

SUMMARY: The document below is the Prerogative Court of Canterbury copy of the will, dated 10 March 1525 with codicils dated 2 and 3 April 1525, and proved 28 June 1525, of John Marney, 2nd Baron Marney, who appointed Sir John Vere, the future 15th Earl of Oxford, as one of his feoffees.

CONNECTIONS TO THE EARLS OF OXFORD

The Earls of Oxford were connected to the Marneys through the three daughters of Sir Richard Sergeaux (d.1393) and his wife, Philippa Arundel (d.1399). Alice Sergeaux (d. 18 May 1452) married Richard de Vere (d. 15 February 1416/17), 11th Earl of Oxford; Philippa Sergeaux (c.1373 – 11 or 13 July 1420) married Sir Robert Pashley (d. 8 June 1453), and Elizabeth Sergeaux married Sir William Marney (d.1414). For the will of Sir William Marney see TNA PROB 11/2B/21 and King, H.W., ‘Ancient Wills (No. 8)’, *Transactions of the Essex Archaeological Society*, Vol. V, pp. 281-5 at:

<https://babel.hathitrust.org/cgi/pt?id=hvd.32044090331075&view=1up&seq=329>

King’s transcript erroneously dates the will to 9 August; however the will itself is dated 19 August (‘decimo nono Augusti’). King also omits a bequest to Robert Newport.

For the connection between the Sergeaux and Tyrrell families, see Richardson, Douglas, *Magna Carta Ancestry*, 2nd ed., 2011, Vol. I, pp. 11-14 at:

<https://books.google.ca/books?id=8JcbV309c5UC&pg=PA14>

See also the Pashley pedigree after p. 12 and the Sergeaux pedigree after p. 32 in MacMichael, N.H., ‘The Descent of the Manor of Evegate in Smeeth with Some Account of its Lords’, *Archaeologia Cantiana*, Vol. 74, 1960, pp. 1-47 at:

<https://www.kentarchaeology.org.uk/index.php/arch-cant/vol/74/descent-manor-evegate-smeeth-some-account-its-lords>

As noted above, the testator appointed Sir John Vere, the future 15th Earl of Oxford, as one of his feoffees, as did his father, Henry Marney (1456/7-1523), 1st Baron Marney.

The testatrix’ second wife, Bridget Waldegrave, was the great-aunt of Sir William Waldegrave (c.1540 – 25 August 1613), who in 1572, together with Oxford’s first cousin, John Darcy (d.1581), 2nd Baron Darcy of Chiche, jointly entered into guarantees amounting to £5000 for Oxford’s debt to the Court of Wards (see TNA C 2/Eliz/T6/48).

FAMILY BACKGROUND

For the testator's family background, see the pedigrees in *Transactions of the Essex Archaeological Society*, (Colchester: The Essex and West Suffolk Gazette Office, 1865), Vol. III, p. 9 at:

<https://archive.org/details/transactioness05socigoog/page/n43/mode/2up>

See also the Marney pedigree in Gunn, Steven, *Henry VII's New Men and the Making of Tudor England*, (Oxford: Oxford University Press, 2016), p. xviii at:

<https://books.google.ca/books?id=q4LADAAAQBAJ&pg=PR18>

See also the *ODNB* entry, and the entry for the testator's father in Wedgwood, Josiah C., *History of Parliament*, (London: His Majesty's Stationery Office, 1936), p. 575 at:

<https://archive.org/details/in.ernet.dli.2015.210096/page/n643/mode/2up>

See also Cokayne, George Edward, *The Complete Peerage*, (London: The St Catherine Press, 1932), Vol. VIII, pp. 523-4.

Testator's paternal great-great-grandparents

The testator was the great-great-grandson of Sir Robert Marney (d.1400) and Alice Lacer (died c.1391), daughter of Richard Lacer (d.1361) of London and Bromley, Kent, by his first wife, Julian, and widow of Sir William Bruyn (d.1362) of South Ockendon, Essex, and Beckenham, Kent. For Sir Robert Marney, see the History of Parliament entry at:

<http://www.historyofparliamentonline.org/volume/1386-1421/member/marney-sir-robert-1319-1400>

*b.c.1319, s. of Robert Marney*¹ *of Layer Marney. m. (1) 1s. d.v.p.*² *?1da; (2) between Feb. 1362 and Mar. 1365, Alice (d.c.1391), da. of Richard Lacer† (d.1361) of London and Bromley, Kent, by his 1st w. Juliana, sis. and coh. of Richard Lacer and wid. of Sir William Bruyn (d.1362) of South Ockendon, Essex, and Beckenham, Kent, 1s. Sir William*. Kntd. by Sept. 1341.*

Testator's paternal great-grandparents

The testator was the great-grandson of Sir William Marney (d.1414) and Elizabeth Sergeaux (see above). For Sir William Marney, see the History of Parliament entry at:

<http://www.historyofparliamentonline.org/volume/1386-1421/member/marney-sir-william-1370-1414>

Testator's paternal grandparents

The testator was the grandson of Sir John Marney (d.1470-2) of Layer Marney, Essex, and Jane Throckmorton (d.1479), daughter of John Throckmorton of Fladbury. See Wedgwood, *supra*, p. 575.

Testator's parents

The testator was the son of Henry Marney (1456/7-1523), 1st Baron Marney, by his first wife, Thomasine Arundell, the daughter of Sir John Arundell (9 June 1421 - 12 November 1473) of Lanherne, Cornwall, by his second wife, Katherine Chidioc (c.1428 - 9 April 1479), daughter and coheir of Sir John Chidioc of Dorset, and widow of William Stafford, esquire, slain by Jack Cade on 18 June 1450. See *Magna Carta Ancestry, supra*, Vol. III, p. 141. After the death of Sir John Arundell, Katherine Chidioc married thirdly, as his third wife, Sir Roger Lewknor (d. 4 August 1478).

By his first wife, Elizabeth Morley, the daughter of Thomas Morley (c.1393 - 6 December 1435), 5th Baron Morley (1393-1435), and Isabel de la Pole (d. 8 February 1467), Sir John Arundell was the father of Anne Arundell, who married John Tyrrell (d.1557?) of Columbine Hall, grandson of Sir James Tyrrell (executed 6 May 1502) of Gipping, Suffolk, alleged murderer of the two young sons of Edward IV imprisoned in the Tower, and half brother of Oxford's stepfather, Charles Tyrrell (d.1570). For John Tyrrell (d.1557?) of Columbine Hall, see his will, TNA PROB 11/40/73. For Oxford's stepfather, Charles Tyrrell (d.1570), see his will, TNA PROB 11/52/187.

For the will of the testator's father, see TNA PROB 11/21/156.

Testator's siblings

The testator had a brother and sister of the whole blood.

-Thomas Marney, who predeceased the testator.

-Katherine Marney (c.1480-1535), who married firstly Edward Knyvet (c.1486-1503), secondly Thomas Bonham (d. 18 June 1532), esquire, and thirdly John Barnaby of Great Braxted, Essex. See;

http://www.tudorwomen.com/?page_id=695

Catherine Marney (c.1480-1535) was the daughter of Henry, 1st baron Marney (1457-May 24, 1523) and his first wife, Thomasine Arundell. Her marriage to Edward Knyvett of Suffolk (c.1486-1503) was childless but he had a daughter, Elizabeth or Isabel (d. February 1508) by his first wife. Catherine inherited a life interest in his lands, including the manor of Stanway, Essex and twelve other manors and lands in Essex, Kent, and

Suffolk, greatly reducing her stepdaughter's prospects. That young woman's widower, John Raynsford (d.1559) brought several suits against Catherine in chancery and eventually succeeded in winning an annuity of £20 and a life interest in two of Knyvett's manors. In 1509, Catherine married Thomas Bonham (1459-June 18, 1532). Their seven children included John (d. by 1532), William (1513-1547+), and Elizabeth. In her second widowhood, Catherine inherited a life interest in all of Bonham's lands and goods. Her third husband was John Barnaby, who had been a servant of Bonham's from as early as 1514.

For Sir John Raynsford (d.1559), see his will, TNA PROB 11/42B/484, and the History of Parliament entry at:

[http://www.historyofparliamentonline.org/volume/1509-1558/member/raynsford-\(rainforth\)-sir-john-1482-1559](http://www.historyofparliamentonline.org/volume/1509-1558/member/raynsford-(rainforth)-sir-john-1482-1559)

For Thomas Bonham, see his will, TNA PROB 11/25/90, and the History of Parliament entry at:

<https://www.historyofparliamentonline.org/volume/1509-1558/member/bonham-thomas-1482-1532>

By Thomas Bonham, Katherine Marney was the mother of William Bonham (d.1568), who married Frances Tey (d.1573), one of the four daughters and co-heirs of the testator's feoffee, Sir Thomas Tey (see below). See Kidston, G.J., *The Bonhams of Wiltshire and Essex*, (Devizes: C.H. Woodward, 1948), pp. 66, 68, 83 at:

<https://archive.org/details/bonhamsofwiltshi00kids/page/n75>

The testator's father married secondly Isabel Wyfold. She was living 8 February 1489 (see Wedgwood, *supra*, p. 575), and died before 10 April 1509, when she is referred to as deceased in the will of John de Vere, 13th Earl of Oxford, TNA PROB 11/17/379.

Isabel Wyfold was the daughter of Nicholas Wyfold (d.1456), Lord Mayor of London, and Margaret Chedworth (d.1494). See Blomfield, Francis, *An Essay Towards a Topographical History of the County of Norfolk*, (London: William Miller, 1807), Vol. VI, p. 187 at:

<https://books.google.ca/books?id=2AUVAAAAQAAJ&pg=PA187w>

Margaret Chedworth (d.1494), the daughter of Sir John Chedworth and his wife, Joan, married successively Nicholas Wyfold (d.1456), Lord Mayor of London in 1450-1, John Norreys (d. 1 September 1466), esquire, Treasurer of the Queen's Chamber, and John Howard, 1st Duke of Norfolk, slain at the Battle of Bosworth 22 August 1485. Margaret Chedworth left a will dated 13 May 1490 and proved 3 December 1494, TNA PROB 11/10/315, in which she bequeaths to 'my daughter Marney a chain of water flowers'.

See Richardson, Douglas, *Plantagenet Ancestry*, 2nd ed., 2011, pp. 272-3, and the *ODNB* entry for John Howard, 1st Duke of Norfolk.

When she married the testator's father, Isabel Wyfold was the widow of John Norreys (d.1485), by whom she had a son, Edmund Norreys (d.1508), who married Julyan Tyrrell (d.1556), and a daughter, Anne Norreys (living 1517), who married Edward Sulyard (d.1517), esquire. See the will of their son, Eustace Sulyard (d.1547), TNA PROB 11/31/508. See also the will of Julyan Tyrrell, TNA PROB 11/38/70.

By Isabel Wyfold, the testator's father had a daughter, the testator's sister of the half blood:

-Grace Marney (1487-c.1553), who married Sir Edmund Bedingfield (1479/80–1553) of Oxburgh, Norfolk, for whose will see TNA PROB 11/36/27. Their grandson, Thomas Bedingfield (d.1613), dedicated his translation of *Cardanus' Comfort* to Oxford.

MARRIAGE AND ISSUE

Testator's first marriage

The testator married firstly Christian Newburgh (d. 6 August 1517), the daughter of Sir Roger Newburgh (d.1515?) of East Lulworth, Dorset, for whose will see TNA PROB 11/18/218. By Christian Newburgh the testator had two surviving daughters:

* **Katherine Marney**, who married firstly George Radcliffe (d. before November 1542), a younger son of Robert Radcliffe (d. 27 November 1542), 1st Earl of Sussex, by his first wife, Elizabeth Stafford (d. 1530-1532), the elder daughter of Henry Stafford (1455-1483), 2nd Duke of Buckingham, and Katherine Woodville (1457/8–1497). After Buckingham's death, Katherine Woodville married secondly Jasper Tudor (c.1431-1495), Duke of Bedford, and thirdly Sir Richard Wingfield (b. in or before 1469, d.1525), for whose will see TNA PROB 11/22/51. By Elizabeth Stafford, Robert Radcliffe, 1st Earl of Sussex had three sons:

(1) **Henry Radcliffe** (1507–1542), 2nd Earl of Sussex, father of Thomas Radcliffe (1526/7 - 9 June 1583), 3rd Earl of Sussex, a leading figure at the court of Queen Elizabeth.

(2) **Sir Humphrey Radcliffe** (c.1508/9–13 - August 1566) of Elstow, Bedfordshire, who married Isabel Harvey (d.1594), daughter and heir of Edmund Harvey of Elstow and Margaret Wentworth, by whom he had two sons, Thomas Radcliffe (d. 18 September 1586), and Edward Radcliffe (d.1643), 6th Earl of Sussex, and four daughters, Mary Radcliffe, who was a lady-in-waiting to Queen Elizabeth, Frances Radcliffe, Elizabeth Radcliffe, and Martha Radcliffe. For Sir Humphrey Radcliffe, see the History of Parliament entry at:

<http://www.historyofparliamentonline.org/volume/1558-1603/member/radcliffe-sir-humphrey-1509-66>

For Sir Humphrey Radcliffe's son, Edward Radcliffe (d.1643), 6th Earl of Sussex, see the will of Anne (nee Browne) Tyrrell Petre (d.1582), TNA PROB 11/64/153, and the History of Parliament entry at:

<https://www.historyofparliamentonline.org/volume/1558-1603/member/radcliffe-edward-1643>

(3) George Radcliffe, who, as noted above, married the testator's daughter, Katherine Marney.

By his second wife, Margaret Stanley, Robert Radcliffe, 1st Earl of Sussex, was the father of Jane Radcliffe (1531/2–1552), who married Anthony Browne (1528–1592), 1st Viscount Montague, by whom she had a daughter, Mary Browne (d.1607), mother of Shakespeare's dedicatee, Henry Wriothesley (1573-1624), 3rd Earl of Southampton.

For further details of the Radcliffe family, see the will of Sir John Radcliffe, TNA PROB 11/50/373.

Katherine Marney married secondly Thomas Poynings (d.1545), 1st Baron Poynings. See Cokayne, *supra*, Vol. VIII, p. 524, and the Wikipedia entry edited by the author of this website at:

https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Thomas_Poynings,_1st_Baron_Poynings

* **Elizabeth Marney**, who married Thomas Howard (c.1520 - 28 January 1582), 1st Viscount Bindon, brother of Oxford's uncle, Henry Howard (1516/17–1547), the poet Earl of Surrey. See the will of Thomas Howard, 1st Viscount Bindon, TNA PROB 11/65/112, and Cokayne, *supra*, Vol. VIII, p. 524.

According to the History of Parliament:

The wardships of [Marney's] daughters Catherine and Elizabeth, aged ten and eight, were acquired by the 3rd Duke of Norfolk and Robert Radcliffe, 10th Lord Fitzwalter, even while he lay 'drawing the draughts of death' A

Testator's second marriage

The testator married secondly Bridget Waldegrave (d. 30 September 1549), widow of William Fynderne (d.1508), and daughter of Sir William Waldegrave (c.1465 - 30 June 1527) and Margery Wentworth (buried 7 May 1540). See her will, TNA PROB 11/33/186.

As noted above, the testatrix' second wife was the great-aunt of Sir William Waldegrave (c.1540 – 25 August 1613), who in 1572, together with Oxford's first cousin, John Darcy (d.1581), 2nd Baron Darcy of Chiche, jointly entered into guarantees amounting to £5000 for Oxford's debt to the Court of Wards (see TNA C 2/Eliz/T6/48).

TESTATOR'S FEOFFEES

The testator states that on 14 June 1509 his father enfeoffed Robert Radcliffe, Lord Fitzwalter, Sir John Arundell, Sir Robert Drury and Sir John Vere in his manors of Layer Marney and Colquite.

For Robert Radcliffe (d. 27 November 1542), Lord Fitzwalter, and later 1st Earl of Sussex, see the *ODNB* entry.

For Sir John Arundell (d. 8 February 1545) of Lanherne, see the pedigree in Vivian, J.L., *The Visitations of Cornwall*, (Exeter: William Pollard, 1887), p. 4.

For Sir Robert Drury (d.1535), Speaker of the House of Commons, and chief steward and executor to John de Vere (1442-1513), 13th Earl of Oxford, see the *ODNB* entry and his will, TNA PROB 11/25/467.

For Sir John Vere, later 15th Earl of Oxford, see the *ODNB* entry.

The testator states that on 1 March 1525 he enfeoffed Henry Radcliffe, esquire, son and heir apparent of Lord Fitzwalter, George Radcliffe and Humphrey Radcliffe, esquire, sons of Lord Fitzwalter, Sir John Vere, and others of a tenement called Bettes and other lands in Layer Marney.

The testator also directs that the following persons be enfeoffed in the manor of Colquite: Sir John Fitzjames, Sir John Arundell, Sir Piers Edgecumbe, Sir John Rogers, Sir Giles Strangways and Sir Thomas Trenchard.

For Sir John Fitzjames (c.1470-1538?), see the *ODNB* entry.

For Sir Piers Edgecombe (1477-1539) of Cotehele, Cornwall, see his will, TNA PROB 11/27/531, and the *ODNB* entry.

For Sir John Rogers (d. 1535x1546) of Bryanston, Dorset, see his will, TNA PROB 11/31/153, and the WikiTree profile at:

<https://www.wikitree.com/wiki/Rogers-1596>

For Sir Giles Strangways (d.1546) of Melbury Sampford, Dorset, see his will, TNA PROB 11/31/376, and the History of Parliament entry at:

<http://www.historyofparliamentonline.org/volume/1509-1558/member/strangways-sir-giles-i-1486-1546>

For Sir Thomas Trenchard (d.1549?) of Wolfeton, Dorset, see his will, TNA PROB 11/33/320, and the WikiTree profile at:

<https://www.wikitree.com/wiki/Trenchard-88>

The testator also directs that the following persons be enfeoffed in the manor of Layer Marney: Sir Thomas Tey, Anthony Darcy, Robert Foster, Edward Tyrrell, John Tyrrell, John Danyell and John Sackvile, esquires.

Several members of the Tey family were connected to the Earls of Oxford. Sir Henry Tey (c.1455-1510), Thomas Tey senior (c.1483-1540?), and Thomas Tey junior (c.1489-1543), were all granted annuities in the will of John de Vere, 13th Earl of Oxford. See Ross, James, *John de Vere, Thirteenth Earl of Oxford (1442-1513)*, (Woodbridge, Suffolk: The Boydell Press, 2011), p. 238. See also p. 236:

Tey, Sir Henry

Henry (c.1455-1510), was paid an annuity of £5 a year, and was also a feoffee in 1507. For his career see Wedgwood, ii, 845; Bindoff, iii, 436-7.

Tey, John

Described as of Castle Hedingham in 1498-9, and probably, therefore, a member of the earl's household. Tey held the office of feodary of the duchy of Lancaster in five counties from 1510 to 1523: Somerville, Duchy of Lancaster, i, 609. Tey died in Countess Elizabeth's residence at Wivehoe in 1534: PROB 11/25, fols 121r-22r; Bindoff, iii, 437.

Tey, Thomas senior, and Thomas junior

Of the two Thomas Teys paid 53s 4d a year in the will, the senior was the son and heir of Sir Henry, and is described as being twenty-seven or more at his father's death. Thomas senior was a feoffee in 1507. Thomas junior (aged thirteen or more in 1502), was the son of William Tey (d.1502) of the cadet branch of the Tey family based at Layer de la Haye in Essex, and was a feudal tenant of the earl at Aldham in Essex; E150/296/4 (Essex): CIPM Henry VII, ii, 386-7; Wedgwood, ii, 845; Bindoff, iii, 436-7.

For the Tey family, see also Ross, *supra*, pp. 101 (n. 60), 181, 185, 186, 187, 190, 191 (n. 81), 193, 195, 197 (n. 105)201 (n. 121).

See also Collinson, Patrick, John Craig, Brett Usher, eds., *Conferences and Combination Lectures in the Elizabethan Church, 1582-1590*, (Woodbridge, Suffolk: The Boydell Press, 2003), pp. 258-9 at:

<https://books.google.ca/books?id=sCrkK2WZ2A4C&pg=PA258>

The senior branch of the family inherited Marks Tey, Brightwell Hall, Bottingham Hall and Peldon; the cadet branch Layer-d-la-Haye and Aldham Hall. The grandson of John Tey II, Sir Thomas Tey (d.1540), a Henrician courtier who was present at the Field of Cloth of Gold, left four daughters, and his patrimony was divided between them. The eldest, Margaret, inherited the Brightwell estate and married Sir John Jermyn [sic]. The order in which the other three were born is not clear but Frances inherited the manor of Peldon and married William Bonham, MP for Maldon in 1539 and subsequently a gentleman pensioner (d.1547 or later). Mary married Sir Thomas Neville 'of Oldehote in Essex' and Elizabeth Sir Marmaduke Neville (1506-1545), fourth son of Richard 2nd Lord Latymer (1468-1530.). Marmaduke's eldest brother, John 3rd Lord Latymer (d.1543), was the second husband of Katherine Parr, soon to be Henry VIII's sixth queen. Eleanor Neville was the only surviving child of Sir Marmaduke and Elizabeth Tey.

Thomas Tey junior (c.1489-1543) was not knighted. See the History of Parliament entry at:

<https://www.historyofparliamentonline.org/volume/1509-1558/member/tey-thomas-1486-or-1488-1543>

It thus appears that the testator's feoffee was Sir Thomas Tey (c.1483-1540?), the son of Sir Henry Tey (d.1455-1510) and Margaret Greene (d. 24 September 1520). See Ross, *supra*, p. 190:

By 1497 Sir John Grene's daughters, Margaret and Agnes, had been married to Sir Henry Tey and Sir William Fyndern respectively. See CIPM, Henry VII, ii, 27-30.

The name of Sir Thomas Tey's wife is unknown. According to some sources, she was Elizabeth Curson, the daughter and heiress of William Curson (d.1485).

See also the will of Humphrey Tyrrell (d. 2 June 1507), esquire, TNA PROB 11/15/580.

The testator's feoffee, Anthony Darcy, may have been Anthony Darcy (d. 18 October 1540), the son of John Darcy and Anne Tyrrell, the daughter of Sir Thomas Tyrrell (d. 28 March 1477) of Heron in East Horndon, Essex. See the will of Thomas Darcy, esquire, TNA PROB 11/7/329.

The testator's feoffee, Robert Foster, may have been Robert Forster (d.1545), esquire, of Little Birch, Essex, whose granddaughter, Margaret Forster (d. 5 February 1587), married, as her second husband, Eustace Sulyard (d.1547) mentioned above. For the will of Robert Forster (d.1545), see TNA PROB 11/39/125.

The testator's feoffee, Edward Tyrrell, may have been Edward Tyrrell (c.1476? - 16 June 1541), eldest son and heir of John Tyrrell (d. 25 October 1494) of Beeches in Rawreth, Essex. For the will of John Tyrrell, see TNA PROB 11/10/311.

The testator's feoffee, John Tyrrell, may have been John Tyrrell (d.1541) of Little Warley, Essex, for whose will see TNA PROB 11/28/444.

The testator's feoffee, John Danyell, can perhaps be identified with John Danyell (c.1486 - 5 September 1556) of Messing, eldest surviving son of Edmund Danyell (d.1498?) and Grace Baynard (d. 2 January 1509), daughter and heir of Richard Baynard (d.1473) of Messing, who married firstly Thomas Langley, and secondly Edmund Danyell. See the will of Edmund Danyell, TNA PROB 11/11/526.

The testator's feoffee, John Sackvile, has not been identified.

OTHER PERSONS MENTIONED IN THE WILL

In the will below the testator requests prayers for the soul of Amy Marney, who has not been identified. She may have been a daughter of the testator's who died young.

For the testator's executor, Cuthbert Tunstall (1474-559), Bishop of London, see the *ODNB* entry.

The testator's supervisor, Sir Roger Wentworth, can likely be identified with Sir Roger Wentworth (1465 - 9 August 1539), who married Anne Tyrrell (d.1534), the only daughter of Humphrey Tyrrell (d. 2 June 1507), esquire, by his first wife, Isabel Helion, the daughter and heiress of John Helion (d.1450), esquire. See the will, TNA PROB 11/49/288, of Sir John Wentworth (1494 - 15 September 1567) of Gosfield Hall, Essex, friend and executor of John de Vere (1516-1562), 16th Earl of Oxford.

Dorothy Langley 'which waits upon my two daughters' may have been related to Grace (nee Baynard) Langley Danyell, whose first husband, as noted above, was Thomas Langley. See the will of Grace Danyell, TNA PROB 11/16/317.

For Sir Robert [i] Dymoke (c. 1461-1545), see his will, TNA PROB 11/30/377, and the *ODNB* entry for the Dymoke family:

Sir Robert [i] Dymoke (c. 1461-1545), Sir Thomas [ii]'s heir, married Anne, daughter of John Sparrow of London. Robert's eventful minority included in May 1471 an order to arrest him and his mother. The following year his custody and wardship were entrusted to Robert Radcliffe. Dymoke was given licence to inherit his father's lands and those of Robert Waterton in 1482. . . .

For at least eight years (1527-35) he was chancellor to the queen's household, though he is also described as Katherine of Aragon's 'almoner and receiver' and 'queen's chamberlain' under Anne Boleyn.

The testator's 'sister Anne Byrkes' has not been identified. It is possible that the testator's brother, Thomas Marney, married, and that she was his widow.

William Audley has not been identified.

RM: Test{amentum} Io{hannis} Marny Milit{is} d{omi}ni Marny

In the name of God, Amen. The tenth day of the [-tenth day of the] month of March in the year of Our Lord God a thousand five hundred twenty and four and in the sixteenth year of the reign of our Sovereign Lord King Henry the Eight, I, John Marney, knight, Lord Marney of Marney in the county of Essex, being whole of mind and perfect memory, thanked be Almighty God, make and ordain this my present testament in manner and form following:

First I bequeath my soul to the Blessed Trinity, to Our Lady Saint Mary, to Saint John the Baptist, and to all the holy company of heaven;

And my body to be buried in the new aisle on the north side of the parish church of Layer Marney in the midst of the said aisle directly against the midst of the new chapel, six foot from the partition between the chapel and the aisle, in a vault of brick to be made so large that two bodies may be laid therein, over the which vault I will there be a tomb set and made of such stone as my father's is made of, if it may be gotten, or else of grey marble, the which tomb I will shall be eight foot long and five foot broad and four foot high, and to be wrought in every condition as my father's tomb is except the vault over and above my father's said tomb, and the arms about the tomb I will to be changed after the device of the hawwde(?);

And round about my said tomb I will there be made a grate of wainscot, and at every corner of the same grate a principal pillar with a white leopard upon the top thereof, and upon which tomb I will have an image for myself of the same stone that my said tomb like unto my said father's tomb shall be made of, if it may be gotten, or else of freestone, my said image lying upon the midst thereof portrayed(?) with my coat-armour with my helm and crest at the head and a white leopard at the feet;

And on either side of my said image I will mine executors lay one image of brass for every of my two wives, Dame Christian and Dame Bridget, the image of my wife, Dame Bridget, to be laid on my right hand and the other of my left hand, and both the said images to be pictured with their coat-armours;

And at the west end of my said tomb I will there be made one altar where I will have a priest singing for me perpetually after such ordinances and devices as here in this my present will hereafter I have showed and declared;

And I will that mine executors bury me according to my degree with as little pomp as they can, and I will that the night before my burial be said a trental of dirges beside the

dirge by note, and the day of my burial a trental of Masses, whereof I will three to be by note, the first of the Trinity, the second of Our Lady, and the High Mass of Requiem;

And every of the two priests that shall sing the said two first Masses I will they have 3s 4d, and he that singeth the High Mass to have 6s 8d, and every other priest for Mass and dirge 12d, every clerk being a man and helping to sing 4d, and every child being a singer and helping to sing 2d, and the ringers 3s 4d;

Also I will that every such person that shall bear my body to the church to have 20d;

And I will that there be at my burying 24 poor men to hold 24 torches in the service-time, and every one of them to have a black gown and a hood and 12d for his labour;

Also I will mine executors deal at my burying 2d dole £20, and that they cause every man, woman and child before the dole kneel on their knees and to say the prayer of *De profundis*, and such that cannot, they to say one Paternoster, one Ave and one Creed for my soul;

Also I will that mine executors keep my month's mind in Layer Marney, at which time I will have said a trental of Masses and dirges, other there or elsewhere, but as many as may be said there I will shall be done and said there, and every priest and clerk to have for their labour as is appointed at my burying;

Also I will that the foresaid 24 poor men be at my month's mind and do hold the said 24 torches at dirge and Mass and to have for their labour 12d apiece as is before to them appointed, and the ringers in like manner as at my said burial;

Also I will there be dealt at my said month's mind £10 in penny dole;

And after my said month's mind done, I will the said 24 torches be given to poor churches, where most need is to have most and the other to have less after the discretion of mine executors;

Also I will that mine executors keep my year's mind at Layer Marney, there to be done in everything for me as is appointed to be done at my month's mind;

And I give and bequeath to the high altar of Layer Marney church for my tithes and offerings forgotten 20s;

To the Dean of the King's Chapel 6s 8d;

To the high altar of Ketteringham church in Norfolk 3s 4d;

To the high altar of Henyngam [=Heveningham?] church in Suffolk 3s 4d;

To the work of Paul's 6s 8d;

To Saint Thomas of Acres 6s 8d;

To the high altar of East Lulworth in Dorsetshire for my tithes & offerings forgotten 20s;

And to every other church and place where I am brother 3s 4d;

And I will that mine executors give knowledge to every such place as soon as they conveniently may after my death that they may pray for my soul;

Also I will that mine executors perform the will of Sir Roger Newburgh to whom I am sole executor, the which will is performed in all points except one, as it shall appear by bills of discharge of divers persons and also by divers accounts of Nicholas Ederbyke, the which point is that the said Sir Roger willed that the residue of all his cattle unbequeathed to me and to my said wife should be divided between Walter Newburgh, John Pytt, Henry Combe and John Doble by the discretion of me and my wife, whom he made his executors jointly with me and my wife, Christian, his daughter, which clause is unperformed as against John Pytt, Henry Combe and John Doble, and the said Walter Newburgh hath acquitted me for his part;

And where the said Sir Roger Newburgh by his last will, as therein appeareth, gave unto me & to my wife, Dame Christian, his daughter, three thousand and nine hundred sheep of wethers and ewes, I will in accomplishment of the same will that mine executors shall sell the same like number of mine sheep in as profitable manner as they can, and the money thereof coming I give and bequeath unto my two daughters, Katherine and Elizabeth, egally to be divided between them twain, and every of them to have their said portion by the deliverance of mine executors at such time as every of them shall accomplish and come to her full age of twenty and one years;

And I give and bequeath to my said two daughters all such plate as I have that was the said Sir Roger Newburgh's egally to be divided between them, the which plate I have put together in a coffer with a bill of contents of the same;

Also I will that my said two daughters shall have all such household stuff as I have that was the said Sir Roger Newburgh's which at the time of my death shall remain unspent and unwasted egally to be divided between them;

And I will that all the said plate and household stuff shall be delivered by mine executors unto my said daughters by even portions at such time as every of them shall fulfil the said age of 21 years;

And if any of my said daughters die without issue before she shall accomplish her said age of 21 years, then I will that the overliver of my said daughters shall have the same deceased's(?) part or portion, that is to wit, as well of the said money to be received for the said three thousand and nine hundred sheep as of the said plate and household stuff;

And if any of my said daughters so die having [f. 272v] issue, I will the same issue to have the mother's part or portion of all the goods aforesaid, to be delivered at such time and in such manner as mine executor shall think most meet and convenient for the profit of the same issue;

And if both my said daughters die before their said ages, then I will that all the said money, plate and household stuff shall remain and be delivered unto the right heirs of the said Sir Roger Norburgh [=Newburgh] according to his last will;

The residue of my sheep I will that mine executors shall sell to perform this my present will after that they have agreed with the said John Pett, Henry Combe and John Doble or with their executors;

And it is to be remembered that the number of the sheep flocks late of the said Sir Roger be increased by me sithence the death of the said Sir Roger, as shall appear by a book of the same Sir Roger's cattle made after the death of the said Sir Roger, and also by account of my sheep-reeve's remaining with this my will, of the which increase the said John Pett and other ought to have no part nor interest;

Also I give and bequeath to my said two daughters one hundred pounds of plate, that is to say, to every of them fifty pounds, to be delivered unto them by mine executors as they shall come to their full age of 21 years;

And if any of my said daughters die before she come to her said age, then I will the overliver of them have the deceased's(?) part of that hundred pounds;

And if they both die before they come to their said ages, then I will that my wife, Dame Bridget, shall have the same £100 of plate if she then be living;

And if she be then dead, then I will the same £100 be egally divided between my brother [=brother-in-law], Edmund Bedingfield, knight, and my sister, Dame Grace, his wife, and my brother [=brother-in-law], Thomas Bonham, esquire, and my sister, Katherine, his wife;

Also if it fortune me to have any mo daughters than the said Katherine and Elizabeth, and also having issue male, then I will that every one of my said such daughters other than the said Katherine and Elizabeth shall have three hundred marks to their marriage;

And if any of them die before she be married, then I will the overliver of them to have the part of her so being dead;

And if I have any mo daughters at the time of my death than the said Katherine and Elizabeth, and that the said Katherine and Elizabeth die without issue of their bodies so that my other daughters be only heirs to mine inheritance, then I will my said other daughter or daughters to have no such marriage money aforesaid, or if any such daughter or daughters be portioners of mine inheritance with my said two daughters, Katherine and

Elizabeth or any of them, then I will my said such other daughter or daughters to have no such marriage money above-written;

Also I give and bequeath unto my wife, Dame Bridget, one hundred pounds of plate to be chosen by herself of all my plate as she shall like best;

And I give and bequeath to my said wife my bed of crimson and white satin embroidered with letters of gold and wings of silver with the curtains of white and crimson sarcenet belonging thereto;

Also I give unto her my bed of crimson velvet and tinsel satin embroidered with leopards of silver with the curtains of carnation sarcenet belonging thereto;

Also I give and bequeath unto my said wife two of my best featherbeds, two counterpoints, two pair of fustians for the same two beds of silk aforesaid, and 2 pair of my best sheets for every of the same beds;

Also I give and bequeath unto her three other featherbeds of the second sort with all things appertaining to them, and to every of the said featherbeds two pair of sheets of the second sort;

Also I give unto her the half-deal of my napery, diaper and plain, to be sorted in three sorts, she to have part of the best, part of the second, and part of the third;

And if my said wife die before me, then I will that all the said bedding and napery remain to my said daughter, Katherine, if she marry with any of the sons of the Lord Fitzwalter according to the covenants comprised in a pair of indentures made between me and the said Lord Fitzwalter, or else to my such heir as shall have and enjoy the manor of Layer Marney for his or her part or purpart or for parcel of the same of mine inheritance;

Also I give and bequeath unto my said wife half my kitchen stuff if she overlive me, or else to remain to my said daughter, Katherine, in form aforesaid;

Also I give to my said wife hangings for two chambers of tapestry which be now appointed for the two lodgings in the new gallery on the west side of the Tower;

The residue of all my household stuff unbequeathed I will shall remain in my said house at Layer, which stuff I give and bequeath to my said daughter, Katherine, in such manner and upon such condition as is afore rehearsed, that is to say, if she marry with any of the sons of the said Lord Fitzwalter, or else to my such heir to whom the sole possession of my said manor of Layer Marney shall hap unto, be it man or woman;

Also I give and bequeath unto my sister, Dame Grace Bedingfield, forty pounds in plate or money;

And to my sister, Katherine Bonham, forty pounds in plate or money;

Also I will that my harness and weapons, bows and arrows, tents and haies with all my implements and necessaries of husbandry shall be equally divided between the said Sir Edmund Bedingfield and Thomas Bonham and my such heir as shall have my said manor of Layer Marney as is aforesaid, except all such harness and weapons, bows and arrows as here by my will I bequeath unto my household servants and officers, that is to say, to every archer an Almain rivet complete, a bow and a sheaf of arrows, and to every billman an Almain rivet and a bill, but I will that mine auditors, stewards, shepherds and sheep-reeves shall not be accounted for any of my said household servants and officers;

Also I will that mine executors do cause to be made of my gowns of silk and velvet one vestment for the new chapel on the north side of the chancel of the said church of Layer Marney, and two vestments for my chantry altar at the end of my said tomb, another vestment for the chapel within the place, and one vestment for the high altar of the said church, and one cope for the same church;

The residue of my gowns of silk and velvet I will that vestments be made of them and given to poor churches in the country where most need is;

All my other gowns of cloth, coats, jackets of silk and velvet I give to my household servants to be distributed after the discretion of mine executors;

Also I will that mine executors prepare, ordain and cause to be made of one hundred pounds of plate or money three pair of basins, three pair of candlesticks, three paxes, three pair of cruets, three sacring-bells and once chalice, whereof I will and ordain that one pair of the said basins, candlesticks and cruets and one pax and one sacring-bell shall remain unto the chapel within my said place of Layer Marney, and one pair of the said basins, candlesticks and cruets, one pax and one bell I will shall remain to the new chapel on the north side of the chancel of Layer church aforesaid, and one other pair of basins, candlesticks and cruets, one pax and one bell and the said chalice I will shall remain to my said chantry altar [+at the?] end of my said tomb, there to be used and occupied at the high feasts of the year to the honour of God forever;

And for the sure custody and keeping of the said plate to be remaining [f. 273r] in the said chapel of Layer church I will that mine executors shall ordain a strong coffer with two locks and two keys, whereof I will that the parson of the said church for the time being shall always have the one key and the churchwardens of the same church for time being shall have the other key, under whose such keeping I will the said plate to be always locked within the said coffer except such times as when it shall be occupied in form aforesaid, the which coffer I will stand to and be set within the steeple of the said church;

Also I give and bequeath to the building of the said church of Layer Marney two hundred pounds sterlings if it be not builded and finished in my lifetime, and then the building thereof to be done by the oversight of mine executors;

And herein my mind is this, if it be nigh builded and not finished at the time of my death, then I will mine executors to bestow as much of the said two hundred pounds as shall perform and finish the said church;

Also I give and bequeath unto my sister, Anne Byrkes, ten pounds in plate or money;

To every son and daughter of my said brother [=brother-in-law] Bedingfield now being alive ten pounds;

To every son and daughter of my said brother Bonham now being alive ten pounds;

To William Sulyard ten pounds;

To Eustace Sulyard ten marks;

And I will that mine executors shall find to school at Cambridge Francis Sulyard one year after my decease if he be not taken from thence by me before that time, to whom also I bequeath ten marks;

Also I give and bequeath unto my household servants to every of them his whole year's wages, that is to say, to every gentleman daily waiting in my house 53s 4d, to every yeoman daily waiting in my house 40s, and to every other household servant daily waiting 20s;

And to George Bradley, Edward Shrygley, Thomas Gumte(?) and Richard Coventry, to every of them 40s;

And to William Jarman, Yeoman of the Crown, 53s 4d;

Also I will and bequeath to Master Robert Symson, parson of Laver Marney, ten pounds;

To Sir Thomas (blank), parson of Bermounde 53s 4d;

And to Sir John Baker 53s 4d;

And I will that mine executors keep & continue still my household by the space of one half year next after my decease, and as many of my said household servants that will there tarry and abide to have meat and drink during the same half year;

Also I give unto my foresaid daughter, Katherine, my great pair of virginals and the little pair of virginals of book fashion, and my great lute;

Also I give to my said daughter, Elizabeth, the other little pair of virginals;

And the portatives that stand in the great chamber I will shall remain within my said house to th' use of my said daughter, Katherine, and so forth in manner and form aforesaid;

Also I will that mine executors shall sell all my wool that shall happen to be unsold time of my death, and also all my sheep of increase over and above the old flocks, and the money thereof coming to go to the performance of this my will and payment of my debts;

And I will that mine executors shall have, take and receive all the rents, revenues, issues and profits coming and growing of my manor of Layer Marney with th' appurtenances in the said county of Essex and also of my manor of Colquite with th' appurtenances in the county of Cornwall by the space and term of full six years next and immediately following from the day of my death as well to fulfil and perform therewith the last will of my father, Sir Henry Marney, knight, late Lord Marney, as this my present will and testament, and also lenger than the said six years to receive thereof such sums of money as mine executors shall then lack for to perform this my present will and testament;

And whereas Robert Radcliffe, Lord Fitzwalter, John Arundell, knight, Robert Drury, knight, and John Vere, knight, with divers other persons stand and be seised in their demesne as of fee of and in the said manor of Layer Marney with th' appurtenances in the county of Essex and also of and in the said manor of Colquite with th' appurtenances in the county of Cornwall among other lands and tenements by the gift and feoffment of my said father, Henry Marney, knight, late Lord Marney, as by a deed of feoffment thereof to them made to th' use and performance of the last will of my said father, the same deed bearing date the fourteen day of June in the first year [=14 June 1509] of the reign of King Henry the 8th more plainly appeareth, I will that the said Lord Fitzwalter and all other his said co-feoffees, their heirs and assigns, of and in the premises incontinently after my death and after the last will of my said father, late Lord Marney, thereupon declared fully performed and executed, shall after stand and be seised of and in the said manors of Colquite and Layer Marney with th' appurtenances to th' use, execution and performance of this my present will, willing and also requiring my said Lord Fitzwalter and all other his said co-feoffees, their heirs and assigns, without let or interruption of them or any of them to assist, aid and suffer mine executors and their assigns peaceably to take and receive all and singular the revenues, issues and profits coming and growing of the said manors and every of them with th' appurtenances to the intent, use and performance of this my last will in form afore rehearsed;

And also I will and require the said Lord Fitzwalter and other his said co-feoffees of the premises that they and the overlivers of them, their heirs and assigns, at the request of mine executors shall make estate in fee simple of and in the said manor of Colquite with th' appurtenances, and thereof to enfeoff John Fitzjames, knight, Chief Baron of the King's Exchequer, John Arundell, knight, Piers Edgecumbe, knight, John Rogers, knight, Giles Strangways, knight, and Thomas Trenchard, knight, or as many of them as then shall be living;

And also to make a state [=astate] in fee simple of and in the said manor of Layer Marney with th' appurtenances, and thereof enfeoff Thomas Tey, knight, Anthony Darcy, Robert Foster, Edward Tyrrell, John Tyrrell, John Danyell and John Sackvile, esquires, or as many of them as at the time of the said request making shall be then living, to the performance, use and execution as well of the last will of my said father, late Lord Marney, as of this my present last will;

And also whereas by a deed ensealed bearing date the first day of the month of March in the 16th year [=1 March 1525] of the reign of King Henry the 8th I have enfeoffed Henry Radcliffe, esquire, son and heir apparent of the said Lord Fitzwalter, George Radcliffe and Humphrey Radcliffe, esquires, sons of the said Lord Fitzwalter, John Vere, knight, and divers other of and in a mese or tenement called Bettes together with certain meadows and pastures with their appurtenances to the said mese or tenement being or [f. 273v] belonging or any wise appertaining, set, lying and being in Layer Marney in the said county of Essex;

And one croft of land with th' appurtenances called Edmundes otherwise Bettes meadow in Layer Marney aforesaid;

And of and in all those my lands and tenements, meadows, pastures and feedings with th' appurtenances called Haynes in Layer Marney aforesaid;

And a mese or tenement and certain lands, meadows, pastures and feedings with th' appurtenances called Ulcons(?) lands lying beside Bokingham's [=Buckingham's?] lane in Much Wytboore [=Great Wigborough?] in the said county of Essex;

And also of and in a mese with the appurtenances in Inworth in the said county sometime Robert Russell's and afterward Bodyvalle's;

And also certain lands and tenements with th' appurtenances in Inworth aforesaid called Ewelmore;

And of and in a croft of land containing by estimation five acres, be it more, be it less, in Much Braxted in the county aforesaid sometime in the holding of John Strutt;

And two crofts of land with th' appurtenances in Keldon [=Kelvedon?] in the said county called Boundes hill and Slowcrofte;

And also of and in a tenement and certain lands, meadows, pastures and feedings with the' appurtenances called Totham's tenement, sometime Sawyns, set and lying in Much Totham in the said county;

To have and to hold all and singular the said meses, lands and tenements and other the premises unto the said Henry Radcliffe and other his co-feoffees to them and to their heirs forever to th' use of me and of mine heirs and performing of my last will, as by the said deed more plainly appeareth all at large;

I, the said John Marney, knight, Lord Marney, make, ordain and declare by these presents my mind, intent and last will of and upon all and singular the said meses, lands and tenements and other the premises with th' appurtenances in manner and form following, that is to say:

I will that mine executors and my said feoffees of and in the premises, their heirs and assigns, incontinently after my death shall yearly find one honest priest of good and honest conversation to pray for me and other hereafter rehearsed within the parish church of Layer Marney aforesaid forever;

And I will the said priest for time being daily to say Mass at my chantry altar at th' end of my said tomb within the said church except he be letted by sickness or some other great cause or impediment;

At every such Mass I will the said priest shall pray for my soul, for the soul of my father, Henry Marney, knight, late Lord Marney, for the soul of my mother, Dame Thomasine Marney, my wives' souls, Dame Bridget, Dame Christian, and Amye Marney, for the soul of my brother, Thomas Marney, for the soul of Roger Newburgh, knight, William Audley's soul, all my friends' souls, and all Christian souls, and at every of the said Masses I will the said priest for time being shall say the psalm of *De profundis* at the first lavatory at every of the said Masses for the souls before remembered;

And I will my said feoffees, their heirs and assigns, for time being shall suffer mine executors and Robert Dymoke, knight, William Waldegrave, knight, and Roger Wentworth, knight, or their assigns to have, take and perceive all the revenues, issues and profits yearly coming and growing of all and singular the said meses, lands and tenements in my said deed of feoffment, whereof I will the said priest for time being to have every year ten marks sterlings for his salary and wages, and the residue of the said profits I will shall go to the finding of wax, bread and wine for the same priest to sing Mass withal, and also amend and repair the vestments and their apparel that shall serve for the said altar;

And after the death of mine executors, the said Sir Robert Dymoke, knight, and other, I will the said revenues, issues and profits shall be had, taken and received by the more part of my said feoffees for time being to th' uses and intents aforesaid;

And I will such persons as I have before appointed to have the said profits shall have the oversight, setting and letting of the said premises in most beneficial manner that they can after their discretions;

And I will, make and ordain by this my present will that the said priest from time to time shall be at the nomination, appointment and promotion of the more part of mine executors by the advice and counsel of the said Robert Dymoke, knight, William Waldegrave and Roger Wentworth, knights, during their lives and the lives of mine executors;

And after their deaths, then I will that the more part of my feoffees for time being of and in the premises shall assign, depute and name from time to time one convenient priest to fill the said chantry and to sing in form aforesaid;

And I will and instantly require all such persons as I have before appointed to have the naming of the said priest, that they from time to time provide such priest as shall be of honest conversation, good name and fame, all partiality of favour and affection set apart;

And I give the said persons full power and authority to put out, expel and amove [=remove] any of the said priests for time being as often and as many times as any such priest shall not be of good rule and disposition or do not his duty accordingly as is aforesaid;

And also at such times when as many of my said feoffees named in my said deed of feoffment shall happen to die so that there shall be but three or four of them then overliving, then I will that the same overlivers by their deed of feoffment effectual in the law of all the said premises shall make astate [=estate] in fee simple unto ten or twelve persons of the most worshipful, discreet and of best conscience knights and esquires of the shire of Essex to the uses and intents of my said foundation and continuance of my said chantry priest in form aforesaid, and so I will that my feoffees thereof for time being shall always do as often and as many times as it shall fortune my said feoffees to die, then surviving but three or four of them as is aforesaid;

Provided always that if it fortune hereafter that the said chantry and finding of the said priest cannot be suffered to stand and continue forever according to my mind and intent before showed by reason of any law made or to be made within this realm of England or by occasion of any other power or authority spiritual or temporal, then I will that my right heirs shall have all and singular the said meses, lands and tenements and other the premises to them and to their heirs forever, this my last will or anything therein declared to the contrary thereof notwithstanding;

And if my said chantry at any time hereafter hap to be discontinued so that there shall be no such priest found according to my mind aforesaid through negligence of my said feoffees for time being, then I will and instantly require the parson and churchwardens of the said church of Layer Marney for time being to call upon my said such feoffees for time being for the finding and upholding of my chantry priest in form aforesaid;

And I will that my said deed of feoffment of the premises with a copy of this my present will for as much thereof as concerneth my said chantry shall be kept in the said coffer within the said church of Layer Marney with the foresaid plate according to my devise thereof heretofore made;

The residue of all my goods and chattels and of all the said revenues, issues and profits to be taken and received by mine executors of my said manors before appointed to the execution of this my will, the obsequies and all other charges of my funerals, my debts

and this my present will and testament in every point with all & singular bequests and legacies therein contained and all other charges and expenses to be had and sustained by mine executors about th' administration and execution thereof fully contented and paid, done and performed, I will mine executors [f. 274r] shall distribute in deeds of charity as to marriages of poor maidens and mending of highways, in exhibition of poor scholars and other good deeds as they shall think most to the pleasure of Almighty God and profit of my soul;

And of this my present will and testament I make and ordain mine executors the Reverend Father in God, Cuthbert, Bishop of London, Lord Privy Seal, Dame Bridget, my wife, my brother [=brother-in-law], Sir Edmund Bedingfield, knight, and my brother [=brother-in-law], Thomas Bonham, esquire, and to every of them I give and bequeath for their labour and pain to be sustained by them in this behalf £3 6s 8d;

Also I make and ordain supervisors of my said chantry and chantry priest for the good maintenance and continuance of the same Sir Robert Dymoke, knight, Chancellor to the Queen's Grace, Sir William Waldegrave, knight, and Sir Roger Wentworth, knight, to whom I give and bequeath for their good endeavour in this behalf to every of them £6 13s 4d, desiring them effectually to do for me in this behalf as they would be done for in case like;

Provided always that my said executors shall not pay nor deliver any of my said bequests and legacies to any manner person named in this my present will and testament until my debts and funeral charges shall be fully contented and paid except it be unto my said household servants, and that I remit to the discretion of my said executors.

RM: Codicill{us} eiusd{e}m d{omi}ni Marney

Item, where that I, John Marney, knight, Lord Marney, have before this 2nd day of April the 16th year of the reign of King Henry the 8th made and declared my last will and testament whereunto I have set my seal and subscribed my hand, now furthermore I will that these my legacies and bequests hereafter written be annexed and put into my said will and so to stand as for part of my will:

First I will that mine executors buy a bell concordant to the bells in the parish church of Layer Marney and also a clock to be bought and set in the steeple of the same parish church, for the which I do give 20 marks to buy it withal;

Item, I give and bequeath to the maintenance of Saint Katherine Hall in Cambridge to be delivered to the fellowship there £6 13s 4d;

Item, I give and bequeath unto Dorothy Langley which waits upon my two daughters for her pains and labours taken about them 100s;

Item, I give also and bequeath unto my wife's two gentlewomen which daily wait on her and to every of them 66s 8d;

Also I give and bequeath unto the two maidens that waits in the chamber and to either of them 26s 8d;

Item, I give and bequeath unto Edward Nichelles, my Lord my father's old servant, for labours and pains that he hath taken and for a good remembrance 40s;

Also I give and bequeath unto the two women of my dairy for a like remembrance either of them 20s, trusting that they and all other to whom I have given and bequeathen herebefore, that they in time to come shall remember me the better and to pray for me, which I will and desire them so to do;

And for witness that this is my will and parcel thereof, to this schedule I have put to my hand the year and day above-written;

Item, I give and bequeath to Alexander Lee and Katherine Bocher, my servants, to their marriage a coarse featherbed with a pair of sheets, blankets and coverlid for the same and a bolster.

RM: Codicill{us} eiusd{em} D{omi}ni Marny

Be it also remembered that I, John Marny, knight, Lord Marny, will and charge mine executors that they annex and put to this schedule and writing into my last will and to part of the same forasmuch as I do stand bounden unto my father-in-law, Sir William Waldegrave, knight, for the performance of the same clause hereafter following;

And for discharge and accomplishing of the same I will that my feoffees which be and stand seised of and in my manor of Colquite otherwise called Colquyett in the county of Cornwall do make a state [=astate] unto Dame Bridget, my wife, of and in certain lands and tenements parcel of my said manor of Colquite alias Colquyet to the yearly value of £9 6s 8d over and above all yearly charges, to have to her and her assigns for term of her life, or else that my said feoffees make a grant of an annuity of £9 6s 8d by year unto my said wife going out of my said whole manor with a sufficient clause of distress for non-payment of the same for term of her life at the liberty and pleasure of my said wife, which one of them she will take, which £9 6s 8d going out of my said manor of Colquite alias Kylquytt with four pounds which she hath in possession now in use in my lands called Gibcrack in the county of Essex, which in the whole makes 20 marks by year wherefore I do stand bounden as is abovesaid, and for that notice should be the more truly known that this is my mind and will I have subscribed this with my hand the third day of April anno 16 Henry 8th.

Probatum fuit testamentum suprascripti defuncti Coram pefat{is} Com{m}issarijs in eccl{es}ia Cath{edrali} diui Pauli London xxviiio die mensis Junij Anno d{omi}ni

Mill{es}imo quingentesimo vicesimo quinto Iurament{o} Ed{mund}i Bedyngfelde Milit{is} et Thome Bonh{a}m executorum in h{uius}mo{d}i test{ament}o no{m}i{n}at{orum} Ac approbatum et insinuatum Et com{m}issa fuit admi{ni}stracio auct{oritat}e prefatorum R{euerendissi}mor{um} patrum o{mn}i{u}m & singuloru{m} bonorum Iuriu{m} & creditoru{m} d{i}c{t}i defuncti p{re}fat{is} execut{oribus} De bene & fidel{ite}r admi{ni}strand{o} Ac de pleno et fideli In{uenta}rio secundo die post festum s{an}c{t}i Barth{olome}i Ap{osto}li prox{imum} futur{um} exhibend{o} Necnon de plano & vero compoto reddend{o} Ad s{an}c{t}a dei Eu{a}ngelia in debita iuris forma Iurat{orum} Reseruata potestate alijs executoribus in h{uius}mo{d}i test{ament}o no{m}i{n}atis cum venerint

[=The testament of the above-written deceased was proved before the foresaid Commissioners in the Cathedral Church of St Paul in London on the 28th day of the month of June in the year of the Lord the thousand five hundred twenty-fifth by the oath of Edmund Bedingfield, knight, and Thomas Bonham, executors named in the same testament, and probated and entered, and administration was granted by the authority of the forenamed Most Reverend Fathers of all & singular the goods, rights & credits of the said deceased to the forenamed executors, sworn on the Holy Gospels in due form of law to well & faithfully administer, and to exhibit a full and faithful inventory on the second day after the feast of Saint Bartholomew the Apostle next to come, and also to render a plain & true account, with power reserved to the other executors named in the same testament when they shall have come.]