

SUMMARY: The document below is the Prerogative Court of Canterbury copy of the will, dated 28 February 1612 and proved 4 March 1612, of Joan (nee Hayward) Thynne (bap. 28 August 1558 – d. 3 March 1612), the daughter of Sir Rowland Hayward (d. 5 December 1593), Lord Mayor of London, whose mansion, King's Place in Hackney, was purchased by Oxford's second wife, Elizabeth Trentham. For Elizabeth Trentham's purchase of King's Place from the executors of Sir Rowland Hayward, see TNA C 66/1476, m. 19 on this website.

FAMILY BACKGROUND

The testatrix was the daughter of Sir Rowland Hayward and his first wife, Joan Tillesworth or Tilsworth (d.1580), one of the daughters and coheirs of the London goldsmith, William Tillesworth (d.1557), and his wife, Joan Potkyn. For the will of William Tillesworth, see TNA PROB 11/39/230.

After the death of the testatrix' mother, the testatrix' father married secondly Katherine Smythe, the daughter of Thomas Smythe (1522 – 7 June 1591), Customer of London.

Testatrix' siblings

According to the inscription on his monument, Sir Rowland Hayward and his first wife, Joan Tillesworth (d.1580), had three sons and two daughters who died as infants, and three surviving daughters: Elizabeth, Susan, and the testatrix.

For the testatrix' siblings of the half blood by her father's second marriage to Katherine Smythe, including her half-brother, Sir George Hayward (d.1615), named as one of the testatrix' overseers in the will below, see the will of Sir Rowland Hayward, TNA PROB 11/83/228.

As noted above, the testatrix had two surviving sisters of the whole blood:

-Elizabeth Hayward (d. 5 September 1622), who married firstly Richard Warren (d. 25 March 1597), esquire, son of Sir Ralph Warren (d. 11 July 1553), Lord Mayor of London, by Joan Lake (d. 8 October 1573) and secondly, on 21 July 1597, Oxford's foe Thomas Knyvet (1545 – 27 July 1622), 1st Baron Knyvet of Escrick. Elizabeth (nee Hayward) was governess to James I's two youngest daughters, Mary and Sophia. For Oxford and Knyvet, see BL MS Cotton Appendix 47, f. 7v; Lambeth Palace MS 647, f. 123; and TNA SP 12/154/13, ff. 23-4 on this website. See also the will of Sir Thomas Knyvet, TNA PROB 11/40/169, the *ODNB* entry, and the History of Parliament entry at:

<http://www.historyofparliamentonline.org/volume/1604-1629/member/knyvett-sir-thomas-1545-1622>

See also the will of Richard Warren, TNA PROB 11/89/249, in which the testatrix is left a bequest, and the History of Parliament entry at:

<http://www.historyofparliamentonline.org/volume/1558-1603/member/warren-richard-1545-98>

Elizabeth Hayward and Richard Warren are left a bequest in the will of Francis Bowyer, TNA PROB 11/63/382.

-Susan Hayward (buried 31 May 1592), who married Sir Henry Townshend (d. 8 December 1621). See his will, TNA PROB 11/138/558, and the History of Parliament entry at:

<http://www.historyofparliamentonline.org/volume/1604-1629/member/townshend-sir-henry-1537-1621>

Warren Townshend, to whom the testatrix leaves a bequest in the will below, was the son of the testatrix' sister, Susan (nee Hayward), and Sir Henry Townshend.

Susan Hayward and her husband are left a bequest in the will of Francis Bowyer, TNA PROB 11/63/382.

MARRIAGE AND ISSUE

The testatrix married Sir John Thynne (c.1551 – 21 November 1604), eldest son and heir of the builder of Longleat, Sir John Thynne (d. 21 May 1580). The latter's cousin, Francis Thynne (1545?-1608), who continued Holinshed's *Chronicles* after Holinshed's death in 1580, spent some of his early years at Longleat. See the will of Sir John Thynne (d. 21 May 1580), TNA PROB 11/62/476; the *ODNB* entry for Francis Thynne; the *ODNB* entry for Joan (nee Hayward) Thynne; and Botfield, Beriah (1858), *Stemmata Botevilliana; Memorials of the Families of De Boteville, Thynne, and Botfield*, (Westminster: J.B. Nichols and Sons, 1858), pp. clxxvi, clxxviii-clxxx at:

<http://books.google.ca/books?id=mBZYAAAACAAJ&pg=PR180>

For the testatrix, see also O'Day, Rosemary, *The Routledge Companion to the Tudor Age*, (New York: Routledge, 2010), at:

<http://books.google.ca/books?id=PgKSouk9fHUC&pg=PA1590-IA65>

For Sir John Thynne (c.1551 – 21 November 1604), see also the History of Parliament entry at:

<http://www.historyofparliamentonline.org/volume/1558-1603/member/thynne-john-1550-1604>

For the foregoing see also Botfield, *supra*, 115–16:

<http://books.google.ca/books?id=L1pNAAAACAAJ&pg=PA115#v=onepage&q&f=false>

For the testatrix' children and their marriages, see also Collins, Arthur, *The Peerage of England*, (London: W. Strahan, 1779), Vol. VI, pp. 52-56 at:

<http://books.google.ca/books?id=zfk-AQAAMAAJ&pg=PA53>

For the testatrix' children, see also the pedigree in Botfield, *supra*, p. 59 at:

<http://books.google.ca/books?id=mBZYAAAACAAJ&pg=PA59>

For Caus Castle, see:

<http://www.castlesontheweb.com/quest/Forum7/HTML/000374.html>

OTHER PERSONS MENTIONED IN THE WILL

The testatrix appoints as one of the overseers of her will her brother-in-law, Thomas Knyvet (1545 – 27 July 1622), 1st Baron Knyvet of Escrick (see above).

The testatrix appoints as another overseer Sir William Bowyer (1588 – 3 August 1616) of Denham, Buckinghamshire, son of the testatrix' aunt, Elizabeth Tillesworth, and her first husband, Francis Bowyer (d. 14 June 1581), Sheriff, Alderman and Auditor of the City of London and Master of the Worshipful Company of Grocers. See Ingram, William, *A London Life in the Brazen Age: Francis Langley 1548-1602*, (Cambridge, Massachusetts: Harvard University Press, 1978), p. 14; the will of Francis Bowyer, TNA PROB 11/63/382; the will of Sir William Bowyer, TNA PROB 11/128/188; and the History of Parliament entry at:

<http://www.historyofparliamentonline.org/volume/1558-1603/member/bowyer-william-iii-1558-1616>

See also the pedigree of Bowyer in Howard, Joseph Jackson and Joseph Lemuel Chester, eds., *The Visitation of London Anno Domini 1633, 1634, and 1635*, (London: Harleian Society, 1880), Vol. XV, p. 94 at:

<http://books.google.ca/books?id=h6wKAAAAYAAJ&pg=PA94>

The testatrix' overseer, Sir William Bowyer, was a brother-in-law of Lord Burghley's servant, Henry Maynard (d. 11 May 1610), for whom see the History of Parliament entry at:

<http://www.historyofparliamentonline.org/volume/1558-1603/member/maynard-henry-1547-1610>

For the testatrix' family, see also the Thynne papers at Longleat:

<http://apps.nationalarchives.gov.uk/a2a/records.aspx?cat=2238-th&cid=1-3-1&kw=hercy#1-3-1>

MENTION OF THE TESTATRIX IN THE WILLS OF OTHERS

The testatrix and her husband are left a bequest in the will of Francis Bowyer, TNA PROB 11/63/382.

LM: T{estamentum} D{omi}nae Ioannae Thinne

[f. 179v] In the name of God, Amen. The eight and twentieth day of February one thousand six hundred and eleven and in the year of the reign of our Sovereign Lord James by the grace of God King of England, France and Ireland, Defender of the Faith etc. the ninth and of Scotland the five and fortieth, I, Dame Joan Thynne of Caus Castle in the county of Salop [=Shropshire], widow, being sick in body but of perfect remembrance (thanks be given to Almighty God), do make and ordain this my last will and testament in manner and form following:

First I commend my soul into the merciful hands of Almighty God, my Maker and Redeemer, and my body to be buried at the discretion of mine executrices and overseers hereafter named;

And concerning those worldly goods which it hath pleased God to bless me with, I do order and dispose of them in manner and form following:

First I give unto the poor of the parish of Saint Margaret in Westminster the sum of five pounds;

Item, I give unto the poor of the parish of Deverell in the county of Wiltshire the sum of fifteen pounds sterling;

Item, I give and bequeath unto my loving son, Sir Thomas Thynne, knight, the sum of ten pounds of lawful money of England;

Item, I give and bequeath unto my loving son, John Thynne, the sum of two hundred pounds of lawful money of England;

Item, I give unto my loving daughters, Dorothy Thynne and Christian Thynne, the sum of one thousand pounds of lawful money of England, that is to say, to either of them five hundred pounds;

Item, I give unto every one of my household servants one whole year's wages besides the wages which shall be due to them at the time of my decease;

Also I give and bequeath unto my waiting gentlewoman, Anne Criche, the sum of one hundred pounds;

Item, I give to my nephew, Warren Townsend, the sum of ten pounds;

The residue of my goods, chattels, plate, ready money and whatsoever else shall be mine at the time of my decease, my [f. 180r] debts being paid and my funeral expenses discharged, I give and bequeath wholly unto my said two daughters, Dorothy and Christian, whom I make the sole executrixes of this my will;

And I do desire the right honourable Thomas, Lord Knyvet, my loving brother [=brother-in-law], and my good cousin, Sir William Bowyer, knight, and my loving brother, Sir George Hayward, knight, to be the overseers of this my will, and I give to every of my said overseers a ring of gold of the value of five pounds apiece;

In witness whereof I have hereunto set my hand and seal. Joan Thynne.

Memorandum: That the said Dame Joan Thynne did seal and deliver and publish this as her last will and testament the last day of February one thousand six hundred and eleven in presence of Elizabeth Knyvet, Mary Bowyer, Elizabeth Hampden, William Bowyer, Edward Doubleday.

Memorandum: That after my Lady Thynne had sealed and delivered this her will, she signified before us all that her will was to give to Edward Doubleday, esquire, the sum of forty shillings for a remembrance to be made in a ring of gold for him.

Probatum fuit testamentu{m} suprascriptu{m} vna cum Codicillo Apud London coram Mag{ist}ro Edmundo Pope Legum Doctore Surrogato venerabilis viri Domini Iohannis Benet militis Legum etiam Doctoris Curie Prerogatiue Cant{uariensis} Mag{ist}ri Custodis siue Com{m}issarij l{egi}time constituti Quarto die mens{is} Martij Anno Domini iuxta cursum et computac{i}o{n}em eccl{es}ie Anglicane Millesimo sexcentesimo vndecimo Iuramento Dorothee et Christiane Thynne filiar{um} d{i}c{t}e defuncte et Executricum in h{uius}mo{d}i testamento nominatarum Quibus com{m}issa fuit administrac{i}o omniu{m} et singuloru{m} bonoru{m} Iurium et creditoru{m} dicte defuncte de bene et fidel{ite}r administrand{o} eadem ad sancta Dei Evangelia iurat{is}

[=The above-written testament was proved, together with the codicil, at London before Master Edmund Pope, 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 fourth day of the month of March in the year of the Lord the thousand six hundred eleventh by the oath of Dorothy and Christian Thynne, daughters of the said deceased and executrixes named in the same testament, to whom administration was granted of all and singular the goods, rights and credits of the said deceased, sworn on the Holy Gospels to well and faithfully administer the same.]