

SUMMARY: The document below is the Prerogative Court of Canterbury copy of the will, dated 5 August 1512, of Sir Thomas Knyvet (c.1485–1512), great-grandfather of Oxford's mistress, Anne Vavasour, and grandfather of Sir Thomas Knyvet (1546 – 27 July 1622), who 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 the testator's family background, see the will of the testator's eldest son, Sir Edmund Knyvet (c.1508 - 1 May 1551), TNA PROB 11/34/421, and the will of the testator's second son, Sir Henry Knyvet (d.1546?), TNA PROB 11/32/4. See also the *ODNB* entry for the testator.

RM: Testamentum domini Thome Knyvet militis

In the name of God, Amen. The year of our Lord God 1500 and 12, I, Sir Thomas Knyvet, Knight for the Body of our Sovereign Lord King Henry the 8th, being of whole mind and good memory, make and ordain this my present testament containing my last will in manner and form following:

First I bequeath my soul to Almighty God, my Maker and Redeemer, and to his Blessed Mother, Our Lady Saint Mary and to all the saints in heaven, my body to be buried in the sepultures of holy church;

Item, I bequeath my manor of Cranwise(?) with all th' appurtenances in the county of Norfolk to Muriel, Viscountess Lisle, my wife, to have to her for term of her life, and after her decease to remain to my right heirs;

Also I bequeath unto my said wife all those lands and tenements within the same manor which I late purchased of Master Thomas Cooke, clerk, to have to her and her assigns forever and to dispose the same at her liberty after her discretion;

Item, I bequeath and give unto my said wife all my goods movable and unmovable, therewith to do and dispose in deeds of charity for the wealth of my soul;

Of which my present testament I make and ordain my said wife to be my sole executrice;

in witness whereof to this my last will I have set to my seal the 5th day of August the year of Our Lord God abovesaid. These witnesseth: Oliver Poole, clerk, John Sympson, clerk, Eustace Braham, Thomas Symon, Henry Moreton and others.