

SUMMARY: The document below is the last will and testament, dated 1 May 1518, together with a codicil dated 10 August 1518, proved 9 November 1520, of Sir Robert Throckmorton (c.1451-1518), whose great-grandson, Job Throckmorton (1545-1601), assisted with the printing of the Marprelate tracts.

It appears from the codicil that the will of 1 May 1518 was made at the testator's manor of Weston Underwood in Buckinghamshire, while the codicil was made in Italy just prior to the testator's death.

The testator was the son of Sir Thomas Throckmorton (c.1412-1472) and Margaret Olney (d.1493). In the will below the testator mentions the wills of his father and mother. However, neither will appears to be extant. For the Throckmorton pedigree, see Lipscomb, George, *The History and Antiquities of the County of Buckingham*, (London: J. & W Robins, 1847), Vol. IV, pp. 398-9 at:

https://books.google.ca/books?id=_t89AQAAMAAJ&pg=PA399&lpg=PA399&dq=%22dugdale%22+%22Warwickshire%22+Vol.+II%22+%22Middlemore%22&source=bl&ots=bGQfQP0lu_&sig=ynDxZWRtFgsW5G-7vsYDWmMb2m0&hl=en&sa=X&ved=0ahUKEwj_9P68s7HJAhVK3mMKHSMebZAQ6AEINjAI#v=onepage&q=%22dugdale%22%20%22Warwickshire%22%20Vol.%20II%22%20%22Middlemore%22&f=false.

There is confusion in secondary sources concerning the testator's siblings. Two brothers (Richard and William) and one sister (Elizabeth) are mentioned in the will below:

* The testator's brother, Richard Throckmorton (d.1547) of Higham Ferrers, married Jane Beaufo, the daughter of Humphrey Beaufo (d.1485), of Edmondscote, Warwickshire, said to have been slain at Bosworth. In the will below the testator mentions '£60 that my brother, Richard, oweth me, which I lend him to the buying of his office'. The office appears to have been that of Seneschal of the Duchy of Lancaster, to which Henry VIII appointed him in 1519. See Stallard, Jon M., *Butler of Droitwich 1300-1700*, p. 186 at:

https://books.google.ca/books?id=RYoMXDQdlFEC&pg=PA187&lpg=PA187&dq=%22Visitation+of+the+County%22+%22Beaufo%22&source=bl&ots=5tdpOE25KG&sig=3M_KXwwM4ZE4NhYn8oeh5b0IZw8&hl=en&sa=X&ved=0ahUKEwjvjkIDw6_LJAhVC82MKHQuICZEq6AEIHTAB#v=onepage&q=%22Visitation%20of%20the%20County%22%20%22Beaufo%22&f=false.

For Richard Throckmorton's marriage to Joan Beaufo, see Fetherston, John, ed., *The Visitation of the County of Warwick in the Year 1619*, (London: Harleian Society, 1877), p. 203 at:

<https://archive.org/stream/visitationcount01britgoog#page/n228/mode/2up>.

For Richard Throckmorton's daughter, Mary Throckmorton, who married George Boteler, see the will of William Newport (d.1559) of Rushock, Worcestershire, TNA PROB 11/42B/459; and the pedigree of Boteler in Phillimore, W.P.W., ed., *The Visitation of Worcestershire 1569*, (London: Harleian Society, 1888), Vol. XXVII, p. 31 at:

<https://archive.org/stream/visitationcount02mundgoog#page/n45/mode/2up>.

* The testator's brother, Doctor William Throckmorton (d. 3 January 1536) was Warden of the Collegiate Church at Shottesbrooke, Berkshire, where the manor was owned by the Trussells and Earls of Oxford. See his will, TNA PROB 11/27/63, and Erler, Mary C., *Women, Reading, and Piety in Late Medieval England*, (Cambridge University Press, 2002), p. 113.

* The testator's sister Elizabeth Throckmorton (d. 13 January 1547) was the last Abbess of Denny. After the Dissolution she lived with her nephew, the testator's son, Sir George Throckmorton (c.1489-1552), at Coughton. See Erler, *supra*, pp. 111-15.

It is known that the testator had a second sister, Goditha (nee Throckmorton) Peyto (d.1530x1) the wife of Edward Peyto (c.1457-1487) of Chesterton, Warwickshire. See her will, TNA PROB 11/24/11; Richardson, Douglas, *Magna Carta Ancestry*, 2nd ed., 2011, Vol. III, p. 349, and Erler, *supra*, pp. 113-14.

The testator is said to have had a third sister, Margery Throckmorton, who married Richard Middlemore (d.1502x3) of Edgbaston, Warwickshire, and after his death took a vow of perpetual chastity. See Erler, *supra*, p. 113, and the will of Richard Middlemore dated 28 November 1502, TNA PROB 11/13/436, which was proved 14 March 1503 with 'Master William Throckmorton' acting as proctor for the testator's widow, Margery. In her own will, TNA PROB 11/24/14, dated 14 August 1530 and proved 6 February 1531, the scribe has written her name as 'Marie' in the margin and interlineated it as 'Marie' in the will, but the testatrix' appointment of 'my brother, Doctor Throckmorton' as supervisor establishes that the testatrix was Margery (nee Throckmorton) Middlemore, the daughter of Sir Thomas Throckmorton (c.1412-1472) and Margaret Olney, and sister of the testator in the will below, Sir Robert Throckmorton (c.1451-1518).

The testator is also said to have had a fourth sister, Margaret Throckmorton, who married the religious radical, William Tracy (d.1530). See Erler, *supra*, pp. 108-9, 113. However according to the *ODNB*, William Tracy's wife, Margaret Throckmorton, was the daughter of Thomas Throckmorton (c.1516-1568) of Corse Court, Gloucestershire:

Tracy, William (d. 1530), landowner and religious radical, was the son of Sir Henry Tracy of Toddington, Gloucestershire, and Alice Baldington, daughter and coheir of Thomas Baldington of Oxfordshire. He was married to Margaret Throckmorton, daughter of Thomas Throckmorton of Corse Court in Gloucestershire. His sister, Elizabeth, was married to Sir Alexander Bainham of Westbury-on-Severn in Gloucestershire, a very prominent member of the county's gentry; their youngest son,

James, would be burnt at Smithfield for his evangelical beliefs in 1532. William Tracy was an active member of the Gloucestershire elite, serving as sheriff in 1513 and on numerous commissions of the peace. He was also connected to other prominent families in the county, not only serving as a feoffee of the estate of Sir Alexander Bainham and as an executor of Elizabeth Bainham's will, but also as one of the executors of the will of Dame Joan Huddleston, widow of Sir John, daughter of Sir Miles Stapleton of Norfolk, and granddaughter of Sir Thomas de la Pole.

For Thomas Throckmorton (c.1516-1568) of Corse Court, Gloucestershire, see also:

<http://www.historyofparliamentonline.org/volume/1509-1558/member/throckmorton-thomas-i-1516-68>.

There is much confusion in secondary sources concerning the order of the testator's two marriages. His first wife, whom he married circa 1487, was Katherine Marowe (c.1459-1503), the daughter of William Marowe (c.1419?-1464x5), Lord Mayor of London and three times Master of the Grocers' Company, and his second wife, Katherine Rich.

The testator married secondly, Elizabeth (nee Baynham) Russell, the daughter of Thomas Baynham (b. c. 1422, d. 16 February 1500) and Alice Walwyn (d. 10 or 22 October 1518), the daughter of William Walwyn (d.1470). See the will of Elizabeth (nee Baynham) Russell's first husband, Robert Russell (d.1502), esquire, of Strensham, TNA PROB 11/13/373. Robert Russell (d.1502) was the son of Robert Russell and the testator's aunt, Elizabeth Throckmorton (c.1427-1483x4). For the Baynham family see Maclean, J., 'The History of the Manors of Dean Magna and Abenhall, &c', *Transactions of the Bristol and Gloucestershire Archaeological Society*, Vol. 6, 1881-82, pp. 123-209, and particularly the pedigree on pp. 184-5; and Richardson, Douglas, *Magna Carta Ancestry*, 2nd ed., 2011, Vol. IV, p. 214. Robert Russell (d.1502) of Strensham and Elizabeth (nee Baynham) Russell Throckmorton were the great-grandparents of Thomas Russell (1570-1634), appointed by William Shakespeare (1564-1616) of Stratford upon Avon as supervisor of his will.

There is also confusion in secondary sources concerning the testator's children. In the will below the testator mentions his sons George, Anthony and Michael, and 'my daughter, Mary Burdett', 'my 2 daughters, Dame Margaret and Joyce', 'my oldest daughter, Anne' (still unmarried), and 'my three youngest daughters, Alice, Ursula and Anne'.

For the testator's eldest son and heir, George Throckmorton (c.1489-1552), see his will, TNA PROB 11/36/298, and the entry in the *ODNB*. The testator's son, Anthony Throckmorton, is said to have died 24 February 1525 at the Battle of Pavia. For the testator's youngest son, Michael Throckmorton (d.1558), see the entry in the *ODNB*.

From the testator's will below it appears that his daughters, Dame Margaret Throckmorton and Dame Joyce Throckmorton, were nuns, and that his daughter, Mary Throckmorton, married Thomas Burdett (d.1539x40) of Bramcote, Warwickshire, and

was the mother of Robert Burdett (c.1510-1549), whose servant was the historian Raphael Holinshed (c.1525-1580). See:

<http://www.historyofparliamentonline.org/volume/1509-1558/member/burdett-robert-1510-49>.

It is also known that the testator had another daughter, Elizabeth Throckmorton (d.1543), who married Sir Thomas Englefield (1488-1537). For her will, see TNA PROB 11/30/47.

It is said that the testator's only child by his second wife, Elizabeth (nee Baynham) Russell Throckmorton, was his daughter, Ursula Throckmorton, who married, as his second wife, Sir Thomas Gifford of Chillington, Staffordshire (for his will, proved 26 June 1560, see TNA PROB 11/43/5). However since the testator refers in the will below to his 'three youngest daughters, Alice, Ursula and Anne', it seems likely that all three were the daughters of the testator by his second wife, Elizabeth (nee Baynham) Russell Throckmorton.

For the marriage of Ursula Throckmorton and Sir Thomas Giffard, see the pedigree of Giffard at:

'The parish of Church Eaton: High Onn', *Staffordshire Historical Collections*, vol. 4 (1883), pp. 52-63. URL: <http://www.british-history.ac.uk/report.aspx?compid=52409>.

The testator's friend, Sir George Monox (d.1544), was Lord Mayor of London in 1514.

For the testator's manor of Black Naunton, see:

'Parishes: Severn Stoke', *A History of the County of Worcester: volume 4* (1924), pp. 192-197. URL: <http://www.british-history.ac.uk/report.aspx?compid=42878>.

LM: T{estamentum} Roberti Throkm{or}ton milit{is}

In the name of Almighty God, Father and Son and Holy Ghost, Amen. In the feast of Philip and Jacob in the year of Our Lord God 1518 and in the year of the reign of King Henry the Eight the 10th, I, Robert Throckmorton, knight, of whole mind and good deliberate remembrance & in good health of body, thanked be God, make this my last will and testament in manner & form following:

First and principally I bequeath my soul unto Almighty God and to Our Most Blessed Lady Saint Mary, and to all the holy company of heaven, my body to be buried in the parish church of Coughton under the tomb in the mids of the church if it happen me to die within this realm of England;

And I will there be not spend above £6 13s 4d at my burying and my month's mind, which money I will be given to the priests that shall be at my burying and month's mind;

I will there be no meat nor drink ordained at my burying and month's mind but only for priests and clerks and poor people that live by alms;

I will there be said incontinent after my burying for my soul in the monasteries of Studley and Evesham 30 Masses of Jesus, and every priest that saith Mass to have 4d for his labour;

And also I will there be said for my soul in as short space as it may be done after my decease two trentals in the Greyfriars of Worcester, 2 trentals in the Greyfriars of Oxford, 2 trentals in the Greyfriars of Cambridge, 2 trentals in the Blackfriars of Oxford, and 2 trentals in the Blackfriars of Cambridge, and for every of these trentals I will there be given 10s, these trental to be said by the friars;

I will there be given to 3 poor men of Sambourne 12d apiece, and in like wise to 3 poor men of Coughton, to 3 poor men of Spernall, and to 3 poor men of Throckmorton, every of them 12d;

I will the east window of the chancel of Coughton be glazed at my cost and charge, and that it be of the Doom;

I will there be given to the glazing of the east window in the north aisle of Coughton church 20s, and that window to be of the 7 Sacraments;

I will there be given to [f. 10r] the glazing of the east window in the south aisle of the said church 20s, and that window to be of the 7 Works of Mercy;

I will the mother church of Worcester have 10s, the church of Throckmorton 6s 8d, the church of Spernall 6s 8d, the church of Birdbury [=Birdingbury?] 6s 8d, the church of Weston Underwood 6s 8d, and the church of Roxton 6s 8d;

I will the Prior of Studley have immediately after my decease 3s 4d, and every canon of the same house 8d for to say Dirge and Mass for my soul, and if the Prior that now is be then alive, I will he have then 10s for to say a trental for my soul;

I will that the image of Our Lady be set at the north side of th' end of the altar of the south aisle of the church of Coughton, and mended in gilding and painting at my cost and charge;

And I will that the image of Gabriel be set in the same side of the said aisle at the pillar between the aisle and the chancel with a roll in his hand of greeting, looking toward Our Lady, and painted and gilted at my cost and charge;

And at the south side of the said altar I will the image of Saint Raphael be set, with a scripture upon him that he may be known, and painted and gilted at my cost and charge;

And in the north aisle of the said church at the north end of the altar I will the image of the Trinity be set, and newly painted and gilt at my cost and charge;

And I will at the south end of the said altar the image of Saint Michael be set, and painted and gilted at my cost and charge;

And for all these charges above rehearsed, I will mine executors sell all such cattle as I shall have at the time of my decease save only my plough oxen and milch kine, & the money of them to be paid towards the said charges as far as it will extend;

I will the poor people of my alms-house of Worcester have given amongst them 2s in bread to pray for my soul;

And if it happen me to die beyond the sea, then I will my body be buried in such sanctified place as shall be thought by me or by them that then shall be with me most best for my soul[‘s] health, and that then all things be done here in England for my soul as I have in this my will rehearsed in as short and convenient time as it may be known I am departed out of this world in such manner as and [=if] my body were buried in Coughton aforesaid;

Also I will my daughter, Mary Burdett, have, whensoever her husband and she begin to keep household, 8 oxen and 6 kine, and they to be delivered by mine executors;

I will and charge above all thing[s] that my debts be paid thoroughly, and none abatement of no debts that I owe, and if I have wronged any man other [=either] in goods or lands, I will there be restitution made by th’ advice of mine executors as soon as they have due knowledge thereof;

And if there be anything of my father’s will or of my mother’s will unperformed which shall come to the knowledge of mine executors, I will it be performed as shortly as it is known;

I will also that mine sister, Dame Elizabeth, Abbess of Denny, and my 2 daughters, Dame Margaret and Joyce, have yearly their pensions of 20s apiece during their lives out of my lordships of Toseland and Yelling with th’ appurtenance if it be redeemed, and for lack of payment there out of my lordship of Throckmorton with th’ appurtenances;

And also I will that my said sister have immediately after my decease 3s 4d, and every lady of the same house 12d, and every friar there 4d for saying Dirge and Mass for my soul;

And where my said sister hath not had due payment of her portion heretofore, wherefore I will she shall have 10 marks towards the great charges of her house if she then be alive,

and if she then be not alive, I will the said 10 marks be given to my said daughters jointly and severally if they or any of them so long live;

I will there be given to the making of the bridge of White Ladies Aston 20s, and to the making of Sebrigge 20s, so that the county will put to their hands for the helping of the residue;

Also I will that the land I have purchased of W{ar}lies(?) £4 by Birmingham which Henry Squyer now occupieth, and all the land I have purchased of Burman of Alston £3 6s 8d, and the land I bought of Thomas Thomason, and all mine own land in Stratford upon Avon 53s 4d, and all the land I bought of John Shawe of Alcester 40s, all which lands be now at this day to the yearly value of £16, which lands I will be put in feoffment by advice of learned counsel to the use as hereafter followeth, that is to say, to th' use of a priest to sing perpetually in the north aisle at Coughton for my soul and mine ancestors forever, which I would have called the Trinity chapel, and the priest called the Trinity priest, which priest I will shall keep a school and teach grammar freely to all my tenants' children, and to have yearly therefore £8 and his chamber;

And the residue of the said £16 to be paid monthly to five poor men dwelling in the alms-house at Coughton, every of them to have 7d a week & his houseroom forever, which money amounteth yearly to £7 11s 8d, and the 8s 4d that is the residue of the said £16 I will it go to the reparation of the said alms-house;

I will that my son and heir appoint some honest man to receive the said money and pay it monthly to the said alms-men and quarterly to the said priest, and see them well ordered and no evil rule kept amongst them, and that the priest be of good [f. 10v] honest conditions and conversation;

I will this priest say every Sunday Mass of the Trinity, Wednesday Mass of Requiem, and on the Friday mass of Jesus if the priest be disposed to say Mass the said days, and once in the week I will he say Dirge for my soul and all Christian souls, except these days afore rehearsed fall upon double feast-days;

Also I will my son and mine heir or whosoever shall be mine heir hereafter to give this service to the said priest suyngly [sic?] forever, and take the said poor men of his own election into the said alms-houses of such as be needy, and specially of those that have been and be my tenants or serving-men as he shall see them needy and poor;

And if my son and my heir can at any time hereafter amortize this land after the manner of the chantry of Fladbury, he shall have God's blessing and mine, and shall do a meritorious deed for my soul, his own soul and all our ancestors' souls forever, and great worship to himself for so doing;

Also I will every of my servants have his whole year's wages at his departing;

Also I will that Dame Elizabeth, my well-beloved wife, have all such household stuff as she brought to me of her own, and for the pain she hath taken with me I will she have a hundred pounds of sterling money to be paid of such lands as I have put in feoffment to the performance of this my last will and testament immediately after my debts & legacies be paid over and besides her jointure that I have given her, which I will she in no wise be interrupted thereof during her life, nor my brother, Richard, of his annuity during his life, but that they occupy it according to my will thereof made;

I will Eustath Kyghtley have 10 marks yearly during his life for the good service he that done me and for that he shall be receiver and surveyor of all my manors and lands hereafter, and take the pain to help and see my will and debts performed and paid;

Also I will my oldest daughter, Anne, have 10 marks yearly during the time she liveth sole and keep herself maid and in good name and fame, and will be ordered by my brother Doctor, my brother Richard, and George Throckmorton, my son & heir, and if my said brethren and George, my son, at any time hereafter can provide her such a marriage as they shall think shall be meet for her, then I will she have to her portion and marriage as they shall think convenient;

Also I will that my 3 youngest daughters, Alice, Ursula and Anne, have to their marriage every of them 400 marks, and if any of my said daughters die afore they be married, then I will the other 2 of my daughters, if they be then not married, have to their marriage five hundred marks apiece, and if 2 of my said 3 daughters die afore they be married, then I will she that liveth, if she then be not married, have 6 hundred marks;

And if it happen my well-beloved wife, Dame Elizabeth Throckmorton, to die afore any of my said 3 youngest daughters be married, or afore all be married, that God forbid she should, then I will they that be not married have 10 marks apiece to their finding till such time they be married, and this money to be paid by mine executors;

This is the last will and intent of me, Robert Throckmorton, knight, touching the ordering and disposing of all my manors, lands and tenements, meadows, pastures, rents and reversions with their appurtenances in every place wheresoever they be within this realm of England, for this I assure you by this my writing, that all the land I have at this day is in feoffment, and that I hold no land of the King *in capite*;

And with the feoffees that now be seised of the said manors, lands and tenement with other the premises I hold me well contented, and will at this day they stand and be feoffees of the premises to my use during my life, and after my decease to the use and performance of my last will and testament in manner and form as hereafter followeth:

First I will that my feoffees of my manors of Coughton and Spernall and of all my lands & tenements in Coughton and Spernall aforesaid with their appurtenances in the county of Warwick, and of all my lands and tenements in Alcester and Grafton in the said county of Warwick, except the land I have bought of John Shawe of Alcester, shall suffer mine executors immediately after my decease to receive and take all th' issues and profits of

the premises, as well of woodsales as of rents, until the time they have paid five hundred pounds of sterling money that I owe unto my well-beloved friend, George Monox of London, alderman, for the which five hundred pounds the said George Monox hath all my land that I bought in Huntingdonshire to mortgage;

And after the said £500 well and truly to the said George Monox for my said land foresaid paid, then I will the said feoffees stand and be feoffees of the premises to the use and behoof of George Throckmorton, my son and heir, forever if he so long live;

And if the said George happen to die afore the said money be paid or any time after, his son being within age, then I will the said feoffees stand and be feoffees of the premises to the redeeming of his said son and heir out of his wardship if he by any means by mine executors or by his mother or friends may be had;

And if he cannot be had, then I will my [f. 11r] said feoffees stand and be feoffees of the premises to the use and behoof of George Throckmorton[‘s] younger children till such time as one of his children come to his full age that shall be his heir, and then to the use and behoof of him and his heirs forever;

Also I will that all the feoffees of my manors of Throckmorton and Black Naunton with their appurtenances in the county of Worcester, and of all my lands and tenements in Throckmorton and Black Naunton aforesaid with their appurtenances, and of all my lands and tenements in Bishampton, Hull, Moor, Fladbury, Elmley, Comberton Parva, Podyll, Pynphyn [=Pinvey?], Church Lench, Worcester, and of all saltfat walling in Droitwich with all and singular their appurtenances in the county of Worcester stand and be feoffees of the premises to my use during my life, and after my decease immediately to the use and behoof of the performance of my last will and testament;

And also suffer mine executors immediately after my decease to receive and take all th’ issues and profits of the premises unto such time my last will and testament and all my debts and legacies and every parcel thereof be well and truly fulfilled, performed and paid in every article as is in this my last will and testament rehearsed with the costs and charges for the executing of the same;

And after my will and testament so well and truly fulfilled, performed and paid, then I will all my feoffees of my said manors of Throckmorton and Black Naunton with their appurtenances and of other my said lands and tenements and other the premises in the said county of Worcester stand and be feoffees of the premises to the use and behoof of such person or persons as shall happen then to be mine heir or heirs forever;

Also I will that Michael Throckmorton, my youngest son, have all my purchased land and saltfats in Which [=Droitwich?] to him and to his heirs males forever, and for lack of such issue to remain to me and to my right heirs forever, as by a deed thereof to him made more plainly doth appear, and if my son, George, can at any time hereafter give him as much land in any other place in recompense of that land, then I will my son, George, have the said land in Wyche [=Droitwich?] to him and to his heirs forever;

And where my manor of Toseland and Yelling with their appurtenances within the county of Huntingdon lie to mortgage for the sum of five hundred pounds to my well-beloved friend, George Monox of London, alderman, and if the said five hundred pounds be not paid shortly in [sic?] my lordships be clearly left and gone from me and my heirs forever, as by the covenants thereof made plainly doth appear, which were a great loss for they be far better than the money they lie for, wherefore I will mine executors redeem my said manors with their appurtenances, and pay to the said George Monox, his executors or assigns, in as short time as it may be the said five hundred pounds as I have in this my will afore showed how;

And after the said five hundred pounds be paid, then I will the said feoffees of the premises stand and be seised thereof to my use during my life, and after my decease immediately to the use of my will of my said manors of Toseland and Yelling and other the premises made, that is to say, I will my son, Anthony Throckmorton, have 20 marks of sterling money yearly out of my said manors and other the premises in the said county of Huntingdon towards his finding while he is beyond the sea or elsewhere, and whensoever it happen my son, Anthony, to come home and marry by the advice of his brother, George, or of other mine executors & friends, then I will my feoffees of my said manors of Toseland and Yelling & other the premises in the said county of Huntingdon make a sure estate by deed entail indented of lands and tenements to the yearly value of £20 in my manors of Toseland & Yelling and other the premises with their appurtenances in the said county of Huntingdon to my said son, Anthony Throckmorton, and to his heirs male of his body lawfully begotten forever, and for lack of such issue the said lands and tenements of the said yearly value of £20 to remain to my right heirs forever;

And after this estate sufficiently made in manner as I heretofore have rehearsed, then I will my feoffees of my said manors and other the premises in the said county of Huntingdon stand and be feoffees of the residue of my said manors, lands and tenements and other the premises in the said county of Huntingdon to the use and performance of my last will and testament, and after my will and testament in every point is performed, to the use and behoof of George Throckmorton, my son and heir, and of his heirs forever, which I do give him for that he shall be good and kind to my well-beloved wife, Dame Elizabeth Throckmorton, and to all his brethren and sistern hereafter, and see my will and debts well and truly performed and paid in every condition according to the trust I have put him in, and in so doing he shall have God's blessing and mine now and ever, Amen;

And where there is covenants of marriage between Sir Nicholas Vaux and me that if the said Sir Nicholas have at the time of his decease heirs male, that then I should have of his executors or heirs a thousand marks of sterling money, and for lack of payment thereof [f. 11v] £40 of land by year which is recovered for the same intent, as by the indentures of marriage thereof made more plainly doth appear, and for that the said Sir Nicholas hath now issue male and likely to have at the day of his decease, wherefore I will George Throckmorton, my son and heir, have the said 1000 marks or the £40 land when it soever shall happen to fall to him and to his heirs forever, which is in recompense of the money that I have given to the marriages of my three youngest daughters;

Also I will George Throckmorton, my son and heir, have all my goods unlegated movable and unmovable wheresoever they be within this realm of England or elsewhere, and if it happen me to die, I will Dame Elizabeth Throckmorton, my wife, have all such stuff & goods of mine that then shall happen to be with her and in her custody as long as she keepeth herself sole and dwelleth in the manor of Weston;

Also I will all such money as is owing me go to the payment of my debts as shortly as it can be levied, that is to say, £81 that one Clarkson and Cowlarde of London owe me by their obligations payale [sic] hereafter, and £26 13s 4d that the heirs and executors of one Richard Berkeley oweth me, which Master Fitzjames and Sir Maurice Berkeley will show how it shall be paid, and £60 that my brother, Richard, oweth me, which I lend him to the buying of his office, and also all such money my Lady Rous and my cousin, her son, oweth me, which is £62 as it appeareth by the books of account, whereof I will they be pardoned £22, so rest £40, and all my rents and woodsales in Worcestershire and Warwickshire I will shall go to the payment of my said debts;

And also I will all my woods in Spennall park and in Meregrove within the county of Warwick, and all my woods in Kilwick with the hedgerows thereabout in the county of Buckingham be sold, and the money of them to be received and employed [sic?] towards the payment of my said debts that I now owe;

Also I will all such money that I owe to my servant, Eustach Kyttley, for the which he is bounden and in danger for me, be paid of the first money that can be received of my lands, woodsales and debts, which money is £333 10s 5d ob, as it appeareth by his books of account delivered at the feast of th' Annunciation of Our Lady Anno h{enrici} viij nono;

And if it happen me hereafter to remember me of anything in my journey to Rome that now I have forgotten, and that then I do write or subscribe it with mine own hand and send it home to mine executors, I will it be annexed to this my will and be of as good effect & force as this my will is;

Also I ordain and make mine executors my right entirely beloved wife, Dame Elizabeth Throckmorton, and my well-beloved son and heir, George Throckmorton, and my right well-beloved brethren, William Throckmorton, Doctor of both Laws, & Richard Throckmorton, in whom I put my whole trust and confidence that they and every of them will see this my will and testament performed and all other my causes and business to be well ordered after their discretion, and in my absence, being alive, to aid and assist my servant, Eustache Kyghtley, in all my business hereafter as he shall have need;

And for the pain and labour that my brother Doctor hath and shall take for me herein, I will he have the next advowson of the parsonage of Barcheston in the county of Warwick if he will be so content; if not, then I will he have £20 in sterling money to be paid by my son and heir or other of mine executors;

And also I will my brother, Richard, have for his pain and labour taken for me herein in like wise £10 sterling money to be paid by my son and heir or other of mine executors;

And for that the life of man is casualty, and Eustache Kyghtley knoweth most of my debts and all of my charges and business, I will he be one of mine executors joined with those I have before named;

In witness whereof I have subscribed this book with mine own hand, and as far as I have charge in the name of God that no man break nor interrupt this my last will under the pain of the curse of the Church. Per me, Robertum Throckmorton.

LM: Vlti{m}a voluntas Rob{er}ti Throkm{or}ton Militis p{re}dicti

In the name of God Almighty, Amen. This is the last will and testament of me, Robert Throckmorton, knight, in the county of Warwick in the diocese of Worcester, and forasmuch as I lately made my will in my going out of England I have the less to speak at this time;

I will that Anthony, my son, have my best ambling horse to offer it at Saint Thomas Hospital at Rome for my mortuary;

Also I will he have my second best horse to order it as he thinks best himself;

I will Michael, my son, have my next best horse, and Tybbot my fourth best horse, and Thomas Horsman the 5th horse;

I will every man have their harness for their horses;

I will Anthony, my son, have £30 at the deliverance of his brother, Michael, in Florence;

I will Michael, my son, have [f. 12r] £40 for his 4 years' exhibition;

I will Tybbott have 4 marks to bring him into England, over and besides 20s that I owe him;

I will Thomas Horsman have 4 marks besides his wages which is 13s 4d;

I make Anthony, my son, and Michael, my son, and Sir Alexandre Bellyarde, capellanus, mine executors, and I will that Sir Alexandre have 20s;

I will my gear that is gone afore me into Florence be distributed between my son, Anthony, and my son, Michael;

Also I will be buried before Our Lady of Pity in Our Lady Church;

If my son, Anthony, and my son, Michael, be kind to the [sic?] brethren and sisters, I will they have all that I put in my will at Weston;

Also I will that where William Tybbot ought me £14, as it appeareth in a bill of his reckoning, I forgive it him, every penny;

I will Tybbot have a gown & Thomas Horsman another to pray for my soul;

As for to the church at Coughton, I made all that I would in my will at Weston;

In witness whereof I have subscribed this bill with my own hand to exhort all my children and all my friends to be good to my wife as they shall answer at the Day of Doom to their peril;

Witnesses of this testament be these: Sir Alexandre Bellyard Capellanus Dom{inus} Antoni{us} villarijs ffranciscus bonofossi Mighell Dault Iacobus de Oliua dom{inus} Bartholomeus Esmedy et Barthomeus ferrandy anno domini Ml vC xviiij xmo die mensis Augusti Per me Robertum Throkmerton

Probatum fuit suprascriptum testamentum vnacum vltima voluntate eiusdem cora{m} d{omi}no apud Lamhith nono die mensis Novembris Anno d{omi}ni Mill{es}imo Quingentesimo vicesimo Iurament{o} Georgij Throkmerton executoris in h{uius}mo{d}i testamento no{m}i{n}ati Ac approbatum et insinuatum Et com{m}issa fuit admi{n}istracio om{n}i{um} et singulor{um} bonorum et debitoru{m} dicti defuncti predicto executori De bene et fideli{te}r admi{n}strand{o} eadem ac de pleno et fideli Inuen{ta}rio etc conficiend{o} et nobis citra festum Natalis d{omi}ni prox{imum} futur{um} exhibend{o} Necnon de plano compt{o} reddend{o} etc Ad sancta dei Eu{a}ngelia Iurat{i} D{omi}na Elisabeth{a} Relicta et Mag{ist}ro Will{el}mo Throkmerton eciam executorib{us} etc no{m}i{n}at{is} refutan{tibus} Res{er}uata p{otes}tate similem com{m}issionem faciend{o} Ric{hard}o Throkmerton executori eciam in h{uius}mo{d}i testamento no{m}i{n}ato cum ven{er}it &c

[=The above-written testament was proved together with the last will of the same before the Lord at Lambeth on the ninth day of the month of November in the year of the Lord the thousand five hundred twentieth by the oath of George Throckmorton, executor named in the same testament, and probated and entered, 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 and faithfully administer the same, and to prepare a full and faithful inventory etc., and to exhibit [+it] to us before the feast of the Birth of the Lord next to come, and also to render a plain account, Lady Elizabeth, relict, and Master William Throckmorton, also named executors etc. refusing [+administration], with power reserved for a similar grant to be made to Richard Throckmorton, executor also named in the same testament, when he shall have come etc.]