

SUMMARY: The document below is the last will and testament, dated 18 January 1518 (will of lands) and 18 March 1518 (will of goods), proved 20 April 1518, of Sir Robert Peyton, (c.1468 - 18 March 1518), grandfather of Roger Wigston (c.1537 - 1608), at whose home, Wolston Priory, the last two Marprelate tracts, the *Theses Martinianae* and the *Just Censure and Reproof of Martin Junior*, were printed on a secret press in July 1589.

FAMILY BACKGROUND

For earlier generations of the Peyton family, see Richardson, Douglas, *Magna Carta Ancestry*, 2nd ed., 2011, Vol. III, pp. 350-4 (hereafter *MCA*), and the Peyton pedigree in Howard, Joseph Jackson, ed., *The Visitation of Suffolke, Vol. II*, (Lowestoft: Samuel Tymms, 1871), pp. 116-18 at:

<https://books.google.ca/books?id=LCgAAAAAQAAJ&pg=PA118>

See also Waters, Robert Edmond Chester, *Genealogical Memoirs of the Extinct Family of Chester of Chicheley*, Vol. I, (London: Robson and Sons, 1878), pp. 183-6 at:

<https://archive.org/stream/genealogicalmem01wategoog#page/n220/mode/2up>

Testator's grandparents

Thomas Peyton (d. 30 July 1484), esquire, married firstly Margaret Barnard, eldest of the three daughters and co-heiresses of Sir John Barnard (d. 24 March 1451) of Isleham, Cambridgeshire, by Ellen Malory (d.1440), daughter and heir of (Sir?) John Malory and his wife, Joan. See TNA E 40/4776; and *MCA*, *supra*, Vol. III, p. 353.

By Margaret Barnard, Thomas Peyton (d. 30 July 1484) had a son and two daughters:

-**Thomas Peyton** (d. before 30 July 1484), the testator's father (see below).

-**Margaret Peyton**, about whom nothing further appears to be known.

-**Grace Peyton**, about whom noting further appears to be known.

See Field, P.J.C., *The Life and Times of Sir Thomas Malory*, (Cambridge: D.S. Brewer, 1993), p. 186 at:

<https://books.google.ca/books?id=92zxNMHuUKcC&pg=PA186>

See also Peyton, John Louis, *Memoir of William Madison Peyton of Roanoke*, (London: John Wilson, 1873), p. 344 at:

<https://books.google.ca/books?id=KCISAAAAYAAJ&pg=PA343>

See also Higgins, Mrs. Napier, *The Bernards of Abington and Nether Winchendon*, Vol. I, (London: Longmans, Green, and Co., 1903), pp. 9-10 at:

<https://archive.org/stream/cu31924088003185#page/n27/mode/2up>

There are stained glass portraits of Thomas Peyton and his first wife, Margaret Barnard, in Long Melford church. See Waters, *supra*, pp. 202-4 at:

<https://archive.org/stream/genealogicalmem01wategoog#page/n240/mode/2up>

See also:

<http://www.therosewindow.com/pilot/LongMelford/table.htm>

See also 'Heraldic Notes Taken at Clare, Co. Suffolk, in the Reign of Queen Elizabeth', in Nichols, John Gough, ed., *The Topographer and Genealogist*, Vol. II, (London: John Bowyer Nichols and Sons, 1853), pp. 398-402 at p. 400:

<https://books.google.ca/books?id=0xc5AQAAMAAJ&pg=PA400>

The testator's grandfather, Thomas Peyton (d. 30 July 1484), married secondly Margaret Francis, widow of Thomas Garneys (d. 12 December 1458), esquire, and daughter and co-heiress of Sir Hugh Francis of Giffords Hall in Wickhambrook, Suffolk. Margaret's sister, Isabel Francis (d. 26 March 1452), married Thomas Heigham (d. 21 March 1480). See the Heigham pedigree in Howard, *supra*, p. 272 at:

<https://archive.org/stream/visitationsuffo00hervgoog#page/n313/mode/2up>

For the marriage of Thomas Heigham, second son of Clement Heigham (d. 26 September 1500) of Lavenham, and Elizabeth Calthorpe (d. 9 March 1542), daughter of Sir William Calthorpe (30 Jan 1410 - 15 Nov 1494), see the will of Sir William Calthorpe, TNA PROB 11/10/408, and Howard, *supra*, pp. 230, 290 at:

<https://archive.org/stream/visitationsuffo00hervgoog#page/n265/mode/2up>

For Giffords Hall, see:

<https://www.britishlistedbuildings.co.uk/101235864-giffords-hall-wickhambrook>

Thomas Heigham (d.1492?) and Richard Heigham (d.1500) were feoffees of Thomas Peyton (d. 30 July 1484) in a deed dated 20 May 1484. See the inquisition post mortem taken after the death of the testator's elder brother, Thomas Peyton (d. 1 August 1490), TNA C 142/7/62, and:

Maskelyne and H. C. Maxwell Lyte, 'Inquisitions Post Mortem, Henry VII, Entries 701-750', in *Calendar of Inquisitions Post Mortem: Series 2, Volume 1, Henry VII* (London, 1898), pp. 295-312. *British History Online* <http://www.british-history.ac.uk/inquis-post-mortem/series2-vol1/pp295-312> [accessed 20 December 2017].

According to Ross, Clement Heigham was receiver general to John de Vere, 13th Earl of Oxford, while his brother, Richard Heigham (d.1500), was a member of the 13th Earl's council learned in the law. Another brother, Thomas Heigham (d.1492?), was likely the Thomas Heigham who was steward of all the 13th Earl's lordships in Suffolk. See Ross, James, *John de Vere, Thirteenth Earl of Oxford (1442-1513)*, (Woodbridge, Suffolk: The Boydell Press, 2011), pp. 232-3, and the pedigree of Heigham of Barrow in Howard, *supra*, p. 290 at:

<https://archive.org/stream/visitationsuffo00hervgoog#page/n333/mode/2up>

Although Ross states that the 13th Earl's receiver general, Clement Heigham, died in 1520 based on his IPM, TNA C 142/35/123, according to the Harleian manuscript of Reyce's *Breviary of Suffolk*, the inscription formerly to be seen on his grave in Lavenham church gave his date of death as 26 September 1500. See Howard, *supra*, p. 228 at:

<https://books.google.ca/books?id=LCgAAAAQAAJ&pg=PA228>

By Margaret Francis, Thomas Peyton (d. 30 July 1484) had two sons:

-Christopher Peyton (d. 27 June 1507), esquire, who married Elizabeth Hyde (d. 15 November 1516), the daughter of Leonard Hyde, esquire, of Hyde Hall, Hertfordshire, but died without surviving issue. He is referred to as deceased in the will below:

. . . which messuages, lands and tenements lately was Christopher Peyton['s] and Elizabeth, his wife, and by me bought of the said Elizabeth after the death of the said Christopher Peyton.

-Francis Peyton (d.1529), esquire, who married Elizabeth Brooke, the daughter of Reginald Brooke, esquire, of Aspell, Suffolk, a younger son of Sir Thomas Brooke (c.1391-1439) by Joan Braybrooke (d.1442), Baroness Cobham. See McKeen, David, *A Memory of Honour: The Life of William Brooke, Lord Cobham*, Vol. II, (University of Salzburg, 1986), p. 701, and French, George William, comp., *The Royal Descent of Nelson and Wellington*, (London: William Pickering, 1853), pp. 103-5 at:

<https://books.google.ca/books?id=O5YBAAAAQAAJ&pg=PA103>

Francis Peyton is mentioned in the will below, as is his son, Christopher Peyton:

Item, I give to Christopher Peyton, son to my said uncle, Francis Peyton, 10 sheep.

Testator's parents

The testator was the second son of Thomas Peyton (d. before 30 July 1484), esquire.

The identity of the testator's mother has never been definitively established. In the will below, the testator refers to her as 'Jane':

Thomas Peyton, esquire, and Jane, his wife, father and mother unto me

She is described by Waters as 'the only child of (blank) Calthorpe, of Barnham St. Martin in Suffolk, and heiress of Calthorpe's Manor in that parish'. Unfortunately no source for that statement is provided. It seems likely that Jane was related to Sir William Calthorpe (30 Jan 1410 - 15 Nov 1494), for whose will see TNA PROB 11/10/408. See also *MCA*, *supra*, Vol. II, p. 89 and Vol. III, pp. 353-4, and Waters, *supra*, p. 204 at:

<https://archive.org/stream/genealogicalmem01wategoog#page/n242/mode/2up>

In the inquisition post mortem taken after the death of the testator's elder brother, Thomas Peyton (d. 1 August 1490), the manor of Calthorpe Hall is said to have been entailed on Thomas Peyton (d. 1 August 1490), with remainder to the testator:

The said feoffees were also seised of the under-mentioned manor of Caltrop Hall, and of the advowson of Barnham in fee to the use of the said Thomas Peyton named in the writ in tail male, with remainder to the use of one Robert Peyton in tail male. . . .

Manor of Caltrop Hall in Barnham, worth 6l. 13s. 4d., and the advowson of the church of Barnham belonging to the said manor, held of the said Thomas Cheyny and Thomas Heygham, as of their manor of Georges, service unknown.

See TNA C 142/7/62, and Maskelyne, *supra*.

By Jane Calthorpe, Thomas Peyton (d. before 30 July 1484) had four sons and four daughters:

-Thomas Peyton (d. 1 August 1490) eldest son and heir, who married Joan Yerde, the daughter of Thomas Yerde, esquire, of Denton, Kent, but died without issue. See Ireland, William Henry, *A New and Complete History of the County of Kent*, Vol. II, (London: G. Virtue, 1829), p. 469 at:

<https://books.google.ca/books?id=twwHAAAAQAAJ&pg=PA469>

See his will, TNA PROB 11/8/649, and the inquisition post mortem taken after his death, TNA C 142/7/62, and Maskelyne, *supra*.

-Sir Robert Peyton, (c.1468 - 18 March 1518), the testator, who succeeded his elder brother, Thomas, in 1490.

-John Peyton, who died without issue, and was buried at Wicken. See Waters, *supra*, Vol. I, p. 204. He is mentioned in the will below:

Item, I will and bequeath to the maintenance and reparations of Wicken church 20s to th' intent that they shall pray for the soul of my brother, John Peyton.

-Edward Peyton (living 1543), esquire, Gentleman Usher of the Chamber to Henry VIII. He died unmarried before 1551. See Waters, *supra*, Vol. I, p. 204. He is mentioned in the will below.

-Elizabeth Peyton, who is said to have married Edmund Langley, esquire. See *MCA, supra*, Vol. III, p. 354; Waters, *supra*, Vol. I, p. 204; and Howard, Joseph Jackson, ed., *Miscellanea Genealogica et Heraldica*, Vol. III, 2nd Series, (London: Mitchell and Hughes, 1890), p. 172 at:

<https://books.google.ca/books?id=sIIIAAAAYAAJ&pg=PA172>

The testator's sister, Elizabeth Peyton, is not mentioned in the will below, and it should be noted that in his will the testator's elder brother, Thomas Peyton (d. 1 August 1490), leaves a bequest to his sister, Isabel *Haute*.

-Jane Peyton (d. December 1551?), who married firstly John Langley (d. 3 November 1518), esquire, and secondly Sir Edward Ryngeley (by 1497-1543), but died without issue. She is mentioned in the will below as 'Jane Langley'. See *MCA, supra*, Vol. III, p. 354; Waters, *supra*, Vol. I, pp. 204-5, 245-7 at:

<https://archive.org/stream/genealogicalmem01wategoog#page/n242/mode/2up>

For Sir Edward Ryngeley, see the History of Parliament entry at:

<http://www.historyofparliamentonline.org/volume/1509-1558/member/ryngeley-sir-edward-1497-1543>

-Anne Peyton (d. 22 October 1503) who married John Ashby (d.1496), esquire, of Harefield, Middlesex. See his will, TNA PROB 11/11/666; Waters, *supra*, Vol. I, p. 205; and 'Landed Families of Britain and Ireland' at:

<http://landedfamilies.blogspot.ca/2016/01/202-ashby-of-breakspears.html>

Ashby, John (d. 1496). Son of George Ashby (d. 1474) and his wife Margaret. He appears to have been a clerk in the royal household, since there is a payment to him in the accounts of the King's privy purse in 1492 'for writing of a book'. He married Anne (d. 1503), daughter of Thomas Peyton of Isleham (Cambs), and had issue:

(1) *George Ashby (d. 1514) (q.v.);*

(2) *William Ashby (d. 1537); married Jane [surname unknown] (d. 1557) and had issue one son and seven daughters.*

He inherited the Breakspears estate from his father in 1474.

He died in 1496 and was buried at Rickmansworth (Herts); his will was proved 1 July 1496. His widow died 22 October 1503 and was buried at Rickmansworth.

-Dorothy Peyton. She is mentioned in the will below. See Waters, *supra*, Vol. I, p. 205.

After the death of the testator's father, the testator's mother, Jane Calthorpe Peyton, married secondly William Mauleverer (d.1498), esquire. See his will, proved 14 May 1498, TNA PROB 11/11/381, in which he appoints his wife, Joan, as executrix; *MCA, supra*, Vol. III, p. 354; and Waters, *supra*, Vol. I, p. 205.

MARRIAGE AND ISSUE

The testator married Elizabeth Clere, the daughter of Sir Robert Clere (c.1452 - 10 August 1529) of Ormesby, Norfolk, by his first wife, Anne Hopton (d. 23 January 1506). For the will of Sir Robert Clere, see TNA PROB 11/24/84.

For the Clere pedigree, see Howard, *supra*, p. 258 at:

<https://books.google.ca/books?id=LCgAAAAAQAQAJ&pg=PA258>

For the Clere family, see also the pedigree in Burke, John and John Bernard Burke, *A Genealogical and Heraldic History of the Extinct and Dormant Baronetcies of England*, (London: Scott, Webster and Geary, 1838), p. 118 at:

<https://books.google.ca/books?id=K1kBAAAAQAQAJ&pg=PA118>

In the will below, the testator mentions his sons Robert, John and Edward, and his daughters, Elizabeth and Margaret. The testator's daughter, Elizabeth Peyton (d.1578) married, as his second wife, Sir William Wigston (c.1509 – 27 September 1577), by whom she was the mother of Roger Wigston (c.1537 – buried 28 September 1608), esquire, in whose house, Wolston Priory, the last two Marprelate tracts were printed in July 1589 (see above). For her will, see Lichfield Record Office 1579 B/C/11.

For further details of the testator's children and their marriages, see the will of the testator's wife, Elizabeth Clere Peyton, dated 21 November 1545 and proved 6 April 1546, TNA PROB 11/31/102.

OTHER PERSONS MENTIONED IN THE WILL

For the testator's executor, Sir William Butts (c.1485-1545), physician to the court of Henry VIII, see the *ODNB* entry.

For the testator's feoffee, Sir Richard Wentworth (d. 17 October 1528), see his will, TNA PROB 11/22/65.

For the testator's feoffee, Sir William Waldegrave (c.1465 – 30 June 1527), see his will, TNA PROB 11/22/294.

For the testator's feoffee, Sir Philip Calthorpe (c.1464-1535), see the will of Sir Henry Wentworth (c.1448 - August 1499) of Nettlestead, TNA PROB 11/12/265.

For the testator's feoffee, Sir Robert Drury (before 1456 – 2 March 1535), see his will, TNA PROB 11/25/467.

For the testator's feoffee, Sir Robert Clere (d. 10 August 1529), see his will, TNA PROB 11/24/84.

For the testator's feoffee, Sir John Fyneux (d.1525), see the *ODNB* entry.

For the testator's feoffee, Sir Philip Paris (1492-1558), see the will of Elizabeth (nee Scrope) Beaumont de Vere (d.1537), Countess of Oxford, TNA PROB 11/27/144.

For the testator's feoffee, John Heigham, see the Heigham pedigrees in Howard, *supra*.

For the testator's ward, Robert Lokton, see Waters, *supra*, pp. 201-2 at:

<https://books.google.ca/books?id=oGMBAAAAQAAJ&pg=PA201>

John Peyton died 6th October 1415, aged twenty-four, leaving his widow Grace with children, for their son Thomas was not born until 14th Feb. 1416-17 He had issue: 1 John, his son and heir; 2. Anne, married Jeffery Lockton Esq., who died in 1512, when the wardship of Robert his son and heir was granted to Sir Robert Peyton; and 3 Thomas, who was heir to his brother John.

TESTATOR'S LANDS

For the testator's manor of Easthorpe in Essex, see:

'Easthorpe: Manors and other estates', in *A History of the County of Essex: Volume 10, Lexden Hundred (Part) Including Dedham, Earls Colne and Wivenhoe*, ed. Janet Cooper

(London, 2001), pp. 200-202. *British History Online* <http://www.british-history.ac.uk/vch/essex/vol10/pp200-202> [accessed 26 December 2017].

In 1194 the demesne tenancy, which descended with that of Birch manor, was held by Roger de Planes and in 1203 by William de Planes. The de Planes were Normans and in 1204 their lands escheated to the Crown on the separation of England and Normandy. Easthorpe manor was given at first temporarily, and only in 1228 in fee to Ralph Gernon (d. 1248), son of Osbert of Gladfen (in Halstead). (fn. 3) The manor descended in Ralph's branch of the Gernon family, passing to his son William (d. 1258), whose son Ralph (d. 1274) briefly forfeited it in 1265 for his support of the barons. (fn. 4) Ralph's son William (d. 1327) succeeded, then William's son John (d. 1384), then John's daughter, Margaret (d. 1414), wife of John Peyton. (fn. 5) She was succeeded by her grandson, John Peyton (1393-1417). John's widow Grace, whose second husband was Richard Baynard of Messing, held the manor until her death in 1439 when it passed to her son, Thomas Peyton. (fn. 6) Thomas (d. 1484) was succeeded in turn by his grandson Thomas Peyton (d. 1490), Thomas's brother Robert (d. 1517), and Robert's son Robert, all sheriffs of Cambridgeshire and Huntingdonshire, and then by the last Robert's son Robert Peyton, (fn. 7) who sold the manor to Sir Thomas Audley in 1536. Audley sold it in 1542 to Robert Forster and his son George. (fn. 8) Robert died in 1545 and George in 1556, leaving George's daughters, Mary and Joan, both minors, as coheirs. (fn. 9) In 1564 Mary and her husband Robert Waldegrave sold their moiety to Henry Golding and in 1570 Joan and her husband Robert Spring sold the other moiety to John Bacon who sold it in 1576 to Henry Golding. (fn. 10)

Henry Golding (d. 1576) was succeeded as lord of Easthorpe manor by his brother Arthur, translator of Ovid's Metamorphoses; they were half brothers to the countess of Oxford, mother of Edward de Vere, 17th earl of Oxford. (fn. 11) In 1577 Arthur Golding (d. 1606) sold the manor

For Richard Baynard (c.1371-1434), see the History of Parliament entry at:

<http://www.historyofparliamentonline.org/volume/1386-1421/member/baynard-richard-1371-1434>

For the will of Robert Forster of Little Birch, Essex, see TNA PROB 11/39/125.

For the will of Oxford's uncle, Henry Golding, see TNA PROB 11/59/98.

For the testator's manor of Little Birch in Essex, see:

'Birch: Manors', in *A History of the County of Essex: Volume 10, Lexden Hundred (Part) Including Dedham, Earls Colne and Wivenhoe*, ed. Janet Cooper (London, 2001), pp. 44-46. *British History Online* <http://www.british-history.ac.uk/vch/essex/vol10/pp44-46> [accessed 26 December 2017].

The manor of Little Birch was held in 1066 by Ulwin, and in 1086 of Robert Gernon by Robert de Verley. Robert Gernon's fief escheated to the Crown, and Henry I granted it to William de Munfitchet. On Richard Munfitchet's death without issue in 1267, the overlordship passed to Evelyn (d. 1274), daughter of William de Forz count of Aumale, and wife of Edmund earl of Lancaster, who also died without issue, and from whom, presumably, the overlordship came to the de Vere family, earls of Oxford, as part of the honor of Castle Hedingham. The overlordship continued in the de Vere family and was last recorded in the 18th century.

The undertenancy was held in 1276 by Robert Verley, and from 1325 or earlier by the Tendring family. William Tendring (1435-90) was M.P. for Maldon in 1478. William Tendring (d. c. 1500) had two daughters, Margaret and Dorothy: Margaret's husband Robert Forster (d. 1545) acquired three quarters of the manor and in 1514 bought the remaining quarter from Dorothy, then Dorothy Southwell. Robert's heir was his son George Forster (d. 1556). Little Birch descended with Great Birch and Easthorpe manors until 1598 when Arthur Golding sold it to John Petre, Lord Petre.

For the testator's manor of Denton in Kent, see:

Edward Hasted, 'Parishes: Denton', in *The History and Topographical Survey of the County of Kent: Volume 9* (Canterbury, 1800), pp. 358-364. *British History Online* <http://www.british-history.ac.uk/survey-kent/vol9/pp358-364> [accessed 27 December 2017].

For the testator's property called 'Dryles' in Kent, see TNA E 40/4776.

LM: Test{amentu}m Roberti Payton Milit{is}

In the name of God, Amen. The 18th day of March the year of Our Lord God 1500 and 17 and in the reign of our Sovereign Lord King Henry the 8th after the Conquest the 9th, I, Robert Peyton, knight, being in good mind and whole memory, make, ordain and declare this my testament in manner and form as hereafter followeth and plainly appeareth, and utterly disavow and annul all other testament or testaments beforetime by me made:

First I bequeath my soul to Almighty God, my Saviour, and to Our Blessed Lady, his mother, and to all the saints in heaven, my body to be buried in the parish church of Saint Andrew th' Apostle in Isleham within the chapel of Saint Katherine before the rood on the south side of the said church;

And I will that every priest which shall be at my burial funerals have 6d and every clerk 2d and every child in the choir 1d;

Item, I will that the poor men that shall hold the torches have each man 2d;

Item, I will that every poor man and every poor woman and every poor child which shall be at my funerals have 1d with refreshing of meat and drink;

Item, I will that the 12 holders of the torches have each of them a black gown and a hood;

Item, I will that my executors keep my month mind and that they give in alms that day to poor people according to my funerals;

Item, I give and bequeath to the high altar of the foresaid church for my tithes and offerings negligently forgotten and for that the curate for the time being at my departing out of this wretched world shall pray for my soul 20s;

Item, I give and bequeath and beset unto the north aisle within the said church to the making of the roof thereof £8 6s, whereof I lent to pay the mason, James Boston, for the same 20s;

Item, I will and bequeath to the maintenance and reparations of Wicken church 20s to th' intent that they shall pray for the soul of my brother, John Peyton;

Item, I bequeath to the high altar of the parish church of Wicken for tithes and offerings negligently forgotten and for the curate which shall be there at my departing from this world shall pray for my soul 20s;

Item, I bequeath and will to the maintenance of the said church 20s to pray for the soul of Eleanor Dwonys(?), sometime my servant;

Item, I bequeath to the maintenance of the said church of Wicken 10s to pray for the soul of John of Lancashire;

And also I bequeath to the reparations of the said church of Wicken 20s to th' intent to pray for the souls of William Lopham and other my servants deceased;

Item, I beset and give to the church of Denton in Kent 6s 8d, half thereof to the high altar of the said church for th' intent that the curate which shall be there at the time of my decease shall pray for my soul, and the other half of the 6s 8d to the reparations of the said church for th' intent that my soul shall be prayed for there;

Item, I beset to the church of Tacolneston 6s 8d to be departed according unto the 6s 8d beset unto Denton church and for the same intent;

Item, I beset unto the church of Wydeshoo [=Wixoe?] 10s to be also departed according to the 6s 8d which I have beset unto Denton church in Kent and for the same intent;

Item, I beset to the parish church of Knowlton in Kent 6s 8d to be departed between the high altar of the said church and the reparations thereof according unto the 6s 8d beset unto the parish church of Denton in Kent;

Item, I will that my executors bestow in reparations of the priory of Spinney in such places as to them shall be seen most necessary 40s;

Item, I will that my gown of crimson velvet by mine executors be made a cope and a vestment, the cope to the parish church of Wicken and the vestment to the parish church of Boxford in the county of Suffolk, and upon every of them bearing a scutcheon of my arms and my wife's arms;

Also I will that an honest priest, being a student at Cambridge elected by my said executors, shall sing satisfactory [sic?] by the space of [f. 54r] one year for my father's soul, my mother's soul, my soul, my friends' souls and all Christian souls, he to have for his stipend 9 or 10 marks, the said priest to be at the parish church of Saint Giles in London without Cripplegate at high feasts to help God's service there to be maintained, and that the said priest every month once in all the year shall say dirge and Mass of Requiem for the souls above-named;

And also I will there be a remembrance made upon a scutcheon with my father's arms and set upon the wall within the said church of Saint Giles;

Item, I will that one friar of the Friar Augustines in Cambridge aforesaid assigned by my said executors shall sing within the said Friars by the space of one year for the souls of my father and mother, my soul and all Christian souls, and he to have for his stipend or wages 6 marks;

Item, I will that the convent of the said Friar Augustines in Cambridge shall have 40s divided amongst them, and that they shall sing two solemn Masses and two dirges, that is to say, a dirge and a Mass immediately after my decease, and the other at my month mind for my father['s] soul and my mother['s] soul and all Christian souls;

Item, I will that the convent of the Grey Friars in Cambridge and the convent of the Black Friars in Cambridge, the convent of the White Friars in Cambridge and the convent of the Grey Friars of Babwell have every convent 40s divided amongst every convent, and therefore every convent of the said 4 convents sing two solemn Masses and two dirges as is assigned to the convent of Austin Friars;

Item, I will that an honest priest shall sing in Cambridge by the space of one whole year for the soul of (blank), sometime vicar of Gazeley, and he to have for his stipend or wages 8 marks, the said priest to come to Gazeley aforesaid at high feasts to help God's service there to be maintained;

Item, I will that mine executors find an honest priest to keep his Friday at Cambridge by the space of one whole year immediately after my decease, and he to be at Sawston there to help the maintenance of God's service at every principal feast and *maius duplex* during the said year, and he to pray for the soul of Geoffrey Lokton and Grace, his wife, my soul, and all Christian souls, and he to have [+for?] his wages 8 marks;

Item, I will that all my debts in the which I am indebted of right be fully and truly paid and contented as conveniently shall require;

Item all such wrongs, harings [=harryings?] or hurts, injuries or withholden any duty from any man again [=against] right which I have done that may be avowed by writing or witness sufficient be fully and truly restored by my said executors as conveniently as order and good conscience shall require;

Item, I will that mine executors shall take and perceive yearly th' issues, revenues and profits of the manors of Easthorpe and Birch and the hundred of Lexden with th' appurtenances from the 8th day of April which shall be in the year of Our Lord God 1500 and 17 unto the feast of Saint Michael th' Archangel that shall be in the year of Our Lord God 1500 and 18, therewith and with other hereafter assigned to pay my debts and bequests;

Also I will that my said executors shall take and receive th' issues, revenues and profits of the manors of Calthorpe Hall in Barnham Saint Martin in the county of Suffolk and the manor of Barnards called Barnards manor in Isleham in the county of Cambridge unto such time as my debts and bequests be paid and this my testament wholly executed and performed;

Also I will that my said executors shall take and perceive yearly £6 13s 4d, parcels of the manors of Seyhamhall, Waterhall and Badley's in the county of Suffolk after the death of me and Dame Elizabeth, my wife, and the lenger liver of us, for term of 10 years then next and immediately following our said deceases, therewith also to pay my debts, legacies and bequests;

Also I will that my said executors shall take and perceive yearly the issues and profits of the manor of Wicken in the county of Cambridge from the day of my death unto th' end of 10 years then next and immediately following, therewith to pay my debts, legacies and bequests, and by the said 10 years keep convenient reparations in the same;

Also I will that my said executors shall maintain all my flocks of sheep that I now have in Wicken, Chippenham and Isleham aforesaid, and Barnham in the county of Suffolk, and also shall keep them to be as of good number as they now be, and shall take and perceive the profits of my said flocks of sheep unto [=until] my debts, legacies and bequests be paid and this my testament performed and executed;

And after my debts, legacies and bequests paid, I will that Robert, my eldest son, shall have left unto him five hundred sheep of shere [=shear?] at Wicken;

Item, I will that my flocks of sheep of Isleham, Chippenham and Barton beside Mildenhall [=Barton Mills] with all the profits and increase of them not hereafter bequeathed go to the performing and executing of this my will;

And immediately after my debts, legacies and bequests be paid and this my testament and will performed, that then I will John, my second son, shall have to him my manor in Barnham Saint Martin called Calthorpe's, as more plainly is specified in my will of my flocks of sheep going at Barnham aforesaid;

Item, I will that mine ouche of gold enamelled with red having the fashion and figure of an heart, bearing closed and couched therein a sapphire and having a big pearl hanging thereon, be offered unto Our Lady of Walsingham for th' intent to be hanged upon her, and so to continue there unto the honour and worship of Our Blessed Lady;

Item, I will that Dame Elizabeth, my wife, have two parts of my household stuff;

Also I will that my said wife have my basin and ewer, two salts, two gilt cups, a dozen of my best spoons, and half a dozen spoons which the said Dame Elizabeth, my wife, caused to be make of broken silver;

Item, I will that the said Dame Elizabeth, my wife, have three hundred of my sheep going at Isleham delivered at Michaelmas next coming;

Item, I will that Robert Peyton, my eldest son, have my chain of gold containing 6 score and 4 links upon this condition, [f. 54v] that if the said Robert, my said son, interrupt my said executors to perform my said will and testament in any part, that then the said chain to be employed to the performance of my said will and testament;

Also I give to the said Robert, my eldest son, my doublet of green silver satin, my coat of green velvet broidered with cloth of silver, my gown of black velvet, my gaberdine of scarlet;

Item, I will that my said son have 300 sheep going at Isleham at Michaelmas next coming;

Item, I give and bequeath unto Frances Peyton, wife unto my said eldest son, Robert Peyton, the chain of gold made in friar's knots the which Dame Elizabeth, my wife, was wont for to wear;

Item, I bequeath to John Peyton, my second son, as appeareth above in the ordering of my flocks going at Barnham Saint Martin;

Item, that Edward, my third son, be provided for, if he have need, by my executors of my costs and charges of and in such things as be necessary;

Item, I will and bequeath to Elizabeth, my daughter, at such time as she shall be at convenient age to marry, if she will be ordered and counselled in her said marriage by Dame Elizabeth, her mother, and mine executors, 300 marks, and if she will not be ordered nor counselled by her said mother and executors in her marriage, then I will that the said 300 marks, the one half thereof to be given to my heir at that time being, the

other half thereof to go to the payment of my debts and bequests and other deeds of charity;

Item, I will that Margaret, my daughter, have unto her marriage, when she shall be of convenient age to marry, 300 marks after and according in all things unto the 300 marks bequeathed to my daughter, Elizabeth;

Item, I give and bequeath to Edward Peyton, my brother, £10 for th' intent that he shall comfort, aid and defend mine executors in fulfilling of this my last will and testament, unto the which I desire him according to kind love of natural brotherhood to be good and favourable to look upon mine executors;

Item, I give and will that Jane Langley have a standing cup with the cover gilt and having mine arms enamelled thereupon, requiring her in my most hearty manner to have me commended in her natural and sisterly remembrance;

Item, I give and bequeath to Dorothy Peyton, my sister, 10 marks, so that she be ruled and ordered by my said executors;

Item, I give to my uncle, Francis Peyton, my black gown furred with black;

Item, I will that my said uncle shall have and be paid yearly out of the receipts and revenues of my manor of Isleham called Barnard's manor £6 to him and to his heirs males of his body lawfully begotten;

And I will and give licence and full strength and power unto him and to his said heirs males of his body aforesaid a clause of distress therefore in the said manor and every parcel thereof for default of payment unto such time as my executors provide and purchase for him and the heirs males of his body lawfully begotten lands and tenements unto the yearly value and revenue of £6 by year over and beside all charges, and then and from thenceforth the said annuity of £6 by year to cease and no lenger to be paid nor given;

Item, I give to Christopher Peyton, son to my said uncle, Francis Peyton, 10 sheep;

Item, I will that John Bokenham have yearly of th' issues and the revenues of my manor of Wicken 40s during the term of his life for the intent that he shall truly and diligently occupy and execute the bailiwick of Wicken during his life, and yearly by continuance to make a plain and true account of th' issues and revenues;

Item, I given to Thomas Chipper, my servant, a cow, five sheep and a fustian doublet;

Item, I will that Nicholas Spryggey have five sheep;

Item, I will that mine executors shall pay yearly to Cornelys [=Cornelius] Sudland, my brewer, as long as he will abide here 20s;

Item, I will and give to every of my servants labourer a coomb of malt;

Item, I will that mine executors have the wardship of Robert Lokton and all other my wards, my farm at Chippenham and all other my farms;

Item, I will and charge mine executors that th' anniversary day of my obit and of my wife, Dame Elizabeth Peyton, my father's and my mother's, be kept in the church of Saint Andrew th' Apostle in Isleham yearly at such time as it shall please Almighty God to call me from this present life unto his merciful grace during the years of the occupying by them of my manor in Isleham aforesaid called Barnard's manor in and under such manner as I have kept th' anniversary of my father and mother, and that yearly from and after mine executors occupy not my manor of Isleham called Barnard's manor, then I will that my executors cause, make and do to be made by th' advice of two learned men chosen by them a sufficient writing obligatory for surety of payment of the yearly issue and revenues (blank) out of the said manor of Isleham called Barnard's manor imperpetuum for yearly keeping of th' anniversary of me, Dame Elizabeth, my wife, and of Thomas Peyton, esquire, and Jane, his wife, father and mother unto me, forever more, with a clause of penalty and forfeiture of not keeping of the said anniversary yearly forever more as oft as it shall be broken and not observed tociens quociens, the said penalty and forfeit to be a lawful duty to the lord abbot of Saint Edmundsbury which shall be abbot for that time or times, and the penalty shall be for breaking thereof (blank);

Item, I will and frankly charge all mine executors that none of them seal no manner of acquittances ne cause or causes concerning this my will and last testament except they be all agreed thereto;

The residue of my goods not given nor bequeathed I put to the discretion of mine executors to fulfil and performish [sic?] of this my last will, and to dispose in deeds of charity;

Provided always that if th' issues and revenues of my lands afore assigned with all my other goods movable be not sufficient to accomplish, perform and fulfil this my last testament and will, that then I licence and will that mine executors with th' accounsel and advice of my supervisors have full authority to minish or less my foresaid legacies and bequests after good order and conscience;

Item, I make, ordain and name my faithful and true executors of this my last will and testament Dame Elizabeth, my wife, and William Butte of Cambridge;

Item, I ordain and name the supervisors of the same testament Lord John, Abbot of Bury Saint Edmunds, and my well-beloved father-in-law [f. 55r], Sir Robert Clere, knight, these being witness: Sir William Thorpp, clerk, vicar of Isleham, Robert Lokton, esquire, John Bukenham, gentleman, Sir Christopher Grene, clerk, Edward Besteney of Soham, William Chesewright, John Rannysdale and Andrew Barras of Fordham, Richard

Chapman of Abington, Richard Brandeley, John Crewe, Thomas Chipper and Nicholas Spryggey.

RM: vltima voluntas eiusdem Roberti

In Dei nomine Amen. The 18th day of the month of January the year of Our Lord God 1500 and 17 and in the year of Our Sovereign Lord King Henry the 8th after the Conquest of England the 9th, I, Sir Robert Peyton, knight, being in good mind and whole memory, make, ordain and declare this my last will of all my manors, lands, tenements, possessions and other hereditaments that I have or any person or persons to my use hath in manner and form as hereafter followeth and plainly appeareth, and utterly disavow and annul all other will or wills of the same beforetime by me made:

First, where by a pair of indentures bearing date the 18th day of January the 7th year [=18 January 1516] of the reign of King Henry the 8th it is covenanted and fully agreed between me, the said Sir Robert Peyton of the one party, and Francis Hasilden, esquire, of the other part, that Robert Peyton, my eldest son and heir apparent, and Frances Hasilden, daughter and heir apparent to the said Francis Hasilden, the father, should intermarry together before the feast of the Purification of Our Lady the Virgin next ensuing the date of the said indenture, which said Robert, the son, and Frances, the daughter, according to the said covenants and agreements by the advice of their said friends after the law of holy church before the said feast of the Purification were solemnly espoused and married, and because of youth and tender age, as well of the said Robert, the son, as of the said Frances, the daughter, no carnal copulation was not nor yet is between;

And where also by the said indentures [+among?] divers other things it is and was covenanted between me, the said Sir Robert, and the said Francis, the father, that a good, sure, lawful and sufficient and general estates in fee simple should be made or cause[d] to be made, as well by me, the said Sir Robert, the father, or by such person or persons as stond and be feoffed or seised to th' use of me and of mine heirs as by the said Francis, the father, or by such person or persons as stand and be feoffed or seised to th' use of him and of him and of his heirs of and in divers manors, lands, tenements, rents, services, reversions, commons, hundreds and other hereditaments to Sir Richard Wentforth [=Wentworth], knight, Sir Philip Calthorpe, knight, Sir William Waldegrave, knight, Sir Robert Drury, knight, and Sir Robert Clere, knight, and other persons in the said indenture named and to the heir in fee to th' use and intent as in the said indentures more plainly is declared;

And because the said estates of the said manors and other the premises of neither part are not as yet executed nor performed according to the said indenture, I, the said Sir Robert, will and declare by this my last will that all person and persons and their heirs that now be, stond and been enfeoffed and seised of and in all my said manors, lands and tenements and other hereditaments with th' appurtenances, wheresoever they be, to the

use of me and of mine heirs in possession, reversions and in right shall stonde and be feoffed and seised to th' use and intent contained in the said indentures and to the performance of this my last will until the said estates be made by the said Francis, the father, or by the other said persons to his use to the said Sir Richard Wentworth, Sir Philip Calthorpe, Sir William Waldegrave, Sir Robert Drury and Sir Robert Clere and other persons in the said indenture named according to the tenor and effect of the said indenture;

And after the said estate and estates so by the [+said?] Francis, the father, or by his feoffees, the said Sir Richard Wentworth, Sir Philip Calthorpe and other in the said indenture named, then they and their heirs to stand and be feoffed and seised of all my said manors, lands and tenements and other the said premises with th' appurtenances to th' use and intent of the said indentures according to the true intent and purport of the same indentures, and also to th' use, intent, performance and execution of my said last will as hereafter shall follow;

And I require and specially pray as well my said now feoffees as my feoffees that hereafter shall be of and [+in?] all my said manors, lands and tenements and other the premises to stand and be feoffed and seised thereof to th' use and performance of this my last will;

And after that the said estates by the said Francis or by his said feoffees made, then to th' use and intent of the said indenture according to the true intent and effect of the same;

And also my said feoffees and their heirs to stand and be feoffed after the said estates by the said Francis and his feoffees made to the performance and execution of this my last will;

And the said Sir Richard Wentworth, Sir Philip Calthorpe, Sir William Waldegrave, Sir Robert Drury and Sir Robert Clere and other persons named in the said indentures to continue feoffees all their lives to the same uses and intent;

And if it happen the said feoffees to decease to the number of 4 of them, then I require the said 4 so overliving to make estate of all my said manors, lands and tenements and other the premises with th' appurtenances to two priests and to their heirs to the intent that the said priests shall refoff the said 4 feoffees overliving with 20 other persons of worship and to their heirs of the special friends and kinsmen of me, the said Sir Robert, or Francis Hasilden, the father, to the intents and uses abovesaid;

And where that Sir Richard Wentworth, knight, Sir Robert Clere, Sir Giles Alington, knight, Thomas Benham, Edward Peyton and Robert Frevyll, esquires, standen and be seised of and in the manors of Easthorpe and Birch and other lands and tenements in Easthorpe [f. 55v] and Birch aforesaid with their appurtenances in the county of Essex, th' advowson of the church of Easthorpe and the hundred of Lexden with th' appurtenances in the said county of Essex to th' use and intent that I, the said Sir Robert Peyton, mine executors and assigns, shall take and perceive yearly the issues and profits

of the said manors, lands and tenements and hundred with th' appurtenances until the feast of Saint Michael th' Archangel which shall be in the year of Our Lord God 1500 and 18, and therewith amongst other to pay my debts legacies and bequests;

And after the said feast of Saint Michael th' Archangel which shall be in the year of Our Lord God 1500 and 18, and after carnal copulation had between the said Robert, my son, and Frances, his wife, then to the use of the said Robert and Frances, his wife, and of the heirs of the body of the said Robert, my son, coming as in the said indentures is contained;

I, the said Robert, will that mine executors shall take the issues and profits of the same manors and other the premises unto the said year of Our Lord 1500 and 18 to the performance of my said testament;

And if the said Francis, the father, or his said feoffees make estate of his said manors, lands and tenements according to the indentures between him and me made, then my said feoffees to stand and be seised of the said manors, lands and tenements and hundreds to th' use of the said Robert, my son, and Frances, his wife, and of the heirs of the said Robert my son's body lawfully begotten, with other remainders as hereafter immediately followeth;

And if the said Francis, the father, make none estate of his said manors according to the said indenture, then I will that my said feoffees shall stand and be seised of the said manors, lands and tenements in Easthorpe, Birch and hundred of Lexden with th' appurtenances to th' use of the said Robert, my eldest son, and of the heirs of his body lawfully begotten;

And for default of such issue to remain and be to th' use of John Peyton, my second son, and of the heirs of his body lawfully begotten;

And for default of such issue to th' use of Edward Peyton, my third son, and the heirs of his body lawfully begotten;

And for default of such issue to th' use of my right heirs forever;

Also where Sir John Fyneux, knight, Chief Justice of the King's Bench, and Sir Edward Poynings, knight, with other stonden and be seised of and in the manors of Denton and Dryles with th' advowson of the church of Denton aforesaid in the county of Kent to th' use of me, the said Sir Robert Peyton, for term of my life without impeachment of waste and to th' use that I shall have liberty to give or bequeath the said manors of Denton and Dryles with th' advowson of the church of Denton to Dame Elizabeth my wife, for term of her life without impeachment of waste;

And after the decease of me, the said Sir Robert, and Dame Elizabeth, my wife, and after copulation had between Robert, my son, and Frances, his wife, then to the use of the said

Robert, my son, and Frances, his wife, and of the heirs of the body of the said Robert, my son, lawfully begotten;

And for default of such issue to th' use of my right heirs and to the performance of this my last will;

I, the said Sir Robert, will that the said Sir John Fyneux and other now being enfeoffed of the same and all other that hereafter shall be enfeoffed in the same shall stand and be seised of and in the said manors of Denton and Dryles with th' advowson of the said church of Denton to th' use of the same Dame Elizabeth, my wife, for term of her life impeachable of waste in full recompense of all dowers by my said wife of my possession to be claimed;

And after my decease and after carnal copulation between Robert, my son, and Frances, his wife, had, then the said feoffees to stand and be seised of the premises to th' use of the said Robert and Frances, his wife, for term of the said Frances' life and of the heirs of the said Robert, my son, lawfully begotten if the said Francis, the father, make estate of his said manors as is abovesaid according to the indentures aforesaid;

And if the said Francis, the father, make not the said estates, then th' use thereof to be to Robert, my son, only, and of his heirs of his body lawfully begotten;

And for default of such issue, then I will that my said feoffees shall stand and be seised thereof to th' use of John Peyton, my second son, and of the heirs of his body lawfully begotten;

And for default of such issue to th' use of Edward Peyton, my third son, and of the heirs of his body lawfully begotten;

And for default of such issue to th' use of my right heirs forever;

Provided always that if the said Dame Elizabeth, my wife, recover any dower of any of mine inheritance, then I will that my said feoffees shall stand and be seised of the said manors of Denton [+and?] Dryles with th' advowson of the church of Denton with th' appurtenances immediately after such recoverer [=recovery] of any such dower to th' use of Robert, my son during the life of my said wife;

And after the decease of my said wife to th' use of the said Robert, my son, and Frances, his wife, and of the heirs of the body of the said Robert, my son, lawfully begotten;

And for default of such issue of his body lawfully begotten, then to th' use of John Peyton, my second son, and of the heirs of his body lawfully begotten;

And for lack of such issue to th' use of Edward Peyton, my third son, and of the heirs of his body lawfully begotten;

And for lack of such issue to th' use of my right heirs forever;

Item, where that Sir Robert Clere, knight, and other stonden and been seised of and in the manors of Seyhamhall, Waterhall and Badles with th' appurtenances in the county of Suffolk to th' use of me, the said Sir Robert Peyton, and Dame Elizabeth, my wife, for term of our lives and of the lenger liver of us without impeachment of waste during my wife [sic];

And after our deceases according to the said indentures between me and the said Francis, the father, made;

And after carnal copulation had between the said Robert, my son, and Frances, his wife, I, the said Sir Robert, will that after the decease of me and Dame Elizabeth, my wife, that the said manors of Seyhamhall, Waterhall and Badleys, except lands and tenements to the yearly value of £6 13s 4d, parcel of the said manors, to be to th' use of Robert Peyton, my son, and of the heirs of his body lawfully begotten;

And for default [f. 56r] of such issue to th' use of my right heirs forever, and to the performance of this my last will;

I, the said Sir Robert, will that my said now feoffees and all other that hereafter shall be enfeoffed in the same manors, except before except, if it happeneth the said Robert, my son, to decease without heir of his body lawfully begotten, then my said feoffees after the decease of me and my said wife shall stand and be seised of the said manors with th' appurtenances to th' use of John Peyton, my second son, and of the heirs of his body lawfully begotten;

And for default of such issue to th' use of Edward Peyton, my third son, and of the heirs of his body lawfully begotten;

And for default of such issue to th' use of my right heirs forever;

And my said feoffees to stond and be seised of the said £6 13s 4d to th' use that mine executors shall take the said yearly £6 13s 4d to the payment of my debts and other charges in my said testament contained by the space of 10 years next after my decease and my said wife;

And after the said 10 years past and determined, to stond feoffees of all the said manors with th' appurtenances to th' use of Robert, my son, and of the heirs of his body coming;

And for lack of such issue to th' use of John Peyton, my second son, and the heirs of his body coming;

And for default of such issue to th' use of Edward Peyton, my third son, and the heirs of his body lawfully begotten;

And for default of such issue to th' use of my right heirs forever;

Also where Sir William Waldegrave, knight, and other stonden and been seised of and in the manor of Bernardy's [=Barnards] in Isleham and th' advowson of a free chapel of Saint Nicholas in Isleham aforesaid and of all my lands and tenements in Isleham aforesaid, Fordham and Chippenham in the county of Cambridge and Freckenham in the county of Suffolk, except those messuages, lands and tenements which late were Christopher Peyton['s] in Isleham and Fordham and which I late purchased of Elizabeth, late the wife of the said Christopher, to th' use of me and mine heirs and to the intent to perform this my last will;

I, the said Sir Robert, will that the said Sir William Waldegrave and other that now be seised or hereafter shall be seised of the said manors, lands and tenements shall stand and be seised of the said premises, except before excepted, to th' use to perform this my last will and also my testament;

And after my last will and testament clearly executed and performed, then the said Sir William Waldegrave and other his co-feoffees to stand and be enfeoffed thereof to th' use of Robert Peyton, my son, and the heirs males of his body lawfully begotten;

And for default of such issue to th' use of John Peyton, my second son, and the heirs males of his body lawfully begotten;

And for default of such issue to th' use of Edward Peyton, my third son, and the heirs males of his body lawfully begotten;

And for default of such issue to th' use of Edward Peyton, my brother, and to the heirs males of his body lawfully begotten;

And for default of such issue to th' use of Francis Peyton, mine uncle, and to the heirs males of his body lawfully begotten;

And for default of such issue to th' use of my right heirs;

Also where that the said Sir William Waldegrave and other stonden and been seised of and in the manor of Calthorpe Hall in Barnham Saint Martin with th' appurtenances in the county of Suffolk to th' use of me, the said Sir Robert, and of mine heirs to the intent to perform this my last will, I, the said Sir Robert, will that the said Sir William Waldegrave and other that now be seised or hereafter shall be seised of the said manor with th' appurtenances shall stand and be seised thereof to th' use to perform my will and testament;

And after my said testament performed, to th' use of John Peyton, my second son, and the heirs males of his body lawfully begotten;

And for default of such issue to th' use of Robert Peyton, my eldest son, and the heirs males of his body lawfully begotten;

And for default of such issue to th' use of Edward Peyton, my third son, and the heirs males of his body lawfully begotten;

And for default of such issue to th' use of Edward Peyton, my brother, and the heirs males of his body lawfully begotten;

And for default of such issue to th' use of Francis Peyton, my uncle, and the heirs males of his body lawfully begotten;

And for default of such issue to th' use of my right heirs;

Also whereas Philip Paris, esquire, and other stond and been seised of and in the manor of Caldecote with th' appurtenances in the county of Cambridge to th' use of me and of my heirs to the intent to perform my will, I will that the said Philip and other that now be seised or hereafter shall be seised of the said manor with th' appurtenances shall stand and be seised after my decease to th' use of John Peyton, my second son, and the heirs of his body lawfully begotten;

And for default of such issue to th' use of Edward Peyton, my third son, and the heirs of his body lawfully begotten;

And for default of such issue to th' use of my right heirs;

Also whereas Sir Robert Clere, knight, and other stonden and been seised of and in the manor of Peyton Hall with th' appurtenances in the county of Suffolk to th' use of Dame Elizabeth, my wife, for term of her life;

And after her decease to the performance of this my last will;

I, the said Sir Robert, will that the said persons shall stand and be seised of and in the said manor with th' appurtenances, and also my feoffees that now be or hereafter shall be of and in the land and tenements called Georges and Callys shall stand and be seised to th' use of Dame Elizabeth, my wife, for term of her life;

And after her decease to th' use of Robert Peyton, my son, and the heirs males of his body lawfully begotten;

And for default [f. 56v] of such issue I will that the said feoffees shall stand and be seised of the premises to th' use of John Peyton, my second son, and the heirs males of his body lawfully begotten;

And for default of such issue to th' use of Edward Peyton, my third son, and the heirs males of his body lawfully begotten;

And for default of such issue to th' use of Edward Peyton, my brother, and the heirs males of his body lawfully begotten;

And for default of such issue to th' use of Frances Peyton, my uncle, and the heirs males of his body lawfully begotten;

And for default of such issue to th' use of my right heirs;

Also whereas Sir Giles Alington, knight, John Heigham and other stand and be seised of and in a mese called Helgays and 9 acres and 3 rods of land in the towns and fields of Isleham and Fordham with th' appurtenances in the county of Cambridge, and also of and in 2 messuages and a tenement and 13 acres of land in the towns and fields of Isleham and Fordham in the said county of Cambridge to th' use of me, the said Sir Robert, and my heirs, which messuages, lands and tenements lately was Christopher Peyton['s] and Elizabeth, his wife, and by me bought of the said Elizabeth after the death of the said Christopher Peyton;

I, the said Robert, will that the said persons shall stand and be seised of and in the said messuages, lands and tenements with th' appurtenances to th' use of John Peyton, my second son, and the heirs males of his body lawfully begotten;

And for default of such issue to th' use of Edward Peyton, my third son, and the heirs males of his body lawfully begotten;

And for lack of such issue to th' use of Robert Peyton, my eldest son, and the heirs males of his body lawfully begotten;

And for default of such issue to th' use of Edward Peyton, my brother, and the heirs males of his body lawfully begotten;

And for lack of such issue to th' use of Francis Peyton, my uncle, and the heirs males of his body lawfully begotten;

And for default of such issue to th' use of my right heirs of me, the said Robert Peyton, knight, forever;

And where according to the said indentures of covenant between me, the said Sir Robert, and the said Francis, the father, made, Sir Robert Clere, knight, and other stonden and been seised of and in the manor of Wicken with th' appurtenances in the county of Cambridge to th' use of me, the said Sir Robert Peyton, for term of my life without impeachment of waste and th' use that I, the said Sir Robert Peyton, shall have liberty to dispose the said manor of Wicken or any part thereof to any person or persons severally and not jointly for term of life or lives without remainder or for term of years, so it extend not the time of 10 years, for the performance of this my last will;

And after the death of such person or persons to whom the said manor or any part thereof is disposed or after 10 years ended and carnal copulation had between the said Robert, my son, and Frances, his wife, then to th' use of the said Robert, my son, and the heirs males or heirs of his body lawfully begotten;

And for lack of such issue then at the liberty of me, the said Sir Robert, to limit or appoint for default of such issue to th' use of the right heirs of me, the said Sir Robert, and to the performance of this my last will, as by the said indentures more plainly doth and shall appear;

I, the said Sir Robert Peyton, will that the said Sir Robert Clere and other that now be seised of the said manor of Wicken, or such person or persons as hereafter shall be seised, shall stond and be seised thereof to th' use of me, the said Sir Robert Peyton, for term of my life without impeachment of waste;

And after my decease then the said feoffees to stand and be seised of and in the said manor with th' appurtenances to th' use and intent that mine executors shall take the issues and profits thereof by the space of 10 years next and immediately following, therewith amongst other to pay my debts and other bequests and charges;

And after 10 years ended to th' use of Robert Peyton, my eldest son, and the heirs males of his body lawfully begotten;

And for default of such issue to th' use of John Peyton, my second son, and the heirs males of his body lawfully begotten;

And for default of such issue to th' use of Edward Peyton, my third son, and the heirs males of his body lawfully begotten;

And for default of such issue to th' use of Edward Peyton, my brother, and the heirs males of his body lawfully begotten;

And for default of such issue to th' use of Francis Peyton, my uncle, and the heirs males of his body lawfully begotten;

And for default of such issue to th' use of my right heirs forever;

In witness of this my last will to be as I have before rehearsed and declared, I, the said Sir Robert Peyton, to the same I have set my seal the day and year abovesaid and subscribed the same with my hand, these being witness: Sir William Thorpp, clerk, vicar of Isleham, Robert Lokton, esquire, John Bukenham, gentleman, Christopher Grene, clerk, Edward Besteney of Soham, William Chesewright, John Rannysdale and Andrew Barras of Fordham, Richard Chapman of Abington, Richard Brandeley, John Crewe, Thomas Chippar and Nicholas Spryggey.

Probatum fuit testatmentum suprascripti defuncti Vna cum Vltima Voluntate eiusdem h{ab}ent{is} &c Coram Domino apud Lambeth xxmo die mensis Aprilis Anno d{omi}ni Mill{es}imo quingentesimo xviiio Iurament{o} Mag{ist}ri Oliveri Scalys procu{rato}ris Executorum in h{uius}mo{d}i testamento no{m}i{n}ator{um} Ac approbatum & insinuatum Et com{m}issa fuit admi{ni}stracio o{mn}i{u}m & singulorum bonor{um} et debitoru{m} dicti defuncti prefatis Executorib{us} in p{er}sona dicti procu{rato}ris De bene & fidel{ite}r admi{ni}strand{o} Ac de pleno et fideli In{uenta}rio citra festum Pentecostes prox{imum} futur{um} exhibend{o} Necnon de plano et vero compoto reddend{o} Ad s{an}c{t}a dei Eu{a}ngelia in debita iuris forma Iurat{orum}

[=The testament of the above-written deceased, together with the last will of the same, having etc., was proved before the Lord at Lambeth on the 20th day of the month of April in the year of the Lord the thousand five hundred 18th by the oath of Master Oliver Scalys [=Scales?], proctor of the executors named in the same testament, and probated & entered, and administration was granted of all & singular the goods and debts of the said deceased to the forenamed executors in the person of the said proctor, sworn on the Holy Gospels in due form of law in the person of the said proctor to well & faithfully administer, and to exhibit a full and faithful inventory before the feast of Pentecost next to come, and also to render a plain and true account.]