

SUMMARY: The document below is the Prerogative Court of Canterbury copy of the will, dated 10 January 1501 and proved 11 June 1501 of John Crosby, son of Sir John Crosby.

FAMILY BACKGROUND

Testator's parents

The testator was the son of Sir John Crosby (d.1476), by his second wife, Anne or Agnes Chedworth (d.1486). For Sir John Crosby (d.1476), see his will, TNA PROB 11/6/327, and the Wikipedia article created by the author of this website:

[https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/John_Crosby_\(died_1476\)](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/John_Crosby_(died_1476))

Anne Chedworth married secondly John Roger (d.1485) of Freefolk, Hampshire, for whose will see TNA PROB 11/7/320. By John Roger, Anne Chedworth had a daughter, Elizabeth Roger (born c.1479), who married Richard Andrews, son of Richard Andrews and Lucy Bray, sister of Sir Reginald Bray (for whose will see TNA PROB 11/13/608).

For the will of Agnes Chedworth (d.1486), see TNA PROB 11/8/46.

OTHER PERSONS MENTIONED IN THE WILL

The testator's executrix was his aunt, Joan Chedworth, widow of William Marowe, (d.1499?), esquire, for whose will, dated 26 February 1499, see Sharpe, Reginald R., *Calendar of Wills Proved and Enrolled in the Court of Husting, London, A.D. 1258 – A.D. 1688*, (London: John C. Francis, 1890), p. 606 at:

<http://books.google.ca/books?id=ek4MAQAAMAAJ&pg=PA606&lpg=PA606>

After William Marowe's death, Joan Chedworth married secondly William Fermor (d.1552), for whom see his will, TNA PROB 11/ 35/365, and the History of Parliament entry at:

<http://www.histparl.ac.uk/volume/1509-1558/member/fermor-william-1480-1552>

See also the Fermor pedigree in Metcalfe, Walter C., ed., *The Visitations of Northamptonshire Made in 1564 and 1618-19*, (London: Mitchell and Hughes, 1887), p. 19 at:

<http://archive.org/stream/visitationsofnor00harvrich#page/18/mode/2up>

By William Marowe (d.1499?), Joan Chedworth had a son and two daughters:

-**Thomas Marowe** (d.1538), mentioned in the will below, in the will, TNA PROB 11/14/514, of his uncle, Thomas Marowe (d.1505), sergeant at law.

-**Elizabeth Marowe**, mentioned in the will below, and in the will of her uncle, Thomas Marowe (d.1505), sergeant at law.

-**Katherine Marowe**, mentioned in the will, TNA PROB 11/14/514, of her uncle, Thomas Marowe (d.1505), sergeant at law.

LM: Testamentum Iohannis Crosby

In the name of God, Amen. I, John Crosby of London, gentleman, whole of mind, thanked be Jesus, make this my testament in form following:

First I bequeath my soul to Almighty God, my body to be buried at Saint Helen's;

Item, I give to Hanworth church 40s;

Item, to Saint Helen's 40s;

Item, to Papey 13s 4d;

Item, to the 4 orders of friars 26s 8d;

Item, I give to Bess Marowe all the land that I have, to her and to her heirs;

Item, I give to Anne Browne the best gown and the best kirtle;

Item, I give to William Braunche a tawny gown furred with shanks;

And I give the other black gown to Richard Hastlyn;

Item, I give to Christopher Baxter 20s;

Item, I give to William, mine apprentice, 40s, and Masters(?) to have him;

Item, I give to Cornelis(?) a gown and a doublet of worsted, a jacket and 20s;

And I give 20 nobles and the best beads(?) to Thomas Marowe;

And I bequeath to William Arrowsmyth a black gown such as he will take;

Item, I give to the parson 6s 8d;

The residue of my goods I bequeath to Joan Marowe, she to dispose it as she thinketh best, which Joan Marowe I make mine executrice;

And Master Ward supervisor of this my last will;

Given the 10 day of January the year of Our Lord God 1500 and the 16 year of the reign of King Henry.

Probatum fuit sup^{ra}scriptum testamentum Coram mag^{ist}ro Will^{el}mo Barons Legum doctor^e p^{re}rogatiue Eccl^{es}ie xpi Cant^{uariensis} sede Archiep^{iscop}ali vacan^{te} com^missario xj die mensis Junij Anno d^{omi}ni Mill^{esi}mo quingentesimo p^rimo Iuramento D^{omi}nor^{um} Iohannis Egerton et Rob^{er}ti Hensshaa cl^{er}icorum ac Will^{el}mi Branche R^{ic}har^di(?) Hastlyn Ambrosij Penreth & Agnet^{is} Browne test^{ium} Ac Iohanne Marew execut^{ri}c^{is} Ac app^{ro}bat^{um} & insinuat^{um} Et com^missa fuit admiⁿⁱstracⁱo dicti executrici De bene et fidelit^{er} administrand^o Ac de pleno & fideli Inuentario citra festum Natiuitat^{is} sancti Iohannis Baptiste proximo futur^o exhibend^o Necnon de plano & vero compoto reddend^o ad sanct dei Eu^angelia Iurat^e

[=The above-written testament was proved before Master William Barons, Doctor of the Laws, Commissary of the Prerogative Church of Christ of Canterbury, the Archiepiscopal seat now being vacant, on the 11 day of June in the year of the Lord the thousand five hundred first by the oath of Sirs John Egerton and Robert Henshaa, clerks, and William Branche, Richard Hastlyn, Ambrose Penreth & Agnes Browne, witnesses, and Joan Marowe, executrix, 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 the Nativity of Saint John the Baptist next to come, an also to render a plain & true account.]