

Indexes

The History of Sevenoaks has its own index but indexes to the Appendices and Section 2 (the wills of Sevenoaks) have been amalgamated together with those for Families & Transcripts and More Families & Transcripts.

Page numbers are identified in the following manner:

Appendices: page number preceded by a number, for example:

7.2 Appendix 7, page 2

Sevenoaks Wills page number preceded by a capital letter, for example:

C.6 Section C, page 6

Families & Transcripts page number preceded by a lower case letter, for example:

h.76 Section H, page 76

More Families & Transcripts page number preceded by 2 and a lower case letter:

2.g.14 Section G, page 14

There are three separate indexes.

General Index - items, etc.

Index of Places

Index of People

General Index

There is no guarantee that all occurrences of a particular word have been indexed. Some entries, such as “carriadges” are included to indicate unusual spellings. Others, such a “yeven” (given) and unusual phrases have been indexed as a result of an investigation into the different styles used by the various sriptors.

Index of Places

If no location is given, the place will generally be in the parish of the will although there are some entries where the location is not known

Index of People

In many cases, in order to be able to differentiate between different people with the same name, a number of databases have been set up allocating a number to each person. This number is prefixed with a letter:

e	East Peckhams and the other Peckhams (West and Great)				
h	Hadlow	i	Ightham	k	Kemsing
p	Penshurst	s	Sevenoaks	#	Seal
\$	Shipbourne	x	a number of other parishes		

If person has not been allocated a number but appears in two different places, they may be two different people with the same name. Similarly, even if a person is given the same number when appearing in two or more places, there is no guarantee that it is the same person.

When people appear in wills, their names may be followed by one or more letters:

b	bequest to	e	executor	f:	feoffee
g	guardian to children				
o	overseer	t	testator		
w	witness	wr	writer		

Testators in the index are highlighted in orange.

Names are generally indexed by the spelling used in the will. It may thus be necessary to look under spellings other than the usual one if all those with the “same” name are to be found. For example:

the Bosvilles were a large Sevenoaks family but there is also “Wallis Bosevill” and “Robert Bosevile” who may belong in this family.

“Bookmarks” are included to make it easier to locate a particular name but not every name is marked. For example, there are entries for:

Chandler
Chanfield
Chantsted
Chapman

but only Chandler and Chapman are bookmarked.