

SUMMARY: The document below is the Prerogative Court of Canterbury copy of the will, dated 17 July and 12 September 1602, together with codicils dated 4 November 1603, 26 October 1606, 10 January 1609 and 31 March 1610, and proved 31 July 1610, of Anne Beverley Knight Lawrence (d.1610), great-aunt (of the half blood) of Henry Wriothesley (1573-1624), 3rd Earl of Southampton, to whom Shakespeare dedicated *Venus and Adonis* and *The Rape of Lucrece*.

FAMILY BACKGROUND

Most sources state that the testatrix was a sister of the whole blood of Thomas Wriothesley (1505-1550), 1st Earl of Southampton, who refers to her in his will as his 'sister Lawrence'. She is also referred to in the will of Henry Wriothesley (1545-1581), 2nd Earl of Southampton, TNA PROB 11/65/88, as 'my aunt Lawrence'. However it appears she was the 1st Earl of Southampton's half sister, and was born Anne Beverley. Her father's Christian name and background are unknown.

The identity of the testatrix' mother was established by the author of this website in March 2017. She was Jane Drayton (b.1482, d.1538?). Her identity is confirmed by BL Add. Charter 16194, which contains notes in her own hand recording her birthdate, that of her brother, Peter Drayton (d.1518), and the birthdates of her two sons and two daughters by William Wriothesley (d.1513?), York Herald:

* Thomas Wriothesley (21 December 1505 – 30 July 1550), 1st Earl of Southampton, for whom see his will, TNA PROB 11/34/154.

* Edward Wriothesley (born 1509), at whose christening the Duke of Buckingham and Earl of Northumberland were godfathers (see BL Add. Charter 16194). He is mentioned in the 1518 will of his uncle, Peter Drayton, but nothing further is known of him.

*Elizabeth Wriothesley (b.1507), who died young.

* Anne Wriothesley (b.1508), who married firstly Robert Breton (d.1556?), and secondly Thomas Morrene (d.1562?). For further details concerning her, see the will of Thomas Wriothesley, 1st Earl of Southampton, *supra*.

Jane Drayton's second husband, William Wriothesley, York Herald, is said to have died before 26 April 1513, when Thomas Tonge was appointed as York Herald. See:

'Henry VIII: April 1513, 26-30', in *Letters and Papers, Foreign and Domestic, Henry VIII, Volume 1, 1509-1514*, ed. J S Brewer (London, 1920), pp. 833-840. *British History Online* <http://www.british-history.ac.uk/letters-papers-hen8/vol1/pp833-840> [accessed 26 March 2017].

29. *Thomas Tonge, whom the King names York Herald-at-Arms. Annuity of 20 marks for life, for the fee of his office. Greenwich, 26 April 5 Hen. VIII. Del. Westm., 30 April. P.S. Pat. 5 Hen. VIII. p. 2, m.16. [3971].*

For the testatrix' mother, Jane Drayton (b.1482, d.1538?), see also the Latin will of her grandfather, Peter Peckham (d.1501), TNA PROB 11/12/315; the will of her uncle, George Peckham (d.1505), TNA PROB 11/14/513; the will of her father, Robert Drayton (d.1503 or 1504), TNA PROB 11/14/4; and the will of her brother, Peter Drayton (d.1518), TNA PROB 11/19/121.

Before her marriage to William Wriothesley (d.1513?), York Herald, the testatrix' mother had been the wife of Richard Lucy, by whom she had no issue. After the death of William Wriothesley (d.1513?), she married thirdly a husband surnamed Beverley, by whom she had two daughters, the testatrix, and her sister, Ellen (see below).

Two letters establish that Jane Drayton was still alive as late as January 1538. See Cokayne, George Edward, *The Complete Peerage*, Vol. XII, Part I, (London: The St Catherine Press, 1953), p. 124, citing *Letters and Papers of Henry VIII*, Add. Vol. I, No. 1244, and Vol. XIII, Part I, No. 151. Both are letters from Anthony Roke to the 1st Earl of Southampton. In the first, thought to date from 14 August 1537, Roke writes that 'Mrs. Elizabeth, Mrs. Peter [=Petre?] and the rest at Stoke be in good health, and likewise that most godly gentlewoman, my mistress, your mother, Mrs. Anne, her daughter, and all others here at Micheldevour. We hope my mistress will soon come home again.' In the second, thought to date from 27 January 1538, Roke writes that 'My good mistress, your mother, Mrs. Elizabeth, Mrs. Mary, Mr. Anthony, gentle Mrs. Clerc are well'. See:

'Henry VIII: January 1538, 26-31', in *Letters and Papers, Foreign and Domestic, Henry VIII, Volume 13 Part 1, January-July 1538*, ed. James Gairdner (London, 1892), pp. 50-66. *British History Online* <http://www.british-history.ac.uk/letters-papers-hen8/vol13/no1/pp50-66> [accessed 23 March 2017].

By her third husband, surnamed Beverley, Jane Drayton (b.1482, d.1538?) had two daughters:

*Ellen Beverley (d. 30 September 1589), who married William Pounce (d.1558?), by whom she had four sons and a daughter. Her eldest son was the Jesuit lay brother, Thomas Pounce (for whom see the *ODNB* entry). Her daughter, Anne Pounce (b.1544), married George Breton, by whom she had four sons and three daughters. For Helen or Ellen Wriothesley's children, and the children of her daughter, Anne Pounce (b.1544) by George Breton, see her will, TNA PROB 11/74/301. See also the will of her father-in-law, William Pounce (d. 5 July 1525), TNA PROB 11/21/561. See also 'Thomas Pounce, S.J., *Notes and Queries*, 10th Series, Volume V, January-June 1906, p. 14 at:

<https://archive.org/stream/s10notesqueries05londuoft#page/14/mode/2up>.

* Anne Beverley Knight Lawrence, the testatrix. Most sources state that she was a sister of the whole blood of Thomas Wriothesley (1505-1550), 1st Earl of Southampton. However the fact that she lived until 1610 suggests that she was likely the daughter of Jane Drayton's third marriage to a husband surnamed Beverley.

See also Everitt, Alfred T., 'Thomas Pounce, S.J.', *Notes and Queries*, 10th Series, Vol. V, 3 February 1906, p. 96 at:

<https://archive.org/stream/s10notesqueries05londuoft#page/96/mode/2up/>.

MARRIAGES AND CHILDREN

The testatrix married firstly Thomas Knight (d.1548) of Hoo manor, Soberton, Hampshire, for whose will see TNA PROB 11/32/63. In his will Thomas Knight leaves legacies to his son, John Knight, to his daughter, Anne Knight, and to Alice Arnold and Anne Arnold, the daughters of Edward Arnold of Soberton. The only members of the Knight family to whom the testatrix leaves bequests in the will below are 'my godson, the son of Richard Knight, deceased', and 'Anne Knight, the daughter of Valentine Knight'.

The testatrix married secondly, on 6 February or 28 April 1549, as his second wife, Sir Oliver Lawrence (d. 1 January 1559) of Poole and Creech, Dorset, Gentleman Pensioner, by whom she had a daughter, Jane Lawrence. See his will, TNA PROB 11/42A/214 (in which he also mentions his 'daughter, Julian Wriothesley'), and the History of Parliament entry at:

<http://www.historyofparliamentonline.org/volume/1509-1558/member/lawrence-oliver-1507-59>.

Several members of the Lawrence family are mentioned in the will below.

For the testatrix' marriages, see also Everitt, Alfred T., 'Thomas Pounce, S.J.' in *Notes and Queries*, 10th Series, Vol. V, 3 February 1906, p. 96 at:

<https://archive.org/stream/s10notesqueries05londuoft#page/96/mode/2up/>.

BEQUESTS TO WRIOTHESLEY FAMILY MEMBERS

In the will below the testatrix leaves bequests to her niece by marriage, Mary Browne Wriothesley (born in or before 1552, d.1607), Countess of Southampton, and her two children, Henry Wriothesley (1573-1624), 3rd Earl of Southampton, and Mary Wriothesley Arundell (c.1567-1607), wife of Thomas Arundell (c.1560-7 November 1639), 1st Baron Arundell of Wardour. For the will of Mary Browne Wriothesley, Countess of Southampton, see TNA PROB 11/110/388.

The testatrix also leaves bequests to her niece, Katherine Wriothlesley Cornwallis (d. 16 August 1626), for whose will see TNA PROB 11/150/418.

The testatrix also leaves bequests to her niece, Mabel Wriothlesley Sandys, to Mabel's husband, Sir Walter Sandys (d.1609), to Mabel's son, Sir William Sandys (c.1575 – 28 October 1628), and to Sir William Sandys' wife, Elizabeth Cornwallis, the granddaughter of Sir Thomas Cornwallis (1518/19–1604) of Brome (for whose will see TNA PROB 11/105/106). Sir William Sandys and Elizabeth Cornwallis were married at the house of her father, Sir William Cornwallis (c.1549 - 13 November 1611) in St Botolph's (i.e. at Oxford's former mansion of Fisher's Folly) on 23 November 1592. There were no issue of the marriage. See the will of Sir William Cornwallis, TNA PROB 11/118/441, and the Cornwallis pedigree in *The Private Correspondence of Jane Lady Cornwallis, 1613-1644*, (London: S. & J. Bentley, 1842), p. xxxvii at:

<https://archive.org/stream/privatecorrespon00baco#page/n45/mode/2up>.

Mabel Wriothlesley's son, Sir William Sandys (c1575 - 28 October 1628), must be distinguished from Lord William Sandys (d.1623), who along with Mabel Wriothlesley's nephew, Henry Wriothlesley (1573-1624), 3rd Earl of Southampton, took part in the Essex Rebellion in February 1601.

The testatrix also leaves numerous bequests to members of the family of her sister, Helen or Ellen Beverley Pounce, including 'my nephew, Thomas Pounce', 'my nephew, Henry Pounce th' elder', 'Anne Pounce, my god-daughter, being the daughter of the said Henry Pounce', and 'my cousins, William and Henry Pounce, the sons of my nephew, Richard Pounce, deceased'.

The testatrix also leaves numerous bequests to members of the Breton family, to whom she was related through the marriage of her niece, Anne Pounce (b. 1544), daughter of the testatrix' sister, Helen or Ellen Beverley Pounce. According to the will of the testatrix' sister, Helen or Ellen Beverley Pounce, TNA PROB 11/74/301, Anne Pounce (b.1544) and George Breton had four sons, Henry Breton, Dennis Breton, George Breton and Samuel Breton, and three daughters, Anne Breton, Elizabeth Breton and Ellen Breton, all of whom are named in the will below, as well as another member of the Breton family, the testatrix' 'cousin Henry Breton of Soberton'. It would appear from the will below that the testatrix' niece, Anne Breton (b.1544) had predeceased the testatrix, but that her husband, George Breton, was still living at Mitchell Park near Petworth, Sussex.

OTHER PERSONS MENTIONED IN THE WILL

For the testator's 'cousin, Sir George Peckham', see the *ODNB* entries for Sir George Peckham (d.1608) and his father, Sir Edmund Peckham (d.1564):

Peckham, Sir George (d. 1608), colonial adventurer, was the third son of Sir Edmund Peckham (d. 1564) of Denham, Buckinghamshire, former high treasurer of the mint, and his wife, Anne (d. 1570), daughter of John Cheyne of Chesham Bois. In 1554 he married Susan, daughter and heir of Henry Webbe; she died in childbirth, aged seventeen, on 11 December 1555.

Peckham, Sir Edmund (b. in or before 1495, d. 1564), administrator, was the second son of Peter Peckham of London and his second wife, Elizabeth, daughter of Henry Eburton of London. His father also acquired property at Denham in Buckinghamshire, while by 1516 Edmund had married Anne (d. 1570), daughter of John Cheyne of Chesham Bois in the same county.

See also the History of Parliament entry for Sir Edmund Peckham at:

<http://www.historyofparliamentonline.org/volume/1509-1558/member/peckham-sir-edmund-1495-1564>

b. by 1495, 2nd s. of Peter Peckham of London and Denham by 2nd w. Elizabeth, da. of Henry Eburton of London. m. by 1516, Anne, da. of John Cheyne of Chesham Bois, Bucks., 4s. inc. Henry and Sir Robert 2da. Kntd. 18 May 1542.1

For Sir George Peckham (d.1608), see also Appendix A to the will of the testator's brother, Thomas Wriothesley, 1st Earl of Southampton, TNA PROB 11/34/154.

Nothing is known of the testatrix' 'cousin, Thomas Clarke the younger'. However in his will, TNA PROB 11/34/154, the testatrix' brother, Thomas Wriothesley, 1st Earl of Southampton, mentions his wife's sister, Anne, who may have married a husband surnamed Clarke or Clerke.

For the testatrix' cousins, John Wriothesley and Oliver Wriothesley (d.1618?) of Higham, Kent, see the inquisition post mortem taken after the death of Oliver Wriothesley at:

<http://latindiscussion.com/forum/latin/inquisition-post-mortem-of-oliver-wriothesley-1618.21376/>.

The testatrix leaves bequests to 'my cousin, Elizabeth Cornwallis, wife of Thomas Cornwallis, esquire, Groom Porter of her Majesty's Household, and to my godson, her son, my cousin Henry Cornwallis'. For Sir Thomas Cornwallis (d. 13 November 1618) of Portchester and his wife, Elizabeth Molyneux, see the Cornwallis pedigree, *supra*, p. xxxvi at:

<https://archive.org/stream/privatecorrespon00baco#page/n45/mode/2up>.

For Thomas Cornwallis and Elizabeth Molyneux, see also the will of the testatrix' niece, Katherine Cornwallis, TNA PROB 11/150/418.

For the testatrix' friend and overseer, Francis Aungier (1558-1632), see the History of Parliament entry at:

<http://www.historyofparliamentonline.org/volume/1558-1603/member/aungier-francis-1558-1632>.

Sir John Caryll (d.1614?) of Warnham, Sussex, with whom the testatrix entered into an indenture described in the will below, would appear to have been the grandson and heir of Sir John Caryll (d.1566), for whom see the History of Parliament entry at:

<http://www.historyofparliamentonline.org/volume/1558-1603/member/caryll-%28carrell%29-john-1566>.

For Sir John Caryll (d. 1614?), see:

<https://www.flickr.com/photos/52219527@N00/748505254>.

For the Caryll monument at Warnham, see Horsfield, Thomas Walker, *The History, Antiquities and Topography of the County of Sussex*, Vol. II, (London: Nichols and Son, 1835), p. 269 at:

https://books.google.ca/books?id=kuREAQAAMAAJ&pg=PA269&lpg=PA269&dq=%22In+the+north+chancel+are+the+effigies+of+a+man+and+woman+kneeling%22&source=bl&ots=Al_xxkEI-J&sig=eqpXFdlbjrgwY6Rqu7pO8L_LAJQ&hl=en&sa=X&ved=0ahUKEwjkvvCthPzSAhUpqFQKHWf7BN8Q6AEIGjAA#v=onepage&q=%22In%20the%20north%20chancel%20are%20the%20effigies%20of%20a%20man%20and%20woman%20kneeling%22&f=false.

For Sir John Caryll (d. 1614?), see also Cooper, Charles, *A Village in Sussex*, (London: I.B. Tauris, 2006), p. 152 at:

https://books.google.ca/books?id=yKdUeapqI68C&pg=PA152&lpg=PA152&dq=%22John+Caryll%22+%22recusant%22&source=bl&ots=uLrzX8SpjC&sig=EPHvq0qw2hvagrWjVJrrYLG25sA&hl=en&sa=X&ved=0ahUKEwjHi5uF6LvKAhUBE2MKHW_5ADgQ6AEIGzAA#v=onepage&q=%22John%20Caryll%22%20%22recusant%22&f=false.

For Sir Anthony Hobart, who married Anne Breton, see Copinger, W.A., *The Manors of Suffolk*, Vol. II, p. 19 at:

<https://archive.org/stream/cu31924092579550#page/n27/mode/2up>.

Anne Breton's husband, Sir Anthony Hobart, may be the Anthony Hobart in the Hobart pedigree in Rye, Walter, ed., *The Visitation of Norfolk*, Vol. XXXII (London: Harleian Society, 1891), p. 165 at:

<https://books.google.ca/books?id=HS8EAAAIAAJ&pg=PA165&lpg=PA165&dq=Sir+Anthony+Hobert&source=bl&ots=vNYVmjGNFH&sig=IDS8sEltWWBFF8RgX2GUhMMo5Kw&hl=en&sa=X&ved=0ahUKEwjvm-Sbh7zKAhVKz2MKHemNALoQ6AEIIDAB#v=onepage&q=Sir%20Anthony%20Hobert&f=false>.

For the testatrix' overseer, Thomas Henslowe (d.1617?), gentleman, and his wife, Katherine, see 'Boarhunt' below, and *The Genealogist*, p. 274 at:

<https://books.google.ca/books?id=G6FIAQAAMAAJ&pg=PA274&lpg=PA274&dq=%22Boarhunt%22+%22Henslow%22&source=bl&ots=LorYilp5xQ&sig=B68sjxyYGk5fR7gD8OirkG-Keo&hl=en&sa=X&ved=0ahUKEwi229Sc17nKAhUB52MKHdekBEcQ6AEIITAB#v=onepage&q=%22Boarhunt%22%20%22Henslow%22&f=false>.

PROPERTY MENTIONED IN THE WILL

For the testatrix' property in West Boarhunt, see:

'Parishes: Boarhunt', in *A History of the County of Hampshire: Volume 3*, ed. William Page (London, 1908), pp. 144-147 <http://www.british-history.ac.uk/vch/hants/vol3/pp144-147> [accessed 16 January 2016].

After the Dissolution the manor of West Boarhunt was granted to Thomas Wriothesley, earl of Southampton, (fn. 11) in order that he might alienate it to Ralph Henslowe. Thomas Henslowe, Ralph's grandson, died seised of the manor in 1617, leaving a son Thomas aged eleven. (fn. 12).

RM: T{estamentum} Domine Anne Lawrence

[f. 107r] In the name of God, Amen. The seventeenth day of July in the year of Our Lord God 1602 and in the four and fortieth year of the reign of our Sovereign Lady Queen Elizabeth, I, Lady Anne Lawrence of Soberton in the county of Southampton, widow, being in good health of body and of good and perfect remembrance, thanks be to Almighty God, do make and ordain this my last will and testament in manner and form following:

First I do revoke and annul and make frustrate and void all those wills and testaments which I have formerly made, as well under my hand and seal as otherwise, and I do publish and declare this present to be my only last will and testament, wherein first I bequeath my soul wholly to the infinite mercy of Almighty God, trusting assuredly to be saved by the merits of the passion of Our Lord and Saviour, Jesus Christ, his only Son, and our only Mediator, the second person in Trinity;

Item, I will my body to be buried in the church of Soberton at the discretion of my executors and overseers;

Item, I bequeath to the Cathedral Church of Winchester twenty shillings;

Item, I give to the churchwardens of the parish church of Soberton the sum of ten pounds of lawful money of England for the better reparation and maintenance of the same church;

Item, I do will and appoint the sum of twelve pounds of lawful money of England shall be distributed to poor people by four pence dole the day of my funerals;

Item, I give to six poor men and six poor women [f. 107v] widows dwelling in Soberton, if there be so many, to every one of them a mourning gown to attend my funerals, of which number I will that Chamblayne [=Chamberlain?], Porter and John of Portsdown to be three if they be then living;

Item, I give to the poor householders in Soberton parish four pound, that is to say, to sixteen householders, to every of them five shillings, the same to be distributed at the discretion of my executors where they shall see most need;

Item, I give to the poor people of the town of Wareham within the county of Dorset forty shillings;

Item, I give to the poor people of Steeple and Creech within the said county forty shillings;

Item, I give to the poor people of Hambledon in the county of Southampton forty shillings, the same to be divided by the more substantial inhabitants there where they shall see most need;

Item, in like sort I give to the poor people in East Meon in the said county of Southampton forty shillings, the same to be divided by the more substantial inhabitants there where they shall see most need;

Item, I give to the poor people of the city of Winchester the sum of five pounds, to be distributed by the mayor and aldermen of the same city to such there who in their discretion shall have most need;

Item, I give to the poor people of the Soake and King's Street near adjoining to the same city of Winchester the sum of five pounds, to be distributed in like manner by the bailiff and others the more substantial inhabitants there;

Item, I give to the poor prisoners within the castle and goal at Winchester forty shillings, to be distributed by the discretion of my executors and overseers;

Item, I will that my executors shall deliver into the hands of the mayor and brethren of the town of Wareham in the county of Dorset twenty pound, the same to be employed in manner and form following: the said mayor and brethren shall freely lend the same sum to some young beginner in some honest trade and occupation within the same town for the space of three years and take of him a sufficient security for the repayment thereof at the end of three years, and then they shall forthwith lend the said sum freely to some other young beginner in some honest trade within the said town upon like security for the repayment of the said sum at the end of three years, and so the said sum of twenty pound shall be employed and freely lent in like manner forever;

Item, I will and appoint that the sum of twenty pound of lawful money of England shall be delivered and employed for the help of young beginners in honest trades within the town of Petersfield in the county of Southampton in like manner as before I have appointed in Wareham;

Item, I will that my executors shall deliver into the hands of the mayor and aldermen of the city of Winchester the sum of fifty pounds of lawful money of England to continue for a stock forever, to be from time [+to time?] freely lent from five years to five years upon good security to some one honest clothier dwelling within the same city which shall have most need by the discretion of the said mayor and aldermen, thereby to set other poor people on work;

Item, I give and bequeath to all my godchildren dwelling in Soberton at the time of my decease, to every of them a quarter of barley;

Item, I give and bequeath to the right honourable my very good Lady, the Countess of Southampton th' elder, as a token of my goodwill and dutiful remembrance, my book of gold;

Item, I bequeath in like sort to the right honourable the Earl of Southampton my best cup with a cover being silver and gilt;

Item, I give and bequeath to the right honourable my very good niece, the Lady Katherine Cornwallis, my best basin and ewer of silver, and my best livery pots of silver parcel gilt, and my twelve silver plates or trenchers parcel gilt, my nest of tuns being three with a cover parcel gilt, my gold bracelet with a jacinth, and all the stuff belonging to the chamber under the white bedchamber, as namely the hangings of tapestry, the tester, the bedstead, the curtains, three featherbeds, three bolsters, four pillows, two pair of blankets, two rugs and two coverlets, the cupboard and cupboard cloth of Turkey work, a long cushion for the window of my best embroidered work, a quilt of silk, one chair and two stools suitable to the cushion;

Item, I bequeath more to the said Lady Katherine Cornwallis my best and fairest Turkey carpet and cupboard cloth of mine own making;

Item, I do give and bequeath to the right honourable my very good niece, the Lady Mabel Sandys, as a token of my goodwill two livery pots of silver parcel gilt and my second cup of silver and gilt with a cover;

Item, I give to the right honourable the Lady Mary Arundell for a like remembrance of my goodwill my ring with a table diamond in it;

Item, I give to my nephew, Sir Walter Sandys, knight, my ring with a pointed diamond in it as token of my goodwill;

Item, I give and bequeath to my nephew [=great-nephew?] and godson, William Sandys, esquire, my basin and ewer of silver and gilt and the two livery pots suitable to the same;

Item, I give to my niece, his wife, one ring of gold with a ruby set in the same;

Item, I give and bequeath to my cousin, Sir George Peckham, knight, twenty [f. 108r] pounds of lawful money of England;

Item, I give and bequeath to my son-in-law [=stepson], Mr Augustine Lawrence, my basin and ewer of silver parcel gilt that hath his father's arms engraven therein, and I do give to my daughter [=daughter-in-law], his wife, one gilt cup, and I do release and forgive him the forty pounds which he oweth unto me;

Item, I do give to my son [step-grandson?], Mr George Lawrence, the son of Edward Lawrence, deceased, the sum of twenty pounds, and I do forgive and release unto him all the money which he oweth unto me;

Item, I give to my son, Edward Lawrence, younger brother of the said George, my best gelding;

Item, I do give to my son Lawrence his widow of Grange one ring of gold of the price of fifty shillings;

Item, I give and bequeath to my god-daughter, Ursula Lawrence, the sum of ten pounds, and to her sister, Jane Snow, the like sum of ten pounds;

Item, I do forgive and release to my daughter, Mary Bowgle, the twenty pounds she oweth unto me;

Item, I do forgive and release to my nephew, Thomas Pounce, the twelve pounds which he oweth unto me, and do give and bequeath unto him forty pounds more in money and my best salt-cellar, one tankard of silver and gilt, and one of my gilt standing cups and the great nut cup which is his own;

Item, I do give and bequeath to my nephew, Henry Pounce th' elder, the use of one silver salt-cellar, one silver bowl gilt and one silver pot parcel gilt during his life, the same to remain after his decease to his son, John Pounce;

Item, I give to Anne Pounce, my god-daughter, being the daughter of the said Henry Pounce, the sum of twenty pounds of lawful money of England;

Item, I give and bequeath to my cousins, William and Henry Pounce, the sons of my nephew, Richard Pounce, deceased, to either of them a good cup or bowl;

Item, I give and bequeath to my cousin, Henry Breton of Soberton, the sum of fifty pounds of lawful money of England, one silver salt-cellar, one beer cup parcel gilt and a gilt bowl, and I do release unto him all the money which he oweth unto me;

Item, I give and bequeath to my nephew, George Breton of Mitchell Park in the county of Sussex, one cup of silver and gilt;

Item, I do give and bequeath to Henry Breton, eldest son of the said George Breton, the sum of forty pounds of lawful money of England, and to my niece, his wife, the like sum of forty pounds, and to Beverley Breton the like sum of forty pounds;

Item, I give and bequeath to Dennis Breton, son to the said George Breton, the like sum of forty pounds;

Item, I give and bequeath to George Breton, son of the before-named George Breton, the like sum of forty pounds;

And to Samuel Breton, another son of the first-named George Breton, the like sum of forty pounds;

Item, I do give and bequeath to Anne Breton, my god-daughter, and daughter of the first-named George Breton, the sum of two hundred pounds of lawful money of England, and to Elizabeth and Helen Breton, her sisters, to each of them the sum of forty pounds;

Item, whereas I purchased one tenement in Petworth in the county of Sussex with certain parcels of land and meadow to the same belonging now of [sic for 'or'?] late in the tenure or occupation of Joseph Masters of Petworth, mercer, or his assigned [sic?] or assigns, I give and bequeath the same to the said Helen Breton for and during her natural life, and after her decease I will the same shall remain to Beverley Breton aforesaid, her brother's son, and to his heirs forever;

Item, I give and bequeath to my cousin, William Pounce, son of Richard Pounce, deceased, one annual rent of six pounds of lawful money of England for and during his natural life, the same to be issuing out of all those(?) lands and hereditaments called Hale within the parish of West Boarhunt in the county of Southampton now or late in the tenure or occupation of Robert Bachelor or his assign or assigns, the said yearly rent to be

paid at the feasts of St Michael the Archangel and th' Annunciation of Our Lady St Mary the Virgin by even and equal portions, and if the said rent of six pounds or any part thereof shall be behind unpaid after any of the said feasts during the life of the said William, then I will that it shall be lawful to and for the said William and his assigns from time to time so often to enter into the said lands and hereditaments called Hale and there to distrain, and the distress to take away and detain until all th' arrearages of the said rent of six pounds shall be fully satisfied and paid to the said William Pounce and his assigns;

Item, I give and [+bequeath?] to my nephew, Henry Pounce the elder, all the lands and hereditaments aforesaid called Hale, to have and hold the same to the said Henry Pounce and the heirs males of his body lawfully begotten;

And for want of such heirs males, then I will the same shall remain to my said cousin, William Pounce, and to the heirs males of his body lawfully begotten;

And for want of such heirs males then I will that the same shall remain to my cousin, Henry Pounce, brother of the said William, [f. 108v] and the heirs males of his body lawfully begotten;

Item, I give and bequeath to my cousin, Henry Breton of Soberton, all my lands and hereditaments called Medselles in the parish of West Boarhunt in the county of Southampton now or late in the tenure or occupation of Thomas Henslowe, gentleman, or his assignee or assigns, to have and to hold the said last-mentioned lands and hereditaments to the said Henry Breton and the heirs males of his body lawfully begotten;

And for want of such issue to my cousin, Henry Breton, the son of George Breton aforesaid of Mitchell Park, for the term of the natural life of the last-mentioned Henry Breton;

And after his decease, I will the same shall remain to Beverley Breton, son of the last-mentioned Henry Breton, and the heirs males of his body lawfully begotten;

And for want of such issue, I will that the same shall remain to the heirs males of the body of the said George Breton of Mitchell Park aforesaid;

And for want of such issue my will is that the same shall remain to the heirs of the body of the said last-mentioned George Breton;

Provided always and my will is that if any of those persons to whom I have entailed any lands or hereditaments by this my will or any of their issues shall effectually go about to alien, discontinue, demise or grant any of the said lands or hereditaments for any longer term than for twenty and one years or for any term without reservation of such rents as shall be payable for the same at the time of my decease, that then the estate of every such person shall immediately from and after such effectual going about cease and determine, and that then immediately the said lands and hereditaments shall be vested and settled in

the next person in remainder according to the estate before by this my will limited and appointed, and that all estates, grants and leases which shall be made contrary to this my will shall be utterly void;

Item, I do will and appoint that every person to whom I have given any lands or hereditaments either by this my will or otherwise by my deed shall within convenient time after my decease have delivered unto them all such writings and specialties as do appertain to the same lands;

Item, I give and bequeath to my good friend, Mr Francis Aungier, one good cup of silver and gilt with a cover;

Item, I give to my cousin, Thomas Clark the younger, one cup of silver and gilt;

Item, I give and bequeath to my cousin, Oliver Wriothesley, and his wife forty pounds in money;

Item, I do give to my cousin, John Wriothesley, his brother, twenty pounds in money;

Item, I give and bequeath to my cousin, Elizabeth Cornwallis, wife of Thomas Cornwallis, esquire, Groom Porter of her Majesty's Household, and to my godson, her son, my cousin Henry Cornwallis, ten pounds in money and two gilt livery pots;

Item, I do give and bequeath to my friend, Mrs Jane Smith, my tankard of silver and gilt;

Item, I do give to my loving friend, Mrs. Katherine Henslowe, the wife of Thomas Henslowe, gentleman, a nut being a cup covered with silver parcel gilt and a gilt standing cup;

Item, I do give and bequeath to Mrs Collet at London one gilt cup;

Item, I do give and bequeath to my friend, Mrs. Jane White, the wife of Thomas White, gentleman, ten pounds in money;

Item, I do give and bequeath to my loving friend, Mrs Barnes of East Horsley, twenty pounds in money, and to her daughter, Anne, my god-daughter, twenty pounds in money, and to her husband, Mr Barnes, ten pounds in money;

Item, I give to my godson, the son of Richard Knight, deceased, the sum of thirty pounds in money;

Item, I will and bequeath to Anne Knight, the daughter of Valentine Knight, the debt of twenty pounds which the said Valentine Knight doth owe unto me, and the sum of ten pounds in money besides the said debt of twenty pounds;

Item, I give and bequeath to Constance Richards, my neighbour, one featherbed, one bolster, one pair of blankets, one coverlet, two pair of sheets, one plain tablecloth and one dozen of plain napkins, and to my god-daughter, her daughter, Anne Richards, one cow, one sow pig and twenty sheep;

Item, I give and bequeath to Mrs Anne Gifford, the daughter of Mr Cope that sometime served me, ten pounds in money, and to her daughter, Anne, that stammereth, five pounds;

Item, I give to Shott, my tenant in Dorsetshire, twenty pounds if he be living; if he be dead, then I will the same twenty pounds to his son;

Item, I give to Andrew Ring three pounds;

Item, I give to Thomas Hamon [=Hamond?] six pounds thirteen shillings and four pence;

Item, I give to my neighbour Sturges of Hambledon aforesaid, his wife and his daughter, to every of them twenty shillings;

Item, I give and bequeath to Mrs Page two quarters of wheat and the gatehouse she now lodgeth in during my term if she live so long;

Item, I give to Mother Alward, a poor blind woman dwelling at Hoo(?), one cow, one quarter of wheat, one quarter of malt and forty shillings in money, and to her daughter ten sheep and twenty shillings in money;

Item, I give to the mother of Christian Pragnell twenty shillings;

Item, I give to a poor maid named Anne Dickenson [f. 109r] twenty shillings;

Item, whereas Thomas Slade oweth unto me by specialty twenty pounds, I do forgive and clearly release unto him the same debt;

Also I do release to John Shabey alias Bensted the four pounds which he oweth unto me;

Item, whereas Cornelius Braxton oweth unto me twenty pounds, and Simon Braxton of Bimisey(?) standeth bound with him for payment of the same, I do also release unto them the same debt;

Item, I give and bequeath to Mary Slade, my gentlewoman, thirty pounds, and to Robert Slade, her brother, my servant, twenty pounds, and to his wife, ten pounds;

Item, I give to Henry Stowers, my servant, twenty pounds, and to his wife, ten pounds;

Item, I give to William Goodridge [=Goodrich?], my servant, six pounds thirteen shillings and four pence;

Item, I give to Gregory Merrick, my servant, one year's rent of Holywell, being twenty pounds, and twenty pounds more in money;

Item, I give to John of Portsdown, my servant, one cow, ten sheep and thirteen pounds six shillings and eight pence in money;

Item, I give to John Richards, my godson and servant, the sum of six pounds thirteen shillings four pence;

Item, I give to every woman servant that shall serve me at the time of my decease, to every of them three quarters of barley, ten sheep, one cow and one whole year's wages;

Item, I will that my house and servants be kept at my charge for half a year after my decease if my servants cannot provide for themselves sooner, and in that time I will that they shall have their accustomed wages as they had in my lifetime;

Item, I will that for the performance of my funerals there shall be bestowed in blacks the sum of one hundred and twenty pounds, the same to be disposed at the discretion of my executors and overseers to my friends, neighbours and all my servants generally;

Item, I will that Mrs Betsworth, Mrs Frisworth, Mrs Gifford sometime called Anne Cope, and Mrs Page, every of them shall have a black gown, and they to be at my burial;

Item, I will that if any of my servants to whom I have given any legacy shall not be with me at the time of my decease in my service, that they shall take nothing by this my will, anything before to the contrary notwithstanding;

Item, I will that if my said nephew, Henry Pounce the elder, and the heirs males of his body shall not after my decease content and pay to my said nephew, William Pounce, the said annuity and annual rent of six pounds in manner and form before mentioned according to the true intent and meaning of this my last will and testament, that then the said Henry Pounce the elder and the heirs males of his body shall take no benefit by this my last will and testament;

And for the better performance of this my last will and testament I do appoint my said nephew, Henry Pounce the elder, and my cousin, Dennis Breton, the son of George Breton of Mitchell Park, to be executors of this my last will and testament, praying them to perform this my last will faithfully and truly in all points according to the trust I have reposed in them, and that with as much convenient speed as they may, and to use all my servants well;

Item, I do make my loving friends, Mr Thomas Henslowe of Boarhunt and Mr Thomas White of Newland, my overseers of this my last will and testament, and I give to either of them for their pains twenty pounds apiece, praying them to give their assistance to my

said executors for the better performance of my funerals and otherwise for the better executing of this my last will and testament;

The residue of all my goods and chattels whatsoever, my debts being paid and my legacies and funerals being performed and discharged, I give and bequeath to my said executors, Henry Pounce and Dennis Breton, to be equally divided between them;

In witness whereof I have to every leaf of this my will subscribed my hand, and also to this my present will affixed my seal. Anne Lawrence.

This will was published by the said Lady Anne Lawrence the twelfth day of September in the four and fortieth year of the reign of our Sovereign Lady Queen Elizabeth 1602 in the presence of Francis Aungier, William Cornwallis, George Butler(?), John Farre(?).

A codicil annexed to the last will and testament of me, the said Lady Anne Lawrence, containing the disposition of one annual rent of seventy pounds which I have for the term of divers years issuing out of certain lands in the county to Suffolk, and other legacies made and published as part of my last will and testament the fourth day of November in the first year of the reign of our Sovereign Lord King James.

Whereas Sir John Carrell [=Caryll?] of Warnham in the county of Sussex, knight, and William Webb of Ixworth in the said county of Suffolk, gentleman, by their indenture dated the sixth day of May in the four and fortieth year [=6 May 1602] of the reign of the late Queen [f. 109v] Elizabeth of happy memory made between the said Sir John Carrell, knight, and William Webb on the one party, and me, the said Lady Anne Lawrence, on the other party, did in consideration of the sum of seven hundred pounds to the said Sir John Carrell, knight, and William Webb before the ensealing of the said indenture by me fully paid, give, grant and confirm for them and either of them and their and either of their heirs, executors and assigns unto me, the said Lady Anne Lawrence, my executors and assigns, one annuity or yearly rentcharge of seventy pound of lawful money of England to be issuing out of all and singular the manors, lordships and farms of Ixworth and Tiptoftes alias Tiptotts(?) with their rights, members and appurtenances in the said county of Suffolk and out of all and singular messuages, farms, lands, tenements and hereditaments whatsoever situate and being in the towns, parishes and fields of Ixworth and Typtoftes alias Tiptotts, Bardwell, Pakenham, Stanton, Weston, Fangham [=sic for Langham?], Ashfield, Stow, Langtoft, Hunson and Badlewash [=Badwell Ash?] or any of them in the county of Suffolk with all and singular th' appurtenances in which the said Sir John Carrell and William Webb or either of them then had or pretended to have any estate title, term or interest;

To have and perceive the said annuity or yearly rent to me, the said Lady Anne Lawrence, my executors and assigns, for the term of one hundred years next after the date of the said indenture, payable yearly at the feasts of St Michael the Archangel and the Annunciation of St Mary the Virgin by even and equal portions at the font-stone in the Temple Church, London, with a clause of distress in the said indenture contained and a

penalty for non-payment of the same, and one further proviso in the same indenture specified, that if at any time during the said term of one hundred years the said Sir John Carrell and William Webb, their heirs or assigns, shall pay to me, the said Anne Lawrence, my executors, administrators and assigns, the sum of seven hundred pounds of lawful money of England with all arrearages of the said annuity or annual rent and penalty upon any the said feasts of St Michael the Archangel and th' Annunciation of Our Lady at the place limited for the payment of the said annuity upon notice first given by the space of one half year before the said payment in such manner and form as is more at large specified in the same indenture, that immediately after such notice and payment of the said sum of seven hundred pounds and arrearages in manner and form aforesaid, the said grant of the said annuity and annual rent should from thenceforth be utterly void, as by the said indenture more at large appeareth;

Now my will is and I do by these presents give and bequeath to my cousin and god-daughter, Anne Breton, daughter of George Breton of Mitchell Park in the said county of Sussex, gentleman, the sum of twenty pounds yearly, parcel of the said annuity of seventy pound for and during the residue of the said term;

Also I do will and bequeath to the now wife of Henry Breton, son and heir apparent of the said George Breton before mentioned, the sum of ten pounds yearly, parcel of the annuity of seventy pound, for and during the residue of the said term;

And I do further will and bequeath to my nephew, Henry Pounce the elder, the sum of ten pounds yearly, parcel of the said annuity of seventy pound, for and during the residue of the said term;

Also I will and bequeath to my cousin, Dennis Breton, one of the sons of the said George Breton before mentioned, the sum of ten pounds yearly, residue of the said annual rent of seventy pound, for and during all the rest of the said term of one hundred years yet to come and unexpired;

Provided that if the said Sir John Carrell and William Webb, their heirs and assigns, shall at any time during the said term of one hundred years pay the said sum of seven hundred pounds according to the purport of the said proviso or condition in the said indenture specified, then my will is that the said Anne Breton shall have two hundred pound, parcel of the said sum of seven hundred pound, and the said Henry Breton of Soberton shall have other two hundred pound, parcel of the said sum of seven hundred pound, and the said now wife of the said Henry Breton, son and heir apparent of the said George Breton, shall have one other hundred pounds, parcel of the said sum of seven hundred pounds, and my said nephew, Henry Pounce the elder, shall have one other hundred pounds, parcel of the said seven hundred pounds, and my said cousin, Dennis Breton, shall have the hundred pounds residue of the said sum of seven hundred pounds;

Also I will and bequeath to the poor boy which serveth me in husbandry such portion in everything as I have given and bequeathed to [f. 110r] my maidservants if the said boy shall remain in my service at the time of my decease;

Also I give to every of my servants which shall serve me at the time of my decease and to whom I have given no former legacy their whole year's wages agreed upon;

Also I do give unto Mabel White, daughter of Thomas White of Newland in the county of Southampton, gentleman, the sum of twenty pounds of lawful money of England;

Also I do give to my nephew and godson, Sir William Sandys, knight, and the Lady Elizabeth, his wife, all those parcels of plate mortgaged to me by the said Sir William Sandys for the sum of one hundred pounds;

In witness whereof I, the said Lady Anne Lawrence, have to these presents subscribed my hand and seal the day and year first above-written.

Forasmuch as Mary Slade, my servant, is deceased, whereby my legacy to her I intend to be void I do now give to Jane Slade, my servant, the sum of thirty pounds, and to my [sic for 'her'?] daughter, Anne Vynes, a cup of silver and gilt worth five pounds. Anne Lawrence. Published the said fourth day of November in the first year of the reign of our Sovereign Lord King James in the presence of Katherine Cornwallis, Francis Aungier.

A codicil to be annexed to the last will and testament of me, the Lady Anne Lawrence, published the twenty-sixth day of October 1606.

Whereas I have in my last will and testament appointed my body to be buried at Soberton in the county of Southampton and a dole of twelve pound to be given to the poor there, now my will [+is?] that my body shall be buried in the parish where I shall decease, and the said dole mentioned in my will shall be give to the poor of the parish where I shall decease and not of the parish of Soberton, and my legacy for the reparation of the church of Soberton shall be void;

And whereas in my said will I have appointed a hundred and twenty pounds to be bestowed in blacks, now my will is that only forty pound shall be bestowed in blacks, and that all my legacies and blacks given to any dwelling in Soberton shall be void;

And whereas I have in my said will given divers legacies to my servants conditionally if they shall be in my service at my decease, now my will is that they and every of them shall have their said legacies although they shall not be dwelling with me at the time of my decease;

Item, I give and bequeath unto Katherine Breton, one of the daughters of Henry Breton, gentleman, son and heir apparent of George Breton, gentleman the sum of twenty pound;

Item, I give and bequeath to Gregory Merrick, my late servant, twenty pound, and to John of Porstdown twenty marks, and all other legacies before to them or either of them bequeathed to be void;

Item, I give to Mrs Slade, widow, mother of Jane Slade, my servant, the sum of five pounds;

And whereas in my said last will I did appoint Thomas White, late of Newland in the said county of Southampton, gentleman, now deceased, one of the overseers of my last will and testament, now my will is that in his stead Francis Aungier of East Clandon in the county of Surrey, esquire, shall be one of the overseers of my said last will, and he to have such and the same legacies as the said Thomas White should have had if he had lived;

In witness whereof I have to these presents set my hand the day and year first above-written.

Whereas I have formerly given to my cousins, Elizabeth Breton and Helen Breton, the sum of forty pounds apiece, now my will and mind is that they shall either of them have more three score pounds apiece to make up their several legacies a hundred pounds apiece. The mark of the Lady Anne Lawrence. Published in the presence of Katherine Cornwallis, Francis Aungier, Edgar Scott.

RM: A codicil to be annexed to the last will and testament of me, the Lady Anne Lawrence, published the 10th day of January 1608 [=1609].

Whereas I have given & bequeathed to Sir William Sandys, knight, and the Lady Elizabeth, his wife, certain parcels of plate mortgaged unto me by the said Sir William Sandys for one hundred pounds, now for that I have in my lifetime given the said parcels of plate unto him and delivered the same, I do declare my will to be void touching the said plate;

And whereas I have given and bequeathed to my cousin, Anne Hobart, by the name of Anne Breton, divers legacies, and now sithence I have in my lifetime given unto her for her advancement in marriage with Anthony(?) Hobert [=Hobart?], esquire, the sum of £500, therefore I do declare my will for and concerning every legacy given unto her to be paid utterly void;

In witness whereof I have to these presents set my hand the day and year next above written. The mark of the Lady Anne Lawrence. Published in the presence of Katherine Cornwallis, Francis Aungier, John Barnes.

A codicil to be annexed to the last will and testament of me, the Lady Anne Lawrence, published the 31 March 1610

Whereas I have give to my cousin, Samuel Breton, the sum of forty pounds, now my will and mind is that he shall have the sum of threescore pounds more to make up his legacy one hundred pounds;

Also whereas I made my nephew, Henry Pounce, deceased, one of the executors of this my last will and testament, now forasmuch as his children are to take no benefit thereby, I do by these presents give and bequeath to Ellen Pounce, my said nephew's daughter, threescore pounds of good and lawful money of England;

And whereas I gave formerly to Anne Pounce, my god-daughter, the daughter of my said nephew, Henry Pounce, twenty pounds, now my will and meaning [f. 110v] is that she shall have twenty pounds more to make up her legacy forty pounds;

Also I give and bequeath to my nephew Henry Pounce's other two daughters twenty pounds apiece, and to the youngest son of my said nephew, Henry Pounce, twenty pounds more;

In witness whereof I have hereunto set my hand and seal the day and year first above-written. The mark of the Lady Anne Lawrence. Published in the presence of Katherine Cornwallis, Thomas Blunden.

Probatum fuit suprascriptum testamentum vna cum Codicillis coram magistro Iohanne Hone legum doctore Surrogato venerabilis viri domini Iohannis Bennet milit{is} legum etiam doctoris Curie Prerogative Cantuariensis magistri Custodis sive Commissarij legitime constituti vltimo die mensis Iulij Anno domini mill{es}imo sexcentesimo decimo Iuramento Dionisij Britton vnus Executorum in huiusmodi testamento nominatorum Cui Commissa fuit administratio bonorum Iurium et Creditorum dicte defuncte de bene et fideliter administrand{o} eadem Ad sancta dei Evangelia iurat{o} Henrico Pounce altero executorum in huiusmodi testamento etiam nominat{o} de mortuo

[=The above-written testament, together with the codicils, was proved before Master John Hone, Doctor of the Laws, Surrogate of the worshipful Sir John Bennet, knight, also Doctor of the Laws, lawfully constituted Master, Keeper or Commissary of the Prerogative Court of Canterbury, on the last day of the month of July in the year of the Lord the thousand six hundred tenth by the oath of Dennis Breton, one of the executors named in the same testament, to whom administration was granted of the goods, rights and credits of the said deceased, sworn on the Holy Gospels to well and faithfully administer the same, Henry Pounce, the other executor also named in the same testament, having died.]