

SUMMARY: The document below is the Prerogative Court of Canterbury copy of the will, dated 20 July 1552 and proved 5 December 1553, of Sir George Throckmorton (c.1489-1552), grandfather of both Oxford's friend, Sir Arthur Throckmorton (c.1557-1626), and of Job Throckmorton (1545-1601), who assisted with the printing of the Marprelate tracts in 1589. For the friendship between Oxford and Arthur Throckmorton, son of the testator's son, Sir Nicholas Throckmorton (1515/16-1571), see Rowse, A.L., *Raleigh and the Throckmortons*, (London: Macmillan, 1962), p. 78; and Cole, Jan, 'Oxford's Friend, Arthur Throckmorton', *De Vere Society Newsletter*, Vol. 22, No. 2, (April 2015), pp. 22-30, available online. For the part in the Marprelate tracts played by Job Throckmorton, son of the testator's son, Clement Throckmorton, see the entry in the *ODNB*.

FAMILY BACKGROUND

The testator was the eldest son of Sir Robert Throckmorton (c.1451-1518) by his first wife, Katherine Marowe (d.1503). For the testator's brothers and sisters, see the will of the testator's father, Sir Robert Throckmorton (c.1451-1518), TNA PROB 11/20/25.

For the Throckmorton pedigree, see Lipscomb, George, *The History and Antiquities of the County of Buckingham*, (London: J. & W Robins, 1847), Vol. IV, pp. 398-9 at:

https://books.google.ca/books?id=_t89AQAAMAAJ&pg=PA399

For the testator see also the History of Parliament entry at:

<http://www.historyofparliamentonline.org/volume/1509-1558/member/throckmorton-sir-george-1489-1552>

MARRIAGE AND CHILDREN

The testator married Katherine Vaux (d.1571?), the daughter of Nicholas Vaux (c.1460-1523), 1st Baron Vaux of Harrowden, and Elizabeth Fitzhugh (1462-c.1505), the widow of Sir William Parr (1434-1483), grandfather of Queen Katherine Parr (1512-1548, by whom, according to the *ODNB* entry, he is said to have had eight sons and eleven daughters:

* **Sir Robert Throckmorton** (d.1581), eldest son and heir, who married firstly, Muriel Berkeley (c.1516-c.1541), the daughter of Thomas (1472-1533), 5th Baron Berkeley, and Eleanor Constable (d.1525), and secondly, Elizabeth Hussey (d. 23 January 1554), widow of Walter Hungerford (1503-1540), Baron Hungerford of Heytesbury. For the will of Thomas, 5th Baron Berkeley, see TNA PROB 11/25, ff. 14-17. For Lady Hungerford, see the will of her mother, Lady Anne Hussey (d.1545/6), TNA PROB 11/31/56. Lady Anne Hussey was the aunt of Elizabeth (nee Hussey) Crane Carleton (d.1606?), the 'Mistress

Crane' at whose home in East Molesey the first of the Marprelate tracts was printed in October 1588. For Lady Hungerford see also the will of her sister, Bridget Hussey (b. 1525/6, d. 12 January 1601), who married firstly, Sir Richard Morison (c.1510–1557) of Cassiobury, Hertfordshire, secondly, Henry Manners (1526-1563), 2nd Earl of Rutland, and thirdly, in 1566, Francis Russell (1526/7-1585), 2nd Earl of Bedford, TNA PROB 11/97, ff. 40-3. See also Richardson, Douglas, *Plantagenet Ancestry*, 2nd ed., 2011, Vol. I, p. 260, and Cokayne, George Edward, *The Complete Peerage*, Vol. II, (London: St Catherine Press, 1912), pp. 136-7.

For Sir Robert Throckmorton (d.1581), see also his will, TNA PROB 11/63/176, and the History of Parliament entry at:

<http://www.historyofparliamentonline.org/volume/1509-1558/member/throckmorton-robert-1513-81>

* **Thomas Throckmorton**, who is not mentioned in the will below, and may have predeceased the testator.

* **Kenelm Throckmorton**, for whom see the History of Parliament entry at:

<http://www.historyofparliamentonline.org/volume/1509-1558/member/throckmorton-kenelm-1514-8387>

* **Clement Throckmorton** (d. 14 December 1573), esquire, who married Katherine Neville, eldest daughter of Sir Edward Neville by Eleanor Windsor, the daughter of Andrew Windsor (d.1543), 1st Lord Windsor, by whom he had six sons and seven daughters, including Job Throckmorton, *supra*. See the History of Parliament entry at:

<http://www.historyofparliamentonline.org/volume/1558-1603/member/throckmorton-clement-1515-73>

* **Sir Nicholas Throckmorton** (1515/16-1571), who married Anne Carew (d.1587), the daughter of Sir Nicholas Carew of Beddington, by whom he had ten sons and three daughters, including Arthur Throckmorton, *supra*, and Elizabeth Throckmorton (1565?-1647?), who married Sir Walter Raleigh (1554-1618). After Sir Nicholas Throckmorton's death, his widow married Adrian Stokes (1519-1585). See the will of Adrian Stokes, TNA PROB 11/68/664; the will of Sir Nicholas Throckmorton, TNA PROB 11/54/109; and the History of Parliament entry at:

<http://www.historyofparliamentonline.org/volume/1558-1603/member/throckmorton-sir-nicholas-151516-71>

* **Sir John Throckmorton** (c.1520 – 22 May 1580) of Feckenham, Worcestershire, who married Margaret Puttenham (d.1591), the daughter of Robert Puttenham of Sherfield on Loddon, Hampshire, and his wife, Margery Elyot, daughter of Sir Richard Elyot and sister of Sir Thomas Elyot, by whom he had four sons and two daughters. She is said to

have been the widow of a husband surnamed Dockray. See the will of Sir John Throckmorton, TNA PROB 11/62/552; and the History of Parliament entry at:

<http://www.historyofparliamentonline.org/volume/1558-1603/member/throckmorton-john-i-1520-80>

* **George Throckmorton**, who is said to have married Frances Brydges, the daughter of John Brydges (1492-1557), 1st Baron Chandos of Sudeley, by whom he had two sons and three daughters. See the History of Parliament entry at:

<http://www.historyofparliamentonline.org/volume/1509-1558/member/throckmorton-george-1523-73-or-later>

However according to Emerson, there is considerable confusion concerning George Throckmorton's marriage(s). See the entry for Mary Brydges at:

<http://www.kateemersonhistoricals.com/TudorWomenBrooke-Bu.htm>.

George Throckmorton is not mentioned in the will below, and it seems possible that he had predeceased the testator, and that he was not the George Throckmorton who married Frances and/or Mary Brydges.

* **Anthony Throckmorton** (d.1587), who married Katherine Willington (d.1593), one of the seven daughters and coheirs of William Willington (c.1480-1555) of Barcheston, Warwickshire. At the time of the marriage she was the widow firstly of Richard Kempe, by whom she had two sons, and secondly of William Catesby of Chastleton, son of Sir Richard Catesby, by whom she also had issue. See TNA C 142/364/73; and TNA PROB 6/4, f. 25v. By Katherine Willington (d.1593), Anthony Throckmorton (d.1587) had five sons and four or five daughters, including his eldest son and heir, John Throckmorton (buried 21 February 1615 at St Martin in the Fields, London) of Over Lypiatt near Stroud, Gloucestershire, and Little Rollright, Oxfordshire. The testator's son, Anthony Throckmorton (d.1587), has been conflated in the History of Parliament entry with another Anthony Throckmorton (d.1593), 'a recusant London mercer', also married to a wife named Katherine (d.1594). See the will of William Willington, TNA PROB 11/36/298; and Rosen, Adrienne, *Two Monuments at Little Rollright, Oxfordshire*, (Oxoniensia, 2005), p. 52, available online; and the History of Parliament entry at:

<http://www.historyofparliamentonline.org/volume/1558-1603/member/throckmorton-anthony-15923>

See also the History of Parliament entry for John Throckmorton (buried 21 February 1615) at:

<http://www.historyofparliamentonline.org/volume/1604-1629/member/throckmorton-john-1555-1615>

* **Katherine Throckmorton**, who married firstly Robert Winter (d.1549) of Huddington, Worcestershire, eldest son of Roger Winter (d. 6 March 1535), esquire, by Elizabeth Hungerford (d.1547?), daughter of Sir John Hungerford of Down Ampney, Gloucestershire, and Margaret Blount, daughter of Edward Blount. See the will, dated 28 January 1535 and proved 26 March 1536, of Roger Winter, TNA PROB 11/26/5.

By Robert Winter (d.1549), Katherine Throckmorton was the mother of George Winter (d. 23 November 1594) and Elizabeth Winter, who married Thomas Bushell, the 'Mr Bushell' of Richard Quiney's letter to William Shakespeare of Stratford. See SBTRO ER 27/4; and Hotson, Leslie, *I, William Shakespeare*, (London: Jonathan Cape, 1937), pp. 144-5. See also the pedigree of Winter in Maclean, John and W.C. Heane, eds., *The Visitation of the County of Gloucester Taken in the Year 1623*, Vol. XXI, (London: Harleian Society, 1885), p. 272 at:

<https://archive.org/stream/visitationofcoun00inchit#page/272/mode/2up>

Katherine Throckmorton married secondly Thomas Smyth (d. 31 October 1593) of Chipping Campden, whose first wife was Elizabeth Fitzherbert (d. 1 December 1559), for whom see the will of her great-grandfather, John Fitzherbert (d. 18 November 1502), TNA PROB 11/13/461. For Thomas Smyth, see Taylor, C.S., ed., *Transactions of the Bristol and Gloucestershire Archaeological Society for 1901*, Vol. XXIV, p. 54 at:

<https://archive.org/stream/transactionsofbr24bris#page/54/mode/2up>

For the marriages of Katherine Throckmorton see also Bartleet, S.E., 'The Manor and Borough of Chipping Campden', in Maclean, John, ed., *Transactions of the Bristol and Gloucestershire Archaeological Society for 1884-85*, (Bristol, C.T. Jefferies and Sons), Vol. IX, pp. 134-95 at pp. 161-70:

<https://archive.org/stream/transactionsofbr09bris#page/162/mode/2up>

See also Gwilt, Charles Perkins, *Notices Relating to Thomas Smith of Campden and to Henry Smith, Sometime Alderman of London*, (London: George Woodfall, 1836), pp. 2-8 at:

<http://books.google.ca/books?id=eScAAAAAQA AJ&pg=PA8&lpg=PA8>

* **Elizabeth Throckmorton**, who married John Gifford (d. 1 May 1563), esquire, by whom she had five sons and eight daughters. See the will of John Gifford, TNA PROB 11/46/230. For Oxford's friendship with her son, George Gifford, see TNA SP 12/151/42, f. 96. For her son, William Gifford (1557-8-1629), Archbishop of Rheims, see the entry in the *ODNB*. For the memorial brass to her second husband, William Hodges (d.1590), see:

<http://www.flickr.com/photos/bwthornton/6115927215/>

* **Margaret Throckmorton**, who is said to have married firstly (blank) Catesby, and who married secondly Brian Cave (d.1592), esquire, the uncle of Roger Cave (d. 26 July 1586) who married Lord Burghley's sister, Margaret (nee Cecil) Cave Smith. See the will of Brian Cave, TNA PROB 11/80/375; and Waters, Robert Edmond Chester, *Genealogical Memoirs of the Extinct Family of Chester of Chicheley*, Vol. I, (London: Robson and Sons, 1878), p. 80 at:

<https://archive.org/stream/genealogicalmem01wategoog#page/n118/mode/2up>

* **Anne Throckmorton**, who married John Digby of Coleshill, Warwickshire, by whom she was the mother of Sir George Digby (1550-1587). In 1578 George Digby married Abigail Heveningham, the daughter of Sir Anthony Heveningham (d. 22 November 1557) and Mary Shelton (d.1571), by whom he had three sons, Sir Robert Digby (1574-1618), Philip Digby and John Digby (1580-1653), 1st Earl of Bristol, and a daughter, Elizabeth Digby. After the death of Sir George Digby, Abigail Heveningham married Edward Cordell (d. 9 December 1590), a younger brother of Oxford's trustee, Sir William Cordell (d.1581), who made Abigail his heir. For Abigail Heveningham Digby Cordell, a Gentlewoman of the Privy Chamber to Queen Elizabeth, see Emerson at:

<http://www.kateemersonhistoricals.com/TudorWomenH-He.htm>

See also the will of Sir George Digby, dated 1 April 1586 and proved 11 May 1587, TNA PROB 11/70/268, and the History of Parliament entry at:

<http://www.historyofparliamentonline.org/volume/1558-1603/member/digby-george-1550-87>

See also the History of Parliament entry for Sir Robert Digby (1574-1618) at:

<http://www.historyofparliamentonline.org/volume/1558-1603/member/digby-sir-robert-1574-1618>

See also the will of Edward Cordell, TNA PROB 11/77/25, and the History of Parliament entry at:

<http://www.historyofparliamentonline.org/volume/1558-1603/member/cordell-edward-1536-90>

For an arbitration award dated 5 October 1591 involving the Bailiff and Burgesses of Stratford-upon-Avon, Abigail Heveningham Digby Cordell, and the executors of the will of Sir John Huband (d. 24 December 1583), see Shakespeare Birthplace Trust ER 2/22. As noted below, Sir John Huband married Anne Throckmorton's sister, Mary Throckmorton.

For the Heveningham family, see the inquisition post mortem taken after the death of Sir Anthony Heveningham (d. 22 November 1557), TNA C 142/115/26, TNA C 142/116/71 and TNA C E 150/652/23, and:

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

See also Hunter, Joseph, 'The History and Topography of Ketteringham in the County of Norfolk', *Norfolk Archaeology*, Vol. III, (Norwich: Charles Muskett, 1852), pp. 245-314 at p. 288:

<https://books.google.ca/books?id=GwAVAAAAQAAJ&pg=PA288>

See also 'The Manor of Ketteringham' at:

<http://freepages.genealogy.rootsweb.ancestry.com/~heveningham/page18.html>

* **Katherine Throckmorton**, wife of Thomas (blank). *Quare* whether this is a duplication of Katherine Throckmorton, *supra*.

* **Mary Throckmorton** (d. 24 March 1558?), youngest daughter, who married Sir John Huband (d. 24 December 1583), who held a half share in the Stratford tithes later purchased on 24 July 1605 by William Shakespeare of Stratford upon Avon. She is the only one of the testator's daughters mentioned in the will below:

And I will that mine executors shall pay to my son-in-law, John Huband, three hundred marks for the marriage money of my daughter, Mary, his wife, according to the covenants or agreements made between me and Nicholas Huband, his father, now deceased, and I bequeath unto my said son, John Huband, one hundred marks over and besides the said three hundred marks with that twenty pounds that he hath received of me already, so that he do make a jointure to his said wife for term of her natural life of lands, tenements and hereditaments in Ipsley, Studley and Hylborowe in the county of Warwick to the clear yearly value of one hundred marks over and above all charges, according to an obligation thereof made to me by my said son-in-law, John Huband.

For further details concerning Sir John Huband and the Stratford tithes, see his will, TNA PROB 11/66/331.

For the tomb at Ipsley to Sir John Huband and his wife, Mary Throckmorton, see Dugdale, pp. 552-3 at:

<https://archive.org/stream/antiquitiesofwar00dugd#page/552/mode/2up>

* **Margery Throckmorton.**

* **Amy Throckmorton.**

* **Elizabeth Throckmorton.**

See Richardson, Douglas, *Magna Carta Ancestry*, 2nd ed., 2011, Vol. III, pp. 291-2.

In the will below the testator leaves the manor of Wincot in Gloucestershire to his sons, John Throckmorton and Anthony Throckmorton. Wincot is said to be alluded to in *The Taming of the Shrew*:

Ask Marian Hacket, the fat ale-wife of Wincot, if she know me not.

See also 'Parishes: Clifford Chambers', *A History of the County of Gloucester: volume 6* (1965), pp. 207-216. URL: <http://www.british-history.ac.uk/report.aspx?compid=66445>:

The manor of WINCOT . . . was sold by a Thomas Wincot in 1531 to George Throckmorton, and in 1565 John Throckmorton sold a moiety of the manor (the descent of the other moiety is unknown) to William Barnes, whose father was said to have held half the manor at his death in 1562.

RM: T{estamentum} Georgij Throkm{or}ton Milit{is}

[f. 160r] In the name of God, Amen. The 20th day of July in the year of Our Lord God a thousand five hundred fifty and two and in the 6 year of the reign of our Sovereign Lord Edward the Sixth 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 Supreme Head, I, Sir George Throckmorton, knight, being as well in health of body as of good and perfect mind and remembrance (the laud and praise thereof be to Almighty God), considering natural death to be common and certain unto all mankind, and nothing more uncertain than the time thereof, do make my testament and last will wherein is contained th' order and disposition as well of all my lordships, manors, lands, tenements and other hereditaments within the realm of England and all my goods and chattels in manner and form following:

First I bequeath my soul unto Almighty God, my Maker and Redeemer, to dwell amongst the holy company of heaven, and my body to be buried in the parish church of Coughton under the tomb that I have lately there prepared for me;

And whereas by a pair of indentures made between Sir Thomas Berkeley, knight, Lord Berkeley, of thone party, and me, the said Sir George, of thother party, bearing date the tenth day of November in the 18th year [=10 November 1526] of the reign of our late Sovereign Lord King Henry the 8th concerning the marriage of Robert Throckmorton, my son and heir apparent, unto Muriel, daughter of the said Lord Berkeley, the manors of Toseland and Yelling in the county of Huntingdon and all other my lands, tenements and other hereditaments in Toseland, Yelling, Paxton, Hemingford, Abbotswold, Payworth and Saint Ives in the said county of Huntingdon were assured unto the said Robert

Throckmorton and to his heirs males of his body lawfully begotten after the decease of me, the said Sir George Throckmorton, as by the said indentures plainly it may appear, which manors, lands, tenements and other the premises in Toseland, Yelling, Paxton, Hemingford, Abbotswold, Payworth and Saint Ives aforesaid I, the said Sir George, for certain considerations have bargained and sold away from me and mine heirs forever, for recompense, satisfaction and allowance whereof I have given to my said son, Robert Throckmorton, and Dame Elizabeth Hungerford, now his wife, and to the heirs males of their two bodies lawfully begotten, my manors of Solihull and Sheldon with their appurtenances in the county of Warwick, and all other my lands, tenements and hereditaments in Solihull and Sheldon aforesaid, as by a deed by me thereof made to the said Robert and Lady Elizabeth it doth and may appear, which deed and estate so by me as is aforesaid made I do ratify, approve and confirm by this my present testament and last will, and which manors of Solihull and Sheldon with th' appurtenances and other the premises in Solihull and Sheldon aforesaid be of as good or better yearly value as the said manors, lands and tenements in Toseland, Yelling, Paxton, Hemingfold [sic?], Abbotswold, Payworth and Saint Ives aforesaid;

And further I will that if it happen the said Robert Throckmorton and Lady Elizabeth, his wife, to die without issue male of their two bodies lawfully begotten, then I will that my said manors of Solihull and Sheldon with their appurtenances and all other the premises in Solihull and Sheldon aforesaid shall wholly remain to the heirs males of the body of my said son, Robert Throckmorton, lawfully begotten, and for default of such issue to the heirs males of my body lawfully begotten, and for default of such issue to the right heirs of me, the said Sir George, forever;

And whereas also by the covenants of the said indentures made between the said Lord Berkeley and me, the said Sir George Throckmorton, the manor of Roxton with th' appurtenances in the county of Bedford and all other my lands, tenements and hereditaments in Roxton aforesaid, the manor of Birdingbury with th' appurtenances and all other my lands, tenements and hereditaments in Birdingbury in the county of [f. 160v] Warwick, and certain lands and tenements in Milnerton, Brinklow, Studley, Alcester and Grafton in the said county of Warwick and in Elmley and Dormston in the county of Worcester were likewise assured unto the said Robert Throckmorton, my son, and to his heirs after the decease of me, the said Sir George, which manors of Roxton and Birdingbury aforesaid and all other the premises in Roxton, Birdingbury, Mylnerton, Brinklow, Studley, Alcester, Grafton, Elmley and Dormston aforesaid for divers considerations be now by me bargained and sold away to divers persons and to their heirs forever, for recompense, allowance and satisfaction whereof I will that after my decease my manors of Weston with th' appurtenances in the county of Buckingham and all other my lands, tenements and hereditaments in Weston aforesaid shall descend, remain and go unto the said Robert Throckmorton, my son, and to the said Lady Elizabeth Hungerford, his wife, and to th' heirs males of the body of the said Robert lawfully begotten, and for default of such issue to th' heirs males of my body lawfully begotten, and for default of such issue to the right heirs of me, the said Sir George Throckmorton, forever;

Also I will that after my decease the issues, rents, revenues and profits of my manors of Throckmorton and Black Naunton with their appurtenances in the county of Worcester, and all my lands, tenements & hereditaments in Throckmorton and Black Naunton aforesaid and in Thorndon, Bishampton, Hill [=Hull?], More [=Moor?], Fladbury, Podyll, Pynvey, Church Lench, Little Comberton and Dudley in the said county of Worcester, and of all my lands and tenements in Warwick in the county of Warwick, and of two tenements in Alcester in the said county of Warwick late in the several tenures of John Browne and Joan Turner, shall be received, perceived and taken by mine executors for the term of three years next after my decease for the payment of my debts and performance of this my last will, and after the full end of the same three years next after my decease, then I will that my said manors of Throckmorton and Black Naunton with their appurtenances and all my said lands, tenements and hereditaments in Throckmorton, Black Naunton, Thorndon, Bishampton, Hill [=Hull?], More [=Moor?], Fladbury, Podyll, Pynvey, Church Lench, Little Comberton, Dudley, Warwick and Alcester aforesaid shall wholly remain, descend and go to my said son, Robert Throckmorton, and to th' heirs males of his body lawfully begotten, and for default of such issue then to the heirs males of my body lawfully begotten, and for default of such issue to the right heirs of me, the said Sir George Throckmorton, forever;

Which manors of Solihull, Sheldon, Weston, Throckmorton and Black Naunton aforesaid with the said lands, tenements and other hereditaments in Solihull, Sheldon, Weston, Throckmorton, Black Naunton, Thorndon, Bishampton, Hull, Moor, Fladbury, Pedyll, Pynvey, Church Lench, Little Comberton, Dudley, Warwick and Alcester aforesaid by me appointed as is aforesaid to descend and go after the said three years next after my decease to the said Robert Throckmorton, my son, do amount to and above the third part of all the manors, lands, tenements and hereditaments of me, the said Sir George Throckmorton;

And whereas before this time I have given and assured unto my right well-beloved wife, Dame Katherine Throckmorton, my manor of Coughton and Spernall with th' appurtenances in the county of Warwick, and all other my lands, tenements and hereditaments in Coughton and Spernall aforesaid for term of her natural life for the great pains that she hath and hereafter shall take with me, all which gift and assurance to her or to any other person or persons to her use made of the said manors of Coughton and Spernall and of all other lands, tenements and hereditaments in Coughton & Spernall aforesaid for term of her natural life I do ratify, approve and confirm by this my present testament and last will upon condition that she shall not claim, have or demand any right, title or interest of dower of or in any other of my lands, tenements or hereditaments, and also so that with the said manors of Coughton and Spernall and the said lands, tenements and hereditaments in Coughton and Spernall or [sic?] aforesaid, and with such other manors, lands and tenements as be hereafter appointed to her by this my last will, she shall hold her contented and do refuse all such other manors, lands and tenements as were enfeoffed, recovered or otherwise assured to her use of and for her jointure at the time of her marriage or at any time since which be not to her appointed and limited by this my last will, and after the decease of my said wife I will that the said manors of Coughton and Spernall and all other the said lands, tenements and hereditaments in Coughton and

Spennall aforesaid shall remain to my said son, Robert Throckmorton, and to the heirs males of his body lawfully begotten, and for default of such issue to the heirs males of my body lawfully begotten, and for default of such [+issue] to the right heirs of me, the said Sir George Throckmorton, forever;

Also I will that after my decease the said Dame Katherine, my wife, shall have my manors of Oversley with th' appurtenances in the said county of Warwick and all my lands, tenements and other hereditaments in Oversley, King's Broom, Wixford, Exhall and Stratford Upon Avon in the said county of Warwick, and a tenement in Alcester in the said county of Warwick now in the tenure of one John Eton, all which do appertain and belong to the said manor of Oversley, during the natural life of my said wife according to a deed indented thereof by me before this time made, which deed indented thereof made and everything therein contained I do ratify, approve and confirm by this my present testament & last will;

And further I will that if it happen my said wife to die before my debts be fully paid and before this my present testament and last will be fully performed, then I will that the issues, revenues and profits of my said manor of Oversley and of all my said lands, tenements and other hereditaments in Oversley, King's Broom, Wixford, Exhall, Stratford Upon Avon and Alcester aforesaid to the said manor of Oversley appertaining shall be received and taken by such of mine executors as shall happen to overlive my said wife towards the payment of my debts and performance of this my last will until such time as the same shall be fully [f. 161r] performed, and after the decease of my said wife and after my debts paid and this my testament fully performed, I will that the said manor of Oversley with th' appurtenances and all other the said lands, tenements and other hereditaments in Oversley, King's Broom, Wixford, Exhall, Stratford Upon Avon and Alcester aforesaid to the said manor of Oversley appertaining shall wholly remain to my said son, Robert Throckmorton, and to his heirs and assigns forever;

And I will that mine executors after my decease shall receive, take & have th' issues, rents, revenues and profits of my manor of Tanworth with th' appurtenances in the said county of Warwick and of all my lands, tenements, woods and other hereditaments in Tanworth aforesaid for and during the term of three years next after my decease to and for the payment of my debts and performance of this my last will, and after the full end of the said three years next after my decease I will that my said manor of Tanworth with th' appurtenances and all my lands, tenements and other hereditaments in Tanworth aforesaid shall wholly remain, descend and go to my said son, Robert Throckmorton, and to the heirs males of his body lawfully begotten, paying to either of his brethren, Kenelm Throckmorton and Nicholas Throckmorton, and to th' heirs males of their bodies lawfully begotten an annuity or yearly rent of twenty pounds, and to the said Kenelm Throckmorton for term of his natural life one other annuity or yearly rent of other twenty pounds, to begin after th' end of years next after my decease, and to either of my servants and friends such annuities and rents as I have severally given them out of my said manors, lands and tenements according to the several tenors of my deeds of grant thereof to every of them made, all which deeds and grants and every of them so by me made I do ratify, approve and confirm by this my present testament and last will;

And if it happen my said son, Robert, to die without issue male of his body lawfully begotten, then I will the said manor of Tanworth with th' appurtenances and all other the premises in Tanworth aforesaid shall remain to th' heirs males of my body lawfully begotten, and for default of such issue to the right heirs of me, the said Sir George Throckmorton, forever;

Also I will that after my decease mine executors shall receive, perceive, take and have all the rents, revenues, issues and profits of all my lands and tenements in Woodhouse in the parish of Rowne(?) Alne in the county of Warwick, and of the reversion of a saltfat with th' appurtenances in Droitwich in the county of Worcester now in the tenure of Ioh{ann}is(?) Butler th' elder, toward the payment of my debts and performance of this my last will until it shall be fully performed, and after my debts paid and this my will fully performed, then I will that my said lands and tenements in Woodhouse aforesaid and the said saltfat with th' appurtenances in Droitwich aforesaid shall remain to my said son, Robert Throckmorton, and to the heirs male of his body lawfully begotten, and for default of such issue to th' heirs males of my body lawfully begotten, and for default of such issue to the right heirs of me, the said Sir George Throckmorton, forever;

And also I will that after my decease my manor of Wyncote [=Wincot/Wilmcote] with th' appurtenances in the county of Gloucester and all other my lands, tenements and hereditaments in Wyncote aforesaid shall wholly remain to my sons, John Throckmorton and Anthony Throckmorton, that is to wit, thone moiety thereof to my said son, John Throckmorton, and to the heirs males of his body lawfully begotten, and thother moiety thereof to my said son, Anthony Throckmorton, and to th' heirs males of his body lawfully begotten according to the tenor of a deed indented thereof by me lately made to certain persons to such like uses and behoofs, so that the same John and Anthony, my sons, and either of them, do permit and suffer mine executors to receive, perceive, take and have the rents, revenues, issues and profits of my said manor of Wyncote and of all other my said lands, tenements and hereditaments in Wyncote aforesaid during the term of three years next after my decease toward the payment of my debts & performance of this my last will according as the said John and Anthony, my sons, have promised me to do, and I will that if it happen either of my said sons, John and Anthony, to die without issue male of his body lawfully begotten, that then the moiety of him so dying without issue male shall remain to the right heirs of me, the said Sir George Throckmorton, forever, according to the tenor, purport & effect of the said deed indented;

And forasmuch as I have assured the manors of Solihull & Sheldon aforesaid to my said son, Robert Throckmorton, and Lady Elizabeth Hungerford, his wife, and to the heirs males of their two bodies lawfully begotten, as is before declared, and have made the said Robert, my son, joint patent with me in the most part of all mine offices, which be worth an hundred marks by year, and also do suffer to descend to him in possession after my decease and in reversion after the decease of my said wife and after my will performed lands, tenements and hereditaments to the yearly value of two hundred marks and above (more than my father left me), in consideration thereof I do charge my said son, Robert, to permit and suffer every of my younger sons quietly and without vexation, trouble or

interruption to have, hold, perceive, take and enjoy such manors, lands, tenements, rents and hereditaments as I have beforetime severally granted, assured and given them according to the tenors and intents of every of their several deeds and grants thereof by me to them made, as my assured trust is in him that he will so do;

And that all such annuities and fees as I have given to certain of my servants and friends during their lives, as well out of my manor of Throckmorton as out of any other of my said manors, lands and tenements, may be duly paid according to my several grants thereof made, and in case my said son, Robert, do not permit and suffer as well every of his said younger brethren to whom I have given, granted or assured any manors, lands, tenements, rents or hereditaments quietly to have, hold perceive, take and enjoy the same, as also all and every other person and persons to whom I have aliened & sold any manors, lands, tenements or hereditaments quietly to have, hold, possede and enjoy the same manors, lands, tenements and hereditaments and every of them to them given, granted, assured, bargained or sold according to the tenor of this my will and the tenor of every of their several grants, assurances, bargains and sales, considering I have left to my said son, Robert, sufficient recompense for the same, as before is declared, or if my said son, Robert, and his heirs [f. 161v] do not truly pay or cause to be paid all such fees and annuities as I have given to any of my friends or servants out of any of the manors, lands or tenements to him assigned, limited or given as is aforesaid when the same manors, lands or tenements shall come to his possession;

Then I will that the remainder to him before devised and declared of and upon the manor of Oversley with th' appurtenances and of all other lands to the same appertaining (after the decease of my said wife and my will fully performed) shall be clearly void and of none effect, and then I will, dispose and give two parts of the said manor of Oversley with th' appurtenances and of all other the said lands, tenements and hereditaments in Oversley, King's Broom, Wixford, Exhall, Stratford and Alcester aforesaid to the said manor of Oversley appertaining in three parts to be divided, after the decease of my said wife and after my debts and legacies paid and this my will fully performed, unto my sons, Kenelm Throckmorton and Clement Throckmorton, and to th' heirs males of their two bodies lawfully begotten, and for default of such issue the same two parts of the said manor of Oversley with th' appurtenances and of all other the premises in Oversley, King's Broom, Wixford, Exhall, Stratford and Alcester aforesaid to remain to th' heirs males of my body lawfully begotten, and for default of such issue to the right heirs of me, the said Sir George Throckmorton, forever;

And I give and bequeath to my son, Clement Throckmorton, four hundred pounds in money to be paid to him in four years next after my decease, that is to wit, every year of the same 4 years one hundred pounds, so that he do bestow the said money in purchasing or buying of lands, tenements or hereditaments;

And I will that mine executors shall pay to my son-in-law, John Huband, three hundred marks for the marriage money of my daughter, Mary, his wife, according to the covenants or agreements made between me and Nicholas Huband, his father, now deceased, and I bequeath unto my said son, John Huband, one hundred marks over and

besides the said three hundred marks with that twenty pounds that he hath received of me already, so that he do make a jointure to his said wife for term of her natural life of lands, tenements and hereditaments in Ipsley, Studley and Hylborowe in the county of Warwick to the clear yearly value of one hundred marks over and above all charges, according to an obligation thereof made to me by my said son-in-law, John Huband;

And further I will that as well all such debts as I do owe as also all such legacies as I have made or shall make shall be paid and performed with as convenient speed after my decease as may be, which debts and legacies aforesaid I will shall be made and paid as well of my woods in the parks of Coughton, Spennall and Oversley as also of my leases, goods and chattels and of th' issues, revenues and profits of such of my lands and tenements as be before appointed to that purpose and intent;

And I will that the same Dame Katherine, my wife, shall have th' occupying & take the profits as well of my lease of the parsonage and tithes of Haselor as of my lease of the rent corn of Aldington, Wykenford Church, Honeybourne and Middle Littleton during her life toward the payment of my debts and performing of my last will;

And if it happen my said wife to die before the determination of the years of my said lease or before my will be performed, then I will that my said son, Robert, shall have my said leases to him and his assigns during my years in the same and the profits and revenues of my said manor of Oversley with th' appurtenances, therewith to pay my debts and legacies then being unpaid and to perform my will;

And after my debts and legacies paid and my will fully performed, I will that my said manor of Oversley with th' appurtenances after the decease of my said wife shall remain to my said son, Robert, and to his heirs and assigns forever upon condition before expressed;

And I will and do charge my said son, Robert Throckmorton, that he do see that the alms-house in Coughton aforesaid shall be ordered & performed according to my father's will after the decease of John Mylner, the blind man, William Paterson, Henry Shep{er}de, John Fisher and Dorothy (blank) that I now keep there, and that all other things specified in my father's will not yet done shall be well and truly performed in every point according as I have declared to mine executors;

The residue of all my goods and chattels after my funeral charges borne, my debts and legacies paid, and this my will fully performed, I give and bequeath to my said wife, to bestow part thereof in deeds of charity for the wealth of my soul and for the preferment of my children as she shall think best by her discretion;

And of this my present testament and last will I do make and ordain my said wife, Dame Katherine Throckmorton, Robert Throckmorton, my son and heir apparent, Kenelm Throckmorton, Clement Throckmorton, Nicholas Throckmorton, John Throckmorton, my sons, and Robert Edgeworth mine executors, whom I do charge as they will answer before God at the day of doom to see this my last will performed in every point and

article according to the true meaning and intent of the same & according to such trust as I do put them in;

And I do give and bequeath to my said sons, Kenelm and Clement, to either of them twenty pounds, and to my said son, Nicholas, for that he hath less need than any other of my younger sons, but ten pounds, and to my said son, John, ten pounds, and to the said Robert Edgeworth, five pounds, for every of their pains to be sustained in and about the premises;

And I do give and bequeath to my sister, Margaret Throckmorton, forty shillings yearly during her life, and to Vole(?) Okulse(?) twenty shilling during her life, and to Thomas Yonge twenty shillings yearly during his life, every of the said annuities or yearly payments to be paid by mine executors of my leases, goods and chattels and of the rents, issues and profits of my said lands before appointed to the performance of this my last will;

And also I give and [f. 162r] bequeath to every one of my household waiting servants to whom I have not given any horse, gelding or colt before this time one colt or gelding as my wife and executors shall think best;

And I will that every my said household waiting servants and hind-servants that have my livery shall have(?) a black coat;

And that all such of my servants as do take wages shall have their half year's wages paid them at Michaelmas next coming;

And I will that my said wife and Robert Throckmorton, my son, shall make a lease for the term of 21 years to John Parsons of the tenement and lands in Spernall that John Otye, deceased, late held, yielding and paying therefore yearly eight pounds of rent, and that they shall allow or give to the said John Parsons toward the reparations of the said tenement five pounds over and besides other five pounds that I have allowed him already;

And I will that my servant, William Parker, shall have forty shillings yearly, and two kines' grass in my park of Coughton during his life;

And that Ralph Hyamson(?), my cook, shall have the lands in Spernall of 26s 8d rent by year that he now occupieth, and over that 26s 8d of wages yearly during his life;

And that Thomas Hyggyns, my brewer, shall have for the two years next coming twenty shillings of wages yearly, and after those two years, then he to have 26s 8d of wages yearly;

And I bequeath to my cousin, John Underhill, towards the redeeming of his lands, twenty pounds;

And I give and bequeath to my said son, Robert Throckmorton, my chain of gold, my eldest basin and ewer of silver, and a standing cup of silver gilt with the cover that was my father's;

And I will that all and every such bills or schedules as I shall subscribe with mine own hand and cause to be annexed or added to this my will shall be reputed, taken and performed as part and parcel of my last will and testament;

In witness whereof I have subscribed every leaf of this my present testament and last will with mine own hand, and to the same have put my seal. George Throckmorton. These being witness: John Fecknam, clerk, John Huband, Henry Shelmerdyne, clerk, John Roper.

Probatum fuit testamentum coram Magistro Willmo Cooke Legum doctore prerogative ecclie xpi Cantuariensis sede Archiepali ibidem vacante Commissario quinto die Mensis Decembris Anno Domini Millesimo quingentesimo quinquagesimo tercio Iuramento Willmi Walker procuratoris Domine Katherine Relicte et executricis in huiusmodi testamento nominatim Ac approbatum et insinatum et commissum fuit administratio omnium bonorum &c De bene &c Ac de pleno Inuentorio &c exhibendo Ad sancta dei Evangelia in debita iuris forma Iurata Reseruate alij Executoribus &c cum venerit [sic?] &c

[=The testament was proved before Master William Cooke, Doctor of the Laws, Commissary of the Prerogative [+Court?] of the Church of Christ of Canterbury in(?) the archiepiscopal seat there vacant, on the fifth day of the month of December in the year of the Lord the thousand five hundred fifty-third by the oath of William Walker, proctor of Lady Katherine, relict and executrix named in the same testament, and probated and entered, and administration was granted of all the goods etc., sworn on the Holy Gospels in due form of law to well etc., and to exhibit a full inventory etc., with power reserved to the other executors etc. when they shall have come etc.]