

SUMMARY: The document below is the Prerogative Court of Canterbury copy of the will, dated 20 January 1546 and proved 2 March 1546, of Alice Baldwin, sister-in-law of Robert Pakington (d. 13 November 1536), great-uncle of Humphrey Martyn, the addressee of the *Langham Letter* describing Leicester's entertainment of Queen Elizabeth at Kenilworth in the summer of 1575 (see the will of Robert Pakington, TNA PROB 11/27/46).

The testatrix was the last abbess of Burnham Abbey.

FAMILY BACKGROUND

The testatrix was one of the four children (William, Agnes, Parnell, and Alice) of Sir John Baldwin (d.1545), Chief Justice of the Common Pleas, by his first wife Agnes Dormer, the daughter of William Dormer (d.1506) and sister of Sir Robert Dormer (d.1552). See Baldwin, Charles Candee, *The Baldwin Genealogy, From 1500 to 1881*, (Cleveland, Ohio: Leader Printing Company, 1881), pp. 13-15 at:

<http://archive.org/stream/baldwingenealogy00bald#page/14/mode/2up>

The testatrix' brother, William Baldwin (d.1538), was a lawyer of the Inner Temple. He married Mary Tyringham, the daughter of Thomas Tyringham (d. 28 September 1526) of Tyringham near Newport Pagnell, Buckinghamshire, by Anne Catesby, daughter of Sir Humphrey Catesby of Whiston, Northamptonshire, but predeceased his father, leaving no issue. See Lipscomb, George, *The History and Antiquities of Buckingham*, (London: J. & W. Robins, 1847), Vol. IV, p. 374. (However note that according to Brydges, Mary Tyringham's father was John Tyringham; see Brydges, Egerton and Stebbing Shaw, *The Topographer for the Year 1789*, (London: Robson, 1789), Vol. I, pp. 497-8, available online).

The testatrix' sister, Parnell Baldwin (d.1527), married firstly Thomas Ramsey (d.1524), by whom she had a daughter, Elizabeth Ramsey, who married firstly Nicholas Clerke (d.1551), and secondly Lord Burghley's servant, Roger Alford (d.1580). The testatrix bequeaths her niece, Elizabeth (nee Ramsey), a gilt salt in the will below as 'my niece, Elizabeth Clerke'. For the will of Elizabeth (nee Ramsey) Clerke Alford, proved 23 December 1598, see TNA PROB 11/92/437. Parnell Baldwin married secondly Edward Borlase (d.1544), citizen and mercer of London, by whom she had a son, John Borlase (c.1528 – 6 May 1593), who married Anne Lytton, the daughter of Sir Robert Lytton (d.1550) of Knebworth. See the will of Edward Borlase, TNA PROB 11/30/136; Richardson, Douglas, *Magna Carta Ancestry*, 2nd ed., 2011, Vol. II, p. 461; and the pedigree of Clerke of North Weston in Lee, Frederick George, *The History, Description and Antiquities of the Prebendal Church of the Blessed Virgin Mary of Thame*, (London: Mitchell and Hughes, 1883), p. 310 at:

<http://books.google.ca/books?id=f1oMAQAAMAAJ&pg=PA300>

See also:

'Parishes: Hitcham', *A History of the County of Buckingham: Volume 3* (1925), pp. 231-235. URL: <http://www.british-history.ac.uk/report.aspx?compid=42551>

The testatrix' sister, Agnes Baldwin, married Robert Pakington (d.1536), by whom she had two sons and three daughters, all of whom are mentioned in the testatrix' will below:

-Sir Thomas Pakington (d. 2 June 1571), who married Dorothy Kitson (d.1577), the daughter of Sir Thomas Kitson (d.1540) of Hengrave by his second wife, Margaret Donnington (d. 12 January 1561), the only child of John Donnington (d.1544) of Stoke Newington.

-John Pakington, of whom nothing further is known.

-Elizabeth Pakington, who married firstly John Lane (d. 12 September 1557) of Walgrave, Northamptonshire, and secondly Sir Richard Malory, Alderman of London and Lord Mayor in 1564.

-Anne Pakington, who married Richard Cupper (d.1584), esquire, of Glympton, Oxfordshire.

-Margaret Pakington, who married firstly Benedict Lee (d.1559), esquire, of Burston, Buckinghamshire, henchman to King Henry VIII. Benedict Lee was the son of Sir Robert Lee (d.1539) by his second wife, Lettice Peniston (d.1557), and the half brother of Sir Anthony Lee (d.1549), a son of Sir Robert Lee by his first wife, a member of the Cope family. Sir Anthony Lee (d.1549) was the father of Queen Elizabeth's Champion, Sir Henry Lee (d.1611). After the death of Benedict Lee, Margaret Pakington married secondly Thomas Scott, esquire, of Yorkshire. See Chambers, E.K., *Sir Henry Lee; An Elizabethan Portrait*, (Oxford: Clarendon Press, 1936), pp. 28, 247-8.

For Robert Pakington's children by Agnes Baldwin, see Phillimore, W.P.W., ed., *The Visitation of the County of Worcester Made in the Year 1569*, (London: Harleian Society, 1888), Vol. XXVII, pp. 101-3 at:

<https://books.google.ca/books?id=ECoeAAAAIAAJ&pg=PA103#v=onepage&q&f=false>

For the will of the testatrix' father, Sir John Baldwin (d.1545), see TNA PROB 11/30/580. For the will of the testatrix' brother, William Baldwin (d.1538), see TNA PROB 11/27/450. For the will of the testatrix' brother-in-law, Robert Pakington (d.1536), see TNA PROB 11/27/46. For the will of the testatrix' brother-in-law, Edward Borlase (d.1544), see TNA PROB 11/30/136. For the will of the testatrix' nephew and executor, Richard Cupper (d.1584), see TNA PROB 11/67/341. For the will of the

testatrix' cousin and executor, John Galy (d.1546), who survived the testatrix by only a few months, see TNA PROB 11/31/215.

For the testatrix' surrender of Burnham Abbey on 19 September 1539, see:

<http://www.british-history.ac.uk/report.aspx?compid=40316> Date accessed: 11 May 2013

For the testatrix, see also the Wikipedia article edited by the author of this website at:

https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Alice_Baldwin.

LM: Alicii Baldewine

In the name of God, Amen. The twenty day of January in the year of Our Lord God a thousand five hundred forty and five, I, Alice Baldwin of Aylesbury in the county of Buckingham, diseased in my body and, God be thanked, in perfect memory, make and declare this my last will and testament in form following, that is to say:

I commit my soul unto the great mery [sic] of Almighty God, trusting that by his mercy and the merits of his passion my soul may be received amongst the number of his chosen and elect;

My body I will to be buried in the parish church of Aylesbury by my father, at which my burial and my month mind I will twenty pounds to be given and distributed amongst poor people and inspecially in Aylesbury, where I think great need is;

I will to the mother church of Lincoln 6d;

And to the high altar of the parish church of Aylesbury 12d;

And to the vicar of Aylesbury 2s;

I will to my cousin Frances Gratt(?) six pounds thirteen shillings four pence;

To my cousin Joan Durant five pounds;

To William Butler twenty-six shillings 8d;

To Nicholas Cooke twenty shillings;

To Robert Beale twenty shillings;

To Denye Sheparde 13s 4d;

To Robert Heyle(?) 13s 4d;

To Robert Matterdale(?) twenty shillings;

To Edmund Heryngten [=Harington?], twenty shillings;

To George Downe twenty shillings;

To Isabel Thorne thirteen shillings four pence;

To Alice Harding thirteen shillings four pence;

To Robert Heyes forty shillings;

I will my cousin William Heynes of Byfield forty shillings, and to his wife for her great pains taken with me in my sickness forty shillings, and to her also for a remembrance 6 silver spoons;

And to young William Heynes with my said cousin four pounds;

I will to Isabel Chapman twenty shillings;

I will also forty pounds to be bestowed amongst my poor kin and elsewhere by the discretion of my executors;

I will to my cousin William Welche(?) forty shillings;

I will to my niece Elizabeth Clerke for a token of remembrance a gilt salt square paned with a cover weighing 14 ounces;

I will to my cousin Thomas Pakington ten pounds;

To (blank) Burlacy [=Borlase] ten pounds;

To my cousin John Galy a silver cup;

To my cousin John Pakington of London six pounds thirteen shillings four pence;

To my cousin Margaret Pakington in the day of her marriage five pound;

To my cousin Elizabeth Lane a gilt cup with a cover with (blank) rings weighing 10 ounces quarter;

And to my cousin Anne Cupper 13 spoons with wreathed knops;

And where by my writing under my seal I have authorized my loving cousin, Richard Cupper, to execute the will of my father, Sir John Baldwin, knight, deceased, whose soul Jesu pardon, by this my will I do confirm the same, willing [f. 38r] and requiring him to see the same will in all things accomplished and performed, wherefore I will and bequeath unto him all goods and chattels, debts, rents, issues and profits levied and to be levied thereunto belonging and to the performance of my father's said will assigned, limited and appointed;

I will also that my said cousin Cupper cause a tomb of marble of convenient sort to be made, with a picture thereupon for my father, another for my mother, likewise for their children, with such epitaph or scripture as he shall think convenient, and to see the same set in Aylesbury church over my father's grave;

And for the more surety of the performance of my father's said will, I ordain and appoint my said cousin, Richard Cupper, my sole executor of all the goods, chattels, rents and other profits limited to and for the performance of the same, and of all other my goods and chattel[s];

And for the executing of the residue of this my will I ordain and appoint by this my will my said loving cousin Richard Cupper and John Galy my executors, and my uncle, Sir Robert Dormer, overseer, to whom I give for his pains therein to be taken my best gilt goblet with a cover, and to my Lady, my aunt, his wife, for a remembrance a gilt ale pot with a cover and a flower in the top, poise 13 ounces di{medium} quarter;

In the presence of: Per me Thomam Pakington, by me John Cayns(?), Richard Cupper, Isabel Chapman, Joan Durant, John Galy.

Probatum fuit suprascriptum testamentu{m} Secundo die mens{is} marcij Anno d{omi}ni Mill{es}imo quingentesimo xlvto Iuramento xpoferi Robinson procuratoris Ric{hard}i Cupper executoris in h{uius}mo{d}i testamento nominata [sic] Et approbatum et insinuatum et comissa fuit administrac{i}o o{mn}i{u}m et sing{u}lorum bonorum Iurium et creditorum dicti defuncti et eius testamenti [sic?] qualitercunque concernen{tium} dict{o} executori de bene et fideliter administrando eadem Ac de pleno et fidei Inuentario Exhibend{o} [-yl] necnon de plano et vero comp{ot}o reddend{o} ad sancta dei eu{a}ng{e}lia Iurat{o} Res{erua}t{a} p{otes}tate alteri executori cum venirit(?) [sic] Deinde Decimo die mensis marcij anno d{omi}ni suprad{i}c{t}o Iohann{e}s Gely executor nominat{us} in testamento prefate defuncte on{er}i executionis eiusdem expresse ren{un}tiauit

[=The above-written testament was proved on the second day of the month of March in the year of the Lord the thousand five hundred 45th by the oath of Christopher Robinson, proctor of Richard Cupper, executor named in the same testament, and probated and entered, and administration was granted of all and singular the goods, rights and credits of the said deceased and in any wise concerning his testament to the said executor, sworn

on the Holy Gospels to well and faithfully administer the same, and to exhibit a full and faithful inventory, and also to render a plain and true account, with power reserved to the other executor when he shall have come; and afterwards, on the tenth day of the month of March in the year abovesaid John Galy, executor named in the testament of the forenamed deceased, expressly renounced the burden of the execution of the same.