

WILL of Johan Dewe (sic) of Great Yarmouth, widow, dated 22 August, 1549.

Sole legatees—children, Thomas, Christopher and Katherine.

At this time the Dow family of Yarmouth, notably of Runham parish, was not so numerous to make it improbable that they were all closely akin. It seems probable that John Dow had a brother Thomas of Runham. This Thomas had at least three sons:

- a William bur Dec 29, 1567 b John bur Feb 13, 1572
- c Thomas bur Good Friday Apr 6, 1599

This 3rd born Thomas had a wife Elizabeth and a son Thomas b Oct 28, 1640. We cannot differentiate between Thomas Dow bur Apr 23, 1642, and Thomas Dow bur Oct 2, 1666.

Of this line seems Henry Dow with wife Ann and a son Thomas b June 2, 1673; d Sept 28, 1673. Also Elizabeth Dowe m Mch 13, 1614, Gregorie Davie (also spelled Davye). Also Ellen Dowe m Runham Jan 15, 1643, John Holmes.

Thomas Dow xa, whose children repeat the names of the previous generation, may have seen service in his youth, for he possessed and bequeathed a piece of land, not owned by his father, held of the King for military service. He was 16 when his father died. He m Oct 5, 1549, Margaret England. For many years he kept an inn in Runham Parish, Yarmouth, and probably farmed his arable lands. It is on record that Thomas Dow, an honest man and good housekeeper, was bur: the xth day of May, 1591. Again: Margaret Dowe, wid: bur: Sept 5, 1616. Little doubt that the list of children is complete:

- a Henry b 1550. Oddly, the Parish rec, which gives many names prior as well as later, does not contain his birth or baptism
- b Thomas bap Mch 20, 1551-2. Thomas, son of Thomas, a single man, m Runham May 24, 1596, Lucie Church, widowe. She d Dec 4, 1612. He m 2nd July 18, 1614, Sarah Manchepp of Hemsbye, who was bur May 7, 1615. Albeit of full years he m 3rd at Runham by special license Apr 7, 1617, Grace Smith and had by her a dau Elinor b July 9, 1618
- c Katherine m May 7, 1576, John Sowter. She had only dau; therefore the Sowter family of Seabrook, N H, who came originally from Norfolk Co, was only collaterally related
- d Christopher bap Mch 25, 1569-70; m Runham Aug 11, 1606, Elizabeth Franklin
- e John bap Sept 7, 1572; bur Feb 13, 1572-3
- f Edmond, mentioned in father's will with children Robert and Margaret. Edmund Dove, almost surely identical, gentleman of Filby (Filby, Thrigsby, Ormsby, Runham are all parishes of Great Yarmouth), had a dau Sarah bap Mch 16, 1603

C C Norwich, Andrews 85: WILL of Thomas Dowe of Runham, Norfolk, yeoman, dated 2 May, 1591

Poor of Runham, a cove worth twentie shillings, and 20s for penny dole.

Wife Margaret, messuages and lands in Runham, Mautbye, etc, for her life.