

twelve pence a week for ever, to be bestowed in bread every Sunday morning, chargeable on my manor of Garsden.

(From the original will.)

The above will is one of the Oxford Wills (so called) which remain unregistered. The Calendars for 1643 and 1644 show many such. The Lady Tirrell mentioned in the will was Martha (Washington), wife of Sir John Tirrell or Tyrrell of Springfield, Essex, to whom she was married June, 1630 (see Visitations of Essex, II. 717). She died 17 Dec. 1670. Her husband was obliged to compound as a royalist in 1645, when he put in the following petition:—

"May it please this honorable Cōmittēe to take notice that I was Sequestered for being at Oxford, & the occasions of my going thither were these—Sir Lawrence Washingtō my wife's father (haueing noe more children besides my wife & one soñe then under age) carried my wife frō my house att Springfield in Essex to his house at Garsden in Wilts that Midsommer before the warrs began, & sho being with child sent for me about Christmas after, whereuppō I peured a Passe from the Lords & Cōmons of ye Close Cōmittēe to travell to her, & about Shronetide after I got to Garsden, where the King Cōfounded by his Garrison in Malmesbury; soon after S^r Lawrence went to attend the Seale at Oxford being ill before & at ye tyne of his goeing, but ye disease being quicker uppō him (for it began wth a gentle flux) & his soune lyng there also desperately sick, & his man sending in[e] word he spake of my coffin, for ye settling his Estate by deed (w^{ch} accordingly he did) uppō his soune & after, uppō his daughter; I went to Oxford, where S^r Lawr. shortly after died & his soune hardly escaped, & then I returned to Garsden. Then my wife being sick at ye Bath & haueing spent o' monys, I went shortly after to Bracy to my Tenant; & then peuroing a Passe frō my L^d of Essex I came to Londō last Januariy was twelue months & found my estate sequestered & soon after my goods & stock were sold; & I attended the L^d & Cōmons of y^e honor^{ble} Cōmittēe for Sequestratiōs till I was heard, & after, about in Londō till Mich: last when haueing no means longer to subsist I repaired to Springfield in Essex to my wife & childrē, where I aboud till about 3 weeks since.

I gaue 10£ to the first Propositions. I have payd the 5th & 20th pt to the full, as appears by Certificate of ye Cōmittēe at Cholmisford. I haue taken ye National Covenant. I have payd all Rates without distresse, before I was sequestred; & [] except 50£ to Habberdashers Hall last Mich: for 20th pt w^{ch} I hope I am [] that my Certificate saith I haue payd to the Full. My goods haue been sold & stock. My estate in Northantsheire lost & utterly spoyled. I had a Passe to goe into ye K: Quarters, & was at Ox: before or when the Ordenance for Sequestratiōs bears date; the occasiō was a greate Concerne unto me, to wit ye settling Sir Lawr. whole estate by intaile; And my owne land near Bracy. I never boar Arams; nor assisted ye K: Nor kissed his hand whilst I was there."

"Yr humble Servant

"Jo: Tirrell"

"24^o April: 1645."

The following inscription was copied at Garsden by J. Henry Lea, Esq.: