

SUMMARY: The document below is the Prerogative Court of Canterbury copy of the will, dated 6 July 1528 and proved 25 August 1528, of George Waldegrave (c.1483-1528) of Smallbridge, whose grandson, Sir William Waldegrave (d.1613), was a co-guarantor, with Oxford's first cousin, John (d.1581), 2<sup>nd</sup> Lord Darcy of Chiche, of Oxford's debt to the Court of Wards. In 1572, Sir William Waldegrave (d.1613), the son of the testator, and Lord Darcy jointly entered into guarantees amounting to £5000 for Oxford's debt to the Court of Wards (see TNA C 2/Eliz/T6/48). For further information on Sir William Waldegrave (d.1613), see the will of his father, Sir William Waldegrave (1507?-1554), on this website (TNA PROB 11-37, ff. 255-7).

In the will below, the testator provides for his wife, Anne Drury (d.1572), the daughter of Sir Robert Drury of Hawstead, Suffolk by Anne, daughter of Sir William Calthorpe, and his son and heir, William, and his three younger sons, George, Edward and Richard.

After the death of George Waldegrave (c.1483-1528), his widow, Anne (d.1572), married, as his second wife, Sir Thomas Jermyn (d.1552) of Rushbrooke, Suffolk. They had two sons, John and Thomas. Anne died on 8 June 1572, and was buried on 9 June at Depden, Suffolk.

RM: Testamentum Georgij Walgrave

In the name of God, amen. The 6<sup>th</sup> day of July in the year of Our Lord God a thousand five hundred twenty and eight and in the 20<sup>th</sup> year of the reign of King Henry the Eight, I, George Waldegrave of Smallbridge in the county of Suffolk, esquire, being of whole mind and good remembrance, make my last will and testament in this wise following:

First, I bequeath [-I bequeath] my soul to Almighty God, to Our Blessed Lady, and to all the saints in heaven, and my body to be buried in the church of Bures Saint Mary in the aisle of Jesu there near to the tomb of my father, Sir William Waldegrave, knight;

Also, I will that Anne, my wife, have my manor of Smallbridge with my manors called Silvesters otherwise called Netherhall, Overhall and Repers in Bures, with all other lands, tenements, rents and services with their appurtenances to the said manors belonging, with the annuity of 7 marks which I have out of the manor of Blindknights in Layer de la Haye, or out of the house of Saint Botolph's in Colchester [+for] term of the nonage of my son, William;

And if my said son die or he come to the age of 21 years, then I will that my said wife have my foresaid manors with all and singular the premises unto the time that George, my second son, come to the age of 21 years;

And if the said George die before he come to the age of 21 years, then I will my said wife have all my foresaid manors with all and singular the premises unto the time that Edward Waldegrave, my third son, shall come to the age of 21 years;

And if the said Edward die before he come to the age of 21 years, then I will that my said wife have all my foresaid manors, lands, tenements, rents and farms with all their appurtenances unto such time as Richard Waldegrave, my youngest son, shall come to the age of 21 years;

Also I will that Anne, my foresaid wife, have my manor of Wethermonford otherwise called Wormingford in the county of Essex, with all my lands and tenements in the said town and in other towns thereunto adjoining, with [+all] and singular appurtenances to the said manor, lands and tenements belonging, in such manner and form and for such term and terms as I have willed my foresaid manors of Smallbridge, Netherhall, Overhall and Ropers, with all and singular their appurtenances, except that I will that my foresaid wife shall have out of my said manor of Wormingford twenty pounds for term of her life yearly to be paid;

Also, I will that my said wife have my manors of Waldegrave, Twyvell [=Twywell?] and Slipton in the county of Northampton for term of the nonage of my three younger sons, that is to say, George, Edward & Richard, and I will that every of them particularly for his part shall have out of the same manors of Waldegrave, Twyvyll and Slipton £8 6s 8d yearly for term of his life;

And when it shall happen any one of them to die, then I will that the other two that overlive shall have that part equally divided between them;

And if two of them die, then I will that my foresaid wife have my foresaid manors of Waldegrave, Twyvell and Slipton for term of her life, except she shall pay to my third son that shall overlive twenty marks yearly for term of his life;

And if it shall happen my said wife in the meantime to die, then I will that mine heir, being of full age, have my foresaid manors of Waldegrave, Twyvell and Slipton, he to pay such like portions and payments as I have willed my foresaid wife to do;

Also, I will and wholly and clearly give and bequeath to the said Anne, my wife, all my goods and chattels movables, whatsoever they be, and all my debts that be to me owing, she paying my debts and causing my body to be conveniently buried;

And of this my testament and last will I ordain and make the same Anne, my wife, mine executrice, these being witnesses: Michael Pavons(?), William Littlebury, and other.

Probatum fuit testamentum suprascripti defuncti Coram prefatis Commissarijs in ecclesia Cathedrale domini Pauli Londoniensis xxvo die mensis Augusti Anno domini Millesimo

quingentesimo xxvii<sup>o</sup> Iuramento Anne Relicte & executricis in huiusmodi testamento nominate In persona Thome ffriser procuratoris sui in hac parte Ac approbatum et insinuatum Et commissa fuit administracio auctoritate prefatorum Reverendorum patrum omnium & singulorum bonorum Iurium et creditorum dicti defuncti prefate executrici In persona dicti procuratoris De bene & fideliter administrando Ac de pleno & fidei Inuentario secundo die post festum sancte ffidis Virginis proximum futurum exhibendo Necnon de plano & vero compoto reddendo Ad sancta dei Euangelia in debita iuris forma iurati

[=The above-written testament was proved before the Commissaries in the Cathedral Church of Saint Paul of London on the 25<sup>th</sup> day of the month of August in the year of the Lord the thousand five hundred 28<sup>th</sup> by the oath of Anne, relict & executrix named in the same testament, in the person of Thomas Friser, her proctor in that case, and probated and entered, and administration was granted by the authority of the forenamed most Reverend Fathers of all & singular the goods, rights and credits of the said deceased to the forenamed executrix in the person of the said proctor, sworn on the Holy Gospels in due form of law to well & faithfully administer, and to exhibit a full & faithful inventory on the second day after the feast of the Saint Faith the Virgin next to come, and also to render a plain and true account.]