

SUMMARY: The document below is the Prerogative Court of Canterbury copy of the will, dated 26 August 1510 and proved 16 October 1512, of Sir Thomas Tyrrell of East Horndon.

There were significant family connections between the Earls of Oxford and the Tyrrells through the three daughters of Sir Richard Sergeaux (d.1393) and his wife Philippa Arundel (d.1399). Of the three daughters, Alice Serjeaux (d.1452) married Richard Vere (d.1417), 11th Earl of Oxford; Philippa Serjeaux married Robert Pashley, and Elizabeth Serjeaux married William Marney (d.1414). Anne Marney, the daughter of Elizabeth Serjeaux and William Marney (d.1414), married Sir Thomas Tyrrell (d. 28 March 1477), grandfather of the testator. Oxford was thus a direct descendant of Alice Serjeaux while the testator was a direct descendant of Elizabeth Serjeaux. See Richardson, Douglas, *Magna Carta Ancestry*, 2nd ed., 2011, Vol. I, pp. 13-14.

The testator was one of the two most important retainers of John de Vere, 13th Earl of Oxford, and fought in his retinue at the battles of Stoke and Blackheath. See Ross, James, *John de Vere, Thirteenth Earl of Oxford (1442-1513)*, (Woodbridge, Suffolk: The Boydell Press, 2011), pp. 132-3, 185, 189-90. The testator's son, Thomas Tyrrell, was also in the service of the 13th Earl, and was granted an annuity of £3 6s 8d in the Earl's will. See Ross, *supra*, p. 183.

FAMILY BACKGROUND

According to the *ODNB*, the testator was the great-grandson of Sir John Tyrrell (d. 2 April 1437), Speaker of the House of Commons, who had five surviving sons, only three of whom can be documented:

-Sir Thomas Tyrrell (d. 28 March 1477) of Heron in East Horndon, eldest son and heir, who married Anne Marney, the daughter of Sir William Marney (d. 21 or 24 August 1414) and his wife, Elizabeth Sergeaux, a descendant of Robert de Vere (d. before 1221), 3rd Earl of Oxford, and his wife, Isabel de Bolebec (d.1245). For the will of William Marney, proved 22 August 1414, see TNA PROB 11/2B/21.

Sir Thomas Tyrrell (d. 8 March 1477) had four sons, the eldest of whom was the testator's father, Sir William Tyrrell (d.1471), who married Eleanor Darcy, the daughter of Sir Robert Darcy (d.1402) of Maldon, Essex, by Alice FitzLangley, the daughter and heir of Henry FitzLangley of Maldon. See Metcalfe, Walter C., ed., *The Visitations of Essex*, Vol. XIII, (London: Harleian Society, 1878), p. 44; and Barrett, C.R.B., *Essex: Highways, Byways And Waterways*, (London: Lawrence & Bullen, 1893), p. 150 at:

<http://archive.org/stream/highwaysessex00barrich#page/149/mode/2up>

The testator's father, Sir William Tyrrell, was slain at the Battle of Barnet in 1471, predeceasing his father, and the testator was thus heir to his grandfather, Sir Thomas

Tyrrell (d. 28 March 1477). For the will of Sir Thomas Tyrrell (d. 28 March 1477), see TNA PROB 11/6/417.

-William Tyrrell of Gipping Suffolk, beheaded on Tower Hill 23 February 1462, who married Margaret Darcy, the daughter of Robert Darcy (d. 3 September 1448), by whom he was the father of Sir James Tyrrell (d. 6 May 1502), who 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 (d.1551), James Tyrrell (1475?-1538) of Columbine Hall, William Tyrrell, and Anne Tyrrell, who married Sir Richard Wentworth (d. 17 October 1528). See the entry for Sir James Tyrrell (c.1455-1502) in the *ODNB*; Richardson, Douglas, *Magna Carta Ancestry*, 2nd ed., 2011, Vol. III, pp. 183-5; Ross, James, *John de Vere, Thirteenth Earl of Oxford (1442-1513)*, (Woodbridge, Suffolk: The Boydell Press, 2011), pp. 42, 260; Benton, Philip, *The History of Rochford Hundred*, Vol. II, (Rochford: A. Harrington, 1888), pp. 478-9; 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>

For the will of Sir Thomas Tyrrell (d.1551), see TNA PROB 11/34/309. For the will of James Tyrrell (1475?-1538), see TNA PROB 11/26/266. For the will of Sir Richard Wentworth (d. 17 October 1528), see TNA PROB 11/22/654.

For Robert Darcy (d. 3 September 1448), see the History of Parliament entry at:

<http://www.historyofparliamentonline.org/volume/1386-1421/member/darcy-robert-1448>

According to the *ODNB*:

William [Tyrrell] was executed for his involvement with John de Vere, the earl of Oxford, in a conspiracy against Edward IV in February 1462, but he was not attainted, and the custody of his land and of his heir James was bought from Cecily Neville, dowager duchess of York, by William's widow and her feoffees for £50 in March 1463.

As noted in the *ODNB*, ‘It is as the murderer of the ‘princes in the Tower’—the sons of Edward IV—that [Sir James] Tyrell is now usually remembered’.

For Sir James Tyrrell, see also the Wikipedia article at:

https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/James_Tyrrell.

-Sir William Tyrrell (died c.1471) of Beeches in Rawreth, Essex. He married firstly Anne Fitz Simon, the daughter of William Fitz Simon or FitzSimond, by whom he had his son and heir, John Tyrrell (d. 25 October 1494), and secondly Philippe Thornbury, the daughter of John Thornbury, by whom he had a son, Jasper Tyrrell (buried 1 March 1539). In his will he also mentions three unmarried daughters, Elizabeth Tyrrell, Jane Tyrrell and Anne Tyrrell. He also appears to have had a married daughter, Margaret

Tyrrell, who married Thomas Huntingdon (d.1498), who is mentioned in the will of her brother, John Tyrrell (d. 25 October 1494).

For Sir William Tyrrell, see his will, TNA PROB 11/5/167, and Benton, Philip, *The History of Rochford Hundred*, Vol. II, (Rochford: A. Harrington, 1888), pp. 653-60 at :

<https://archive.org/stream/historyrochford01bentgoog#page/n265/mode/2up>

See also King, H.W., 'Ancient Wills', *Transactions of the Essex Archaeological Society*, Vol. III, (Colchester: Essex and West Suffolk Gazette, 1865), pp. 75-94 at pp. 85-7 at:

<http://archive.org/stream/transactionsess03socigoog#page/n137/mode/2up>

MARRIAGES AND CHILDREN

According to the *ODNB*, the testator:

married twice and, if the unidentified brass in East Horndon church is his, had eight sons. His first wife was Anne, daughter of Walter Devereux, first Baron Ferrers of Chartley (c.1432–1485); his second Beatrix (d. 1513), daughter of John Cockayne of Derbyshire and widow of John Sutton of London. Thomas had entered the service of Henry VII by 1487, when he was knighted at the battle of Stoke, and was present at the battle of Blackheath, where he became a banneret. In 1509 he attended the funeral of Henry VII and was present at the coronation of his successor as master of the queen's horse, a post in which he was to be succeeded by his son and namesake. Thomas made his will on 26 August 1510 and was probably dead by the end of the year, when his name was omitted from the Essex commission of the peace. The Tyrell family's arms were: argent, two chevrons azure, a border engrailed gules crest: a peacock's tail issuing from the mouth of a boar's head, couped erect, their motto Sans crainte.

The *ODNB* entry suggests that the testator had eight sons. However the only child mentioned in his will below is Thomas Tyrrell, the son of the testator's marriage to his second wife, Beatrice Cokayne. It therefore seems likely that the brass in East Horndon church depicting eight sons is that of the testator's son, Thomas, who married Constance Blount, the daughter of John Blount (d. 12 October 1485), 3rd Baron Mountjoy, and had a large family. See the will of the testator's grandson, John Tyrrell of Heron (d.1540), TNA PROB 11/28/299.

For the will of the testatrix' second wife, Beatrice Cokayne Tyrrell, see TNA PROB 11/17/422, and King, *supra*, pp. 75-94 at p. 92.

Beatrice Cokayne's only child by her second marriage, Thomas Tyrrell, was in the service of John de Vere, 13th Earl of Oxford, as his father, Thomas Tyrrell (d.1510) had been, and was granted an annuity of £3 6s 8d in the Earl's will. See Ross, *supra*, pp. 132-

3, 183, 185, 189-90. As noted above, he married Constance Blount, the daughter of John Blount (d. 12 October 1485), 3rd Baron Mountjoy.

OTHER PERSONS MENTIONED IN THE WILL

In the will below the testator requests prayers for the souls of Sir Thomas Montgomery (d. 2 January 1495) and his second wife, Lora (born c. 1466, d. before 1501), the daughter of Sir Edward Berkeley of Beverstone, Gloucestershire, whose first husband was John Blount (d. 12 October 1485), 3rd Baron Mountjoy, by whom she had two sons, William Blount, 4th Baron Mountjoy, and Rowland Blount, and a daughter, Constance Blount. It seems likely that it was as a result of the testator's friendship with Sir Thomas Montgomery and his wife, Lora, that the testator's son and heir, Thomas Tyrrell, married Lora's daughter, Constance Blount. For Sir Thomas Montgomery see his will, dated 28 July 1489, TNA PROB 11/10/327; Richardson, Douglas, *Magna Carta Ancestry*, 2nd ed., 2011, Vol. III, pp. 261-3; and King, H.W., 'Ancient Wills', *Transactions of the Essex Archaeological Society*, Vol. III, (Colchester: Essex and West Suffolk Gazette, 1865), pp. 168-75 at:

<https://books.google.ca/books?id=ZUY-AQAAMAAJ&pg=PA167>

For Sir Thomas Montgomery, see also Barrett, *supra*, pp. 162-3 at:

<http://archive.org/stream/highwaysessex00barrich#page/n191/mode/2up>

The Sir John Fortescue (d. 9 June 1518) of Ponsbourne, Hertfordshire, mentioned in the will had married Philippe Spice, granddaughter of Sir Thomas Montgomery's sister, Alice Montgomery, by her first husband, Clement Spice (d. shortly before 13 February 1484). See Richardson, *supra*, Vol. III, p. 263.

TESTATOR'S LANDS

For the testator's manor of Hemenhales or Hemenhall, see Copinger, W.A., *The Manors of Suffolk*, Vol. 3, (Manchester: Taylor, Garnett, Evans & Co. Ltd., 1909), p. 316 at:

<http://archive.org/stream/cu31924092579568#page/n329/mode/2up>.

LM: Test{amentu}m Thome Tyrell milit{is}

In dei nomine amen. The 26th day of August in the year of Our Lord God 1510, I, Thomas Tyrrell of East Horndon in the county of Essex, knight, being of whole mind and good remembrance, at East Horndon aforesaid in the county aforesaid make my testament and last will in form following:

First, I commend my soul to Almighty God, our Blessed Lady, Saint Mary, and to all the holy company of heaven, my body to be buried in the south side of the choir of the parish church of East Horndon aforesaid, and there by the discretion of mine executors to be made a chapel with a convenient tomb over my said body to the charge and value of 100 marks to be taken of my goods for building and making of the same;

Also I will have a priest to sing for my soul, the souls of Thomas Montgomery, knight, Dame Lore [=Lora], his wife, my friends' souls and all Christian souls every Sunday and holy day in the said chapel or church where my said body shall rest during the term of 30 years next coming, and the residue of the weeks not being Sundays or holy days, the said priest to sing and pray for the souls abovesaid in places to be appointed and assigned at the pleasure and discretion of my son, Thomas Tyrrell, the said priest taking for his wages as my son and my executors can with him agree;

Also I will that an yearly obit be kept in the said parish church of East Horndon on the same day that it shall please God I shall depart out of this world, with a convenient observance for my soul, the souls of the said Sir Thomas Montgomery, knight, and Dame Lore, his wife, as long as it shall be thought reasonable by mine executors and every of them;

Also I will that Dame Beatrice, my wife, have to her during her life natural, and [sic] satisfaction of all titles and dower that she can or may pretend or claim of or in my lands or in any part of them, my manor of Hemenhales in the county aforesaid with all manner of profits and commodities belonging to the same or appertaining, and after her decease the said manor to remain to my said son and his heirs according to the old entails of the same;

Also I will that the manor of Reuenhall [=Rivenhall?] which late was and belonged to the said Sir Thomas Montgomery, knight, by good advice of mine executors be put in feoffment or recovery(?), and that yearly in perpetuity 10 marks of the profits of the same shall be paid to the parson of Faulkbourne, and £8, part of the profits of the same residue of the said manor to go yearly in perpetuity to the 6 poor men at the new abbey beside the Tower Hill in London according to the said last will of the said Sir Thomas Montgomery;

And for the advowson of the said manor of Reuenhall, forasmuch as the Abbess of Bruisyard in the county of Suffolk showeth sufficient evidences proving the said advowson to be longing to her and her successors, howbeit it hath been long out of their possession, yet I am content that they, by advice of my council and theirs, and by the council of my Lord of Oxford, be restored to the same, they making by the advice of the same council sufficient writing that they and their successors shall yearly in perpetuity keep an obit in their monastery for the souls of the said Sir Thomas Montgomery, Dame Lore, his wife, my soul and all Christian souls;

And I will that if it fortune John Fortescue and his wife to die without heirs of their bodies lawfully begotten, then the reversion of the said manors of Faulkbourne and Much

Tey in the same county of Essex, whereof the reversion is in me and mine heirs as by writing thereof may more plainly appear, shall remain to my son Thomas and his heirs forevermore;

And I will that the said Beatrice, my wife, have of my moveable goods and stuff of household to the value of 100 marks, that to be assigned and appointed to her by the discretion of mine executors;

Also I will that Thomas, my son, make a sufficient, lawful and sure estate of one annual rent of 20s yearly to Thomas Halys [=Hales?], my godson, to have and perceive the said annual rent of 20s unto the said Thomas Halys during his life natural, and if the said Thomas, my son, refuse that to do, then I will the said Thomas Halys have of my goods and chattels to the value and sum of £20;

And of this my last will and testament I make and ordain mine executors my said son, Thomas, Robert Norwich and Richard Wright, esquires, and Richard Falderinge, my ghostly father and parson of East Horndon, and to every of them I give and bequeath for their labour and pain in the same £6 13s 4d;

Also I will that of all the residue of my goods and chattels not afore bequeathed, all my debts and legacies be thereof truly paid and contented, and also my said will therewith in everything truly performed and fulfilled, and after that done, all such of my goods and chattels that then shall remain unsold or undisposed for the execution and performing of this same my said last will and testament, I will that the said Thomas, my son, have them to dispose and order at his will and pleasure.

Probatum fuit testamentum supradicti defuncti h[ab]entis dum vixit & mortis sue temp[or]e bona & debita in diuersis dioc[esibus] Cant[uariensis] prouincie Coram d[omi]no apud Lameth xvjo die mensis Octobris Anno D[omi]ni Mill[es]imo quingentesimo xijmo Iur[amento] Thome Tyrell armigeri & d[omi]ni Ric[hard]i ffalderyng Cler[ici] executorum in h[uius]modi tes[tamen]to no[m]i[n]at[orum] Ac approbatu[m] & insinuatu[m] &c Et com[miss]a fuit admi[n]istracio o[mn]i[u]m bonor[um] & debitorum d[ic]ti defuncti p[re]fatis executorib[us] De bene & fidelit[er] admi[n]istrand[o] Ac de pleno et fideli Inuen[t]ario citra festum O[mn]i[u]m s[anc]tor[um] prox[imum] futur[um] exhibend[o] necnon de plano & vero compoto reddend[o] Ad s[anc]ta dei eu[ang]elia Iurat[orum] Reseruat[ur] po[te]sta[te] similem com[missionem] faciend[i] alijs executorib[us] in h[uius]modi test[ament]o no[m]i[n]at[is] cum venerint &c

[=The testament of the abovesaid deceased, having while he lived & at the time of his death goods and debts in divers dioceses of the province of Canterbury, was proved before the Lord at Lambeth on the 16th day of the month of October in the year of the Lord the thousand five hundred 12th by the oath of Thomas Tyrrell, esquire, & Sir Richard Faldering, clerk, executors named in the same testament, and probated &

registered etc., and administration was granted of all the goods & debts of the said deceased to the foresaid executors, sworn on the Holy Gospels to well & faithfully administer and to exhibit a full and faithful inventory before the feast of All Saints next to come, and also to render a plain and true account, with power reserved for a similar grant to be made to the other executors named in the same testament when they shall have come etc.]—+