

SUMMARY: The document below is the Prerogative Court of Canterbury copy of the will, dated 8 November 1552 and proved 16 and 18 January 1553, of Sir Thomas Windsor (c.1523-1552) of Princes Risborough, whose younger brother, Edward Windsor (1532?-1575), 3rd Baron Windsor, married Oxford's half-sister, Katherine de Vere (1538-1600).

FAMILY BACKGROUND

The testator was the second son of William Windsor (c.1499-1558), 2nd Baron Windsor, by his first wife, Margaret Sambourne, the only child of William Sambourne (c.1470 – 20 October 1503) of Fernham, Berkshire, and Anne Copley. Anne Copley was the daughter of Roger Copley (d. before 1488), esquire, of Roffey, Sussex, and the granddaughter of Thomas Hoo (d. 13 February 1455), Lord Hoo and Hastings ('great-grandfather, by Anne Boleyn, of Queen Elizabeth'). After the death of William Sambourne, Anne Copley married secondly William Lusher. See Richardson, Douglas, *Plantagenet Ancestry*, 2nd ed., 2011, Vol. III, pp. 463-5.

See also Sanborn, V.C., 'The Samborne Ancestry', in Harwood, H.W. Forsyth, ed., *The Genealogist*, Vol. XIII, (London: George Bell & Sons, n.d.), pp. 145-52 at p. 150:

<https://archive.org/stream/genealogist1318selb#page/n321/mode/2up/>

See also the Lusher pedigree in Bannerman, W. Bruce, ed., *The Visitations of the County of Surrey*, (London: Harleian Society, 1899), Vol. XLIII, p. 1 at:

<https://archive.org/stream/visitationsofcou43beno#page/n15/mode/2up/>

See also the History of Parliament entry for the testator at:

<http://www.historyofparliamentonline.org/volume/1509-1558/member/windsor-sir-thomas-1523-52>

See also Cokayne, George Edward, *The Complete Peerage*, Vol. XII, Part II, (London: St. Catherine Press, 1959), p. 792.

For the testator's grandfather, Andrew Windsor (1467-1543), 1st Baron Windsor, see his will, TNA PROB 11/29/416.

For the testator's father, William Windsor (c.1499-1558), 2nd Baron Windsor, see his will, TNA PROB 11/42A/91, and the History of Parliament entry at:

<http://www.historyofparliamentonline.org/volume/1509-1558/member/windsor-william-1499-1558>

See also the Windsor pedigree in Gunn, Steven, *Henry VIII's New Men and the Making of Modern England*, (Oxford: Oxford University Press, 2016), p. xxi at:

<https://books.google.ca/books?id=JpjSDAAAQBAJ&pg=PR21>

The testator's uncle, George Windsor, married Ursula de Vere (d.1558), daughter of Sir George Vere (d.1503), and sister of John de Vere (1499-1526), 14th Earl of Oxford. After the death of George Windsor, Ursula de Vere married Sir Edmund Knightley (by 1491 – 12 September 1542). For her will, see TNA PROB 11/42A/10.

MARRIAGE AND CHILDREN

The testator married Dorothy Dacre, the daughter of William Dacre (1500-1563), 3rd Baron Dacre of Gilsland, by Elizabeth Talbot (died c.1559), daughter of George Talbot (1468-1538), 4th Earl of Shrewsbury, by whom he had a daughter, Anne Windsor. For the licence dated 27 November 1544, see Foster, Joseph, ed., *London Marriage Licences 1521-1869*, (London: Bernard Quaritch, 1887) p. 1487 at:

<https://books.google.ca/books?id=Xf8cAAAAYAAJ&pg=PA1487>

Dorothy Dacre's sister, Magdalen Dacre (1538-1608), was the second wife of Anthony Browne (1528-1592), 1st Viscount Montagu, grandfather of Henry Wriothesley (1573-1624), 3rd Earl of Southampton, dedicatee of Shakespeare's *Venus and Adonis* and *The Rape of Lucrece*.

See the *ODNB* entries for Magdalen Dacre, Anthony Browne, 1st Viscount Montague, William Dacre, 3rd Baron Dacre of Gilsland, George Talbot, 4th Earl of Shrewsbury, and Henry Wriothesley, 3rd Earl of Southampton.

See also:

http://dentfamlinx.1apps.com/biographicalnotes/dacre_magdalene.htm

According to the History of Parliament:

At the court festivities at Christmas 1551, the last he was to see, [the testator] was one of the eight councillors to the lord of misrule, George Ferrers.

RM: T{estamentum} Thome Wyndesore mi{li}t{is}

In the name of God, Amen, the 8th day of November in the year of Our Lord God a thousand [-a thousand] five hundred fifty and two and the sixth year of the reign of our Sovereign Lord King Edward the Sixth, I, Thomas Windsor of Princes Risborough in the

county of Buckingham, knight, perfect of mind but sick of body, do order and declare this my present testament and last will in manner and form following:

First I bequeath my soul to Almighty[y] God and to all the holy company of heaven, and my body to be buried in the church where it shall please God to call me to his mercy;

Item, I give to my wife the lease of Darlington;

Item, I will and bequeath the yearly profits of my lease of Princes Risborough to the payments of my debts;

And my debts paid, I will and give the residue of my term to my daughter, Anne;

And I will my wife to have the profit of it to th' use of the said Anne during her widowhead;

And if it fortune my wife to marry, then I will my uncle, Edmund Windsor, to have the said lease to the use of my said daughter;

And if it fortune my said daughter to die before the said term ended, then I will my brother, William Windsor, to have [f. 5v] the said lease, and my said uncle, Edmund, to have the guiding of it until he come to the age of 21 years;

And I will that my said brother, William, do give to my brother, Walter Windsor, £6 13s 4d yearly out of the said parsonage;

Item, I give to my Lord, my father, my black horse;

Item, I give all my raiment and apparel to my brother, Edward, my brother, Walter, and my brother, William, equally to be divided among them;

Item, I give to every one of my servants £4 in ready money, all which said sums of money I will they be paid out of the said parsonage of Princes Risborough;

Item, I will and bequeath to every one [-one] of my sisters one gold ring of the value of 13s 4d with the letters of my name;

All the rest of my goods and chattels not given nor bequeathed I give and bequeath to my said wife, she paying my debts with my goods and with the profits of the lease of Princes Risborough aforesaid, as well to them as have no bills as to them that have;

Also I will that if my said wife fortune to marry in this county, that then she shall have the said parsonage of Risborough to dwell in, paying therefore yearly as it is worth to the use aforesaid;

And finally I make, constitute and ordain my executors of this my present last will and testament my well-beloved wife and my uncle, Edmund Windsor, to do and perform all things according to this my said will;

And I will that my uncle have for his painstaking ten pounds of lawful money of England;

In witness whereof I, the said Sir Thomas, have set to my hand the day and year above-written. By me, Thomas Windsor.

Decimo sexto Ianuarij Anno Domini Mill^{es}imo Quingen^{tesim}o Lijdo Edmundus Windsore execut^{or} antedictus in persona Roberti Good procur^{atoris} sui renunciauit oneri execuⁱonis h^{uius}mo^di et dicta domina Dorethea Relicta prefati defuncti in persona xpoferi Robinson procuratoris sui Decimo viij^o dicti mens^{is} Annoq^{ue} predicto etia^m renunciauit oneri eiusdem testamenti Deinde Commissa fuit administracⁱo o^{mni}um bonoru^m prefati defuncti eidem Dorethee ad viam intestati ex caus^{is} premis^{is} De bene &c In persona dicti xpoferi Iuratⁱ

[=On the sixteenth day of January in the year of the Lord the thousand five hundred 52nd Edmund Windsor, executor aforesaid, in the person of Robert Good, his proctor, renounced the burden of the execution of the same, and the said Lady Dorothy, relict of the forenamed deceased in the person of Christopher Robinson, her proctor, on the 18th day of the said month and year aforesaid also renounced the burden of the same testament, [whereupon?] administration was granted of all the goods of the forenamed deceased to the same Dorothy by way of an intestacy [ex causis premisis], sworn to well etc. in the person of the said Christopher.]