

SUMMARY: The document below is the Prerogative Court of Canterbury copy of the will, dated 28 May 1522 and proved 22 August 1522, of John Lake.

The testator married Dorothy Trotter (d.1545), for whose will see TNA PROB 11/30/349.

The testator had two daughters, Mary and Joan (see below). Mary may have been the testator's daughter by a previous marriage, as in her will Dorothy (nee Trotter) Lake leaves the residue of her estate to her daughter, Joan, but provides only £5 towards Mary's marriage and does not refer to her as 'daughter'.

The testator's daughter, Mary Lake (d.1579), married the London mercer, William Gifford; both are left bequests in the will of Sir Ralph Warren. For her nuncupative will, dated 22<sup>nd</sup> June 1579, see TNA PROB 11/61/399.

The testator's daughter, Joan Lake (d. 8 October 1573), married, as his second wife, Sir Ralph Warren (d. 11 July 1553), Lord Mayor of London, by whom she was the mother of a son and daughter:

\* Richard Warren (d. 25 March 1597), who married Elizabeth Hayward (d. 5 September 1622), the daughter of Sir Rowland Hayward (d. 5 December 1593), Lord Mayor of London, by his first wife, Joan Tillesworth (d.1580). For Sir Rowland Hayward, see the *ODNB* entry and his will, TNA PROB 11/83/228. For Richard Warren, see his will, TNA PROB 11/89/249, and the History of Parliament entry at:

<http://www.historyofparliamentonline.org/volume/1558-1603/member/warren-richard-1545-98>.

After the death of Richard Warren, Elizabeth (nee Hayward), married Oxford's foe, Thomas Knyvet. For Thomas Knyvet, see the *ODNB* entry; his will, TNA PROB 11/140/169; and Noble, Mark, *Memoirs of the Protectorate-House of Cromwell*, (Birmingham: Pearson and Rollason, 1784), Vol. I, p. 82 at:

<https://archive.org/stream/memoirsprotecto01noblgoog#page/n109/mode/2up>.

\* Joan Warren (buried 12 October 1584), who married Sir Henry Williams alias Cromwell (d.1604), by whom she was the grandmother of the Lord Protector, Oliver Cromwell (1599-1658). See Noble, Mark, *Memoirs of the Protectoral-House of Cromwell*, 3<sup>rd</sup> ed., Vol. I, (London: G.G.J. and J. Robinson, 1787), pp. 23-4 at:

[http://books.google.ca/books?id=DJVCAAAAYAAJ&pg=PA23&lpg=PA23&dq=%22Sir+Henry+Williams%22+%22Cromwell%22+%22monument%22&source=bl&ots=1jRLP4\\_1zA&sig=HKgHXv0ifR7-ZfBFusLujTnJfaM&hl=en&sa=X&ei=D\\_EJVL3VMJLnoATtkICQCw&ved=0CDUQ6AEwBA#v=onepage&q=%22Sir%20Henry%20Williams%22%20%22Cromwell%22%20%22monument%22&f=false](http://books.google.ca/books?id=DJVCAAAAYAAJ&pg=PA23&lpg=PA23&dq=%22Sir+Henry+Williams%22+%22Cromwell%22+%22monument%22&source=bl&ots=1jRLP4_1zA&sig=HKgHXv0ifR7-ZfBFusLujTnJfaM&hl=en&sa=X&ei=D_EJVL3VMJLnoATtkICQCw&ved=0CDUQ6AEwBA#v=onepage&q=%22Sir%20Henry%20Williams%22%20%22Cromwell%22%20%22monument%22&f=false).

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For her epitaph in the church of St Benet Sherehog, see also Toldervey, W., *Select Epitaphs*, (London: W. Owen, 1755), Vol. I, p. 149 at:

<http://books.google.ca/books?id=Rn4DAAAQAAJ&pg=PA149&lpg=PA149&dq=%22Lady+Joan+White%22&source=bl&ots=431rzkcFmr&sig=wZbgfHBLc06aOIO3GWCLjaAQHK8&hl=en&sa=X&ei=nPQJVMCrKkoqrogTlu4J4&ved=0CC4Q6AEwAg#v=onepage&q=%22Lady%20Joan%20White%22&f=false>.

In connection with Cromwell, the testator is often referred to as ‘John Trelake, alias Davy, of Cornwall’. See Noble, *supra*, Vol. I, p. 29, and the Cromwell pedigree in Ellis, Henry, ed., *The Visitation of the County of Huntingdonshire*, (Camden Society, 1849), p. 80 at:

<https://archive.org/stream/visitationofcoun00charrich#page/80/mode/2up>.

In the will below the testator mentions his properties in Devonshire. These descended to his two daughters. See:

<http://apps.nationalarchives.gov.uk/a2a/records.aspx?cat=027-2151&cid=-1#-1>

*Bargain and Sale 215M/T66 [1600]*

*Contents:*

*20 April [1600]*

*1. Oliver Williams alias Cromwell of Godmanchester, Hunting[donshire], Esquire.*

*2. Eleazer Lok of Hinchinbrooke in the said county.*

*Messuages, houses, edifices, buildings, barns, stables, yards, orchards, gardens, lands, tenements, meadows, pastures and hereditaments, (formerly belonging to Lady Joan Warren, late wife of Sir Raphe Warren late of London, Knight, deceased, and Marye Gifforde her sister, deceased, afterwards belonging to Richard Warren, now to Oliver Williams alias Cromwell as cousin and heir) in Tottnes, Dodebrowke, Kingesbridge and Barstable.*

*20 April 42 Elizabeth.*

LM; Testam{entum} Io{ann}is Lake

In the name of God, Amen. I, John Lake, being in good mind, thanked be to Almighty God, bequeath my soul to Almighty God, to Our Blessed Lady Saint Mary, and to all the saints of heaven, and my body to be buried in Saint Antholin’s church before Our Lady of Pity;

Item, I bequeath to my wife and to my children all my goods movable and unmovable;

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Item, I bequeath to Dorothy, my wife, all my lands lying in Devonshire, that is for to say, in Dodbroke, in Terlake and in Barstabill [=Barnstaple?] during my wife's life, the said Dorothy to enjoy it during her life;

And after the decease of my wife, I, the said John, bequeath all my land above-written to my children, and each of them to be other's heir;

And I, the said John Lake, make this my last will before Master Dankaster, my curate, Hugh Acton, tailor, and John Mote, skinner;

And I, the said John, make my wife, Dorothy, my sole executrice to do her pleasure as it shall please her to do for me as God to be best pleased;

Written by me, Hugh Acton, the 28 day of May in the 14 year of the reign of King Henry the 8.

Probatum fuit sup{ra}scriptu{m} testam{entum} cora{m} d{omi}no apud Lamhith xxijo die mensis Augusti Anno d{omi}ni Mill{es}imo quingentesimo xxijo Ac approbat{um} et insinuat{um} Et com{m}issa fuit admi{ni}stracio o{mn}i{u}m bon{orum} ac debitoru{m} dicti defu{n}cti Dorathee Relicte et executrici in h{uius}mo{d}i test{ament}o no{m}i{n}ate De bene et fideli{te}r admi{ni}strand{o} eadem Ac de pleno et fideli Inuentario citra s{an}c{t}i Mich{ael}is Arch{angel}i prox{imum} futur{um} exhibend{o} Necnon de plano et vero computo calculo siue Ratiocinio in ea parte reddend{o} Ad sancta dei Eu{a}ngelia Iurat{e}

[=The above-written testament was proved before the Lord at Lambeth on the 22<sup>nd</sup> day of the month of August in the year of the Lord the thousand five hundred 22<sup>nd</sup>, and probated and entered, and administration was granted of all the goods and debts of the said deceased to Dorothy, relict and executrix named in the same testament, sworn on the Holy Gospels to well and faithfully administer the same, and to exhibit a full and faithful inventory before [+the feast of] Saint Michael the Archangel next to come, and also to render a plain and true account, calculation or reckoning in that regard.]