

SUMMARY: The document below is the Prerogative Court of Canterbury copy of the last will and testament, dated 27 March 1568 and proved 18 March 1572, of Sir Ambrose Cave (d. 2 April 1568), whose two nephews, Roger Cave (d.1586), and Erasmus Smith, were successively the brothers-in-law of Oxford's father-in-law, William Cecil (1520/1-1598), Lord Burghley.

FAMILY BACKGROUND

For the Cave family, see Waters, Robert Edmond Chester, *Genealogical Memoirs of the Extinct Family of Chester of Chicheley*, Vol. I, (London: Robson and Sons, 1878), pp. 73-8 at:

<https://archive.org/stream/genealogicalmem01wategoog#page/n110/mode/2up>.

The testator was the son of Richard Cave (d. 20 April 1538) of Stanford, Northamptonshire. For his will, dated 13 June 1536 and proved 22 June 1538, see TNA PROB 11/27/273. By his first wife, Elizabeth Mervin (d. 9 August 1493) of Church Lawford, Warwickshire, Richard Cave (d.1538) had a son and daughter:

-Edward Cave, who predeceased his father. He married Dorothy Mallory, the daughter and coheir of Nicholas Mallory, esquire, of Newbold Revel, Warwickshire, by his wife, Katherine Kingston, a descendant of Geoffrey Plantagenet, by whom he had two daughters, Katherine Cave (d. 18 August 1555), who married Sir Thomas Andrew of Charwelton, and Margaret Cave, who married Thomas Boughton, esquire, of Cawston, Warwickshire.

-Margaret Cave, who married Thomas Saunders (d.1528), esquire, of Sibbertoft, Leicestershire, by whom she had seven sons and six daughters, including the Protestant martyr, Lawrence Saunders (d. 8 February 1555), for whom see the *ODNB* entry, and Sir Edward Saunders (1506 – 12 November 1576), Lord Chief Baron of the Exchequer, appointed by the testator as one of the overseers of his will below (see the *ODNB* entry for Sir Edward Saunders, and his will, TNA PROB 11/58/517).

By his second wife, Margaret Saxby (d. 1531/2), the sister of William Saxby (d. April 1517), Richard Cave (d.1538) had eight sons and five daughters:

-Sir Thomas Cave (d.1558), who married Elizabeth Danvers, the daughter and coheir of Sir John Danvers (d. 30 October 1508?) of Waterstock, Oxfordshire. Sir Thomas Cave's son, Roger Cave (d. 26 July 1586), was the first husband of Lord Burghley's sister, Margaret Cecil. In the will below, the testator bequeaths his armour to his nephew and godson, Roger Cave (d.1586). For the will of Roger Cave, see TNA PROB 11/69/479.

-Anthony Cave (d. 9 September 1558) of Chicheley, Buckinghamshire, who married Elizabeth Lovett (d.1577), the daughter of Thomas Lovett (d. 19 July 1523), esquire, of

Astwell (in Wappenham), Northamptonshire, by Anne Danvers (d. 11 July 1523) of Dauntsey. After Anthony Cave's death, his widow, Elizabeth (d.1577), married secondly, John Newdigate (d.1565) of Harefield, Middlesex, and thirdly, Richard Weston (d. 6 July 1572), esquire, of Skreens (in Roxwell), Essex, one of the Justices of the Common Pleas. For the will of Anthony Cave (d.1558), see TNA PROB 11/42A/58. For the will of Elizabeth (nee Lovett) Cave Newdigate Weston (d.1577), see TNA PROB 11/59/572. See also Richardson, Douglas, *Magna Carta Ancestry*, 2nd ed., 2011, Vol. III, p. 55.

-Clement Cave (d. 30 November 1534), who married Margery Mallory, the daughter of Nicholas Mallory of Newbold Revel, Warwickshire, and his wife Katherine Kingston. Margery Malory was the sister of Dorothy (nee Mallory) Cave, wife of Clement Cave's stepbrother, Edward Cave (see above). After Clement Cave's death, Margery (nee Mallory) Cave married John Cope, esquire, of Eydon, Northamptonshire. For the will of Clement Cave, see TNA PROB 11/25/300. For *Mary* (nee Mallory) Cave's marriage to Sir John Cope (d. 22 January 1557/8), see Richardson, Douglas, *Plantagenet Ancestry*, 2nd ed., 2011, Vol. I, p. 519, which is, however, disputed by two sources stating that his second wife was *Margery*, widow of Clement Cave: *The English Baronetage*, Vol. I, (London: Thomas Wotton, 1741), p. 114, and:

<http://freepages.genealogy.rootsweb.ancestry.com/~wjhonson/PAC/Cheseldine.html>.

-Sir Ambrose Cave, the testator.

-Francis Cave (1502-1583), Doctor of the Civil Law, who married Margaret, daughter of Thomas Lisle of Surrey. For his will, see TNA PROB 11/66/161.

-Richard Cave of Pickwell, Leicestershire, who married Barbara Fielding, the daughter of Sir William Fielding of Newnham Paddox, Warwickshire.

-Bryan Cave (d. 12 September 1592), who married firstly, Margaret Throckmorton, the daughter of Sir George Throckmorton (c.1489-1552) and his wife, Katherine Vaux (d.1571?), by whom he had three sons and a daughter:

1 Edward Cave, eldest son, who predeceased his father without issue. He married Barbara Devereux, daughter and coheir of Sir William Devereux (born c.1525, d. 28 September 1579) of Merevale, Warwickshire, for whom see the History of Parliament biography at:

<http://www.historyofparliamentonline.org/volume/1558-1603/member/devereux-sir-william-1525-79>.

After Edward Cave's death, Barbara (nee Devereux) Cave married secondly, Sir Edward Hastings (d.1603?), fourth son of Francis Hastings, Earl of Huntingdon, for whom see the History of Parliament biography at:

<http://www.historyofparliamentonline.org/volume/1558-1603/member/hastings-sir-edward-1603>

2 Henry Cave, who succeeded his father. He married Elizabeth Isham (1558-1630), the daughter of Gregory Isham, esquire, of Pytchley, Northamptonshire.

3 Francis Cave.

4 Mary Cave, who married Thomas Browne, esquire, of Wistow.

Bryan Cave married secondly, Bridget Skipwith (d. 26 January 1588), one of Queen Elizabeth's Maids of Honour, daughter of Sir William Skipwith of Ormesby, Lincolnshire. There were no issue of the marriage.

For the will of Bryan Cave, see TNA PROB 11/80/375.

-Augustine Cave, a monk

-Elizabeth Cave, who married, before 1517, William Wyrley, esquire, of Hampstead in the parish of Handsworth, Staffordshire (see the pedigree of Wyrley in *Collections for a History of Staffordshire*, Part II, Vol. V, (1884), p. 334, available online).

-Dorothy Cave, who married firstly, John Smith (d.1545?) of Withcote, and secondly, Henry Poole (d.1558), esquire, of Kirk Langley, Derbyshire. Dorothy Cave's eldest son, Erasmus Smith, married Lord Burghley's sister, Margaret Cecil, after the death of her first husband, Roger Cave (see above). For the will of Dorothy (nee Cave) Smith Poole, dated 10 June 1588 and proved 28 March 1593, see TNA PROB 11/81/254.

-Prudence Cave, who married, about 1528, John Croke (d. 2 September 1554) alias Blunt of Chilton, Buckinghamshire, esquire, one of the Six Clerks in Chancery.

-Bridget Cave (d. 20 June 1583), who married Francis Tanfield (d. 21 November 1558) of Gayton, Northamptonshire

-() Cave, whose Christian name is unknown. She married Robert Chauntrell, esquire, of Foxton. She and her children are mentioned in her father's will, and her husband is named as overseer.

All but five of the testator's siblings predeceased him. Mentioned in the will are his brothers Francis Cave, Bryan Cave, and Augustine Cave, his sister Dorothy (nee Cave) Smith Poole, his sister Bridget (nee Cave) Tanfield, and his sister-in-law Elizabeth (nee Lovett) Cave Newdigate Weston.

For the Cave family, see also Kimber, E. and R. Johnson, *The Baronetage of England*, Vol. I, (London: G. Woodfall, 1771), pp. 355-65; and the pedigree in Crisp, Frederick Arthur, ed., *Visitation of England and Wales*, Vol. 8 (1909), pp. 122-8 at:

<https://archive.org/stream/visitationofengl29howa#page/122/mode>.

For the History of Parliament biography of the testator, see:

<http://www.historyofparliamentonline.org/volume/1558-1603/member/cave-sir-ambrose-1503-68>.

MARRIAGE AND CHILDREN

The testator married Margaret Willington, eldest daughter and coheir of William Willington, esquire, of Barcheston, Warwickshire, and widow of Thomas Holt of Aston. By Margaret Willington the testator had a daughter, Margaret Cave, his sole heir, who married Henry Knollys, esquire, son and heir of Sir Francis Knollys (1511/12-1596). For the will of William Willington of Barcheston, see TNA PROB 11/42B/642.

See also Emerson at:

<http://www.kateemersonhistoricals.com/TudorWomenC-Ch.htm>

MARGARET CAVE (1549-1606)

Margaret Cave was the daughter and heir of the very wealthy diplomat, Sir Ambrose Cave (c.1503-April 2, 1568), and Margery Willington (d.c.1561). Together with her half brother, Edward Holte of Aston, Warwickshire, she brought suit in Chancery against the executor of their grandfather's will for refusing to pay legacies to his grandchildren. William Willington, a wealthy merchant, was reportedly worth £10,000 at the time of his death in 1559. Margaret married Henry Knollys of Rotherfield Greys, Oxfordshire (1541-1582/3) on July 16, 1565 at Durham House on the Strand, a wedding attended by Queen Elizabeth. It was celebrated with a feast, a ball, a tourney, and two masques and went on until 1:30 in the morning. They had two daughters, Elizabeth (c.1579-before 1632) and Lettice (c.1583-1655). His will, proved May 14, 1583, named Margaret as executor and advised her to sell their house at Greenwich and take the advice of Mr. Edward Williams in financial matters. Alternate life dates for Margaret, from a genealogy site, are April 25, 1548-June 1602. Some sites also say she died in 1600. Portrait: tomb effigy in St. Nicholas Church, Stanford-on-Avon, Northamptonshire.

OTHER PERSONS MENTIONED IN THE WILL

For the History of Parliament biography of the testator's servant, Richard Cade, who married Joyce, the daughter of Thomas Arden of Parkhall, see:

<http://www.historyofparliamentonline.org/volume/1558-1603/member/cade-john>.

RM: T{estamentum} d{omi}ni Ambrosii Cave mi{li}t{is} des{essus}(?)

The will of God Almighty, the Father, the Son and the Holy Ghost, three distinct persons and but one God, be done upon me now & ever, Amen. I, Ambrose Cave of the Savoy in the county of Middlesex, knight, one of the Queen's Majesty's Privy Council and Chancellor of her Highness' Duchy of Lancaster, being by God his permission and goodness at this present sick in body and of good and perfect remembrance this 27th day of March in the year of Our Lord 1568 and in the 10th year of the reign of our Sovereign Lady Elizabeth by the grace of God of England, France and Ireland Queen, Defender of the Faith etc., do ordain and make this my last will and testament in manner and form following:

First, as charity moveth me to begin at myself, so with all my heart and power I will, bequeath and commend my soul and body to Jesus Christ Our Lord, the only Saviour and Redeemer of me and mankind, my soul (I say) immediately after it shall by God's will be separated from my carnal body, and my body and soul to him at the general resurrection where my soul and body shall be again united and joined together, and see my Saviour and hear him pronounce the long-thirsted for sentence of all his elect and chosen, the members of his Holy Catholic Church, of which church I do faithfully and without doubt believe and perfectly know that I am one of the lively members by God's only mercy, & therefore do hope with an earnest desire to hear the most comfortable sentence of Our Saviour, Jesus Christ, Come, come to me you blessed of my Father etc., and from thenceforth to joy and glorify God in his saints & with his saints forever and ever, Amen;

Secondly, for that it is commendable and a decent order and so is used generally through the most part of Christendom that the bodies of the dead are buried in such sort as their vocation doth require, not that there doth redound thereby any benefit to the soul or body departed, so I will and do therefore refer the order and execution of my funeral and the burial of my body to the discretion of the more part of mine executors and overseers hereafter appointed in this my will, the same to be done as the place and time shall require when and where God shall call me to his mercy;

Nevertheless, if God call me to his mercy at London or near London, it is my desire to be buried at Stanford in the county of Northampton with my ancestors, and if in Warwickshire or near there, I wish to be buried at Nuneaton in the county of Warwick;

Lastly, my whole endeavour in all the residue of this my will shall be so to dispose those lands, possessions and worldly goods which God of his goodness hath given me as I may show myself thankful towards him which is the giver of all, careful of my family, children and servants which he hath committed to my charge and commanded me to provide for, and mindful of my kinsfolks and friends which my affection and love towards them suffereth me not to forget;

Also I do by these presents revoke and annul all other wills and testaments by me heretofore devised or made, and so declare and publish that my last will and testament is contained in these presents only;

Item, I give and bequeath to the needy and poor people of the parish of Brimigham [=Birmingham(?)] £3 6s 8d;

Item, to the needy and poor people of the parish of Aston £3 6s 8d;

Item, to the poor and needy people of the parish of Yardley 10s;

Item, to the poor and needy people of the parish of Handsworth 10s;

Item, to the poor and needy people of the parish of Rothley, I mean Rothley town and Mountstriell [=Mountsorrel?] 53s 4d;

Item, to the needy & poor people of the parish of Hungerton 30s;

Item, to the needy and poor people of the parish of Stanford 30s;

And no other dole to be dealt for me, neither to priest, clerk nor others, but only to such priests, clerks and poor as shall be of the parish where I shall be buried, and to them so much as shall seem good to my executors with the advice of my overseers;

Also I will that within three years next after my decease my executors shall of my goods and chattels give and bestow for and towards the sufficient repair of the hospital in the new warke [=work?] of Leicester in the county of Leicester, and all the houses and edifices thereunto belonging being within the precinct of the said hospital the sum of forty pounds;

Item, I will that my said executors within two years after my decease shall of my goods give and bestow to the use of the poor people in the Savoy in the county of Middlesex the sum of forty pounds to be employed and bestowed upon bedding for them;

And concerning the disposition of the rest of my goods and chattels, first and before all other things I will that all my debts which I owe of right or in conscience to any person or persons be truly paid by my executors hereunder named;

Also I have bestowed upon Edward Holt, esquire, my late wife's son, sundry things and commodities as he well knoweth and some other doth know the same, which I think very well bestowed, and wish it were better, and do further also give and bequeath to the said Edward Holt for a remembrance of me one piece of gilt plate with a cover weighing at the least twenty ounces, not doubting but that he will show himself loving, grateful and natural towards my heirs, his next kin and friends, as I have dearly loved him;

Also I give and bequeath to my Lord of Buckhurst one flagon of silver;

Also I give and bequeath to Sir Francis Knollys, knight, Vice-Chamberlain to the Queen's Majesty, Treasurer of her Highness' Chamber and Captain of Guard, my best gown at his choice to be taken;

Also to Sir William Cecil, knight, chief Secretary to the Queen's Majesty, a piece of plate well worth £10;

Also to Sir Edward Saunders, knight, Lord Chief Baron, a piece of plate worth £10;

Also to my son-in-law, Henry Knollys, I give and bequeath three of my best horses or geldings, three of my best mares, all my armour and weapons for the wars and tents (the armour for my own body hereafter bequeathed to my nephew, Roger Cave, only excepted), praying and desiring my said Lord Buckhurst, Sir Francis Knollys, Sir William Cecil and my Lord Chief Baron to be favourable to my executors, and to advise & aid them as they may the better execute this my will;

Also I give and bequeath to my brother, Francis Cave, one of my velvet gowns furred with black coney, and one of my satin or damask gowns furred or not furred at his pleasure, so that it be not faced with sables or lucerns, and £5 in money;

Item, I give and bequeath to my brother, Bryan Cave, one other of my black velvet gowns furred with coney, and one of my black satin gowns furred with coney such as he will chose of all my gowns of that sort, and £5 in money;

Item, I give and bequeath to my sister Weston a jewel or ring worth five marks;

Item, I give and bequeath to my sister Poole a ring weighing 10s in gold, being graven outwardly with my posy *Adsum Cave*, and inwardly with *Virtutem dilige*, and a mourning gown, and £5 in money;

Item, I give & bequeath to my sister Tanfield my little bed of changeable damask with all things thereunto belonging, as bedstead, fine(?) mattress, bed, bolster, two pillows of down, fustians, rugs and coverings, with a ring, and a mourning gown;

I give and bequeath to my brother, Augustine Cave, if he survive me, £5;

Item, I give and bequeath to my nephew and godson, Roger Cave, esquire, mine own armour for mine own body, being complete with all pieces lying in a coffer by itself, together with the coffer wherein it lieth, which armour cost me £36;

Item, I will that such as I have the wardship and marriage of, being of my kin, shall be well brought up in virtuous education by the appointment of my executors with the consent and oversight of the overseers of th' execution of this my will, and that they be released and discharged of the values and forfeiture of their marriages, so that they be matched and married with such as be of good houses and as mine overseers or the most

part of them shall think meet for their virtue, honesty and calling to match and marry with them;

Item, I give and bequeath to Mrs Jane Downes a piece of plate worth 20 nobles, and to Blanche Bennett a piece of plate worth five marks, and to Alice and to Margaret I bequeath 40s apiece over and above their wages, and to the same Margaret 40s more to make her a petticoat;

Item, I give & bequeath to my servant, John Cade, the two desks which he gave me, the one in my study with a case, which case I also give him, thother is in my bedchamber, and also I give and bequeath unto him one gelding, one mare and £20 in money;

Item, I give and bequeath to my servant, Edward Williams, for his diligence and painstaking in my service, and specially for his travail and pains after my death to be taken in informing and instructing of my executors & overseers in the whole estate of all my goods, chattels and credits and of all debts owing by me, for that by reason of the keeping of my books, reckonings and inventories he is most perfect and expert in the same, and as I am persuaded will truly and honestly travail in the same so as my executors and overseers may perfectly perceive and [f. 66v] understand my whole estate, twenty pounds in money and one gelding and one good mare;

Item, I give and bequeath to Robert Rowsley, mine old servant, twenty pounds, and to ever other of my household servants that hath served me one year, the boys of my kitchen and women servants only excepted, five pounds over and above their wages at my decease to them due, and to every of the boys of my kitchen, over and above their wages, I give and bequeath five marks;

Item, I bequeath to Andrew Rosse a black coat and ten shillings to make it with;

Also I give, grant and devise to the said Sir Francis Knollys, knight, Sir William Cecil, knight, Sir Edward Saunders, knight, and to Richard Onslowe, esquire, and to their heirs and assigns forever one annual or yearly rentcharge of twenty pounds of lawful money of England to be issuing and going out of all my manors, lands, tenements, meadows, pastures, rents, reversions & other hereditaments whatsoever lying or being in Ipsley, Horeston Fields, Kingsbury, Hurley, Whatley, [=Whitley?], Eyton alias Nuneaton and Attleborough in the said county of Warwick which late were the possessions and hereditaments of Steven Hales, gentleman, William Astell and John Astell, gentlemen, or of any of them, and also to be issuing and going out of all that my hundred and hereditament called Hemlingford hundred in the said county of Warwick, the same rentcharge of £20 to be yearly payable forever at the feasts of the Nativity of St John Baptist, of St Michael th' Archangel, of the Nativity of Our Lord Christ, and of th' Annunciation of Blessed Mary the Virgin by even portions;

And further I will and grant that if it shall happen the said yearly rent of £20 to be behind and unpaid in part or in all by the space [+of?] 28 days next after any of the said feasts at which, as is aforesaid, it ought to be paid, that then and so oftentimes and at all times

after it shall be lawful to the said Sir Francis Knollys, Sir William Cecil, Sir Edward Saunders and Richard Onslowe, their heirs and assigns, to enter into the said manors, lands, tenements and other the premises or into any parcel of the same, and there for the same to distrain, and the distresses there found and so taken to lead, drive and carry away, and with them to detain till of the said yearly rent of £20 and every parcel thereof, together with the arrearages of the same, they shall be fully satisfied, contented and paid;

Which said yearly rent of £20 is by these presents granted and devised to them and their heirs in manner and form aforesaid upon special confidence and trust that they, their heirs and assigns, shall bestow and employ the same to and for the finding and maintenance of four scholars, whereof two shall study divinity in the University of Oxford and the other two shall study divinity in the University of Cambridge, the same scholars to have & enjoy the same so long as they shall continue the said study there, which rent, if God will spare me convenient time, I will by lawful conveyance grant and assign to the corporations of colleges in Oxford and Cambridge to have continuance in succession forever to the uses aforesaid, but for want of time I have granted the same in form aforesaid upon special trust that they will see the same performed accordingly, provided always that if neither the said Sir Francis Knollys, Sir William Cecil, Sir Edward Saunders and Richard Onslowe nor their heirs nor assigns, nor the survivors nor survivor of them, nor the heirs nor assigns of the same survivor, do within three years next after my decease assure nor cause to be assured by good conveyance and lawful licence in law to the corporation and body politic of one college in Oxford and to the corporation and body politic of one college in Cambridge and to their several successors forever the said yearly rentcharge of twenty pounds to and for the finding and maintenance there forever in form aforesaid of four scholars, whereof two shall profess and study divinity in Oxford and the other two in Cambridge as is aforesaid, the same scholars to have and enjoy the said maintenance & finding from time to time so long as they shall continue the same study there and no longer, and then other to be likewise found and maintained in their study, that then and from thenceforth this present gift, grant and devise of the said yearly rent of twenty pound shall cease, determine and be utterly void and of none effect in the law;

Also I give and bequeath to the said Sir Francis Knollys, Sir William Cecil, Sir Edward Saunders and (blank) the sum of ten pounds for the charges of the making and assuring of the assurance of the said yearly rent of twenty pounds to the said corporations and bodies politic aforesaid;

Also I give, grant and devise to Ambrose Cave, my kinsman, during and for the term of his life one annual or yearly rentcharge of four marks of lawful money of England to be issuing and going out of all the said manors, lands, tenements, meadows, pastures, rents, reversions, hundred and other the premises before by these presents charged with the said yearly rent of £20;

And I give, grant and devise to Anthony Cave, my kinsman, during and for the term of his life one annual or yearly rentcharge of four marks to be issuing and going out of all the said manors, lands, tenements, meadows, pastures, rents, reversions, hundred & other

the premises before by these presents charged with the said yearly rent of £20, the said several yearly rents of four marks to be yearly payable at the feasts of St Michael th' Archangel and of the Annunciation of Blessed Mary the Virgin by even portions;

And further I will and grant that if it shall happen the said several yearly rents of four marks or either of them or any part of either of them to be behind and unpaid(?) in part or in all by the space of 28 days next after any of the said feasts before limited for the payment of the same, that then and so oftentimes and at all times after it shall be lawful to the said Ambrose Cave and Anthony Cave and either of them severally to enter into the said manors and other the premises or into any parcel thereof, and there severally to distrain for the same rents to them severally due, and the distresses there found and so taken to lead, drive and carry way and with them to detain till of the said several yearly rents of four marks so to them severally due with the arrearages of the same they shall be satisfied, contented and paid;

And where upon the bargain and purchase of the manor of Kingsbury and other lands in Kingsbury in the said county of Warwick it was fully agreed between me and Thomas Bracebridge the younger that in part of the consideration of the said bargain the said Thomas Bracebridge should have and enjoy to him and his heirs forever one annual or yearly rentcharge of forty and two pounds four shillings and three pence of lawful money of England to be issuing and going out of the said manor of Kingsbury and other the premises in Kingsbury aforesaid, for the performance and accomplishment whereof I have by my deed indented bearing date the 26th day of March in the eight year of the reign of [-th] our said Sovereign Lady the Queen's Majesty that now is granted to the said Thomas Bracebridge and his heirs forever one annual rentcharge of £42 4s 3d issuing out of the premises upon condition in the said deed indented expressed, as by the same deed more at large appeareth, wherefore I will, charge and require as well mine heirs as all and every other persons and persons which have or shall have any estate of or in the said manor of Kingsbury and other the premises in Kingsbury aforesaid or any part of the same by force or according to the limitation of one pair of indentures quadripartite made between me of the one party and the said Brian Cave and certain other persons in the said indentures named of thother party, bearing date the 9th [f. 67r] day of May in the said eight year of the reign of our said Sovereign Lady the Queen's Majesty, that they pay & cause to be paid the said yearly rent of £42 4s 3d to the said Thomas Bracebridge, his heirs and assigns, forever according to the tenor and purport of the said deed indented and of the condition in the same comprised without any suit, denial or interruption in consideration of the great friendship and pleasure which the said Thomas Bracebridge showed me in the said purchase;

Also where Sir Roger Vaughan, knight, hath agreed and standeth bound to me by his writing obligatory to grant and assure to me and mine assigns one yearly annuity, rent or fee of twelve pounds of lawful money of England payable yearly during the natural life of the said Sir Roger Vaughan, my will and intent is that the said Sir Roger Vaughan shall grant and assure the same to my servants, Robert Rowsley, William Heath, my chamberlain, William Baker, Richard Overston and Arthur Hobbes, and to the survivors and survivor of them, and that if the said Sir Roger Vaughan shall refuse [+so?] to do,

that then mine executors shall sue with effect the said writing obligatory against him, and shall freely give and distribute such sums of money and penalty as shall thereby be recovered to and among the said Robert Rowsley, William Heath, William Baker, Richard Overston and Arthur Hobbes by equal portions in recompense of the said annual rent or fee of £12 by year;

Also I give, will and bequeath to William Heath, my horse-keeper, £5;

To John Overston, my servant, 40s;

To Andrew Gardiner £5;

To Gregory Baker, 40s;

Also I give, will and bequeath to Robert Tanfield, my kinsman, £5;

And to Ambrose Wyrley and Robert Smyth, my kinsmen, to either of them the sum of £5;

And to Rose Honninges, my kinswoman, £3 6s 8d;

Item, I give and bequeath to Ralph Browne of the Temple £10;

The residue of all my goods, chattels, leases for term of years, plate, ready money, hangings, household stuff, debts and other goods and chattels whatsoever not before in these presents by me otherwise bestowed or bequeathed, after all my debts due in law or conscience truly paid and discharged, my legacies and bequests before mentioned fully performed, and my funeral charges according to mine estate and calling truly paid and discharged, I wholly & freely give and bequeath to the said Henry Knollys, my son-in-law, and Margaret, his wife, mine only daughter, to have and enjoy to their proper use forever;

And I ordain, constitute and make my said brethren, Francis Cave & Brian Cave, my said son-in-law, Henry Knollys, and my said servants, John Cade and Edward Williams, executors of this my present last will and testament, desiring them to see the same fully performed according to my special trust in them reposed;

And overseers of the same my testament and last will I ordain and desire my said Lord of Buckhurst, Sir Francis Knollys, knight, Sir William Cecil, knight, Sir Edward Saunders, knight, Richard Onslowe and Miles Saunders [sic?], esquires;

In witness whereof I, the said Sir Ambrose Cave, have hereunto subscribed my name the day and year first above-written. Ambrose Cave. Witnesses present at publishing of this last will and testament, Richard Onslowe, Miles Sandes, Ralph Browne.

Probatum fuit h{uius}mo{d}i Testamentu{m} Cora{m} D{omi}no Cant{uariensis} Archie{pisco}po apud London Decimo octauo die mens{is} Martij Anno D{omi}ni Mill{es}imo quingentesimo Septuagesimo primo Iuramento Rad{ulf}i Browne notarij pu{bli}ci procur{ator}is Henrici Knolls ar{migeri} executoris in huiusmodi testamento nominat{i} &c Cui com{m}issa fuit administrac{i}o omn{ium} et singulorum bonorum Iurium et creditor{um} d{ic}t{i} def{uncti} &c De bene et fidel{ite}r administrand{o} eadem &c Ad s{an}c{t}a de{i} Eu{a}ngelia Iurat{i} &c Res{er}uata potestate &c ffrancisco Cave Briano Cave Iohanni Cade et Edwardo Will{i}ams executoribus etiam in huiusmodi testamento no{m}i{n}at{is} cu{m} venerint in debita Iuris forma eos admissur{is} &c

[=The same testament was proved before the Lord Archbishop of Canterbury at London on the eighteenth day of the month of March in the year of the Lord the thousand five hundred seventy-first by the oath of Ralph Browne, notary public, proctor of Henry Knollys, executor named in the same testament etc., to whom administration was granted of all and singular the goods, rights and credits of the said deceased etc., sworn on the Holy Gospels to well and faithfully administer the same etc., with power reserved etc. to Francis Cave, Brian Cave, John Cade and Edward Williams, executors also named in the same testament when they shall have come to be admitted the same in due form of law etc.]