Corbey in remit(?) at Northampton and one acre of land in Therp Dirck... dau Ann. All rest of estate to Jane ffitich for use of her and my children 21 October 1691 Proved Nov. 25, 1691 Wit. (X) Elizabeth Wells Thomas Boyden (X) Mary Baxter Henry Hitchcoch

Wk.Y 257 James Stanyarne of Brigstock in county of North'ten, tanner... wife Mary... son Edward... son James... daughter Sarah Robinson... George Robinson my grandson... son Joseph and his two children Joseph and Elizabeth... son John... dau Mary ffitich and to her son Thomas ffitich 20 sh providing he dwelleth with me during my naturall life, and the rest of her children that shall be living at the time of my death 1 sh... dau Susanna Stanyarne... dau Ann Barten, her son Edward Barten... dau Elizabeth Almond... wife and son Edward to be executers 10 Nov. 1704 Prev. 15 Sept. 1705 Wit. Eliza: Barten Sarah (X) Lusler Thomas Barten Jun (X)

At Delapre Abbey was an index for earlier wills (Peterbere) JH went through them found no Fitch and no Ladson, but the following Stanyarne names are duplications.

Wk. 2118	Stanyarne Nicholas	1557	Stoke Doyle
Wk. II 157	Stanyard, Symon	1558	" "
Wk. V 165	Staniarne, William	1588	Brigstock
Wk. VII 236	Stanian, Thomas	1602	"
Wk. VII 252	Stanyarne, Alice	1602	"
Wk. VIII 302	Stanian, als Stannien, Elizabeth	Stanarne	1613
Wk. XI 233	Stanyarn, Richard Sr. Husbandman	Brigstock	1631
Wk. XII 85	Stanierne, John Sr. yeoman	Stanien	1632
Wk. XII 241	Stanyen, Robert, Alasman	Brigstock	1636
Wk. XIII 47	Stanyerne, James	Stoke Doyle	1638

Remember i and y were interchangeable

Wk. 31 15 October 4th year of reign of James II...John Stanyen of Bridgefert, County Northampton...sen William Stanyen 44...senn Michell Stanyen 15 sh...two daughters Ann and Elizabeth 25 each-Ann in 6 months and Elizabeth when 21...sen John Stanyen all my freehold close which lyeth at langlan gay, all the wedding teales in my shep and the bed in the middle chamber with the furnishings for it-he to smell and sele executor. Wit. NishlBedger Robert(X)Harriott John Harriott Proved Dec.12, 1688 and John Stanyen qualified executor.

Wk. 3 35 John Stanyen of Stoke Doyle in county of North'ten...infirm and weak of body...all my messuags, etc to dear and loving wife...with regard to my children and grandchildren she shall dispose of it as she thinks fitt...all goods and chattels... Elizabeth my said wife... 1 June 1689 Proved 29 Jan. 1690

Wit. M: Cagon M: Catin Hannah(X) Browning

Wk. 110 6 February 1635 James Stanyarne of Stoke Doyle, county of Northampton... good and perfect memorie...to peer of Stoke Doyle 6 sh... son James Stanyarne 7 sh and to all his children 5 sh apiece ...to Richard ffowler and ffowler 5 sh apiece... to Ann ffowler 25 when she is fifteen yeares...to Elizabeth Woolasen my dawter fertic sh and to her children 5 sh apiece...to senn Thomas Stanyarne all these theales over the great net house and 210 meny...senn Anthony Stanyarne 10 sh...to Marie Stanyarne and Jean Stanyarne, my son John's dawters 25 apiece, and to all the rest of my son John's children 5 sh...all the rest of my goods to John Stanyarne my senn whom I make my full executor. (The following bequest was crossed out, but was part of the body of the will: "I bequeath to Thomas my senn 3 peare of sheetes, a mattrass and 4 blanketts and bolster" The word "theale" above threw everyone in a tizzy-it was unfamiliar to me and I asked its meaning, but the two archivists had never seen it before. First thing the next morning the young man who helped me most, proudly proclaimed that this is an obsolete word, used only in Rutland and Leicestershire-and now-N'Hants. It came from an old English word meaning plank, and was used to refer to lumber for certain specific purposes, as a wheelwright might use, for example. The net(nest) barn was the big cow barn. So now we know!) Proved 22 Sept. 1633 John Stanyarne qualified Wit. Wm. (X) Willern Cobia Sylarke (probably Clarke) Thos. Balguy Katherine Stanierne

Wk. 3 128 55 Will of Richard Stanion of Brigsteck, county of Northampton...Reasonward, daughter of Thomas Stanion...daughters Elizabeth, Alice, Flora Mitchcock of Craften...all linen in my house to be divided betwixt my son Williar, dau Elizabeth and dau Allie...sen John Stanion...son Thomas dated Dec. 20, 1676 signed with his mark Wit. Richard(X) Almond

Wk. 2 127 Robert Stanyarne of Brigford, county of Northampton...deuse Ward, dau of Thomas Ward...to Elizabeth Stanyan, the wife of Thomas Stanyan...to Thomas Stayan my best coat that was my father's...to Thomas Ward, deuse of Thomas Ward, clothes, beetes and gunnr... to Churlybz(Thurlyby) Stanyan's children-three children-10 sh, said father to give the executors acquitance for the money...to John ffowler of Wanne the senn of Richard ffowler 20 sh...to Catherine the wife of Thomas Jackson of Whelden my mother's best suite of woelens and lynnens ...rest of estate, house, cares, etc. to James Stanyarne of Brigford in county of Northampton, tanner, whom I dee make my sele and full executor, and all debts paid the remainder to come to Thomas Stanyarne my brether at the will of my executor. 1 July 1673 Proved 5 July 1673 Wit. Henry Lansen Thomas Mulgan Samuel Woolasten

Wk. 2 380 That upon the 22 day Sept. 1672 John Stanyan, late of Steck Doyle in county of Northampton, shepherd did make a nuncupative will...my child Sarah 100 putt out for her use...untill she be fifteen...wife sele executrix and Reger -allis in trust for this will performance. Proof in Latin...Kettering...Dec. 10, 1672

\* Wk. 1 49 2 June 1669 James Stanyarne of Brigsteck in county of Northampton...senn Thomas Stanyarne 20 sh if he and his senn James come for it...I give unto my senn John Stanyarne 25...dau Ann Pinder 140...to her son James Pinder 40 sh and to all the rest of her children 20 sh to be paid to their father and mother...to my dau Elizabeth Carter

I feel this is ancestor of our Thomas Stanyarne see will of James Stanyarne, Turner p.5 for earlier Fitch marriage -

20 sh if she come for it...some James Stanyarne, debts being paid, all the rest of my goods and chattels, and to be sole executor 2 June 1660 Prov. Oct. 5, 1670  
Wit. John Harriett Thomas (X) Godby

Willm. E 63 22 April 1632 Richard Stanyen of Brigsteck in countie of Northampton unto my sonne Willm my two pillys... to my sonne Richard 15 to be given him one month after my decease... to my sonne Edward 10... some Robert 10 to be apprenticed till 21... to my sonne in law Robert Chapman... I give unto Mary Cork, spinster x sh... to Thomas Cork... to Henrietta Wynde my god dau... all the rest of estate to sonne William, he to be executor. Wit. Robt'm Webster (R) John Webster Proved 23 May 1634 signed (X)

1670 James Stanyarne of Brigsteck in county of Northampton, Tanner... wife Mary... the copyhold cottages in Brigsteck wherein I now dwell, and after her decease to my son Edward, and for want of such issue to such of my daughters as may be living at my son Edward's decease... to my son James Stanyarne, the aforesaid copyhold lands devised to my wife after her decease... dau Sarah Robinson copyhold tenement in Brigsteck wherein Samuel Pinder now dwelleth, after her death to George Robinson, my grandson... to son Joseph Stanyarne 12 and his two children Joseph and Elizabeth 12 apiece... son John 1 sh... dau Mary Fitch 10 sh and to her son Thomas Fitch 20 sh providing hee dwelleth with me during my naturall life and to the rest of her children that shall be living at the time of my death 1 sh... to my dau Susanna Stanyarne 10 and as many household goods as shall be worth 10 or 15 in money... to dau Ann Barten one sh and to her son Edward Barten 1 sh to my dau Elizabeth Almond 1 sh and to her son John Almond 1 sh... I give to my dau Sarah Robinson 20 sh and all such household goods as I brought from Great Boughton, and to her son George Robinson 1 sh... I will that my son James be maintained by Mary my wife out of my estate... my mind and will is that Mary Stanyarne my wife shall within one year next after my decease surrender and resigne up to my son Edward all her... that cottage or tenement next to the tenement now in possession of John Harriett, if he pay the sum of 100 to the following... dau Mary Fitch 15... to day Susanna Stanyarne 10... to day Ann Barten 15... to day Elizabeth Almond 15... to day Sarah Robinson 15. Executors wife and son Edward. 10 Nov. 1704 Prov. 15 Sept. 1705 Wit. Eliza: Barten Sarah Lusler (D) Thos. Barte Jun. (X)

Northampton Parish Register collected by G. E. Cockayne, College of Arms, London  
Parish of Lilford: Marriages Nov. 4, 1706 Edward Stanyarne a Tanner and Elizabeth Gray both of this Parish.

Deaths: 1713 Jan. 3 Mrs. Jane Stanyen, wid. aff't  
1724 June 8 Edward, son of Edward Stanyarn and Eliz'th  
Mar: 1641 Aug. 8 Edward Stanien and Mary Willson  
1670 Jan 15 John Stanien and Sara Humpferis

Quaker Records in London: Miscellaneous letters from Meetings in various areas-it is quite what indefinite. I asked for any notes on Quakers in Barbadoes-this is all I found.

Box Meeting Barbadoes 10 me day ye 30th 1677 List of women at Plantation Meeting  
Ticketts and Clift Meeting... This letter is to Rebecca Graves... they meet once a month at the Bridge between the quarterly meetings... on next page, some handwriting "Windward Bridge Meeting" This is signed by a number of women-real signatures-the first name is Kath: Norton the first letter had Jane Fitch Spring Meeting had Mary Waite  
Charpter Ground Meeting had among signers Margaret Jackson, Alice Collins, Susanna Waite, Susanna Perryman (These names all early S.S. names) Same book #30 Barbadoes  
- 30th of 2 me 1676 signed by Katherine Norton and others

- 1688 "Sufferings of Friends" vol. 2 p. 317 Jonathan Fitch for defaults of appearing in Arms, 1145 lb and for not paying Church dues, so called, 79 1/2 lb in all 1224 1/2 lb.  
Barbadoes 1673 1673

- p. 39 J. Ladsen John Ladsen for Defaults of appearing in Arms 400 lb  
p. 39 me 54 Barbadoes 1689 William Waite for defaults of appearing in arms 9 1/2 lb  
p. 382 72 1685 William Waite for defaults of appearing in Arms 615 lb and for Priest's maintenance 400 lb.

- 200 John Waite for not sending to the militia 1500 lb and for not paying church dues, so called, 350 lb. The marshall who made the Seizure, behaved exceedingly rudely.

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of list N. 35

drawing his sword, threatening and terrifying the said Waite's wife, inso much she miscarried and was in danger of her life thereby.

Somerset House, London.	Joseph Fitch	1680	no 78	(nothing)	
	Elizabeth Fitch	1684	no 112	)	
	Walter Fitch	1680	145	)	did not read.
	Thomas Fitch	1677	91	)	

In St. Peter's Church, Northampton, across from the railroad station are several wall memorials to Sir Thomas Fresham and his family. When this name occurred in the Fitch wills, Mr. Tenque said it was a very renowned one in Northampton. He became a lot more interested in the Fitches after we found this will.

On the door of this church, a most beautiful one, by the way, wonderful carved pillars and most ancient fittings, is this most appropriate verse

"Pause ere thou enter, Traveller, and bethink thee  
 How holy, yet how homelike this place.  
 Time that thou spendest humbly here shall link thee  
 With men unknown who once were of thy race.  
 This is thy Father's House; to Him address thee  
 Whom here His children worship face to face;  
 He at thy coming in with peace will bless thee,  
 Thy going out make joyful with His grace."

A very capable woman working for the Mormons in Salt Lake City, advised me that this is an excellent place to get information. Her name: Margaret C. Griffin: 193 Beech Hill Ave Wigan, Lancs., England. She suggested that for Yorkshire records I write Mrs. Deris Goske 15 College Rd. Oldham, Lancs. and ask her how to contact Miss Lucy Ripley, who is very good on Yorkshire.

From someone, is a neatly printed address: Mr. I. P. Collis, Somerset Record Office, Chridco Rd. Taunton Phone Northampton 4178