

SUMMARY: The document below is the Prerogative Court of Canterbury copy of the will, dated 16 September 1549 and proved 29 April 1550, of Bridget Waldegrave Fynderne Marney (d. 30 September 1549), sister of George Waldegrave (c.1483-1528) of Smallbridge in Bures St Mary, Suffolk. George Waldegrave's grandson, Sir William Waldegrave (d.1613), was a co-guarantor, with Oxford's first cousin, John Darcy (d.1581), 2nd Lord Darcy of Chiche, of Oxford's debt to the Court of Wards. In 1572, Sir William Waldegrave (d.1613) and Lord Darcy jointly entered into guarantees amounting to £5000 for Oxford's debt to the Court of Wards (see TNA C 2/Eliz/T6/48). For further information on Sir William Waldegrave (d.1613) see the will of his father, Sir William Waldegrave (1507?-1554), TNA PROB 11/37/466.

FAMILY BACKGROUND

For the testatrix' family background, see the will of her brother, George Waldegrave, TNA PROB 11/22/577; Richardson, Douglas, *Magna Carta Ancestry*, 2nd ed., 2011, Vol. IV, p. 283; and 'The Descendants of William deTendering, Knt., of Tendering Hall & His Wife Dame Katherine Mylde' at:

<http://homepages.rootsweb.ancestry.com/~clopton/tendring.htm>.

MARRIAGES

The testatrix married twice, but appears to have had no issue by either marriage.

First marriage

The testatrix' first husband was a member of the Fynderne family, for whom see the Fynderne pedigree in *The Reliquary and Illustrated Archaeologist*, Vol. XXII, 1881, p. 64 at:

http://books.google.ca/books?id=L501AAAAMAAJ&pg=PA64&lpg=PA64&dq=%22pedigree+of+Finderne%22&source=bl&ots=hpoXRlUgiD&sig=2LaZ1CuF6M3fQH_JhFjRPbIDIAM&hl=en&sa=X&ei=2Fj7U5m1N-ryigLggIGADA&ved=0CB8Q6AEwAQ#v=onepage&q=%22pedigree%20of%20Finderne%22&f=false.

See also the Fynderne pedigree in Jewitt, Llewellynn, 'Findern and the Fyndernes', *The Reliquary and Illustrated Archaeologist*, Vol. III, April 1863, pp. 185-99 at:

http://books.google.ca/books?id=n6Q1AAAAMAAJ&pg=PA194&lpg=PA194&dq=%22Pedigree%22+%22findern%22+%22Thomas%22&source=bl&ots=XizncOxTqd&sig=H6LJzeFJdbJupV4h-iIsqX_SFCw&hl=en&sa=X&ei=ul77U7SDBci7ogT_1ICoBQ&ved=0CDkQ6AEwBg#v=onepage&q=%22Pedigree%22%20%22findern%22%20%22Thomas%22&f=false.

See also Croft, Henry Herbert Stephen, ed., *The Boke Named The Governour Devised by Sir Thomas Elyot, Knight*, Vol. I, (London: C. Kegan Paul & Co., 1880), pp. xxx, xxxiii-iv, xlvi-xlvii at:

<https://archive.org/stream/bokenamedgouerno01elyouoft#page/n33/mode/2up>.

According to documents in the National Archives and Suffolk Record Office, including the will of Sir William Fynderne (d.1517?), TNA PROB 11/18/590, the testatrix' first husband was the son of Sir William Fynderne (d.1517?) by his wife, Agnes Grene, the daughter of John Grene of Essex, and the grandson of Sir Thomas Fynderne by his wife, Katherine Berners, the only child of Nicholas Berners (d.1441), esquire, of Amberden Hall in Debden, Suffolk, by his wife, Margery Swynburne. See TNA C 146/1105, and a release (no reference number given) held by the Suffolk Record Office at:

<http://discovery.nationalarchives.gov.uk/details/r/ae1ac343-459b-4ae6-97b0-09f8f2cce974>.

See also Wright, Thomas, *The History and Topography of Essex*, Vol. I, (London: George Virtue, 1836), p. 444 at:

<https://books.google.ca/books?id=SgQVAAAAQAAJ&pg=PA444&lpg=PA444&dq=%22Sir+William+Fynderne%22&source=bl&ots=pOPDf26ChL&sig=uuIT6ePwN4hhLK6HSEvN0Ciso7E&hl=en&sa=X&ved=0ahUKewin66KN05vVAhUJxmMKHVedDtIQ6AEIJzAB#v=onepage&q=%22Sir%20William%20Fynderne%22&f=false>.

See also the *ODNB* entry for Sir Thomas Swynburne (d. 9 August 1412), who appears to have been the half-brother of Margery Swynburne (see above):

Swynburne, Sir Thomas (d. 1412), mayor of Bordeaux, was the only son of Sir Robert Swynburne, lord of Little Horkesley, Essex, and his first wife, Agnes Felton, heir of lands in Northumberland from her uncle Sir William Felton. Thomas was described as a king's knight and served Richard II and Henry IV. He is best known as mayor of Bordeaux from 1405 until his death. His father held lands in East Mersea and Great and Little Horkesley, Essex, and from 1377 to 1390 was frequently summoned to parliament as one of two knights from Essex. Thomas Swynburne inherited from his mother her lands in Northumberland when she died, before February 1378. By 1380 he was already a knight. Before 1384 his father married Joan, granddaughter of Sir John Gernoun, and he died in August 1391. . . . Swynburne died on 9 August 1412 and was buried in the church of St Peter and St Paul, Little Horkesley, with his father. Their tomb had brasses of both father and son.

See also the History of Parliament entry for Sir Thomas Swynburne at:

<http://www.historyofparliamentonline.org/volume/1386-1421/member/swinburne-sir-thomas-1357-1412>.

See also Richardson, *supra*, Vol. I, p. 13 and Vol. IV, p. 271, and the History of Parliament entry for Sir Thomas Swynburne's half-brother, William Swynburne (d. 22 May 1422), who married Philippa Sergeaux born c.1373, d. 11 or 13 July 1420), widow of Sir Robert Pashley (born c.1370) (son of Sir Robert Pashley and Anne Howard, daughter of Sir John Howard of Norfolk), an daughter of Sir Richard Serjeaux (d. 30 September 1393) and sister of Alice Serjeaux (c.1386 - 18 May 1452), wife of Richard de Vere (1385-1417), 11th Earl of Oxford, at:

<http://www.historyofparliamentonline.org/volume/1386-1421/member/swinburne-william-1422>

Among those he remembered in the will was the countess of Oxford (his sister-in-law), to whom he left a ruby necklace and a gold bracelet.

For the marriage of Anne Howard and Sir Robert Pashley, see the pedigree in Scott, James Renat, *Memorials of the Family of Scott of Scot's-Hall*, (London: J.R. Scott, 1876), p. 170 at:

<https://archive.org/stream/memorialsoffamil00scot#page/170/mode/2up>.

For the connection of the Serjeaux, Marney and Pashley families to Richard de Vere, 11th Earl of Oxford, see also Richardson, Douglas, *Magna Carta Ancestry*, 2nd ed., 2011, Vol. I, pp. 11-14, and Vol. III, pp. 300-301.

See also the History of Parliament entry for Sir Richard Sergeaux at:

<http://www.historyofparliamentonline.org/volume/1386-1421/member/sergeaux-%28sergeux%29-sir-richard-1393>.

In his will, Sir William Fynderne (d.1517?) does not refer to his son, the testatrix' first husband, by name, but refers to him only as the father of Sir William's grandson and heir ('my son's son'), nor is his Christian name given in the will below, in which the testatrix merely refers to him as 'my husband Fynderne'.

According to the inscription on the testatrix' tomb in the church of Saints Peter and Paul in Little Horkesley, the Christian name of the testatrix' first husband was Thomas. See:

<http://www.britainexpress.com/counties/essex/churches/little-horkesley.htm>

Here lyeth Dame Brygete Marney, late the wyffe of John Lorde Marney and sometime wyffe to Mr Thomas Fynderne Esquyer, and decessyd the XXXth day of September in the yere of our lorde God MCCCCXLIX'.

However, since many years elapsed between the death of the testatrix' first husband, which appears to have occurred in 1515, and the date on which the inscription was placed on the testatrix' tomb at some time after 1549, it appears that the name of Sir William Fynderne's grandson and heir, Thomas Fynderne, who died without issue in 1523, may have been erroneously substituted in the inscription for the Christian name of the testatrix' first husband, which other sources indicate was William, not Thomas.

Second marriage

The testatrix married secondly Sir John Marney (1485-1525), 2nd Baron Marney, for whom see his will, proved 25 June 1525, TNA PROB 11/21/540, and the History of Parliament entry at:

<http://www.historyofparliamentonline.org/volume/1509-1558/member/marney-sir-john-1485-1525>.

Sir William Marney (d. 21 or 24 August 1414) married Elizabeth Serjeaux, daughter of Sir Richard Serjeaux (d. 30 September 1393), by whom she had three sons, Sir Thomas Marney (d.1421), William Marney, and Sir John Marney, and two daughters, including Anne Marney, who married Sir Thomas Tyrrell (d. 28 March 1476), for whose will see TNA PROB 11/6/417. See Richardson, *supra*, Vol. IV, pp. 13-14, the will of Sir William Marney, TNA PROB 11/2B/21; and the History of Parliament entry for Sir William Marney (d.1370-1414) at:

<http://www.historyofparliamentonline.org/volume/1386-1421/member/marney-sir-william-1370-1414>

Marney subsequently had dealings with the authorities of Bordeaux, apparently with regard to the affairs of the late Sir Thomas Swinburne, a former mayor of the city. His own interest was on behalf of Swinburne's half-brother, William*, who was married to one of his sisters-in-law.*⁸

Sir William Marney's youngest son by Elizabeth Serjeaux, Sir John Marney, married Jane Throckmorton, by whom he was the father of Henry Marney (c.1447-1523), 1st Baron Marney, father of the testatrix' husband, John Marney (1485-1525), 2nd Baron Marney. For Henry Marney, 1st Baron Marney, see the inquisition post mortem taken after his death, TNA C 142/40/10, and his will, proved 15 June 1523, TNA PROB 11/21/156. For a transcript of his will, see Nicolas, Nicholas Harris, *Testamenta Vetusta*, Vol. II, (London: Nichols and Son, 1826), pp. 609-12 at:

https://books.google.ca/books?id=DwlaAAAaAAJ&pg=PA609&lpg=PA609&dq=%22henry+Marney%22+%221523%22&source=bl&ots=yjokmoBdVk&sig=vzDs7a9pDf6-vA-TIUhL9dOrdIE&hl=en&sa=X&ved=0ahUKEwjxtevbyKLVAhUM_WMKHWZpCZoQ6AEIbzAO#v=onepage&q=%22henry%20Marney%22%20%221523%22&f=false

Sir John Marney's sister, Grace Marney, married Sir Edmund Bedingfield (1479/80–1553). For his will, see TNA PROB 11/36/267. Another of Sir John Marney's sisters, Katherine Marney, married Edmund Knyvet (c.1486-1503). See 'A Who's Who of Tudor Women' at:

<http://www.kateemersonhistoricals.com/TudorWomenM.htm>

CATHERINE MARNEY (c.1480-1535)

Catherine Marney was the daughter of Henry, 1st baron Marney (1447-May 24, 1523) and his first wife, Thomasine Arundell. Her first marriage, to Edward Knyvett of Suffolk (c.1486-1503), was childless but he had a daughter, Elizabeth or Isabel (d. February 1508) by his first wife. Catherine inherited a life interest in his lands, including the manor of Stanway, Essex and twelve other manors and lands in Essex, Kent, and Suffolk, greatly reducing her stepdaughter's prospects. That young woman's widower, John Raynsford (d.1559) brought several suits against Catherine in chancery and eventually succeeded in winning an annuity of £20 and a life interest in two of Knyvett's manors. Meanwhile, Catherine married Thomas Bonham (1459-June 18, 1532) in 1509. They had five sons, including John (d. by 1532) and William (1513-1547+) and two daughters, including Elizabeth. In her second widowhood, she inherited a life interest in all of Bonham's lands and goods. Her third husband was John Barnaby, who had been a servant of Bonham's from as early as 1514.

GRACE MARNEY (1487-c.1553)

Grace was the daughter of Henry, 1st baron Marney (1447-May 24, 1523) and Elizabeth (Isabel) Wilford. As the wife of Catherine of Aragon's custodian, Sir Edmund Bedingfield of Oxborough, Norfolk (1479/80-1553), she was with the imprisoned queen at Kimbolton when she died on January 7, 1536. Grace's son, Sir Henry Bedingfield (1511-1583) was one of Mary Tudor's supporters against the duke of Northumberland.

See also the Marney pedigree in Gunn, Steven, *Henry VII's New Men and the Making of Tudor England*, (Oxford: Oxford University Press,2016), , p. xviii at:

<https://books.google.ca/books?id=q4LADAAAQBAJ&pg=PR18&lpg=PR18&dq=%22Bridget+Waldegrave%22&source=bl&ots=a17KDGzsmZ&sig=PzxI2F7hhay01UASMCX7hzMCQjU&hl=en&sa=X&ved=0ahUKEwizsqb-hpnVAhUD9WMKHcsqD-Q4ChDoAQg2MAg#v=onepage&q=%22Bridget%20Waldegrave%22&f=false>

PERSONS MENTIONED IN THE WILL

The testatrix's sister, Margaret Waldegrave, appears to have predeceased her. Margaret Waldegrave, married Sir John St John (b. before 1495, d. 19 December 1558) of Bletsoe, Bedfordshire, by whom she had two sons, Sir Oliver St John (d. 21 April 1582), 1st Baron St John of Bletsoe, and John St John, and four daughters: Margery St John, who married firstly Henry Grey, esquire, and secondly Francis Pigott, esquire; Anne St John, who married Richard Dennis; Margaret St John, who married firstly William Gostwick,

esquire, and secondly Francis Russell, 2nd Earl of Bedford; and Alice St John, who married Edmund Elmes, esquire. See Richardson, *Magna Carta Ancestry*, 2nd ed., 2011, Vol. I, pp. 218-21, and Vol. IV, p. 284.

The testatrix' sister, Dame Jane Waldegrave, is said to have been a nun.

The testatrix' sister and executrix, Dorothy Waldegrave, married Sir John Spring of Hitcham, Suffolk. See the will of Sir John Spring, TNA PROB 11/32/430; the will of Dorothy Waldegrave Spring, TNA PROB 11/47/337; and Richardson, Douglas, *Magna Carta Ancestry*, 2nd ed., 2011, Vol. II, pp. 62-3.

The testatrix' niece and god-daughter, Bridget Spring, was the daughter of the testatrix' sister, Dorothy Waldegrave Spring. She married firstly Thomas Fleetwood (1517/18-1570) of The Vache, Buckinghamshire, for whom see his will, proved 16 February 1571, TNA PROB 1/53/97, and the History of Parliament entry at:

<http://www.historyofparliamentonline.org/volume/1509-1558/member/fleetwood-thomas-151718-70>.

Bridget Spring married secondly Sir Robert Wingfield (d. 19 March 1596). For the will, dated 5 June 1584 and proved 28 June 1596, of Sir Robert Wingfield of Letheringham, Suffolk, nephew of John de Vere (1499-1527), 14th Earl of Oxford, see TNA PROB 11/87/510.

The testatrix' executor, Edmund Wright, was the husband of the testatrix' niece, Frances Spring, daughter of the testatrix' sister, Dorothy Waldegrave Spring.

For the testatrix' brother and executor, Anthony Waldegrave, see his will, TNA PROB 11/53/224.

For the testatrix' nephew, Sir William Waldegrave (1507?-1554), see his will, TNA PROB 11/37/466.

For the testatrix' cousin, Sir John Wentworth (1494-1567), friend and executor of John de Vere, 16th Earl of Oxford, see his will, TNA PROB 11/49/288.

For the testatrix, see also:

<https://www.geni.com/people/Bridget-Marney-Waldegrave/6000000014386309445>.

For her tomb, see:

<http://www.britainexpress.com/counties/essex/churches/little-horkesley.htm>.

T{estamentum} D{omi}ne Brigitte Marney

In the name of God, Amen. The 16th day of September in the year of Our Lord God 1549 and in the third year of Edward the 6th by the grace of God King of England, France and Ireland, Defender of the Faith and of the Church of England and also of Ireland in earth the Supreme Head, I, Dame Bridget, Lady Marney [f. 84r] of Little Horkesley in the county of Essex, widow, being at the time of the making hereof in whole mind and perfect remembrance, thanks be to God, do make and ordain this my last will and testament in manner and form following:

First, I bequeath my soul to the Blessed Trinity, to Our Lady Saint Mary, and to all the company of heaven, my body to be buried at the high altar's end in the chancel in the parish church of Little Horkesley aforesaid, where I will a vault of brick to be made so large that one body may be conveniently laid therein, over which vault I will there be a tomb made of grey marble more than half the height of the tomb wherein Dame Katherine Fynderne lieth buried in, and the same tomb to be proportioned and fashioned in length and breadth after the height thereof, and upon the same tomb I will there be made 3 images or pictures of brass, whereof one of myself without my coat arms, and upon the right side of my said image or picture the image or picture of my Lord Marney, my last husband, with his coat arms upon the same image, and upon the left side of my said image or picture the image or picture of my husband Fynderne with his coat arms upon the same image;

And also I will there be upon the right side of my said image a scutcheon of my Lord my husband's arms & mine, and on the left side of my said image a scutcheon of my husband Fynderne's arms and mine, and at side and foot of my said image scutcheons of remembrance such as shall be thought by mine executors most convenient;

And at head or feet of my said image I will there be scripture of brass to show the time of my decease and of what stocks I came of, and to what men of worship I was married unto;

Item, I will that mine executors cause my body to be buried within 24 hours next after my decease if it so conveniently may be without any great pomp or vainglory;

Item, I will there be sung by note before my burial a dirge, and upon the day of my burying I will there be sung such service as is set out or appointed by the King's book to be used at burials, with so many priests and clerks as mine executors shall think convenient, and every priest to have 12d and every clerk being a man helping to sing 4d, and every child being a singer and helping to sing 2d;

And the parish priest of Little Horkesley for such service as he shall there sing 20d;

And Sir George Thurstone, my chaplain, to have also for his pains that he shall take in saying or singing 20d;

Item, I will that every such persons as shall bear my body to the church to have every of them 8d;

Item, I will that there be at my burying 12 poor men, and in the service time to be well and devoutly occupied, and every of them to have 4d;

Item, I will that all the towns next adjoining to the town of Little Horkesley being within 2 miles compass of the said town, every such town to have 20d or more as the town be replenished with poor people to be given and used by the discretion of mine executors;

Item, I will mine executors keep my month-day in the said parish church of Little Horkesley where I will have sung a dirge with such service as is set out by the King's book, and every priest, clerk and child that can sing to have for their labour as it is appointed for my burying, and to have there also 12 poor men to be well and devoutly occupied, every of them to have as it is appointed at my burial;

Item, I will my executors keep my year's mind where I shall be buried, and there to be done in everything as it is appointed at my burials or better, as they shall think convenient, and if it so be that they cannot be suffered by the King's laws, then I will that all such sums of money as should be there distributed for dirges or such service be given to the poor people of little Horkesley where most need is by the discretion of mine executors;

Item, I will there be found by mine executors the space of 2 whole years next after my decease a priest of good and honest conversation to pray for my soul and all my friends' souls if the King's laws will so suffer it, and if it cannot be suffered by the King's laws, then I will that the money that should be so given to such a priest for the said 2 years be by mine executors distributed in deeds of charity to poor folks, part thereof in mending of highways and in other deeds of charity as mine executors shall see occasion or cause for the profit of my soul;

Item, I bequeath to my Lady Elizabeth Howard, wife to my Lord Thomas Howard, a tester of tinsel and crimson velvet embroidered in white leopards of silver paned, changeable curtains to the same of yellow sarcenet;

Item, I bequeath to my nephew, Sir William Waldegrave, knight, one pounced cup with the cover of silver and gilt;

Item, I bequeath to my niece Waldegrave, wife to the said Sir William Waldegrave, one ring of gold with the vernicle on the one side and a picture of Our Lady on the other side;

Item, I bequeath to my cousin, Sir John Wentworth, knight, son and heir of Sir Roger Wentworth, one brooch of gold;

Item, I bequeath to my cousin, his wife, one ring of gold with a turquoise;

Item, I bequeath to my sister, Dame Jane Waldegrave, 53s 4d and one little goblet of silver with letters about it;

Item, I bequeath to the above-named [f. 84v] Sir John Wentworth, knight, and to his heirs all my brewing vessel and all other vessels belonging to the same office in bakehouse in Horkesley where I dwell, there always to remain for him and his heirs, and also one garnish of pewter vessel to remain to th' use of the said Sir John Wentworth and his heirs in the kitchen there;

Item, I bequeath to my brother, Anthony Waldegrave, one drinking-cup with the cover of silver and gilt with a blue flower upon the top of the said cover;

Item, I bequeath to my nephew, Oliver Saint John, my godson, 53s 4d;

Item, [+I?] bequeath to my niece, Margery Grey, my god-daughter, daughter to my brother Saint John, a devise of gold enameled with black and red;

Item, I bequeath to my niece, Bridget Spring, my god-daughter, 53s 4d;

Item, I bequeath to my said 2 god-daughters all my samplers, sewing silk, gold to work withal as Venice gold or damask gold, my weaving stools and all such things belonging to silk-work as my gentlewomen hath wrought withal so that they may well occupy themselves and to have my soul the better in their remembrance;

Item, I bequeath to my god-daughter, Margery Byse, daughter to my uncle, Edward Waldegrave, 13s 4d;

Item, I bequeath to my cousin, Thomas Mannock, and his wife 1(?) goblet with the cover of silver parcel gilt which I do use daily upon my board;

Item, I bequeath to William Mannock, his son and my godson, 6s 8d;

Item, I will that all mine apparel that I shall have at the time of my decease except gowns of velvet and gowns of right satin, kirtles of velvet and kirtles of satin, be equally divided among my gentlewomen that shall be with me in service at the said time, and all my linen that I daily and nightly wear I will it shall be equally divided among my gentlewomen being with me at the said time;

Item, I bequeath to my said gentlewomen then there being with me and to other gentlewomen being my kinsfolks and friends such things as mine executors shall think meet and convenient, as all my beads except those beads that hath beads of gold and such other things as mine executors shall think meet and convenient, to be to them equally divided that they by th' occasion thereof may have my soul the better in remembrance;

Item, I bequeath to the woman of my chamber that shall be with me at the time of my decease 6s 8d;

Item, I bequeath to my woman of my dairy being with me at the said time 5s, either of them to have their bequest by me to them bequeathed over and besides their wages and liveries to them due at the feast of Saint Michal th' Archangel next coming;

Item, I bequeath to my yeomen servants all my harness, that is to say Almain rivets, jacks, sallets, splints, swords, daggers, bills, glaives, bows and arrows, all my mail and all other things that long to the said harness, to be equally divided among my said yeomen by the disposition of my said executors;

Item, I will that all my household servants at time of my decease have meat and drink in the house that I do now dwell in for the space of one quarter of a year after my decease so that they may in the mean season the better provide themselves of their masters if my cousin, Sir John Wentworth, will so suffer it, and if my said cousin will not so suffer it, then I will mine executors equally divide the said money that should be bestowed in keeping of the said house by the space of one quarter of a year after my decease among my household servants to their relief and comfort;

Item, I bequeath toward the reparation of the body of the church of Little Horkesley aforesaid 3s 4d;

Item, I bequeath toward the reparation of Trinity chapel in the same church 3s 4d;

Item, I bequeath toward the reparation of Our Lady chapel in the same church 3s 4d;

Item, I will that all such mattress, blankets and all other bedding that is coarse, old and feeble and overworn be distributed to the most poor and needy persons within the town of Little Horkesley by mine executors or their assigns to th' intent they may pray for my soul;

Item, I will that as well all my plate and jewels as my corn, cattle, implements of household and all my goods movable whatsoever it be that is not by me now bequeathed in this present will be by mine executors sold and with the money thereof coming as well of my said plate and jewels as of my corn and cattle, implements of household and all my other goods so by my said executors sold I will it be employed toward the performance of this my last will and testament in discharging my debts, bequests and other charges by my said executors;

And after my said debts, bequests and all other charges be by mine executors well and truly fulfilled, discharged and paid, then I will that the residue of the money by my said executors for the said plate and jewels, corn, cattle, implements of household and the other goods be by them distributed in such deeds of charity as shall be thought meritorious for the health of my soul and all my friends' souls;

Item, I bequeath to James Hower, my godson, 6s 8d;

Item, I bequeath to all those my yeomen that hath my livery and be not daily in my household with me, to every one of them 6s 8d over and besides their liveries to them due;

Item, I bequeath to Sir George Thomson, my chaplain, 26s 8d;

Item, I bequeath to Sir Richard Robson, parish priest of Little [f. 85r] Horkesley, one featherbed with a bolster;

Item, I will that the said Sir George, my chaplain, at time of my decease do daily during a month pray for my soul and to have for his pains every day during the said month for so doing 4d;

Provided always that my will and mind is if anything in this my present will and testament be misordered by ignorance or dark to be understood for lack of learning, or any other thing herein specified be found doubtful contrary to the law of good conscience, then I will and give to mine executors full power and authority at all times by their good wisdoms and discretions the said clauses and doubts to ratify, correct, amend and redress in due order according to right and good conscience and to the true meaning of this my last will for the weal and comfort of my soul and to the discharge of the same, and as they do therein I hold it for my full will, anything in this my last will written to the contrary notwithstanding;

Item, I will that mine executors have black gowns within a month after my decease and my gentlewomen, as my woman of my chamber and my woman of the dairy, every of them to have a black gown by the said time;

And also I will that all my household servants being in service at time of my decease, that every of them have a black coat by the said time;

And moreover I utterly revoke and annul all other wills by me heretofore made, devised or declared whether by mouth or by writing, willing in any wise that if any such be hereafter forthcoming, showed or commoned of that no credence be given to them or any of them but only to this which I ratify and confirm for my last will;

Item, I will that all my household servants being with me at time of my decease, that every of them have one quarter's wages after the rate as they do now quarterly take and receive of me in ready money over and besides their wages and liveries to them due at feast of St Michael next coming;

Item, I bequeath to my sister, Dame Dorothy Spring, one ring of gold with a sapphire;

And also I bequeath to my said sister, mine executrix, to my brother, Anthony Waldegrave, and to my nephew, Edmund Wright, mine executors, for their labours and pains that they shall take in seeing of this my last will and testament performed, to every of them 6s 8d;

And also I will and make of this my last will and testament Sir William Waldegrave, knight, supervisor;

And furtherly I will that there be given to every one of my godsons and god-daughters within the town of Little Horkesley, to every of them 12d;

And in witness that this is my last will and testament here I have set my hand the day and year above-written, these being witness: Julyan Waldegrave, Thomas Howley, John Turner, George Thurstone and George Cotton.

Probatum fuit huiusmodi testamentum coram Domino Cantuariensis Archiepiscopo apud London vicesimo nono die Aprilis Anno Domini Millesimo quingentesimo quinquagesimo Iuramento Edmundi Wryght executoris in eodem testamentum nominatim personaliter presentis et Domine Dorothee Spryng et Anthonij Waldegrave executorum etiam in huiusmodi testamento nominatim in persona dicti Edmundi Wryght ac approbatum et insinuatum Et comissa fuit Administratio omnium et singulorum bonorum dictae Domine Brygitte Marney defunctae prefatoris executoribus de bene &c Ac de pleno Inventario &c exhibendo Necnon de plano et vero compoto reddendo ad sancta dei evangelia in debita Iuris forma Iuratis

[=The same testament was proved before the Lord Archbishop of Canterbury at London on the twenty-ninth day of April in the year of the Lord the thousand five hundred fiftieth by the oath of Edmund Wright, executor named in the same testament, personally present, and Dame Dorothy Spring and Anthony Waldegrave, executors also named in the same testament, in the person of the said Edmund Wright, and probated and entered, and administration was granted of all and singular the goods of the said Dame Bridget Marney, deceased, to the forenamed executors, sworn on the Holy Gospels in due form of law to well etc., and to exhibit a full inventory etc., and also to render a plain and true account.]