

[Back to Contents Page](#)

Document information

Record Office: Kent History & Library Centre/
Document Reference: PRC2/4/468/

Document type: Probate Accounts/

Year: 1584/

Subject Name: David Croft/

Parish: Murston/

Other names referred to within Document: William Allen;/ Goodman Brown; Barton; Bowlens; Bowell; Burke; John/ Bilson; John Croft; William Croft; Barthillmewe Cann; Clerke;/ Capell; William Carden; Dorckens; John Fynch; Franckleine;/ Farmer; Agnes Godfrey; Hawkyns; Harrie Higham; Hudson;/ William Hayward; Hester Hennekre; Thomas Jackson; John/ Jackson; Richarde Knocke; Lameken; Lannder; Richard/ Lucke; Laniken; Moore; Porredg; Peckham; Pancase;/ Powell; Hughe Parrott; Rawlyns; Royer; Alice Samon;/ William Skeere; Thomas Sargent; Richard Smythe; Henry/ Selton; Henrie Skeere; Sutton; Styckles; Tayler; James/ Tonge; Thomas Tannton; Turner; William Throwley; William/ Taylour; John Williams; Willims; Edward Wods/

Other places/parishes: Shepey; Sittingbourne/

Key words: household; farming/

Transcriber's notes:/

[first page]/

Thaccompte of John Fynch and W[illia]m/ Croft executors of the last will and/ Testament of Davyd Croft whilest/ he lived of the parishe of murston/ deceased made and exhibited before/ the right w[o]rshipfull Mr Steven/ Lakes Dr of law official to the/ reverend Mr Archdeacon of Canterbury/ the xvij daie of Januareii in the/ yere of our L[ord] god 1584 after the/ Computac[i]on of the Church of england/ of and upon all and singuler such/ goods Cattells and Chattells as wer/ the said Davyd Croft his whilest/ he lived and sithenn his deth cam/ to the hands and possession of these/ executors and accomptants by reason/ of the execuc[i]on of the said last will/ and testament of Davyd Croft deceased/

First these said executors and accomptants/ John Fynch and W[illia]m Croft charge theme selves/ with all and singuler the goods Cattells/ and Chattells which late wer the said/ David Croft his whilest he lived and sithens/ his deth cam to there hands and possession/ contained and Comprized in ane Inventory/ therof made and hereunto annexed amountyng/ to the som[m]e of vjClxxxv li vijd/

[end first page]/
[second page]/

Further these executors and/ accomptants ad to ther Inventory/ these som[m]es following whereof/ notwithstanding they charged not theme selves because they/ ar debts desperat and such/ as they ar not like to receive/

First owing to David Croft/ at the tyme of his deth by/ Mr Willims
It[em] owing him likewise by/ Mr Edward Wods
S[om]m[e] whereof these executors and/ accomptants pray to be/ allowed for such so[mme]s/ of mony as they have layd/ owt and disbursed and ar/ to ly owt and disburse/ in and about paying of/ the debts and legacies of/ the Testator Davyd/ Croft his funeralls harvests/ of his Corne and other/ ordynary and necessary/ Chardges as followeth v[i]z[t]

[end second page]/
[third page]/

Thaccommpte of all suche things as wee John Fynche/ and William Crofte Execut[ors] to Davyd Crofte/ have layed out taken the First daye of his/ Deathe beinge the 6 & buried the 7 of Marche/ Anno D[o]m[in]i 1573/

Imprimis wee distributed at the buryall to the poore the some Things in the house/	xxii iij/
It[em] the said daye of his buriall iij pounds of Freshe butter &/ also Freshe Fyshe boughte to Drinke w[i]thall	ij iij/
It[em] bere fetched at the Towne the same tyme	vj/
It[em] Candells for the house fetched at the Towne	iiij/
It[em] sace & Musterd at that tyme	iiij
It[em] beinge Mondaye in the house fetche in hopps & seasinge to brewe w[i]thall	vj/
It[em] Candells & sope	viiij/
It[em] to A Cowp[er] for mendinge upp of the Tubbes	iiij/
It[em] hopps & otemell for the house	xj/
It[em] to Alyce Samon for fotheryng of worke yt she broughte home	xij/
It[em] A cade of Hearings yt was boughte into the house	xij vj/
It[em] A Quarte of Otemell	ij/
It[em] Oyle & Musterd likewiesse	ij/
It[em] for Whytinge yet not paid for	iiij/
It[em] for Hopps againe to brewe w[i]thall	vj/
It[em] owen goodwif Larkyns for things unpaid for	iiij/
It[em] for Fishe boughte into the house	ix/
It[em] Fishe and butter agayne	xiiij/

It[em] Eggs unp[ai]d for at Brownes	vj/
It[em] Otemell hopps sace & candells	xvj/
It[em] Dyed Clothe iij yards brought home	xxj/
It[em] A gallon of otemell & a pounce of hopps	xij/
It[em] A pounce of Sope and Sace	iiij/
It[em]mustard seeds & thred bought at towne	ij/
S[om]m[e]	lj ix/

Aprilis/

It[e]m A gallon of otemell	vij/
It[e]m salte and garlicke	iiij/
It[e]m for meate at m[ar]kett this Daye	iiij iiij/
It[e]m for a pound of Chopps	vj/
It[e]m sace	j/
It[e]m to John Crofte of the towne <for> [of – deleted] bromes	iiij/
It[e]m A pynte of musterd seede	ij/
It[e]m of the Butcher for A rennet	v/
It[e]m Whyte Salte	j/

[end third page]/

[fourth page]/

It[e]m A pound of hopps	v/
It[e]m Pytche also	ij/
It[e]m Otemell & some yncke	iiij/
It[e]m At m[ar]kett in xl l of beeffe	vj viij/
It[e]m for more meate into the housse	iiij x/
It[e]m for Otemell	iiij/
S[om]m[e]	xvii v/

Maij/

It[em] Beeffe in the house this weeke	vj vij/
It[em] Hopps & Seasinge	vj/
It[em] A Quarte of musterd for the house	xx/
It[em] Beeffe this markt Daye in the house boughte	iiij viij/
It[em] Mackerell and Vineger	v/
It[em] Salte for the house	ij/
It[em] Mackerell for the house	iiij/
It[em] Mackerell agayne	iiij/
It[em] iiij wedinge hacks	?/
It[em] meate this m[ar]kett daye	? ?/
It[em] mackerell hopps & seasinge	?/
It[em] the Cowp[er] for mendinge the tonnes	?/
It[em] meate in the house this Daye	?/
S[om]m[e]	xx viij/

Junii/

It[e]m at markt on this Daye in meate	?/
It[e]m salte for the house	?/
It[e]m ii li of Pytche	?/
It[e]m a quarte of tarre	?/
It[e]m in meate at the towne this daye	?/
It[e]m in beffe agayne	?/
It[e]m a pound of hopps	?/
It[e]m in salte & sace	?/
It[e]m Hopps	?/

It[em] in meate at towne this m[ar]kett daye ?/
S[om]m[e] xix ix/

Julii/

It[em] meate for the housse this Daye ?/
It[em] hopps and Seasinge ?/
It[em] meate in the house this m[ar]kett Daye ?/
It[em] [deletion -illegible] a gallon of brownesalte ?/
It[em] to the Cowp[er] for mendinge upp of tubbes ?/

[end fourth page]/

[fifth page]/

It[em] for Candells & veniger iiij/
It[em] Veneger & white salte ij/
It[em] Agayne for Veniger j/
It[em] in meate at m[ar]kett this daye iiij iiij/
It[em] in hopps & Seasinge vj/
It[em] Veneger and white salte ij/
It[em] iij hooppes for ye Tubbes iiij/
It[em] hoppes to brewe w[i]thall v/
It[em] in meate this Weke iiij/

It[em] for meate in the housse this markett Daye/ salte and Otemell vj iiij/
S[om]m[e] xxv x/

Augusti/

It[em] Hopps and seasinge ij/
Item A pound of Candells iiij ob/
It[em] Veneger & white salte ij/
It[em] A pound of Sope iiij/
It[em] Anounce of Pepper iiij/
It[em] A pound of Sope another of Candle viob
It[em] to John Crofte for Bromes iiij/
It[em] for meate in the house this saterdaye vj/
It[em] paid to Wil[lia]m Skeere for weavinge of 17/ yards of Whyte Carsey v iiij/
It[em] for a quart of mutton for supp[er] xx/
It[em] for Hoppes and Seasinge vj/
It[em] to the Cowp[er] for mending Tubbes ix/
It[em] salte A Gallon and more v/

It[em] bestowed in meate this m[ar]kett daye xxiiij pounds of beffe viij/
It[em] at the Barne at bayforde in Drincke vj/
It[em] againe another tyme ij/
It[em] in meate this m[ar]kett Daye xlv li v viij/
It[em] the last thursdaye nighte a loine of mutton viij/
It[em] at the same tyme for salte and Candells iiij/
It[em] hopps & Seasinge to brewe w[i]thall vj/
It[em] Candells for the house ij/
It[em] Beffe for the house this m[ar]kett Daye v iiij/
S[om]m[e] xxi v/

September/

It[em] hopps & seasinge vj/
It[em] this nighte A loine of mutton for the house xiiij/

It[e]m also a pound of butter xiiij pounds of Cheese	x/
It[e]m for Salte	iiij/
It[e]m in beffe xxiiij pounds for the house	xiiij ix/

[end fifth page]/

[sixth page]/

It[e]m a quarter of mutton	xv/
It[e]m a loine of wheathe[r]s mutton	ix/
It[e]m a quarter of barraines mutton	xij/
It[e]m a pound of Candells	iiij/
It[e]m brownesalte	j/
It[e]m a pound of Candells owen at links	iiij/
It[e]m Salte	iiij/
It[e]m for mutton in the house	xij/
It[e]m Salte	j/
It[e]m Beeffe in the house boughte	xx/
It[e]m a quarter of mutton likewise for the house	xxiiij/
It[e]m a nother quarter of mutton	xxiiij/
It[e]m a quarter of mutton more	xij/
It[e]m a pound of Candells	iiij/
It[e]m salte and Sace	iiij/
S[om]m[e]	xxiiij v/
S[om]m[e] total	x xv/

Accompts gen[er]all from the 7/ Daye of marche 1573/

Inpr[im]is paid to Will[ia]m Allen of debte the som[m]e	iiij iiij/
---------------------------------------------------------	------------

It[em] p[ai]d to Richarde knocke for helpe goinge to the ploughe	xij/
It[em] to Thomas sargent for carrynge to Davyd Crofte	iiij/

It[em] to Agnes Godfrey John Jacksons assign for his whole/ wage from hollantyde hether & remayninge be/ hinde & by us paid	xxiiij/
It[em] to Robert Brite at same tyme for his clere wag[e]s	viiij/ ?/
It[em] to Agnes Godfrey for her clere wag[e]s	vij/
It[em] to Goodwyf Tayler beinge owen her for kepinge/< one of the servants> James Tonge sycke ij wekes	iiij iiij/
It[e]m to her for kepinge Mr Davyd Croofte one weke	xx/

[end sixth page]/

[seventh page]/

It[e]m to Goodwyef Rawlyns for beinge ther ij weks & odd Dayes	ij vi/
----------------------------------------------------------------	--------

It[e]m owen to Hawkyns the Taylo[r] for apparell yt had byn made	x/
It[e]m p[ai]d to mother Lameken for kepinge her Mr Davide/ Crofte then Eighte Dayes Sicke	iiij/
It[e]m to her for beinge there to helpe a whyle after	ij/
S[om]m[e]	iiij xvj j/

Aprilis/

It[e]m to Wh... for gyvinge of A Sowe drinke	vj/
It[e]m to one Richarde Smythe for helpinge us in goinge/ to ploughe the space of Tenne Dayes	ij/

It[e]m to Goodman Browne that Davyd Crofte did owe/ him for ferme of A p[ar]cell of lande the Som[m]e	iij	xij	iiij/
It[e]m owen to Simon the Teener & unpaide		vj	ix/
It[e]m to barton the p[ar]ishe Clerke for his wages			viiij/
It[e]m for A c[er]teine gathering in ye p[ar]ishe beinge oneus layed			vj/
It[e]m for borrowe sylver to bayfford belonginge			x/
It[e]m for borrowe sylver to merecorte belonginge			xiiij/
It[e]m in exspences when we hade o[ur] sheepe into Shepey			viiij/
It[e]m at yt same tyme to Rawlyns for helpinge us out w[i]th them			vj/
It[em] to Mr Porredg for stayeringe Judgem[en]t in ye corte betwene Davyde/ Crofte & Peckham			iiij/
It[e]m to Mr Franckelyne for making Satsifac[i]on in the/ Courte betwene Pech[a]m & Davyde Crofte		ij	viiij/
It[e]m paide to Peckham that whiche Mr Porredge & Mr Franckleine hade Awarded the Som[m]e of	iij	vj	viiij/
It[e]m to the Register of the Courte when the will was proved/ together withoure chardges at that same tyme			xix/
It[e]m when the Will was fetche out together w[i]th the/ exspences upp and Downe		ij	v/
It[em] to Peckham for ye bodye of davyde Crofte lyeinge in the churche being churchwarden		vj	viiij/
It[em] to a sowegelder for spayinge of Tenne shetes			x/
S[om]m[e]	ix	viii	viiij/
May/			
It[e]m to Richarde Knocke ye sedeman for his whole wage in sum 7 weks			xiiij/
It[e]m to Barthillmewe Cann for beinge w[i]th us Fower/ Dayes in helpinge us to ploughe			x/
It[e]m to Lannder the Teener in ye whole of all his teeninge		iiij	[illegib]
It[e]m to Harrie High[a]m yt was one the score for Debte		xij	[illegib]
It[e]m to Thomas Tannton for his whole som[m]e of/ thresshing the Barley			xxxv/
It[e]m to Goodwief Bowlens yt was owen of olde for boxe			ij/
It[e]m to Father Clercke the horselyche in hebinge one of/ owre horses			xviiij/
S[om]m[e]	iij	viiij/	xj/
Junii/			
It[e]m to ye Warden of Shepey for A C[er]teine Duetie in yt behalfe			vj/
It[e]m to Capell the Smythe debt of fordgeinge there			?/
[end seventh page]/			
[eighth page]/			
17/ meades of wheate (It[e]m to Father Farmer 4 acres		iii/	
(It[e]m to Turner 8 acres half a yard		v/	
(It[em] to father moore 6 acres a yard & di[medium])		vij/	iiij/
(It[em] to Hudson ix acres		x/	iiij/
(It[em] to burke iij acres di[medium] a yard		iiij	viiij/
18/ It[e]m to Father moore Clarke for his g[rea]ter wage for bayfford			xij/
It[e]m when Tannton wente into Shepey in chardges/ upp and Downe & also to the keep			xij/

S[om]m[e]	lij	v/
Julii/ It[e]m to A couple of women for sheringe xxiiij of shepe		v/
4/ It[e]m to Henrie Skeere ye brickelayer ye w[hi]ch was owen to him	v	iiij/
8/ It[e]m spente of our servannte Tannton when he caryed/ malt to maydestone on him self and his horsse		iiij/
15/ It[e]m to Barton ye p[ar]ishe Clercke for his q[uar]ters wage & for taking/ awaye the earthe from Davyd Crofts grave		x/
It[e]m for two kyne Dryven to the bull		ij/
S[om]m[e]	vij/	j/
Augustii/ It[e]m for gonnepowder to shott awaye the vermyene		vj/
6/ It[e]m to Clarke the horselyche in helpinge another of o[ur] horse	?	viiij/
It[e]m to one Smythe for mendinge upp of Bagles in/ Shepey at Two sev[er]all tymes I paide hym	x/	[illegib]
11/ The [hire- deleted] hiaredge of A Carte to helpe carrie from/ Ledes to lowens hole ye Queenes ma[jesty]s framed tymber	vj	[illegib]
S[om]m[e]	xix	iiij/
The chardge in lawe betwexte Llucke & us/ It[e]m I layed out in mydsom[m]er terme in goinge to london	iiij	vj/
It[e]m the xiiijth of Julie I paide our Attorney Mr Franklyn/ for makinge retourne of the Juryes names into the/ sheriffs booke		?/
It[e]m I paide him the vijth of Septembre 1574 for all/ the Chardge in lawe betwixt [hym – deleted] <Richard Lucke> and us		xxv/
It[e]m the sixth of Octob[er] followinge I p[ai]d him for [deletion illegible] draweing/ the Courte		[illegible]
It[e]m to the Bayley I paide for warninge A Jurie		[illegible]
It[e]m to our man Tannton for his being w[ith] us from ye tyme yt he/ hade done thresshing until nowe this 6 of Septembre		[illegible]
It[e]m to ye clarcke father moore this michelmas for his q[uar]ters wage for Bayfforde		[illegib]
It[e]m to Barton the Clercke for his quarters wage		[illegib]
S[om]m[e]	iiij	x x/
[end eighth page/ [ninth page]/		
Septembris/ 24/ It[e]m for my Supp[er] and bed at towne beinge fowle weather		viiij/
It[e]m to Bowell for xij nights watcheing the Barley in ye barne/ Whiche Lucke boughte in the begginyng of the year ov[er] &/ above that he hathe hade in Corne of us		iiij/
29/ for borrowe sylver unto merecorte		xiiij/
It[e]m to Capell the Smythe of ye Fordge	xij	vij/
S[om]m[e]		xiiij, ix/
Octobris/ It[e]m to Salt for xiiij li of Cheese yt was owen him of olde	ij	iiij/
It[e]m to him also for A Grattnell & for A Gallon of otemell	ij	vj/

It[em] to [deletion illegible] H[en]ry selton the ropemaker for makinge of menie Halters whiche he was not paide for		ij/
It[em] p[ai]d to Will[ia]m Throwley for the ferme of the iij/ p[ar]ts in Crockers perrye behinde the space of v yeres/ and the lords rente deducted		liij xj/ lix ix/
S[om]m[e]		
Novembris/		
It[em] when I wente to have paid Shepey farme for mye house/ and Chardges upp and Downe		xxj/
It[em] the whole half yeres <ferme> in Som[m]e	ix	vij vij/
It[em] the Vicar of Sittingbourne for his Tythes that/ were agreed one by greate		x/
It[em] to James thatcher yt was owen him of debte		ij/
It[em] to James Tong yt was owen to him & yt ye household folke knewe	iiij	
S[om]m[e]	xiiij	xv/
Decembris/		
It[em] p[ai]d to Will[ia]m Carden for the p[ar]sons tythes of Kyppney/ hill in Shepey that same yere the Som[m]e		xliij/
It[em] to Pancase for mendinge upp the racke at Bayfford/ againste the tyme to fodder Beasts		xij/
S[om]m[e]		xliiij/
Die Sancti Michael Anno D[omi]ni 1574/		
The servants wages payde/		
Inprimis to Will[ia]m Hayward paide w[hi]ch he/ acknowledgethe to resceyve in the Daye of the/ Annunciac[i]on of Marie aswell the Firste as the/ second his after wages in full satisfac[i]on the sum		ix ij/
It[em] he hathe hade againe at ij sev[er]all tymes in finall reckoning ye sum[me] of		xix j/
It[em] James Tong resceyved in full satisfac[i]on aswell yt p[ar]cell of/ Debte as also ye Firste & second his after wage the sum		xxj viij/
It[em] for his wage from yt tyme synce due yt he resceyvethe		j viij/
It[em] Hester Hennekre the mayde s[er]vante hathe resceyved/ in full satisfac[i]on of her iij quart[ers] wage in sum		vij/
[end ninth page]/		
[tenth page]/		
It[em] nowe in clere reckninge she Dothe resceyve the som[m]e		xj/
It[em] Marryan our mayde s[er]vante hathe resceyved in all/ amongst other recknings in full satisfac[i]on of the Firste iij/ q[uar]ters wages together w[ith] p[ar]te of this q[uar]ter the sum		vij/
It[em] in fynall reckninge ye said maryan dothe resceyve of/ us the som[m]e of		vij xj/
It[em] Thomas Jackson the boye s[er]vante hade of his/ Firste quarters wages		xvj/
It[em] synce he hathe hade to make himself descente		x/
It[em] againe he hathe hade ij yards of canvis		xiiij/

It[e]m againe a yard of ye courser & half an ell of ye fyn[er] carsey	ij/
It[e]m the makinge of his Doublet & hose	xviii/
It[e]m A paier of shoes he hathe hade	xj/
It[e]m A yard & half of russet	ij/
It[e]m an ell & somewhat more of Canvas	x/
It[e]m ov[er] & above in small recknings he hathe hade in money	iiij ?/
S[om]m[e]	v/ xv vj/
S[om]m[e] total	xliij xiiij ?/

[end tenth page]/
[eleventh page]/

The chardge of all the harveste & Firste/ to podware Ryppers
Al[ia]s pese/
Podware al[ia]s Pese/

It[e]m to one woman for rippinge of 25 Coppes of podware	xvj/
It[e]m to an other for xxtie of Pease in Cops	xij/
It[e]m A man & woman w[hic]h ripped xxxtie Cops	xviii/
It[e]m to three w[hic]h ripped three score Cops	iiij/
It[e]m for rippinge xxjxx & Fyve Cops	xxj iiij/
It[e]m to father Sutton for iiijxx & Cops	iiij vij/
It[e]m to hym for A Skore of Tares	xv/
It[e]m to him for iijxx of Pease in thother field	iiij/
It[e]m to him for binding upp of vijxx... <illegible> of Pes	ij x/
It[e]m to Dorckens wife for rippinge x cops of pese	vj/
It[e]m to her for A Skore of tares rippinge	xv/
It[e]m to father Sutton & Dorckens Wief for iiijxx/ of Cops Ryppinge in the other Fielde	? vj/
It[e]m to John Will[ia]ms wife for A skore of pese rippinge	xij/
It[e]m to Royer & Bowlens for binedinge	xviii/
It[e]m likewisse to Willyam Taylour	xxj/
It[e]m aganie to Styckles	ij/
It[e]m to father Sutton for rippinge vijxx cops of pese in/ Clyckesponnfield & also binedinge	ix iiij/
It[e]m to Hughe Parrott for rippinge x acres of pese at home	xxv/
It[e]m for moveinge of the tares w[hic]h were lefte	ij/
It[e]m to one Copps [of – deleted] <for> pytcheinge ye carte awhile in podware season	xij/
It[e]m to John Bilson for helpe kepinge the worke	vj/
It[e]m to one twycke for the like kepinge ye worke the space of a moneth	ij iiij/
It[e]m to him more agayne	vj/
It[e]m to father Sutton for rippinge & bindeinge <vijxx of pese> in Clyckspoonfield	x iiij/
S[om]m[e]	v/ iiij iiij/

Whete Rippinge/

Item to them two yt ripped ketchen Crofte iij ac[re]s half/ ac[re] and A yarde in tot[al]	xv ij/
It[e]m againe to the two for rippinge 2 ac[re]s half an ac[re] and/ more in ye field nexte to the Towne	vij viii/
Item againe to them for A p[ar]cell yt Capes should have/ done wanttinge Fower dayworcks of an ac[re]	xx/
It[e]m to Powell & his Companye for iij acres di[midium] A yard	ix ix/

It[e]m to mother Laniken for iiiijor Acres di[mi]dium]	xiiij iij/
It[e]m to the welshe fellowe & his companye w[hi]c[h] ripped vij/ ac[re]s di[mi]dium] & a yard nexte to the house at home	xxx vij/
It[e]m to Will[ia]m the welsheman for three Acres ye <illegible>	xiiij/
It[e]m to Powell & Tayler for ij ac[re]s di[mi]dium] there	x/
It[e]m to the companye of them iiiijor yt ripped there 3 ac[re]s/ di[mi]dium] and more	xvj viij/
It[e]m to Willyam Welsheman for 6 ac[re]s [deletion] di[mi]dium] nexte to/ the Towne	xx vij/
[end eleventh page]/	
[end of document which is incomplete]/	

[Back to Contents Page](#)

Kent Archaeological Society is a registered charity number 223382

© Kent Archaeological Society April 2015

This website is constructed by enthusiastic amateurs. Any errors noticed by other researchers will be to gratefully received so that we can amend our pages to give as accurate a record as possible. Please send details too research@kentarchaeology.org.uk