

SUMMARY: The document below is the will, dated 17 August 1499 and proved 27 February 1501, of Sir Henry Wentworth of Goxhill, Lincolnshire, and Nettlestead, Suffolk.

The testator was the only son of Sir Philip Wentworth, beheaded 18 May 1464 after the Battle of Hexham, and Mary Clifford, the daughter of John Clifford, 7th Lord Clifford, by Elizabeth Percy, the daughter of Henry ‘Hotspur’ Percy. The testator had two sisters, Margaret Wentworth, who married Thomas Cotton, esquire, and Elizabeth Wentworth, who married Sir Martin de la See (died c.1494).

The testator married firstly Anne Say, the daughter of Sir John Say, Speaker of the House of Commons, by his first wife, Elizabeth Cheney, daughter of Lawrence Cheney, esquire, by whom he had two sons and four daughters:

* Sir Richard Wentworth (d. 17 October 1528), *de jure* 5th Baron Despenser, who married Anne Tyrrell, the daughter of Sir James Tyrrell (d. 6 May 1502) of Gipping, Suffolk, the alleged murderer of the sons of Edward IV, by Anne Arundel, the daughter of Sir John Arundel of Lanherne, Cornwall, by whom he was the father of Thomas Wentworth, 1st Lord Wentworth. For the will of Sir Richard Wentworth, see TNA PROB 11/22/654.

*Edward Wentworth.

*Elizabeth Wentworth, who married firstly Sir Roger Darcy (d. 30 September 1508), secondly Sir Thomas Wyndham (d.1522), and thirdly John Bouchier, 1st Earl of Bath.

*Margery Wentworth, who married Sir John Seymour, by whom she was the mother of Queen Jane Seymour and Edward Seymour, the Protector Somerset.

*Dorothy Wentworth, who married Sir Robert Broughton (d.1506), whose first wife was Katherine de Vere, said to have been an illegitimate daughter of John de Vere, 13th Earl of Oxford.

*Jane Wentworth.

The testator married secondly Elizabeth Neville (d. September 1517), widow of Thomas Scrope, 6th Lord Scrope of Masham and Upsall (d. 23 April 1493), and daughter of John Neville, Marquess of Montagu, slain at the Battle of Barnet 14 April 1471, by Isabel Ingaldesthorpe, daughter and heiress of Sir Edmund Ingaldesthorpe, by whom he had no issue. For her will see TNA PROB 11/20/300. See also Richardson, Douglas, *Magna Carta Ancestry*, 2nd ed., Vol. II (Salt Lake City, 2011), pp. 453-5

For the testator’s marriages and issue see Richardson, *supra*, Vol. III, pp. 236-8; the entry for Thomas Wentworth, 1st Baron Wentworth, in the *Oxford Dictionary of National Biography*; and Foster, William Edward, *The Royal Descents of the Fosters of Moulton*, (London: Phillimore and Company, 1912), pp. 14-15 at:

<http://archive.org/stream/cu31924029786229#page/n43/mode/2up/>.

LM: Testamentum Henrici Wentworth

[f. 158v] In the name of God, Amen. The 17 day of August the year of Our Lord God 1499 and the 14th year of the reign of King Henry the 7th, I, Sir Henry Wentworth, knight, being of whole and perfect mind, make, ordain and dispose this my last will and testament in form following:

First I bequeath my soul to Almighty God and to his Blessed Mother, Our Lady Saint Mary, and to all the blessed company of heaven, my body to be buried at the pleasure of Almighty God;

Also I bequeath to Jane, my daughter, 400 mark to her marriage;

Also I bequeath to Dorothy, my daughter, for her marriage 400;

And that the said sums of 800 mark shall be taken and perceived of such issues, revenues and profits of the manor of Gedney and of other manors and tenements and lands as I have more plainly declared in my last will hereunto annexed;

Also I bequeath to Elizabeth, my wife, all my implements of household to dispose them at her will and pleasure;

Also I bequeath to the said Elizabeth, my wife, all my plate and jewels to dispose them for my soul as by her shall be thought most necessary;

Also I bequeath to my son, Richard Wentworth, my Clothis of Rosis with mine arms upon them newly made;

Also I bequeath to my said son, Richard, 50 mark owing to me by Sir James Tyrrell according to [+an?] award made by my Lord of Oxenford;

Also I bequeath that my said wife have and occupy all my sheep in Goxhill during her life so that at the time of her decease she to leave the sheep-cots in Goxhill aforesaid sufficiently instored with as many sheep as she shall find in them;

Also I will that all my sheep in Lymber [=Great Limber?] be sold to the best value, and the money thereof coming to go and be for the contentation of my debts and marriage of my said daughters;

Also I will that if my said daughters, Jane and Dorothy, or either of them happen to decease or die afore they be married, that then all the sums afore bequeathed to her or

them that so happeneth to decease forever to cease, and mine executors to be discharged thereof;

Also I will that all my sheep of Immingham(?) be sold to the best value, and the money thereof to go and be for the first payment of such money as shall be paid for the marriage of Anne Sampson;

Also I will if that Anne Sampson to whom I have bequeathed by my will £100 to and for her marriage happen to decease afore she be married, that then the said sum of a £100 to go and to be to the payment of my debts and performance of my last will;

Also I will and bequeath to my said son, Richard, all my goods and chattels being in Nettlestead so that he suffer without any let or impediment mine executors to perform my last will and testament, and if so be my said son, Richard, interrupt or will not suffer my said will and testament to be performed by my said executors, then I will and bequeath all my said goods and chattels being at the said Nettlestead to my said wife, them to dispose as she thinketh most convenient and necessary;

Also I will that the residue of all my goods and chattels not afore bequeathed nor disposed shall be in the disposition of Elizabeth, Lady Scrope, my wife, Henry Tey, knight, and Robert Crane, esquire, whom I make mine executors, they to perform and execute this my last will and testament, taking every of them for their labour and business of the same 10 marks of lawful money of England, given at Goxhill the day and year abovesaid;

Also I ordain and make Margaret, mother unto our Sovereign Lord King Henry the 7th, to be supervisor and to have the oversight of this my last will and testament, beseeching her Grace at the reverence of Jesus to see this my last will and testament to be performed, taking for her labour and business touching the same £20 to be paid of the issues, revenues and profits coming or growing of all my lands and tenements in Gedney, Chatham and Kingston afore rehearsed.

This is the last will of me, Sir Henry Wentworth, knight, made the 17 day of August the 14th year of King Henry the 7th:

First I will that th' issues and profits coming or growing of my manor in the county of Lincoln, the manors of Chatham, Sibton and Kingston in the county of Kent, with all other my lands and tenements and also other mine hereditaments being or lying within the said towns and manors of Gedney, Chatham, Sibton and Kingston, be perceived and levied by Elizabeth, my wife, Henry Tey, knight, and Robert Crane, esquire, to and for the marriage of my daughters, Jane and Dorothy, and for payments of my debts and for the execution of this my last will;

Also I will that the revenues, issues and [f. 159r] profits coming and growing of all the manors, lands and tenements of William Dransfeld [=Dransfield?] being in my keeping

by the King's grant because of the idiocy(?) of the said William, be levied and perceived or sold by the said Elizabeth, Henry and Robert to and for the marriages of my said daughters and payment of my debts and to perform this my last will;

Also I will that the marriage of Charles Dransfeld, son and heir apparent of the said William, be sold by the said Elizabeth, Henry and Robert, and such money as shall come or grow by reason of the same sale to be employed to the marriage of my said daughters, payments of my debts and performance of this my last [+will?];

Also I will that where and upon a bargain and sale made by me, the said Sir Henry Wentworth, to Henry Tey, knight, of the ward and custody of Thomas Nawnton [=Naunton?], son and heir of William Nawnton, and of all the lands, tenements and hereditaments of the said Thomas during his nonage, reserving yearly to me, the said Sir Henry Wentworth, £20 of annuity going out of the same lands and tenements unto such time as the said Thomas come and be of full age of 21 years, as by an indenture made betwixt me and the said Sir Henry Tey more plainly appeareth, I will that Anne Sampson have to her marriage a £100 of lawful money of England to be levied in form following, that is to say, that the said £20 of annuity shall be taken and yearly perceived by the said Elizabeth, Henry and Robert during the nonage of the said Thomas Nawnton for the marriage of the said Anne Sampson, and also £20 which the said Sir Henry Tey oweth to me, the said Sir Henry Wentworth, and over that the residue of the said £100 shall be taken and perceived by the said Elizabeth, Henry and Robert of th' issues, revenues and profits of my manors of Gedney, Chatham, Sibton and Kingston afore rehearsed to and for the marriage of the said Anne Sampson;

Also I will that my lands and tenements in Cleyton [=Clayton?], Frykley [=Frickley?], Studfold, Thyrnscogh [=Thurnscoe?], Hoton [=Hutton?], Pannell and Bentley which I bought of John Wythes be sold by the said Elizabeth, Henry and Robert, and the money thereof coming to be taken and perceived to and for the marriage of my said daughters, payments of my debts and execution of this my said will and testament;

Also I will that if Sir Richard Wentworth, my son and heir apparent, disturb, let or will not suffer Richard, Bishop of Durham, William, Bishop of Carlisle, George FitzHugh, Dean of Lincoln, and other their co-feoffees of and in all such lands and tenements and hereditaments in the counties of York, Lincoln and Essex whereof they stand seised during the life of Elizabeth, my wife, or will not suffer my said wife peaceably to take and perceive the issues and profits of all the said lands or any part of them, or if the said Richard or any other by his procuring interrupt or disturb Edward, his brother, of the 3rd part of the manor of Harston and of or in the lands or tenements called Butlers in Harston or any part thereof in the county of Cambridge, which manor, lands and tenements I have given to the same Edward and to his heirs males of his body lawfully begotten, as by a deed thereof made more plainly appeareth, or if the said Richard or any other by his procuring make any interruption or will not suffer this my last will and testament to be fully performed and clearly executed, that then the said Elizabeth, Henry and Robert shall make sale of all my manors, lovetotes(?), wood-house and hovel with th' appurtenances with all my lands and tenements of my purchase with the lovetotes, wood-house and

hovels in the county of Suffolk to such person or persons as the said Elizabeth, Henry and Robert thinke most necessary at their will, and that at my said feoffees in the said lands, tenements and hereditaments shall stand and be feoffees to the use and behoof of such person or persons to whom the said manors or lands shall be sold, and the money thereof coming shall be taken and perceived by the said Elizabeth, Henry and Robert and to be employed to th' use and behoof of the said Elizabeth, my wife, with the same to perform this my last will as she thinketh most necessary and convenient.

Probatum fuit sup{ra}scriptum testamentum Coram Mag{ist}ro Will{{el}}mo Barons Legum doctor{is} p{re}rogatiue eccl{es}ie xpi Cant{uariensis} sede Archiep{iscop}ali vacan{te} comissarario(?) xxvijmo die mensis ffebruarij Anno domini Mill{esi}mo Quingentesimo Iuramento d{omi}ne Elizabeth{e} Scroope nuper Relict{e} & executric{is} dict{i} Defuncti in h{uius}mo{d}i testamento nominat{e} Ac appr{ro}bat{um} & Insinuat{um} Et com{m}issa fuit administrac{i}o dict{e} Executric{i} De bene et fidelit{er} administrand{o} Ac De pleno & fideli Inuentario citra festum pasche p{ro}ximo futur{o} exhibend{o} Necnon de plano & vero compoto reddend{o} Ad sancta Dei Eu{a}ngelia iurat{e} Res{er}uat{a} p{otes}tate simile{m} Com{m}issionem faciend{o} Henrico Tey militi executori eciam in eodem testamento no{m}i{n}at{o} cum ven{er}it

[=The above-written testament was proved before Master William Barons, Doctor of the Laws, Commissary of the Prerogative [+Court?] of the Church of Christ of Canterbury at the Archiepiscopal seat, [+now?] vacant, on the 27th day of the month of February in the year of the Lord the thousand five hundredth by the oath of Lady Elizabeth Scrope, late relict & executrix of the said deceased named in the same testament, and probated & entered, and administration was granted to the said executrix sworn on the Holy Gospels to well and faithfully administer, and to exhibit a full & faithful inventory before the feast of Easter next to come, and also to render a plain & true account, with power reserved for a similar grant to be made to Henry Tey, knight, executor also named in the same testament, when he shall have come.]