

SUMMARY: The document below is the Prerogative Court of Canterbury copy of the will, dated 20 July 1620 with a codicil dated 17 July 1622, and proved 3 August 1622, of Oxford's foe, the courtier, Sir Thomas Knyvet (1546 – 27 July 1622) (the surname is spelled Knyvett throughout the will below). Knyvet fought with Oxford over the 'quarrel of Anne Vavasour', an altercation in which Oxford was hurt and his man 'Gerret' slain, according to an entry in the diary of Richard Madox for 1-3 March 1582 (see BL MS Cotton, Appendix 47, f. 7v). For Oxford and Knyvet, see also Lambeth Palace MS 647, f. 123, and TNA SP 12/154/13, ff. 23-4.

FAMILY BACKGROUND

For the testator's family background, see Richardson, Douglas, *Plantagenet Ancestry*, 2nd ed., 2011, Vol. II, pp. 184-190, and Richardson, Douglas, *Magna Carta Ancestry*, 2nd ed., 2011, Vol. II, p. 316 at:

<https://books.google.ca/books?id=8JcbV309c5UC&pg=RA1-PA316>

Testator's paternal great-grandparents

The testator was the great-grandson of Edmund Knyvet of Hilborough, Norfolk, drowned at sea in 1504, and Eleanor Tyrrell (d.1520?), daughter of Sir William Tyrrell of Gipping, Suffolk. 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.

Eleanor Tyrrell was the sister of Sir James Tyrrell (d. 6 May 1502), alleged murderer of the two young sons of Edward IV imprisoned in the Tower. Sir James Tyrrell married Anne Arundel, the daughter of Sir John Arundel (d. 12 November 1473) of Lanherne, by whom he was the father of Sir Thomas Tyrrell (1472?-1551), James Tyrrell (1475?-1538) of Columbine Hall, William Tyrrell, and Anne Tyrrell, who married Sir Richard Wentworth (d. 17 October 1528). See the *ODNB* entry for Sir James Tyrrell (c.1455-1502), and the pedigree of Tyrrell of Gipping in Metcalfe, Walter C., ed., *The Visitations of Suffolk*, (Exeter: William Pollard, 1882), p. 74 at:

<http://archive.org/stream/visitationsofsuf00harvuoft#page/74/mode/2up>

Testator's paternal grandparents

The testator was the grandson of Sir Thomas Knyvet (c.1485–1512) of Buckenham, Norfolk, a favourite of Henry VIII, for whose will see TNA PROB 11/17/337. Sir Thomas Knyvet married Muriel Howard (d.1512), widow of John Grey (d.1504), Viscount Lisle, and daughter of Thomas Howard (1443-1524), 2nd Duke of Norfolk, by his first wife, Elizabeth Tilney (d.1497). See Richardson, Douglas, *Magna Carta Ancestry*, 2nd ed., 2011, Vol. II, p. 414, and the will of the testator's grandmother, Muriel (nee Howard) Knyvet, in Nicolas, Nicholas Harris, *Testamenta Vetusta*, (London: Nicholas and Son, 1826), Vol. II, p. 516 at:

<https://books.google.ca/books?id=ivsUAAAAQAAJ&pg=PA515>

For Muriel Howard, see also 'A Who's Who of Tudor Women' at:

<http://www.tudorwomen.com/>

Muriel Howard (1485-December 14, 1512) was the daughter of Thomas Howard, 2nd duke of Norfolk (1443-May 21, 1524) and Elizabeth Tylney (d. April 4, 1497). She was at Sheriff Hutton Castle in 1495 when John Skelton composed his poem "The Garland of Laurell" (published 1523). She married John Grey, viscount Lisle (April 1480-September 9, 1505) in June 1504 and had one daughter, Elizabeth (1505-1519). Muriel married Sir Thomas Knyvett of Buckenden or Budkenham, Norfolk (d. August 10, 1512) and was the mother of Edmund (1507/8-1550/1), Ferdinando (b.1509), Henry (d. March 30, 1547), Anthony, Catherine, and Anne. Her will was written October 13, 1512 and proved January 12, 1512/13. She bequeathed "all my three sons and two daughters to the King's Highness, together with my wedding ring to him, desiring him to be a good Lord to them."

Testator's parents

The testator was the son of Sir Henry Knyvet (d.1546?) and Anne Pickering (1514 – 25 April 1582), the daughter and heir of Sir Christopher Pickering (d. 7 September 1516) of Killington, Westmorland. Through his mother, Muriel Howard (d.1512), the testator's father, Sir Henry Knyvet (d.1546), was a first cousin of Henry Howard (1517?-1547), Earl of Surrey, who married Oxford's aunt, Frances de Vere (d.1577). For the will of the testator's father, Sir Henry Knyvet (d.1546?), see TNA PROB 11/32/4. For the testator's mother, Anne Pickering, see her will TNA PROB 11/64/217, and Norcliffe, Charles Best, ed., *The Visitation of Yorkshire in the Years 1563 and 1564*, (London: Harleian Society, 1881), Vol. XV, p. 251 at:

<http://books.google.ca/books?id=JvwUAAAAQAAJ&pg=PA250>

For the testator's mother, Anne Pickering, see also 'A Who's Who of Tudor Women', *supra*.

The testator's mother married three times.

Testator's mother's first marriage

After the death of her father, Sir Christopher Pickering, the testator's mother became the ward of Sir Richard Weston (c.1465 – 7 August 1541), who married her to his son, Sir Francis Weston (1511 – 17 May 1536), later executed for alleged adultery with Anne Boleyn. See also the pedigree of Weston in Bannerman, W. Bruce, ed., *The Visitations of the County of Surrey*, (London: Harleian Society, 1899), Vol. XLIII, pp. 7-8 at:

<http://www.archive.org/stream/visitationscoun01banngoog#page/n20/mode/2up>

By his mother's first marriage the testator had a sister and brother of the half blood:

-**Anne Weston**, who married Francis Keilway (d. 22 January 1602), for whom see the History of Parliament entry at:

<http://www.historyofparliamentonline.org/volume/1558-1603/member/keilway-francis-1602>

-**Sir Henry Weston** (1534/5 - 11 April 1592), who married firstly, in 1559, Dorothy Arundel, the daughter of Sir Thomas Arundel (beheaded 26 February 1552) and Margaret Howard (d.1571). Sir Henry Weston's first wife was thus 'a niece of Queen Katherine Howard, a great niece of Anne Boleyn, a cousin of Queen Elizabeth and of Lady Jane Grey, and great grand-daughter of the second Duke of Norfolk.' Sir Henry Weston's first wife, Dorothy Arundel, was also the sister of Oxford's friend, and later bitter enemy, Charles Arundel (d.1587). See Richardson, Douglas, *Magna Carta Ancestry*, 2nd ed., 2011, Vol. I, p. 44; and Harrison, Frederic, 'Sutton Place, Guildford', *Surrey Archaeological Collections*, (London: Boworth & Co. Ltd., 1888), Vol. IX, pp. 1-18, at pp. 6-7:

<https://books.google.ca/books?id=2CFAAQAAMAAJ&pg=PA2>

Sir Henry Weston married secondly Elizabeth Lovell, daughter of Sir Francis Lovell (d. 20 January 1552) of East Harling, Norfolk, and widow of Henry Repps (d. 10 October 1566) of West Walton, Norfolk. See the *ODNB* articles for Sir Richard Weston and Sir Francis Weston; the will of Sir Henry Weston, dated 16 November 1588 and proved 6 May 1592, TNA PROB 11/79/375; the will of Sir Francis Lovell, TNA PROB 11/35/183; the will of Henry Repps, TNA PROB 11/49/11; Richardson, Douglas, *Magna Carta Ancestry*, 2nd ed., 2011, Vol. II, pp. 98-9; and the History of Parliament entries for Sir Richard Weston and Sir Henry Weston at:

<http://www.historyofparliamentonline.org/volume/1509-1558/member/weston-sir-richard-1465-1541>

<http://www.historyofparliamentonline.org/volume/1558-1603/member/weston-sir-henry-15345-92>

See also the pedigree of Repps in Dashwood, G.H., *The Visitation of Norfolk in the Year 1563*, (Norwich: Miller and Leavins, 1878), Vol. I, p. 196 at:

<https://books.google.ca/books?id=AwEVAAAAQAAJ&pg=PA192>

See also the pedigree of Repps in Parkin, Charles, *An Essay Towards a Topographical History of the County of Norfolk*, (Lynn: W. Whittingham, 1775), Vol. IV, p. 734 at:

<https://books.google.ca/books?id=WVoMAQAAMAAJ&pg=PA734>

Sir Henry Weston had a son, Sir Richard Weston (1564-1613), and a daughter, Jane Weston (buried 24 January 1637), mentioned in the will of the testator's mother, *supra*, who married, about 1589, Sir Thomas Bishop (1553 – 26 November 1626), eldest son of Thomas Bishop and Elizabeth Belknap (d.1569), the illegitimate daughter of Sir Edward Belknap (d. 25 March 1521). See Richardson, Douglas, *Magna Carta Ancestry*, 2nd ed., 2011, Vol. IV, pp. 141-2, and the History of Parliament entry for Sir Thomas Bishop at:

<http://www.historyofparliamentonline.org/volume/1604-1629/member/bishopp-sir-thomas-1553-1626>

Jane Weston is also mentioned in the will of Anne (nee Kempe) Shirley (c.1542-1623), TNA PROB 11/141/330:

Item, I give and bequeath to my loving friend, the Lady Bishop, now wife of Sir Thomas Bishop of Parham in the county of Sussex, knight and baronet, my sables, my little black cellar and all therein, my clock, a pair of silver candlesticks, and my five copper cauldrons now at Parham.

For Sir Henry Weston, Sir Thomas Bishop, and the testator's sister, Katherine Knyvet, see also Adams, Caroline, 'Queen and Country: The Significance of Elizabeth I's Progress in Surrey, Sussex and Hampshire in 1591', Ph.D. thesis, University of Chichester, pp. 208, 219, 225-6, available online.

See also:

<https://groups.google.com/forum/#!msg/soc.genealogy.medieval/AutV3rmPtQ8/rbWLTqMPnrsJ>

For the will of the testator's half-brother, Sir Henry Weston, in which the testator is bequeathed £20, see also Harrison, Frederic, *Annals of an Old Manor-House: Sutton Place, Guildford*, (London: Macmillan and Company, 1893), pp. 214-18 at:

<https://archive.org/stream/annalsofoldmanor00harrich#page/468/mode/2up>

Testator's mother's second marriage

The testator's mother married secondly the testator's father, Sir Henry Knyvet (d.1546?), by which marriage the testator had a brother and two sisters of the whole blood:

-Sir Henry Knyvet (1537? – 14 June 1598) of Charlton, Wiltshire, described in the *ODNB* as 'a soldier and distinctly belligerent country gentleman'. He married firstly, in 1563, Elizabeth Stumpe (d.1585), the only child, by his first marriage, of Sir James Stumpe (d. 29 April 1563). For Sir James Stumpe, see his will, TNA PROB 11/46/257, and the History of Parliament entry at:

<http://www.historyofparliamentonline.org/volume/1509-1558/member/stumpe-sir-james-1519-63>

By his first wife, Elizabeth Stumpe, Sir Henry Knyvet was the father of Katherine Knyvet (c.1564-1638), who married firstly Richard Rich (d. before 27 February 1581), eldest son of Robert Rich, 2nd Baron Rich, by whom she had no issue, and secondly, about 1583, as his second wife, Thomas Howard (1561-1626), Earl of Suffolk, second son of Oxford's first cousin, Thomas Howard (1538-1572), 4th Duke of Norfolk, by whom she had eight sons, including Theophilus Howard (1584–1640), mentioned in the will below, and four daughters, including the 'notorious' Frances Howard (1590-1632), Countess of Essex and Somerset. See the *ODNB* entries.

Sir Henry Knyvet married secondly, by 1595, Mary Sydenham, daughter of Sir John Sydenham. For Sir John Sydenham (by 1493-1557), see his will, TNA PROB 11/39/186, and the History of Parliament entry at:

<https://www.historyofparliamentonline.org/volume/1509-1558/member/sydenham-sir-john-1493-1557>

For Sir Henry Knyvet, see also the *ODNB* entry, and the History of Parliament entry at:

<http://www.historyofparliamentonline.org/volume/1558-1603/member/knyvet-henry-1537-98>

-Katherine Knyvet (1543 - 20 December 1622), who married firstly, on 20 May 1567, Henry Paget (d. 28 December 1568), 2nd Baron Paget, by whom she had no issue, and secondly Sir Edward Carey (d. 18 July 1618) of Aldenham, Master of the Jewel House to James I. See her will, TNA PROB 11/141/352; the will of Catherine Jerningham Crane

Carey, TNA PROB 11/123/225, who married Sir Wymond Carey, brother of Sir Edward Carey; and the entry for Catherine Knyvet at:

http://www.tudorwomen.com/?page_id=691

For the marriage of Katherine Knyvet and Sir Edward Carey see also the pedigree in Cokayne, Andreas Edward, *Cokayne Memoranda*, (Congleton, 1873).

See also:

<http://freepages.genealogy.rootsweb.ancestry.com/~hwbradley/aqwg3065.htm>

See also the History of Parliament entry for Henry Paget, 2nd Baron Paget at:

<http://www.historyofparliamentonline.org/volume/1509-1558/member/paget-sir-henry-153637-68>

See also the History of Parliament entry for Sir Edward Carey at:

<http://www.historyofparliamentonline.org/volume/1558-1603/member/carey-edward-1618>

-**Margaret Knyvet**, who married Henry Vavasour (d.1584) of Copmanthorpe, Yorkshire, by whom she was the mother of Oxford's mistress, Anne Vavasour. The testator was thus Anne Vavasour's maternal uncle, and it was this relationship which gave rise to the quarrel between the testator and Oxford after Anne Vavasour had been disgraced at court after having given birth to her illegitimate son by Oxford, Sir Edward Vere. See the pedigree of Pickering in Norcliffe, *supra*, p. 251; the inquisition post mortem for Henry Vavasour (d.1584), TNA C 142/213/145; the *ODNB* entry for Anne Vavasour; Chambers, E.K., *Sir Henry Lee: An Elizabethan Portrait*, (Oxford: Clarendon Press, 1936), pp. 151, 237, 306; and the History of Parliament entry for Sir Thomas Vavasour (d.1620) at:

<http://www.historyofparliamentonline.org/volume/1604-1629/member/vavasour-sir-thomas-15601-1620>

The testator was also the maternal uncle of Anne Vavasour's sister, Frances Vavasour, who married Thomas Shirley the younger (c.1564–1633) of Wiston, Sussex, by whom she was the mother of the playwright Henry Shirley (1591x7–1627), slain by Sir Edward Bishop, son of Sir Thomas Bishop (see above).

Testator's mother's third marriage

The testator's mother married thirdly John Vaughan (d. 25 June 1577) of Sutton-on-Derwent, Yorkshire, the son of Elizabeth Parry and Thomas Vaughan of Porthaml,

Brecknockshire, and thus the nephew of Queen Elizabeth I's gentlewoman, Blanche Parry (1507/8–1590). For the will of Blanche Parry in which she requests burial at Westminster near 'my nephew, John Vaughan', see TNA PROB 11/75/180. For John Vaughan see the History of Parliament entry at:

<http://www.historyofparliamentonline.org/volume/1558-1603/member/vaughan-john-i-1577>

By John Vaughan the testator's mother had two sons and two daughters:

-Francis Vaughan, who was slain in Ireland on 15 July 1597.

-Frances Vaughan (buried 19 July 1647), who married Thomas Burgh (d. 14 October 1597), Lord Burgh, second but eldest surviving son of William Burgh (d. 10 September 1584), Lord Burgh, by Katherine Clinton (buried 14 August 1621), second daughter of Edward Fiennes de Clinton (1512-1585), 1st Earl of Lincoln, by his first wife, Elizabeth (nee Blount), mistress of Henry VIII and mother of his illegitimate son, Henry Fitzroy, and widow of Gilbert Tailboys (c.1500-1530), 1st Baron Tailboys. See Cokayne, George Edward, *The Complete Peerage*, (London: St. Catherine Press, 1912), Vol. II, pp. 423-4. As Cokayne notes, Sir Edward Burgh, who died without issue before April 1533, having married, about 1529, Katherine Parr, afterwards the wife of Henry VIII, was an elder brother of William Burgh (d. 10 September 1584), Lord Burgh. After the death of Sir Edward Burgh, and before her marriage to Henry VIII, Katherine Parr was the third wife of John Neville (1493-1543), 3rd Baron Latimer, whose first wife was Dorothy de Vere (d. 7 February 1527), sister of John de Vere, 14th Earl of Oxford. See the *ODNB* article on John Neville (1493-1543), 3rd Baron Latimer, and his will, TNA PROB 11/29/303. See also Norcliffe, *supra*, p. 251.

For the testator's half-sister, Frances (nee Vaughan) Burgh, mentioned in the will below, see also the will of Blanche Parry, *supra*, in which she leaves £100 to the 'right honourable the Lady Frances Burgh, my niece'; and 'A Who's Who of Tudor Women', *supra*.

In her will Blanche Parry also leaves a piece of plate to 'Mr Thomas Knyvet', the testator.

See also the pedigree of Parry in Weaver, Frederick William, ed., *The Visitation of Herefordshire*, (Exeter: William Pollard, 1886), pp. 4-6 at:

<https://books.google.ca/books?id=MF9BAAAAYAAJ&pg=PA4>

MARRIAGE

The testator married Elizabeth Hayward (d. 5 September 1622), widow of Richard Warren (d. March 1597), esquire, son of Sir Ralph Warren (d. 11 July 1553), Lord Mayor of London. See the will of Richard Warren, TNA PROB 11/89/249, and the History of Parliament entry at:

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

The testator's wife, Elizabeth Hayward (d. 5 September 1622), was the daughter of Sir Rowland Hayward (d. 5 December 1593), Lord Mayor of London, by his first wife, Joan Tillesworth (d.1580). For the will of Sir Rowland Hayward, see TNA PROB 11/83/228. For the licence of 2 September 1597 authorizing the executors of Sir Rowland Hayward to alienate the manor of King's Place in Hackney to Oxford's second wife, Elizabeth Trentham, Francis Trentham, Ralph Sneyd, and Giles Yonge, see TNA C 66/1476, m. 19.

OTHER PERSONS MENTIONED IN THE WILL

The testator's feoffee, Sir William Bowyer (1588 – 3 August 1616) of Denham, Buckinghamshire, was the son of the testator's wife's 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 testator's feoffee, Sir William Bowyer, was a brother-in-law of another of the testator's feoffees, 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 testator's feoffee, Sir Edward Mosley (1569-1638), see the History of Parliament entry at:

<http://www.historyofparliamentonline.org/volume/1604-1629/member/mosley-edward-1569-1638>

For the testator's feoffee Thomas Owen (d.1598), see the History of Parliament entry at:

<http://www.historyofparliamentonline.org/volume/1558-1603/member/owen-thomas-1598>

TESTATOR'S MANORS

The testator's estate at Escrick was inherited by his niece, Katherine Howard (d.1638), Countess of Suffolk (see above).

For the testator's manor of Stanwell see:

'Stanwell: Manors', *A History of the County of Middlesex: Volume 3: Shepperton, Staines, Stanwell, Sunbury, Teddington, Heston and Isleworth, Twickenham, Cowley, Cranford, West Drayton, Greenford, Hanwell, Harefield and Harlington* (1962), pp. 36-41. URL: <http://www.british-history.ac.uk/report.aspx?compid=22239>.

For the testator's manor of Staines see:

'Staines: Manors', in *A History of the County of Middlesex: Volume 3, Shepperton, Staines, Stanwell, Sunbury, Teddington, Heston and Isleworth, Twickenham, Cowley, Cranford, West Drayton, Greenford, Hanwell, Harefield and Harlington*, ed. Susan Reynolds (London, 1962), pp. 18-20. *British History Online* <http://www.british-history.ac.uk/vch/middx/vol3/pp18-20> [accessed 4 October 2018]

For the testator, see also the History of Parliament entry at:

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

LM: T{estamentum} prenobilis viri Thome D{omi}ni knyvett baronis de Escrick

[f. 124v] In the name of God, Amen. I, Sir Thomas Knyvet, Lord Knyvet of Escrick in the county of York, knowing that it is appointed for all men once to die and after to come to judgment, but the time and means only known to God by whose providence all things have their being, continuance and end, and having by his goodness attained (through many conflicts in this my pilgrimage) to the threescore and fifteenth year of my life, and foreseeing certainly that the rest to come are to be few and wearisome, do therefore this twentieth day of July in the year of the incarnation of Our Blessed Saviour Christ one thousand six hundred and twenty, revoking all former wills whatsoever, ordain and make

this my last will and testament as well in respect of Christian duty by declaration of my faith as for the disposing of my body, my lands and goods after my decease, in manner and form hereafter ensuing:

First I believe in one supreme, eternal, infinite and omnipotent power divine by the most glorious name of God the Father, the Son and the Holy Ghost, three persons and one God, in essence and power of creating, redeeming and governing all his creatures according to his good will and pleasure;

I believe withal every article of the Nicene, Athanasian & Apostolic Creed literally without ambiguity or doubt, by which profession I was received at my baptism to be a member of the church of Christ, in which faith I have lived, though as a wretched and most miserable sinner, yet by the grace of God in unfeigned repentance of my former wickedness I die in assured hope that by the only merits of my God, Redeemer and Saviour, Jesus Christ, and by faith in his death and passion I shall shortly with these eyes behold with comfort him, my Redeemer, in the land of the living;

As touching the disposing of my body and funerals after my decease, knowing that all flesh of what title or condition soever is but dust and worms' meat, as the meanest patient & faithful beggar living who is by creation made a living and reasonable soul redeemed with the same price by the death and passion of Jesus Christ and to enjoy the same benefit and gift of glory by faith that myself do hope for at the glorious coming of Jesus Christ in the resurrection of the dead and end of times, and knowing my advancement in title and worldly prosperity shall be but a charge to me in that day of account how I have employed those talents which God of his mercy hath bestowed upon me above that he hath given to other faithful [f. 125r] Christians as dear to him as myself, I do will and charge my executrix hereafter named that my body be buried in the parish church of Stanwell if it may conveniently be, or otherwise in the next parish church where it shall please God to call me out of this vale of misery in this wicked world, in due and convenient manner only fit for a Christian, without pomp or superfluous charge or ceremony usual at the funerals of men as vain by their titles in their lives as by their pomps after their decease, with only a marble gravestone over me with this inscription:

I believe with these eyes to my comfort shortly to see my Redeemer in the land of the living. Herein is all my hope and comfort; all things else are but vain.

And therefore I do will, require and charge my executrix that this course only be observed in my funerals;

All other conveniencies of blacks to my servants and alms to the poor I leave to the discretion of my executrix;

My lands and goods of what nature or condition soever I give, bequeath or confirm in manner following:

First I will that all such debts and duties as upon specialties or in right and conscience I owe and am answerable for shall be paid and satisfied by my executrix within one year after my decease, that none may receive loss or hindrance by me;

Item, I will that all such legacies, gifts and bequests of any my goods, chattels, leases, plate, money, jewels, stock and household stuff which are or hereafter shall be declared, specified and appointed to be performed, satisfied and paid by my executrix in a schedule hereunto annexed, subscribed with my hand and sealed with my usual seal of arms, shall be performed, satisfied and paid by my executrix in manner and form as shall be therein specified and set down;

The residue of all my goods, chattels, leases, plate, money, jewels, stock and household stuff whatsoever, both movable and unmovable, of whatsoever nature, kind, condition or quality the same are and not as aforesaid or in the said schedule hereunto annexed given or bequeathed, I do wholly give & bequeath the same unto my best-deserving and most dearly beloved wife, whom I do make and ordain the full and sole executrix of this my last will and testament;

Lastly, considering with myself that I was born to nothing but a vain title of blood and name of eminent friends, and that the little fortune of my present estate hath wholly risen by God's providence from my deceased mother and my living and loving wife, by whose estate (though much wasted by me), I have been maintained, I hold myself bound in civil honesty to be thankful and in Christian duty to acknowledge and requite her exceeding true love and desert in conversation of life as much as shall lie in my power to do it;

And therefore for her good advancement and security of her estate after my decease I will and ordain that one indenture tripartite and deed of gift in trust made between me, the said Lord Knyvet, by the name of Thomas Knyvet, esquire, one of her Majesty's Privy Chamber, on the first part, and the Lady Elizabeth, now my wife, then by the name of Elizabeth Warren, widow, on the second part, and Thomas Owen, one of the Justices of the Common Pleas, Sir William Spencer, Nicholas Mosley, citizen and alderman of London, Henry Maynard and William Bowyer, esquires, on the third part, and dated before our marriage the sixteenth day of July in the nine and thirtieth year [=1597] of the reign of Queen Elizabeth, shall stand good and be ratified in all parts according to the purport and true intention in the same expressed, for that I know and am assured, that indenture tripartite notwithstanding, that my said wife and executrix will honourably and faithfully in all things fulfil this my last will and testament;

Item, I will and ordain [f. 125v] that one other indenture dated the nine and twentieth Augusti in the second year [=1605] of the King's Majesty's reign that now is made between me, then by the name of Sir Thomas Knyvet, knight, on the one party, and Edmund Doubleday and Edward Runnam of the city of Westminster on the other party, and th' estates therein limited to my said beloved wife shall stand firm and be ratified to the behoof of my beloved wife according to the purport, true intent and limitations expressed in the same;

Item, I will and ordain that one other indenture dated the first of June in the eighteenth year [=1620] of his Majesty's reign that now is made between me by the name of Sir Thomas Knyvet, knight, Lord Knyvet, on the one party and Sir Edward Mosley, knight, Attorney-General of his Majesty's Duchy of Lancaster, of the other party, and th' estate therein limited to my said beloved wife shall stand firm and be ratified to the behoof of my said beloved wife according to the purport, true intent and limitations expressed in the same;

Item, I will and ordain that one other indenture dated the said first day of June in the said eighteenth year of his Majesty's reign that now is made between me by the name of Sir Thomas Knyvet, knight, Lord Knyvet, on the one party, and the said Sir Edward Mosley on the other party touching my manor of Staines and th' estates therein limited to my said beloved wife and Thomas Knyvet of Ashwellthorpe in the county of Norfolk, esquire, and Katherine, his wife, and the heirs of their two bodies and the heirs of the body of the said Thomas Knyvet shall stand firm and be ratified to the use of my beloved wife and the said Thomas Knyvet and Katherine, his wife, according to the purport, true intent and limitations expressed in the same;

Item, I will and ordain that th' estates limited in one other indenture dated the fourteenth day of July in the eighteenth year [=1620] of his Majesty's reign that now is made between me, the said Thomas, Lord Knyvet, Thomas, Earl of Suffolk, Theophilus, Lord Walden, Sir Edward Howard, Sir Thomas Howard, Sir Charles Howard, Sir Robert Howard, Sir William Howard, sons of the said Earl, of the one party, and the said Sir Edward Mosley, Sir Francis Leigh, Thomas Knyvet and Anthony Knyvet of the other party touching the woods, underwoods, woodlands, tenements and hereditaments called the Springe and Riccall Park growing, lying and being in Deighton and Escrick or either of them in the county of York shall stand firm, be ratified and be unto the said Sir Edward Mosley, Sir Francis Leigh, Thomas Knyvet and Anthony Knyvet, their heirs and assigns, upon such trust and confidence and according to such conclusion and agreement as is declared in one other indenture bearing date the seventh day of the same July made between the said Sir Edward Mosley, Sir Francis Leigh, Thomas Knyvet and Anthony Knyvet of the one part, and me, the said Thomas, Lord Knyvet, the said Earl and the said sons of the Earl on the other part;

And I desire all in the name of God that they neither do or wittingly or willingly suffer anything whatsoever to hinder or disturb the performance of the said trust and agreement or of all or any part of this my last will and testament;

In witness whereof I, the said Thomas, Lord Knyvet, have hereunto set my seal and to every several sheet hereof subscribed my name the said twentieth day of July 1620. Thomas Knyvet. Sealed, subscribed and published in the presence of us, John Ferrour [=Ferrer?], Gawin Harlinge, William Adcock, Henry Rawlins.

A schedule annexed to the last will and testament of me, Thomas, Lord Knyvet, the twentieth day of July one thousand six hundred and twenty containing a declaration of

such gifts [f. 126r] and legacies which I appoint to be paid and performed out of my goods, chattels, leases, plate, money, jewels, stock and household stuff by my executrix, and also containing a further declaration of such annuities and rents as I, the said Thomas, Lord Knyvet, appoint to be issuing, going forth and satisfied out of and by the woods, underwoods, wood-grounds, tenements and hereditaments called the Springe and Riccall Park growing, lying and being in Deighton, Escrick or either of them in the county of York as followeth:

Gifts and legacies to be paid and performed by my executrix out of my goods, chattels etc.

Inprimis, I give and bequeath unto my loving sister [=half-sister], the right honourable the Lady Frances Bloughe [sic for 'Burgh'], one hundred pounds of current money of England, to be paid unto her at one entire payment within one year next after my decease;

Item, I give and bequeath unto my trusty servant, Gawin Harlinge, twenty pounds of the like current money, to be paid unto him within one half year next after my decease;

Item, I give and bequeath unto every of my servants not named by his name in this schedule and serving me at the time of my decease so much of the like current money as shall amount unto every of their full year's wages annually paid by me unto every of them respectively, the said several sums to be paid unto every of them within three months next after my decease;

Item, I will and bequeath that my executrix shall pay within three months next after my decease unto the churchwardens and overseers of the poor of the parish of Stanwell twenty pounds of current money, and within the same time other twenty pounds unto the churchwardens and overseers of the poor of the parish of Staines, to be yearly employed as a stock for the relief of the poor of the said parishes, the said churchwardens and overseers yearly and every year in the employment of the said stock to follow the directions of the statute made in the three and fortieth year of the late Queen Elizabeth for the relief of the poor.

Annuities and rents to be issuing and going forth and satisfied out of and by the woods, underwoods, wood-grounds, tenements and hereditaments called the Springe and Riccall Park growing, lying and being in Deighton and Escrick or either of them in the county of York.

Inprimis, my will is that my cousin, Anthony Knyvet of the city of Westminster, shall have thereout one annuity or rentcharge of fifty pounds per annum, payable yearly unto him during his natural life at the feast of St Martin the Bishop in winter and feast of Pentecost or within twenty days after every of the said feasts by even and equal portions, the first payment to begin at such of the said days of payment as shall first happen after my decease;

Item, my will is that my cousin, Thomas Knyvet of the Middle Temple, shall have thereout one annuity or rentcharge of twenty pounds per annum, payable yearly unto him during his natural life at the said feasts or within twenty days after every of the said feasts by even and equal portions, the first payment to begin as aforesaid;

Item, my will is that my servant, John Williams, shall have thereout one annuity or rentcharge of twenty marks per annum, payable yearly unto him during his natural life at the said feasts or within twenty days after every of the said feasts by even and equal portions, the first payment to begin as aforesaid;

Item, my will is that my servant, Richard Hopkins, shall have thereout one annuity or rentcharge of ten pounds per annum, payable yearly to him during his natural life at the said feasts or within twenty days after every of the said feasts by even and equal [f. 126v] portions, the first payment to begin as aforesaid;

Item, my will is that my servant, John Grymes, shall have thereout one annuity or rentcharge of twenty nobles per annum, payable yearly to him during his natural life at the said feasts or within twenty days after every of the said feasts by even and equal portions, the first payment to begin as aforesaid. Thomas Knyvet. Subscribed, sealed and published in the presence of us, John Ferrour, Gawin Harlinge, William Adcocke, Henry Rawlinges.

Memorandum: That I, Sir Thomas Knyvet, Lord Knyvet, being of perfect memory (thanks be to my God) do this seventeenth day of July one thousand six hundred twenty-two make, ordain and publish this writing as a codicil to my last will and testament by me formerly made and published, which said will and testament I confirm in all things, and do further add thereto as followeth:

My will and intent is that my executrix in my said last will and testament named shall with all convenient speed and within the space of two years at the furthest next after my decease build, erect or provide within the town of Stanwell in the county of Middlesex as well one meet, fit and convenient building and room wherein to keep a free school as also one meet, fit and convenient house for the abiding, dwelling and necessary use of one schoolmaster forever to keep a free school and to instruct children within the said town;

And that my said executrix within the like convenient speed and within the time aforesaid shall within the said county of Middlesex and county of Buckingham or one of them purchase or otherwise provide lands and tenements of the clear yearly value of twenty pounds by the year of a perfect and good estate in fee simple, and shall within the same time convey and assure or cause the same house, schoolhouse, lands, tenements and premises to be conveyed and assured to six of the freeholders and inhabitants within the parish of Stanwell aforesaid as she shall think fit to make choice of and to their heirs forever for a place of instruction of poor scholars and for the habitation and maintenance of the said schoolmaster and those which shall succeed as schoolmasters forever;

And my said executrix during her life shall have the nomination and appointment of the said schoolmaster, and from and after her decease he to be nominated and appointed by the lord or lords for the time being of the manor of Stanwell aforesaid;

And I further will and require my said executrix and the lord and lords of the said manor of Stanwell for the time being to see to the making of good rules and ordinances for the order, rule and government of the said school and of the said schoolmaster and for the said stipend and allowance for or towards the maintenance and relief of the said schoolmaster as to my said executrix during her life and to the lord and lords of the manor of Stanwell after her decease shall seem meet & convenient. Thomas Knyvet. Subscribed, sealed and published in the presence of Thomas Knyvet, Anthony Knyvet, Gawin Harlinge, John Williams.

Probatum fuit testamentum suprascriptum vnacum codicillis annex{is} apud London coram venerabili viro domino Will{el}imo Birde milite legum doctore Curie Prerogatiue Cantuariens{is} mag{ist}ro Custode siue Commissario l{egi}time constituto tertio die mens{is} Augusti Anno D{omi}ni millesimo sexcentesimo vicesimo secundo Iuramento prenobilis et honorande femine Elizabethe D{omi}ne Knyvett Relicte dicti Defuncti et Executr{i}ci in h{uius}mo{d}i testamento nominat{e} Cui commissa fuit Administracio bonorum Iurium et creditorum dicti Defunct{i} de bene et fideliter Administrand{o} &c Ad sancta Dei Evangelia coram Iohanne ffarrar in artibus mag{ist}ro vigore commissionis in ea parte al{ia}s emanat{e} Iurat{e}

[=The above-written testament was proved, together with the codicils annexed, at London before the worshipful Sir William Bird, knight, Doctor of the Laws, lawfully constituted Master, Keeper or Commissary of the Prerogative Court of Canterbury, on the third day of the month of August in the year of the Lord the thousand six hundred twenty-second by the oath of the right honourable Lady Elizabeth Knyvet, relict 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. before John Farrar, Master of Arts, by force of a grant in that respect elsewhere issued.]