

SUMMARY: The document below is the Prerogative Court of Canterbury copy of the will, dated 21 June 1589 and proved 5 March 1590, of Blanche Parry (1507/8-1590), 'cousin' of Oxford's father-in-law, Lord Burghley, and 'cousin' of Eleanor Bull, in whose house in Deptford the playwright Christopher Marlowe was slain in 1593.

The testatrix had earlier made a nuncupative will, dictated in 1578 to Lord Burghley. See Richardson, Ruth E., *Mistress Blanche, Queen Elizabeth I's Confidante*, (Logaston Press, 2007), Appendix 2.

According to the *ODNB*, the testatrix was:

*. . . probably the fourth of the seven or eight children of Henry Myles (d.1522) of Newcourt, Bacton, Herefordshire, three times sheriff of Herefordshire and steward of Dore Abbey, and his wife, Alice, née Milborne of Tillington, in the same county. Blanche's paternal grandparents were Miles ap Harry and Jean, daughter of Sir Harry Stradling of St Donat's, Glamorgan. Following Henry Myles's death in September 1522 (TNA: PRO, IPM C142/42, no. 95), Alice remarried to Thomas Baskerville, steward of Dore Abbey.*

The testatrix' mother, Alice Milborne, was one of the thirteen daughters of Simon Milborne (d. 14 August 1522), esquire, and Jane Baskerville (daughter and heiress of Ralph Baskerville, esquire, of Eardisley, Herefordshire, by Anne Blackett, daughter and heiress of John Blackett), and the granddaughter of John Milborne (d. 7 September 1435) and Elizabeth Devereux (d.1475), daughter of Sir Walter Devereux of Weobley, Herefordshire. See Richardson, Douglas, *Magna Carta Ancestry*, 2<sup>nd</sup> ed., 2011, Vol. III, pp. 146-7. See also Erwin, Brian, 'Baskerville Family History':

[http://www.moonrakers.com/genealogy/baskerville/baskerville\\_family\\_history.htm](http://www.moonrakers.com/genealogy/baskerville/baskerville_family_history.htm).

See also:

<http://cupboardworld.blogspot.ca/2014/10/queen-elizabeths-two-blanches.html>.

For the Milborne family see also TNA C 43/2/22, TNA C 1/658/36 and:

<http://wc.rootsweb.ancestry.com/cgi-bin/igm.cgi?op=GET&db=hollye&id=I02757>.

According to the pedigree of Parry in Weaver, *infra*, the testatrix had three brothers and three sisters:

\* Miles Parry (d. 12 January 1543), eldest son, aged twenty-four at the date of the inquisition post mortem taken 18 October 1524 after his father's death on 17 September 1522. According to Skidmore, he married Eleanor Scudamore (b.1501), the daughter of James Scudamore (born c.1471, d. 19 July 1522) of Kentchurch, Herefordshire, and Joan Baskerville, the daughter of Sir James Baskerville of Eardisley (after the death of James

Scudamore, Joan Baskerville is said to have married Richard Herbert [=Hergest?]). See Skidmore, Warren, 'Burke's Landed Gentry', 1972, Occasional Papers 31, excerpted from *Thirty Generations of the Scudamore/Skidmore Family in England and America*, available online.

Miles Parry's wife, Eleanor Scudamore, had an elder sister, Joan Scudamore (b. 1497, d. 20 March 1538), who married, by settlement dated 12 June 1521, her distant cousin, Philip Scudamore (d. 21 July 1544), who after her death married Sybil Chamberlayne, the daughter of Sir Edward Chamberlayne. See Skidmore, *supra*. See also litigation involving Eleanor Scudamore Parry and her sister Joan Scudamore, TNA C 1/899/14-15, and between Eleanor Scudamore Parry and her nephew, John Scudamore, TNA C 1/1184/13, and TNA C 1/1158/18.

According to the inquisition post mortem taken 5 August 1543, Miles Parry's heir was his son, Henry Myle, then about sixteen years of age. Henry Myle died a few months later on 27 February 1544 without issue, and according to the inquisition post mortem taken 16 May 1544, his heirs were his sisters, Joan Parry, thirteen years of age, and Elizabeth Parry, twelve years of age. For the will of their mother, Eleanor Scudamore Parry of Kentchurch, Herefordshire, dated 17 November 1547 and proved 21 January 1548, in which she mentions her daughter, Joan Parry, but not her daughter, Elizabeth Parry, see TNA PROB 11/32/14.

Sir William Vaughan of Porthaml near Talgarth purchased the wardships of both girls, and married Joan Parry to his second son, Walter (Watkyn) Vaughan of Bredwardine and Moccas (see Jones, p. 340, *infra*), and Elizabeth Parry to his grandson, Rowland Vaughan of Porthaml (d. 1566). See Richardson, Ruth E. and Sue Hubbard, 'Parry Lands in 1524, 1543, 1544 & 1545', 2010, pp. 4-5, available online. According to the testatrix' 1578 will and the Parry pedigree in *Mistress Blanche*, *supra*, the testatrix' niece, Joan Parry had two sons, Henry Vaughan of Moccas, and Rowland Vaughan (d. before February 1629), who married his cousin, Elizabeth Vaughan (see below), and a daughter, Katherine Vaughan (d. 15 November 1594), who married Sir Henry Gates (d. 7 April 1589). See Richardson, Douglas, *Plantagenet Ancestry*, 2<sup>nd</sup> ed., 2011, Vol. II, p. 189; the *ODNB* entry for Sir Henry Gates; his will, TNA PROB 11/73/531; and the History of Parliament entry at:

<http://www.historyofparliamentonline.org/volume/1558-1603/member/gates-sir-henry-1515-89>.

In his own will, Sir Henry Gates bequeathed a ring to the testatrix:

*I give and bequeath also to mine approved good friend, Mistress Blanche Parry, a little ring of mine with a Turkey stone in it for a remembrance.*

For Sir Rowland Vaughan (d. before February 1629), see also *Mistress Blanche*, *supra*, pp. 57-9, and Wood, A.S., 'Some Account of Rowland Vaughan' at:

[http://www.ewyaslacy.org.uk/doc.php?d=gc\\_gdv\\_3007](http://www.ewyaslacy.org.uk/doc.php?d=gc_gdv_3007).

Similarly, according to the testatrix' 1578 will and the Parry pedigree in *Mistress Blanche, supra*, the testatrix' niece, Elizabeth Parry, had a son, William Vaughan (d.1584), and two daughters, Elizabeth Vaughan, who married her cousin, Rowland Vaughan (d. before February 1629) (see above), and Katherine Vaughan, who married Sir Robert Knollys (d.1619). See the History of Parliament entry for Sir Robert Knollys (d.1619), son of Queen Elizabeth's Treasurer of the Household, Sir Francis Knollys (d.1596) by Katherine Carey (d. 15 January 1569), the daughter of Sir William Carey (d. 22 June 1528) and Mary Boleyn (d. 30 July 1543), at:

<http://www.historyofparliamentonline.org/volume/1604-1629/member/knollys-sir-robert-i-1547-1619>.

See also the *ODNB* articles for Sir William Carey, Sir Francis Knollys, and Katherine Carey Knollys.

The testatrix leaves bequests to both her great-niece, Lady Katherine Gate, and her 'cousin', Katherine Knollys, in the will below.

For the testatrix' brother, Miles Parry, and his heirs, see also 'Parry Lands', *supra*, p. 5, and the inquisitions post mortem taken after his death and after the death of his son, TNA C 142/69/130; TNA C 142/71/131; and TNA C 142/73/94.

The testatrix leaves a bequest to her niece, Joan Vaughan:

*Item, I give to my niece, Mistress Joan Vaughan, if she be living at my decease, forty pounds.*

For the Scudamore family of Kentchurch, see:

<http://kentchurchcourt.co.uk/house.html>.

See also the pedigree of Scudamore of Kentchurch in Burke, John and John Bernard Burke, *A Genealogical and Heraldic Dictionary of the Landed Gentry*, (London: Henry Colburn, 1849), Vol. III, pp. 291-2 at:

<https://books.google.ca/books?id=JVI4AQAAMAAJ&pg=PA291&lpg=PA291&dq=%22james+Scudamore%22+%22Kentchurch%22&source=bl&ots=bIaMibnQB1&sig=Qc8ARysa5dm6Q6Z218x0IRIKPu4&hl=en&sa=X&ved=0CC0Q6AEwBGoVChMIgsKfltPTxgIVDIIsNCh2jaA07#v=onepage&q=%22james%20Scudamore%22%20%22Kentchurch%22&f=false>.

\* John Parry, about whom nothing further seems to be known.

\* Simon Parry, esquire, of ‘the Moore’, Vowchuch, Herefordshire, for whose will, dated 23 June 1573, mentioning his wish to be buried in the parish church of Bacton near his deceased brother, Miles Parry, see TNA PROB 11/55/313. He appears to have had no legitimate children, his heirs being Griffith Jones and his wife, Jane, and John Berowe, and his wife, Maud, parents of the testatrix’ servant, William Berowe (d.1591). He mentions two illegitimate sons, ‘Myles Parrie of the Moore’ and John Parry of Moore’. For the will of his legatee, Griffith Jones, dated 19 August 1577, see TNA PROB 11/60/381.

\* Elizabeth Parry, who married Thomas Vaughan of Tregunter near Talgarth, Wales, son of Roger Vaughan (second son of Sir Roger Vaughan of Tretower, beheaded at Chepstow in May 1471 after having been captured by Jasper Tudor) and Jane Whitney, by whom she had a son, John Vaughan (d. 25 June 1577), who married Anne Pickering Weston Knyvet Vaughan (for whose will see TNA PROB 11/64/217), by whom he was the father of a son, Francis Vaughan (slain in Ireland 15 July 1597), and a daughter, Frances Vaughan (buried 19 July 1647), who married Thomas Burgh (d. 14 October 1597), Lord Burgh, second but eldest surviving son of William Burgh (d. 10 September 1584), Lord Burgh, by Katherine Clinton (buried 14 August 1621), second daughter of Edward Fiennes de Clinton (1512-1585), 1<sup>st</sup> Earl of Lincoln, by his first wife, Elizabeth (nee Blount), mistress of Henry VIII and mother of his illegitimate son, Henry Fitzroy, and widow of Gilbert Tailboys (c.1500-1530), 1st Baron Tailboys. See the *ODNB* article on the Vaughan family; references cited in the will of Anne Pickering Weston Knyvet Vaughan, *supra*; the inquisition post mortem taken after the death of John Vaughan, TNA C 142/177/58; and the History of Parliament entry for John Vaughan at:

<http://www.historyofparliamentonline.org/volume/1558-1603/member/vaughan-john-i-1577>.

For Thomas Vaughan of Tregunter see also Gunter, G.W., ‘The Descent of Tregunter’, *Brycheiniog*, Vol. 23 (1988/1989), pp. 47-8, available online.

*Four generations of the Vaughan family leased Tregunter. The first of these, Thomas Vaughan, was the son of Roger Vaughan of Porthamel, just east of Talgarth, who was himself the second son of Sir Roger Vaughan of Tretower.*

See also the pedigree of Vaughan of Porthaml in Jones, Theophilus, *A History of the County of Brecknock*, (Brecknock: George North, 1809) Vol. II, Part I, p. 340 at:

[https://books.google.ca/books?id=QZDnAAAAMAAJ&pg=PA340&lpg=PA340&dq=%22Rowland+Vaughan%22&source=bl&ots=02GaQA\\_oTz&sig=fTn6nmZKanhzsPmiP\\_LmSqsoPKI&hl=en&sa=X&ei=bqOeVeCJLcuy-AG1-YLoBQ&ved=0CDoQ6AEwBzgK#v=onepage&q=%22Rowland%20Vaughan%22&f=false](https://books.google.ca/books?id=QZDnAAAAMAAJ&pg=PA340&lpg=PA340&dq=%22Rowland+Vaughan%22&source=bl&ots=02GaQA_oTz&sig=fTn6nmZKanhzsPmiP_LmSqsoPKI&hl=en&sa=X&ei=bqOeVeCJLcuy-AG1-YLoBQ&ved=0CDoQ6AEwBzgK#v=onepage&q=%22Rowland%20Vaughan%22&f=false).

See also the pedigree of Vaughan of Tretower in Jones, Vol. II, Part II, pp. 503-7 at:

<https://books.google.ca/books?id=9JDnAAAAMAAJ&pg=PA503&hl=en#v=onepage&q&f=false>.

See also the pedigree of Vaughan in Richardson, Douglas, *Plantagenet Ancestry*, 2<sup>nd</sup> ed., 2011, Vol. I, pp. 265-6, which states that Thomas Vaughan of Porthaml was the son of Sir Roger Vaughan (d. before 1514) and Joan Whitney, at:

[https://books.google.ca/books?id=kjme027UeagC&pg=PA265&lpg=PA265&dq=%22Joan+Whitney,+daughter+by+her%22+%22Plantagenet%22&source=bl&ots=qvFoJBZgid&sig=\\_pkrXDDvfeiUcjQ1LHDfg4erGqA&hl=en&sa=X&ei=DrShVd67J4HtgwT585\\_4DQ&ved=0CB0Q6AEwAA#v=onepage&q=%22Joan%20Whitney%2C%20daughter%20by%20her%22%20%22Plantagenet%22&f=false](https://books.google.ca/books?id=kjme027UeagC&pg=PA265&lpg=PA265&dq=%22Joan+Whitney,+daughter+by+her%22+%22Plantagenet%22&source=bl&ots=qvFoJBZgid&sig=_pkrXDDvfeiUcjQ1LHDfg4erGqA&hl=en&sa=X&ei=DrShVd67J4HtgwT585_4DQ&ved=0CB0Q6AEwAA#v=onepage&q=%22Joan%20Whitney%2C%20daughter%20by%20her%22%20%22Plantagenet%22&f=false).

\* Sybil Parry, who married James Whitney of Clifford, by whom, according to his will, she had several sons and daughters, including Eustace Whitney. For the will of James Whitney, dated 18 May 1562 and proved 14 November 1564, in which he refers to ‘my very friend and cousin, Sir Robert Whitney, knight’, and ‘my cousin Eustace’, see TNA PROB 11/47/344.

It thus appears that the testatrix’ brother-in-law, James Whitney, was a cousin of Sir Robert Whitney (d. 5 August 1567), who married firstly Sybil Baskerville (d. before 13 April 1559), daughter of Sir James Baskerville (d. 13 November 1546) of Eardisley, (who in his will, *supra*, mentions his son-in-law, Robert Whitney), and secondly Mary Berkeley (c.1511-c.1586), the daughter of James Berkeley (died c.1515) of Thornbury, Gloucestershire, and Hilton, Cambridgeshire, and his wife, Susan (died c.1521), the widow of William Vele. When she married Sir Robert Whitney (d. 5 August 1567), Mary Berkeley was the widow firstly of Thomas Perrot (1504/5–1531), son of Sir Owen Perrot (d. December 1521), by whom she was the mother of Sir James Perrot (1528-1592), and secondly Sir Thomas Jones (d.1559) of Llanegwad, by whom she was the mother of Sir Henry Jones (d.1586). For the foregoing see the *ODNB* article on Sir James Perrot; Richardson, Douglas, *Plantagenet Ancestry*, 2<sup>nd</sup> ed., 2011, Vol. I, pp. 257-9; and:

[http://wiki.whitneygen.org/wrg/index.php/Family:Whitney,\\_Robert\\_%28s1525-1567%29](http://wiki.whitneygen.org/wrg/index.php/Family:Whitney,_Robert_%28s1525-1567%29).

See also Foster, Joseph, comp., *The Royal Lineage of our Noble and Gentle Families*, (London: Hazell, Watson and Viney, 1883), Vol. I, p. 159 at:

<https://books.google.ca/books?id=je4KAAAAYAAJ&pg=PA159&dq=thomas+perrott&l r=&hl=en#v=onepage&q=thomas%20perrott&f=false>.

For the will of Sir James Whitney (d.1587), in which he mentions his brother, Eustace Whitney (buried 12 July 1608), as well as James Whitney of Clifford, Eustace Whitney of Clifford, and Blanche Whitney of Clifford, see:

[http://wiki.whitneygen.org/wrg/index.php/Archive:PCC,\\_Sir\\_James\\_Whitney,\\_1587](http://wiki.whitneygen.org/wrg/index.php/Archive:PCC,_Sir_James_Whitney,_1587).

In the will below the testatrix leaves a bequest to Eustace Whitney of Clifford, who appears to have been her nephew, the son of her sister, Sybil Parry, although the testatrix does not specify her relationship to him:

*Item, I give to Ewstones [=Eustace] Whitney of Clifford, esquire, twenty pounds.*

The testatrix also leaves a bequest to Blanche Whitney, who may have been her niece, the daughter of her sister, Sybil Parry:

*Item, I give to Blanche Whitney, my god-daughter, twenty pounds.*

The testatrix also leaves a substantial bequest to her 'cousin', Anne Whitney. It is possible that she was Anne Whitney, the illegitimate daughter of James Whitney of Clifford, mentioned in his will, *supra*:

*Item, I give to my cousin, Anne Whitney, one hundred pound which one Newton and one Birde do owe me.*

In a codicil the testatrix leaves another substantial bequest to Anne Whitney, her gentlewoman:

*Item, I give to Anne Whitney, my waiting-gentlewoman, one hundred pounds.*

For a lawsuit in Chancery brought by Blanche Whitney, sister of Sir James Whitney (d.1587), and her husband, Robert Greville, son of Sir Fulke Greville (d. 10 November 1559), against Eustace Whitney (buried 12 July 1608), brother of Sir James Whitney (d.1587), concerning the payment of legacies in the latter's will, see Richardson, Douglas, *Magna Carta Ancestry*, 2<sup>nd</sup> ed., 2011, Vol. II, p. 269; and TNA C 78/118/15, available online at:

[http://www.uh.edu/waalt/index.php/C78\\_1600](http://www.uh.edu/waalt/index.php/C78_1600).

\* Margaret Parry, who married Howell Watkyn of Pen Pidle [=Penbiddle?], by whom she had Walter Powell and Thomas Powell(?).

See also the pedigree of Parry in Weaver, Frederick William, ed., *The Visitation of Herefordshire*, (Exeter: William Pollard, 1886), pp. 4-6 at:

[https://books.google.ca/books?id=MF9BAAAAYAAJ&pg=PA4&lpg=PA4&dq=pedigree+of+Delahey&source=bl&ots=vXJ1GrXl4D&sig=CbDuOLhC-hvTLAQDs8Hm\\_xKsfbE&hl=en&sa=X&ei=rbmaVezvI4byoATuiGICg&ved=0CDYQ6AEwBA#v=onepage&q=pedigree%20of%20Delahey&f=false](https://books.google.ca/books?id=MF9BAAAAYAAJ&pg=PA4&lpg=PA4&dq=pedigree+of+Delahey&source=bl&ots=vXJ1GrXl4D&sig=CbDuOLhC-hvTLAQDs8Hm_xKsfbE&hl=en&sa=X&ei=rbmaVezvI4byoATuiGICg&ved=0CDYQ6AEwBA#v=onepage&q=pedigree%20of%20Delahey&f=false).

For the following persons mentioned in the will, see the *ODNB* articles: Sir Christopher Hatton (c.1540–1591); Frances Brooke, Lady Cobham (d.1592); Lady Dorothy Stafford (1526–1604); Sir John Perrot (1528–1592); Oxford's kinsman, John Lumley (c.1533–1609), 1<sup>st</sup> Baron Lumley; Gabriel Goodman (1528–1601), Dean of Westminster; Robert Cecil (1563–1612), 1<sup>st</sup> Earl of Salisbury; and Sir Walter Cope (1553?–1614).

The testatrix leaves a bequest to her 'cousin', Eleanor Bull, at whose house in Deptford the playwright Christopher Marlowe was slain in 1593:

*Item, I give to my cousin, Eleanor Bull, one hundred pound which Mr Montagu oweth me.*

For Eleanor Bull's relationship to the testatrix, see the pedigree of Parry in Weaver, *supra*, and the Wikipedia article at:

[https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Eleanor\\_Bull](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Eleanor_Bull).

The testatrix leaves a bequest to 'Lady Blanche Somerset', who may have been her god-daughter, Blanche Somerset (1583/4–28 October 1649), the sixth daughter of Edward Somerset (1553 - 3 March 1628), 4<sup>th</sup> Earl of Worcester, and Elizabeth Hastings (d.1621). In 1562 Oxford was contracted to marry either Elizabeth Hastings (d.1621) or her sister Mary Hastings. See the *ODNB* article on Blanche Somerset; Huntington Library HAP o/s Box 3(19); and Richardson, Ruth E. and Sue Hubbard, 'Thomas Atkyns' Letter, 1589', 2008, available online.

The testatrix also leaves a bequest to 'Master Thomas Knyvet':

*Item, I give to Mr Thomas Knyvet one piece of plate weighing threescore ounces.*

For the relationship between the testatrix' nephew, John Vaughan (d. 25 June 1577), *supra*, Oxford's foe Sir Thomas Knyvet (1545/6–1622), and the latter's half-sister, Frances Vaughan (buried 19 July 1647), wife of Thomas Burgh (d. 14 October 1597), Lord Burgh, all mentioned in the will below, see the will of Sir Thomas Knyvet, TNA PROB 11/140/169; and the History of Parliament entry for John Vaughan, *supra*.

For the testatrix' servant William Berowe (d.1591), son of John Berowe and his wife, Maud, see his nuncupative will, dated 19 May 1591 and proved 14 June 1591, TNA PROB 11/77/522.

For abstracts of other Parry wills, see:

<http://homepage.ntlworld.com/im.griffiths/parryfamilyhistory/parryprobate/parryabstracts.htm>.

For the testatrix' lease of the manor of Rise in Holderness, Yorkshire, and the testatrix' executor, Sir Hugh Bethell, see:

K.J. Allison, A.P. Baggs, T.N. Cooper, C. Davidson-Cragoe and J. Walker, 'North division: Rise', in *A History of the County of York East Riding: Volume 7, Holderness Wapentake, Middle and North Divisions*, ed. G H R Kent (London, 2002), pp. 330-340  
<http://www.british-history.ac.uk/vch/yorks/east/vol7/pp330-340>:

*The Bethells or ap Ithells had moved into the East Riding from Herefordshire in the later 16th century (fn. 53) and from that period held Rise by assignment or sub-lease from the Crown's lessees. Queen Elizabeth's servant Blanche Parry, lessee of the manor and woods from c. 1570, bequeathed her terms to Hugh Bethell and Francis Vaughan, the Crown's chief steward in the East Riding, before 1591, when Vaughan released his interest to Bethell, afterwards Sir Hugh.*

See also:

<http://archiver.rootsweb.ancestry.com/th/read/GEN-MEDIEVAL/2014-05/1399818792>,

For the testatrix' executor, Thomas Powell, see:

*7. 22 Nov. 43 Eliz. [1600] Lady Frances Burghe, widow of Thomas Lord Burgh, decd, and sole dau. of John Vaughan of East Horsley, Surrey, esq., decd, nephew of Blanche Parry, gentlewoman of the Queen's privy chamber, decd v David Williams serjeant at law, Robert Vaughan esq., nephew of Blanche Parry, plt's uncle, John Morgan Wolfe esq., Hugh Bethell esq. and Thomas Powell gent. Title to the manor of Glasbury, Radnor, conveyed in June 1577 by John Vaughan to Blanche Parry on trust.*

LM:T{estamentum} Blancie Parrye

[f. 123v] In the name of God, Amen. The one and twenty day of June a thousand five hundred eighty and nine and in the one and thirtieth year of the reign of our Sovereign Lady Elizabeth by the grace of God of England, France and Ireland [+Queen?], Defender of the Faith etc., I, Blanche Parry, one of the Gentlewomen of the Queen's Majesty's Privy Chamber, whole in body and mind, thanks be to Almighty God, do make this my testament and last will in the name of the eternal living God the Father, the Son and the Holy Ghost in whose name I was baptised, in whom only I hope and believe to be saved, Amen.

First I bequeath my soul into the hands o[f] God [+the?] Father, Son and Holy Ghost, and my body to be buried in the parish church of Saint Margaret's within the city of Westminster near unto my nephew, John Vaughan, if it please God to call me near London;

[f. 124r] Item, I give to the Queen's most excellent Majesty, my Sovereign Lady and Mistress, my best diamond;



Item, I give to the right honourable my very good Lord, Sir Christopher Hatton, knight, Lord Chamberlain of England, one table diamond;

Item, I give to the right honourable my very good Lord, the Lord Burghley, Lord High Treasurer of England, my second diamond;

Item, I give to the right honourable my very good Lady, the Lady Cobham, one ring with a pointed diamond and a chain of knobs enamelled work;

Item, I give to my very good Lady, the Lady Dorothy Stafford, one diamond set in gold with a broad hoop;

Item, I give to the right honourable my very good Lord, the Lord Lumley, one ring with a pointed diamond, eight pieces of hangings being in my house, two short carpets, and one carpet of four yards long;

Item, I give to the right honourable Sir John Perrot, knight, one piece of plate weighing forty ounces;

Item, I give to the right honourable the Lady Frances Burgh, my niece [=great-niece], one hundred pounds;

Item, I give to my cousin, Katherine Knollys, one girdle of friar's knots of gold with a jewel of masory work set with stones, two pair of Holland sheets, two pair of pillow-beres, a tablecloth of damask imagery, a towel and a dozen of napkins of the same, and two hundred pounds in money;

Item, I give to my cousin, Anne Vaughan, wife of Francis Vaughan, esquire, one chain of gold and a girdle which the Queen's Majesty gave me;

Item, I give to Mr Thomas Knyvet one piece of plate weighing threescore ounces;

Item, I give to the Lady Blanche Somerset twenty pound;

Item, I give to Blanche Parry, son [sic?] of James Parry, ten pound;

Item, I give to William Powell, James Powell and Henry Powell, my sister's sons, to every one of them one hundred pounds;

Item, I give to Blanche Whitney, my god-daughter, twenty pounds;

Item, I give to (blank), my sister Margaret's daughter, being unmarried, one hundred pound;

Item, I give either of her other two daughters fifty pounds;

Item, I give towards the amending and repairing of the highway between Newcourt and Moorhampton and Newcourt and Dore [=Abbey Dore] in the county of Hereford twenty pound;

Item, I give to Mistress Frances Burgh, my god-daughter, twenty pounds;

Item, I give to Mistress Elizabeth Burgh twenty pound;

Item, I will that my executors shall bestow the sum of five hundred pounds in purchasing of lands which shall be worth ten pounds by year, and to build a convenient almshouse for four poor people to be chosen from time to time within the parish of Blackton [=Bacton] in the county of Hereford of the eldest and poorest within the said parish, whether they be men or women, there to be relived of the profits of the said lands forever, and the said almshouse to be builded as near the parish church of Bacton aforesaid as the land may be provided for that purpose, which said almshouse I will shall be founded as law will allow at the charge of my executors;

Item, I give to Mistress Lettice Knollys twenty pound;

Item, I give to Mistress Frances Knollys twenty pounds;

Item, I give to my niece, Mistress Joan Vaughan, if she be living at my decease, forty pounds;

Item, I give to John Parry of Dulas, gentleman, twenty pound;

Item, I give to John Vaughan of Sutton, gentleman, five pound;

Item, I give to Master Marten, the sewer, five pound;

Item, I give to Mistress Preston twenty pound;

Item, I give to William Berrowe, my servant, if he continue in my service until my decease, one hundred pounds;

Item, I give to Mawde Berrowe, his mother, forty pounds;

Item, I give to my cousin, Anne Whitney, one hundred pound which one Newton and one Birde do owe me;

Item, I give to my cousin, Eleanor Bull, one hundred pound which Mr Mouteagewe [=Montagu?] oweth me;

Item, I give to Mr Morgan, the apothecary, one ring worth three pound;

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Item, I give unto Mr Mountagewe a ring worth three pounds;

Item, I give to every woman servant whom I shall have in my service at the time of my decease four pound, and to every yeoman who shall then serve five pounds;

Item, I give to Mistress Broke a table with two rock rubies in it;

Item, I give to my gentlewoman who shall serve me at the time of my decease six pound thirteen shillings and four pence;

Item, I give to Mr Standen and to his wife, either of them one ring worth three pounds;

Item, I give to Mr Hewes, the Queen's Majesty's linen draper, one [f. 124v] ring of gold worth five pounds;

Item, I give to the poor people of the parish of Bacton in the county of Hereford ten pounds;

Item, I give to the poor people of Newton near the park pale of Newcourt in the said county ten pounds;

Item, I give to Ewstones [=Eustace] Whitney of Clifford, esquire, twenty pounds;

Item, I give to Lewes Parry five pounds;

Item, I give to the poor of the city of Westminster twenty pounds, to be distributed by the discretion of Mr Dean of Westminster;

Item, I give to Francis Vaughan, esquire, my nephew [=great-nephew], and to Hugh Bethell, gentleman, all those my letters patents which I have from the Queen's Majesty of the manor of Rise in the county of York and of the woods there and of certain lands and tenements in Wheldrake and the woods there in the said county, as well in possession as reversion, with all my right, title, interest and term of years, possession and reversion of, in and to the said manor of Rise and woods there, the said lands and tenements in Wheldrake aforesaid and the woods there by virtue of the said letters patents of and during the several term and terms in the said premises yet to come and not expired, together with the said letters patents and every of the same, with all my right and title in and to the same and every of them, they, the said Francis and Hugh, yielding and paying, performing and doing such rents and other things as by the said several letters patents or any of them shall be due to our said Sovereign Lady the Queen's Majesty, her heirs and successors, and also yielding and paying such yearly rents and annuities as by this my said last will and testament hereafter shall be limited and appointed, given or set down to any person or persons of the profits of the said leases or either of them at such days and feasts as the said rents or annuities shall be by this my said last will assigned and appointed;

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Item, I also give to the said Francis Vaughan one silver gilt basin and ewer;

Item, I give to the said Hugh Bethell one basin and ewer of silver;

Item, I give to John Parry, gentleman, one of the Clerks of the Queen's Majesty's Household, the yearly rent or sum of thirteen pound six shillings and eight pence of lawful money of England, to be paid yearly to him at the feasts of the Annunciation of the Blessed Virgin Mary and Saint Michael the Archangel or within one month next after either of the said feasts at the Chapel in the Rolls, London, if it be there lawfully demanded, of the profits of the leases aforesaid during the term in the said manor of Rise by even portions if he, the said John Parry, so long shall live;

Item, I give to James Morgan, gentleman, the yearly rent or sum of thirteen pounds six shillings and eight pence of lawful money of the profits of the said leases, to be paid to him at the said feast-days and place aforesaid by even portions during the term in the said manor of Rise if he, the said James Morgan, shall so long live;

Item, I give to James Thomas, gentleman, the yearly rent or sum of six pounds thirteen shillings four pence of lawful money of England, to be paid to him of the profits aforesaid at the feasts and days and place abovesaid by even portions during the term in the said manor of Rise if he so long shall live;

Item, I give to Mother Harrys the yearly rent or sum of six pounds thirteen shillings four pence of the profits of the said leases, to be paid to her at the days and place abovesaid during the said term if she live so long and do demand the same;

Item, I give to William, my chamber keeper, the yearly rent or sum of four pounds of lawful money of the profits of the said leases, to be paid at the said days and place if he so long live and demand the same;

Item, I give to Richard Vaughan, gentleman, the yearly rent or sum of eleven pound of lawful money of the profits of the said leases, to be paid at the days aforesaid during the term in the said lease of the manor of Rise if he so long live and do demand the same at the said manor, the said annuities to be paid by even portions;

Item, I give to Francis Vaughan, son of the said Richard Vaughan, twenty pounds;

Item, I give to my said cousin, Anne [f. 125r] Whitney, one pair of white Holland sheets of three leaves;

Item, I will there shall be bestowed upon my funerals at the time of my burial the sum of three hundred pounds at the discretion of my executors;

Item, I give to Marke Staneborne, my boy, fifty pounds;

Item, I give to Roger Harrys five pounds;

Item, I give to the Lady Katherine Gate a cup of plate weighing forty ounces, and to either of her two daughters ten pounds apiece;

Item, my meaning is that if any of my said sisters' children shall happen to die before he or she shall have the benefit of this my will, then the portions of him, her or them so dying shall be divided amongst the rest of the said children;

And likewise if either of the daughters of Mrs Knollys shall happen to die, the other to have her portion;

And also if either of my Lord Burgh his daughters shall happen to die, then the other to have her legacy or portion;

Item, the rest of all my goods movable and unmovable not bequeathed I give and bequeath to Thomas Powell and Hugh Bethell, gentlemen, whom I make executors of this my said last will and testament;

And I do humbly desire my said good Lord, the Lord Burghley, Lord High Treasurer of England, to be supervisor of this my said last will, and that it will please his Lordship to see the same performed according to the meaning of me set down in this my said will for charity's sake, and towards his Lordship's charges herein I give his Lordship fifty pounds;

And to Mr Robert Cecil fifty pounds to remember my said Lord;

Item, I give to Mr Cope, my Lord Treasurer's man, one ring worth five pound;

In witness whereof I have to this my said last will and testament put my hand and seal the day and year above-written in the presence of Robert Freake, William Billesbye, Bartholomew Doddington. Blanche Parry.

I do affirm that my cousin, Mrs Blanche Apparrye, did confess this to be her last will, and required me to seal it up, which I did. And now, the seventeenth of February, I have opened it. William Burghley.

A codicil annexed to the will of me, Blanche Parry, the 23<sup>rd</sup> day of June 1589

Item, I give to Rowland Vaughan, my cousin, one hundred pounds;

Item, I give to the six pages of the Queen's Majesty's Privy Chamber, every one of them twenty shillings, six pound;

Item, my will further is that if any person or persons to whom I have by my last will given or bequeathed any sum or sums of money or other things do at any time after my

decease make any trouble or suit or do withstand or go about to overthrow, deny or annihilate my said will which beareth date the one and twentieth day of this instant June, or shall not hold him or herself contented and pleased with the said legacies to them, him or her given by the said will as aforesaid, that then they, he or she who shall so trouble, molest or encumber my executors or shall seem to deny or withstand the probation of the said will shall lose and forgo the benefit of all such legacies, gifts and bequests to him, her or them so given or bequeathed;

And also I will that all the legacies given or bequeathed by my said will shall be delivered, paid and performed within one year and a half next after my decease.

The 27<sup>th</sup> of October 1589

A codicil to be annexed to the will of me, Mistress Blanche Parry

Item, I give to my cousin, Katherine [-Katherine] Knollys, one basin and ewer gilt, a gown of velvet, a round kirtle of velvet and a petticoat of crimson satin and a great nest of bowls which my Lord Chancellor gave me;

Item, I give to Anne Whitney, my waiting-gentlewoman, one hundred pounds;

Item, I give to Mistress Alice Dacre six pound thirteen shillings four pence.

Sexto Decembris 1589

[f. 125v] Secondo Decembris 1589

A codicil made by me, Mrs Blanche Parry, to be annexed to my will

Whereas by my will I have appointed five hundred pounds or thereabouts to be bestowed for the building of an almshouse in Bacton in the county of Hereford and for the providing of ten pound land yearly or thereabouts for the same, I do now in lieu thereof, for that I cannot provide land in Bacton aforesaid for building of the said house, assign and appoint and will that my executors shall purchase so much lands as shall yield above all charges yearly forever the number of seven score bushels of corn, viz., wheat and rye, to be bestowed and distributed yearly amongst the poor people of Bacton aforesaid and Newton in the said county forever, and that the Dean and Chapter of Hereford shall from time to time have the oversight of the bestowing and distributing of the said corn, which said corn I will my executors shall provide in form aforesaid with as much speed as conveniently may be;

Item, I give to William Berrowe, my servant, the fine or sum of money which shall be made or given for the farm in Wheldrake in the county of York now in the tenure of

Thomas Haxbye or his assigns for the years which shall be to come in the said farm at the time of my decease;

Item, I give to Mr Payne one ring, and to Mr Williams, my Lord Cobham's man, one ring.

Probatum fuit testamentum suprascriptum una cum Codicillis apud London coram Magistro Johanne Hone Legum Doctori Surrato venerabilis viri Magistri Willielmi Lewin legum etiam Doctoris ad Exercendum officium Magistris Custodis siue Commissarii Curie Prerogative Cantuariensis Legitime Deputato Quinto Die Mensis Martij Anno Domini iuxta cursum et computacionem Ecclesie Anglicane Millesimo Quingentesimo Octogesimo Nono Iuramento Anthonij Lawe Notarij publici Procuratoris Thome Powell et Hugonis Bethell Executorum in huiusmodi testamento nominatorum Quibus commissa fuit Administracio bonorum Iurium et creditorum dicti Defuncti De bene et fideliter Administrandis Ad sancta Dei Evangelia Iuratis

[=The above-written testament was proved, together with the codicils, at London before Master John Hone, Doctor of the Laws, Surrogate of the worshipful Master William Lewin, also Doctor of the Laws, lawfully deputed to exercise the office of Master, Keeper or Commissary of the Prerogative Court of Canterbury, on the fifth day of the month of March in the year of the Lord the thousand five hundred eighty-ninth by the oath of Anthony Lawe, notary public, proctor of Thomas Powell and Hugh Bethell, executors named in the same testament, to whom administration was granted of the goods, rights and credits of the said deceased, sworn on the Holy Gospels to well and faithfully administer.]