

SUMMARY: The document below is the Prerogative Court of Canterbury copy of the will, dated 22 and 24 March 1597 and proved 26 March 1597, of Richard Warren (d. 25 March 1597), whose widow, Elizabeth (nee Hayward), married Oxford's foe, Thomas Knyvet (1545 – 27 July 1622), 1<sup>st</sup> Baron Knyvet of Escrick.

### ***FAMILY BACKGROUND***

The testator was the son of Sir Ralph Warren (d. 11 July 1553), Lord Mayor of London, who married firstly Christiana Warcup, widow of the London merchant, Roger North (d. November 1509), and daughter of Richard Warcup of Sinnington, Yorkshire, by whom he had no issue. However by his first marriage Sir Ralph Warren became the stepfather of Christiana Warcup's two children by her marriage to Roger North: Sir Edward North (c.1504-1564), 1<sup>st</sup> Baron North, and the Marian exile, Joan (nee North) Wilkinson (d.1556). For the will of Joan (nee North) Wilkinson (d.1556), see TNA PROB 11/42B/326.

Sir Ralph Warren married secondly Joan Lake (d. 8 October 1573), the daughter of John Lake (d.1522), for whose will see TNA PROB 11/20/370, and Dorothy (nee Trotter) Lake (d.1545), for whose will see TNA PROB 11/30/349, by whom he was the father of the testator and a daughter, Joan Warren (buried 12 October 1584), (see below).

For the testator's father, Sir Ralph Warren, see the *ODNB* article and his will, TNA PROB 11/36/217.

After the death of Sir Ralph Warren, the testator's mother, Joan (nee Lake) Warren (d. 8 October 1573), married, on 25 November 1558, the London alderman Sir Thomas White (1495? – 12 February 1567), the founder of St John's College, Oxford, for whom see the *ODNB* article and his will, dated 8 November 1566 and proved 21 December 1567, TNA PROB 11/49/377. For the marriage of Joan (nee Lake) Warren and Sir Thomas White, see also Machyn's *Diary* at:

<http://quod.lib.umich.edu/m/machyn/5076866.0001.001/1:8.9/--london-provisioners-chronicle-1550-1563?rgn=div2;view=fulltext>

See also the will, TNA PROB 11/48/525, of Sir Thomas Saunders of Charlwood, Surrey, Sir Thomas White's brother-in-law.

### ***MARRIAGE AND ISSUE***

The testator married Elizabeth Hayward (d. 5 September 1622), the daughter of Sir Rowland Hayward (d. 5 December 1593), Lord Mayor of London, by his first wife, Joan Tillesworth (d.1580). For Sir Rowland Hayward see the *ODNB* entry; his will, TNA PROB 11/83/228; and the History of Parliament entry at:

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<http://www.historyofparliamentonline.org/volume/1558-1603/member/hayward-sir-rowland-1520-93>

After the testator's death, Elizabeth (nee Hayward), married Oxford's foe, Thomas Knyvet. For Thomas Knyvet, see the *ODNB* entry; his will, TNA PROB 11/140/169; and Noble, Mark, *Memoirs of the Protectorate-House of Cromwell*, (Birmingham: Pearson and Rollason, 1784), Vol. I, p. 82 at:

<https://archive.org/stream/memoirsprotecto01noblgoog#page/n109/mode/2up>

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

The testator's sister, Joan Warren (buried 12 October 1584), married Sir Henry Williams alias Cromwell (d.1604). Their children are the testator's principal legatees in the will below.

Joan Warren (buried 12 October 1584) and Sir Henry Williams alias Cromwell (d.1604) were the grandparents of the Lord Protector, Oliver Cromwell (1599-1658). See Noble, Mark, *Memoirs of the Protectoral-House of Cromwell*, 3<sup>rd</sup> ed., Vol. I, (London: G.G.J. and J. Robinson, 1787), pp. 23-4 at:

<http://books.google.ca/books?id=DJVCAAAAYAAJ&pg=PA23>

For her epitaph in the church of St Benet Sherehog, see also Toldervey, W., *Select Epitaphs*, (London: W. Owen, 1755), Vol. I, p. 149 at:

<http://books.google.ca/books?id=Rn4DAAAQAQAJ&pg=PA149>

For Sir Henry Williams alias Cromwell, see the History of Parliament entry at:

<http://www.historyofparliamentonline.org/volume/1558-1603/member/cromwell-alias-williams-henry-1537-1604>

For the testator's nephew and residuary legatee, Sir Oliver Cromwell (1566?-1655), see the History of Parliament entry at:

<http://www.historyofparliamentonline.org/volume/1558-1603/member/cromwell-oliver-1566-1655>

For the testator's sister-in-law, Joan (nee Hayward) Thynne (bap. 28 August 1558 – d. 3 March 1612), see her will, TNA PROB 11/119/253.

The testator's nephew, the parliamentary diarist Hayward Townshend (c.1577-c.1603), was the son of the testator's sister-in-law, Susan Hayward (buried 31 May 1592), and Sir

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Henry Townshend (d. 8 December 1621). According to Chambers, he married Franceline, the illegitimate daughter of Edmund Neville (c.1555-c.1620) (son of Richard Neville (d.1590) and Barbara Arden, daughter of William Arden of Park Hall) by his mistress, Franceline Townshend. See the will of William Arden, TNA PROB 11/31/109; and Chambers, E.K., ed., *Aurelian Townshend's Poems and Masks*, (Oxford: Clarendon Press, 1912), pp. xi and xxxvi at:

<https://archive.org/stream/cu31924013166610#page/n39/mode/2up>

See also the *ODNB* article on Hayward Townshend; the will of Sir Henry Townshend, TNA PROB 11/83/228; and the History of Parliament entry for Hayward Townshend at:

<http://www.historyofparliamentonline.org/volume/1558-1603/member/townshend-hayward-1577-1603>

The testator's niece, Mary Townshend (bap. 8 July 1583, buried 3 November 1617), daughter of the testator's sister-in-law, Susan Hayward (buried 31 May 1592), and Sir Henry Townshend (d. 8 December 1621), married the testator's nephew, Sir Philip Cromwell (d. January 1630). See 'The Early Townshends of Raynham' at:

<http://home.worldonline.co.za/~townshend/earlytownshends.htm>

For the testator's friend, Thomas Owen (d. 21 December 1598), see the History of Parliament entry at:

<http://www.historyofparliamentonline.org/volume/1558-1603/member/owen-thomas-1598>

The 'Lady Hayward' mentioned in the will below was Katherine Smyth, second wife of the testator's father-in-law, Sir Rowland Hayward (see above), and daughter of Sir Thomas Smyth (d. 7 June 1591), 'Customer Smyth', for whom see the History of Parliament entry at:

<http://www.historyofparliamentonline.org/volume/1558-1603/member/smythe-thomas-i-1522-91>

'My daughter Blunt' mentioned in the will below has not been identified. She may have been an illegitimate daughter of the testator.

For the testator see also the History of Parliament entry at:

<http://www.historyofparliamentonline.org/volume/1558-1603/member/warren-richard-1545-98>

RM: T{estamentum} Richardi Warren

22<sup>nd</sup> day of March 1596

[f. 159r] This is the last will and testament of Richard Warren, esquire, as well for the disposition of his manors, lands, tenements and hereditaments and also touching his goods, chattels and debts;

And first before all things I commend my soul unto Almighty God, and my body to the earth to be buried in the parish of Saint Benet Sherehog, where my father and my mother lie buried, in convenient, decent and honest manner according to my calling by the discretion of my loving wife, whom I make my executrix, in whom I do repose great trust and confidence for the fidelity and trust I have found in her;

And first I will that she shall quietly enjoy all such manors, lands and tenements as I have assured or meant to assure to her for her jointure;

And further for the goodwill that I bear unto her, I do devise unto her during her life my two manors and lordships called Foxton Chatteris and Foxton Wimbish and all other my lands within the county of Cambridge;

Also I do devise to my nephew, Robert Cromwell, for term of his life one annuity or yearly rent of twenty pounds a year to be issuing out of the manor of Brettenham within the county of Norfolk, the same rent to begin after the decease of my said wife;

Item, I devise to my nephew, Henry Cromwell, one moiety of my manor and lordship of Freckenham within the county of Suffolk, to have to him and to the heirs of his body lawfully begotten;

Also I do devise to my nephew, Richard Cromwell, the other moiety of the said manor and lordship of Freckenham with the appurtenances, to have and to hold to him and to the heirs of his body lawfully begotten;

Item, I devise to my nephew, Philip Cromwell, the moiety of the manor and lordship of Moore Hall and Hawes Wood or by any other name soever the same be known within the county of Norfolk, to have and to hold to him and to the heirs of his body lawfully begotten, his estate to begin after my wife's estate for term of her life;

I leave to descend to my nephew, Oliver Cromwell, my sister's son and heir apparent, all other my manors, lands, tenements, reversions and hereditaments not by me disposed or conveyed, and I require and heartily pray him to suffer all such persons to whom I have made any lease, estate, devise or conveyance of any my manors, lands and tenements quietly to enjoy the same;

And as touching my goods, I devise to my said loving wife in full satisfaction of all her part and portion that she may claim of my goods the sum of five thousand pounds to be taken out of my household stuff, plate, jewels, goods, chattels and debts;

Item, I give to either of my nieces, Mary Cromwell and Dorothy Cromwell, the sum of three hundred pounds apiece;

And to my nieces that be married, Joan Barrington, Elizabeth Hampden and Frances Whalley, to each of them one hundred pounds apiece, and to every of their children ten pounds apiece;

And I bequeath to every of the children of my nephew, Oliver Cromwell, the sum of ten pounds apiece;

And likewise to every of the children of my nephew, Robert Cromwell, the sum of ten pounds apiece;

Item, I give and bequeath to Francis Barrington, esquire, the sum of twenty pounds, and the like sum to William Hampden, esquire, and the like sum of twenty pounds to Richard Whalley, esquire;

Also I bequeath to my nephew, Oliver Cromwell, the sum of twenty pounds, and to his wife the sum of twenty pounds;

And to my nephew, Robert Cromwell, the sum of twenty pounds, and to his wife the sum of twenty pounds;

And to every of my nephews Henry, Richard and Philip Cromwell, the sum of one hundred pounds apiece;

Item, I give to every of the prisons of Newgate, Ludgate and the two Counters the sum of twenty pounds apiece;

And to the poor children in Christ's Hospital and to the hospitals of St Bartholomew's and to Bridewell the sum of twenty pounds apiece. Richard Warren. Thomas Owens.

24<sup>th</sup> of March 1596

Item, I give to the parties hereafter mentioned the sums hereafter following, viz.:

First to my nephew, Hayward Townshend, the sum of one hundred marks, and to my niece, his sister, Mary Townshend, the sum of one hundred marks;

And to my servant, Thomas Clithero, fifty pounds;

And to my servant, Edward Runham, the like sum of fifty pounds;

And to my servant, William Cabbage, the sum of twenty pounds;

And to every of my servants dwelling in the house two years' wages over and besides that which is due unto them;

And to Mistress Williams the sum of twenty pounds;

And to my sister [=sister-in-law], Mistress Joan Thynne, fifty pounds;

And to Doctor [f. 159v] Foster the sum of forty pounds;

And to my Lady Hayward and to her six children one hundred pounds equally to be divided amongst them;

And to my especial good friend, Master Justice Owen, forty pounds;

And to my daughter Blunt five pounds;

And to the poor of the parish of St Benedict Sherehog and of St Stephen's in Walbrook ten pounds;

And to the poor of the parish of Barking in the county of Essex ten pounds;

And to the college of Brasenose in Oxford where I was brought up a scholar the sum of fifty pounds;

And to the College of Saint John the Baptist in Oxford fifty pounds;

And to Joan Sansoone and Alice Mason, ten pounds piece;

And I will that my wife shall consider of such poor as shall be at my burial and of such friends as myself have forgotten with such sums of money as she shall think good. Thomas Owen, Wy(?) Ottley, Thomas Ireland, William Heines.

Probatum fuit Testamentum suprascriptum apud London coram Magistro Iohanne Amy legum Doctore Surrogato venerabilis viri Magistri Will<sup>el</sup>imj Lewyn legum etiam Doctoris Curie Prerogatiue Cantuariensis Magistri Custodis siue Commissarij legitime constitutj Vicesimo Sexto die mensis Martij Anno Domini Millesimo Quingentesimo Nonagesimo Septimo Iuramento Magistri Richardi Stubbs notarij publicj procuratoris Elizabethe Warren Relicte et Executricis in huiusmodi Testamento nominate Cui commissa fuit Administratio bonorum Iurium et creditorum dicti defuncti De bene et fideliter administra{n}d{o} &c Ad sancta Dei Euangelia Iurat{e}

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[=The above-written testament was proved at London before Master John Amy, Doctor of the Laws, Surrogate of the worshipful Master William Lewin, also Doctor of the Laws, lawfully constituted Master, Keeper or Commissary of the Prerogative Court of Canterbury, on the twenty-sixth day of the month of March in the year of the Lord the thousand five hundred ninety-seventh by the oath of Master Richard Stubbs, notary public, proctor of Elizabeth Warren, relict and executrix named in the same testament, to whom administration was granted of the goods, rights and credits of the said deceased, sworn on the Holy Gospels to well and faithfully administer etc.]