

SUMMARY: The document below is the Prerogative Court of Canterbury copy of the will, dated 20 September 1537 and proved 26 September 1537, of Julian (nee Browne) Munday, widow of Sir John Munday or Mundy (d.1537), goldsmith and Lord Mayor of London.

CONNECTION TO ANTHONY MUNDAY

It seems likely that the playwright, Anthony Munday, son of the London stationer, Christopher Munday, was a member of this family of London merchants and civic officials. See the *ODNB* entry:

Munday, Anthony (bap. 1560, d. 1633), playwright and translator, was baptized on 13 October 1560 in St Gregory by Paul's, London, the son of Christopher Munday, a stationer, and Jane Munday, both of whom died when Anthony was a child, some time before January 1571.

According to the pedigree of Munday of Marketon, Derbyshire, compiled in 1697 by Peers Mauduit, Windsor Herald, the testatrix and her husband had a son, Christopher Munday (b.1517), who died without issue. See Nichols, John, *The History and Antiquities of the County of Leicester*, Vol. IV, Part II, p. 525 at:

<https://babel.hathitrust.org/cgi/pt?id=pst.000001252729;view=1up;seq=191>

It should be noted, however, that there is no mention of a son named Christopher in the will below, nor is there any mention of a son named Christopher Munday in the will of the testatrix' husband.

On the other hand, College of Heralds pedigrees contain errors and omissions, including, in the pedigree in question, an erroneous date for Sir John Munday's death, and the omission of the name of Sir John Munday's first wife, Margaret, which is known from his will. The possibility that the pedigree is in error in stating that Christopher Munday (b.1517) died without issue thus cannot be entirely ruled out. The fact that there is no mention of a son named Christopher in the wills of the testatrix and her husband is more problematic, but the possibility exists that they had a son named Christopher (b.1517) who predeceased them, leaving a son, Christopher, who married, and was the father of Anthony Munday, born in 1560.

CONNECTION TO THE EARLS OF OXFORD

A John Munday, as one of the 'yeoman attending upon the same Earl', was granted an annuity of 20s in the will dated 21 December 1552 of Oxford's father, John de Vere (1516-1562), 16th Earl of Oxford (see BL Stowe Charter 633-4). A yeoman was 'a

servant or attendant in a royal or noble household, usually of a superior grade' (see the *OED*).

The playwright, Anthony Munday, was at one time in the service of Edward de Vere, 17th Earl of Oxford. See the *ODNB* entry:

. . . *his Catholic patron, Edward de Vere, earl of Oxford, to whom Munday dedicated his early works The Mirrour of Mutabilitie (1579) and Zelauto (1580).*

FAMILY BACKGROUND

The testatrix was the granddaughter of Sir John Browne, Lord Mayor of London in 1480, for whose will, dated 3 November 1497 and proved 25 January 1498, see TNA PROB 11/11/350.

The testatrix was the daughter of Sir William Browne (d. 3 June 1514), Lord Mayor of London, by his first wife, Katherine Shaw or Shaa, the daughter of Sir Edmund Shaw or Shaa (d.1488), Lord Mayor of London in 1482, and his wife Julian. For the will of Sir Edmund Shaa, see TNA PROB 11/8/187. For the will of Dame Julyan Shaa, see TNA PROB 11/10/214.

In her father's will the testatrix is referred to as 'my daughter Juliane, now wife of John Munday, citizen and Alderman of London'. See the will of Sir William Browne, TNA PROB 11/17/567.

See also 'Jno and Wm Browne, Sheriffs and Lord Mayors of London', *Notes and Queries*, 7th Series, Vol. V (January-June 1888), pp. 151-3 at:

<https://books.google.ca/books?id=wWkEAAAAYAAJ&pg=PA151>

Testatrix' siblings

In his will the testatrix' grandfather, Sir John Browne, states that the testatrix' father had four children by his first wife, Katherine Shaa. Of the testatrix' three siblings of the whole blood, only one brother can be identified:

-William Browne, esquire, of Flambards, Essex, for whom see his will, dated 1 October 1549 and proved 28 January 1551, TNA PROB 11/34/32.

In the will below, the testatrix leaves bequests to persons who may have been her siblings of the whole blood or her brothers-in-law and sisters-in-law:

Item, I give to my sister Tyrrell my gown of taffeta.

Item, I will my executors do cause to be made divers rings of gold, every ring to be of the value of 20s, and I give to every of these my friends underwritten one of those rings, desiring them to pray for me, that is to say, my Lady Howard, my Lady Norwich, my brother Tyrrell, my brother William Browne and his wife, my brother John Browne and his wife, my sister Wiggeston [=Wigston], my cousin Rowlett and his wife, my cousin Preston and his wife, my cousin Poynes, Thomas Sponer, Mr Dynne(?) & his wife, and to Thomas Shaa and his wife.

For the testatrix' brother of the half blood, John Browne (d.1570), esquire, see his will, TNA PROB 11/52/404, in which he mentions the testatrix' eldest son, Vincent Munday. For John Browne, see also the History of Parliament entry at:

<http://www.historyofparliamentonline.org/volume/1509-1558/member/browne-john-ii-1513-70>

b. by 1513, 2nd s. of William Browne of Flambards Hall, Essex and London by Alice, da. of Henry Keble of London. m. (1) Anne, da. and coh. of Sir John Montgomery of Cubley, Derbys., ch. d.v.p.; (2) by 1541, Alice, da. of Sir Thomas Baldry of London, 2s. 1da.; (3) by 1546, Christian, da. of William Carkett (Carkeke) of London, 2s. prob. 3da.1

The testatrix 'sister Tyrrell' appears to be her half-sister, Anne (nee Browne) Tyrrell Petre (d.1582), for whose will see TNA PROB 11/64/153.

The testatrix also had a half-sister named Elizabeth who can perhaps be identified with 'my sister Wigston'.

For the testatrix' siblings, see also the will of her father, Sir William Browne, TNA PROB 11/17/567.

MARRIAGE AND ISSUE

The testatrix married, as his second wife, Sir John Munday or Mundy (d.1537), goldsmith and Lord Mayor of London.

In his will Sir John Munday states that his first wife, Margaret, whose maiden name in unknown, was buried at St Peter's church in Cheapside.

By his first wife, Sir John Munday had one daughter:

-Margaret Munday (born c.1510?, buried 22 January 1565), who married firstly Nicholas Jenyn (d.1532); secondly Lord Edmund Howard (1478-1539), third son of Thomas (1443-1524), 2nd Duke of Norfolk; and thirdly Henry Manno (d.1564). She is likely the 'Lady Howard' mentioned by the testatrix in the will below. For further details of her three marriages and children, see the will of her father, Sir John Munday, TNA PROB 11/27/118, and the will of her son, Barnard Jenyn (by 1532-1550?).

By Sir John Munday the testatrix had four sons and three daughters:

* **Vincent Munday** (d.1573?), esquire, of Islington, eldest son. For his will, dated 30 May 1571 and proved 23 October 1573, in which he mentions his son, Edward Munday, and his unmarried daughter, Dorothy Munday, see TNA PROB 11/55/413. See also the inquisition post mortem taken after his death, TNA C 142/160/28.

* **Thomas Munday**. According to Maclean and other sources, he was the Thomas Munday alias Wandsworth who was confirmed prior of Bodmin on 10 May 1534. See Maclean, John, 'The Last Will and Testament of Thomas Wandsworth, Last Prior of Bodmin', *Journal of the Royal Institution of Cornwall*, Vol. V, 11 May 1877, pp. 349-57 at:

<https://books.google.ca/books?id=7zsBAAAAYAAJ&pg=RA2-PA349>

See also the will of Thomas Munday alias Wandsworth, dated 17 February 1549, and proved 6 February 1555 by his 'cousin', Richard Munday, TNA PROB 11/37/253.

However quare whether this identification is correct. In both the testatrix' will and that of her husband, Sir John Munday, he is merely referred to as 'my son, Thomas Munday', and appears to be one of their five children who were either unmarried or underage.

* **John Munday**, who is said by Maclean to have settled at Rialton in St. Columb Minor, Cornwall. Again, quare whether this identification is correct, since it is predicated on the identification of the testatrix' son, Thomas Munday, as prior of Bodmin.

* **William Munday**.

* **Elizabeth Munday**, who married Sir John Tyrrell (d.1573) of Gipping, only son and heir of Sir Thomas Tyrrell (d.1551) of Gipping and his first wife Margaret Willoughby, the daughter of Christopher Willoughby (d.1499), de jure 10th Lord Willoughby of Eresby, and grandson of Sir James Tyrrell (c.1455-1502), alleged murderer of the two young sons of Edward IV imprisoned in the Tower, and his wife Anne Arundel, the daughter of Sir John Arundel (d.1473) of Lanherne, Cornwall. For the will of Sir John Tyrrell (d.1573) of Gipping, see TNA PROB 11/56/322. For the marriage of Margaret Willoughby and Sir Thomas Tyrrell (d.1551), see Richardson, Douglas, *Plantagenet Ancestry*, 2nd ed., 2011, Vol. II, pp. 560-1.

When the testatrix made the will below, Elizabeth Munday and Sir John Tyrrell had six sons: John Tyrrell, Thomas Tyrrell, Edmund Tyrrell, Charles Tyrrell, Edward Tyrrell and James Tyrell.

* **Anne Munday**, who married Thomas Darcy (1511?-1557) of Tolleshunt Darcy, son of Anthony Darcy and Elizabeth Wilkinson, daughter of Christopher Wilkinson, and grandson of John Darcy of Tolleshunt and his wife, Anne, daughter of Sir Thomas Tyrrell

of Heron. Thomas Darcy and Anne Munday had two sons, Thomas and Anthony. For the will of Thomas Darcy (1511?-1557), see TNA PROB 11/39/485. For the will of Thomas Darcy (d.1586), son and heir of Thomas Darcy (1511?-1557) and Anne Munday, see TNA PROB 11/69/668.

* **Mildred Munday**, who shortly after the testatrix' death 'by dispensation dated 27 June 1538' married Sir John Harleston (18 May 1511 – 28 February 1569) of South Ockendon, Essex, son of Sir Clement Harleston (d. 24 October 1544) and Margaret Tey, daughter of William Tey, esquire, of Layer de la Hay, Essex. Sir John Harleston was appointed Lieutenant or Captain of the Castle of Risebank near Calais in 1552. His deputy was Thomas (1525-1584), 2nd Baron Wentworth. Following the fall of Risebank and Calais in January 1557/8 to the French, he was indicted for high treason for his part in Lord Wentworth's surrender of Calais. He was convicted, but pardoned in 1560, and retired to private life. Mildred Munday had died by 22 February 1563, when Sir John Harleston married Mary Felton, the daughter of Thomas Felton and Cecily Seckford. See Richardson, Douglas, *Magna Carta Ancestry*, 2nd ed., 2011, Vol. II, pp. 361-2.

OTHER PERSONS MENTIONED IN THE WILL

The testatrix leaves bequests in the will below to her brother-in-law, the London goldsmith, Roger Munday (d.1562), and to his children, Nicholas Munday, John Munday, Margery Munday and Elizabeth Munday. For the will of Roger Munday, in which he mentions his 'late wife, Elizabeth', see TNA PROB 11/45/283.

The testatrix leaves a bequest to 'my sister Twiselton':

Item, to my sister Twiselton my gown of French black lined with satin.

The testatrix' 'sister Twiselton' was Alice, third wife of the London goldsmith, John Twistleton. It appears she was born Alice Munday, and was the sister of the testatrix' husband, Sir John Munday (d.1537), Lord Mayor of London. She married firstly the London merchant taylor Richard Conhill (d.1524), for whose will see TNA PROB 11/21/474, and secondly the London alderman, John Twistleton, for whose will, dated 6 November 1525 and proved 22 May 1527, see TNA PROB 11/22/674. For the will of Alice (nee Munday) Conhill Twistleton (d.1541), see TNA PROB 11/28/425.

For Dame Julian Norwich (d.1556), see her will, TNA PROB 11/38/70.

RM: Test{amentum} D{omi}ne Iuliane Mundy

In the name of God, amen. The 20th day of September in the year of Our Lord God 1537 and in the 30th year of the reign of our Sovereign Lord King Henry the Eight, I, Dame Julian Munday, widow, late the wife of Sir John Munday, knight and alderman of

London, deceased, being whole of mind and in good memory although I be sick in my body, thanked be the Almighty God, make and ordain this my present testament and last will in manner and form following, that is to say:

First and principally I bequeath and recommend my soul unto Almighty God, my Creator and Saviour, and to the Blessed Virgin Our Lady Saint Mary, his glorious mother, and to all the holy company of heaven, and my body to be buried within my parish church of Saint Peter in Cheap in London in such place as by my executors shall be thought most convenient;

And after my body so buried, then I will that all such debts as I owe unto any person or persons of right or conscience be well and truly paid;

And after my debts paid and my funeral expenses done, then I will all the residue of my goods, chattels, jewels, plate, ready money and debts to be distributed and given in manner and form following:

First, to the high altar of my parish church of Saint Peter in Westcheap of London aforesaid for my tithes and oblations forgotten or negligently withholden, if any such be, in discharge of my conscience, 10s;

Item, I give and bequeath to the house of the Grey Friars in London, 10s;

Item, to the Black Friars, 10s;

Item, to the White Friars, 10s;

Item to the Augustine Friars, 10s;

And to the Crossed Friars, 10s;

Item, I give and bequeath to my daughter, Elizabeth Tyrrell, and to her husband, between them, forty pounds sterling, and her own cross of diamonds, being a pledge to my late husband, without paying anything therefore;

Item, I give and bequeath to my daughter, Anne Darcy, and to her husband, £20, and to my said daughter, Anne Darcy, my cross of diamonds;

Item, I give and bequeath to my daughter, Mildred Munday, forty pounds and my flower with rubies(?);

Item, I give and bequeath to my son, Thomas Munday, forty pounds;

Item, I give and bequeath to my son, John Munday, forty pounds and my nut with a cover;

Item, I give and bequeath to my son, William Munday, twenty pounds;

Item, I give and bequeath to every of my daughter Tyrrell's children, that is to say, John, Thomas, Edmund, Charles, Edward and James, to every of them ten pounds;

Item, I give to my brother [=brother-in-law], Roger Munday, and to his wife twenty pounds;

Item, to every of the said Roger Munday's children, that is to say, to Nicholas, John, Margery and Elizabeth, to every of them five pounds;

Item, I will that Edward Deacon that was my husband's servant shall be forgiven of all that debt which he ought to my said husband, and I give to Alice Deacon, his wife, 40s;

Item, I will that the goodwife Gedney shall be forgiven of all that debt which she ought to my said husband upon pledge, and to have the same pledge of hers delivered freely to her again;

Item, I give and bequeath to Robert Wigges, goldsmith, ten pounds, and to Katherine, his wife, 40s;

Item, I give to Anne which was my servant and to her husband 40s;

Item, I give and bequeath to Nicholas Heron which was my husband's beadle and to his wife 40s;

Item, I give and bequeath to Thomas Sponers' wife my white silver pot with a cover, £4 in money, and a double towel, and my fine rail;

Item, I give to my sister Tyrrell my gown of taffeta;

Item, to my sister [=sister-in-law] Twistleton my gown of French black lined with satin;

Item, to Mistress Medley my new frock of camlet;

Item, to Mistress Brice my gown of camlet;

Item, I give and bequeath to the poor folks dwelling in the parish of Saint Peter where I am a parishioner 40s;

Item, I bequeath to the poor folks within the city of London dwelling within the wards of the same, for every ward 20s;

Item, I give and bequeath to every of my household servants, as well men as women, to every of them 20s;

Item, I give to my son Vincent Munday's servant 20s;

Item, I will my executors do cause to be made divers rings of gold, every ring to be of the value of 20s, and I give to every of these my friends underwritten one of those rings, desiring them to pray for me, that is to say, my Lady Howard, my Lady Norwich, my brother Tyrrell, my brother William Browne and his wife, my brother John Browne and his wife, my sister Wiggston [=Wigston], my cousin Rowlett and his wife, my cousin Preston and his wife, my cousin Poynes, Thomas Sponer, Mr Dynne(?) & his wife, and to Thomas Shaa and his wife;

And of this my last will and testament I ordain and make my only executor my well-beloved son, Vincent Munday, to whom after my debts paid and legacies performed, I give all the residue of my goods to be after his discretion bestowed as he shall think good;

And I require my brother, John Browne, to be the overseer hereof, to whom I give for his pains about the same ten pounds;

In witness whereof I have to this book made a cross, and have desired these persons underwritten to set to their hands the day and year abovesaid. John Browne, Vincent Munday, Roger Monday, John Preston, mercer, Robert Wiggles.

Probatum fuit suprascriptum Testamentum xxvjto die mens{is} Septembris Anno d{omi}ni Mill{esi}mo qui{n}ge{n}tesimo tricesimo septimo Apud London coram d{omi}no auct{oritat}e d{omi}ni n{ost}ri Reg{is} Henrici Octavi Anglie et ffrancie Reg{is} &c Iuramento Vince{n}tij Mundy execut{ori} vnic{i} in h{uius}mo{d}i testamento no{m}i{n}at{i} Ac p{er} eund{em} approbatum et insinuatum Com{m}issaq{ue} fuit admi{n}istrac{i}o om{n}i{um} et singulor{um} bonor{um} iur{ium} et creditor{um} dict{i} defunct{i} predict{o} executori de bene et fidel{ite}r admi{n}strand{o} Necno{n} de pleno et fideli Inuentario s{e}c{un}do Andree p{ro}x{imum} futur{um} exhibend{o} Necno{n} de plano et vero Compoto reddend{o} ad sancta dei Eu{a}ngelia Iurat{i}

[=The above-written testament was proved on the 26th day of the month of September in the year of the Lord the thousand five hundred thirty-seventh at London before the Lord by the authority of our Lord King Henry Eighth, King of England and France, by the oath of Vincent Munday, sole executor named in the same testament, and by the same probated and entered, and administration was granted of all and 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 also to exhibit a full and faithful inventory on the second of Andrew next to come, and also to render a plain and true account.]