

SUMMARY: The document below is an undated copy of the grant, dated 11 July 1590, by Frances Jerningham and her husband, Henry Jerningham (d.1619) of an annuity of £20 to Sir Henry Brooke *alias* Cobham and John Brooke *alias* Cobham for the benefit of Frances Jerningham's mother, Catherine Brooke Jerningham (1544-1617?).

Catherine Brooke Jerningham was the sister of Sir Henry Brooke and John Brooke, the grantees in the document below, for whom see the will of their father, George Brooke, 9<sup>th</sup> Baron Cobham, TNA PROB 11/43/628. For Catherine Brooke Jerningham, see also the will of her daughter, Catherine Jerningham Crane Carey (d.1614), TNA PROB 11/123/225; McKeen, David, *A Memory of Honour; The Life of William Brooke, Lord Cobham* (Salzburg: Institut für Anglistik und Amerikanistik, 1986), pp. 11, 52, 66, 379-81, 668, 700-702; and Druery, John Henry, *Historical and Topographical Notices of Great Yarmouth*, (London: Nichols & Son, 1826), pp. 166-7, 176 at:

<https://books.google.ca/books?id=DUIjAAAAMAAJ&pg=PA166-IA2&lpg=PA166-IA2&dq=%22Sir+John+Jernegan%22+%22Catherine+Brooke%22&source=bl&ots=TFs8WUxVYH&sig=r6Ccri314fo4UAePm2lvriawDOA&hl=en&sa=X&ei=ZpRbVcXdGojroASyo4HICA&ved=0CB0Q6AEwAA#v=onepage&q=%22Sir%20John%20Jernegan%2%20%22Catherine%20Brooke%22&f=false>.

In 1570 Catherine Brooke Jerningham's husband, John Jerningham of Somerleyton, was found guilty of abetting treasonable riots in Norwich, thought to have been a demonstration of support for Thomas Howard (1538-1572), 4<sup>th</sup> Duke of Norfolk, then in prison. Jerningham secured the Queen's pardon, but in the early 1590s Lord Burghley recorded in a note of Suffolk recusants that John Jerningham had fled the realm and was with the King of Spain. It may have been because of these circumstances that Frances Jerningham and her second husband, Henry Jerningham (d.1619), granted the annuity below for her benefit.

As noted in the grant below, Catherine Brooke Jerningham's daughter, Frances Jerningham, married firstly Thomas Bedingfield (d.1590), for whose will see TNA PROB 11/76/276, by whom she had two sons, Henry and William, and secondly her second cousin, Henry Jerningham (d.1619).

By 1596, only a few years after the grant of this annuity, Henry Jerningham (d.1619) was heavily in debt. See his 1596 will, NRO JER 246 55X1. Perhaps to meet his financial obligations, on 2 February 1596 he sold the Jerningham mansion in the Blackfriars to George Carey (1548-1603), 2<sup>nd</sup> Baron Hunsdon. See SRO D641/3/A/8/1.

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To all true Christian people to whom this present writing shall come, Frances Jerningham, late the wife of Thomas Bedingfield, late of Oxborough in the county of

Norfolk, esquire, deceased, and Henry Jerningham of Costessey in the same county of Suffolk, esquire, send greeting in Our Lord God everlasting:

Know ye that we, the said Frances Jerningham and Henry Jerningham, for divers good and reasonable causes and considerations us in this behalf especially moving, have given, granted and confirmed and by these presents do give, grant and confirm unto Sir Henry Cobham, knight, and John Cobham, esquire, one annuity or yearly rent of twenty pounds of good and lawful money of England;

To have and to hold the said annuity or yearly rent of twenty pounds unto the said Sir Henry Cobham and John Cobham and their assigns for and during the natural life of Katherine Jerningham, mother of the said Frances Jerningham, at four feasts or terms in the year, that is to say, at the feasts of St Michael th' Archangel, the Birth of Our Lord God, the Annunciation of Our Lady the Virgin, and the Nativity of St John Baptist by even and equal portions;

And we, the said Frances Jerningham and Henry Jerningham, have put the said Sir Henry Cobham and John Cobham in full and peaceable possession & seisin of the said annuity or yearly rent of twenty pounds by the payment of twelve pence of lawful money of England which we have given and delivered unto the said Sir Henry and John Cobham at the ensealing and delivery of these presents as parcel and in part of payment of the said annuity or yearly rent;

Provided always that if Henry Bedingfield, son and heir of the said Thomas Bedingfield, shall accomplish and come to his full age of twenty and one years during the life of the said Katherine Jerningham, and that the above-named Frances be also deceased, that then and from thenceforth this present grant and the said annuity or yearly rent of twenty pounds shall cease, determine and be utterly void, anything abovesaid notwithstanding;

In witness whereof unto this our present writing we, the said Frances Jerningham and Henry Jerningham, have put to our seals, given the eleventh day of July in the two and thirtieth year of the reign of our Sovereign Lady Elizabeth by the grace of God Queen of England, France and Ireland, defender of the Faith etc.

Thus subscribed: Frances Jerningham, Henry Jerningham

Thus certified: Sealed and delivered in the presence of John Fitzwilliams.

Marginal notes in another hand: (1) Nota: You have therewith(?) in law concludeth a warranty; (2) Both or either of these 2 [=the majoring of Henry Bedingfield and the death of Frances Jerningham] are not yet happened, and therefore the warranty(?) is still in force.