

SUMMARY: The document below is the Prerogative Court of Canterbury copy of the will, dated 14 July 1497 and proved 22 December 1500, of Elizabeth Fitz Lewes Wingfield (d.1500), wife of Sir John Wingfield (1428 - 10 May 1481), whose grandson, Sir Anthony Wingfield (d. 15 August 1552) of Letheringham, Suffolk, married Elizabeth Vere (d.1557), eldest daughter of Sir George Vere (died c.1503) and sister of John de Vere (1499-1527), 14<sup>th</sup> Earl of Oxford. For the will of Sir Anthony Wingfield (d. 15 August 1552), see TNA PROB 11/36/112. For the will of Elizabeth Vere Wingfield (d.1557), see TNA PROB 11/42B/640.

NOTE: The will below was transcribed from a photocopy obtained from the Norfolk Record Office. However the author of this website has since mislaid the photocopy, and for that reason the transcript below was not re-checked against the photocopy after it was initially typed up, nor has the probatum clause been fully transcribed.

A summary of the testatrix' will is also available at 'Wingfield Family Wills':

<http://www.letheringhamlodge.com/wills>.

### ***FAMILY BACKGROUND***

The testatrix was the daughter of Sir Lewes John (d. 27 October 1442) of West Horndon, Essex, citizen and vintner of London, by his second wife, Anne Montagu or Montacute (d. 28 November 1457), widow of Sir Richard Hankford (d. 8 February 1431), and daughter of John Montagu, 3<sup>rd</sup> Earl of Salisbury. See Richardson, Douglas, *Magna Carta Ancestry*, 2<sup>nd</sup> ed., 2011, Vol. II, pp. 334-6 and Vol. IV, pp. 270-1; and Elliot, H.L., 'Fitz Lewes, of West Horndon, and the Brasses at Ingrave', *Transactions of the Essex Archaeological Society*, Vol. VI, New Series, (Colchester, 1898), pp. 32-5, at:

<https://archive.org/stream/transactionssess04socigoog#page/n45>

The testatrix' father, Sir Lewes John, married firstly, before 1 January 1414, Alice de Vere (died c.1431), daughter of Aubrey de Vere (c.1338 – 15 February 1400), 10<sup>th</sup> Earl of Oxford, and widow of Francis de Court (d. 11 September 1413) of Byfleet, Surrey,

By her first husband, Richard Hankford, the testatrix' mother, Anne Montagu, had a daughter, the testatrix' half sister:

**-Anne Hankford**, who married Thomas Butler (c.1424–1515), 7<sup>th</sup> Earl of Ormond.

After the death of Sir Lewes John, the testatrix' mother, Anne Montagu, married thirdly, as his third wife, John Holand (d. 5 August 1447), Duke of Exeter, by whom she had no issue.

In his will, dated 2 June 1440 and proved 31 December 1442, Sir Lewes John mentions five sons and four daughters. According to Elliot, *supra*, pp. 35-9, three sons, the testatrix' half brothers, can be identified as his children by his first wife, Alice de Vere, and two daughters as the children of his second marriage to Anne Montagu:

**-Lewes Fitz Lewes**, eldest son of Sir Lewes John and Alice de Vere. He was attainted, and died between 1477 and 1480, leaving by Margaret Stonor(?) a son and heir, Sir Richard Fitz Lewes (born c.1446, d. 12 July 1528). For the marriages of Sir Richard Fitz Lewes, see Elliot, *supra*, pp. 43-50, and the will of Sir Nicholas Wentworth (d.1553?). TNA PROB 11/39/237.

**-Sir Henry Fitz Lewes**, second son of Sir Lewes John and Alice de Vere. He was knighted at the battle of Northampton, He married firstly Elizabeth Beaufort (d. before 1475), the youngest daughter of Edmund Beaufort (born c. 1406, slain at the Battle of St Albans 22 May 1455), 2<sup>nd</sup> Duke of Somerset, by whom he had a daughter, Mary Fitz Lewes (born c.1465), who married firstly Anthony Woodville, 2<sup>nd</sup> Earl Rivers, by whom she had no issue, and secondly Sir George Neville, illegitimate son of Sir Thomas Neville, by whom she had a daughter, Anne Neville, who married Sir John Markham of Cotham, Nottinghamshire. Sir Henry Fitz Lewes married secondly Eleanor Hungerford, daughter of Robert Hungerford, 2<sup>nd</sup> Baron Hungerford, and widow successively of John White (d.1469) of South Warnborough, Hampshire, and Sir William Tyrrell of Heron. Sir Henry Fitz Lewes died without male issue on 9 May 1480. See Elliot, *supra*, p. 37; and Richardson, Douglas, *Plantagenet Ancestry*, 2<sup>nd</sup> ed., 2011, Vol. III, pp. 227-32.

**-Philip Fitz Lewes**, third surviving son of Sir Lewes John and Alice de Vere. He married a wife surnamed Turney, by whom he was the father of Anne Fitz Lewes, who married William Cromer, second son of Sir William Cromer, and grandson of William Cromer, Lord Mayor of London in 1413 and 1423. He may also have married Joan Fitz Simon, the daughter of Robert Fitz Simon or Fitz Symond (d.1474) by Katherine Manfield, the daughter of Sir Robert Manfield. See Elliot, *supra*, p. 38.

**-Elizabeth Fitz Lewes** (born c.1434), the testatrix in the will below. See Elliot, *supra*, pp. 38-9.

**-Margaret Fitz Lewis** (d. 4 August 1466), the testatrix' sister of the whole blood. According to Elliot, *supra*, p. 39, she was likely the youngest daughter of Sir Lewes John by his second wife, Anne Montagu. She married firstly, as his second wife, Sir William Lucy (d. 10 July 1460), of Richard's Castle, Herefordshire, and secondly John Wake (died c.1496), esquire, of Great Staughton, Huntingdonshire. See *Magna Carta Ancestry*, *supra*, Vol. II, p. 335, and Vol. III, p. 66, and Elliot, *supra*, pp. 41-2.

For the Fitz Lewes family, see also Corder, Joan, *The Visitation of Suffolk 1561, Vol. 2*, (London: Harleian Society, 1982), pp. 217-18; and the *ODNB* entry for John Montagu, 3<sup>rd</sup> Earl of Salisbury.

See also the History of Parliament entry for John Lewes (d. 27 October 1442), of London and West Horndon, Essex, at:

<http://www.historyofparliamentonline.org/volume/1386-1421/member/john-lewis-1442>

### **MARRIAGE AND CHILDREN**

For the testatrix' husband and children, see the extensive Wingfield pedigree at:

<http://www.letheringhamlodge.com/wingfield-of-wingfield-and-letheringham/>

*I. Sir John (VI) Wingfeld, K.B. of Lethringham in the counte of Suff. knyght. Born 1428. Named in his father's will. Of Letheringham. Presented to the chapel of Shelton in Stradbroke 1455. Sheriff of Norfolk and Suffolk 1455 and 1473. On commissions of peace for Suffolk from 1453 to 1463. Made a Knight of the Bath at the Tower of London on the eve of King Edward IV's coronation, 27 June 1461. Privy councillor to King Edward IV 1462-3 (2 Edw. IV). Presented to Easton church 1470. On commissions in Norfolk and Suffolk 1470-6 and 1478-81. Had a grant of a weekly market and fair at Laxfield, 12 Nov. 1472.<sup>44</sup> On a commission to treat with commissioners for the king of France at Amiens 1477.<sup>45</sup> Died 10 May 1481, bur. at Letheringham (there was formerly a canopied tomb there). IPM 21 Edw. IV, no. 59 (held Laxfield manor). Of Letheringham, will dated 10 May 1481, proved Oct. 1481 – requested burial in the northern part of the chancel of Letheringham Priory, opposite the burial place of his father.<sup>46</sup> Married, by 1457, Elizabeth FitzLewis, Daughtr of Sr John ffitz Lewys (Sir Lewis John or Johan) knyght of West Horndon, Dunton, Ingrave and Cranham, Essex (sometime steward of the duchy of Cornwall within Devon and warden of the Stannaries in Devon), and of Anne his (2nd) Wyfe Daughtr of John Montague (Montacute), erl of Salusburye (3rd Earl of Salisbury) and widow of Sir Richard Hankford. Co-heiress to her mother, aged 22 and more, 1457. Named as a co-executrix of her husband's will. Died 1500. 'Dame E. Wyngfeld, wiffe of Sir John Wyngfeld, kt., of Letherynham, widow', will dated 14 July 1497, proved 22 Dec. 1500 Norwich C.C. (135-138 Cage) – requested burial in the north part of the chancel of Letheringham Priory beside her husband's tomb.*

*16 Children (12 sons and 4 daughters):<sup>47</sup>*

*1. Sir John (VII) Wingfeld of Lethringham in the counte of Suff knyght, Sonne & heyre Summoned by writ 5 June 1483 to receive knighthood before the coronation of King Edward V (which never took place). Sheriff of Norfolk and Suffolk 1483/4 and 1492/3. Attainted of High Treason for bearing arms against Richard III 23 Jan. 1483/4; pardoned 1484; restored in blood 7 Nov. 1485/6. Fought at Bosworth 22 Aug. 1485. A knight, 'late one of the esquires of the body of Edward IV', he inherited Chacombe in Northants., from his uncle Sir Robert, aged 21 and more; in 1481 he demised it to Robert's widow Anne for life, and she made a similar grant to John Howard, duke of Norfolk.<sup>57</sup> Knight Banneret. Fought against Cornish rebels 1497. Named in his mother's*

will 1497. Died 1509. Married by 1488, Anne, Daughtr of John Touchet, 6th Lord Awdley (Audley).

**2. Sir Edward Wingfeld** second sonne. 'Made Knight in Granado by Sir Edward Woodvill warringe on the infidels' 1471-2.<sup>48</sup> Received an annuity of £40 from the Crown 20 Feb. 1493. Named as a co-executor of his mother's will 1497. Employed on missions to the Emperor Maximilian 1507-8. Died s.p. Married Countess Anne, widow of George Grey, 2nd Earl of Kent and daughter of Richard Woodvile, 1st Earl Rivers. Sister of Queen Elizabeth.

**3. Sir Henry Wingfeld** a prest (priest) third sonne. Born c.1460. 'Of noble birth' admitted to Cambridge University 1474-5. B.A. 1474-5; M.A. 1478. Obtained Papal licence for promotion to holy orders although only in or about his 22nd year, 18 Apr. 1482; ordained a sub-deacon 21 Sep. 1482. Presented by his father to the rectory of Baconsthorpe in Norfolk, 31 July 1480; Rector of Rendlesham 16 Sep. 1483. Named as a co-executor of his mother's will 1497 (therein named as 'Sir Harry, priest'). Died 1500. Sir Henry Wyngfeld, clerk. dns., Bakonesthorp, at Letheryngham, will dated 5 Aug. 1500, proved 22 Dec. 1500 Norwich C.C. (134, 135 Cage) – requested burial in the S.E. corner of Letheringham churchyard by the crab-tree and 'a stone to be layd upon me upon the which the palmes may be layd on in passion weke'; bequeathed to Gonville Hall in Cambridge 'my iiij bokes of Lire [Nicholas de Lira] in prent'.<sup>49</sup>

**4. [?Sir] John (VIII) Wingfeld** the younger, fourth sonne. Of Dunham Magna in co. Norfolk, esq.<sup>112</sup> Received a general pardon 1484 for having been in arms against Richard III. Executor of his mother's will 1500, named in the will as 'John the younger'. Died 1509. Married Margaret, daughter & heir of Richard Dorward (Doreward or Durward) of Barking, Essex.

**5. Wyllm (William) Wingfeld** vth sonne. Died s.p. Small brass in floor of Letheringham church: Here lieth William Wingfield Squire, sometime Sewer to our Sovereine Lord King Henry 7 & son of Sir John Wingfield Knt & Dame Elizabeth his wife which William died the 4th Day of December in the year of our Lord God 1491. Married Joan, daughter of Sir William (Thomas) Waldegrave.

**6. [?Sir] Thomas (IV) Wingfeld** vith sonne. Slain at the battle of Redner, s.p. Captain of Deal Castle. Killed at the Battle of Bosworth 22 Aug. 1485, s.p.

**7. Sir Robert (V) Wingfeld**, P.C., viith sonne. Lord Deputy of Calais, s.p. Born c.1470. 'Bred up by his aunt the Lady Scrope, became a Knight of the Holy Sepulchre in Jerusalem'.<sup>50</sup> Named as a co-executor of his mother's will 1497. Usher of the chamber by 1505; knighted by 2 July 1509; knight of the body by 1511. Bailiff of the Honor of Eye and Constable of Eye Castle 1509. Joint Marshal of Calais 1513-20, lieutenant of the castle ?1523-6, Deputy of Calais 1526-31, Mayor 1534. Privy Councillor in 1511. Ambassador to Pope Leo and Ambassador to (and personal friend of) the Emperor Maximilian. Fought against Cornish rebels 1497. M.P. for Great Grimby 1510.<sup>51</sup> Died s.p.s. 18 Mar. 1538. Will dated 15 Mar. 1538, proved 12 Nov. 1539, - requested burial

either in the north aisle of St Nicholas's in Calais 'where he had built a place for his sepulture', or in Rushford in Norfolk 'in the midst of a chapel on the south side in that college, where the body of his uncle and godfather Sir Robert Wingfield ... lay; and upon his grave be placed a marble stone, with a cross of Jerusalem thereon', or in St Peter's in London 'in which parish his house stood'.<sup>52</sup> Married 1stly, by 1497, Eleanor Ramsbury (or Ramsberrie)<sup>53</sup> or Eleanor, daughter of Sir John Raynsford of Bradfield in Essex, a marshal of Calais.<sup>54</sup> Present at the Field of the Cloth of Gold 1520. Died before 5 May 1522. He married 2ndly, licence 4 July 1519, Joan/Jane, widow of Thomas Clinton alias Fiennes, 8th Lord Clinton (d. 1517) and illegitimate daughter of Sir Edward Poyning of Westerhanger, Kent. Named in her husband's will.

8. **Water (Walter) Wingfeld** viiiith sonne. Named in his mother's will 1497. Died s.p. Married ... daughter of ... Mackwilliams.

9. **Lewys (Lewes, Ludovic) Wingfeld** ixth sonne. Escheator of Norfolk 1492. Named as a co-executor of his mother's will 1497. Comptroller [?of the Household] of the Bishop of Winchester 1513. Magistrate for Hampshire 1524. Co-executor of his brother Sir Richard's will, 1525. Married Margaret, daughter of Henry Noone of Martlesham in Suffolk and Shelhanger in Norfolk.

10. **Edmond Wingfeld** xth sonne. Named in his mother's will 1497. A captain in 1513. Assessed at £40 in Stowlangtoft in the Anticipation of 1523; taxed £1 6s 8d on 40 marks in the South Ward of Bury St Edmunds, 1524. 55 E.W. esq. of Stowlangtofte, Suff., will dated 14 Feb. 1526, proved 17 May 1530 Norwich C.C. (30-40 Haywarde). Married Margaret, widow of John Ashfield of Stowlangtoft, Suffolk, and daughter of Henry Wentworth of Coldham Hall in Wethersfield, Essex. Co-executrix of her husbands will. Child: i. John Wingfeild. Child: ai. Richard Wingfield. Died s.p.

11. **Sir Rycharde Wingfeld** xith sonne. Born c.1469. Knt. of the Garter, Lord Deputy of Calais, Chancellor of the Duchy of Lancaster, of the bedchamber to Hen. VIII who gave him Kymbolton. He died at Toledo in Spain being then Ambassador. Born c.1469. Named in his mother's will 1497. A commander, with his brother Sir John, against the Cornish rebels 1497. Went on pilgrimage to Rome 1505 with his brother Robert. Knighted by 1511. Appointed Knight Marshal of Calais 1511, joint Lord Deputy of Calais 1513-9. Created a knight banneret at the siege of Tournay, 1513. An ambassador to the Low Countries 1512-6, and to France 1515. A royal councillor by 1514. Appointed to the privy chamber 1519. Resident ambassador to France 1520. Appointed a Knight of the Garter 23 Apr., installed 11 May 1522.<sup>114</sup> Granted the castle and manor of Kimbolton 1522. Chancellor of the Duchy of Lancaster 1523. High Steward of Cambridge University 1524. Sent as an ambassador to Spain, he died of dysentery 22 July 1525 at Toledo, bur. in the church of the Friars Observants of San Juan de los Reyes at Toledo. Sir R.W., K.G., will dated 6 Apr. 1525, proved 1525 P.C.C. Married 1stly, 1496, without royal licence, Lady Katherine, dowager Duchess of Bedford & Buck., daughter of Richard Woodville, Earl Rivers and younger sister to Queen Elizabeth (wife of Edward IV) and widow of Jasper Tudor, 3rd Duke of Bedford (d. 1495) and previously of Henry

*Stafford, 2nd Duke of Buckingham (executed 1483). Had the life use of Kimbolton Castle in Hunts. She died 1497. Sir Richard married 2ndly, c.1513, Bridget, daughter & heir of Sir John Wiltshire, who bought Stonehouse (Stone Castle) by Gravesend in Kent, sometime Comptroller of Calais. Died 1533/4. She remarried Sir Nicholas Hervey of Ickworth (d. 1532) and Robert Tyrwhitt of Mortlake, Surrey and Leighton Bromeswold, Hunts (d. 1572). Named in her husband's will. A friend of Queen Anne Boleyn. She died 1533/4.*

**12. Sir Humfrey (Humphrey) Wingfeld** xiith sonne. Named in his mother's will 1497. Co-executor of his brother Sir Richard's will, 1525. Of Brantham Hall, Suffolk. Taxed £6 10s on £130 in goods in Brantham, 1524.116 Speaker of the House of Commons 1533. Had a grant of manors of Overhall and Netherhall in Dedham, Essex, and Crepinghall in Stutton from the Crown 1537. Knighted ?after 15 Nov. 1538. Died 23 Oct. 1545. Will dated 13 Mar. 1542/3, proved 26 Nov. 1546 P.C.C. IPM 1545-6.117 Married Anne, widow of Sir Gregory Edgar (Adgor) of Brantham Hall, Serjeant-at-Law, and daughter & heir of Simon Wyseman of Great Canfield, Essex.

**13. Anne (Agnes) Wingfield.** Named in her uncle Henry's will 1493/4. Living 1498. Bur. Istly at Blundeston, but by the will of her son, 1527, it was directed that her body should be brought to Barsham and buried near that of her husband. Married, by 1493/4, John (Sir Edward) Echingham of Barsham.

**14. Elizabeth Wingfield the elder** a nonne (nun) at [blank]. Named as Elizabeth Hall in her brother Sir Richard's will, 1525. Married Francis Fitzwilliam alias Hall of Grantham.56

**15. Katherin (Catherine) Wingfield.** Named in her uncle Henry's will 1493/4. Executrix of her eldest son's will 1515. Died 1525. Her son John Brewes is named in her brother Sir Richard's will, 1525. Married by 1493/4, Robert Brews (Bruse) of Little Wenham. Named as a co-executor of his mother-in-law's will 1497. Died 1513.

**16. Elizabeth Wingfield the younger.** Married ffrancis Hall of Grantham, Lincolnshire, Comptroller of Calais.

LM: Elizabeth Wyngfeld

In Dei nomi{n}e Amen. I, Dame Elizabeth Wingfield, widow, late the wife of Sir John Wingfield, knight, the 14<sup>th</sup> day of July the year of Our Lord God 1497, of whole mind and good memory being, make my last will and testament in form following:

First I bequeath my soul to Almighty God and to Our Lady Saint Mary, most Blessed Virgin, and my body to be buried in the north part of the chancel of the Priory of Letheringham beside the tomb whereas my said husband lieth;

Also I will that all my debts be truly content and paid;

Also I will and specially require that mine executors take and perceive the issues and profits of the manor, lands and tenements, rents and services in Framlingham and Parham with their appurtenances, and of the tenements called Saxhams, Malkyns, and Caurnes in Badingham & Cransford, of the manor of Dallinghoo with th' appurtenances except 100 marks assigned by my said husband to the said Prior of Letheringham, and of the lands and tenements late purchased by my said husband in Easton, Charsfield(?) & Dallinghoo with their appurtenances except 100 marks assigned to the Prior aforesaid, of the tenement Bourtes(?) in Laxfield and Badingham except 100 marks also assigned to the said Priory, of the manor of Sutton(?) except 10 marks assigned for the pension of William Wingfield the elder, esquire, of the tenement called Wodehall late Robert Martyn[<sup>s</sup>], esquire, in Sutton, of the manor called Talbot in Satsham and elsewhere, of the tenement & closes called Broses in Sutton and Satisham aforesaid, of the manor called Stokerland in Sutton, of the manor and all the lands and tenements, rents & services late my said husband's in Ramesholt(?), of the manor and all the lands & tenements, rents and services with their appurtenances late my said husband's in Waldryingfeld & Helmet(?) , of the tenement called Lytg{es} late Lawrence Stobrod{es} in Grundisburgh(?), of the manor of Thorpe in Hasketon and other towns, of the rent late my said husband's in Petaugh(?), and of all the lands & tenements, rents and services by my said husband purchased in Laxfield, to the intent that my said executors with the said issues and profits shall pay the debts of my said husband's according to my said husband's last will;

Also I will that whereas my said husband by his said last will willed and declared by the same that his watermill of Belinges should be sold by his executors and with the money thereof coming to pay his debts and to perform his last will, now forasmuch as I, the said Dame Elizabeth, have with mine own proper goods performed that of his will, and paid part of his debts amounting to the value of the said mill and above, wherefore I will that mine feoffees of the said mill take and perceive the issues and yearly profits of the said mill and thereof pay and content to the Prior of Letheringham for the time being yearly 6s 8d, and over that 13s 4d to 2 canons of the said place there for the time being singing for the soul of my said husband and mine in augmenting of such salary of the said Prior & canons for certain years as is assigned by my said husband's last will, and over that in like manner to be given and distribute(?) to the said Prior and 2 canons there for the time being as long as any canons there shall sing and pray for the souls of my said husband's and mine or for the souls of our heirs, helping or aiding to the continuance of the said 2 canons there so singing after the said years expired, and for surety that this shall continue forevermore according to this my last will, I will that a[n] estate of the said mill with th' appurtenances be made to 8 persons as shall be named by mine executors to have to them & their heirs forever to the [ ] intent and true meaning of this my last will;

And over this I will that such time as it shall fortune 6 of the said feoffees to be dead, that then those 2 overliving to make a state to 8 other persons to have to them & their heirs forever to the use, intent and true meaning abovesaid, and of like estates in fee simple to thunlde(?) when need is for evermore, as it is above rehearsed;

And if it fortune that the service in praying and singing of the said 2 canons to cease after the said term and years(?) limited by my said husband's last will for lack of salary or convenient finding, then I will that my said feoffees of the said yearly revenues of the said mill after the said service so ended, pay or content to the said Prior and his successors yearly 20s, and so to continue forever to the intent that the said Prior and Convent shall daily pray for the souls of my said husband's and mine;

Also whereas a[n] estate is made of the manor of Shelton with th' appurtenances in the county of Suffolk, as well by agreement of me, the said Dame Elizabeth, as by the agreement of my son, Sir John, to divers persons in fee simple to the intent that they shall stand and be seised of the same to the use of me, the said Dame Elizabeth, till the sum of £200 by mine executors immediately after my decease be perceived and taken, I will that immediately after my death mine executors take & perceive yearly the issue and profits of the said manor till the sum of £200 be to them truly paid and content to the intent that they therewith pay my debts and perform this my last will;

Also whereas the manor of Easton with th' appurtenances in the said county of Suffolk by authority of Parliament was given & deemed(?) to Davy Orell and Edmond Clerk as in the right of their wives upon a complaint made in the said Parliament against me, the said Dame Elizabeth, and mine heirs, wherefore for having again of the said manor to me and mine heirs I, the said Dame Elizabeth, was(?) deemed(?) by the award of divers(?) lords indifferently chosen to pay and content to the said Davy and Edmond £40, the which I truly paid and contented, over and beside many other great sums of money the which I as well paid for my costs and charges in riding to London at divers times, as for a recovery by me had of the said manor;

That notwithstanding, I will that the said manor immediately after my decease be to my said son, Sir John, he to have like estate in the same to like use and intent as is expressed in the last will of my said husband's, after the which estate determined(?) to remain according as it is limited further in the said last will of my said husband's, upon condition that mine said son, Sir John, suffer mine executors to take and perceive wholly the issues & profits of all such lands and tenements, rents and services as I was seised of or any to mine use for term of my life by reason of mine jointure and dower or otherwise as shall arise or grow of all the said lands & premises until the feast of Michaelmas next after my decease according to his promise for divers considerations to be [sic?] made, lying upon my deathbed;

And if it fortune my said son, Sir John, to interrupt and let mine executors in taking and perceiving any of the said revenues or profits or in executing any of this my last will, that then as much of the issues & profits of the said manor immediately after my decease be taken and perceived by my said executors as shall amount to the sum of a £100, therewith my said executors to perform this my last will;

And after that the said sum of a £100 be so levied, paid and perceived by mine said executors, then I will that my feoffees of the said manor stand and be feoffees of the same



to the use of such persons as is expressed in the said last [+will] of mine husband's after the intent and true meaning of the same;

Also I will that Thomas Bray have my tenement in Preham(?) called Rameshold{es} [=Ramsholt?] with th' appurtenances in Easton & Asheton [=Hacheston?] to him and his heirs for evermore, upon condition that the said Thomas shall pay and content to Edmond Robertson and Richard Collett such money as William Ramyshold ought them at such days as shall be appointed by my said executors;

Also I will that my said son, Sir John, have all such lands, tenements and services that my said husband purchased of John Lyr(?) in Bramford to him and his heirs forevermore, upon condition that my said son, Sir John, pay or do to be paid unto mine executors £10 within a year after my decease, and if my said son, Sir John, will not pay the said £10, then I will that the said lands, rents and services with their appurtenances in Bramford aforesaid be sold by mine executors, and that my said son, Sir John, have 53s of the money thereof coming, and the remnant to go to the performing of this my last will;

Item, I will and bequeath to every of my sons, that is to say, my son Walter, my son Lewis, my son Richard, my son Edmund, and my son Humphrey, 10 marks;

Also I will that my son John the younger have £5;

Item, I will that my feoffee or feoffees in and of my tenement called Gibberdes with th' appurtenances in Letheringham, the which I purchased of Robert Cve [=Coo?], stand and be feoffee or feoffees of the same to the use of the Prior of Letheringham and his successors Priors there for the time being for the term of 4 score years, the term to begin at the feast of Saint Michael th' Archangel next after my decease, the said term to endure unto th' end of the said term of 4 score years, at the end of the which term I will that my said feoffee or feoffees make a lease of my said tenement with th' appurtenances to the said Prior and his successors Priors there for the time being for term or [sic] other 4 score years, the term to begin the 4<sup>th</sup> day next after the first term be ended, the said term to endure to th' end of the said term for 4 score years, and so at every end of every of the said terms of 4 score years ended and finished, I will that my said feoffee or feoffees make a new lease to the said Prior and his successors Priors there for the time being for term of other 4 score years, the said terms always to begin the 4<sup>th</sup> day next after th' end of every of the said terms of 4 score years so ended;

And for surety that these leases shall be made when need is as it is afore rehearsed, forevermore I will that there be a[n] estate made of and in my said tenement with th' appurtenances to 8 persons as shall be named by my said executors to have to them and their heirs for evermore, they to stand and be feoffees to the use, intent and true meaning as it is afore rehearsed, and over this, that at such time as it shall fortune 6 of the said feoffees to be dead, that then those 2 overliving make a state of the said tenement to 8 other persons to have to them and their heirs for evermore to the use and intent afore rehearsed, and so like estates in fee simple to be made when need is for evermore, as it is afore rehearsed;

Item, I will that all my debts be truly paid and content;

Also all injuries by me done, if any can be proved, be satisfied and recompensed;

Also I will that a priest sing by the space of a year for my soul, my said husband's soul, and for the soul of Sir Bartholomew Martyn, sometime parson of Ketylbergh;

Item, I will that after my debts be paid, that then mine executors pay and content my legacies and bequests;

Item, I will that the remnant(?) of my goods, if any remain after that these premises be performed, be disposed for the weal of my soul, my said husband's soul, for the soul of Sir Bartholomew Martin, and of the souls of all other friends, the disposition whereof I will be ordered at the discretion of my executors as they shall think best, the which I make and ordain my son, Sir Edward, knight; my son, Sir Harry, parson(?); my son, Robert Brewes; my son, Robert; mine(?) son, John the younger; and my son, Lewis, esquire;

Also I lesely(?) and humbly require my Lord Bishop of Durham to be supervisor of this my last will, and that it will please my said Lord to aid and assist my said executors in the performance of the same Anieir(?).

Probatu{m} [ ] xxij die mensis Decembr{is} Anno D{omi}ni Mill{es}imo Qui{n}gentesimo [ ] in Chur &c Et com{m}issa fit Administratio Ioh{ann}e Wyngelf  
[NOTE: Remainder of probatum clause not yet transcribed.]