

SUMMARY: The document below is the Prerogative Court of Canterbury copy of the will, dated 1538 and proved 24 April 1539, of William Baldwin, brother-in-law of Robert Pakington (d. 13 November 1536), great-uncle of Humphrey Martyn, the addressee of the *Langham Letter* describing Leicester's entertainment of Queen Elizabeth at Kenilworth in the summer of 1575.

FAMILY BACKGROUND

The testator was the only son of Sir John Baldwin (d.1545), Lord Chief Justice of the Common Pleas, by his first wife, Agnes Dormer, daughter of William Dormer (d.1506), and sister of Sir Robert Dormer (d.1552). See Baldwin, Charles Candee, *The Baldwin Genealogy, From 1500 to 1881*, (Cleveland, Ohio: Leader Printing Company, 1881), pp. 13-15 at:

<http://archive.org/stream/baldwingenealogy00bald#page/14/mode/2up>

For the testator's father, Sir John Baldwin (d.1545), see his will, TNA PROB 11/30/580, and the Wikipedia article edited by the author of this website.

The testator had three sisters:

-Pernell Baldwin (d.1527), who married firstly Thomas Ramsey (d.1524), by whom she had a daughter:

(1) Elizabeth Ramsey, who married firstly Nicholas Clerke (d.1551), and secondly Roger Alford (d.1580). For the will of Elizabeth (nee Ramsey) Clerke Alford, proved 23 December 1598, see TNA PROB 11/92/437. See:

'Parishes: Hitcham', in *A History of the County of Buckingham: Volume 3*, ed. William Page (London, 1925), pp. 231-235. *British History Online* <http://www.british-history.ac.uk/vch/bucks/vol3/pp231-235> [accessed 14 May 2019]

His son and heir Thomas Ramsay (fn. 35) died in 1510, (fn. 36) and by his will left a life interest in Hitcham to his wife Margaret. (fn. 37) She died in 1515, and the manorial rights vested in their son and heir Thomas, aged thirteen, (fn. 38) on whose death in 1524 Hitcham was granted in dower to his wife Parnel. (fn. 39) A posthumous daughter Elizabeth, born two months after her father's death, inherited the property on the decease of her mother Parnel in 1527. (fn. 40) Elizabeth Ramsay married as her first husband Nicholas Clarke, who died in 1551. (fn. 41) In 1553 the manor was settled to the use of Elizabeth Clarke and her heirs, (fn. 42) and on her subsequent marriage with Roger Alford further settlements were made in 1561 and 1562. (fn. 43) Elizabeth was again left a widow on the death in 1580 of Roger Alford, who left instructions for his burial in the chancel of Hitcham Church, his motto, 'trie, trust and mistruste not,' to be placed on his tomb. (fn. 44) The manorial rights were exercised by Elizabeth Alford (fn. 45) until her

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death in 1598, when she left Hitcham Manor by will to Sir William Clarke, her son and heir by her first husband. (fn. 46)

Pernell Baldwin married secondly the London mercer Edward Borlase (d.1544), by whom she had four sons:

(1) John Borlase (c.1528 – 6 May 1593), who married Anne Lytton, the daughter of Sir Robert Lytton (d.1550) of Knebworth. See Richardson, Douglas, *Magna Carta Ancestry*, 2nd ed., 2011, Vol. II, p. 461, and the pedigree of Clerke of North Weston in Lee, Frederick George, *The History, Description and Antiquities of the Prebendal Church of the Blessed Virgin Mary of Thame*, (London: Mitchell and Hughes, 1883), p. 310 at:

<http://books.google.ca/books?id=f1oMAQAAMAAJ&pg=PA300>

(2) Edward Borlase.

(3) William Borlase.

(4) William Borlase (again).

For the will of Edward Borlase, see TNA PROB 11/30/136.

-**Agnes Baldwin**, who married Robert Pakington (d.1536), by whom she had two sons and three daughters:

(1) Sir Thomas Pakington (d. 2 June 1571), who married Dorothy Kitson (d.1577), the daughter of Sir Thomas Kitson (d.1540) of Hengrave by his second wife, Margaret Donnington (d. 12 January 1561), the only child of John Donnington (d.1544) of Stoke Newington.

(2) John Pakington, of whom nothing further is known.

(3) Elizabeth Pakington, who married firstly John Lane (died 12 September 1557) of Walgrave, Northamptonshire, and secondly Sir Richard Malory, Lord Mayor of London in 1564.

(4) Anne Pakington, who married Richard Cupper, esquire, of Glympton, Oxfordshire.

(5) Margaret Pakington, who married firstly Benedict Lee (d.1559), esquire, of Burston, Buckinghamshire, henchman to Henry VIII. Benedict Lee was the son of Sir Robert Lee (d.1539) by his second wife, Lettice Peniston (d.1557), and the half brother of Sir Anthony Lee (d.1549), a son of Sir Robert Lee by his first wife, a member of the Cope family. Sir Anthony Lee (d.1549) was the father of Queen Elizabeth's Champion, Sir Henry Lee (d.1611). After the death of Benedict Lee, Margaret Pakington married secondly Thomas Scott, esquire, of Yorkshire. See Chambers, E.K., *Sir Henry Lee; An Elizabethan Portrait*, (Oxford: Clarendon Press, 1936), pp. 28, 247-8.

For Robert Pakington's children by Agnes Baldwin, see also his will, TNA PROB 11/27/46; the Wikipedia article on Robert Pakington edited by the author of this website; and the pedigree in Phillimore, W.P.W., ed., *The Visitation of the County of Worcester Made in the Year 1569*, (London: Harleian Society, 1888), Vol.XXVII, pp. 101-3 at:

<https://archive.org/details/visitationcount02mundgoog/page/n117>

-**Alice Baldwin**(d.1546), the last Abbess of Burnham Abbey. For her will, see TNA PROB 11/31/79.

The testator's legacies to his cousins Thomas Pakington and John Borlase are also mentioned in his father's will.

MARRIAGE

The testator married, about 1529, Mary Tyringham, the daughter of Thomas Tyringham (d. 28 September 1526) of Tyringham near Newport Pagnell, Buckinghamshire, and Anne Catesby, daughter of Sir Humphrey Catesby of Whiston, Northamptonshire. There were no issue of the marriage. See Lipscomb, George, *The History and Antiquities of Buckingham*, Vol. IV, (London: J. & W. Robins, 1847), p. 374. (However note that according to Brydges, Mary Tyringham's father was John Tyringham; see Brydges, Egerton and Stebbing Shaw, *The Topographer for the Year 1789*, Vol. I, (London: Robson, 1789), pp. 497-8, available online).

See also:

http://www.nationalarchives.gov.uk/A2A/records.aspx?cat=045-705349_1-2&cid=-1&Gsm=2012-06-18#-1

705:349/12946/498714 30 June, 21 Hen. VIII 1529

Indenture between Sir Robert Brudenell, knt., Chief Justice of the Common Bench, Sir Edmond Tame, knt., and Dame Elizabeth, his wife, executors of the will of Thomas Tyrryngham late of Tyrryngham [Tyrringham], co. Buckingham, esq., deceased, and John Baldwyn, esq., being covenants for a settlement on the marriage of William Baldwyn, son of the said John Baldwyn, and Marye Tyrryngham, daughter of the said Thomas Tyrryngham, of messuages, lands and tenements in Tyngewke [Tingewick], Lenborough, Hartwell, Haddenham, Aylesbury and Walton in the parish of Aylesbury, all in co. Buckingham. Seal.

LM: Test{amentu}m Will{elm}i Baldwyn

In Dei nomine amen. In the year of Our Lord God a thousand five hundred 38, I, William Baldwin, esquire, sick in body and whole in mind, make this my last will and testament;

First I bequeath my soul unto Almighty God and to Our Blessed Lady and all the holy company of heaven, and my body to be buried where it shall please God;

I bequeath to the mother church of Salisbury 4d;

Item, I bequeath to my cousin, Thomas Pakington, twenty pounds, to my cousin John Borlase ten pounds;

I make mine executors my Lord my father, and my wife;

Also I make my overseer Sir Robert Dormer.

Record beareth to the same Richard Sonde, priest, William Veer, Richard Clerk, and William Davy.

Probatum fuit testamentum suprascripti defuncti habentis &c xxiii^{to} die mensis Aprilis Anno Domini Millesimo quingentesimo xxxix^o Coram Domino apud London auctoritate Domini nostri Regis &c Iuramento Domini Ioannis Baldwyn Militis principalis Iusticiarij Domini nostri Regis de Communi banco executoris in huiusmodi testamento nominati Et commissa fuit administratione omnium & singulorum bonorum Iurium et creditorum dicti Defuncti prefato executori De bene et fideliter administratione Ac de pleno et fidei Inuentario Die post festum sancte Anne proximum futurum exhibendo Necnon de plano & vero compoto reddendo Ad sancta Dei Evangelia Iurat Reseruat potestate alteri executori in huiusmodi testamento nominato cum venerit &c

[=The testament of the above-written deceased having etc. was proved on the 24th day of the month of April in the year of the Lord the thousand five hundred 39th before the Lord at London by the authority of our Lord the King etc., by the oath of Lord John Baldwin, knight, Lord Chief Justice of the King's Common Pleas, executor named in the same testament, and administration was granted of all & singular the goods, rights and credits of the said deceased to the forenamed executor, sworn on the Holy Gospels to well and faithfully administer, and to exhibit a full and faithful inventory on the day after the feast of Saint Anne next to come, and also to render a plain & true account, with power reserved to the other executor named in the same testament when she shall have come etc.]