

SUMMARY: The document below is the Prerogative Court of Canterbury copy of the will, dated 24 February 1513 and proved 28 April 1513, of Henry Smyth (d. 25 February 1513), esquire.

The testator's son, Sir Walter Smyth, married Dorothy Chetwynd, daughter of Thomas Chetwynd and Jane Salter. After the death of Thomas Chetwynd, Jane Salter married Sir William Sneyd, the grandfather of Oxford's second wife, Elizabeth Trentham.

The testator's daughter, Jane Smyth, married John Onley, who after her death married Elizabeth Rolleston, maternal grandmother of the poet Thomas Watson (d.1592), who dedicated *Hekatompathia* to Oxford in 1582 (see STC 25118a), and served as a tutor to the son of Sir William Cornwallis (c.1551-1611), who purchased the lease of Oxford's manor of Fisher's Folly.

Testator's parents

The testator was the son of John Smyth (d. September 1501), 'a wealthy citizen of Coventry'. A clause in the will below suggests that the testator's mother was named Joan. For the testator's father, see Thomas, William, ed., *The Antiquities of Warwickshire . . . By Sir William Dugdale*, 2nd ed., (London: John Osborn, 1730), pp. 55-6 at:

<http://books.google.ca/books?id=EWhZAAAAYAAJ&pg=PA55>

See also *Magna Britannia Antiqua & Nova*, Vol. V, (London: Caesar Ward and Richard Chandler, 1738), p. 821 at:

<https://books.google.ca/books?id=zpRJAAMAAMAJ&pg=PA821>

For the inquisition post mortem taken after the death of the testator's father, see TNA C 142/15/133, and the summary in *Calendar of Inquisitions Post Mortem*, Henry VII, Vol. II, (London: His Majesty's Stationery Office, 1915), p. 325 at:

<https://archive.org/stream/calendarofinquis02grea#page/324/mode/2up>

For the testator's father, see also Reade, Compton, *The Smith Family*, (London: Elliot Stock, 1904), p. 6 at:

<https://archive.org/stream/smithfamilybeing00read#page/6/mode/2up>

Testator's siblings

The testator had one sister:

-Elizabeth Smyth, who married John Porter of Coventry, by whom she had three sons, Baldwin, Thomas and Henry Porter, the testator's nephews mentioned in the will below, as well as several daughters. For the testator's nephew, Baldwin Porter (by 1487-1560/65), see the History of Parliament entry at:

<http://www.historyofparliamentonline.org/volume/1509-1558/member/porter-baldwin-1487-156065>

For the testator's nephew Henry Porter (by 1501-1555/6) see the History of Parliament entry at:

<http://www.historyofparliamentonline.org/volume/1509-1558/member/porter-henry-1501-5556>

MARRIAGE AND ISSUE

The testator married Jane Graunt (d.1515?), the daughter of Walter Graunt of Snitterfield, Warwickshire, and Elizabeth Rudinge. For Walter Graunt and Elizabeth Rudinge, see Burke, Bernard, *A Genealogical and Heraldic History of the Landed Gentry of Great Britain & Ireland*, 5th ed., (London: Harrison, 1871), Vol. II, p. 896 at:

<http://books.google.ca/books?id=H65CAAAAYAAJ&pg=PA896>

For the Ruding pedigree, see Urban, Sylvanus, *The Gentleman's Magazine*, (London: John Nichols, 1796), Vol. LXVI, Part I, pp. 217-19:

<http://books.google.ca/books?id=Wac2AQAAMAAJ&pg=PA217>

For the Ruding coat of arms see:

<http://www.royalcollection.org.uk/collection/804913/wormleighton-ruding-family>

In the will below the testator mentions his brother-in-law, Richard Graunt, who appears to be the 'Richard Graunt of Snaterfeld' named in a pardon roll in 1510. See:

'Henry VIII: Pardon Roll, Part 4', in *Letters and Papers, Foreign and Domestic, Henry VIII, Volume 1, 1509-1514*, ed. J S Brewer (London, 1920), pp. 256-273. *British History Online* <http://www.british-history.ac.uk/letters-papers-hen8/vol1/pp256-273> [accessed 18 October 2019]

It also appears that he can be identified with the Richard Graunt who was the great-grandfather of John Grant, who was involved in both the Essex Rebellion and the Gunpowder Plot. See:

'Parishes: Fulbrook', in *A History of the County of Warwick: Volume 3, Barlichway Hundred*, ed. Philip Styles (London, 1945), pp. 91-94. *British History Online* <http://www.british-history.ac.uk/vch/warks/vol3/pp91-94> [accessed 18 October 2019]

A parcel of land called Northbrook was granted by Edward IV to St. Mary's College, Warwick, in 1461 in recompense for certain rents and portions in Fulbrook which they had lost by the inclosure of the park forty years earlier. The College held this property until the Dissolution, it being valued in 1490 and 1508 at £4 15s. 10d., and at £5 6s. 8d. c. 1540–4. In 1545, having reverted to the Crown, it was given to Edward Grant, son of Richard Grant of Snitterfield. Edward died in 1592, leaving Northbrook to his widow Anne with remainder to his eldest son Thomas, to whom he bequeathed in succession the rest of his property, consisting of Briary Lands and tenements in Snitterfield and Droitwich. Anne died in 1596. Thomas married Alice Ruding and was the father of John Grant the conspirator. In 1603 John granted a 21 years' lease of Northbrook to his cousin Sir William Somerville and his brother-in-law John Wyntour. After his execution in 1606 the property was forfeited to the Crown, though his widow was still in occupation in 1608. In 1611 it was leased for 21 years to Ellis Rothwell. Wyntour Grant son of John Grant recovered his father's estates in 1623 and sold them to Sir Thomas Puckering of the Priory, Warwick.

For Richard Graunt's son, Edward, see also a deed between Bartholomew Hales and landholders in Snitterfield, including Sir John Spencer and Edward Graunt in Stopes, Charlotte Carmichael, *Shakespeare's Environment*, (London: G. Bell and Sons, Ltd., 1914), p. 21, at:

<https://archive.org/stream/cu31924013151166#page/n37/mode/2up>

When she married the testator, Jane Graunt was the widow of John Spencer (d. 4 January 1497) of Hodnell, Warwickshire, for whose will see TNA PROB 11/11/147. In the will below, her name is given as Jane; in the will of her first husband, her name is given as both Jane and Joan. By her first husband, John Spencer, Jane Graunt had a son, Thomas Spencer (d.1532), mentioned in the will below. For his will, see TNA PROB 11/24/51.

After the testator's death his widow, Jane Graunt, married a husband surnamed Stafford. See the inquisition post mortem taken in August 1515 after the death of 'Joan Stafford, late the wife of Henry Smith, esquire', TNA C 142/30/123, and the copy at the Shakespeare Birthplace Trust, DR 10/1887 at:

http://collections.shakespeare.org.uk/search/archive/dr101887-official-papers-miscellaneous-inquisitions-post-mortem/search/everywhere:joan-stafford/page/1/view_as/grid

By Jane Graunt, the testator had two sons and two daughters:

* **Sir Walter Smyth** (c.1501- 15 May 1553), eldest son, who married firstly Mary Ferrers, the daughter of Sir John Ferrers of Tamworth by Dorothy Harper, daughter of

William Harper, esquire, and secondly, Dorothy Chetwynd, the daughter of Thomas Chetwynd (d. 30 September 1555) of Ingestre, Staffordshire, by Jane Salter, the daughter of John Salter (d.1532), esquire. After the death of Thomas Chetwynd, Jane Salter married secondly Sir William Sneyd (d. 6 June 1571), the grandfather of Oxford's second wife, Elizabeth Trentham (d.1612). See the will of John Salter, TNA PROB 11/24/75; the will of Sir William Sneyd, TNA PROB 11/54/430; and Richardson, Douglas, *Magna Carta Ancestry*, 2nd ed., 2011, Vol. II, p. 456 at:

<https://books.google.ca/books?id=8JcbV309c5UC&pg=RA1-PA456>

On 15 May 1553 Sir Walter Smyth was murdered by his second wife, Dorothy Chetwynd. See Richardson, Douglas, *Magna Carta Ancestry*, 2nd ed., 2011, Vol. II, p. 456 at:

<https://books.google.ca/books?id=8JcbV309c5UC&pg=RA1-PA456>

For an account of the murder, see Thomas, *supra*, pp. 55-6 at:

<http://books.google.ca/books?id=EWhZAAAAYAAJ&pg=PA55>

* **Henry Smyth.**

* **Anne Smyth**, who at the time of the testator's death was married to a husband surnamed Langford.

* **Jane Smyth** (died c. September 1529), unmarried at the time the testator made his will. She married, by 1519, John Onley (d. 22 November 1537), for whom see the History of Parliament entry at:

<http://www.historyofparliamentonline.org/volume/1509-1558/member/onley-john-1498-1537>

b. by 1498, s. of John Onley of Withington, Salop by Jane, da. of Thomas Pontesbury of Salop. educ. New Inn; I. Temple, adm. 25 Oct. 1514. m. (1) by 1519, Jane (d. Sept./Oct. 1529), da. of (?Henry) Smith of Sherborne, Warws., 4s. inc. Edward[†] and Thomas 2da.; (2) by 1537, Elizabeth (d. 3 Aug. 1556) wid. of William Whitlok (d. Aug. 1556), Thomas Lee (d. Aug. 1527), and Robert Wade (d. June 1529), all of London, s.p.2

As noted in the History of Parliament entry, after the death of Jane Smyth, John Onley married secondly Elizabeth (nee Rolleston) Whitlock Lee Wade (d. 3 August 1556), maternal grandmother of the poet Thomas Watson (d.1592), who dedicated *Hekatompathia* to Oxford in 1582 (see STC 25118a), and served as a tutor to the son of Sir William Cornwallis (c.1551-1611), who purchased the lease of Oxford's manor of Fisher's Folly. See her will, TNA PROB 11/38/89.

For John Onley, see also his will, TNA PROB 11/27/241, and the pedigree of Onley of Onley Catesby in Metcalfe, Walter C., ed., *The Visitations of Northamptonshire Made in 1564 and 1618-19*, (London: Mitchell and Hughes, 1887), pp. 38-9 at:

<https://archive.org/stream/visitationsnort00vincgoog#page/n52/mode/2up>

OTHER PERSONS MENTIONED IN THE WILL

The testator appoints as executors his wife, Jane, and John Spencer (d.1522), who had married Isabel Graunt, the daughter of Walter Graunt of Snitterfield. As supervisors he appoints Sir Edward Belknap, Edward Greville, and Edward Ferrers (d.1535).

Sir Edward Belknap (d. 25 March 1521), Chief Butler of England, was the brother of Elizabeth Belknap, great-grandmother of Lady Burghley, and great-great-grandmother of Oxford's first wife, Anne Cecil. See *Magna Carta Ancestry, supra*, Vol. IV, pp. 141-5, and Thomas, *supra*, p. 523 at:

<http://books.google.ca/books?id=EWhZAAAAYAAJ&pg=PA523>

For Thomas Bond, John Porter and William Wykeham, all mentioned in the will below, see CP 25/1/294/83, number 49 at:

http://www.medievalgenealogy.org.uk/fines/abstracts/CP_25_1_294_82.shtml

Thomas Bond is said by Dugdale to have been a draper and 'rich merchant of Coventry', and the founder in 1506 of Bond's alms-houses. See Thomas, *supra*, p. 193 at:

<http://books.google.ca/books?id=EWhZAAAAYAAJ&pg=PA193>

For the testator's niece, Anne Marten, see also Burke, *supra*, p. 896 at:

<http://books.google.ca/books?id=H65CAAAAYAAJ&pg=PA896>

John Martin, esquire, of Wiche, co Worcester, living towards the end of the 15th and beginning of th 16th centuries, married Margaret, daughter and coheir with her sister, Elizabeth Ruding, wife of Walter Grant, esquire), of Humphrey Ruding, esquire, of Wiche aforesaid, and had issue two sons, Gilbert and John.

TESTATOR'S MANORS

For the testator's manor of Fletchamstead, near Coventry, see:

<http://www.gone-butnotforgotten.org.uk/tilehillkid/FletchampsteadHall.html>

See also:

<http://www.visionofbritain.org.uk/place/21416>

See also Leadam, I.S., ed., *The Domesday of Inclosures 1517-1518*, (London: Longmans, Green, and Co., 1897), pp. 440-1 at:

<https://archive.org/stream/domesdayinclosu00unkngoog#page/n64/mode/2up>

For the testator's manor of Knightcote, Warwickshire, see:

<http://www.francisfrith.com/locations/knightcote/>

A fine dated 12 November 1508 records the transfer of the manor of Althorp in Northamptonshire from John Catesby and his wife, Agnes, to the testator and John Spencer (d.1522), Edward Belknap, Edward Ferrers, Thomas Spencer (d.1532), and Richard Graunt. See CP 25/1/179/99, number 156 at:

http://www.medievalgenealogy.org.uk/fines/abstracts/CP_25_1_179_99.shtml

For the inquisition post mortem taken after the death of the testator, see TNA C 142/28/139.

RM: Test{amentu}m Henrici Smyth

In the name of Almighty God, Amen. I, Henry Smyth, of perfect mind and good remembrance, loued [=laud?] be Almighty God, the 24th day of February the year of Our Lord God 1500 and 12, ordain, make and declare this my present will and testament of all my lands and goods movable and unmovable, revoking and annulling all former wills and testaments before this made and declared;

First I bequeath my soul to Almighty Jesu, my Saviour, my body to be buried in the church of Saint Francis called the Greyfriars in Coventry in or nigh unto the place before the high altar and against or at th' end of the tomb where my good father and mother with other my friends lie, whose souls God pardon;

And for the outward knowledge, insomuch I know myself now the hour uncertain and my departing certain out of this world whensoever the will of God shall be that hour assign, in token that I depart as a true Christian man in steadfast and perfect belief of the true faith, I take and claim to witness and record before God his Blessed Mother, Virgin Mary, whom I beseech to be petitioner to obtain me the high mercy of her Blessed Son, Jesus of Nazareth, for the remission of mine offences, and in token and true knowledge that I depart the world as her servant, I bequeath to her a sovereign of gold to be offered before the image of Our Blessed Lady of Worcester, and there to remain for a

remembrance and discharge of my soul unto Almighty Jesu of my tithings, rights and duties of the church forgotten or unpaid;

I give and bequeath to my parish church of Burton Hastings 20s;

To Saint Michael in Coventry in honour of Saint Michael 10s;

To Saint Mary church of Stoneleigh 20s;

To the parish church of Burton and Darsett [=Burton Dasset] in the honour of All-Hallows 20;

To the parish church of Hodnell in the honour of Saint Helen, to be bestowed in lights of wax and a plate to set it in, 20s;

To the parish church of Claybrooke 10s;

To Sherneford [=Sherford?] 3s 4d;

To Bulkington 10s;

Also I bequeath to the house of Stoneleigh 40s, to the house of Kenilworth 40s, to the house of Combe 40s, to be allowed them such debt as they owe me; to the house of Arbury 20s; to the Prior of Coventry 20s; to the Whitefriars of Coventry 10s; to the Charterhouse of Coventry 10s, so that all the brethren of the house aforesaid to say an obit for me the day of my burial and for my father, John Smyth, and Joan Smyth, and in their chapter-house a remembrance of prayers as their devotion shall require;

And as for my burial, it to be ordered as my executors shall best seem and most convenient for my poor degree, with small pomp or vainglory, with such alms as mine executors shall think best there as need is;

Also as touching my lands and tenements, I will that where I, the said Henry, and Jane, my wife, be jointly seised of the manors of Fletchamstead, Stretton Baskerville, Knightcote, Grafton and Weston under Wetherley and other lands and tenements in the same towns to us and to the heirs males of our two bodies coming, and for default of such issue the remainder to the heirs general of our 2 bodies coming, and for default of such issue the remainder in fee simple is in Edward Belknap, Hugh Clopton, John Porter and Baldwin Porter, to th' intent to perform the last will of me, the said Henry, to the which Edward, Hugh, John and Baldwin and to Richard Hungerford and Reynold Page, now being deceased, I, the said Henry, granted the said remainder to th' intent aforesaid, as by deed thereof made more plainly appeareth, which manors, lands, tenements and other premises be of the yearly value of £84, I will that if it fortune me, the said Henry, and Jane, my wife, to decease without heirs of our 2 bodies coming, that then my said manors of Fletchamstead, Stretton Baskerville, Knightcote, Grafton and Weston under [f. 20v] Wetherley and all my other lands and tenements with their appurtenances in the same

towns and elsewhere which be my wife's jointure, wholly remain to my sister, Elizabeth Porter, and to the heirs of her body lawfully begotten;

Also I will that the said Jane, my wife, and John Spencer, mine executors, receive and take th' issues, revenues and profits of all my manors, lands, tenements and hereditaments in Awseley [=Allesley?], Coundon, Newbold on Avon, Hyde, Hesinhyll [=Easenhall?] and Brncklowe [-Brinklow] with their appurtenances in the county of Warwick, and of Wigston and Loughborough with their appurtenances in the county of Leicester, and of Suley(?) and Wicken with their appurtenances in the county of Northampton, and that the said Jane, to her own use and behoof take and retain yearly while she liveth sole of the said issues and profits forty pounds, and of the residue of the profits of the said manors, lands, tenements and other premises I will my will and testament be performed, my debts paid, and my children found till my son, Walter, come to his full age, or else my son, Henry, if it happen my son, Walter, to die being within age without issue of his body;

And if it happen [-if it happen] my said wife, before my son, Walter, come to his full age or else my son, Henry, come to his full age if it happen the said Walter to die without issue being within age, to marry or else to depart this world, then I will that from the time of such marriage or departing the world, mine executors perceive and taken yearly the said £40 which were before appointed to my said wife to the performance of my will and the contentation of my debts till the said Walter come to his full age or till the said Henry come [+to?] his full age if it happen the said Walter to die without issue being within age of 21 years;

And further I will that my bequests performed and my debts paid and my legacies performed, that my movable goods be bestowed and settled in this manner and form following:

First I will that Jane, my wife, have the occupying of all such apparel and stuff of household wholly as it remaineth within my house with plain construction at my departing within the house of Sherford, she to enjoy th' occupation thereof while she liveth sole, and if she fortune to marry or depart the world, then I will it wholly to remain within the said house as a thing annexed to the house to the use of my son, Walter, and his heirs, and so for lack of issue of him it to remain with the house to my next heirs;

Also I will that my said wife have while she liveth sole the valure of an hundred pound of my best plate, and one basin and an ewer to be assigned her in the said sum, and if she marry or depart the world, it to remain as is beforesaid;

The residue of my plate unbequeathed remain and be kept by mine executors to the use of my son, Walter;

Also I will that my said wife have my other goods movable as much in valure as her year's rent shall amount unto, that to be rated and apportioned like as her jointure is assigned her, that is to say, if she live sole £124, and if she marry, £84, to be made to her

in ready money by mine executors, and if she fortune to marry, yet I will [-my] that mine executors deliver to her in plate and cattle or else in ready money to be made of my movable goods two hundred marks;

Item, I bequeath to my daughter, Jane Smyth, to her preferment of marriage, four hundred marks;

Item, I bequeath to my son, Walter Smyth, one basin and an ewer of silver with the half of my whole plate like as his mother hath, and my great chain with my signet of gold, to keep to his use till that he come unto his full age of 21 years, and then to be delivered to him, and if he fortune to depart, as God forbid, all such bequests as before is limited to my son, Walter, wholly to remain to my son, Henry, two parts, and to my daughter, Jane, the third part thereof, and so all my children's parts to remain from one to another if God shall send for one of them out of this present life, as God forbid;

Also I bequeath to Jane, my wife, my small chain to occupy and wear at her pleasure during her life if she live sole, and if she depart the world or marry, the said chain to be delivered to my daughter, Anne Langford;

Item, I bequeath to my son, Henry Smyth, my wreathen hoop of gold, and also such interest or lease as I have in the lordship of Grafton with the whole stock of cattle going upon the same, to be delivered him at his full age of 21 years, and the meantime it to be employed and occupied to his best use and profit by the discretion of mine executors;

Item, I bequeath to my son [=stepson], Thomas Spencer, my best gown, with £40 of money or sheep to that valour to him to be delivered in recompense of all things forgotten betwixt him and me, so that he be good and kind to my executors and children like as I have been to him since he came to my rule and in his bringing up;

Also I will that if my wife will receive the advantage or profit of my bequest and will before rehearsed, she to deliver to the other mine executors as [sic for 'all?'] such writings as were made before our marriage [+between?] her and her friends [+and?] my father and me, whose soul God pardon;

Also I bequeath to my brother [=brother-in-law], Richard Graunt, my second gown furred with martens, and £9 of money that he oweth me for his father's burying and executing his will;

Also I bequeath to my nephew, Baldwin Porter, my black gown furred with foins and a doublet of satin, and to his brother, Thomas Porter, my black gown furred with budge and the second doublet of satin, and to my godson, Henry Porter, my gown lined with sarcenet and a doublet, and to every one [f. 21r] of those my three nephews I bequeath to them toward their learning and finding during the nonage of my children or every one of them yearly 40s apiece, and that to remain from one to another if God take his will of any one of them during the time beforesaid:

Item, I bequeath to my servant, Davy, my tawny gown furred, with my coat of satin, and his fee of 40s by year as that his patent maketh mention;

Item, I bequeath to my servant, John Rolett, an horse;

Also I will that all other such servants that hath been with me over a year have their service with the wages thereto belonging the whole year after my departing the world as they had it in my time, and every one at his departing at the year's end half a year's wages to pray for my soul with the uttermost of their duty beside;

Also I will and bequeath to every one of the daughters of my sister Porter's being alive after my departing £10 apiece;

Also I bequeath to Thomas Saunders and his sister, Margaret, either of them ten marks, to remain to thother for lack of life of the other;

Also I bequeath to my brother Saunders my russet gown furred with foins, and like liberty of cattle going as he had in my life during the time that it be occupied by mine executors to mine use, and after mine executors' life my farmers of Byrton and Kingston and have disposed my cattle there [sic?], I will my brother Saunders have my leases and interest thereof;

Also I bequeath to Anne Clopton 10 marks to serve her in her most need or preferment;

Also my will is that where I have laboured and intended the obtaining of a pardon from Rome for the honour of Almighty God and Saint Francis and [+to?] assist and succour the poorhouse of the Greyfriars of Coventry, that so obtained, I will and bequeath the profutes [sic] and benefits thereof to the relieving, repairing and building of the said house, so that the warden and brethren of the said house covenant with mine executors and heirs to find a friar singing at the hour of 11 of the clock continually for my soul and my wife, Jane, and my father and mother, Walter Grant and Elizabeth, his wife, and John Spencer, and all Christian souls, and that Mass to be assigned to the same altar where my father and mother been buried;

And also I intend my body in the same place like as that my will maketh mention;

And further I will mine executors do cause the said place(?) and altar to be closed in like a chapel as by them it may best be devised, and in the same a table rehearsing the privilege of the said pardon to be there hanged, and if it fortune the pardon not to be obtained so that they have not the benefit thereof, then I will and bequeath to the repairing of the said house £40 in ready money to help to the building of the said house beside the cost of my chapel and my place where I intend to lie and be buried, so that the said warden and friars perform and enter in covenants like as that my will declareth and maketh mention, and like obit to be kept for me at the time in the year as is for my father at the day assigned by mine executors;

Also I bequeath to my servant, Robert Bate, for his fee during his life 20s;

Item, I bequeath to Richard Smyth of Arley for his service done and to continue to my wife and children during his life 20s;

Also I bequeath to my brother [=brother-in-law] Porter a sovereign of gold;

Also to my sister, his wife, another sovereign of gold;

Also to my good cousin, Alice Wycom [=Wykeham?], another sovereign;

Also to my nephew, John Bounde [=Bond?], another sovereign of gold;

Also to my cousin, William Wycome [=Wykeham?], another sovereign;

Also to my good cousin, Katherine Clopton, another sovereign of gold;

Also to my niece, Anne Marten, another sovereign of gold;

Also I will that all such goods movable of mine as shall remain in the rule of mine executors which is unbequeathed, my debts and legacies performed, wholly remain to my son, Walter Smyth, to be delivered to him at his full age if God grant him life, and if not, as God forbid, the said goods to remain from one to another as before is rehearsed;

And of this my present testament and last will I make and ordain Edward Belknap, esquire, Edward Greville, esquire, and Edward Ferrers, esquire, to be supervisors of this my testament and last will, and to be rewarded every one of them by the discretion of mine executors;

And over this I make and ordain Jane, my wife, and John Spencer, esquire, mine executors of my said last will and testament, given the day and year above-written.

Probatum fuit supradicti defuncti testamentu{m} h{ab}ent{is} dum vixit et mort{is} sue tempore bona siue debita in diuersis dioc{esibus} prouincie cant{uariensis} coram d{omi}no Apud Lamhith xxviiio die mensis Aprilis Anno d{om}ini Mill{es}imo quingentesimo xiiio Iur{amento} Mag{ist}ri Christoferi Middelton procuratoris in hac p{ar}te Ac approbatum et insinuatu{m} Et comissa fuit admi{ni}stracio o{mn}i{u}m et singulorum bonorum et debitorum dictu{m} defunctum et huiusmodi suu{m} test{amentu}m quali{te}rcunq{ue} concernen{tium} Iohanne Relicte et executrici in huiusmodi testamento no{m}i{n}ate In p{er}sona pred{i}c{t}i procu{rato}ris De bene et fideli{te}r admi{ni}strand{o} eadem Ac de pleno & fideli Inuentario o{mn}i{u}m et singulorum bonorum & debitoru{m} huiusmodi conficiend{o} Et nobis citra festum Natiuitat{is} Sancti Ioh{ann}is Bap{tis}te prox{imum} futurum exhibend{o} Necnon de plano & vero compoto calculo siue racionio nobis aut

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sancta dei Eu{a}ngelia in debita iur{is} forma Iurat{o}

[=The testament of the abovesaid deceased, having while he lived and at the time of his death goods and debts in divers dioceses of the province of Canterbury, was proved before the Lord at Lambeth on the 28th day of the month of April in the year of the Lord the thousand five hundred 13th by the oath of Master Christopher Middleton, proctor in that respect, and probated and entered, and administration was granted of all and singular the goods and debts whatsoever concerning the said deceased and his same testament to Joan, relict and executrix named in the same testament, sworn on the Holy Gospels in the person of the foresaid proctor to well and faithfully administer the same, and to prepare a full & faithful inventory of all and singular the same goods & debts, and to exhibit [+it] to us before the feast of the Nativity of Saint John the Baptist next to come, also to render a plain & true account, calculation and reckoning to us or to our successors in that respect, with power reserved for a similar grant to be made to John Spencer, executor also etc., when he shall have come etc.]

[=On the 12th day of the month of October in the year of the Lord the thousand fifteenth a similar grant of all the goods etc. was made to the foresaid John Spencer, sworn on the Holy Gospels in due form of law to well etc., in the person of Master Christopher Middleton, the foresaid proctor.]