

SUMMARY: The document below is the last will and testament, dated 1 May 1518, together with a codicil dated 10 August 1518, proved 9 November 1520, of Sir Robert Throckmorton (c.1451-1518), whose great-grandson, Job Throckmorton (1545-1601), assisted with the printing of the Marprelate tracts.

It appears from the codicil that the will of 1 May 1518 was made at the testator's manor of Weston Underwood in Buckinghamshire, while the codicil was made in Italy just prior to the testator's death.

FAMILY BACKGROUND

For the Throckmorton pedigree, see Lipscomb, George, *The History and Antiquities of the County of Buckingham*, Vol. IV, (London: J. & W Robins, 1847), p. 399 at:

https://books.google.ca/books?id=_t89AQAAMAAJ&pg=PA399

Testator's grandparents

The testator was the grandson of Sir John Throckmorton (d. 12 April 1445), Under-Treasurer of England, who in 1409 married Eleanor de Spine, daughter and coheir of Guy de Spine (or de Spineto) of Coughton, Warwickshire, by whom he had two sons and six daughters (see below). For Sir John Throckmorton, see the *ODNB* entry and his will, TNA PROB 11/3/531.

According to his grandfather's will and the pedigree in Lipscomb, *supra*, the testator had one uncle and six aunts:

-**John Throckmorton**, ancestor of the Throckmortons of Gloucestershire, who married Isabel Bruges, the daughter of Edward Bruges of Lone, Gloucestershire.

-**Eleanor Throckmorton** (d.1477), who married Richard Knightley, esquire, of Fawsley, Northamptonshire.

-**Maud Throckmorton**, who married firstly Sir Thomas Green of Green's Norton, Northamptonshire, and secondly Richard Middleton, esquire.

-**Margaret Throckmorton**, who married John Rous, esquire, of Rous Lench, Worcestershire. See TNA C 1/14/77.

-**(blank) Throckmorton**, who married Robert Giffard, esquire. See TNA C 1/14/77.

-**Agnes Throckmorton**, who married Thomas Winslow, esquire.

-Elizabeth Throckmorton (c.1427-1483x4), who married Robert Russell (d.1461?), esquire, of Strensham, Worcestershire, by whom she was the mother of Robert Russell (d.1493), who married Joan de la Bere, the daughter of Sir Kynard de la Bere, and the grandmother of Robert Russell (d. 28 June 1502), esquire, of Strensham, who married Elizabeth Baynham. After the death of Robert Russell in 1502, Elizabeth Baynham married the testator as his second wife (see below). See the will of Robert Russell (d. 28 June 1502), TNA PROB 11/13/373, in which he mentions his grandmother, 'Elizabeth Russell'. See also:

'Parishes: Strensham', in *A History of the County of Worcester: Volume 4*, ed. William Page and J W Willis-Bund (London, 1924), pp. 202-208. *British History Online* <http://www.british-history.ac.uk/vch/worcs/vol4/pp202-208> [accessed 24 November 2017].

Testator's parents

The testator was the son of Sir Thomas Throckmorton (c.1412-1472) and Margaret Olney (d.1493), the daughter of Sir Roger Olney. Although in the will below the testator mentions the wills of his father and mother, neither will appears to be extant.

Testator's siblings

The testator mentions two brothers and one sister in the will below:

-Richard Throckmorton (d.1547) of Higham Ferrers, who married Jane Beaufo, the daughter of Humphrey Beaufo (d.1485), of Edmondscote, Warwickshire, said to have been slain at Bosworth. In the will below the testator mentions '£60 that my brother, Richard, oweth me, which I lend him to the buying of his office'. The office appears to have been that of Seneschal of the Duchy of Lancaster, to which Henry VIII appointed him in 1519. See Stallard, Jon M., *Butler of Droitwich 1300-1700*, p. 186 at:

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

For Richard Throckmorton's marriage to Joan Beaufo, see Fetherston, John, ed., *The Visitation of the County of Warwick in the Year 1619*, Vol. XII, (London: Harleian Society, 1877), p. 203 at:

<https://archive.org/stream/visitationcount01britgoog#page/n228/mode/2up>

For Richard Throckmorton's daughter, Mary Throckmorton, who married George Boteler, see the will of William Newport (d.1559) of Rushock, Worcestershire, TNA PROB 11/42B/459; and the pedigree of Boteler in Phillimore, W.P.W., ed., *The Visitation of Worcestershire 1569*, (London: Harleian Society, 1888), Vol. XXVII, p. 31 at:

<https://archive.org/stream/visitationcount02mundgoog#page/n45/mode/2up>

-Doctor William Throckmorton (d. 3 January 1536), Warden of the Collegiate Church at Shottesbrooke, Berkshire, where the manor was owned by the Trussells and Earls of Oxford. See his will, TNA PROB 11/27/63, and Erler, Mary C., *Women, Reading, and Piety in Late Medieval England*, (Cambridge University Press, 2002), p. 113.

-Elizabeth Throckmorton (d. 13 January 1547), who was the last Abbess of Denny. After the Dissolution she lived with her nephew, the testator's son, Sir George Throckmorton (c.1489-1552), at Coughton. See Erler, *supra*, pp. 111-15.

The testator is also said to have had five other siblings not mentioned in the will below:

-John Throckmorton of Plaxton, who married Jane Baynard, the daughter and co-heir of Henry Baynard of Spelshall, Suffolk.

-Richard Throckmorton of Great Staughton, Huntingdonshire.

-Goditha Throckmorton (d.1530x1), who married Edward Peyto (c.1457-1487) of Chesterton, Warwickshire. See her will, TNA PROB 11/24/11; Richardson, Douglas, *Magna Carta Ancestry*, 2nd ed., 2011, Vol. III, p. 349, and Erler, *supra*, pp. 113-14.

-Margery (or Mary) Throckmorton, who married Richard Middlemore (d.1502x3) of Edgbaston, Warwickshire, and after his death took a vow of perpetual chastity. See Erler, *supra*, p. 113, and the will of Richard Middlemore dated 28 November 1502, TNA PROB 11/13/436, which was proved 14 March 1503 with 'Master William Throckmorton' acting as proctor for the testator's widow, Margery. On 12 September 1506 William Willington entered into a bond of 1000 marks to Margery (nee Throckmorton) Middlemore for the settlement on him of the manor of Barcheston, likely in connection with his marriage to her daughter, Anne Middlemore (see below). See Warwickshire County Record Office, CR 580/9/17, and Turner, Hilary L., 'William Willington c.1480-1555', available as a pdf file online.

In her own will, TNA PROB 11/24/14, dated 14 August 1530 and proved 6 February 1531, the scribe has written her name as 'Marie' in the margin and interlineated it as 'Marie' in the will, but the testatrix' appointment of 'my brother, Doctor Throckmorton' as supervisor establishes that the testatrix was Margery (nee Throckmorton) Middlemore, the daughter of Sir Thomas Throckmorton (c.1412-1472) and Margaret Olney (d.1493), and sister of the testator in the will below, Sir Robert Throckmorton (c.1451-1518). For her marriage to Richard Middlemore, see also the pedigree in Phillimore, W.P.W., ed., *The Visitation of the County of Worcester Made in the Year 1569*, (London: Harleian Society, 1888), p. 96 at:

<https://archive.org/stream/visitcowor00phil#page/96/mode/2up>

By Richard Middlemore, Margery Throckmorton had at least two children:

(1) Anne Middlemore (died c.1537), who married William Willington (d.1480-1555), by whom she had seven daughters. See the will of William Willington, TNA PROB 11/42B/642, and Turner, *supra*.

(2) Thomas Middlemore (c.1473 - 9 December 1521) of Studley. For the inquisition post mortem taken in Warwickshire after his death, see TNA C 142/37/139 and TNA E 150/1127/5. He married Anne Littleton, the daughter of Richard Littleton (d.1517/18) of Pillaton Hall (second son of Sir Thomas Littleton, author of *Littleton's Tenures*). See Anne Littleton's will, proved 13 November 1559, TNA PROB 11/42B/641; Turner, *supra*; and *The English Baronetage*, (London: Thomas Wotton, 1741), Vol. II, pp. 65-6 at:

<https://books.google.ca/books?id=nC45AQAAMAAJ&pg=PA65>

By Anne Littleton, Thomas Middlemore appears to have had two sons and four daughters, all named as 'cousins' in the will of William Willington, *supra*:

Item, I bequeath to my cousins, Robert Middlemore, Richard Middlemore, priest, Godith Bulstrode, Eleanor Agard, Winifred Standley and Alice Barnes, to every of them £20.

Robert Middlemore (1509?-1576) of Edgbaston, Warwickshire, was Thomas Middlemore's heir, and was also bequeathed lands in the will of his grandmother, Margery Throckmorton, *supra*. For the will of Robert Middlemore, dated 5 November 1573 and proved 28 June 1576, see TNA PROB 11/58/224. In his will, Robert Middlemore states that he married twice. The name of his second wife is unknown. For his first wife, Anne Egerton, see the pedigree in Phillimore, *supra*, p. 97, and the pedigree in Rylands, John Paul, ed., *The Visitation of Cheshire in the Year 1580*, Vol. XVIII, (London: Harleian Society, 1882), p. 98 at:

<https://archive.org/stream/visitationofches00glov#page/98/mode/2up>

About 1545, Anne Littleton, widow of Thomas Middlemore (c.1473 - 9 December 1521) married, as his second wife, William Willington, thus further uniting the Middlemore and Willington families.

For the marriage of Anne Egerton and Robert Middlemore, see also the will of Ralph Egerton (d. 17 April 1610), TNA PROB 11/116/142.

-Margaret Throckmorton, who married William Tracy (1461? - 10 October 1530), whose body was burned for heresy after his death. See the will of his son, Richard Tracy (d. 8 March 1568), TNA PROB 11/50/107, and the *ODNB* entry for William Tracy:

Tracy, William (d. 1530), landowner and religious radical, was the son of Sir Henry Tracy (d. c.1506) of Toddington, Gloucestershire, and Alice Baldington, daughter and

coheir of Thomas Baldington of Oxfordshire. He was married to Margaret or Margery Throckmorton, daughter of Thomas Throckmorton (1462–1530/31) of Coughton, Warwickshire, and Margaret née Olney; his sister-in-law, Elizabeth (d. 1547), was the last abbess of Denny, near Waterbeach, Cambridgeshire. William Tracy's sister, also Elizabeth, was married to Sir Alexander Bainham of Westbury-on-Severn in Gloucestershire, a very prominent member of the county's gentry; their youngest son, James, would be burnt at Smithfield for his evangelical beliefs in 1532. William Tracy was an active member of the Gloucestershire élite, serving as sheriff in 1513 and on numerous commissions of the peace. He was also connected to other prominent families in the county, not only serving as a feoffee of the estate of Sir Alexander Bainham and as an executor of Elizabeth Bainham's will, but also as one of the executors of the will of Dame Joan Huddleston, widow of Sir John, daughter of Sir Miles Stapleton of Norfolk, and granddaughter of Sir Thomas de la Pole.

MARRIAGES AND ISSUE

Testator's first marriage

The testator married firstly, circa 1487, Katherine Marowe (c.1459-1503), the daughter of William Marowe (c.1419?-1464x5), Lord Mayor of London and three times Master of the Grocers' Company, and his second wife, Katherine Rich. For the will of William Marowe, dated 8 October 1464 and proved 15 May 1465, see TNA PROB 11/5/139.

Testator's second marriage

The testator married secondly, Elizabeth Baynham, widow of Robert Russell (d. 28 June 1502), esquire, of Strensham. As mentioned above, Elizabeth Baynham's first husband, Robert Russell (d. 28 June 1502), was the grandson of the testator's aunt, Elizabeth Throckmorton (c.1427-1483x4). Robert Russell (d. 28 June 1502) of Strensham and Elizabeth (nee Baynham) Russell Throckmorton were the great-grandparents of Thomas Russell (1570-1634), appointed by William Shakespeare (1564-1616) of Stratford upon Avon as supervisor of his will.

The testator's second wife, Elizabeth Baynham, was the daughter of Thomas Baynham (c.1422 - 16 February 1500) and Alice Walwyn (d. 10 or 22 October 1518), the daughter of William Walwyn (d.1470). For the will of Elizabeth Baynham's brother, Sir Alexander Baynham (d. 25 September 1524) of Westbury-on-Severn, Gloucestershire, see TNA PROB 11/21/469 and TNA PROB 11/22/256. For the Baynham family see Maclean, J., 'The History of the Manors of Dean Magna and Abenhall, &c', *Transactions of the Bristol and Gloucestershire Archaeological Society*, Vol. 6, 1881-82, pp. 123-209, and particularly the pedigree on pp. 184-5.

In the will below the testator mentions only three sons (although in the Throckmorton pedigree, *supra*, he is also said to have had a son named Richard):

* **Sir George Throckmorton** (c.1489-1552), eldest son and heir. He married Katherine Vaux (d.1571?), the daughter of Nicholas Vaux (c.1460-1523), 1st Baron Vaux of Harrowden, by Elizabeth Fitzhugh (1462-c.1505), the widow of Sir William Parr (1434-1483), grandfather of Queen Katherine Parr (1512-1548, by whom he is said to have had eight sons and eleven daughters. See his will, TNA PROB 11/36/298, and the *ODNB* entry.

* **Anthony Throckmorton**, who is said to have died 24 February 1525 at the Battle of Pavia.

* **Michael Throckmorton** (d.1558), whom the testator describes in the will below as 'my youngest son'. He served as an agent for Cardinal Pole, and is said to have married Agnes Hyde in Mantua c.1553, and to have left a son, Francis Throckmorton, by an earlier marriage. See the *ODNB* entry.

In the Throckmorton pedigree, *supra*, the testator is said to have had the following seven daughters: Mary, who married Thomas Burdet; Alice, who married Sir Thomas Englefield; Katherine, who married a husband surnamed Boughton of Lawford, Warwickshire; Ursula; Bridget; Alice, said to have died unmarried; and Margaret, a nun.

In the will below, the testator mentions seven daughters whose names and marriages differ somewhat from those given in the Throckmorton pedigree:

* **Anne Throckmorton**, eldest daughter, unmarried at the time the testator made his will.

* **Mary Throckmorton**, who married Thomas Burdet (d.1536) of Bramcote, Warwickshire, by whom she was the mother of Robert Burdet (c.1510-1549), whose servant was the historian Raphael Holinshed (c.1525-1580). See the History of Parliament entry for Robert Burdet at:

<http://www.historyofparliamentonline.org/volume/1509-1558/member/burdett-robert-1510-49>

See also Kimber, E. and R. Johnson, *The Baronetage of England*, Vol. I, (London: G. Woodfall, 1771), p. 150, available online:

Thomas Burdet, died about the 31st of Hen. VIII. [=1539-40] leaving by Mary his wife, daughter to Sir Robert Throckmorton, Knt. Robert Burdet, Esq.; his son and heir; Clement, a Clergyman; Humphrey, William, and Ethelbert; also three daughters, Blanch, wife to (blank) Samborne; Catharine to (blank) Ludlow; and Eleanor to (blank) Willenscote.

As noted above, Kimber suggests that Thomas Burdet died c.1539/40, while the Burdet pedigree states that he died in 26 Henry VIII [=1534/5]. See *Proposals for Printing by Subscription a New Edition of The Description of Leicestershire*, pp. 183-4 at:

<https://books.google.ca/books?id=Wo1bAAAAQAAJ&pg=PA183>

It appears Thomas Burdet of Bramcote died in 1536. His will, dated 1536, was proved 3 July 1537 by George Graynville [=Greenfield], who had married his widow, Joyce. See TNA PROB 11/27/86. See also:

'Parishes: Polesworth', in *A History of the County of Warwick: Volume 4, Hemlingford Hundred*, ed. L F Salzman (London, 1947), pp. 186-198. *British History Online* <http://www.british-history.ac.uk/vch/warks/vol4/pp186-198> [accessed 11 July 2018]

Joan [wife of Nicholas Burdet] was dead, presumably, by 1466, when William Charnels enfeoffed Thomas Burdett of the manor [of Bramcote]. (fn. 57) Thomas was attainted and beheaded in 1474 (fn. 58) and the custody of his heir Nicholas and his lands was granted in 1478 to Sir Simon Mountfort. (fn. 59) Nicholas died without issue, his heir being his brother John (fn. 60) who died in 1528 or 1529, leaving a son Thomas. (fn. 61) Thomas Burdett died in 1536 and his son Robert (fn. 62) in 1550, leaving a son Thomas, then aged 16, and a widow Elizabeth, (fn. 63) who may have been the Elizabeth wife of Humphrey Coxe on whom the manor was settled in 1560 or 1561. (fn. 64) From Thomas Burdett the manor passed in 1591 to his son Robert, (fn. 65) who with his wife, Mary, (fn. 66) had been living at Bramcote Hall since 1584, and who died in 1603. (fn. 67) Robert's son Thomas settled the manor in 1635 on his son Francis on his marriage, (fn. 68) and Bramcote then descended in the Burdett family at least until 1823

62. Chan. Inq. p.m. (Ser. 2), lix, 23. Thomas settled the mansion house and tenements there in 1533 on Elizabeth daughter of Sir Thomas Cokayn on her marriage with his son Robert: ibid. Thomas settled other lands there on his second wife Joyce, who survived him and by 1538 had married George Greenfield: ibid.; Feet of F. Warw. Mich. 30 Hen. VIII; Star Chamber Proc. Hen. VIII, bdle. 32, no. 67, bdle. 16, nos. 274-9; Chan. Inq. p.m. (Ser. 2), xcii, 115.

For the marriage of Elizabeth Cokayne and Robert Burdet, esquire, see Richardson, Douglas, *Plantagenet Ancestry*, 2nd ed., 2011, Vol. I, p. 558.

See also the will of Humphrey Burdet, TNA PROB 11/69/110.

- * **Dame Margaret Throckmorton**, who appears to have been a nun.
- * **Dame Joyce Throckmorton**, who appears to have been a nun.
- * **Alice Throckmorton**, referred to by the testator as one of his 'three youngest daughters'.
- * **Ursula Throckmorton** (d. 15 March 1581), referred to by the testator as one of his 'three youngest daughters'. She married, as his second wife, Sir Thomas Gifford (d. 27

May 1560) of Chillington, Staffordshire. See his will, proved 26 June 1560, TNA PROB 11/43/5, and the History of Parliament entry at:

<http://www.historyofparliamentonline.org/volume/1509-1558/member/giffard-thomas-1491-1560>

For the Gifford family, see also:

'The parish of Church Eaton: High Onn', in *Staffordshire Historical Collections, Vol. 4*, ed. George Wrottesley (London, 1883), pp. 52-63. *British History Online* <http://www.british-history.ac.uk/staffs-hist-collection/vol4/pp52-63> [accessed 2 December 2019].

For Ursula Throckmorton and Sir Thomas Gifford, see also Doyle, Patrick Joseph, 'The Giffards of Chillington, a Catholic Landed Family 1642-1861', Durham Theses, Durham University, 1968, pp. 12-14 at:

<http://etheses.dur.ac.uk/9887/>

See also the Gifford pedigree in Grazebrook, H. Sydney, ed., *The Heraldic Visitations of Staffordshire*, (London: Mitchell and Hughes, 1885, p. 148 at:

<https://archive.org/stream/collectionsforpt205stafuoft#page/148/mode/2up>

See also the Gifford pedigree in Armytage, George and W. Harry Rylands, eds., *Staffordshire Pedigrees*, (London: Harleian Society, 1912), Vol. LXIII, pp. 103-4 at:

<https://archive.org/details/StaffordshirePedigreesBasedOnTheVisitationOfThatCountyMadeByWilliam/page/n113>

For Ursula Throckmorton's descendants, see also the will of James Leveson (d. 13 October 1545), TNA PROB 11/31/655, and the will of John Handford (d.1616), TNA PROB 11/127/794.

* **Anne Throckmorton**, referred to by the testator as one of his 'three youngest daughters'.

Although she is not mentioned in the will below, it is known that the testator had another daughter:

* **Elizabeth Throckmorton** (d.1543), who married Sir Thomas Englefield (1488-1537), second son but eventual heir of Sir Thomas Englefield (1455-1514), Speaker of the House of Commons. For Sir Thomas Englefield (1455-1514), see the *ODNB* entry. For the will of Elizabeth Throckmorton Englefield (d.1543), see TNA PROB 11/30/47. For Sir Thomas Englefield (1488-1537), see his will, TNA PROB 11/27/152, and 'David Nash Ford's Royal Berkshire History' at:

<http://www.berkshirehistory.com/bios/tenglefieldjr.html>

See also Betham, William, *The Baronetage of England*, (Ipswich: Burrell and Bransby, 1801), Vol. I, pp. 146-7 at:

<http://books.google.ca/books?id=LIQOAAAAQAAJ&pg=PA146>

See also the pedigree in Fetherston, John, ed., *The Visitation of the County of Warwick in the Year 1619*, (London: Harleian Society, 1877), Vol. XII, p. 123 at:

<https://archive.org/stream/visitationcount01britgoog#page/n148/mode/2up>

It is said that the testator's only child by his second wife, Elizabeth (nee Baynham) Russell Throckmorton, was his daughter Ursula. However since the testator refers in the will below to his 'three youngest daughters, Alice, Ursula and Anne', all three may have been the daughters of the testator by his second wife, Elizabeth (nee Baynham) Russell Throckmorton.

OTHER PERSONS MENTIONED IN THE WILL

The testator's friend, Sir George Monox (d.1544), was Lord Mayor of London in 1514.

'Lady Rous and my cousin, her son'. As noted above, the testator's aunt, Margaret Throckmorton, had married John Rous, esquire, of Rous Lench, Worcestershire. See:

'Parishes: Rous Lench', in *A History of the County of Worcester: Volume 3* (London, 1913), pp. 497-500. *British History Online* <http://www.british-history.ac.uk/vch/worcs/vol3/pp497-500> [accessed 13 August 2017]

William [Rous] son of Thomas [Rous] died seised of the manor in 1505-6, leaving Thomas his son and heir. (fn. 29) Thomas was succeeded by his son John. (fn. 30). Edward son and successor of John died in 1611, leaving a son Sir John Rous. (fn. 31)

TESTATOR'S MANORS

For the testator's manor of Black Naunton, see:

'Parishes: Severn Stoke', *A History of the County of Worcester: volume 4* (1924), pp. 192-197. URL: <http://www.british-history.ac.uk/report.aspx?compid=42878>.

LM: T{estamentum} Roberti Throkm{or}ton milit{is}

In the name of Almighty God, Father and Son and Holy Ghost, Amen. In the feast of Philip and Jacob [=1 May] in the year of Our Lord God 1518 and in the year of the reign of King Henry the Eight the 10th, I, Robert Throckmorton, knight, of whole mind and good deliberate remembrance & in good health of body, thanked be God, make this my last will and testament in manner & form following:

First and principally I bequeath my soul unto Almighty God and to Our Most Blessed Lady Saint Mary, and to all the holy company of heaven, my body to be buried in the parish church of Coughton under the tomb in the mids of the church if it happen me to die within this realm of England;

And I will there be not spend above £6 13s 4d at my burying and my month's mind, which money I will be given to the priests that shall be at my burying and month's mind;

I will there be no meat nor drink ordained at my burying and month's mind but only for priests and clerks and poor people that live by alms;

I will there be said incontinent after my burying for my soul in the monasteries of Studley and Evesham 30 Masses of Jesus, and every priest that saith Mass to have 4d for his labour;

And also I will there be said for my soul in as short space as it may be done after my decease two trentals in the Greyfriars of Worcester, 2 trentals in the Greyfriars of Oxford, 2 trentals in the Greyfriars of Cambridge, 2 trentals in the Blackfriars of Oxford, and 2 trentals in the Blackfriars of Cambridge, and for every of these trentals I will there be given 10s, these trental to be said by the friars;

I will there be given to 3 poor men of Sambourne 12d apiece, and in like wise to 3 poor men of Coughton, to 3 poor men of Spernall, and to 3 poor men of Throckmorton, every of them 12d;

I will the east window of the chancel of Coughton be glazed at my cost and charge, and that it be of the Doom;

I will there be given to the glazing of the east window in the north aisle of Coughton church 20s, and that window to be of the 7 Sacraments;

I will there be given to [f. 10r] the glazing of the east window in the south aisle of the said church 20s, and that window to be of the 7 Works of Mercy;

I will the mother church of Worcester have 10s, the church of Throckmorton 6s 8d, the church of Spernall 6s 8d, the church of Birdbury [=Birdingbury?] 6s 8d, the church of Weston Underwood 6s 8d, and the church of Roxton 6s 8d;

I will the Prior of Studley have immediately after my decease 3s 4d, and every canon of the same house 8d for to say Dirge and Mass for my soul, and if the Prior that now is be then alive, I will he have then 10s for to say a trental for my soul;

I will that the image of Our Lady be set at the north side of th' end of the altar of the south aisle of the church of Coughton, and mended in gilding and painting at my cost and charge;

And I will that the image of Gabriel be set in the same side of the said aisle at the pillar between the aisle and the chancel with a roll in his hand of greeting, looking toward Our Lady, and painted and gilted at my cost and charge;

And at the south side of the said altar I will the image of Saint Raphael be set, with a scripture upon him that he may be known, and painted and gilted at my cost and charge;

And in the north aisle of the said church at the north end of the altar I will the image of the Trinity be set, and newly painted and gilt at my cost and charge;

And I will at the south end of the said altar the image of Saint Michael be set, and painted and gilted at my cost and charge;

And for all these charges above rehearsed, I will mine executors sell all such cattle as I shall have at the time of my decease save only my plough oxen and milch kine, & the money of them to be paid towards the said charges as far as it will extend;

I will the poor people of my alms-house of Worcester have given amongst them 2s in bread to pray for my soul;

And if it happen me to die beyond the sea, then I will my body be buried in such sanctified place as shall be thought by me or by them that then shall be with me most best for my soul[']s health, and that then all things be done here in England for my soul as I have in this my will rehearsed in as short and convenient time as it may be known I am departed out of this world in such manner as and [=if] my body were buried in Coughton aforesaid;

Also I will my daughter, Mary Burdet, have, whensoever her husband and she begin to keep household, 8 oxen and 6 kine, and they to be delivered by mine executors;

I will and charge above all thing[s] that my debts be paid thoroughly, and none abatement of no debts that I owe, and if I have wronged any man other [=either] in goods or lands, I will there be restitution made by th' advice of mine executors as soon as they have due knowledge thereof;

And if there be anything of my father's will or of my mother's will unperformed which shall come to the knowledge of mine executors, I will it be performed as shortly as it is known;

I will also that mine sister, Dame Elizabeth, Abbess of Denny, and my 2 daughters, Dame Margaret and Joyce, have yearly their pensions of 20s apiece during their lives out of my lordships of Toseland and Yelling with th' appurtenance if it be redeemed, and for lack of payment there out of my lordship of Throckmorton with th' appurtenances;

And also I will that my said sister have immediately after my decease 3s 4d, and every lady of the same house 12d, and every friar there 4d for saying Dirge and Mass for my soul;

And where my said sister hath not had due payment of her portion heretofore, wherefore I will she shall have 10 marks towards the great charges of her house if she then be alive, and if she then be not alive, I will the said 10 marks be given to my said daughters jointly and severally if they or any of them so long live;

I will there be given to the making of the bridge of White Ladies Aston 20s, and to the making of Sebrigge 20s, so that the county will put to their hands for the helping of the residue;

Also I will that the land I have purchased of W{ar}lies(?) £4 by Birmingham which Henry Squyer now occupieth, and all the land I have purchased of Burman of Alston £3 6s 8d, and the land I bought of Thomas Thomason, and all mine own land in Stratford upon Avon 53s 4d, and all the land I bought of John Shawe of Alcester 40s, all which lands be now at this day to the yearly value of £16, which lands I will be put in feoffment by advice of learned counsel to the use as hereafter followeth, that is to say, to th' use of a priest to sing perpetually in the north aisle at Coughton for my soul and mine ancestors forever, which I would have called the Trinity chapel, and the priest called the Trinity priest, which priest I will shall keep a school and teach grammar freely to all my tenants' children, and to have yearly therefore £8 and his chamber;

And the residue of the said £16 to be paid monthly to five poor men dwelling in the alms-house at Coughton, every of them to have 7d a week & his houseroom forever, which money amounteth yearly to £7 11s 8d, and the 8s 4d that is the residue of the said £16 I will it go to the reparation of the said alms-house;

I will that my son and heir appoint some honest man to receive the said money and pay it monthly to the said alms-men and quarterly to the said priest, and see them well ordered and no evil rule kept amongst them, and that the priest be of good [f. 10v] honest conditions and conversation;

I will this priest say every Sunday Mass of the Trinity, Wednesday Mass of Requiem, and on the Friday Mass of Jesus if the priest be disposed to say Mass the said days, and once in the week I will he say Dirge for my soul and all Christian souls, except these days afore rehearsed fall upon double feast-days;

Also I will my son and mine heir or whosoever shall be mine heir hereafter to give this service to the said priest suyngly [sic?] forever, and take the said poor men of his own election into the said alms-houses of such as be needy, and specially of those that have been and be my tenants or serving-men as he shall see them needy and poor;

And if my son and my heir can at any time hereafter amortize this land after the manner of the chantry of Fladbury, he shall have God's blessing and mine, and shall do a meritorious deed for my soul, his own soul and all our ancestors' souls forever, and great worship to himself for so doing;

Also I will every of my servants have his whole year's wages at his departing;

Also I will that Dame Elizabeth, my well-beloved wife, have all such household stuff as she brought to me of her own, and for the pain she hath taken with me I will she have a hundred pounds of sterling money to be paid of such lands as I have put in feoffment to the performance of this my last will and testament immediately after my debts & legacies be paid over and besides her jointure that I have given her, which I will she in no wise be interrupted thereof during her life, nor my brother, Richard, of his annuity during his life, but that they occupy it according to my will thereof made;

I will Eustace Kightley have 10 marks yearly during his life for the good service he that done me and for that he shall be receiver and surveyor of all my manors and lands hereafter, and take the pain to help and see my will and debts performed and paid;

Also I will my oldest daughter, Anne, have 10 marks yearly during the time she liveth sole and keep herself maid and in good name and fame, and will be ordered by my brother Doctor, my brother Richard, and George Throckmorton, my son & heir, and if my said brethren and George, my son, at any time hereafter can provide her such a marriage as they shall think shall be meet for her, then I will she have to her portion and marriage as they shall think convenient;

Also I will that my 3 youngest daughters, Alice, Ursula and Anne, have to their marriage every of them 400 marks, and if any of my said daughters die afore they be married, then I will the other 2 of my daughters, if they be then not married, have to their marriage five hundred marks apiece, and if 2 of my said 3 daughters die afore they be married, then I will she that liveth, if she then be not married, have 6 hundred marks;

And if it happen my well-beloved wife, Dame Elizabeth Throckmorton, to die afore any of my said 3 youngest daughters be married, or afore all be married, that God forbid she should, then I will they that be not married have 10 marks apiece to their finding till such time they be married, and this money to be paid by mine executors;

This is the last will and intent of me, Robert Throckmorton, knight, touching the ordering and disposing of all my manors, lands and tenements, meadows, pastures, rents and reversions with their appurtenances in every place wheresoever they be within this realm

of England, for this I assure you by this my writing, that all the land I have at this day is in feoffment, and that I hold no land of the King *in capite*;

And with the feoffees that now be seised of the said manors, lands and tenement with other the premises I hold me well contented, and will at this day they stand and be feoffees of the premises to my use during my life, and after my decease to the use and performance of my last will and testament in manner and form as hereafter followeth:

First I will that my feoffees of my manors of Coughton and Spernall and of all my lands & tenements in Coughton and Spernall aforesaid with their appurtenances in the county of Warwick, and of all my lands and tenements in Alcester and Grafton in the said county of Warwick, except the land I have bought of John Shawe of Alcester, shall suffer mine executors immediately after my decease to receive and take all th' issues and profits of the premises, as well of woodsales as of rents, until the time they have paid five hundred pounds of sterling money that I owe unto my well-beloved friend, George Monox of London, alderman, for the which five hundred pounds the said George Monox hath all my land that I bought in Huntingdonshire to mortgage;

And after the said £500 well and truly to the said George Monox for my said land foresaid paid, then I will the said feoffees stand and be feoffees of the premises to the use and behoof of George Throckmorton, my son and heir, forever if he so long live;

And if the said George happen to die afore the said money be paid or any time after, his son being within age, then I will the said feoffees stand and be feoffees of the premises to the redeeming of his said son and heir out of his wardship if he by any means by mine executors or by his mother or friends may be had;

And if he cannot be had, then I will my [f. 11r] said feoffees stand and be feoffees of the premises to the use and behoof of George Throckmorton[^s] younger children till such time as one of his children come to his full age that shall be his heir, and then to the use and behoof of him and his heirs forever;

Also I will that all the feoffees of my manors of Throckmorton and Black Naunton with their appurtenances in the county of Worcester, and of all my lands and tenements in Throckmorton and Black Naunton aforesaid with their appurtenances, and of all my lands and tenements in Bishampton, Hull, Moor, Fladbury, Elmley, Comberton Parva, Podyll, Pynphyn [=Pinvey?], Church Lench, Worcester, and of all saltfat walling in Droitwich with all and singular their appurtenances in the county of Worcester stand and be feoffees of the premises to my use during my life, and after my decease immediately to the use and behoof of the performance of my last will and testament;

And also suffer mine executors immediately after my decease to receive and take all th' issues and profits of the premises unto such time my last will and testament and all my debts and legacies and every parcel thereof be well and truly fulfilled, performed and paid in every article as is in this my last will and testament rehearsed with the costs and charges for the executing of the same;

And after my will and testament so well and truly fulfilled, performed and paid, then I will all my feoffees of my said manors of Throckmorton and Black Naunton with their appurtenances and of other my said lands and tenements and other the premises in the said county of Worcester stand and be feoffees of the premises to the use and behoof of such person or persons as shall happen then to be mine heir or heirs forever;

Also I will that Michael Throckmorton, my youngest son, have all my purchased land and saltfats in Which [=Droitwich?] to him and to his heirs males forever, and for lack of such issue to remain to me and to my right heirs forever, as by a deed thereof to him made more plainly doth appear, and if my son, George, can at any time hereafter give him as much land in any other place in recompense of that land, then I will my son, George, have the said land in Wyche [=Droitwich?] to him and to his heirs forever;

And where my manor of Toseland and Yelling with their appurtenances within the county of Huntingdon lie to mortgage for the sum of five hundred pounds to my well-beloved friend, George Monox of London, alderman, and if the said five hundred pounds be not paid shortly in [sic?], my lordships be clearly left and gone from me and my heirs forever, as by the covenants thereof made plainly doth appear, which were a great loss for they be far better than the money they lie for, wherefore I will mine executors redeem my said manors with their appurtenances, and pay to the said George Monox, his executors or assigns, in as short time as it may be the said five hundred pounds as I have in this my will afore showed how;

And after the said five hundred pounds be paid, then I will the said feoffees of the premises stand and be seised thereof to my use during my life, and after my decease immediately to the use of my will of my said manors of Toseland and Yelling and other the premises made, that is to say, I will my son, Anthony Throckmorton, have 20 marks of sterling money yearly out of my said manors and other the premises in the said county of Huntingdon towards his finding while he is beyond the sea or elsewhere, and whensoever it happen my son, Anthony, to come home and marry by the advice of his brother, George, or of other mine executors & friends, then I will my feoffees of my said manors of Toseland and Yelling & other the premises in the said county of Huntingdon make a sure estate by deed entail indented of lands and tenements to the yearly value of £20 in my manors of Toseland & Yelling and other the premises with their appurtenances in the said county of Huntingdon to my said son, Anthony Throckmorton, and to his heirs male of his body lawfully begotten forever, and for lack of such issue the said lands and tenements of the said yearly value of £20 to remain to my right heirs forever;

And after this estate sufficiently made in manner as I heretofore have rehearsed, then I will my feoffees of my said manors and other the premises in the said county of Huntingdon stand and be feoffees of the residue of my said manors, lands and tenements and other the premises in the said county of Huntingdon to the use and performance of my last will and testament, and after my will and testament in every point is performed, to the use and behoof of George Throckmorton, my son and heir, and of his heirs forever, which I do give him for that he shall be good and kind to my well-beloved wife, Dame

Elizabeth Throckmorton, and to all his brethren and sistern hereafter, and see my will and debts well and truly performed and paid in every condition according to the trust I have put him in, and in so doing he shall have God's blessing and mine now and ever, Amen;

And where there is covenants of marriage between Sir Nicholas Vaux and me that if the said Sir Nicholas have at the time of his decease heirs male, that then I should have of his executors or heirs a thousand marks of sterling money, and for lack of payment thereof [f. 11v] £40 of land by year which is recovered for the same intent, as by the indentures of marriage thereof made more plainly doth appear, and for that the said Sir Nicholas hath now issue male and likely to have at the day of his decease, wherefore I will George Throckmorton, my son and heir, have the said 1000 marks or the £40 land when it soever shall happen to fall to him and to his heirs forever, which is in recompense of the money that I have given to the marriages of my three youngest daughters;

Also I will George Throckmorton, my son and heir, have all my goods unlegated movable and unmovable wheresoever they be within this realm of England or elsewhere, and if it happen me to die, I will Dame Elizabeth Throckmorton, my wife, have all such stuff & goods of mine that then shall happen to be with her and in her custody as long as she keepeth herself sole and dwelleth in the manor of Weston;

Also I will all such money as is owing me go to the payment of my debts as shortly as it can be levied, that is to say, £81 that one Clarkson and Cowlarde of London owe me by their obligations payable [sic] hereafter, and £26 13s 4d that the heirs and executors of one Richard Berkeley oweth me, which Master Fitzjames and Sir Maurice Berkeley will show how it shall be paid, and £60 that my brother, Richard, oweth me, which I lend him to the buying of his office, and also all such money my Lady Rous and my cousin, her son, oweth me, which is £62 as it appeareth by the books of account, whereof I will they be pardoned £22, so rest £40, and all my rents and woodsales in Worcestershire and Warwickshire I will shall go to the payment of my said debts;

And also I will all my woods in Spennall park and in Meregrove within the county of Warwick, and all my woods in Kilwick with the hedgerows thereabout in the county of Buckingham be sold, and the money of them to be received and employed [sic for 'employed?'] towards the payment of my said debts that I now owe;

Also I will all such money that I owe to my servant, Eustace Kightley, for the which he is bounden and in danger for me, be paid of the first money that can be received of my lands, woodsales and debts, which money is £333 10s 5d ob, as it appeareth by his books of account delivered at the feast of th' Annunciation of Our Lady Anno h{enrici} viij nono;

And if it happen me hereafter to remember me of anything in my journey to Rome that now I have forgotten, and that then I do write or subscribe it with mine own hand and send it home to mine executors, I will it be annexed to this my will and be of as good effect & force as this my will is;

Also I ordain and make mine executors my right entirely beloved wife, Dame Elizabeth Throckmorton, and my well-beloved son and heir, George Throckmorton, and my right well-beloved brethren, William Throckmorton, Doctor of both Laws, & Richard Throckmorton, in whom I put my whole trust and confidence that they and every of them will see this my will and testament performed and all other my causes and business to be well ordered after their discretion, and in my absence, being alive, to aid and assist my servant, Eustace Kightley, in all my business hereafter as he shall have need;

And for the pain and labour that my brother Doctor hath and shall take for me herein, I will he have the next advowson of the parsonage of Barcheston in the county of Warwick if he will be so content; if not, then I will he have £20 in sterling money to be paid by my son and heir or other of mine executors;

And also I will my brother, Richard, have for his pain and labour taken for me herein in like wise £10 sterling money to be paid by my son and heir or other of mine executors;

And for that the life of man is casualty, and Eustace Kightley knoweth most of my debts and all of my charges and business, I will he be one of mine executors joined with those I have before named;

In witness whereof I have subscribed this book with mine own hand, and as far as I have charge in the name of God that no man break nor interrupt this my last will under the pain of the curse of the Church. Per me, Robertum Throckmorton.

LM: Vlti {m}a voluntas Rob {er}ti Throkm {or}ton Militis p {re}dicti

In the name of God Almighty, Amen. This is the last will and testament of me, Robert Throckmorton, knight, in the county of Warwick in the diocese of Worcester, and forasmuch as I lately made my will in my going out of England I have the less to speak at this time;

I will that Anthony, my son, have my best ambling horse to offer it at Saint Thomas Hospital at Rome for my mortuary;

Also I will he have my second best horse to order it as he thinks best himself;

I will Michael, my son, have my next best horse, and Tybbot my fourth best horse, and Thomas Horsman the 5th horse;

I will every man have their harness for their horses;

I will Anthony, my son, have £30 at the deliverance of his brother, Michael, in Florence;

I will Michael, my son, have [f. 12r] £40 for his 4 years' exhibition;

I will Tybbott have 4 marks to bring him into England, over and besides 20s that I owe him;

I will Thomas Horsman have 4 marks besides his wages which is 13s 4d;

I make Anthony, my son, and Michael, my son, and Sir Alexandre Bellyarde, capellanus, mine executors, and I will that Sir Alexandre have 20s;

I will my gear that is gone afore me into Florence be distributed between my son, Anthony, and my son, Michael;

Also I will be buried before Our Lady of Pity in Our Lady Church;

If my son, Anthony, and my son, Michael, be kind to the [sic?] brethren and sisters, I will they have all that I put in my will at Weston;

Also I will that where William Tybbot ought me £14, as it appeareth in a bill of his reckoning, I forgive it him, every penny;

I will Tybbot have a gown & Thomas Horsman another to pray for my soul;

As for to the church at Coughton, I made all that I would in my will at Weston;

In witness whereof I have subscribed this bill with my own hand to exhort all my children and all my friends to be good to my wife as they shall answer at the Day of Doom to their peril;

Witnesses of this testament be these: Sir Alexandre Bellyard Capellanus Dom{inus} Antoni{us} villarijs ffranciscus bonofossi Mighell Dault Iacobus de Oliua dom{inus} Bartholomeus Esmedy et Barthomeus ferrandy anno domini Ml vC xvij xmo die mensis Augusti Per me Robertum Throkmerton

Probatum fuit suprascriptum testamentum vnacum vltima voluntate eiusdem cora{m} d{omi}no apud Lamhith nono die mensis Novembris Anno d{omi}ni Mill{es}imo Quingentesimo vicesimo Iurament{o} Georgij Throkmerton executoris in h{uius}mo{d}i testamento no{m}i{n}ati Ac approbatum et insinuatum Et com{m}issa fuit admi{n}istracio om{n}i{um} et singulor{um} bonorum et debitoru{m} dicti defuncti predicto executori De bene et fideli{te}r admi{n}istrand{o} eadem ac de pleno et fideli Inuen{ta}rio etc conficiend{o} et nobis citra festum Natalis d{omi}ni prox{imum} futur{um} exhibend{o} Necnon de plano compt{o} reddend{o} etc Ad sancta dei Eu{a}ngelia Iurat{i} D{omi}na Elisabeth{a} Relicta et Mag{ist}ro Will{el}mo Throkmerton eciam executorib{us} etc no{m}i{n}at{is} refutan{tibus} Res{er}uata p{otes}tate similem com{m}issionem faciend{o} Ric{hard}o Throkmerton executori eciam in h{uius}mo{d}i testamento no{m}i{n}ato cum ven{er}it &c

[=The above-written testament was proved together with the last will of the same before the Lord at Lambeth on the ninth day of the month of November in the year of the Lord the thousand five hundred twentieth by the oath of George Throckmorton, executor named in the same testament, and probated and entered, 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 and faithfully administer the same, and to prepare a full and faithful inventory etc., and to exhibit [+it] to us before the feast of the Birth of the Lord next to come, and also to render a plain account, Lady Elizabeth, relict, and Master William Throckmorton, also named executors etc. refusing [+administration], with power reserved for a similar grant to be made to Richard Throckmorton, executor also named in the same testament, when he shall have come etc.]