

SUMMARY: The document below is the last will and testament, dated 12 October 1578 and proved 6 May 1579 of Elizabeth Peyton Wigston (d.1578), mother of Roger Wigston (c.1537 - 1608), at whose home, Wolston Priory, the last two Marprelate tracts, the *Theses Martinianae* and the *Just Censure and Reproof of Martin Junior*, were printed on a secret press in July 1589.

FAMILY BACKGROUND

For earlier generations of the Peyton family, descendants of Robert de Vere (d.1221), 3rd Earl of Oxford, see Richardson, Douglas, *Magna Carta Ancestry*, 2nd ed., Vol. III, pp. 350-4 (hereafter *MCA*), and the Peyton pedigree in Howard, Joseph Jackson, ed., *The Visitation of Suffolke, Vol. II*, (Lowestoft: Samuel Tymms, 1871), pp. 116-18 at:

<https://books.google.ca/books?id=LCgAAAAAQA AJ&pg=PA118>

For the Peyton family's connections to the families of Sutton, Drury and Daubeney, see also Copinger, W.A., *The Manors of Suffolk*, Vol. 1, (London: T. Fisher Unwin, 1905), pp. 22-6 at:

<https://archive.org/stream/manorsofsuffolkn01copiuoft#page/22/mode/2up>

Sir John de Peyton died in 1394 and was succeeded by his son and heir John de Peyton who married Joan daughter and heir of Sir Hamon de Sutton of Wixoe Knt. by which marriage this place [=Peyton Hall] came to the Peytons. He had issue by his wife (afterwards married to Si Roger Drury Knt.), Margery wife of Thomas Daubeny of Sharrington co. Norfolk, three sons John, Thomas and Robert. . . .

Testatrix' great-grandparents

Thomas Peyton (d. 30 July 1484), esquire, married firstly Margaret Barnard, eldest of the three daughters and co-heiresses of Sir John Barnard of Isleham, Cambridgeshire, by Ellen Malory (d.1440), daughter and heir of (Sir?) John Malory and his wife, Joan, by whom he had a son and two daughters:

-Thomas Peyton (d. before 30 July 1484), who married Joan Calthorpe (see below).

-Margaret Peyton.

-Grace Peyton.

See Field, P.J.C., *The Life and Times of Sir Thomas Malory*, (Cambridge: D.S. Brewer, 1993), p. 186 at:

<https://books.google.ca/books?id=92zxNMHuUKcC&pg=PA186>

See Higgins, Mrs. Napier, *The Bernards of Abington and Nether Winchendon*, Vol. I, (London: Longmans, Green, and Co., 1903), pp. 9-10 at:

<https://archive.org/stream/cu31924088003185#page/n27/mode/2up>

There are stained glass portraits of Thomas Peyton and his first wife, Margaret Barnard, in Long Melford church. See Waters, Robert Edmond Chester, *Genealogical Memoirs of the Extinct Family of Chester of Chicheley*, Vol. I, (London: Robson and Sons, 1878), pp. 202-4 at:

<https://archive.org/stream/genealogicalmem01wategoog#page/n240/mode/2up>

See also:

<http://www.therosewindow.com/pilot/LongMelford/table.htm>

See also 'Heraldic Notes Taken at Clare, Co. Suffolk, in the Reign of Queen Elizabeth', in Nichols, John Gough, ed., *The Topographer and Genealogist*, Vol. II, (London: John Bowyer Nichols and Sons, 1853), pp. 398-402 at p. 400:

<https://books.google.ca/books?id=0xc5AQAAMAAJ&pg=PA400>

Thomas Peyton (d. 30 July 1484) married secondly Margaret Francis, widow of Thomas Garneys (d. 12 December 1458), esquire, and daughter and co-heiress of Sir Hugh Francis of Giffords Hall (in Wickenham), Suffolk, by whom he had two sons:

-Christopher Peyton (d. 27 June 1507), esquire, who married Elizabeth Hyde (d. 15 November 1516), the daughter of Leonard Hyde, esquire, of Hyde Hall, Hertfordshire, but died without surviving issue.

-Francis Peyton (d.1529), esquire, who married Elizabeth Brooke, the daughter of Reginald Brooke, esquire.

See TNA E 40/4776; and *MCA*, *supra*, Vol. III, p. 353.

Testatrix' grandparents

Thomas Peyton (d. before 30 July 1484), esquire, married Joan (or Jane) Calthorpe, described as 'the only child of (blank) Calthorpe, of Barnham St. Martin in Suffolk, and heiress of Calthorpe's Manor in that parish'. It seems likely that Joan Calthorpe was related to Sir William Calthorpe (30 Jan 1410 - 15 Nov 1494), for whose will see TNA PROB 11/10/408. See also *MCA*, *supra*, Vol. II, p. 89 and Vol. III, pp. 353-4, and Waters, *supra*, p. 204 at:

<https://archive.org/stream/genealogicalmem01wategoog#page/n242/mode/2up>

By Joan Calthorpe, Thomas Peyton had four sons and four daughters:

-Thomas Peyton (d. 1 August 1490), esquire, eldest son of Thomas Peyton (d. before 30 July 1484) by Joan Calthorpe. He was heir to his grandfather, Thomas Peyton (d. 30 July 1484). He married Joan Yerde, the only daughter and heir of Thomas Yerde, esquire, of Denton, Kent, but died without issue. See Ireland, William Henry, *A New and Complete History of the County of Kent*, Vol. II, (London: G. Virtue, 1829), p. 469 at:

<https://books.google.ca/books?id=twwHAAAAQAAJ&pg=PA469>

In his will, Thomas Peyton bequeathed his manor of Barnham to his wife, Joan ('Item, my will is that my wife have Bernham for term of thaire(?) life, and my stuff such as is needful to her'). See Waters, *supra*, Vol. I, pp. 204-6; his will, TNA PROB 11/8/649; the inquisition post mortem taken after his death, TNA C 142/7/62; and:

Maskelyne and H. C. Maxwell Lyte, 'Inquisitions Post Mortem, Henry VII, Entries 701-750', in *Calendar of Inquisitions Post Mortem: Series 2, Volume 1, Henry VII* (London, 1898), pp. 295-312. *British History Online* <http://www.british-history.ac.uk/inquis-post-mortem/series2-vol1/pp295-312> [accessed 20 December 2017].

-Sir Robert Peyton, (d. 18 March 1518) the testatrix' father. He succeeded his elder brother, Thomas Peyton, in 1490. See below.

-John Peyton, who died without issue before 1518, and was buried at Wicken. See Waters, *supra*, Vol. I, p. 204.

-Edward Peyton (living 1543), esquire, Gentleman Usher of the Chamber to Henry VIII. He died unmarried before 1551. See Waters, *supra*, Vol. I, p. 204.

-Elizabeth Peyton, who is said to have married Edmund Langley, esquire. See *MCA, supra*, Vol. III, p. 354; Waters, *supra*, Vol. I, p. 204; and Howard, Joseph Jackson, ed., *Miscellanea Genealogica et Heraldica*, Vol. III, 2nd Series, (London: Mitchell and Hughes, 1890), p. 172 at:

<https://books.google.ca/books?id=sIIIAAAAYAAJ&pg=PA172>

However in his will, her brother, Thomas Peyton, leaves a bequest to his sister, Isabel Haute.

-Jane Peyton (d. December 1551?), who married firstly John Langley (d. 3 November 1518), esquire, and secondly Sir Edward Ryngley (by 1497-1543), but died without issue. See *MCA, supra*, Vol. III, p. 354; Waters, *supra*, Vol. I, pp. 204-5, 245-7 at:

<https://archive.org/stream/genealogicalmem01wategoog#page/n242/mode/2up>

For Sir Edward Ryungeley, see the History of Parliament entry at:

<http://www.historyofparliamentonline.org/volume/1509-1558/member/ryungeley-sir-edward-1497-1543>

The testatrix' uncle, John Langley (d. 3 November 1518) was a first cousin of the testatrix' mother-in-law, Christian Langley Wigston, one of the daughters and coheirs of Edmund Langley (d.1490). See Howard, *supra*, p. 172.

-Anne Peyton (d. 22 October 1503) who married John Ashby (d.1496?), esquire, of Harefield, Middlesex. See Waters, *supra*, Vol. I, p. 205.

-Dorothy Peyton (living 1518). See Waters, *supra*, Vol. I, p. 205.

After the death of the testatrix' grandfather, the testatrix' grandmother, Joan Calthorpe Peyton, married secondly William Mauleverer (d.1498), esquire. See his will, proved 14 May 1498, TNA PROB 11/11/381, in which he appoints his wife, Joan, as executrix; MCA, *supra*, Vol. III, p. 354; and Waters, *supra*, Vol. I, p. 205.

Testatrix' parents

The testatrix's father, Sir Robert Peyton (d. 18 March 1518) of Isleham, Cambridgeshire, was a descendant of Robert de Vere, 3rd Earl of Oxford. For his will, proved 20 April 1518, see TNA PROB 11/19/81.

The testatrix' mother was Elizabeth Clere (d.1546?), the daughter of Sir Robert Clere (c.1452 - 10 August 1529) of Ormesby, Norfolk, by his first wife, Anne Hopton (d. 23 January 1506), the daughter of Sir William Hopton (d. 7 February 1485) and Margaret Wentworth (d. 20 April 1478). See the will of Elizabeth Clere, dated 16 November 1545 and proved 6 April 1546, TNA PROB 11/31/102, and MCA, *supra*, Vol. II, pp. 401-2 and Vol. III, p. 354.

After the death of Anne Hopton, Sir Robert Clere married Alice Boleyn (d. 1 November 1538), the daughter of Sir William Boleyn (c.1451-1505?) and Margaret Butler (d. before 20 March 1540), the youngest daughter and co-heiress of Thomas Butler (d. 3 August 1515), 7th Earl of Ormond, by his first wife, Anne Hankford. Alice Boleyn Clere was the aunt of Queen Anne Boleyn. See her will, TNA PROB 11/27/398; MCA, *supra*, Vol. II, p. 402; and Waters, *supra*, Vol. I, p. 206.

For the testatrix' grandfather, Sir Robert Clere (c.1452 - 10 August 1529), see his will, TNA PROB 11/24/84, and Richardson, Douglas, *Magna Carta Ancestry*, 2nd ed., 2011, Vol. I, pp. 6-7.

The testatrix had four brothers and one sister:

-Sir Robert Peyton (d. 1 August 1550) who married Frances Hasilden (d. 18 March 1582), daughter and heiress of Francis Hasilden (d.1522), esquire, by Elizabeth Calthorpe, daughter of Sir William Calthorpe (30 January 1410 – 15 November 1494) by his second wife, Elizabeth Stapleton (d. 18 February 1505). See Richardson, Douglas, *Plantagenet Ancestry*, 2nd ed., 2011, Vol. I, p. 169 (hereafter *PA*), and the will of Sir William Calthorpe, TNA PROB 11/10/408.

The eldest son of Sir Robert Peyton (d. 1 August 1550) and Frances Hasilden, Robert Peyton (d. 19 October 1590), esquire, married Elizabeth Rich, daughter of Richard Rich (1496/7-1567), 1st Baron Rich, Lord Chancellor. See *MCA, supra*, Vol. III, p. 355; and Waters, *supra*, pp. 218-19 at:

<https://archive.org/stream/genealogicalmem01wategoog#page/n256/mode/2up>

Elizabeth Calthorpe's sister, Anne Calthorpe, married Sir Robert Drury (b. before 1456, d. 2 March 1535), lawyer and speaker of the House of Commons, and chief steward and executor to John de Vere (1442-1513), 13th Earl of Oxford. See his will, TNA PROB 11/25/467; and *PA, supra*, Vol. 1, p. 169.

For the Hasilden pedigree, see Waters, *supra*, p. 217 at:

<https://archive.org/stream/genealogicalmem01wategoog#page/n254/mode/2up>

-John Peyton (c.1500 - 22 October 1558), esquire, second son, who married, about 1537, Dorothy Tyndall (living 18 October 1559), the daughter of Sir John Tyndall of Hockwold, Norfolk, by whom he was the father of Sir Thomas Peyton (d.1611), who on 26 March 1573 married Anne Calthorpe, daughter of Sir Martin Calthorpe, Lord Mayor of London in 1588. John Peyton 'succeeded to Knowlton by the death of his brother Edward, and was the ancestor of the Baronets at Knowlton'. See *MCA, supra*, Vol. II, p. 89; Waters, *supra*, pp. 208, 245-8 at:

<https://archive.org/stream/genealogicalmem01wategoog#page/n280/mode/2up>

See also the History of Parliament entry at:

<http://www.historyofparliamentonline.org/volume/1509-1558/member/peyton-john-1500-58>

From the will of Sir Robert Peyton, TNA PROB 11/18/81:

And immediately after my debts, legacies and bequests, be paid and this my testament and will performed, that then I will John, my second son, shall have to him my manor in Barnham Saint Martyn called Calthorpes, as more plainly is specified in my will of my flocks of sheep going at Barnham aforesaid.

-Edward Peyton, third son, ‘who had the reversion of Knowlton settled upon him in 1515 by his uncle, John Langley, but died young and unmarried’. See Waters, *supra*, Vol. I, p. 208.

-William Peyton, who died young. His epitaph is at Ormesby. See Waters, *supra*, Vol. I, p. 208.

-Margaret Peyton, who married Francis Jenney (d.1590), esquire, of Knodishall, Suffolk. See Waters, *supra*, Vol. I, p. 209, and ‘Knottishall Parish’ at:

Francis Jenney, Esq., of this parish, married twice: first, Margaret, daughter, of Sir Robert Peyton, Knt., of Iselham; and secondly, Mary, daughter of Robert Brograve, Esq., of Beckham, in Kent. By the latter he had no issue, but by the former was father of a numerous family. This gentleman died in 1590, aged 80 years. His descendants in the elder branch intermarried as follows:

Arthur, his heir, born in 1533, died in 1604, Buried at Theberton = Elye, daughter of George Jernigan, Esq. of Somerleyton.

For George Jerningham (1515-1559), see the will of Lady Anne Grey, TNA PROB 11/42B/3.

According to the Jenney pedigree, William Jenney (d.1518/19) married firstly the testatrix’ aunt, Audrey Clere, by whom he had four children who all died without issue, and secondly Elizabeth Bretton, by whom he was the father of Francis Jenney (d.1590). See Metcalfe, Walter C., ed., *The Visitations of Suffolk*, (Exeter: William Pollard, 1882), p. 45 at:

<https://books.google.ca/books?id=EycAAAAAQAAJ&pg=PA45>

See also the History of Parliament entry for Francis Jenney’s uncle, Sir Christopher Jenney (by 1489-1542) at:

<http://www.historyofparliamentonline.org/volume/1509-1558/member/jenney-christopher-1489-1542>

MARRIAGE

The testatrix married, as his second wife, Sir William Wigston (c.1509 – 27 September 1577). See the inquisition post mortem taken after his death, TNA C 142/183/95, his will, Lichfield Record Office 1579 B/C/11, and the History of Parliament entry at:

<http://www.historyofparliamentonline.org/volume/1509-1558/member/wigston-william-1509-77>

b. by 1509, 1st s. of Roger Wigston. educ. prob. I. Temple. m. by 1536, Elizabeth, da. of Sir Robert Peyton of Isleham, Cambs., 4s. 7da. suc. fa. 27 Nov. 1542. Kntd. 19 Oct. 1553.2

See also the will of the testatrix' father-in-law, Roger Wigston (c.1483 - 27 November 1542), esquire, TNA PROB 11/29/275.

See also the Wigston pedigree in Fetherston, John, ed., *The Visitation of the County of Warwick in the Year 1619*, (London: Harleian Society, 1877), Vol. XII, pp. 36-8 at:

<https://archive.org/stream/visitationcount01britgoog#page/n60/mode/2up>

See also Hartopp, Henry, 'Wigston or Wiggston Family of Leicester' in Spencer, John and Thomas Spencer, eds., *Leicestershire and Rutland Notes and Queries and Antiquarian Gleaner*, Vol. III, (London: Elliot Stock, 1895), pp. 296-301 at:

<https://archive.org/stream/leicestershirea00unkngoog#page/n353/mode/2up>

See also Dugdale, William, *The Antiquities of Warwickshire*, (London: Thomas Warren, 1656), p. 25 at:

<https://archive.org/stream/antiquitiesofwar00dugd#page/24/mode/2up>

See also the records of the Wigston marriages and burials in 'Extracts From the Registers of the Church of Wolston cum Brandon, Warwickshire', in Howard, Joseph Jackson, ed., *Miscellanea Genealogica et Heraldica*, Vol. IV, 2nd Series, (London: Mitchell and Hughes, 1892), p. 70 at:

<https://books.google.ca/books?id=FlpIAAAAYAAJ&pg=PA70>

TESTATRIX' CHILDREN

According to the will below, the testatrix had four sons and five daughters:

* **Roger Wigston** (c.1537 – buried 28 September 1608), esquire, in whose house, Wolston Priory, the last two Marprelate tracts were printed in July 1589 (see above). He married Margaret Davenport (buried 15 September 1606), the daughter of Nicholas Davenport of Cheshire. See the following clause in the will of the testatrix' husband:

Item, I will that the said Dame Elizabeth Wigston, my wife, shall have, hold & peaceably enjoy my mansion house in Wolston . . . during the term and space of 3 years next and immediately after the death of me, the said Sir William Wigston, according as it is plainly expressed and declared in the indentures of covenants of marriage had and made betwixt the right honourable Lady Suzan Zouche, widow, & [-and] the said Sir William Wigston

for and concerning the marriage of Roger Wigston, son & heir of the said Sir William Wigston, then married to Margaret Davenport daughter of the aforesaid Lady Susan Zouche, bearing date the last day of May in the third year [=31 May 1561] of the reign of our most glorious Sovereign Lady Queen Elizabeth etc.;

For the will of Sir John Zouche, Baron Zouche of Haringworth, Northamptonshire, dated 1 April 1550 and proved 21 April 1551, see TNA PROB 11/34/123

See also Hartopp, *supra*, p. 300 at:

<https://archive.org/stream/leicestershirea00unkngoog#page/n355/mode/2up>

Roger Wigston of Wolston, co. Warwick, b. about 1537, d. 1608. Administration granted by the Consistory Court of the Bishop of Lichfield and Coventry, 1609, No. 91. He married Margaret, daughter of Nicholas Davenport of Cheshire, and by her had issue, a son, Huntingdon Wigston, who died young, and two daughters, i. Elizabeth, m. William Davenport, of Davenport co. Chester, and Susanna, m. Nicholas Wentworth, who in right of his wife ultimately succeeded to the manor and advowson of Wolston [vide Dugdale's History of Warwickshire, p. 25].

See also Earwaker, J.P., *East Cheshire: Past and Present*, Vol. I, (London, 1877), p. 153:

<https://books.google.ca/books?id=VwMcAQAAMAAJ&pg=PA153>

Nicholas Davenport, who thus recovered his lands in Fulshaw, was dead before 1560, in which year his son and heir, Humphrey Davenport, sold his lands there . . . The widow of Nicholas Davenport, described as "Susanna Lady Zouche, widow, late wife of Sir John Zouche, Knight, Lord Zouche," was also a party to the above sale.

By Margaret Davenport, Roger Wigston had three sons and two daughters:

-William Wigston, buried 6 February 1563. See *Extracts, supra*, p. 70.

-Huntington Wigston, baptized 29 September 1569, buried 22 April 1579. See *Extracts, supra*, p. 70. He is mentioned in the will below.

-Nathaniel Wigston, baptized 3 August 1574, buried 20 August 1574. See *Extracts, supra*, p. 70.

-Elizabeth Wigston, mentioned in the will below as the testatrix' god-daughter. In 1589 she married William Davenport. See Herbert, Albert, 'Church of St. Peter. Belgrave', p. 51, available as a pdf file online:

We also know that William Wigston and Elisabeth, his wife, had acquired another manor in Belgrave before 1521, and that this manor came from the Wigstons to the Davenports

by the marriage of William Davenport with Elizabeth, the daughter and co-heir of Roger Wigston, in 1589

-**Susan Wigston**, mentioned in the will below. On 14 October 1587 she married Nicholas Wentworth (1561 – 10 April 1613), the son of Peter Wentworth (1524–1597) by Elizabeth Walsingham Gates Wentworth (d. 21 July 1596). See *Extracts, supra*, p. 70. See also the will of Roger Wigston (c.1483 - 27 November 1542), TNA PROB 11/29/275, and the will of Geoffrey Gates (d.155?), TNA PROB 11/37/210. See also the Wentworth pedigree in Rutton, William Loftie, *Three Branches of the Family of Wentworth*, (London: 1891), pp. 263, 301 at:

<https://books.google.ca/books?id=YhY5AQAAMAAJ&pg=PA263>

* **Robert Wigston**, second son. According to his father's will he was vicar of Hillmorton in 1577.

* **William Wigston**, third son.

* **Edward Wigston**, youngest son. He is said to have been the adopted heir of Robert Pieton [=Peyton?], and appears to be the Edward Wigston who is mentioned in the will of Henry Hugford (d.1592), town clerk of Stratford-upon-Avon, who in 1573 sued John Shakespeare for debt. See the will of Henry Hugford, TNA PROB 11/80/424.

* **Katherine Wigston**, who on 21 June 1558 married William Purefoy of Caldecote, Warwickshire, who died 1 September 1615 at 88 years of age. See *Extracts, supra*, p. 70, and the Purefoy pedigree in Adlard, George, *The Sutton-Dudleys of England and the Dudleys of Massachusetts in New England*, (London, 1862), p. 20 at:

<https://books.google.ca/books?id=TWYBAAAAQAAJ&pg=PA20>

* **Anne Wigston**, who married a husband surnamed Crofts.

* **Christian Wigston**, who married a husband surnamed Wakes.

* **Bridget Wigston**, youngest daughter, unmarried at the time her father made his will. On 21 October 1577 she married Henry Smith (buried 15 December 1615). See *Extracts, supra*, p. 70.

* **Mary Wigston**, unmarried at the time the testatrix made her will.

In the name of God, so be it. I, Elizabeth Wigston, widow, being very weak in body yet, God be thanked therefore, of perfect mind and memory, ordain, constitute and make this my last will and testament in manner and form following:

First and principally I bequeath my soul to Almighty God, my (illegible) Maker and Redeemer, by whose death and passion is my only hope and trust of salvation, and my body from whence it came, as earth to earth, ashes to ashes and dust to dust (illegible) to be buried according to the discretion of my executor without any worldly pomp, considering my small ability;

Item, I give to the mother church of Lichfield 4d;

Item, to the parish church where I shall happen to depart, and there to be buried, 3s 4d;

Item, I give and bequeath unto my son Wigston my silver cup gilt with the Cleres' arms thereupon, and to Huntington Wigston after his decease;

Item, to Elizabeth Wigston, my god-daughter, I give and bequeath one pair of sheets of three breadths with the broad hems, and a pair of pillow-beres;

Item, I give and bequeath unto Susan Wigston my little spruce coffer and the sampler therein;

Item, I give and bequeath to my daughter, Anne Croftes, a damask board-cloth and a towel, and my forepart of black velvet;

Item, I give and bequeath unto my daughter, Christian Wake, a pair of sheets marked with the letter E, a pair of pillow-beres, a diaper board-cloth, six napkins, diaper, and a diaper towel, a waist smock, a reale(?) of calico cloth, and a chersne [=cushion?];

And to little Abraham Wake my gilt spoon;

Item, I give and bequeath to Mary Wigston, my daughter, my taffeta gown laid on with black and red lace, a forepart of fugure [=figured?] satin, my head that is whole behind and all that belongeth thereunto, my lawn partlet, and one iron-bound coffer with one lock;

Item, I give and bequeath unto Bridget Smith, my youngest daughter, my camlet gown, my round kirtle, my petticoat I wear every day, a pair of sheets of tyre of hemp, two pillow-beres, a coverlet lined with blue buckram and a little iron-bound coffer lined within with red leather;

Item, I give and bequeath unto my second son, Robert Wigston, a featherbed, a bolster, a blanket, a coverlet and a pair of sheets;

Item, I give and bequeath unto William Wigston, my third son, a stone jug covered with silver and gilt, and a piece of gold of 20s;

Item, I give and bequeath unto Edward Wigston, my youngest son, my gold ring, being my seal with E and W, and a piece of gold of 15s;

Item, I give and bequeath unto Joan Asley, my maid, my mourning gown, my silver spoon, and my little coffer where my ruffs lie;

Item, to Elizabeth Crosse, widow, I give and bequeath 10s in money;

Item, the rest of all my goods, household stuff, chattels, obligations and debts whatsoever, my funerals discharged and my debts paid, I give and bequeath to my well-beloved son-in-law, William Purefoy, whom I ordain and make my full and whole sole executor;

In witness hereof I, the said Dame Elizabeth Wigston, have set to my hand and seal the 12 day of October and in the 20th year of the reign of our most dread Sovereign Lady Elizabeth by the grace of God of England, France and Ireland Queen, Defender of the Faith etc.

E.W.

Signed and delivered as the will of the said Dame Elizabeth Wigston in the presence of Edward Wigston, John Bishop, Elizabeth Crosse, Joan Asley and others.

[NOTE: Inventory of goods dated 30 November 1578 not yet transcribed.]