

SUMMARY: The document below is the Prerogative Court of Canterbury copy of the will, dated 6 July 1528 and proved 25 August 1528, of George Waldegrave (c.1483 – 8 July 1528) of Smallbridge in Bures St Mary, Suffolk, whose grandson, Sir William Waldegrave (c.1540 – 25 August 1613), was a co-guarantor, with Oxford's first cousin, John Darcy (d.1581), 2<sup>nd</sup> Baron Darcy of Chiche, of Oxford's debt to the Court of Wards. In 1572, Sir William Waldegrave and Lord Darcy jointly entered into guarantees amounting to £5000 for Oxford's debt to the Court of Wards (see TNA C 2/Eliz/T6/48). For further information on Sir William Waldegrave see the will of his father, Sir William Waldegrave (1507?-1554), TNA PROB 11/37/466.

### ***FAMILY BACKGROUND***

For the testator's family background, see the Waldegrave pedigree in Metcalfe, Walter C., ed., *The Visitations of Essex, Part I*, (London: Harleian Society, 1878), Vol. XIII, p. 119 at:

<https://archive.org/stream/visitationsofess1314metc#page/118/mode/2up>

It should be noted, however, that the pedigree in Metcalfe contains errors, among them the statement that the testator's grandfather, Sir Thomas Waldegrave, died in 1500.

For the Waldegrave family, see also Richardson, Douglas, *Plantagenet Ancestry*, 2<sup>nd</sup> ed., 2011, Vol. III, pp. 418-22, and Richardson, Douglas, *Magna Carta Ancestry*, 2<sup>nd</sup> ed., 2011, Vol. IV, p. 283.

See also:

'The Descendants of William deTendering, Knt., of Tendering Hall & His Wife Dame Katherine Mylde' at:

<http://homepages.rootsweb.ancestry.com/~clopton/tendring.htm>

See also 'The Waldegrave Family Tree' at:

<https://www.bures-online.co.uk/Waldegrave/Waldegrave%20Tree1.htm>

### ***Testator's parents***

The testator was the son of Sir William Waldegrave (c.1465 - 30 June 1527) and Margery Wentworth (buried 7 May 1540). For earlier generations of the Waldegrave family, see the will, dated 26 January 1525 and proved 6 March 1528, of the testator's father, TNA PROB 11/22/294. For the family background of the testator's mother, Margery (nee Wentworth) Waldegrave, see her will TNA PROB 11/28/96.

***Testator's siblings***

For the testator's siblings, see the wills of his mother, Margery (nee Wentworth) Waldegrave, TNA PROB 11/29/96, his brother Anthony Waldegrave, TNA PROB 11/53/224, his sister, Bridget (nee Waldegrave) Fynderne Marney, TNA PROB 11/33/186, and his sister, Dorothy (nee Waldegrave) Spring.

***MARRIAGE AND ISSUE***

The testator married Anne Drury (d. 8 June 1572), the daughter of Sir Robert Drury (b. before 1456, d.1535), of Hawstead, Suffolk, chief steward and executor of John de Vere (1442-1513), 13<sup>th</sup> Earl of Oxford, by Anne Calthorpe, the daughter of Sir William Calthorpe (30 January 1410 - 15 November 1494) of Burnham Thorpe, Norfolk, son and heir of Sir John Calthorpe and Anne Wythe, daughter of Sir John Wythe. See the *ODNB* entry for Sir Robert Drury, and his will, TNA PROB 11/25/467. For Sir William Calthorpe see *Plantagenet Ancestry, supra*, Vol. 1, p. 169; and his will, TNA PROB 11/10/408.

By Anne Drury the testator is said to have had five sons and two daughters:

\* **Sir William Waldegrave** (2 August 1507 - 12 December 1554), said to be under 21 years of age in the will below. He was the father of Sir William Waldegrave (c.1540 – 25 August 1613), co-guarantor of Oxford's debt to the Court of Wards. See *Plantagenet Ancestry, supra*, Vol. I, p. 601 and Vol. III, p. 422; his will, TNA PROB 11/37/466; and the History of Parliament entry at:

<http://www.historyofparliamentonline.org/volume/1509-1558/member/waldegrave-sir-william-1507-54>

He is mentioned in the 1544 will of his great-uncle, Edward Waldegrave (d.1545?), esquire, of the Friars, Sudbury, TNA PROB 11/30/620.

\* **George Waldegrave** (d. 1 August 1551), esquire, attorney of the Court of Common Pleas, of Hitcham, Suffolk. He married Mary Corbet (d. 21 November 1561), the daughter of Sir Richard Corbet (d.1524?) of Assington, Suffolk, and his wife, Jane, by whom he had five sons, William, Richard, George, Edward and Edmund Waldegrave, and one daughter. See the will of Dame Jane Corbet, dated 5 November 1547, TNA PROB 11/33/236, in which she mentions George Waldegrave, her daughter, Mary, and their son, Richard Waldegrave. George Waldegrave is mentioned in the 1544 will of his great-uncle, Edward Waldegrave (d.1545?), esquire, of the Friars, Sudbury, TNA PROB 11/30/620. For the will of George Waldegrave, proved 26 January 1552, see TNA PROB 11/35/26. For the manor of Witherton in Hitcham held by George Waldegrave's widow,

Mary, see Copinger, W.A., *The Manors of Suffolk*, Vol. 3, (Manchester: Taylor, Garnett, Evans, & Co Ltd., 1909), p. 175 at:

<https://archive.org/details/manorsofsuffolkn03copiuoft/page/n7>

For George Waldegrave and his wife, Mary Corbet, see also Martin, Edward, 'Two Exceptional Tudor Houses in Hitcham', *Suffolk Institute of Archaeology*, Vol. XXXVII, Part 3 (1991), p. 201, available as a pdf file online at:

<http://suffolkinstitute.pdfsrv.co.uk/>

According to the Waldegrave pedigree in *The Visitacion of Norfolk*, George Waldegrave's wife was Mary Francis Corbet, the daughter of Sir Richard Corbet of Aston. However quare whether this is correct. See Rye, Walter, ed., *The Visitacion of Norfolk*, (London: Harleian Society, 1891), Vol. XXXII, p. 299 at:

<https://books.google.ca/books?id=HS8EAAAIAAJ&pg=PA299>

\* **Edward Waldegrave** (c.1514 - 13 August, 1584), esquire, who married Joan Acworth (buried 10 December 1590), widow of William Bulmer (d.1556), gentleman, and daughter of George Acworth, esquire of Toddington, Bedfordshire, by Margaret Wilberforce. In the 1544 will of his great-uncle, Edward Waldegrave (d.1545?), esquire, of the Friars, Sudbury, he is referred to as 'my nephew, Edward Waldegrave, servant to my Lord Prince's Grace' [=Edward VI?]. For further evidence that he was in service at court, see Doyle, Anthony I., 'Borley and the Waldegraves in the Sixteenth Century', *Transactions of the Essex Archaeological Society*, Vol. XXIV, New Series, (Colchester: Essex Archaeological Society, 1951), pp. 17-31 at p. 22, available online at:

[esah1852.org.uk/images/pdf/new-series/T2240000.pdf](http://esah1852.org.uk/images/pdf/new-series/T2240000.pdf)

Doyle cites *Leland's Itinerary* (c.1540), ed. L. T. Smith (1903), Vol. II, p. 17, for a reference to him as 'yong Waldgreue of the Court', and says that:

*This other Edward had been involved in the misdemeanours and attainder of Katherine Howard, but was pardoned, and continued in service; L. & P., 1540-1: 1321, 1337, 1339, 1416, 1422, 1469-70; 1542: 28 (c. 21), g. 137 (68).*

By Joan Acworth Bulmer, Edward Waldegrave had one son and four daughters:

**-Edward Waldegrave.**

**-Mary Waldegrave**, who married Isaac Astley, esquire.

**-Anne Waldegrave**, who married Humphrey Monoux, esquire. See 'Descendants', *supra*.

**-Bridget Waldegrave**, who married Thomas Kighley.

**-Margery Waldegrave**, who married William Clopton (d. 9 August 1616), esquire, of Castelyns (in Groton), Suffolk, eldest son of Richard Clopton by his second wife, Margery Playters. See Richardson, Douglas, *Magna Carta Ancestry*, 2<sup>nd</sup> ed., 2011, Vol. I, p. 521, and Vol. IV, p. 285. See also the will, proved 28 November 1616, of William Clopton, TNA PROB 11/128/617, and the original spelling transcript in Howard, Joseph Jackson, *The Visitation of Suffolke*, Vol. I, (Lowestoft: Samuel Tymms, 1866), pp. 79-81 at:

<https://books.google.ca/books?id=ExI2AQAAMAAJ&pg=PA79>

See also the will of Francis Clopton (d.1559), TNA PROB 11/42B/359, and 'Pedigree A' in Howard, *supra*, at:

<https://archive.org/stream/visitationofsuff01harv#page/n161/mode/2up>

Edward Waldegrave died at the age of 70. For his will, proved 5 December 1584, see TNA PROB 11/67/500. For his tomb, and that of his wife, Joan, at Lawford, Essex, see:

<https://www.flickr.com/photos/52219527@N00/15428227167/>

See also *The Hall at Lawford Hall*, (London, 1891), pp. ix, 5.

\* **Richard Waldegrave** (d. after 8 July 1528). See 'Descendants', *supra*.

\* **Anne Waldegrave** (c.1506 - 24 April 1590), who married firstly Henry Bures (d. 6 July 1528), esquire, of Acton, Suffolk, and secondly, as his second wife, Sir Clement Heigham (d. 9 March 1570), Chief Baron of the Exchequer, Speaker of the House of Commons and member of the Privy Council. According to Burke, Sir Clement Heigham's younger brother, Thomas Heigham, married Elizabeth Calthorpe (d. 9 March 1542), the daughter of Sir William Calthorpe (30 Jan 1410 - 15 Nov 1494), and thus the sister of Anne Calthorpe, wife of the testator's father-in-law, Sir Robert Drury. See Burke, John and John Bernard Burke, *A Genealogical and Heraldic Dictionary of the Landed Gentry*, Vol. III, (London: Henry Colborn, 1850), pp. 159-60 at:

<https://books.google.ca/books?id=9NDTAAAAMAAJ&pg=PA159>

See also the pedigree of Heigham of Barrow in Howard, Joseph Jackson, ed., *The Visitation of Suffolke*, Vol. II, (Lowestoft: Samuel Tymms, 1871), p. 290 at:

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

However Sir William Calthorpe does not mention a daughter, Elizabeth, in his will, and the marriage of Thomas Heigham and Elizabeth Calthorpe does not appear in the

Calthorpe pedigree in Lee-Warner, James, 'The Calthorps of Burnham', *Norfolk Archaeology*, Vol. IX, (Norwich: A.H. Goose & Co., 1884), pp. 1-19 at:

<https://books.google.ca/books?id=imhIAAAAYAAJ&pg=PP1>

For Anne Waldegrave's marriages, see the will of Henry Bures, TNA PROB 11/22/578; the will of Sir Clement Heigham, proved 30 June 1571, TNA PROB 11/53/351; and the History of Parliament entry for Sir Clement Heigham at:

<http://www.historyofparliamentonline.org/volume/1509-1558/member/heigham-clement-1495-1571>

See also the Heigham pedigree in Gage, John, *The History and Antiquities of Suffolk: Thingoe Hundred*, (London: Samuel Bentley, 1838), p. 9 at:

<https://books.google.ca/books?id=knVPAAAAYAAJ&pg=PA9>

For Henry Bures, see also Copinger, W.A., *The Manors of Suffolk*, Vol. 1, (London: T. Fisher Unwin, 1905), pp. 6-8, 13, 174, 242 and 317 at:

<https://archive.org/stream/manorsofsuffolkn01copiuoft#page/6/mode/2up>

See also:

<https://www.flickr.com/photos/52219527@N00/4421471795/>.

According to Howard, *supra*, p. 290, Anne Waldegrave Bures Heigham (d. 24 April 1590) was 84 years of age at her death, and was buried at Thornage, Norfolk.

\* **Phyllis Waldegrave**, who married Thomas Heigham (d.1553), esquire. See Burke, *supra*, p. 159, and the Heigham pedigree in Howard, *supra*, p. 290 at:

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

After the testator's death, his widow, Anne, married, as his second wife, Sir Thomas Jermyn (d. 8 October 1552) of Rushbrooke, Suffolk, for whose will see TNA PROB 11/35/417. By Sir Thomas Jermyn, Anne Drury Waldegrave Jermyn had two sons, John Jermyn and Thomas Jermyn. She died 8 June 1572, and was buried on 9 June at Depden, Suffolk.

For the foregoing, see also Richardson, Douglas, *Magna Carta Ancestry*, 2<sup>nd</sup> ed., 2011, Vol. IV, pp. 283-6.

### **TESTATOR'S LANDS**

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For the testator's manors, see the will of his father, TNA PROB 11/22/294.

RM: Test{amentu}m Georgij Walgrave

In the name of God, Amen. The 6<sup>th</sup> day of July in the year of Our Lord God a thousand five hundred twenty and eight and in the 20<sup>th</sup> year of the reign of King Henry the Eight, I, George Waldegrave of Smallbridge in the county of Suffolk, esquire, being of whole mind and good remembrance, make my last will and testament in this wise following:

First, I bequeath [-I bequeath] my soul to Almighty God, to Our Blessed Lady, and to all the saints in heaven, and my body to be buried in the church of Bures Saint Mary in the aisle of Jesu there near to the tomb of my father, Sir William Waldegrave, knight;

Also, I will that Anne, my wife, have my manor of Smallbridge with my manors called Silvesters otherwise called Netherhall, Overhall and Repers in Bures, with all other lands, tenements, rents and services with their appurtenances to the said manors belonging, with the annuity of 7 marks which I have out of the manor of Blindknights in Layer de la Haye, or out of the house of Saint Botolph's in Colchester [+for] term of the nonage of my son, William;

And if my said son die or he come to the age of 21 years, then I will that my said wife have my foresaid manors with all and singular the premises unto the time that George, my second son, come to the age of 21 years;

And if the said George die before he come to the age of 21 years, then I will my said wife have all my foresaid manors with all and singular the premises unto the time that Edward Waldegrave, my third son, shall come to the age of 21 years;

And if the said Edward die before he come to the age of 21 years, then I will that my said wife have all my foresaid manors, lands, tenements, rents and farms with all their appurtenances unto such time as Richard Waldegrave, my youngest son, shall come to the age of 21 years;

Also I will that Anne, my foresaid wife, have my manor of Wethermonford otherwise called Wormingford in the county of Essex, with all my lands and tenements in the said town and in other towns thereunto adjoining, with [+all] and singular appurtenances to the said manor, lands and tenements belonging, in such manner and form and for such term and terms as I have willed my foresaid manors of Smallbridge, Netherhall, Overhall and Ropers, with all and singular their appurtenances, except that I will that my foresaid wife shall have out of my said manor of Wormingford twenty pounds for term of her life yearly to be paid;

Also, I will that my said wife have my manors of Waldegrave, Twywell and Slipton in the county of Northampton for term of the nonage of my three younger sons, that is to

say, George, Edward & Richard, and I will that every of them particularly for his part shall have out of the same manors of Waldegrave, Twywell and Slipton £8 6s 8d yearly for term of his life;

And when it shall happen any one of them to die, then I will that the other two that overlive shall have that part equally divided between them;

And if two of them die, then I will that my foresaid wife have my foresaid manors of Waldegrave, Twywell and Slipton for term of her life, except she shall pay to my third son that shall overlive twenty marks yearly for term of his life;

And if it shall happen my said wife in the meantime to die, then I will that mine heir, being of full age, have my foresaid manors of Waldegrave, Twywell and Slipton, he to pay such like portions and payments as I have willed my foresaid wife to do;

Also, I will and wholly and clearly give and bequeath to the said Anne, my wife, all my goods and chattels movables, whatsoever they be, and all my debts that be to me owing, she paying my debts and causing my body to be conveniently buried;

And of this my testament and last will I ordain and make the same Anne, my wife, mine executrice, these being witnesses: Michael Pavons(?), William Littlebury, and other.

Probatum fuit testamentum suprascripti defuncti Coram prefatis Com<sup>m</sup>issarijs in eccl<sup>es</sup>ia Cath<sup>ed</sup>rale diui Pauli London<sup>i</sup>ensis xxv<sup>o</sup> die mensis Augusti Anno d<sup>omi</sup>ni Mill<sup>es</sup>imo quingentesimo xxvii<sup>o</sup> Iurament<sup>o</sup> Anne Relicte & executricis in h<sup>uius</sup>modi test<sup>ament</sup>o no<sup>m</sup>i<sup>n</sup>at<sup>e</sup> In p<sup>er</sup>sona Thome ffriser procur<sup>atoris</sup> sui in hac p<sup>ar</sup>te Ac approbat<sup>um</sup> et insinuat<sup>um</sup> Et com<sup>m</sup>issa fuit admi<sup>ni</sup>stracio auct<sup>orit</sup>ate prefatoru<sup>m</sup> R<sup>e</sup>verend<sup>or</sup>u<sup>m</sup> patru<sup>m</sup> om<sup>n</sup>i<sup>um</sup> & sing<sup>u</sup>loru<sup>m</sup> bonorum Iuriu<sup>m</sup> et creditoru<sup>m</sup> d<sup>i</sup>c<sup>t</sup>i defuncti prefat<sup>e</sup> executrici In p<sup>er</sup>sona d<sup>i</sup>c<sup>t</sup>i procu<sup>rato</sup>ris De bene & fidel<sup>ite</sup>r admi<sup>ni</sup>strand<sup>o</sup> Ac de pleno & fideli In<sup>u</sup>ent<sup>ario</sup> secundo die post festum s<sup>an</sup>c<sup>t</sup>e ffidis Virginis prox<sup>imum</sup> futur<sup>um</sup> exhibend<sup>o</sup> Necnon de plano & vero co<sup>m</sup>poto reddend<sup>o</sup> Ad sancta dei Eu<sup>a</sup>ngelia in debita iuris forma iurat<sup>i</sup>

[=The above-written testament was proved before the Commissaries in the Cathedral Church of Saint Paul of London on the 25<sup>th</sup> day of the month of August in the year of the Lord the thousand five hundred 28<sup>th</sup> by the oath of Anne, relict & executrix named in the same testament, in the person of Thomas Friser, her proctor in that case, and probated and entered, and administration was granted by the authority of the forenamed most Reverend Fathers of all & singular the goods, rights and credits of the said deceased to the forenamed executrix in the person of the said proctor, sworn on the Holy Gospels in due form of law to well & faithfully administer, and to exhibit a full & faithful inventory on the second day after the feast of the Saint Faith the Virgin next to come, and also to render a plain and true account.]