

SUMMARY: The document below is the Prerogative Court of Canterbury copy of the will, dated 20 September 1537 and proved 26 September 1537, of Julian Munday, widow of Sir John Munday or Mundy (d.1537), goldsmith and Lord Mayor of London. Julian Munday was the daughter of Sir William Browne (d.1513), Lord Mayor of London, and his first wife Katherine Shaw or Shaa, the daughter of Sir Edmund Shaw or Shaa (d.1488), Lord Mayor of London in 1482, and his wife Julian. In the will of her father, Sir William Browne (d.1513), the testatrix is mentioned as ‘my daughter Juliane, now wife of John Munday, citizen and Alderman of London’ (see ‘Jno and Wm Browne, Sheriffs and Lord Mayors of London’, *Notes and Queries*, 7th Series, Vol. V (January-June 1888), pp. 151-3).

Eight children of Sir John Munday are mentioned in the will:

(1) Lady Margaret Howard (nee Munday), who may have been the daughter of Sir John Munday’s first wife, Margaret, about whom nothing is known. In 1526 Sir John Munday’s daughter, Margaret, married Nicholas Jenyns, skinner and alderman of London, by whom she had two children, Barnard (d.1550?) and Julian (for the wills of Nicholas Jenyns and Barnard Jenyns, see TNA PROB 11/24, ff. 165-7, and TNA PROB 11/34, ff. 32-3). Margaret Munday married, secondly, Lord Edmund Howard (1478-1539), third son of Thomas (1443-1524), 2nd Duke of Norfolk, and thirdly, Henry Mannoxx (d.1564), of Hemingford Grey, county Huntingdon, who may have been the Henry Mannoxx involved in sexual indiscretions with the future Queen Katherine Howard (for his will, see TNA PROB 11/47, ff. 201-2). For Margaret Munday’s marriages, see Steinman, G. Steinman, *Althorp Memoirs*, Privately printed, 1869. By his first wife, Joyce or Jocasta Legh (b. c.1484, d. after 1527), the widow of Ralph Legh of Stockwell and daughter of Sir Richard Culpeper of Aylesford, Kent, Sir Edmund Howard (1478-1539) was the father of Queen Katherine Howard. According to *The Dictionary of National Biography*, he was ‘a wastrel, who squandered his wife’s inheritance and then had to flee abroad to avoid his creditors’, and when his wife died, their young children were probably brought up in the household of Agnes Howard (d.1545), Dowager Duchess of Norfolk. Lord Edmund sought help from Thomas Cromwell, who arranged his appointment as comptroller of Calais in 1530, but he nevertheless died ‘engulfed in debts’ in 1539. By her second marriage, Margaret Munday was a member of the family of Oxford’s friend, and later bitter enemy, Charles Arundel (d.1587). Sir Thomas Arundel (c.1502-1552) married Margaret Howard (d.1571), the daughter of Lord Edmund Howard, and sister of Queen Katherine Howard and her brother, Sir George Howard (d.1580). Oxford’s friend, Charles Arundel (d.1587), was the son of Sir Thomas Arundel (c.1502-1552) and Margaret Howard (d.1571). Thus, by her second marriage, Margaret Munday was the stepmother of Queen Katherine Howard, of Oxford’s friend Sir George Howard (d.1580), and of Margaret Howard (d.1571), the mother of Oxford’s friend, Charles Arundel (d.1587). A further indication of the relationship between the Howards and the Munday through this marriage is the fact that Sir John Munday requests that Thomas Howard (1473-1554), 3rd Duke of Norfolk, act as supervisor of his will.

(2) Elizabeth (nee Munday), the wife of Sir John Tyrrell (d.1573) of Gipping, only son and heir of Sir Thomas Tyrrell (d.1551) of Gipping and his first wife Margaret Willoughby, the daughter of Christopher Willoughby (d.1499), de jure 10th Lord Willoughby of Eresby, and grandson of Sir James Tyrrell (c.1455-1502), alleged murderer of the two young sons of King Edward IV held in the Tower, and his wife Anne Arundel, the daughter of Sir John Arundel (d.1473) of Lanherne, Cornwall. For the will of Sir John Tyrrell (d.1573) of Gipping, see TNA PROB 11/56, ff. 209-11.

(3) Anne (nee Munday), the wife of Thomas Darcy (1511?-1557) of Tolleshunt Darcy, son of Anthony Darcy and his wife, Elizabeth, the daughter of Christopher Wilkinson, and grandson of John Darcy of Tolleshunt and his wife, Anne, daughter of Sir Thomas Tyrrell of Heron. Thomas Darcy and Anne Munday had two sons, Thomas and Anthony. For the will of Thomas Darcy (1511?-1557), see TNA PROB 11/39, ff. 327-30. For the will of Thomas Darcy (d.1586), son and heir of Thomas Darcy (1511?-1557) and Anne Munday, see TNA PROB 11/69, ff. 492-3.

(4) Mildred Munday, who shortly after the testatrix' death, 'by dispensation dated 27 June 1538' married John Harleston (1511-1569), knight of South Ockendon, Essex, son of Sir Clement Harleston (d.1544) and his wife, Margaret Tey, daughter of William Tey, esquire, of Layer de la Hay, Essex. Sir John Harleston was appointed Lieutenant or Captain of the Castle of Risebank near Calais in 1552. His deputy was Thomas (1525-1584), 2nd Lord Wentworth. Following the fall of Risebank and Calais in January 1557/8 to the French, he was indicted for high treason for his part in Lord Wentworth's surrender of Calais. He was convicted, but pardoned in 1560, and retired to private life. Mildred Munday had died by 22 February 1562/3, when Sir John Harleston married Mary Felton, the daughter of Thomas Felton by his wife, Cecily Seckford. See Richardson, Douglas, *Magna Carta Ancestry* (Baltimore: Genealogical Publishing, 2005), p. 414, and Richardson, Douglas, *Plantagenet Ancestry* (Baltimore: Genealogical Publishing, 2004), pp. 381-2).

(5) The testatrix' eldest son, Vincent Munday (d.1573?), and three younger sons, Thomas, John and William Munday.

It seems possible that the testatrix' son, John Munday, is the same person as the John Munday, one of the 'yeoman attending upon the same Earl', who is given an annuity of 20s in the will dated 21 December 1552 of Oxford's father, John de Vere (1516-1562), 16th Earl of Oxford (see BL Stowe Charter 633-4). A yeoman was 'a servant or attendant in a royal or noble household, usually of a superior grade' (see *Oxford English Dictionary*, online edition).

The testatrix also leaves bequests to her brother-in-law, Roger Munday (d.1562), goldsmith, and his children. For the will of Roger Munday, see TNA PROB 11/45, f. 21.

RM: Testamentum Domine Iuliane Mundy

In the name of God, amen. The 20th day of September in the year of Our Lord God 1537 and in the 30th year of the reign of our Sovereign Lord King Henry the Eight, I, Dame Julian Munday, widow, late the wife of Sir John Munday, knight and alderman of London, deceased, being whole of mind and in good memory although I be sick in my body, thanked be the Almighty God, make and ordain this my present testament and last will in manner and form following, that is to say:

First and principally I bequeath and recommend my soul unto Almighty God, my Creator and Saviour, and to the Blessed Virgin Our Lady Saint Mary, his glorious mother, and to all the holy company of heaven, and my body to be buried within my parish church of Saint Peter in Cheap in London in such place as by my executors shall be thought most convenient;

And after my body so buried, then I will that all such debts as I owe unto any person or persons of right or conscience be well and truly paid;

And after my debts paid and my funeral expenses done, then I will all the residue of my goods, chattels, jewels, plate, ready money and debts to be distributed and given in manner and form following:

First, to the high altar of my parish church of Saint Peter in Westcheap of London aforesaid for my tithes and oblations forgotten or negligently withholden, if any such be, in discharge of my conscience, 10s;

Item, I give and bequeath to the house of the Grey Friars in London, 10s;

Item, to the Black Friars, 10s;

Item, to the White Friars, 10s;

Item to the Augustine Friars, 10s;

And to the Crossed Friars, 10s;

Item, I give and bequeath to my daughter, Elizabeth Tyrrell, and to her husband, between them, forty pounds sterling, and her own cross of diamonds, being a pledge to my late husband, without paying anything therefore;

Item, I give and bequeath to my daughter, Anne Darcy, and to her husband, £20, and to my said daughter, Anne Darcy, my cross of diamonds;

Item, I give and bequeath to my daughter, Mildred Munday, forty pounds and my flower with rubies(?);

Item, I give and bequeath to my son, Thomas Munday, forty pounds;

Item, I give and bequeath to my son, John Munday, forty pounds and my nut with a cover;

Item, I give and bequeath to my son, William Munday, twenty pounds;

Item, I give and bequeath to every of my daughter Tyrrell's children, that is to say, John, Thomas, Edmund, Charles, Edward and James, to every of them ten pounds;

Item, I give to my brother, Roger Munday, and to his wife twenty pounds;

Item, to every of the said Roger Munday's children, that is to say, to Nicholas, John, Margery and Elizabeth, to every of them five pounds;

Item, I will that Edward Deacon that was my husband's servant shall be forgiven of all that debt which he ought to my said husband, and I give to Alice Deacon, his wife, 40s;

Item, I will that the goodwife Gedney shall be forgiven of all that debt which she ought to my said husband upon pledge, and to have the same pledge of hers delivered freely to her again;

Item, I give and bequeath to Robert Wigges, goldsmith, ten pounds, and to Katherine, his wife, 40s;

Item, I give to Anne which was my servant and to her husband 40s;

Item, I give and bequeath to Nicholas Heron which was my husband's beadle and to his wife 40s;

Item, I give and bequeath to Thomas Sponers' wife my white silver pot with a cover, £4 in money, and a double towel, and my fine rail;

Item, I give to my sister Tyrrell my gown of taffeta;

Item, to my sister Twiselton my gown of French black lined with satin;

Item, to Mistress Medley my new frock of camlet;

Item, to Mistress Brice my gown of camlet;

Item, I give and bequeath to the poor folks dwelling in the parish of Saint Peter where I am a parishioner 40s;

Item, I bequeath to the poor folks within the city of London dwelling within the wards of the same, for every ward 20s;

Item, I give and bequeath to every of my household servants, as well men as women, to every of them 20s;

Item, I give to my son Vincent Munday's servant 20s;

Item, I will my executors do cause to be made divers rings of gold, every ring to be of the value of 20s, and I give to every of these my friends underwritten one of those rings, desiring them to pray for me, that is to say, my Lady Howard, my Lady Norwiche [sic?], my brother Tyrrell, my brother William Browne and his wife, my brother John Browne and his wife, my sister Wiggeston, my cousin Rowlett and his wife, my cousin Preston and his wife, my cousin Poynes, Thomas Sponer, Mr Dynne(?) & his wife, and to Thomas Shaa and his wife;

And of this my last will and testament I ordain and make my only executor my well-beloved son, Vincent Munday, to whom after my debts paid and legacies performed, I give all the residue of my goods to be after his discretion bestowed as he shall think good;

And I require my brother, John Browne, to be the overseer hereof, to whom I give for his pains about the same ten pounds;

In witness whereof I have to this book made a cross, and have desired these persons underwritten to set to their hands the day and year abovesaid. John Browne, Vincent Munday, Roger Monday, John Preston, mercer, Robert Wigges.

Probatum fuit suprascriptum Testamentum xxvjto die mensis Septembris Anno domini Millesimo quingentesimo tricesimo septimo Apud London coram domino auctoritate domini nostri Regis Henrici Octavi Anglie et ffrancie Regis &c Iuramento Vincentij Mundy executori vnici in huiusmodi testamento nominati Ac per eundem approbatum et insinuatum Commissaque fuit administracio omnium et singulorum bonorum iurium et creditorum dicti defuncti predicto executori de bene et fideliter administrando Necnon de pleno et fideli Inuentario secundo Andree proximum futurum exhibendo Necnon de plano et vero Compoto reddendo ad sancta dei Euangelia Iurati

[=The above-written testament was proved on the 26th day of the month of September in the year of the Lord the thousand five hundred thirty-seventh at London before the Lord [+Archbishop] by the authority of our Lord King Henry Eighth, King of England and France, by the oath of Vincent Munday, sole executor named in the same testament, and by the same probated and entered, and administration was granted of all and 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 also to exhibit a full and faithful inventory on the second of Andrew next to come, and also to render a plain and true account.]