

SUMMARY: The document below is the Prerogative Court of Canterbury copy of the will, dated 6 June 1540 and proved 18 November 1540, of John Tyrrell (d.1540), esquire, of Heron in East Horndon, Essex.

Although the testator is referred to in some sources as ‘Sir John Tyrrell’, he refers to himself in the will below as ‘John Tyrrell, esquire’, and is referred to in the will of Sir John Baker as ‘John Tyrrell of Heron in Essex, esquire, deceased’.

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>

OXFORD’S STEPFATHER, CHARLES TYRRELL

The Complete Peerage, Vol. X, pp. 249-50, states that after the death of John de Vere (1516-1562), 16th Earl of Oxford, his widow, Oxford’s mother, Margery Golding (d.1568), married as her second husband, Charles Tyrrell (d.1570), the sixth son of Sir Thomas Tyrrell of Heron in East Horndon, Essex, by Constance Blount, daughter of John Blount (d.1485), 3rd Baron Mountjoy. If true, this would make Oxford’s stepfather, Charles Tyrrell (d.1570), the testator’s brother. However, although the testator mentions a brother named Charles in the will below, he was not Margery Golding’s second husband. The will, TNA PROB 11/52/187, of Margery Golding’s second husband, Charles Tyrrell, names only one brother, Philip Tyrrell, while the testator had several brothers, none of whom was named Philip. Moreover the will of the testator’s sister, Anne (nee Tyrrell) Knight Knighton, TNA PROB 11/70/312, establishes that their brother, Charles Tyrrell, was still living in 1587, whereas Oxford’s stepfather, Charles Tyrrell, died in 1570. It is thus clear that Oxford’s stepfather, Charles Tyrrell, was not

the son of Sir Thomas Tyrrell (d.1531?) of Heron in East Horndon, Essex, and Constance Blount.

FAMILY BACKGROUND

For the testator's family background, see the Tyrrell pedigrees in Metcalfe, Walter C., ed., *The Visitations of Essex, Part I*, (London: Harleian Society, 1878), Vol. XIII, pp. 15-16 at:

<http://archive.org/stream/visitationsofess13metc#page/14/mode/2up>

and p. 113 at:

<http://archive.org/stream/visitationsofess13metc#page/112/mode/2up>

See also the Tyrrell pedigree in Metcalfe, Charles W., ed., *The Visitations of Essex, Part II*, (London: Harleian Society, 1879), Vol. XIV, p. 717 at:

<http://archive.org/stream/visitationsofess02metc#page/n373/mode/2up>

See also the Tyrrell pedigree in Rylands, W. Harry, ed., *The Visitation of the County of Buckingham Made in 1634*, (London: Harleian Society, 1909), Vol. LVIII, p. 118 at:

<https://archive.org/stream/visitationofcoun58phil#page/118/mode/2up>

See also the Tyrrell pedigree in Bright, J.B., *The Brights of Suffolk, England*, (Boston: John Wilson, 1858), p. 228 at:

<https://archive.org/stream/brightsofsuffolk00brig#page/n537/mode/2up>

See also the Tyrrell pedigree in Sewell, W.H., 'Sir James Tyrell's Chapel at Gipping, Suffolk', *The Archaeological Journal*, (London: Royal Archaeological Institute of Great Britain and Ireland, 1871), Vol. XXVIII, pp. 23-33 at p. 33:

<https://books.google.ca/books?id=YrRSAAAcAAJ&pg=PA33>

There are significant errors in the Tyrrell pedigrees. The most reliable pedigree is in Metcalfe, *Part I, supra*, pp. 15-16.

Testator's paternal great-great-grandparents

The testator was the great-great-grandson of Sir Thomas Tyrrell (d. 28 March 1477) of Heron in East Horndon, Essex, and Anne Marney. See the will of Sir Thomas Tyrrell, TNA PROB 11/6/417.

Testator's paternal great-grandparents

The testator was the great-grandson of Sir William Tyrrell (d.1471?) and Eleanor Darcy, the daughter of Sir Robert Darcy (d. 3 September 1448) of Maldon, Essex, a prominent lawyer, and Keeper of the Writs of the Common Pleas, by his second wife, Alice Filongley, daughter of Henry Filongley of Warwickshire, Serjeant of the Royal Scullery, and Knight of the Shire for Warwickshire. For the inquisition post mortem taken after his death, see TNA C 139/136/440. See also Richardson, Douglas, *Magna Carta Ancestry*, 2nd ed., 2011, Vol. III, p. 216 at:

<http://books.google.ca/books?id=8JcbV309c5UC&pg=RA2-PA216>

Testator's paternal grandparents

The testator was the grandson of Sir Thomas Tyrrell (d.1510) of Heron in East Horndon, Essex, and his second wife, Beatrice Cokayne (d.1513), the daughter of John Cokayne of Cokayne Hatley, Bedfordshire, and Elizabeth Boyville, eldest daughter of John Boyville, esquire, and Isabel Cheney. See the 'Pedigree of Cokayne of Ickleford, County Hertford' after p. 237 in Cokayne, Andreas Edward, *Cockayne Memoranda: Collections Towards a Historical Record of the Family of Cockayne*, (Congleton, 1873) at:

<https://books.google.ca/books?id=cykIAAAAQAAJ&pg=PA237>

See also:

<https://www.flickr.com/photos/52219527@N00/6956774722>

Beatrice Cokayne's first husband, by whom she had no issue, was the London mercer, John Sutton (d.1479), for whose will see TNA PROB 11/6/482.

For the will of the testator's grandmother, Beatrice (nee Cokayne) Sutton Tyrrell, see TNA PROB 11/17/422.

For the will of the testator's grandfather, Sir Thomas Tyrrell (d.1510), see TNA PROB 11/17/263.

For the wills of the testator's grandparents, see also King, H.W., 'Ancient Wills', in *Transactions of the Essex Archaeological Society*, Vol. III, Part IV, (Colchester: Essex and West Suffolk Gazett, 1865), pp. 90-2:

<http://books.google.ca/books?id=Bhc5AQAAMAAJ&pg=PA90>

Testator's parents

In the will below, the testator identifies his father as 'Sir Thomas Tyrrell, knight, my late father'. The testator's father is also identified as 'Sir Thomas Tyrrell, knight' in the will of Sir John Baker (see below). The identity of the testator's parents is also established by a pedigree in the Essex Record Office. See ERO D/DP Z30/3:

Copy of a pedigree made ?c.1570 to show that John Baker, son of Richard Baker and his wife Katharine, was the heir of Gertrude [Courtenay], late Marchioness of Exeter [died 1558], Katharine being daughter and heir of John Tyrell of Heron, esquire - through his mother a grandchild, like the marchioness, of John Blount [3rd] Lord Mountjoy [died 1485].

Witnessed by R. Ryche, Will'm Petre, Anne Petre, Henry Tyrell, Edmund Tyrell, John Baker knight, Susan C. and Thomas Argall having 'signed this writing with our owne handes'.

It is thus clear that the testator was the eldest son and heir of Sir Thomas Tyrrell (d.1531?) of Heron in East Horndon, Essex, by Constance Blount, the daughter of John Blount (d. 12 October 1485), 3rd Baron Mountjoy. See the Blount pedigree in Grazebrook, George and John Paul Rylands, eds., *The Visitation of Shropshire Taken in the Year 1623, Part I*, (London: Harleian Society, 1889), Vol. XXVIII, p. 57 at:

<https://archive.org/details/visitationshrop00britgoog/page/n110/mode/2up>

The testator's father appears to have died in 1531. See a document dated 13 October 1531, 'Articles `motioned' by Lord Mountjoy between Dame Constance Tyrell late wife of Sir Thomas Tyrell, decd., and John Tyrell `squyer', son of said Thomas and Constance', Essex Record Office D/DQ 14/2. The articles state that Sir Thomas Tyrrell left a will. Its whereabouts are unknown.

Two clauses in the will below indicate that the testator's mother, Constance Blount, was living when the testator made his will in 1540.

Testator's siblings

In the will below, the testator mentions five brothers and two sisters:

-Sir Henry Tyrrell (d. 20 May 1588), who succeeded the testator. He appears to be the Henry Tyrrell who attested to the pedigree mentioned above, ERO D/DP Z30/3.

Sir Henry Tyrrell married Thomasine Gonson, the daughter of William Gonson (d.1544) and Bennett Waters (d.1545?). See the will of Bennett (nee Waters) Gonson, TNA PROB 11/31/70, and the *ODNB* entry for William Gonson:

Gonson, William (d. 1544), naval administrator . . . married Benet Waters (d. 1545/6). They had six sons (David, Richard, Christopher, Arthur, Benjamin, and Anthony) and four daughters (Margaret, Elizabeth, Avis, and Thomasine) . . . in 1544 (before 5 August) . . . he 'feloniously killed himself' (LP Henry VIII 20/1, no. 125/7). . . . The will of his widow, Benet, was made on 18 August 1545, the executors being her son Benjamin, to whom she left a few items of plate, and Thomasine's husband, Henry Tyrrell; probate was granted on 23 February 1546.

Sir David Gonson (executed 12 July 1541) was a fellow Knight of Rhodes of the testator's younger brother, Sir William Tyrrell (d.1557). See O'Malley, *infra*, pp. 324-5, and:

<http://smom-za.org/saints/david.htm>

See also the Gonson pedigree in Howard, Joseph Jackson, ed., *Miscellanea Genealogica et Heraldica*, 2nd Series, (London: Mitchell and Hughes, 1888), Vol. I, p. 124 at:

<https://books.google.ca/books?id=WVRIAAAAYAAJ&pg=PA124>

By Thomasine Gonson, Sir Henry Tyrrell had a son:

(1) Thomas Tyrrell (c.1548 - 25 September 1592), esquire, who in 1565 married Margaret Sulyard, the daughter of Sir John Sulyard (d. 4 March 1575). In his will, dated 1 September 1569 and proved 1 November 1575, TNA PROB 11/57/552, Sir John Sulyard mentions his daughter, Margaret Tyrrell, and his son-in-law, Thomas Tyrrell, as well as lands he purchased from John Tyrrell, esquire, presumably the testator. See also 'A Who's Who of Tudor Women' at:

www.tudorwomen.com

Margaret (or Mary) Sulyard (1542-1581+) was the daughter of John Sulyard of Wetherden, Suffolk (d. March 4, 1574/5), a Catholic lawyer, and his second wife, Elizabeth Jerningham. In 1565 (either January 1 or July 7), at Quidenham, Norfolk, she married Thomas Tyrrell of Ramsden Tirrell (c.1540-September 25, 1592). Their children were Anne, John (b.c.1572), Thomas, and Avis. There are numerous Thomas Tyrrells (also spelled Tirrell) and considerable confusion over which is which. Her husband apparently owned Heron Hall/Herongate in the parish of East Thornden, Essex. Margaret's second husband was William Browne. Portrait: 1581 at 38 by John Bettes the Younger in the collection of Newham Heritage Services.

See also the Sulyard pedigree in Marshall, George W., ed., *The Genealogist*, (London: George Bell and Sons, 1880), Vol. IV, p. 230 at:

<https://books.google.ca/books?id=kzULXfzM16IC&pg=PA231>

See also the Sulyard pedigree in Metcalfe, Walter C., ed., *The Visitations of Suffolk*, (Exeter: William Pollard, 1882), pp. 69-70 at:

<https://books.google.ca/books?id=EycAAAAAQAAJ&pg=PA70>

Sir Henry Tyrrell is buried under a plain slab in the parish church of Downham, Essex, with this inscription:

Here lyeth buried good Sir Henry Terrell, Knight, & Dame Thomasin, his wife, who deceased the 20 of May in the yeare 1588.

See King, *supra*, p. 177 at:

<http://books.google.ca/books?id=Bhc5AQAAMAAJ&pg=PA177>

For Sir Henry Tyrrell and his descendants, see also the pedigree in Metcalfe, *Part II*, *supra*, p. 717 at:

<http://archive.org/stream/visitationsofess02metc#page/n373/mode/2up>

Both Sir Henry Tyrrell and his son, Thomas Tyrrell, are mentioned in the 1582 will of the testator's widow, Anne (nee Browne) Tyrrell Petre, TNA PROB 11/64/153.

-Sir William Tyrrell (d.1557), a Knight of Rhodes. In July 1541 he was a prisoner in the Tower on suspicion of treason after the disbanding of the Order, and was later attainted. He was pardoned in March 1543. See O'Malley, Gregory, *The Knights Hospitaller of the English Languge 1460-1565*, (Oxford: Oxford University Press, 2005), pp. 324-5:

<https://books.google.ca/books?id=R7MSDAAAQBAJ&pg=PA324>

In his will, TNA PROB 11/39/602, he mentions his wife, Anne, his son and daughter, William Tyrrell and Frances Tyrrell, his 'base son' Henry, as well as his brothers, George Tyrrell, Charles Tyrrell and Thomas Tyrrell. He married Anne, widow of John Freeman, esquire, of Collier Row, Essex (for whose will, proved 13 October 1553, see TNA PROB 11/36/245) and purchased the wardship of John Freeman's three daughters.

He was given a heraldic funeral on 16 November 1557 in the Church of St Martin, Ludgate, as recorded in Machyn's *Diary*. See Nichols, John Gough, ed., *The Diary of Henry Machyn*, (London: Camden Society, 1848), p. 158 at:

<https://books.google.ca/books?id=XIy3SJVHYFYC&pg=PA158>

The 16 day of the same month was buried at Saint Martin's at Ludgate Master (blank) Tyrrell, Captain of the Galley and Knight of the Rhodes sometime was, with a coat,

pennon and 2 banners of images and 3 Heralds of Arms, and 2 white branches and 12 torches and 4 great tapers.

See also p. 361 at:

<https://books.google.ca/books?id=XIy3SJVHYFYC&pg=PA361&lpg=PA361>

Funeral of Tyrell captain of the galley. "1557, Nov. 15, Mr. William Turrell sometime knight of Rhodes." Register of St. Martin's Ludgate; and his marriage at the same church, "1553, Nov. 9, sir William Tyrrell knt. and Mrs. Anne Freeman widow." Malcolm's Londinium, vol. iv. pp. 357, 358. He was brother to sir Henry Tyrell, of East Horndon, Essex: see Morant's History of that county, vol. I, p. 209.

For Sir William Tyrrell, see also King, *supra*, p. 178:

<http://books.google.ca/books?id=Bhc5AQAAMAAJ&pg=PA178>

-Thomas Tyrrell. He is mentioned in the 1557 will of his brother, William, and in the 1587 will of his sister, Anne.

-George Tyrrell, a courtier during the reign of Queen Mary. He is mentioned in the 1557 will of his brother, William. He is known to have had two sons, Robert Tyrrell and Anthony Tyrrell, and a daughter Gertrude Tyrrell, a nun. For Anthony Tyrrell (1552–1615), see the *ODNB* entry, and Brownlow, F.W., *Shakespeare, Harsnett, and the Devils of Denham*, (Newark: University of Delaware Press, 1993), p. 170-1 at:

<https://books.google.ca/books?id=dXsxIxWPpKc&pg=PA170>

According to the *ODNB*, after the accession of Queen Elizabeth, George Tyrrell, his wife and children left England for the Spanish Netherlands, where they 'lived in considerable poverty'.

-Charles Tyrrell. He is mentioned in the 1557 will of his brother, William, and in the 1587 will of his sister, Anne. He also appears to be the Charles Tyrrell mentioned in the 1582 will of the testator's widow, Anne (nee Browne) Tyrrell Petre, TNA PROB 11/64/153. As noted above, since Oxford's stepfather, Charles Tyrrell, died in 1570, the mention of this Charles Tyrrell in these wills establishes that Oxford's stepfather was not the Charles Tyrrell who was the son of Sir Thomas Tyrrell (d.1531?) of Heron in East Horndon, Essex, and Constance Blount, as erroneously stated in *The Complete Peerage*.

According to Morris, the testator's brother was the Charles Tyrrell, 'servant to the Lord Rich', who is included, together with Oxford's stepfather, Charles Tyrrell (d.1570), in an entail in the 1566 will of Richard Tyrrell (d.1566), TNA PROB 11/48/637:

And for default of such issue the remainder thereof unto Charles Tyrrell that married the Countess of Oxford and his heirs males lawfully begotten.

And for default of such issue the remainder thereof to Charles Tyrrell, servant to the Lord Rich, and to his heirs males lawfully begotten.

See Morris, John, ed., *Two Missionaries Under Elizabeth, A Confessor and an Apostate*, (London: Burns and Oates, 1891), p. 293 at:

<https://books.google.ca/books?id=tgpFAQAAMAAJ&pg=PA293>

It should be noted that Morris conflates the testator's grandfather, Sir Thomas Tyrrell (d.1510?), with the testator's father, Sir Thomas Tyrrell (d.1531?), and Richard Tyrrell (d.1566), Warden of the Fleet, with his son, Edward Tyrrell, also Warden of the Fleet.

For Richard Rich (1496/7-1567), 1st Baron Rich, Lord Chancellor, see the *ODNB* entry.

Charles Tyrrell may have entered Lord Rich's service because of connections between the Rich family and the family of the testator's wife, Anne (nee Browne) Tyrrell Petre. See Brown, James Roberts, 'Jno and Wm. Browne, Sheriffs and Lord Mayors of London', in *Notes and Queries*, 7th series, Vol. V, (London: John C. Francis, 1888), pp. 151-3, at:

<http://books.google.ca/books?id=wWkEAAAAYAAJ&pg=PA151>

According to Feldman, before becoming servant to Lord Rich, Charles Tyrrell had been Master of the Horse to John Dudley, Duke of Northumberland. See Feldman, Bronson, *Hamlet Himself*, (Indiana: iUniverse, 2010), at:

<https://books.google.ca/books?id=Z79IDwAAQBAJ&pg=PT19>

The pedigree in Metcalfe, *Part I, supra*, p. 113, states that Charles Tyrrell was a physician, which seems unlikely.

-Katherine Tyrrell (d. 24 April 1599), referred to in the will below as 'my sister Keble'. She married George Keble of Newbottle, Northamptonshire. There was formerly an inscription commemorating her in the church of St Edmund and St Mary at Ingatestone:

Here lyeth Katheryne Kebyll the wife of George Kebyll & the daughter of Sr Thomas Tyrrell of Heron Court, Knight, who died the 24th April 1599 about the 70 year of her age.

See Wilde, E.E., *Ingatestone and the Essex Great Road with Fryerning*, (Oxford: Oxford University Press, 1913), p. 217 at:

<https://archive.org/stream/ingatestoneande00wildgoog#page/n281/mode/1up>

The difficulty presented by the inscription is that it indicates that Katherine was born about 1529, and would thus have been only eleven years of age when the testator made his will in 1540, yet according to the testator's will she was already married, since he calls her 'my sister Keble'.

For George Keble, see also Warwickshire County Record Office CR0457/4/17, a writ of entry dated 3 January 1536 for the manors of Newbottle, Radstone, Charleton and Clacksthorpe, Northamptonshire.

Katherine Tyrrell and George Keble had a daughter, Mary Keble, who married John Pascall (d.1581) of Much Baddow, Essex. For the will, dated 15 January 1581 and proved 10 March 1581, of John Pascall, see TNA PROB 11/63/132. His widow, Mary (nee Keble) Pascall and her children, as well as Mary Keble's sister, Anne (nee Keble) Cliffe, and her children, are mentioned in the will of the testator's widow, Anne (nee Browne) Tyrrell Petre, TNA PROB 11/64/153. For the Pascall pedigree, see Metcalfe, *Part I, supra*, p. 261 at:

<https://archive.org/details/visitationsofess13metc/page/260/mode/2up>

For lawsuits involving Oxford and John Pascall, see TNA STAC 5/01/24 and TNA 5/08/32.

-Anne Tyrrell (d.1587), referred to in the will below as 'my sister Knight'. She married firstly Edmund Knight (d.1544) of Orpington, Kent, for whose will see TNA PROB 11/30/80, and secondly John Knighton (d.1586), esquire, of Bayford, Hertfordshire, for whose wills see TNA PROB 11/69/287 and TNA PROB 11/70/252, and the inquisition post mortem taken after his death, TNA C 142/211/191. For her will, see TNA PROB 11/70/312. For Anne Tyrrell's second husband, see also:

'Parishes: Bayford', in *A History of the County of Hertford: Volume 3*, ed. William Page (London, 1912), pp. 419-423. *British History Online* <http://www.british-history.ac.uk/vch/herts/vol3/pp419-423> [accessed 13 August 2020].

The pedigree in Metcalfe, *Part I, supra*, p. 113, also shows an Ada Tyrrell, 'who was drowned'. She was presumably the testator's sister.

MARRIAGE AND ISSUE

The testator married Anne Browne (1509 – 10 March 1582), the daughter of Sir William Browne (d. 3 June 1514), Lord Mayor of London, by his second wife, Alice Keble (d.1521), the daughter of Henry Keble (d.1517?), Lord Mayor of London, and granddaughter of Sir John Browne (d.1547) and his wife, Anne (nee Belwood). The first wife of Sir William Browne (d. 3 June 1514) was Katherine Shaa, the daughter of Sir Edmund Shaa (d.1488), Lord Mayor of London in 1482, and his wife Julyan. John Browne, one of the executors named in the will below, was the brother of the testator's

wife, Anne Browne (1509?-1582). Another of the executors, Vincent Munday, was the son of Sir John Munday (d.1537), Lord Mayor of London, and his wife Julian Browne (d.1537), the daughter of Sir William Browne (d. 3 June 1514) and his first wife, Katherine Shaa, and thus a nephew of the testator's wife, Anne Browne. See Brown, James Roberts, 'Jno and Wm. Browne, Sheriffs and Lord Mayors of London', in *Notes and Queries*, 7th series, Vol. V, (London: John C. Francis, 1888), pp. 151-3, at:

<http://books.google.ca/books?id=wWkEAAAAYAAJ&pg=PA151>

By Anne Browne, the testator had one surviving child:

* **Katherine Tyrrell**, for whom see the pedigree, ERO D/DP Z30/3, *supra*. On 12 June 1552 married Sir Richard Baker (1530?-1594), the eldest son of Sir John Baker (c.1489-1558) of Sissinghurst, who is named by the testator as the supervisor of his will. For Sir Richard Baker, see his will, TNA PROB 11/84/37, and the History of Parliament entry at:

<http://www.historyofparliamentonline.org/volume/1509-1558/member/baker-richard-1530-94>

In his will, TNA PROB 11/42A/279, Sir John Baker recites from his indenture dated 22 July 1552:

<http://www.kentarchaeology.org.uk/Research/Libr/Wills/Bk49+50/page%20112.htm>

Whereas Richard Baker, my son and heir apparent, on the 12th day of June last past at Ingatestone in Essex married Katherine Tyrrell, only daughter and heir of John Tyrrell of Heron in Essex, esquire, deceased, son and heir of Thomas Tyrrell, knight, late of Heron, deceased

It should be noted that King, apparently relying on Morant, who appears to have been relying on an inquisition post mortem, states that the testator had two daughters by Anne Browne:

John Tyrell married Anne, the daughter of Sir William Browne, Lord Mayor of London, by whom he had two daughters, Catherine aged 7 in 1540, and Gertrude then aged 6 months.

See King, H.W., 'Ancient Wills (No. 4)', *Transactions of the Essex Archaeological Society*, Vol. III, Part II, (Colchester: The Essex and West Suffolk Gazette Office, 1864), pp. 167-97 at p. 177:

<https://books.google.ca/books?id=Bhc5AQAAMAAJ&pg=PA177>

For Katherine Tyrrell, see also 'A Who's Who of Tudor Women', *supra*:

Catherine Tyrrell (d. before 1569) was the daughter of John Tyrrell of Heron Hall, East Horndon, Essex (d.1540) and Anne Browne (d.1582). She is the only daughter mentioned in his will, written June 6, 1540 and proved November 18, 1540, in which she is left the lease of the manor of Old Sampford, then in the possession of her grandmother (Alice Keble) with reversion to her father. By 1542, her mother married William Petre, who built Ingatestone Hall in Essex in 1540-42. On June 12, 1552, Catherine was married there to Richard Baker of Sissinghurst, Kent (c.1528-June 18, 1594). Their children were John (d.1596), Thomas (d. April 10, 1625), and a daughter. Catherine's father's will suggests that Richard's father, John Baker, was a close family friend. For the occasion of the wedding, Catherine's stepfather brought a master cook named Wilcock and four undercooks to Ingatestone from London. Over 400 people attended and stayed for two days after the ceremony.

The testator's grandchildren were the heirs at law of Gertrude (nee Blount) Courtenay (d.1558), Marchioness of Exeter. See the pedigree in Metcalfe, *Part I, supra*, p. 12 at:

<https://archive.org/stream/visitationsofess13byumetc#page/12/mode/2up>

This is the pedigree of the children of the Lady Anne Petre by her first husband, John Tyrrell of Heron, which children be the right inheritors to Gertrude Blount, late Marquess of Exeter.

John Tyrrell of Heron, son and heir to Sir Thomas Tyrrell of Heron, wedded Anne, daughter of William Browne, Mayor of London, and had issue Mary, that died sans issue, Katherine, wedded to Richard Baker, son and heir to Sir John Baker of Sissinghurst in the county of Kent, knight, and had issue John, Thomas and Anne.

See also Essex Record Office, D/DP Z30/3, *supra*, and the will of Gertrude (nee Blount) Courtenay (d.1558), Marchioness of Exeter, TNA PROB 11/40/8.

After the testator's death, his widow, Anne (nee Browne) Tyrrell (1509?-1582), married, by March 1542, as his second wife, Sir William Petre (1505/6-1572) of Ingatestone. See the *ODNB* entry where, however, she is erroneously described as the daughter of John Tyrrell of Heron, rather than his widow:

If Petre spent further time overseas, he must have returned by the start of 1533; on 8 March he was admitted to Doctors' Commons, and in the course of the year began work as a chancery clerk. About this time he married Gertrude, daughter of John Tyrrell of Little Warley, Essex. . . . Petre's wife died on 28 May 1541. By the following March he had married Anne, daughter of John Tyrrell of Heron (of another branch of the Essex gentry family from which Petre's first wife had come). She was the widow of William Browne of Flambard's Hall, and brought a healthy portion of £280 per annum.

In the History of Parliament entry she is correctly described as the daughter of William Browne, and the widow of John Tyrrell (d.1540). See:

<http://www.historyofparliamentonline.org/volume/1509-1558/member/petre-william-15056-72>

In her will, TNA PROB 11/64/153, Anne (nee Browne) Tyrrell Petre leaves to her grandson, John Baker, ‘a nest of goblets gilt with his grandfather Tyrrell’s arms and mine upon the cover’.

For the testator’s widow, Anne (nee Browne) Tyrrell Petre, see also ‘A Who’s Who of Tudor Women’, *supra*:

Anne Browne (1509-March 10, 1582) was the daughter of Sir William Browne of Flambard’s Hall (1467-1514), Lord Mayor of London in 1513/14, and Alice Keble (1482-June 8, 1521). Through a later marriage, Anne’s mother was Lady Mountjoy and was at court. F. G. Emmison (Tudor Food and Pastimes: Life at Ingatestone Hall) is in error when he identifies her as the occupant of “Mistress Keble’s chamber” (1550). Not only is the name wrong, but so is the date, since Anne’s mother died some twenty years before Anne moved into Ingatestone Hall. Anne’s first husband was John Tyrrell of Heron, Essex (d.1540), to whom she was betrothed in 1513. The marriage was to take place by 1521. As her father’s sole heir, Anne had a marriage portion of 400 marks. With Tyrrell, she had one daughter, Catherine (d. before 1569). After his death, she commissioned the chapel at East Horndon, Essex, where he was buried. Her second husband, to whom she was married between May 28, 1541, when his first wife died, and March 1542, was Sir William Petre of Ingatestone Hall, Essex (1505- January 13, 1572). The Oxford DNB entry for William Petre mistakenly identifies Anne as the daughter of John Tyrrell and the widow of William Browne of Flambard’s Hall. . . .

After the death of Sir William Browne in 1514, his widow, Alice Keble Browne (d.1521), mother of the testator’s wife, Anne Browne (1509?-1582), married William Blount (c.1478–1534), 4th Baron Mountjoy, by whom she was the mother of Charles Blount (1516–1544), 5th Baron Mountjoy, courtier and patron of learning, the Lord Mountjoy mentioned in the will below. For William Blount, 4th Baron Mountjoy, see the *ODNB* entry. In the Blount pedigree in Grazebrook, Alice Keble’s name is erroneously given as ‘Dorothy’. See Grazebrook, George and John Paul Rylands, eds., *The Visitation of Shropshire Taken in the Year 1623, Part I*, (London: Harleian Society, 1889), Vol. XXVIII, p. 57 at:

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RM: T{estamentum} Iohannis Tyrell Armigeri

In the name of the Father, the Son and the Holy Ghost, Amen. The 6th day of the month of June in the year of th’ Incarnation of Our Lord Jesus Christ a thousand 540 [=1540] and in the 32nd year of the reign of our Sovereign Lord King Henry th’ Eighth, I, John Tyrrell of Heron, esquire, being sick in body, nevertheless, thanks be to God, of whole

mind and perfect remembrance, make and ordain this my present testament in form as followeth:

First and afore all things, I humbly bequeath and commend my soul to Almighty God, my Maker, Saviour and Redeemer, my body to be buried within the parish church of East Horndon at the discretion of mine executors and supervisor;

Item, I bequeath to the high altar of the same church for such things and tithes as I have negligently forgotten, thirty shillings;

Item, I bequeath to the reparation of the churchyard [-yard] pale of Thorndon aforesaid, ten shillings;

Also, I bequeath to my brother Harry a complete harness such as he will choose, and his choice [-choice] had, I will and other complete harness to my Lord Mountjoy such as he will choose;

Item, I will and bequeath to William Leche, William Forster and Thomas Leche, my servants, every of them 26s 8d;

Item, I bequeath to Thomas Munds [=Munday?], my servant, 33s 4d;

Item, I bequeath to every one of my other servants a quarter wages;

Item, I bequeath to every of my brethren hereafter named, that is to say, Sir William Tyrrell, knight, Thomas Tyrrell, Charles Tyrrell and George Tyrrell, every one of them 40s, and further I will and bequeath to my said brethren Thomas, George and Charles all my wearing apparel, to be equally divided and delivered by mine executors;

Item, I bequeath to my lady mother 4 mark, and to my sister Keble and to my sister Knight, each of them 40s;

Item, I bequeath to Roger Bexwell, my farmer, my best cart-horse and such duty as he oweth me (except for my rent to me already due);

Item, I will and bequeath to Anne, my wife, and to Katherine, my daughter, all my whole term of years yet to come of and in the manor of Dunton with th' appurtenances in such ample and large wise as I have and the same hold of the provost and fellowship of the King's College in Cambridge;

Item, I will and bequeath to the said Katherine, my daughter, all my interest and term of years of and in the old manor of Old Sampford which I have in lease of my said mother for 30 years if she so long do live, the reversion whereof is mine inheritance;

Item, as touching all other my goods, chattels, plate, stuff of household, utensils and stocks whatsoever they be not afore bequeathed and given, I freely give and bequeath

unto the said Anne, my wife, and to the said Katherine, my daughter, to be tween them equally and indifferently divided and parted, mine own only debts and funerals paid and done, and my bequests hereafter to be given to one of my executors and to my supervisor only excepted, which funerals to be at discretion of mine executors, whom I ordain and make my said wife and Vincent Munday, citizen and goldsmith of London, to the which Vincent I give and bequeath £6 13s 4d for his pains to be had and sustained in and about th' execution of this my present testament, and supervisor of this my said present testament I ordain and make John Baker, esquire, General-Attorney to our said Sovereign Lord, and for his counsel and pains by him to be sustained in and about the same my said testament, I bequeath and give to him a cup of the value of £4;

Provided always that if it shall fortune my said daughter to decease afore she shall be married and take to husband, that then I will that her said part to her afore appointed shall be to my said wife (except that of the same part I will that six pound thirteen shillings and four pence be bestowed in the highway by my park pale at Heron);

And whereas I have been at great charges and costs for th' obtaining and saving of certain main and great woods which Sir Thomas Tyrrell, knight, my late father, whose soul God pardon, was purposed to have felled and sold away, and which now by my means been yet standing, as well at Heron as at divers other my manors, and where also I have been at liberty ever sith the decease of my said father to dispose mine inheritance at my pleasure by such ways and means as I might have had and found by th' order of the King's laws, yet notwithstanding I have always so favoured my brother Harry or him whom God should please to make mine heir male that I never purposed to minish lands nor woods but to leave them wholly to my said heir male, in consideration whereof my whole confidence and trust is that my said brother, Henry, for that my time hath been but short, and thereby not of such substance in goods to advance and set forth my said daughter according to my mind and as I might have done if I would have hindered my said inheritance or sold away my said great woods, which I always tendered as I first said, will friendly [sic for 'friendly'?] and favourably so look upon my said daughter that for my sake, considering the premises, he will give her some honest sum of money for her best advancement;

In witness whereof to these three papers containing therein my said testament I have severally set my hand in the presence of Charles Tyrrell, my brother; John Blake, gentleman; William Hawe, parson of East Thorndon; Roger Bexwell; Thomas Munday, and of divers other the day and year abovesaid.

Memorandum: That the said John Tyrrell, about 20 days after the making of his testament foresaid, called to his remembrance that in his said testament he had named Anne, his wife, and Vincent Munday his executors, and then for certain causes him moving named and constituted John Browne of London, gentleman, co-executor with the said Anne and Vincent, unto the which John Browne he gave like legacy as he had given to the forenamed Vincent, and furthermore then and there the said John Tyrrell gave and granted to his brother, George Tyrrell, the lease of a certain farm called Crease for the term of 21 years, which terms of years to begin at Michaelmas last past, yielding and

paying therefore the rent accustomed to be paid, and moreover he gave unto his daughter, Katherine Tyrrell, all those his lands, tenements and annuities and to her heirs, as well by him purchased of his father as of any other person or persons, upon condition that when the said Katherine [+be?] of full age of 21 years, if any of th' heirs males of the said John Tyrrell should offer to buy the said lands and tenements so to her given, that then she to suffer his said heir male to have the preferment of the buying and purchasing of them afore any other person, he agreeing with her for the same, in the presence of the said Anne Tyrrell, his wife, the said George Tyrrell, his brother, Thomas Munes(?), Roger Bexwell and other.

Probatum fuit sup{ra}scriptum testam{en}tum coram D{omi}no apud London decimo octauo die mens{is} novembris anno D{omi}ni Mill{esi}mo quingen{tesim}o xlo iuramento executor{um} in h{uius}mo{d}i testamento no{m}i{n}at{orum} ac approbatu{m} et insinuat{um} Et com{m}issa fuit administrac{i}o om{n}i{um} et sing{u}loru{m} &c prefatis exec{utoribus} &c de bene et fideli{te}r administrand{o} ead{e}m ac de pleno et fideli Inuentario conficiend{o} et exhibend{o} Planoq{ue} et vero comp{ut}o inde reddend{o} ad sancta dei Eu{a}ngelia. Iurat{is}

[=The above-written testament was proved before the Lord at London on the eighteenth day of the month of November in the year of the Lord the thousand five hundred fortieth by the oath of the executors named in the same testament, and probated and registered, and administration was granted of all and singular etc. to the forenamed executors etc., sworn on the Holy Gospels to well and faithfully administer the same, and to prepare and exhibit a full and true inventory, and to render a plain and true account thereof.]