

SUMMARY: The document below is the last will and testament, dated 21 November 1545 and proved 6 April 1546, of Elizabeth Clere Peyton, grandmother of Roger Wigston (c.1537 - 1608), at whose home, Wolston Priory, the last two Marprelate tracts, the *Theses Martinianae* and the *Just Censure and Reproof of Martin Junior*, were printed on a secret press in July 1589.

FAMILY BACKGROUND

For the Clere pedigree, see:

Francis Blomefield, 'East Flegg Hundred: Ormesby', in *An Essay Towards A Topographical History of the County of Norfolk: Volume 11* (London, 1810), pp. 231-240. *British History Online* <http://www.british-history.ac.uk/topographical-hist-norfolk/vol11/pp231-240> [accessed 28 December 2017].

For the Clere pedigree, see also Howard, Joseph Jackson, ed., *The Visitation of Suffolke, Vol. II*, (Lowestoft: Samuel Tymms, 1871), p. 258 at:

<https://books.google.ca/books?id=LCgAAAAAQAQAJ&pg=PA258>

For the Clere family, see also the pedigree in Burke, John and John Bernard Burke, *A Genealogical and Heraldic History of the Extinct and Dormant Baronetcies of England*, (London: Scott, Webster and Geary, 1838), p. 118 at:

<https://books.google.ca/books?id=K1kBAAAAQAQAJ&pg=PA118>

The testatrix was the daughter of Sir Robert Clere (c.1452 - 10 August 1529) of Ormesby, Norfolk, son and heir of Robert Clere, esquire, by Elizabeth Uvedale, daughter and heiress of Thomas Uvedale. For the will of Sir Robert Clere, see TNA PROB 11/24/84. For Elizabeth Uvedale, see:

Francis Blomefield, 'Hundred of Depwade: Tacolneston', in *An Essay Towards A Topographical History of the County of Norfolk: Volume 5* (London, 1806), pp. 164-171. *British History Online* <http://www.british-history.ac.uk/topographical-hist-norfolk/vol5/pp164-171> [accessed 29 December 2017].

. . . for in that year [1434], Robert Clere, Esq. of Ormesby, held his first court for the manor of Tacolneston, D'Ovedale's, jointly with Eliz. his wife, only daughter and heiress of Tho. Uvedale, Esq.; she outlived him, and died in 1492, and was buried by her husband in Norwich cathedral, (see vol. iv. p. 35,) and settled a rent charge out of her manors of Cleydon and Threston or Tharston, for one of the monks to pray for their souls, and founded two priests to sing before Rees's altar in the collegiate church of St. Mary in the Fields in Norwich, for her own and husband's soul, and those of Will. Rees,

Esq. and Margery his wife, her father and mother, who were buried there, (see vol. iv. p. 176,) . . .

Sir Robert Clere married firstly, Anne Hopton (d. 23 January 1506), the daughter of Sir William Hopton (d. 7 February 1485) and Margaret Wentworth (d. 20 April 1478), by whom he was the father of the testatrix.

By his first marriage, Sir Robert Clere had one son and four daughters:

-William Clere (d.1501), who married Elizabeth Paston (d.1539), daughter of Sir John Paston the younger, but died without issue. See the Wikipedia entry for Sir John Paston edited by the author of this website:

[https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/John_Paston_\(died_1504\)](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/John_Paston_(died_1504))

Sir John Paston (1444 – 28 August 1504), was the second son of John Paston and Margaret Mautby. He succeeded his elder brother, Sir John Paston, in 1479. He fought at Barnet and Stoke with John de Vere, 13th Earl of Oxford, served as his deputy when Oxford was appointed Lord High Admiral of England, and was a member of the Earl's council.

William Clere's widow married Sir John Fyneux (d.1525), Chief Justice of the King's Bench. See the *ODNB* entry:

At the time of Fyneux's death, on 17 November 1525, his only surviving son, and thus his heir, was William (d. 1557), the child of Fyneux's second wife, also Elizabeth (d. 1539), daughter of Sir John Paston and widow of William Clere.

For the marriage of William Clere and Elizabeth Paston, see also TNA C 1/490/33.

-Elizabeth Clere, the testatrix.

-Audrey Clere, who married William Jenney (d.1518/19), esquire, eldest son of Sir Edmund Jenney (d.1523/4). See the Jenney pedigree in Metcalfe, Walter C., ed., *The Visitations of Suffolk*, (Exeter: William Pollard, 1882), p. 45 at:

<https://books.google.ca/books?id=EycAAAAAQAAJ&pg=PA45>

See also 'Knottishall Parish' at:

http://www.bigenealogy.com/suffolk/knottishall_parish.htm

Sir Edmund Jenney, Knt., eldest son to the Judge, succeeded; and married Catherine, daughter and heir of Robert Bois, Esq. He died in the 15th of King Henry VIII., and left his possessions to Francis his grandson, son of William Jenney, Esq., who deceased in the 10th of that reign, leaving the said Francis a minor.

-**Anne Clere**, a nun at Denny.

-**Dorothy Clere**, who married Sir Robert Cotton (c.1477 - 18 July 1517) of Landwade, Cambridgeshire, eldest son and heir of Sir Thomas Cotton (d. 30 July 1499) of Landwade by his second wife, Joan Sharpe (d.1496), daughter and heir of Nicholas Sharpe. Sir Thomas Cotton's first wife was Margaret Wentworth (d. 28 April 1479), daughter of Sir Philip Wentworth (c.1424 - 18 May 1464). See the will of Sir Henry Wentworth (c.1448 - August 1499) of Nettlestead, TNA PROB 11/12/265; the inquisition post mortem taken after the death of Sir Robert Cotton, TNA C 142/33/25; his will, dated 17 July 1517 and proved 19 August 1517, TNA PROB 11/18/539; and *The English Baronetage*, Vol. II, (London: Thomas Wotton, 1741), p. 197 at:

<https://books.google.ca/books?id=SY9cAAAACAAJ&pg=PA197>

See also the inquisition post mortem taken after the death of Sir Thomas Cotton at:

Maskelyne and H. C. Maxwell Lyte, 'Inquisitions Post Mortem, Henry VII, Entries 301-350', in *Calendar of Inquisitions Post Mortem: Series 2, Volume 2, Henry VII* (London, 1915), pp. 197-223. *British History Online* <http://www.british-history.ac.uk/inquis-post-mortem/series2-vol2/pp197-223> [accessed 24 December 2017].

See also Rutton, William Loftie, *Three Branches of the Family of Wentworth*, (London: 1891), p. 138 at:

<https://books.google.ca/books?id=YhY5AQAAMAAJ&pg=PA138>

See also Richardson, Douglas, *Magna Carta Ancestry*, 2nd ed., Vol. II, pp. 401-2, and Vol. III, p. 354 (hereafter *MCA*).

After the death of the testatrix' mother, the testatrix' father married secondly Alice Boleyn (d. 1 November 1538), the daughter of Sir William Boleyn (c.1451-1505?) and Margaret Butler (d. before 20 March 1540), the youngest daughter and co-heiress of Thomas Butler (d. 3 August 1515), 7th Earl of Ormond, by his first wife, Anne Hankford. Alice Boleyn Clere was the aunt of Queen Anne Boleyn. For her will, see TNA PROB 11/27/398.

By her father's second marriage, the testatrix had three brothers of the half blood:

-**Sir John Clere** (c.1511-1557), who married Anne Tyrrell (buried 14 May 1576?), daughter of Sir Thomas Tyrrell (1472?-1551) of Gipping, Suffolk, Master of the Horse, by his first wife, Margaret Willoughby, daughter of Christopher Willoughby, de jure 10th Lord Willoughby de Eresby. See the will of Sir John Clere, TNA PROB 11/39/381, and the will of Sir Thomas Tyrrell, TNA PROB 11/34/309.

-**Richard Clere**.

-**Thomas Clere** (d. 14 April 1545), for whose will see TNA PROB 11/30/376. He was slain at the siege of Montreuil while attempting to save the life of Oxford's uncle, Henry Howard (1516/17–1547), Earl of Surrey. He was buried in the parish church of St Mary, Lambeth, where there is a monumental brass in his memory which formerly exhibited a tablet with an epitaph by the Earl of Surrey. Thomas Clere was also one of Surrey's companions, and 'was one of a group around Surrey arrested during the second session of the Parliament of 1542 for eating flesh in Lent'.

See *MCA, supra*, Vol. I, pp. 6-7 and Vol. II, p. 402; and Waters, Robert Edmond Chester, *Genealogical Memoirs of the Extinct Family of Chester of Chicheley*, Vol. I, (London: Robson and Sons, 1878), pp. 206-7 at:

<https://archive.org/stream/genealogicalmem01wategoog#page/n244/mode/2up>

MARRIAGE AND CHILDREN

The testatrix married firstly John Bedingfield. See *MCA, supra*, Vol. III, p. 354. He may have been a son of Sir Edmund Bedingfield (1443-1496), for whose will see TNA PROB 11/11/6. In her will dated 13 January 1492 and proved 6 March 1492, the testatrix' grandmother, Elizabeth Uvedale Clere, refers to the testatrix as Elizabeth Bedingfield, and bequeaths to the testatrix' sister, Audrey Clere, 500 marks owed by Sir Edmund Bedingfield. See Blomefield, *supra*, at:

<http://www.british-history.ac.uk/topographical-hist-norfolk/vol11/pp231-240>

The testatrix married secondly Sir Robert Peyton (d. 18 March 1518) of Isleham, Cambridgeshire, a descendant of Robert de Vere, 3rd Earl of Oxford. See his will, TNA PROB 11/19/81; *MCA, supra*, Vol. III, p. 354; and *Waters, supra*, pp. 202-4 at:

<https://archive.org/stream/genealogicalmem01wategoog#page/n240/mode/2up>

By Sir Robert Peyton, the testatrix had four sons and two daughters:

***Sir Robert Peyton** (d. 1 August 1550) who married Frances Hasilden (d. 18 March 1582), daughter and heiress of Francis Hasilden (d.1522), esquire, by Elizabeth Calthorpe, daughter of Sir William Calthorpe (30 January 1410 – 15 November 1494) by his second wife, Elizabeth Stapleton (d. 18 February 1505). See Richardson, Douglas, *Plantagenet Ancestry*, 2nd ed., 2011, Vol. I, p. 169 (hereafter *PA*); *MCA, supra*, pp. 366-7; and the will of Sir William Calthorpe, TNA PROB 11/10/408.

The eldest son of Sir Robert Peyton (d. 1 August 1550) and Frances Hasilden, Robert Peyton (d. 19 October 1590), esquire, married Elizabeth Rich, daughter of Richard Rich (1496/7-1567), 1st Baron Rich, Lord Chancellor. See *MCA, supra*, Vol. III, p. 355; and *Waters, supra*, pp. 218-19 at:

<https://archive.org/stream/genealogicalmem01wategoog#page/n256/mode/2up>

Elizabeth Calthorpe's sister, Anne Calthorpe, married Sir Robert Drury (b. before 1456, d. 2 March 1535), lawyer and speaker of the House of Commons, and chief steward and executor to John de Vere (1442-1513), 13th Earl of Oxford. See his will, TNA PROB 11/25/467; and *PA, supra*, Vol. 1, p. 169.

For the Hasilden pedigree, see Waters, *supra*, p. 217 at:

<https://archive.org/stream/genealogicalmem01wategoog#page/n254/mode/2up>

* **John Peyton** (c.1500 - 22 October 1558), esquire, second son, who married, about 1537, Dorothy Tyndall (living 18 October 1559), the daughter of Sir John Tyndall of Hockwold, Norfolk, by whom he was the father of Sir Thomas Peyton (d.1611), who on 26 March 1573 married Anne Calthorpe, daughter of Sir Martin Calthorpe, Lord Mayor of London in 1588. John Peyton 'succeeded to Knowlton by the death of his brother Edward, and was the ancestor of the Baronets at Knowlton'. See *MCA, supra*, Vol. II, p. 89; Waters, *supra*, pp. 208, 245-8 at:

<https://archive.org/stream/genealogicalmem01wategoog#page/n280/mode/2up>

See also the History of Parliament entry at:

<http://www.historyofparliamentonline.org/volume/1509-1558/member/peyton-john-1500-58>

From the will of Sir Robert Peyton, TNA PROB 11/18/81:

And immediately after my debts, legacies and bequests, be paid and this my testament and will performed, that then I will John, my second son, shall have to him my manor in Barnham Saint Martyn called Calthorpes, as more plainly is specified in my will of my flocks of sheep going at Barnham aforesaid.

* **Edward Peyton**, third son, 'who had the reversion of Knowlton settled upon him in 1515 by his uncle, John Langley, but died young and unmarried'. See Waters, *supra*, Vol. I, p. 208.

* **William Peyton**, who died young. His epitaph is at Ormesby. See Waters, *supra*, Vol. I, p. 208.

* **Margaret Peyton**, who married Francis Jenney (d.1590), esquire, of Knodishall, Suffolk. See Waters, *supra*, Vol. I, p. 209, and 'Knottishall Parish' at:

Francis Jenney, Esq., of this parish, married twice: first, Margaret, daughter, of Sir Robert Peyton, Knt., of Iselham; and secondly, Mary, daughter of Robert Brograve, Esq.,

of Beckham, in Kent. By the latter he had no issue, but by the former was father of a numerous family. This gentleman died in 1590, aged 80 years. His descendants in the elder branch intermarried as follows:

Arthur, his heir, born in 1533, died in 1604, Buried at Theberton = Elye, daughter of George Jernigan, Esq. of Somerleyton.

For George Jerningham (1515-1559), see the will of Lady Anne Grey, TNA PROB 11/42B/3.

According to the Jenney pedigree, William Jenney (d.1518/19) married firstly the testatrix' sister, Audrey Clere, by whom he had four children who all died without issue, and secondly Elizabeth Bretton, by whom he was the father of the testatrix' son-in-law, Francis Jenney (d.1590). See Metcalfe, *supra*, p. 45 at:

<https://books.google.ca/books?id=EycAAAAAQAAJ&pg=PA45>

See also the History of Parliament entry for Francis Jenney's uncle, Sir Christopher Jenney (by 1489-1542) at:

<http://www.historyofparliamentonline.org/volume/1509-1558/member/jenney-christopher-1489-1542>

* **Elizabeth Peyton** (d.1578), who married, as his second wife, Sir William Wigston (c.1509 – 27 September 1577), by whom she was the mother of Roger Wigston (c.1537 – buried 28 September 1608), esquire, in whose house, Wolston Priory, the last two Marprelate tracts were printed in July 1589 (see above).

See the will of Elizabeth Peyton Wigston, Lichfield Record Office 1579 B/C/11; the inquisition post mortem taken after the death of Sir William Wigston, TNA C 142/183/95; his will, Lichfield Record Office 1577 B/C/11; and the History of Parliament entry at:

<http://www.historyofparliamentonline.org/volume/1509-1558/member/wigston-william-1509-77>

b. by 1509, 1st s. of Roger Wigston. educ. prob. I. Temple. m. by 1536, Elizabeth, da. of Sir Robert Peyton of Isleham, Cambs., 4s. 7da. suc. fa. 27 Nov. 1542. Kntd. 19 Oct. 1553.2

See also the will of Roger Wigston (c.1483 - 27 November 1542), esquire, TNA PROB 11/29/275.

See also the Wigston pedigree in Fetherston, John, ed., *The Visitation of the County of Warwick in the Year 1619*, (London: Harleian Society, 1877), Vol. XII, pp. 36-8 at:

<https://archive.org/stream/visitationcount01britgoog#page/n60/mode/2up>

OTHER PERSONS MENTIONED IN THE WILL

The testatrix' cousin, Anne Jermyn, has not been identified. However there are known connections between the Jermyn and Peyton families. Catherine Peyton, the sister of Thomas Peyton (d. 30 July 1484), esquire, married Thomas Jermyn of Rushbrooke, Suffolk. See Waters, *supra*, p. 202 at:

<https://archive.org/stream/genealogicalmem01wategoog#page/n240/mode/2up>

See also the Jermyn pedigree in *Metcalf*, *supra*, pp. 198-9 at:

<https://books.google.ca/books?id=EycAAAAAQAAJ&pg=PA198>

The pedigree shows that Margaret Bernard, eldest daughter and coheir of Sir John Bernard, married Thomas Peyton (d. 30 July 1484), esquire, while her sister, Catherine Bernard, married Thomas Jermyn, by whom she was the mother of Sir Thomas Jermyn (d. 8 October 1552), who married firstly Anne Spring (1494-1528), the daughter of Thomas Spring III (1457?-1523) of Lavenham, and secondly Anne Drury (d. 8 June 1572), the daughter of Sir Robert Drury, who married firstly George Waldegrave (d.1528), and secondly, Thomas Jermyn (d.1552). See the will of Sir Robert Drury, TNA PROB 11/25/467, chief steward and executor of the 13th Earl of Oxford, and legatee of the Ellesmere manuscript of Chaucer's *Canterbury Tales* owned by the Earls of Oxford. See also the will of Thomas Spring III, TNA PROB 11/21/179; the will of Sir Thomas Jermyn (d. 8 October 1552), TNA PROB 11/35/417; and the will of Sir George Waldegrave, TNA PROB 11/22/577.

RM: T{estamentum} d{omi}ne Eliz{abethe} Payton

In the name of God, Amen. The 21st day of November in the year of Our Lord God a thousand five hundred forty and five and in the year and reign of our Sovereign Lord Henry the Eight by the grace of God of England, France and Ireland King, Defender of the Faith and in earth the Supreme Head next under God of the Church of England and Ireland the four and thirty, I, Dame Elizabeth Peyton of Isleham in the county of Cambridge, widow, late the wife of Robert Peyton, knight, of whose soul God pardon, thanks be unto Almighty God at this present being in perfect faith [sic for 'health'??] and good remembrance, doth make this my whole and last will in manner and form following, and clearly renounce all other wills heretofore made by me or any other for me;

First, according to every Christian's duty I bequeath my soul to Almighty God, the Saviour and Redeemer of me and all the world, beseeching the Blessed and Holy Virgin

Mary with all the holy company of heaven to pray for me that the rather by their good prayer my soul may the sooner come to the fruition of Christ's presence;

My body to be buried in the chapel of Saint Katherine in the south side of the church of Isleham aforesaid in the tomb the which I caused to be made for my said husband;

Item, I will that every priest that shall be at my burial being at dirge that doth sing and say Mass for my soul and for my said late husband's and all Christian souls shall have six pence, and every clerk 2d, and every child in the choir one penny, with refreshing of meat and drink, and in likewise at my month day with like refreshing of meat and drink;

Also I will that there be provided by my executors against my month day a discreet and well-learned man to th' intent that he may make a godly sermon for the edifying of the people that shall be gathered together in the church that day, and he to have for his painstaking six shillings eight pence and his dinner and charges;

Item, I will that there shall be provided at my costs and charges twelve torches for the which I will that there shall be twelve poor men to hold them, and every of them to have 2d at my funeral day and likewise at my month day with the refreshing of meat and drink;

And also I will that each of them to have a black gown with a hood to serve for both the days;

And after the month day be past, that then I will the foresaid 12 torches shall remain to the use of the church there to be occupied in the honour of God at high feasts as is accustomed, and also to serve to be occupied at the termynde [sic for 'year mind'?] of my said husband;

Item, I will that every poor man, woman and poor child that shall be at my burial and month day shall have each of them a penny with refreshing of meat and drink;

Item, I give and bequeath to the curate of the parish of Isleham for the time being for my tithes negligently forgotten and to th' intent that he may pray for me six shillings eight pence;

Item, I give unto the use of the foresaid church for breaking of the ground six shillings eight pence;

Item, I will that my son, Sir Robert Peyton, and my daughter, Dame Frances Peyton, and my son, John Peyton, and my daughter, his wife, my son, Francis Jenny, and my daughter, his wife, my son Wigston and my daughter his wife, to have each of them a black gown with a hood thereto, and in like wise my son Sir Robert Peyton's children as followeth, that is to say: my godson, Robert Peyton, and his wife, my son [=grandson], John Peyton, and my daughter [=granddaughter], Anne Payton, I will each of them to have a black gown with a hood;

Item, I will that my cousin, Anne Jarmyn [=Jermyn?], to have a black gown with a hood;

Item, I will that my chaplain shall have a black gown;

Item, I will that James Love, my bailie of my lands in Suffolk, to [f. 48v] have a black coat;

Item, I will that Oliver Curson, my servant, with all other my yeoman servants, shall have each of them a black coat;

Item, I will that all they that be my servants of my husbandry, each of them to have a black coat of lower price than my yeoman servants shall have;

Item, I will that my executors shall pay all my debts that of right I ought to pay;

Item, I will that there shall be an honest priest to sing in the church of Holham [=Holkham?] for my soul, my late husband's soul, my father and my mother[']s souls and all Christian souls by the space of one whole year next after my decease, and he to be paid by mine executor six pounds thirteen shillings four pence for the whole year;

And I will that he to be paid quarterly as it cometh to [sic for 'due'?], and my chaplain to have the preferment of the service if he will;

Item, I give and bequeath to my son, Sir Robert Peyton, one gilt cup with a cover with the Peytons' and Barners' [=Barnards?] arms in the bottom;

I give unto him two gilt salts with one cover;

I give unto him my great carpet, two pair of fine sheets whereof the one pair is of three breadths, the other pair of two breadths and a half, and 2 other pair of sheets of a coarser sort;

Item, I give and bequeath unto my daughter [=daughter-in-law], Dames Frances Peyton, two carpets whereof the one hath the Wallis arms in the midst, the other carpet the ground thereof is yellow;

Item, I give and bequeath to my godson, Robert Peyton, a gilt goblet with a cover with the print of Saint George in the bottom;

Item, I give and bequeath to my daughter [=granddaughter], Anne Peyton, daughter unto my said son, Sir Robert Peyton aforesaid, one gown of black damask the which I did use to wear myself;

I give and bequeath to my son, John Peyton, being my second son, a standing cup gilt with a cover with the Peytons' and Cleres' arms upon the head of the cover;

Item, I give unto him my basin and mine ewer of silver, and a goblet of silver with a cover parcel gilt;

Item, I give unto him one gilt spoon and a dozen of silver spoons, the knops being gilt with flat ends;

Also I give unto him one silver salt parcel gilt with a cover, and my chalice of silver with the paten parcel gilt;

And I give unto him the hangings that hangeth in the hall end chamber with all the other hangings of that same sort, and the tester of the same bed of white fustian with gilt knops and all such curtains as belongeth unto it;

And also I give unto him two featherbeds whereof the one lieth upon the same bed, 2 bolsters and four pillows and two counterpoints whereof the one is of verders and the ground orange tawny, with six cushions of verders, the ground orange tawny;

And also two carpet cushions with the Udalls' [=Uvedale's?] arms in the midst;

I give unto him six new cushions, one made with the work of great roofs, and a carpet for a cupboard of verders, and [+a?] new banker cloth for a bench;

Item, I give and bequeath my said son, John Peyton, a diaper tablecloth, the work knots and roses, a fine diaper towel of five yards long, nine diaper napkins, a diaper cupboard cloth, three plain tablecloths, two coarser tablecloths, a cupboard cloth, two towels and nine napkins whereof six be with 2 blue lists at the ends and three with one black list at th' ends;

Also one pair of fine sheets of two breadths and a half, another pair of sheets not so fine of 3 breadths and a half, eight pair of other sheets whereof four pair of them be flaxen sheets, and also half a garnish of pewter vessel with the charger, and six jelly-dishes of pewter;

Item, I will that my son, John Peyton, shall have and enjoy the house that I dwell in during the lease that I have of Master Boelles, with all things that thereunto belongeth, as in the same lease more plainly doth appear;

Item, I give and bequeath unto my daughter, Dorothy Peyton, wife unto my son, John Peyton, my best gown of cloth and my gown of russels worsted, and my new black camlet kirtle;

And also I give unto her my best bonnet of velvet and a new frontlet of black velvet, and my best partlet of velvet;

Item, I give and bequeath unto my godson, Thomas Peyton, a silver piece with a cover parcel gilt with wreaths and a sign for one of the months in the year in the bottom;

Item, I give and bequeath unto Elizabeth Peyton, my god-daughter, a device of gold to wear about her neck, the work with gillyflowers of blue and white and enamelled and set upon ragged staves, with great flowers set between every ragged staff;

Item, I give and bequeath unto my daughter Jenney the one half of my chain of gold containing in links three hundred fifty and five;

I give unto her one gilt pot of silver with a cover gilt with the Cleres' arms and Udalls' arms on the top of the cover;

I give unto her one great Paris bowl of silver and two goblets of silver parcel gilt, and one gilt spoon, and six silver spoons with lions on the heads gilt;

Also I give unto her one plain piece of silver;

I give unto her the hangings that hangeth in mine own chamber of green say, and also one other hanging of blue and yellow arras say that belongeth unto mine own chamber aforesaid;

I give unto her my great trussing bed that standeth in my chamber with the tester that belongeth unto it of orange tawny and grey sarcenet and five curtains belonging unto the same;

I give unto her a counterpoint of verders with four featherbeds, two bolsters, four pillows and a pair of fustians, three carpet cushions, and one carpet of damask work, violet and orange tawny;

Item, I give unto her my altar cloths of red and green satin of Bruges with the vestment and albs belonging unto the same;

Also I give unto her my gown of black velvet and my kirtle of black cassa(?) damask;

Item, I give unto her a pair of fine sheets of three breadths and 8th [=8] pair of other sheets, two head sheets, a diaper tablecloth with the work of flower-de-luces and crowns, a diaper towel co [sic?] of(?) 6 yards, one diaper cupboard cloth, 8 diaper napkins, four plain tablecloths, two cupboard cloths, a fine plain towel, two shorter towels, and a towel for the butler's work;

Also I give her half a garnish of pewter vessel and a charger, a dozen of porridge dishes of pewter, two pewter pots for liveries;

I give her one trussing coffer bound with iron with 2 locks and a hasp, and also the coffer that standeth at my bed's feet and a little spruce coffer;

Item, I give and bequeath unto my daughter Wigston the other half of my chain of gold containing in links three hundred and five and fifty;

Item, I give unto her one gilt pot of silver with a cover gilt with the Cleres' and Udalls' arms in the top of the cover;

Item, I give unto her one great Paris bowl of silver;

I give unto her six silver spoons with lions at the ends gilt;

I give unto her one tester for a bed of crimson damask and black velvet, and three carpet cushions;

Also I bequeath unto her a diaper tablecloth, a diaper towel, a cupboard cloth of diaper, 8 diaper napkins of two sorts, of every sort four, three plain tablecloths, a long towel, 8 plain napkins with two blue lists and two napkins with 3 blue lists, one pair of sheets of three breadths and one odd sheet of three breadths, one head sheet, one pair of sheets of two breadths and a half which is not so fine, two pair of sheets of two breadths, and 2 other pair of two breadths whereof the one is of ell broadcloth and the other of yard broadcloth;

And also I give unto her a trussing coffer bound with iron with two locks, and a plain coffer that standeth in my closet like my coffer that standeth at my bed's feet;

And also I give unto her one little spruce coffer;

Item, I give and bequeath unto my god-daughter, Elizabeth Wigston, one ouche of gold with four rubies and one diamond in the midst;

Also I give unto my son, John Peyton, and unto my daughter Jenney all the residue of my pewter and brass over(?) bequeathed, to be equally divided between themselves;

Item, I give and bequeath unto my cousin, Anne Jarman [=Jermyn?], four pounds of money to be paid unto her by my executor over and besides her year's wages within the space of two years next after my decease;

I give unto her one featherbed with a bolster and a pillow with a pair of blankets and a coverlet and three pair of sheets;

I give unto her one of my cloth gowns next unto the best;

And I give unto her my best russet kirtle and one of my petticoats next unto my best;

I give unto her my nightgown of cloth, and my partlet of black velvet that I was wont to wear upon holy-days [=holidays?];

And I give unto her a frontlet of black velvet;

Item, I give and bequeath unto Oliver Curson, my servant, to th' intent that he and his may pray for my soul, my late husband['s] soul and all Christian souls, my house that I bought of Thomas Reve th' elder lying in Isleham, with all manner of houses and yards belonging unto the same with th' appurtenances I clearly give the foresaid Oliver Curson and to his heirs and assign forever;

Item, I give and bequeath unto James Love, my bailie of my lands in Suffolk, 12 coombs(?) of seed-barley to be delivered unto him at Bury before the next seed-time of barley sowing;

Item, I give unto John Bowell, my servant, twenty shillings;

Item, I give unto John Hewett, my servant, forty shillings;

Item, I give unto Thomas Grent, my servant, all my nets of all sorts, and also forty shillings;

Item, I give unto John Robinson, my servant, being my cook, the featherbed that he lieth on with the bolster, one blanket and a coverlet, a pair of sheets, and also one milk bullock;

Item, I give unto Robert Ruste, my servant, a mattress, a bolster, a coverlet, a blanket, three pair of sheets and two of my milch beasts;

Item, I give unto Thomas Soo(?), my servant, one of my milch beasts, and in money twenty shillings, and I will that my son, John Peyton, shall see that the beast and the money may be ordered [f. 49r] as he shall think best to use to his profit;

I give unto John Jenson, my servant, twenty shillings;

Item, I give to Richard Sayer, my servant, to William Blyethe, to James Humfrey, my servant, to Raynolde Braye, to Harry Olde, my shepherd, each of them to have one bullock;

Item, I will that all my servants that be at this present time my yeoman servants shall for the space of six weeks next after my decease, if that they will tarry, to have meat and drink at my costs and charges that they may the better provide for themselves in the meantime, and then they to have their whole year's wages so that they do their diligence to see all things honestly and truly saved as they shall be put in trust by my executors therein;

And if any of them be minded to depart immediately after my month's day, that then I will that they shall have their whole year's wages to th' intent that they may pray for my

soul, my said late husband's soul and all Christian souls, sand so to depart at their pleasures;

Item, I will that my servants of husbandry shall remain and do all such necessities [=sic for 'necessary?'] business as to my husbandry belongeth for than [=sic for 'them?'] to do by the space of one half year next after my decease;

And if they do their duty truly and honestly according as they ought to do as they shall be put in trust by mine executors, that then I will that they shall have to be paid by mine executors for the half year their whole year's wages without any more livery than their back coats and meat and drink as shall be meet for them to have;

Item, I give and bequeath unto the reparations of the church of Isleham six pounds thirteen shillings four pence, the which I will shall be paid by my executors to the churchwardens for the time being before twelve of the best of the honest men of the parish within the space of 2 years next after my decease;

Item, I will that all my apparel and stuff of household before not mentioned nor bequeathed shall wholly remain unto John Peyton, my son;

I will that all such plate, jewels, apparel and household stuff before given and bequeathed by me to any of mine own children other [=either] my sons' children, either my sons or my daughters, or to any of my sons' wives, or any of my sons' children or daughters' children, I will it be delivered by my executors within three days next after my month's day be past;

Item, I will that mine executors shall see all my lands belonging unto my farms within Isleham be sown with barley in time convenient, and so to be innd and laid harvestly within the barns belonging unto the said farms;

And finally the corn thereof, and all other my corn, and also my horse beasts and other cattle, and all my debts due unto me, with all other my movables before not bequeathed to be sold by mine executors to the use and performance of this my present testament and last will;

Provided always that all such milk beasts as I have given away unto my servants shall remain still to serve for the provision of my household for white meat until the half year be ended next after my decease;

And at the breaking of my said house, then I will that those milch bullocks shall be delivered by mine executors or their assigns unto all those that I have given unto as is aforenamed in this my present testament and last will;

Provided always that all such money as I have given and bequeathed unto my servants before mentioned shall be paid to them by my executors or their assigns within two years next after my decease;

Item, I do make and ordain my two sons, that is to say, my son Sir Robert Peyton and my son John Peyton, my executors, and I do put my full and whole trust in them that they may see this my last will performed and fulfilled, and each of every of them to have for their pains taken ten pounds if it may be borne;

And also I will that all the rest of my movables over(?) bequeathed, my said will being wholly fulfilled and performed, shall remain indifferently to my said executors or to their assigns;

In witness whereof I, the said Dame Elizabeth, hath unto this my last will and testament set to my hand and seal. By me, Dame Elizabeth Peyton. Per me Iohannem Payton. Witness to the sealing and subscription of the same. By me, James Love.

Probatum fuit suprascriptum testamentum sexto die mensis Aprilis Anno d{omi}ni mill{es}imo quingentesimo quadragesimo sexto Iuramento Robarti Goode notarij pu{bli}ci procuratoris Iohanne Payton executoris in h{uius}mo{d}i testamento nominat{i} ac approbatum et insinuat{m} et commissa fuit administrac{i}o o{mn}i{u}m et singulorum bonorum iurium et creditorum dictam defunctam et eius testamentum qua{li}t{e}rcunq{ue} concernen{tium} dicto executori de bene et fideliter administrand{o} eadem ac de pleno et fideli Inventario &c exhibend{o} &c necnon de plano et vero comp{ot}o reddend{o} ad sancta dei Eu{a}ng{e}lia Iurato Res{er}vata p{otes}tate Robarto Payton militi executori cum venerit &c

[=The above-written testament was proved on the sixth day of the month of April in the year of the Lord the thousand five hundred forty-sixth by the oath of Robert Goode, notary public, proctor of John Peyton, 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 and to exhibit etc. a full and faithful inventory etc., and also to render a plain and true account, with power reserved to Robert Peyton, knight, executor, when he shall have come etc.]