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INTRODUCTION.

THE fifty-two Wills and Inventories, printed in this volume, were mostly copied from the originals at Chester by the late Rev. G. J. PICCOPE (a few having been copied by his father the Rev. J. PICCOPE), and with one exception, they occur in volumes 8 and 9 of the Piccope MSS., now in the Chetham Library, Manchester. They were omitted, probably from want of room, from the three volumes of *Wills and Inventories*, edited by the Rev. G. J. Piccope, and printed for this Society in 1857, 1860 and 1861. There are many very interesting wills among them, and several full and curious inventories.

In an Appendix is printed a series of abstracts of one hundred and forty-one wills, &c., the originals of which were examined at Chester by the Messrs. Piccope, but have been since then either lost or destroyed. Although these abstracts are very short, they give information which will be found of very great value to the genealogist, and which, owing to the loss of the original wills, &c., cannot be found elsewhere. These abstracts are taken from vol. 10 of the Piccope MSS. in the Chetham Library.

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