

MEMORANDA REFERRING TO THE WILL

OF

JOHN IDEN OF HADLOW, ESQUIRE.

By his will, dated 1609, proved in the Prerogative Court of Canterbury 1612, it is shewn that Wyat Playne had married Rebecca, the relict of one Jones and sister to John Iden, Esquire, of Hadlow. The aforesaid John Iden makes legacies to the neighbouring nobility and gentry, and bequeaths Cheynes Court, etc., in Sutton first to his sister's children, the Kenwards of Sutton, and in default of heirs then jointly to the children of two other sisters, viz., Plane and Barton.

Cheynes Court came into the Iden family about 1450, and was willed by William Iden of West Farleigh Manor (P.C.C. 1501) to his niece Johan, who had married Barton. From this circumstance, as from other internal evidences in the will, the aforesaid John Iden must have been identical with the son of Jasper of Yalding Manor. This indicates clearly the descent of the Henham family from Alexander Iden, the sheriff, and not through the Children family as suggested. This will, together with the Hadlow Registers, supply the following additions to the Pedigree of Iden and Plane. Some of the Henham wills described as proved in the Prerogative Court were proved in the Shoreham Peculiars, now at Somerset House.

[See MS. of Iden family at Maidstone Museum, by W. L. King.]

His descent from the Sheriff who slew Jasper Iden of Yalding, Agnes Fisen-
Jack Cade is shewn in the Grant of ob. 1580. Will, Rochester. 2nd wife. (Harl.
Arms to Thomas Brown, 1626, etc. MS. 1548.)

