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Title: *List of Early Chancery Proceedings preserved in the Public Record Office. Vol. IX.*, 1963, London, 14

[1544–1547]

FILE 1103.¹

65–67² William, Thomas, James, and Richard, sons and heirs of Thomas BLECHER, v. Robert BLECHER (Blatcher), William HYLLES, and . . . his wife.

Gavelkind lands at Underriver in Seal and Ensham in Kemsing, late of Richard Blecher, deceased, great-uncle of all the parties bearing his name. (Defendants plead an entail.)

KENT.

¹ addressed to Thomas, lord Wriothesley, chancellor 1544–1547
² sequential item numbers in file

Source: Archæologia Cantiana xx

Title: *Kentish Administrations, 1604–49. Edited by Leland L. Duncan, F.S.A.*, 1893, London, 22

3 December 1632

[Fol.:] 138

[Name of deceased:] BLATCHER, John.

[Parish:] Haukherst.

[To whom granted:] Thomas, brother.

[Date:] 3 Dec.

Source: *Archæologia Cantiana* xx

Title: *Incumbents of Kemsing with Seal*, 1893, London, 267–268

26 December 1545

[INCUMBENT:] JOHN DENMAN, LL.D., in 1545, and in 1548 (Wills.)

[PATRON: *blank*]

He is mentioned as a witness in the will of “Johan Blatcher of Seale, wedowe,” 26 December 1545. On leaving the neighbourhood he seems to have gone to London, having probably effected an exchange with Thomas Hicklyng, Vicar of St. Bartholomew the Less. He was also a Prebendary of Rochester. In his will, 1 February 1555–6, he makes the following bequests, among many others:— “My boddye to be buried in the churche of Selye, and there to be bestowed amonge prestes and poore people xx s. at the daie of my buriall ... and x s. to bye somme necessarie omamente to the maintenance of Godde’s service.” He also made provision for memorial services in Rochester Cathedral, concluding with the wish:— “I hartely desire master Deane to take the labors and paines to singe the Masse of Requiem, and to declare to the people by a littill brefe exortacion that praier and almes dedes proffettethe the sowles of them that be departed, and he to have for his paines x s.” (P.C.C., 40 More.)

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10 July 1559

Maidstone

MAIDSTONE ASSIZES, 10 JULY 1559

Before Serjeant Ralph Cholmley and

Gilbert Gerard, Attorney-General

[Assizes 35/1/6]

25³. Trial Jury for John Sare: Robert Marten, James Sharelocke, Robert Blatcher, John Walter, Nicholas Crowndwell, Andrew Ducke, William Middleton, John Welhed, Thomas Forminger, Richard Stamford, Richard Hudson, John More.

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37⁴. Trial Jury⁵ for William Swade, Nicholas Bristow, John Myles, Elizabeth Harmonds: Francis Weldishe, gent., Thomas Weldishe, gent.; Alexander Grygby, Reginald Balmer, Samson Mone, Richard Barrow, William Gyfford (amerced 40s.) *Robert Martyn, *James Sharelocke, Anthony Chamber, Robert Gates, Richard Pereson, James Godden, John Godden, William Helsett, Giles Franckleyn, Robert Rabbett, *Robert Blatcher, *John Walter, *Nicholas Crowndwell, Thomas Taylor, Richard Taylor, *Andrew Ducke, *William Middleton, *John More, *John Welhed, *Thomas Forminger, *Richard Stamford, *William Hudson, . . . Spryver. [*damaged*]

4 sequential number of item in the printed text

5 The names marked with an asterisk are marked '*jur.*' in the MS.; i.e. empanelled for service.

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9 January 1560

Maidstone

DARTFORD ASSIZES, 22 MARCH 1560

Before Serjeant Ralph Cholmley and

Gilbert Gerard, Attorney-General

[Assizes 35/2/2]

64⁶. Jackson, William, of Ospringe, tailor, indicted for grand larceny. At Maidstone sessions, 9 Jan. 1560, before Sir Christopher Allen, Warham St Leger, John Leonard, Robert Richards, Thomas Lovelace. William Cromer, Thomas Norton, John Meyney, Hugh Cartwright, Thomas Henley, George Milton, Walter Harenden, Hugh Carrell, J.P.s, a grand jury — John Collyn, Robert Blacher, Thomas Salmon, Robert Prymmer, Richard Harte, Nicholas Catlocke, Thomas Fydge, George Hudson, Thomas Hopper, John Lydde, John Letman, John Woode, John Caweston of Stoke, Hugh Corneford, John Buggysvye — presented that on 25 Sept. 1559 Jackson broke by night into the close of Lewis att Leefe at Ospringe and stole 2 horses (£3).

Guilty; sentence unknown.

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71. Poynet, William, of Ulcombe, labourer, indicted for rape. At Maidstone sessions, 9 Jan. 1560, a grand jury [see no. 64] presented that on 1 Jan. 1560 he raped Susan Haslam of Ulcombe, spinster, in his house at Ulcombe.

At large.

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72. Roger, Richard, of Addington, labourer, indicted for grand larceny. At Maidstone sessions, 9 Jan. 1560, a grand jury [see no. 64] presented that on 6 Oct. 1559 he broke into the barn of Nicholas Bogherst at Meopham and stole 3 bushels of wheat (5s.).

At large.

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⁶ sequential number of item in the printed text

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15 July 1574

Maidstone

MAIDSTONE ASSIZES, 15 JULY 1574

Before John Southcote, J., and

Robert Monson, J.

[Assizes 35/16/3]

761⁷. Trial Jury for Lewis Crippin (not guilty) [*see* no. 677]: George Miller, Levan van Thavinkell, Nicholas Miller, William Thamare, William Lorkin, James Vanthabus, William Leaver, Peter van Urleance, Henry Goodden, John Spybroke, William Blacher, Jove Donlassloker.

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15 March 1582

Rochester

ROCHESTER ASSIZES, 15 MARCH, 1582

Before John Southcote, J., and

Thomas Gawdy, J.

[Assizes 35/4/8]⁸

1099⁹. Trial Jury for John Raynoldes, John Turner, sen., Stephen Willarde, John Selden, John Howell, William Blacher, Philip Mathewe, Richard Hunter, Silvester Swanne, John Hunter, William Adney, Philip Williams: [*heading only*].

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15 March 1582

Rochester

ROCHESTER ASSIZES, 15 MARCH, 1582

Before John Southcote, J., and

Thomas Gawdy, J.

[Assizes 35/4/8]¹⁰

1100¹¹. Mathew, Philip, collier, and **Selden, John**, labourer, of Shipbourne, and **Hunter, John**, of Hadlow, shingler, indicted for grand larceny and burglary. On [?] 1581 they broke into the close of Thomas Everest at North Frith and stole a sheep (?). [*badly damaged*]

On 15 Dec. 1581 Selden, Mathew, Hunter and **Howell, John**, of Shipbourne, labourer, burgled the house of Robert Grene, while Robert, Catherine his wife and their four children were there, and stole £4 8s. 4d. in money. [*badly damaged*]

On 22 Jan. 1582 Mathewe, of Tonbridge, Selden, Howell and **Reynoldes, John**, of Ightham, labourer, **Turner, John**, sen., and **Turner, Thomas**, husbandman, and **Wyllarde, Stephen**, butcher, of Cowden, burgled the house of John Rolfe at West Peckham, while John, Thomasine his wife and Isabella Roberts, a servant, were there, and stole 8 pairs of sheets (?), several tablecloths (5s. 4d.), 8 rails (?), 3 crosscloths and 4 neckerchiefs (6s. 8d.), several pillowbars and a cupboard-cloth (8s.), a diaper napkin and 3 table-napkins (20d.), 3 rails and an apron (5s.), 2 silver rings, 2 silver pins and 2 silver clasps (6s.), 5s. 3d. in money, [?] in money from a chest, a man's cap (2s. 6d.), a hanger (?), 6 cheeses (4s.) and a sack (6d.)

Blatcher, William, shingler, and **Hunter, Richard**, paler, of Shipbourne. and **Swan, Silvester**, of Ightham, sailor, are indicted as accessories. [*badly damaged*]

Thomas Turner is at large. Blatcher and Swan found not guilty. The others found guilty; to hang.

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20 February 1598

Dartford

DARTFORD ASSIZES, 20 FEBRUARY 1598

Before Francis Gawdy, J., and

Thomas Owen, J.

[Assizes 35/40/3]

2487¹². Holland, Francis, of Tonbridge, spinster, indicted for grand larceny. On 3 Nov. 1597 at Tonbridge she stole a cock (8*d.*) and 4 hens (2*s.* 8*d.*) from William Bleacher. (Ireland¹³)

Guilty to the value of 10*d.*; whipped.

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¹³ surname of drafting clerk