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✓ Jaddon, Alice	1621	widow	Little Weldon	Sk. I #227
✓ " Bart.	1663	yeo	Benefield	N #135
✓ " Thomas	1679		Wotton Parva	P #15
✓ " John	1681		Benefield	F #259
✓ " Thomas	1673		O (sic)	H #305
✓ " William	1712		Tichmarsh	W #105
✓ " John	1701		Cundie	Y #203
✓ Norton, John	1617	gent.	Cotterstock	A #238
✓ " William	1641		Peterbere	G #226
✓ " Samuel	1679		"	P #52
✓ " John	1701		Brigstock	V #105
Kirkham, Walter	1637	Esq. (finished)		C #36
✓ Stanyan, Ri:	1631	Husb.	Brigstock	W #120
✓ Stanyan, Jno:	1682	Yeo. son.	Stanien	E #277
✓ Stanyan, Robt:	1636	a. man	Brigstock	L #206
✓ Stanyarne, Jas:	1638		Stoke Doyle	M #110
✓ Stanien, Richard	1676		Brigstock	O #55
✓ Stanyarne, Robt:	1673		Brigstock	Q #127
✓ Stanien, Elis:	1658 86	sen.	"	Q #201
✓ Stanyarne, James	1688 70		"	R #49
✓ Stanyan, Edw.	1658 84		Middleton	R #203
✓ " John	1672		Stoke Doyle	P #380
✓ " "	1688		Brigstock	S #31
✓ " "	1690		Stoke Doyle	S #35
✓ Stanien, Charles	1715		Brigstock	W #181
✓ Stanyan, Thurlby	1798		Brigstock	X #309
✓ Stanyarne, John	1715		Brigstock	X #340
✓ Stanien, Alice	1703/4		Cottingham	Y #199
✓ Stanyarne, James	1705		Brigstock	Y #267
✓ Fitcho, Lan.	1615	Smith	Geddington	A #169
✓ " Alice			"	A #249
✓ " "				A #254
✓ Fitch, Rob.			Aldwinokle	M #239
Fitch, Thos.			(suit in chancery 1692)	
			Laxton	S #134
Wayte, Payte	1639	Husb.	Oakham	F #183
✓ " Alice	1616		Teigh (nuno)	H #329
✓ Waite, Mark	1663	"	Oakham	M #267
✓ " "	1667	sen.	Aldwynokle	O #78
✓ Waite, Robt.	1691		Oakham	S #137

On going to Delapre 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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Bk.I 227 Ales Ladsen of little Weldon in County of Northampton, widow...weake and sick in body...to be buried in parish churchyard...unto my daughter Derety...my husband gave them 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 condition said Robert deliver to executors £10....all the rest of my goods to my son James Ladsen, when I make sele executer....year 1620 her marke  
Wit. Robert Hydway(?) Wm. Smith(?) Edward Jeh bus(?) (mark)

Bk.H 135 Bartholomew Ladsen of Benefield in county of Northampton, yeoman (sic)...dafter Jane 4 guineas...to da Elizabeth 4 p...son William Ladsen the bed he lies in...and £4 da Bridget £4...da Mary £4....to Elizabeth Ladsen and Milene (Jean) her da...my wife Elizabeth Ladsen to be executrix dated 21 April 1663 Proved - July 1663  
Wit. Rl: Broughton John Coles (his mark)

Bk.P 15 21 Nov. 1675 Thomas Ladsen of Weldon Parva in county North'ten, freemason... to my kinsman Joseph (Pride?) my best Bed in the farr chamber wth 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 Bishes, the chest yt stands in the farr Chamber and the biggest brass pan but one, and the middest brass pott with all the inward Deere, locks & belts, shelves, Benches & Wainscetts 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 sonne of George Ladsen 1 sh...to my kinsman John Ladsen 5 sh...to Jean pratt, the wife of Francis pratt, the great skillet...to kinsman Edward Herwood 1 sh...to John Knight, senn of John Knight of Weldon, wheelwright 1 pewter dish yt was good wifes Caussey all goods excepting the £4 yt is in Robert Yerk's hands in Southwick to Elizabeth my wife, making her sele executrix. dated 21 Nov. 1675 Proved 2 May 1679  
Wit. The: Jackson John Knight

Bk.P 259 John Ladsen of Benefield in county of North'ten...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 Jeane my wife...unto Daniell Ladsen the gray mare and foal (sic)...unto Samuel Ladsen my senn the young gray mare...rest and residue to Jeane my wife when I make full and sele executrix. 7 July 1681 Proved July 26, 1681 signed with his I L mark Wit. Thomas Duke Thomas ffriar The Remington

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

Bk.A 238 John Nerton of Cettersteck in County of Northampton - Nov. 1617...to be buried in church of Cettersteck...to parish of Cettersteck 20 sh. For the poore people of the town of Cundle 6 sh...peer of Tauser 6 sh...to the peer of Claptherne 6 sh...daughter Hanna £300...dau Roberta £300...to the rest of my daughters ? , Prudence Belgrave Sara Bryan, Eliener Desberow (or n), Mary Coak, Katherine Jugland and Elizabeth Kikkensen 20 sh apiece...grandchild Elizabeth Belgrave £10...grandchild Anne Desberren £5... my senn Jeremy to live and dwell in my house in and £20 a year...Amy Mylles... All my lands in County of Lincoln, Tauser, Cettersteck, Claptherne and Cent except that in my own occupation...to senn Jeremy Nerton, if he die to John Nerton my grandchild...senn Peter Nerton £10...wife...senn Henry Nerton...everseers my brother Adam Claypeole, Esq and my kind senn in law Thomas Belgrave, gent. No signature  
Proved Oct. 23, 1617 Wit; (to me illegible) Thomas Lecy(?)

Administrations of the Archdeaceny of Northampton p. 59 John Lee is surety for the Administration of John Fitch of Beddington, sen'r, deceased 21 May 1683, granted 18 Feb. 1683/4 to John Fitch of Coddington, yeoman. Inventory £21..5..6 taken by Thomas Kibb Thomas Ladsen, Henry Ashbey

Exhibited by John Fitch, the only son (49)

Fitch

Dk.M 239 2 Nov. 1656 Robert Fitch of Oldwinkle in County of Northampton, smyth... to the poor of Geddington 20 sh... to be buried at discretion of loving wife Alice and sonne William... towards repairing the Bridge at Geddington 40 sh... 40 sh to be used from time to time for the release of poor... sonne William my shoppe and all that is in it either at the day of my sonne's marriage or my heure of death, both at my shoppe at Geddington and my shoppe at Kettering, and all property at Geddington... to my sonne Thomas ffitch the sum of 1100 to be paid by executor a year after death... to daughters Sara and Susanna 1184 apiece when 21 or marriage... to Ann Shookleo my daughter Elizabeth's childe 15 at fourteen yeares. If my sonne William shall hereafter marry Will'm Clarke's daughter then I give unto her... I desire that my wife make use of my sonne in law Edward Depup (is what the archivist made it - I thought Sexux-it occurred twice in this will and the same in the wife's - and it never looked sensible! MDH)... to my good friend Sir Thomas Tresham, knight one Elizabeth Souveraign and to Mr. Henry Tresham his sonne and heire apparent and other sovereign of Couelde 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 ffitch executrix and sonnes in law Henry and Edward Depup and my sonn William ffitch overseers Dated 10 Aprill 1613 Proved 1615 (Proof is usually in Latin and sometimes wills also - and I don't remember enough Latin to recognize dates MDH) Wit. Edward Depup

Dk.A 249 23 Aprill 1617 Alice ffitch of Geddington, county Northampton... beings well in body... be buried in parish church at Geddington neare the grave where my late husband was buried... 10 sh to the poor... 20 sh to repair bridge... everyone of my redchildren... to everyone of my daughters 20 sh... sonn in lawe Edward Depup... to Lawrence ffitch my sonn William's child... to Ann my daughter Elizabeth's child... unto my daughter Jean (?) Glover... sonn Thomas ffitch... dau Sara ffitch... dau Susanna ffitch... sonn William ffitch... to Sir Thomas Tresham my good landlord and his lady Ann in remembrance of former favours... Executors sonns in law William Glover and Edward Sepup Proved May 1617 Decicil 22 Apr 1617 gifts to sonn Thomas and grandchildren... signed with her marks

Dk.S 134 Thomas ffitch of Laxton, county of Northampton, blacksmith... to daughter Elizabeth ffitch all my house in Corbey in remit(?) at Northampton and one acre of land in Therp Dirk... dau Ann. All rest of estate to Jeane ffitch for use of her and my children 21 October 1691 Proved Nov. 26, 1691 Wit. (X) Elizabeth Wells Thomas Boyden (X) Mary Baxter Henry Hitchcom

Dk.Y 257 James Stanyarne of Brigstock in county of North'ton, tanner... wife Mary... son Edward... son James... daughter Sarah Robinson... George Robinson my grandson... son Joseph and his two children Joseph and Elizabeth... son Jehn... dau Mary ffitch and to her son Thomas ffitch 20 sh providing he dwelloth 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 executors 10 Nov. 1704 Prev. 15 Sept. 1705 Wit. Eliza: Barten Sarah (X) Luslor Thomas Barten Jun (X)

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

Dk. 21#8	Stanyarne Nicholas	1557	Stoke Doylo
Dk. II 137	Stanyard, Symon	1558	" "
Dk. V #165	Staniarne, William	1588	Brigstock
Dk. VII #230	Stanian, Thomas	1602	"
Dk. VII #252	Stanyarne, Alice	1602	"
Dk. VIII #302	Stanian, als Stannien, Elizabeth	Stanarne	1613
Dk. XI #235	Stanyarn, Richard Sr. Husbandman	Brigstock	1631
Dk. XII #85	Stanierne, Jehn Sr. yeoman	Stanien	1632
Dk. XII #241	Stanyen, Robert, Alnsman	Brigstock	1636
Dk. XIII #47	Stanyerne, James	Stoke Doylo	1638

Bk.S 31 15 October 4th year of reign of James II... John Stanyon of Bridgefert, County Northampton... son William Stanyon £4... sonn Mickell Stanyon 15 sh... two daughters Ann and Elizabeth £5 each - Ann in 6 months and Elizabeth when 21... son John Stanyon all my freehold close which lyeth at langlen gay, all the working tooles in my sheep and the bed in the middle chamber with the furnishings for it - he to wholl and sole executor. Wit. Richl Bodger Robert (X) Harriott John Harriott Proved Dec. 12, 1688 and John Stanyon qualified executor.

Bk.S 35 John Stanyon of Stoke Doyle in county of North'ten... infirme and weake of body... all my message, 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 rev. 29 Jan. 1690 Wit. Ri: Cugo Ed: Pain Hannah (X) Browning

Bk.X 110 6 februarye 1686 James Stanuarne of Stoke Doyle, countye of Northampton... good and perfect memorie... to peer of Stoke Doyle 6 sh... son James Stanuarne 7 sh and to all his children 5 sh apiece ... to Richard ffowler and ... ffowler 5 sh apiece... to Ann ffowler £5 when she is fifteen yeares... to Elizabeth Woolason my dawter fertie sh and to her children 5 sh apiece... to sonn Thomas Stanuarne all those theales over the great net house and £10 money... sonn Anthony Stanuarne 10 sh... to Marie Stanuarne and Joan Stanuarne, my son John's dawtera £5 apiece, and to all the rest of my son John's children 5 sh... all the rest of my goods to John Stanuarne my sonn 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 sonn 3 peare of sheetes, a mattress and 4 blanketts and bolster" The word "theale" above threw everyone in a tizsy - 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 (neet) byan was the big cow barn. So now we know!) Proved 22 Sept. 1688 John Stanuarne qualified Wit. Wm. (W) Willomn Cobia Sylarke (probably Clarke) Thos. Dalguy Katherine Stanierne

Bk.O 122 55 Willif Richard Stanion of Brigsteck, county of Northampton... ~~Richard Stanion, daughter Elizabeth Stanion, the wife of Thomas Stanion, Thomas Stanion, Thomas Stanion~~ weaver... daughters Elizabeth, Alice, Flora Hitchcock of Traften... all linen in my house to be divided betwixt my son William, dau Elizabeth and dau Alice... son John Stanion... son Thomas dated Dec. 29, 1676 signed with his mark Wit. Richard (X) Almond

Bk.Q 127 Robert Stanuarne of Brigford, county of Northampton... Rease 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, donor of Thomas Ward, clothes, bootes and gunn... to Churibys (Thuribly) Stanyan's children - three children - 10 sh, said father to give the executors acquittance for the money... to John ffewler of Vanne the sorne of Richard ffewler 20 sh... to Catherine the wife of Thomas Jackson of Wholdeu my mether's best suite of woelens and lynen... rest of estate, house, mares, etc. to James Stanuarne of Brigford in county of Northampton, tanner, whom I deo make my sole and full executor, and all debts paid the remainder to come to Thomas Stanuarne my brother at the will of my executor. 1 July 1673 Proved 5 July 1673 Wit. Henry Iamsen Thomas Sulgan Samuel Woolaston

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

\* Bk.R 49 2 June 1669 James Stanuarne of Brigsteck in county of Northampton... son Thomas Stanuarne 20 sh if he and his sorne James come for it... I give unto my sorne John Stanuarne £5... dau Ann Pinder £40... 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 40 sh  
I feel this is ancestor of our Thomas Stanuarne  
see will of James Stanuarne, tanner p.5 for earlier Fitchmariaf.

20 sh if she come for it...sonne James Stanyarne, debts being paid, all the rest of my goods and chattels, and to be sole executer 2 June 1669 Prev. Oct. 5, 1670  
Wit. John Harriett Thomas (X) Goodby

Bk. 124 B 63 22 Aprill 1632 Richard Stanyen of Brigstecks in countie of Northampton unte my sonne Will'm my two fillys...to my sonne Richard £5 to be given him one month after my decease...to my sonne Edward £10...sonne Robert £10 to be apprenticed till 21.. to my sonne in law Robert Chapman...I give unte Mary Cork, spinster x sh...to Thomas Cork...to Henrietta Mynde my ged dau...all the rest of estate to sonne Willing, he to be executer. Wit. Rebt'm Knoster (R) J John Webster proved 23 May 1634 signed (X)

Bk. Y 207 James Stanyarne of Brigsteck in county of Northampton, Tanner...wife Mary... two copyheld 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 copyheld lands devised to my wife after her decease...dau Sarah Robinsen copyheld tenement in Brigsteck wherein Samuel Pinder now dwelleth, after her death to George Robinsen, my grandson...to son Joseph Stanyarne £12 and his two children Joseph and Elizabeth £12 apiece...son John 1/2 sh... dau Mary ffitch 10 sh and to her son Thomas ffitch 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 £30 and as many household goods as shall be worth £3 or £3 in money...to dau Ann Barten one sh and to her son Edward Barten 1 sh to my dau Elizabeth Almend 1 sh and to her son John Almend 1 sh...I give to my dau Sarah Robinsen 20 sh and all such household goods as I brought from Great Boughton, and to her son George Robinsen 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 £30 to the following...dau Mary ffitch £5...to day Susanna Stanyarne £10...to day Ann Barten £5...to day Elizabeth Almend £5...to day Sarah Robinsen £5. Executors wife and son Edward. 10 Nov. 1704 Prev. 15 Sept. 1705 Wit. Eliza: Barten Sarah Lusler (D) Thos. R. Jun

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

Burials: 1718 Jan. 3 Mrs. Jane Stanyen, wid. aff't  
1724 June 6 Edward, son of Edward Stanyarn and Eliz'th  
Mar: 1641 Aug. 8 Edward Stanien and Mary Willson  
1670 Jan 13 John Stanien and Sara Humpferis

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

Bex Meeting Barbadoes 10 no day ye 30th 1677 List of women at Plantation Meeting Ticketts and Clift Meeting...This letter is to Rebecka Graves...they meet once a month at the Bridge between the quarterly meetings...on next page, same handwriting "windwa Bridge Meeting" This is signed by a number of women-real signatures-the first name is Kath: Nerton the first letter had Jane Fitch Spring Meeting had Mary Waite Champien Ground Meeting had among signers Margaret Jackson, Alice Collins, Susanna Wa, Susanna Perryman (These names all early S.C. names) Same book #30 Barbadoes  
- 30th of 2 no 1676 signed by Katherine Nerton and others

*Handwritten note:*  
Mrs. Rebecka Graves  
of Barbadoes N. 1677

- Besse "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 1678 1678  
- p. 39 J. Ladsen John Ladsen for Defaults of appearing in Arms 400 lb  
p. 339 no 54 Barbadoes 1689 William Waite for defaults of appearing in arms  
p. 332 72 1685 William Waite for defaults of appearing in Arms 615 lb and for maintenance 400 lb.  
p. 290 John Waites for not sending to the militia 1500 lb and for not paying church dues, so called, 850 lb. The marshall who made the seizure, behaved exceedingly ru