

SUMMARY: The document below is the Prerogative Court of Canterbury copy of the last will and testament, dated 18 July 1534 and proved 21 November 1537, of Sir Thomas Englefield (1488-1537), the son of Sir Thomas Englefield (1455-1514), Speaker of the House of Commons, by his wife, Margery Danvers, the daughter of Richard Danvers (d. February 1489) of Prescote and Culworth, Collector of Customs at Southampton, and Elizabeth Langston, the daughter of John Langston (d.1487) of Caversfield, Buckinghamshire.

After the death of Margery Danvers, the testator's father married, at some time after 1510, Mary Fortescue (d.1545), the daughter of Sir John Fortescue (d.1500) of Ponsbourne, near Hatfield, Hertfordshire, and his wife Alice Boleyn, the daughter of Sir Geoffrey Boleyn (and great-aunt of Anne Boleyn). At the time of her marriage to Sir Thomas Englefield (1455-1514), Mary Fortescue (d.1545) was the widow firstly, of John Stonor (d.1499), and secondly, of Anthony Fettiplace (d. 23 December 1510), for whose will see TNA PROB 11/16/370. The testator mentions his stepmother in the will below:

*Where Sir Thomas Englefield, my father, did grant to Mary Englefield, then his wife . . . .*

For the foregoing see the entry for Sir Thomas Englefield (1455-1514) in the *ODNB*; the will of the testator's stepmother, Mary (nee Fortescue) Stonor Fettiplace Englefield (d.1545), TNA PROB 11/31/348; and the pedigree at pp. 102-3 in Macnamara, F.N., *Memorials of the Danvers Family*, (London: Hardy & Page, 1895), and pp. 116, 119, 140 and 282-4 at:

<https://archive.org/stream/memorialsoldanve00macn#page/n145/mode/2up>.

Oxford was related to the Fortescue family through the second marriage of Sir Adrian Fortescue (c.1481-1539), brother of the testator's stepmother, Mary (nee Fortescue) Stonor Fettiplace Englefield (d.1545), to Anne Rede (1510-1585), the daughter of Sir William Rede of Boarstall. For Oxford's relationship to Anne Rede (1510-1585), see issue #45 of the *Edward De Vere Newsletter* on this website.

The testator married Elizabeth Throckmorton (d.1543), the daughter of Sir Robert Throckmorton (d.1518) of Coughton Court, Warwickshire, and by her is said to have had three sons and nine daughters. See Betham, William, *The Baronetage of England*, (Ipswich: Burrell and Bransby, 1801), Vol. I, pp. 146-7 at:

<http://books.google.ca/books?id=LIQOAAAAQAAJ&pg=PA146&lpg=PA146&dq=%22Humphrey+Burdet%22&source=bl&ots=D5msc6FIRb&sig=uheDu-iJzdEZAU1adrCq0VHoZO0&hl=en&sa=X&ei=hIFaVMCFBLC6iQK-yYHoCg&ved=0CEcQ6AEwCQ#v=onepage&q=%22Humphrey%20Burdet%22&f=false>.

See also the pedigree in Fetherston, John, ed., *The Visitation of the County of Warwick in the Year 1619*, (London: Harleian Society, 1877), Vol. XII, p. 123 at:

<https://archive.org/stream/visitationcount01britgoog#page/n148/mode/2up>

\* Sir Francis Englefield (1522-1596), who married Katherine Fettiplace (d.1579/80), daughter and sole heir of Sir Thomas Fettiplace (d.1523) of Compton Beauchamp, Berkshire, brother of Anthony Fettiplace (d. 23 December 1510), second husband of the testator's stepmother, Mary (nee Fortescue) Stonor Fettiplace Englefield (d.1545). It appears from the will below that the testator had purchased Katherine Fettiplace's wardship and marriage. She was the daughter of Sir Thomas Fettiplace (d.1523) by his second wife, Elizabeth Carew, daughter of Sir Richard Carew (d. 23 May 1520) and sister of Sir Nicholas Carew (executed 3 March 1540). See the will of Sir Richard Carew (d. 23 May 1520), TNA PROB 11/21/1; and Richardson, Douglas, *Plantagenet Ancestry*, 2<sup>nd</sup> ed., 2011, Vol. I, pp. 227-8. The first wife of Sir Thomas Fettiplace was Elizabeth Norris (d. 22 January 1518), the daughter of Sir William Norris (1433-1507) and his wife Jane or Joan de Vere, the daughter of John de Vere (1408-1462), 12<sup>th</sup> Earl of Oxford, by Elizabeth Howard (c.1410-1473/4). See Richardson, *supra*, Vol. I, pp. 421, 512-13; Vol. III, pp. 295-6; and the pedigree of Norris in Rylands, W. Harry, ed., *The Four Visitations of Berkshire, 1532, 1566, 1623, 1665-6*, (London: Harleian Society, 1908), Vol. LVII, pp. 184-6 at:

<https://archive.org/stream/fourvisitations00britgoog#page/n204/mode/2up>.

\* John Englefield (d. 1 April 1567), who succeeded his elder brother, and married Margaret Fitton (d. 29 August 1612), the daughter of Sir Edward Fitton (d.1547/8) of Gawsworth by Mary Harbottle (d.1557), the daughter of Sir Guiscard Harbottle of Horton, by whom he was the father of Sir Francis Englefield (d. 26 October 1631), who married Jane Browne, the daughter of Anthony Browne (1552 – June 1592), eldest son of Anthony Browne (1528 – 19 October 1592), 1<sup>st</sup> Viscount Montague. See the will of John Englefield, TNA PROB 11/49/179; the pedigree of Browne in Questier, Michael C., *Catholicism and Community in Early Modern England*, (Cambridge: Cambridge University Press, 2006), pp. 521-2; and the pedigree in Keen, Alan and Roger Lubbock, *The Annotator; The Pursuit of an Elizabethan Reader of Halle's Chronicle*, (London: Putnam, 1954).

\* Margaret Englefield (d.1563), who married firstly, George Carew (d.1538), and secondly, Sir Edward Saunders (1506-1576), Chief Baron of the Exchequer, for whom see the entry in the *ODNB* and his will, TNA PROB 11/58/517.

\* Anne Englefield, who married firstly Humphrey Coningsby (d. 4 April 1559), by whom she was the mother of Thomas Coningsby (d.1625), friend of Sir Philip Sidney. See the History of Parliament entry for Humphrey Coningsby (d. 4 April 1559) at:

<http://www.historyofparliamentonline.org/volume/1509-1558/member/coningsby-humphrey-1516-59>.

See also the History of Parliament entry for Thomas Coningsby (1550-1625) at:

<http://www.historyofparliamentonline.org/volume/1558-1603/member/coningsby-sir-thomas-1550-1625>.

Anne Englefield married secondly Sir John Huband (d. 24 December 1583), who held the lease of the tithes later purchased by William Shakespeare of Stratford upon Avon. For his will, see TNA PROB 11/66/331.

\* Susan Englefield, who married Humphrey Burdett of Sonning, Berkshire. For his will, in which he mentions his two wives, Susan and Margaret, his brother-in-law, John Englefield, his two sons, John Burdett and William Burdett, and several daughters, see TNA PROB 11/69/110.

For the will of the testator's wife, Elizabeth (nee Throckmorton) Englefield, see TNA PROB 11/30/47.

In the will below the testator mentions three nieces, Eleanor Clovell, Elizabeth Yonge, and Sybil White, and a nephew, Thomas White. It would appear that all four were the children of the testator's sister, Elizabeth Englefield, and her husband, Robert White. See the will of the testator's nephew, Sir Thomas White (d.1566), TNA PROB 11/49/377; the pedigree of Englefield in Fetherston, *supra*; *Collectanea Topographica & Genealogica*, Vol. VIII, (London: John Bowyer Nichols, 1843), p. 134; Nicolas, Nicholas Harris, *Testamenta Vetusta*, Vol. II, (London: Nichols and Son, 1826), p. 678; and the Clovell pedigree in Metcalfe, Walter C., ed., *The Visitations of Essex* (London: Harleian Society, 1878), p. 37.

The testator's grandfather, Richard Danvers (d. February 1489), purchased the property called the King's Head referred to in the will below, which 'may have been the rather famous tavern which stood near the present site of Marlborough House'. See Macnamara, *supra*, pp. 120-1.

RM: Test{amentu}m Thome Englefeld Milit{is}

In the name of God, Amen. This is the last will of me, Thomas Englefield, knight, one of the King's Justices, made the 18th day of July in the 26th year of King Henry the Eight:

First I bequeath my soul to Almighty God, my body to be buried within the church of Englefield if it conveniently may be, or else in any other place by the discretion of mine executors, and such deeds of charity as well in alms-deeds as in Masses and other orisons to be done at that time as by the discretion of mine executors shall be thought convenient;

I will there be given by mine executors within one year next after my decease to the poor folks and householders within the town of Reading at 4 several times £8, at which 4 times I will there be 4 several dirges and 4 several Masses be solemnly sung within the Grey

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Friars of Reading for my soul, and for their pain I give to them 40s to be distributed amongst the convent in meat and drink and other necessaries as the convent will appoint, and the warden there not to meddle therewith;

I will also there be 4 trentals of Masses said within the University of Oxford in the 4 orders of friars there, every of the houses having for their so doing 10s;

Also I give and bequeath to my daughter, Susan, at her age of 16 years, so she be married by th' assent of any of my executors or assigns, four hundred pounds to be taken of the profits of my lands, and if it fortune my said daughter before she be married to be one of my heirs, then I will that all sums of money by this my will to her given shall be to her utterly void;

Also I will that my son, John, shall have all my lands & tenements, rents, reversions and services in the county of Salop to him and to the heirs males of his body begotten, and the profits thereof shall be taken by mine executors and assigns unto the time the said John come to th' age of 26 years, and the necessary finding of the said John deducted, I will the residue of the said profits during the said time shall be bestowed by mine executors or assigns to the use of my said son, John, either to get him a wife for his preferment, or to buy some office for him or such other;

And where my father, in consideration of a marriage had between me and Elizabeth, my wife, did cause a jointure to be made to me and my said wife of divers lands and tenements in the counties of Salop and Berkshire, and of the King's Head in the City of London, and also where I, the said Thomas Englefield, have made estates to divers persons of my manor of Englefield and of [f. 80v] my pastures lying in Tidmarsh called the Deyre and Tomkins mead, and of all my lands and tenements in Bruhton in the county of Warwick to the use of my said wife for term of her life, as by my said several deeds thereof made more plainly appeareth, I will my said wife shall have the said manor of Englefield and all other the premises during her life, she keeping the reparations thereof;

Also I give unto my said wife all her wearing gear and jewels, with the little chain which she is used to wear, and one hundred pounds in money to maintain her household after my decease;

Also I bequeath to the building of Wallingford bridge £20;

Also I give to my niece, Eleanor Clovell, 100 marks to be paid to her according to covenants and bonds made between me and my brother Clovell for the same, besides such sums of money which I have received of my said brother Clovell to the use of the said Eleanor;

I give also to my niece, Elizabeth Yonge, when she and her husband doth keep household, £40 which I do owe unto her;

And to my niece Sybil Whight [=White?] other £40 to her marriage which I owe to her by reason of money by me received to her use;

Also I will that my executors with my plate, collar and chain buy the wardship of my son, Francis, if it may by any means be had, and that to be to the use of the said Francis to the intent he may be married to Katherine Fettiplace, and if the said Katherine refuse to marry the said Francis, then I will the marriage of the said Katherine be sold to the use of the said Francis if so be that mine executors buy the ward of the said Francis, or else not;

And where Sir Thomas Englefield, my father, did grant to Mary Englefield, then his wife, one yearly rent of £20 for term of her life with a clause of distress, I will the said Mary shall have during her life £20 yearly out of my lands and tenements in Shiplake according to the intent and meaning of my said father;

Also I give unto my daughter, Susan, not being one of my heirs, and being not married, yearly ten marks for her finding unto the time she be married, which I will shall be taken of the profits of my lands and tenements in Shiplake, and that my said wife shall have the keeping of my said daughter till she be married;

Also I give to the abbey of Denny, to be prayed for, £100, which I will shall be taken of the yearly profits of my lands in Agecott [=Ascott?] or elsewhere in the county of Buckingham unto the time the said hundred pounds be levied, whereof I will that £6 yearly as it shall rise shall be delivered unto the convent there to their common box;

Also I will that £200 shall be levied by my executors of my lands and tenements in South Moreton, Tidmarsh and Brimpton which I purchased, which £200 I will shall be distributed to poor folks and householders and other poor people after the rate of £20 yearly by the discretion of mine executors;

And of this my present testament and last will I make executors Elizabeth, my wife, Thomas White, my nephew, Walter Barton and Thomas Vachell, and to the said Walter Barton for such pains as he hath taken for me and hereafter shall take by reason of this my present will, I give yearly £4 during his life out of the profits of my lands, and to the said Thomas White and Thomas Vachell I give yearly in like manner £4 out of the profits of my land during their lives, that is to wit, to every of them 40s yearly for such pains and business as they shall have in executing and performing of this my will;

I, Robert Raynold, affirm this will to be written with the proper hand of the within-named Sir Thomas Englefield, knight, deceased.

Probatum fuit suprascriptum testamentum coram D{omi}no apud London xxjmo die mensis Nouembris Anno Domini Mill{es}imo quingentesimo tricesimo septimo Iurament{o} Thome White et Thome Vachell p{er}sonali{te}r p{rese}ntium ac d{omi}ne Elizabeth{e} Relict{e} et Walteri Barton in persona Iohannis Howe

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 Ac approbatum et insinuatum Com{m}issaq{ue} fuit admi{ni}strac{i}o om{n}i{um} et  
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 Sancta dei Eu{a}ngelia Iurat{orum}

[=The above-written testament was proved before the Lord at London on the 21st day of the month of November in the year of the Lord the thousand five hundred thirty-seventh by the oath of Thomas White and Thomas Vachell personally present, and the Lady Elizabeth, relict, and Walter Barton in the person of John Howe, proctor etc., executors named in the same testament, and probated and entered, and administration was granted of all and singular the goods, rights and credits of the said deceased to the forenamed executors, sworn on the Holy Gospels to well and faithfully administer the same, and to exhibit a full inventory on the second day after the feast of the Annunciation of Blessed Mary the Virgin next to come, and also to render a plain and true account.]