

SUMMARY: The document below is the Prerogative Court of Canterbury copy of the will, dated 27 September 1587 and proved 30 April 1589, of Margaret (nee West) Danyell, sister-in-law of William Golding (d.1588), brother of Oxford's mother, Margery Golding.

FAMILY BACKGROUND

The testatrix was the daughter of Edmund West (d.1531?), son of Thomas West (d. August 1508). For the will of Thomas West, see TNA PROB 11/16/187. For the will of Edmund West, see TNA PROB 11/24/136.

The testatrix' mother was Dorothy Drury, daughter of John Drury (d.1498) of Rougham, Suffolk, and his wife, Margaret. See:

<http://rushbrookewithrougham.suffolk.cloud/history/margaret-drury/>

The testatrix was the niece of William Drury (c.1534-1589), third son of John Drury (d.1498) of Rougham, and brother of the testatrix' mother, Dorothy Drury. For William Drury, see the *ODNB* entry.

The testatrix had a sister:

-Elizabeth West, who married, as her second husband, William Golding (d.1588), brother of Oxford's mother, Margery Golding. For the will of William Golding (d. February 1588), see TNA PROB 11/72/210.

After the death of the testatrix' father, the testatrix' mother, Dorothy Drury, married secondly Robert Downes of Melton, Norfolk, a Catholic recusant. See:

<http://www.prattens.co.uk/families/WEST/notes.html>

The will of John Danyell, *infra*, indicates that by Robert Downes Dorothy Drury had a daughter, Bridget Downes.

MARRIAGE AND ISSUE

The testatrix married Edmund Danyell (d.1569), the son of Thomas Danyell (d.1566) of Acton, Suffolk. For the will of Thomas Danyell, see TNA PROB 11/49/56. For the will of the testatrix' husband, Edmund Danyell, see TNA PROB 11/51/382.

For pedigrees of the Danyell family, see Metcalfe, Walter C., ed., *The Visitations of Suffolk*, (Exeter: William Pollard, 1882), pp. 24-5, 132 at:

<https://archive.org/details/visitationsofsuf00harvuoft/page/24>

and:

<https://archive.org/details/visitationsofsuf00harvuoft/page/132>

See also the Danyell pedigrees in Howard, Joseph Jackson, ed., *The Visitation of Suffolk*, Vol. I, (Lowestoft: Samuel Tymms, 1866), p. 240 at:

<https://books.google.ca/books?id=ExI2AQAAMAAJ&pg=PA240>

For the family of the testator's husband, Edmund Danyell, see also the will, dated 20 September 1492 and proved 19 December 1498, of his grandfather, Edmund Danyell, TNA PROB 11/11/526, and the will, dated 6 December 1508 and proved 16 March 1509, of his grandmother, Grace (nee Baynard) Langley Danyell (d. 2 January 1509), TNA PROB 11/16/317.

By Edmund Danyell, the testatrix had three sons and six daughters:

***John Danyell** (d. 15 September 1597), who married Margaret Tyrrell, daughter and coheir of Edmund Tyrrell, esquire, of Beeches, Essex, but died without issue. The terms of John Danyell's will suggest that Margaret Tyrrell, was a widow at the time of their marriage. See the will of John Danyell, dated 20 July 1583 and proved 6 July 1598, in which he mentions his brother, Francis Danyell, and his five sisters, Mary, Grissel, Barbara, Dorothy and Elizabeth, TNA PROB 11/92/55. See also:

<http://www.prattens.co.uk/families/DANIEL/notes.html>

See also his memorial brass at:

<https://www.flickr.com/photos/52219527@N00/537166738/>

***Thomas Danyell**, who died without issue. He is not mentioned in the will made by his brother, John Danyell, on 20 July 1583, and may have died before that date.

***Francis Danyell**, heir to his brother, John Danyell. He married Margaret Martyn, daughter and coheir of Roger Martyn (d. 3 August 1615), esquire, of Long Melford, Suffolk, by whom he had a son and two daughters, John Danyell, Anne Danyell and Margaret Danyell, referred to by the testatrix as her grandchildren in the will below. See Corder, Joan, *The Visitation of Suffolk, 1561*, (London: Harleian Society, 1981), p. 19.

* **Mary Danyell**, referred to as unmarried in the will below. She married Henry Bedingfield, gentleman, youngest son of Sir Henry Bedingfield (d.1583) of Norfolk. For the will of Sir Henry Bedingfield, see TNA PROB 11/66/130. Thomas Bedingfield (d.1613), second son of Sir Henry Bedingfield (d.1583), dedicated his translation of *Cardanus' Comfort* to Oxford.

* **Grissel Danyell**, who married Henry Jones, son of David Jones, gentleman, of Chepstow, Monmouthshire. See:

<http://www.prattens.co.uk/families/DANIEL/notes.html>

* **Anne Danyell**, who died an infant.

* **Barbara Danyell**, who married, as his second wife, Richard Martyn (d.1624?), esquire, of Long Melford. See Corder, Joan, *The Visitation of Suffolk, 1561*, (London: Harleian Society, 1981), p. 19.

* **Dorothy Danyell**, who married William Bell of Bell Broughton or Temple Broughton, Hanbury, Worcestershire, by whom she had several children, including two sons, Francis Bell and the Catholic martyr, Arthur Bell. See:

<http://www.prattens.co.uk/families/DANIEL/notes.html>

See also the entry in *The Catholic Encyclopedia* for the Venerable Arthur Bell (1590-1643) at:

[https://en.wikisource.org/wiki/Catholic_Encyclopedia_\(1913\)/Ven._Arthur_Bell](https://en.wikisource.org/wiki/Catholic_Encyclopedia_(1913)/Ven._Arthur_Bell)

* **Elizabeth Danyell**, who is said to have died without issue. However, see:

<http://www.prattens.co.uk/families/DANIEL/notes.html>

See also the memorial brass to the testatrix and her husband at:

<https://www.flickr.com/photos/52219527@N00/537156772>

RM: T{estamentum} Margarete Daniell

In the name of God, Amen. The seven and twentieth day of September in the year of Our Lord God one thousand five hundred four score and seven and in the twentieth and ninth year of the reign of our Sovereign Lady Queen Elizabeth, I, Margaret Danyell of Acton in the county of Suffolk, widow, late wife unto Edmund Danyell of the same town and county, esquire, deceased, being of whole mind and sound memory, thanks be given to God, do make this my last will and testament, revoking and renouncing all other wills and testaments heretofore by me at any time before the date hereof made, written or spoken, and this to be my last will and testament in form following:

First I will and bequeath my soul to Almighty God, my Saviour, Jesus Christ, by whose passion I hope to be saved through his mercy and goodness, and my body to be buried in Acton church next to my husband;

Also I will and bequeath to Francis Danyell, my son, three featherbeds, three bolsters, three pair of blankets, three coverlets, six pillows, six pair of good sheets, three bedsteads, one tester of satin Bruges with yellow letters, one other tester of crimson and white silk with the curtains belonging to the same, four low stools covered with blue cloth embroidered, three green kersey chairs, a long window cushion of yellow satin of Bruges embroidered and his grandfather's and grandmother's arms set in the midst thereof, six cushions of needlework wrought with woodbinds, and also the one half of all my brass and pewter, all which parcels aforesaid my will and mind is shall be delivered unto him by my executor immediately after my death;

Item, I give and bequeath to my eldest daughter, Marie Danyell, one featherbed and bolster, one pair of blankets and a coverlet;

Also I give unto the said Marie fifty pounds of lawful English money and my wedding-ring;

Item, I will and bequeath unto Elizabeth Danyell, my daughter, six score pounds of lawful English money to be paid unto her within one half year next after my decease;

Also I give to my said daughter, Elizabeth, one featherbed, one bolster, one pair of blankets, two pillows and a coverlet, and also my black leather coffer with all such things as are within the same coffer, all which parcels my mind and will is shall be delivered unto my said daughter, Elizabeth, immediately after my death;

Item, I give unto my sister Golding twenty shillings;

To my cousin, Margery Golding, her daughter, twenty shillings;

And to my cousin, Marie Golding, her daughter, twenty shillings;

Item, I give to Margaret Tyll, my servant and god-daughter, twenty marks in money, one featherbed and one bolster;

Also I give to Robert Clerke, my servant, two seams of malt and twenty shillings in money;

Item, I give to Thomas Perry, my servant, two seams of malt and twenty shillings in money;

Also I give to every of my other servants such as have continued with me one whole year next before the day of my death five shillings;

Item, I give unto Henry Dyntley, my son John Danyell his man, twenty shillings;

And to Samuel Dunne, his man, five shillings;

Item, I give unto Anne [f. 313v] Danyell, my grandchild, five mark;

And to Margaret Danyell, my grandchild, forty shillings;

And to John Danyell, my grandchild, forty shillings and my gold cross;

Also I give unto my sister [=stepsister?] Felton twenty shillings;

Item, I give to my daughter Jones ten pounds of money;

And I give to my daughter Martyn one double ducat;

To my daughter Bell forty shillings;

And to her two younger children three pounds;

And to Francis Bell, my grandchild, five pounds;

Also I will there be bestowed upon poor people as followeth: at my burial day six pounds, at my seventh-day forty shillings, and at my year's day forty shillings;

Also I give to poor prisoners twenty pounds;

The residue of all my goods and chattels, and all my goods and chattels whatsoever herein not before bequeathed, I do fully, wholly and clearly give, will and bequeath to John Danyell, my eldest son, which said John Danyell I do make, appoint and ordain my only and sole executor of this my last will and testament, charging him upon my blessing to see the same as far as in him shall lie well and truly performed, my debts, gifts and legacies paid according to my full mind and plain meaning therein contained;

In witness whereof I have to this my said last will and testament subscribed my own hand and set to my seal the day and year above-written. By me, Margaret Danyell.

Probatum fuit testamentum suprascriptum apud London coram venerabili viro magistro Willmo Drury Legum doctore Curie Prerogatiue Cantuariensis Comissario & ultimo die mensis Aprilis Anno Domini millesimo quingentesimo octogesimo nono iuramento Petri Johnson notarij publici procuratoris Johannis Daniell filij dicitur defuncti et executoris in huiusmodi testamento nominatim Cui comissa fuit administratio bonorum iurium et creditorum eiusdem defuncti de bene

et fidel{ite}r administrand{o} &c ad s{an}c{t}a dei evangelia in debita iuris forma iurat{o}

[=The above-written testament was proved at London before the worshipful Master William Drury, Doctor of the Laws, Commissary of the Prerogative Court of Canterbury etc., on the last day of the month of April in the year of the Lord the thousand five hundred eighty-ninth by the oath of Peter Johnson, notary public, proctor of John Danyell, son of the said deceased and executor named in the same testament, to whom administration was granted of the goods, rights and credits of the same deceased, sworn on the Holy Gospels in due form of law to well and faithfully administer etc.]