

SUMMARY: The document below is the Prerogative Court of Canterbury copy of the will, dated 16 September 1549 and proved 29 April 1550, of Bridget Waldegrave Fynderne Marney (d. 30 September 1549), great-aunt of Sir William Waldegrave (c.1540 – 25 August 1613), who in 1572, together with Oxford's first cousin, John Darcy (d.1581), 2<sup>nd</sup> 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.

For an earlier transcript of the testatrix' will, see King, H.W., 'Ancient Wills', *Transactions of the Essex Archaeological Society*, New Series, (Colchester: W. Wiles, 1878), Vol. I, p. 142 at:

<https://books.google.ca/books?id=caYWAQAIAAJ&pg=PA142>

### ***FAMILY BACKGROUND***

For the testatrix' 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 testatrix' grandfather, Sir Thomas Waldegrave, died in 1500.

For the Waldegrave family, see also Richardson, Douglas, *Plantagenet Ancestry*, 2<sup>nd</sup> ed., 2011, Vol. III, pp. 418-22, and Richardson, Douglas, *Magna Carta Ancestry*, 2<sup>nd</sup> 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>

### ***Testatrix' parents***

The testatrix was the daughter 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 testatrix' father, TNA PROB 11/22/294. For the family background of the testatrix' mother, Margery (nee Wentworth) Waldegrave, see her will TNA PROB 11/28/96.

### *Testatrix' siblings*

For the testatrix' siblings, see the wills of her mother, Margery (nee Wentworth) Waldegrave, TNA PROB 11/29/96, her brother, George Waldegrave, TNA PROB 11/22/577, her brother and executor, Anthony Waldegrave, TNA PROB 11/53/224, and her sister and executrix, Dorothy (nee Waldegrave) Spring, TNA PROB 11/47/337.

The testatrix' 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 testatrix's sister, Margaret Waldegrave, appears to have predeceased her. Margaret Waldegrave married Sir John St John (b. before 1495, d. 19 December 1558) of Bletsoe, Bedfordshire, by whom she had two sons, Sir Oliver St John (d. 21 April 1582), 1<sup>st</sup> Baron St John of Bletsoe, and John St John, and four daughters: Margery St John, who married firstly Henry Grey, esquire, and secondly Francis Pigott, esquire; Anne St John, who married Richard Dennis; Margaret St John, who married firstly William Gostwick, esquire, and secondly Francis Russell, 2<sup>nd</sup> Earl of Bedford; and Alice St John, who married Edmund Elmes, esquire. See Richardson, Douglas, *Magna Carta Ancestry*, 2<sup>nd</sup> ed., 2011, Vol. I, pp. 218-21, and Vol. IV, p. 284.

The testatrix' sister, Dame Jane Waldegrave, is said to have been a nun.

The testatrix' sister and executrix, Dorothy Waldegrave, married Sir John Spring (d. 12 August 1547) of Hitcham and Cockfield, Suffolk, son and heir of the wealthy clothier, Thomas Spring III (d.1523), of Lavenham, Suffolk, by whom she had a son, Sir William Spring, and two daughters, Frances Spring and Bridget Spring. See the will of Sir John Spring, TNA PROB 11/32/430; the will of Dorothy Waldegrave Spring, TNA PROB 11/47/337; and *Magna Carta Ancestry*, *supra*, Vol. II, pp. 62-3.

## **MARRIAGES AND ISSUE**

### *Testatrix' first marriage*

According to an indenture tripartite dated 12 May 1512, TNA E 40/740, the testatrix married firstly William Fynderne (d.1508), the son of Sir William Fynderne, by whom it appears she had a son:

\* **Thomas Fynderne** (d.1523), esquire, heir to his grandfather, Sir William Fynderne (d.1517), who predeceased the testatrix, and died without issue.

The testatrix' first husband was a descendant of Sir Robert Swinborne (d. 19 October 1391), as was Oxford's grandfather, John Golding. For the descendants of Sir Robert Swinborne, see the will of John Golding, TNA PROB 11/32/177, and Markham, Clements Robert, 'Notes on Little Horkesley Church, Essex', *Archaeologia*, Vol. XLVI, (London: Nichols and Son, 1881), pp. 269-80 at pp. 272-3:

<https://books.google.ca/books?id=gz1GAQAIAAJ&pg=PA271>

*Sir Robert Swinborne succeeded his father William, the founder of the church [of Little Horkesley], and married a great heiress, Joan, daughter of Sir John Botetort, by Joan, daughter of Sir John Gernon, and related to Philippa Gernon, the wife of his father, William Swinborne. Sir Robert thus married his cousin. He died on the 19<sup>th</sup> of October 1391, and was buried in the chancel, leaving a large family. His five sons were Thomas, Richard, John, Jeffrey, and Andrew. Of his daughters, Alice married John Helion of Bumstead-Helion, and Margery married Nicolas Berners of Codham Hall. John and Andrew Swinborne were also buried in the chancel.*

*Sir Thomas Swinborne, son and heir of Sir Robert, was a great captain in the French wars. He was mayor of Bordeaux and constable of the castle of Fronsac in Guienne. Sir Thomas died on August 9<sup>th</sup>, 1412, and was buried by the side of his father. A splendid altar-tomb of stone was built over their graves . . . .*

*In the south aisle there is a monument to two other Swinbornes, brothers of Sir Thomas. . . . The last Swinborne was this John [=brother of Sir Thomas], who died childless on the 22<sup>nd</sup> of April 1430. . . .*

*The inheritance of Little Horkesley came to Margery, sister of Sir Thomas Swinborne and wife of Nicholas Berners, who died in 1441. Their daughter Catherine brought it to the Fynderne family, by her marriage with Sir William Fynderne, who died in 1462. Their son, also Sir William, inherited Little Horkesley and died in 1515. He was followed by another William, and the last of the family was Thomas Fynderne of Little Horkesley, who died childless in 1523. Thus the Fyndernes were there during four generations, from 1441 to 1523.*

*The last Fynderne married Bridget, daughter of Sir William Waldegrave, a lady whose home was not far off, at Smallbridge in the valley of the Stour. Thomas Fynderne died on the 10<sup>th</sup> of March, 1523, and his widow married secondly the second Lord Marney of Layer Marney. She died on September 30<sup>th</sup>, 1549, and ordered in her will that upon her tomb there should be three pictures of brass, one of herself without any coat armour, and upon her right side the picture of the Lord Marney, her last husband, in his coat armour, and upon her left side the picture of her husband Fynderne in his coat armour.*

According to documents in the National Archives and Suffolk Record Office, including the will of Sir William Fynderne (d.1517?), TNA PROB 11/18/590, the testatrix' first husband was the son of Sir William Fynderne (d.1517?) by his wife, Agnes Grene, the daughter of John Grene of Essex, and the grandson of Sir Thomas Fynderne by his wife, Katherine Berners, the only child of Nicholas Berners (d.1441), esquire, of Amberden Hall in Debden, Suffolk, by his wife, Margery Swinborne. See TNA C 146/1105, and a release (no reference number given) held by the Suffolk Record Office at:

<http://discovery.nationalarchives.gov.uk/details/r/ae1ac343-459b-4ae6-97b0-09f8f2cce974>

See also Wright, Thomas, *The History and Topography of Essex*, Vol. I, (London: George Virtue, 1836), p. 444 at:

<https://books.google.ca/books?id=SgQVAAAAQAAJ&pg=PA444>

See also the *ODNB* entry for Sir Thomas Swinborne (d. 9 August 1412) or Swynburne, the half brother of Margery Swinborne (see above):

*Swynburne, Sir Thomas (d. 1412), mayor of Bordeaux, was the only son of Sir Robert Swynburne, lord of Little Horkesley, Essex, and his first wife, Agnes Felton, heir of lands in Northumberland from her uncle Sir William Felton. Thomas was described as a king's knight and served Richard II and Henry IV. He is best known as mayor of Bordeaux from 1405 until his death. His father held lands in East Mersea and Great and Little Horkesley, Essex, and from 1377 to 1390 was frequently summoned to parliament as one of two knights from Essex. Thomas Swynburne inherited from his mother her lands in Northumberland when she died, before February 1378. By 1380 he was already a knight. Before 1384 his father married Joan, granddaughter of Sir John Gernoun, and he died in August 1391. . . . Swynburne died on 9 August 1412 and was buried in the church of St Peter and St Paul, Little Horkesley, with his father. Their tomb had brasses of both father and son.*

For the Swinborne family, see also *Magna Carta Ancestry, supra*, Vol. II, p. 386, and the History of Parliament entry for Sir Thomas Swinborne at:

<http://www.historyofparliamentonline.org/volume/1386-1421/member/swinburne-sir-thomas-1357-1412>

See also *Magna Carta Ancestry, supra*, Vol. I, p. 13 and Vol. IV, p. 271.

See also the History of Parliament entry for Sir Thomas Swinborne's half brother, William Swinborne (d. 22 May 1422), who married Philippa Sergeaux (born c.1373, d. 11 or 13 July 1420), widow of Sir Robert Pashley (born c.1370), son of Sir Robert Pashley and Anne Howard, daughter of Sir John Howard of Norfolk, at:

<http://www.historyofparliamentonline.org/volume/1386-1421/member/swinburne-william-1422>

*Among those he remembered in the will was the countess of Oxford (his sister-in-law), to whom he left a ruby necklace and a gold bracelet.*

Philippa Serjeaux was the daughter of Sir Richard Serjeaux (d. 30 September 1393) and the sister of Alice Serjeaux (c.1386 - 18 May 1452), wife of Richard de Vere (1385-1417), 11<sup>th</sup> Earl of Oxford.

For the connection of the Serjeaux, Marney and Pashley families to Richard de Vere, 11<sup>th</sup> Earl of Oxford, see also Richardson, Douglas, *Magna Carta Ancestry*, 2<sup>nd</sup> ed., 2011, Vol. I, pp. 11-14, and Vol. III, pp. 300-301.

See also the History of Parliament entry for Sir Richard Sergeaux at:

<http://www.historyofparliamentonline.org/volume/1386-1421/member/sergeaux-%28sergeux%29-sir-richard-1393>

For the marriage of Anne Howard and Sir Robert Pashley, see also the pedigree in Scott, James Renat, *Memorials of the Family of Scott of Scot's-Hall*, (London: J.R. Scott, 1876), p. 170 at:

<https://archive.org/stream/memorialsoffamil00scot#page/170/mode/2up>

In his will, Sir William Fynderne (d.1517?) does not refer to his son, the testatrix' first husband, by name, but refers to him only as the father of Sir William's grandson and heir ('my son's son'), nor is his Christian name given in the will below, in which the testatrix merely refers to him as 'my husband Fynderne'.

According to the inscription on the testatrix' tomb in the church of Saints Peter and Paul in Little Horkesley, the Christian name of the testatrix' first husband was *Thomas*. See:

<http://www.britainexpress.com/counties/essex/churches/little-horkesley.htm>

*Here lyeth Dame Brygete Marney, late the wyffe of John Lorde Marney and sometime wyffe to Mr Thomas Fynderne Esquier, and decessyd the XXXth day of September in the yere of our lorde God MCCCCXLIX'.*

The discrepancy concerning the Christian name of the testatrix' first husband can perhaps be explained by the fact that many years elapsed between the death of the testatrix' first husband in 1508 and the date on which the inscription was placed on the testatrix' tomb at some time after 1549, and the name of Sir William Fynderne's grandson and heir, Thomas Fynderne, who died without issue in 1523, may have been erroneously substituted in the inscription for the Christian name of the testatrix' first husband, which other sources indicate was William, not Thomas.

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<http://www.oxford-shakespeare.com/>

For Sir Thomas Elyot's relationship to the Fynderne family, see Croft, Henry Herbert Stephen, ed., *The Boke Named The Governour Devised by Sir Thomas Elyot, Knight*, Vol. I, (London: C. Kegan Paul & Co., 1880), pp. xxx, xxxiii-iv, xlvi-xlvii at:

<https://archive.org/stream/bokenamedgouerno01elyouoft#page/n33/mode/2up>

### *Testatrix' second marriage*

The testatrix married secondly John Marney (1485-1525), 2<sup>nd</sup> Baron Marney, for whom see his will, TNA PROB 11/21/540, and the History of Parliament entry at:

<http://www.historyofparliamentonline.org/volume/1509-1558/member/marney-sir-john-1485-1525>

The family background of the testatrix' second husband is as follows. Sir Robert Marney (d.1400) was the father of Sir William Marney (d.1414). Sir William Marney (d.1414) married Elizabeth Serjeaux, daughter of Sir Richard Serjeaux (d. 30 September 1393), by whom he had two sons, Sir Thomas Marney (d.1421), who died without issue, and Sir John Marney (d.1470-2), who succeeded his brother, Thomas, and two daughters, Anne Marney, who married Sir Thomas Tyrrell (d. 28 March 1477), for whose will see TNA PROB 11/6/417, and Eline Marney. See the Marney pedigree in *Transactions of the Essex Archaeological Society*, (Colchester: The Essex and West Suffolk Gazette Office, 1865), Vol. III, p. 9 at:

<https://archive.org/details/transactionssess05socigoog/page/n43/mode/2up>

See also *Magna Carta Ancestry, supra*, Vol. I, pp. 13-14; the will of Sir William Marney (d.1414), TNA PROB 11/2B/21, and the transcript in King, H. W., 'Ancient Wills (No. 8)', *Transactions of the Essex Archaeological Society*, Vol. V, p. 281 at:

<https://babel.hathitrust.org/cgi/pt?id=hvd.32044090331075&view=1up&seq=329>

See also the History of Parliament entry for Sir William Marney (d.1414) at:

<http://www.historyofparliamentonline.org/volume/1386-1421/member/marney-sir-william-1370-1414>

See also the will of Sir Thomas Marney (d.1417?), TNA PROB 11/2B/373.

See also the Serjeaux 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-smeeh-some-account-its-lords>

Sir William Marney's youngest son by Elizabeth Serjeaux, Sir John Marney (d.1470-2), married, in 1454, Jane Throckmorton (d.1479), the daughter of John Throckmorton of Fladbury, by whom he was the father of Henry Marney (c.1457-1523), 1<sup>st</sup> Baron Marney, father of the testatrix' husband, John Marney (1485-1525), 2<sup>nd</sup> Baron Marney. For Henry Marney, 1<sup>st</sup> Baron Marney, see the *ODNB* entry, and Wedgwood, Josiah C., *History of Parliament*, (London: His Majesty's Stationery Office, 1936), p. 575 at:

<https://archive.org/details/in.ernet.dli.2015.210096/page/n643/mode/2up>

See also the inquisition post mortem taken after Henry Marney's death, TNA C 142/40/10, and his will, proved 15 June 1523, TNA PROB 11/21/156, in which he refers to Sir Robert Marney as his great-grandfather, and to Sir William Marney as his grandfather. For a partial transcript of his will, see Nicolas, Nicholas Harris, *Testamenta Vetusta*, (London: Nichols and Son, 1826), Vol. II, pp. 609-12 at:

<https://books.google.ca/books?id=DwlaAAAACAAJ&pg=PA609>

Sir John Marney's sister, Grace Marney, married Sir Edmund Bedingfield (1479/80–1553). For his will, see TNA PROB 11/36/267. Another of Sir John Marney's sisters, Katherine Marney, married firstly Edward Knyvet (c.1486-1503), secondly Thomas Bonham (d. 18 June 1532), and thirdly John Barnaby of Great Braxted, Essex. See the will of Henry Marney, 1<sup>st</sup> Baron Marney, TNA PROB 11/21/156, and the Marney pedigree in Gunn, Steven, *Henry VII's New Men and the Making of Tudor England*, (Oxford: Oxford University Press, 2016), p. xviii at:

<https://books.google.ca/books?id=q4LADAAAQBAJ&pg=PR18>

### ***OTHER PERSONS MENTIONED IN THE WILL***

The testatrix' niece and god-daughter, Bridget Spring, was the daughter of the testatrix' sister, Dorothy Waldegrave Spring. She married firstly Thomas Fleetwood (1517/18-1570) of The Vache, Buckinghamshire, for whom see his will, proved 16 February 1571, TNA PROB 1/53/97, and the History of Parliament entry at:

<http://www.historyofparliamentonline.org/volume/1509-1558/member/fleetwood-thomas-151718-70>

Bridget Spring married secondly Sir Robert Wingfield (d. 19 March 1596). For the will, dated 5 June 1584 and proved 28 June 1596, of Sir Robert Wingfield of Letheringham, Suffolk, nephew of John de Vere (1499-1527), 14<sup>th</sup> Earl of Oxford, see TNA PROB 11/87/510.

The testatrix' executor, Edmund Wright, was the husband of the testatrix' niece, Frances Spring, daughter of the testatrix' sister, Dorothy Waldegrave Spring.

For the testatrix' nephew, Sir William Waldegrave (1507?-1554), see his will, TNA PROB 11/37/466.

The testatrix' cousin, Sir John Wentworth (1494-1567), friend and executor of John de Vere, 16<sup>th</sup> Earl of Oxford, was the son of the testatrix' uncle, Sir Roger Wentworth (1465 - 9 August 1539), by Anne Tyrrell (d.1534), Roger Wentworth. See his will, TNA PROB 11/49/288, and Rutton, William Loftie, *Three Branches of the Family of Wentworth*, London, 1891, pp. 193-4 at:

<https://books.google.ca/books?id=YhY5AQAAMAAJ&pg=PA192>

For the testatrix' tomb, see:

<http://www.britainexpress.com/counties/essex/churches/little-horkesley.htm>

T{estamentum} D{omi}ne Brigitte Marney

In the name of God, Amen. The 16<sup>th</sup> day of September in the year of Our Lord God 1549 and in the third year of Edward the 6<sup>th</sup> by the grace of God King of England, France and Ireland, Defender of the Faith and of the Church of England and also of Ireland in earth the Supreme Head, I, Dame Bridget, Lady Marney [f. 84r] of Little Horkesley in the county of Essex, widow, being at the time of the making hereof in whole mind and perfect remembrance, thanks be to God, do make and ordain this my last will and testament in manner and form following:

First, I bequeath my soul to the Blessed Trinity, to Our Lady Saint Mary, and to all the company of heaven, my body to be buried at the high altar's end in the chancel in the parish church of Little Horkesley aforesaid, where I will a vault of brick to be made so large that one body may be conveniently laid therein, over which vault I will there be a tomb made of grey marble more than half the height of the tomb wherein Dame Katherine Fynderne lieth buried in, and the same tomb to be proportioned and fashioned in length and breadth after the height thereof, and upon the same tomb I will there be made 3 images or pictures of brass, whereof one of myself without my coat arms, and upon the right side of my said image or picture the image or picture of my Lord Marney, my last husband, with his coat arms upon the same image, and upon the left side of my said image or picture the image or picture of my husband Fynderne with his coat arms upon the same image;

And also I will there be upon the right side of my said image a scutcheon of my Lord my husband's arms & mine, and on the left side of my said image a scutcheon of my husband



Fynderne's arms and mine, and at side and foot of my said image scutcheons of remembrance such as shall be thought by mine executors most convenient;

And at head or feet of my said image I will there be scripture of brass to show the time of my decease and of what stocks I came of, and to what men of worship I was married unto;

Item, I will that mine executors cause my body to be buried within 24 hours next after my decease if it so conveniently may be without any great pomp or vainglory;

Item, I will there be sung by note before my burial a dirge, and upon the day of my burying I will there be sung such service as is set out or appointed by the King's book to be used at burials, with so many priests and clerks as mine executors shall think convenient, and every priest to have 12d and every clerk being a man helping to sing 4d, and every child being a singer and helping to sing 2d;

And the parish priest of Little Horkesley for such service as he shall there sing 20d;

And Sir George Thurstone, my chaplain, to have also for his pains that he shall take in saying or singing 20d;

Item, I will that every such persons as shall bear my body to the church to have every of them 8d;

Item, I will that there be at my burying 12 poor men, and in the service time to be well and devoutly occupied, and every of them to have 4d;

Item, I will that all the towns next adjoining to the town of Little Horkesley being within 2 miles' compass of the said town, every such town to have 20d or more as the town be replenished with poor people, to be given and used by the discretion of mine executors;

Item, I will mine executors keep my month-day in the said parish church of Little Horkesley where I will have sung a dirge with such service as is set out by the King's book, and every priest, clerk and child that can sing to have for their labour as it is appointed for my burying, and to have there also 12 poor men to be well and devoutly occupied, every of them to have as it is appointed at my burial;

Item, I will my executors keep my year's mind where I shall be buried, and there to be done in everything as it is appointed at my burials or better, as they shall think convenient, and if it so be that they cannot be suffered by the King's laws, then I will that all such sums of money as should be there distributed for dirges or such service be given to the poor people of little Horkesley where most need is by the discretion of mine executors;

Item, I will there be found by mine executors the space of 2 whole years next after my decease a priest of good and honest conversation to pray for my soul and all my friends'

souls if the King's laws will so suffer it, and if it cannot be suffered by the King's laws, then I will that the money that should be so given to such a priest for the said 2 years be by mine executors distributed in deeds of charity to poor folks, part thereof in mending of highways and in other deeds of charity as mine executors shall see occasion or cause for the profit of my soul;

Item, I bequeath to my Lady Elizabeth Howard, wife to my Lord Thomas Howard, a tester of tinsel and crimson velvet embroidered in white leopards of silver paned, changeable curtains to the same of yellow sarcenet;

Item, I bequeath to my nephew, Sir William Waldegrave, knight, one pounced cup with the cover of silver and gilt;

Item, I bequeath to my niece Waldegrave, wife to the said Sir William Waldegrave, one ring of gold with the vernicle on the one side and a picture of Our Lady on the other side;

Item, I bequeath to my cousin, Sir John Wentworth, knight, son and heir of Sir Roger Wentworth, one brooch of gold;

Item, I bequeath to my cousin, his wife, one ring of gold with a turquoise;

Item, I bequeath to my sister, Dame Jane Waldegrave, 53s 4d and one little goblet of silver with letters about it;

Item, I bequeath to the above-named [f. 84v] Sir John Wentworth, knight, and to his heirs all my brewing vessel and all other vessels belonging to the same office in [+the?] bakehouse in Horkesley where I dwell, there always to remain for him and his heirs, and also one garnish of pewter vessel to remain to th' use of the said Sir John Wentworth and his heirs in the kitchen there;

Item, I bequeath to my brother, Anthony Waldegrave, one drinking-cup with the cover of silver and gilt with a blue flower upon the top of the said cover;

Item, I bequeath to my nephew, Oliver Saint John, my godson, 53s 4d;

Item, [+I?] bequeath to my niece, Margery Grey, my god-daughter, daughter to my brother Saint John, a devise of gold enameled with black and red;

Item, I bequeath to my niece, Bridget Spring, my god-daughter, 53s 4d;

Item, I bequeath to my said 2 god-daughters all my samplers, sewing silk, gold to work withal as Venice gold or damask gold, my weaving stools and all such things belonging to silk-work as my gentlewomen hath wrought withal so that they may well occupy themselves and to have my soul the better in their remembrance;

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Item, I bequeath to my god-daughter, Margery Byse, daughter to my uncle, Edward Waldegrave, 13s 4d;

Item, I bequeath to my cousin, Thomas Mannock, and his wife 1(?) goblet with the cover of silver parcel gilt which I do use daily upon my board;

Item, I bequeath to William Mannock, his son and my godson, 6s 8d;

Item, I will that all mine apparel that I shall have at the time of my decease except gowns of velvet and gowns of right satin, kirtles of velvet and kirtles of satin, be equally divided among my gentlewomen that shall be with me in service at the said time, and all my linen that I daily and nightly wear I will it shall be equally divided among my gentlewomen being with me at the said time;

Item, I bequeath to my said gentlewomen then there being with me and to other gentlewomen being my kinsfolks and friends such things as mine executors shall think meet and convenient, as all my beads except those beads that hath beads of gold and such other things as mine executors shall think meet and convenient, to be to them equally divided that they by th' occasion thereof may have my soul the better in remembrance;

Item, I bequeath to the woman of my chamber that shall be with me at the time of my decease 6s 8d;

Item, I bequeath to my woman of my dairy being with me at the said time 5s, either of them to have their bequest by me to them bequeathed over and besides their wages and liveries to them due at the feast of Saint Michal th' Archangel next coming;

Item, I bequeath to my yeomen servants all my harness, that is to say Almain rivets, jacks, sallets, splints, swords, daggers, bills, glaives, bows and arrows, all my mail and all other things that long to the said harness, to be equally divided among my said yeomen by the disposition of my said executors;

Item, I will that all my household servants at time of my decease have meat and drink in the house that I do now dwell in for the space of one quarter of a year after my decease so that they may in the mean season the better provide themselves of their masters if my cousin, Sir John Wentworth, will so suffer it, and if my said cousin will not so suffer it, then I will mine executors equally divide the said money that should be bestowed in keeping of the said house by the space of one quarter of a year after my decease among my household servants to their relief and comfort;

Item, I bequeath toward the reparation of the body of the church of Little Horkesley aforesaid 3s 4d;

Item, I bequeath toward the reparation of Trinity chapel in the same church 3s 4d;

Item, I bequeath toward the reparation of Our Lady chapel in the same church 3s 4d;

Item, I will that all such mattress, blankets and all other bedding that is coarse, old and feeble and overworn be distributed to the most poor and needy persons within the town of Little Horkesley by mine executors or their assigns to th' intent they may pray for my soul;

Item, I will that as well all my plate and jewels as my corn, cattle, implements of household and all my goods movable whatsoever it be that is not by me now bequeathed in this present will be by mine executors sold and with the money thereof coming as well of my said plate and jewels as of my corn and cattle, implements of household and all my other goods so by my said executors sold I will it be employed toward the performance of this my last will and testament in discharging my debts, bequests and other charges by my said executors;

And after my said debts, bequests and all other charges be by mine executors well and truly fulfilled, discharged and paid, then I will that the residue of the money by my said executors for the said plate and jewels, corn, cattle, implements of household and the other goods be by them distributed in such deeds of charity as shall be thought meritorious for the health of my soul and all my friends' souls;

Item, I bequeath to James Hower, my godson, 6s 8d;

Item, I bequeath to all those my yeomen that hath my livery and be not daily in my household with me, to every one of them 6s 8d over and besides their liveries to them due;

Item, I bequeath to Sir George Thomson, my chaplain, 26s 8d;

Item, I bequeath to Sir Richard Robson, parish priest of Little [f. 85r] Horkesley, one featherbed with a bolster;

Item, I will that the said Sir George, my chaplain, at time of my decease do daily during a month pray for my soul and to have for his pains every day during the said month for so doing 4d;

Provided always that my will and mind is if anything in this my present will and testament be misordered by ignorance or dark to be understood for lack of learning, or any other thing herein specified be found doubtful contrary to the law of good conscience, then I will and give to mine executors full power and authority at all times by their good wisdoms and discretions the said clauses and doubts to ratify, correct, amend and redress in due order according to right and good conscience and to the true meaning of this my last will for the weal and comfort of my soul and to the discharge of the same, and as they do therein I hold it for my full will, anything in this my last will written to the contrary notwithstanding;

Item, I will that mine executors have black gowns within a month after my decease and my gentlewomen, as my woman of my chamber and my woman of the dairy, every of them to have a black gown by the said time;

And also I will that all my household servants being in service at time of my decease, that every of them have a black coat by the said time;

And moreover I utterly revoke and annul all other wills by me heretofore made, devised or declared whether by mouth or by writing, willing in any wise that if any such be hereafter forthcoming, showed or commoned of, that no credence be given to them or any of them but only to this which I ratify and confirm for my last will;

Item, I will that all my household servants being with me at time of my decease, that every of them have one quarter's wages after the rate as they do now quarterly take and receive of me in ready money over and besides their wages and liveries to them due at [+the?] feast of St Michael next coming;

Item, I bequeath to my sister, Dame Dorothy Spring, one ring of gold with a sapphire;

And also I bequeath to my said sister, mine executrix, to my brother, Anthony Waldegrave, and to my nephew, Edmund Wright, mine executors, for their labours and pains that they shall take in seeing of this my last will and testament performed, to every of them 66s 8d;

And also I will and make of this my last will and testament Sir William Waldegrave, knight, supervisor;

And furtherly I will that there be given to every one of my godsons and god-daughters within the town of Little Horkesley, to every of them 12d;

And in witness that this is my last will and testament here I have set my hand the day and year above-written, these being witness: Julyan Waldegrave, Thomas Howley, John Turner, George Thurstone and George Cotton.

Probatum fuit h{uius}mo{d}i testamentu{m} coram D{omi}no Cant{uariensis} Archie{pisco}po ap{u}d London vicesimo nono die Aprilis Anno D{omi}ni Millesimo quingentesimo quinquagesimo Iuramento Edmundi Wryght executoris in eodem testament{o} no{m}i{n}at{i} p{er}sonal{ite}r p{rese}nt{is} et D{omi}ne Dorothee Spryng et Anthonij Waldegrave executor{um} etiam in h{uius}mo{d}i testamento no{m}i{n}at{orum} in p{er}sona d{i}c{t}i Edmundi Wryght ac approbat{um} et insinuatum Et comissa fuit Administrac{i}o o{m}ni{u}m et sing{u}lor{um} bonor{um} d{i}c{t}e D{omi}ne Brygitte Marney defun{c}te pefat{is} executor{ibus} de bene &c Ac de pleno Inventario &c exhibend{o} Necnon de plano et vero comp{ot}o reddend{o} ad san}c{t}a dei evangelia in debita Iuris forma Iurat{is}

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[=The same testament was proved before the Lord Archbishop of Canterbury at London on the twenty-ninth day of April in the year of the Lord the thousand five hundred fiftieth by the oath of Edmund Wright, executor named in the same testament, personally present, and Dame Dorothy Spring and Anthony Waldegrave, executors also named in the same testament, in the person of the said Edmund Wright, and probated and entered, and administration was granted of all and singular the goods of the said Dame Bridget Marney, deceased, to the forenamed executors, sworn on the Holy Gospels in due form of law to well etc., and to exhibit a full inventory etc., and also to render a plain and true account.]