

SUMMARY: The document below is the will, dated 12 December 1589, of Sir John Arundel of Lanherne, the son of John Arundel (d.1557) and Elizabeth Danet. The testator died on 17 November 1590. On 20 June 1571, he had been appointed surveyor of Oxford's lands in Cornwall and Devon, and shortly thereafter purchased all Oxford's manors in Cornwall in 1575. The testator's wife, referred to in the will as 'Lady Anne Stourton', who died in 1602, was the daughter of Thomas Stanley (d.1504), 1st Earl of Derby, and the widow of Charles, Lord Stourton, who had been hanged at Salisbury in 1557 for murdering his steward. John Stourton (1533-1588), the son of Lady Anne and Charles, Lord Stourton, married Lord Cobham's daughter, Frances Brooke (b.1562) in 1579. After John Stourton's death, Frances married Sir Edward More (d.1623), who was named one of the executors in the 1612 will of Oxford's widow, Elizabeth Trentham (see PROB 11/121, ff. 74-75v). Francis Brooke's twin sister, Elizabeth Brooke (1562-1597), was the wife of Oxford's brother-in-law, Sir Robert Cecil (1563-1612). For the Stourtons and Brookes, see McKeen, David, *A Memory of Honour: The Life of William Brooke, Lord Cobham*, (Salzburg: Institut für Anglistik und Amerikanistik, 1986) vol. 2, pp. 418-19. The testator's son and heir, John Arundel, married Anne Jernegan in 1587 and died on 22 July 1633. The grandfather mentioned in the will was Sir John Arundel, who had been appointed to put down a revolt in Cornwall in 1497, and who died between February 1502 and December 1503.

RM: Testamentum Iohannis Arundell miles

In the name of God, amen. I, John Arundel of Lanherne in the county of Cornwall, knight, being whole of mind and of perfect memory, thanks be given to Almighty God, do on this twelfth day of December in the two and thirtieth year [=12 December 1589] of the reign of our Sovereign Lady Elizabeth, our Queen's Majesty that now is, make this my last will and testament in writing in manner and form following, that is to say:

First, I bequeath and commend my soul unto the most merciful hands of Almighty God, by whose blessed bleeding wounds I firmly hope to be saved, and the rather by the intercession and mediation of our Blessed Lady the holy Virgin Mary, and of the holy angels, saints and the blessed company of heaven;

My body willingly I would have buried near my grandfather in the higher Saint Columb within the said county;

Also I give and bequeath to my very good lady and wife, the right honourable Lady Anne Stourton, all such plate and household stuff as I had and received of hers by reason of my marriage with her, or the value of them as they were worth at our said marriage;

Also I give and bequeath to her one hundred pounds of good and lawful money of England presently to be paid her after my death;

Also, I would have my executor to pay my son, George Arundel, presently upon my death the hundred pounds which I owe him by reason of a legacy bequeathed him by my brother, George Arundel, deceased, the which I received of Isabel, the wife of my said brother, to the use of my said son;

Also I give and bequeath unto my nephew, Thomas Bosgrove, one annuity of five pounds yearly issuing out of my demesnes of Lanherne, distrainable for non-payment, to have and to hold the same annuity to him and his assigns for and during the natural life of John Basinge, my tenant of Hackeridge;

Also I give and grant unto Edward Victor, my servant, during the life of Isabel Arundel, my sister-in-law, one annuity or yearly rent of four pounds of good and lawful money of England yearly issuing out and distrainable in all my demesnes aforesaid;

Also I give and grant to Wiliam Hanne(?), my servant, during his natural life, one annuity or yearly rent of four pounds of good and lawful money of England yearly issuing out and distrainable in all my said demesnes;

Also whereas I have heretofore granted a lease of certain tenements to my servant, Richard Victor, I will, charge and require my son, John Arundel, specially to assist, aid and maintain my said grant against all men by all the friendship and means that he can make and procure;

And likewise I will, charge and require my said son to make good account of the foresaid Richard Victor and Edward Victor, being such as are worthy to be accounted of for their trustiness and faithful service;

Also I most earnestly request and desire my good lady, my wife, and require and charge my said son, John Arundel, to have special care of my son Charnock and my daughter, his wife, and by their good aid and assistance to relieve them by all the means they may until my said son-in-law shall discharge his debts, with the like request, desire, requiring and charging that my said lady and son would continue their house and household together until my poor servants may conveniently by the good help and assistance of my said lady and son be placed and provided for in some fit service for their maintenance and relief;

Also I will, charge and require my executor to have special care and providence as farforth as possibly he may that he die not intestate whereby my goods and chattels may come into strangers' hands, but speedily upon my decease to make also his will and testament in writing, and that in such sort as my said goods and chattels may probably and by as good assurance and means as he can devise or cause to be devised remain and continue after his decease unto the heir male of my house for his better stay and provision;

Now as touching the rest of all my goods and chattels not given nor bequeathed, I give and bequeathed [sic] unto my foresaid son and heir, John Arundel, to have, hold and

enjoy as my executor and no otherwise, to th' end that my said son may the better assist my good lady, my wife, for the placing and preferring of my poor servants, and to th' end he may the better provide for the several sums appointed by assurance for the maintenance and preferment for my daughters, and finally to this purpose, that my said son shall perform and allow all grants and leases made heretofore by me, the said Sir John Arundel, if [sic for 'of] any my lands to any person or persons whatsoever, for all which ends and purposes I make and ordain my said son, John Arundel, my full, whole and sole executor;

And in witness hereof I have hereunto subscribed my name and thereunto put my seal, dated the day and year first above-written. John Arundel.

Published to be the last will of Sir John Arundel, knight, the day and year within-written in the presence of us whose names are hereunder written. Per me, Johannem Williams. Per me, Henricum Stephens.

Probatum fuit testamentum suprascriptum Apud London coram venerabili viro magistro Willelmo Lewin legum doctore Ad exercendum officium magistri Custodis siue Commissarij legitime deputato Nono die mensis Decembris Anno 1590 Iuramento Iohannis Kene notarij publici procuratoris Iohannis Arundell Armigeri filij et executoris in huiusmodi testamentto nominati Cui &c De bene &c Iurati

[=The above-written testament was proved at London before the worshipful Master William Lewin, Doctor of the Laws, lawfully deputed to exercise the office of Master, Keeper and Commissary, on the ninth day of December in the year 1590 by the oath of John Kene, notary public, proctor of John Arundel, esquire, son and executor named in the same testament, to whom etc., sworn to well etc.]