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Subject name John Bridges

Parish St Nicholas-at-Wade, Isle of Thanet

Other names refered to within the document

Thomas Pevey Thomas Miller Mr Chambers John Pike Mr Twyman Mary Śocken Anne friend **Thomas Atwells** Moses May Israel Norman Richard Saxton Daniel Saffierie Robert Welby Willaim Wall William Jacob **Thomas Miles** Seares

**Ezekiel Bridges** 

Elberry

Sir Daniel Harvie

Other places/parishes

Canterbury Sandwich

Key words

Agriculture

Transcriber's notes

The account gives details of farmworkers wages and the cost of land rental as well as the costs of proving the will and funeral for a wealthy yeoman

farmer in the mid 17th century.

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The Accompte of Ezekiel Bridges the naturall/ and lawfull sonne and Executor named in the last will and/ testament of John Bridges Late of the P[ar]ish of St Nicholas Atwade in the Isle of Thannet and Dioces[e] of Canterbury yeoman deceased By him made and declared of and uppon/ all and singular such goods and Chattells as late were the/ said deceaseds his whilest hee lived and since his death have/ or might have come into the hands and possession of this/ Accomptant by force and vertue of Letters of Administration/ [illegible] the executor of the said deceaseds/ will to him this Accomptant in due force of Law Committed/ as followeth that is to say/

First this Accomptant and Executor aforesaid/ doth chardge himself w[i]th all and singular such goods/ and chattells as late were the said deceaseds his whilest/ hee lived and since his death have or might have come/ into the hands and possession of this Accomptant by force/and vertue of the executorshipp of the last will and/ testament of the said deceaseds All w[hi]ch goods and/ Chattells and mentioned specified and conteyned in an/ Inventory thereof made and hereunto annexed and done/ in the whole extend and amount unto the summe of one/ thousand three hundred Fortie nine pounds and eight pence/ But this Accomptant Craveth to bee allowed out of the/ same the sum[m]e of twentie pounds w[hi]ch the said deceaseds/ wheat in the barne, and the summe of sixtie pounds/ w[hi]ch the said deceaseds greene wheat on the ground/ were apprized in the Inventory of the said deceaseds/ goods at more than possiblie could bee made of/ the same, w[hi]ch for all sum[m]es beeing deducted hee this/ Accomptant Chardges himselfe w[i]th the remainder/ of the said inventory beeing/

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Out of w[hi]ch said sum[m]e this Accomptant and <Executor> [illegible]/ aforesaid hath necessarily paid and laid out and craveth/ to be allowed these p[ar]ticular sum[m]es of money following/

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Inprimi[s]e paid to Thomas Pevey for a/ Coffin wherein to interr the said deceaseds dead/ Corps[e] for ringing the said deceaseds knell making/ his grave and paid to the minister for preaching/ a sermon at the said deceaseds funerall/

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It[e]m paid to the wife of Thomas Miller for looking/ unto the said deceased in the time of his sicknes[s]/ and for socking and laying him forth after his death/

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Item paid to Mr Chambers of Canterbury for/ gloves given away to the said deceaseds freinds/ and kindred that accompanyed his dead Corps[e]/ to the grave/

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It[e]m paid to Mr Jacob of Canterbury for naples/ biskett and dyet bread given away at the said/ deceaseds funerall/

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It[e]m to John Pike of Canterbury for wine/ drank at the said deceaseds funerall/

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It[e]m paid to Mr Twyman of Canterbury for/ a black cloth to lay over the said deceaseds/ dead Corps[e] at the time of his interrment/

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It[e]m for the p[ro]bate of the said deceaseds will in Com[m]on forme/ for the extraordinarie length thereof for Registering and/ ingrossing the same will and p[a]rchment for exhibiting and/ ingrossing the ef inventorie of the said deceaseds goods for/ the oath and all other Chardges of Court thereabouts made/

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It[e]m for the p[ro]bat[e] of the said deceaseds will by the oathes/ of witnesses and soe by sentence and for decree for the/ redelivery of the said deceaseds original will to this Accompt[an]t/

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It[e]m for drawing this Accompt into forme to exhibit into/ the Court for the proxy and proctors fee to prove the/ admission thereof For Registering and ingrossing the same/ in p[a]rchment for the Quietus est thereunto had and granted/ allocacion of porc[i]ons according to the deceaseds will and/ for all other Chardges of Court thereabouts made/

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Sum[m]e totall of the payments and allowances/ aforesaid is/

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Soe it may and doth most plainely appear that this/ Accomptant and Executor aforesaid hath well and truely/ executed the last will and testament of the said deceased/ and duly administered his goods and chattells that computatus computandis/ at deductus deducends hee hath [illegible]/ towards the payment of the legacies [illegible]/ in his will the the sum[m]e of[illegible]

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