

SUMMARY: The document below is the Prerogative Court of Canterbury copy of the will, dated 1 March 1559 and proved 8 May 1558 [sic for 1559] of Lady Anne Grey.

### ***FAMILY BACKGROUND***

The testatrix was the daughter of Sir Edward Jerningham (d. 6 January 1515) of Somerleyton, Suffolk, by his first wife, Margaret Bedingfield (b. about 1476, died 24 March 1504). For the will of Sir Edward Jerningham, see TNA PROB 11/18/104.

The testatrix' maternal grandfather, Sir Edmund Bedingfield (1443-1496), fought under John de Vere (1442-1513), 13<sup>th</sup> Earl of Oxford, at the Battle of Stoke on 15 June 1487, and in the same year entertained King Henry VII at Oxburgh, on which occasion the King was accompanied by the 13<sup>th</sup> Earl of Oxford, among others. Sir Edmund Bedingfield (1443-1496) was twice married. By his first wife, Alice Shelton (d. about 1478), he had one daughter, Margaret (b. about 1476, d. 24 March 1504), the testatrix' mother. For the will of the testatrix' maternal grandfather, Sir Edmund Bedingfield (1443-1496), see TNA PROB 11/11/6.

Sir Edward Jerningham and Margaret Bedingfield are said to have had six sons and two daughters:

-**Sir John Jerningham** (d.1559?) of Somerleyton, Suffolk, who married Bridget Drury (d. 19 January 1518), the daughter of Sir Robert Drury (d. 2 March 1535) of Hawstead, Suffolk, by whom he had three sons and two daughters:

(1) **George Jerningham** (1515-1559).

(2) **Robert Jerningham**.

(3) **John Jerningham**.

(4) **Anne Jerningham**, who married Sir Thomas Cornwallis (d.1604) of Brome, Suffolk.

(5) **Elizabeth Jerningham**, who married John Sulyard of Wetherden, Suffolk.

Bridget Drury's name appears on the fly-leaf of the Ellesmere manuscript of *The Canterbury Tales* now in the Huntington Library, together with the names of four of her brothers and sisters: 'William Drury, miles, Robertus Drury, miles, Domina [Anne] Jarmin, Domina [Bridget] Jarningham, and Domina [Ursula] Allington.' For George Jerningham (1515-1559), see also:

<http://www.historyofparliamentonline.org/volume/1509-1558/member/jerningham-george-1515-59>

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**-Thomas Jerningham.**

**-Olyff Jerningham.**

**-Robert Jerningham** (d. 25 April 1528), 'much famed for his valour', who died at the siege of Naples without issue. See Druery, *infra*, p. 175.

**-Nicholas Jerningham.**

**-Edward Jerningham.**

**-Margaret Jerningham** (d.1559), who married firstly George Blennerhasset, and secondly, Robert Holdich.

**-Anne Jerningham**, the testatrix.

For the foregoing see Druery, John Henry, *Historical Notices of Great Yarmouth in Norfolk and the Half Hundred of Lothingland in Suffolk*, (London: Nichols & Sons, 1826), pp. 174-6 at:

<https://archive.org/stream/historicalandto00druegoog#page/n248/mode/2up>

See also Betham, William, *The Baronetage of England*, (Ipswich: Burrell and Bransby, 1801), Vol. I, pp. 228-9 at:

<https://archive.org/stream/baronetageengla00unkngoog#page/n244/mode/2up>

After the death of his first wife, Margaret Bedingfield, Sir Edward Jerningham married Mary (nee Scrope), by whom he is said to have had four sons and a daughter, the testatrix' siblings of the half blood:

**-Sir Henry Jerningham** (d. 6 September 1572) of Costessey, who married Frances Baynham, the daughter of Sir George Baynham (d. 6 May 1546) of Clearwell, Gloucestershire, by whom he had three sons, Henry, William and Francis, (and according to the will below another son, Philip), and two daughters, Mary, who married Sir Thomas Southwell (d.1568) of Woodrising, Norfolk, and Jeronyma, who married Charles Waldegrave. For the will of Sir Henry Jerningham, see TNA PROB 11/55/240.

**-Ferdinand Jerningham.**

**-Edward Jerningham**, born after the death of his father.

**-Edmund Jerningham** (d. 9 February 1546), whose wardship was granted to his mother's second husband, Sir William Kingston (d. 14 September 1540). He was a Gentleman of the Bedchamber to King Henry VIII. See the entry for him in the *ODNB*.

**-Elizabeth Jerningham**, said to have been a Maid of Honour to Queen Mary I.

After the death of Sir Edward Jerningham in 1515, Mary Scrope Jerningham married Sir William Kingston. For his will, see TNA PROB 11/28/542. For the will of Mary Scrope Jerningham Kingston (d. 25 August 1548), see TNA PROB 11/32/320.

### ***MARRIAGES***

The testatrix married firstly Sir Edward Grey (d. before 1517), eldest son of Thomas Grey, 1st Marquess of Dorset.

The testatrix married secondly Henry Barlee (1487-November 12, 1529) of Albury, Hertfordshire.

The testatrix married thirdly Sir Robert Drury (d. 2 March 1535) of Hawstead, Suffolk.

The testatrix married fourthly Sir Edmund Walsingham (d. 10 February 1550) of Chislehurst, Kent. See Challen, W.H. 'Lady Anne Grey', *Notes and Queries*, January 1963, 10(1), pp. 5-9; Richardson, Douglas, *Magna Carta Ancestry*, 2<sup>nd</sup> ed., 2011, Vol. II, p. 93; and the will of Sir Edmund Walsingham, TNA PROB 11/33/405.

According to some sources (including Richardson), she had a fifth husband who was a member of the Berkeley family; this fifth marriage would appear to be supported by her bequests in the will below to her 'sons' [=stepsons] Sir John Berkeley and William Berkeley. The testatrix had no issue by any of her marriages.

At the time the testatrix made her will, only two of her siblings of the whole blood, Sir John Jerningham of Somerleyton, and Margaret (nee Jerningham) Blennerhassett Holdich, were still living. Of her siblings of the half blood by her father's second marriage to Mary (nee Scrope) Jerningham Kingston (d. 25 August 1548), only Sir Henry Jerningham (d. 6 September 1572) was still living.

The testatrix held a lease on a house in the Blackfriars which, according to the will of her last husband, Sir Edmund Walsingham, she had acquired prior to her marriage to him:

*Item, I will and give to the said Dame Anne all her leases of her lodging and gardens of the Blackfriars at London in as large and ample manner as she hold [=held] them before marriage with me.*

In her will below, the testatrix directs that her Blackfriars lease be sold:

*Item, I will that the lease of my house at the Blackfriars in London be sold by my executors and the money thereof coming to go to the performance of this my last will and testament, and in the sale thereof I will that my nephew, John Jerningham, son to Sir John Jerningham, knight, shall have ten pound of it and a gilt goblet.*

For mention of the testatrix' house in the Blackfriars in a lease to Sir William Kingston dated 6 May 1540, see TNA E 315/212, ff. 134-5:

*And all that part of the dorter which is neither assigned nor demised to the Lady Anne Grey, widow, on the north side of the said cloister.*

In her will the testatrix requested burial in St Clement's Church in London 'where my Lord my husband lieth', i.e. the testatrix' first husband, Sir Edward Grey (d. before 1517), eldest son of Thomas Grey, 1st Marquess of Dorset and Cicely Bonville.

See Nichols, John Gough, ed., *The Diary of Henry Machyn*, (London: Camden Society, 1848), pp. 191, 282-284, 368-72, 390.

RM: D{omine} Anne Grey

In the name of God, Amen. The first day of March in the first year of the reign of our Sovereign Lady Elizabeth by the grace of God Queen of England, France and Ireland, Defender of the Faith, etc., and in the year of Our Lord God a thousand five hundred 58, I, the Lady Anne Grey, widow, the late wife of Sir Edmund Walsingham, knight, being of whole mind and perfect remembrance, thanks be unto Almighty God, do make, ordain and declare this my last will and testament in manner and form following:

First I bequeath and commend my soul unto Almighty God, my Creator and Redeemer of the world, and all the holy company of heaven, and my body to be buried in Saint Clement's Church in London where my Lord my husband lieth, if it shall so seem good to mine executors;

And I then being buried, give unto the churchwardens of the said Saint Clement's Church 40s to th' use of the same church, and there to have the divine service and rites of the church celebrated at my funeral accordingly;

Item, I give and bequeath unto my brother, Sir John Jerningham, knight, a tester of cloth of gold and crimson velvet with my arms being thereon, the best featherbed, the best bolster, the best pair of sheets, the best fustians, a pair of pillows, a pair of pillow-beres, a counterpane of crimson velvet and green satin, one great mattress, two altar-cloths of crimson velvet and green satin, and a chalice of silver parcel gilt;

Item, I do give unto my said brother two pieces of arras which I now have, and I will that other two pieces shall be bought of like goodness and quantity to furnish a chamber, and the same to be delivered to my said brother as of my gift;

Item, I do give unto my said brother a great bowl pounced, which I will shall be delivered unto him as of my gift;

Item, I give unto my said brother a vestment of crimson velvet with th' appurtenances which I will shall be delivered unto him likewise of my gift, all which parcels above bequeathed to my said brother I will shall remain to him and to his heirs;

Item, I do give unto my brother [=half-brother], Sir Henry Jerningham, a ring of gold with a turquoise, and one of the best gilted bowls pounced;

Item, I do give unto my sister Jerningham, the wife of my foresaid brother, Sir Henry Jerningham, a ring of gold with a starn diamond;

Item, I give unto my godson, Henry Jerningham, son to my foresaid brother, my heart of gold having in it the picture of King Henry th' Eight;

Item, I give to Philip Jerningham, brother to my foresaid godson, a tablet of gold;

Item, I give to my niece, Mary Jerningham, daughter to my said brother, Sir Henry Jerningham, knight, a goblet of silver and gilt with a cover which my Lady Kingston gave me;

Item, I give to my niece, Jeromine, daughter of my said brother, Sir Henry Jerningham, a ring with a square diamond enameled with black;

Item, I give to my son [=stepson], Sir Robert Drury, a rock-ruby which was his father's;

Item, I give to my daughter Drury, the late wife of Sir William Drury, a ring with a diamond;

Item, to my daughter Jermayn [=Jermyn], my daughter Butler, and the Lady Butler, wife of Sir John Butler, each of them a ring of gold of twenty shillings in value which my executors shall cause to be made with a death's-head and the letters of A and G, and to be delivered unto them for a remembrance of me;

Item, I give to my son [stepson], Sir John Berkeley, a cup of silver and gilt;

Item, I give to my son [stepson], William Berkeley, esquire, a silver gilt cruse;

LM: Item, I give to my son [stepson], Anthony Barley, a ring with a turquoise;

Item, I give to my daughter Lenthropp [=Leventhorpe] with my daughter Gunter, each of them a ring to be made as is before of twenty shillings apiece in value, and a diaper towel;

Item, I give to my niece, the Lady Cornwallis, a gown of murrey velvet furred with sables, and a kirtle of wrought velvet with a train;

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Item, I give to my niece, Elizabeth Cornwallis, her daughter, a bracelet of gold and a gown of wrought velvet with scallop shells and a train kirtle longing to it, and to her eldest brother, William Cornwallis, a brooch;

Item, I give to my sister Holdich a kirtle of murrey velvet and a gown of black velvet furred with budge, and a saddle with a gilt pommel, and the covering of velvet;

Item, I give to the Lady Peckham a ring with a pyncted(?) [=pointed?] diamond;

Item, I give to my nephew, Sir John Sulyard, a ring with a ruby;

Item, I give to Edward Sulyard a brooch of gold enamelled, to his other brothers twenty shillings, and to his two sisters, Anne and Margaret, either of them twenty shillings and a pair of sheets;

Item I give to my nephew, Sir Thomas Cornwallis, a tester of crimson satin and cloth of silver impaned;

Item, where my late husband, Mr Walsingham, and by his last will and testament gave unto me during my lifetime all his utensils of household and household stuff, and after my decease thone half thereof to his son, Thomas Walsingham, as I do by this my will, and for th' accomplishment of my said late husband's will give unto my said son Walsingham thone half of the said goods now being at Yaxe in Kent, so do I pronounce that of such linen as my said husband, his father, did leave behind him at his death, I did make an equal division, and gave him thone half thereof continent after the funerals of my said husband, his father, and therefore of that moiety he is no more to be answered ne allowed, over and above which moiety I do give to my said son Walsingham of my part of the said household stuff two featherbeds, two mattresses, two pairs of sheets, two bolsters, two pillows and two counterpoints and the hangings of arras in my chamber at Yaxe upon this condition, that he do suffer my executors quietly to take and enjoy my part and moiety of the said goods at Yaxe, or else I will he shall have no benefit by this my legacy and last will;

Item, I will(?) [+&] give to my daughter Walsingham, his wife, a carpet and a clock that is in Yaxe;

Item, I give to my niece Jerningham, wife of George Jerningham, a kirtle of wrought velvet and a gown of black satin furred with sables, a tester of russet tinsel, and curtains of red and yellow sarsenet, and a feather bed with all that longeth to it;

Item, I give to my niece, Klye(?) Jenny(?), the wife of Arthur Jennye(?), a tester of black velvet with a cutte(?) of gold and crimson velvet, the bedstead with a bed, a counterpoint, a bolster, a pair of sheets and a pair of fustians;

Item, I give to my nephew, John Jerningham, son to George Jerningham, a bedstead with the trussing coffers(?) belonging to it, a tester of cloth of silver and purple satin, a

featherbed, a bolster, a pair of blankets, two pair of sheets, one pillow, one pair of pillow-beres and a counterpoint of arras, two cupboard cloths and two towels, a basin and ewer of pewter, a goblet of silver and gilt with a cover;

Item, I give to Sir Thomas Saunders and my Lady, his wife, either of them a silver trencher;

To Sir Walter Mildmay and my Lady, his wife, either of them a silver trencher;

And to Mr Raynard and his wife, either of them a silver trencher;

Item, I do give to Anne Jerningham, my servant, daughter of the foresaid George Jerningham, a kirtle of black satin and a kirtle of blue satin with French sleeves belonging to it, a bedstead, a featherbed, a bolster, two pair of sheets and a pair of blankets, a pillow, one pair of pillow-beres, a pair of fustians, two hand towels, a pewter basin, a fine sheet, a chain of gold weighing 21 pounds [sic?], and in money £33 13s 4d, a border of great pearl, and an A of diamonds, a tester of scarlet and curtains of say, a great coffer and a little coffer, a gelding called Clyston with mine own saddle, a diaper tablecloth, a dozen of diaper napkins, a cupboard cloth of diaper, a diaper towel, a plain tablecloth and a towel and a dozen of plain napkins and pieces of russet tinsel;

Item, I do give to Walter Jerningham, son of George Jerningham, ten pound in money, a goblet of silver gilt without a cover, a blue sarsenet canopy, a bedstead, a featherbed, a bolster, a pillow, a pillow-bere, two pairs of sheets, a pair of blankets, a basin, a towel, and a grey mare;

And to Elizabeth Jerningham, sister to the said Walter Jerningham, a border of pearl & of gold beads, a flower with an [-a and] A with a diamond in the midst, and a pair of sheets;

Item, I give to my niece Jerningham, wife to John Jerningham of Belton, a black satin gown guarded with velvet unfurred;

Item, I give to my nephew John Jerningham his daughters, each of them 20s and a pair of sheets;

Item, I give to Margaret Cokett and to her husband a gilted cruse;

Item, I give to Francis Haule an old rial;

Item, I give to my servant, Shawne Hiltaught, three pound in money, a kirtle of black satin, and a ri[d]ing saddle;

Item, I give to old John Cooke one featherbed, a bolster, a pair of blankets, a pair of coarse sheets, a mean coverlet, and twenty shillings in money;

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Item, I give to Sir Henry Bedingfield a gilted pot, to remain to him and to his heirs, and to either of his brethren a gilted cup, and to his eldest son a drinking cruse;

Item, I give to my Lady Southwell a cramp-ring, and to Harry, her son, twenty shillings;

Item, I give to Mother Bromwell a gown of cloth and 20s beside;

Item, I give to John Swetall, my servant, a featherbed, a bolster, two pair of coarse sheets, a pair of blankets, a quilt, and 40s in money;

Item, I give to Roger Frytthe a bed at Yaxe, a gelding, and three pound in money besides his wages;

Item, I give to John Dyer a bed with th' appurtenances, to be delivered him at my executors' discretions, and three pound besides his wages;

Item, I give to my cousin Palmes a bed and all belongeth to it, and 20s in money;

Item, I give to Gillebrand twenty shillings, and to Anne Gillebrand and her other sisters, each of them twenty shillings in money, and to Gillebrand's wife a pair of sheets;

Item, I give to Margery and Florence, my maids, either of them 6s 8d in money;

Item, I give to the widow Vallantes her son and daughters, each of them 6s 8d;

Item, I give to Mr Moulton a tester of black damask with th' appurtenances;

Item I give to Mr Blackwell a cramp-ring;

Item, I will that my executors shall bestow on my burial and funerals, and distribute unto the poor folk at such places as best shall seem to their discretions, twenty pound;

Item, I give to Mrs Blackwell a cramp-ring;

Item, I will that the lease of my house at the Blackfriars in London be sold by my executors and the money thereof coming to go to the performance of this my last will and testament, and in the sale thereof I will that my nephew, John Jerningham, son to Sir John Jerningham, knight, shall have ten pound of it and a gilt goblet;

Item, I give to Pilstone, Sir Henry Jerningham's servant, twenty shillings and a little colt that is in his keeping;

Item, I will that my executors, supervisors, and my servants shall have blacks over and above;



I will and bequeath for the space of ten years 20s yearly during the said years to the poor folk in Lothingland;

Item, I give to Stares(?) 40s, and a nag which my brother gave me;

All the rest of my goods movable and unmovable not before given nor bequeathed, my debts being paid, my legacies fulfilled and my funeral expenses discharged, I will shall be sold by my executors, and the money thereof coming I will shall be equally divided amongst the foresaid Jerningham children of my nephew, George Jerningham, that is to say, Thomas, Harry, Elizabeth and Margaret;

Item, I do ordain and make of this my present testament and last will my brother, Sir Henry Jerningham, Sir Thomas Cornwallis, knights, and my nephew, John Jerningham the younger, mine executors, and do require Mr Moulton and Mr Blackwell to be my supervisors;

In witness whereof I have hereunto subscribed my name with mine own hand and with mine own seal have sealed it the day and year above-written. Witnesses whereof testifying that this is the true will of the said Lady Anne Grey, sealed and subscribed by her the day and year within-written be these names hereunder be [sic] subscribed. Sir Ralph Wayckfeld [=Wakefield?], curate of Saint Andrews, John Mouncaster. This mark is Robert Sharbook's, woodmonger.

This codicil written in the presence of the Lady Grey and by her special will and commandment:

First, I give and bequeath unto Anthony Fryer, my servant, 20s;

Item, unto Thomas Crouch, my servant, 20s;

Item, unto Thomas Dasse, my servant, 20s;

Item, unto Anthony Wates, some time my servant, 20s;

Item, I will that my gentlewomen shall have their summer liveries according to their covenants, and Elinor to have a chest in which she keeps my linen;

Item, I will that Henry (blank), my farmer, and Reynold Vpharbard [=ap Herbert?] with the rest of my servants hath their summer liveries according to their covenants. Henry Jerningham.

Probatum fuit suprascriptum Testamentum vnacu{m} codicillo coram Mag{ist}ro Waltero Haddon Legum doctore Curie prerogatiue Cant{uariensis} Custodie siue com{m}issario sede Archiep{isco}pali Cant{uariensis} iam vacan{tis} octauo die mens{is} Maij anno d{omi}ni mill{es}imo quingen{tesim}o quinquagesimo octavo Iurament{o} Ioh{ann}is Jernegan Iunioris p{er}sonal{ite}r pre{sen}tis et Thome Cornwalleys milit{is} in p{er}sona Ioh{ann}is Mouncaster procuratoris sui &c Quibus comissa est administrac{i}o &c De bene &c Ad sancta dei Eu{a}ngelia Iurat{is} Res{er}uata p{otes}tate d{omi}no Henrico Iernegan milit{i} Executori etiam &c cu{m} venerit &c

[The above-written testament was proved together with the codicil before Master Walter Haddon, Doctor of the Laws, Keeper or Commissary of the Prerogative Court of the Archbishopial seat of Canterbury, now vacant, on the eighth day of the month of May in the year of the Lord the thousand five hundred eighth by the oath of John Jerningham the younger, personally present, and Thomas Cornwallis, knight, in the person of John Mouncaster, his proctor, etc., to whom administration was granted etc., sworn on the Holy Gospels to well etc., with power reserved to Sir Henry Jerningham, knight, executor also etc., when he shall have come etc.]