

SUMMARY: The document below is the Prerogative Court of Canterbury copy of the last will and testament, dated 6 April 1527, together with a codicil dated 11 April 1527, proved 25 May 1527, of Isabel (nee Worsley) Culpeper Leigh (c.1460 - 18 April 1527), whose grandchildren included Queen Katherine Howard; Oxford's friend, Sir George Howard; and Margaret Howard, the mother of Oxford's one-time friend and later bitter enemy, Charles Arundel (d.1587).

FAMILY BACKGROUND

For the Worsley family, see Davis, Walter Goodwin, *The Ancestry of Mary Isaac, c.1549-1613, Wife of Thomas Appleton of Little Waldingfield, co. Suffolk, and Mother of Samuel Appleton of Ipswich, Massachusetts*, (Portland, Maine, 1955), pp. 338-9 at:

<https://babel.hathitrust.org/cgi/pt?id=wu.89062912860&view=1up&seq=436>

Testatrix' parents

The testatrix was the daughter of Otwell Worsley (c.1410 - 24 March 1470), esquire, of Southwark, Surrey, and Rose Trevor.

Testatrix' siblings

The testatrix had two brothers and four sisters:

-Rowland Worsley (born c.1438, d. before 1505?) of Calais, eldest son and heir, who died without issue. See Davis, *supra*, p. 338.

-Edward Worsley (living 1505), gentleman, said to have been with Henry VII at Bosworth. See Davis, *supra*, p. 338.

-Margaret Worsley (d.1505), who about 1460 married Adrian Whetehill (c.1435-1503) of Calais, the son of Richard Whetehill (c.1410-c.1484) and his wife, Joan. See the Whetehill pedigree in Davis, *supra*, p. 261 at:

<https://babel.hathitrust.org/cgi/pt?id=wu.89062912860&view=1up&seq=343>

See the will of Adrian Whetehill, Canterbury Cathedral Library, Register F, 205, and the will of Margaret (nee Worsley) Whetehill, TNA PROB 11/14/833.

One of Adrian Whetehill's sisters married Gilbert Hussey, by whom she had a daughter, Margaret Hussey, who married Hugh Tyrrell (born c.1471, living 1494). See Davis, *supra*, p. 273 at:

<https://babel.hathitrust.org/cgi/pt?id=wu.89062912860&view=1up&seq=357>

See also the will of Sir Thomas Tyrrell (d. 28 March 1477) of Heron in East Horndon, Essex, TNA PROB 11/6/417, and the Hussey pedigree in Maddison, A.R., ed., *Lincolnshire Pedigrees, Vol. II*, (London: Harleian Society, 1903), p. 526 at:

<https://archive.org/stream/lincolnshirepedi51madd#page/526/mode/2up>

Another of Adrian Whetehill's sisters, Elizabeth Whetehill, married firstly John Ellys of Stoneacre, Otham, Kent, and secondly John Pympe of Nettlestead, Kent. See Davis, *supra*, p. 273, and the will of John Pympe (d.1496?), TNA PROB 11/11/124.

By Adrian Whetehill, Margaret Worsley had two sons and three daughters:

(1) **Sir Richard Whetehill** (1465-1537), who married Elizabeth Muston (d.1542?), daughter of William Muston, gentleman, of Cropwell, Nottinghamshire. For the will of Sir Richard Whetehill, see TNA PROB 11/27/57. For the will of Elizabeth (nee Muston) Whetehill, see TNA PROB 11/29/449.

(2) **Thomas Whetehill** (d. before 1505).

(3) **Amy Whetehill** (d.1527?), who married Robert Washington. For her will, see TNA PROB 11/22/291.

(4) **Rose Whetehill**, mistress of Sir Edward Poynings (1459-1521).

(5) **Elizabeth Whetehill**. Davis suggests that she may have married a husband surnamed Tyrrell, and may have been 'Elizabeth Tyrrell', a legatee of Amy (nee Whetehill) Washington. See Davis, *supra*, p. 280.

For the Whetehill family, see Davis, *supra*, pp. 278-98 at:

<https://babel.hathitrust.org/cgi/pt?id=wu.89062912860&view=1up&seq=363>

-**Anne Worsley** (d. before 1489), who about 8 May 1460 (date of settlement) married John Gainsford (d.1491), esquire, of Crowhurst, Surrey. After Anne Worsley's death, John Gainsford married a wife named Alice. See Davis, *supra*, pp. 335-6. By John Gainsford, Anne Worsley had four sons and a daughter:

(1) **Sir John Gainsford** (d.1540), who married six wives: (1) Katherine Covert, (2) Anne Haute, daughter of Richard Haute and widow of John Peyton, (3) Anne Fiennes, daughter of Thomas, Lord Dacre, (4) Joan Poliver, (5) Audrey Shaa, daughter of Sir John Shaa (for whose will see TNA PROB 11/14/156), (6) Grace Warham (or Dorham). See Davis, *supra*, p. 336. For the will of Sir John Gainsford, see TNA PROB 11/28/264.

(2) **Nicholas Gainsford** (d.1548?) of Ditchling, Sussex, who married Anne Devereux, widow of Sir David Owen, and daughter of John Devereux (c.1463/4-1501), 2nd Baron Ferrers of Chartley, by Cecily Bourchier (d.1493), daughter of Sir William Bourchier. There were no issue of the marriage. See Richardson, Douglas, *Magna Carta Ancestry*, 2nd ed., 2011, Vol. II, pp. 564-5, and the *ODNB* entry for Walter Devereux (c.1489-1558), 1st Viscount Hereford. See also Davis, *supra*, p. 337, and the will of Nicholas Gainsford, TNA PROB 11/33/64. For the PCC copy of the will of Sir David Owen, see TNA PROB 11/29/112. See also the draft copy, Cowdray 12, West Sussex Record Office.

(3) **Otwell Gainsford**, who died without issue. See Davis, *supra*, p. 337.

(4) **George Gainsford** of Calais. See Davis, *supra*, p. 338.

(5) **Lettice Gainsford**, who married Henry(?) Noakes. See Davis, *supra*, p. 338. She is referred to in the will below as ‘my niece Nokes’.

-**Constance Worsley**, who married, as his first wife, William Marowe (d.1499), for whom see the will of his father, William Marowe (c.1419-c.1464), Lord Mayor of London, TNA PROB 11/5/139, and Davis, *supra*, pp. 338-40. By William Marowe (d.1499), Constance Worsley had two daughters:

(1) **Anne Marowe**, who married a husband surnamed Duklyng.

(2) **Cecily Marowe** (living 1527), who married Hugh Weldon. She is referred to as ‘my niece Weldon’ in the will below.

-**Joyce Worsley** (d.1507?), who married, before 1471, Richard Lee (d.1498?) of the manor of Great Delce in the parish of St Margaret’s, Rochester, Kent, son of the London grocer, Sir Richard Lee of St Stephen’s Walbrook, Lord Mayor of London in 1461 and 1470. For the will of Richard Lee (d.1498?), see TNA PROB 11/11/482. For Joyce (nee Worsley) Lee, see her will, TNA PROB 11/15/456, and Davis, *supra*, pp. 340-2.

By Richard Lee, Joyce Worsley had five sons and three daughters:

(1) **Richard Lee** (b. before 1471). See Davis, *supra*, p. 341.

(2) **William Lee**. See Davis, *supra*, p. 342.

(3) **Edward Lee** (c.1482-1544), Archbishop of York. See Davis, *supra*, p. 342.

(4) **Geoffrey Lee** (living 1532). See Davis, *supra*, p. 342.

(5) **John Lee** (living 1507). See Davis, *supra*, p. 342.

(6) **Agnes Lee**, who married a husband surnamed Conyngton. See Davis, *supra*, p. 342.

(7) **Katherine Lee**, who married Richard(?) Hillyngworth. See Davis, *supra*, p. 342.

(8) **Joyce Lee** (living 1507), a nun. See Davis, *supra*, p. 342.

The testatrix also had an illegitimate half brother:

-**William Worsley**. (d.1476), who died without issue. See Davis, *supra*, p. 335.

MARRIAGES AND ISSUE

Testatrix' first marriage

The testatrix married firstly, as his second wife, Richard Culpeper (c.1430 - 4 October 1484), esquire, of Oxon Hoath in West Peckham, Kent. See Richardson, Douglas, *Plantagenet Ancestry*, 2nd ed., 2011, Vol. III, pp. 276-9, and Richardson, Douglas, *Magna Carta Ancestry*, 2nd ed., 2011, Vol. IV, pp. 107-9 at:

<https://books.google.ca/books?id=8JcbV309c5UC&pg=RA3-PA108>

See also Davis, *supra*, p. 343 at:

<https://babel.hathitrust.org/cgi/pt?id=wu.89062912860&view=1up&seq=441>

By Richard Culpeper, the testatrix had a son and two daughters:

* **Thomas Culpeper** (c.1483 – 7 October 1492), who died at the age of nine. See Davis, *supra*, p. 355 at:

<https://babel.hathitrust.org/cgi/pt?id=wu.89062912860&view=1up&seq=453>

* **Joyce Culpeper** (born c.1480), who married firstly Ralph Leigh (d. 6 November 1509), Treasurer of the Inner Temple in 1505-6, for whose will see TNA PROB 11/16/46, by whom she had two sons and three daughters:

(1) **Sir John Leigh** (1502-1564?), eldest son. He was the testatrix' grandson, and was heir to the testatrix' second husband, Sir John Leigh (d. 17 August 1523). He was among those knighted (as 'John a Lee') on 2 October 1553, the day after the coronation of Queen Mary. He married a wife named Elizabeth, whose surname is unknown.

Sir John Leigh married, by 1522, Elizabeth Darcy, the daughter of Roger Darcy (d.1508) of Danbury, Essex, Gentleman of the Chamber to Henry VII, by Elizabeth Wentworth (living 1542), the daughter of Sir Henry Wentworth (c.1448 - August 1499) of Nettlestead, and sister of Margery Wentworth (d.1550), who married Sir John Seymour (1473/4-1536) of Wolf Hall, and was the mother of Queen Jane Seymour, third wife of

King Henry VIII, and of Edward Seymour (c.1500-1552), Duke of Somerset. For the will of Sir Henry Wentworth, dated 17 August 1499 and proved 27 February 1501, see TNA PROB 11/12/265. See also the Darcy pedigree in Metcalfe, Walter C., ed., *The Visitations of Essex, Part I*, (London: Harleian Society, 1878), Vol. XIII, pp. 44-5 at:

<https://archive.org/stream/visitationsofess13metc#page/44/mode/2up>

See also Hooper, Hilda J., 'Some Surrey Wills in the Prerogative Court of Canterbury, Part I', *Surrey Archaeological Collections*, (Farnham: E. W. Langham, 1950), Vol. LI, p. 86 at:

<https://archive.org/stream/surreyarchaeolog51surruoft#page/86/mode/2up>

See also Rutton, William Loftie, *Three Branches of the Family of Wentworth*, (London: 1891), pp. 1-13, 138-40, 145-6, 193-4 at:

<https://books.google.ca/books?id=YhY5AQAAQAAJ&pg=PA138>

In the will below, the testatrix refers to her as 'my daughter, Elizabeth Leigh, wife of my cousin, John Leigh,' which has caused considerable confusion in secondary sources. In *Magna Carta Ancestry, supra*, Vol. IV, p. 107, it is erroneously stated that she was the testatrix' biological daughter; however in a private e-mail to the author of this website on 14 November 2012, Douglas Richardson agreed that she was not the testatrix' biological daughter. The testatrix and 'my daughter Elizabeth' were related by marriage, not by blood. For Elizabeth Darcy's siblings, see the will of Sir John Leigh (1502-1564?), TNA PROB 11/48/372.

By Elizabeth Darcy, Sir John Leigh (1502-1564?) had a daughter, Agnes Leigh (d. before 1590), who married firstly, Sir Thomas Paston (c.1515 – 4 September 1550), a gentleman of Henry VIII's Privy Chamber, the fourth but third surviving son of Sir William Paston (c.1479-1554) and Bridget Heydon, and secondly, Edward Fitzgerald, (17 January 1528-1597), a younger brother of Gerald Fitzgerald (1525-1597), 11th Earl of Kildare, by whom she was the mother of Gerald Fitzgerald, 14th Earl of Kildare.

Leigh was in Cardinal Wolsey's household as a youth, had travelled to Jerusalem before 1538, was a prisoner in the Tower in that year, was in Antwerp in September 1561, and was a friend of Sir Thomas Gresham; according to Gresham, Leigh was 'the man that preserved me when Queen Mary came to the crown'. In 1541 Leigh was called before the Privy Council to answer for having twice had contact with Cardinal Pole while on the continent. According to Warnicke, Leigh's half-sister, Queen Katherine Howard, had once 'obtained the release from prison of her kinsman John Legh', and it seems likely that it was on this occasion that the Queen exercised her influence on Leigh's behalf. Leigh is perhaps best known for a quarrel with his kinsman (and Oxford's uncle), Henry Howard, Earl of Surrey. On 13 July 1542 Howard was committed to the 'pestilent ayres' of the Fleet by the Privy Council for having struck Leigh. Three weeks later Howard met with the King, and after entering into a recognizance on 5 August in the amount of 10,000

marks to guarantee his future good behaviour towards Leigh, was released from custody. According to Burgon, Leigh himself was subsequently committed to the Fleet in August 1547, released after entering into a recognizance in the amount of £2000 to guarantee his good behaviour, and again confined to prison in November of that year, on both occasions for reasons unknown. See Burgon, John William, *The Life and Times of Sir Thomas Gresham*, (London: Robert Jennings, 1839), Vol. I, p. 469 at:

<http://books.google.ca/books?id=ZH8EAAAAQAAJ&pg=PA469>

Leigh made his last will, TNA PROB 11/48/372, on 30 April 1563, to which he added a codicil on 14 March 1564. The will was proved on 5 February 1566. Leigh's principal heir was his nephew, John Leigh (d. 19 or 20 January 1576), son of his brother Ralph Leigh (d. before 1563). Although Leigh bequeathed his wife, Elizabeth, an annuity, the will reveals that he had earlier divorced her 'on certain sufficient grounds'. Leigh died in 1564, and was buried in the church of St. Margaret, Lothbury. Stow has preserved his epitaph, which states that he was 'to sundry countries known/ A worthy knight, well of his prince esteemed'.

(2) **Ralph Leigh** (d. before 1563), who married Margaret Ireland, the daughter of William Ireland, esquire, by whom he had a daughter, Frances Leigh, who married Edward Morgan, and a son, John Leigh (d. 19 or 20 January 1576), esquire, who married Margery Saunders, widow of the London mercer, Robert Wolman (d. 1571), and daughter of Thomas Saunders, gentleman, of Uxbridge, Middlesex. As noted above, Ralph Leigh's son, John, was heir to his uncle, Sir John Leigh (1502–1564). After John Leigh's death in 1576, Margery (nee Saunders) Wolman Leigh married thirdly Sir William Killigrew (d. 23 November 1622), by whom she had a son, Robert Killigrew, and two daughters, Katherine Killigrew, who married Sir Thomas Jermyn, and Elizabeth Killigrew, who married Sir Maurice Berkeley (c. 1576 – 1617), whose mother, Margaret Lygon (d. 1616) was also the mother of Thomas Russell, overseer of the will of William Shakespeare of Stratford upon Avon. See *Magna Carta Ancestry, supra*, Vol. IV, p. 109; the will of Thomas Saunders, proved 6 November 1565, TNA PROB 11/48/283; the will of Robert Wolman, proved 2 February 1571, TNA PROB 11/53/53; the will of Sir William Killigrew, see TNA PROB 11/140/505; the will of Margery (nee Saunders) Wolman Leigh Killigrew, proved 14 June 1625, TNA PROB 11/146/44; Hotson, Leslie, I, *William Shakespeare Do Appoint Thomas Russell, Esquire*, (London: Jonathan Cape, 1937), pp. 260; and the Wikipedia entry for Sir Maurice Berkeley edited by the author of this website.

(3) **Isabel Leigh** (d. 16 February 1573), Lady of the Privy Chamber to her half sister, Queen Katherine Howard. She is referred to as Elizabeth in the will below ('I give to Elizabeth Leigh, if she be not married at my departing, my cross of gold'). She married firstly, by 1531, as his second wife, Sir Edward Baynton (c. 1495 - 27 November 1544), son of Sir John Baynton (d. 31 October 1516) by Joan Digges, the daughter of Thomas Digges; secondly, as his second wife, Sir James Stumpe (d. 29 April 1563); and thirdly Thomas Stafford, esquire, of Bromham, Wiltshire. For Sir Edward Baynton, see *Magna Carta Ancestry, supra*, Vol. I, p. 131-2, the ODNB entry for the Baynton family, and the

will of Sir Edward Baynton, TNA PROB 11/30/431. For Sir James Stumpe, see his will, TNA PROB 11/46/257, and the History of Parliament entry at:

<http://www.historyofparliamentonline.org/volume/1509-1558/member/stumpe-sir-james-1519-63>

(4) **Joyce Leigh**, who married John Stanney, esquire, son of John Stanney, esquire, whom she predeceased, and by whom she had two sons William Stanney of Easton in Sidlesham, Sussex, who married Gertrude Wells, the daughter of Thomas Wells, and John Stanney, and four daughters, Joyce Stanney, who married Henry Mychell (see TNA C 1/1310-40-44), Mary Stanney, Cecily Stanney and Constance Stanney. See the will of John Stanney, proved 28 October 1553, TNA PROB 11/36/263; the will of William Stanney, proved 10 October 1567, TNA PROB 11/49/281; and Bannerman, W. Bruce, ed., *The Visitations of the County of Sussex*, (London: Harleian Society, 1905), Vol. LIII, p. 67 at:

<https://archive.org/stream/visitationscoun00owengoog#page/n62/mode/2up>

(5) **Margaret Leigh**, who married William Rice, an illegitimate son of Sir Rhys ap Thomas (d.1525), K.G. Margaret Leigh's husband, William Rice, was the step-uncle of Sir Griffith Rhys (executed 1531), who married Katherine Howard (d.1554), the daughter of Thomas Howard, 2nd Duke of Norfolk. See 'RICE family, of Newton and Dynevor, Carmarthenshire' at:

<https://biography.wales/article/s-RICE-NEW-1500>

See also:

<https://soc.genealogy.medieval.narkive.com/HdWcf6d4/burkes-peerage>

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By William Rice, Margaret Leigh had three sons, Thomas, Henry and Richard Rice and a daughter, Eleanor Rice. See Hooper, Hilda J., 'Some Surrey Wills in the Prerogative Court of Canterbury, Part I', *Surrey Archaeological Collections*, (Farnham: E. W. Langham, 1950), Vol. LI, p. 91 at:

<https://archive.org/stream/surreyarchaeolog51surruoft#page/90/mode/2up>

For the Rhys family, see also the will, TNA PROB 11/43/1, of Sir Charles Herbert (d.1557?) of Troy, and the Rhys pedigree in Clark, Nicola, 'Dynastic Politics: Five Women of the Howard Family During the Reign of Henry VIII, 1509-1547', Ph.D thesis, University of London, 2013, p. 312, available as a pdf file online.

Joyce Culpeper married secondly Lord Edmund Howard (c. 1478 – 19 March 1539), a younger son of Thomas Howard, 2nd Duke of Norfolk, by his first wife, Elizabeth Tilney, daughter and heiress of Frederick Tilney, esquire, of Ashwellthorpe, Norfolk, by whom she had three sons and three daughters:

(1) **Henry Howard** (living 1541) of Lambeth, eldest son. Although most sources state that he died young, he was in fact a Gentleman of the Privy Chamber to Henry VIII, and married a wife named Anne who was in the service of Queen Katherine Howard and was implicated in her downfall. See Brenan, Gerald and Edward Phillips Statham, *The House of Howard*, (London: Hutchinson & Co., 1907), Vol. I, pp. 235, 282-3, 325 at:

<https://archive.org/stream/houseofhoward01bren#page/n369/mode/2up>

To these were added some of the Queen's train, such as her sister-in-law, Ann Howard, "wife to her eldest brother, Henry Howard, esquire, of Lambeth" . . . Henry Howard himself does not appear to have been implicated, although a few weeks before, while the scandal was still young, Marillac had notified the King of France that "the Lord Henry Howard, the Queen's brother, a gentleman of the King's Privy chamber, had been exiled from Court, without being told the cause or reason of it."

See also Brenan, *supra*, Vol. II, pp. 282-3, 307, 325, 339-41 at:

<https://archive.org/stream/houseofhoward01bren#page/282/mode/2up>

and:

<https://archive.org/details/houseofhowar02bren/page/338/mode/2up>

(2) **Sir Charles Howard**, (living 1545), second son, banished from court by Henry VIII for falling in love with Margaret Douglas (1515-1578), later Countess of Lennox, while she was serving as first lady of honour to his sister, Queen Katherine Howard. He accompanied Edward Seymour, Earl of Hertford, on an incursion into Scotland, and was knighted at Leith on 13 May 1544. See the *ODNB* entry for Margaret Douglas; Brenan, *supra*, Vol. I, pp. 283, 305-7, 321, and Vol. II, pp. 341, 358, 382; and Shaw, William A., *The Knights of England*, (London: Sherratt and Hughes, 1906), Vol. II, p. 55.

(3) **Sir George Howard** (c.1519-1580), Oxford's friend, for whom see the History of Parliament entry at:

<http://www.historyofparliamentonline.org/volume/1509-1558/member/howard-sir-george-1519-80>

(4) **Margaret Howard** (d. 10 October 1571), who married Sir Thomas Arundell (beheaded 26 February 1552), by whom she had two sons, Sir Matthew Arundell of Wardour Castle, and Oxford's one-time friend and later bitter enemy, Charles Arundel (d.1587), and two daughters, Dorothy Arundell (c.1536-78), who married Sir Henry

Weston (1535 – 11 April 1592), and Jane Arundell, who married Sir William Bevill (d.1600). For the will of Sir Matthew Arundell, see TNA PROB 11/93/86. See also *Magna Carta Ancestry, supra*, Vol. I, p. 44.

(5) **Queen Katherine Howard** (c. 1521 - 13 February 1542), fifth wife of Henry VIII.

(6) **Mary Howard**, who married, as his first wife, Edmund Trafford (23 June 1526 – 14 May 1590), the eldest son of Sir Edmund Trafford and Anne Ratcliffe, the daughter of Sir Alexander Ratcliffe of Ordsall, by whom she had no issue. He was knighted at Leith on 11 May 1544. See Shaw, *supra*, p. 55, and the History of Parliament entry at:

<http://www.historyofparliamentonline.org/volume/1558-1603/member/trafford-edmund-i-1526-90>

After the death of the testatrix' daughter, Joyce Culpeper, Lord Edmund Howard, married secondly Dorothy Troyes (d. 11 May 1530), daughter of Thomas Troyes, esquire, of Kilmeston, Hampshire, and widow of Sir William Uvedale (d. 28 November 1528), and thirdly, before 12 July 1537, Margaret Munday (d.1565), daughter of Sir John Munday (d.1537), Lord Mayor of London, and widow of Nicholas Jenyn (d.1532). See the will of Sir John Munday, TNA PROB 11/27/118.

For Dorothy Troyes and Sir William Uvedale, see his will, TNA PROB 11/23/53, and the Uvedale pedigree in Leveson Gower, Granville, ‘Notices of the Family of Uvedale of Titsey, Surrey, and Wickham, Hants.’, *Surrey Archaeological Collections*, (London: Lovell Reeve & Co., 1865), Vol. III, pp. 63-192 at p. 186:

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

For further details see *Plantagenet Ancestry, supra*, *Magna Carta Ancestry, supra*, and Davis, *supra*, pp. 348-55 at:

<https://babel.hathitrust.org/cgi/pt?id=wu.89062912860&view=1up&seq=446>

See also the Wikipedia entry edited by the author of this website at:

https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Joyce_Culpeper

* **Margaret Culpeper** (born c.1481), who married firstly Richard Welbeck (d.1516?), esquire, of Oxon Hoath, by whom she had two daughters:

(1) **Joyce Welbeck**, who married John Carleton of Baldwin Brightwell.

(2) **Margaret Welbeck**.

See the will of Richard Welbeck, TNA PROB 11/18/262, and the wills of Joyce Welbeck's sons by John Carleton: Anthony Carleton, TNA PROB 11/58/192; and George

Carleton, TNA PROB 11/75/14, who, with his wife, 'Mistress Crane', was involved in the printing of the Marprelate tracts.

Margaret Culpeper married secondly William Cotton, esquire, the son of Sir Thomas Cotton of Landwade, Cambridgeshire, by whom she had two sons and two daughters:

(1) **Sir Thomas Cotton** of Oxon Hoath, who married Margaret Crompton of London.

(2) **John Cotton**.

(3) **Joan Cotton**, who married Sir Thomas Leigh.

(4) **Anne Cotton**, who married Sir Thomas Gargrave (d. 28 March 1579), Speaker of the House of Commons, by whom she was the mother of Sir Cotton Gargrave (d. 16 June 1588).

See Richardson, Douglas, *Magna Carta Ancestry*, 2nd ed., 2011, Vol. II, p. 242, and Vol. IV, pp. 107-9, and Davis, *supra*, pp. 354-5.

Testatrix' second marriage

The testatrix married secondly Sir John Leigh (d.1523), by whom she had a son, John Leigh, and a daughter, Joyce Leigh, who died as infants. See the will of Sir John Leigh (d.1523), TNA PROB 11/21/241, and the pedigree of Leigh of Stockwell in Allen, Thomas, *The History and Antiquities of the Parish of Lambeth*, (London: J. Allen, 1826), p. 276 at:

<https://books.google.ca/books?id=xvQgAAAAMAAJ&pg=PA276>

See also Hooper, *supra*, pp. 89-90 at:

<https://archive.org/stream/surreyarchaeolog51surruoft#page/88/mode/2up>

RM: Test{amentu}m D{omi}ne Isabelle Leigh vidue

[f. 143r] In the name of God, Amen. The 6 day of April the year of Our Lord God 1527 and in the 18th year of the reign of King Henry the 8th, I, Dame Isabel Leigh of Stockwell in the county of Surrey, widow, the late wife of Sir John Leigh, knight, deceased, being whole of mind and feeble in my body, make, ordain and declare this my present testament and last will in manner and form following:

First I bequeath my soul to Almighty God, Our Blessed Lady Saint Mary, to all the holy company of heaven, my body to be buried in the chapel of Saint Nicholas in the parish

church of Lambeth in the same tomb where the said Sir John Leigh, my husband, now lieth buried;

Item, I give and bequeath to the high altar of the parish church of Lambeth in recompense of my tithes by any means withholden 10s;

To the brotherhood of Saint Christopher in the said church 6s 8d;

To the reparations of(?) necessaries of the said church 20s;

To the reparations of the necessaries and ornaments of the chantry in the said church 10s;

And to the reparations of necessaries and ornaments of the chantry in the chapel at Stockwell 20s;

And I will that every of the said legacies be imploved [=employed?] and bestowed by the oversight of my executors;

Item, I will that my executors do spend and bestow in and about my burial and month day without worldly pomp of excess of black gowns or black cloth £40, whereof I will they give in alms-deeds within the month after my decease to the poor parochians of Lambeth and inhabitants of Stockwell £5, and other five pound in alms-deeds, as to poor people and prisoners, with other;

Item, I give and bequeath to my daughter, my Lady Howard, the wife of my Lord Sir Edmund Howard, knight, my best chain of gold with the cross hanging upon the same, my last wedding ring, a ring with the diamond enamelled, my gown of black velvet lined with crimson velvet, my gown of camlet furred with martens, one gilt salt without the cover, a harness of gold for a girdle with a double buckle, a basin and an ewer of silver, a plain gilt piece, a standing mazer with a foot, and a pair of very fine sheets, my black beads gauded with gold;

And of that stock which she hath of mine in her hands, I will she shall have 8 oxen, 12 kine, one bull, 37 wethers, 75 ewes, 48 young sheep, 4 old hogs, 4 yelts, 2 small barrow-hogs, one boar, 15 quarters of wheat, 10 quarters of barley, 9 load of hay, one mill-horse and 2 cart-horses with 10s, the one half of the said stock;

Also I give and bequeath to my daughter, Margaret Cotton, the wife of William Cotton, squire, my collar of gold, with 6 pieces, parcel of the same, now hoken [sic for 'broken'?] from it, my gown of black velvet furred with white, a gown of black camlet lined with buckram [f. 143v] and black velvet, a kirtle of tawny satin, my first wedding ring, a harness of gold for a girdle with drops on it, £10 in ready money, a pair of beads of gold;

Also I give to my daughter, Elizabeth Leigh, wife of my cousin [=grandson], John Leigh, my second chain of gold, a tablet of gold with a[n] image of Our Lady of mother of pearl,

a ring with a ruby, a ring with a pointed diamond, a pair of beads of coral, and a large fine sheet of 4 leaves;

Item, I give to my cousin [=nephew and step-grandson], John Leigh, squire, the silver salt that I bought with the cover thereto, a gilt salt with the cover thereto, 6 great silver spoons, a pot of silver, a standing gilt cup pounced with the cover gilt, my best tablecloth of diaper, all my goats in Leigham Park, all my years' interest and to me which I have in the moors, land and meadow in the parish of Battersea holden to farm of th' abbot and convent of Westminster, the one-half of all the stock which my said Lady, my daughter, hath of mine in her hand, and all the residue of my household stuff by me not bequeathed which at this day remain not parted nor divided between him and me;

Item, I give to my cousin [=nephew and step-grandson], Ralph Leigh, 2 featherbeds to be delivered at the discretion of my executors with 2 bolsters, 2 pair of blankets, 4 pillows, 2 mattress[es], 2 bolsters for them, 2 pair of blankets, 4 pair of fine sheets, 4 pair of coarse sheets, three plain tablecloths, a diaper tablecloth, 3 diaper towels, one long, 2 short, 3 plain fine towels, 3 coarse towels, 2 brass pots, a more and a less, one great spit, a middle spit, 2 brass pans, a kettle, a garnish of whole(?) pewter vessel, 2 pewter basins, a more and a less, a basin and an ewer of pewter, a salt of silver parcel gilt with the cover to it, 12 silver spoons, 6 great and 6 small, a flat cup of silver with a foot and the cover thereto, a standing cup of silver parcel gilt pounced with the cover thereto, a Saint Anthony's cross of gold, 2 rings of gold called hoops, a purse with rings of silver, the second coverlet that was my husband['s], one of the little coverlets with conies, one coverlet with imagery, and one coverlet of red and black;

Item, I give to Elizabeth Leigh [=granddaughter], if she be not married at my departing, my cross of gold with the 4 Evangelist[s], a ring with a tablet diamond, a sergeant's ring, the best that I have, a signet of gold graven with the name of Jesus, a pair of beads of exula(?), 2 pairs of fine sheets, 2 fine tablecloths plain, 2 diaper towels, one long, another short, and one plain towel;

Item, I give to Margaret Metcalfe, my servant, one mattress, a bolster, a pair of blankets, a coverlet, 2 pair of whole coarse sheets, 3 platters, 3 dishes, 3 salts & 3 kine upon condition she remain in service with my Lady my daughter for reasonable wages till she come to her marriage;

Also I will that if my foresaid cousin, John Leigh, disturb, inquiet or vex my executors in executing this my present testament or apparently disagree to the same, that then every legacy in the same to him made, given or bequeathed be utterly void and of none effect, and the same to be divided amongst his brother & sisters then living after the discretion of my executors;

Item, I give to my cousin [=granddaughter], Joyce Stanney, 20s;

To my cousin [=granddaughter], Joyce Carleton, 20s;

To my god-daughter, Joyce Welbeck, 20s;

Item, I will that £5 sterling money be equally divided and given between Margaret Welbeck and those children which my said daughter Cotton hath by her husband, William Cotton;

Item, I give to my children [sic for ‘chaplain’?] and every of my serving-men being with me in service at my departing a black gown and 6s 8d in money, every of my servants’ gowns price 20s, and my chaplain 3 yards for a short gown;

Also I will that my said Lady my daughter have 40s in money, therewith to find Richard Leigh and Agnes Leigh if they or either of them be living at time of my decease;

Item, I give to every wife in Stockwell one ell of linen cloth, price 12d, or else 12d in money;

Item, I give to Charles Howard, Henry Howard, George Howard, Margaret Howard and Katherine Howard, to every of them 20s;

And to Mary Howard, my god-daughter, 40s;

Item, I give to the said Elizabeth Leigh, wife to John Leigh, my long harness of gold with a pearl at th’ end of it;

Also I give to Margaret Leigh if she be not married at my departing £10 in ready money, a black gown lined with black velvet, a black gown furred with budge, a kirtle of black damask, a kirtle of black camlet, a sergeant’s sygne [sic for ‘ring’?] with knots, a pair of beads of white, 3 goblets of silver of divers sorts, a plain mazer, a long spruce coffer standing by my bedside with all the linen cloths in the same, and a tablet of gold that was wont to hang at my second chain;

Item, I give to my Lord Sir Edmund Howard, knight, to have my soul in his remembrance and to pray for me, £10 sterling;

To my son-in-law, William Cotton, to like intent, 66s 8d;

To Humphrey Sharroff’s wife, 6s 8d;

To my niece Nokes, 20s;

To my niece Weldon, 20s;

To Cicely and to Savage’s wife which [+were?] my late servants, to every of them one cow;

Item, I give to the reparations of the highway from the end of Harrys field to the cross toward Lambeth, if the same highway be not amended and reproved by me in my life, £5 sterling;

Item, I give to my said Lady my daughter all and every part of my linen cloths afore not bequeathed;

And I will that my executors shall sell as much of my cattle being at Lagham and elsewhere, and no part of the stock that my said Lady Howard hath, that as of necessity shall be required for and to the performance of my said will and not otherwise, and that all the cattle that then so shall remain shall be and remain to my said cousin, John Leigh, to his own use;

All the residue of my goods above not bequeathed, after that this my present testament and last will be in everything clearly and fully performed, I give and bequeath to my said daughter, my Lady Howard, upon condition that her said husband and she within 4 months next after my decease redeem and buy again all the lands, rents, services and hereditaments which [+were?] the inheritance of her, my said Lady my daughter, in the county of Kent, and that after and incontinent upon such redemption had of the same lands the said Lord Edmund and she do put and establish all the inheritance of her, my said daughter, in the said county of Kent which to her descended from her father, Richard Culpeper, or from her brother, Thomas Culpeper, in such way and order by the due order of the law that immediately after her decease all the said inheritance shall descend to the next heirs of her body begotten, and so to the heirs of that heirs according to the last will of Sir John Culpeper, knight;

And further I will that the said Lord Edmund and Joyce, his wife, shall find good and sufficient surety to my executors for the true performance of this my last will as touching to this article of redemption and establishment of the said inheritance before that he or she or either of them have any part of the said residue of all my said goods, and that if they do not find such surety within 2 months next after my decease, that then this legacy and gift of the said residue of all my said goods toward her, my said Lady my daughter, be void and of none effect, and that then all the said residue of my said goods shall be bestowed & given by my executors in charitable wise and in good deeds after their discretion and as I have secretly between them & me declared to my said executors, whom I do make and ordain my nephew, Edward Leigh, clerk, the King's almoner, John Carleton, gentleman, John Leigh, squire, and to every of them I give for their labour 5 marks in money;

Item, I give to every of my said Lord's waiting servants to pray for me 40d the piece, and to every servant of husbandry 20d, and to every woman servant not afore remembered 20s;

In witness whereof I, the said Dame Isabel, to these presents have put my seal, these men being present, the day and year abovesaid [-abovesaid]: my Lord Edmund Howard,

knight, John Leigh, squire, Ralph Leigh, gentleman, Sir Richard Dean, priest, John Carleton, my Lady Howard, Mrs Elizabeth Leigh, & Joan Kelycke.

[f. 144r] Be it known to all men that I, Dame Isabel of Stockwell, widow, being in whole and perfect mind, have this present day the 18 day of April the 18 year of King Henry the 8th, made one John Leigh, squire, of one [sic?] executors of my last will written with the hand of John Carleton bearing date the 11 day of April the year of Our Lord God 1527, the which said testament I will shall stand in his full strength and be observed in every point, except that I will that Thomas Argall be put out of my said will and to be none of my executors, and in eny [sic?] other article whereas I willed that the Lord Edmund Howard should be bounden to put in sufficient surety within 3 months after my decease for the recovering of all such lands as one Thomas Kellesett of London, tailor, had and hath in a bargain made between him, the said Lord Edmund, and Dame Joyce, his wife, be void and crossed out;

Furthermore I will that my executors shall pay threescore pound for the redeeming again of all the lands that the said Kelleset hath as is aforesaid if it be possible that it may be recovered by any means, the said Lord Edmund, Dame Joyce, his wife, finding no sureties, notwithstanding as afore is rehearsed;

And also I will if the said lands cannot be again recovered, then I will that the said £60 to be delivered and paid as my free gift unto my daughter, Joyce Howard, wife to the said Lord Edmund;

In witness whereof I, the said Dame Isabel Leigh, hath desired the said Lord Edmund to write this my will and mind with his own hand, and all these persons following to bear witness thereof: my Lord Edmund Howard, Dame Joyce Howard, John Leigh, squire, Elizabeth Leigh, Mrs Margaret Leigh, Sir John Dale(?), her ghostly father, Sir Richard Dene, chaplain, Sir George Wallington, chaplain, John Dalle, John Thornbery, Johan [=Joan?] Kellecke, Master Ralph Leigh, and divers other.

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[=The above-written testament was proved in the Cathedral Church of St Paul at London before the Commissioners of the forenamed Most Reverend Fathers on the 25th day of the month of May in the year of the Lord the thousand five hundred 27th, and probated and entered, and administration was granted by the authority of the forenamed Most Reverend Fathers of all and singular the goods, rights and credits concerning the said deceased etc. to John Leigh, executor etc., in the person of Richard Field, notary public, his proctor etc., sworn on the Holy Gospels to well and faithfully administer the same and to prepare a full and faithful inventory etc., and also [+to render] a plain and true account, calculation or reckoning in that respect, with power reserved for a similar grant to be made to Master Edward Leigh, clerk, and John Carleton, executors named in the same testament, when they shall have come to be admitted in due form of law.]