

SUMMARY: The document below is the Prerogative Court of Canterbury copy of the will, dated 19 February 1545 and proved 31 March 1545, of Florence Bridges Morgan, whose nephew, Henry Poole (d. 28 March 1580), held property in the Blackfriars, part of which was sold in 1610 to Richard and Cuthbert Burbage.

The testatrix was the daughter of Sir Giles Bridges (d. 1 December 1511) of Coberley, Gloucestershire, by Isabel Baynham, the sister of Sir Christopher Baynham (d. 22 June 1540), grandfather of Frances Baynham Jerningham (d.1583), who leased the Jerningham mansion in the Blackfriars in 1580 to George Carey (1548-1603), 2nd Baron Hunsdon. See the will of Sir George Baynham, TNA PROB 11/32/282.

The testatrix married Sir William Morgan (d. 6 September 1542), the eldest son and heir of Sir Thomas Morgan (d.1501) of Pencoed and Jane Herbert. See the will of Sir William Morgan, TNA PROB 11/29/194; the pedigree in MS H8, College of Arms, London; and Robinson, W.R.B., 'Sir William Morgan of Pencoed (d. 1542) and the Morgans of Tredegar and Machen in Henry VIII's Reign', *Cylchgrawn Llyfrgell Genedlaethol Cymru (National Library of Wales Journal)*, Cyf. 27, rh. 4 (Gaeaf 1992), pp. 405-29 at pp. 407, 409, 418, 425, available online.

According to Robinson, *supra*, p. 425, the testatrix' children, as shown in MS H8, fol. lv, *supra*, were Sir Thomas (d. 5 June 1565), Giles (d. 9 March 1570), Henry, Andrew, John, Morgan, Mary, Anne and Alice, although John and Anne are not shown in the pedigree in Morgan and Wakeman. See the pedigree and arms of Morgan in Morgan, Octavius and Thomas Wakeman, *Notices of Pencoed Castle and Langstone*, (Newport: Henry Mullock, 1864), available online (although part of the pedigree is unfortunately obscured by folding).

For the testatrix' family, see also the will of her father, Sir Giles Bridges, TNA PROB 11/17/154, and the pedigree of Bridges of Cornbury Park in Turner, William Henry, ed., *The Visitations of the County of Oxford*, (London: Harleian Society, 1871), Vol. V, p. 201 at:

https://books.google.ca/books?id=t_sUAAAAQAAJ&pg=PA200&lpg=PA200&dq=%22Gyles+Brydges%22+%22Thomas%22&source=bl&ots=qV0rwQDXKp&sig=B78ARRC11eE506atmAlnUHUMUYg&hl=en&sa=X&ei=IISEVf3yH5LVoASt6bOICw&ved=0CCYQ6AEwAg#v=onepage&q=%22Gyles%20Brydges%22%20%22Thomas%22&f=false

The testatrix' sister, Catherine Bridges (d.1556), married Leonard Poole (d. 30 September 1538) of Sapperton. Their son, Henry Poole (d. 28 March 1580), and his wife, Margaret Neville, held property in the Blackfriars, part of which was sold in 1610 to Richard and Cuthbert Burbage. See the will of Leonard Poole, TNA PROB 11/27/424; the will of Henry Poole, TNA PROB 11/62/182; and the History of Parliament entry for Henry Poole at:

<http://www.historyofparliamentonline.org/volume/1509-1558/member/poole-henry-i-1526-80>.

After the death of Leonard Poole, the testatrix' sister, Catherine Bridges, married David Broke (d. 1559 or 1560), for whom see Robinson, *supra*, p. 418; and the History of Parliament entry at:

<http://www.historyofparliamentonline.org/volume/1509-1558/member/broke-david-1491-155960>.

For the testatrix' eldest son and executor, Sir Thomas Morgan of Pencoed (d. 5 June 1565), who married Cecily Herbert, the daughter of Sir George Herbert of Swansea, Glamorganshire, see his will, TNA PROB 11/48/501; and the History of Parliament entry at:

<http://www.historyofparliamentonline.org/volume/1509-1558/member/morgan-sir-thomas-1509-65>.

For the testatrix' son, Giles Morgan (d. 9 March 1570), who married Emma or Mary, the daughter of Thomas Bague or Brayne of Little Dean, Gloucestershire, see his will, TNA PROB 11/52/463; and the History of Parliament entry at:

<http://www.historyofparliamentonline.org/volume/1509-1558/member/morgan-giles-1515-70>.

For the testatrix' brother, Sir John Bridges (d.1557), 1st Baron Chandos, see Robinson, *supra*, p. 418; and the History of Parliament entry at:

<http://www.historyofparliamentonline.org/volume/1509-1558/member/brydges-sir-john-1492-1557>.

LM: T{estamentum} D{omi}ne fflorencie Morgan

In the name of God, Amen. The 19th day of February in the year of Our Lord God a thousand five hundred forty and four I, Florence Morgan, widow, being sick in my body, notwithstanding, thanks be unto God, perfect of remembrance, do make my last will and testament in manner following:

In primis, I give and bequeath my soul to Almighty God, trusting only in the merits of Christ's death to have the fruition of the Deity, and my body to be buried in the parish church of Llanmartin in the place therefore prepared where my husband, Sir William Morgan, doth lie;

Item, I will that my executor accomplish, perform and make an end of the new chapel lately begun at the parish church of Llanmartin as it is begun there;

Item, I give my gown of crimson velvet to make one cope, one chasuble with orphreys to serve in the said chapel to the ministration of the Blessed Sacrament there;

Item, I will that my silver candlesticks, pax and cruets do remain to serve in the said chapel at all times necessary;

Item, I give my nightgown of tawny velvet to the church of Itton to make a chasuble for the same church;

Item, I give to the high altar of the said parish church of Llanmartin 6s 8d sterling;

Item, I give to the high altar of the parish church of Itton 6s 8d sterling;

Item, I give to my daughter, Alice Morgan, forty pounds sterling over and besides one hundred pounds to her given and bequeathed by her father in his last will for th' only advancement of her marriage, and the same to be delivered to her use in the day that she shall be married, either in ready money either one chain of gold to the value of the said sum of seven score pounds at the discretion of my executor;

And in case that the said Alice do die before any such marriage be accomplished and ended, then I will that part thereof [+be?] bestowed in the funerals of the said Alice, and the rest thereof to remain to my executor to perform this my last will;

Item, I will that my said daughter, Alice, shall in her marriage be ordered and advised according to the words of the last will of my husband and to the mind of my executor, Thomas Morgan, my son, and if she do contrary to his mind herein, that then she shall not have the said forty pounds to her bequeathed;

Item, I give to Cecill [=Cecily] Morgan, my son's wife, one gown of tawny velvet and one gown of black velvet;

Item, I bequeath to my daughter, Anne, one gown of black damask and one kirtle of black velvet;

Item, I give to the said Anne one beads of gold weighing 7 lb.;

Item, I give to my son's son, William Morgan, my tablet of gold;

Item, I give to Henry Morgan, my son's son, one cross of gold;

Item, I give to my son's daughter, Florence Morgan, my chain of gold remaining in my sister Broke's hands, with one pomander of gold belonging to the same;

Item, I give to my daughter, the said Alice, one gown of black satin and one kirtle of tawny damask;

Item, I will that my son, Morgan ap Morgan, shall have according to his father's last will one hundred marks sterling to be paid unto him as it is provided in my husband's will at th' age of 26;

The rest of my goods not given or bequeathed I give to my son, Thomas Morgan, whom I do ordain and make my whole and full executor, to have and use them, my funerals done decently, to use them for the wealth of my soul and as to him shall seem meet and necessary. Witness: (blank) Vicar of Hawkesbury, William Bevan, Davy William, Howell(?) John, with other.

Probatum fuit suprascriptum testamentum coram domino apud London vltimo die mensis Marcij Anno domini millimo quingentesimo quadragesimo quinto iuramento Richardi Williams licti procuratoris Thome Morgan militis executoris in huiusmodi testamento notati ac approbatum et insinatum Commissaque fuit administrationum et singulorum bonorum iurium et creditorum dictam defunctam et eius testamentum qualitercumque concernentium dicto executori de bene et fideliter administrando eadem ad sancta dei evangelia iurat

[=The above-written testament was proved before the Lord at London on the last day of the month of March in the year of the Lord the thousand five hundred forty-fifth by the oath of Richard Williams, learned proctor of Thomas Morgan, knight, executor named in the same testament, and probated and entered, and administration was granted of all and singular the goods, rights and credits concerning the said deceased and her testament whatsoever to the said executor, sworn on the Holy Gospels to well and faithfully administer the same.]