

SUMMARY: The document below is the Prerogative Court of Canterbury copy of the last will and testament, dated 16 January 1608 and proved 3 June 1611, of Bridget (nee Savage) Bonner (d.1608x11), whose daughter, Mary Bonner (d. 6 April 1617), married firstly, as his second wife, William Yonge (d. December 1583), whose first wife was Anne Sneyd, maternal aunt of Oxford's second wife, Elizabeth Trentham (d.1612x13), and secondly, Thomas Combe (d.1608x9) of Stratford upon Avon.

For the connection between the Combe and Sneyd families, see Richardson, Douglas, *Plantagenet Ancestry*, 2nd ed., Vol. III, (Salt Lake City, 2011), pp. 143-4, 546-7, and the will of Thomas Combe (d.1608x9) of Stratford upon Avon, dated 22 December 1608 and proved 10 February 1609, TNA PROB 11/113, ff. 98-100.

RM: T{estamentum} Brigitte Bonner

In the name of God, Amen. The sixteenth day of January Anno D{omi}ni one thousand six hundred and seven, I, Bridget Bonner of Campden within the county and diocese of Gloucester, widow, being sick in body yet of good and perfect remembrance, all laud and praise to the Almighty therefore, do make & ordain this my last will and testament in manner and form following:

First I bequeath my soul to the everliving God, my Maker, and to Jesus Christ, my Redeemer, and to the Holy Ghost, my Sanctifier, hoping steadfastly that through the precious death and bloodshedding of my Saviour, Jesus Christ, after this painful life is ended I shall be made partaker of those heavenly joys which are prepared for his elect in the land of the living;

And I will that my body shall be buried in Campden church near to my husband, to which church I give for my burial therein ten shillings;

Item, I give to the poor of Campden forty shillings;

Item, I give to my brother, John Savage, [f. 33v] twenty shillings to buy him a ring;

Item, I give to Mr William Goddard, my son-in-law, ten shillings;

Item, I give to Mr Thomas Combe, my son-in-law, ten shillings;

Item, I give to Mr William Wyatt, my son-in-law, ten shillings, to buy every one of them a small ring;

Item, I give to my daughter Combe twenty shillings to buy her a ring;

Item, I give to my daughter Wyatt twenty shillings to buy her a ring;

Item, I give to my son, Anthony Bonner, and to his wife twenty shillings apiece;

Item, I give to my son, George Bonner, a featherbed, two bolsters, two pillows, two pair of sheets, two blankets and a coverlet;

Item, I give to my niece [=grand-daughter], Bridget Yonge, twenty pounds, ten pounds whereof I will that she shall receive from Thomas Combe, her father-in-law [=stepfather], which I lent in ready money; the other ten pounds I will shall be paid her by my executrix within six months next after my decease;

Item, I give to every one of my daughter Combe her other children ten shillings apiece;

Item, I give to my nephew, Anthony Bonner, ten shillings;

Item, I give to my cousin, Robert Chapman, my service-book;

Item, I give to Bridget Chapman, my god-daughter, ten shillings;

Item, I give to Mr John Price six shillings eight pence;

Item, I give to John Jenkes six shillings eight pence;

Item, I give to William Jenkes six shillings eight pence;

All the rest of my goods unbequeathed I give unto Dame Elizabeth Culpepper, my daughter, whom I do make my sole executrix of this my last will and testament;

And in witness thereof I have hereunto set my hand and seal the day and year above-written.

Sealed and delivered in the presence of Robert Chapman, John Price, Elizabeth Chapman, John Jenkes, William Hodson, William Jenkes, John Covington.

Probatum fuit testamentum suprascriptum apud London coram ven{erabili} viro Mag{istro} Will{elmo} Bird legum doctore Curie Prerogatiue Cantuariens{is} Magistro Custode siue Commissario legitime constituto Tertio die mens{is} Iunij Anno Domini millesimo sexcentesimo undecimo Iuramento Domine Elizabethe Cullpepper filie naturalis et legitime dicte Defuncte et executric{is} in eodem testamento nominat{e} Cui commissa fuit Administrac{i}o bonorum Iurium et Creditorum dicte Defuncte De bene et fideliter administrand{o} &c ad sancta Dei Evangelia Iurat{e}

[=The above-written testament was proved before the worshipful Master William Bird, Doctor of the Laws, lawfully constituted Master, Keeper or Commissary of the

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Prerogative Court of Canterbury, on the third day of the month of June in the year of the Lord the thousand six hundred eleventh by the oath of Lady Elizabeth Culpepper, natural and legitimate daughter of the said deceased and executrix 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 etc.]