

THE BOOK OF DOW

Son Henry m the said messuages after the death of my wife.

Son Christopher Dowe, Daughter Katherine and Susan Sowter, "daughters of said Katherine Sowter."

Son Edmond all debts owing to me by Thomas Clere esqr. and Richard Ryper of Yarmouth.

Robert and Margaret Dowe, children of my son Edmond.

Edmond Church my godchild, all the rest of my godchildren unnamed in epitome.

WILL of Margaret Dowe, of Runham, Norfolk, wid: dated 19 August, 1615.

To be buried in Runham Church.

Mary, Francis, Thomas, Harrys, Edward and William Dowe,—the syx children that my sonne Henry Dowe did leave behind him."

Elizabeth Ann. Ezekell, Rewth, Ellen, Judith, Sarah, Thomas, and Nathaniel Dowe, children of my sonne Christopher Dowe.

Sole Executor Christopher Dowe.

Proved at Yarmouth, 10 September, 1616, by executor named.

Henry Dow xaa, oldest child, b 1550, m May 12, 1594, Elizabeth March. In spite of his late marriage, he did much toward a posterity. He d three years before his mother, Apr 21, 1613. He was the parish clerk at Runham and for four years signed the register as church warden. The fourth year he signed as Dove. Children:

- a Mary bap Mch 16, 1594-5 b Lucy bap Oct 28, 1596; d Jan 11, 1600
- c Thomas bap Apr 1, 1599; bur Apr 6, 1599 d Frances bap Apr 6, 1600
- e Thomas bap Jan 16, 1601-2. It was once assumed that he was the 1639 emigrant to Newbury, Mass, which is absurd, as the Newbury man was only about 35 in 1654. Thomas inherited the land, lived, died and had a family in England, where his posterity still lives
- f Henry bap Oct 6, 1605; first Dow of America
- g Edward bap Feb 21, 1607; lived Ormsby; m Elizabeth Robbins
- h William bap Jan 20, 1610

This generation married into the families of March and Farrar and continues to this day of Norfolk Co. The mother of Elizabeth March was a Farrar.

In Chancery Inquisitions Post Mortem vol 344, no 94:

Inquisition taken at Walton, co Norfolk, 19th April, 12 James I, after the death of Henry Dowe, yeoman,

The said Henry was seized of a close of arable land called le Wonge close in Runham, containing about 14 acres; in reversion after the death of his mother Margaret Dowe, late the wife of Thomas Dowe, a messuage of land in Runham, Thrigby, and Maultby, still in the occupation of the said Margaret. By his will he bequeathed the said messuages to his wife for life, remainder of his son Thomas.

He died 21 April 11 James I (1614), Thomas his said son and heir