

SUMMARY: The document below is the Prerogative Court of Canterbury copy of the will, dated 4 August 1528 and proved 14 January 1529, of Sibyl (nee Lewknor) Scott, great-grandmother of Thomas Keyes (by 1524 – before 5 September 1571), Sergeant Porter to Queen Elizabeth, who without the Queen’s consent married Lady Mary Grey (c. 1545 – 20 April 1578).

For an earlier transcript of the testatrix’ will, see Scott, James Renat, *Memorials of the Family of Scott of Scot’s-Hall in the County of Kent*, (London: J.R. Scott, 1876), pp. 144-5 at:

<https://archive.org/stream/memorialsoffamil00scot#page/144/mode/2up>

FAMILY BACKGROUND

The testatrix was the daughter of Sir Thomas Lewknor (d. 20 July 1484) of Trotton, Sussex, and Katherine Pelham (d.1481). See Richardson, Douglas, *Magna Carta Ancestry*, 2nd ed., 2011, Vol. III, p. 21, and Vol. IV, pp. 1-3 at:

<https://books.google.ca/books?id=8JcbV309c5UC&pg=RA3-PA1&lpg>

MARRIAGE AND ISSUE

The testatrix married, before 1484, Sir William Scott (d. 24 August 1524) of Scott’s Hall in Smeeth, Kent, Comptroller of the Household to King Henry VII, Warden of the Cinque Ports, and Marshal of Calais. For his will, see TNA PROB 11/21/272.

By Sir William Scott, the testatrix had two sons and three daughters, for whom see his will, *supra*.

OTHER PERSONS MENTIONED IN THE WILL

For John Hales (by 1470-1540), Baron of the Exchequer, see the *ODNB* entry and the History of Parliament entry at:

<http://www.historyofparliamentonline.org/volume/1509-1558/member/hales-john-i-1480-1540>

See also the Wikipedia article edited by the author of this website at:

[https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/John_Hales_\(died_1540\)](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/John_Hales_(died_1540))

John Hales was the father of Sir James Hales (c.1500-1554), the subject of the lawsuit of *Hales v Petit* alluded to in the gravedigger's speech in *Hamlet*.

For the testator's executor, Sir Walter Hendley (1499-1550), see his will, TNA PROB 11/33/459, and the History of Parliament entry at:

<https://www.historyofparliamentonline.org/volume/1509-1558/member/hendley-walter-1499-1550>

RM: Test(amentu)m d{omi}ne Sibille Scott vidue

[f. 32r] This is the last will of me, Dame Sibyl Scott, widow, the late wife of Sir William Scott, knight, made and declared the 4th day of August the 20th year of the reign of our Sovereign Lord King Henry the 8th:

First I bequeath my soul to Almighty God and Blessed Lady Saint Mary and to all the holy company of heaven, and my body to be buried in the church of the Observant Friars of Canterbury;

Item, I bequeath to the high altar of the church of Smeeth 10s for my tithes there negligently forgotten;

Item, I bequeath to the church of Brabourne 20s;

Item, I bequeath to the said church of Observants Friars ten pounds;

Item, I will that mine executors bestow at my burying and month's mind after their discretion forty pounds;

Item, I will that my said executors provide an honest secular priest to sing for the soul of the said Sir William Scott, my late husband, whose soul God pardon, and for my soul in the said church of Brabourne by the space of one whole year next after my decease, and he to have for his salary ten marks;

Item, I will and bequeath [f. 32v] unto Sir John Scott, mine eldest son, all such plate and utensils of household the which is contained in a note of an indenture drawn by John Hales, one of the Barons of the King's Exchequer, made between me, the said Dame Sibyl, and Edward Scott, my second son, of the one part, and the said Sir John Scott, knight, of the other part;

Item, I will and bequeath unto Edward Scott, my second son, all such plate and stuff of household and cattle the which I have at the manor of Mote in Sussex;

I will and bequeath unto the said Edward four little silver goblets with one cover, one great cup pounced, and two silver pots;

Item, I will that mine executors content and pay unto Alice, Elizabeth, Mary and Sibyl, daughters of the said Sir John Scott, to every of them at the day of their marriages £36 according to the last will of the said Sir William Scott, my said late husband, provided that if it happen that I die before the feast of All Saints next coming, that then mine executors shall content and pay unto two of the said daughters of the said four daughters that shall happen first to be married, to every of the said two daughters £36, and then to be discharged of the payment of the remnant of the said money to the other two daughters;

Item, I will to Frances and Sibyl, daughters of Edward Boughton, to every of them ten pounds to be paid to them at the day of their marriage;

Item, I will to Nicholas Boughton, son and heir of the said Edward, £6 13s 4d;

Item, I will to Alice, the wife of my son, Edward Scott, my chain of gold;

The residue of my goods I will and bequeath to mine executors to order and dispose to the honour of God and to the worship of me and for the wealth of my soul;

And I ordain and make of this my present will my faithful and true executors Edward Scott, my said second son, and Walter Hendley, gentleman;

And I ordain and make the said Sir John Scott, knight, my son and heir, supervisor of this my said testament and last will;

And I will and bequeath unto the said Sir John Scott, knight, for his pain and diligence about this present will my great gilt pot;

And I will and bequeath unto the said Walter Hendley for his pain £3 6s 8d.

Quartodecimo Die mensis Januarij Anno D^{omi}ni Mill^{es}imo quingen^{tes}imo vicesimo octauo Coram prefatis Com^missarijs in eccl^{es}ia Cath^{ed}rali Diui Pauli Londonⁱensis Executores no^miⁿatⁱ in test^{ament}o prescripte D^{omi}ne Sibille Scott defuncte recusav^{er}unt(?) oneri execu^{tionis} testamenti ip^sius defuncte & Et com^missa fuit admiⁿⁱstracio auct^{oritat}e prefatoru^m R^{euerendissi}mor^{um} patrum o^{mn}i^um & sing^ulorum bonorum Iuriu^m & creditoru^m dⁱc^te defuncte p^{er} viam intestate Ioanni Scott Militi De bene & fidel^{ite}r admiⁿⁱstrand^o Ac de pleno & fideli In^{uenta}rio secundo die post festum s^{an}c^te gregorij pape prox^{imum} futur^{um} exhibend^o Necnon de plano & vero compoto reddend^o Ad s^{anc}ta dei Euangelia Iurat^o

[=On the fourteenth day of the month of January in the year of the Lord the thousand five hundred twenty-eighth before the forenamed Commissioners in the Cathedral Church of Saint Paul, London, the executors named in the testament of the fore-written Dame Sibyl Scott, deceased, refused the burden of the execution of the testament of the same deceased etc., and administration was granted by the authority of the forenamed Most Reverend Fathers of all & singular the goods, rights & credits of the said deceased by way of an intestacy to John Scott, knight, sworn on the Holy Gospels to well & faithfully administer, and to exhibit a full & faithful inventory on the second day after the feast of Saint Gregory, Pope, next to come, and also to render a plain & true account.]