

APPENDIX 4

DETAILED SUMMARY OF DOCUMENTS TRANSCRIBED AND TRANSLATED

Since the sequence of events is important, this table summarises the documents analysed in chronological order.

Date (1)	Document Description	Summary	Reference (2)
22 Jan 1595 (1594/5)	ADMINISTRATION OF ESTATE OF THOMAS DONE, father of John Done “whitebaker” (in Latin & English)	Administration granted to Juliana Done widow of Thomas Done. Document confirms his residence as Henley-in Arden, Warwickshire.	WRO 92b 1594 (Worcestershire Record Office)
24 July 1624	WILL OF JOHN DONE of St Pancras, Soper Lane, London (in English)	Legacies to: father Thomas Done, sister, Dorothy Widdens, Jane Turner, Mary Lord, Ann Gibson, Mr Money and his wife, Roger Halford, Christopher Salter, Brother Ralph Done’s son Thomas Done, John Crewes and Mistress Elizabeth and brother Hugh Aston. Brother Ralph Done named as executor.	PROB 11 147 (The National Archives - Kew) Register Clarke/ Quire 135
05 Dec 1625	WILL OF JOHN DONE of St Pancras, Soper Lane, London Probate (in Latin)	Will proved. Administration granted to brother, Ralph Done.	PROB 11 147 (The National Archives - Kew) Register Clarke/ Quire 135
05 Sep 1624	WILL OF JOHN DONE “whitebaker” (in English)	The will makes Agnes Done, his wife, the sole executrix of the will. His entire estate, situated in London (Aldgate and Whitechapel) is bequeathed to her “for and during the term of her natural life”. On her death the main part of his estate passes to John Done, William Done and James Done, sons of his brother Robert and his wife Elizabeth, and their heirs. Other small bequests are made to Elizabeth Done, daughter of Robert and Elizabeth Done and to Humphrey Done, Margery Done and Sara Done, children of his brother Edward Done. Witnesses: William Frithe, Phillip Travors & Robert Stileman. Will proved 13 Sep 1624 (See below).	PROB 11 144 (The National Archives - Kew) Register Byrde Quire 82
13 Sep 1624	WILL OF JOHN DONE “whitebaker” Probate (in Latin)	Will proved - eight days after it was written, suggesting it was made on his deathbed and proved very rapidly. Administration granted to Agnes Done (later revoked).	PROB 11 144 (The National Archives - Kew) Register: Byrde/ Quire: 82
25 Nov 1626	WILL OF JOHN DONE “sayler”, nephew of John Done “whitebaker” (in English)	The will makes Susan Done, his wife, the sole executrix of the will. His estate is bequeathed to her and to his daughter Elizabeth and their heirs. Witnesses: Robert Evans, Oliver Field & Stephen Danske. Will proved 29 Dec 1629 (See below).	PROB 11 156 (The National Archives - Kew) Register: Ridley/ Quire: 106
10 May 1627	WILL OF WILLIAM DONE gent, of Eastham Essex	Legacies to: Anne, his wife/ the poor of the parish of Eastham/ the poor of the parish of Little Illford/ the two sons of brother George/ the two sons of brother Nicholas/ the two daughters of sister Mawer/ brother Edmond/ Sir Nicholas Coote/ Powle Waldegrave/ Sir Richard Heigham/Sir Thomas Fanshawe/ Mr William Fynch of Sereis.	128 EW 18 (Essex County Record Office, Colchester)

???	WILL OF WILLIAM DONE gent, of Eastham Essex Proved (in Latin ?)	Page showing probate not yet found	128 EW 18 (Essex County Record Office, Colchester)
??June 1628	PREROGATIVE COURT OF CANTERBURY – DONE v DONE (in Latin)	John Done, the plaintiff, brought a suit against Agnes Done, the widow and executrix of John Done “whitebaker”, contesting the validity of his will. He also claimed, through his counsel, Hunt, to be the next of kin of John Done “whitebaker”, through the plaintiff’s father, Nicholas Done of Alvechurch, Worcestershire. Nicholas Done was the son of John Done, also of Alvechurch, who was the brother of Thomas Done, of Henley in Arden, Warwickshire, Thomas being the father of John Done “whitebaker”, the testator. (i.e. if true, this makes Nicholas Done, the plaintiff’s father, the first cousin of the testator.)	PROB 29 28 - folio 147 & 147 b (The National Archives - Kew)
?? July 1628	PREROGATIVE COURT OF CANTERBURY – DONE v DONE (in Latin)	In the case of John Done versus Agnes Done, Agnes Done’s counsel, Rawe, claims that John Done’s allegations are false.	PROB 29 28 - folio 160b (The National Archives - Kew)
23 Sep 1628	PREROGATIVE COURT OF CANTERBURY – DONE v DONE (in Latin)	At the request of Hunt, John Done’s counsel, a commission was set up to meet in Henley in Arden for 6–8 October 1628 to interview witnesses regarding John Done’s allegations.	PROB 29 28 - folio 177 (The National Archives - Kew)
?? Oct 1628	PREROGATIVE COURT OF CANTERBURY – DONE v DONE (in Latin)	Certificate continued in the state it was.	PROB 29 28 - folio 179 (The National Archives - Kew)
?? Oct 1628	PREROGATIVE COURT OF CANTERBURY – DONE v DONE (in Latin)	Results of commission giving witness statements. Hunt, John Done’s counsel, alleged that his case was proved and requested that letters of administration of the goods of the said deceased, John Done “whitebaker”, be committed to his party t.a.i. (as if the testator died intestate), and that Rawe’s client be “condemned in the expenses”. Certificate continued in the state it was.	PROB 29 28 - folio 195 (The National Archives - Kew)
?? Oct 1628	PREROGATIVE COURT OF CANTERBURY – DONE v DONE (in Latin)	Certificate continued in the state it was.	PROB 29 28 FOLIO 205b (The National Archives - Kew)
?? Nov 1628	PREROGATIVE COURT OF CANTERBURY – DONE v DONE (in Latin)	Agnes Done required to appear before the Court with a Prepared inventory and account.	PROB 29 28 - folio 220 (The National Archives - Kew)

?? Nov 1628	PREROGATIVE COURT OF CANTERBURY – DONE v DONE (in Latin)	Judge fined Agnes Done. Rawe, Agnes Done’s counsel, dissented and exhibited the original will of John Done “whitebaker”. Provision made for witnesses (for whom?) to appear in court the third session hence. Certificate continued.	PROB 29 28 - folio 233b (The National Archives - Kew)
?? Nov 1628	PREROGATIVE COURT OF CANTERBURY – DONE v DONE	Judge assesses expenses at £4 to be paid by Agnes Done “before Wolstan next”.	PROB 29 28 - folio 239b (The National Archives - Kew)

	(in Latin)		
?? Jan 1629	PREROGATIVE COURT OF CANTERBURY – DONE v DONE (in Latin)	Judge announced Agnes Done contumacious (refusing to respond to a legal summons) for not appearing in court and for non payment of fine, and announced her excommunication, but delayed implementation until next session. Certificate continued.	PROB 29 28 - folio 278 (The National Archives - Kew)
?? Jan 1629	PREROGATIVE COURT OF CANTERBURY – DONE v DONE (in Latin)	Rawe paid Hunt the £4 due. Hunt accepted it on behalf of John Done and discharged Agnes Done and her executors from the same. Certificate continued.	PROB 29 28 - folio 287 (The National Archives - Kew)
?? Feb 1629	PREROGATIVE COURT OF CANTERBURY – DONE v DONE (in Latin)	Rawe, Agnes Done’s counsel, produced as witnesses William Frith and Philip Travers, with the judge ruling that they be examined before the next session. Certificate continued.	PROB 29 28 - folio 299 (The National Archives - Kew)
?? Feb 1629	PREROGATIVE COURT OF CANTERBURY – DONE v DONE (in Latin)	Witnesses pronounced contumacious. Rawe, Agnes Done’s counsel produced Robert Stileman as a witness, with the judge ruling he be examined before the next session.	PROB 29 28 - folio 312b (The National Archives - Kew)
?? Apr 1629	PREROGATIVE COURT OF CANTERBURY – DONE v DONE (in Latin)	Rawe, Agnes Done’s counsel accused witnesses examined earlier of contumacy. Judge pronounced that they were contumacious, but reserved their penalties to the next session. Certificate continued.	PROB 29 28 - folio 332b (The National Archives - Kew)
?? Apr 1629	PREROGATIVE COURT OF CANTERBURY – DONE v DONE (in Latin)	Penalty of contumacy of witnesses is reserved. Sentence in Next session. Certificate continued.	PROB 29 28 - folio 346 (The National Archives - Kew)
?? May 1629	PREROGATIVE COURT OF CANTERBURY – DONE v DONE (in Latin)	Sentence promulgated in various writings. Royal writ of prohibition introduced.	PROB 29 28 - folio 358 (The National Archives - Kew)
06 May 1629	PREROGATIVE COURT OF CANTERBURY – “SENTENCE” OF JOHN DONE “whitebaker” (in Latin)	Judgment on testamentary disputes still pending and undecided, but judge pronounced that Agnes Done had not proved her case, and that the alleged will of John Done “whitebaker” was null and void. John Done, the alleged testator, was pronounced to have died intestate, or in an intestate manner, with no will having been made by him. Costs awarded to John Done against Agnes Done.	PROB 11 155 (The National Archives - Kew) Register: Ridley/ Quire: 47
02-09 Nov 1629	PREROGATIVE COURT OF CANTERBURY – WILL OF JOHN DONE “whitebaker” (in English)	The original will was by order delivered into the Star Chamber.	PROB 11 144 (The National Archives - Kew)

29 Dec 1629	PREROGATIVE COURT OF CANTERBURY – WILL OF JOHN DONE “sayler”, nephew of John Done “whitebaker” Probate (in Latin)	Will proved. Administration granted to Susan Done, widow	PROB 11 156 (The National Archives - Kew) Register: Ridley/ Quire 106
30 Apr 1630	PREROGATIVE COURT OF CANTERBURY – DONE v DONE	John Done, Hunt’s party, appeared in court in person, claiming that a year had gone by since sentence had been passed against Agnes Done and requesting that it should	PROB 29 29 - folio 207 (The National

	(in Latin)	be executed, with costs awarded to him and the administration of the estate of John Done “whitebaker” given to him.	Archives - Kew)
05 May 1630	PREROGATIVE COURT OF CANTERBURY – DONE v DONE (in Latin)	Hunt, counsel for John Done, alleged that Agnes Done was hiding from the personal summons and from the certificate. The judge ruled that she should be summoned to appear at the third session after this.	PROB 29 29 - folio 208 (The National Archives - Kew)
?? May 1630	PREROGATIVE COURT OF CANTERBURY – DONE v DONE (in Latin)	The judge, at the petition of John Done’s counsel, demanded the execution of the sentence upon Agnes Done, and requested his counsel’s assessment of the expenses in the next session. He decreed that the administration of the goods, rights and credits of the deceased John Done “whitebaker” ought to be committed to John Done.	PROB 29 29 - folio 219b (The National Archives - Kew)
08 May 1630	PREROGATIVE COURT OF CANTERBURY – ADMINISTRATION OF ESTATE OF JOHN DONE “whitebaker” (in Latin)	Administration tanquam ab intestate (“as of an intestate”) of the estate of John Done “whitebaker” was granted to John Done, the whitebaker’s “nearest relative”, the present will, granted probate in September 1624, being revoked.	PROB 6 13 - folio 167 (original ref 170/2) Part 1 (The National Archives - Kew)
?? May 1630	PREROGATIVE COURT OF CANTERBURY – DONE v DONE (in Latin)	Judge assessed expenses at £8 to be paid before the last session of this term.	PROB 29 29 - folio 227 (The National Archives - Kew)
?? May 1630	PREROGATIVE COURT OF CANTERBURY – DONE v DONE (in Latin)	Expenses not paid. Agnes Done was pronounced contumacious and excommunicated.	PROB 29 29 - folio 229 (The National Archives - Kew)

Undated (1630 - 1631?)	COURT OF CHANCERY BILL OF COMPLAINT OF AGNES DONE - widow of John Done “whitebaker” (in English)	Agnes Done maintained that the will of John Done “whitebaker” was valid, and that she had fulfilled its terms, paying the required legacies, and taking possession of her husband’s estate for her lifetime. She alleged that “John Done of London, ‘cordwainer’, pretending himself to be heir unto the said John Done ‘whitebaker’” had conspired with Richard Kilvert, Robert Stileman, William Cooke and John Betenson to divide the estate between them. She also maintained that the reason she had not appeared before the Prerogative Court of Canterbury was that her counsel had advised her that the PCC, an ecclesiastical court, was not the competent authority to decide such matters, which ought to be decided in the Court of Chancery. Accordingly, she “did addresse herselfe for the obteyning of his Majesty’s gracious writt of	C2 CHASI D5 35 (no folio number)
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		prohibition, out of his highnes courte of Kings Benche to stay the said suite in the said Ecclesiasticall Court". However, she alleged that John Done "cordwainer" and his co-conspirators "having notice of the granting of the writt of prohibition and that the said writt would then forthwith be served and executed, did by some undue meanes obteyned sentence to passe in disproofe of the said will some shorte tyme before the said writt of prohibition was or could be served or delivered in or into the said court". Agnes Done also requested that "the Kings Majesty's gratiuos writt of Subpena be directed to the said John Done 'cordwainer'" and his alleged accomplices, commanding them to appear before the Court of Chancery.	
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23 Jun 1631	COURT OF CHANCERY BILL OF COMPLAINT of ELIZABETH DONE - infant daughter of John Done "sayler" (in English)	Elizabeth Done, the four year old daughter of John Done "sayler", her mother, Susan, and her step father Richard Evans, alleged that soon after John Done "whitebaker", had made his will, two of those set to inherit the estate, William Done and James Done, did themselves die, leaving John Done "sayler", as the only person remaining who was due to inherit most of the estate following the death of Agnes Done. They referred to the will of John Done "sayler", which made Susan Done, his wife, the sole executrix of the will, and bequeathed his estate to her and to his daughter Elizabeth and their heirs, and argued that this made them due to inherit the estate of John Done "whitebaker", after the death of Agnes. They also allege that Agnes Done combined with John Done "cordwainer", "who pretendeth himselfe to be heire unto the sayd John Done 'whitebaker'" and with Richard Kilvert, Robert Styleman, William Cook, John Betenson and Sarah Maybank. They accused them of "combineing & plotting together to share & devide the said messuages lands & premises betweene them after the decease of the said Agnes Done, and thereby to defraud & defeate the said oratrixes ⁽³⁾ Suzan & Elizabeth and	C2 CHASI E1 59 - folio 1
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		<p>theire heires of theire sayd remainder or reversion of the property & premisses". The document refers to the Bill of Complaint of Agnes Done (C2 CHASI D5 35) but alleges that "Agnes Done appeared and made a slight defence and by the combination and confederacie aforesaid suffered the said John Done "cordwainer", and the said confederates to witness in the Court of Starchamber in disproofe of the said will" with "the intent to debarre the said oratryxes Suzan & Elizabeth and their heires" whilst ensuring that "the said Agnes Done should hold and enjoy the said messuages lands premises unto her the said Agnes Done for and duringe her naturall life." It is also alleged that John Done "cordwainer", and his "confederates" sought to have the will of John Done "sayler", also declared to be "voyd & ymperfect". This Bill of Complaint also names the witnesses to the wills of both John Done "whitebaker", and John Done "sayler", in support of the claim that both wills were valid. There is also a very interesting comment about the difficulty of securing the evidence of witnesses (un-named) who "depart this realm, or remayne in foraigne & unknown parts ????? [handwriting illegible] wherby the sayd orators could not or shall not hereafter have or finde them wherby to make use of theire testimonyes." The document concludes by requesting that "writt of subpoena to be directed to the sayd John Done "cordwainer", Agnes Done, Richard Kilvert, Robert Stileman, William Cooke, John Betenson & Sarah Maybank" for them to "appear a certayne daie & under a certayne payne to appeare before your Lordship in his Majesty's high Court of Chauncery" and that "his Majesty's most gracious writt of injunction to be directed to the said John Done "cordwainer", Agnes Done, Richard Kilvert, Robert Stileman, William Cooke, John Betenson & Sarah Maybank (theire & such of theire counselors, attorneys, & sollicitors) & to the judge or judges and theire surrogate or surrogates deputy or deputies or other in the sayd Ecclesiasticall Courts or the ????? [handwriting illegible] and to all other the officers ????? [handwriting illegible] of or in the said Court or Courts not to concerne prosecute mayntayne or followe any libel plainte or suite in the sayd Ecclesiasticall Courte or Courtes ????? [handwriting illegible] whatsoever for or in prooffe or disproofe of the said will or wills, or in anye for & concerning fee ????? [handwriting illegible] will or wills until your Lordship, and your Lordship's Court of Chancerye shall have given further & other order therein".</p>	
04 Aug 1631	COURT OF CHANCERY ANSWER TO BILL OF COMPLAINT of ELIZABETH DONE	Answer of Agnes Done to the Bill of Complaint of Elizabeth and Susan Done and Richard Evans. Agnes Done accepted the family relationships outlined in the Bill. She denied knowledge of any will made by John Done, sailor, but said that that was of no concern to her since the terms of the will of John Done "whitebaker", only gave her an interest in his estate whilst she was alive. She disputed the allegation that her "light defence" indicated a conspiracy with John Done "cordwainer". Her explanation for this course of action was that her counsel advised her that the PCC was not the place for the case to be heard. She also denied being any part of the alleged conspiracy, although admitting that an approach had been made to her by John Done (i.e. the cordwainer) and others. It was stated that that "shee hopeth to prove that the saide defendants John Done, Richard Kilvert and John Betenson or one of them, have made offer unto this defendant, and unto some neere friends of her this defendant	C2 CHASI E1 59 - folio 4

		that if this defendant and her friends would give way to the settling of the said messuages & premises after her decease, unto & upon the said nowe defendant, John Done whom they pretend to be heire at law unto the said John Done, deceased, that yet this defendant, for her part should hold & enjoy whatsoever was given or intended unto her this defendant by the said will without further trouble or molestation.” She also repeated that the will of John Done “whitebaker” was valid. Another interesting family relationship was referred to in the comment that “this defendant further saith that the said John Done this defendant’s late husband in his life time had & did beare greate love and affection unto Elizabeth the wife of the said Robert Done, his brother, by whose onlie meanes shee haveing a portion of Five hundred pounds or thereabouts, as this defendant hath crediblie heard, was married unto the said Robert Done, a man of small or noe estate, and noe way deserveing such or soe great a portion, the said Elizabeth being the daughter of a former wife of the said John Done, baker, & left to the care and tuition of the said John Done, her father in lawe.”	
10 Oct 1631	COURT OF CHANCERY JUDGMENT IN RESPONSE TO BILL OF COMPLAINT OF AGNES DONE (in English)	Excommunication of Agnes Done	C2 CHASI D5 35 - folio 5
08 Nov 1631	COURT OF CHANCERY JUDGMENT IN RESPONSE TO BILL OF COMPLAINT OF AGNES DONE (in English)	Excommunication of Agnes Done	C2 CHASI D5 35 - folio 6
Undated (1631?)	COURT OF CHANCERY “REPLICATION” OF ELIZABETH DONE - infant daughter of John Done “sayler” (in English)	Repetition of matters raised in the Bill of Complaint of 23 June 1631. This replication (undated) was in response to the answers of Humphry Done, Mary Becke, Peter Woodamonne, John Symons, Abraham Seman, Sara Skelte and Thomas Sanitasillia to the earlier complaint.	C2 CHASI D55 9
07 Feb 1632	COURT OF CHANCERY ANSWER TO BILL OF COMPLAINT OF AGNES DONE (in English)	Answer of Richard Kilvert. All allegations were denied.	C2 CHASI D5 35 - folio 1
07 Feb 1632	COURT OF CHANCERY ANSWER TO BILL OF COMPLAINT OF AGNES DONE (in English)	Answer of Robert Styleman (his signature?). All Allegations were denied.	C2 CHASI D5 35 - folio 2
07 Feb 1632	COURT OF CHANCERY ANSWER TO BILL OF COMPLAINT OF AGNES DONE (in English)	Answer of John Betteson. All allegations were denied.	C2 CHASI D5 35 - folio 3
Undated (1632?)	COURT OF CHANCERY ANSWER TO BILL OF	Answer of John Done. He disputed the need to respond to the allegations since Agnes Done had long been excommunicated.	C2 CHASI D5 35 - folio 4

	COMPLAINT OF AGNES DONE (in English)	He referred to the documents dated 10 Oct and 8 Nov 1631.	
Undated (1632?)	COURT OF CHANCERY ANSWER TO BILL OF COMPLAINT of ELIZABETH DONE (in English)	Disclaimer and answer of John Betteson. John Betteson denied all allegations, and also denied that John Done “cordwainer”, had entered into any conspiracy.	C2 CHASI E1 59 - folio 2
Oct 1632	COURT OF CHANCERY ANSWER TO BILL OF COMPLAINT of ELIZABETH DONE (in English)	Disclaimer and answer of Richard Kilvert. Similar response to that made by John Betteson, also denying that John Done, “cordwainer” had entered into any conspiracy.	C2 CHASI E1 59 - folio 3
22 Jul 1633	WILL OF AGNES DONE - widow of John Done “whitebaker” (in English)	Legacies to: Anne and Margaret Crouch, sisters of daughter in law Leycrofte/ Cousin and Godson Raphe Bradwell son of brother Richard Bradwell/ godson Thomas Leycrofte son of William Leycrofte, when reaching the age of twenty one/ goddaughter, the daughter of Mary Leycrofte now wife of one (blank) Eater, Taylor when reaching the age of twenty one or when married if before then/ son Richard Leycrofte Son Robert Leycroft named as executor Bequests to the poor of the Parish of All Saints Steyninge (where I dwell) and to the poor of the Parish of St Peter upon Cornhill in London (where sometimes I dwell and where I doe appoint my bodie to be buried) Robert Leycroft to have the balance of the estate Witnesses: William Frithe, Sir John Frithe, George Downes, William Powell and Richard Phillips Will proved 17 April 1635 (See below)	PROB 11 167 (The National Archives - Kew) Register: Sadler/ Quire: 37

17 April 1635	WILL OF AGNES DONE - widow of John Done “whitebaker” Probate (in Latin)	Will proved. Administration granted to Robert Leycroft - son	PROB 11 167 (The National Archives - Kew) Register: Sadler/ Quire: 37
19 May 1636	WILL OF JOHN DONNE - Rector of St Benet, Gracechurch, London (in English)	Legacies to: son Daniell and his wife/ son Nathaniel/son Benjamin/ grandson John (son of Robert Donne)/ granddaughter Elizabeth Donne (daughter of Robert Donne)/ Ellen Done (daughter in law)/ residue of estate to Elizabeth his wife. Witnesses: John Squire and James Jenkins Will proved 17 January 1637 (1636/7) (See below)	Source unknown No reference except Folio number 257
17 January 1637 (1636/7)	WILL OF JOHN DONNE - Rector of St Benet, Gracechurch, London Probate (in Latin)	Will proved. Administration granted to Elizabeth Done - widow	Source unknown No reference except Folio number 257

28 Oct 1648	PREROGATIVE COURT OF CANTERBURY – ADMINISTRATION OF ESTATE OF JOHN DONE “whitebaker” (in Latin)	Administration granted to William Hide & Marjorie Hide (nee Done). (This is the Margery mentioned in the will of John Done “whitebaker”). administration de bonis non administrates (where estate has been abandoned by an administrator) was granted to William Hide and his wife, Margery Hide, née Done, niece of the whitebaker, on 28 October 1648	PROB 6 13 - folio 167 (orig. ref 170/2) Part 2 (The National Archives - Kew)
Oct 1648	PREROGATIVE COURT OF CANTERBURY – ADMINISTRATION OF ESTATE OF JOHN DONE “whitebaker” (in Latin)	Administration granted to William Hide & Marjorie Hide (née Done)	PROB 6 23 - folio 112 (orig. ref 122) (The National Archives - Kew)

NOTES: (1) Calendar years.
(2) Unless otherwise stated, these are The National Archives reference codes.
(3) Orator/ oratrix = plaintiff.