

SUMMARY: The document below is the Prerogative Court of Canterbury copy of the will, dated 14 February 1513 and proved 12 July 1513, of Beatrice (nee Cokayne) Sutton Tyrrell, whose second husband and son were in the service of John de Vere (1442-1513), 13<sup>th</sup> Earl of Oxford.

### ***CONNECTIONS TO THE EARLS OF OXFORD***

The Earls of Oxford were connected to the Tyrrells through the three daughters of Sir Richard Sergeaux (d.1393) and his wife, Philippa Arundel (d.1399). Alice Sergeaux (d. 18 May 1452) married Richard Vere (d. 15 February 1416/17), 11<sup>th</sup> Earl of Oxford; Philippa Sergeaux c.1373 – 11 or 13 July 1420) married Sir Robert Pashley (d. 8 June 1453), and Elizabeth Sergeaux married Sir William Marney (d.1414).

For the connection between the Sergeaux and Tyrrell families, see Richardson, Douglas, *Magna Carta Ancestry*, 2<sup>nd</sup> ed., 2011, Vol. I, pp. 11-14 at:

<https://books.google.ca/books?id=8JcbV309c5UC&pg=PA14>

See also the Pashley pedigree after p. 12 and the Sergeaux pedigree after p. 32 in MacMichael, N.H., 'The Descent of the Manor of Evegate in Smeeth with Some Account of its Lords', *Archaeologia Cantiana*, Vol. 74, 1960, pp. 1-47 at:

<https://www.kentarchaeology.org.uk/index.php/arch-cant/vol/74/descent-manor-evegate-smeeth-some-account-its-lords>

### ***FAMILY BACKGROUND***

The testatrix was the daughter of John Cokayne of Cokayne Hatley, Bedfordshire, and Elizabeth Boyville, eldest daughter of John Boyville, esquire, and Isabel Cheney. See the 'Pedigree of Cokayne of Ickleford, County Hertford' in Cokayne, Andreas Edward, *Cockayne Memoranda: Collections Towards a Historical Record of the Family of Cockayne*, (Congleton, 1873) at:

<https://books.google.ca/books?id=cykIAAAAQAAJ&pg=PA237>

See also:

<https://www.flickr.com/photos/52219527@N00/6956774722>

### ***MARRIAGES AND ISSUE***

#### ***Testatrix' first marriage***

The testatrix married firstly John Sutton (d.1479), mercer of London, son and heir of John Sutton and his wife Isabel, by whom she had no issue. For the will of the testatrix' first husband, John Sutton, see TNA PROB 11/6/482. In his will John Sutton made the following bequests to Margaret Neville (d.1506), first wife of John de Vere, 13<sup>th</sup> Earl of Oxford, and her priest and gentlewomen:

*Item I bequeath to the Countess of Oxenford my said primer with 2 clasps, and in money £10.*

*Item, I bequeath to her priest 50s.*

*And to her two gentlewomen 100s, that is to say, to either of them 50s.*

See also Ross, James, *John de Vere, Thirteenth Earl of Oxford (1442-1513)*, (Woodbridge, Suffolk: The Boydell Press, 2011), p. 78.

### ***Testatrix' second marriage***

The testatrix married secondly, as his second wife, Sir Thomas Tyrrell (c.1453-1510?) of Heron in East Horndon, Essex, son and heir of Sir William Tyrrell (d. 14 April 1471?) and Eleanor Darcy, and grandson of Sir Thomas Tyrrell (d. 28 March 1477) and Anne Marney. Sir Thomas Tyrrell (c.1453-1510?) married firstly Anne Devereux (1438–1469), daughter of Walter Devereux (c.1432-1485), 1<sup>st</sup> Baron Ferrers of Chartley, by whom he had no issue. For the will of the testatrix' second husband, Sir Thomas Tyrrell (c.1453-1510?), see TNA PROB 11/17/263.

For the family background of the testatrix' second husband, see the Tyrrell pedigrees in Metcalfe, Walter C., ed., *The Visitations of Essex, Part I*, (London: Harleian Society, 1878), Vol. XIII, pp. 15-16 at:

<http://archive.org/stream/visitationsofess13metc#page/14/mode/2up>

and p. 113 at:

<http://archive.org/stream/visitationsofess13metc#page/112/mode/2up>

### ***Testatrix' children***

The Tyrrell pedigrees contain significant errors, particularly with respect to the testatrix' children.

The pedigree in Metcalfe, *Part I, supra*, p. 113 states that the testatrix and her second husband had six sons and three daughters. The *ODNB* entry for the Tyrrell family partly

concur, suggesting that the unidentified brass in the church at East Horndon is that of the testatrix' second husband, and crediting him with the eight sons depicted on that brass:

. . . . *if the unidentified brass in East Horndon church is his, had eight sons.*

However the evidence of the brass is inconclusive. According to 'The History of East Horndon All Saints', all that remains of the former monumental brass, which was stolen from the church in 1570, is the indents:

<http://www.all-saints-east-horndon.co.uk/History.asp>

*Adjacent to the Tyrell chapel is the south transept, the lower storey containing an altar tomb dating from c 1520, but it is not possible to determine in whose memory it was made. Until 1970, it bore a small monumental brass showing an armoured knight kneeling with his eight sons. The indent remains, together with indents of his wife and daughter(s) and an inscription plate.*

Another Tyrrell pedigree in Metcalfe, *Part I, supra*, p. 15, states that by her second husband the testatrix had one son and two daughters ('Susan, wedded to (blank) and another wedded to Browne of Fydeler' [=Fiddler's Hamlet, Essex?]).

However despite the claims in the Tyrrell pedigrees and the *ODNB*, the only child mentioned in the will below and in the will of the testatrix' second husband is their son:

\* **Sir Thomas Tyrrell** (d.1531?). As noted above, he was in the service of John de Vere, 13<sup>th</sup> Earl of Oxford, as his father, Sir Thomas Tyrrell (c.1453-1510?), 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. He married Constance Blount, the daughter of John Blount (d. 12 October 1485), 3<sup>rd</sup> Baron Mountjoy, by whom he is known to have had six sons. It therefore appears that the unidentified brass in East Horndon church is that of the testatrix' only child, Sir Thomas Tyrrell (d.1531?). For the will of John Blount, 3<sup>rd</sup> Baron Mountjoy, see TNA PROB 11/7/374. See also the Blount pedigree in Grazebrook, George and John Paul Rylands, eds., *The Visitation of Shropshire Taken in the Year 1623, Part I*, (London: Harleian Society, 1889), Vol. XXVIII, p. 57 at:

<https://archive.org/details/visitationshrop00britgoog/page/n110/mode/2up>

In his own will, TNA PROB 11/17/263, the testatrix' second husband, Sir Thomas Tyrrell (c.1453-1510?), had requested prayers for the souls of Sir Thomas Montgomery (d. 2 January 1495) and his second wife, Lora Berkeley (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), 3<sup>rd</sup> Baron Mountjoy, by whom she had two sons, William Blount, 4<sup>th</sup> Baron Mountjoy, and Rowland Blount, and a daughter, Constance Blount. As noted above, the testatrix' son, 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*, 2<sup>nd</sup> 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, C.R.B., *Essex: Highways, Byways And Waterways*, (London: Lawrence & Bullen, 1893), pp. 162-3 at:

<http://archive.org/stream/highwaysessex00barrich#page/162/mode/2up>

The testatrix' son appears to have died in 1531. See a document dated 13 October 1531, 'Articles 'motioned' by Lord Mountjoy between Dame Constance Tyrell late wife of Sir Thomas Tyrell, decd., and John Tyrell 'squyer', son of said Thomas and Constance', Essex Record Office D/DQ 14/2. The articles state that Sir Thomas Tyrrell left a will. Its whereabouts are unknown.

For discussion of the testatrix' will 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 p. 92.

LM: Test{amentum} Beatric{is} Tyrrell vidue

In the name of God, Amen. I, Beatrice Tyrrell, widow, late the wife of Thomas Tyrrell, knight, deceased, the 14 day of February the 4<sup>th</sup> year of the reign of King Henry the 8<sup>th</sup>, being of whole mind and perfect remembrance, ordain and make my will and testament in form following:

First I bequeath my soul to Almighty God and to the Blessed Lady Virgin Mary, and to all the holy company of heaven, in [sic?] body to be buried in such a place as it shall please Almighty God to dispose for me, that is to wit, if it please God to call me out of this transitory life abiding in the city of London, then I will my body to be buried within the church of Christchurch in the said city of London, or else in Bow church in the said City where John Sutton, my first husband, is buried, as it shall seem most convenient by mine executors, and of it fortune me to decease in any other place out of the said city, then I will my body to be buried in that parish church that it shall fortune me to decease, and I will that my body be honestly brought on earth according to such goods as God shall fortune me to leave at the time of my decease;

And after my body so buried, my funeral expenses paid, and all other things done touching my said burying, I will that mine executors first and principally afore all other see my debts that I owe of right to any person or persons be well and truly content and paid as far as my goods will extend unto, and also of such debts and duties as be to me due of my son, Thomas Tyrrell, and of any other;

Also I bequeath to the Prior of Christchurch aforesaid and his convent for burying, breaking of ground and necessaries thereunto belonging 40s, and to the church works of Bow church in London 20s;

The residue of all my goods unbequeathed, my debts paid, my legacies performed, I give to William Browne of the city of London, alderman, and William Weston, mercer, to dispose for my soul as they think best, whom I ordain and make my executors, taking for their labour every of them 40s, and Thomas Tyrrell, my son, to be overseer, taking for his labour my best primer, my wedding ring, a cross of gold with a piece of the Holy Cross therein, praying for the givers thereof to me, and another cross with salutation of Our Lady;

In witness whereof I, the said Beatrice, have set to my seal and subscribed my name, these being witnesses, John Skilling and John Arnold.

Probatum fuit suprascriptum testamentum coram domino apud Lambeth xij die Mensis Julij Anno domini Millesimo quingentesimo terciodecimo habentis dum vixit et mortis sue tempore bona in diversis diocesis noster Cantuariensis prouincie Iuramento Willielmij Browne Executoris in huiusmodi testamento nominatim Ac approbatum et insinuatum Et commissum fuit administratio omnium bonorum et debitorum dicti defuncti prefati Executori de bene et fideliter ad ministrandum eadem ac de pleno et fidei Inuentario &c Necnon de plano et vero compoto &c Reddendo Ad sanctam dei Evangelia Iuratim Reseruatam potestatem similem commissionem faciendi Aliter Executori cum eam venisset

[=The above-written testament was proved before the Lord at Lambeth on the 12<sup>th</sup> day of the month of July in the year of Our Lord the thousand five hundred thirteenth, having while she lived and at the time of her death goods in divers dioceses of our province of Canterbury, by the oath of William Browne, executor named in the same testament, and probated and entered, and administration was granted of all the goods and debts of the said deceased to the forenamed executor, sworn on the Holy Gospels to well and faithfully administer the same, and [+to exhibit} a full and faithful inventory etc., and also to render a plain and true account etc., with power reserved for a similar grant to be made to the other executor when he shall have come [+to be admitted?] the same.]