

SUMMARY: The document below is the Prerogative Court of Canterbury copy of the will, dated 12 September and 6 October 1542 and proved 11 March 1543, of John Neville (17 November 1493 – 2 March 1543), 3rd Baron Latimer, whose first wife was Dorothy de Vere (d. 7 February 1527), daughter of Sir George Vere and Margaret Stafford, and sister and co-heir of John de Vere (14 August 1499 - 14 July 1526), 14th Earl of Oxford.

### ***FAMILY BACKGROUND AND SIBLINGS***

#### ***Testator's grandparents***

The testator was the grandson of Sir Henry Neville, slain at the Battle of Edgecote on 26 July 1469, and Joan Bourghchier (d. 7 October 1470). They had two sons and one daughter:

-**Richard Neville** (c.1468 – before 28 December 1530), 2<sup>nd</sup> Baron Latimer, the testator's father (see below).

-**Thomas Neville** (d.1546), esquire, who married firstly Anne Westerdale, by whom he had no issue; secondly Lettice Harcourt, the daughter of John Harcourt (d. 26 June 1485), esquire, by Anne Norreys, by whom he had one son, Richard Neville, and three daughters, including Ellen Neville, wife of Kenelm Bucke; and thirdly Anne Greville, by whom he had a son, John Neville.

Lettice Harcourt and her three sisters were co-heiresses c.1509 to their brother, Sir Robert Harcourt (see above), standard bearer to Henry VII at the Battle of Bosworth in 1485. See Richardson, Douglas, *Magna Carta Ancestry*, 2<sup>nd</sup> ed., 2011, Vol. III, pp. 2-3; and Harcourt, Edward William ed., *The Harcourt Papers*, (Oxford: Parker, 1880), pp. 43, 70-2 at:

<https://archive.org/stream/harcourtpapers00harc#page/n37/mode/2up>

and:

<https://archive.org/stream/harcourtpapers00harc#page/n51/mode/2up/>

-**Joan Neville**, wife of Sir James Radcliffe.

#### ***Testator's parents***

For the testator's father, Richard Neville, see the *ODNB*:

*Neville, John, third Baron Latimer (1493–1543), nobleman, was born on 17 November 1493, the eldest son and heir of Richard Neville (c.1467–1530), second baron, and Anne,*

*daughter and heir of Sir Humphrey Stafford of Grafton, Worcestershire, and Blatherwyk, Northamptonshire. The poet William Neville was one of his many younger brothers; William's dealings with a magician in 1532 hint at tensions between John and himself. By 1520 John Neville had married Dorothy, daughter of Sir George de Vere and sister of John de Vere, fourteenth earl of Oxford. Dorothy died on 7 February 1527 and on 20 June 1528 her husband obtained a licence to marry Elizabeth, daughter of Sir Edward Musgrave of Hartley, Westmorland, and Edenhall, Cumberland. Finally, in the summer of 1534 he took as his third wife Katherine (1512–1548), daughter of Sir Thomas Parr of Kendal, Westmorland, and widow of Sir Edward Borough. . . . Latimer died in London on 2 March 1543 and was buried in St Paul's Cathedral. In his will, dated 12 September 1542 and proved 15 March 1543, he provided for his wife, family, and servants. His son John inherited the Latimer barony; and, on 12 July 1543, his widow, Katherine, became Henry VIII's sixth wife.*

For the testator's mother, Anne Stafford Neville, see Richardson, Douglas, *Magna Carta Ancestry*, 2<sup>nd</sup> ed., 2011, Vol. II, pp. 223-4, 386, and the will of John Clopton (c.1422-1497), TNA PROB 11/11/266.

After the death of Anne Stafford, the testator's father married secondly, by licence dated 5 July 1522, Margaret, the widow of Sir James Strangeways (d. 16 December 1521). See Richardson, Douglas, *Magna Carta Ancestry*, 2<sup>nd</sup> ed., 2011, Vol. III, p. 3.

### ***Testator's siblings***

The testator had five brothers and six sisters:

**-William Neville** (15 July 1497 – c.1545), who married, as her second husband, Elizabeth Greville, sole daughter and heir of Sir Giles Greville (d. 1 April 1528) by his first wife, whose name is unknown. For further details concerning Sir Giles Greville and his daughter, Elizabeth Greville, see the will of William Clopton (d.1560), TNA PROB 11/43/118.

For William Neville, see the Wikipedia article created by the author of this website, and the *ODNB*:

*Neville, William (b. 1497, d. in or before 1545), poet, was born on 15 July 1497, the second son of Richard Neville, second Baron Latimer (c.1467–1530), and his wife, Anne, daughter of Sir Humphrey Stafford; his brother was John Neville, third Baron Latimer (1493–1543). He married before 1 April 1529, Elizabeth, daughter of Sir Giles Greville, with whom he had a son, Richard, and two daughters, Mary and Susan. In his youth Neville may have been in the household of Cardinal Wolsey. . . . In 1532 Neville was accused of treason by one Thomas Wood, who alleged that he had prophesied the death of Henry VIII and claimed that he would become earl of Warwick. . . . He appears to have died in or before 1545, when his estate is known to have been in the possession of his son, Richard. . . . Neville is the author of an allegorical dream vision, 'The Castell of*

*Pleasure', in which a dreamer, Desire, is led by Morpheus to the eponymous castle. . . . Copies survive in editions by Henry Pepwell of 1518 and Wynkyn de Worde, probably of 1530.*

As noted above, William Neville had a son and two daughters by his wife, Elizabeth Greville:

**(1) Richard Neville** (d.1590) of Pedwyn, Worcestershire, and Wyke, Warwickshire, who married Barbara Arden, the daughter of William Arden (d.1545) of Park Hall and his wife, Elizabeth Conway, daughter of Edward Conway and his wife, Anne Burdett, daughter of Richard Burdett. Barbara Arden was the sister of Edward Arden (1533-1583) of Park Hall. After the death of his first cousin, John Neville, 4th Baron Latimer, in 1577, Richard Neville (d.1590) claimed the Latimer barony, as did his son Edmund after him. See G.E.C., *The Complete Peerage*, Vol. XII, Part II, (London: St Catherine Press, 1959), pp. 560-3; Stopes, Charlotte Carmichael, *Shakespeare's Warwickshire Contemporaries*, (Stratford Upon Avon: Shakespeare Head Press, 1907), pp. 101, 103, 123-4; and the pedigree of Arden at:

<https://sites.google.com/site/fivegateways/alphabetical-index-a/arden>

**(2) Mary Neville**, about whom nothing further is known.

**(3) Susan Neville**, about whom nothing further is known.

**-Sir Thomas Neville** of Piggotts Hall in Ardleigh, Essex, who married Mary Teye, the daughter and coheir of Sir Thomas Teye, by whom he had a son, Thomas.

**-Marmaduke Neville** of Marks Tey, who married Elizabeth Teye, the daughter and coheir of Sir Thomas Teye, by whom he had a son, Christopher, who died young, and a daughter, Alianore, who married Thomas Teye, esquire, of Layer de la Haye, Essex.

For Margaret Teye, elder sister of Mary Teye and Elizabeth Teye, see the will of Sir William Fitzwilliam (c.1506 – 3 October 1559), TNA PROB 11/42B/624.

**-George Neville**, Archdeacon of Carlisle, born 29 July 1509, buried 6 September 1567 at Well, North Yorkshire.

**-Christopher Neville.**

**-Margaret Neville** (born 9 March 1495), who married, by papal dispensation dated 22 November 1505, Edward Willoughby (d. November 1517) of Alcester, Warwickshire, son of Robert Willoughby (d. 10 or 11 November 1521), 2nd Baron Willoughby de Broke, by his first wife, Elizabeth Beauchamp, by whom she had three daughters: Elizabeth Willoughby (buried 15 November 1562), who married Sir Fulke Greville (d. 10 November 1559); Anne Willoughby (d.1528); and Blanche Willoughby (d. before 1543), who married Francis Dawtrey. Elizabeth Willoughby and Sir Fulke Greville (d. 10

November 1559) were the grandparents of the courtier Fulke Greville, 1st Baron Brooke, friend of Sir Philip Sidney.

**-Dorothy Neville**, who married Sir John Dawney.

**-Elizabeth Neville** (born 28 April 1500), who married, before 1531, Sir Christopher Danby (c.1505 – 14 June 1571), of Farnley, North Yorkshire, only son of Sir Christopher Danby (d. 17 March 1518) and Margaret Scrope, daughter of Thomas Scrope (d.1475), 5th Baron Scrope of Masham. They had six sons, Sir Thomas Danby, Christopher Danby, John Danby, James Danby, Marmaduke Danby and William Danby, and eight daughters, Dorothy Danby, who married Sir John Neville; Mary Danby; Joan Danby, who married Roger Meynell, esquire; Margaret Danby, who married Christopher Hopton, esquire; Anne Danby, who married Sir Walter Calverley; Elizabeth Danby, who married Thomas Wentworth, esquire; Magdalen Danby, who married Marmaduke Wyvill; and Margery Danby, who married Christopher Mallory, esquire. It seems likely that Elizabeth Neville's son, William Danby, was the William Danby who served as coroner at the inquest into the death of Christopher Marlowe in 1593. Moreover Elizabeth Neville's daughter, Anne Danby, and her husband, Sir Walter Calverley, were the grandparents of Walter Calverley (d.1605), whose murder of his children is dramatized in *A Yorkshire Tragedy*, attributed on the title page to William Shakespeare. See the *ODNB*:

*Calverley, William (d. 1572), writer, was born early in the sixteenth century in Yorkshire, the eldest of the three sons of Walter Calverley and Anne Danby, daughter of Sir Christopher Danby of Farnley. It seems that he participated in the Pilgrimage of Grace in the north of England, and his name is found in a muster of Lord Darcy's men taken in 1536. Calverley was imprisoned in the Tower of London for his part in the uprising, and there wrote A Dyalogue Bitwene the Playntife and the Defendaunt, a verse dialogue in which the eponymous plaintiff is made to admit to his errors, and to attest to the justice of his punishment. . . . He died in 1572, and according to the visitation of Yorkshire of 1665–6 had six children, including the murderer Walter Calverley (d. 1605).*

For the marriage of Anne Danby and Sir Walter Calverley, son and heir of Sir William Calverley, see also Yorkshire Archaeological and Historical Society DD12/1/4/17 at:

<http://discovery.nationalarchives.gov.uk/details/r/27368899-ae13-495e-9ff6-62ffd36420d1>.

**-Katherine Neville.**

**-Susan Neville** (1501–c.1560), who married the rebel, Richard Norton (d. 9 April 1585), esquire, the eldest son of John Norton (d.1557) by Anne Radcliffe (d. before 1557). For the testator's brother-in-law, Richard Norton, see the entry in the *ODNB*:

*Norton, Richard [called Old Norton] (d. 1585), rebel, was the eldest son of John Norton (d. 1557) of Norton Conyers in Allertonshire, near Ripon, and the heiress Anne Radcliffe*

(d. before 1557) of Rylstone in Craven, Yorkshire. The Nortons were a leading Yorkshire family whose heads were commonly JPs, sheriffs, and knights. John Norton was treasurer of the household to Henry Percy, fifth earl of Northumberland (d. 1527), where Richard was brought up. Of age by 1524 and probably already married to Susan Neville (1501–c.1560), daughter of Richard, second Lord Latimer, Richard Norton had close relations with her brother John, Lord Latimer (d. 1542). . . . The Nortons were plotting from 1568, when Richard's son Christopher planned to remove Mary, queen of Scots, from Lord Scrope's custody, and in November 1569 Richard's brother and seven sons, several middle-aged, joined Old Norton (Richard Norton) in the northern rising. . . . The rising was disastrous for the Nortons, their friends, and tenants, many of whom were executed, dispossessed, and exiled.

**-Joan Neville.**

For the testator's family, see also Richardson, Douglas, *Plantagenet Ancestry*, 2<sup>nd</sup> ed., 2011, Vol. II, p. 386.

**MARRIAGES AND CHILDREN**

***First marriage***

The testator married firstly Dorothy de Vere (d. 7 February 1527), daughter of Sir George Vere and Margaret Stafford, and sister and co-heir of John de Vere (14 August 1499 - 14 July 1526), 14th Earl of Oxford. For the will of the testator's father-in-law, Sir George Vere (died c.1503), see TNA PROB 11/13/444.

By Dorothy de Vere, the testator had two surviving children:

\* **Margaret Neville** (d.1545). See her will, TNA PROB 11/31/94.

\* **John Neville** (d. 22 April 1577), 4<sup>th</sup> Baron Latimer, who married Lucy Somerset (c.1524 - 23 February 1583), the daughter of Henry Somerset (1495/6–1549), 2<sup>nd</sup> Earl of Worcester, by his second wife, Elizabeth Browne (c.1502–1565), daughter of Sir Anthony Browne (d.1506). Lucy Somerset was a first cousin of Anthony Browne (1528-1592), 1<sup>st</sup> Viscount Montague, grandfather of Henry Wriothesley (1573-1624), 3<sup>rd</sup> Earl of Southampton, to whom Shakespeare dedicated *Venus and Adonis* and *The Rape of Lucrece*. For her will, see TNA PROB 11/65/170.

By Henry Somerset, Elizabeth Browne was also the mother of William Somerset (1526/7-1589), 3<sup>rd</sup> Earl of Worcester, who married Christian North (b.1533), the daughter of Edward North (c.1504-1564), 1<sup>st</sup> Baron North. Their son, Edward Somerset (c.1550-1628), 4<sup>th</sup> Earl of Worcester, married Elizabeth Hastings at Whitehall on the same day Oxford married Anne Cecil. See ERO D/DRg2/24:

*Edward de Vere, Earl of Oxenford, did the 16th day of December 1571 anno xiiiijto*

*Regine Elizabeth marry the Lady his wife named Anne Cecil, one of the daughters of Sir William Cecil, knight, Lord of Burghley, at the court then being at Whitehall by Westminster. The same day, year and place the Lord Herbert, son and heir of the Earl of Worcester, did marry the Lady Hastings, sister to Henry, Earl of Huntingdon.*

For the marriage of Henry Somerset, 2<sup>nd</sup> Earl of Worcester, and Elizabeth Browne, see Richardson, Douglas, *Plantagenet Ancestry*, 2<sup>nd</sup> ed., 2011, Vol. I, p. 180 and Vol. III, pp. 235-6, and entries for members of the Browne and Somerset families in the *ODNB*.

The lands entailed by the testator to his son and heir, John Neville (d. 22 April 1577), 4th Baron Latimer, who died without surviving male heirs, were eventually divided among the latter's four daughters and co-heirs:

**-Katherine Neville** (d. 28 October 1596), who married firstly Henry Percy (c.1532-1585), 8th Earl of Northumberland, and secondly Francis Fitton (d. 17 June 1608), for whose will see TNA PROB 11/112/118.

**-Dorothy Neville** (1548-1609), who married Oxford's brother-in-law, Thomas Cecil (1542-1632/3), 1st Earl of Exeter.

**-Lucy Neville** (c.1549-1608), who married Sir William Cornwallis (c.1551-1611), who purchased Oxford's lease of Fisher's Folly. For a discussion of Oxford's interest in Fisher's Folly, see the will of Jasper Fisher, TNA PROB 11/61/541. For correspondence between Sir Thomas Cornwallis (1518/19-1604) and Lord Burghley concerning the purchase of Oxford's lease of Fisher's Folly, see CP 166/80 and CP 17/60. For the will of Sir William Cornwallis, see TNA PROB 11/118/441.

Anne Cornwallis (d.1635), one of the daughters of Lucy Neville and William Cornwallis, has been identified as the 'Anne Cornwaleys' of the anthology of sixteenth century poetry known as the Cornwallis-Lysons manuscript, now in the Folger Library (Folger MS V.a.89). See the *ODNB* entry for Anne Cornwallis.

Elizabeth Cornwallis, another of the daughters of Lucy Neville and Sir William Cornwallis, married Sir William Sandys (c.1575 – 28 October 1628), son of Sir Walter Sandys (d.1609) by Mabel Wriothesley, aunt of Henry Wriothesley (1573-1624), 3<sup>rd</sup> Earl of Southampton, to whom Shakespeare dedicated *Venus and Adonis* and *The Rape of Lucrece*. Elizabeth Cornwallis and Sir William Sandys were married at the house of her father, Sir William Cornwallis, in St Botolph's, Bishopsgate (i.e. Oxford's former mansion), on 23 November 1592. See the Cornwallis pedigree in *The Private Correspondence of Jane Lady Cornwallis, 1613-1644*, (London: S. & J. Bentley, 1842), p. xxxvii at:

<https://archive.org/stream/privatecorrespon00baco#page/n45/mode/2up>.

See also Chester, Joseph Lemuel, ed., *The Marriage, Baptismal and Burial registers of the Collegiate Church or Abbey of St. Peter, Westminster*, (London, 1876), p. 150 at:

<https://archive.org/stream/marriagebaptism02chesgoog#page/n168/mode/2up>.

**-Elizabeth Neville** (1545x50-1630), who married Sir John Danvers (1540-1594) of Dauntsey. Their sons, Sir Charles Danvers (c.1568-1601) and Sir Henry Danvers (1573-1644), were ‘among the closest friends’ of Henry Wriothesley, 3<sup>rd</sup> Earl of Southampton, and after a quarrel in 1594 in which the Danvers brothers killed Henry Long, Southampton ‘hid them from the authorities’ at Whitley Lodge, and ‘ensured their escape into exile across the channel’. They were eventually pardoned by the Queen, and returned to England in 1598. See the *ODNB* entries for Sir Charles Danvers and Sir Henry Danvers.

In 1601 Sir Charles Danvers was attainted and executed for his part in the Essex rebellion, as a result of which the lands which he inherited from both his father and his mother escheated to the Crown. Several of Oxford’s extant letters describe his involvement on the Queen’s behalf in the Danvers escheat case, and the lands which had descended to Sir Charles Danvers from the Lords Latimer are specifically referred to in a letter written by Oxford to his brother-in-law, Sir Robert Cecil, in January 1602 (see CP 181/99).

For the marriage of the testator’s son, John Neville (d. 22 April 1577), and Lucy Somerset, see also Richardson, Douglas, *Plantagenet Ancestry*, 2<sup>nd</sup> ed., 2011, Vol. I, p. 180 and Vol. III, pp. 235-6.

### ***Second marriage***

The testator married secondly, by licence dated 20 June 1528, Elizabeth Musgrave, the daughter of Sir Edward Musgrave of Hartley, Westmorland, and Edenhall, Cumberland.

### ***Third marriage***

The testator married thirdly, in the summer of 1534, Katherine Parr, widow of Sir Edward Burgh, for whom see the will of Oxford’s foe, Thomas Knyvet (1546 – 27 July 1622), TNA PROB 11/140/169. After the testator’s death, Katherine Parr became the sixth wife of Henry VIII.

### ***TESTATOR’S LANDS***

In the will below the testator appoints his nephew, John Gascoigne, as steward of his lands at Nun Monkton and Hammerton for life. This appointment suggests that John may have been the son of the testator’s previous steward, Sir William Gascoigne. See the biographies of Sir William Gascoigne (c.1485-1540) and his son, Sir John Gascoigne (c.1510-1568), father of the poet, George Gascoigne, at:

<http://www.historyofparliamentonline.org/volume/1509-1558/member/gascoigne-sir-william-1485-1540>;

<http://www.historyofparliamentonline.org/volume/1509-1558/member/gascoigne-sir-john-1510-68>.

See also the entry for the poet George Gascoigne in the *ODNB*:

*Gascoigne, George (1534/5?–1577), author and soldier, was the eldest of three children of Sir John Gascoigne (b. in or before 1510, d. 1568) of Cardington, Bedfordshire, and his wife, Margaret (d. 17 Oct 1575), daughter of Sir Robert Scargill of Thorpe Hall, Richmond, Yorkshire. Knighted in 1541, Sir John served as sheriff for Bedfordshire and Buckinghamshire, 1542–3; MP for Bedfordshire, 1542, 1553, and 1558; commissioner of the musters, 1546; justice of the peace, 1546 until his death; and almoner at the coronations of Edward VI and of Mary. Gascoigne's grandfather, Sir William Gascoigne (d. 1540) of Cardington, the namesake of his great-grandfather, the chief justice, served as treasurer of Cardinal Wolsey's household, 1523–9; MP for Bedfordshire, 1529 and 1536; justice of the peace in several counties; and almoner at the coronations of Henry VIII and of Anne Boleyn.*

For the testator's manor of Nun Monkton, which eventually descended to his granddaughter, Katherine Neville (1545/6-1596), and through her second marriage, to Francis Fitton of Binfield, Berkshire, see Poole, George Ayliffe, *Churches of Yorkshire*, Vol. I, (Leeds: T.W. Green, 1844), pp. 96-7, at:

<http://books.google.ca/books?id=dgEIAAAAQAAJ&pg=RA1-PA97&lpg=RA1-PA97&dq=%22manor+of+nun+monkton%22&source=bl&ots=3sQsHZnAL3&sig=NTTrsmfNcFU089wmkynCciCOYuXg&hl=en&sa=X&ei=EaDgT8dZjYfYBdKUrIwK&ved=0CEwQ6AEwAA#v=onepage&q=%22manor%20of%20nun%20monkton%22&f=false>

At one time the testator leased a mansion near the Charterhouse in London:

'Charterhouse Square area: Introduction; Charterhouse Square', in *Survey of London: Volume 46, South and East Clerkenwell*, ed. Philip Temple (London, 2008), pp. 242-265. *British History Online* <http://www.british-history.ac.uk/survey-london/vol46/pp242-265> [accessed 24 March 2016]

*By contrast, ownership of the buildings surrounding the yard became fragmented after the Dissolution. At least one of the larger properties here had already been leased by the priory to laymen. In 1532 Sir John Neville, Lord Latimer, took a lease of a mansion at the east end of the churchyard, formerly held by the Abbot of Pershore. (fn. 8) The Tudor fragments that survived at No. 10 Charterhouse Square until the Blitz probably belonged to this house. Latimer married Katherine Parr—after his death in 1543 Henry VIII's sixth queen—and her brother William Parr is also supposed to have lived in the yard. Other members of court circles among tenants or lessees of buildings hereabouts in the*



*aftermath of the Dissolution included Sir John Williams, Keeper of the King's Jewels; Robert Burgoyne, one of the auditors of the Court of Augmentations; Bartholomew Westby, Baron of the Exchequer; Sir Arthur Darcy, one of the King's servants; and John Leland, the topographer and 'King's Antiquary', recorded at a tenement adjoining Lord Latimer's mansion between 1538 and 1546.*

After the testator's death, it appears the mansion was owned by Sir Arthur Darcy (d.1561), who leased it to the testator's son, John Neville (d.1577), 4<sup>th</sup> Baron Latimer. See Brewer, John Sherren and Robert Henry Brodie, *Letters and Papers, Foreign and Domestic, of the Reign of Henry VIII*, p. 77 at:

[https://books.google.ca/books?id=k4oKAwAAQBAJ&pg=PA77&lpg=PA77&dq=%22Sir+Arthur+Darcy%22+%22lands%22&source=bl&ots=5GNbuDNGsQ&sig=jbthtBFN0Lx91ECf\\_Am-sI2a1gY&hl=en&sa=X&ved=0ahUKEwjuaXwttzLAhVKxWMKHX7XD3QQ6AEIJjAC#v=onepage&q=%22Sir%20Arthur%20Darcy%22%20%22lands%22&f=false](https://books.google.ca/books?id=k4oKAwAAQBAJ&pg=PA77&lpg=PA77&dq=%22Sir+Arthur+Darcy%22+%22lands%22&source=bl&ots=5GNbuDNGsQ&sig=jbthtBFN0Lx91ECf_Am-sI2a1gY&hl=en&sa=X&ved=0ahUKEwjuaXwttzLAhVKxWMKHX7XD3QQ6AEIJjAC#v=onepage&q=%22Sir%20Arthur%20Darcy%22%20%22lands%22&f=false)

40 Licences to alienate:

*[1546] Sir Arthur Darcy to Sir Richard Legh. Mansion in the eastern side of the Charterhouse churchyard in the parish of St. Botolph without Aldergate, London, in tenure of Lord Latimer. Charterhouse. 11<sup>th</sup> P. 17, m. 43.*

LM: Tes{tamen}t{u}m Io{hannis} Nevell D{omi}ni Latymer

In the name of God, Amen. The 12th day of September in the year of Our Lord God a thousand five hundred forty and two, and in the 34th year of our most dread Sovereign Lord Henry the Eighth by the grace of God King of England, France and Ireland, Defender of the Faith, and in earth of the Church of England and Ireland Supreme Head, I, John Neville, knight, Lord Latimer, being in good health of body and perfect memory, thanks be to God, do make and declare my last will and testament of my goods in manner and form following:

First, I bequeath my soul to Almighty God, to Our Blessed Lady the Virgin, and my body to be buried in the south side of Well Church, where mine ancestors lieth, if I die in Yorkshire;

And I do make mine executors to perform this my last will and testament my daughter Margaret Neville, my brother Christopher Neville, my cousin John Constable, esquire, and John Leighton and Robert Leighton, my friends;

And I give and bequeath to Lady Katherine, my wife, the third part of all my goods and chattels, whether of right she ought so to have or not;

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And I give her also, over and besides the said third part of my goods, all and every such goods of mine as is now within her lying-chamber, and also two of my best gilt standing cups with their covers, two gilt goblets with one cover, my best basin and ewer of silver, and my two silver flagons;

And I give unto my son, John Neville, all the utensils now being at Snape, and all hangings of mine there, with all manner bedstocks, stools, forms and all manner other vessels there for tunning, brewing and baking;

Also I give and bequeath unto my daughter, Margaret Neville, five hundred marks for and towards her preferment of marriage, over and besides five hundred marks that I have also given her to be had and taken of my manors, lands and tenements at Nun Monkton and Hammerton and other their appurtenances, as more largely doth appear by my will of lands;

And I give also unto my said daughter, Margaret Neville, my lease of the parsonage of Kirkdale church during the years that I have in the same to buy her pins withal;

And I give to my brother Thomas and Marmaduke Neville, to either of them, five marks of such money as they owe me;

Also I give to my brother [=brother-in-law], Richard Norton, my best horse, and to my sister, his wife, my best gown, and to my sister Danby my best brooch;

And I give to my nephew, John Gascoigne, my best horse save one;

Item, I give to my cousin, William Constable, son to my cousin John Constable, my little grey trotting nag, and to my said cousin, his daughter, my god-daughter, my second brooch;

Also, I give and bequeath towards building of the chapel in Sleysdale five marks;

Also I will that mine executors pay to every of my servants, such of them as have any annuities their quarter's wages, and such of them as have none annuities their half year's wages, and to pay also to every of my said servants their whole year's livery or sufficient recompense for the same;

Also I will that my said executors distribute and dispose amongst poor people, and in such towns and elsewhere as by their discretions shall be thought most needful, forty pounds of money, and within one month next after my decease;

Also I give unto my cousin, Sir Marmaduke Constable th' elder, knight, the younger ambling gelding which lately I bought of Peter Franklin of Danby, and I give unto my cousin, Robert Constable, his son, my best mare;

In witness whereof to this my present will of goods I have subscribed my name and set to my seal which I use as my signet the day and year above-written.

RM: Vlti {m}a voluntas eiusd {em} D {omi}ni Latymer

To all faithful and Christian which shall see, hear or read this present writing, I, John Neville, knight, Lord Latimer, send greeting in Our Lord God everlasting.

Know your [sic?] university [sic] that I, the said Lord Latimer, calling to my remembrance the unceasing continuance of this frail and transitory life of man here upon th' earth, do in manner and form following make my last will of and concerning certain my lands and tenements, and thereby devise and dispose the same according to the liberty in that behalf granted and given by the King's most excellent Majesty, our Sovereign Lord Henry the Eighth by the grace of God King of England, France and Ireland, Defender of the Faith, and in earth of the church of England and Ireland Supreme Head, to all and singular his gracious, obedient and loving subjects of this his realm by authority of Parliament, as by th' act thereof made and enacted in the 32nd year of his gracious, most prosperous reign more plainly it doth appear;

And whereas I, the said Lord Latimer have made a lease to Margaret Neville, my daughter, my brother, Christopher Neville, my cousin John Constable, and to John Leighton and Robert Leighton, my servants, of my manors, lands and tenements of Nun Monkton, Hammerton and other for the term of forty years to th' use and performance of this my last will, over and besides such other my lands as is appertaining to my wife's part, and over and besides the third of my whole lands which I have left to mine heirs, I will Lady Katherine, my wife, shall have and hold for term of her life the manor of Stowe with mine churches and Little Stowe with all and singular th' appurtenances to the same belonging in the county of Northampton, and also the yearly rent of threescore pounds at Beoley in the county of Worcester, in full satisfaction and recompense of her whole dower, over and besides her jointure and feoffment, if she will be so contented and do so accept the same, or else I will that this said article be clearly void and of none effect;

Also I will that Margaret Neville, my daughter, have five hundred marks towards th' advancement of her marriage, to be received, levied and taken of, in and upon all my manors, lands and tenements with th' appurtenances at Nun Monkton and Hammerton in the county of York, over and besides other five hundred marks which I have given her to her said marriage by my will of goods, as more plainly appeareth in the same, which said sum of five hundred marks I will that the said Lady Katherine, my wife, immediately after my decease shall receive to th' use of my said daughter, Margaret, of my said manor, lands and tenements at Nun Monkton and Hammerton, that is to say, one hundred marks yearly during the term and space of five years next and immediately after my decease, my said wife finding sufficient sureties to my Lord Archbishop of York or to the Bishop of Durham for payment of the said money to mine executors or to the more part of them;

Also I will that all the residue of the said manor, lands and tenements with th' appurtenances in Nun Monkton and Hammerton aforesaid, over and besides the said hundred marks a year to be received, had and taken by the said Lady Katherine, my wife, yearly during the space and term of the said five years for the finding and bringing up of my said daughter, Margaret, and if it fortune her not to be married within the said five years, then I will after the said five hundred marks so received as is aforesaid, and the said five years determined, that from thenceforth the said Lady Katherine, my wife, shall yearly receive and have in, of and upon the rents, revenues and profits of my said manor, lands and tenements at Nun Monkton and Hammerton the sum of thirty pounds for the finding and keeping of my said daughter during all such time and space till she shall be preferred in marriage;

Also I will that immediately after the said sum of five hundred marks be fully and wholly received, had and taken up to th' use of my said daughter, Margaret, out of my said manor, lands and tenements at Nun Monkton and Hammerton as is aforesaid, that then my brother, Richard Norton, and mine executors shall receive and take the sum of one hundred marks out of my said manor, lands and tenements with th' appurtenances in Nun Monkton and Hammerton for and towards the preferment of marriage of one or mo of my nieces, his daughters, as shall be thought most meet and convenient by my said brother Norton and my said executors, so that my said brother Norton help forward to the performance of this my last will;

Also I give to my nephew, John Gascoigne, the office of the stewardship of all my said manor, lands and tenements at Nun Monkton and Hammerton aforesaid with th' appurtenances, to have and to hold, occupy and exercise the same after my decease during his life natural, with the fee of five marks yearly for th' occupation thereof, to be taken, levied and received out of my lands and tenements at Green Hammerton, Marton in Burghshire, Newton-upon-Ouse and Moor Monkton in the said county of York and in the county of the city of York;

Also I give to my cousin John Constable, esquire, ten marks yearly to be received, taken and levied after my decease by my said cousin or his assigns in, of and upon my manor, lands and tenements at Scampston, Rillington, Bennington and Flixton with th' appurtenances in the county of York during his life natural;

Also I give to every younger son of my said brother, Richard Norton, except such of them which shall fortune to be priest or priests hereafter, and until time that any of them shall so be, one annuity of forty shillings yearly for term of their several lives natural, to be had and received by them or their assigns after my decease in, of and upon my said manors, lands and tenements at Scampston, Rillington, Bennington and Flixton with th' appurtenances in the said county of York at the terms and rent-days there usual and accustomed, so that my said brother Norton help forward and see this my said will executed and performed;

Also, I give to my servants Robert Leighton four marks during his life natural, and to John Leighton, Nicholas Pudsey, Edward Danby, William Jackson and William Barber, to every of them forty shillings yearly during their several lives, and to John Lofthouse, William Parkinson, Edward Fleming, Robert Burdon and James Simpson, to every of them twenty-six shillings eight pence yearly during their several lives, and to Richard Ardington, Thomas Gower, Guy Cokes, Floriaunt(?) Walker, to every of them twenty shillings yearly during their several lives, and also to George Scott, Robert Wedderele, Myles Burton, John Percival, Edmund Dobbyn and Andrew Loce(?), to every of them thirteen shillings four pence yearly during their several lives, all which said several grants and annuities to my said servants I will that every of them shall yearly receive, take and have of the rents, issues and profits of my said manor, lands and tenements with th' appurtenances at Scampston, Rillington, Bennington and Flixton aforesaid as shall be limited and appointed severally unto them by my said executors or the more part of them according to th' effect and intent above rehearsed;

Also I will that Sir John Brotton, priest, take, have and receive forty shillings yearly of the rents, issues and profits of my said manor, lands and tenements at Scampston, Rillington, Bennington and Flixton until such time as he shall be promoted hereafter to any perpetuity to the yearly value of five marks or above;

Also I will and give to every of my household servants (not having grants of annuities for term of their lives), to such of them which shall fortune to be notably hurt or maimed with me now in the King's wars, such yearly annuities for their several lives out of my lands and tenements at Walton in the county of the city of York, to every of them as their yearly wages which they take of me now cometh unto;

Also I will that my servant, Anthony Hunter, immediately after the decease of me and his father, have th' office of the bailiwick of Thorneton in the said county of York for term of his life with the fee of 26s 8d yearly for the same, and also to have a farmhold that his said father holdeth now of me there for the term of 21 years next after death of his said father, paying therefore yearly to me and mine heirs th' accustomed rent thereof, and if the said Anthony cannot so have and enjoy the said office with the said fee of 26s 8d a year, then I will that the same Anthony shall have and take yearly out of my foresaid manor, lands and tenements at Scampston, Rillington, Bennington and Flixton one annuity of 26s 8d for term of his life natural;

Also I will that all and every of my servants and tenants now being with me in the King's wars shall after my decease hold, have and enjoy all such their tenements and farmholds for term of their several lives which they now have in occupation of me, paying yearly therefore unto mine heirs and assigns the yearly rents thereof due and accustomed;

Also I give to my brother, Christopher Neville, all my lands and tenements in Thirsk with all and singular th' appurtenances in the said county of York, to have and to hold to him and his heirs forever after my decease conditionally that he take upon him th' execution of this my will with other mine executors, and to see the same performed, and if he refuse so to do, then I will that such other of mine executors as shall take th' execution of the

said will to have the said lands and tenements in Thirsk with th' appurtenances to them and their heirs forever;

And whereas my lord my father did give and grant four marks yearly to Richard Neville, son of mine uncle, Thomas Neville, and granted also four nobles yearly to every other of my said uncle's children out of my manors, lands and tenements in Childswickham in the county of Gloucester, I will that my said uncle's children shall receive such like annuities yearly out of my manor, lands and tenements at South Cerney in the said county of Gloucester, and in, of and upon my lands and tenements at Pinvin in the county of Worcester until such time as they may and do receive their said annuities granted unto them by my said lord my father out of Childswickham aforesaid;

And I will also that my nieces, my brother William Neville's daughter[s], shall yearly have for term of their several lives 2s 8d to every of them out of my said lands and tenements in South Cerney and Pinvin;

Also I will that the master of the hospital of Well and the vicar there or one of them for the time being shall take, have and receive immediately after my decease all the rents, issues and yearly profits of the parsonage of Askham Richard in the county of the city of York during the space of forty years, and with the said rents and issues to find a priest yearly to sing for my soul at Well church during the said forty years, which service I will that Sir Richard Harding, late of Guisborough, have during his life;

Also I will that after my decease the said master and vicar or one of them for the time being shall likewise take and receive all the rents, issues and profits of the parsonage of Saint George church in York for the term of forty years, and therewithal to find a schoolmaster at Well in the said county of York during the said terms and space of forty years for keeping of a school and teaching of grammar there, and to pray for me and them that I am most bound to pray for;

Also I will that my said executors shall receive yearly twenty pounds for the space of twenty years next after my decease of the residue of my said manors, lands and tenements letten unto them by lease for performance of this my last will of my lands, over and above such things as I have afore declared and expressed to be performed of the same, which twenty pounds to be employed and bestowed of such person or persons as I ought either of reason or conscience to recompense, or ought to have pity upon, and the residue of the said twenty pounds to be distributed yearly in alms nigh abouts that day and time of my burial to poor folks, and specially to mine own tenants being poor, or within my lordships and elsewhere as more need shall appear at discretion of my said executors, the master of Well and the vicar aforesaid, whom I will shall yearly cause one obit to be kept for me at Well church, and that 6s 8d, parcel of the said twenty pounds, to be distributed by my said executors as hath been accustomed there heretofore at obits there done for divers of mine ancestors;

And whereas I have given and granted to my servants John Leighton and Robert Leighton certain several patents of the bailiwicks and keeperships of my lordships of Snape and

Well in the county of York, and of my lordships of Stoulton and Wadborough in the county of Worcester, and have also granted to them by leases severally certain tenements, closes and grounds there, I will that my said servants shall have and hold and enjoy all their said offices and leases according to my grants thereof unto them in that behalf, and if my said servants or either of them be at any time hereafter interrupted or letted by mine heirs or otherwise so as they cannot or may not enjoy their said offices and leases and other the premises according to my said grants, then I will that my said servants John Leighton and Robert Leighton and either of them shall yearly have, take and receive one annuity of six pounds yearly to either of them severally, being so interrupted, during their said several lives out of my manors, lands and tenements at Wadborough and Stoulton in the said county of Worcester, over and besides their said yearly annuities granted them out of my said manor, lands and tenements in Scampston, Rillington, Bennington and Flixton as is above rehearsed;

Also whereas I am bound unto the King's Majesty for certain payments not yet discharged for the purchase of Monkton, and am also indebted to his Highness otherwise, therefore I will that mine executors shall take and receive yearly all the rents, issues and profits of my manors, lands and tenements at Wadborough and Stoulton with their appurtenances in the county of Worcester unto such time as therewithal my said executors have contented, satisfied and paid the King's said Majesty all such sums of money as I am now indebted unto his Highness;

Also I will that all such costs and charges as my said executors or any of them shall hereafter sustain for any such trouble or business as they or any of them shall happen to have for and about the fulfilling and performing of this my last will, that all the same costs and charges to be alway levied, taken and borne in, of and upon the issues, rents and revenues of my manor, lands and tenements with th' appurtenances at South Cerney in the county of Gloucester, and in, of and upon my lands and tenements with th' appurtenances at Pinvin in the county of Worcester, according as the same costs and charges shall amount unto;

Also I will that half the yearly rent of one close within my lordship of Snape called Farwolde grove, late letten to farm to William Dobbyn, be had and yearly bestowed of and for the uphold of a common hedge at Langwathe end against(?) Carthorpe moor unto a place there called the Lady Brigges', for the ease, wealth and profit of all my tenants within my lordship of Well & Snape aforesaid;

Also I will that the foresaid schoolmaster shall teach free, without taking of any school-hire for teaching of the sons of the tenants and inhabitants within the lordship of Snape and Well aforesaid;

Also I will that all and singular my said manors, lands and tenements of Walton, Marton in Burghshire, Newton, Moor Monkton, with also parsonages and tithes of Saint George church in York and Askham Richard, and also the said manors of Scampston, Rillington, Bennington and Flixton, Nunwick, Thornes, Fyrby and Thirsk in the county of York and in the county of the city of York, and all other my lands and tenements with th'

appurtenances in Walton, Marton in Burghshire, Newton-upon-Ouse, Moor Monkton, [RM: with the said parsonages of Saint George church in York, and Askham Richard, and all other my lands and tenements with their appurtenances in Scampston, Bennington and Flixton, Nunwick, Thornes], Fyrby and Thirsk in the said county of York and in the county of the city of York, and also the said manors, lands and tenements of Wadborough, Stoulton and Pinvin in the county of Worcester and all other my lands and tenements with their appurtenances in Wadborough, Stoulton and Pinvin aforesaid in the said county of Worcester, and also the manor of South Cerney in the county of Gloucester and all other my lands and tenements with their appurtenances in South Cerney aforesaid in the said county of Gloucester, immediately after my will performed and ever as the said manors, lands and tenements or any of them shall be discharged of my said will, shall revert and come unto John Neville, my son and heir, for term of his life natural without impeachment of waste, and after his decease to the heirs of his body lawfully begotten, and for default of such issue to the heirs of the body of me, the said Lord Latimer, and for default of such issue, to me and mine heirs forever, according to the ancient evidences and entails of any such of the said manors, lands and tenements and other the premises as have been entailed heretofore;

And in the meantime I will that all and every my said manors, lands and tenements during the space and time of forty years be cha[r]ged and chargeable to and with the payments of all such annuities, payments and other things afore expressed in this my will for supplement and recompensation of all such annuities, fees, payment and other things before willed, if any interruption be made so any of my said manors, lands and tenements be not charged as it is afore appointed in this my said will;

Also I will that the master of th' hospital of Well aforesaid and the vicar there for the time being, or thone of them, shall yearly take and receive the farms, rents, issues and profits of the parsonage of Hammerton in the county of York and of the parsonage of Walton in the county of the city of York during the space and time of forty years after my decease, and therewithal to find and give yearly to six cremetts and bed-folks at Well aforesaid (to make up the number of twenty cremetts there), to every of the said cremetts according and after such manner and form as other cremetts there now have or hereafter shall have during the said forty years, and in the meantime I will desire mine heirs that it may be made sure according to the said six cremetts and their successors forever;

Also I will that my daughter, Margaret Neville, shall have and hold to her and her assigns the manors of Nun Monkton and Hammerton in the county of York and all other my lands and tenements with their appurtenances in Nun Monkton and Hammerton aforesaid, and the parsonages and tithes of Nun Monkton and Hammerton, during the term and space of forty years after such legacies, debts and payments be paid and fulfilled as I have declared in this my said will, and after th' end and term of the said forty years, then I will that the said manors of Nun Monkton and Hammerton with all and singular their [-their] appurtenances, and the parsonages of Nun Monkton and Hammerton aforesaid, shall remain and come unto the heirs males of my body lawfully begotten, and for default of such issue to my said daughter, Margaret Neville, and the heirs of her body lawfully



begotten, and for default of such issue to the right heirs of me, the said Lord Latimer, forever;

In witness whereof to this my said will of lands, I, the said Lord Latimer, have subscribed my name and set to my seal of my signet the 6th day of October in the 34th year of the reign of our Sovereign Lord Henry the Eighth by the grace of God of England, France and Ireland King, Defender of the Faith, and in earth Supreme Head of the Church of England and Ireland. John Latimer.

RM: Vndecimo die mens{is} Marcij Anno d{omi}ni Mo vC xlijo

Probatum fuit testamentum suprascript{um} Domini Iohannis Nevill Militis Domini Latymir defuncti habentis Dum vixit &c Coram d{omi}no apud London auctoritate d{omi}ni n{ost}ri Regis &c Iurament{o} Testium in ea parte exa{m}i{n}atorum ac Iurament{o} Christoferi Nevill executoris in h{uius}mo{d}i testament{o} no{m}i{n}at{o} Ac approbatum &c Et com{m}issa fuit administracio om{n}i{um} et singulorum bonorum Iuriu{m} et creditorum dict{i} defuncti prefato Xpofero execut{ori} De bene et fideli{te}r administrand{o} Ac de pleno et fideli Inuen{ta}rio secundo die post festum Natiuitatis sancti Io{h}annis Bapt{ist}e prox{imum} futur{um} exhibend{o} Necnon de plano et vero compoto reddend{o} Ad sancta dei Eua{n}gelia Iurat{o} Reseruat{a} p{otes}tate alijs executoribus in h{uius}mo{d}i testament{o} no{m}i{n}at{is} cum venerunt &c Decimo quinto die mensis Marcij predict{o} com{m}iss{us} fuit consimilis admi{n}istracio Iohanni Constable executori eciam in d{i}c{t}o tes{tamen}to no{m}i{n}at{o} &c simil{ite}r Iurat{o}

[=RM: The eleventh day of the month of March in the year of the Lord 1542]

[=The above-written testament of Sir John Neville, knight, Lord Latimer, deceased, having while he lived etc., was proved before the Lord [+Archbishop] at London by the authority of the Lord our King etc. by the oath of the witnesses in that behalf examined and by the oath of Christopher Neville, executor named in the same testament, and approved etc., and administration was granted of all and singular the goods, rights and credits of the said deceased to the forenamed Christopher, executor, sworn on the Holy Gospels to well and faithfully administer, and to exhibit a full and true inventory on the second day after the feast of the Nativity of Saint John the Baptist next to come, and also to render a plain and true account, with power reserved to the other executors named in the same testament when they shall have come etc. On the fifteenth day of the month of March aforesaid administration was similarly granted to John Constable, executor also named in the said testament etc., similarly sworn.]