

SUMMARY: The document below is the will, dated 23 September 1584 and proved 15 June 1585, of Philippa Tyrrell, whose father, Richard Tyrrell, included Oxford's step-father, Charles Tyrrell (d.1570), in an entail in his will.

The testatrix' will was contested by the testatrix' mother, Grace (nee Wolley) Tyrrell Calton and her husband, John Calton, against Anne Willett, wife of Edward Willett, who appears to have attempted to take administration of the testatrix' goods. For the court's decision confirming the testatrix' appointment of Grace and John Calton as executors on 15 March 1585, see TNA PROB 11/68/376.

CONNECTIONS TO THE EARLS OF OXFORD

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

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

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

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

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

FAMILY BACKGROUND

Testatrix' parents

The testatrix was the daughter of Richard Tyrrell (d.1566) of Ashdon, Essex, Warden of the Fleet prison, for whose will see TNA PROB 11/48/637.

The testatrix' mother was Grace Wolley, the daughter of Ambrose Wolley. For the will of Ambrose Wolley, see TNA PROB 11/42A/528.

After Richard Tyrrell's death, Grace (nee Wolley) Tyrrell married John Calton, Warden of the Fleet. She made her will as Grace Calton, widow, on 29 August 1589.

Testatrix' siblings

According to her father's will, the testatrix had a brother and a sister:

-Edward Tyrrell (d. 26 February 1594), who was underage at his father's death. He married Elizabeth Browne, the daughter of Sir Valentine Browne by his second wife, Thomasine Bacon, the sister of Lord Burghley's brother-in-law, Sir Nicholas Bacon (1510-1579). See Burke, Bernard, *A Genealogical and Heraldic Dictionary of the Peerage and Baronetage*, 47th ed., (London: Harrison and Sons, 1885), p. 743 at:

<https://books.google.ca/books?id=eA84XBiBeroC&pg=PA743>

-Mary Tyrrell, unmarried when her father made his will in 1566. She appears to have been the Mary Wiseman, widow, who, together with her two children, Henry Wiseman and Dorothy Wiseman, were the principal beneficiaries in the 1589 will of the testatrix' mother, Grace (nee Wolley) Tyrrell Calton. According to the Wiseman pedigree, her husband was Philip Wiseman, fourth of the eight sons and one daughter (Thomas, Ralph, George, Philip, Richard the elder, Richard the younger, William, John and Anne) named in the will, TNA PROB 11/43/74, dated 4 January 1559 and proved 23 January 1560, of John Wiseman of Felsted, Essex. See also the Wiseman pedigree in Metcalfe, Walter C., ed., *The Visitations of Essex, Part I*, (London: Harleian Society, 1878), Vol. XIII, p. 18 at:

<http://www.archive.org/stream/visitationsofess13metc#page/18/>

INTENDED MARRIAGE

According to her father's will, the testatrix was to marry her father's ward, Robert Paris, son and heir of Robert Paris, esquire:

And whereas I have bought the wardship of Robert Paris, son and heir of Robert Parry [=Paris], late of Linton within the county of Cambridge, esquire, for Philippa Tyrrell, my youngest daughter, and already paid for him two hundred marks, being two hundred marks more behind as appeareth by writings touching the bargain of the same, I will and devise that if it happen my said daughter Philipp and the said Robert Paris to break off and not marry, that then the said Robert Paris to be valued at the discretion of my said executors towards the performance of this my will, and further I will and devise that whether my said daughter Philipp do marry the said Robert Paris or any other, that mine executors shall pay unto her at what time she shall be married four hundred marks of lawful money of England.

The testatrix' intended husband appears to have been Robert Paris, grandson and heir of Sir Philip Paris, who died underage in 1572, and was succeeded by his brother, Ferdinand Paris, a Catholic recusant. See:

Adrienne B Rosen, Susan M Keeling and C A F Meekings, 'Parishes: Linton', in *A History of the County of Cambridge and the Isle of Ely: Volume 6*, ed. A P M Wright (London, 1978), pp. 80-105. *British History Online* <http://www.british-history.ac.uk/vch/cambs/vol6/pp80-105> [accessed 1 September 2020].

When Robert Parys died c. 1377 (fn. 142) his Linton land passed to his elder son Nicholas who held it in 1397 and 1412 and died without issue in 1425, (fn. 143) when his lands passed to his brother Robert's son Henry (d. 1427). Henry's son and heir Henry, aged 3 in 1427, (fn. 144) died in 1466 when his son and heir Robert was a minor. (fn. 145) Robert was succeeded in 1504 by his son John (fn. 146) (d. 1517). John's son and heir Philip, (fn. 147) treasurer to Bishop Gardiner in the 1530s (fn. 148) and receiver-general of the Court of Augmentations 1540–4, (fn. 149) was knighted in 1553 (fn. 150) and died in 1558. His grandson and heir, Robert Parys, (fn. 151) died under age in 1572, when Linton passed to Sir Philip's younger son Ferdinand (fn. 152) (d. 1601).

See also the will of Sir Philip Paris, dated 10 January 1558 and proved 20 January 1559, TNA PROB 11/42A/230, and the Paris pedigree in Green, Everard, 'A Pedigree of the Ancient Catholic Family of Parys of Linton in the County of Cambridge' in Clarke, A.W. Hughes, ed., *Miscellanea Genealogica et Heraldica*, 5th Series, Vol. II, (London: Mitchell, Hughes and Clarke, 1916-17), pp. 123-6 at:

<https://archive.org/stream/miscellaneagenea2191bann#page/n263/mode/2up>

The testatrix' intended husband appears to have been the great-nephew of Robert Paris, slain October 1550 at Newbury, Berkshire. See the History of Parliament entry for Sir Thomas Cawarden (by 1514-1559):

Cawarden was also involved in several lawsuits. Among his papers there is a draft of a bill against one Philip Paris for stating that Cawarden was 'the principal at the killing of Robert Paris, gentleman', perhaps the Member for New Romney. The murder had been committed at Newbury, Berkshire, where Cawarden was steward of the King's manors, and in October 1550 John Cheyne II was presented for it but later pardoned: Cawarden was claiming damages of £1,000 for slander.

John Cheyne (b. by 1510, d.1567) of West Woodhay, Berkshire, was the son of Sir William Norreys (d.1507?) of Yattendon, Berkshire, by his third wife, Anne Horne (d.1505?). Sir William Norreys married firstly Joan Vere, daughter of John de Vere, 12th Earl of Oxford, secondly Isabel Ingoldsthorpe, and thirdly, Anne Horne. See *Magna Carta Ancestry, supra*, Vol. I, pp. 350-1. See also the History of Parliament entry for John Cheyne at:

<http://www.historyofparliamentonline.org/volume/1509-1558/member/cheyne-john-ii-1510-67>

See also Streitberger, W.R., *The Masters of the Revels and Elizabeth I's Court Theatre*, (Oxford: Oxford University Press, 2016), pp. 37-8 at:

<https://books.google.ca/books?id=uwh-CwAAQBAJ&pg=PA37>

Cawarden was steward of some of the king's manors near Newbury, Berkshire, and he appears to have used strong measures in putting down 'the Rebellions' there. One Robert Paris, gentleman, was killed. His brother, Philip, insisted that Cawarden was 'the principal at the killing', in response to which charge Cawarden prepared a bill for an action of slander against him.

See also the *ODNB* entry for Sir Thomas Cawarden (c.1514-1559):

He was a contentious figure in other ways too, . . . in 1550 suing Philip Paris for implicating him in the murder of Robert Paris, killed that year at Newbury.

OTHER PERSONS MENTIONED IN THE WILL

The testatrix leaves a bequest to Mr Cotton, who may have been related to Thomas Cotton of Donnington, nephew of Sir Philip Paris, and one of the executors appointed in the latter's will.

LM: T{estamentum} Philippe Tyrrell

[f. 265v] In the name of God, Amen. The three and twentieth day of September in the year of Our Lord God one thousand and five hundred eighty-four, I, Philippa Tyrrell, gentlewoman, sick in body and of perfect remembrance, thanks be given to God, do make, ordain and constitute this my last will and testament in manner and form following:

First, I give and bequeath my soul to Almighty God, and my body to be buried in the earth at the discretion of my executors hereafter named;

And for my worldly goods I give, dispose and bequeath in form following:

First, I give and bequeath to my mother, Grace Calton, one little diamond ring and one jewel set with rubies, with all the choice of all my linen and woollen apparel to use at her pleasure;

Also I give and bequeath unto my father-in-law [=stepfather], John Calton, one lease with all my right, title and interest which I have or ought to have in the parsonage of Dullingham within the county of Cambridge;

Also I give to Mr Cotton one bunch [sic for 'brooch?'] of rock diamonds;

Also I give to Dorothy Charnelles two cawls, one gold, another silver, three neckerchers, one pair of white satin sleeves;

Also I give to John Claye, the writer hereof, one camerick band and a velvet cap;

Furthermore I will that my mother give unto Mrs English some of my apparel;

The rest of all my goods whatsoever here unspoken of (my debts paid and funerals discharged), I give and bequeath unto my father-in-law, John Calton, and my mother, his wife, whom I make my true and lawful executors of this my last will and testament devised by me the day and year above-written. Witnesses: John Claye, Anne Brunkers and Margaret Curtes, with others.

NOTE: Latin Sententia diffinitiva, TNA PROB 11/68/376, not transcribed.