

SUMMARY: The document below is the Prerogative Court of Canterbury copy of the will, dated 17 July 1552 and proved 26 November 1562, of Anne (nee Lynne) Hopton Tyrrell, second wife of Sir John Tyrrell (d. 28 February 1541) of Little Warley, Essex.

CONNECTIONS TO THE EARLS OF OXFORD

The Earls of Oxford were connected to the Tyrrells through the three daughters of Sir Richard Sergeaux (d.1393) and his wife, Philippa Arundel (d.1399). Alice Sergeaux (d. 18 May 1452) married Richard de Vere (d. 15 February 1416/17), 11th Earl of Oxford; Philippa Sergeaux (c.1373 – 11 or 13 July 1420) married Sir Robert Pashley (d. 8 June 1453), and Elizabeth Sergeaux married Sir William Marney (d.1414).

For the connection between the Sergeaux and Tyrrell families, see Richardson, Douglas, *Magna Carta Ancestry*, 2nd ed., 2011, Vol. I, pp. 11-14 at:

<https://books.google.ca/books?id=8JcbV309c5UC&pg=PA14>

See also the Pashley pedigree after p. 12 and the Sergeaux pedigree after p. 32 in MacMichael, N.H., 'The Descent of the Manor of Evegate in Smeeth with Some Account of its Lords', *Archaeologia Cantiana*, Vol. 74, 1960, pp. 1-47 at:

<https://www.kentarchaeology.org.uk/index.php/arch-cant/vol/74/descent-manor-evegate-smeeth-some-account-its-lords>

FAMILY BACKGROUND

There has been considerable confusion concerning the testatrix' identity. According to the History of Parliament entry for the testatrix' son, Maurice Tyrrell, Sir John Tyrrell's first wife was 'a Lynne of Southwick, Northamptonshire', and the testatrix, his second wife, was the daughter of Sir Edward Norreys (d.1487) of Yattendon, Berkshire. See:

<http://www.historyofparliamentonline.org/volume/1509-1558/member/tyrrell-maurice-1520-63-or-later>

It appears, however, that it was Sir John Tyrrell's first wife who was the daughter of Sir Edward Norreys, and that it was the testatrix who was 'a Lynne of Southwick, Northamptonshire'.

The pedigree of Lynne of Southwick states that (blank) Lynne, second daughter of William Lynne (d. 23 April 1511), gentleman, and Margaret Lexham (living 1537?), the daughter and coheir of William Lexham (d.1500), was the wife of Sir John Tyrrell of Warley. See Marshall, George, W., ed., *The Genealogist*, (London: Golding and Lawrence, 1877), Vol. I, pp. 345, 349 at:

<https://archive.org/details/genealogist01mars/page/n731/mode/2up>

In that regard, it is significant that the Lynne pedigree states that William Lynne's sister, Anne [sic for 'Alice'?] Lynne, married a husband surnamed Crayford of Rainham, Essex. In the will below the testatrix appoints her cousin, Guy Crafford, as one of her executors, and mentions a debt owed to her by Richard Crafford of the manor of Dovers, Essex. Her relationship to the Crafford family suggests strongly that the testatrix was born Anne Lynne, the daughter of William Lynne and Margaret Lexham. For Guy Crafford (d.1553), see his will, TNA PROB 11/36/76, and the pedigree in Sutton, Anne F., 'Lady Joan Bradbury (d.1530)' in Barron, Caroline M. and Anne F. Sutton, eds., *Medieval London Widows 1300-1500*, (London: The Hambledon Press, 1994), pp. 209-238 at p. 211 at:

<https://books.google.ca/books?id=3-veBAAAQBAJ&pg=PA211>

A pedigree of Lynne of Exeter from 1630 states that Anne Lynne married 'Sir George Tyrrel of Wardleigh in Essex, knight, and had issue Morris Tyrrel'. See Oliver, George and Pitman Jones, eds., *A View of Devonshire in MDCXXX, with a Pedigree of Most of its Gentry, by Thomas Westcote, Gent.*, (Exeter: William Roberts, 1845), p. 457 at:

<https://books.google.ca/books?id=WJGEAAAIAAJ&pg=PA457>

Although this early pedigree erroneously gives the Christian name of the testatrix' husband as 'George', it confirms the testatrix' identity as Anne Lynne.

Testatrix' parents

It seems clear from the foregoing that the testatrix was the second daughter of William Lynne (d.1511) of Southwick, and Margaret Laxhem, daughter of William Lexham (d.1500) of Burnham Westgate, Norfolk. For William Lynne, see his will, dated 1505 and proved 1 July 1511, TNA PROB 11/17/40. See also the will, proved 9 August 1487, TNA PROB 11/8/54, of his father, the London merchant, John Lynne.

Testatrix' siblings

According to the pedigree in Marshall, *supra*, p. 349, the testatrix had three brothers and five sisters:

-Guy Lynne (d. 17 March 1543), who married Agnes Kirkham, the daughter of George Kirkham, esquire, of Warmington, Northamptonshire.

-Jerome Lynne.

-David Lynne.

-Audrey Lynne (d. 28 August 1522), who married Sir Richard Gresham (c.1485-1549), Lord Mayor of London, by whom she was the mother of Sir Thomas Gresham (c.1518-1579). See the will of Sir Richard Gresham, TNA PROB 11/32/429, and the transcript in Leveson Gower, Granville, *Genealogy of the Family of Gresham*, (London: Mitchell and Hughes, 1883), p. 65 at:

<https://books.google.ca/books?id=9ZQNAAAQAAJ&pg=PA65>

See also the *ODNB* entry for Sir Richard Gresham:

By about 1517 Richard Gresham felt sufficiently secure to marry Audrey (d. 1522), the daughter of William Lynne, of Southwick in Northamptonshire, with whom he had four children—John, Thomas Gresham, Christiana, who married the wealthy Sir John Thynne of Longleat, and Elizabeth.

-Cecily Lynne, who married William Gardiner (d.1541), esquire, for whose will see TNA PROB 11/29/83. See also the will, TNA PROB 11/55/374, of James Bacon (d.1573), who married Mary Gardiner, the daughter of William Gardiner and Cecily Lynne.

-Agnes Lynne, who married the London haberdasher, Thomas Merbury (d.1545?), son of William Merbury of Girsby, Lincolnshire, and Agnes Blount, daughter and coheir of Thomas Blount, second son of Walter Blount, Baron Mountjoy. For the will of Thomas Merbury, see TNA PROB 11/30/514. Agnes Lynne predeceased her husband; the Christian name of Thomas Merbury's widow was Ellen. For the Merbury family, see Lennam, T. (1968). Francis Merbury, 1555-1611. *Studies in Philology*, 65(2), 207-222. Retrieved October 1, 2020, from <http://www.jstor.org/stable/4173603>

-() Lynne, who married a London mercer surnamed Duffield.

-() Lynne, who married a husband surnamed Pennycock of Walton, Huntingdonshire.

MARRIAGES AND ISSUE***Testatrix' first marriage***

The testatrix married firstly John Hopton (c.1470-1526?) of Deptford, clerk controller of the navy. The position was created in 1512, and John Hopton, a gentleman usher of the chamber to Henry VIII, was the first appointee. See the *ODNB* entry, and Loades, David, *The Tudor Navy: An Administrative, Political and Military History*, (Ashgate Publishing, 1993), at:

<https://books.google.ca/books?id=YQyoDQAAQBAJ&pg=PT77>

See also:

[https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/John_Hopton_\(naval_administrator\)](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/John_Hopton_(naval_administrator))

See also TNA C 1/908/74, a lawsuit brought by Nicholas Tyrrye of London in the period 1533-1538 against Sir John Tyrrell and his wife, Anne, executrix and late the wife of John Hopton, gentleman, of Deptford for part of the price of 114 masts.

The pedigree of Hopton in the *Visitation of Shropshire* identifies John Hopton as the third son of William Hopton, esquire, and his wife, Margaret. See Grazebrook, George and John Paul Rylands, eds., *The Visitation of Shropshire Taken in the Year 1623*, Part I, (London: Harleian Society, 1889), pp. 256-7 at:

<https://archive.org/details/visitationshrop00britgoog/page/n310/mode/2up>

For the will of John Hopton, dated 22 June 1522 and proved 24 November 1526, in which he mentions his parents, William and Margaret Hopton; his brother, Edward Hopton; and Edward's son, George Hopton, see TNA PROB 11/22/236.

By John Hopton, the testatrix had a daughter:

* **Elizabeth Hopton**, who married firstly Sir John Peryent (d.1551), Auditor of the Court of Wards and Liveries. For Sir John Peryent, see TNA PROB 51/15, and Nichols, John Gough, ed., *The Topographer and Genealogist*, (London: John Bowyer Nichols and Sons, 1853), Vol. II, p. 561 at:

<https://books.google.ca/books?id=EKhWAAAAIAAJ&pg=PA561>

Elizabeth Hopton married secondly, by settlement dated April 1551, Andrew Nowell (d.1563), for whom see his will, TNA PROB 11/46/76, and the History of Parliament entry at:

<http://www.historyofparliamentonline.org/volume/1509-1558/member/nowell-andrew-1512-63>

For the testatrix' daughter, Elizabeth Hopton, see also the will of Robert Nowell (d.1569), TNA PROB 11/51/182. In his will Robert Nowell refers to 'my cousin John Nowell, Mr Andrew Nowell's son', and bequeaths Elizabeth Hopton (Lady Peryent) £5 'to make her a ring', desiring her to be good to her stepson, John Nowell.

Testatrix' second marriage

The testatrix married secondly Sir John Tyrrell (d. 28 February 1541) of Little Warley, Essex, the eldest son and heir of Humphrey Tyrrell (d. 2 June 1507), esquire, by his

second wife Elizabeth Walwyn. See Richardson, Douglas, *Magna Carta Ancestry*, 2nd ed., 2011, Vol. I, p. 14, at:

<http://books.google.ca/books?id=8JcbV309c5UC&pg=PA14&lpg=PA14>

For the will of Humphrey Tyrrell (d. 2 June 1507), see TNA PROB 11/15/580.

For the testatrix' second husband, Sir John Tyrrell (d. 28 February 1541), and his children by his first wife, Anne Norreys (d.1531?), see his will, TNA PROB 11/28/444.

By Sir John Tyrrell, the testatrix had a son:

* **Maurice Tyrrell**, for whom see the History of Parliament entry, *supra*.

OTHER PERSONS MENTIONED IN THE WILL

The testatrix and her cousin, Guy Crafford, were related by blood, and were also related by marriage through the Tyrrell family. Guy Crafford married Joan Bodley, the daughter of Lady Joan Bradbury (d.1530). Lady Joan Bradbury's daughter, Elizabeth Bodley, was the wife of William Tyrrell of South Ockenden, Essex, the grandson of Sir Thomas Tyrrell (d. 28 March 1477) of Heron in East Horndon, Essex. See the will of Guy Crafford, *supra*, and the pedigree in Sutton, *supra*, p. 211.

Guy Crafford's brother, Richard Crafford, held the manor of Dovers in Havering mentioned in the will below. See:

<http://www.ocotilloroad.com/geneal/crayford1.html>

See also:

'Hornchurch: Manors', in *A History of the County of Essex: Volume 7*, ed. W R Powell (London, 1978), pp. 31-39. *British History Online* <http://www.british-history.ac.uk/vch/essex/vol7/pp31-39> [accessed 18 July 2020].

Richard Waldern left as coheirs his sisters Elizabeth, Joan, Eleanor, and Margaret. (fn. 65) One of them probably died without issue, for the youngest, Margaret, later wife of John Brewster, conveyed a third of the manor to Avery Cornburgh (d. 1487). (fn. 66) Cornburgh, who also held Gooshayes in Romford, left as heirs his sister Agnes Chambre and his nephew John Crafford. His third of Dovers evidently passed to Crafford. (fn. 67) The descent of the other two thirds after 1454 is not clear. In 1519 one third was settled on John Rodys and his wife Margaret. (fn. 68) The Craffords probably acquired the whole of the manor. Thomas Crafford (d. 1508) left a widow Alice, who was holding Dovers in 1510. (fn. 69) Richard Crafford (d. 1544) was probably Alice's heir. (fn. 70) Another Richard Crafford, and his wife Anne, who were holding Dovers in 1572, conveyed it in 1596 to Peter Collett, a London merchant. (fn. 71)

LM: T{estamentum} D{omi}ne Anne Tirrell

In the name of God, Amen. The 17th day of July in the year of Our Lord God 1552 and in the 6th year of the reign of our Sovereign Lord Edward the Sixth by the grace of God King of England, France and Ireland, Defender of the Faith and of the Church of England and also of Ireland the Supreme Head, I, Dame Anne Tyrrell of London, widow, being sick of body but yet nevertheless of good and perfect remembrance [-being], laud and praise be unto Almighty God, do make, ordain and declare this my present testament containing [f. 202r] therein my last will in manner and form following, that is to say:

First and principally and above all earthly things I give, bequeath and recommend my soul to Almighty God, my Maker, Saviour and Creator and Redeemer, by the merits of whose bitter death and painful passion I faithfully trust and steadfastly believe to be saved, and my body to be buried where it shall please Almighty God to appoint for the same;

And after my body buried, I will that all such debts and duties as I of right do owe to any person or persons shall be first well and truly contented and paid;

Item, I give and bequeath to Maurice Tyrrell, my son, all my plate, that is to say, 12 silver spoons with 'postles;

Item, I do give to the said Maurice, my son, 4 featherbeds, 4 bolsters and 5 pillows, 4 coverlets, whereof one is lined, 3 pair of fustian blankets and all my sheets and other linen now being in the said house wherein I do now remain;

Item, I give and bequeath unto the said Maurice 2 chests of cypress and one chest bound with iron, 2 chests, one of wainscot and thother of fir, and 2 baskets;

Item, I bequeath to the said Maurice, my son, the sum of £20 which Richard Crafford of Dovers in the county of Essex doth owe unto me;

Item, I give unto the said Maurice, my son, ten pounds which William Huttens dwelling in Chancery Lane near unto Lincoln's Inn doth owe unto me;

Item, I give unto the said Maurice, my son, all my brass and my pewter now being in the said house where I do now remain;

Item, I give to my daughter, Elizabeth Peryent, a flat piece of a unicorn's horn;

Item, I give and bequeath to the poor people of the hospitals 40s;

The residue of all and singular my goods, chattels, plate, jewels, ready money and debts after my debts paid and my funeral charges borne I freely and wholly give and bequeath

to the said Morris, my son, whom with my said cousin, Guy Crafford, I make and ordain th' executors of this my present testament and last will, desiring my said cousin, Guy Craffor, most heartily to be a helper to my said son in th' executing of this my said testament;

In witness whereof to this my present testament and last will I have set my seal given the day & year first above-written.

Probatum fuit h{uius}mo{d}i Testamentum coram Mag{ist}ro Waltero Haddon Legum Doctore Curie Prerogatiue Cant{uariensis} Comissario apud London vicesimo sexto die mensis Novembris Anno Domini mill{es}imo quingentesimo sexagesimo secundo Iuramento Mauricij Tirrell executoris in h{uius}mo{d}i Testamento nominat{i} Cui comissa fuit administrac{i}o &c de bene &c Ac de pleno Inuentario Necnon de vero et plano computo Reddend{o} Ad sancta dei Evangelia Iurat{i} Guydo Crayford executore demortuo

[=The above-written testament was proved before Master Walter Haddon, Doctor of the Laws, Commissary of the Prerogative Court of Canterbury, at London on the twenty-sixth day of the month of November in the year of the Lord the thousand five hundred sixty-second by the oath of Maurice Tyrrell, executor named in the same testament, to whom administration etc., sworn on the Holy Gospels to well etc., and [+to prepare?] a full inventory, and also to render a true and plain account, Guy Crafford, executor, being deceased.]