

SUMMARY: The document below is the Prerogative Court of Canterbury copy of the nuncupative last will and testament, dated 12 April 1622 and proved 11 June 1622, of William Washbourne (c.1600-1622).

The testator was the son of John Washbourne (1567-1615) and Alice Robinson, and the grandson of John Washbourne (1548-1633/4), esquire, and his first wife, Mary Savage. For Mary Savage, see the will, dated 17 August 1557 and proved 4 July 1558, of her father, Francis Savage (c.1524 - 19 August 1557), TNA PROB 11/40/349. See also:

<http://www.wwrt.org.uk/churches/wichenford/wichenford-church-history/>.

The testator married Lettice Littleton, daughter of Sir Edward Littleton (d.1629) of Pillaton Hall, Staffordshire, and Mary Fisher. For the will of Sir Edward Littleton, dated 1 June 1629 and proved 9 April 1630, see TNA PROB 11/157/357.

In 1617 William Washbourne and Shakespeare's fellow Globe Theatre shareholder, Henry Condell, purchased property in Brockhampton, Gloucestershire, from John Savage of Broadway, son of Mary Savage's brother, Anthony Savage (d.1587), and grandson of Francis Savage (c.1524 - 19 August 1557). Anthony Langston (c.1559-1633), Town Clerk of Stratford upon Avon, was a witness to the sale of Brockhampton to William Washbourne and Henry Condell. See the will of his father, Henry Langston, dated 18 July 1591 and proved 11 February 1592, TNA PROB 11/79/130. For details of the purchase, see Barnard, Etwell Augustine Bracher, *New Links With Shakespeare*, (Cambridge: Cambridge University Press, 1930), pp. 1-4, 10-11 at:

[http://books.google.ca/books?id=RgE9AAAAIAAJ&pg=PA2&lpg=PA2&dq=%22Anthony+Daston%22&source=bl&ots=sFH98f1-o1&sig=juD18gHOf2XTARDa\\_w-D-cKF8Eg&hl=en&sa=X&ei=wGMfUrXJB-nGiwLXiIB4&ved=0CDwQ6AEwAzge#v=onepage&q=%22Anthony%20Daston%22&f=false](http://books.google.ca/books?id=RgE9AAAAIAAJ&pg=PA2&lpg=PA2&dq=%22Anthony+Daston%22&source=bl&ots=sFH98f1-o1&sig=juD18gHOf2XTARDa_w-D-cKF8Eg&hl=en&sa=X&ei=wGMfUrXJB-nGiwLXiIB4&ved=0CDwQ6AEwAzge#v=onepage&q=%22Anthony%20Daston%22&f=false).

See also the History of Parliament entry for Anthony Langston at:

<http://www.historyofparliamentonline.org/volume/1604-1629/member/langston-anthony-1559-1633>.

RM: T{estamentum} nuncupat{ivum} Will{el}mi Washbourn

William Washbourne of Witche [=Wichendon?], esquire, having been sick the space of eight or ten days, spoke these words or words to this purpose the twelfth of April anno {Domi}ni 1622:

First I give all that I have unto my wife because there shall be no wrangling;

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Then I give unto my aunt, Constance Littleton, one ring to the value of forty shillings;

Likewise I give to my sister Washbourne one ring to the value of 40s;

Likewise I give my brother, Edward Littleton, my hawk;

Likewise I give Mr Clent my little bay nag;

And I hope my wife will be good to yon(?) Thomas Gyles (who was there present);

And I hope likewise that my wife will be good unto yon Cate Bennett (who was also present);

These words were spoken in the presence of Mrs Constance Littleton, Mr Clent, and Thomas Gyles.

Vndecimo die Mensis Iunij anno D<sup>omi</sup>ni mill<sup>es</sup>imo sexcentesimo vicesimo s<sup>e</sup>c<sup>un</sup>do emanavit Com<sup>m</sup>issio Leticie Washbourne Relicte Will<sup>el</sup>mi Washbourne nuper de Witche in Com<sup>itatu</sup> Wigorn<sup>ie</sup> armigeri defuncti habentis & ad administrand<sup>um</sup> bona iura et credita dicti defuncti iuxta tenorem et effectum<sup>m</sup> testamenti n<sup>u</sup>cupativi sup<sup>ra</sup>scripti eo quod dictus defunctus nullum omnino in eodem no<sup>m</sup>i<sup>n</sup>av<sup>er</sup>it executore<sup>m</sup> de bene & ad sancta Dei Evangelia coram Humfr<sup>id</sup>o Hore Cl<sup>er</sup>ico vigore Com<sup>missij</sup> in ea p<sup>ar</sup>te al<sup>ias</sup> eman<sup>avit</sup> iurat<sup>e</sup>

[=On the eleventh day of the month of June in the year of the Lord the thousand six hundred twenty-second a grant issued to Lettice Washbourne, relict of William Washbourne late of Witchendon(?) in the county of Worcester, esquire, deceased, having etc., to administer the goods, rights and credits of the said deceased according to the tenor and effect of the above-written nuncupative testament because the said deceased did not nominate in the same any executor, sworn on the Holy Gospels to well, etc., before Humphrey Hore, clerk, by force of a grant issued elsewhere in that regard.]