

SUMMARY: The document below contains extracts from the Prerogative Court of Canterbury copy of the will, dated 25 September 1518 and proved 19 March 1521, of the London mercer and Merchant of the Staple, John Hosier.

FAMILY BACKGROUND

The testator's family background is unknown.

MARRIAGE AND ISSUE

It appears from the 1497 will, TNA PROB 11/11/350, of Sir John Browne that the testator married a wife named Margaret. See 'Relationship of Sir William Browne and Isabel Pyke' at:

<https://soc.genealogy.medieval.narkive.com/axYYZ513/relationship-of-sir-william-browne-and-isabel-pyke>

The 1497 will of Sir John Browne leaves a legacy to Margarete Hosier, wife of John Hosier, mercer, and later to John West, mercer, and his children. . . .

The testator's wife, Margaret, appears to have died before 1517, since in his 1517 will, TNA PROB 11/18/550, the London mercer, John West, leaves a bequest to 'Master Hosyer', but not to Master Hosyer's wife. See 'Relationship', *supra*:

The will of John West, citizen and mercer, names wife Elizabeth and children William, John, James and Catherine. He later leaves his "yards of cloth" to "Master Hosyer, my cosyn Pyke and his wyfe, Master Mundy and his wyfe [i.e. Julian Browne, daughter of William], Robert Palmer and his wyfe, Wyllyam, John and James my sonnes and Catherine my daughter, Wyllyam Colshill, Wyllyam Mathewe, and my brother Wytlok (?). He provides for prayers at the parish of Millington, "where I was born" for his soul and those of his deceased parents James West and Alyce West, for John Broun, John West, his wife Elizabeth and his children. He requires a payment to . . . "the next here of S[i]r John Browne, Late Citizen and Alderman of London", and leaves a legacy to Elizabeth, daughter of Robert Palmer, and named John Mondy (sic) and Robert Palmer as overseers. John Hosyer was a witness. . . .

In her will, TNA PROB 11/48/161, the testator's only surviving child, Isabel Hosier (d.1565), leaves the following bequests to members of the Hosier family:

Item, I give and bequeath to every of the legitimate children of Richard Hosier, Roger Hosier and of Phyllis Goodman, late deceased, that shall be living at the time of my decease £5 of good and lawful money of England, the same to be paid unto every of the said legitimate children if they be then of th' age of 21 years;

And if it shall happen that they or any of them not then to be of th' age of 21 years, that then my said executors shall deliver and pay every of the said legacies to their parents and to the parents of every of him and them that so shall be within age for his and their behoof and use, and this my said present testament and last will shall be a good and sufficient discharge in that behalf to and for my said executors and to and for either of them against every of the said legitimate children of the above-named Richard Hosier, Roger Hosier and Phyllis Goodman and of every of them. . . .

To Richard Hosier, Roger Hosier and to their wives, to William Thomas and John Thomas and to every of them a black gown, and to every of the said William Thomas, John Thomas, Richard and to one William Hosier £5 apiece in money;

An Exchequer deposition, TNA E 133/69/68, in Hosier v Thomas appears to relate to the foregoing bequests.

The testator's daughter, Isabel Hosier (d.1565), married firstly the London goldsmith, John Pyke (d.1533), for whose will see TNA PROB 11/25/29, by whom she had two daughters:

(1) Elizabeth Pyke, who appears to have died unmarried in 1532 (see below).

(2) Joan Pyke, who married, as his second wife, Barnard Jenyn (d.1552), by whom she appears to have had no issue. For the will of Barnard Jenyn, see TNA PROB 11/35/195.

Isabel Hosier married secondly, as his third wife, Sir Richard Gresham (c.1485-1549), Lord Mayor of London. See her will, TNA PROB 11/48/161, and the transcript in Leveson Gower, Granville, *Genealogy of the Family of Gresham*, (London: Mitchell and Hughes, 1883), p. 76 at:

<https://books.google.ca/books?id=9ZQNAAAAQAAJ&pg=PA76>

See also the entry in 'A Who's Who of Tudor Women' at:

www.tudorwomen.com

ISABEL GRESHAM (d. April 1, 1565) (maiden name unknown) Isabel is called Isabella Worpfall in the Oxford DNB entry for her second husband, Sir Richard Gresham (c.1485-February 21, 1549), a mercer and stapler who was Lord Mayor of London in 1537/8, but this appears to confuse her with Gresham's first wife, Thomasyn Worsopp. The DNB further records that in October 1532, when Isabella's daughter Elizabeth died of an unspecified illness, she and her son by Gresham were also extremely ill. At that time, however, Isabel was still married to her first husband, John Pyke (d.1533), a goldsmith. Their daughter, Joan Pyke, married Barnard Jenyn, a skinner, as his second wife. Family wills in that line identify Isabel as the mother of Joan and the wife of Sir Richard Gresham. Isabel is sometimes said to have been the wealthy widow of a knight

*named Taverson, by whom she had at least two daughters. This is possible, but the timing would be tight. She was married to Gresham, who was much disliked as a moneylender and land grabber, by November 16, 1537. On January 21, 1543, the Gresham house in Milk Street was targeted by the earl of Surrey and his minions during a five-hour rampage through London. They broke windows in the house by firing stonebows at them. At the time of his death, he owned Inwood Hall, Norfolk, Ringshall, Suffolk, Orembery, Yorkshire, the house in Milk Street in London, and one in Bethnal Green, valued together at £800 per annum. He died at the house in Bethnal Green. He was buried in St. Laurence Jewry, London. His will, made February 20, 1549, left one third of his estate to his widow, providing her with an annual income of £282. According to Anne F. Sutton, *The Mercery of London*, Isabel purchased a mansion in Lad Lane from the Mercers on May 10, 1550, together with five other tenements. Its value as a rental was £13 10s/year. In 1551, she began to make gifts to the Mercers' Company and continued to do so until her death. These included her mansion and the tenements that went with it, a bequest made in spite of opposition from her stepson, Sir Thomas Gresham.*

For Sir Richard Gresham's first wife, Audrey Lynne (d. 28 August 1522), see the will of her father, William Lynne (d.1511?), TNA PROB 11/17/40.

For Sir Richard Gresham's three wives, see also the WikiTree profile at:

<https://www.wikitree.com/wiki/Gresham-35>

In the name of God, Amen. The 25 day of September in the year of Our Lord God 1518 and the 10th year of the reign of King Henry the 8th, I, John Hosier, citizen and mercer of London and Merchant of the Staple at Calais, being whole of mind and good memory, laud and praising be unto Almighty God, make, ordain and dispose this my present testament & last will in manner and form following, that is to wit:

First I bequeath and recommend my soul unto Almighty God, my Maker and Redeemer, to the most glorious Virgin, his Mother, Our Lady Saint Mary, and to all the holy and blessed company of saints in heaven;

And my body to be buried in the parish church of Our Lady of Aldermanbury of London as nigh unto the place there where the body of my late wife lieth buried as it conveniently may be. . . .

Item, I bequeath to John Pyke of London, goldsmith, and Isabel his wife, my daughter, £80 sterling to be due to me by Michael Dormer, mercer, by reason of the two last obligations of the six several obligations wherein he and Robert Dormer and William Bromewell stand bounden to me, every of them containing the sum of £40, when the same £80 shall grow and be due by the said two last obligations, which £80 is as parcel of the money coming of and for the sale of my lands in Calais by me late made to the said Michael Dormer, that is to wit, over and besides the two hundred pounds that I gave to

the said John and Isabel at the time of their marriage, and also over and besides £80 that I gave and delivered unto the same John and Isabel with mine own hands a little before the making of this my testament and last will. . . .

Item, I bequeath to the foresaid Isabel, my daughter, all my stuff of household being in my place at Bethnal Green at the time of mine decease except my jewels & plate of silver and gold;

Item, I bequeath to every of Elizabeth and Joan, the two daughters of the said Isabel Pyke, 100 mark apiece to be delivered unto them when they and every of them shall come to their lawful ages of 21 years or else be married, and if either of them within the said age decease and before that time be not married, then I will that the 100 mark thereof to her so deceasing bequeathed shall remain to the other of them then surviving, egally amongst them to be divided and to be delivered unto them when they shall come to their lawful ages of 21 years or else be married;

So always that they make no contract of marriage ne marry themselves without th' assent of their father and mother or other of their best friends, but be ruled by them;

And if either of them take any husband without th' assent of their father and mother or refuse and will not be ruled by their said father and mother & friends, then I will that my bequest to her of them made which will not so be ruled shall be to her void and shall remain to the other of them that will be ruled and ordered by their father, mother and friends after the discretion of mine executors;

And if it fortune both the same Elizabeth and Joan, daughters of the said Isabel Pyke, within the said age to decease and before that time be not married, then I will that all the same money by me to the said 2 children bequeathed shall be disposed in marrying of poor maidens, relieving of poor householders and poor prisoners, singing of Masses, making and mending of high noyous ways and bridges, and in other works of mercy & charity such as mine executors shall think best to the pleasure of God and health of my soul and the souls abovesaid. . . .

Item, where in this present my testament as hereafter is written I have named and ordained the foresaid John Pyke and Isabel, his wife, mine executors, I will, require and desire the said John Pyke that he peaceably permit and suffer the said Isabel at all times during his life to minister, distribute & dispose at her pleasure without any contradiction of the said John all such my goods, jewels, ready money and debts as after my decease shall come to their hands as executors of this my present testament accordingly and in like manner as the same John Pyke at the making of this my testament and last will hath surely and faithfully promised me. . . .

And of this my present testament & last will I make and ordain John Pyke of London, goldsmith, my son-in-law, and Isabel Pyke, his wife, my natural daughter, my executors. . . .