

The Preface.

The Re-establishment of his Posterity, by the Matches of his three Sons, with Virtue and good Blood.

He gave Possessions of Inheritance to his younger Sons for their better Advancement.

His Last Will.

His Executors, his Supervisor.

His Age. His Departure.

1 H. 7. fol. 27.
21 H. 7. fol. 32. b.

W. 2. cap. 11.
*See Littleton, Sect. 749.

His Sepulchre.

Matches for these three Sons, in virtuous and ancient Families, that is to say, for his Son Sir *William, Ellen* Daughter and Coheir of *Thomas Welsh* Esquire, who by her had Issue *Johan* his only Child, married to Sir *John Aston* of *Tixal* Knight: And for the second Wife of Sir *William, Mary* the Daughter of *William Whittington* Esquire, whose Posterity in *Worcestershire* flourish to this Day. For *Richard Littleton* his second Son, to whom he gave good Possessions of Inheritance, *Alice* Daughter and Heir of *William Winsbury* of *Pilleton Hall* in the County of *Stafford* Esquire, whose Posterity prosper in *Staffordshire* to this Day. And for *Thomas* his third Son, to whom he gave good Possessions of Inheritance, *Anne* Daughter and Heir of *John Boretreaux* Esquire, whose Posterity in *Shropshire* continue prosperously to this Day. Thus advanced he his Posterity, and his Posterity by Imitation of his Virtues have honoured him.

He made his Last Will and Testament the 22d Day of *August*, in the twenty-first Year of the Reign of King *Edward* the Fourth, whereof he made his three Sons, a Parson, a Vicar, and a Servant of his, Executors; and constituted Supervisor thereof, his true and faithful Friend, *John Alcock*, Doctor of Law, of the famous University of *Cambridge*, then Bishop of *Worcester*, a Man of singular Piety, Devotion, Chastity, Temperance, and Holiness of Life, who amongst other of his pious and charitable Works, founded *Jesus College* in *Cambridge*; a fit and a fast Friend to our honourable and virtuous Judge.

He left this Life in his great and good Age, on the 23d Day of the Month of *August*, in the said twenty-first Year of the Reign of King *Edward* the Fourth: For it is observed for a special Blessing of Almighty God, that few or none of that Profession die *Intestatus & improles*, without Will, and without Child; which Last Will was proved the 8th of *November* following, in the Prerogative Court of *Canterbury*, for that he had *Bona notabilia* in divers Dioceses. But yet our Author liveth still in ore omnium *Jurisprudentium*.

Littleton is named in 1 H. 7. and 21 H. 7. Some do hold, that it is no Error either in the Reporter or Printer; but that it was *Richard* the Son of our Author, who in those Days professed the Law, and had read upon the Statute of W. 2. *quia multi per malitiam*, and * unto whom his Father dedicated his Book: And this *Richard* died at *Pilleton-Hall* in *Staffordshire* in 9 H. 8.

The Body of our Author is honourably interred in the Cathedral Church of *Worcester*, under a fair Tomb of Marble, with his Statue or Portraiture upon it, together with his own Match, and the Matches of some of his Ancestors, and with a Memorial of his principal Titles, and out of the Mouth of his Statue proceedeth this Prayer, *Fili Dei miserere mei*, which he himself caused to be made and finished in his Life-time, and remaineth to this Day. His Wife *Johan*, Lady *Littleton*, survived him, and left a great Inheritance of her Father, and *Ellen* her Mother, Daughter and Heir of *John Grendon* Esquire, and other her Ancestors, to Sir *William Littleton* her Son.