

SUMMARY: The document below is the Prerogative Court of Canterbury copy of the will, dated 7 February 1513 and proved 24 May 1513, of William Cope (c.1440 - 7 April 1513), esquire, cofferer to Henry VII, whose great-grandson, Sir Walter Cope (1553?-1614), a long-time servant of Lord Burghley, employed Shakespeare's fellow Globe Theatre shareholder, Cuthbert Burbage (1564/5-1636). See the *ODNB* articles on Sir Walter Cope and Cuthbert Burbage.

Through his youngest son, Sir John Cope (see below), the testator was the great-great-grandfather of the poet, John Dryden (1631-1700).

In 1503 the testator accompanied Henry VIII's sister, Margaret Tudor (1489-1541), to Scotland on her marriage to James IV (1473-1513), and was given a 'great gilt standing cup with branches' by the King, as recorded in the will of the testator's youngest son, Anthony Cope (d.1558).

Item, I give and bequeath unto Edward Cope, son to Erasmus Cope, my son and heir apparent whilst he liveth, to be delivered immediately after my decease my great gilt standing cup with branches which the King of Scots, James, gave amongst other things unto William Cope, his great-grandfather.

See Cope, William H., *Bramshill; Its History and Architecture*, (London: H.J. Infield, 1883), p. 106 at:

http://books.google.ca/books?id=X-IHAAAQAQAJ&pg=PA106&lpg=PA106&dq=%22William+Cope%22+%22king+James%22&source=bl&ots=u0DnswGg0J&sig=DmnLvQbX4oOM40QLB0N8ierRO_A&hl=en&sa=X&ei=9mm1U5OVLca6iwKjxoHQCA&ved=0CCcQ6AEwAw#v=onepage&q=%22William%20Cope%22%20%22king%20James%22&f=false.

The names of the testator's parents are not known.

The testator married twice. An inscription formerly in the parish church of Banbury records the names of his two wives, Agnes and Jane ('Agnes et Jana uxores'), in connection with his gift of four windows to the church:

William Cope added some decorations to the ancient Church of Banbury. In one of Anthony a Wood's MSS there is preserved a copy of a Latin inscription which was placed beneath the arms of Cope in this Church, recording that "William Coope, Esq., formerly cofferer of the household of the most illustrious King Henry VII, caused these four windows to be made."

Wood's MSS., 8505, fol. 165, a. "Will'us Coope arm. quondam Cofferarius hospitii illustriss. Regis Hen. VII. istas quatuor fenestras fieri fecit. Agnes et Jana uxores."

See Beesley, Alfred, *The History of Banbury*, (London: Nichols and Son, 1841), p. 192 at:

<https://archive.org/stream/historyofbanbury00bees#page/192/mode/2up>.

The testator's first wife is said to have been Agnes Harcourt, one of the daughters and coheiresses of Sir Robert Harcourt of Stanton Harcourt, standard bearer to Henry VII at the Battle of Bosworth. By his first marriage the testator had a son, Stephen Cope (d. 20 March 1534), esquire, of Bedhampton, Hampshire, who married firstly, Anne Saunders, the eldest daughter of the testator's second wife, Jane (nee Spencer), by her first husband, William Saunders, and secondly a wife named Margaret, whose surname is unknown. See the will of Stephen Cope, dated 10 August 1533 and proved 12 November 1534, TNA PROB 11/25/240, and Beesley, *supra*, pp. 79, 219.

The testator married secondly Jane (nee Spencer), the daughter of John Spencer of Hodnell, Warwickshire, by Anne Empson, the sister of Sir Richard Empson (c.1450-1510). See the will of John Spencer of Hodnell, dated 15 September 1496 and proved 25 January 1497, TNA PROB 11/11/147.

For the will of the testator's second wife, Jane (nee Spencer) Saunders Cope, dated 20 January 1526(?) and proved 2 May 1526, see TNA PROB 11/22/125.

By his second wife, Jane (nee Spencer), the testator had three sons, Sir Anthony Cope (d.1551), for whom see his will dated 5 January 1551 and proved 2 November 1551, TNA PROB 11/34/433, and the *ODNB* article; William Cope; and Sir John Cope (d. 22 January 1558), for whom see his will, dated 2 July 1557 and proved 21 May 1558, TNA PROB 11/40/278, and Richardson, Douglas, *Magna Carta Ancestry*, 2nd ed., 2011, Vol. I, pp. 121, 434. See also Beesley, *supra*, pp. 193-4, which, however, reverses the order of Jane Spencer's two marriages. The correct order of Jane Spencer's two marriages is established by the 1496 will of her father, John Spencer, which includes his daughter, Joan, and her second husband, William Cope, in an entail:

And for default of such issue to remain to Joan, my daughter, wife of William Cope, esquire, and to the heirs males of her body lawfully begotten.

For the testator's manor of Hardwick, see Beesley, *supra*, p. 190.

For the inquisition post mortem of the testator's lands in Oxfordshire, see C 142/28/31; for his lands in London, see C 142/28/59; for his lands in Somerset, see C 142/28/29; for his lands in Wiltshire, see C 142/28/136.

For Richard Saunders of Banbury and Joyce, his wife, from whom the testator purchased property in Banbury and Neithrop, see CP 25/1/179/97, number 42 at:

http://www.medievalgenealogy.org.uk/fines/abstracts/CP_25_1_179_97.shtml.

LM: Test{amentum} Will{el}mi Coope Armig{er}i

[f. 97v] In the name of God, Amen. The 7th day of February in the year of Our Lord God 1512 and in the fourth year of the reign of our Sovereign Lord King Henry the 8th, I, William Cope, squire, being of whole mind and in good memory, thanked by Almighty God, make and declare this my testament and last will in manner and form following, that is to say:

First I bequeath my soul to Almighty God, and my body to be buried in the Trinity aisle of the parish church of Banbury in the county of Oxford wheresoever I shall happen to die within the realm of England;

Item, I bequeath towards the reparations of the said church £6 13s 4d;

Item, I will that my body be buried and my month's mind and year's mind kept in good and honest manner after the discretion of mine executors and overseers whose names hereafter appear written with mine own hand;

Item, I will that all my debts that I owe which been written with mine own hand in a bill annexed to this book be well and truly content and paid within the space of a year next after my death if the days of payment of the same debts be then come;

Item, I bequeath to Jane, my wife, five hundred marks in ready money to be delivered to her by the hands of mine executors within the space of three years next after my death in manner and form following, that is to say, the first year £100, the second year £100, and the third year £133 6s 8d;

Also I bequeath to the said Jane all my household stuff lying in the great house upon the Barkhill in Banbury where I was wont to dwell, provided alway that if the said Jane or any other by her procurement, labour or consent withhold or embezzle from mine executors any manner of stuff, plate or jewels, or in any wise interrupt or let mine executors or any of them to execute and fulfil this my last will & testament in any behalf, then this my bequest and legacy made to the said Jane to be utterly void and of none effect;

Item, where I, the said William Cope, have given and granted to John Spencer, squire, Thomas Langston, squire, Thomas Haydok, squire, Gilbert Stoughton, gentleman, and John Bustard, gentleman, all mine estate, term, possession, title and interest of and in the manor of Hardwick with th' appurtenances in the county of Oxford, and of and in all the lands and other (illegible) of the same manor or to the same manor pertaining, and also of and in all the lands and tenements, rents, reversions and services with th' appurtenances in Hardwick or in the lordship of Hardwick in the said county, and of and in all the rivers and fishing places in the hundred of Banbury in the said county, which manor and the other premises with their appurtenances the Right Reverend Father in God, William,

Bishop of Lincoln, hath demised and letten to farm to me, the said William Cope, and to mine assigns from the feast of Saint Michael th' Archangel in the 12th year of the reign of King Henry the 7th [=1496] unto th' end and term of 99 years then next following, as by an indenture thereof made, sealed with the seal of the said Bishop and confirmed by the Chapter of Lincoln more plainly appeareth;

And also where I, the said William Cope, have given and granted to the said John Spencer, Thomas Langston, Thomas Haydok, Gilbert Stoughton and John Bustard all mine estate, term, possession, title and interest of and in that manor of Grimsbury in the parish of Banbury in the county of Northampton, and of and in all lands and tenements, commodities, liberties and profits parcel of the same manor and to the same manor pertaining, and also of and in all other lands and tenements, rents, reversions & services, waters, mills and fishing places with their appurtenances in the towns, fields and parishes of Grimsbury & Banbury aforesaid, Warkworth, Middleton, Overthorpe, Honscote and Nethercote in the said county of Northampton which William Dadington, late Prior of the house or monastery of Buchester otherwise called Biscetter [=Bicester] in the county of Oxford and the convent of the same house have demised and letten to farm to me, the said William Cope, and to mine assignees from the feast of Saint Michael th' Archangel in the 23rd year of the reign of King Henry the 7th [=1507] unto th' end and term of [f. 98r] 99 years then next following, as by an indenture thereof made and sealed with the convent seal of the said house more plainly appeareth;

Which grants afore rehearsed I, the said William, Cope made to the said John Spencer, Thomas Langston, Thomas Haydok, Gilbert Stoughton and John Bustard to th' use and behoof of me, the said William Cope, and of mine assign [sic?] during the said terms and every of them for the performance of my last will of the same terms, which is as hereafter followeth, that is to say:

I, the said William Cope, will that the said John Spencer, Thomas Langston, Thomas Haydok, Gilbert Stoughton & John Bustard shall suffer the foresaid Jane, my wife, to manure and occupy the said manors and the other premises with their appurtenances and thereof to take th' issues, revenues and profits, if the said Jane so long live, till Anthony Cope my son, come to th' age of 26 years, yielding and paying to mine executors yearly forty pounds of lawful money wherewith I will that mine executors shall find the said Anthony at his learning in one of the four Inns of Court till he come to the said age of 26 years;

And if the said Antony happen to die afore he come to th' age of 26 years, then I will that my said grants [sic?] of the said terms shall suffer the said Jane to manure and occupy the said manors and the other the said premises with their appurtenances and thereof to take the issues, revenues and profits till William Cope, my son, come to th' age of 26 years, if the said Jane so long live, yielding and paying to mine executors yearly £40 of lawful money wherewith I will that mine executors shall find the same William at his learning;

And if the said William, my son, happen to die afore he come to th' age of 26 years, then I will that my said grantees of the said terms shall suffer the said Jane to manure and

occupy the said manors and the other premises with their appurtenances till John Cope, my son, come to th' age of 26 years, if the said Jane so long live, yielding and paying to mine execut[ors] yearly £40 of lawful money wherewith I will that mine executors shall find the same John at his learning till he come to th' age of 26 years;

And with the overplus of the same £40 over and above the convenient finding of the said Anthony at his learning as is aforesaid, I will that mine executors shall find the said William Cope and John Cope at their learning till the said Anthony come to th' age of 26 years;

Also I will that the said Jane shall content and pay yearly to the said Bishop & his successors and to the said Prior and convent and their successors all such rents as been expressed and to every of them reserved by the foresaid indentures and perform the covenants comprised in the same indentures as long as the said Jane shall occupy the premises in manner and form afore rehearsed;

Provided alway that if the said Jane after my death take any husband or happen to die afore one of my said sons come to th' age of 26 years, then I will that my said grantees of the said terms shall suffer mine executors to manure and occupy the premises with their appurtenances till one of mine said sons come to th' age of 26 years and thereof to take th' issues, revenues and profits to th' intent afore rehearsed;

And the overplus of the same issues, revenues & profits that shall come to the hands of mine executors after the death of the said Jane, over and above the said rents reserved to the said Bishop and his successors and to the said Prior and convent and their successors and to every of them, the finding of my said sons in manner and form afore rehearsed, and all other charges that mine executors shall sustain by reason of the manurance and occupying of the premises, I will that mine executors shall deliver to one of my said sons, that is to say, to him that first cometh to th' age of 26 years;

And if the said Anthony, my son, live till he come to th' age of 26 years, then I will that the said John Spencer, Thomas Langston, Thomas Haydok, Gilbert Stoughton and John Bustard shall suffer the said Anthony to manure and occupy the said manor and the other premises with their appurtenance and thereof to take the issues, revenues and profits during the foresaid terms and every of them if the same Anthony so long live, yielding and paying to the said Bishop and his successors and to the said Prior and convent and their successors such rents as been comprised and to every of them reserved in the foresaid indentures;

And if the said Anthony happen to die during the said terms or any of them, then I will that my said grantees of the said term[s] shall suffer the said William Cope, my son, after he cometh to th' age of 26 years, to occupy and manure the said manors and the other premises with their appurtenances and thereof to take the profits, issues and revenues during so many years as the said terms or any of them shall continue after the death of the said Anthony if the said William Cope, my son, so long live, yielding and paying yearly to the said Bishop & his successors and to the said Prior and convent and their successors

such rents as been expressed and to every of them reserved in the indentures afore rehearsed and also performing the covenants in the same indentures specified;

And if the said William Cope, my son, happen to die during the said terms or any of them, then I will that my said grantees of the same terms shall suffer the said John Cope, my son, after he cometh to th' age of 26 years, to manure and occupy the foresaid manors and the other premises with their appurtenances and thereof to take th' issues, revenues and profits during so many years as the said terms or any of them shall continue after the death of the said William Cope, my son, if the said John Cope so long live, yielding and paying yearly to the said Bishop and his successors and to the said Prior & convent and their successors such rents as been specified and to them reserved in the foresaid indentures and performing the covenants specified in the same indentures;

And if the said John Cope happen to die during the said terms or any of them, then I will that the said John Spencer, Thomas Langston, Thomas Haydok, Gilbert Stoughton and John Bustard shall stand and be possessed of the said manors and the other premises with their appurtenances to th' use and behoof of Stephen Cope, my son, during the years then to come next after the death of the said John Cope, and to suffer the said Stephen and his assignees to take th' issues, revenues and profits of the premises with their appurtenances as long as the said terms or any of them shall continue after the death of the said John Cope;

And if all my said grantees of the said terms happen to die except twain, the said terms or any of them continuing, then I will that they longest living shall grant all their estate, term, possession, title and interest of and in the premises with their appurtenances to five or six other substantial, honest, sad and discreet persons to th' use, behoof and intent afore rehearsed;

And I will that mine executors shall pay to an honest priest to say Mass for my soul in the said aisle daily without a lawful excuse by the space of thirty years £6 13s and 4d of lawful money;

Item, I will that mine executors shall bestow yearly during the said 30 years 53s 4d upon keeping of a solemn obit in the foresaid church for my soul and all Christian souls, and also I will that mine executors shall pay yearly to the wardens of the said church during the said 30 years 13s 4d to th' intent that they shall see the said obit duly kept and the said priest to do his duty from time to time;

Item, I bequeath to Humphrey Nedam [=Needham?], my servant, £6 13s 4d, and to Thomas Bellat, my servant, £6 13s 4d to th' intent that they shall [f. 98v] give attendance and wait upon mine executors about th' executing and performing of my last will and testament by the space of a year next after my death, and mine executors to give them meat & drink;

Item, I bequeath to every of mine executors for their diligence and labour about th' executing and performing of this my last will and testament £40 above all their costs and charges that they shall sustain in this behalf;

Also I bequeath to every of mine overseers for their labour & pain to see that this my last will and testament be duly executed and performed £40 of lawful money;

Also I will that mine executors in as short time as they can after my death shall finish and make my house at Hanwell in like manner & proportions as it is begun and according to a plat thereof made.

LM: Ulti {m}a voluntas eiusd {em} Will {elm}i

This is the last will of me, William Cope, squire, concerning all my manors, lands and tenements, rents, reversions & services with all and singular their appurtenances which any person or persons hath or have to mine use within the realm of England made and declared the foresaid 7th day of February in the foresaid year of Our Lord God and in the said year of the reign of our Sovereign Lord King Henry the 8th:

First I will that Stephen Cope, my son, shall have to him, his heirs and assigns, forever all my houses and gardens in the parishes of Saint Benet's and Saint Peter's about Paul's Wharf in London, and all my lands, tenements, rents, reversions and services with their appurtenances in the counties of Essex and Surrey, and that my feoffees of the same premises shall make estate thereof to the said Stephen and his heirs upon reasonable request to them made, so that the said Stephen shall make no claim nor title to those houses, lands and tenements set and lying in the town of Banbury and in Neithrop in the county of Oxford which I lately purchased of Richard Saunders and Joyce, his wife;

Item, I will that Anthony Cope, my son, when he cometh to th' age of 26 years, shall have my manor of Hanwell with th' appurtenances in the county of Oxford and all mine other lands and tenements, rents, reversions and services in Hanwell in the same county with their appurtenances, yielding and paying yearly to Jane, my wife, his mother, during her natural life 40 marks of lawful money according to a grant thereof made by my feoffees at my desire and request in the name of all her jointure and dower as it appeareth by a deed indented thereof made bearing date the 12th day of November in the third year [=1511] of the reign of King Henry the 8th;

Also I will that the said Anthony, when he cometh to his said age of 26 years, shall have all my houses, lands and tenements with their appurtenances set & lying in Banbury & Neithrop in the said county of Oxford and so that my feoffees shall stand and be seised of the said manor of Hanwell and of the other premises in this article comprised with their appurtenances to th' use & behoof of the said Anthony after he cometh to th' age of 26 years and of th' heirs males of his body lawfully begotten;

And for default of such issue to th' use and behoof of William Cope, my son, and of th' heirs males of his body lawfully begotten;

And for default of such issue to th' use and behoof of John Cope, my son, and of th' heirs males of his body lawfully begotten;

And for default of such issue to th' use and behoof of the said Stephen and of his heirs forever;

And if the said Anthony happen to die afore that he come to th' age of 26 years, then I will that my feoffees shall suffer mine executors to perceive and take th' issues, revenues and profits of the said manor and the other premises with their appurtenances in this article contained in like wise as my will is they shall do till the said Anthony might have come to th' age of 26 years if he had lived so long;

Item, I will that the said William Cope, my son, when he cometh to th' age of 26 years shall have my manor of Howbury with th' appurtenances in the county of Oxford and all mine other lands and tenements, rents, reversions and services with their appurtenances in Howbury in the same county of Oxford, and that my feoffees shall stand and be seised of the same manor, lands & tenements, rents, reversions and services with their appurtenances to th' use and behoof of the said William, my son, after he cometh to th' age of 26 years and of th' heirs males of his body lawfully begotten;

And for default of such issue to th' use & behoof of the said Anthony and of th' heirs males of his body lawfully begotten;

And for lack of such issue to th' use & behoof of the said John Cope and of th' heirs males of his body lawfully begotten;

And for lack of such issue to th' use and behoof of the said Stephen and of his heirs forever;

And if the said William Cope happen to die afore that he come to th' age of 26 years, then I will that my feoffees shall suffer mine executors to perceive and take th' issues, revenues and profits of the said manor of Howbury and of the other premises in Howbury aforesaid with their appurtenances in like wise as my will is they shall do till the said William, my son, might have come to th' age of 26 years if he had so long lived;

Item, I will that the said John Cope, my son, when he cometh to th' age of 26 years shall have my manor of Hyle [=Hele?] in the county of Wiltshire with th' appurtenances and all mine other lands, tenements, rents, reversions & services with their appurtenances in Hyle in the same county of Wiltshire, and also all my lands, tenements, rents, reversions & services with their appurtenances in the parish of Crokehorn in the county of Somerset, and that my feoffees shall stand & be seised of the said manor of Hyle with th' appurtenances and of the other premises with their appurtenances in the said county of

Wiltshire and Somerset to th' use and behoof of the said John Cope after he cometh to th' age of 26 years and to th' heirs males of his body lawfully begotten;

And for lack of such issue to th' use and behoof of the said Anthony and of the heirs males of his body lawfully begotten;

And for lack of such issue to th' use and behoof of the said William Cope, my son, and of th' heirs males of his body lawfully begotten;

And for lack of such issue to th' use and behoof of the said Stephen and of his heirs forever;

And if the said John Cope happen to die afore that he come to th' age of 26 years, then I will that my feoffees shall suffer mine executors to perceive and take th' issues, revenues and profits of the said manor of Hyle with th' appurtenances and of the other premises with their appurtenances in this article contained in like wise as my will is they shall do till the said John Cope might have come to th' age of 26 years if he had so long lived;

Item, I will that mine executors shall perceive and take yearly by the space of 30 years next after my death £10 of the issues, revenues and profits of my manor of Grimsbury with th' appurtenances in the county of Northampton and of all mine other lands, tenements, rents, reversions and services and all other hereditaments with their appurtenances in Grimsbury aforesaid which I lately purchased to me and mine heirs in fee simple, therewith to find an honest priest to say Mass for my soul in the Trinity aisle aforesaid and to keep an obit in the foresaid church of Banbury and to pay the churchwardens there yearly in manner and form as it is afore [f. 99r] rehearsed;

And after th' end of the said 30 years, I will that my said feoffees and their assigns shall stand and be seised of the said manor and the other premises in this article comprised to th' use and behoof of the said Anthony and of th' heirs males of his body lawfully begotten;

And for lack of such issue to th' use and behoof of William Cope, my son, and of th' heirs males of his body lawfully begotten;

And for lack of such issue to th' use and behoof of the foresaid John Cope and of th' heirs males of this body lawfully begotten;

And for default of such issue to th' use and behoof of the said Stephen Cope and of his heirs forever;

Item, where I lately bought the custody and marriage of Jane Burnby, daughter & heir apparent of Thomas Burnby, I will that mine executors shall marry the said Jane to the said Anthony Cope if the said Anthony and Jane will thereto assent and agree;

And if the said Anthony and Jane will not agree to be married together, then I will that mine execut[ors] shall marry the said Jane to the said William Cope, my son, if the same Jane and William will thereto assent and agree;

And if the said William, my son, and Jane will not agree to be married together, then I will that mine executors shall marry the said Jane by their discretion without disparagement;

And if the said Anthony be married to the said Jane, then I will that the said Anthony shall have no part of the said manors, lands and tenements to him afore limited and appointed by this my last will and testament, but I will that my feoffees shall make estate of the manor of Norton with th' appurtenances in the county of Northampton and of all mine other lands and tenements in Norton aforesaid and of a yearly rent of £5 going out of my foresaid manor of Grimsbury to the said Anthony and Jane and to th' heirs of their bodies between them lawfully begotten;

And for lack of such issue the remainder thereof to the heirs males of the body of the said William Cope, my son, lawfully begotten;

And for lack of such issue the remainder thereof to the said John Cope and to th' heirs males of his body lawfully begotten;

And for lack of such issue the remainder thereof to the said Stephen Cope & his heirs forever;

And also if the said Anthony be married to the said Jane, I will that the said William Cope, my son, shall have all my lands and tenements in Banbury and Neithrop aforesaid, and all the premises afore limited and appointed to the said Anthony in like manner and form as the said Anthony should have had the same premises to him afore limited if he had not been married to the said Jane;

And then I will that the said Stephen Cope shall have the foresaid manor of Howbury with th' appurtenances to him and his heirs for evermore;

And if the said William Cope, my son, happen to be married to the said Jane, then I will that my feoffees shall make estate of the said manor of Norton with th' appurtenances and of all mine other lands and tenements in Norton with th' appurtenances [-and of all mine other lands and tenements in Norton] in the said county of Northampton and of a yearly rent of £5 going out of the said manor of Grimsbury to the said William and Jane and to th' heirs of their bodies between them lawfully begotten with like remainders over as is afore rehearsed in this article;

And then I will also that the said William Cope, my son, shall have no part of the premises to him afore limited and appointed by this my last will and testament, but then I will that the said Stephen Cope shall have the said manor of Howbury with th' appurtenances to him and his heirs forever;

And when all my feoffees that now been seised in fee simple to mine use of and in the foresaid manors, lands & tenements been dead except three, I will those three shall enfeoff ten or twelve other honest and discreet persons of and in the same manor [sic?], lands and tenements with their appurtenances to th' uses and intents afore rehearsed;

And when all those feoffees been dead except three, I will that those three shall make another feoffment to ten or twelve other honest and discreet persons of and in the same manors, lands and tenements with their appurtenances to th' uses and intents afore rehearsed, and so from time to time as [+long as?] the foresaid Anthony Cope, William Cope, my son, and John Cope or any of them have issue male of their bodies or of the body of any of them lawfully begotten, provided alway that none estate be made to the said Anthony, William Cope, my son, nor John Cope, nor to none of them nor to the heirs males of none of them;

Item, I will that the foresaid Jane, my wife, shall hold, occupy and enjoy during her estate or occupation in Grimsbury and Hardwick the more(?) and new closing late enclosed lying in Grimsbury aforesaid according unto my will and testament towards such charges as she shall bear & pay for the said manors of Grimsbury and Hardwick without any manner money yielding or paying therefore;

And for the true performance of this my last will and testament I make and ordain the foresaid Gilbert Stoughton, Stephen Cope and John Bustard mine executors, and Thomas Langston and Thomas Snodenham mine overseers.

Probatum fuit testamentu{m} vna cum vltima voluntate supradicti defuncti h{ab}ent{is} dum vixit et mortis sue temp{or}e diu{er}sa bona & debita in diu{er}s{is} dioc{esibus} prouinc{ie} Cant{uariensis} &c xxiiijto die mens{is} Maij Anno d{omi}ni Mill{es}imo quingen{tesimo} terciodecimo Iur{amento} gilberti Stoughton Steph{an}i Coope et Ioh{ann}is Bustard executor{um} in h{uius}mo{di} test{ament}o nominat{orum} Ac approbat{um} & insinuate{um} Et com{m}issa fuit admi{n}istratio o{mn}i{u}m bonor{um} et debit{orum} dicti defuncti p{re}fat{is} executorib{us} de bene et fideliter ac sub vnanimj consensu & assensu admi{n}strand{o} Ac de pleno & fideli Inue{n}tario citra f{estum} sancti Ioh{ann}is bap{tiste} prox{imum} futur{um} exhibend{o} Necnon de plano & vero comp{o}to reddend{o} ad sancta dei eu{ang}elia in debita iuris forma iurat{is}

[=The testament, together with the last will of the foresaid deceased, having while he lived and at the time of his death divers goods & debts in divers dioceses of the province of Canterbury etc., was proved on the 24th day of the month of May in the year of the Lord the thousand five hundred thirteenth by the oath of Gilbert Stoughton, Stephen Cope and John Bustard, executors named in the same testament, and probated & entered, and administration was granted of all the goods and debts of the said deceased to the forenamed executors, sworn on the Holy Gospels in due form of law to well and

faithfully and with unanimous consent & assent administer, and to exhibit a full & faithful inventory before the feast of Saint John the Baptist next to come, and also to render a plain & true account.]