

SUMMARY: The document below is the Prerogative Court of Canterbury copy of the will, dated 4 October 1518 and proved 10 June 1519, of Thomas Trentham, the great-grandfather of Oxford's second wife, Elizabeth Trentham (d.1612). The testator makes no mention in his will of his son and heir, Richard Trentham (d.1547), or of his other son, Robert, other than to state that his lands should go to those 'that hath most right to them' For the will of the testator's son and heir, Richard Trentham (d.1547), see TNA PROB 11/31, ff. 225-7.

The testator directs that his goods be sold and the proceeds divided equally among his five daughters, who were: Anne, who married Ralph Leighton, gentleman, of Cotes in Shropshire; Elizabeth, who married Richard Hussey of Adbright or Albright Hussey in Shropshire; Katherine, who married firstly, as his second wife, Thomas Hakluyt (d.1544), esquire, of Eyton in Leominster in Herefordshire, Clerk of the Council in the Marches of Wales; secondly, Edmund Foxe (d.1550) of Ludlow in Shropshire, son and heir of William Foxe of Stoke by Greet and Ludlow, Shropshire; and thirdly, Nicholas Depden or Debden (d.1588), gentleman, of Ludford in Shropshire and Aston in Herefordshire; Mary, who married Hugh Rogers of Hamhouse in Staffordshire; Jane, who married Middleton.

The testator appoints as executors his wife, Elizabeth, John Leighton, & 'young Richard Mainwaring', and as overseers, the Earl of Shrewsbury, William Egerton and 'young Roger Corbet'.

The testator's wife, Elizabeth, was the daughter of Sir Richard Corbet (d.1493) of Moreton Corbet, and his wife Elizabeth Devereux (d.1516), daughter of Sir Walter Devereux (c.1434-1485), 1st Lord Ferrers of Chartley. After the death of Sir Richard Corbet (d.1493), Elizabeth married, before 1495, Sir Thomas Leighton (1443-1519) of Wattlesborough in Shropshire, knight of the body to King Henry VII. She was interred in Burford church in Shropshire with this inscription:

Here lythe Elyzabethe Devroke, dowg'tur unto Sr Wa'ter
Devroke off Webbeley Knygth off ye most noble order off ye Garter
& Lorde Ferrers off Charteley, wch Elyzabethe was wyff unto Sr Rychard
Corbet off Morton Tyrytte [sic] Knygth, & affter maryed unto Sr Thomas
Lyghton Knygth off Stretton in le Dale, wch Elyzabethe dep'ted owte
off thys transitorie worlde ye yere off owre Lorde God mcccc & xvj
whose sowle Ihu have.

See Botfield, Beriah, *Stemmata Botevilliana* (Westminster: Nichols, 1858), p. 169 at: http://www.archive.org/stream/stemmatabotevill00botfuoft/stemmatabotevill00botfuoft_djvu.txt.

The John Leighton named as an executor is thus likely Sir John Leighton (d.1532) of Wattlesborough and Stretton in the Dale, esquire of the body to King Henry VIII, the testator's wife Elizabeth's eldest step-brother by her mother's second marriage to Sir Thomas Leighton (1443-1519).

‘Young Richard Mainwaring’ named as an executor in the will was likely Sir Richard Mainwaring (c.1499-1558) of Ightfield in Shropshire, son of Sir John Mainwaring and Joan Lacon. Sir Richard Mainwaring was born about 1499 in Ightfield in Shropshire, died 30 Sept 1558 at St. Albans, and was buried 7 October 1558 in Ightfield, Shropshire. He married Dorothy Corbet, who was the daughter of Sir Robert Corbet (d.1513) and Elizabeth Vernon (d.1563) mentioned above, and who was therefore the niece of the testator’s wife, Elizabeth (nee Corbet) Trentham.

The Earl of Shrewsbury named as an overseer of the will was George Talbot (1468–1538), 4th Earl of Shrewsbury, who was born at Shifnal, Shropshire, and thus had Shropshire connections.

The William Egerton appointed as an overseer was likely William Egerton, son of Randall Egerton (d.1522) and Isabel Hill, the daughter of Robert Hill of Houndhill in Staffordshire. William Egerton married Jane Lacon, the daughter of Sir Thomas Lacon of Willey in Shropshire and his wife Mary Corbet, who was the daughter of Sir Richard Corbet (d.1493) and Elizabeth Devereux (d.1516), mentioned above, and who was therefore the sister of the testator’s wife, Elizabeth (nee Corbet) Trentham.

The ‘young Robert Corbet’ appointed an overseer of the will, was the testator’s nephew, Sir Roger Corbet (d.1538), son and heir of Sir Robert Corbet (d.1513) and Elizabeth Vernon (d.1563) mentioned above.. For the will of Sir Roger Corbet, see TNA PROB 11/27, f. 194. For other connections between the Trenthams and the Corbets, see the Annotator page on this website.

The John Baker for whom the testator wills that a ‘a priest sing two years’ was likely related to the first wife of Sir Thomas Leighton (1443-1519), Anne, the daughter of Roger Baker of Shrewsbury.

LM: Testamentum Thome Tryntham

In dei nomine amen. iiijto die me[n]sis octobris Anno Domini Ml vC xviiijo Ego Thomas Tryntham compos memorie condo testamentum meum in hunc modum &c: [=In the name of God, amen. The 4th day of the month of October in the year of the Lord 1518, I, Thomas Trentham, sound of memory, make my will in this manner etc.]:

I bequeath my soul to Almighty God, my body to be buried in the churchyard of All Hallows in Honey Lane within London, and for my burial I bequeath to the church-works 6s 8d;

Item, I will my best gown to the parson of the same church for my mortuarde(?) [=mortuary];

Item, I will a priest sing 2 years for the soul of John Baker & all Christian souls;

Item, I will that all such lands that I am troubled for, that they have it that hath most right to them;

Item, I will that Elizabeth, my wife, have her dowry and all that she ought to have by right of the law;

Item, I will that there be sold of my goods, moveable & unmovable, to the sum of 200(?) marks, to be divided in even portions to my 5 daughters;

Item, I will that my brother, Roger, have my bows & shafts that is in James Stirley's [=Strelley's] chamber;

& of this my last will I make mine executors Elizabeth, my wife, Mr John Lethon [=Leighton?] & young Richard Mainwaring, and to see that my will be fulfilled, I make the Earl of Shrewsbury, William Egerton and young Roger Corbet to be overseers. Witness hereof: Sir John Rys, my ghostly father, and John Taire.

Probatum fuit suprascriptum testamentum coram domino apud Lamhith xo die mensis Iunij Anno domini Ml vC xixo Iuramento Elisabeth Relicte et executricis in huiusmodi testamento nominate Ac aprobatum et insinuatum Et commissa fuit administracio omnium et singulorum bonorum et debitorum dicti defuncti predictae executori De Bene & fideliter administrando eadem Ac de pleno et fideli Inuentario etc conficiendo Et nobis citra festum Sancti laurencij Martiris proximum futurum exhibendo Necnon de plano compoto reddendo etc Ad sancta dei Euangelia Iurate Reseruata potestate similem comissionem faciendi alijs executoribus in huiusmodi testamento nominatis cum venerint &c

[=The above-written testament was proved before the Lord [+Archbishop?] at London on the 10th day of the month of June in the year of the Lord 1519 by the oath of Elizabeth, relict and executrix named in the same testament, and probated and registered, and administration was granted of all and singular the goods and debts of the said deceased to the forenamed executor, sworn on the Holy Gospels to well & faithfully administer the same, and to prepare a full and faithful inventory and to exhibit [+it] to us before the feast of Saint Lawrence the Martyr, and also to render a plain account etc., with power reserved for a similar commission to be made to the other executors named in the same testament when they shall have come etc.]