

SUMMARY: The document below is the Prerogative Court of Canterbury copy of the will, dated 21 May 1604 and proved 11 June 1605, of Robert Eyton, whose cousin and executor, Sir Francis Newport, was the son of Sir Richard Newport (d. 12 September 1570), owner of a copy of Hall's *Chronicle* containing annotations thought to have been made by Shakespeare.

FAMILY BACKGROUND

For the testator's family background, see the pedigree of Eyton of Weald Moors in Grazebrook, George and John Paul Rylands, eds., *The Visitation of Shropshire Taken in the Year 1623, Part I*, (London: Harleian Society, 1889), Vol. XXVIII, pp. 181-2 at:

<https://archive.org/stream/visitationshrop00britgoog#page/n236/mode/2up>

See also the Eyton pedigree in Burke, J. Bernard, *A Genealogical and Heraldic Dictionary of the Landed Gentry of Great Britain and Ireland for 1852*, (London: Colburn and Co., 1852), Vol. I, p. 391 at:

<https://books.google.ca/books?id=9mNHAAAAYAAJ&pg=PA391>

The testator was descended from the Talbots. His ancestor, Sir Nicholas Eyton, Sheriff of Shropshire in 1440 and 1449, married Katherine Talbot, the daughter of John Talbot (c.1387–1453), 1st Earl of Shrewsbury, the 'Terror of the French'. See the Eyton pedigree in Grazebrook, *supra*, Part I, Vol. XXVIII, p. 181.

From Thomas Nashe's *Pierce Penilesse* (1592):

How would it have joyed brave Talbot (the terror of the French) to think that after he had lien two hundred years in his tomb, he should triumph again on the stage, and have his bones new embalmed with the tears of ten thousand spectators at least (at several times), who, in the tragedian that represents his person, imagine they behold him fresh bleeding.

Nicholas Eyton and Katherine Talbot had, among other issue, a son, Lodowick Eyton, great-great-grandfather of the testator, and a daughter, Margaret Eyton, who married Sir William Yonge of Caynton, whose great-grandson, William Yonge of Caynton, married Anne Sneyd, aunt of Oxford's second wife, Elizabeth Trentham. For the will of Elizabeth Trentham, see TNA PROB 11/121/171.

Testator's parents

The testator was the son of Thomas Eyton by Alice Charlton, the daughter of William Charlton, esquire, of Apley Castle.

In the will below the testator mentions two brothers and two sisters:

-**Thomas Eyton**, deceased, father of Philip Eyton.

-**William Eyton**, and his wife, Margaret.

-**Elizabeth Eyton** (wife of Roland Ludlow), and her daughter, Jane Ludlow;

-**Alice Eyton** (wife of Thomas Crompton) and her children, one of whom appears to have been the testator's nephew, Fulke Crompton, who was granted administration of the testator's will. See the Crompton pedigree in Grazebrook, *supra*, Part I, Vol. XXVIII, p. 159 at:

<https://archive.org/stream/visitationshrop00britgoog#page/n212/mode/2up>

The testator also mentions his nephew, Thomas Eyton, and 'Richard Eyton, son of Thomas Eyton of Wellington', who may have been Richard Eyton, the son of Thomas Eyton and Fortune Cotton, the daughter of William Cotton. See Grazebrook, *supra*, Part I, Vol. XXVIII, p. 182.

MARRIAGES AND CHILDREN

The testator married firstly Anne Leveson, the daughter of James Leveson (d. 13 October 1545), great-uncle of William Leveson (d.1621), who acted as trustee to the Lord Chamberlain's Men, including William Shakespeare of Stratford upon Avon, in the allocation of shares in the ground lease of the Globe Theatre in 1599. For the will of James Leveson, see TNA PROB 11/31/655. For the will of William Leveson (d.1621), see TNA PROB 11/137/600.

The testator was named as an executor in the will of his brother-in-law, Sir Richard Leveson (d.1560), who married Mary Fitton (d.1591). For the will of Sir Richard Leveson, see TNA PROB 11/43/621.

By Anne Leveson, the testator had one son:

* **Richard Eyton**, esquire, who married Mary Oteley, the daughter of Adam Oteley (d. 16 October 1576) of Pitchford by Mary Mainwaring, the daughter of Richard Mainwaring of Ightfield, but died without issue. According to the Oteley pedigree, Mary Oteley married firstly Richard Crompton of Acton Burnell, secondly Edward Walter, and thirdly Richard Eyton. 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, p. 381 at:

<https://archive.org/stream/visitationshrop01grazgoog#page/n108/mode/2up/>

For Richard Eyton and ‘Mary, his wife’, see also TNA C 8/21/44. For a suit in the Star Chamber brought in February 1613 by Sir George Hayward of Acton Burnell against ‘Mary Eyton, late the wife of Richard Eyton, and formerly the wife of Richard Crompton, and Thomas Crompton [of Withington], her son’, see TNA STAC 8/177/24.

The testator married secondly Elizabeth Roe, the daughter of William Roe, by whom he had no issue. In the will below the testator mentions his wife’s nephews, William Roe, Thomas Roe and Roger Roe.

After the testator’s death, Elizabeth (nee Roe) Eyton married Francis Brooke of Cotton, Shropshire. See Grazebrook, *supra*, Part I, Vol. XXVIII, p. 81 at:

<https://archive.org/stream/visitationshrop00britgoog#page/n134/mode/2up/>

OTHER PERSONS MENTIONED IN THE WILL

Gilbert Talbot, Earl of Shrewsbury

The testator refers to Gilbert Talbot (1552-1616), 7th Earl of Shrewsbury, as his ‘very good Lord and master’, and may have been in the Earl’s service. Gilbert Talbot was the second son of George Talbot (1528-1590), 6th Earl of Shrewsbury, by Gertrude Manners (d. 1566/7), the daughter of Thomas Manners (c.1497–1543), 1st Earl of Rutland. See the *ODNB* entry.

Sir Francis Newport

For the testator’s cousin and executor, Sir Francis Newport (February 1557 – 6 or 15 March 1623), see his will, proved 19 May 1623, TNA PROB 11/141/527, and the History of Parliament entry at:

<http://www.historyofparliamentonline.org/volume/1558-1603/member/newport-francis-ii-1555-1623>

Sir Francis Newport’s father, Sir Richard Newport (d. 12 September 1570), was the owner of a copy of Hall’s *Chronicle*, formerly Loan 61 in the British Library, now in the hands of a trustee, Lord Hesketh, containing annotations thought to have been made by Shakespeare. See Keen, Alan and Roger Lubbock, *The Annotator*, (London: Putnam, 1954). See also the will of Sir Richard Newport, TNA PROB 11/53/456.

John Lutwich

For the testator’s friend, John Lutwich, see the Lutwich pedigree in Grazebrook, *supra*, Part II, Vol. XXIX, p. 346 at:

<https://archive.org/stream/visitationshrop01grazgoog#page/n74/mode/2up>

LM: T{estamentum} Rob{er}ti Eyton

In the name of God, Amen. The one and 20th day of May in the year of Our Lord God one thousand six hundred and four and in the year of the reign of our Sovereign Lord James by the grace of God King of England, Scotland, France and Ireland, Defender of the Faith etc., *scilicet*, of England, France and Ireland the second and of Scotland the seven and thirtieth, I, Robert Eyton of Eyton upon the Weald Moors in the county of Shropshire, esquire, being of good and perfect health and remembrance, thanked be God, considering that the estate of man is transitory, and knowing death to be most certain but the time or hour of death most uncertain, and seeing how necessary a thing it is for the quieting and settling of a Christian man's mind and conscience to dispose and set in order his worldly good[s] and possessions and temporal substance, therefore and to the intent I may by the grace of God be in readiness to yield myself to thee, O Lord, at what time soever it shall please thee to call me out of this life, and by these presents revoking and renouncing all other wills, do now institute, ordain and make this my last will and testament in manner and form following:

First I commend my soul to th' Almighty God, the Father, the Son and the Holy Ghost, trusting and faithfully believing through the only merits and passion of Our Saviour Jesus Christ to be forgiven my sins and to inherit life everlasting;

Item, I will my body to be buried in the parish church of Wellington in such decent order as unto my executors shall seem convenient, there to remain in hope of the resurrection thereof with the elect of God to the fullness of all joy to continue forever more;

Item, I will that my executors do provide some godly and learned man to make some godly sermon or exhortation unto the people at the day of my funeral, and that such mourning cloth and funeral other charges shall be had, bestowed and employed at my funeral upon my wife, executors and others as my executors shall think meet or determine;

Item, I give and bequeath five pounds to be divided and distributed by and according to the discretion of the minister and churchwardens of the parish church of Wellington in the county of Shropshire unto and amongst the poor people of the said parish;

And thirty shillings to be divided and distributed by and according to the discretion of the minister and churchwardens of the parish church of Dawley in the said county unto and amongst the poor people of the said parish of Dawley;

And twenty shillings to be divided and distributed by and according to the discretion of the minister and churchwardens of the parish church of Wrockwardine in the said county unto and amongst the poor of the said parish of Wrockwardine;

And thirty shillings to be divided and distributed by and according to the discretion of the minister and churchwardens of the parish church of Newport in the said county unto and among the poor of the said parish of Newport;

And forty shillings to be divided and distributed by and according to the discretion of the [f. 409r] minister and churchwardens of the parish church of Hodnet in the said county unto and among the poor of the said parish of Hodnet;

And forty shillings to be divided and distributed by and according to the discretion of the minister & churchwardens of the parish church of Stoke upon Tern in the said county unto and among the poor of the said parish of Stoke upon Tern;

Item, I will that my executors shall provide sufficient meat, drink and lodging for all my household servants at my now dwelling-house in Eyton aforesaid or else in some convenient place for and during the space of one half year next after my decease to the intent they may in the meantime provide themselves of masters or otherwise to bestow themselves as to them it shall seem meet, requiring them in that meantime to give their diligent attendance upon my said executors and to obey them in all things as appertaineth;

And also I give and devise my said dwelling-house and all buildings, grounds and appurtenances whatsoever in Eyton aforesaid and now in mine own possession and occupation to my executors for and during the space of one whole year next after my decease towards the performance of this my last will and testament;

Item, I give and bequeath unto every of my servants respectively his and her respective wages for this present year of his and her service to me, and the like sum or as much more as his and her respective wages of this year's service is or amounteth unto;

Item, I give and bequeath unto my well-beloved wife, Elizabeth Eyton, all the debt which Robert Benbowe of Ollerton in the said county of Shropshire oweth unto me;

And all the stock of goods, cattle and chattels whatsoever, both quick and dead, movable and unmovable, or of what kind or sort soever they be, that I have now at Cotton in the said parish of Stoke upon Tern aforesaid;

And also all the stock of goods, cattle and chattels whatsoever which I shall have there at the time of my decease;

And also the one half of all my plate, what and wheresoever the same is;

And if Richard Eyton, my son, do at all times after my decease admit of, allow, permit and suffer this my last will and testament to stand, continue, remain and be good and

effectual in all parts thereof and available to(?) all the legataries therein named according to the true intent and meaning of this my last will and testament, and do not at any time hereafter impeach, impugn, frustrate, defeat nor avoid nor endeavour nor go abouts by any way or means to disannul, frustrate, defeat or make void this my last will and testament nor any part thereof, then I devise, will and bequeath that the other half of all my said plate, what and wheresoever the same is, and my chain of gold be after my decease to my said son, Richard Eyton, and his assigns to his and their own use and behoof forever;

But and if my said son do at any time hereafter impeach, impugn, gainsay or disallow of this my last will and testament or of any part thereof, or endeavour or go abouts by any way or means directly or indirectly to disannul, frustrate, defeat, overthrow or make void this my last will and testament or any part thereof, then my will is that my devise, will, bequest and legacy of my said chain of gold and of the said half of my said plate to my said son be utterly void and of none effect, and that the said half of my said plate and my said chain of gold so intended to my son as aforesaid shall not be to my said son, but shall remain and be to my executors to be employed by them at their discretions towards performance and execution of the rest of this my last will and testament;

Item, I give and bequeath moreover to my said wife my bay nag which she useth to ride upon, and my white mare, and my gelding called Lee, and my grey gelding which was my servant's, Thomas Reynolds';

Item, I give and bequeath furthermore to my said wife the feeding yearly of two oxen in my close or pasture called the Holt in Eyton aforesaid for and during her widowhood or so long [f. 409v] time as she shall keep herself or continue widow;

Item, I give and bequeath unto Thomas Eyton, my nephew, ten pounds of lawful money of England to be paid him out of my goods, and one annuity or yearly rent of five pounds by the year to be paid him out of all my lands, to have and to hold the said annuity or yearly rent of five pounds by the year to my said nephew, Thomas Eyton, for and during the term of his natural life, the said annuity or yearly rent of five pounds to be payable yearly on the first day of August;

And if it happen the said annuity or yearly rent or any part thereof to be behind or unpaid at any day of payment thereof on which it ought to be paid, it being lawfully demanded at my now dwelling-house in Eyton aforesaid and not paid, that then it shall be lawful to and for my said nephew, Thomas Eyton, to enter into my manor of Eyton aforesaid and there to distrain, and the distress then and there found to take, lead, drive or carry away and impound, and the same in pound to detain and keep until he be of the said annuity or yearly rent so being behind and of all the arrearages thereof fully satisfied and paid;

Item, I give and bequeath unto Richard Eyton, son of Thomas Eyton of Wellington aforesaid, twenty pounds upon condition that he will be ruled and governed by and yield himself conformable always according to the good advice and counsel of his parents and friends;

Item, I give and bequeath unto my nephew, Fulke Crompton, one annuity or yearly rent of six pounds thirteen shillings and four pence for term of his natural life, to be paid him out of all my lands yearly at the feasts of Saint Michael th' Archangel and of the Annunciation of the Blessed Virgin Mary by even portions;

And if it happen the said annuity or yearly rent or any part thereof to be behind or unpaid at any of the said feasts or days at which the same ought to be paid as aforesaid and by the space of 12 days next after any of the said feasts or days of payment aforesaid, it being lawfully demanded at my said now dwelling-house in Eyton aforesaid and not paid, that then it shall be lawful to and for my said nephew, Fulke Crompton, to enter into my said manor of Eyton aforesaid and there to distrain, and the distress then and there found to take, lead, drive and carry away and impound, and the same in pound to detain and keep until he be of the said annuity or yearly rent so being behind and of all the arrearages thereof fully satisfied and paid;

Item, I give and bequeath moreover unto my said nephew, Fulke Crompton, yearly during his natural life the summering of a gelding in my said close or pasture called the Houlth in Eyton aforesaid;

Item, my will and mind is and I do devise and bequeath that my niece, Cicely Dawes, widow, shall during her lifetime and widowhood have at my said dwelling-house in Eyton aforesaid convenient meat, drink, lodging, apparel and other necessaries for her keeping allowed and yielded unto her from to time during her natural life and widowhood by such person and persons always for his, her and their times of that term of the said Cicely's life and widowhood as during the said term of the life and widowhood of the said Cicely shall or ought by the true intent and meaning of this my will to have or occupy my said dwelling-house;

And in default of the said persons or of any of their [sic for 'them'?] allowing and yielding the said meat, drink, apparel, lodging and other necessaries aforesaid to the said Cicely as aforesaid, I give and bequeath to the said Cicely Dawes for term of her natural life one annuity or yearly rent of six pounds to be issuing and going out of the said manor of Eyton aforesaid and paid to her yearly during her natural life and widowhood at the feast of Saint Michael th' Archangel and of th' Annunciation of the Blessed Virgin Mary by even portions, the first payment thereof to begin at that of the said feasts which shall first happen after the said default of allowing and yielding to her the said meat, drink and other the premises at any the said feasts or days at which the same ought to be paid as aforesaid;

And if it happen the said annuity or yearly rent or any part thereof to be behind or unpaid as aforesaid and by the space of twelve days next after any of the said feasts or days of payment aforesaid, it being lawfully demanded at my said dwelling-house in Eyton aforesaid and not paid, that then it shall be lawful to [f. 410r] and for the said Cicely Dawes to enter into my said manor of Eyton aforesaid and there to distrain and the distress then and there found to take, lead, drive or carry away and impound, and the

same in pound to detain and keep until she be of the said annuity or yearly rent so being behind and of all the arrearages thereof fully satisfied and paid;

Item, I give and bequeath unto my niece, Jane Ludlow, my sister Elizabeth's daughter, if she, the said Jane, marry by and with the consent and agreement of her father and friends or of my executors or of the most part of them then living, the sum of ten pounds of lawful money of England, but and if she do not marry by and with the consent and agreement as aforesaid, then I give and bequeath unto her but the sum of forty shillings and no more;

Item, I devise, will and bequeath that my brother, William Eyton, and Margaret, his wife, shall have and enjoy for and during the term of their two natural lives and the life of the longer liver of them rent free my two messuages or tenements with their appurtenances situate, lying or being, thone of them in the township or hamlet of Horton in the said county of Shropshire and the other in or near to my wood of Horton aforesaid, with all arable lands, meadows, pastures and commodities thereunto belonging now in the tenure or occupation of my said brother, William, or of his under-tenants or assigns, and also my two closes or pastures in Horton aforesaid, the one of which two closes or pastures is called or known by the name of Lady Heyes and the other by the name of Harles, my said brother nor his said wife committing nor doing any wilful waste therein;

Item, I give and bequeath moreover to my said brother, William Eyton, my white nag, and also the sum of six pounds thirteen shillings and four pence of lawful money of England;

Item, I give and bequeath to my sister, Alice Crompton, twenty pounds of lawful money of England to be to her own use or else to be bestowed by her amongst her children at her discretion;

Item, I give and bequeath moreover unto my servant, Robert Craddock, six pounds thirteen shillings and four pence of lawful money of England, and to his brother, Edward Craddock, 40s of like money of England, and I reserve both the said Robert Craddock and Edward Craddock for their further preferment to the discretion of my wife;

Item, I will and bequeath moreover to my servant, Anne Williams, forty shillings;

And to my servant, William Richards, twenty shillings;

And to my servant, Lewes Edwards, three pounds six shillings and eight pence;

And to Joan Eu(?), now dwelling with me, forty shillings;

Item, I give and bequeath unto Elizabeth Whooper [=Hooper?], now dwelling with me, six pounds thirteen shillings and four pence if she do marry by and with the consent and agreement of her father and of my wife or of the survivor of them (if they or either of them shall be then living);

Item, I give and bequeath unto Mr ,(?) parson of the rectory or parsonage of Stoke upon Tern aforesaid, forty shillings;

Item, I do hereby forgive, devise and bequeath unto Mr Deacon, parson of the rectory or parsonage of Hodnet aforesaid, the five pounds which he oweth unto me;

Item, I give and bequeath unto the right honourable Gilbert, Earl of Shrewsbury, my very good Lord and master, my best stoned horse;

And to the right worshipful my very good cousin, Sir Francis Newport, knight, my second best stoned horse and my lanner hawk;

Item, I give and bequeath unto Roger Pope of Shrewsbury, my Aliesman [sic for 'kinsman?], six pounds thirteen shillings and four pence of lawful money of England;

Item, I give and bequeath unto my very good friend, John Lutwitch of Shipton in the county of Shropshire, gentleman, six pounds thirteen shillings and four pence;

Item, I give and bequeath unto William Roe, my wife's nephew, two pounds thirteen shillings and four pence of lawful money of England;

Item, I give and bequeath also to my wife's nephews, Thomas Roe and Roger Roe, forty shillings apiece, that is to say, to either of them forty shillings;

Item, I will and bequeath to my servant, Thomas Reynolds, my tenement in Malinslee in the said county of Shropshire wherein widow Ick now dwelleth, to have and to hold the same to him from and immediately after the decease of the said widow Icke for and during the term of one and twenty years, yielding and paying therefore yearly during the said term to the person and persons in or to whom the reversion depending immediately upon the same estate for one and twenty [f. 410v] years aforesaid shall for the time being belong or appertain to or be in according to the true intent of this my last will and testament the old and accustomed rent and service yielded and paid for the same;

Item, my will and mind is and I do devise and bequeath that my executors shall have all their charges ordinary and extraordinary in all their business concerning this my last will and testament allowed and paid to them by deduction out of my goods and by payment out of and by levy thereof upon all my lands, tenements and hereditaments if my goods and chattels extend or suffice not to bear and discharge the same and all my legacies, debts and funeral expenses;

Item, all the surplusage, overplus, rest and residue of all my goods and chattels whatsoever over and besides such and so much of my goods and chattels as are or is to be employed, bestowed, disbursed and go to the paying and discharging of my debts, legacies and funeral expenses and charges and of the other charges aforesaid, all my debts, legacies, funeral charges and other said charges and expenses being paid and

discharged, I give and bequeath the same surplusage, overplus, rest and residue of all my goods and chattels to my executors hereafter named to be distributed at their discretion;

And an if there be not goods and chattels of mine sufficient to pay and discharge all my debts and legacies and all the funeral and other charges and expenses aforesaid, then my will and mind is and I do devise and bequeath that my executors shall have, perceive, levy by coercion of distress and otherwise and take all that which wanteth thereof out of the rents and profits of all my lands, tenements and hereditaments in Malinslee aforesaid for the full paying and discharging of my said debts and legacies and of the funeral and all other the charges and expenses aforesaid;

Item, I give and bequeath unto Richard Eyton, my son, all my manors, lands, tenements and hereditaments whatsoever, excepting my said wife's estates and right of or for jointure for term of her life in all such parts thereof as I have conveyed and assured to her for her said jointure, and also excepting all legataries, estates, rights and rents bequeathed to them in and by this my last will and testament in and out of such part of the premises as are mentioned in the same bequest or legacies to them, which estates, rights, lands and rents I will and bequeath shall be to them according to the true intents and meanings of the conveyance and assurance of or for the said jointure and of this my last will and testament, and also excepting all leases, estates and rights yet continuing or in being of and in the premises made or granted by me at any time or times heretofore, all which also I will shall continue and stand good and effectual according to the true intents and meanings of the grants and means whereby the same were made or granted, and do straitly charge and require my said son upon my blessing that he admit and allow of all the excepted premises, and permit and suffer the same to be had and enjoyed according to the true intent and meaning of this my last will and testament;

To have and hold all the premises, except before excepted, unto my said son, Richard Eyton, for and during the term of his natural life;

The remainder thereof to my brother, William Eyton, for and during the term of his natural life;

The remainder thereof after his decease to my nephew, Philip Eyton, son of my brother, Thomas Eyton, deceased, and to the heirs males of the body of my said nephew, Philip Eyton, lawfully begotten;

The remainder thereof for default of such issue to the heirs males of my body lawfully begotten;

The remainder thereof for default of such issue to the right heirs of my said nephew, Philip Eyton, forever;

And an if that my said son do not at all times after my decease admit and allow of my wife's said jointure and of all other the excepted premises to stand, continue, remain and be good and effectual according to my true intent and meaning, and permit and suffer all

the same to be peaceably and quietly had, held and enjoyed according to the true intent and meaning of this my last will and testament without [f. 41 1r] any let, suit or denial of my said son and of all others by any his means, assent or procurement;

And also if my said son do not make and grant leases for term of his life unto all my tenants respectively of the respective tenements in their respective tenures which have no leases, and shall be desirous to have the same, and do not reserve therefore respectively but th' old respective rents and services now yielded and done for the same respective tenements and take for fine and income therefore but only four years' respective rent at the rate as they now are or the value thereof of the same respective tenements, then my will is that all bequests and legacies before mentioned in this my last will and testament and thereby made, given, devised or bequeathed by me to him, my said son, shall be utterly void and of none effect to him, and I will and bequeath then to him but only ten shillings of lawful money of England for all his child's part and for all that he shall have of all my manors, lands, tenements & hereditaments, goods and chattels whatsoever;

And then also, moreover, I will, devise and bequeath all my said manors, lands, tenements and hereditaments, except only before excepted, to my said brother, William Eyton, for and during the term of his natural life;

And the remainder thereof to be over after his decease according as the same remainders were or are before in and by this my last will and testament limited or appointed to be or to have been after his, my said brother William's decease;

Item, I do nominate, make, appoint, constitute and ordain the said Sir Francis Newport, knight, and my said brother, William Eyton, and the said Roger Pope and John Lutwitch the true and lawful executors of this my last will and testament, most earnestly desiring them that they will see the same my last will and testament performed according to the special trust and confidence that I do repose in them;

And also I do hereby most earnestly request the said right honourable Gilbert, Earl of Shrewsbury, my very good Lord and master, to be overseer of this my last will and testament, beseeching him to extend and yield his honourable favour, countenance and advice to my executors in and concerning the executing of this my last will and testament;

In witness whereof I, the said Robert Eyton, have to every leaf hereof subscribed my name and set my seal the day and year above-written. By me, Robert Eyton. Philip Eyton. Thomas Steventon. Henry Steventon. Thomas Reynolds. Thomas Green. William Chesshere.

Undecimo die mens{is} Iunij Anno Domini mill{es}imo sexcentesimo quinto emanauit commissio Thome Salter et ffulconi Crompton consanguineo dicti defuncti ad administrand{um} bona iura et credita eiusdem defuncti iuxta tenorem et eff{e}c{t}um

testamenti sive ultime voluntatis predicti defuncti eo quod dominus
franciscus Newporte miles Willelmus Eyton Rogerus Pope et Iohannes Lutwiche
Executores in dicto testamento nominati ex certis causis animos suos iuste
moverentur in executione dicti Testamenti expresse renuntiaverunt de bene
et fideliter administrando eadem de et cum consensu et assensu dictorum
Executorum in huiusmodi testimonio nominatorum Ad sancta dei
Evangelia iuratis

[=On the eleventh day of the month of June in the year of the Lord the thousand six
hundred fifth a grant issued to Thomas Salter and Fulke Crompton, cousin of the said
deceased, to administer the goods, rights and credits of the same deceased according to
the tenor and effect of the same testament or last will of the foresaid deceased for that Sir
Francis Newport, knight, William Eyton, Roger Pope and John Lutwiche, executors
named in the said testament, for certain causes them justly moving, expressly renounced
the burden of the execution of the said testament, sworn on the Holy Gospels to well and
faithfully administer the same by and with the consent and assent of the said executors
named in the same testament.]