

SUMMARY: The document below is the Prerogative Court of Canterbury copy of the last will and testament, dated 20 July 1519 and proved 3 June 1520, of Sir Edmund Denny, Chief Baron of the Exchequer, whose daughter married Sir John Gates (1504–1553), named as an executor in the 1552 will of the 16th Earl of Oxford.

FAMILY BACKGROUND

For the Denny pedigree, see Rye, Walter, ed., *The Visitacion of Norffolk*, (London: Harleian Society, 1891), Vol. XXXII, pp. 101-3 at:

<https://archive.org/stream/visitacionievisi32ryew#page/100/mode/2up>

See also the Denny pedigree in Nichols, John Gough, ed., *The Topographer and Genealogist*, (London: John Bowyer Nichols and Sons, 1858), Vol. III, p. 210 at:

<https://books.google.ca/books?id=Nh0IAAAAQAAJ&pg=PA210>

See also the Denny pedigree in Steinman, G. Steinman, *Some Account of the Manor of Apuldrefield in the Parish of Cudham, Kent*, (London: J.B. Nichols and Son, 1851), p. 54 at:

<https://archive.org/details/someaccountofman00steirich/page/54/mode/2up>

Testator's parents

The testator was the son of William Denny, esquire, of Cheshunt and Agnes Troutbeck.

Testator's siblings

According to the pedigree in Rye, *supra*, p. 101, the testator had a sister:

-Joan Denny (d. 13 June 1516).

MARRIAGES AND ISSUE

In the will below the testator requests prayers for the souls of ‘Margaret, Mary and Jane, my late wives, deceased’.

Testator's first marriage

The testator married firstly Margaret Leigh (d. 10 September 1487), the daughter of Ralph Leigh, esquire, Serjeant of the Acatry and Customer of London, and Elizabeth Langley (living 1471), the daughter of Henry Langley, esquire, of Rickling, Essex. See Richardson, Douglas, *Plantagenet Ancestry*, 2nd ed., 2011, Vol. III, pp. 277-9, and Richardson, Douglas, *Magna Carta Ancestry*, 2nd ed., 2011, Vol. IV, pp. 107-9 at:

<https://books.google.ca/books?id=8JcbV309c5UC&pg=RA3-PA108>

See also the pedigree of Leigh of Stockwell in Allen, Thomas, *The History and Antiquities of the Parish of Lambeth*, (London: J. Allen, 1826), p. 276 at:

<https://books.google.ca/books?id=xvQgAAAAMAAJ&pg=PA276>

For the Langley family, see:

'Lolworth: Manor', in *A History of the County of Cambridge and the Isle of Ely: Volume 9, Chesterton, Northstowe, and Papworth Hundreds*, ed. A P M Wright and C P Lewis (London, 1989), pp. 157-159. *British History Online* <http://www.british-history.ac.uk/vch/cambs/vol9/pp157-159> [accessed 17 October 2020].

The testator's first wife, Margaret Leigh, was the sister of Ralph Leigh (d. 6 November 1509), who married Joyce Culpeper (born c.1480), the daughter of Richard Culpeper (c.1430 - 4 October 1484), esquire, of Oxon Hoath in West Peckham, Kent, by his second wife, Isabel Worsley (c.1460 - 18 April 1527). For his will, proved 1 February 1510, see TNA PROB 11/16/46. After the death of Ralph Leigh, Joyce Culpeper married secondly Lord Edmund Howard, by whom she was the mother of Queen Katherine Howard; Oxford's friend, Sir George Howard; and Margaret Howard, the mother of Oxford's one-time friend and later bitter enemy, Charles Arundel (d.1587).

By Margaret Leigh, the testator is said to have had a son and a daughter:

* **John Denny**, who 'died with his mother'.

* **Margaret Denny** (born 1487), who died without issue. See the Denny pedigree, *supra*.

Testator's second marriage

The testator married secondly, Mary Troutbeck (d. 29 June 1507), the daughter and heir of Robert Troutbeck, esquire, of Bridge Trafford, Plemonstall, Cheshire, by whom he had two sons and four daughters:

* **Thomas Denny** (21 May 1494 - 1527), esquire, eldest son and heir, for whose will see TNA PROB 11/23/1. According to the Denny pedigree, *supra*, he married Elizabeth Monoux, daughter of Sir George Monoux (d. February 1544), Lord Mayor of London. In his will Thomas Denny mentions his son, John Denny, his daughters, Elizabeth Denny,

Ursula Denny, and Gertrude Denny, and 'the child that my wife goeth withal'. For Sir George Monoux, see the History of Parliament entry at:

<http://www.histparl.ac.uk/volume/1509-1558/member/monoux-george-1465-1544>

After the death of Thomas Denny, Elizabeth Monoux married secondly Robert Dacre (d. 20 November 1543), Privy Councillor and Master of Requests to Henry VIII. For Robert Dacre, see the will of Anne (nee Dacre) Pakington, TNA PROB 11/47/103, and the Dacre pedigree in Chauncy, Henry, *The Historical Antiquities of Hertfordshire*, Vol. I, (London: B.J. Holdsworth, reprinted 1826), p. 586 at:

<https://books.google.ca/books?id=AhUHAAAAQAAJ&pg=PA586>

* **Sir Anthony Denny** (16 January 1501 – 10 September 1549), for whom see the *ODNB* entry:

Denny, Sir Anthony (1501–1549), courtier, was born on 16 January 1501 at Cheshunt, the second son of Sir Edmund Denny (d. 1520), a Hertfordshire landowner who became a baron of the exchequer in the early years of Henry VIII, and his second wife, Mary (d. 1507), daughter of Robert Troutbeck of Bridge Trafford, Cheshire. . . .

In his religious stance Denny undoubtedly had the support of his wife. Joan Denny Lady Denny (d. 1553), was the daughter of Sir Philip Champernon of Modbury, Devon, and his wife, Katherine Carew. She married Anthony Denny on 9 February 1538, and with him had five sons, including Sir Edward Denny (1547–1600), and four daughters. She herself had a position in the households of queens Anne of Cleves and Katherine Parr, while her sister-in-law Lady Berkeley was governess to Princess Elizabeth.

* **Elizabeth Denny** (d.1516 or 1517), who married John Danyell (d. 5 September 1556), esquire, of Herberts in Messing, Essex, brother of Thomas Danyell (b. after 1488, d.1566), and son of Edmund Danyell (d.1498?), esquire, of Stoke by Nayland, Suffolk, and Grace Baynard, daughter and heir of Richard Baynard of Messing. For Edmund Danyell, see his will, dated 20 September 1497 and proved 19 December 1498, TNA PROB 11/11/526. For Grace (nee Baynard) Danyell, see her will, dated 6 December 1508 and proved 16 March 1509, TNA PROB 11/16/317. In the will she mentions her sons, John Danyell, Thomas Danyell, George Danyell, Edward Danyell, and Edmund Danyell, deceased, and her daughters, Jane Danyell, Katherine Danyell and Elizabeth Danyell. See also the *ODNB* entry for Thomas Danyell:

Danyell, Thomas (b. after 1488, d. 1566), administrator, probably was born in Suffolk shortly after 1488, the third of five sons of Edmund Danyell, esquire, of Stoke by Nayland, Suffolk (d. 1497×1504), and his wife, Grace (d. 1509), daughter and heir of Sir Richard Baynard of Messing, Essex. In the will of his mother, dated 6 December 1508, Danyell and his younger brothers were each assigned the annual sum of £5 until they attained the age of twenty on condition that they continue their 'learning'. No information on Danyell's education survives, and his early life is obscure before he entered the

service of Thomas Howard (1443–1524), earl of Surrey, duke of Norfolk, and lord treasurer of England. Danyell's paternal grandparents were Sir Thomas Danyell of Rathwire, Ireland, constable of Dublin Castle, and Margaret, sister to John Howard, first duke of Norfolk (d. 1485). In 1494 his father was named executor for the duke's widow.

As clients of the Howards, the Danyell family rose within East Anglia and at court. On 16 July 1517 Thomas Danyell was admitted for life by Norfolk to the recently vacated position of writer of the tallies in the receipt of the exchequer. There he joined his cousin Henry Everard, esquire, of Deverston, Suffolk, secretary to the lord treasurer in 1514 and subsequently a teller of the exchequer (1514–40), and other members of the Howard entourage. Danyell's eldest surviving brother, John, esquire, of Messing, had already married a daughter of Edmund Denny (d. 1519/20), lord treasurer's remembrancer and baron of the exchequer. Another cousin, John Danyell, gentleman, of Felsted, Essex (d. 1518), was in the service of John de Vere, earl of Oxford. Thomas Danyell continued to be active in the private affairs of the Howard family until at least 1540.

It appears Edmund and Grace Danyell mentioned in the will below were the children of the testator's daughter, Elizabeth Denny, and her husband, John Danyell.

For John Danyell (d.1519) of Felsted, servant to the 13th Earl of Oxford, cousin of the testator's son-in-law, John Danyell (d. 5 September 1556), see his will, TNA PROB 11/19/189; and Ross, James, *John de Vere, Thirteenth Earl of Oxford 1442-1513*, (Woodbridge, Suffolk: The Boydell Press, 2011), p. 231.

* **Martha Denny** (c.1500-1572), mentioned in the will below. She married Sir Wymond Carew (1498 – 22 August 1549), by whom she was the mother of Sir Matthew Carew (1531-1618). See the *ODNB* entries for Sir Wymond Carew, Martha (nee Denny) Carew, and Sir Matthew Carew.

* **Joyce Denny** (buried 6 April 1559?), referred to as unmarried in the will below. She married firstly William Walsingham (d.1534), by whom she was the mother of Sir Francis Walsingham (1532-1590) and of Mary Walsingham (1527/8–1577), the wife of Sir Walter Mildmay (1520/1-1589). See the *ODNB* entries for Sir Francis Walsingham and Sir Walter Mildmay. After the death of William Walsingham, Joyce Denny married secondly Sir John Cary (d. 9 September 1552) of Thremhall Priory, Stansted Mountfitchet, Essex. See the Cary pedigree in Nichols, John Gough, ed., *The Herald and Genealogist*, Vol. III, (London: J.G. Nichols and R.C. Nichols, 1866), p. 39 at:

<https://books.google.ca/books?id=HzA9AQAIAAJ&pg=PA39>

* **Mary Denny** (20 September 1497 - 1583?), referred to as unmarried in the will below. She married Sir John Gates (1504 – 22 August 1553) of Garnets, High Easter, Essex, named as an executor in the 1552 will of the 16th Earl of Oxford. See the *ODNB* entry for Sir John Gates. For the will of Mary (nee Denny) Gates, see TNA PROB 11/65/327.

Testator's third marriage

The testator married thirdly Joan, the widow of Roger Grove (d.1508). See TNA C 131/94/5:

The executors of Roger Grove are: Edmund Denny and Joan, his wife, formerly the wife of Roger Grove.

See also the will of Roger Grove, TNA PROB 11/16/251, and Centre for Buckinghamshire Studies D-RA/1/135, an indenture of bargain and sale dated 26 April 1517 between Robert Tyrrell, esquire, and Joyce, his wife, one of the daughters of Roger Grove, late citizen and alderman of London, and Jane, his wife, and William Gardiner, citizen and grocer of London, concerning the right of reversion of the manor of Grove Place in Chalfont St Giles held for life by Edmund Denny, esquire, Baron of the Exchequer, at:

http://discovery.nationalarchives.gov.uk/results/r?_ep=D-RA%2F1%2F135&_dss=range&_ro=any&_st=adv

For Robert Tyrrell (d. 16 October 1555) see the will of his father, Sir Robert Tyrrell (d.1508), TNA PROB 11/15/683.

For William Gardiner (d.1541), esquire, see his will, TNA PROB 11/29/83. See also the will, TNA PROB 11/55/374, of James Bacon (d.1573), who married, as his first wife, Mary Gardiner, the daughter of William Gardiner.

In the name of Almighty God, the Father, the Son and the Holy Ghost, and by his only godly grace, Amen. The 20th day of July the year of Our Lord God 1500 and 19, the 11th year of the reign of King Henry the 8th, I, Edmund Denny, one of the Barons of the King's Exchequer, being whole of mind and in good memory, laud and praising be unto Almighty God, make, ordain and dispose this my present testament containing therein my last will as to the disposition of my goods movable in manner and form following, that is to wit:

First I bequeath my soul unto Almighty God, my Maker and Redeemer, and my body to be buried in the church of Saint Benet's besides Paul's Wharf in London where I am now a parishes in the place where the body of Mary, my late wife, lieth buried;

Item, I will that all my debts which in any wise I shall owe of right or of conscience at my decease to any manner of person or persons shall well and truly be contented and paid in as goodly haste after my decease as can be for the discharge of my soul;

Item, I bequeath to the high altar of the said church of Saint Benet's for my tithes forgotten or negligently withholden in discharge of my soul and conscience 20s;

Item, I bequeath to the high altar of the church of the Holy Trinity in Knightrider Street for like manner, 5s;

Item, in like wise I bequeath to the high altar of the church of Cheshunt 12d, and to the high altar of the church of Codeham [=Cudham?] 12d;

Item, I will that mine executors do provide to be made one new cope of white silk to be of the value of £4 at the least, and tway white vestments of damask embroidered with angels with their apparel according, either of them to be of the value of 40s at the least, and over them, two other vestments of good white camlet or satin of Bruges broidered with white erys, either of them to the value of 20s at the least, and mine arms to be broidered on every of them, and the said cope to be delivered to the parish church of Saint Andrew Under the Shaft, and that one of the best vestments be delivered to Saint Benet's church aforesaid and the other to Cheshunt church, and the one of the worse vestments to be delivered to Codeham [=Cudham?] church, and the other of that sort to be delivered to Halstowe Church in Kent;

Item, I will that in all haste convenient after my decease 28 trentals of Masses be caused to be said for my soul, and also for the souls of Margaret, Mary and Jane, my late wives, deceased, and of William and Agnes, my father and mother, by such virtuous priests and in those places where the indulgence of remission of souls by bulls of the Holy Father's the Pope's, as is at Scala Celi, be granted, paying for every of the said 28 trentals 20s;

Item, I bequeath to the house of Friars Austins in London for a t[r]ental for my soul to be said by the friars in the said house at the altar of Scala Celi there 13s 4d;

Item, in like wise I bequeath to the house of the Crutched Friars in London for a like trental by the friars there for me and my benefactors to be said 13s 4d;

Item, I will that every poor prisoner being in the King's Bench, in the Marshalsea, Newgate and in the Fleet at the time of my decease have a penny in alms, and the distract men and women in Bethlehem have in meat and drink delivered to each of them to the value of a penny apiece;

And I will that every poor dweller keeping an house or a chamber in the foresaid parishes of Saint [f. 235v] Benet's and the Holy Trinity have of my alms 4d;

Item, I bequeath to my two daughters, Joyce and Mary, in name of their full and whole portion and part of all my goods movable to them after the use and custom of the city of London belonging 400 marks sterlings apiece, so that they be ordered by mine executors;

And if either of them die, as God forbid, within the age of 24, then the other surviving not preferred to have 300 marks parcel of the said 400 marks, and the 4th 100 marks to be for the performance of the will of her that shall fortune to decease;

And if it fortune either of them to decease, the other being married or otherwise preferred, then the 300 marks to remain to mine executors such as at that time shall be living of them to purchase land to the use of the said Anthony Denny and to the heirs of his body begotten, and for lack of such issue the remain[d]er thereof to Thomas Denny, my eldest son, and to the heirs of his body begotten, and for lack of such issue the remainder thereof to the right heirs of me, the said Edmund;

And if it fortune both my daughters to decease within the said years not preferred, living the said Anthony, then either of them to have 100 marks to the performance of their wills, and the other 300 marks parcel of the premises to remain to the said Anthony to the use and intent aforesaid, and thother 300 marks, residue of the premises, to be distributed in alms to poor beadsmen and maidens' marriages and to the repairing of highways by the discretion of mine executors;

And if it fortune also the said Anthony at the time of their decease to be dead, then the said 300 marks to be divided between Edmund and Grace Danyell;

Item, I bequeath to Anthony Denny, my second son, £800 sterlings for land to be purchased therewith by mine executors within 4 years after my decease to the use of the said Anthony and to the heirs of his body lawfully begotten, and for lack of such issue the remainder thereof to the heirs of my body begotten, and for lack of such issue the remainder thereof to the right heirs of me, the said Edmund, forever;

Item, I bequeath to Joyce Denny a standing cup covered embossed and parcel gilt poz (blank) ounces, and two beds complete, that is to wit, the best and the third, and pewter and brass after the discretion of mine executors;

Also I bequeath to Mary Denny a plain standing cup covered and gilt poz (blank) ounces, and in like wise to the said Mary the second bed and the 4th, and pewter and brass after the discretions of mine executors;

Item, I bequeath to Thomas Denny, mine eldest son, my best basin and ewer of silver, and 100 marks, if it may be levied not minishing of any part of this my will, in full recompense of his portion, and my standing gilt cup covered and with mine arms in the bossell thereof, and also all my household stuff and goods movable being in Cheshunt and Apultrefelde [=Apuldrefield] or any of them;

Item, I bequeath to Anthony Denny a standing cup covered and gilt poyzant 28 ounces and 3 quarters, and also to the said Anthony two beds complete and other stuff likewise;

Item, I bequeath to Martha, my daughter, a cup with a cover gilt poyzant (blank);

Also to the said Martha a convenient bed complete;

Item, I bequeath to Edmund Danyell, my daughter's son, a little silver pot with a lid thereto annexed poyzant 12 ounces and a quarter;

Item, I will that mine executors shall do my funerals discreetly, eschewing worldly pomp, and I will that all such torches as shall be provided for my burying be bought outright, and afterwards be given in alms to the most poor places and churches as by mine executors shall be thought most meritorious for my soul;

And namely I bequeath to the Observants of Richmond and Greenwich and to either of them two torches, and to such churches and parishes where I have dwelled or have lands;

Item, I bequeath to either of the said houses of Friars Observants of Richmond and of Greenwich to pray for my soul 10s, to be delivered to what purpose they will assign it;

Item, I bequeath to the Prior and Convent of Saint May Spital to pray for my soul 13s 4d;

Item, I bequeath to Henry Whyinburgh, my clerk, 20s;

Item, I bequeath to John Hobled and his wife as much of the same household stuff as shall be praised at 40s;

Item, I bequeath to every other of my servants [f. 236r] at the day of my death besides their wages as much of my said household stuff as shall be valued at 13s 4d;

Item, I bequeath to John Ewen as much of the same goods as shall be valued at 6s 8d;

Item, I will that an honest and a virtuous priest shall sing for me, and that the said priest shall pray for my soul and the souls afore-named and for the souls of them for whom I am bound to pray for in the foresaid church of Saint Benet at the altar in the new building the term of 10 years, and I will that the said priest shall be attendant and sing and be helping in the choir on the Sundays and other holy-days at the time of divine service there to be sung and done, and that two days in every week I will that the said priest shall say Mass at the Crutched Friars or at the Austin Friars at the altars thereto assigned, and that the said priest shall have for his yearly wages and salary 10 marks sterling by year, and every year a gown of the price 13s 4d, or 13s 4d in money for the same gown cloth;

Also I will that mine executors shall keep for me an obit yearly by the space and term of 10 years to the sum of 20s a year to be expended thereon(?);

Item, I bequeath to Wymond Carew and Martha, his wife, 200 marks to be paid to them after the said Wymond hath made the said Martha a jointure of lands for term of her life to the yearly value of £20 over and beside the £20 yearly, the which shall be made sure according to th' indentures of marriage made between Sir Thomas Denys, knight, on the one party, and John Smyth, Thomas Denny and John Danyell bearing date the first day [-the first day] of July the 11th year [=1 July 1519] of King Henry the 8th, as by those indentures more plainly doth appear, or in as convenient time as it may be levied on the last payments according to the covenants made between the said John Smyth and Thomas

Denny on thone party and the said John Danyell on thother party, as by indentures between them made more plainly doth appear;

And if the said Martha decease before th' assurance of the said sum of £40 to be to her made, then the said 200 marks to be disposed by mine executors according as my will is to the disposition of the residue of my goods not disposed;

And if the said Wymond decease, living the said Martha and before the said sum of £40 to be to her assured according to the premises, then the said sum of 200 marks to be delivered to the said Martha;

Also I will that mine executors with part of my goods and chattels within a convenient time after my decease repair and make new tenant-like my meses, lands and tenements in Bredestrete [=Broad Street] in London which be now fallen down and in ruin and decay;

Item, I will that mine executors shall give to two scholars studying in divinity in Oxford or Cambridge, giving them yearly toward their exhibition either of them by the space of 10 years 5 marks;

And also toward the making and repairing of highways, 100 marks;

The residue of all and singular my goods movable and my debts after my decease paid, my funeral charges done, and these my legacies and bequests expressed in this my present [+testament] fulfilled and performed, I will that mine executors shall dispose them in works of mercy and pity according unto their discretions;

And of this my present testament and last will I make and ordain Thomas Denny, mine eldest son, John Smyth, the Treasurer's Remembrancer, and John Danyell of Messing, my son-in-law, mine executors, and I bequeath to every of the same mine executors for their labours and diligences in that behalf to be had and done 10 marks sterlings apiece;

In witness whereof to this my present testament and last will I have set to my seal of mine arms the day and year [+above-written];

Item, I will that Thomas Denny shall deliver unto John Smyth an inventory of all my jewels and plate, and that he shall also deliver all my ready money & the said jewels and plate into my chest of iron having 3 or 4 locks standing in my great chamber, and every of mine executors to have a key to th' intent that after my decease my said executors shall not vary nor strive fo[r] the poss{ession} of my goods, but there to be kept indifferently for the performance of my said will.

This is the last will of me, Edmund Denny, one of the Barons of the King's Exchequer, made the 20th day of July in the 11th year [=20 July 1519] of the reign of King Henry the 8th of all my manors, lands, tenements, rents, reversions, services and all other

hereditaments which I have or any other [f. 236v] person or persons to mine use in the counties of Kent, Cambridge, Essex and Hertford and in every of them:

First I will that immediately after my death that mine executors which will take upon them the administration of my testament shall take th' issues and profits of a mese and all my lands and tenements in the said county of Kent which were Dalymes lands which William Charles now holdeth of me to farm, paying therefore £3 6s 8d;

And also a croft of land called Bradlynges Halke now in the occupation and farm of William Wilkyn being in the parish of Halstowe in the county of Kent, paying for the farm thereof 10s;

And also 6 acres of marsh meadow lying together in a croft in the new marsh called Thistell croft in East Greenwich in the said county of Kent which I purchased of Richard Vngeley of Greenwich, paying for the farm thereof 10s during the time of 4 years next following my death to and for the exhibition and finding of Anthony, my second son, and the issue and profits of the premises over and beyond his finding shall be by the said takers and receivers thereof delivered to my said son, Anthony, at the end of the said 4 years to his own use;

And after the said 4 years I will that my feoffees shall stand and be seised of the said mese, lands and tenements in the said county of Kent to the use of the said Anthony and to the heirs of his body lawfully begotten, and for lack of such issue the remainder thereof shall be to me, the said Edmund Denny, and to the heirs of my body lawfully begotten, and for lack of such issue the remainder thereof to my right heirs;

Also where I have willed to the said Anthony a certain sum of money, as in my last will of my goods it doth appear, to th' intent that with the said sum there should be purchased as much lands and tenements to the other lands afore to him demised, which lands so to be purchased with the other land above rehearsed shall be to the yearly value of 20 marks above all charges, and the said lands so to be purchased shall be to the use of the said Anthony and to the heirs of his body lawfully begotten, and for lack of such issue the remainder thereof to me, the said Edmund Denny, and to the heirs of my body begotten, and for lack of such issue the remainder thereof to my right heirs forever;

And I will that immediately after the said lands so be purchased, that mine executors receive the profits thereof as long as I have declared mine executors to take the profits of the said lands and tenements in the said county of Kent, which issues and profits so to be received shall be to like use and profit of the said Anthony Denny as is above declared of the issues and profits of the said lands and tenements in the county of Kent;

Also I will that mine executors shall take of the issues and profits of the residue of my manor, lands and tenements in the said counties of Kent, Cambridge, Essex and Hertford £5 yearly during the time of 4 years next following my death to the use and profit of the said Anthony, my son, to and for his finding till such time as lands and tenements as is abovesaid be purchased, so that they be purchased within the said 4 years next following

my death, provided always that if the said lands and tenements so to be purchased and bought within the said 4 years, that then from such purchase forward the said £5 which is to be taken of the issues and profits of the residue of the said lands and tenements to cease and no lenger to be taken to the use of the said Anthony;

I will further that mine executors shall immediately after my decease during the space of 4 years take and receive the issues and profits of the residue of all my manors, freehold and copyhold lands and tenements within the said counties of Kent, Cambridge, Essex and Hertford and not assigned nor appointed to the said Anthony, and also of the said £5 immediately after other lands and tenements purchased, all which issues and profits shall be to and for the exhibition and finding of Joyce and Mary, my daughters, as long as it will last;

Provided alway that my will and mind is that immediately after that my daughter, Joyce, be married, professed into religion, or die, that from any such time or chance forward no lenger exhibition nor finding be given to the said Joyce of the said issues and profits, but the moiety thereof remaining received or to be received during the said 4 years shall be to the use and profit of Thomas Denny, my son and heir apparent;

Provided also and my mind and will is that immediately after my daughter, Mary, be married, professed into religion, or die, that then from any such time or chance forward no lenger exhibition nor finding be given to the said Mary [f. 237r] of the said issues and profits, but the other moiety thereof remaining received or to be received during the said 4 years shall be to the use and profit of the said Thomas Denny, my son;

Provided further and my will and mind is that there be by mine executors made sufficient and necessary reparations of all the premises in all the said counties during the said 4 years, and that the reparations to be borne of [-of] the issues and profits coming and growing of the said manors, lands and tenements;

Provided also a rent-gatherer and an overseer for the said reparations to be assigned and appointed by mine executors, and he to have his wages of the said issues and profits as by mine executors shall be assigned;

I will further that immediately after the said 4 years passed, that the residue of all my said manors, freehold and copyhold lands and tenements in the said counties except such as be assigned to the said Anthony shall be to the said Thomas Denny and to the heirs of his body lawfully begotten, and for lack of such issue the remainder thereof to me, the said Edmund, and to the heirs of my body lawfully begotten, and for lack of such issue the remainder thereof to my right heirs;

Provided alway and my mind and will is that for marriage to be had for my said son, Thomas, that as much lands as I have to him appointed, as much thereof as he will shall be to such a wife or wives as he shall fortune to marry and take to wife or wives for term of her lives, taking no profits thereof before the end of the said 4 years if my said daughters be not provided for as is abovesaid, and if they be provided for according as it

is abovesaid, that then from such time forward the issues and profits remaining received or to be received shall be to the only use and profit of Thomas Denny, my son and heir apparent;

Also in like manner I will that my son, Anthony, shall have like liberty of such lands as I have above assigned him to make his wife or wives which he shall fortune to marry a jointure for term of their lives, taking no profits within the said 4 years;

Also I will that when it shall fortune such persons as now be seised of my said manors, lands and tenements and other the premises to die to the number of two surviving their fellows, that they two shall enfeoff certain persons by my said son, Thomas Denny, or his heirs to be named of such my manors, lands and tenements as they shall fortune to be seised of, to have to them and to their heirs to the uses and intents abovesaid;

Also I will that my feoffees of and in my manor of Cheshunt in the county of Hertford and Essex or either of them immediately after my decease grant unto my servant, John Sadeller [=Sadler], an annual rent of 40s payable at the feasts of Saint Michael th' Archangel and Easter by even portions for term of his life with clause of distress in the same manor;

Also I revoke and annul all other legacies and wills concerning the said manors, lands and tenements and other the premises or any parcel thereof by me before this time made except such as above be declared.

Probatum fuit suprascriptum testamentum vna cum vltima voluntate eiusdem coram D{omi}no apud Lamhith tercio die mensis Iunij Anno d{omi}ni Mill{es}imo quingentesimo vicesimo Ac approbatum et insinuatum Et com{m}issa fuit administracio om{n}i{um} et sing{u}lorum bonorum et debitor{um} d{ic}t{i} defuncti Thome Denny Ioh{ann}i Smyth et Ioh{ann}i Danyell execut{oribus} in h{uius}mo{d}i test{ament}o no{m}i{n}at{is} de bene et fidelite{r} admi{n}strand{o} ead{em} Ac de pleno et fideli Inventario om{n}i{um} et sing{u}lor{um} bonor{um} et debitor{um} h{uius}mo{d}i conficiend{o} Et citra f{estum} q{uo}d dicit{ur} Aduinc{u}la Petri prox{imum} futur{um} exhibend{o} Necnon de pleno et vero compoto calculo siue racionio in ea p{ar}te reddend{o} Ad s{an}c{t}a dei Eu{a}ngelia Iurat{is}

[=The above-written testament together with the last will of the same was proved before the Lord at Lambeth on the third day of the month of June in the year of the Lord the thousand five hundred twentieth, and probated and entered, and administration was granted of all and singular the goods and debts of the said deceased to Thomas Denny, John Smyth and John Danyell, executors named in the same testament, sworn on the Holy Gospels to well and faithfully administer the same, and to prepare a full and faithful inventory of all and singular the goods and debts of the same, and to exhibit [+it] before the feast called Peter ad Vincula next to come, and also to render a full and true account, calculation and reckoning in that regard.]