

SUMMARY: The document below is the Prerogative Court of Canterbury copy of the will, dated 1538, and proved 24 April 1539, of William Baldwin, only son of Sir John Baldwin, Lord Chief Justice of the Common Pleas, by his first wife, Agnes Dormer, daughter of William Dormer (d.1506), and sister of Sir Robert Dormer (d.1552).

The testator was a lawyer of the Inner Temple, and married Mary Tyringham, the daughter of John Tyringham of Tyringham near Newport Pagnell, Buckinghamshire, by his second wife, Anne Catesby, daughter of Sir Humphrey Catesby of Whiston, Northamptonshire. See Brydges, Egerton and Stebbing Shaw, *The Topographer for the Year 1789*, Vol. I, (London: Robson, 1789), pp. 497-8, available online.

The testator had three sisters, Pernell, Agnes and Alice.

The testator's sister, Pernell Baldwin, married firstly Thomas Ramsey, by whom she had a daughter, Elizabeth Ramsey, and secondly Edward Borlase (d.1544), citizen and mercer of London, by whom she had four sons, John (c.1528 – 6 May 1593), Edward, William and William (again). For the will of Edward Borlase, see TNA PROB 11/30, ff. 70-1. John Borlase (c.1528 – 6 May 1593) married Anne Lytton, the daughter of Sir Robert Lytton (d.1550) of Knebworth. See Richardson, Douglas, *Magna Carta Ancestry*, 2nd ed., Vol. II, (Salt Lake City, 2011), p. 461.

The testator's sister, Agnes Baldwin, married Robert Pakington (d.1536), by whom she had two sons and three daughters:

-Sir Thomas Pakington (d. 2 June 1571), who married Dorothy Kitson (d.1577), the daughter of Sir Thomas Kitson (d.1540) of Hengrave by his second wife, Margaret Donnington (d. 12 January 1561), the only child of John Donnington (d.1544) of Stoke Newington.

-John Pakington, of whom nothing further is known.

-Elizabeth Pakington, who married firstly John Lane (died 12 September 1557) of Walgrave, Northamptonshire, and secondly Sir Richard Malory, Alderman of London and Lord Mayor in 1564.

-Anne Pakington, who married Richard Cupper, esquire, of Glympton, Oxfordshire.

-Margaret Pakington, who married firstly Benedict Lee (d.1559), esquire, of Burston, Buckinghamshire, henchman to King Henry VIII. Benedict Lee was the son of Sir Robert Lee (d.1539) by his second wife, Lettice Peniston (d.1557), and the half brother of Sir Anthony Lee (d.1549), a son of Sir Robert Lee by his first wife, a member of the Cope family. Sir Anthony Lee (d.1549) was the father of Queen Elizabeth's Champion, Sir Henry Lee (d.1611). After the death of Benedict Lee, Margaret Pakington married secondly Thomas Scott, esquire, of Yorkshire. See Chambers, E.K., *Sir Henry Lee; An Elizabethan Portrait*, (Oxford: Clarendon Press, 1936), pp. 28, 247-8.

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For Robert Pakington's children by Agnes Baldwin, see Phillimore, W.P.W., ed., *The Visitation of the County of Worcester Made in the Year 1569*, Vol. XXVII, (London: Harleian Society, 1888), pp. 101-3.

The testator's sister, Alice Baldwin, was the last Abbess of Burnham Abbey.

The testator predeceased his father, and appears to have died suddenly. He left no issue. His legacies to his cousins Thomas Pakington and John Borlase are mentioned in his father's will.

For the will of the testator's father, Sir John Baldwin (d.1545), see TNA PROB 11/30, ff. 302-4. For the will of the testator's sister, Alice Baldwin (d.1546), see TNA PROB 11/31, ff. 37-8.

LM: Test{amentu}m Will{elm}i Baldwyn

In Dei nomine amen. In the year of Our Lord God a thousand five hundred 38, I, William Baldwin, esquire, sick in body and whole in mind, make this my last will and testament;

First I bequeath my soul unto Almighty God and to Our Blessed Lady and all the holy company of heaven, and my body to be buried where it shall please God;

I bequeath to the mother church of Salisbury 4d;

Item, I bequeath to my cousin, Thomas Pakington, twenty pounds, to my cousin John Borlase ten pounds;

I make mine executors my Lord my father, and my wife;

Also I make my overseer Sir Robert Dormer.

Record beareth to the same Richard Sonde, priest, William Veer, Richard Clerk, and William Davy.

Probatum fuit test{amentu}m suprascripti defuncti h{ab}ent{is} &c xxiiijto die mensis Aprilis Anno D{omi}ni Millesimo quingentesimo xxxixo Coram D{omi}no apud London auct{oritat}e D{omi}ni n{ost}ri Regis &c Iurament{o} D{omi}ni Ioannis Baldwyn Militis principalis Iusticiarij D{omi}ni n{ost}ri Regis de Co{mmun}i banco executoris in h{uius}mo{d}i test{ament}o no{m}i{n}at{i} Et com{m}issa fuit

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 d{i}c{t}i Defuncti prefat{o} executori De b{e}n{e} et fidel{ite}r admi{n}strand{o} Ac
 de pleno et fideli In{uenta}rio Die post festum s{an}c{t}e Anne prox{imum} futur{um}
 exhibend{o} Necnon de plano & vero compoto reddend{o} Ad s{an}c{t}a Dei
 Eu{a}ngelia Iurat{i} Reseruat{a} po{testa}te alteri executori in h{uius}mo{d}i
 test{ament}o no{m}i{n}at{o} cum venerit &c

[=The testament of the above-written deceased having etc. was proved on the 24th day of the month of April in the year of the Lord the thousand five hundred 39th before the Lord at London by the authority of our Lord the King etc., by the oath of Lord John Baldwin, knight, Lord Chief Justice of the King's Common Pleas, executor named in the same testament, and administration was granted of all & singular the goods, rights and credits of the said deceased to the forenamed executor, sworn on the Holy Gospels to well and faithfully administer, and to exhibit a full and faithful inventory on the day after the feast of Saint Anne next to come, and also to render a plain & true account, with power reserved to the other executor named in the same testament when she shall have come etc.]