

SUMMARY: The document below is the Prerogative Court of Canterbury copy of the will, dated 25 February 1582 and proved 26 April 1582, of Anne (nee Browne) Tyrrell Petre, whose son-in-law, John Talbot (1545-1611) was the executor of the wills of both Oxford's brother-in-law, Edward Windsor, 3rd Baron Windsor, and Oxford's half sister, Katherine (nee Vere) Windsor.

The testatrix' will is dated 25 February 1581 [=25 February 1582 New Style], which is almost certainly the correct date, but is also dated 23 Elizabeth, which would be 1581 New Style.

Two earlier wills made by the testatrix have survived. For an earlier will made in 1578, see Essex Record Office D/DP F8. See also D/DP F6, notes made by the testatrix in 1580 for legacies to be included in her will, and D/DP F7, an original will from 1581/2. For the testatrix' earlier wills, see also Emmison, F.G., *Tudor Secretary; Sir William Petre at Court and Home*, (London: Longmans, 1961), pp. 26, 347.

The testatrix owned the Keble-Petre Book of Hours, which was in the library of William Foyle, and was sold by Christie's in 2000. See Emmison, *supra*, p. 26, and:

<https://www.christies.com/lotfinder/Lot/the-keble-petre-book-of-hours-in-latin-1837704-details.aspx>

It should be noted that while the description compiled by Christie's erroneously states in paragraph 3 that the testatrix' first husband was Thomas Tyrrell, the correct identity of her first husband is given in paragraph 4 ('John Tyrrell, died in 1540').

The testatrix is referred to as 'cousin' in the 1565 will of Isabel (nee Hosier) Pyke Gresham, TNA PROB 11/48/161. See Leveson Gower, Granville, *Genealogy of the Family of Gresham*, (London: Mitchell and Hughes, 1883), p. 77 at:

<https://books.google.ca/books?id=9ZQNAAAQAAJ&pg=PA77>

FAMILY BACKGROUND

Testatrix' paternal grandparents

The testatrix was the granddaughter of Sir John Browne, Lord Mayor of London in 1480, and Anne Belwood. For the will of Sir John Browne, dated 3 November 1497 and proved 25 January 1498, see TNA PROB 11/11/350. See also Brown, James Roberts, 'Jno and Wm. Browne, Sheriffs and Lord Mayors of London', *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>

Testatrix' parents

The testatrix was the daughter of Sir William Browne (d. 3 June 1514), Lord Mayor of London, and his second wife, Alice Keble (d. 8 June 1521), the daughter of Henry Keble (d.1517?), Lord Mayor of London, and Joan Bryce. For the will of the testatrix' father, Sir William Browne (d. 3 June 1514), see TNA PROB 11/17/567.

Testatrix' siblings

The testatrix' father married firstly Katherine Shaa, the daughter of Sir Edmund Shaa (d. 20 April 1488), Lord Mayor of London. For the will of Sir Edmund Shaa, see TNA PROB 11/8/187. For the will of Dame Julyan Shaa, see TNA PROB 11/10/214.

In his will the testatrix' paternal grandfather, Sir John Browne, states that the testatrix' father had four children by Katherine Shaa. Of the testatrix' four siblings of the half blood, only two can be identified:

-William Browne, esquire, of Flambards, Essex, for whom see his will, dated 1 October 1549 and proved 28 January 1551, TNA PROB 11/34/32, in which he bequeaths a ring of fine gold to the testatrix, and appoints her second husband, Sir William Petre, as supervisor.

-Julian Browne, who married Sir John Munday, Lord Mayor of London. For her will, see TNA PROB 11/27/117.

The will of the testatrix' maternal grandfather, Henry Keble, TNA PROB 11/18/280, indicates that the testatrix had two brothers and a sister of the whole blood:

-John Browne (d.1570), esquire, for whom see his will, TNA PROB 11/52/404, in which he appoints the testatrix and her husband, Sir William Petre, as overseers. For John Browne (d.1570), see also the History of Parliament entry at:

<http://www.historyofparliamentonline.org/volume/1509-1558/member/browne-john-ii-1513-70>

b. by 1513, 2nd s. of William Browne of Flambards Hall, Essex and London by Alice, da. of Henry Keble of London. m. (1) Anne, da. and coh. of Sir John Montgomery of Cubley, Derbys., ch. d.v.p.; (2) by 1541, Alice, da. of Sir Thomas Baldry of London, 2s. 1da.; (3) by 1546, Christian, da. of William Carkett (Carkeke) of London, 2s. prob. 3da.1

-Matthew Browne (living 1517).

-Elizabeth Browne (living 1517).

After the death of the testatrix' father, the testatrix' mother married secondly, by February 1515, as his third wife, William Blount (c.1478-1534), 4th Baron Mountjoy, by whom she was the mother of a son and daughter, the testatrix' siblings of the half blood:

-Charles Blount, 5th Baron Mountjoy.

-Katherine Blount (c.1518 - 25 February 1559), who married firstly Sir John Champernowne of Modbury, Devon, and secondly Sir Maurice Berkeley (1508 - 11 August 1581) of Bruton, Somerset. See Richardson, Douglas, *Magna Carta Ancestry*, 2nd ed., 2011, Vol. I, pp. 336-7; and the entry for Catherine Blount at:

<http://www.tudorwomen.com/>

Catherine Blount (c.1518 – February 25, 1558/9) was the daughter of William Blount, 4th baron Mountjoy (1479-November 8, 1534) and Alice Keble (1482-June 8, 1521). She married Sir John Champernowne of Modbury Devon (c.1541/2), by whom she had a son, Henry (1538-1570). By 1547, she had married Sir Maurice Berkeley of Bruton (1508-August 11, 1581). Their children were Henry (c. 1547-1601), Edward (d.1596), Francis (d. December 20, 1615), Gertrude (d.1581+), Elizabeth (d.1581+), Margaret (d.1581+), Anne (d.1581+), and possibly Frances. Champernowne's entry in the History of Parliament gives her date of death as March 1560. Berkeley's entry confuses Catherine with Katherine Champernowne Astley, Princess Elizabeth's governess. Portrait: effigy on Berkeley tomb in Bruton.

The testatrix' mother, Alice (nee Keble) Browne Blount (d. 8 June 1521), was buried at the Greyfriars, London.

MARRIAGES AND ISSUE

Testatrix' first marriage

The testatrix married firstly John Tyrrell (d.1540), esquire, of Heron in East Horndon, Essex, for whose family background see his will, TNA PROB 11/28/299. In the will below the testatrix leaves bequests to her brothers-in-law, Henry Tyrrell and Charles Tyrrell. She also leaves a bequest to her 'cousin', Thomas Tyrrell, likely the Thomas Tyrrell who was Henry Tyrrell's son.

By John Tyrrell, the testatrix had a daughter:

* **Katherine Tyrrell** (b. 1533?), who on 12 June 1552 married Sir Richard Baker (1530?-1594), the eldest son of Sir John Baker (c.1489–1558) of Sissinghurst. 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 mentions the marriage of his son and heir to Katherine Tyrrell, reciting 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

Although the testatrix is said to have had only one child by her first husband, King, apparently relying on Morant, who in turn appears to have relied on an inquisition post mortem, states that the testatrix had two daughters by her first husband:

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>

By Sir Richard Baker, Katherine Tyrrell had two sons and a daughter mentioned in the will below, for whom see 'Baker of Sissinghurst' at:

<https://landedfamilies.blogspot.com/2018/07/338-baker-of-sissinghurst-baronets.html>

(1.1) Anne Baker (fl. 1635), born before 1557; married 1st, 1574, John Goodwin (1521-97), son of Sir John Goodwin of Upper Winchendon (Bucks), and had issue; 2nd, c.1597, [forename unknown] Drew; and 3rd, 14 September 1608 at Hinton Ampner (Hants), William Sandys (d. 1623), 3rd Baron Sandys of The Vyne (Hants); living in 1635;

(1.2) John Baker (d. 1596), elder son of Sir Richard Baker (d. 1594), kt., and his first wife Catherine, daughter and heiress of John Tyrrell, born before 1557. He married Mary (b. c.1564), daughter of Sir Thomas Guildford, kt. of Hempsted (Kent) and had issue He died in February 1595/6; his will was proved in the PCC, 13 May 1596. His widow's date of death is unknown.

(1.3) Sir Thomas Baker (c.1557-1625), kt., of Whittingham (Suffk), Hinton-on-the-Green (Glos, now Worcs) and Butler's Place, Walthamstow (Essex), born about 1557; MP for Arundel (Sussex), 1601; knighted 1603; High Sheriff of Kent, 1604-05; married 1st, 28 October 1572 at Ingatestone (Essex), Grissel Barners and 2nd, 24 December 1601 at

Church Oakley (Hants), Constance (d. c.1626), daughter of Sir William Kingsmill of Sydmonton Court (Hants), and had issue two sons and one daughter; died 10 April 1625;

The testatrix' grandchildren were the heirs at law of Gertrude (nee Blount) Courtenay (d.1558), Marchioness of Exeter. See the pedigree in Metcalfe, Walter C., ed., *The Visitations of Essex, Part I*, (London: Harleian Society, 1878), Vol. XIII, 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:

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'.

For Edmund Tyrrell (c.1513? – 8 November 1576), see also his will, TNA PROB 11/58/499, and the History of Parliament entry at:

<http://www.historyofparliamentonline.org/volume/1509-1558/member/tyrrell-edmund-1513-76>

The 'Susan C'. who signed the pedigree may have been Edmund Tyrrell's future wife, Susan Cooke. See the will of Sir William Tyrrell (1420-1471?) of Beeches in Rawreth, Essex, TNA PROB 11/5/492.

See also the will of Gertrude (nee Blount) Courtenay (d.1558), Marchioness of Exeter, TNA PROB 11/40/8.

For the testatrix' granddaughter, Anne Baker (f.1635), see also:

'Parishes : Upper Winchendon', in *A History of the County of Buckingham: Volume 4*, ed. William Page (London, 1927), pp. 122-125. *British History Online* <http://www.british-history.ac.uk/vch/bucks/vol4/pp122-125>

John Goodwin, the tenant of 1518, was granted the reversion of all that he held by lease in Upper Winchendon with the rent reserved. (fn. 40) He bought land here of Sir Edward Saunders in 1557 (fn. 41) and was lord of the manor at his death in the following year. (fn. 42)

By his son and heir, Sir John Goodwin, (fn. 43) who was sheriff in 1587, (fn. 44) it was settled about 1574 on the marriage of his son and heir of the same name with Anne, daughter of Sir Richard Baker. (fn. 45) The younger John died before his father, (fn. 46) and Upper Winchendon descended in or before 1597 to Sir John's younger son Francis. (fn. 47)

Anne Baker's third husband, William Sandys (d.1623), 3rd Baron Sandys of The Vyne, was the nephew of Oxford's brother-in-law, Edward Windsor (1532?-1575), 3rd Baron Windsor (for whom see his will, TNA PROB 11/57/332).

Testatrix' second marriage

The testatrix married secondly Sir William Petre (1505/6-1572), for whom see the *ODNB* entry. See also the Petre pedigree in Metcalfe, *Part I, supra*, pp. 264-5 at:

<https://archive.org/details/visitationsofess13metc/page/264/mode/2up>

For Sir William Petre's first wife, Gertrude Tyrrell (d. 28 May 1541), see the inscription in the church of St Edmund and St Mary at Ingatestone:

Hic jacet Gertrude filia John Tyrrell de Warley equitis Aurati Coniux prima prenobilis viri Gulielmi Petri et Equitis Aurati quae obiit 28 May 1541

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>

By his first wife, Gertrude Tyrrell (d. 28 May 1541), Sir William Petre had a son, John, who died as an infant, and two daughters, Dorothy Petre, who married Sir Nicholas Wadham, and Elizabeth Petre, who married John Gostwick (d.1581). See Emmison, *supra*, pp. 22, 26, 248, 292, 385.

The testatrix' two stepdaughters are left bequests in the will below:

Item, I give to my nephew [sic] daughter [=stepdaughter] Gostwick six pounds thirteen shillings four pence to make her a jewel.

And I give to my daughter [=stepdaughter] Wadham four marks to make her a jewel or a ring, and to be paid with my goods, chattels and debts.

For the testatrix' stepdaughter, Dorothy Petre, and her husband, Sir Nicholas Wadham, see the *ODNB* entries; Emmison, *supra*, p. 287; and:

http://www.tudorwomen.com/?page_id=701

Dorothy Petre (1534- May 16, 1618) was the daughter of Sir William Petre (1505-January 13, 1572) and Gertrude Tyrrell (d. May 28, 1541). Her godmothers were Dorothy Barlee, last abbess of Barking, and Juliana, Lady Norwich. Little is known of her education, but her father's account books for 1552 indicate she owned a lute. She married Sir Nicholas Wadham of Merefield, Somerset (1532-October 20, 1609) on September 3, 1555 at Ingatestone Hall. . . .

The testatrix' stepdaughter, Elizabeth Petre, married firstly John Gostwick (d.1581), and secondly Edward Radcliffe (d.1643), 6th Earl of Sussex. See:

http://www.tudorwomen.com/?page_id=701

Elizabeth Petre (1540-1593) was the daughter of Sir William Petre of Ingatestone Hall, Essex (1505-January 13, 1572) and Gertrude Tyrrell (d. May 28, 1541). She was born in London. Her godmothers were Lady Cooke of Gidea Hall, Essex (Margaret Pennington) and Thomas Wriothesley's wife (Jane Cheney). Wriothesley later became earl of Southampton. On April 27, 1558, in London, she married her father's ward, John Gostwick of Willington, Bedfordshire (1537-before 1582). The couple lived with her parents until he came of age in 1560. They had one son, William (December 2, 1565-September 19, 1615). In 1582 or 1583, Elizabeth married Edward Radcliffe of Elstow, Bedfordshire, who was created 6th earl of Sussex in 1629 (c.1559-1643). They had no children.

For Elizabeth Petre's first husband, John Gostwick (d.1581), see the will of his father, William Gostwick (d.1549), esquire, of Willington, Bedfordshire, TNA PROB 11/33/252, in which Sir William Petre is appointed supervisor, and the testator bequeaths 'to my Lady, his wife, my young gelding, colour gray'. John Gostwick's father, William Gostwick (d.1549), was the brother of Sir John Gostwick (d. 15 April 1545), and became his heir after the death without issue of Sir John Gostwick's only son, William Gostwick (d. 17 August 1545), esquire. For Sir John Gostwick, see his will, TNA PROB 11/30/402, the *ODNB* entry, and the History of Parliament entry at:

<http://www.historyofparliamentonline.org/volume/1509-1558/member/gostwick-john-1493-1545>

For Elizabeth Petre's first husband, John Gostwick (d.1581), see also Emmison, *supra*, pp. 286-7, 289, 303-5, and:

'Parishes: Willington', in *A History of the County of Bedford: Volume 3*, ed. William Page (London, 1912), pp. 262-266. *British History Online* <http://www.british-history.ac.uk/vch/beds/vol3/pp262-266> [accessed 1 August 2020].

After the death of Sir John Gostwick in 1545 the manor of Willington passed first to his son William, who died in the same year, and then to his brother William, who died in 1549. (fn. 28) . . . An inquisition was taken in 1581 on the estates of John Gostwick, the son of William. (fn. 30) His son William, who was sheriff for the county of Bedford in 1595 and was created a baronet by James I in 1611, died in 1615, leaving a son and heir Edward. (fn. 31)

For Elizabeth Petre's second husband, Edward Radcliffe (d.1643), 6th Earl of Sussex, the son of Sir Humphrey Radcliffe (d.1566), see the will of Sir John Radcliffe (1539 – 9 November 1568), TNA PROB 11/50/373, and the History of Parliament entry for Edward Radcliffe at:

<https://www.historyofparliamentonline.org/volume/1558-1603/member/radcliffe-edward-1643>

See also the History of Parliament entry for Sir Humphrey Radcliffe at:

<http://www.historyofparliamentonline.org/volume/1558-1603/member/radcliffe-sir-humphrey-1509-66>

The testatrix married Sir William Petre by March 1542. See Emmison, *supra*, p. 26. According to the will below and the will of Sir William Petre, TNA PROB 11/55/45, they had a son and two daughters:

* **John Petre** (1549-1613), 1st Baron Petre, who married Mary Waldegrave, the daughter of Sir Edward Waldegrave of Borley. For Sir Edward Waldegrave, see his will, TNA PROB 11/44/318. Sir Edward Waldegrave's brother, Robert Waldegrave, married the stepdaughter of Oxford's uncle, Henry Golding.

For Sir John Petre, see the History of Parliament entry at:

<https://www.historyofparliamentonline.org/volume/1558-1603/member/petre-sir-john-1549-1613>

* **Thomasine Petre**, who on 10 February 1560 married Lodowick Greville, for whom see the will of his father, Sir Edward Greville (d. 24 December 1559), TNA PROB 11/44/282. See also Emmison, *supra*, p. 287. Thomasine and her husband resided at Ingatestone Hall after the marriage. Eight of their children were baptized there from 1563 to 1577: William Greville (1563), Sir Edward Greville (January 1565), Anne Greville (1566), John Greville (1567), Margaret Greville (1569), Charles Greville (1572), Peter Greville (1574) and Valentine Greville (1577). See Whitfield, Christopher, 'Sir

Edward Greville III, of Milcote', *Transactions of the Bristol and Gloucestershire Archaeological Society*, 1965, Vol. 84, pp. 82-100, available in pdf format online.

Lady Katherine Grey stood godmother to Lodowick's second son, Sir Edward Greville (1565-c.1628), who, according to an unsubstantiated story became Lodowick's heir when he shot an arrow into the air and accidentally killed his elder brother, William Greville. See Whitfield, *supra*, pp. 82-3.

Lodowick Greville was pressed to death on 14 November 1589 as an accomplice to two murders. See Emmison, *supra*, p. 287; and Greer, Germaine, *Shakespeare's Wife*, (Toronto: McClelland & Stewart, 2008), at:

<https://books.google.ca/books?id=WF6OsgytwzQC&pg=PT205>

For the marriage of Lodowick Greville and Thomasine Petre, see also ERO D/DP F1 at:

http://seax.essexcc.gov.uk/result_details.aspx?ThisRecordsOffset=1&id=325216

Only two of the children of Lodowick Greville and Thomasine Petre married. In 1583 Sir Edward Greville (1565-c.1628) married Jane Bromley, the daughter of the Lord Chancellor, Thomas Bromley (c.1530-1587), by whom he had seven daughters and a son, John Greville, who died unmarried in his father's lifetime. See Whitfield, *supra*, p. 83. Margaret Greville (b.1569) married Thomas Bushell, by whom she had a daughter, Elizabeth Bushell. Margaret's Greville's husband, Thomas Bushell, is the 'Mr Bushell' mentioned as a surety in Richard Quiney's letter to William Shakespeare of Stratford upon Avon. With the death of their brother, Charles Greville, on 6 February 1634, the senior Greville male line came to an end.

* **Katherine Petre**, who married John Talbot (1545-1611) of Grafton, the only son of Sir John Talbot (d.1555) of Grafton by Frances Gifford, the daughter of Sir John Gifford of Chillington, Staffordshire, and the grandson of Sir John Talbot (d. 10 September 1549) by his first wife, Margaret Troutbeck. For Sir John Talbot (d. 10 September 1549) of Grafton, see his will, TNA PROB 11/32/544, and Richardson, Douglas, *Plantagenet Ancestry*, 2nd ed., 2011, Vol. III, pp. 330-1 at:

<https://books.google.co.uk/books?id=kjme027UeagC&pg=RA2-PA331>

After the death of his father in 1555, John Talbot became a ward of the testatrix' second husband, Sir William Petre, and in 1556 was at Oxford with Thomas Tyrrell, likely the Thomas Tyrrell who witnessed the testatrix' will. See Emmison, *supra*, pp. 287, 302-5.

See also the History of Parliament entry for John Talbot:

<http://www.historyofparliamentonline.org/volume/1558-1603/member/talbot-john-1545-611>

Talbot was brought up by, and married into the Catholic family of Sir William Petre, though Petre himself conformed, which Talbot never did. . . .

In the aftermath of the Gunpowder Plot Talbot was examined and his papers searched. Several relatives were implicated including his son-in-law, Robert Winter, but no proof of Talbot's own participation was found. He was one of the few members of his family to remain on good terms with his cousin Gilbert Talbot, 7th Earl of Shrewsbury, who frequently helped him with his estates and visited him at Grafton. Talbot died 28 Jan. 1611 and was buried at Albrighton. His eldest son, George, succeeded to the earldom of Shrewsbury in 1618.

As noted above, the testatrix' son-in-law, John Talbot (1545-1611) was the executor of the wills of both Oxford's brother-in-law, Edward Windsor, 3rd Baron Windsor, and Oxford's half sister, Katherine (nee Vere) Windsor, for whose wills see TNA PROB 11/57/332 and TNA PROB 11/95/237 respectively.

By John Talbot, Katherine Petre had three sons and three daughters. Her three daughters, the testatrix' granddaughters Gertrude Talbot, Anne Talbot and Mary Talbot, are mentioned in the will below.

In September 1550, Sir William Petre secured the wardships of his own children via a grant to William Pownsett which was sold back to him eight days later. See Emmison, *supra*, p. 303, ERO D/DP F145, and *Calendar of the Patent Rolls, Edward VI (1549-1551)*, (London: His Majesty's Stationery Office, 1925), Vol. III, p. 302 at:

<https://babel.hathitrust.org/cgi/pt?id=msu.31293027026396&view=1up&seq=308>

22 September

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Whereas the king's councillor William Petre of Inगतstone, Essex, knight, one of the two Principal Secretaries, holds of the king in chief the manor of Ging ad Petram alias Ging Petre alias Inगतstone alias Ging Abbatisse with the advowson of the parish church by the twentieth part of one knight's fee; and whereas he holds in chief other lands in Essex and elsewhere within the realm; and for 100 marks paid by William Pownsett of Barking Essex, gentleman, to the Court of Wards:

Grant to the said William Pownsett that if the said William Petre should die leaving John Petre, his son and heir apparent, within the age of 21 years, or the next heir male of the said William Petre within that age, or Dorothy, Elizabeth, Thomasina or Katharine, daughters of the said William Petre or any of them, being his heirs, within the age of 14 years, or any other heir of the said William Petre, being a minor, that then the said William Pownsett shall have the custody and marriage of such heir or heirs. By p.s. [II. 923. Oteland, 18 Sept.]

OTHER PERSONS MENTIONED IN THE WILL

Thomas Keble, who witnessed the testatrix' will, appears to have been the son of the testatrix' sister-in-law, Katherine Tyrrell, and George Keble, esquire, of Newbottle, Northamptonshire. There was formerly an inscription in the church of St Edmund and St Mary at Ingatestone which appears to commemorate the testatrix' sister-in-law, Katherine:

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, *supra*, 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 in 1529, and would thus have been only eleven years of age when the testatrix' first husband, John Tyrrell, made his will in 1540, yet according to John Tyrrell's will Katherine 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. See the Pascall pedigree,

<https://archive.org/stream/visitationsofess13byumetc#page/10/mode/2up>

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 are left bequests in the will below. See also the Pascall pedigrees in Metcalfe, *Part I, supra*, pp. 11, 261at:

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

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

Mary Keble's sister, Anne, her husband, John Cliffe, and her children, are also left bequests in the will below. There was formerly an inscription commemorating Anne Keble's husband, John Cliffe (d. 11 May 1588), Clerk of the Signet, in the church of St Edmund and St Mary at Ingatestone:

Here lyeth the body of John Clyff, esq., one of the Clerks of the Queen's Majestyes Signett, who maryed to his first wife Margrett Somaster . . . and had to his second wife Anne Kebyll daughter of George Kebill, esq., by whom he had two sonnes John & George, & two daughters, Katheryn & Margrett. He deceased the 11 day of May in the year of Our Ld God 1588.

See Wilde, *supra*, p. 217 at:

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

LM: T{estamentum} D{omi}ne Anne Peter viduae

In the name of God, Amen. I, Anne Petre, widow, late wife of Sir William Petre, knight, deceased, being whole in body and of perfect memory, thanked be Almighty God for the same, the five and twentieth day of February in the year of Our Lord God a thousand five hundred four score and one and in the three and twentieth year of the reign of our Sovereign Lady Queen Elizabeth do make and ordain this my last will and testament, avoiding, annihilating(?) and frustrating all former wills and testaments by me at any time heretofore made touching the disposition of my worldly goods, lands, tenements and hereditaments and all other things in manner and form following:

First I bequeath my soul to Almighty God, my Creator, who hath redeemed the same with the dear price of the innocent death and passion of his Son, our Saviour, Jesus Christ, by the which only I hope and assuredly trust to be saved, protesting to live and die through his great grace and assistance a true member and in the unity of his Catholic church;

My body I will to be buried in the church of Ingatestone in the tomb there where lay(?) the body of my late dear husband, Sir William Petre, doth lie;

And my burial I will to be ordered in such convenient sort by my son, Sir John Petre knight, as to his discretion shall seem meet, and the charges thereof I will shall be discharged with my goods, chattels and debts;

Item I [+will?] the distribution and disposition of all such sums of money, plate, jewels, goods and chattels as I shall have at the time of my decease, together with all such debts as then shall be owing unto me, my mind and will is that the same shall be referred to my said son, Sir John Petre, whom I make the sole executor of this my last will and testament upon special hope, full trust and confidence that he will faithfully and friendly dispose and distribute the same to such person and persons and to such uses whereunto in and by this writing any sum of money or other legacy shall be by me given and appointed to be paid and discharged with my said goods, chattels and debts;

Provided always that he do prove my said last will and testament within two months next after my death and do take upon him the charge of the same, having no reasonable cause to the contrary which shall be allowed by my overseer hereafter expressed;

Item, if any person or persons have been injured and wronged by me, my will is and I likewise desire my said son upon most [sic for 'just?'] proof to make recompense for the same with convenient speed as truth and equity shall require with my goods, chattels and debts;

And furthermore my mind and will is that with my goods, chattels and debts there shall also be paid and bestowed by my son so soon as may be after my decease upon the poorest inhabitants within the parishes and towns hereafter named these sums following, that is to say, within the parish of Ingatestone three pounds, within Writtle and Roxwell six pounds, within Gyngge Hospital [=Fryerning] four marks, within Stock and Buttsbury four pounds, within East Horndon and among the poor people upon Heron Green forty shillings; in Aldersgate Street three pounds;

And to the four prisons in London that is to say, to the two Counters, [f. 105r] to Newgate and Ludgate, four pounds, that is to say, to every of the said prisons twenty shillings to be delivered amongst the poorest therein;

Item, I will and bequeath to forty of the poorest householders dwelling in Ingatestone, Writtle, Mountnessing, Buttsbury and Stock one hundred pounds to be delivered unto them within the space of five years next after my decease, viz., to every householder aforesaid ten shillings yearly at Michaelmas during the said five years to buy them wood or fuel withal;

Item, whereas my son, Sir John Petre, is indebted and doth owe unto me the sum of four hundred pounds to be paid within one year next after his or my decease, which of them shall first happen, and standeth bound to me by one recognizance or obligation for payment of the same, my will is and I do freely remit and release to my said son the said recognizance or obligation of the said debt of four hundred pounds;

And I also bequeath to my said son all such linen not hereafter by me bequeathed as I have in propriety by the gift of his father and is daily occupied in my house and now in the custody of Mary Pyttes;

The residue of my linen, besides this rehearsed, which is in my own keeping I will shall go to the performance of this my testament;

Also I bequeath to my said son all that moiety or half part of that pewter and brass remaining in Ingatestone Hall which I had in propriety by the gift of his father;

And I also give unto my said son all such bedding with the furniture thereto belonging (being not otherwise given or bequeathed by me) remaining and left at Ingatestone Hall of ten beds and their furniture which my said husband did give me;

Item, in consideration of his pains and faithfulness in executing this my last will and testament I give and bequeath to my said son four hundred pounds to be paid with my goods, chattels and debts over and besides the other legacies which I have given him;

And I give and bequeath to William Petre, son and heir apparent of my said son, Sir John Petre, my best ring with a diamond and forty pounds to make him a chain, to be delivered unto him at his age of one and twenty years if he so long do live, and to be paid with my goods, chattels and debts;

And I give to my daughter-in-law, Lady Mary Petre, one biliment of goldsmith work with pearls and black enamel being in number, viz., the pieces with pearls be thirteen, and every piece hath nine pearls, and the pieces without pearls be fourteen;

Item, I give to my daughter Greville my tablet or book of gold with a rose of diamonds on thone side, and one ring with an emerald;

And I give to her husband one basin and one ewer worth twenty pounds or else twenty pounds in money to buy him one, to be paid with my goods, chattels and debts;

And I give to my daughter Talbot one ring with a pointed diamond, the best, and my black buttons of gold for a gown, which be in number threescore and five;

And I give to my son [=son-in-law] Talbot, her husband, one basin and one ewer of the value of twenty pounds or else twenty pounds to buy him one, to be paid with my goods, chattels and debts;

Item, I give to my nephew [sic] daughter [=stepdaughter] Gostwick six pounds thirteen shillings four pence to make her a jewel;

And I give to my daughter [=stepdaughter] Wadham four marks to make her a jewel or a ring, and to be paid with my goods, chattels and debts;

And I give to my nephew [=grandson], John Baker, one nest of goblets gilt with his grandfather Tyrrell's arms and mine upon the cover, and weighing four score ounces di;

Item, two quart pots gilt with their covers whereon thone hath my late dear husband Sir William Petre's arms, and on thother my own arms, and weighing together threescore and five ounces di;

Item, I give to the said John, my nephew [=grandson], two stockt(?) salts gilt embossed with a cover weighing together thirty ounces three quarters, having a man with a handgun on the top;

Item, I give and bequeath more unto him one dozen of silver trencher plates ungilt weighing (blank);

And I give him two pair of Holland sheets of the best sort, two pair of fine pillow-beres of Holland, and one table-cloth of damask work, one dozen of napkins, and one long towel of the same work;

And I give unto the wife of the said John Baker a piece of plate worth seven pounds;

And I give & bequeath to Thomas Baker, brother to the said John Baker, three white silver bowls with a cover having upon it th' arms of my said late husband, Sir William Petre, knight, and weighing together threescore and two ounces;

And I give to the said Thomas two jugs gilt with their covers having my late husband's Sir William Petre's arms and mine graven thereon and weighing together thirty-four ounces di;

And one standing cup with a cover gilt weighing twenty-four ounces di with a naked boy on the top of the cover having a staff in the one hand and a shield in thother;

And I [f. 105v] bequeath to Grissell Baker, wife to the said Thomas, one border of gold enamelled black, having to it thirty round pieces and twelve long, and weighing three ounces di quarter, and one chain of gold weighting two ounces di;

And I bequeath to Anne Goodwyn, sister to the said John Baker, one tablet with an unicorn bone in the midst, one chain of gold worth thirty-nine pounds ten shillings;

Item, one ring with a pointed diamond, one standing cup with a cover gilt weighing eighteen ounces, and one dozen of silver spoons weighing nineteen ounces;

Item, two pair of fine sheets of Holland cloth, two pair of fine pillow-beres of Holland, two long table-cloths of housewife's cloth and two long towels of the same making and two dozen of napkins of like making of the finest sort;

Item, I give and bequeath to John Goodwyn, husband to the said Anne, some piece of plate of the value of ten pounds or else ten pounds in money;

Item, I give to Anne Gostwick, my god-daughter, thirteen pounds six shillings eight pence to be paid with my goods, chattels and debts and to be delivered to her at her age of twenty years or at her marriage, which of them shall first happen;

And if she die before her said age and marriage, I will that her sister, Gertrude, shall have the said sum so bequeathed to the said Anne as is aforesaid;

And whereas there doth rest in my hands of trust two hundred marks of the gift of my said husband towards the preferment of Anne Greville and Margaret Greville, the two daughters of Lodowick Greville by my daughter, Thomasine, to be delivered unto them at their ages of one and twenty years or at their marriages, my will is that the same two

hundred marks shall be paid with my goods, chattels & debts accordingly, and for their better preferment I bequeath to either of them moreover fifty marks apiece to be paid to them with my goods, chattels and debts at their several ages of twenty years or at their several marriages, which of them shall first happen;

And if the said Anne or Margaret Greville do die before her said age or marriage, then my will is that the survivor of them shall have the said legacies, as well that which was given them by their said grandfather as that which I have given them by this my last will and testament;

And I do give and bequeath to Valentine Greville, daughter of the said Lodowick by my daughter, Thomasine, one hundred pounds to be paid of my goods, chattels and debts and to be delivered to her at her age of twenty years or at her marriage, which of them shall first happen;

Item, whereas my sons-in-law, Lodowick Greville and John Talbot, and my cousin, John Goodwyn, be severally indebted and do owe unto me divers sums of money and stand severally bound unto me in certain obligations, bills or other bands for the true repayment of the same as by their said several bonds and specialties at large appeareth, I do freely remit and release to my said sons-in-law and to my said cousin their said several obligations or bonds and their said several debts if so be the said money specified in the said bonds be not already paid unto me before my decease;

Item, I will and bequeath unto my son-in-law, Lodowick Greville, the use and occupation of all those my lands, tenements, woods, pasture and feedings which I hold by the lease of John Eades of Acham alias Ashhorne in the county of Warwick, yeoman, set lying and being within the parish of Clifford within the county of Gloucester, to have and to hold the said use & occupation unto the said Lodowick for and until his son, John Greville, shall come to the full age of twenty-one years;

And if the said John die before the said age, then for and until Peter Greville shall come unto his full age of twenty-one years;

And if he die then for and until Charles Greville shall come unto his full age of twenty-one years, and so that the said Lodowick shall live so long;

Upon condition also that the said Lodowick shall yearly pay for and until the full ages of the said John Greville, Peter and Charles or any of them which shall first happen unto my son, Sir John Petre, thirty pounds, which thirty pounds I will my said son, Sir John Petre, shall yearly pay in manner and form following, that is to say:

To my daughter, Thomasine Greville, wife of the said Lodowick, five pounds yearly;

And other five pounds, parcel of the said thirty pounds, I will shall be yearly paid unto my said daughter's son, John Greville;

And if my said daughter, Thomasine, his mother, decease before the full age of her sons, John, Peter and Charles, then I will that the said John Greville shall have from thenceforth one yearly rent of ten pounds out of the thirty pounds aforesaid;

And if he die before the said age, then I give and bequeath the said yearly rent of ten pounds to Peter Greville;

And if he die, then I will it in like manner to Charles Greville;

[f. 106r] Item, I will to be given and bestowed out of the said rent of thirty pounds one yearly annuity of ten pounds upon ten of the poorest people within the parish of Ingatestone, Writtle and Buttsbury, to be paid them after twenty shillings apiece by the year, and they to receive it weekly or quarterly as shall seem best to the discretion of my said son;

Item, the other ten pounds remaining of the said thirty pounds I will shall go to the performance of this my last testament;

And if the said Lodowick decease before the full age of his said sons, John, Peter and Charles, then I will the use and occupation of the said lands and tenements bequested unto the said Lodowick as aforesaid shall remain and be unto my said daughter, Thomasine, wife of the said Lodowick, for and until the full age of the said John, Peter and Charles, which of them shall first happen;

And the rest and remain of my term of years to come of and in the said lease after the said John Greville, Peter or Charles shall come to their full age I give and bequeath to the said John Greville, if he shall be then living;

If he be dead, then I give and bequeath the same unto the said Peter;

And if he be dead, then I bequeath the same unto Charles Greville forever;

Item, I give to Gertrude Talbot, Anne Talbot and Mary Talbot, the three daughters of John Talbot by my daughter, Katherine, fifty marks apiece to be paid to them of my goods, chattels and debts (other than the said lease) at their several ages of twenty years or at their several marriages, which of them shall first happen;

And if any of them die before her said age or marriage aforesaid, then I will that the survivor or survivors of them shall have the said legacy or legacies of fifty marks so bequeathed to her or them so deceasing as is aforesaid;

Item, I give to my cousin, Mary Pascall, late wife of John Pascall, and to her sister, my cousin Anne Cliffe, and to John Cliffe, husband to the said Anne, forty shillings apiece to make each of them a ring;

And I give to my godson, Robert Pascall, forty shillings in money to make him a ring;

And I give to my godson, John Pascall, the eldest son of the said Mary Pascall, forty shillings to make him a ring;

Item, to his two sisters, Thomasine & Bennett Pascall, I give each of them twenty-six shillings eight pence to make either of them a ring;

Item, I give to Margaret Cliff, daughter of the said Anne Cliffe, and to John Cliffe, her brother, twenty-six shillings eight pence apiece to make either of them a ring;

Item, I give to my brother [=brother-in-law], Sir Henry Tyrrell, knight, one ring of the value of forty shillings;

And to my cousin, Thomas Tyrrell of Heron, one piece of plate of the value of ten pounds;

Item, I bequeath to my cousin, Edward Browne, Charles Browne and Maurice Browne, each of them a ring of the value of four nobles;

Item, I give to my brother Petre of Westminster and to my sister, his wife, each of them a ring of the value of forty shillings;

And I give to my cousin, Anne Hall, a ring of the value of twenty-six shillings eight pence;

And to her sister Browne, my god-daughter, a ring of the value of forty shillings;

Item, to my cousin, George Whyte, a ring of the value of forty shillings;

And to my godson, Richard White, forty shillings to make him a ring;

Item, I bequeath to Mr Stonley ten pounds;

Item, I give to the wife of my cousin, Thomas Keble, twenty-six shillings eight pence to make her a ring;

Item, I give and bequeath to my brother-in-law, Charles Tyrrell, ten pounds;

Item, I give and bequeath to Thomas Fytche twenty pounds;

And my will is that all my said legacies of rings, plate, money and whatsoever bequeathed to my said kinsfolks, servants and friends shall be discharged with my goods, chattels and debts (other than the said lease) as soon as my executor conveniently may;

And I give and bequeath to my servants hereafter named the several sums and legacies hereafter mentioned, to be paid of the same my goods, chattels and debts to such of them as shall be in my service at the time of my decease, that is to say;

To John White two kine of his own choice;

To Mary Pytts four pounds;

To Robert Leyver four pounds;

Item I give [-Item I give] to Anne Heywood, my god-daughter, two kine and twenty shillings in money;

To John Weste four marks to make him a ring;

To John Bird four marks;

To Robert Rogers four marks and one cow;

To William Sybberaunce six pounds thirteen shillings four pence;

To Valentine Wilkinson, my cook, six pounds thirteen shillings four pence;

And I give and bequeath to every one of my household servants, as well women as men, not otherwise by me here in this my last will and testament preferred, his, her or their half year's wages after my death after such rate and proportion as they now or then at the time of my [f. 106v] [-of my] decease shall be retained with me, the same to be paid so soon after my decease as conveniently may be, and to be paid of the same my goods, chattels and debts;

Item, I will that my house be kept & continued for the space of six weeks next after my decease at my own cost & charges to this end and purpose, that all my servants for the time of the said six weeks may there have meat, drink and lodging and also wages for the said time according to the wages which they had of me, by which time ended I hope every one elsewhere shall the better provide for himself;

Item, my will and intent is that my funerals, debts and legacies discharged and paid, my son, Sir John Petre shall have all the residue of my goods, chattels and debts, as well real as personal, to his only use & behoof.

By me, Anne Petre. By me, John Cliffe. By me, Thomas Tyrrell. By me, Charles Browne. By me, Thomas Keble, Robert Leyver. By me, Thomas Kemys. Thomas Fitche, his mark.

[NOTE: Will of lands not yet transcribed.]

Probatum fuit suprascriptum testamentum apud London coram m{agist}ro Will{el}imo Drury legum Doctore curie prerogatiue Cantuarien{sis} commissario etc vicesimo Sexto die mens{is} Aprilis Anno Domini mill{es}imo quingentesimo octogesimo secundo Iuramento m{agist}ri Chr{ist}oferi Smithe notarij publici procuratoris Domini Iohannis Petre militis executoris etc Cui commissa fuit administracio etc De bene etc Iurat{i}

[=The above-written will was proved at London before Master William Drury, Doctor of the Laws, Commissary etc. of the Prerogative Court of Canterbury, on the twenty-sixth day of the month of April in the year of the Lord the thousand five hundred eighty-second by the oath of Master Christopher Smithe, notary public, proctor of Sir John Petre, knight, executor etc., to whom administration was granted etc., sworn to well etc.]