

SUMMARY: The document below is the Prerogative Court of Canterbury copy of the will, dated 12 July 1540 and proved 30 January 1543, of John Mynne (d. 14 December 1542), whose widow married Francis Southwell, uncle of the Francis Southwell who was involved in allegations against Oxford in 1581. For the will of Francis Southwell the elder, see TNA PROB 11/64/81.

LM: Test{amentu}m Io{hannis} Mynne

In dei nomine amen. I, John Mynne, being of perfect mind and good remembrance, the 12<sup>th</sup> day of July the year of Our Lord God a thousand five hundred and forty and the 32<sup>nd</sup> year of the reign of our Sovereign Lord King Henry the Eight, make this my present testament and last will in manner and form following:

First, I bequeath my soul to Almighty God, my Maker and my Redeemer, to Our Lady Saint Mary and all the holy company of heaven, my body to be buried in Christian burial where it fortune me to decease;

Item, I give and bequeath to the high altar of Saint Botolph's Church without Aldryche Gate [=Aldgate] of London for tithes negligently forgotten, 3s 4d;

Item, to the same church toward the reparation thereof, 3s 4d;

Item, to the Fraternity of the Trinity within the said church, 6s 8d;

Item, I give to every one of my daughters twenty marks, to be paid unto them at the day of their marriages;

Item, I give unto either of my sons, George and Andrew, £10 apiece, to be paid unto them when they shall come to the age of twenty years;

And if it fortune any of my said children to die afore the time afore limited, then I will that their portions that shall so fortune to die be equally divided between them that overlive;

And I give unto Edward, my son, God's blessing and mine, and that the common law giveth him after his mother[<sup>s</sup>] decease, and my standing cup gilt, that to be delivered unto him when he come to the age of 21 years, and if it fortune him to die afore he come to the said age, then I will that George, my son, shall have the said standing cup, and then the ten pounds that he hath bequeathed him to be divided amongst the residue;

And all the residue of my goods, chattels, plate, stuff of household and other things whatsoever it be, my debts paid, my legacies performed and paid, I give and bequeath

unto my loving wife, Alice Mynne, whom I make my sole executor of this my present will and testament;

And I make my brother, Henry Mynne, parson of Balsham, overseer of the same will and testament, praying him to be good unto my wife and children;

In witness whereof I have subscribed this and written it with my own hand the day and year abovesaid. Per me, Joh{ann}em Mynne

Memorand{um}. Where I have purchased certain lands and tenements in Hertingfordbury and elsewhere in the county of Hertford of John Butler of th' Exchequer, which lands be not yet assured unto me, I will that the same lands be assured according as I declared to my brother Chapman and Christopher Smyth, viz., that there shall be a fine levied of the free land by Master Butler and his wife to the use of me and Alice, my wife, and to the heirs of me, and I will that Master Butler of the same land make a deed to like use. and I will that Master Butler and his wife make surrender of the copyhold lands to like use. Per me, Ioh{ann}em Mynne.

Probatum fuit test{amentu}m suprascripti defuncti h{ab}entis &c Penultimo Die mensis Januarij Anno D{omi}ni Millesimo quingentesimo xlijo Coram D{omi}ne apud London auc{torita}te pefat{i} D{omi}ni n{ost}ri Regis Iurament{o} Alicie Relicte & executricis in h{uius}mo{di} test{ament}o no{m}i{n}at{e} In p{er}sona mag{ist}ri Anthonij Husee no{ta}rij pu{bli}ci procur{atoris} sui in hac p{ar}te Ac approbatum & insinuat{um} Com{m}issaq{ue} fuit admi{ni}stracio om{n}i{um} et singuloru{m} bonor{um} Iuriu{m} et creditorum d{i}c{t}i defuncti pefat{e} executrici In p{er}sona d{i}c{t}i procu{rato}ris De b{e}n{e} & fidel{ite}r admi{ni}strand{o} Ac de pleno & fidei In{uenta}rio secundo Die post festum Ascenc{i}o{n}is D{omi}ni prox{imum} futur{um} exhi{ben}d{o} Necnon de plano & vero compoto reddend{o} Ad s{an}c{t}a dei Eu{a}ngelia in debita Iuris forma Iurat{i}.

[=The testament of the above-written deceased having etc. was proved on the penultimate day of the month of January in the year of the Lord the thousand five hundred 42<sup>nd</sup> before the Lord at London by the authority of the forenamed our Lord the King by the oath of Alice, relict & executrix named in the same testament, in the person of Master Anthony Husee, notary public, her proctor in that regard, and probated & entered, and administration was granted of all and singular the goods, rights and credits of the said deceased to the forenamed executrix in the person of the said proctor, sworn on the Holy Gospels in due form of law to well & faithfully administer, and to exhibit a full & faithful inventory on the second day after the feast of the Ascension of the Lord next to come, and also a plain and true account.]