

SUMMARY: The document below is the Prerogative Court of Canterbury copy of the will, dated 4 October 1518 and proved 10 June 1519, of Thomas Trentham, the great-grandfather of Oxford's second wife, Elizabeth Trentham (d.1612).

FAMILY BACKGROUND

For the testator's family background, see the Trentham pedigree in Armytage, George J. and W. Harry Rylands, *Staffordshire Pedigrees*, Vol. LXIII, (London: Harleian Society, 1912), p. 224 at:

<https://archive.org/stream/StaffordshirePedigreesBasedOnTheVisitationOfThatCountyMadeByWilliam/StaffordshirePedigreesBasedOnTheVisitstionOfThatCounty166#page/n235/mode/2up>

See also the Trentham pedigree in Grazebrook, H. Sydney, ed., *The Visitacion of Staffordschire*, (London: Mitchell and Hughes, 1883), pp. 139-141 at:

<https://archive.org/stream/visitacionofstaf00graz#page/140/mode/2up>

See also the Trentham pedigree in College of Arms MS Glover 1, f. 190.

The College of Arms pedigree states that William Trentham of Shrewsbury married the daughter of Horton of Woodcott, and that their son, John Trentham of Shrewsbury, esquire, married the sister and heir of William Hoord of Shrewsbury and was living in 23 Edward IV [=1483].

Their son was the testator's father, Thomas Trentham of Shrewsbury, who was living 17 Henry VII [=1501/2].

The testator's mother was Catherine Marshall, the daughter of John Marshall of Hurst, near Clun, Shropshire. See Richardson, Douglas, *Plantagenet Ancestry*, 2nd ed., 2011, Vol. III, p. 352; and the History of Parliament entry at:

<http://www.historyofparliamentonline.org/volume/1509-1558/member/trentham-thomas-1487-1519>

The testator mentions only one sibling in the will below, a brother, Roger Trentham:

Item, I will that my brother, Roger, have my bows & shafts that is in James Stirley's [=James Strelley?] chamber.

MARRIAGE AND CHILDREN

The testator married Elizabeth Corbet, the daughter of Sir Richard Corbet (1451 - 6 December 1493) by Elizabeth Devereux (d.1516), the daughter of Walter Devereux (c.1432-1485), 1st Baron Ferrers of Chartley, slain at the Battle of Bosworth on 22 August 1485, and his wife, Anne Ferrers (1438-1469), the daughter and heir of Sir William Ferrers of Chartley, Staffordshire.

After the death of Sir Richard Corbet, Elizabeth Devereux married secondly, before 1495, Sir Thomas Leighton (1443-1519), of Wattlesborough, Shropshire.

For the testator's father-in-law and mother-in-law, Sir Richard Corbet and Elizabeth Devereux, see the will of their son, Sir Robert Corbet (c.1477 - 11 April 1513), TNA PROB 11/17/471; Richardson, Douglas, *Plantagenet Ancestry*, 2nd ed., 2011, Vol. II, pp. 45-6, 463-5, and Vol. III, pp. 352-4; and Botfield, Beriah, *Stemmata Botevilliana*, (Westminster: Nichols, 1858), pp. 169 and 184 at:

<https://archive.org/stream/stemmatabotevill00botfuoft#page/n191/mode/2up>

and:

<https://archive.org/stream/stemmatabotevill00botfuoft#page/n207/mode/2up>

See also Corbet, Augusta Elizabeth, *The Family of Corbet*, Vol. II, (London: St. Catherine's Press, n.d.), p. 263 at:

<http://archive.org/stream/familyofcorbetit02corb#page/n151/mode/2up>

By Elizabeth Corbet, the testator had two sons and five daughters:

* **Richard Trentham** (c.1515-1547), esquire, eldest son and heir. He was the grandfather of Oxford's second wife, Elizabeth Trentham (d.1612). See his will, TNA PROB 11/31/419; the will of Elizabeth Trentham, TNA PROB 11/121/171; and the History of Parliament entry at:

<http://www.historyofparliamentonline.org/volume/1509-1558/member/trentham-richard-1515-47>

* **Robert Trentham**, gentleman usher to Henry VIII and Edward VI ('unus hostiarium gen{erosorum} regis H. 8 et E. 6', i.e., 'one of the gentlemen ushers of King Henry VIII and Edward VI'. See College of Arms MS Glover 1, f. 190, *supra*. He may have been the Robert Trentham who sued Geoffrey Newton for debt in 1551/2 (see TNA REQ 2/14/40). On 23 January 1553, Edward VI demised to Robert Trentham the 'site of the late Abbey of Strata Marcella' for 21 years after the expiration of an earlier lease grant to Edward Grey, Lord Powys, husband of Anne Brandon (b. 1507-8, d.1557), daughter of Charles Brandon (c.1484-1545), Duke of Suffolk, by his first wife, Anne Browne. See the will of Edward Grey, Lord Powys, TNA PROB 11/34/203, proved 10 July 1551; the will of Anne Brandon, Lady Powys, TNA PROB 11/40/117, proved 19 February 1558;

and *Collections Historical & Archaeological Relating to Montgomeryshire*, Vol. I, (London: J. Russell Smith, 1868), p. 347 at:

<https://archive.org/stream/collectionshisto01powy#page/346/mode/2up>

* **Katherine Trentham**, who married firstly, as his second wife, Thomas Hakluyt (d.1544), esquire, of Eyton in Leominster, Herefordshire; Clerk of the Council in the Marches of Wales, by whom she had four sons and three daughters. For the will of Thomas Hakluyt, see TNA PROB 11/30/104.

Katherine Trentham married secondly, before 1545, Edmund Foxe (d.1550) of Ludlow, by whom she had one son and one daughter. See his will, TNA PROB 11/33/434, and the History of Parliament entry at:

<http://www.historyofparliamentonline.org/volume/1509-1558/member/foxe-edmund-1515-50>

Katherine Trentham married thirdly, before 1553, Nicholas Depden (c.1520-1588) of Ludford, Shropshire and Aston in Kingsland, Herefordshire, by whom she had no issue. In his will (see NLW Hereford Consistory Court wills, box 4 De-Di) he names his 'good friend, Robert Townshend' as executor and residuary legatee, and his 'special friend, Henry Townshend' as overseer. See Richardson, *supra*, Vol. III, pp. 352-4, and the History of Parliament entry at:

<http://www.historyofparliamentonline.org/volume/1509-1558/member/depden-%28debden%29-nicholas-1520-88>

Henry Townshend (d. 8 December 1621) was the son-in-law of Sir Rowland Hayward (d. 5 December 1593), from whose executors Oxford's second wife, Elizabeth Trentham, purchased King's Place in Hackney. See the will of Henry Townshend, TNA PROB 11/138/558, and the History of Parliament entry at:

<http://www.historyofparliamentonline.org/volume/1558-1603/member/townshend-henry-1537-1621>.

* **Anne Trentham**, who married Ralph Leighton of Coates, Shropshire, the son of John Leighton of Coates (a first cousin of Sir Thomas Leighton (1443-1519) mentioned above) by Jane Salter, the daughter of John Salter of Wrockwardine, Shropshire, and the grandson of Edward Leighton of Stretton by Anne Hopton, the daughter of Thomas Hopton. See the will of John Salter, TNA PROB 11/24/75, and the Leighton pedigree in Grazebrook, George and John Paul Rylands, *The Visitation of Shropshire, 1623, Part II*, Vol. XXIX, (London: Harleian Society, 1889), pp. 323-4 at:

<http://archive.org/stream/visitationshrop01britgoog#page/n47/mode/2up>

See also Botfield, *supra*, pp. 163, 184, 186:

<https://archive.org/stream/stemmatabotevill00botfuoft#page/n185/mode/2up/>

Edward Leighton, of Stretton, who married Agnes, daughter of Thomas Hopton, leaving issue which became extinct early in the seventeenth century.

See also Verity, Brad, 'The Cressetts of Upton Cressett, Part 6', at:

<http://archiver.rootsweb.ancestry.com/th/read/GEN-MEDIEVAL/2013-01/1358484158>

6) Cecily Cressett, married before 1565, Richard Leighton of Coats Hall (buried 25 September 1605, St Peter Church, Rushbury, Shropshire), son of Ralph Leighton of Coats Hall & Anne Trentham (descended from Edward I), and was buried 27 May 1594, St Peter Church, Rushbury, having had issue, 6 sons & 6 daughters.

See also Lloyd, W.V., *The Sheriffs of Montgomeryshire*, (London: T. Richards, 1876), p. 244 at:

<https://books.google.ca/books?id=e3kHAAAAQAAJ&pg=PA244>

See also the Leighton pedigree in Betham, William, *The Baronetage of England*, Vol. III, (London: W.S. Betham, 1803), p. 101 at:

<https://books.google.ca/books?id=8LRBAAAACAAJ&pg=PA101>

See also Shropshire Archives 1514/342 & 343, a settlement dated 23 April 1523 by which Ralph Leighton of Cotys, gentleman, grants messuages in Rushbury, Shropshire, to Roger Corbet, Richard Leighton, Thomas Otteley and Richard Trentham, esquires, and Thomas Hosyor [=Hosier] and William Luter to the use of Ralph Leighton and Anne Trentham, daughter of Thomas Trentham, late of Shropshire, esquire, deceased, and Elizabeth, his wife, and the heirs of the body of Ralph by Anne.

* **Elizabeth Trentham**, who married Richard Hussey of Albright Hussey, Shropshire, by whom she had four sons and two daughters. For her eldest son, Richard Hussey (born by 1529, d. 4 March 1573), see the History of Parliament entry at:

<http://www.historyofparliamentonline.org/volume/1509-1558/member/hussey-richard-1529-74>

See also the Hussey pedigree in Grazebrook, George and John Paul Rylands, eds., *The Visitation of Shropshire Taken in the Year 1623, Part I*, (London: Harleian Society, 1889), Vol. XXVIII, p. 267 at:

<https://archive.org/stream/visitationshrop00britgoog#page/n320/mode/2up>

* **Mary(?) Trentham**, who married Hugh Rogers of Hay House in Whitmore, Staffordshire, and died without issue. See a later lawsuit involving this property, TNA C 2/Eliz/S19/42.

* **Jane(?) Trentham**, who is said to have married a husband surnamed Middleton, but died without issue.

For the testator's children, see also College of Arms MS Glover 1, f. 190, *supra*, and Grazebrook, *Visitacion of Staffordschire*, *supra*, p. 140 at:

<https://archive.org/stream/visitacionofstaf00graz#page/140/mode/2up>

OTHER PERSONS MENTIONED IN THE WILL

The testator directs that his lands go to whomever has most right to them, and that 200 marks' worth of his goods be sold and the proceeds divided equally among his five daughters. He appoints as executors his wife, Elizabeth, 'Mr John Lethon', & 'young Richard Mainwaring', and as overseers, the Earl of Shrewsbury, William Egerton and 'young Roger Corbet'.

The History of Parliament identifies the testator's executor, 'Mr John Lethon', as John Latton (1484/5-1548), for whom see the History of Parliament entry at:

<http://www.historyofparliamentonline.org/volume/1509-1558/member/latton-john-148485-1548>

However it seems possible that 'Mr John Lethon' was John Leighton (d.1532) of Wattlesborough and Stretton in the Dale, esquire of the body to King Henry VIII, the testator's wife Elizabeth Corbet's eldest half brother by her mother's second marriage to Sir Thomas Leighton (1443-1519).

The testator's executor 'Young Richard Mainwaring' was likely Sir Richard Mainwaring (c.1499-1558) of Ightfield in Shropshire, son of Sir John Mainwaring and Joan Lacon, who married Dorothy Corbet, the daughter of Sir Robert Corbet (b. about 1477, d. 11 April 1513) by Elizabeth Vernon (d. 29 March 1563), and thus niece of the testator's wife, Elizabeth (nee Corbet) Trentham. See Richardson, *supra*, Vol. II, p. 490.

The Earl of Shrewsbury appointed as an overseer of the will was George Talbot (1468–1538), 4th Earl of Shrewsbury, who was born at Shifnal, Shropshire, and thus had Shropshire connections.

The William Egerton appointed as an overseer was likely William Egerton, son of Randall Egerton (d.1522) and Isabel Hill, the daughter of Robert Hill of Houndhill in Staffordshire. William Egerton married Jane Lacon, the daughter of Sir Thomas Lacon (d.1536) of Willey, Shropshire, and his wife Mary Corbet. See the will of Sir Thomas

Lacon (d.1536), TNA PROB 11/25/371. Mary Corbet was the daughter of Sir Richard Corbet (b. 1451, d. 6 December 1493) and Elizabeth Devereux (d.1516) mentioned above, and was thus the sister of the testator's wife, Elizabeth (nee Corbet) Trentham.

See the Lacon pedigree in Grazebrook, George, and John Paul Rylands, eds., *The Visitation of Shropshire Taken in the Year 1623, Part II*, Vol. XXIX, (London: Harleian Society, 1889), p. 307 at:

https://archive.org/stream/TheVisitationOfShropshireV.29/VisitationshrophshireTaken1623_treswellVol.28P2#page/n29/mode/2up

It should be noted that the Lacon pedigree in Grazebrook, *supra*, Part II, p. 307, states that Mary Corbet and Thomas Lacon had two daughters not mentioned in Thomas Lacon's will, a daughter, Margery Lacon, who married Robert Berington of Shrewsbury ('Margery' may be an erroneous reference to the daughter 'Anne Biriton' mentioned in Thomas Lacon's will), and Jane Lacon, who married firstly George Bromley (d.1545) of Mittley (and Hodnet?), and secondly William Egerton of 'le Bridgend', Staffordshire.

See the Bromley pedigree in Grazebrook, *supra*, Part I, p. 78 at:

<https://archive.org/stream/visitationshrop02britgoog#page/n132/mode/2up>.

See also Vaughan, H.F.J., 'Donington Church and Lordship', *Transactions of the Shropshire Archaeological and Natural History Society*, Vol. VI, (Shrewsbury: Adnitt and Naunton, 1888), p. 60 at:

https://books.google.ca/books?id=tpE_AQAAMAAJ&pg=PA60

Sir William Lacon of Willey married Magdalene, daughter of Richard Wisham of Holt, Co. Worcester, and was father of Sir Richard [Lacon], who, by Alice [Horde], daughter of Thomas Horde of Bridgnorth, was father of Sir Thomas Lacon of Willey, who married Mary [Corbet], relict of John Ludlow, and daughter of Sir Richard Corbet of Morton, (by Elizabeth [Devereux], daughter of Walter Devereux, Lord Ferrers of Chartley). One of their daughters, Jane Lacon, married William Egerton of Betley

See also the Ludlow pedigree in Grazebrook, *supra*, Part II, p. 341 at:

https://archive.org/stream/TheVisitationOfShropshireV.29/VisitationshrophshireTaken1623_treswellVol.28P2#page/n63/mode/2up

The 'young Roger Corbet' appointed an overseer of the will was the testator's nephew, Sir Roger Corbet (d.1538/9), son and heir of Sir Robert Corbet (b. about 1477, d. 11 April 1513), and Elizabeth Vernon (d. 29 March 1563), mentioned above. For the will of Sir Roger Corbet (d.1538/9), see TNA PROB 11/27/408. For other connections between the Trenthams and the Corbets, see the Annotator page on this website.

The John Baker for whom the testator wills that 'a priest sing two years' was likely related to the first wife of Sir Thomas Leighton (1443-1519), Anne Baker, the daughter of Roger Baker of Shrewsbury.

LM: T{estamentum} Thome Trynth{a}m

In dei no{m}i{n}e amen. iijto die me[n]sis octobr{is} An{n}o D{omi}ni Ml vC xviiio
Ego Thomas Trynth{a}m compos memorie condo test{amentu}m meu{m} in hunc
modu{m} &c: [=In the name of God, amen. The 4th day of the month of October in the
year of the Lord 1518, I, Thomas Trentham, sound of memory, make my will in this
manner etc.]:

I bequeath my soul to Almighty God, my body to be buried in the churchyard of All
Hallows in Honey Lane within London, and for my burial I bequeath to the church-works
6s 8d;

Item, I will my best gown to the parson of the same church for my mortuarde(?)
[=mortuary];

Item, I will a priest sing 2 years for the soul of John Baker & all Christian souls;

Item, I will that all such lands that I am troubled for, that they have it that hath most right
to them;

Item, I will that Elizabeth, my wife, have her dowry and all that she ought to have by
right of the law;

Item, I will that there be sold of my goods, movable & unmovable, to the sum of 200(?)
marks, to be divided in even portions to my 5 daughters;

It{em}, I will that my brother, Roger, have my bows & shafts that is in James Stirley's
[=James Strelley?] chamber;

& of this my last will I make mine executors Elizabeth, my wife, Mr John Lethon &
young Richard Mainwaring, and to see that my will be fulfilled, I make the Earl of
Shrewsbury, William Egerton and young Roger Corbet to be overseers. Witness hereof:
Sir John Rys, my ghostly father, and John Taire.

Probatum fuit suprascriptu{m} test{amentu}m coram d{omi}no apud Lamhith xo die
mensis Iunij Anno d{omi}ni Ml vC xixio Iur{amento} Elisabeth Relicte et executric{is}
in h{uius}mo{di} test{ament}o no{m}i{n}ate Ac aprobatu{m} et insinuatu{m} Et
com{m}issa fuit admi{n}istrac{i}o om{n}i{um} et singulor{um} bonor{um} et

debitor{um} dicti defuncti predicte executori De Bene & fidel{ite}r admi{ni}strand{o}
 eadem Ac de pleno et fideli Inuen{ta}rio etc conficiend{o} Et nobis citra festu{m}
 S{an}c{t}i laurencij Martiris prox{imum} futur{um} exhibend{o} Necnon de plano
 compoto reddend{o} etc Ad sancta dei Eu{a}ngelia Iurat{e} Reseruata p{otes}tate
 simile{m} comissione{m} faciend{i} alijs executorib{us} in h{uius}mo{d}i
 test{ament}o no{m}i{n}at{is} cu{m} ven{er}int &c

[=The above-written testament was proved before the Lord at London on the 10th day of the month of June in the year of the Lord 1519 by the oath of Elizabeth, relict and executrix named in the same testament, and probated and registered, and administration was granted of all and singular the goods and debts of the said deceased to the forenamed executor, sworn on the Holy Gospels to well & faithfully administer the same, and to prepare a full and faithful inventory and to exhibit [+it] to us before the feast of Saint Lawrence the Martyr, and also to render a plain account etc., with power reserved for a similar commission to be made to the other executors named in the same testament when they shall have come etc.]