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Transcriber's notes	Agriculture Children Legal As well as the funerary costs and debts due by the deceased, the document shows the costs of taxation on land that paid "to King and Parliament" during the Civil War in 1645. The deceased dying intestate, the legal action taken to prove the inventories of his property and to disprove a false will are also shown.

The Accompt of Avelina Grathorne al[ia]s Craythorne/ widdow and Administratrix of all and singler the goods/ Cattles Chattles and p[er]sonal estate of w[illia]m Grathorne/ al[ia]s Craythorne late of the parish of Whitstaple In/ the Countie of Kent yeoman dec[ea]sed By her made and/ declared the [illegible] foure & twentieth day of March anno d[omi]ni [Latin text]1645 Of and upon all and sing[u]ler such/ goods Cattle Chattles and estate p[er]sonal as late were/ the said dec[ea]sed his whilest hee lived and at the time/ of his death and since have Come to the hands &/ poss[essi]on of this accomptant by force and vertue of/ Letters of Administrac[i]on thereof to her in that/ behalfe Lawfullie Committed as followeth/

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That is to say/

First this Accomptant and Administratrix/ doth charge herself with all and singuler/ such goods Cattles Chattles Credits and/ personall estate as late were the s[ai]d deceased William Grathorne al[ia]s Craythorne/ his whilst hee lived and att the tyme/ of his death and since have Come to the/ hands and poss[essi]on of this accomptant and Administratrix aforesaid, All which are/ Conteyned and spec[if]ied in an Inventorie/ thereof made and hereunto annexed and/ having bene by honest and understanding men/ indifferentlie valued and apprized doe in/ the whole extend & amount to the sum[m]e of/

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And this accomptant setteth forth and hereby/ declareth that she as administratrix aforesaid/ hath necessarily paid and laid out or is tried/ by law to pay and lay out and is in all equitie/ and by law (as shee Conceaveth) to be allowed/ out of the said deceased W[illia]m Grathorne al[ia]s Craythorne his goods and p[er]sonall estate whereof she/ stands charged these sev[er]all sum[m]es of money following/ for the sev[er]all Causes hereunder menc[i]oned; vizt/

Imp[rim]us/

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Imprimis paid and laid out for a Coffen wherein/ the said deceased his dead Corpse were interred/ for a sermon made at his buriall, and to the/ parish Clerk of whitstaple where he was/ buried for the duties of the same his buriall/ in all the sum[m]e of/

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It[e]m paid and laid out for a barrell of beere/ drawne out at the dece[ase]ds buriall the Company/ being great and he an ancient parishioner/

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It[e]m for Cake bread and other necessaries spent/ at the same his buriall in all/

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It[e]m to Certaine women for their helpe in/ watching and otherwise in the time of his/ last sicknes and afterwards at his buriall/ and to set his house in order/

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It[e]m paid to one John Yong for his wages/ for three weekes labour or worke done/ [for] the said dec[eas]ed in his life time, for [illegible] hee was unpaid at his death/		ix
It[e]m paid to John Stredwicke for debt/ for woode due and owing to him by/ the said deceased at the time of his death/ the sum[m]e of/	ij	xj
It[e]m paid to John Vincent of whitstaple/ aforesaid blacksmith for debt due to him/ by the said deceased at the time of his/ death for smiths worke/		ij vj
It[e]m to goodwife Raymer and others for the/ hire of horses to goe to plough for the dec[eas]e/ in his life time for w[hi]ch they were unpaid/ at his death/		xij
It[e]m laid out and paid for a Caveat entered/ by this Accomptant in Court to prevent the/ proving of a pretended will of the said/ dec[eas]ed insisted on by one Croft his/ kinsman suggesting himself to be executor/ of the same the sum[m]e of/		iiij
		It[e]m/
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It[e]m to Mr Francis Lovelace a Councillor/ at lawe for his advise forberance & direcc[i]on/ about the overthrow or annulling of the same p[re]tended will w[hi]ch if it had bene found good/ tended to the ov[er]throw of the dec[eas]eds onelie/ Child and great p[re]judice of his Creditors/		x
It[e]m laid out by this accomptant in the charge/ of a suite in the Eccli[siasti]call Court at Canterbury/ on her part made in opposing the p[re]tended/ will aforesaid there set on foote by the said/ Croft production of witnesses to prove/ in reparac[i]on of the same p[re]tended will, &/ to obtaine Admin[ist]rac[i]on of the said dec[eas]eds goods/ (as of one dying intestate) to be Com[m]itted/ to this Accomptant his widdow & Relict/ and for advise and Councill threin had & taken/ from her procter and otherwise the sum[m]e of/		xvij iiij
It[e]m paid for l[ett]res of Administrac[i]on obtained/ of the said dec[eas]eds goods w[i]th no little difficulty/ for the obligac[i]on thereupon entered into, for/ registering and ingrossing the Inventories of/ the said dec[eas]eds goods in parchment proctors/ fee apparitors fee [illegible] fees Clerks paines/ therein taken and all other ordinarie charges/ of C[ou]rt therabout made the sum[m]e of/		xv iiij
It[e]m expended and necessarily laid out by this/ accomptant in procuring the two witnesses/ to prove the revocac[i]on of the said p[re]tended/ will to goe three tymes to Canterbury therabouts/ before they Could be fullie dispatched and/ discharged the Court and for their dyet/ and hors[e]hires at those tymes in all/		xviiij xj

It[e]m this accomptant craveth to be allowed as/ expended by herselfe necessarily disbursed in at/ least ten severall Journes by her made to Can-/ terbury to followe the suite aforesaid gave bond for the/ said adm[inistr]ac[i]on <&> at sevrall other tymes & now to give/ instrucc[i]ons for the p[er]fecting of this her accompt/

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It[e]m paid by this accomptant for sesses made/ and imposed on the said dec[ease]eds ferme or lands/ held by Lease for the use of the king and/ Parliament w[hi]ch were all due and unpaid/ by the said dec[ease]d at his death the sum[m]e of/

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It[e]m paid more for the like sesses made and/ imposed on the said dec[ease]d owne free lands for/ the use of the king and Parliament in the/ said dec[ease]ds life tyme w[hi]ch were so likewise/ due and by him unpaid at his death/

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It[e]m paid for a church scott or sesse made/ and laid on the said dec[ease]d his lands or estate/ in his life tyme w[hi]ch was also due and/ unpaid at his death/

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It[e]m paid to Alexander Oliver of whitstaple/ aforesaid for debt due to him by the said/ dec[ease]d at his death for ploughing the sum[m]e/ of/

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It[e]m paid to George Farmer the said dec[ease]ds/ his manservant for half a yeares wages due/ and owing to him by the said dec[ease]d at the/ tyme of his death the sum[m]e of/

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It[e]m paid to Avelina Spice the deceaseds/ maid servant for wages to her due by the/ said dec[ease]d at his death/

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It[e]m paid to Mildred Baxley of whitstaple/ aforesaid widdow for debt for oates to her/ due by the said dec[ease]d at the time of his/ death th sum[m]e of/

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It[e]m more paid to Christopher Baxley to/ the use of the said Mildred as aform[cion]ed/ of the Rectorie of whitstaple aforesaid in/ full sitisfac[i]on of a greater sum[m]e of money/ to her due by the said dec[ease]d at his death for teiths/

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It[e]m paid for cloth boought in the dec[ease]ds life time/ of for Clothing/ of his onely child w[hi]ch was due and owing for/ by the said dec[ease]d at his death/

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It[e]m paid to widdow Tailor of the Cittie/ of Canterburie lynn draper for debt to/ her due by the said deceased at his death/ for lynn cloth the sum[m]e of/

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It[e]m to Richard Chandler of the same cittie/ grosser for debt to him due by the said dec[eas]ed/ at his death for wares/

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It[e]m to John Fanting of whitstaple aforesaid/ for debt to him due by the said dec[eas]ed at/ his death for a Cowe/ the sum[m]e of/

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It[e]m to John Butt Esquier the dec[eas]eds Landlord/ of Certenne lands held from him by Lease/ for half a yeares rent to him due at the/ an[n]unciac[i]on of the blessed virgin marie 1645/ w[hi]ch was w[i]thin few daies next after the/ said dec[eas]eds death and a matter of three/ weekes before the apprizem[en]t of the said/ dec[eas]eds goods and before this accompt intermedling therewith otherwise then for p[re]servation of them. the sum[m]e of/

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It[e]m this accomptant trulie sheweth that there was/ a matter of foure years to come at the de[eas]eds/ death in the said lease of the lands he held/ from the said John Butt Esquier, w[hi]ch lands/ (as the tymes have bene from the time of the/ said dec[eas]eds death and are in great danger/ yet to Contynue by reason of the pr[e]sent great/ distractions of this kingdome and taxes and/ sesses thereupon laid and imposed) are xiiij: li/ per annum at the least too deare and more then/ this accomp[an]t Can anie way make of the same, the/ p[re]misses and the Covenants she is tied to by the said lease Considered, the surrendering wherof will/ not be arrived <at> nor any abatem[en]t of the rent made/ and therfore in respect therof to repaire the losse past/ and beare the future hazard she demandeth allowance of the sum[m]e of/ ~~[words and figures illegible]~~/

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It[e]m to Averie Sabin Esq[ui]re now maior of the Citty/ of Canterburie for rent of Certaine lands from/ him as aforesaid held <by the dec[eas]ed at his death> by lease (for about seaven/ yeares to Come at the said dec[eas]eds death) due and owing to him at the annunciac[i]on 1645 as aforesaid for the half yeare then past/

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It[e]m this accomptant sheweth that the lands and/ premisses in the last demand save one Consid[e]red/ she hath not <nor can> anie way make so much <cleare> proffit of/ the sayd lands <held from Mr Sabin aforesaid> by xLs at least per annum as/ the <xli> rent she paide for the same ~~the~~ annuallie/ doth and will amount unto (unless the tymes/ alter) besides the p[er]formance of the Covenants/ of the said lease w[hi]ch will be chargeable to her/ for the discharge of all w[hi]ch now adventure/ she is content to accept of & desireth to be allowed/ seeing she can[n]ot be otherwise eased of the same the sum[m]e of/

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It[e]m paid to the Collectors <for> of the poore of whitstaple / aforesaid for half a years rent of Certaine of/ the poores land of the said parish w[hi]ch the said/ dec[eas]ed was tenant <to> due at the dec[eas]eds death or at/ the an[n]unciac[i]on following being w[i]thin few days after/

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It[e]m to Adrian moyse of Sturrey Ropemaker/ for debt due to him due by the dec[eas]ed at his death/

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It[e]m to [illegible] Tomlin of whitstaple aforesaid/ for debt to her in like manner due/

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It[e]m to John Cowland of Graveney for debt to/ him due by the dec[eas]ed at his death upon interest/ and the dec[eas]eds also absolute promise and undertaking for/ payment thereof/

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It[e]m to Mr Thomas Gould of or nere the Cittie/ of Canterburie for debt to him due by the/ said dec[eas]ed at his death by bill the sum[m]e of/

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It[e]m to W[illia]m Warham Gen[tleman] Collector of the Lord Viscount/ Strangford his quitt rents or lords rents for such rents due/ by the said dec[eas]ed at his death for his lands lying/ in whitstaple for manie years arrere at his death/

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It[e]m

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It[e]m there is to bee paid to Avelina Spice this/ accomptants daughter for debt to her due by the/ said dec[eas]ed at his death according to an agreem[en]t/ and promise by him made p[er] before sufficient Credible witnesses upon the intermariage between/ him and this accomptant for her daught[er]s pr[o]v[i]sion/ in regard of thestate this accomptant brought him/ the sum[m]e of/

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It[e]m this accomptant craveth to be allowed the sum[m]e of/ xLs for a two yearing bull or heffer of the dec[eas]ed prized in the Inventorie annexed at xL s w[hi]ch was diseased and languishing at the time of the apprisem[en]t/ and so p[er]ceived to be by thApprizers, but yet/ in hope of <her> recovery prized at so much, w[hi]ch died soone after notwithstanding all the means could/ be used to preserve it, vizt of the sum[m]e of/

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It[e]m paid for taking and keeping notes of instr[uc]ions/ for the drawing upp and p[er]fecting of this accompt/

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It[e]m for drawing this accompt in forme to exhibit/ into the Court for the proxie and proctors fee/ to doe the same and to obtaine the admission/ thereof as also for registring and ingrossing/ the same in parchment the Quietus est therupon/ obtained Judges Seale of office Lymitation of porc[i]ons and all other ordinarie and necessary/ Charges of Court the sum[m]e of/

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Sum[m]e total of all and singuler/ the payments and allowances/
aforesaid is/

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Soe it plainelie appeareth that this accomp[an]t/ and administratrix
hath trully and iustly dealt/ in thadminist[ra]c[i]on of the said
dec[ea]sed Mr Grathorne/ al[ja]s Craythorne his goods Chattles &
p[er]sonall/ estate and that Computatis Computandis et/ deductis
deducends there yet remaineth in her/ hands to be lymitted into
porc[i]ons by the/ Judge of this Court the iust sum[m]e of/

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