

SUMMARY: The document below is the Prerogative Court of Canterbury copy of the will, dated 31 March 1505 and proved 10 April 1505, of Thomas Marowe, serjeant at law, who in 1503 delivered a reading at the Inner Temple entitled *De pace terre et ecclesie et conservacione ejusdem, Westminster primer, capitulo primo*, commonly referred to as 'Of the Peace'. The testator's sister, Joan Marowe, married Sir William Clopton (1450 - 20 February 1531), grandfather of Mary Clopton (d.1584), who married Sir William Cordell, one of the five trustees appointed by Oxford in an indenture of 30 January 1575 prior to his departure on his continental tour.

### ***FAMILY BACKGROUND***

The testator was the son of William Marowe (c.1419-c.1464), three times Master of the Grocers' Company, and Lord Mayor of London in 1455.

The name of William Marowe's first wife is unknown. The testator's mother was William Marowe's second wife, Katherine Rich, whom he married about 1455. She was the daughter of the London mercer, Richard Rich.

The testator leaves bequests in the will below to his servant, Robert Clopton, and Robert Clopton's sister, Dorothy Clopton. The testator's sister, Joan Marowe (b. 1470), married, as his first wife, Sir William Clopton (1450 - 20 February 1531) of Long Melford, Suffolk, the son of John Clopton, esquire, by Alice Darcy, the daughter of Sir Robert Darcy. For the will of Dorothy Clopton, proved 26 September 1508, see TNA PROB 11/16/117.

The testator also leaves bequests in the will below to several members of the Throckmorton family. The testator's sister, Katherine Marowe (c.1459-c.1503), married Sir Robert Throckmorton (c.1451-1518), of Coughton Court, Warwickshire. For the will of Sir Robert Throckmorton, see TNA PROB 11/20/25.

For the testator's other brothers and sisters, see the will of the testator's father, TNA PROB 11/5/139.

For the testator's great-nephew, Thomas Marrow (d.1561), see:

<http://www.historyofparliamentonline.org/volume/1509-1558/member/marrow-thomas-1516-61>

For the Marowe family, see also:

Putnam, Bertha Haven, 'Early Treatises on the Practice of Justices of the Peace in the Fifteenth and Sixteen Centuries' (Oxford Studies in Social and Legal History) Vol. VII (Oxford: Clarendon Press, 1924).

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**MARRIAGE AND CHILDEN**

The testator married Isabel Brome, the daughter of Nicholas Brome (d. 10 October 1516) of Baddesley Clinton, Warwickshire, by Elizabeth Arundel, widow of William Whittington (d. 1470) of Pauntley, Gloucestershire, and daughter of Sir Renfrey Arundel (d. 1434) of Lanherne by Joan Coleshull (d. 20 December 1497), daughter and heiress of Sir John Coleshull (1391-1418). Isabel's sister, Constance Brome (d. 30 September 1551), married Sir Edward Ferrers (d. 29 August 1535), son and heir of Sir Henry Ferrers of East Peckham, Kent. See Richardson, Douglas, *Magna Carta Ancestry*, 2<sup>nd</sup> ed., 2011, Vol. II, p. 381; and Dugdale, William, *The Antiquities of Warwickshire*, (London: Thomas Warren, 1656), pp. 710-12 at:

<https://archive.org/stream/antiquitiesofwar00dugd#page/710/mode/2up>

See also:

[http://soc.genealogy.medieval.narkive.com/VpFxlzHa/gen-medieval-d-digest-v05-123-blanchminsters:](http://soc.genealogy.medieval.narkive.com/VpFxlzHa/gen-medieval-d-digest-v05-123-blanchminsters)

*A document dated 13 Sept 1421, evidencing Joan Coleshull's first marriage to Renfrey Arundel, is in the Cornwall Record Office at reference AR/19/21. The marriage settlement of Nicholas Brome and Elizabeth Whittington nee Arundel, dated 20 December 1473, is in the Shakespeare's Birthplace Record Office at DR/3/264. Their daughter Constance married Edward Ferrers, son and heir of Sir Henry Ferrers, before March 1498.*

The testator's only child, Dorothy Marowe, married Francis Cokayne (d. 5 August 1538), esquire, of Ashbourne, Derbyshire, by whom she had several children, including Sir Thomas Cokayne (d. 5 November 1592), and Alice Cokayne (1535-1602), who married Sir Edward Littleton (1523 - 19 July 1574) of Pillaton (for whose will see TNA PROB 11/62/450), by whom she was the mother of Mary Littleton (1560 - 17 December 1622). See Cox, John Charles, *Notes on the Churches of Derbyshire*, Vol. II, (London: Bemrose and Sons, 1877), p. 386 at:

<https://archive.org/stream/notesonchurcheso02coxjiala#page/386/mode/2up>

For the testator's grandson, Sir Thomas Cokayne (1520-1592), see the *ODNB* entry, and the *History of Parliament* entry at:

[http://www.historyofparliamentonline.org/volume/1509-1558/member/cokayne-sir-thomas-1520-92.](http://www.historyofparliamentonline.org/volume/1509-1558/member/cokayne-sir-thomas-1520-92)

See also Cokayne, Andreas Edward, *Cokayne Memoranda*, (Congleton, 1869), pp. 24-9 at:

<https://archive.org/stream/cockaynememorand01coka#page/24/mode/2up>

See also Burke, John, *A Genealogical and Heraldic History of the Landed Gentry*, Vol. III, (London: Henry Colburn, 1838), p. 129 at:

<http://books.google.ca/books?id=vhpVAAAACAAJ&pg=PA129>

See also 'Littleton of Pileton-Hall, Staffordshire' in Betham, William, *The Baronetage of England*, (Ipswich: Burrell and Bransby, 1801), Vol I, p. 310 at:

<http://books.google.ca/books?id=LIQOAAAAQAAJ&pg=PA310>

See also the entry for Mary Littleton (1560 – 17 December 1622) at:

<http://www.kateemersonhistoricals.com/TudorWomenL.htm>.

### ***TESTATOR'S PROPERTY***

For the testator's property called Marowe's Key, see:

'Galley Quay', in *Survey of London: Volume 15, All Hallows, Barking-By-The-Tower, Pt II*, ed. G H Gater and Walter H Godfrey (London, 1934), pp. 44-49. *British History Online* <http://www.british-history.ac.uk/survey-london/vol15/pt2/pp44-49> [accessed 14 September 2017]

*A very full and interesting account of the Marowe family at this time is given by Miss B. H. Putnam in her introduction to the important treatise De Pace Terre et Ecclesie et Conseruacione Eiusdem of Thomas Marowe, serjeant-at-law. William Marowe (Mayor, 1455–6) married, as his second wife, Katherine, daughter of Richard Ryche, mercer, and died possessed of much property in 1465. His children were William, who married Joan, daughter of Alderman William Chedworth; Thomas, the lawyer; Johanna, who married William Clopton of Kentwell Hall, Long Melford; Katherine, wife of Sir Robert Throckmorton; and John and Agnes, who died early.*

*William Marowe, the son, was in possession of the "Great Place and a wharf called Galley Key" and "the Maydenhede" in 1488, and at his death in 1499 bequeathed them to his wife Joan for life, and left Marowe New Quay to his brother Thomas, the lawyer, whom he made guardian of his son, also named Thomas. The latter married successively daughters of Baldwin Douse of Balsall and Robert Wigston of Wolston, and died in 1538. In the Inquisitio Post Mortem on the property of the latter, in 1539, his son and heir is named Thomas, who died in 1561 and left a son Samuel, the progenitor of the Warwickshire Marowes.*

For Galley Key, see also:

[http://mapoflondon.uvic.ca/map.htm?section=D7#map\\_section](http://mapoflondon.uvic.ca/map.htm?section=D7#map_section).

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

For the testator's executor, Sir Thomas Frowyk (d. 7 October 1506), see the entry in the *ODNB*, and his will, TNA PROB 11/15/285.

The Archbishop of Canterbury mentioned in the will was William Warham (1450?-1532).

LM: Test{amentum} Thome Marowe

[f. 221v] In the name of God, Amen. The 31 day of the month of March the year of Our Lord God 1000 five hundred and five and the 20<sup>th</sup> year of the reign of King Henry the 7<sup>th</sup>, I, Thomas Marowe, serjeant at law, being in whole mind, thanked be Almighty God, make this my present testament and last will of my goods movable in manner and form following, that is to say:

First & principally I bequeath and recommend my soul to Almighty God, my Maker and Redeemer, and to the Blessed Virgin Our Lady Saint Mary, and all the holy company of heaven, and my body to be buried in the parish church of Saint Botolph without Bishopsgate of London within the vault under the tomb there where the body of William Marowe, my father, lieth buried;

Item, I will that mine executors provide a plate to be graven with scripture showing the place of my burying, and that plate to be set upon the pillar at th' end of the said tomb;

Item, I bequeath toward the necessary charges of the same church for my said burying-place there to be had 20s and two of the torches to be occupied at my burying;

Item, I bequeath toward the reparations of the ornaments in the parish church of Saint Michael at Queenhithe of London 5 marks;

Item, I bequeath toward the reparations of the parish church of Stepney and of the ornaments of the same church 20s and two like torches;

Item, toward the reparations of the parish church of Our Lady of Baddesley in the county of Warwick and to the ornament[s] of the same church 20s;

Item, toward the reparations of the parish church of Clapham in the county of Surrey and of the ornaments of the same church 20s;

Item, I bequeath to every house of the 5 Orders of Friars within the City of London 20s to pray for my soul and to bring my body to my burying, and every convent to sing or say within their own convent church placebo and dirge and Mass of Requiem;

Item, I bequeath toward the charges of the building of the church of Saint Magnus in London £20;

Item, I will that there be delivered and dealt by one of mine executors or by a discreet man by them to be assigned in the 4 prisons within the City of London, that is to say, Ludgate, [f. 222r] Newgate and the two Counters, and in the Marshalsea and the King's Bench in Southwark, to some more and to some less, as need shall require, the sum of £6 in bread or other victuals most necessary for the prisoners by the best discretion of my said executors;

Item, I bequeath to the house of Saint Mary Spital without Bishopsgate of London 20 marks to have a dirge and a Mass of Requiem sung for my soul within their said church by the convent there immediately after my departing, and furthermore to have my soul amongst them remembered and prayed for;

Item, I bequeath to the Master and Brethren of Saint Thomas of Acres of London towards the reparations of their church £20, they to sing for my soul immediately after my decease placebo and dirge & Mass of Requiem within their said church, and furthermore to have my soul in like wise amongst them remembered and prayed for;

Item, I bequeath toward the building of the house appointed or to be appointed to be made for those people which be diseased with the great pox £20;

Item, I bequeath unto my singular good Lord th' Archbishop of Canterbury, for a token & knowledge that I bear him service and true heart, a cup of silver and gilt with a cover with swages [=sage's?] leaves thereon running upwards;

Item, I bequeath to my nephew, Thomas Marowe, my two best salts of silver and gilt with a cover; item, 2 plain standing cups of silver and gilt with two covers, one of my best washing-basins of silver and an ewer according to the same, another of my smaller silver basins & an ewer according to the same, my two pottle pots of silver, and my two pint pots of silver, and my three gilt bowls plain in the bottoms with one cover;

Item, I bequeath to mine executors all such custody of my said nephew, Thomas Marowe, and of his goods as to me belong by reason of his father's will;

Item, I bequeath to Elizabeth Wyot [=Wyatt?], cousin to my said nephew, another of my small basins of silver with an ewer of silver thereunto according;

Item, I bequeath to Sir Thomas Grene, knight, another of my small basins of silver with an ewer of silver according thereto;

Item, I will and require Anne Grene, daughter of the said Sir Thomas Grene, to be content with such tokens, sums of money, chains of gold and other things unto her by me afore this time delivered, which I freely give her to her own use to pray for my soul;

Item, I bequeath to Sir Robert Throckmorton, knight, a plain standing cup of silver and gilt with a cover;

Item, I bequeath to the Abbey of Coombe the fellow of the same gilt cup;

Item, to my nephew, George Throckmorton, a standing swaged bowl of silver parcel gilt with a cover;

Item, to my nephew, Richard Throckmorton, 40s in money;

Item, to Anthony Throckmorton and Michael, his brother, to either of them I bequeath 10 marks, to be delivered to them when they come to their lawful age;

And to every daughter of my sister, Katherine Throckmorton, unmarried, I bequeath 10 marks, and to every of her daughters married 5 marks;

Item, I bequeath to my Lady Frowyk £5 of money, beseeching her to pray for my soul;

Item, to my sister Ferys [=Ferrers] a crimson gown with a deep pursill(?) of shanks which was my wife's, and 20s in money;

Item, I bequeath to Elizabeth and Katherine, my brother William's daughters unmarried, to either of them 10 marks;

Item, to my niece, Cecile [Cecily] Weldon, their sister, 40s;

Item, I will that every of my servants dwelling with me at the time of my decease, as well men as women, except such as I shall hereunder rehearse by name, shall have the arrearages of their wages, and beside that 20s apiece;

Item, I will that John Marowe, one of my servants, shall have of my goods those(?) 20 marks which John Smert, grocer, bequeathed him, and over that I bequeath him more of my goods 10 marks;

Item, I pardon unto Roger Slye, my servant, £5, parcel of those £20 which he oweth me by bond;

Item, I bequeath to Robert Clopton, my servant, £20, to be ordered and delivered after the discretion of mine executors;

Item, I bequeath to Dorothy Clopton, sister to the said Robert, 10 marks to her marriage;

Item, I bequeath to William Smert, grocer, in recompense of such sums of money as I have received of his father's goods and not disposed for his said father's soul an hundred marks, so and under condition that he make unto the other mine executors a clear discharge of all things touching his said father's testament and will and th' execution of the same;

Item, I will that mine executors at such time as Dorothy, my daughter, shall come unto her full age of 21 years, shall give and deliver unto her of my goods in money and in plate as they shall seem best to be done by their discretions, which I remit unto their good consciences;

Item, I bequeath to my cousin, Katherine Page, 10 marks;

Item, I bequeath to every poor householder in the parish of Saint Michael wherein I dwell 12d;

Item, in like wise to every poor household in the parish of Saint Dustan in the West 8d;

Item, to every poor householder in the parish of Stepney 6d;

Item, to William Whiteacre I bequeath 20s, and to his wife 13s 4d;

The residue of all my goods, chattels and debts paid [sic?] and this my present testament fulfilled, I will that mine executors shall dispose for the health of my soul after their discretions etc.;

Item, of this my present testament I make mine executors my Lord Frowyk, Chief Justice of the Common Pleas, John Kingsmill, one of the Justices of the same place, Edward Ferrers, esquire, & William Smert, grocer, and for their labour in this behalf I bequeath to my said Lord Frowyk £5, [f. 222v] to Master Kingsmill £4, to my brother Ferrers £3, to William Smert 40s. Thomas Marowe.

This is the last will of me, Thomas Marowe, serjeant at law, made the 31<sup>st</sup> day of March the year of Our Lord God 1000 five hundred and five and the 20<sup>th</sup> year of the reign of King Henry the 7<sup>th</sup>, as to the disposition of all my manors, meses, lands and tenements, rents, reversions, profits and commodities and other th' appurtenances within the City of London as in the shires of Kent, Surrey, Oxford, Warwick and Derby and elsewhere within the realm of England:

First, whereas I, the said Thomas Marowe, stand sole seised in my demesne as of fee, as appeareth by the will of my father and also in the will of William Marowe, my brother, of and in a great place and wharf called Marowe's Key beside Billingsgate of London with all the profits, edificions [sic?] and other commodities belonging to the same to the proper use of me, the said Thomas, I will that Thomas Marowe, son and heir of my said brother, immediately after my decease shall have the said great place with all th'

appurtenances aforesaid to him and to his heirs males of his body lawfully begotten, so and under condition that the same Thomas, my brother's son, immediately without delay after such time as he shall know himself to be of the full age of 21 years, by his lawful bond duly to be delivered unto mine executors named in my testament of my movable goods bind himself and his executors unto my said executors in a 1000 marks sterlings that he shall not alien the said great place and wharf with the appurtenances abovesaid nor any part thereof nor any recovery or other thing thereof do or suffer to be done or had to the hurt, let or derogation of any remainder thereof by me made in this my present will;

And if the said Thomas, my brother's son, decease without such heirs males of his body lawfully begotten, or if he will not bind [-hynde] himself in the manner and form aforesaid, I will that then the said great place and wharf with th' appurtenances shall remain to Dorothy, my daughter, to have to her and to her heirs of her body lawfully begotten, and for default of such her heirs, the remainder thereof to the right heirs of the said William Marowe, my brother;

Item, I will that all my manors, lands and tenements in the county of Kent, and also my terms of years to come of and in a tenement back-house lying in Saint Mary Hill Lane in London which I have by convent seal of the place of Waltham, and over that all such terms of years as I have to come of and in certains [sic] tenements and gardens in the parish of Saint Michael at Queenhithe of London, and also the wardship and marriage of the body of Humphrey Alblastre and the custody of all his manors, lands and tenements, and also my moiety, part or portion of two tenements and an half in Candlewick beside London Stone, as soon as conveniently may be after my decease shall be sold by my said executors, and the money thereof coming I will shall be bestowed by the same mine executors to the performance of my will by me made of my movable goods;

Item, I will that my Lord Frowyk, Chief Justice of the Common Pleas, John Kingsmill, one of the Justices of the same place, Edward Ferrers, esquire, and William Smert of London, grocer, shall have my three tenements in Crooked Lane of London, also my quit-rent of 26s 8d by year going out of the tenement sometime called The Bell & the Checker now in the tenure of the parson and churchwardens of Saint Dionis Backchurch of London, and my 20s of yearly quit-rent going out of a tenement and an alley of small tenements in the parish of All Hallows beside London Wall of London, to hold to them and to their heirs to their own proper use;

Item, I will that the residue of all my lands and tenements within the City of London and all my manors, lands and tenements in the said counties of Surrey, Oxford, Warwick and Derby and elsewhere within the realm of Englands [sic] shall immediately after my decease remain to the said Dorothy, my daughter, to hold to her and to her heirs of her body lawfully begotten under condition that she, with this my bequest of my lands and with such money and plate as mine executors when she shall come to her full age of 21 years will deliver her of my goods, hold her content without further claiming or suit of or for any mo of my goods, and if she die without her said heirs or else hold her not content as is aforesaid, I will that then immediately all the same manors, lands and tenements to her afore bequeathed shall remain to the said Thomas, son of my said brother, William,



and to the heirs males of his body lawfully begotten, and for default of such his heirs males the remainder of all the same to the right heirs of my said brother, William Marowe,. In witness etc. Thomas Marowe.

Probatum fuit suprascriptum testamentum vnicuique vltima voluntate eiusdem coram domino apud Lambeth decimo die mensis Aprilis Anno domini Millesimo quingentesimo quinto Iuramento Henrici Wodecok Ricardi Pyppes Willielmi hawking Ricardi Gray Henrici Tryce & Willielmi Whiteacre testium Ac approbatum et insinuatum Et commissa fuit administratio omnium bonorum et debitorum dicti defuncti domino Frowyk Johanni Kingesmyll Edwardo Ferrers et Willielmo Smert executoribus in huiusmodi testamentum non innotuit de bene & fide ac sub unanimi consensu et assensu administrandis Ac de pleno et fidei Inuentorio citra festum Ascensionis domini proximum futurum exhibendo Necnon de plano et vero compoto reddendo ad satisfactionem dei et angelorum in debita iuris forma Iurat

[=The above-written testament together with the last will of the same was proved before the Lord at Lambeth on the tenth day of the month of April in the year of the Lord the thousand five hundred fifth by the oath of Henry Woodcock, Richard Pyppes [=Pepys?], William Harking, Richard Gray, Henry Tryce & William Whiteacre, witnesses, and probated and entered, and administration was granted of all the goods and debts of the said deceased to the Lord Frowyk, John Kingesmyll, Edward Ferrers and William Smert, executors named in the same testament, sworn on the Holy Gospels in due form of law to well & faithfully and with unanimous consent and assent administer [+the same], and to exhibit a full and faithful inventory before the feast of the Ascension of the Lord next to come, and also to render a plain and true account.]