

SUMMARY: The document below is the will, dated 20 December 1565 and proved 5 June 1567, of Sir Anthony Browne (1509/10–1567), Justice of the Common Pleas, who circa 1554 was a member of the council of John de Vere (1512-1562), 16<sup>th</sup> Earl of Oxford. See the History of Parliament entry for the testator at:

<http://www.historyofparliamentonline.org/volume/1509-1558/member/browne-anthony-ii-150910-67>

### ***FAMILY BACKGROUND***

For the testator's family background, see the Browne pedigree recorded in 1612 in Metcalfe, Walter C., ed., *The Visitations of Essex*, (London: Harleian Society, 1878), Vol. XIII, pp. 165-7 at:

<https://books.google.ca/books?id=0m1KAAAAYAAJ&pg=PA166>

The testator was a younger son of Sir Wistan Browne by Elizabeth Mordaunt, daughter of William Mordaunt (d.1481) of Turvey, Bedfordshire. Little is known of Sir Wistan Browne. He and Henry Guildford were knighted on 15 September 1511 by Ferdinand of Aragon at the palace in Burgos for their 'prowess exhibited in African wars'. He was Sheriff of Essex and Hertfordshire in 1514, and had died by 1534/5. See the inquisition taken after his death, TNA E 199/12/11.

Sir Wistan Brown was the grandfather of the testator's nephew, George Browne (d.1559), who is mentioned, together with his son, Wistan Browne (d.1581?), in the inquisition post mortem taken after the death of Oxford's father, John de Vere (1516-1562), 16<sup>th</sup> Earl of Oxford. According to the IPM, in 1546, in consideration of the service done by George Browne to both the 15<sup>th</sup> and 16<sup>th</sup> Earls of Oxford, George Browne and his son, Wistan Browne, were granted the reversion, after the death of Thomas Josselyn, of the offices of master of game and keeper of the park of Stansted Mountfitchet, and bailiff of the honour of Stansted Mountfitchet. The IPM states that both Thomas Josselyn and George Browne had died by the date the IPM was taken on 18 January 1563. See TNA C 142/136/12. For the will of Wistan Browne (d.1581?), see TNA PROB 11/63/226.

The testator was the nephew of Sir Humphrey Browne (d.1562) Justice of the Common Pleas, for whom see the *ODNB* entry and his will, TNA PROB 11/46/19.

In the will below, the testator mentions six sisters: 'my sister, Joan Bridges', my sister Constance', my sister Eton', 'my sister Knighton', 'my sister Katherine (Cutte)', my sister Jane (Scrogges)', and 'my sister Elizabeth (Herbert)'.

The testator had no issue, and in the will he leaves life estates in his property to his wife and to his wife's daughter by a previous marriage, and then entails his lands on the male heirs of his deceased brother, John Browne (d.1550?), who had two sons, the testator's

nephews, George Browne (d.1559) and Henry Browne, both also deceased. The testator's elder nephew, George Browne (d.1559) left two sons, the testator's great-nephews, Wistan Browne (d.1581?) and John Browne. The testator's younger nephew, Henry Browne, also left two sons, the testator's great-nephews, Philip Browne and Coningsby Browne. In the event, it was the testator's great-nephew, Wistan Browne (d.1581), grandson and eldest surviving male heir of the testator's brother, John Browne (d.1550), who succeeded to the testator's lands. See his will, *supra*, TNA PROB 11/63/226.

### **MARRIAGE**

The testator married Jane Farrington, daughter and heir of William Farrington (d. before 1536) by Isabel Clayton, the daughter of John Clayton, esquire, of Clayton, Lancashire. William Farrington (d. before 1536) was the son of Sir Henry Farrington (d.1549?) by his first wife, Anne Radcliffe, the daughter of Sir Alexander (or William) Radcliffe of Ordsall, widow of Thomas Tyldesley. For Sir Henry Farrington, see the History of Parliament entry at:

<http://www.historyofparliamentonline.org/volume/1509-1558/member/farrington-henry-1471-154951>

*He settled Farington and Leyland upon the issue of his first marriage . . . There was litigation after Farrington's death involving Anthony Browne II of South Weald, Essex, who had married Joan, daughter and heiress of another William Farrington, one of Farrington's sons by his first marriage.*

Prior to her marriage to the testator, Joan Farrington had been twice widowed. Her first husband was Charles Booth, esquire, of Hackensall, by whom she had a daughter, Agnes Booth, who married William Mordaunt, by whom she had a son, Robert Mordaunt, and a daughter, Jane Mordaunt, mentioned in the will below.

Joan Farrington married secondly Henry Beconsall of Beconsall, by whom she had a daughter, Dorothy Beconsall (d.1615), wife of Sir Edward Huddlestone, mentioned in the will below. Dorothy Huddlestone's husband, Sir Edward Huddlestone, is recorded as serving as a Justice of the Peace on 8 March 1585 with the 17<sup>th</sup> Earl of Oxford and others. See ERO T/A 418/42/4.

For the Huddlestone family, see also Richardson, Douglas, *Plantagenet Ancestry*, 2<sup>nd</sup> ed., 2011, Vol. I, pp. 514-17.

Joan Farrington's brother-in-law, William Farrington (1537 – 3 July 1610) of Worden, was the only child of Sir Henry Farrington by his second wife, Dorothy Okeover, daughter of Humphrey Okeover. He had a lifelong association with the Earls of Derby, and was the writer of the Derby Household Book of 1561. See 'The Derby Household

Books', *Remains Historical & Literary Connected with the Palatine Counties of Lancaster and Chester*, Vol. XXXI, (Chetham Society, 1853), pp. xxv-vi at:

<https://books.google.ca/books?id=Ivw-AQAAMAAJ&pg=PR25>

For the will of the testator's widow, Joan Farrington Booth Becconsall Browne, see TNA PROB 11/50/19.

### ***OTHER PERSONS MENTIONED IN THE WILL***

For Sir Robert Broke (d.1558), judge and Speaker of the House of Commons, see the *ODNB* entry.

For John Jenour (1465/6–1542) and his son, Richard Jenour (1511-1548), see the *ODNB* entry for John Jenour, and the History of Parliament entry for Richard Jenour at:

<http://www.historyofparliamentonline.org/volume/1509-1558/member/jenour-richard-1511-48>

For the testator's overseer, Sir William Petre (1505/6–1572), see the *ODNB* entry.

For the testator's overseer, Sir Edward Saunders (1506–1576), see the *ODNB* entry and his will, TNA PROB 11/58/517.

### ***TESTATOR'S LANDS***

#### ***South Weald***

'Parishes: South Weald', in *A History of the County of Essex: Volume 8*, ed. W R Powell, Beryl A Board, Nancy Briggs, J L Fisher, Vanessa A Harding, Joan Hasler, Norma Knight and Margaret Parsons (London, 1983), pp. 74-90. *British History Online* <http://www.british-history.ac.uk/vch/essex/vol8/pp74-90> [accessed 15 October 2017].

*In 1541 the manor [of South Weald] was granted by the Crown to Sir Brian Tuke. (fn. 99) Sir Brian (d. 1545) devised it to his second son George Tuke, who in 1548 sold it to Richard Rich, Lord Rich, the lord chancellor. (fn. 100) Rich sold it in 1548 to (Sir) Antony Browne, later chief justice of Common Pleas, and founder of Brentwood school. (fn. 101) Browne, who also bought Calcott and Costed, (fn. 102) died in 1567, leaving his South Weald estate to his stepdaughter Dorothy, wife of Sir Edmund Huddleston, for life, with reversion to Sir Antony's great-nephew Wistan Browne. (fn. 103) Dorothy and her husband held manor courts at South Weald until 1575, (fn. 104) but Wistan Browne disputed their possession, (fn. 105) and obtained part of the estate before Dorothy's death, which did not occur until 1615. (fn. 106) Wistan was holding manor courts at South Weald from 1575. (fn. 107) At his death in 1580 he was said to hold a third of the*

*manors of South Weald, Calcott, and Costed. (fn. 108) He was succeeded by his son Anthony Browne (d. 1583), and then by his nephew (Sir) Anthony Browne. (fn. 109) From Anthony (d. 1623) the manor passed to his son John Browne (d. 1658), whose heir was (Sir) Anthony Browne. (fn. 110).*

### **Cockermouth**

'Dagenham: Introduction and manors', in *A History of the County of Essex: Volume 5*, ed. W R Powell (London, 1966), pp. 267-281. *British History Online* <http://www.british-history.ac.uk/vch/essex/vol5/pp267-281> [accessed 22 October 2017].

*In 1560 the Crown granted to (Sir) Anthony Browne a 21-year lease of Cockermouth, Purlevants, and Dagenham rectory, to run from the expiration of Howe's lease. (fn. 117) The leases to Bowdyshe and Browne mention a tithe barn. Before 1563 Browne evidently bought the unexpired portion of Howe's lease, since a survey of the manor made in that year describes him as the lord. (fn. 118) Cockermouth then consisted of some 220 a., of which 140 a. were sub-let to John Lytell and the remainder to William Stedeman and Andrew Fuller. Purlevants, consisting of 35 a., was occupied by Thomas Osburne. Another survey of the manor was made by the Crown in 1564. (fn. 119) This includes properties in Ilford as well as the demesne lands. It was the prelude to the sale of the manor and of the rectory of Dagenham to Sir Anthony Browne, in the same year. (fn. 120) Browne was succeeded on his death in 1567 by Wistan Browne, his grand-nephew. (fn. 121) Wistan sold Cockermouth in 1574 to John Bullock. (fn. 122)*

RM: Testamentum Anthonij Broun nuper Iusticiar{ij} Co{mun}is Banci Westm{onasterium}

In the name of Almighty God the Father, the Son and the Holy Ghost, Amen. I, Anthony Browne of South Weald in the county of Essex, one of the Justices of the Common Bench and one of the sons of Wistan Browne while he lived of Abbess Roding in the county of Essex, knight, and of Elizabeth, his wife, one of the daughters of William Mordaunt of Turvey in the county of Bedford, esquire, deceased, the twentieth day of December in the eighth year of the reign of our Sovereign Lady Queen Elizabeth and in the year of Our Lord God one thousand five hundred threescore and five do ordain and make this my present last will and testament in manner and form following:

First I do will my soul to Almighty God, my Creator and Saviour, to whose infinite mercy I commit myself;

I will my body to be buried in Christian burial in the chancel of the church of South Weald aforesaid if I shall die within twenty miles of it, with such funerals, alms, obsequies and ceremonies to be done at my burial as becometh and in the Catholic

Church of God is used by the discretion of my executors, and I do give to the reparation of the said church twenty shillings, besides the ordinary charges;

Item, I give to the reparation of the Cathedral Church of Saint Paul in London forty shillings;

And I do give to be bestowed upon the church of Abbess Roding where I was born twenty shillings;

Item, I do give to Serjeants' Inn, whereof I am, forty shillings;

I do will Joan Reynold be paid her annuity of six shillings eight pence during her life according to a deed of grant of the said rent to her made by me at the request of my said mother for her diligent service done about my said mother in the time of her sickness;

And I do will to the said Joan for charity towards her relief during her life twenty shillings yearly;

All the said several rents shall be yearly going out of all my farms and leases within the realm of England [f. 150v] except Clayton tithes in the county of Lancaster, and that for non-payment thereof or for any part of them it shall be lawful unto the said Joan to distrain for the said several rents in the said premises and every parcel thereof, except before excepted;

Item, I do give to my dear and well-beloved wife all my lease, term and interest that I have of the tithes and things tithable of Clayton in the parish of Leyland in the county of Lancaster commonly called Clayton tithes or Clayton tithes bron [=sic for 'barn?'] if she shall so long live as the same lease doth endure;

And if my said wife shall fortune to die within the said term, I do will the residue of that term that then shall remain not incurred or ended in the life of my said wife to Dorothy Huddlestone, daughter to my said wife;

And if the said Dorothy shall fortune to die in the life of my said wife, then I will my said lease of Clayton tithes baron [sic for 'barn?'] and all my interest in the said tithes and things tithable in Leyland and Clayton belonging to Clayton tithes or Clayton tithes baron shall wholly remain and be to my said wife forever;

And my full and plain mind is that the said lease or farm of Clayton tithes aforesaid shall not be charged ne chargeable with any of my debts nor with any rent or sum of money given or willed by this will to anybody, except my goods and leases' residue be insufficient to discharge the same;

I do will that such person and persons for the time being forever as shall possess and enjoy after my decease from time to time forever my manor of South Weald as my said manor hereafter is herein declared to go, be and remain shall also, during such

possession, have the occupation and usage of all my books of all manner of sorts without having in them any property and without any alteration, and so to continue in usage and occupation only forever;

Item, I do will the precedent book of my uncle, William Mordaunt, and the book of the years containing ten the first years of King Edward the Third in parchment, and an old book written of years of King Richard the Third and of other covered with boards, and a great written book of precedents that I received of Robert Broke to be delivered to my cousin, Robert Mordaunt, because the same I had by him, and the same do belong to him, as far as I do know;

I will the precedent book of my old master, John Jenour, much of it his own hand, be delivered to Andrew Jenour, son and heir to Richard Jenour, of which Richard I received the same book;

I do give to my said wife, of whose honesty, obedience, virtue and good life I have had good and long experience, thanks be to God, my debts and legacies first paid and discharged to other, all my goods and chattels, plate, jewels and leases, whatsoever they been, of whatsoever nature, kind or sort they be, not otherwise given or appointed by this will, to have to her to her own use without charge, account or controlment further or otherwise than in this will is declared and mentioned, desiring her to do such deeds of charity with part thereof as she shall think good by her only discretion;

And the same my wife I do ordain and make my sole executrice;

And I do ordain my faithful friends, Sir William Petre of Ingatestone, knight, one of our said Sovereign Lady's Privy Council, and Sir Edward Saunders, knight, Lord Chief Baron of th' Exchequer, overseers of this my will, desiring them to assist my said wife from time to time with their good advice and counsel in her reasonable and lawful causes concerning this will;

Item, I do freely give and bequeath to the relief of the prisoners in London and Southwark, videlicet, to the prisoners in every of the prisons called the King's Bench, the Marshalsea, Newgate and Ludgate forty shillings, and to every of the new founded houses, the one at the Greyfriars, the other at Bridewell, forty shillings, and to the poor brethren and sisters of Saint Dunstan's in London thirteen shillings & four pence, and to the relief of provision for poor folks in the Savoy five pounds, to be paid by my said executrice in convenient time after my death;

And I do give [f. 151r] to my sister Joan Bridges her lame son during his life twenty-six shillings eight pence by year, and to her lame daughter yearly twenty-six shillings eight pence during her life, and to my sister Constance her boy yearly during his life twenty-six shillings eight pence out of my said leases, except before excepted, payable at two times of the year, videlicet, Michaelmas and Easter, to begin at the first of them after my decease, and to distrain for non-payment of every of the said rents in my said leases, except before excepted;

And I do give to my clerks, Thomas Wallenger, Anthony Jebbe and to Henry Hall, to every of them five marks, and to John Fuller of my chamber forty shillings, and to every of my other servants a quarter's wages, men and women, and to the said Anthony Jebbe an yearly rent of four marks during his life to be perceived out of my said leases, except before excepted, with clause of distress for non-payment thereof;

And my mind is the said Anthony in consideration thereof should serve my wife one year next after my decease, and he shall not forfeit his said rent of fifty-three shillings four pence yearly for non-service except she declare it in writing;

And I do give to the said Sir William Petre for his pains a piece of plate for remembrance worth five pounds, and to the said Sir Edward Saunders a piece of plate of like value;

And to my executrice, to my Lord Rich, and to every of my overseers a ring of gold of forty shillings, and to every of their wives, if they have any, and to my Lady Waldegrave, Sir Henry Tyrrell, Sir Lawrence Taylarde, Robert Mordaunt, Edmund Tyrrell, George Whitte, Edmund Huddlestone, and to Dorothy, his wife, Wistan Browne, Richard Cutte, Alexander Scrogges and John Fowler [=Fuller?], to every of them a ring of gold of four nobles, and they all to be made like serjeants' rings, and on the outside of every ring to be graven or written these words, 'We die', and on the inside to be writ these words, 'Forget not';

And I do give to the said Robert Mordaunt in recompense of the board he gave me and my wife twenty pounds, and to Sir Lawrence Taylarde five pounds;

And I do will and my will and intent is that there be given and distributed yearly for and during the time of twenty years after my decease twenty pounds by the year, that is to say, by the hands of my wife or her assigns as long as she or they shall enjoy and possess my manor house of South Weald by virtue of this my will or of the conveyance of her estate in the said manor, and after by the hands of the said Dorothy or her assigns as long as she or they shall enjoy and possess my said manor house of South Weald by virtue of this my will, and after by the said Wistan, the son, and the heirs males of his body as long as they or any of them or any of their assigns shall enjoy and possess my said manor house of South Weald by virtue of this my will, and after them by John Browne, my nephew, brother of the said Wistan, and the heirs males of his body, and after them by the owners of the said manor of South Weald for the time being in manner and form following, that is to say:

Five pounds yearly during the said twenty years to the poor inhabiting at Brentwood, and other five pounds yearly to the poor inhabiting in the upland of South Weald and at Brook Street and at the Churchgate, and three pounds yearly in amending of the highways and lanes in South Weald parish, and seven pounds yearly, the residue of the said twenty pounds by year, towards the marriages of such of the poor children of such persons as have been my daily labourers in South Weald, and of the children of the poor inhabitants of South Weald, or the children of the poor tenants of the said manor of South

Weald, wheresoever the children shall dwell, as by the discretion of the owners and possessors of the chief mansion house of South Weald manor aforesaid for the time being shall be from time to time during the said twenty years appointed;

And [f. 151v] if the said yearly payment of twenty pounds shall not be paid and bestowed in part or in all as before is declared, then I do give, grant and will an yearly rent of thirty pounds yearly out of all my manors, lands and tenements in South Weald in the county of Essex to Robert Wright of Brook Street, tanner, John Wright, his son, John Wright of Keldon [=Kelvedon?], my servant, John Wright of Weldeasyde, John Lucas, George Monke, my servant, John Tyler, John Hankyn, Roger Gittons and John Broman, to have and to perceive yearly to them, their executors and assigns, for and during the said time of twenty years at the feasts of Easter and Saint Michael the Archangel by even portions to be yearly bestowed after the manner and rate abovesaid to the persons and to the uses and intents abovesaid;

And if the said yearly rent of thirty pounds of any part thereof shall be behind unpaid by the space of one month, that then it shall be leeful to the said Robert, John, John, John, John Lucas, George, John Tiler and John Hankyn, Roger and John Broman and to the survivors of them, and to the executors and administrators of the survivor of them, to distrain for the said rent of thirty pounds in all my said manors, lands and tenements in South Weald aforesaid, requiring and trusting that my said wife during her life will see this part of this my will performed during her life, her estate therein notwithstanding;

Provided always that as long as the said twenty pounds by year shall be bestowed and disposed by the owner and possessor of the said chief house of the said manor of South Weald in manner and form abovesaid, that so long and by and for all that time of the said twenty years the said yearly rent of thirty pounds hereby willed to the said Robert Wright and other abovesaid shall cease and never be leviabie ne payable;

Provided also if no marriages be in one year, then that part to be performed in the next year of marriages;

Provided also that no one shall have above five pounds given in marriage;

Provided also that every second year, in the time of Christmas, account and declaration of the bestowing of the said yearly payment of twenty pounds shall be delivered to the churchwardens of the upland of the parish of South Weald for the time being in writing;

Item, I do give to my cousin, Jane Mordaunt, daughter of William Mordaunt and of Agnes, his wife, one of my wife's daughters, if she, the said Jane Mordaunt, will, during my wife's life, be ruled in her marriage by my wife, six hundred marks to be paid at her age of twenty years, or before at her marriage if she marry as aforesaid, and if she die before she be twenty years old, and unmarried, then that payment to cease, the money to go out of my leases and goods, and if the said Jane Mordaunt shall live until she be twenty years of age unmarried, then she to have the said six hundred marks, and to marry at her free liberty;



And I give to Mary Charnawke [=Charnock?], my wife's maid, one hundred pounds, and to Joan Parker alias Loughton, to her marriage ten pounds;

And I do give to my sister Eton five marks;

And to Anthony Cutte, my godson, ten pounds;

And to Richard Cutte, twenty pounds;

And to my sister Knighton five pounds;

And I do give to the poor people of Crofton in the county of Lancaster twenty and one pounds to be paid in seven years divided in seven payments, and to the poor in Dagenham five pounds to be paid in three years divided in three payments, both to be paid yearly in Lent on(?) Passion Sunday;

And as concerning my manors, lands and tenements within the realm of England, I do ordain and make my will and testament thereof as hereafter doth follow:

First, where I have given by sufficient writings to the schoolmaster of the grammar school of Anthony Browne, Serjeant of the Law, in Brentwood in the county [f. 152r] of Essex and to the guardians of the lands, tenements and possessions of the same school all that my late manor or grange called Chigwell grange with the appurtenances in Chigwell in the said county of Essex, with all the lands, tenements, rents, reversions and services, liberties, franchises and privileges thereto belonging, and also one messuage with a curtilage adjoining one cottage with a garden, and one orchard with the appurtenances in Brentwood sometime of Richard Nytingale, to have and to hold to the said schoolmaster and guardians and to their successors forever, as by the said writings may appear;

My will is that the said master and guardians shall have, hold and possess the same manor, grange and other the premises in the last said writings specified to them and their successors forever to such uses, purposes and intents as in the same writings and by other writings, constitutions and ordinances made and to be made and declared are and shall be mentioned and declared;

And because there is as yet no convenient place appointed to keep the said school in, nor apt place for the habitation of the schoolmaster that there shall be and remain, I do therefore by virtue and authority of sufficient licence therefore had, made and granted under the Great Seal of England give, will and bequeath to the said schoolmaster and guardians and to their successors forever all that the capital messuage with the curtilage and garden thereto belonging called Redcrosse with the appurtenances in South Weald in the said county of Essex, and also one close called the Conygre, containing by estimation four acres, adjoining to the said messuage and lying north from the said Redcrosse, and the north end thereof abutteth upon Dmyngre Mode(?), parcel of my manor of Costed

Hall, which Redcrosse and Conygre I lately purchased of Henry Becher, citizen and merchant of London;

To have and to hold to the said schoolmaster and guardians and to their successors forever to such uses and intents and according to such orders, statutes, ordinances and declarations as by me, my heirs or executors, be and shall be declared and appointed;

And also I do give and bequeath to John Lyttell, my servant, my parsonage of Dagenham with the appurtenances in the county of Essex, except the patronage of the vicarage thereof, for the term of twenty years, paying yearly during the said term the rent of twenty and four pounds at the feasts of Easter and St Michael the Archangel by even portions, the reversion and remainder thereof with the said rent and five several tenements in South Weald aforesaid now or late in the several occupations of John Scotte, Thomas Barnes, widow Reynolds, widow Fawvel(?) and widow Margaret, I do give and bequeath to the said schoolmaster and guardians, except the patronage of the vicarage thereof;

To have and to hold the said parsonage and the said rent and the reversions thereof, except before excepted, to them and their successors forever to th' intent that with the issues and profits thereof they shall find five poor folks in South Weald by me during my life, and after me by my wife during her life, and after her by Dorothy Huddleston during her life, and after her by such persons and their heirs as shall enjoy and possess the situation of my manor of South Weald to be from time to time forever named and appointed, and in such manner and form as by me and my executors shall be in writing mentioned and declared;

And where my said wife is joined with me for term of her life in the said manor of South Weald with the appurtenances [f. 152v] and in the parsonage of South Weald with th' appurtenances in the county of Essex;

And also in the manor of Costehall alias Costed Hall with the appurtenances in the said county of Essex;

And in the fair and in the market in Brentwood in the said county;

And in the manor of Calcote [=Calcotts] alias Caldecote with the appurtenances in South Weald, Shenfield and Doddinghurst in the said county of Essex;

And in the manor of Church Hall in Paglesham;

And in lands and tenements called Great Bygen and Little Bigen in Much Stanbridge [=Great Stambridge] in the county of Essex;

And in the manor of Cockermouth in Dagenham with the appurtenances in the said county of Essex, as by writings of the purchases thereof severally more at large do and may appear;

And where also a messuage with an orchard, garden and curtilage thereunto adjoining in Brook Street which of late was the free chapel there, with an hundred acres of land, meadow and pasture or thereabouts commonly called or known by the name of spital lands or chantry lands in Brook Street with the appurtenances in South Weald and Brook Street in the said county of Essex and late in the occupation of Thomas Cappes, deceased, except one field thereof called Style field, which Style field is in the occupation of me, the said Anthony, and divers and certain rents belonging unto the same were conveyed to me, the said Anthony, and to my said wife and to my heirs, as by the writings thereof also may appear;

My will, disposition and intent is that the said writings and conveyances of the said manors and other the premises and th' estates and limitations of the manors, lands, tenements, franchises, liberties, privileges, benefits and commodities in the same writings mentioned and contained as toward or touching my wife for her lifetime shall continue and stand in full strength, force and virtue;

And further that my said wife shall have, hold and enjoy for term of her life without impeachment of any manner of waste the said manor of South Weald and the said parsonage of South Weald, and the said manor of Costed Hall, and the said fair and market in Brentwood, and the said manor of Calcote alias Caldecote, and also shall have and hold during her life chargeable with waste the said manors of Cockermouth and Church Hall, and the lands and tenements called Great Biggen and Little Biggen aforesaid, and the said messuage and spital lands, free chapel rents and Style field with the appurtenances;

And I do give to my said wife during her life all my manors, lands and tenements in South Weald, Cockermouth, Dagenham and Paglesham in the said county of Essex;

And I do give, will and dispose further that after the decease of my said wife all my said manors, parsonage, lands, tenements and hereditaments with the appurtenances in South Weald, Brentwood, Brook Street, Shenfield and Doddinghurst in the county of Essex shall remain and be to me, the said Anthony Browne, and to the heirs of the body of me, the said Anthony Browne, lawfully begotten;

And if I, the said Anthony Browne, shall fortune to decease without heirs of my body lawfully begotten, then after the decease of my said wife, all my said manors, lands, tenements and hereditaments in South Weald, Brentwood, Brook Street, Shenfield and Doddinghurst with th' appurtenances shall wholly come, remain and be to the said Dorothy, now wife of Edmund Huddleston, esquire, for term of her life;

And after the death of the said Dorothy, the said manors, lands, tenements and hereditaments in South Weald, Brentwood, Shenfield and Doddinghurst shall wholly come, be and remain to Wistan Browne, son and heir of my nephew, George Browne, my brother's son, for term of life of the said Wistan, the son, without impeachment of any manner of waste;

And after his decease the remainder thereof to Anthony Browne, my godson, the first son of the body of the said Wistan, the son, and to the heirs males of the body of the same Anthony, the son, lawfully begotten;

And for default of such heirs, the remainder thereof to the second son of the said Wistan, the son, and to the heirs males of the body [f. 153r] of that second son begotten;

And for default of such heirs, the remainder thereof to the third son of the said Wistan, the son, and to the heirs males of the body of that third son begotten;

And for default of such heirs, the remainder thereof to the fourth son of the said Wistan Browne, the son, and to the heirs males of the body of that fourth son begotten;

And for default of such heirs, the remainder thereof to the fifth son of the said Wistan, the son, and to the heirs males of the body of that fifth son begotten;

And for default of such heirs, the remainder thereof to the sixth son of the said Wistan, the son, and to the heirs males of the body of that sixth son begotten;

And for default of such heirs, the remainder thereof to the seventh son of the said Wistan, the son, and to the heirs males of the body of that seventh son begotten;

And for default of such heirs, the remainder thereof to the eighth son of the said Wistan, the son, and to the heirs males of the body of that eighth son begotten;

And for default of such heirs, the remainder thereof to the said Wistan Browne, the son, and to the heirs males of his body begotten;

And for default of such issue the remainder thereof further to John Browne, brother of the said Wistan, the son, for term of his life without impeachment of waste;

And after his decease, the remainder thereof further to Anthony Browne, my godson, the first son of the body of the same John Browne, brother of the said Wistan, and to the heirs males of the body of the same Anthony, the first son of the said John, begotten;

And for default of such heirs the remainder thereof to the second son of the said John and to the heirs males of the body of that second son begotten;

And for default of such heirs the remainder thereof to the third son of the said John and to the heirs males of the body of that third son begotten;

And for default of such heirs the remainder thereof to the fourth son of the said John Browne and to the heirs males of the body of that fourth son begotten;

And for default of such heirs the remainder thereof to the fifth son of the said John Browne, the son, and to the heirs males of the body of that fifth son begotten;

And for default of such heirs the remainder thereof to the sixth son of the said John Browne, the son, and to the heirs males of the body of that sixth son begotten;

And for default of such heirs the remainder thereof to the seventh son of the said John Browne, and to the heirs males of the body of that seventh son begotten;

And for default of such heirs the remainder thereof to the eighth son of the said John Browne, and to the heirs males of the body of that eighth son begotten;

And for default of such heirs the remainder thereof to the said John Browne, brother of the said Wistan Browne, the son, and to the heirs males of his body lawfully begotten;

And for default of such heirs, the remainder thereof to Philip Browne, eldest son of my nephew, Henry Browne, son of John Browne, my eldest brother, deceased, for term of his life without impeachment of waste;

And after his decease the remainder thereof to the first-begotten son of the body of the said Philip Browne and to the heirs males of the body of the same first-begotten son;

And for default of such heirs the remainder thereof to the second son of the said Philip and to the heirs males of the body of that second son begotten;

And for default of such heirs the remainder thereof to the third son of the said Philip and to the heirs males of the body of that third son begotten;

And for default of such heirs the remainder thereof to the fourth son of the said Philip and to the heirs males of the body of that fourth son begotten;

And for default of such heirs the remainder thereof to the fifth son of the said Philip Browne and to the heirs males of the body of that fifth son begotten;

And for default of such heirs the remainder thereof to the sixth son of the said Philip and to the heirs males of the body of that sixth son begotten;

And for default of such heirs the remainder thereof to the seventh son of the said Philip and to the heirs males of the body of that seventh son begotten;

And for default of such heirs the remainder thereof to the eighth son of the said Philip and to the heirs males of the body of that eighth son begotten;

And for default of such heirs the remainder thereof to Coningsby Browne, second son of the said Henry Browne, for term of life of the said Coningsby [f. 153v] Browne without impeachment of waste;

And after his decease the remainder thereof to the first-begotten son of the body of the same Coningsby Browne begotten and to the heirs males of the body of the same first-begotten son;

And for default of such heirs the remainder thereof to the second son of the said Coningsby and to the heirs males of the body of that second son begotten;

And for default of such heirs the remainder thereof to the third son of the said Coningsby Browne and to the heirs males of the body of that third son begotten;

And for default of such heirs the remainder thereof to the fourth son of the said Coningsby and to the heirs males of the body of that fourth son begotten;

And for default of such heirs the remainder thereof to the fifth son of the said Coningsby and to the heirs males of the body of that fifth son begotten;

And for default of such heirs the remainder thereof to the sixth son of the said Coningsby and to the heirs males of the body of that sixth son begotten;

And for default of such heirs the remainder thereof to the seventh son of the said Coningsby and to the heirs males of the body of that seventh son begotten;

And for default of such heirs the remainder thereof to the eighth son of the said Coningsby Browne and to the heirs males of the body of that eighth son begotten;

And for default of such heirs the remainder thereof further to Sir Wistan Browne, knight my father, and to the heirs males of the body of the same Sir Wistan begotten;

And for default of such heirs the remainder thereof to Richard Cutte, esquire, my sister Katherine her son, and to the heirs males of his body begotten;

And for default of such issue the remainder thereof to Anthony Cutte, my godson, brother of the said Richard Cutte, and to the heirs males of the body of the same Anthony, my godson, lawfully begotten;

And for default of such issue the remainder thereof to Alexander Skeyef alias Scrogges, my sister Jane her son, and to the heirs males of his body begotten;

And for default of such issue the remainder thereof to the heirs females of the bodies of Sir Wistan Browne, my father, and of Dame Elizabeth, his wife, my mother, lawfully begotten;

And for default of such issue the remainder thereof to my right heirs forever;

And I will that the said manor of Church Hall in Paglesham, and the said lands and tenements called Great Byggen and Little Biggen, & my said manor of Cockermouth, and all my lands and tenements in Dagenham in the county of Essex except the parsonage of Dagenham, after the decease of me and my wife without heirs of my body begotten shall remain, come and be to my said nephew [=great-nephew], Wistan Browne, and the heirs males of his body begotten;

And for default of such issue to my said nephew [=great-nephew], John Browne, and the heirs males of his body begotten;

And for default of such issue the remainder thereof to the said Sir Wistan Browne and to the heirs males of the body of the said Sir Wistan Browne begotten;

And for default of such issue the remainder further of my said manor of Paglesham and of my lands and tenements called Great Bigon and Little Bygon to my nephew, William Herbert of Colbroke, my sister Elizabeth her son, and to the heirs males of his body begotten;

And for default of such issue the remainder thereof to the heirs females of the bodies of the said Sir Wistan Browne and Dame Elizabeth begotten;

And for default of such issue the remainder thereof to my right heirs forever;

And the remainder further of the said manor of Cockermouth & of all my lands & tenements in Dagenham to the said Alexander Scrogges and to the heirs males of his body begotten;

The remainder thereof further to th' heirs females of the bodies of the said Sir Wistan and Dame Elizabeth;

The remainder thereof further to my right heirs forever;

Also I do will to such person as from time to time after my decease during my wife's life shall be my heir general an yearly rent of twenty pounds going out of all my leases and farms, except Clayton tithe, and for non-payment thereof to distrain;

Provided always that if my said heir general that for the time shall be shall molest, vex or trouble my said wife in any of the said manors, lands and tenements contrary to her estate and interest in the same, or contrary to any article, clause or sentence in this present will, or shall molest, vex or trouble my said wife concerning the execution of this my will and testament, or shall meddle by any mean or way with any of my goods or chattels contrary to the effect and true meaning of this my last will and testament, that then and from thenceforth the said yearly rent of twenty pounds shall cease and be no further payable;

And I do give to my said wife the marsh ground that I purchased of Robert Tyrrell, and also the patronage of the vicarage of Dagenham during her life;

And I do give to my said wife during her life, and after her death to the said Dorothy Huddleston and her heirs of her body, the advowson of the vicarage of Crofton in the county of Lancaster;

And I do will that my said wife during her life have the possession and keeping of all my evidence, charters and writings touching or concerning the manors, lands and tenements to her appointed for term of her life by this will or otherwise;

And that the said Dorothy have the possession and keeping of all the said evidence, charters and writings during her life after the death of my said wife touching the manors, lands and tenements to her, the said Dorothy, given by this my will;

And I do give to John Browne, my said nephew [=great-nephew], four pounds yearly during his life out of my lands, with clause of distress;

And I do will that [+the?] executors of my said wife shall have after her decease the said manor of South Weald with the appurtenances for one whole year after her decease without any rent paying;

And also that the executors of the said Dorothy after the decease of the said Dorothy, if she overlive my said wife, shall have the said manor of South Weald with the appurtenances for one whole year after the decease of [-of] the said Dorothy without any rent paying, anything aforesaid to the contrary notwithstanding;

And I do renounce all former and other wills than this present will;

In witness whereof to this my present last will and testament I, the said Anthony Browne, have set my hand and seal the day and year first above-written. Anthony Browne. Witnesses hereunto: Henry Hall, John Fuller, John Hasilwood, Mr Edmund Huddleston, esquire, and others.

Probatum fuit Testamentum Suprascriptum coram Mag<sup>ist</sup>ro Waltero Haddon Legum Doctore Curie Prerogative Cantuarien<sup>sis</sup> Commissario apud London Quinto die mens<sup>is</sup> Iunij Anno d<sup>omi</sup>ni Millesimo Quingentesimo Lxmo septimo Iuramento Edwardi Orwell Notarij publici Procuratoris Iohanne Broun relicte et Executricis in testamento h<sup>uius</sup>mo<sup>d</sup>i no<sup>m</sup>i<sup>n</sup>at<sup>e</sup> Cui comissa fuit Administratio om<sup>niu</sup>m et singul<sup>um</sup> bonoru<sup>m</sup> &c de bene &c Ad sancta dei Eva<sup>n</sup>gelia Iurat<sup>i</sup>

[=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 fifth day of the month of June in the year of the Lord the thousand five hundred sixty-seventh by the oath of Edward Orwell, notary public, proctor of Joan Browne, relict and executrix



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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.]