JOHN CRYPS (CRISPE?) c. 1466

A John Crispe married Agnes Quek (date unknown but guessed at about 1530) The Crispe family came from around Oxford when the married into the Quek family here in Birchington) The brass commemorating John & Agnes is on the north wall of Quex Chapel. The John in the court case would appear to be an earlier one than Agnes's husband.

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(Undated, but action brought c. 1466)

To the Right Reverend and Worshipful Father in God, the Archbishop of York, Chancellor of England

Bill of complaint of **John Cryps** and **Johane** his wife, complaining as follows –

"Whereas, Johane Hereward, grandmother of the oratrix, (female speaker) was late seized of a meese (land and messuage or property) and a garden with appurtenances in Sevenoke, Co. Kent,, in her demesne as of fee enfeoffed Nicholl Broker and George Jurdan of Brasted; after which the said Nicholl died, and afterwards the said Johane Hereward by her last will declared that after her death George should make an estate of the said premises to said oratrix and her heirs for evermore; she died eight years ago and more, by all which time said George has occupied said meese and garden with appurtenances and taken the issues and profits thereof, coming to the yearly sum of 10s, and during that same time has done great waste and destruction of the houses of the said meese, that is to say, by suffering a berne, (barn) price 5 marks, to be dis-covered (unroofed), by which said berne has fallen to the ground, and a kitchen and a chamber, price 6 marks, also to be dis-covered, wherethrough (whereby) said kitchen and chamber have become ruinous; and he has taken away a furnace, price 13s 4d, which was fixed in said kitchen; he refuses to make estate to the oratrix according to the said will, disinheriting her to her great hurt.

Pledges for the prosecution: John Goldwell of London, Gentleman
John Nedesole, of London, Gentleman

Notes by LWB: The Archbishop of York was Chancellor during the period 1466-1471; The will of John Goldwell, Botolph Lane, London, Bloxham, Oxon.; Kent Surrey; was probated in 1466 (PCC – 5 GODYN); The will of John Nethersole, Canterbury; St Andrews, Holbourne, London, was probated in 1504 (PCC – 25 HOLGRAVE). The former was doubtless the first named surety; the latter may have been the second named surety, or his son. In any event, the date of the filing of the suit is fixed as about 1466. No record has been found of the will of Joan Hereward, as in the mentioned complaint.