SUMMARY: The document below is the Prerogative Court of Canterbury copy of the will, dated 8 September 1589 and proved 4 February 1590 of Jane (nee Pakington) Baskerville Duckett, the aunt of Humphrey Martyn, addressee of the *Langham Letter* which describes Leicester's entertainment of Queen Elizabeth at Kenilworth in the summer of 1575.

The testatrix was the daughter of Humphrey Pakington (1502-1556) and his wife, Elizabeth (nee Harding). For the will of the testatrix' father, Humphrey Pakington, see TNA PROB 11/38/212. For the will of the testatrix' mother, Elizabeth (nee Harding) Pakington, see TNA PROB 11/46/444.

The testatrix' sister, Lettice Pakington, married Sir Roger Martyn (d.1573), by whom she was the mother of Humphrey Martyn, addressee of the *Langham Letter* (see above). For the will of Sir Roger Martyn, see TNA PROB 11/56/48.

The testatrix married firstly, at St Michael Bassishaw on 15 June 1541, Humphrey Baskerville, for whose will see TNA PROB 11/47/105. See also:

http://archiver.rootsweb.ancestry.com/th/read/GEN-MEDIEVAL/2007-02/1171794026.

By Humphrey Baskerville the testatrix had two sons and six daughters. See Grazebrook, George and John Paul Rylands, eds., *The Visitation of Shropshire Taken in the Year 1623, Part II,* (London: Harleian Society, 1889), Vol. XXIX, pp. 387-8 at:

https://archive.org/stream/TheVisitationOfShropshireV.29/VisitationshrophshireTaken1623_treswellVol.28P2#page/n109/mode/2up.

* Humphrey Baskerville, who is not mentioned in the pedigree, but is mentioned in his father's will.

* Richard Baskerville, who died without issue.

* Elizabeth Baskerville, who on 14 July 1563 married Henry Hungate. The testatrix' will below suggests that Elizabeth (nee Baskerville) had remarried, and was now 'Elizabeth Harte'. For the will of Henry Hungate, proved 1 March 1587, see TNA PROB 11/70/140.

* Angelica Baskerville, who married William Maynard of London.

* Sara Baskerville, who married Thomas Owen (d. 21 December 1598), for whom see the *ODNB* entry, his will, proved 28 February 1599, TNA PROB 11/93/181, and the History of Parliament entry at:

http://www.historyofparliamentonline.org/volume/1558-1603/member/owen-thomas-1598.

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* Martha Baskerville, who married John May of Mendip, Somerset.

* Anne Baskerville, who married Stephen Duckett, nephew of the testatrix's second husband, Sir Lionel Duckett. After the death of Stephen Duckett, Anne (nee Baskerville) married Thomas Edwards (d. 1635) of Shrewsbury, by whom she was the mother of the politician and regicide, Humphrey Edwards (1582-1658), for whom see the *ODNB* article.

* Mary Baskerville, who married Benjamin Gonson (b.1551) of Sebright Hall, Essex, son of the naval administrator, Benjamin Gonson (c.1525-1577) and Ursula Hussey, and grandson of the naval administrator, William Gonson (d.1544), for whom see the *ODNB* article. See also 'The Family of Gunson or Gonson of London and Essex' at:

http://gunsonfamily.com/gunson/?page_id=67

The testatrix married secondly, as his second wife, Sir Lionel Duckett (d.1587), Lord Mayor of London, by whom she had a son, Thomas Duckett, who married Margaret Nelson. For the will of the testatrix' second husband, Sir Lionel Duckett, see TNA PROB 11/72/212.

RM: T{estamentum} Domine Jane Duckett

[f. 53r] God the Father, God the Son, and God the Holy Ghost, three persons and one God, be with me now and evermore, Amen. I, Dame Jane Duckett, widow, late the wife of Sir Lionel Duckett, knight, deceased, minding through the grace of God to set such worldly things in perfect order wherewith it hath pleased him of his singular goodness to bestow upon me, being a wretched sinner, and now considering with myself the mortality of all mankind and the uncertainty of the time when it shall please God to call me out of this miserable world, I, being aged and of great years, yet praised be God in good health of body and of perfect memory, do make this my last will and testament in manner and form following:

First, I bequeath my soul to Almighty God, my Creator, and to Jesus Christ, my Redeemer, firmly trusting and believing that through the grace of the Holy Ghost I shall be numbered amongst the children of eternal salvation to be an inheritor of the kingdom of God amongst his holy saints, and that I do not deserve the same through any merit or good deeds done by myself, but only by the great mercies of God through the bloodshedding and most bitter passion of Jesus Christ, my only Redeemer;

Secondly, I do will and require my executor that after my decease my body may be brought to the grave without any vain pomp or ceremony, but yet in a decent and comely order;

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And as touching the disposition of all my worldly goods and chattels, I declare my mind in manner and form following:

First, I bequeath and give to my son, Thomas Duckett, my moiety or half part of the lease of the parsonage of Risborough in the county of Buckingham during the rest of the years which shall be to come after my decease;

Also I bequeath to the said Thomas Duckett, my son, one hundred pounds of lawful English money, to be paid within one year after my decease;

Item, I give my moiety or half part of the lease of the manor of Streate in the county of Somerset during the years which shall be remaining after my decease to Stephen Duckett, my son-in-law;

Item, I give to Elizabeth Harte, my daughter, ten pounds yearly to be paid during her natural life, and if at any time she fortune to be a widow, then I bequeath to her a hundred pounds, always provided that after the receipt of the said hundred pounds the annuity shall cease;

Item, I bequeath to my daughter, Anne Duckett, one hundred pounds of lawful English money, to be paid within one year after my decease;

Item, I bequeath to my daughter, Martha Maye, one hundred pounds of lawful English money, to be paid within one year after my decease;

Item, I bequeath to my daughter, Mary Gonstone, one hundred pounds of lawful English money, to be paid within one year after my decease;

Item, I bequeath to Jane Owen, my god-daughter, one hundred pounds of lawful English money, to be paid within one year after my decease;

Item, I give to every child of Harry Hungate, my son-in-law, deceased, one whole year's profit of my part of my lease in Kent, to begin in seniority and so to the youngest till each of them have had one year's profit one after another, saving that my will is that Joyce, the wife of Allen Duckett, shall be first;

Item, I give to the parish of Bassishaw in London where I was born, to be distributed amongst the poor there, twenty pounds, to be paid within two years after my decease;

Item, I bequeath to the poor of the parish of Buckland in the county of Berkshire twelve pounds of lawful English money, to be paid within two years after my decease;

Item, I bequeath to Bennett Redman, my old servant, twenty nobles, to be paid within two years after my decease;

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Item, I bequeath to Lionell Holman [=Hollyman?], my kinsman, twenty nobles, to be paid within two years after my decease;

Item, I bequeath to Hugh Baskerfild, my old servant, ten pounds, to be paid within two years after my decease;

Item, I give [f. 53v] to Katherine Polton, my servant, twenty nobles, to be paid within one year after my decease;

Item, I give to each of my sisters living a ring of gold of the value of forty shillings;

Item, I give to Besse Trumman(?), the wench dwelling with me, five pounds of lawful English money, to be paid at her full age or marriage;

Item, I bequeath to my cousin Wake and his wife, each of them a ring of the value of forty shillings;

All the rest of my goods unbequeathed I give to my executor for the discharge of my legacies and payment of my debts; those being discharged, I leave them to his own use;

And I nominate and appoint of this my last will and testament Stephen Duckett, my son-in-law, my sole executor, requiring him as he will answer afore God to see my will performed;

In witness whereof I have to this my last will and testament the eight day of September Anno a thousand five hundred eight-nine set my hand and seal;

Witnesses to this will: William Swaddon, Reginald Browne, Stephen Orrell, Hugh Baskerville, Jane Owen. Dame Jane Duckett's mark.

Probatum fuit testamentum suprascriptum apud London coram venerabili viro Mag{ist}ro Will{el}mo Lewin legum Doctore ad exercend{um} Officiu{m} Mag{ist}ri Custod{e} siue Comissarij Curie Prerogatiue Cantuarien{sis} le{gi}time Deputat{o} Quarto die Mensis ffebruar{ij} Anno Domini iuxta cursum et computac{i}o{n}em Eccl{es}ie Anglicane Millesimo Quingentesimo Octogesimo Nono Iuramento Edwardi Orwell Notarij publici procurator{is} Stephani Ducket Executor{is} in h{uius}mo{d}i testamento nominat{i} Cui commissa fuit Administrac{i}o bonor{um} Iurium et Creditor{um} Dicti Defuncti De b{e}ne et fideliter Administrand{o} Ad sancta Dei Evang{elia} Iurat{i}

[=The above-written testament was proved before the worshipful Master William Lewin, Doctor of the Laws, lawfully deputed to exercise the office of Master, Keeper or Commissary of the Prerogative Court of Canterbury, on the fourth day of the month of February in the year of the Lord according to the course and reckoning of the English

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Church the thousand five hundred eighty-ninth by the oath of Edward Orwell, notary public, proctor of Stephen Duckett, executor 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.]

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