

SUMMARY: The document below is the Prerogative Court of Canterbury copy of the will, dated 1 February 1571 and proved 5 May 1571, of Anthony Waldegrave (d.1571), great uncle of Sir William Waldegrave (c.1540 – 25 August 1613), who in 1572, together with Oxford's first cousin, John Darcy (d.1581), 2nd Baron Darcy of Chiche, jointly entered into guarantees amounting to £5000 for Oxford's debt to the Court of Wards (see TNA C 2/Eliz/T6/48). For further information on Sir William Waldegrave, see the will of his father, Sir William Waldegrave (1507?-1554), TNA PROB 11/37/466.

FAMILY BACKGROUND

For the testator's family background, see the Waldegrave pedigree in Metcalfe, Walter C., ed., *The Visitations of Essex, Part I*, (London: Harleian Society, 1878), Vol. XIII, p. 119 at:

<https://archive.org/stream/visitationsofess1314metc#page/118/mode/2up>

It should be noted, however, that the pedigree in Metcalfe contains errors, among them the statement that the testator's grandfather, Sir Thomas Waldegrave, died in 1500.

For the Waldegrave family, see also Richardson, Douglas, *Plantagenet Ancestry*, 2nd ed., 2011, Vol. III, pp. 418-22, and Richardson, Douglas, *Magna Carta Ancestry*, 2nd ed., 2011, Vol. IV, p. 283.

See also 'The Descendants of William deTendering, Knt., of Tendering Hall & His Wife Dame Katherine Mylde' at:

<http://homepages.rootsweb.ancestry.com/~clopton/tendring.htm>

See also 'The Waldegrave Family Tree' at:

<https://www.bures-online.co.uk/Waldegrave/Waldegrave%20Tree1.htm>

Testator's parents

The testator was the son of Sir William Waldegrave (c.1465 - 30 June 1527) and Margery Wentworth (buried 7 May 1540). For earlier generations of the Waldegrave family, see the will, dated 26 January 1525 and proved 6 March 1528, of the testator's father, TNA PROB 11/22/294. For the family background of the testator's mother, Margery (nee Wentworth) Waldegrave, see her will TNA PROB 11/28/96.

Testator's siblings

For the testator's siblings, see the wills of his mother, Margery (nee Wentworth) Waldegrave, TNA PROB 11/29/96, his brother, George Waldegrave, TNA PROB 11/22/577, his sister, Bridget (nee Waldegrave) Fynderne Marney, TNA PROB 11/33/186, and his sister, Dorothy (nee Waldegrave) Spring, TNA PROB 11/47/337.

The testator's brother, George Waldegrave, was the grandfather of Sir William Waldegrave (c.1540 – 25 August 1613), who in 1572 jointly guaranteed Oxford's debt to the Court of Wards (see above).

The testator is mentioned in the 1544 will of his uncle, Edward Waldegrave (d.1545?), esquire, of the Friars, Sudbury, TNA PROB 11/30/620.

MARRIAGES AND ISSUE

Testator's first marriage

The testator married firstly, before 1512, Elizabeth Grey (b.1492?, d. before 1552), the daughter of Ralph Grey (d. 1 November 1492), esquire, of Brent Pelham, Hertfordshire, son of Ralph Grey (d.1464?), Baron of the Exchequer. See the pedigree of Grey of Segenhoe in Blaydes, Frederic Augustus, ed., *The Visitations of Bedfordshire*, (London: Harleian Society, 1884), Vol. XIX, p. 35 at:

<https://books.google.ca/books?id=yygEAAAIAAJ&pg=PA35>

According to Richardson, Elizabeth Grey was co-heiress to her father. See Richardson, Douglas, *Plantagenet Ancestry*, 2nd ed., 2011, Vol. I, p. 424.

However in the inquisition post mortem taken 23 November 1497 concerning the manor of Chamberleyns in Brent Pelham, she is described as daughter and next heir, aged five years and more, and no mention is made of any other heir. See *Calendar of Inquisitions Post Mortem*, Vol. II, (London: Her Majesty's Stationery Office, 1915, pp. 53-4, 67 at:

<https://archive.org/stream/calendarofinquis02grea#page/52/mode/2up>

Elizabeth Grey's mother was Anne Barnardiston. A Chancery suit, TNA C 1/563/31, brought at some date between 1518 and 1529, states that the testator's wife, Elizabeth Grey, was the daughter of Ralph Grey and Anne Barnardiston, daughter of Sir Thomas Barnardiston, and that after the death of Ralph Grey, Anne Barnardiston married John Russell of the Fryth in Surrey (near Byfleet?). In another lawsuit, TNA C 1/563/32, John Russell, esquire, of the Fryth is described as 'brother and heir of Roger Russell', who may have been Roger Russell, citizen and salter of London (for whom see TNA C 1/221/101).

Anne Barnardiston appears to have been the daughter of Sir Thomas Barnardiston (d. 29 June 1503) and Elizabeth Newport (d.1526), the daughter of George Newport (d.1484).

See the will, proved 25 September 1526, of Elizabeth (nee Newport) Barnardiston, TNA PROB 11/22/192, and the Barnardiston pedigree in Maddison, A.R., ed., *Lincolnshire Pedigrees, Vol. I*, (London: Harleian Society, 1902), Vol. L, pp. 91-4 at:

<https://archive.org/details/lincolnshirepedi01madd/page/n213>

See also 'Notes for Thomas Barnardiston and Elizabeth Newport' at:

<http://www-personal.umich.edu/~bobwolfe/gen/mn/m21905x21906.htm>

See also the Barnardiston pedigree in *The English Baronetage*, Vol. III, (London: Tho, Wotton, 1741), pp. 396-8 at:

<https://books.google.ca/books?id=7W4UAAAAYAAJ&pg=PA397>

See also the inquisition post mortem taken in Northumberland and Hertfordshire in 5 Edward IV (4 March 1465 - 3 March 1466) after the death of Elizabeth Grey's grandfather, Ralph Grey (d.1464?), TNA C 140/17/27; the inquisition post mortem taken in Hertfordshire on 16 November 1497 after the death of Elizabeth Grey's grandmother, Joan (nee Patington) Grey Goldesborough (d. 6 November 1496), widow firstly of Ralph Grey (d.1464), and secondly of Edward Goldesborough, Baron of the Exchequer, TNA C 142/12/70a; and the inquisitions post mortem taken 23 November 1497, TNA C 142/12/70 (Essex) and 25 November 1497, TNA C 142/12/108 (Hertfordshire) after the death of Elizabeth Grey's father, Ralph Grey (d. 1 November 1492). For a summary of the inquisitions post mortem taken after the deaths of Ralph Grey and Joan Goldesburgh, see also *Calendar of Inquisitions Post Mortem*, Henry VII, Vol. II, (London: His Majesty's Stationery Office, 1915), pp. 53-4, 67 at:

<https://archive.org/details/calendarofinquis02great/page/52>

See also the will of Joan (nee Patington) Grey Goldesborough, TNA PROB 11/11/122, and Goldsbrough, Albert, *Memorials of the Goldesborough Family*, (London: Ed. J. Burrow & Company Ltd., 1930), pp. 31, 87 at:

<https://archive.org/details/memorialsogolde00gold/page/86>

See also the pedigrees of Waldegrave in Metcalfe, Walter C., ed., *The Visitations of Essex*, (London: Harleian Society, 1878), Vol. XIII, pp. 120-2, 309-310, 515 at:

<https://books.google.ca/books?id=0m1KAAAAYAAJ&pg=PA309>

See also Page, William, ed., *The Victoria History of the County of Hertford*, Vol. 4, (London: Constable and Company Limited, 1914), p. 82 at:

<https://archive.org/stream/cu31924088434463#page/n147/mode/2up>

See also Page, *supra*, p. 94 at:

<https://archive.org/stream/cu31924088434463#page/n161/mode/2up/>

By Elizabeth Grey, the testator had four sons:

* **William Waldegrave** of Little Ilford, Essex, eldest son and heir, who predeceased his father. He was steward of the manor of Barking. He married Katherine Garnon(?), by whom he is said to have had issue. After his death his widow, Katherine, married John Brooke. See Metcalfe, *supra*, pp. 220-2; Page, *supra*, pp. 94-5; and Howard, Joseph Jackson, ed., *Miscellanea Genealogica et Heraldica*, Vol. II, (London: Hamilton, Adams, and Co., 1876), p. 288 at:

<https://books.google.ca/books?id=PSQFAAAAQAAJ&pg=PA288&lpg=PA288>

See also 'Isaac Wyncoll (E) (1593-1650)' at:

http://freepages.books.rootsweb.ancestry.com/~cgb143/isaac_e.html

* **Barnaby Waldegrave**, who died without issue. See his will, TNA PROB 11/55/183, and 'Isaac Wyncoll', *supra*.

* **Julian Waldegrave**, who died without issue. He may have been the Julian Waldegrave who married a wife named Christian; see his will, TNA PROB 11/73/222; and 'Isaac Wyncoll', *supra*.

* **Thomas Waldegrave** (d.1611x12), esquire, referred to in the will below as 'my youngest son', who married firstly Elizabeth Gurdon, daughter of Robert Gurdon, esquire, of Waldingfield and Assington, Suffolk, by Rose Sexton, the daughter of Robert Sexton of Lavenham, Suffolk. By his first wife, Thomas Waldegrave had three sons and one daughter:

-**Thomas Waldegrave** (d.1640x2), esquire, of Ferrers (in Bures), Essex, who married Margaret Holmstead or Olmsted (died c.1639), the daughter and co-heiress of John Olmsted or Holmstead, gentleman, of Halstead, Essex, by his wife, Palladia. It appears she was a descendant of John Olmsted or Holmstead, Master of Horse to Oxford's father, John de Vere (1516 – 3 August 1562), 16th Earl of Oxford. See Wright, Thomas, *The History and Topography of the County of Essex*, Vol. I, (London: George Virtue, 1836), pp. 463-5 at:

<https://books.google.ca/books?id=SgQVAAAAQAAJ&pg=PA463>

In 1556, [William Parr, Marquess of Northampton] purchased the reversion of these manors to him and his heirs for ever; and, four days afterwards, conveyed them to Sir William Waldegrave, of Smallbridge, in Suffolk: who sold the manor of Stansted to Arthur Breame, having previously sold the site of the mansion of Stanstead Hall, with the

outbuildings and a great part of the land, to John Holmsted, master of the horse to the Earl of Oxford, at Hedingham.

-John Waldegrave.

-William Waldegrave.

-Elizabeth Waldegrave, who married Isaac Wincole.

Thomas Waldegrave (d.1611x12), married secondly, before 1599, Mary Badby.

See *Plantagenet Ancestry*, Vol. I, p. 424, *supra*. See also 'Isaac Wyncoll' *supra*.

Testator's second marriage

The testator's first wife, Elizabeth Grey, predeceased him, and he subsequently remarried. In the will below he identifies his wife as the widow of John Gauge(?).

See also 'Pepsall Manor' at:

<http://bedsarchives.bedford.gov.uk/CommunityArchives/Pepperstock/PepsallManor.aspx>

OTHER PERSONS MENTIONED IN THE WILL

For Anthony Payne, mentioned in the will below, father of John Payne, see Copinger, W.A., *The Manors of Suffolk*, Vol. 7 (Manchester: Taylor, Garnett, Evans & Co. Ltd., 1911), p. 84 at:

<https://archive.org/stream/cu31924092579600#page/n97/mode/2up>

For Oxford's bill of complaint against Richard Payne (d.1606), who was likely related to Anthony Payne, see TNA STAC 5/03/35.

In his will, Henry Payne (d.1568) of Nowton, brother of Anthony Payne, bequeathed to Sir Giles Alington 'my Chaucer written in vellum and illumined with gold', and to William Drury 'one nest of bowls double gilt with a cover all gilt and the arms of the Earl of Oxenford and my Lady, his wife, engraven in the top of the cover'. See the will of Henry Payne, TNA PROB 11/51/39. See also:

<http://newsarch.rootsweb.com/th/read/PAYNE-PRE1700/2001-05/0990213509>.

For Sir Giles Alington (1499-1586), see the History of Parliament entry at:

<http://www.historyofparliamentonline.org/volume/1509-1558/member/alington-giles-1499-1586>.

Note: The family surname is spelled 'Walgrave' throughout the PCC copy. However the spelling 'Waldegrave' has been used in the modern-spelling transcript below.

T{estamentum} Anthonij Walgrave

In the name of God, Amen. The first day of February and in the year of Our Lord 1570, I, Anthony Waldegrave of Bures Saint Mary in the county of Essex, esquire, thanks be to God being of whole mind and memory and perfect remembrance, and verily knowing that there is nothing more sure or more certain in this wretched world than death which every creature living must suffer and nothing more unsure or uncertain than the dreadful hour thereof, fully disposing and purposing myself by the grace, goodness and mercifulness of Jesus to be at all and every time and hour ready, do make my last will and testament in manner and form following:

First, I annul and revoke all other my wills and testaments ever before this day made or willed or declared, and every of them shall be of no strength nor effect;

And I give and bequeath my soul to Almighty God, my Maker and Redeemer;

And my body to be buried in the north chapel of the church of Bures aforesaid, which said burial I will shall be done within the space of 24 hours next after my decease if it so conveniently may be, which burial I will shall be kept and done in any wise without pomp or vainglory;

And I will at my said burial & month-day there be no common assembly of poor people nor common dole nor dinner to be kept, but certain money at my said burial and month-day to be distributed at their houses by my executor in manner and form following:

First, I give and bequeath to the poor people in Bures at my burial & month-day forty shillings;

Item, I give to the poor people of Little Horkesley 2s 8d;

Item, I give to the poor of Wormingford 2s;

Item, I give to the poor of Munte [=Mount Bures?] 20d;

Item, I give to the poor of Lamarsh 20d;

Item, I give to the poor of Alferston [=Alphamstone?, Alpheton?] 16d;

Item, to the poor of Assington 2s 8d;

Item, I give to the altar of Bures for my tithes negligently forgotten 2s;

Item, I give and bequeath to Barnaby Waldegrave, my son, one featherbed, one bolster, two pair of sheets, one finer and [f. 148r] one coarser, one pair of blankets, one coverlet and a tester over his head, one tablecloth of diaper, one towel of diaper, one chest & one pillow;

Item, I give to the same Barnaby £20 of lawful money of England;

Item, I give to Julyan Waldegrave, my son, £20 of lawful money of England;

Item, I give and bequeath to my 3 sons, Julyan, Thomas and Barnaby, either of them one of my gowns, and I will that Julyan shall choose first, Thomas next, and then Barnaby;

Item, I give to every one of my wife's children which she had by John Gauge(?) 5s of lawful money of England;

Item, I give to those 4 which shall carry me to church 8d apiece;

Item, I give to Silvester Blynd 6s 8d;

Item, I give and bequeath to Thomas Waldegrave, my youngest son, and to the heirs of his body begotten my manor of Ferrers alias Ferryers with all the lands, meadows, pastures, feedings, ponds, watermill, rents and woods and with all other the appurtenances as well copy as free thereto belonging lying in Bures or elsewhere;

Item, I give to the said Thomas and to the heirs of his body my tenement in Lamarsh with th' appurtenances called Carters, and also my tenement in Bures with th' appurtenances called Geddings, and also my grove called Amorns grove, and all other my lands and tenements as well not named as named which be lying within the parishes of Bures, Alfreton [=Alphamstone?], Lamarsh, Pebmarsh, Twinstead, Munte [=Mount Bures?], Wormingford or any of the Cowlnes [=Colnes?] which be now in my hands or in the hands of any other, and if my said son, Thomas, do die without heirs of his body lawfully begotten, then I will the remainder of all the lands and tenements before expressed to be according to the last deed of estate that I did give to Anthony Payne to the use of me & the uses therein expressed, which deed beareth date the 26th day of August and in the 4th year [=1550] of the reign of King Edward the 6th;

Item, I will that after my death my son, Barnaby, shall have sufficient meat, drink, lodging and washing of my son, Thomas, during his life, or else to have £4 a year paid unto him by the said Thomas at two terms of the year, that is to say, th' Annunciation of Our Lady and Saint Michael th' Archangel by even portions, and if the said rent be behind and unpaid in part or in all at any of the said feasts, then it shall be lawful for him

to distraint in the manor of Ferrers and in every part and parcel thereof until he be of the same rent fully contented, satisfied and paid;

Item, I give and bequeath to my son, Barnaby, and to his heirs my house and land with th' appurtenances called the Tyled House lying in Brent Pelham or elsewhere which is now in the tenure and occupation of (blank) Pickeram;

Item, I will and give all the residue of my goods not bequeathed, as well movable as unmovable, my debts being paid (being truly proved) and my legacies and bequests being fulfilled, to be at the order, rule and disposition of Thomas Waldegrave, my son, which Thomas I ordain and make my sole executor;

Item, I will that if any of my children within named or any other to whom I have given any legacy or bequest by this my last will do vex or trouble my said executor for any gift or bequest in this my will given or bequeathed, contrary to the true intent & meaning of this my last will and testament, then I will the said party shall lose his part or portion that I have given him in this my will;

In witness whereof I, the said Anthony Waldegrave, to this my last will have set to my hand and seal in the presence of Christopher Bain(?), clerk, William Fisher, James Jermyn. By me, Richard Banckes. Anthony Waldegrave.

Probatum fuit testamentu{m} h{uius}mo{d}i suprascriptum Coram Domino Cant{uariensis} Archiepiscopo apud London quinto die mens{is} Maij Anno d{omi}ni Mill{es}imo quingentesimo septuagesimo primo Iura{men}to Thome Walgraue executoris in h{uius}mo{d}i testamento nominat{i} &c Cui com{m}issa fuit administrac{i}o &c de bene &c ad sancta dei eu{a}ngelia Iurat{i}

[=The same testament above-written was proved before the Lord Archbishop of Canterbury at London on the fifth day of the month of May in the year of the Lord the thousand five hundred seventy-first by the oath of Thomas Waldegrave, executor named in the same testament etc., to whom administration was granted etc., sworn on the Holy Gospels to well etc.]