

SUMMARY: The document below is the Prerogative Court of Canterbury copy of the will, dated 14 December 1600 and proved 11 July 1601, of Edmund Newport (buried 22 July 1601), brother of Sir Richard Newport (d. 12 September 1570), owner of a copy of Hall's *Chronicle* containing annotations thought to have been made by Shakespeare. The volume was Loan 61 in the British Library until 2007, was subsequently on loan to Lancaster University Library until 2010, and is now in the hands of a trustee, Lady Hesketh. According to the Wikipedia entry for Sir Richard Newport, the annotated Hall's *Chronicle* is now at Eton College, Windsor. See:

[https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Richard_Newport_\(died_1570\)](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Richard_Newport_(died_1570))

Newport's copy of his chronicle, containing annotations sometimes attributed to William Shakespeare, is now in the Library at Eton College, Windsor.

For the annotated Hall's *Chronicle*, see also Keen, Alan and Roger Lubbock, *The Annotator*, (London: Putnam, 1954).

For the testator's burial, see Baxter, H.F., *The Registers of Sibdon Carwood, Shropshire*, (London: Parish Register Society, 1899), p. 2 at:

<https://archive.org/details/publications133socigoog/page/n17>

FAMILY BACKGROUND

For early generations of the Newport family, see Bridgeman, Ernest R.O. and Charles G.O. Bridgeman, 'History of the Manor and Parish of Weston-under-Lizard, in the County of Stafford', William Salt Archaeological Society, ed., *Collections for a History of Staffordshire*, Vol. XX, Vol. II, New Series, (London: Harrison and Sons, 1899), p. 146 at:

<https://archive.org/details/collectionsfora14socigoog/page/n189>

See also the Newport pedigree in Grazebrook, George, and John Paul Rylands, eds., *The Visitation of Shropshire Taken in the Year 1623*, Part II, (London: Harleian Society, 1889), Vol. XXIX, pp. 372-4 at:

<https://archive.org/stream/visitationshrop01grazgoog#page/n100/mode/2up>

Testator's parents

The testator was the son of Thomas Newport, for whose will, dated 24 July 1548 and proved 11 June 1551, see TNA PROB 11/34/176.

The testator's mother, Anne Corbet, was the daughter of Sir Robert Corbet (c.1477 – 11 April 1513) by Elizabeth Vernon, the daughter of Sir Henry Vernon (c.1441 – 13 April 1515) of Haddon, Derbyshire. For the will of Sir Henry Vernon, see TNA PROB 11/18/121. For the will of Sir Robert Corbet, see TNA PROB 11/17/471.

See also the pedigree of Corbet of Morton in Grazebrook, George, and John Paul Rylands, eds., *The Visitation of Shropshire Taken in the Year 1623, Part I*, (London: Harleian Society, 1889), Vol. XXVIII, pp. 136-7 at:

<https://archive.org/stream/visitationshrop00britgoog#page/n190/mode/2up>

Sir Robert Corbet's sister, Elizabeth Corbet, and her husband Thomas Trentham (d.1518/9) of Shrewsbury, were the great-grandparents of Oxford's second wife, Elizabeth Trentham (d.1612). For the will of Thomas Trentham (d.1518/9), see TNA PROB 11/19/252.

Testator's siblings

As noted above, the testator's brother, Sir Richard Newport, was the owner of a copy of Hall's *Chronicle* containing annotations thought to have been made by Shakespeare.

The testator's sister, Elizabeth Newport (d. after 1586), married John Pakington (1530-1578), of Chaddesley Corbet, Worcestershire, and was the aunt of Humphrey Martyn (d.1587?), the addressee of the *Langham Letter* describing Leicester's entertainment of Queen Elizabeth at Kenilworth in the summer of 1575. See the Langham page on this website.

By John Pakington, Elizabeth Newport had two sons and three daughters:

-Humphrey Pakington (1555-1631), who married firstly Bridget Kingsmill (1572-1606), and secondly Abigail Sacheverell (d.1657).

-John Pakington, who appears to have been the testator's 'cousin', executor and legatee in the will below.

-Elizabeth Pakington, who married Henry Russell (1540-1608), the son of Henry Russell and Milburga Broughton or Brocton, and grandson of John Russell and Anne Barnardiston, the daughter of Thomas Barnardiston of Ketton, Suffolk. See Grazebrook, H. Sydney, *The Heraldry of Worcestershire*, Vol. II, (London: John Russell Smith, 1873), p. 485 at:

<https://books.google.ca/books?id=CFQBAAAAQAAJ&pg=PA485>

See also D.P., 'Wollaton and the Willoughby Monuments' in Marshall, George W., *The Genealogist*, Vol. I, (London: Golding and Lawrence, 1877), p. 290 at:

https://archive.org/details/genealogist01mars_0/page/n605

Rowland Russell's brother Henrie succeeded to the representation of the Russells of Little Malvern. . . . In 1591 he had returned to Little Malvern and married Elizabeth Pakington, from which marriage the line of the Russells was continued.

For a draft copy of the will of Henry Russell, see Worcestershire Archive and Archaeology Service 705:24/291 in the online National Archives catalogue.

-Mary Pakington, who married the testator's executor, John Lutley of Bromcroft [=Broncroft Castle in Diddlebury?], Shropshire, second son of Adam Lutley and Elizabeth Cresset. See the Lutley pedigree in Grazebrook, George, and John Paul Rylands, eds., *The Visitation of Shropshire Taken in the Year 1623*, Part II, (London: Harleian Society, 1889), Vol. XXIX, pp. 344-5 at:

<https://archive.org/details/visitationshrop01britgoog/page/n69>

For John Lutley, see also Shropshire Archives 5460/3/11:

http://search.shropshirehistory.org.uk/collections/getrecord/CCA_X5460_3_4_11/

-Margaret Pakington, who married a husband surnamed Pen.

See the pedigree in Hussey, Christopher and Michael Hodgetts, *Harvington Hall Near Kidderminster, Worcestershire*, (Exeter: Catholic Records Press, 1981), p. 31.

For the testator's other siblings, see the will of his father, Thomas Newport, TNA PROB 11/34/176.

OTHER PERSONS MENTIONED IN THE WILL

The testator's kinsman, Francis Leighton, may have been a grandson of the testator's sister, Katherine Newport, who in 1563 married John Leighton. See Baldwyn Childe, Mrs., 'Notes on Leighton Deeds', *Transactions of the Shropshire Archaeological and Natural History Society*, (Shrewsbury, Adnitt and Naunton, 1886), Vol. IX, pp. 395-410 at pp. 408-9:

<https://archive.org/stream/transactionsofsh09shro#page/n861/mode/2up>

See also the Leighton pedigree (which, however does not mention the marriage of Katherine Newport and John Leighton), in Grazebrook, George, and John Paul Rylands, eds., *The Visitation of Shropshire Taken in the Year 1623*, Part II, (London: Harleian Society, 1889), Vol. XXIX, p. 324 at:

<https://archive.org/details/visitationshrop01britgoog/page/n49>

For the testator's godson, Henry Newport, and kinsman, Henry Newport the elder, see Bridgeman, *supra*, p. 174 at:

<https://archive.org/details/collectionsfora14socigoo/page/n221>

TESTATOR'S LANDS

The testator was bequeathed a lease of a farm in Sibdon Carwood in the will of his brother, Reginald Newport (d.1561), TNA PROB 11/44/366.

Item, I give and bequeath unto my brother, Edmund Newport, my lease of my farm of Sibdon.

LM: T{estamentum} Edmundi Newport

In the name of God, Amen. The fourteenth day of December in the year of Our Lord one thousand six hundred, I, Edmund Newport of Sibdon in the diocese of Hereford and county of Salop, gentleman, being weak in body but of good and perfect memory, thanks be to Almighty God, do ordain and make this my last will and testament in manner and form following, videlicet:

First I give and bequeath my soul into the hands of Almighty God, my Maker and Redeemer, and my body to the earth whereof it came, to be buried in Christian burial;

Item, I give and bequeath to David ap John Phee, my servant, six pounds thirteen shillings four pence;

Item, I give to Humphrey Baugh, my servant four pounds;

Item, I give to Edward ap Owen, my servant, twenty shillings;

Item, I give to Elizabeth Childe, my servant, six pounds thirteen shillings four pence, my second pan and my third pot, two dishes of pewter, my third featherbed, one pair of hempen sheets, one bolster and one pair of blankets;

Item, I give to Joan Bebbe, my servant, six pounds thirteen shillings four pence, my third pan and second pot, two pewter dishes, my fourth featherbed, one pair of hempen sheets, one bolster and one pair of blankets;

Item, I give to Ankarett Faulconer, my servant, twenty shillings;

Item, I give to Francis, the son of Margaret Reynoldes, thirteen pounds six shillings [f. 89r] eight pence for his part;

Item, I give to Henry Newport, my godson, after my decease the lease of my house in Sibdon wherein I now dwell;

Item, I give to my kinsman, Henry Newport the elder, forty pounds;

Item, I give to my kinsman, Francis Leighton, forty pounds;

Item, I give to my cousin, John Pakington, and to his heirs forever one annual or yearly rent of twenty shillings by year issuing out of the house of Sibdon that I now dwell in which I purchased of Henry Vernon, esquire;

Item, I give to Francis, the son of Margaret Reynoldes, my lease of Richard Weaver's house is Sibdon;

Item, I give to Sir Edward Keysell, clerk, my best black cloak;

Item, I give to the poor inhabitants of the township of Sibdon, viz., Thomas Rowton, Rees ap Powell, Henry ap Owen, John Vernoldes and Robert Cowper, to every of them one strike of corn;

Also I give and clearly forgive to Hugh Pearkes all and singular such debts as he doth or ever did owe unto me;

Item, I give and clearly forgive John Bebbe all such sums of money which he doth or ever did owe unto me;

Item, I give and clearly forgive John Corbet of Wigmore all such debts as he doth or ever did owe unto me;

All the rest of my goods, cattles and chattels movable and unmovable, as well real as personal whatsoever, my funerals, debts and legacies fully discharged, I give and bequeath to my kinsman, John Pakington;

And of this my last will and testament I made and ordain the said John Pakington and my cousin, John Lutley of Bromescroft, my executors to see this my last will and testament executed and performed;

In witness whereof to this my last will and testament I have subscribed my name the day and year above-written, these being witnesses: Robert Lutley, Hugh Pearkes and Thomas Bache;

Also I do further give, will and bequeath unto the said John Pakington, my kinsman, the sowing of all my fallow grounds in Sibdon with hard corn at Michaelmas next, and all the

corn and commodity that shall rise and grow thereon, and the use of my grounds for keeping of my cattle for the sowing of the same.

Probatum fuit Testamentum suprascriptum apud London coram magistro Richardo Swale legum Doctore Surrogato venerabilis viri magistri Iohannis Gibson legum etiam Doctoris Curie Prerogatiue Cantuariensis magistri Custodis sive Com{m}issarij l{egi}time constituti vndecimo die mensis mensis [sic] Iulij Anno Domini millesimo Sexcentesimo primo Iuramento m{agist}ri Allexandri Serle Notarij publici procur{ator}is Iohannis Lutley vnius executor{um} in h{uius}mo{d}i Testament{o} nominat{orum} Cui com{m}issa fuit Administratio bonor{um} Iurium et creditor{um} dicti defuncti De bene et fidel{ite}r Administrand{o} eadem &c Ad Sancta Dei Evangelia Iurat{i} Reservata p{otes}tate similem Com{m}iss{ionem} faciend{i} Iohanni Pakington cognato dicti defuncti et alteri executor{um} in h{uius}mo{d}i Testamento nominat{orum} cum ven{er}it eam petitur{o} in debita Iuris forma admiss{uro}{(?)

[=The above-written testament was proved at London before Master Richard Swale, Doctor of the Laws, Surrogate of the worshipful Master John Gibson, also Doctor of the Laws, lawfully constituted Master, Keeper or Commissary of the Prerogative Court of Canterbury, on the eleventh day of the month of July in the year of the Lord the thousand six hundred first by the oath of Master Alexander Serle, notary public, proctor of John Lutley, one of the executors 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 the same etc., with power reserved to John Pakington, kinsman of the said deceased and another of the executors named in the same testament, when he shall have come to petition in due form of law to be admitted.]