

SUMMARY: The document below is the Prerogative Court of Canterbury copy of the will, dated 4 October 1518 and proved 10 June 1519, of Thomas Trentham, the great-grandfather of Oxford's second wife, Elizabeth Trentham (d.1612).

FAMILY BACKGROUND

The testator was the son of Thomas Trentham of Shrewsbury by Catherine Marshall, the daughter of John Marshall of Hurst, near Clun. See Richardson, Douglas, *Plantagenet Ancestry*, 2nd ed., 2011, Vol. III, p. 352; and the History of Parliament entry at:

<http://www.historyofparliamentonline.org/volume/1509-1558/member/trentham-thomas-1487-1519>.

The testator mentions only one sibling in the will below, a brother, Roger Trentham:

Item, I will that my brother, Roger, have my bows & shafts that is in James Stirley's [=James Strelley?] chamber.

MARRIAGE AND CHILDREN

The testator married Elizabeth Corbet, the daughter of Sir Richard Corbet (1451 - 6 December 1493) and Elizabeth Devereux (d.1516), the daughter of Walter Devereux (c.1432-1485), 1st Baron Ferrers of Chartley, slain at the Battle of Bosworth on 22 August 1485, and his wife, Anne Ferrers (1438-1469), the daughter and heir of Sir William Ferrers of Chartley, Staffordshire.

After the death of Sir Richard Corbet (1451 - 6 December 1493) Elizabeth Devereux (d.1516) married secondly, before 1495, Sir Thomas Leighton (1443-1519) of Wattlesborough, Shropshire, knight of the body to King Henry VII, whose first wife was Anne Baker, the daughter of Roger Baker of Shrewsbury. Elizabeth Devereux was interred in Burford church in Shropshire with this inscription:

Here lythe Elyzabethe Devroke, dowg'tur unto Sr Wa'ter
Devroke off Webbeley Knygth off ye most noble order off ye Garter
& Lorde Ferrers off Charteley, wch Elyzabethe was wyff unto Sr Rychard
Corbet off Morton Tyrytte [sic] Knygth, & affter maryed unto Sr Thomas
Lyghton Knygth off Stretton in le Dale, wch Elyzabethe dep'ted owte
off thys transitorie worlde ye yere off owre Lorde God mcccc & xvj
whose sowle Ihu have.

See the entry for Walter Devereux (c.1432-1485), 1st Baron Ferrers of Chartley in the *ODNB*; Richardson, Douglas, *Plantagenet Ancestry*, 2nd ed., 2011, Vol. II, pp. 45-6, 416,

463-4, and Vol. III, pp. 352-4; and Botfield, Beriah, *Stemmata Botevilliana* (Westminster: Nichols, 1858), p. 169, at:

http://www.archive.org/stream/stemmatabotevill00botfuoft/stemmatabotevill00botfuoft_djvu.txt.

By Elizabeth Corbet, the testator had two sons and five daughters:

* Richard Trentham (d.1547), eldest son and heir, for whom see his will, TNA PROB 11/31/419.

* Robert Trentham, gentleman usher to Henry VIII and Edward VI ('unus hostiarium gen{erosorum} regis H. 8 et E. 6', i.e., 'one of the gentlemen ushers of King Henry VIII and Edward VI'. See College of Arms MS Glover 1, f. 190, *supra*. He may have been the Robert Trentham who sued Geoffrey Newton for debt in 1551/2 (see TNA REQ 2/14/40). On 23 January 1553, Edward VI demised to Robert Trentham the 'site of the late Abbey of Strata Marcella' for 21 years after the expiration of an earlier lease grant to Edward Grey, Lord Powys, husband of Anne Brandon (b. 1507-8, d.1557), daughter of Charles Brandon (c.1484-1545), Duke of Suffolk, by his first wife, Anne Browne. See the will of Edward Grey, Lord Powys, TNA PROB 11/34/203, proved 10 July 1551; the will of Anne Brandon, Lady Powys, TNA PROB 11/40/117, proved 19 February 1558; and *Collections Historical & Archaeological Relating to Montgomeryshire*, Vol. I, (London: J. Russell Smith, 1868), p. 347 at:

<https://archive.org/stream/collectionshisto01powy#page/346/mode/2up>.

* Katherine Trentham, who married firstly, as his second wife, Thomas Hakluyt (d.1544), esquire, of Eyton (in Leominster), Herefordshire; Clerk of the Council in the Marches of Wales, by whom she had four sons and three daughters. For the will of Thomas Hakluyt, see TNA PROB 11/30/104. She married secondly, before 1545, Edmund Foxe (d.1550) of Ludlow, by whom she had one son and one daughter. See his will, TNA PROB 11/33/434, and the History of Parliament entry at:

<http://www.historyofparliamentonline.org/volume/1509-1558/member/foxe-edmund-1515-50>.

She married thirdly, before 1553, Nicholas Depden (c.1520-1588) of Ludford, Shropshire and Aston (in Kingsland), Herefordshire, by whom she had no issue. In his will (see NLW Hereford Consistory Court wills, box 4 De-Di) he names his 'good friend, Robert Townshend' as executor and residuary legatee, and his 'special friend, Henry Townshend' overseer. See Richardson, *supra*, Vol. III, pp. 352-4, and the History of Parliament entry at:

<http://www.historyofparliamentonline.org/volume/1509-1558/member/depden-%28debden%29-nicholas-1520-88>.

Henry Townshend (d. 8 December 1621) was the son-in-law of Sir Rowland Hayward (d. 5 December 1593), from whose executors Oxford's second wife, Elizabeth Trentham, purchased King's Place in Hackney. See the will of Henry Townshend, TNA PROB 11/138/558, and the History of Parliament entry at:

<http://www.historyofparliamentonline.org/volume/1558-1603/member/townshend-henry-1537-1621>.

* Anne Trentham, who married Ralph Leighton of Coates, Shropshire, the son of John Leighton of Coates (a first cousin of Sir Thomas Leighton (1443-1519) mentioned above) by Jane Salter, the daughter of John Salter of Wrockwardine, Shropshire. See the will of John Salter, TNA PROB 11/24/75, and the Leighton pedigree in Grazebrook, George and John Paul Rylands, *The Visitation of Shropshire, 1623, Part II*, Vol. XXIX, (London: Harleian Society, 1889), pp. 323-4 at:

<http://archive.org/stream/visitationshrop01britgoog#page/n47/mode/2up>.

See also Verity, Brad, 'The Cressetts of Upton Cressett, Part 6', at:

<http://archiver.rootsweb.ancestry.com/th/read/GEN-MEDIEVAL/2013-01/1358484158>.

See also Lloyd, W.V., *The Sheriffs of Montgomeryshire*, (London: T. Richards, 1876), p. 244 at:

https://books.google.ca/books?id=e3kHAAAQAAJ&pg=PA244&lpg=PA244&dq=%22Sir+Thomas+Leighton%22+%22Anne+Baker%22&source=bl&ots=Kk7EoiQAvr&sig=Qt0iwVTU3vWdrFWacrd9fVDSyoM&hl=en&sa=X&ved=0ahUKEwi3iKapi_UAhVI8GMKHaiHA0MQ6AEIjAA#v=onepage&q=%22Sir%20Thomas%20Leighton%22%20%22Anne%20Baker%22&f=false.

See also Botfield, *supra*, p. 184:

Edward Leighton, of Stretton, who married Agnes, daughter of Thomas Hopton, leaving issue which became extinct early in the seventeenth century.

See also the Leighton pedigree in Betham, William, *The Baronetage of England*, Vol. III, (London: W.S. Betham, 1803), p. 101 at:

https://books.google.ca/books?id=8LRBAAAACAAJ&pg=PA101&lpg=PA101&dq=%22Edward+Leighton%22+%22Hopton%22&source=bl&ots=4InIE0W09s&sig=toQ3BAJlkdYtUHRugwEyTC-v3VY&hl=en&sa=X&ved=0ahUKEwjIwoigof_UAhVK8WMKHYYEeA1kQ6AEIMjAG#v=onepage&q=%22Edward%20Leighton%22%20%22Hopton%22&f=false.

See also Shropshire Archives 1514/342 & 343, a settlement dated 23 April 1523 by which Ralph Leighton of Cotys, gentleman, grants messuages in Rushbury, Shropshire,

to Roger Corbet, Richard Leighton, Thomas Otteley and Richard Trentham, esquires, and Thomas Hosyor [=Hosier] and William Luter to the use of Ralph Leighton and Anne Trentham, daughter of Thomas Trentham, late of Shropshire, esquire, deceased, and Elizabeth, his wife, and the heirs of the body of Ralph by Anne.

* Elizabeth Trentham, who married Richard Hussey of Albright Hussey, Shropshire, by whom she had four sons and two daughters. For her eldest son, Richard Hussey (born by 1529, d. 4 March 1573), see the History of Parliament entry at:

<http://www.historyofparliamentonline.org/volume/1509-1558/member/hussey-richard-1529-74>.

See also the Hussey pedigree in Grazebrook, George and John Paul Rylands, eds., *The Visitation of Shropshire Taken in the Year 1623, Part I*, Vol. XXVIII, (London: Harleian Society, 1889), p. 267 at:

https://books.google.ca/books?id=RV17Y0xUv5kC&pg=PR13&lpg=PR13&dq=%22David+Ireland%22+%22mercer%22+%22Katherine%22&source=bl&ots=4Ytaj-g5mV&sig=3AaZzNAOj7PJw1f1WH59f5_XN94&hl=en&sa=X&ved=0ahUKEwi19ZW Cg-zUAhUV-mMKHTJGCWEQ6AEIJzAC#v=onepage&q=%22David%20Ireland%22%20%22mercer%22%20%22Katherine%22&f=false.

* Mary(?) Trentham, who married Hugh Rogers of Hamhouse, Staffordshire, and died without issue.

* Jane(?) Trentham, who is said to have married a husband surnamed Middleton, but died without issue.

For the testator's children, see College of Arms MS Glover 1, f. 190, *supra*, and Grazebrook, H. Sydney, ed., *The Visitation of Staffordschire*, (London: Mitchell and Hughes, 1883), p. 140, available online.

The testator directs that his lands go to whomever has most right to them, and that 200 marks' worth of his goods be sold and the proceeds divided equally among his five daughters. He appoints as executors his wife, Elizabeth, John Leighton, & 'young Richard Mainwaring', and as overseers, the Earl of Shrewsbury, William Egerton and 'young Roger Corbet'.

The John Leighton appointed as an executor is likely John Leighton (d.1532) of Wattlesborough and Stretton in the Dale, esquire of the body to King Henry VIII, the testator's wife Elizabeth Corbet's eldest half brother by her mother's second marriage to Sir Thomas Leighton (1443-1519).

'Young Richard Mainwaring' appointed as an executor was likely Sir Richard Mainwaring (c.1499-1558) of Ightfield in Shropshire, son of Sir John Mainwaring and

Joan Lacon, who married Dorothy Corbet, the daughter of Sir Robert Corbet (b. about 1477, d. 11 April 1513), by Elizabeth Vernon (d. 29 March 1563), and thus the niece of the testator's wife, Elizabeth (nee Corbet) Trentham. See Richardson, *supra*, Vol. II, p. 490.

The Earl of Shrewsbury appointed as an overseer of the will was George Talbot (1468–1538), 4th Earl of Shrewsbury, who was born at Shifnal, Shropshire, and thus had Shropshire connections.

The William Egerton appointed as an overseer was likely William Egerton, son of Randall Egerton (d.1522) and Isabel Hill, the daughter of Robert Hill of Houndhill in Staffordshire. William Egerton married Jane Lacon, the daughter of Sir Thomas Lacon of Willey in Shropshire and his wife Mary Corbet. Mary Corbet was the daughter of Sir Richard Corbet (b. 1451, d. 6 December 1493) and Elizabeth Devereux (d.1516) mentioned above, and was thus the sister of the testator's wife, Elizabeth (nee Corbet) Trentham.

The 'young Roger Corbet' appointed an overseer of the will was the testator's nephew, Sir Roger Corbet (d.1538/9), son and heir of Sir Robert Corbet (b. about 1477, d. 11 April 1513), and Elizabeth Vernon (d. 29 March 1563), mentioned above. For the will of Sir Roger Corbet (d.1538/9), see TNA PROB 11/27/408. For other connections between the Trenthams and the Corbets, see the Annotator page on this website.

The John Baker for whom the testator wills that a 'a priest sing two years' was likely related to the first wife of Sir Thomas Leighton (1443-1519), Anne, the daughter of Roger Baker of Shrewsbury.

LM: T{estamentum} Thome Trynth{a}m

In dei no{m}i{n}e amen. iiijto die me[n]sis octobr{is} An{n}o D{omi}ni Ml vC xviiio
Ego Thomas Trynth{a}m compos memorie condo test{amentu}m meu{m} in hunc
modu{m} &c: [=In the name of God, amen. The 4th day of the month of October in the
year of the Lord 1518, I, Thomas Trentham, sound of memory, make my will in this
manner etc.]:

I bequeath my soul to Almighty God, my body to be buried in the churchyard of All
Hallows in Honey Lane within London, and for my burial I bequeath to the church-works
6s 8d;

Item, I will my best gown to the parson of the same church for my mortuarde(?)
[=mortuary];

Item, I will a priest sing 2 years for the soul of John Baker & all Christian souls;

Item, I will that all such lands that I am troubled for, that they have it that hath most right to them;

Item, I will that Elizabeth, my wife, have her dowry and all that she ought to have by right of the law;

Item, I will that there be sold of my goods, movable & unmovable, to the sum of 200(?) marks, to be divided in even portions to my 5 daughters;

Item, I will that my brother, Roger, have my bows & shafts that is in James Stirley's [=James Strelley?] chamber;

& of this my last will I make mine executors Elizabeth, my wife, Mr John Lethon [=Leighton?] & young Richard Mainwaring, and to see that my will be fulfilled, I make the Earl of Shrewsbury, William Egerton and young Roger Corbet to be overseers. Witness hereof: Sir John Rys, my ghostly father, and John Taire.

Probatum fuit suprascriptu{m} test{amentu}m coram d{omi}no apud Lamhith xo die mensis Iunij Anno d{omi}ni Ml vC xixto Iur{amento} Elisabeth Relicte et executric{is} in h{uius}mo{d}i test{ament}o no{m}i{n}ate Ac aprobatu{m} et insinuatu{m} Et com{m}issa fuit admi{n}istrac{i}o om{n}i{um} et singulor{um} bonor{um} et debitor{um} dicti defuncti predicte executori De Bene & fidel{ite}r admi{n}istrand{o} eadem Ac de pleno et fidei Inuen{ta}rio etc conficiend{o} Et nobis citra festu{m} S{an}c{t}i laurencij Martiris prox{imum} futur{um} exhibend{o} Necnon de plano compoto reddend{o} etc Ad sancta dei Eu{a}ngelia Iurat{e} Reseruata p{otes}tate simile{m} comissione{m} faciend{i} alijs executorib{us} in h{uius}mo{d}i test{ament}o no{m}i{n}at{is} cu{m} ven{er}int &c

[=The above-written testament was proved before the Lord at London on the 10th day of the month of June in the year of the Lord 1519 by the oath of Elizabeth, relict and executrix named in the same testament, and probated and registered, and administration was granted of all and singular the goods and debts of the said deceased to the forenamed executor, sworn on the Holy Gospels to well & faithfully administer the same, and to prepare a full and faithful inventory and to exhibit [+it] to us before the feast of Saint Lawrence the Martyr, and also to render a plain account etc., with power reserved for a similar commission to be made to the other executors named in the same testament when they shall have come etc.]