

SUMMARY: The document below is the Prerogative Court of Canterbury copy of the will, dated 21 March 1525 and proved 24 July 1526, of Sir Richard Jerningham.

The testator was the son of Sir John Jerningham (d.1503) and Isabel Clifton, the daughter of Sir Gervase Clifton (d.1471) and Isabel Herbert. See Richardson, Douglas, *Magna Carta Ancestry*, 2<sup>nd</sup> ed., Vol. I, (Salt Lake City, 2011), p. 512; Druery, John Henry, *Historical Notices of Great Yarmouth*, (London: Nichols & Son, 1826), p. 172; and Betham, William, *The Baronetage of England*, Vol. I, (Ipswich: Burrell and Bransby, 1801), pp. 226, 232, available online.

The testator had an elder brother, Edward Jerningham (d. 6 January 1515) of Somerleyton, who married firstly Margaret Bedingfield (d. 24 March 1504), and secondly Mary Scrope (d. 25 August 1548). After Edward Jerningham's death, Mary (nee Scrope) Jerningham married Sir William Kingston, mentioned in the will below. For the will of the testator's brother, Edward Jerningham, see TNA PROB 11/18, ff. 30-1. For the will of the testator's sister-in-law, Mary (nee Scrope) Jerningham Kingston, see TNA PROB 11/32, ff. 168-9. For the will of Sir William Kingston, see TNA PROB 11/28, f. 252.

The testator's sister Margaret (or Mary) Jerningham married Thomas Stanhope, esquire, of Shelford or Rampton, by whom she had two sons, Sir Edward Stanhope (who married firstly Adelina or Avelina Clifton, and secondly Elizabeth Bouchier), and John Stanhope. See Burke, John, *A Genealogical and Heraldic Dictionary of the Peerage and Baronetage of the British Empire*, 6<sup>th</sup> ed., (London: Henry Colburn, 1839), pp. 195-6; Burke, Bernard, *A Genealogical and Heraldic Dictionary of the Peerage and Baronetage*, (London: Harrison and Sons, 1880), p. 237; Brydges, Egerton, *Collins's Peerage of England*, Vol. III, (London: F.C. and J. Rivington, 1812), pp. 412-13, available online.

The testator is also said to have had other sisters, and in the will below he mentions 'my sister Maud Gawge' and 'my sister Besham', who may have been his married sisters or his sisters-in-law. He also mentions 'my sister Mary Jerningham', whom he appoints as one of his executors; this was almost certainly his sister-in-law, Mary (nee Scrope) Jerningham, widow of the testator's brother, Edward.

In the will below the testator requests burial at the Priory of Saint Olave in Herringfleet, Suffolk. It is not known whether he was buried there.

The testator leaves bequests to two of his nephews, Sir Robert Jerningham, and Fernand Jerningham, the sons of his brother Edward.

The testator married Anne Sapcote (d. 14 March 1559), the daughter and coheir of Sir Guy Sapcote by his wife, Margaret Wolston, the daughter and coheir of Sir Guy Wolston (d.1504) by Margaret Tamworth (d.1476). Anne Sapcote had a sister, Elizabeth Sapcote (d. 18 August 1548), who married firstly John Stile (d.1505), and secondly Sir James Yarford (d.1527), Lord Mayor of London. See Howard, Joseph Jackson and George John

Armytage, eds., *The Visitation of London Taken in the Year 1568*, Vol. I, (London: Harleian Society, 1869), p. 84; and:

<http://www.kateemersonhistoricals.com/TudorWomenWi-Z.htm>.

For the will of Sir James Yarford, see TNA PROB 11/2, ff. 159-60. For the will of Elizabeth Sapcote Style Yarford, see TNA PROB 11/32, ff. 96-7.

Before her marriage to the testator, Anne Sapcote had been the wife of John Broughton (d. 23 January 1518), by whom she had three children, John Broughton (d.1528), Katherine Broughton (d. 23 April 1535), who was the first wife of William Howard, 1st Baron Howard of Effingham, and Anne Broughton (d. 16 May 1562), who married, as his second wife, by dispensation dated 24 May 1539, Sir Thomas Cheyney. See Richardson, Douglas, *Magna Carta Ancestry*, 2<sup>nd</sup> ed., Vol. II, (Salt Lake City, 2011), p. 417. John Broughton (d. 23 January 1518) was the son of Sir Robert Broughton by his wife Katherine, who is said to have been an illegitimate daughter of John de Vere, 13<sup>th</sup> Earl of Oxford. See Ross, James, *John de Vere, Thirteenth Earl of Oxford (442-1513), 'The Foremost Man of the Kingdom'*, (Woodbridge, Suffolk: The Boydell Press, 2011), p. 187. For the will of John Broughton, see TNA PROB 11/19, ff. 135-6. For the will of Sir Robert Broughton, see TNA PROB 11/15, ff. 234-5.

It appears from the will below that there were no children of the testator's marriage to Anne Sapcote, although he names three illegitimate children ('Richard, Robert and Mary, my bastards').

Shortly after the testator's death Anne (nee Sapcote) married John Russell, 1<sup>st</sup> Earl of Bedford, by whom she was the mother of Francis Russell, 2<sup>nd</sup> Earl of Bedford. For the will of Anne Sapcote Broughton Jerningham Russell, see TNA PROB 11/42A, ff. 404-5.

The testator states in the will below that he had been granted the wardship of William Parr (1513-1571), later Marquess of Northampton, son of Sir Thomas Parr (1478-1517) and Maud Green. William Parr's sister, Katherine, on 12 July 1543 married King Henry VIII as his sixth wife.

RM: Test{amentu}m Ric{hard}i Garnyngh{a}m M{ilitis}

In Dei nomine amen. I, Richard Jerningham, knight, the 21<sup>st</sup> day of March in the year of Our Lord God a thousand five hundred twenty and four and the 16<sup>th</sup> year of our Sovereign Lord King Henry the 8<sup>th</sup>, being in good and steadfast mind and memory, thanked by Almighty God, make and ordain this my last will and testament in manner and form following:

First I bequeath my soul to Almighty God, my Maker, to Our Blessed Lady his Mother, and to all the blessed company of heaven, my body to be buried in the Priory of Saint

Olave in Suffolk in the choir there where my ancestors do lie if it fortune me to decease within one hundred miles of the said Priory, and if I be not within one hundred miles, then to be buried in such convenient place as shall be thought best by mine executors;

And I bequeath to the said Priory forty marks for the glazing of a window there, and th' overplus of the charge of the said glazing that shall remain, the same to be to the Prior and Convent there to pray for my soul, and this to be done whether it fortune me to lie there or not;

Item, I bequeath to my nephew, Sir Robert Jerningham, knight, my two best horses, two of my gowns, one furred with black genets, another with lizards [=lucerns?], and forty pounds in money;

Item, I bequeath to my nephew, Farnand Jerningham, twenty pounds;

Item, to my sister Maud Gawge [=Gage?] £10;

Item, I bequeath to Richard, Robert and Mary, my bastards, forty pounds to be divided amongst them, and if it fortune them to die before they come to their full age or be married, that part or parts to be divided to the overliver or livers, and if they all die before the money be delivered, the same money to go to the performance of this my last will and testament;

Item, I will and bequeath to William Lilgrave my lease that I have of a house and garden at the Blackfriars in London, and mine executors to recontent and pay to the said William forty marks which the said William paid for me for the said lease;

Item, where it pleased the King's good Grace to give to me the ward, custody and marriage of William A Parr [=Parr], son and heir of Sir Thomas A Parr, paying to his Grace one thousand marks for the same, for the which ward the Lady Parr, mother to the said William, would give to me to have the said ward one thousand pounds, and twenty pounds yearly during the term of 11 years;

And whereas I was by the King's commandment at Tournai a great season, and delivered and laid out much money there for his Highness and by his commandment, for the which as yet I have not made mine account, howbeit I doubt not, my said account duly heard, my petitions and lawful allowances had, I am right sure I shall not be greatly in debt to the King's Grace, howbeit if it may please the King's good Grace to be so good Lord unto me as to release me of mine account and give me or to mine executors my *quietus est*, and I shall and render [sic?] up to his Grace my right and title of the said ward;

Also where it pleased the King's Highness to give and grant to me to have one hundred pounds toward my charges and expenses of household at Tournai, whereas I had never a penny of that the time I was there, that it may please his good Grace that I may have the same for th' execution of my will;

Item, I bequeath to Sir William Kingston other my roan horse or a jennet at his will;

Item, I will that the wife of Sir Edward Knyvet, late the wife of Robert Strange, be paid of 20 marks;

Item, I will to be paid to John Curson, late servant to Sir Nicholas Vaux, knight, £5;

Item, I release and forgive to my sister Besham such money as she oweth unto me;

Item, I release and forgive to John Poole forty pounds sterling which he oweth unto me by his obligation;

Item, I bequeath to every of my household servants, man and woman, a year's wages;

Item, I will that there be bestowed for my burial £100 sterling;

Item, I make and ordain mine executors to execute this my last will and testament Master Doctor Sampson, John Scott, my sister Mary Jerningham, and the Lady Anne, my wife, and I will that every of my said executors have a standing cup and ten pounds;

My debts paid, my funerals and legacies performed, the residue of all my goods, as well movable as not movable, I give and bequeath to the said Anne, my wife, to the performance of my will;

Item, to have my Lord Cardinal my good Lord and to have his gracious favour, I give and bequeath to his Grace a basin and ewer double gilt;

Item, I give and bequeath to the Prior and Convent of the Blackfriars in London five marks;

Item, I give and bequeath to the College of Saint Lawrence Pountney in London 40s;

In witness this to be mine own will [f. 67v] and testament I have subscribed my name and put to my seal the day and year abovesaid at Saint Laurence Pountney, these being witness: Master Robert, Doctor Samson, Sir William Kingston, knight, and John Scott.

Probatum fuit testamentum suprascripti defuncti Coram prefatis Commissariis in ecclesia Cathedrali domini Pauli London xxiii<sup>o</sup> Die mensis Iulij Anno Domini Millimo quingentesimo xxv<sup>o</sup> Juramento domine Anne Relicte & executricis in huiusmodi testamento non interfecto Ac approbato & insinuatum Et commissaria fuit administratione auctoritate prefatorum Reverendissimorum patrum omnium & singulorum bonorum Iurium & creditorum defuncti prefate executricis De bene & fideliter administratione Ac de pleno et fideliter omnium & singulorum bonorum Iurium & debitum

d{i}c{t}i defuncti p[re]fat{e} executrici De bene & fidei{te}r admi{n}strand{o} Ac de pleno & fidei In{uenta}rio secundo Die post festum sancti Barth{olome}i Ap{osto}li prox{imum} futur{um} exhibend{o} Necnon de plano & vero compoto reddend{o} Ad s{an}c{t}a dei Eu{a}ng{elia} Iurat{e} Reseruat{a} p{otes}tate alijs executorib{us} in h{uius}mo{d}i testament{o} no{m}i{n}at{is} cum venerit [sic] in debita iuris forma admissur{is} xj<sup>o</sup> die mensis Decembris Anno predict{o} dict{i} alij executores in h{uius}mo{d}i testament{o} eciam no{m}i{n}at{i} oneri execucionis test{ament}i predict{i} renu{n}cia{ue}runt(?) &c

[=The testament of the above-written deceased was proved before the forenamed Commissioners in the Cathedral Church of Saint Paul at London on the 24<sup>th</sup> day of the month of July in the year of the Lord the thousand five hundred 26<sup>th</sup> by the oath of Lady Anne, relict & executrix named in the same testament, and probated & entered, and administration was granted by the authority of the most Reverend Fathers of all & singular the goods, rights & credits of the said deceased to the forenamed executrix, sworn on the Holy Gospels to well & faithfully administer, and a full and faithful inventory of all & singular the goods, rights & debts of the said deceased to the forenamed executrix to well & faithfully administer, and to exhibit a full inventory on the second day after the feast of Saint Bartholomew the Apostle next to come, and also to render a plain & true account, with power reserved to the other executors named in the same testament when he [sic] shall have come in due form of law to be admitted. On the 11<sup>th</sup> day of the month of December in the year aforesaid the said other executors also named in the same testament renounced the burden of the execution of the testament aforesaid etc.]