

Vpon old John Dowe an Unprofitable townsman of great estate
in land and yet not worth a mortuary at his Death in Goods.

John Dowe an antient townsman was buried in divers years
past before

And lyeth buried within the Church South Door.
De quo hoc verum Epitaphium hebaeri posset.

Here lyeth the Dowe who ne'er in life did good
Nor would have done though longer he had stood
A wife he had both Beautifull and wise
But he ne'er would such goodness exercise
Death was his Freind to bring him to his grave
For he in life commendam none could have.

We now come back to the yeomanry. The Society of Antiquaries of London, *Archaeologia* vol 25, p 421, gives extracts from the household and privy purse accounts of the Lestranges of Hunstanton, Norfolk, from 1519 to 1578:

This booke make mencyon of all payments for the hows & receyts
from the xxvth day of September in the xjth yere of ye leigue of Kyng
Henry the VIIIth on to ye next accompts

The ljd Weke

Item pd to John Dowe for making of a Cowle for the Hennys at
Anan ljd.

A cowl is the wooden cross piece to be worn on the shoulders, from
which a pail or other load may be suspended at each end. It is
possible, even rather probable, that this John Dow is father of our
earliest known ancestor, but no evidence of it exists.

From C C Norwich: Baynes 127, comes the first mention found of
our own line.

WILL of John Dow of Great Yarmouth, Norfolk, joiner, dated 1
July, 1544.

High Altar, Reparation of Church, the lazars at Yarmouth gates,
Sisters of the Hospital in Yarmouth,

Sons—Thomas and Christopher, 40s apiece at their ages, etc.

Wife Johan my "Place" in Yarmouth.

Residuary legatee and sole executrix—wife Johan.

Supervisor uncle Christopher Coop.

From this we make out that John Dow was thrifty and had a home;
that his bequests to charity were not inconsiderable for his time, that the
name of his wife was Johan Coop.

The will of the widow adds another name: