SUMMARY: The document below is the last will and testament, dated 12 November 1618 and proved 14 May 1621, of Elizabeth (nee Bacon) Doyley Neville Periam.

The testatrix was the eldest daughter of Lord Burghley's brother-in-law, Sir Nicholas Bacon (1510–1579), Lord Keeper, by his first wife, Jane Ferneley (d.1552), whom he married on 5 April 1540. Entries in the *ODNB* differ as to the number of children the Lord Keeper had by his first wife, one stating there were six surviving children, another that there were seven. Entries in the *ODNB* also differ as to the birth order of the Lord Keeper's sons, one stating that Nathaniel Bacon was his second son, while another states that Nathaniel Bacon was his fifth son.

At the time the testatrix made her will, she was survived by two brothers of the whole blood, Nicholas and Nathaniel, mentioned in the will below, and had been predeceased by a third, Edward.

* Sir Nicholas Bacon (c.1543–1624), who married, about 1562, Anne Butts (d.1616).

* Sir Nathaniel (1546?–1622) Bacon, who married firstly, in July 1569, Anne Gresham (d.1594), the illegitimate daughter of Sir Thomas Gresham (c.1518–1579) by Anne Dutton, and secondly, on 21 July 1597, Dorothy Hopton (c.1570–1629), widow of William Smith of Burgh Castle, Suffolk, and daughter of Arthur Hopton.

* Edward Bacon (1548/9–1618), who married, about 1581, Helen Little, by whom he had several children, including Nathaniel Bacon (bap. 1593, d. 1660) and Francis Bacon (1600–1663), both mentioned in the will below. He died 8 September 1618, two months before the testatrix made her will.

The testatrix was predeceased by her two sisters, Anne Bacon, who married Sir Henry Woodhouse (d.1624), and another sister, also named Elizabeth (d. by 1617), who in 1570 married Sir Francis Wyndham (d.1592), by whom she had no issue. After his death she married, in about 1593, Sir Robert Mansell of Norwich.

See Titler, Robert, *Nicholas Bacon: The Making of a Tudor Statesman*, (Athens, Ohio: Ohio University Press, 1976), p. 153; the *ODNB* entry for Sir Francis Wyndham; the Wikipedia article on the Lord Keeper edited by the author of this summary; and the History of Parliament entry for Sir Robert Mansell at:

http://www.historyofparliamentonline.org/volume/1558-1603/member/mansell-sir-robert-1569-1656.

The testatrix' aunt, Anne Ferneley, married Sir Thomas Gresham (c.1518–1579).

The testatrix' father, the Lord Keeper, married secondly Anne Cooke, the daughter of Sir Anthony Cooke (1504–1576), and sister of Oxford's mother-in-law, Lady Burghley, by whom he had two sons, the testatrix' stepbrothers, Anthony Bacon and Sir Francis Bacon.

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The testatrix' half brother, Sir Francis Bacon, was made Lord Chancellor on 7 January 1618, and is referred to in the will below as 'my brother, the Lord Chancellor'.

The testatrix married firstly, as his second wife, Sir Robert Doyley, who died in 1577 at the Black Assizes in Oxfordshire. She married secondly, as his third wife, the courtier Sir Henry Neville (d.1593). She married thirdly, as his third wife, Sir William Peryam (1534–1604), Justice of the Common Pleas and Chief Baron of the Exchequer, whom she survived by many years. She had no surviving children by any of her marriages.

See the ODNB article for Sir William Peryam, and the History of Parliament entry for Sir Robert Doyley's brother, John Doyley, at:

http://www.historyofparliamentonline.org/volume/1604-1629/member/doyley-john-1545-1623.

RM: T{estamentum} D{omi}ne Elizabethe Periam vid{ue}

[f. 278r] In the name of God, Amen. I, Dame Elizabeth Periam of Greenland in the county of Buckingham, widow, being mindful of this transitory life and uncertain stay of all human condition, do make and ordain this my last will and testament, bequeathing my soul to God who created it, trusting only in the merits of Our Lord and Saviour, Jesus Christ, to receive forgiveness of sins and be made partaker of everlasting life, and my body to the earth, hoping that my executors will see it buried in the chancel of Henley church within the county of Oxford;

And my will is that there be bestowed on my funeral five hundred pounds;

Item, I give unto my good brother, the Lord Chancellor, a cup of gold of an hundred pounds;

Item, I give unto my brother, Sir Nicholas Bacon, a cup of ten pounds;

Item, I give unto my brother, Sir Nathaniel Bacon, a cup of ten pounds;

Item, I give unto Mr Wentworth of Henley forty pounds, desiring him to have regard to my poor school at Henley that all things be ordered to the good of those poor children;

Item, I give to Doctor Pilkington one hundred and fifty pounds, hoping he will have some care that all things be performed in my school at Henley according to my trust committed unto him;

Item, I give to my niece, Henry Woodhouse his wife, one hundred pounds;

Item, I give to Mary Bullock forty pounds;

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Item, I give to Mrs Pilkington thirty pounds;

Item, I give to Ayme Pilkington fifty pounds;

Item, I give to the lecturers at Henley five pounds;

Item, I give to Margaret Jermye twenty pounds;

Item, I give to Anne Pitt thirty pounds;

Item, I give to Mr Sharpe a cup of ten pounds;

Item, I give to Jefferye ten pounds;

Item, I give to Grege, my sister Mansell's old servant, ten pounds;

Item, I give to Richard White twenty pounds;

Item, I give unto my executors all my plate in Anne Pytt's keeping, my silver vessel, my plate in the buttery and my plate that belongeth to my chamber, except such as I will give away by hand;

There is an inventory of all this plate;

Item, I give to Mrs Aldridge, my cousin, fifty pounds;

Item, I give to Robert Sharpe thirty pounds;

Item, I give to Flower's daughter of Turville, to be put into Goodman Heames(?) his hand for her benefit, five pounds;

Item, I give to Goody Phelpes' daughter of Henley, to be put into Mr Cleydon's hand for her behoof, five pounds;

Item, I give to the poor of Hambleden twenty pounds;

Item, I give to the poor of Turville five pounds;

Item, I give to the poor of Henley twenty pounds;

Item, I give to the poor of Rememham five pounds;

Item, I give to Mrs Daffale(?) all my wearing apparel;

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Item, I give unto my honourable friend, my Lord of Canterbury his Grace, my farm at the Burrowe in the parish of Hambleden, to be bestowed on charitable uses in some college of Oxford, either in fellowships or scholarships as his Grace shall think fit, and desire my good brothers by that love they bear unto me that if by law they have any interest in it which I am ignorant of, that they will release it, whereby his Grace may bestow it according to this my last will;

And for the like use do I bequeath unto his Grace my little farm in Medmenham also, with the ground called Dummores;

Item, I give to Francis Bacon, my nephew, four hundred pounds which is in his mother's hands, and two hundred pounds more, which I will my executors to pay him in all six hundred pounds;

Item, I give to my nephew, Nicholas Bacon, eight hundred pounds which is in his mother's hands also;

Item, I give unto my nephew, Nicholas Bacon, my five pieces of hangings that hang in the dining chamber, whereof one piece that [f. 278v] doth hang over the cupboard is of another work, and one piece of old hangings of another work that hangeth next to the window at the nether end of the chamber;

Item, I give him my long Turkey carpet, my short Turkey carpet with the little square carpet of the same work, my six new tapestry cushions lately bought, my chair of black velvet embroidered with silk needlework flowers, my chair of cloth of silver, my two chairs of black figured(?) satin fringed with yellow silk and blue, four coverings for low stools of figured satin fringed with yellow and blue silk answerable to the chairs, brass and andirons that are in the dining chamber, with my twelve leather stools;

Item, I give him my five pieces of hangings that hang in the best chamber, my field bedstead and bed of crimson taffeta embroidered with black velvet and yellow silk, the down bed bolster, the two pillows whose ticks(?) are like the tick of the bed, a pair of fine blankets, a yellow rug, a silk quilt, one side yellow and the other side crimson, a cupboard cloth and a little carpet of Turkey work, a chair and a long cushion of crimson velvet, three low stools of crimson, a canopy of stammel embroidered with black velvet and yellow silk with curtains to it, and the brass andirons in that chamber;

Item, I give him my best featherbed, bolster, two woollen blankets, my five pieces of new hangings whereof four pieces hang in the parlour chamber and the other piece is in Henry Bale his keeping, with my great featherbed, bolster, two down pillows, a pair of good woollen blankets, a new large rug, a quilt of crimson sarcenet with the valance embroidered with black velvet upon crimson satin with curtains of yellow and crimson sarcenet, cupboard cloth and little carpet fringed with silk;

Item, I give him the featherbed, bolster, two woollen blankets and coverlet that are in the inner chamber to the parlour chamber;

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Item, I give him my field bedstead that is in the larder chamber with the tester, valence and curtains of crimson durance(?) striped with green silk lace, the new featherbed, bolster, two down pillows, two woollen blankets, a rug, the cupboard and press;

Item, I give him the great featherbed, bolster, two down pillows, two fustian blankets, a rug, two woollen blankets with a thin summer coverlet in my own chamber, desiring my nephew not to part with them;

Item, I give him the featherbed, bolster, two woollen blankets with the coverlet that is in the trundle-bed in my chamber;

Item, I give him the bedstead, featherbed, bolster, two woollen blankets and coverlet that are in my Lord's chamber;

Item, I give him my new featherbed, bolster, two woollen blankets and coverlet that the maids lay upon within my chamber;

Item, I give him my featherbed, bolster, two woollen blankets and coverlet that are in the chamber over the porch;

Item, I give him all my pewter marked with the boar, and the pewter last bought by Anne Duckett, with all my candlesticks and pots of pewter;

Item, I give him all my brass that belongeth to the kitchen, dairy, washhouse, bakehouse and in my chamber, except some that I have given away under my hand;

Item, I give unto my niece Killigrew the great cabinet and whatsoever is in it in Mrs Sharpe's chamber;

Item, I give her two other cabinets in the parlour, with all things in them;

Item, I give unto her daughter, Anne Killigrew, five hundred pounds to be paid her at the day of her marriage or within six months after;

This five hundred pounds is in my cousin Duckett's hands, whom I desire to put it out after eight in the hundred, and to give to her mother, my niece Killigrew, the benefit of it, which will be forty pounds yearly, until such time as she be married;

Item, I give unto my nephew, Cope Doyley, my hangings in the hall chamber with a piece of he same work and hangings which is in Henry Balles' keeping;

Item, I give him my bedstead with the featherbed, bolster, two woollen blankets, coverlet and the valence and curtains in the hall chamber, with the featherbed, bolster, two woollen blankets & [f. 279] coverlet in the trundle-bed, with the cupboard, table and cupboard cloth in the same chamber;

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Item, I give him the dornick hangings in the new chamber, the bedstead, featherbed, bolster, two pillows, two blankets and coverlet, the cupboard, the table, the curtains and valence and the bed, bolster, two woollen blankets with the coverlet that is in the inner chamber to the new chamber;

Item, I give him the great bedstead in the parlour chamber, the great bedstead in my own chamber, the dornicks, the great press, the cupboard and the two tables in the same chamber;

Item, I give him my cupboard of walnut-tree in the dining chamber, the forms of walnut-tree with all the tables and forms in that chamber;

Item, I give him the table in the parlour, cupboards, chairs, stools, cushions, carpets, both the green one and that I daily use;

Item, I give him the tables, forms and cupboards in the hall;

Item, I give all my brewing vessels and all chief things else in the brewhouse, bakehouse, bolting-house, wash-house and dairy except my brass in those places;

Item, I give him the table with all things of wood in the buttery and cellar;

Item, I give him my armour with the petronels that hang in the hall, the steel saddle that belongeth unto it;

Item, I give him my boates(?);

Item, I give unto his eldest daughter my silver porringer with the cover to it;

Item, I give her my bigger cup that I use to heat my broth in with the cover;

Item, I give her my needlework cushion;

Item, I give my nephew, Cope Doyley, one hundred pounds, to his eldest daughter, twenty pounds, and to my godson, Robert Doyley, fifty pounds;

Item, I give unto my cousin, John Duckett, one hundred pounds;

Item, I give unto his wife fifty pounds;

Item, I give to Henry Bale his bed with all the furniture belonging to it and thirty pounds;

Item, I give unto (illegible) Swithin the best bed in the gallery and twenty pounds;

Item, I give to Robert Cooke the bed he lieth on and ten pounds;

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Item, I give to Mundaye, the butler, ten pounds;

Item, I give to John Cox his bed he lieth upon and five pounds;

Item, I give to Robert Sharpe one of the featherbeds in the gallery with the furniture to it and five pounds;

Item, I give to John Sharpe one of the featherbeds in the gallery with the furniture to it and five pounds;

Item, I give to Spawling ten pounds;

Item, I give to my shepherd his featherbed with all things belonging to it and five pounds;

Item, I give Lake six pounds six shillings eight pence;

Item, I give to the hogherd forty shillings;

Item, I give to Anne Cooke five pounds;

Item, to Lettice ten pounds;

Item, to old Margery her bed with all that belongeth to it and five pounds;

Item, to the washing maid forty shillings;

Item, to the maid in the kitchen forty shillings;

Item, I give to Anne Spinler five pounds;

Item, to Thomas Atkinson five pounds;

Item, to the girl at the Borrowe twenty shillings;

Item, to the three men at the Borrowe twenty shillings apiece;

Item, to the maid at Cullum forty shillings;

Item, to the three men at Cullum twenty shillings apiece;

I do ordain this to be my last will and testament, and hereby do revoke all other wills, and do make and ordain the most Reverend Father in God, my Lord of Canterbury his Grace, the right honourable my loving brother, the Lord Chancellor, Sir Edward Cooke, late Lord Chief Justice, and my nephew, Mr Nicholas Bacon, my executors to see the premises faithfully performed, and do leave unto them the surplusage of my goods not

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bequeathed, and do will that the goods be divided into five parts, whereof I bequeath unto every one of my executors a part, and the first part I give to charitable uses to be bestowed as they shall think fit;

I do publish and declare this to be my last will and testament which I have subscribed with my own hand and set to my seal in the presence of these whose names are hereunder written this twelfth of November in the year of Our Lord one thousand six hundred and eighteen. [f. 279v] Elizabeth Periam. Witnesses: Andrew Scrope, Richard Pilkington, Gervase Scrope, Cope Doyley, Thomas Cecil.

Probatum fuit testamentum suprascriptum apud London coram ven{er}abili viro D{omi}no Will{el}mo Bird milite legum doctore Curie Prerogatiue Cantuariens{is} Magistro Custod{i} siue Commissario legitime constituto decimo quarto die Mensis Maij Anno Domini millesimo sexcentesimo vicesimo primo Iuramentis Reverendissimi in xpo patris D{omi}ni Georgij providentia Divina Cantuariens{is} Archiepiscopi &c prenobilis et honorandi viri D{omi}ni verulam vice Comitis s{anc}ti Albani honorandi viri D{omi}ni Edwardi Cooke Militis et Nicholai Bacon Armigeri Executorum &c Quibus &c De bene &c Iurat{is} The thirtieth day of March 1621.

[=The above-written testament was proved at London before the worshipful Sir William Bird, knight, Doctor of the Laws, lawfully constituted Master, Keeper or Commissary of the Prerogative Court of Canterbury, on the fourteen day of the month of May in the year of the Lord the thousand six hundred twenty-first by the oath of the Most Reverend Father in Christ, Lord George, by divine providence Archbishop of Canterbury etc., the right honourable Lord Verulam, Viscount St Albans, the right honourable Sir Edward Cooke, knight, and Nicholas Bacon, esquire, executors etc., to whom etc., sworn to well etc.]

[NOTE: Two marginal entries recording a judicial sentence have not been transcribed.]

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