

SUMMARY: The document below is the Prerogative Court of Canterbury copy of the will, dated 12 July 1537 and proved 26 September 1537, of Sir John Munday, goldsmith and Lord Mayor of London. The testator's second wife, Julian, named as an executor in the will, died shortly after the death of the testator. For her will, see TNA PROB 11/27, f. 72.

The testator had eight children alive at the time of the making of his will:

(1) Lady Margaret Howard (nee Munday), who may have been the daughter of the testator's first wife, Margaret, about whom nothing is known. In 1526 the testator's daughter, Margaret, married Nicholas Jenyns, skinner and alderman of London, by whom she had two children, Barnard (d.1550?) and Julian, mentioned in the will below. For the wills of Nicholas Jenyns and Barnard Jenyns, see TNA PROB 11/24, ff. 165-7, and TNA PROB 11/34, ff. 32-3. Margaret Munday married, secondly, Lord Edmund Howard (1478-1539), third son of Thomas (1443-1524), 2<sup>nd</sup> Duke of Norfolk, and thirdly, Henry Mannoxx (d.1564), of Hemingford Grey, county Huntingdon, who may have been the Henry Mannoxx involved in sexual indiscretions with the future Queen Katherine Howard (for his will, see TNA PROB 11/47, ff. 201-2). For Margaret Munday's marriages, see Steinman, G. Steinman, *Althorp Memoirs*, Privately printed, 1869. By his first wife, Joyce or Jocasta Legh (b. c.1484, d. after 1527), the widow of Ralph Legh of Stockwell and daughter of Sir Richard Culpeper of Aylesford, Kent, Sir Edmund Howard (1478-1539) was the father of Queen Katherine Howard. According to *The Dictionary of National Biography*, he was 'a wastrel, who squandered his wife's inheritance and then had to flee abroad to avoid his creditors', and when his wife died, their young children were probably brought up in the household of Agnes Howard (d.1545), Dowager Duchess of Norfolk. Lord Edmund sought help from Thomas Cromwell, who arranged his appointment as comptroller of Calais in 1530, but he nevertheless died 'engulfed in debts' in 1539. By her second marriage, Margaret Munday was a member of the family of Oxford's friend, and later bitter enemy, Charles Arundel (d.1587). Sir Thomas Arundel (c.1502-1552) married Margaret Howard (d.1571), the daughter of Lord Edmund Howard, and sister of Queen Katherine Howard and her brother, Sir George Howard (d.1580). Oxford's friend, Charles Arundel (d.1587), was the son of Sir Thomas Arundel (c.1502-1552) and Margaret Howard (d.1571). Thus, by her second marriage, Margaret Munday was the stepmother of Queen Katherine Howard, of Oxford's friend Sir George Howard (d.1580), and of Margaret Howard (d.1571), the mother of Oxford's friend, Charles Arundel (d.1587). A further indication of the relationship between the Howards and the Munday through this marriage is the fact that the testator requests in a codicil to the will below that Thomas Howard (1473-1554), 3<sup>rd</sup> Duke of Norfolk, act as supervisor of his will.

(2) Elizabeth (nee Munday), the wife of 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 10<sup>th</sup> Lord Willoughby of Eresby, and grandson of Sir James Tyrrell (c.1455-1502), alleged murderer of the two young sons of King Edward IV held 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, ff. 209-11.

(3) Anne (nee Munday), the wife of Thomas Darcy (1511?-1557) of Tolleshunt Darcy, son of Anthony Darcy and his wife, Elizabeth, the 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, ff. 327-30. For the will of Thomas Darcy (d.1586), son and heir of Thomas Darcy (1511?-1557) and Anne Munday, see TNA PROB 11/69, ff. 492-3.

(4) Mildred Munday, who shortly after the testator's death, 'by dispensation dated 27 June 1538' married John Harleston (1511-1569), knight of South Ockendon, Essex, son of Sir Clement Harleston (d.1544) and his wife, Margaret Tey, daughter of William Tey, esquire, of Laver 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), 2<sup>nd</sup> Lord 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 1562/3, when Sir John Harleston married Mary Felton, the daughter of Thomas Felton by his wife, Cecily Seckford. See Richardson, Douglas, *Magna Carta Ancestry* (Baltimore: Genealogical Publishing, 2005), p. 414, and Richardson, Douglas, *Plantagenet Ancestry* (Baltimore: Genealogical Publishing, 2004), pp. 381-2).

(5) His son and heir, Vincent Munday (d.1573?), and three younger sons, Thomas, John and William Munday.

It seems possible that the testator's son, John Munday, is the same person as the John Munday, one of the 'yeoman attending upon the same Earl', who is given an annuity of 20s in the will dated 21 December 1552 of Oxford's father, John de Vere (1516-1562), 16<sup>th</sup> 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 Oxford English Dictionary, online edition).

The testator also leaves bequests to his brother, Roger Munday (d.1562), goldsmith, and his children, For the will of Roger Munday, see TNA PROB 11/45, f. 21.

LM: Testamentum dominj Iohannis Mundy militis

In the name of God, Amen. The 12<sup>th</sup> day of July in the year of Our Lord God 1537 and the 30<sup>th</sup> year of the reign of our Sovereign Lord King Henry the Eight, I, Sir John Munday, knight, citizen, goldsmith and alderman of London, being whole of mind and in

good memory, laud and praising be to 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 in the chapel of Our Lady in the parish church of Saint Peter in Cheap whereas lieth the body of Margaret, my late wife, on whose soul Jesus have mercy, if it shall happen me to decease within the City of London, and else I will my body to be buried in such church or churchyard as shall please Almighty God to provide for me;

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

And after my debts paid & my funeral expenses done, then I will that all the residue of my goods, chattels, jewels, plate & ready money and debts, whatsoever they be, be divided into three equal portions after the custom of the city of London, whereof I bequeath one equal portion unto Julian, my well-beloved wife;

Another equal portion thereof I bequeath unto those my five children which either be not married or under the age of 21 years, equally to be divided among them according to the custom of the said city of London, and if any of them shall happen to decease before such age or marriage and before their said part shall be to any of them due as is aforesaid, then I will that his or their parts so deceasing shall remain to the other of them surviving equally amongst them to be divided;

And the third equal portion of the residue of my goods, chattels, jewels, plate, ready money and debts I reserve towards myself and to mine executors, therewith to perform and fulfil my legacies and bequests here underwritten, that is to say:

First, I bequeath unto the high altar of the parish church of Saint Peter of Westcheap in London where I am a parishioner, for my tithes and oblations forgotten or negligently withholden, if any such be, in discharging of my soul and conscience 10s;

Item, I bequeath towards the reparations of the old works of the Cathedral Church of Saint Paul of London 10s;

Item, I bequeath to the house of the Black Friars of London 10s;

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

Item, I bequeath to the White Friars in London 10s;

Item, I bequeath to the Friars Augustines in London 10s;

Item, I bequeath to the Crossed Friars in London 10s;

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Item, I bequeath to the brotherhood of 60 priests in London 20s;

Item, I bequeath to the brotherhood of the parish clerks in London 20s;

Item, I bequeath unto the Company of Goldsmiths in London, to th' intent that they shall yearly keep an obit for me forever and come to the same to Saint Peter's in Cheap to my dirge and Mass there, to say *De profundis* for the souls of me, my wives, and all Christian souls, 66£ 13s 4d;

Item, I bequeath to my daughter, Margaret Howard, £10;

Also to Barnard Jenyns, her son, £10;

Also to Julian Jenyns, her daughter, £10;

Item, I bequeath to my daughter, Elizabeth Tyrrell, £10;

Item, I bequeath to John Tyrrell, her son, a chain of gold with a cross which I did wear to the value of £26 13s 4d;

Item, to Thomas Tyrrell, her son, £10;

Item, to Edmund Tyrrell, her son, £10;

Item, to Charles Tyrrell, her son, £10;

Item, to Edward Tyrrell, her son, £10;

Item, to James Tyrrell, her son, £10;

Item, I bequeath to my daughter, Anne Darcy, £10;

Item, I remit and forgive to my brother, Roger Munday, all such sums of money which he oweth unto me by his bills or other specialties at any time due before the date hereof;

Item, I bequeath to Nicholas Munday, his son, £10;

Item, to John Munday, his son, £10;

Item, to Margery Munday, his daughter, £10;

Item, I bequeath to the poor householders in Bread Street ward £6 13s 4d;

Item, I give and bequeath to William Munday, my son, out of my part one hundred pounds;

Item, I bequeath to Vincent, my son, in like manner, £100;

Item, to Thomas Munday, my son, in like manner, £100;

Item, to John Munday, my son, in like manner, £100

Item, I bequeath to Mildred Munday, my daughter, £100;

Item, I give and bequeath to every of my household servants doing service the time of my decease and that hath been with me one month before, as well men as women, to every of them 20s;

And of this my present last will and testament I ordain and make my executors my well-beloved wife, Julian Munday, and my well-beloved son, Vincent Munday, to whom I give and bequeath all the residue of my goods after my debts paid and legacies performed, equally to be divided between them;

In witness whereof I, the said Sir John Munday, knight, have to this present book subscribed my name and have set to my seal the day and year first above-written. Per me, Iohannem Munday.

Memorandum. That I, Sir John Munday, knight, the 27<sup>th</sup> day of August the year of Our Lord God 1537, being of good mind and memory, and over and besides the contents in his testament, gave and bequeathed these bequests and legacies hereafter following, viz.:

First, to my Lord of Norfolk one salt of gold, requiring his Grace to be overseer of his testament and last will;

Item, to his daughter, Anne Darcy, forasmuch as he thought he had not remembered her in his will and testament, 20 marks;

Item, to her husband, Thomas Darcy, £6 13s 4d;

Item, to Anthony Darcy, father to the said Thomas, £6 13s 4d;

Item, to the child that the said Anne is conceived withal, £6 13s 4d;

Item, he remitted and forgave to my Lady Tyrrell of Heron, widow, 40s which she ought unto him;

Item, to Mistress Tyrrell, her gentlewoman, 20s;

Being witnesses: Anthony Darcy, esquire, John Tyrrell of Heron, esquire, and other.

Probatum fuit suprascriptum testamentum vicesimo sexto die mensis Septembris Anno dominij Millesimo quingentesimo tricesimo septimo apud London coram domino auctoritate domini nostri Regis Henrici Octavi Anglie et ffrancie Regis &c Iuramento Vincencij Mundy executoris superstiti in huiusmodi testamento nominati ac per eundem approbatum et insinuatum Commissaque fuit administracio omnium et singulorum bonorum iurium et creditorum dicti defuncti predicto executori de bene et fideliter administrando Ac de pleno et fideli Inventario secundo Andree proximo futuro exhibendo Necnon de plano et vero Compoto reddendo ad sancta dei Euanglia Iurati Relicta altera executor mortua.

[=The above-written testament was proved on the twenty-sixth day of the month of September in the year of the Lord the thousand five hundred thirty-seventh at London before the Lord [+Archbishop] by the authority of our Lord King Henry the Eighth, King of England and France etc., by the oath of Vincent Munday, surviving 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 to exhibit a full and faithful inventory by the second of Andrew next to come, and also to render a plain and true account, the relict, the other executor [+being] dead.]