

SUMMARY: The document below is the Prerogative Court of Canterbury copy of the will, dated 18 January 1501 and proved 26 June 1501 of Jane (nee Norreys) Radmyld (d. 20 February 1501), TNA PROB 11/12/387.

CONNECTION TO THE EARLS OF OXFORD

The testatrix was the half sister of Sir William Norreys (d.1507?), who married Joan Vere, daughter of John de Vere (1408-1462), 12th Earl of Oxford, and sister of John de Vere (1442-1513), 13th Earl of Oxford. See the pedigrees in Ross, James, *John de Vere, Thirteenth Earl of Oxford (1442-1513), 'The Foremost Man of the Kingdom'*, (Woodbridge, Suffolk: The Boydell Press, 2011), pp. 18, 24.

FAMILY BACKGROUND

Testatrix' parents

The testatrix was the daughter of John Norreys (d. 1 September 1466), esquire, Treasurer of the Queen's Chamber, by his third wife, Margaret (nee Chedworth) Wyfold Norreys Howard (d.1494), Duchess of Norfolk. For the will of the testatrix father, see TNA PROB 11/5/240. For the will of the testatrix' mother, see TNA PROB 11/10/315.

After the death of the testatrix' father, the testatrix' mother married thirdly John Howard, 1st Duke of Norfolk, slain at the Battle of Bosworth 22 August 1485. John Howard, 1st Duke of Norfolk, was the son of Robert Howard (d.1436), half brother of Sir John Howard (1385-1410), father-in-law of John de Vere (1408-1462), 12th Earl of Oxford. See the pedigree in Ross, *supra*, p. 24.

By her third husband, the testatrix' mother had a daughter, Katherine Howard (d.1536), who married John Bouchier (1467-1533), 2nd Baron Berners, translator of *Froissart's Chronicles*. By John Bouchier, 2nd Baron Berners, Katherine Howard had three sons and four daughters, including Joan Bouchier (d. 17 February 1562), who married Sir Edmund Knyvet (d. 1 May 1539), sergeant porter to Henry VIII, and was her father's heir. See the monumental inscription at Ashwellthorpe, Norfolk, at:

<https://www.findagrave.com/memorial/106857405/jane-knyvett>

JANE KNYVET resteth here, the only heir by Right, / Of the Lord BERNERS that Sir JOHN BOURCHIER hight, / Twenty Years and three, A Widdows Lyff she ledd, / Always keeping howse, where Rych and Poor were fedd, / Gentyll, just, quyet, void of Debate and Stryff, / ever doying Good; Lo! thus she led her Lyff, / Even unto the Grave, where Erth on Erth doth lye, / On whose Soul GOD grant of his aboundant Mercy / The xvii of February Ao. Dni. MDLXI.

Sir Edmund Knyvet (d. 1 May 1539) was the son of Sir Edmund Knyvet (d.1504) and Eleanor Tyrrell (d.1520?), the daughter of Sir William Tyrrell (executed 23 February 1462) of Gipping, Suffolk, by Margaret Darcy, the daughter of Sir Robert Darcy. See Richardson, Douglas, *Plantagenet Ancestry*, 2nd ed., 2011, Vol. II, p. 190 at:

<https://books.google.ca/books?id=kjme027UeagC&pg=RA1-PA190>

Sir William Tyrrell was allegedly involved in a conspiracy with John de Vere (1408-1462), 12th Earl of Oxford, and was beheaded on Tower Hill 23 February 1462:

And the 12 day of February th' Earl of Oxenford and ther [sic] Lord Aubrey Vere, his son, Sir Thomas Tuddenham, William Tyrrell and other were brought into the Tower of London. And upon the 20 day of the said month the said Lord Aubrey was drawn from Westminster to the Tower Hill and there beheaded. And the 23 day of the said month of February Sir Thomas Tuddenham, William Tyrrell and John Montgomery were beheaded at said Tower Hill. And upon the Friday next following, which was the 26 day of February, th' Earl of Oxenford was led upon foot from Westminster unto the Tower Hill, and there beheaded, and after the corpse was had unto the Friar Augustines', and there buried in the choir.

See Ross, *supra*, pp. 39, 42.

See also the *ODNB* entries for John Howard, 1st Duke of Norfolk, and John Bouchier, 2nd Baron Berners; the Wikipedia entry for John Bouchier edited by the author of this website; and the will of Joan (nee Bouchier) Knyvet, proved in 1562 in the Norwich Consistory Court, Will Register Cowlles 197. See also the will of Edmund Knyvet, esquire, of Ashwellthorpe, proved in 1546 in the Norwich Consistory Court, Will Register Hyll 241.

Foster erroneously states that the testatrix was the daughter of John Howard, 1st Duke of Norfolk. See Foster, Joseph, *The Royal Lineage of Our Noble and Gentle Families*, (London: Hazell, Watson, and Viney, Limited, 1884), p. 164 at:

<https://books.google.ca/books?id=fT8IAwAAQBAJ&pg=PA197-IA57&lpg>

Testatrix' siblings

The testatrix had a brother and sister of the whole blood:

-William Norreys. He is referred to as 'Master William' in a list of persons in the household of his stepfather, John Howard, 1st Duke of Norfolk, but appears to have died young. See *Manners and Household Expenses in England*, (London: William Nicol, 1841), p. 586 at:

<http://archive.org/stream/cu31924027939820#page/n695/mode/2up>

-Lettice Norreys. She is referred to as ‘Mistress Lettice’ in a list of persons in the household of her stepfather, John Howard, 1st Duke of Norfolk.

By her mother’s first marriage to Nicholas Wyfold (d.1456), Lord Mayor of London in 1450-1, for whose will see TNA PROB 11/4/424, the testatrix had a sister of the half blood:

-Isabel Wyfold (d. before 10 April 1509). She is referred to as ‘Mistress Isabel’ in a list of persons in the household of her stepfather, John Howard, 1st Duke of Norfolk. She married firstly her stepbrother, John Norreys (d.1485), by whom she had a son, Edmund Norreys (1482? - 6 September 1508), and a daughter, Anne Norreys (living 1517). Edmund Norreys married Julyan Tyrrell (d.1556); for her will see TNA PROB 11/38/70. Anne Norreys (referred to in the will below as ‘my niece, Anne Sulyard’) married Edward Sulyard (d.1517), esquire. See his will in Latin, TNA PROB 11/18/348, and the will of their son, Eustace Sulyard (d.1547), TNA PROB 11/31/508.

After the death of John Norreys (d.1485), Isabel Wyfold married secondly, as his second wife, Henry Marney (1456/7-1523), 1st Baron Marney, for whom see his will, TNA PROB 11/21/156, and the *ODNB* entry. Henry Marney’s wardship and marriage were granted by Edward IV to Richard, Duke of Gloucester, later Richard III, on 1 April 1472, and by him sold to Robert Tyrrell and Thomas Greene, esquires, on 31 July 1472. See TNA E 40/6298. The Robert Tyrrell who purchased the wardship of Henry Marney may have been Sir Robert Tyrrell (d.1508), controller of the household to John de Vere, 13th Earl of Oxford, for whose will see TNA PROB 11/15/683.

In his will, the testatrix’ father, John Norreys (d. 1 September 1466) mentions three wives, Alice [nee Merbrooke], Eleanor [nee Clitherow] and Margaret [nee Chedworth], a brother, William Norreys, and four sons and two daughters: Sir William Norreys (d.1507?), eldest son and heir, John Norreys the elder, John Norreys the younger, and William Norreys, youngest son, as well as Anne [sic for Jane?] Norreys, eldest daughter, and Lettice Norreys, youngest daughter.

The testatrix thus had three brothers of the half blood by her father’s two earlier marriages:

-Sir William Norreys (d.1507?), who, as noted above, married Joan Vere, daughter of John de Vere (1408-1462), 12th Earl of Oxford. For Sir William Norreys (d.1507?), see Richardson, Douglas, *Magna Carta Ancestry*, 2nd ed., 2011, Vol. I, pp. 350-1.

-John Norreys the elder, about whom nothing further appears to be known.

-John Norreys the younger (d.1485), who, as noted above, married his stepsister, Isabel Wyfold. That it was he, and not his half brother, ‘John Norreys the elder’, who married Isabel Wyfold is established by the fact that the manors in Kent mentioned in the inquisitions post mortem taken after his death descended to their son, Edmund Norreys

(1482? - 6 September 1508), from Eleanor Clitherow (see above). See TNA C 142/1/110 (Buckinghamshire), TNA C 142/1/132 (Kent), and TNA E 150/290/4 (Hertford), and 'Notes for John Norreys and Isabel Wyfold' at:

<https://www-personal.umich.edu/~bobwolfe/gen/mn/m21334x12215.htm>

See also the inquisition post mortem taken after the death of Edmund Norreys, TNA C 142/22/33, and *Calendar of Inquisitions Post Mortem, Henry VII*, Vol. III, (London: Her Majesty's Stationery Office, 1955), p. 303 at:

<https://archive.org/stream/calendarofinquis03great#page/303/mode/1up>

MARRIAGE

The testatrix married Sir William Radmyld (d.1499), for whose will see TNA PROB 11/11/582. She is not mentioned in the will, which names two children by his mistress, Anne Herbert, and two children by another unnamed mistress.

From the testatrix' monumental inscription, see Torlesse, C.M., 'Stoke-by-Nayland Church', *Proceedings of the Suffolk Institute of Archaeology*, (Bury St Edmunds, 1774), Vol. IV, pp. 183-207 at p. 189:

<http://books.google.com/books?id=cQIVAAAAQAAJ&pg=RA1-PA189>

Crawford states that Sir William Radmyld married the testatrix' sister, Lettice Norreys; however in light of the monumental inscription and the will below, this also appears to be an error. See Crawford, Anne, *Yorkist Lord: John Howard, Duke of Norfolk c.1425-1485*, (London: Bloomsbury Academic), at:

https://books.google.ca/books?id=RzPF_dPtpQC&pg=PT168

For the testatrix, see also 'Margaret Chedworth, Duchess of Norfolk's middle daughter, Joan (or Jane), wife of William Radmylde, Knt.' at:

<https://groups.google.com/forum/#!topic/soc.genealogy.medieval/hr8-Qedir5M>

OTHER PERSONS MENTIONED IN THE WILL

Mary Sulyard, to whom the testatrix bequeaths a jewel, appears to have been the daughter of Anne Norreys (living 1517) and Edward Sulyard (d.1517), and the granddaughter of the testatrix' half sister, Isabel Wyfold, by her first husband, John Norreys (d.1485). See the will of Eustace Sulyard (d.1547), *supra*. She married Sir John Cornwallis (c.1491 - 23 April 1544), Steward of the Household of Prince Edward from 1538 to 1544, whose

grandson, Sir William Cornwallis, purchased Oxford's interest in the mansion of Fisher's Folly. For the will of Sir John Cornwallis, see TNA PROB 11/30/155.

The testatrix' niece, Grace Marney, was the daughter of the testatrix' half sister, Isabel Wyfold, by her second husband, Henry Marney, 1st Baron Marney (see above).

The testatrix' niece, Katherine Knyvet, appears to have been Katherine Marney (c.1480-1535), daughter of Henry Marney, 1st Baron Marney (see above). She married firstly Edward Knyvet (c.1486-1503), by whom she had no issue, secondly Thomas Bonham, and thirdly John Barnaby of Great Braxted. See:

http://www.tudorwomen.com/?page_id=695

Catherine Marney (c.1480-1535) was the daughter of Henry, 1st baron Marney (1457-May 24, 1523) and his first wife, Thomasine Arundell. Her marriage to Edward Knyvett of Suffolk (c.1486-1503) was childless but he had a daughter, Elizabeth or Isabel (d. February 1508) by his first wife. Catherine inherited a life interest in his lands, including the manor of Stanway, Essex and twelve other manors and lands in Essex, Kent, and Suffolk, greatly reducing her stepdaughter's prospects. That young woman's widower, John Raynsford (d.1559) brought several suits against Catherine in chancery and eventually succeeded in winning an annuity of £20 and a life interest in two of Knyvett's manors. In 1509, Catherine married Thomas Bonham (1459-June 18, 1532). Their seven children included John (d. by 1532), William (1513-1547+), and Elizabeth. In her second widowhood, Catherine inherited a life interest in all of Bonham's lands and goods. Her third husband was John Barnaby, who had been a servant of Bonham's from as early as 1514.

The testatrix' cousin, Grace Danyell, was born Grace Baynard (d. 2 January 1509), daughter and heir of Richard Baynard (d.1473) of Messing. She married firstly Thomas Langley, and secondly Edmund Danyell (d.1498?). Edmund Danyell was the son of Sir Thomas Danyell of Rathwire, Ireland, constable of Dublin Castle, by Margaret Howard, sister of John Howard (d.1485), 1st Duke of Norfolk, and was thus the Duke's nephew of the whole blood. See Richardson, Douglas, *Plantagenet Ancestry*, 2nd ed., 2011, pp. 270-3; the will of Edmund Danyell, TNA PROB 11/11/526; the will of Grace (nee Baynard) Langley Danyell, TNA PROB 11/16/317; and Wright, Thomas, *The History and Topography of the County of Essex*, Vol. I, (London: George Vertue, 1836), pp. 384-5 at:

<https://books.google.ca/books?id=SgQVAAAAQAAJ&pg=PA385>

For Thomas Danyell, see:

<http://www.prattens.co.uk/THOMAS/THOMAS.HTML>

Grace (nee Baynard) and Edmund Danyell had several children, including John Danyell and Jane Danyell, mentioned in the will below.

Grace Danyell's son, John Danyell, appears to have been John Danyell (c.1486 - 5 September 1556) of Messing, who married Elizabeth Denny (d.1516 or 1517), the daughter of Sir Edmund Denny (d.1520), Chief Baron of the Exchequer, and the sister of Mary (nee Denny) Gates (d.1583?), whose husband, Sir John Gates (1504–1553), was named as an executor in the 1552 will of the 16th Earl of Oxford. See the will of Sir Edmund Denny, TNA PROB 11/19/409.

The testator's son, John Danyell, was receiver to the 13th Earl of Oxford's widow, Elizabeth (nee Scrope) Beaumont De Vere, Countess of Oxford, and a witness to her will, TNA PROB 11/27/144:

Item, I give and bequeath to John Danyell, my receiver, a standing cup of silver and gilt with a cover, newly made, weighing 37 ounces di{midium}, di{midium} quarter, to be of the value of £10 sterling.

The testator's son, John Danyell, was also named as an executor to the will of the Countess' brother-in-law, Sir John Seyntclere, TNA PROB 11/31/383.

LM: Test{amentu}m Jane Redmyld

in the name of God, Amen. The 18th day of January in the year of Our Lord 1500 [=1501], I, Jane Radmyld, being of whole mind and good remembrance, make my will and testament in this wise:

First I bequeath my soul to Almighty God, Our Blessed Lady, and to all saints, my body to be buried in Stoke Nayland church within the choir at the end of the [-end of the] tomb of my Lady, my mother, sometime Duchess of Norfolk;

And I give £6 in money to have an honest priest to sing for my soul by the space of a year after my decease;

And moreover I will that mine executors or th' executors of them dispose yearly 13s 4d in keeping yearly my year-day or obit as long as the sum of £10 shall endure under the form and manner following:

I will have a dirge by note, a Mass of the Trinity, another of the Holy Ghost without note, the 3rd Mass of Our Lady by note, and if the vicar say or sing any of these 3 Masses, to have 8d for his labour;

And that 2 churchwardens of the said parish, whereof one of them yearly be of the Bowrede, another of Levenheath or else of Therton Street, of these one, one year another the 2nd year be attendant and see yearly this mine year-day kept to her [sic?] power enduring the space of 15 year next after my decease;

And that each of these 2 churchwardens offering 1d at the High Mass shall have 4d of the said sum of 13s 4d(?) before assigned, and if they be not present and offer each of them 1d at said Mass, then I will that the vicar of the said town dispose the 8d to poor people where it is most need;

Also I will that [+out of?] the said 13s 4d be found yearly 2 tapers of 1 lb. the piece to burn afore the images of the Trinity and another before Our Lady of Pity only in double & principal feasts enduring the said 15 years;

And all the remnant of the said 13s 4d yearly to be divided amongst poor people;

Also I give to the profit of Saint John's Guild 20s;

Item, to the Greyfriars of Colchester 10s;

Item, to the Crutched Friars of the same town 10s;

Item, I give to the church of Layer Marney a tawny vestment after my priest's season(?);

And I will that mine executors provide for an honest stone of marble to lay on my grave;

Moreover I give to Mary Sulyard a flower with a ruby, a diamond and a great pearl, the which is in her possession;

Item, a pair of beads of gold, a basin and the ewer of pewter, and a pair sheets;

Item, to my niece, Anne Sulyard, a nightgown of black worsted furred with white;

And to my niece, Grace Marney, a black gown furred with grey;

Item, I give to Jane Badby a gown of black furred with black;

Item, to my niece, Katherine Knyvet, a black gown furred with white and a kirtle of black satin;

Item, I will that Jane Ansty have a black gown purfled with velvet, a kirtle of worsted, and 2 pair coarse sheets, a pelyon [=pillion?] of black cloth, her wages and a noble more;

Also I give to Robert, my servant, a gelding, saddle and bridle, a coverlet(?) for a palette [=pallet?], 2 pair coarse sheets, his wages, and a noble more;

Item, I give to my cousin, Grace Danyell, a pair beads of white amber with a crucifix thereon, a demiceint of black velvet;

Item, to John Danyell, her son, 20s;

Item, to Jane Danyell, her daughter, a featherbed with the bolster and a counterpoint;

Item, I bequeath to John Joye 6s 8d;

The residue of my goods not bequeathed nor given, I commit them to the disposition of Mr Thomas Swayn, vicar of Stoke Nayland, and Mr Robert Sympson, parson of Layer Marney, whom I make mine executors;

And I give to Mr Thomas Swayn 26s 8d, and to the said Mr Robert Sympson 20s;

These witness: Sir Thomas Bakar, parson of Polstead, Robert Fenne, John Joye, Jane Badby, Jane Ansty and other.

Probatum fuit suprascriptum testamentum coram Willmo Barons legum doctore prerogative ecclesie xpi Cantuariensis sede Archiepiscopali vacante Commissario xxvjto Die mensis Iunii Anno domini Millesimo quingentesimo primo Iuramento Magistri Willelmi ffalk procuratoris magistri Thome Swayne clerici executoris in huiusmodi testamento nominati Ac approbatum et insinuatum Et commissaria [+fuit?] administratione prefato Magistro thome Swayne in persona dicti procuratoris De bene et fideliter administratione Ac de pleno Inuentario citra festum sancti Bartholomei apostoli proximum futurum exhibendo Necnon de plano & vero compoto reddendo Ad satisfactionem dei euangetia in debita forma iurati Reseruatam potestate similem commissione faciendi Roberto Sympson etiam cum venient [sic] &c

[=The above-written testament was proved before William Barons, Doctor of the Laws, Commissary of the Prerogative Church of Christ of Canterbury, the Archiepiscopal seat [now] being vacant, on the 26th day of the month of June in the year of the Lord the thousand five hundred first by the oath of Master William Falk, proctor of Master Thomas Swayne, clerk, executor named in the same testament, and probated and entered, and administration was granted to the forenamed Master Thomas Swayne in the person of the said proctor, sworn on the Holy Gospels in due form of law to well and faithfully administer, and to exhibit a full inventory before the feast of Saint Bartholomew the Apostle next to come, and also to render a plain & true account, with power reserved for a similar grant to be made to Robert Simpson also when he shall have come etc.]