

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.

### ***FAMILY BACKGROUND***

The testatrix was the daughter of John Cokayne of Derbyshire.

### ***MARRIAGES AND CHILDREN***

The testatrix married firstly John Sutton (d.1478), 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.

The testatrix married secondly Sir Thomas Tyrrell (d.1510) of East Horndon, son and heir of Sir William Tyrrell (d. 14 April 1471), and grandson of Sir Thomas Tyrrell (d. 28 March 1477). For the will of the testatrix' second husband, Sir Thomas Tyrrell (d.1510), see TNA PROB 11/17/263.

The testatrix' only child by her second marriage, Thomas Tyrrell, was in the service of John de Vere, 13<sup>th</sup> 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. He married Constance Blount, the daughter of John Blount (d. 12 October 1485), 3<sup>rd</sup> Baron Mountjoy.

In his own will, TNA PROB 11/17/263, the testatrix' second husband, Thomas Tyrrell, 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. It seems

likely that it was as a result of the testatrix' husband's friendship with Sir Thomas Montgomery and his wife, Lora, that 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 Barrett, C.R.B., *Essex: Highways, Byways And Waterways*, (London: Lawrence & Bullen, 1893), pp. 162-3 at:

<http://archive.org/stream/highwaysessex00barrrich#page/162/mode/2up>

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 sancta dei Evangelia Iuratim Resuata potestate 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.]