

SUMMARY: The document below is the Essex Record Office copy of the last will and testament, dated 15 October 1530, of Philippa Bradbury Josselyn, whose husband was auditor to John de Vere (1442-1513), 13<sup>th</sup> Earl of Oxford, and one of the executors of the Earl's will.

### ***FAMILY BACKGROUND***

For the testatrix' family background, see Sutton, Anne F., 'Lady Joan Bradbury (d.1530)', in Barron, Caroline M. and Anne F. Sutton, eds., *Medieval London Widows 1300-1500*, (London: The Hambledon Press, 1994), pp. 208-38 at p. 211:

<http://books.google.ca/books?id=uc3RLXFANoMC&pg=PA211>

### ***Testatrix' parents***

The testatrix was the daughter of William Bradbury of Braughing, Hertfordshire, and Margaret Rokell, the daughter of Thomas Rokell.

### ***Testatrix' siblings***

The testatrix had four brothers and a sister:

**-Robert Bradbury** (d.1500), who married and had a son, William Bradbury (d.1550), esquire, of Littlebury, Essex. For the will of William Bradbury, see TNA PROB 11/33/411, and Sutton, *supra*, p. 219 at:

<http://books.google.ca/books?id=uc3RLXFANoMC&pg=PA219>

**-George Bradbury** (d.1506), mercer, who died without issue. He was buried in the chapel of Our Lady in St Michael Bassishaw. See his will, TNA PROB 11/15/166, in which he left property to the testatrix and her daughter, Joan Hannys. See also Sutton, *supra*, p. 219.

**-Thomas Bradbury** (d.1510), mercer and Lord Mayor of London, who married Joan Leche (d.1530), widow of Thomas Bodley (d.1492), whose brother, Richard Bodley (d.1491), was the great-grandfather of Sir John Bodley of Streatham, landlord of the Globe playhouse from 1601-1622. See the will of Thomas Bodley, TNA PROB 11/9/374, and the will of Richard Bodley, TNA PROB 11/9/28. For Joan Leche, see her will, TNA PROB 11/23/272, the Wikipedia article edited by the author of this website, and Sutton, *supra*, p. 208.

**-Henry Bradbury** (d.1533), mercer, who died without issue. He was buried in the chapel of Our Lady in St Michael Bassishaw. By his will, Guildhouse Library MS 9171/10, f. 223, he left all his goods to his 'cousin', Mary, wife of the London tailor, William Woodham. See Sutton, *supra*, p. 219 at:

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**-Jane(?) Bradbury**, who appears to have married firstly Richard Leveson (d.1503) of Prestwood, by whom she was the mother of Nicholas Leveson (c.1490-1539), and secondly a husband surnamed Illesley. See Sutton, *supra*, p. 219, the will of Sir Thomas Bradbury, and:

<https://www.search.sutherlandcollection.org.uk/search.aspx?SearchType=2&ThemeID=132>

### ***MARRIAGE AND ISSUE***

It appears the testatrix married firstly a husband whose name is unknown, by whom she had a daughter, Joan Hannys. See the will, TNA PROB 11/15/166, of the testatrix' brother, George Bradbury (d.1506), in which he leaves lands to the testatrix, and in remainder to her daughter, Joan Hannys. See also Sutton, p. 219 at:

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The testatrix married, as his second wife, John Josselyn (d.1525) of High Roding, Essex, auditor to John de Vere (1442-1513), 13<sup>th</sup> Earl of Oxford, and one of the executors of the Earl's will. John Josselyn's first wife, Cecily Molyneux, is said to have died on 7 July 1502. See the will of John Josselyn, dated 1 August 1524 and 12 July 1525, and proved 13 February 1526, TNA PROB 11/22/61.

By John Josselyn, the testatrix had a son and two daughters:

\* **Sir Thomas Josselyn** (b. 1507, d. 24 October 1562), who married Dorothy Gates (d.1583?), the daughter of Sir Geoffrey Gates (d.1526) and his wife, Elizabeth Clopton, daughter of Sir William Clopton. During the years 1540-42 Dorothy (nee Gates) Josselyn was at court in the household of Queen Katherine Howard (1518x24-1542). Sir Geoffrey Gates' son and heir, Sir John Gates (1504-1553), was named as an executor in the 1552 will of Oxford's father, the 16<sup>th</sup> Earl of Oxford. However Gates was replaced as executor by a codicil dated January 28, 1554, having been executed on 22 August 1553 along with John Dudley (1504-1553), Duke of Northumberland, as a result of Northumberland's failed attempt to put his daughter-in-law, Lady Jane Grey, on the throne after the death of Edward VI (see BL Stowe Charter 633-4). Sir Geoffrey Gates' daughter, Anne Gates, married Thomas Darcy, the uncle of Thomas (1506-1558), 1<sup>st</sup> Baron Darcy of Chiche, Vice-Chamberlain of King Edward VI's household, and brother-in-law of the 16<sup>th</sup> Earl of Oxford. For the will of Thomas Darcy (1506-1558), 1<sup>st</sup> Baron Darcy of Chiche, see TNA PROB 11/44/115.

By Dorothy Gates, Sir Thomas Josselyn had a daughter, Jane Josselyn, who married Oxford's receiver, Richard Kelton (d.1578). After Richard Kelton's death, Jane (nee Josselyn) Kelton married Roger Harlakenden (d.1603), who defrauded Oxford in the sale of Colne Priory. Roger Harlakenden's marriage into the Josselyn family, trusted servants of the Earls of Oxford, may have facilitated his fraud. For the will of Roger Harlakenden (d.1603), see TNA PROB 11/101/320.

For the will of Sir Thomas Josselyn (b. 1507, d. 24 October 1562), see TNA PROB 11/47/309. For the will of Dorothy (nee Gates) Josselyn (d.1583?), see TNA PROB 11/65/111.

\* **Jane Josselyn** (d. August 1569), who married Sir Nicholas Wentworth (d.1553) of Lillingstone Lovell, Oxfordshire, chief porter of Calais, and by him was the mother of Peter Wentworth (1524–1597) and Paul Wentworth (1534–1594), well known in Queen Elizabeth's reign for their interventions on the issues of parliamentary privilege, freedom of speech, and the succession to the crown. Peter Wentworth (1524–1597) married firstly, Lettice Lane, the daughter of Sir Ralph Lane of Horton, Northamptonshire, first cousin of Queen Katherine Parr, and secondly, Elizabeth Walsingham (d.1596), sister of Queen Elizabeth's principal secretary, Sir Francis Walsingham (c.1532–1590). For the will of Sir Nicholas Wentworth (d.1553), see TNA PROB 11/39/237. For the marriage of Jane Josselyn and Sir Nicholas Wentworth, see also Rutton, William Loftie, *Three Branches of the Family of Wentworth*, London, 1891, p. 193 at:

<https://books.google.ca/books?id=YhY5AQAAMAAJ&pg=PA193>

\* **Anne Josselyn**, unmarried at the time the testatrix made her will.

### ***OTHER PERSONS MENTIONED IN THE WILL***

For John Wiseman (d.1558) and his wife, Agnes Josselyn, see his will, TNA PROB 11/40/413.

The testatrix' will can be viewed by subscription on the Essex Record Office website.

In the name of God, Amen. I, Philip Josselyn of High Roding in the county of Essex, widow, the 15<sup>th</sup> day of October in the 22<sup>nd</sup> year of the reign of King Henry the 8<sup>th</sup> and in the year of Our Lord God [-a] 1530, being of good mind & memory, thanked be God, make, ordain & declare this my present testament & last will in manner & form following:

First I bequeath my soul to Almighty God & to Our Blessed Lady Saint Mary & to all the holy company of heaven, and my body to be buried in the Priory of King's Hatfield in the chapel of Our Blessed Lady there by my late husband, John Josselyn;

Item, I bequeath to the high altar of the parish church of High Roding for my tithes & offering negligently withdrawn & forgotten 20s;

Also I will that mine executors shall bestow upon my funeral charges £10 or thereabout by their discretion;

Item, I will that mine executors after my burial & funeral charges done shall pay all my debts;

Item, I will that mine executors immediately after my decease shall cause 3 trentals of Masses to [+be?] said for my soul in the chapel of Our Blessed Lady in the Priory of King's Hatfield before said;

Item, I bequeath to the reparations of the Priory of King's Hatfield aforesaid £10;

Item, I bequeath to Anne, my daughter, 2 gilt salts with drops with the cover to the same salts, a great gilt standing cup chased with the cover to the same cup, & my little Ivye [=livery?] pot garnished with silver all gilt;

Item, I bequeath to my daughter? [PAGE TORN] Wentworth 4 candlesticks of silver, 2 cruets of silver, a bell of silver, & a pax of silver & gilt, & a holy water stoppe [=stoup?] of silver, & the sprinkle of silver to the same belonging, & my great Ivye [=livery?] pot garnished with silver all gilt;

Item, I bequeath to Mary Josselyn a gilt cup all plain, with the cover to the same belonging;

Item, I bequeath to Thomas Josselyn, my son, another gilt cup all plain, with a cover to the same cup belonging;

Item, I bequeath to Peter Wentworth, Henry Wentworth & Clare Wentworth, my son Wentworth's children, 3 goblets plain all gilt, with the cover to the same goblets belonging;

Item, I bequeath to John Josselyn, Richard Josselyn & Thomas Josselyn 3 silver goblets all plain parcel gilt, with one cover to the same belonging;

Item, I will that some honest priest by the discretion of mine executors shall sing at the Priory before said in the chapel of Our Blessed Lady there for my soul & my friends' souls by the space of 12 months next after my decease, and he to have for his salary & wages 10 marks;

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Item, I bequeath to my brother, Henry Bradbury of London, 100s;

Item, I bequeath to Leonard Josselyn my tun [=drinking-cup] of silver all gilt;

Item, I bequeath to Anne, my daughter, my best kirtle of black damask;

Item, I bequeath to my daughter, Joan Wentworth, my best gown of black camlet;

Item, I bequeath to my daughter-in-law, Dorothy Josselyn, another gown of black camlet purfled [=bordered] with black velvet & lined with black sarcenet;

Item, I bequeath a gown of black cloth furred with calaber [=fur of foreign, i.e. non-English, species of squirrel] & purfled with minks to my cousin, Elizabeth, late Ralph Josselyn's wife;

Item, I bequeath to my cousin Annes [=Agnes], John Wiseman's wife, my gown of black camlet furred with grey;

Item, I bequeath to Anne, my daughter, a gown of fine black cloth with a fur of black chankes(?), which gown is not yet made;

Item, I bequeath to my Lady Gate a kirtle of black worsted;

Item, I bequeath to my daughter-in-law, [f. 2] Dorothy Josselyn, a kirtle of black satin of Bruges;

Also where I hold to farm of the Priory of Hatfield the tithes of an endware in Hatfield called Brounches(?) End for divers years yet to come, I bequeath my years in the same to John Wiseman;

Item, I bequeath to Thomas Josselyn, my son, my best bed of blue velvet & yellow damask hanging in the chamber over the parlour, with featherbed, counterpoint & all other to the same belonging;

Item, I bequeath to my son Wentworth a counterpoint next the best, with the hanging of red & yellow say in the chamber over the parlour, with such carpets as are used to them(?) in the same chamber;

Item, I bequeath to Anne, my daughter, a counterpoint paned with red & yellow;

Item, I will that mine executors shall deal to poor folks at my burial 100s;

Item, I give to Anne my daughter, 2 counterpoints with 3 featherbeds, 3 pair of sheets, 3 pair of blankets & 6 pillows;

Item, I bequeath to Thomas Hawkyngs of Much Canfield 6s 8d;

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Item, I bequeath to every of my servants 6s 8d;

Item, I bequeath to Thomas Josselyn, my son, my basin & ewer of silver, & 2 great pots of silver parcel gilt;

Item, I bequeath to Anne, my daughter, my new tablecloth of diaper, being damask work, with a cupboard cloth of diaper of damask work to the same;

Item, I bequeath to Thomas Josselyn, my son, another tablecloth of diaper of mine own spinning, being draught work;

Item, I bequeath to my son Wentworth another tablecloth of diaper draught work, being also of mine own spinning;

Item, I bequeath a double towel of diaper, being damask work, to my son, Thomas Josselyn;

Item, I bequeath to my daughter, Anne, another double towel of diaper of the same work;

Item, I bequeath to my said daughter, Anne, a pair of sheets of 3 breadths;

Item, I bequeath to my said son, Thomas, another pair of sheets of 3 breadths;

Item, I bequeath to Mary Josselyn 2 of my best tablecloths of diaper, 4 of my best pair of sheets next unto them that be before bequeathed;

Item, all the rest of my napery ware I will shall be egally divided between my said son, Thomas Josselyn, Anne, my daughter, & my daughter Wentworth;

Item, I bequeath to William Bradbury, the younger son to my cousin, William Bradbury the elder, £10 to find him towards his learning;

Item, I will that mine executors shall forgive the miller of such money as he doth owe me, 40s;

Item, I give & bequeath to the reparations of High Roding church 20s;

Item, I bequeath to my cousin, Humphrey Fitzherbert, & his wife, either of them a black gown;

Item, I bequeath to my Lady Gate a black gown;

Item, I bequeath to my son, Thomas Josselyn, 16 kine & [PAGE TORN], & all my corn within my barns & garners;

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Also I will & bequeath the residue of my goods & chattels to my executors, that they may bestow the same in deeds of charity for the wealth of my soul as they shall seem best by their discretion;

Which my said executors I do make my son-in-law, Nicholas Wentworth, esquire, & mine own son, Thomas Josselyn, & John Wiseman;

And to every of them for their [PAGE TORN] I do give 40s;

These witnesses: Sir Hugh Knokstube(?), priest, Sir Ralph Wattson, priest, with divers other.