

SUMMARY: The document below is the Prerogative Court of Canterbury copy of the will, dated 20 February 1541 and proved 19 March 1541, of Sir John Tyrrell of Little Warley, Essex, the son of Humphrey Tyrrell, esquire, of East Thornton, Essex, third son of Sir Thomas Tyrrell (d. 28 March 1476) and Anne Marney. See Richardson, Douglas, *Magna Carta Ancestry*, 2nd ed., Vol. I, (Salt Lake City, 2011), p. 14, at:

<http://books.google.ca/books?id=8JcbV309c5UC&pg=PA14&lpg=PA14>.

The testator's father, Humphrey Tyrrell, married firstly Isabel Helion, by whom he had a daughter, Anne Tyrrell, who married Sir Roger Wentworth of Codham Hall in Wethersfield, Essex, and secondly Elizabeth Walwin, daughter of John Walwin, esquire, of Longford, Hertfordshire, by whom he is stated to have six sons. See Richardson, *supra*.

See also Metcalfe, Walter C., ed., *The Visitations of Essex*, Vol. XIII, (London: Harleian Society, 1878), pp. 114-15 at:

<http://books.google.ca/books?id=0m1KAAAAYAAJ&pg=PA115>.

However the will of the testator's father, Humphrey Tyrrell, mentions four sons (the testator, Sir John Tyrrell, Thomas, John the younger, and Humphrey), not six, and in addition to his married daughter, Lady Wentworth, mentions several unmarried daughters. For the will of the testator's father, Humphrey Tyrrell, dated 17 February 1506 and proved 14 October 1507, see TNA PROB 11/15, ff. 210-11.

The testator, Sir John Tyrrell, is said to have married Anne Norris, the daughter of Edward Norris of Yattendon by Frideswide Lovell, and the granddaughter of William Norreys and Joan de Vere, daughter of John de Vere, 12th Earl of Oxford, and by her to have been the mother of Gertrude Tyrrell, first wife of Sir William Petre. However neither a daughter, Gertrude, nor her husband, Sir William Petre, nor their children are mentioned in the will below.

According to the will below the testator had six sons, John, Stephen, Maurice, Humphrey, Ralph, and William, as well as two married daughters, one the wife of William Wourtington, the other the wife of Anthony Brugge, and three unmarried daughters, Frideswide, Mary, and Margaret.

If the testator's first wife was Anne Norris, which seems likely considering that Anne Norris's mother was named Frideswide, and one of the testator's daughters was named Frideswide, it seems clear that the testator's wife, also named Anne, mentioned in the will below, was his second wife. The testator states in the will that she had previously been married to John Hopton, and had a daughter by him, Elizabeth Hopton. In Dame Anne Tyrrell's will, dated 17 July 1552 and proved 26 November 1562, she mentions only two children, her son, Maurice Tyrrell, and her daughter, Elizabeth Hopton, who by that time was the widow of Sir John Perient (d.1551), Auditor of the Court of Wards and

Liveries. For the will of the testator's widow, Dame Anne Tyrrell, see TNA PROB 11/45, ff. 201-2. For the will of John Hopton, dated 22nd June 1522 and proved 24 November 1526, see TNA PROB 11/22, ff. 91-2.

LM: Test{amentu}m d{omi}ni Iohannis Tyrell Milit{is}

In the name of Almighty God, Father and Son and Holy Ghost, and Our Blessed Lady Saint Mary the Virgin, and of all the saints of heaven, I, Sir John Tyrrell of Little Warley in the county of Essex, knight, being whole of mind, the 20th day of February the year of Our Lord God a thousand five hundred and forty and the 32nd year of the reign of our Liege Lord King Henry the 8th after the Conquest, make my testament and last will as hereafter followeth, beseeching Almighty God of pardon and forgiveness of all my sins done unto him to whom I have offended, and also beseeching Our Lord Jesus Christ to give his grace to mine executors that he or they truly execute my will inasmuch as to them belongeth to the pleasure of his pitiful mercy and grace:

First and principally I bequeath and commend my soul to Almighty God and Our Lady Saint Mary and to all the saints of heaven, and my body to be buried in the chancel of Little Warley aforesaid before All-Hallows with a stone over me in like wise as my father, Humphrey Tyrrell lieth in East Thorndon church;

Also I will and charge mine executors to see my debts well and truly contented and paid, and if I have wronged any person or persons in anything and then duly proved, I will that my said executors recompense them of my goods;

Item, I remit the charge of my burying to the discretion of mine executors, and that to be done without pomp, vainglory or great cost;

Item, I will that my month's mind be kept in all the parish churches as hereafter followeth: East Thorndon, Childerditch, Great Warley, Orsett, Horndon, Langdon, Dunton, Hutton, Chawldwell [=Caldwell?], Fobbing, Gyngrawe [=Ingrave?] and Grays Thurrock, and the churchwardens of every of the said parishes shall have 6s 8d, to bestow to every priest of the said parishes to say dirge and Mass for my soul and all Christian souls 8d, and in bread, drink & cheese amongst the parishens 6s; if any be left of the said 6s, to be to the reparations of the church;

Item, I give and bequeath to the reparations of the church of Little Warley 20s, and I give to the said church all the cloths that be used about the sepulchre every year;

Item, I give and bequeath to my daughter, Fryswith [=Frideswide], to her marriage or living sole one hundred marks;

I give and bequeath to Stephen, Maurice and Humphrey, my sons, each of them five marks immediately after my decease yearly out of Thorndon Hall during their lives if my lease of years continue so long;

And to my said son, Maurice, £20 of money which is in the hands of Thomas Sawyer(?) of London, draper, and he to occupy it for him as he doth for me if it please him;

Item, I will my son, Ralph, shall have according as I am bound to Mr Randolph of Kent, which I suppose is two hundred marks at th' age of 21 years if he then be living, and if he die before the said age of 21 years, then he to have nothing;

I bequeath to William, my son, 40s yearly immediately after my decease out of Thorndon Hall during his life if my lease continue so long;

Item, I bequeath to Mary, my daughter, sometime a nun of Barking, a ring with a sapphire that my wife hath in keeping, & a counterpoint, a featherbed, a bolster, a pillow, a pair of blankets and five marks in money;

Item, I bequeath to Elizabeth Hopton, my wife's daughter, forty pounds in money upon condition that I nor mine executors be not troubled nor vexed for anything containing [sic?] the will of John Hopton, esquire, her father, and in case that mine executors be troubled for the will of the said Mr Hopton, then she to take no benefit by this my said will;

Item, I will, give & bequeath to Dame Anne Tyrrell, my wife, four featherbeds, 4 bolsters, 4 pillows, 4 pair of sheets and four counterpoints, whereof one is in the middle chamber and three in the closet over the parlour, and a salt with a cover with stone and pearl, and three coffers to be appointed by the discretion of mine executors, two dozen napkins, six towels;

Item, I will and bequeath to William Wourtington, my son-in-law, ten pounds to be delivered him at the discretion of mine executors;

Item, I will an inventory to be made by mine executors of all my goods, the goods therein contained to be sold by the discretion of my said executors to the performance of this my will;

Item, I bequeath to Margaret Tyrrell, my daughter, £6 13s 4d if she marry, or otherwise at the discretion of mine executors;

And of this my present testament and last will I make, ordain and constitute John Tyrrell, my son and heir, Humphrey Tyrrell, my brother, and Anthony Brugg [=Bridges?], my son-in-law, mine executors;

In witness whereof I have signed & sealed this my said will with mine own hand the day & year above-written.

Probatum fuit sup{ra}scriptum test{amentu}m coram d{omi}no apud London xixo die mens{is} Marcij Anno Domini Mill{es}imo quingentesimo quadragesimo Iuramento Executor{um} in h{uius}mo{d}i testamento no{m}i{n}at{orum} Ac approbatum et insinuatum Et comissa fuit admi{ni}stracio o{mn}i{um} et sing{u}lor{um} bonor{um} iuriu{m} et creditor{um} dict{i} defunct{i} p{re}fat{is} Executoribus de bene &c Ac de pleno et fideli Inuentario &c exhibend{o} Necnon de plano et vero compoto reddend{o} Ad Sancta Dei Eu{a}ngelia Iurat{is}

[=The above-written testament was proved before the Lord at London on the 19th day of the month of March in the year of the Lord the thousand five hundred fortieth by the oath of the 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 etc., and to exhibit a full and faithful inventory etc., and also to render a plain and true account.]