

SUMMARY: The document below is the Prerogative Court of Canterbury copy of the will, dated 28 June 1544 and proved 21 June 1566, of Sir Thomas Morgan of Pencoed (d. 5 June 1565), whose first cousin, Sir George Baynham, was the father of Frances Baynham Jerningham (d.1583), who leased the Jerningham mansion in the Blackfriars in 1580 to George Carey (1548-1603), 2nd Baron Hunsdon.

FAMILY BACKGROUND

For the testator's family background, see also the History of Parliament entry at:

<http://www.historyofparliamentonline.org/volume/1509-1558/member/morgan-sir-thomas-1509-65>

The testator was the eldest son and heir of Sir William Morgan (d. 6 September 1542) and Florence Bridges (d.1545), for whose wills see TNA PROB 11/29/194 and TNA PROB 11/30/367.

The testator's aunt, Jane Morgan, married Sir Christopher Baynham (d. 22 June 1540), grandfather of Frances Baynham Jerningham (d.1583), who leased the Jerningham mansion in the Blackfriars in 1580 to George Carey (1548-1603), 2nd Baron Hunsdon. For Sir Christopher Baynham's son, the testator's first cousin, Sir George Baynham, who witnessed the testator's will below, see his will, TNA PROB 11/32/282.

MARRIAGE AND ISSUE

The testator married Cecily Herbert, the daughter of Sir George Herbert of Swansea, Glamorganshire. For the testator's father-in-law, see the History of Parliament entry at:

<http://www.historyofparliamentonline.org/volume/1509-1558/member/herbert-george-149495-1570>

By Cecily Herbert, the testator had five sons and one daughter. As mentioned in the will below, he also had two illegitimate daughters, Jane and Marie.

For the testator's eldest son and heir, Sir William Morgan (d. 9 October 1583), who married Elizabeth Judd, the daughter of Sir Andrew Judd, Lord Mayor of London, but died without issue, see the History of Parliament entry at:

<http://www.historyofparliamentonline.org/volume/1558-1603/member/morgan-sir-william-1542-83>

The testator made his will on 28 June 1544, presumably just prior to his departure for France, where he was knighted at Boulogne on 30 September 1544. See Metcalfe,

Walter C., *A Book of Knights Banneret, Knights of the Bath, and Knights Bachelor*, (London: Mitchell and Hughes, 1885), p. 81 at:

<https://books.google.ca/books?id=OBwNAAAAYAAJ&pg=PA81>

RM: Test{amentu}m Thome Morgan

[f. 369r] In the name of God, Amen. I, Thomas Morgan of Pencoeed in the [+county?] of Monmouth in Wales, esquire, being of perfect memory, weighing and considering in my mind that there is nothing more certain than death and that the hour, time and place thereof is to all men unsure and unknown, do ordain and make this my last will and testament in manner and form following:

First I commend my soul unto the mercy of Almighty God, and my body to be buried in such place as to my executors shall seem good;

Also I will that my executors shall perceive, levy and take all the issues, revenues and profits of my manor of Langstone with the appurtenances in the county aforesaid to the paying of the duties hereafter in this my will specified and over and besides that unto such time as they have levied, perceived and taken of the issues and profits thereof the sum of five hundred marks, and that my said executors employ and bestow the same to and for the advancement and marriage of my daughter, Florence Morgan;

And immediately after my said executors have levied, perceived and taken the said sum of five hundred marks of the issues and profits of the said manor to the use and intent before expressed, then I will and grant that the said manors [sic?] with their appurtenances shall wholly remain to my son, William Morgan, and to the heirs males of his body lawfully begotten;

And for default of such issue the said manor wholly to remain to my son, Henry Morgan, and to the heirs males of his body lawfully begotten;

And for default of such issue to revert to me and to my heirs forever;

And if my said daughter, Florence, happen to decease and depart this present life before she shall happen to be married, then I will that my executors shall truly content and pay the moiety or one half of the said sum of five hundred marks or the one half or moiety of so much of the same sum of five hundred marks as they shall happen to have received at the decease of my said daughter, Florence, to Cicille [=Cecily], my wife, and the other moiety or one half of the same sum of five hundred marks or the moiety or one half of so much of the same sum of five hundred marks as they shall happen to have received at the decease of my said daughter, Florence, to be equally parted and divided between my two sons, William Morgan and Henry Morgan, when they come to the age of twenty and one years;

And if any of them fortune to decease before he come to the age of 21 years, then I will that all his part shall wholly remain to him that overliveth;

And if he that overliveth do happen likewise to decease before he come to the age of twenty & one years, then I will that both their parts shall remain to Cicelle, my said wife;

And if my said wife happen to decease before my said daughter, Florence, shall happen to be married, then I will that her whole part of the said sum of five hundred marks shall remain to my said sons, William and Henry, when they come to the age of twenty and one years;

And if any of them happen to decease before he come to the said age of twenty and one years, then I will that he that doth overlive shall have the same when he shall come to the age of twenty and one years;

Furthermore, where Dame Florence Morgan, my mother, doth now hold and occupy parcel of my manor of Porton to the clearly [sic] yearly value of twenty pounds from the feast of Saint Michael the Archangel next coming after the date hereof for the term of five years then next ensuing till such time the sum of a hundred pounds be satisfied and paid, I will that after the same five years expired my executors perceive and take of the issues, revenues and profits of the parcel and part of the manor of Porton till such time as they have levied, received and taken the sum of forty pounds, which sum of forty pounds I will that my said executors shall see it paid unto my mother, so that she to see it departed and equally divided to my base daughters, Jane and Marie, towards [f. 369v] their advancement in marriage;

And if any of them happen to decease before she shall happen to be married, then I will that she that overliveth shall have the whole sum of forty pounds;

And if the said Jane and Marie happen to decease before that they be married, then I will that my said mother shall content and pay the said forty pounds to my son and heir;

And after that my executors have perceived and taken the said sum of forty pounds in manner and form before expressed, then I will that my executors shall perceive, receive and take twenty pounds yearly of the said part or parcel of the said manor of Porton till my said son, Henry, happen to come to the age of twenty and one years to the use and behoof of my said son, Henry, and that my executors shall truly content and pay the same money to him when he shall come to the age of twenty and one years;

And when my said son, Henry, shall happen to come to the age of twenty and one years, then I will, bequeath and grant to the said Henry one annuity or yearly rent of twenty pounds going out of the said part or parcel of the said manor of Porton to have, perceive and enjoy unto the said Henry during his life natural, to be paid at two of the most usual feasts of the year by even portions;

The rest of my goods to be bestowed for the wealth of my soul as shall be thought most expedient by the discretion of my executors;

And for the true fulfilling and observing of this my present testament and last will I do make, ordain and constitute by these presents Edward Lewis and Walter ap Roberts my full and whole executors to execute and use this my present testament and last will according to the very true meaning and effect hereof;

And so also ordain and make my good mother, Dame Florence, and my said loving wife overseers of the same;

In witness whereof to this my present will and testament indented I have put my seal the twenty and eight day of June in the thirty and sixth year of the reign of our Sovereign Lord King Henry the Eight of England, France and Ireland King, Defender of the Faith and in earth Supreme Head of the Church of England and Ireland, these being witnesses: George Baynham, esquire; Giles Morgan, Giles Doddington, gentleman, and others.

Debts which I do now owe and will my executors to pay

Item, to Henry Brayne of London twenty and nine pounds;

Item, to one Thomas Shewell of London, skinner, twenty and three shillings;

To William James of London, Merchant Taylor, twenty-three shillings;

Item, more to the same James due upon a bill of my hand, as therein appeareth;

Item, to William Sadler of Ivybridge in London upon a bill which he hath, subscribed with my hand;

Item, to Ambrose Barker of London thirty shillings;

Item, to Bridges, the tailor, three pounds;

Item, to Giles Morgan, gentleman, thirty-three shillings and four pence. Thomas Morgan.

Probatum fuit Testmentum suprascriptum coram Mag^{ist}ro Waltero Haddon legum Doctore Curie Prerogatiue Cantuarien^{sis} Comissario apud London vicesimo primo die meⁿs^{is} Iunij Anno d^{omi}ni Millesimo Quingentesimo Sexagesimo sexto Iuramento mag^{ist}ri Iohannis Lewis Notarij Publici Procuratoris Edwardi Lewis Executoris in testameⁿto h^{uius}mo^di nominatⁱ Cui Com^missa fuit Administracio o^{mn}ium et singulor^{um} bonoru^m &c De bene &c Ad sancta dei Evangelia Iuratⁱ Waltero Ap Robertes executore etia^m in h^{uius}mo^di testament^o Nominat^o 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-first day of the month of June in the year of the Lord the thousand five hundred sixty-sixth by the oath of Master John Lewis, notary public, proctor of Edward Lewis, executor named in the same testament, to whom administration was granted of all and singular the goods etc., sworn on the Holy Gospels to well etc., Walter Roberts, also named executor in the same testament, being deceased.]