

SUMMARY: The document below is the Prerogative Court of Canterbury copy of the will, dated 20 September 1544 and proved 23 November 1545, of Edward Waldegrave (d.1545?), esquire, of the Friars, Sudbury, whose grandson, Robert Waldegrave, married the stepdaughter of Oxford's uncle, Henry Golding.

### ***FAMILY BACKGROUND***

The testator was the second son of Sir Thomas Waldegrave (d. 28 April 1472) of Smallbridge and Elizabeth Fray (b.1441), daughter and co-heiress of Sir John Fray (d.1461), Chief Baron of the Exchequer, by Agnes Danvers (d.1478), daughter of Sir John Danvers. See Richardson, Douglas, *Plantagenet Ancestry*, 2<sup>nd</sup> ed., 2011, Vol. III, p. 418 at:

<https://books.google.ca/books?id=kjme027UeagC&pg=RA2-PA418>

For earlier generations of the Waldegrave family, see the will, TNA PROB 11/22/294, dated 26 January 1525 and 6 July 1525 and proved 6 March 1528, of the testator's elder brother, Sir William Waldegrave (c.1465 - 30 June 1527), one of the executors of John de Vere (1442-1513), 13<sup>th</sup> Earl of Oxford. For the will of the 13<sup>th</sup> Earl, see TNA PROB 11/17/379.

After the death of the testator's father, the testator's mother, Elizabeth Fray (b.1441), married secondly Sir William Say (c.1452 – 4 December 1529). For his will, dated 8 November 1529 and proved 25 August 1531, see TNA PROB 11/24/102, and the original spelling transcript at:

<http://fmg.ac/resources/scanned-sources/file/130-s-1614?start=20>

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

The testator had two brothers and four sisters of the whole blood:

-**Sir William Waldegrave** (c.1465 - 30 June 1527). See his will, *supra*.

-**Richard Waldegrave** (d.1453) of Walgrave, Northamptonshire.

-**Anne Waldegrave**, who married John Fabian.

-**Jane Waldegrave**, who married firstly Sir Edmund Arundell and secondly Thomas Mannock, but died without issue. See Vivian, J.L., ed., *The Visitations of Cornwall*, (Exeter: William Pollard, 1887), p. 3 at:

<https://books.google.ca/books?id=t0U7AQAIAAJ&pg=PA3>

**-Katherine Waldegrave**, who about 1494 married George Mannoek (died c.1540) of Gifford's Hall, Suffolk. See Emery, Anthony, *Greater Medieval Houses of England and Wales 1300-1500*, Vol. II, (Cambridge: Cambridge University Press, 2001), p. 105 at:

<https://books.google.ca/books?id=FRw9AAAAIAAJ&pg=PA105>

**-Elizabeth Waldegrave**, a nun.

By his mother's second marriage to Sir William Say, the testator had two sisters of the half blood:

**-Elizabeth Say**, who married William Blount (c.1478–1534), 4<sup>th</sup> Baron Mountjoy, for whom see the *ODNB* entry.

**-Mary Say**, who married Henry Bouchier (1472–1540), 2<sup>nd</sup> Earl of Essex, for whom see the *ODNB* entry.

### ***MARRIAGES AND ISSUE***

The testator married firstly, before 1487, Isabel Cheney (c.1472-c.1506). For a detailed discussion of her family background, see the will of the testator's elder brother, Sir William Waldegrave, *supra*.

By Isabel Cheney, the testator was the father of one son, who predeceased him:

\* **John Waldegrave** (c.1494 – 6 October 1543). In the inquisition post mortem, TNA C 142/21/43, taken after his mother's death, he was stated to be thirteen years of age in 1507. In the inquisition post mortem taken after the death of Sir William Say (c.1452 – 4 December 1529), TNA C 142/51/35, John Waldegrave was stated to be thirty years of age and more at the date of Sir William Say's death. For the will of John Waldegrave, in which he appoints his father, Edward Waldegrave (d.1545?), as supervisor, see TNA PROB 11/29/459. See also the inquisition post mortem taken after John Waldegrave's death, TNA C 142/68/54

It should be noted that Weever's transcript of the inscription on John Waldegrave's tomb at All Saints', Sudbury, erroneously records the year of his death as 1514. As Doyle points out, the Roman numerals for 43 were inaccurately read as 14:

*The confusion in histories of the family . . . has been increased by Weever's misreading of the date (now illegible) on John's tomb in All Saints', Sudbury:*

*Hic iacet Johannes Waldegrau Ar. filius & heres Edwardi Waldegrau & Isabelle vxoris sue qui quidem Johannes ob. 6 October . . . 1514 . . .*

*No doubt xliij was taken as xiiij.*

See Doyle, Anthony I., 'Borley and the Waldegraves in the Sixteenth Century', *Transactions of the Essex Archaeological Society*, Vol. XXIV, New Series, (Colchester: Essex Archaeological Society, 1951), pp. 17-31, available online at:

[esah1852.org.uk/images/pdf/new-series/T2240000.pdf](http://esah1852.org.uk/images/pdf/new-series/T2240000.pdf)

See also Weever, John, *Ancient Funeral Monuments*, (London: Thomas Harper, 1631), p. 757 at:

<https://books.google.ca/books?id=sDxQAQAIAAJ&pg=RA2-PA757>

Several manors descended to the testator's heirs through his first wife, Isabel Cheney. For a detailed discussion, see the will of Sir William Waldegrave, *supra*, and the will of the testator's grandson, Sir Edward Waldegrave (d. 1 September 1561) of Borley, Essex, TNA PROB 11/44/318.

Before 1518 the testator's only son, John Waldegrave, married his stepsister, Lora Rochester, the daughter of the testator's second wife (see below) by her first marriage to John Rochester (d.1506?), by whom he had three (or four?) sons and two daughters, the testator's grandchildren, five of whom are mentioned in the will below:

**-Thomas Waldegrave.** He is not mentioned in the will of his father, John Waldegrave (c.1494 – 6 October 1543), nor is he mentioned in the testator's will below.

**-Sir Edward Waldegrave** (d. 1 September 1561) of Borley, Essex, said to have been the second son. See the *DNB* entry:

*Waldegrave, Sir Edward (1517?–1561), politician, born in 1516 or 1517, was the second son of John Waldegrave (d. 1543) of Borley in Essex, by his wife, Lora, daughter of Sir [sic] John Rochester of Essex, and sister of Sir Robert Rochester [q. v.] He was a descendant of Sir Richard Waldegrave [q. v.], speaker of the House of Commons. On the death of his father, on 6 Oct. 1543, Edward entered into possession of his estates at Borley. In 1 Edward VI (1547–8) he received a grant of the manor and rectory of West Haddon in Northamptonshire. He was attached to the Princess Mary's household, and on 29 Aug. 1551 was committed to the Fleet, with his uncle Sir Robert Rochester and Sir Francis Englefield [q. v.], for refusing to enforce the order of the privy council by preventing the celebration of mass at Mary's residence at Copt Hall, near Epping.*

Sir Edward Waldegrave was a Privy Councillor under Queen Mary, and died a prisoner in the Tower under Queen Elizabeth for his Catholic beliefs.

He is referred to in the will below as the testator's godson, is bequeathed the testator's gold chain, and is appointed executor. For his will, dated 14 September 1559 and proved 23 September 1561, see TNA PROB 11/44/318.

**-Robert Waldegrave.** He is bequeathed £6 13s 4d in the will below and is stated to be under 21 years of age. For his unfortunate marriage to Mary Forster, stepdaughter of Oxford's uncle, Henry Golding (d.1576x7), see the latter's will, TNA PROB 11/59/98. The marriage is mentioned in the will, dated 14 September 1559, TNA PROB 11/44/318, of his elder brother, Sir Edward Waldegrave d. 1 September 1561):

*And whereas I have to my charges provided and bought a marriage for my brother, Robert Waldegrave, that is to say, one of the daughters and heirs of George Forster, esquire, deceased, by whom he shall have some inheritance for term of his life if he have issue by her, the which as yet he hath not, and for want thereof, or of other assurance to him to be made by her of her said inheritance, he should by her death be nothing advanced, therefore my mind and will is that if it shall fortune my said brother's wife to die, living my brother, without issue by him, or having not of her lands, tenements or hereditaments to the yearly value of £20 assured to him for term of his life, then I will and give unto him one annuity or yearly rent of £4 by year out of my manor of Chewton in the county of Somerset . . . .*

According to *The Calendar of Patent Rolls, 1558-60*, p. 360, Mary (Forster) Waldegrave and her sister, Joan (Forster) Peryent, were wards of the Crown who were licensed to enter upon their lands on 2 December 1559, by which time both were already married:

*The like [+licence] for Robert Walgrave and Mary his wife and Henry Peryent and Joan his wife, as in right of the said Mary and Joan, daughters and co-heirs of George Forster; issues from the time when Mary and attained their full age. By bill of the Court of Wards.*

**-John Waldegrave.** He is bequeathed £6 13s 4d in the will below and is stated to be under 21 years of age. He is bequeathed an annuity of £5 in the will of his brother, Sir Edward Waldegrave (d. 1 September 1561). He later sold the annuity to his brother-in-law, John Abell (see below).

**-Mary Waldegrave.** She is bequeath 20 marks in the will below and is stated to be under 21 years of age. According to Bridges, she married a husband surnamed Abbot of Coggeshall, Essex. See Brydges, Egerton, *Collins's Peerage of England*, Vol. IV, (London: F.C. and J. Rivington, 1812), p. 237 at:

<https://books.google.ca/books?id=j4kUAAAAYAAJ&pg=PA237>

However Brydges is in error. In the will of her elder brother, Sir Edward Waldegrave (d. 1 September 1561), she is referred to as 'my sister Abell', and it is clear from his will, dated 26 June 1575 and proved 11 November 1575, that her husband was John Abell (d.1575) of West Bergholt. In his will, John Abell mentions 'one annuity of five pounds by the year which I bought of my brother-in-law, John Waldegrave, gentleman' (who also witnessed the will), and leaves bequests to 'my nephew, Charles Waldegrave, esquire', and 'my dear friend, William Waldegrave of Smallbridge, esquire', whom he

appoints as executors. See TNA PROB 11/57/520. John Abell's friend, William Waldegrave, appears to be the Sir William Waldegrave who was a co-guarantor of Oxford's debt to the Court of Wards. See TNA C 2/Eliz.T6/48.

According to the will of John Abell, he and Mary Waldegrave had two sons and three daughters, Waldegrave Abell, John Abell, William Abell, Dorothy Abell and Mary Abell, as well, perhaps, as a child born after John Abell's death.

**-Anne Waldegrave.** She is bequeathed 20 marks in the will below and is stated to be under 21 years of age.

### *Testator's second marriage*

The testator married secondly Grissel Writtle (d.1547), the widow successively of John Rochester (d.1506?) and Thomas West (d. August 1508). By her first marriage to John Rochester (see above), she had three sons and a daughter:

**-William Rochester** (c.1497-1558) of Terling, Essex, eldest son of John Rochester (d.1506?), and heir to his grandfather, Robert Rochester (d. 15 May 1508). See TNA C 1/352/36, TNA C 1/1261/19, TNA C 1/441/19, TNA C 1/447/7, TNA C 1/445/38, and TNA C 1/366/56. During his minority he was the ward of his kinsman, Richard Nix, Bishop of Norwich (see TNA C 1/352/17). He married Elizabeth Newton (d.1556), the daughter of Thomas Newton. See:

<https://www.flickr.com/photos/52219527@N00/537049376/>

He is bequeathed a tawny camlet gown and five marks in the will below.

**-John Rochester** (c.1498-1537), Carthusian monk and Catholic martyr. He predeceased the testator. See:

<http://www.newadvent.org/cathen/08483b.htm>

**-Sir Robert Rochester** (d. 28 November 1557), for whom see the Wikipedia article created by the author of this website, and the *ODNB* entry. He is bequeathed a black damask gown and £6 13s 4d in the will below.

He was receiver to John de Vere, 16<sup>th</sup> Earl of Oxford. See the History of Parliament entry at:

<http://www.historyofparliamentonline.org/volume/1509-1558/member/rochester-sir-robert-1500-57>

*b. c.1500, yr. s. of John Rochester of Terling by Griselda, da. and event. coh. of Walter Writtle of Bobbingworth. unm. KB 29 Sept. 1553; KG nom. 23 Apr. 1557.1*

*Offices Held*

*Member, council of 16th Earl of Oxford in 1542, receiver by 1542, supervisor 1546-7; member, household of Princess Mary by Apr. 1547, comptroller by May 1550. . . .*

*Biography*

*The Rochester family had long been settled in Essex. Robert Rochester's father died young and although his mother had taken a second husband, Thomas West, before the death of his grandfather and namesake in May 1508, and a third, Edward Waldegrave, by June 1509, it is possible that he was brought up in the household of the earls of Oxford. The elder Robert Rochester had been comptroller to the 13th Earl and in the late 1530s the 15th Earl gave the younger man land in Stapleford Abbots, Essex, which had belonged to Wivenhoe chantry. It was probably from the 16th Earl, whose receiver Rochester had become by 1542, that he received the bailiffship of Lavenham, Suffolk.<sup>3</sup> Rochester was supervisor of Oxford's lands in 1546 but by the following April he had transferred to the service of Princess Mary. . . .*

See also the will, dated 30 May 1537 and proved 6 November 1537, TNA PROB 11/27/144, of Elizabeth (nee Scrope) Beaumont de Vere (d.1537), Countess of Oxford, second wife of John de Vere (1442-1513), 13<sup>th</sup> Earl of Oxford, in which Sir Robert Rochester (d. 28 November 1557) is bequeathed 10 marks:

*Item, I give to Robert Rochester, gentleman, for his good service unto me done, ten marks in ready money.*

**-Lora Rochester**, who married her stepbrother, John Waldegrave (c.1494 – 6 October 1543), esquire, the testator's only son (see above).

By her marriage to Thomas West (d. August 1508), Grissel Writtle had one son, the testator's stepson:

**-Thomas West.** He is mentioned in the will below, as are his elder brother, Edmund West, and Edmund's two daughters. Edmund West appears to have been the son of the first marriage of Thomas West (d. August 1508), and was thus not the testator's stepson. See the will of Thomas West, dated 22 August 1508 and proved 9 November 1508, TNA PROB 11/16/187, in which the testator was appointed executor.

For a fine in 1537 stating that Thomas West was the son of Grissel Writtle, see Reaney, P.H. and Marc Fitch, eds., *Feet of Fines for Essex, Vol. IV, 1423-1547*, (Colchester: Essex Archaeological Society, 1964), p. 216, available as a pdf file online at:

[esah1852.org.uk/images/pdf/ffines/F1400000.pdf](http://esah1852.org.uk/images/pdf/ffines/F1400000.pdf)

See also the inquisition post mortem taken 24 January 1509 after the death of Thomas West, TNA C 142/22/77, summarized at:

Cyril Flower, M. C. B. Dawes and A. C. Wood, 'Inquisitions Post Mortem, Henry VII, Entries 551-600', in *Calendar of Inquisitions Post Mortem: Series 2, Volume 3, Henry VII* (London, 1955), pp. 326-355. *British History Online* <http://www.british-history.ac.uk/inquis-post-mortem/series2-vol3/pp326-355> [accessed 30 June 2018]

By his second wife, Grissel Writtle, the testator had two daughters:

\* **Grissel Waldegrave** (d.1572?) who married Thomas Eden (c.1502-1568), esquire, Clerk of the Star Chamber. For his family background, and for their children, see his will dated 1 October 1565 and proved 2 December 1568, TNA PROB 11/50/383. See also her will, TNA PROB 11/55/72. Thomas Eden (c.1502-1568) and his wife, the testator's daughter, are mentioned in the will below, as are five of their children, Thomas Eden, William Eden, Elizabeth Eden, Anne Eden, and Grissel Eden. For their marriages, see the will of Thomas Eden (c.1502-1568), *supra*.

\* **Margery Waldegrave**, who married, as his second wife, Robert Ryce (before 1487 – 10 August 1544), esquire, of Preston, Essex. For the will of Robert Ryce, dated 10 August 1544 and proved 2 September 1544, see TNA PROB 11/30/192. After the death of Robert Ryce, Margery Waldegrave married secondly John Gray, gentleman. See Harlow, C.G., 'Robert Ryece of Preston, 1555-1638', *Proceedings of the Suffolk Institute of Archaeology and History*, Vol. XXXII, Part 1 (1970), pp. 44-70 at p. 53, available as a pdf file online at:

<http://www.suffolk institute.org.uk/proceedings-of-the-suffolk-institute-for-archaeology-history-online>

The testator's daughter, Margery Waldegrave Ryce, is mentioned in the will below, as are her children, Edward Ryce and Anne Ryce.

### ***OTHER WALDEGRAVE FAMILY MEMBERS NAMED IN THE WILL***

The testator leaves bequests to several other members of the Waldegrave family:

*Item, I bequeath for a poor remembrance to Sir William Waldegrave, knight, my best broge [=brooch?].*

*Item, to my nephew, Anthony Waldegrave, a double ducat.*

*To my nephew, George Waldegrave, a double ducat.*

*Item, to my goddaughter, his wife, an old noble.*

*Item, to my nephew, Edward Waldegrave, servant to my Lord Prince's Grace [=Edward VI?], a double ducat.*

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*And to my niece, Jane Waldegrave, a double ducat.*

Sir William Waldegrave, and the testator's nephews, Anthony Waldegrave and Edward Waldegrave, and niece, Jane Waldegrave, can be identified as follows:

***Sir William Waldegrave***

He was the testator's great-nephew, i.e. the grandson of the testator's elder brother, Sir William Waldegrave (c.1465 - 30 June 1527), *supra*, and the son of George Waldegrave (c.1483-1528), esquire, of Smallbridge in Bures St. Mary and his wife Anne Drury (d. 8 June 1572), the daughter of Sir Robert Drury of Hawstead, Suffolk by Anne Calthorpe, the daughter of Sir William Calthorpe (30 January 1410 - 15 November 1494) of Burnham Thorpe, Norfolk. See the will of George Waldegrave, TNA PROB 11/22/577. See also the *ODNB* entry for Sir Robert Drury, and his will, TNA PROB 11/25/467. For Sir William Calthorpe see *Plantagenet Ancestry, supra*, Vol. 1, p. 169, and his will, TNA PROB 11/10/408. See also the will, dated 8 November 1554 and proved 30 October 1555, of Sir William Waldegrave (d. 12 December 1554), TNA PROB 11/37/466.

Sir William Waldegrave's son, Sir William Waldegrave (c.1540 – 25 August 1613), was a co-guarantor, with Oxford's first cousin, John Darcy (d.1581), 2<sup>nd</sup> Baron Darcy of Chiche, of Oxford's debt to the Court of Wards. In 1572, Sir William Waldegrave (c.1540 – 25 August 1613) and Lord Darcy jointly entered into guarantees amounting to £5000 for Oxford's debt to the Court of Wards (see TNA C 2/Eliz/T6/48).

***'my nephew, Anthony Waldegrave'***

He appears to have been the testator's nephew, Anthony Waldegrave (d.1571), son of the testator's elder brother, Sir William Waldegrave (c.1465 - 30 June 1527). See the will of Sir William Waldegrave, *supra*, and the will of his wife, Margery Wentworth Waldegrave, TNA PROB 11/28/96.

Anthony Waldegrave married Elizabeth Grey (b.1492?, d. before 1552), the daughter of Ralph Grey (d. 1 November 1492), esquire, of Brent Pelham, Hertfordshire. See his will, dated 1 February 1571 and proved 5 May 1571, TNA PROB 11/53/224.

***'my nephew, George Waldegrave'***

It seems likely he was the testator's great-nephew, George Waldegrave of Witherton Manor, Hitcham, the third son of the testator's nephew, George Waldegrave (c.1483 – 8 July 1528) of Smallbridge in Bures St Mary, Suffolk (see his will, *supra*). George Waldegrave of Witherton married Mary Corbet (d.1562?) of Assington, Suffolk. See the will of Sir George Waldegrave (c.1483 – 8 July 1528), TNA PROB 11/22/577.



***my nephew, Edward Waldegrave, servant to my Lord Prince's Grace [=Edward VI?]***

He can be identified as the testator's great-nephew, Edward Waldegrave (c.1514 - 13 August 1584), esquire, fourth son of the testator's nephew, George Waldegrave (c.1483 – 8 July 1528) of Smallbridge in Bures St Mary, Suffolk, for whose will see TNA PROB 11/22/577, *supra*.

For further evidence that he was in service at court, see Doyle, *supra*, p. 22, who cites *Leland's Itinerary* (c.1540), ed. L. T. Smith (1903), Vol. II, p. 17, for a reference to him as 'yong Waldgreue of the Court', and says that:

*This other Edward had been involved in the misdemeanours and attainder of Katherine Howard, but was pardoned, and continued in service; L. & P., 1540-1: 1321, 1337, 1339, 1416, 1422, 1469-70; 1542: 28 (c. 21), g. 137 (68).*

He married Joan Acworth (buried 10 December 1590), widow of William Bulmer (d.1556), gentleman, and daughter of George Acworth, esquire of Toddington, Bedfordshire, by Margaret Wilberforce, by whom he had one son and four daughters:

**-Edward Waldegrave.**

**-Mary Waldegrave**, who married Isaac Astley, esquire.

**-Anne Waldegrave**, who married Humphrey Monoux, esquire. See 'Descendants', *supra*.

**-Bridget Waldegrave**, who married Thomas Kighley.

**- Margery Waldegrave**, who married William Clopton (d. 9 August 1616), esquire, of Castelyns (in Groton), Suffolk, eldest son of Richard Clopton by his second wife, Margery Playters. See Richardson, Douglas, *Magna Carta Ancestry*, 2<sup>nd</sup> ed., 2011, Vol. I, p. 521, and Vol. IV, p. 285. See also the will, proved 28 November 1616, of William Clopton, TNA PROB 11/128/617, and the original spelling transcript in Howard, Joseph Jackson, *The Visitation of Suffolke*, Vol. I, (Lowestoft: Samuel Tymms, 1866), pp. 79-81 at:

<https://books.google.ca/books?id=ExI2AQAAMAAJ&pg=PA79>

See also the will of Francis Clopton (d.1559), TNA PROB 11/42B/359, and the 'Pedigree A' in Howard, *supra*, at:

<https://archive.org/stream/visitationofsuff01harv#page/n161/mode/2up>

Edward Waldegrave (c.1514 - 13 August 1584) died at the age of 70. For his will, proved 5 December 1584, see TNA PROB 11/67/500. For his tomb, and that of his wife, Joan, at Lawford, Essex, see:

<https://www.flickr.com/photos/52219527@N00/15428227167/>

See also *The Hall at Lawford Hall*, (London, 1891), pp. ix, 5.

***‘my niece, Jane Waldegrave’***

She is mentioned in the will of her father, Sir William Waldegrave (c.1465 - 30 June 1527), *supra*, and in the 1540 will, TNA PROB 11/28/96, of her mother, Margery Wentworth Waldegrave, who refers to her as ‘my daughter, Jane, late nun of the Minories in London’.

***OTHER PERSONS MENTIONED IN THE WILL***

***Anthony Hodgkins***

For Anthony Hodgkins (d.1560), Bishop of Bedford, see the Wikipedia entry at:

[https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/John\\_Hodgkins](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/John_Hodgkins)

RM: T{estamentum} Edwardi Walgraue

In dei nomine Amen. The 20<sup>th</sup> day of September in the year of Our Lord God a thousand five hundred forty and four and in the 36<sup>th</sup> year of the reign of our Sovereign Lord Henry the Eight by the grace of God of England, France and Ireland King, Defender of the Faith, and of the Catholic Church of England and Ireland in earth immediately under God the Supreme Head, I, Edward Waldegrave, being within my house of Sudbury in the county of Suffolk, esquire, being of whole mind and hale in body, thanks be to God, do ordain and make this my last will and testament in manner and form following, and all other wills or copies of wills to be annulled, void and burnt:

First I bequeath my soul unto Almighty God, my Maker and Redeemer, and to Our Lady Saint Mary, Saint John the Evangelist and to all the saints in heaven to pray for me;

And my body to have sepulture in the parish church of All Hallows in Sudbury aforesaid where I have made my sepulture for my wife and me;

Item, I bequeath to the high altar of the parish church of All Hallows aforesaid to pray for me, and for such things as be negligently forgotten, 3s 4d;

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Item, I will that all my debts be truly paid if any be owing, which I know none;

Item, I bequeath to the parson of Little Cornard, the vicar of Much Cornard, the parson of Middleton and the vicar of Bulmer which were wont to keep me company, to each of them to pray for me 6s 8d;

Item, to the parson of Newton and to the vicar of Assington to pray for me, each of them 3s 4d;

Item, I will that there shall be no great solemnity made at my burying nor at my month's day, but honestly brought to the earth without pomp or pride or trouble to any man as near as may be, and little trouble to my wife;

And that all my neighbours and friends that will come to offer with me at my burying that day to be merry at their dinner and have good cheer and to thank God that he hath preferred me with so long life and to die his servant;

Item, I will from my burying-day till my month day have Mass and dirge every day, and as for my month day, in like wise as my burying-day;

Item, I will that one whole year next after my departing there be dealt every week in alms 3s 4d to the most poor people in the parish or town of Sudbury aforesaid;

Item, I will that four years next and immediately after that there be dealt in alms to the most poor people every week (blank) during the said four years;

Item, I will that Sir Thomas Ellys, my priest, shall sing and pray for me five years immediately after my departing for my soul, my wife's souls [sic] named Elizabeth, my father and mother's soul[s], with all other my kin and friends' souls and all Christian souls as they shall appear by name written upon a table standing on the altar in the church, he to sing twice in the week in the parish church of All Hallows where my body shall lie, and he to have by the year five marks yearly and meat and drink with my wife;

And if it fortune my wife to depart this world or [=before] the five years be ended and expired, that then the said Sir Thomas to have every year for his board and wages during the residue of the said five years to be paid by mine executors £6 13s 4d;

Item, I bequeath to my wife the house at the Friars in Sudbury aforesaid with all manner of stuff, plate, beddings, hangings, napery, pewter and brass with all other implements to the same house belonging except such things as I purpose to bestow according to my mind [f. 333v] hereafter in this my will expressed;

Item, I give and bequeath to my said wife all my stuff remaining at the manor of Grayes with all manner corn, cattle and other implements wholly as I now leave it;

Item, I bequeath twenty pounds towards my burying and month's day;

Furthermore I bequeath to Edward Waldegrave, my godson, my chain of fine gold weighing 24 ounces di, having nine score links and two;

My mind is he shall not break it except it come to him in great need, but wear it during his life in remembrance to pray for me after my death;

Item I bequeath to my son [=stepson], Robert Rochester, my black damask gown furred with foins and £6 13s 4d in ready money, praying him to be a good helper and comforter to my wife;

Item, I give the Bishop of Bedford £4 in ready money to pray for me;

Item, to my son [=stepson], William Rochester, my tawny camlet gown furred with budge and five marks in money, praying him to be loving and kind to my wife;

Item, to my daughter [=step-daughter], Lore Waldegrave, £6 13s 4d;

And where John Waldegrave, deceased, hath given by will to his two daughters, Mary and Anne, each of them one hundred marks to their marriage, to augment it I bequeath to each of them twenty marks apiece more to be paid to them at the day of their [+marriage?] or else at 21 years of their age as it shall be thought best by mine executors, and each of them to be other's heir;

Item, I bequeath to Robert Waldegrave £6 13s 4d in money, and to John, his brother, other £6 13s 4d in money, and my executor to keep it until they come to th' age of 21 years, and every of them to be other's heir if casualty of death come within th' age of 21 years;

Item, my mind is that Edward Waldegrave and my daughter [=stepdaughter], Lore, his mother, shall sojourn still with my wife during her life if they can so agree;

Item, I bequeath to my son [=son-in-law] Eden and my daughter, his wife, one of my pottle pots of silver parcel gilt and a gilt pot with a cover all gilt;

And to Thomas Eden, his son, 40s in money;

And to each of his daughters, Elizabeth, Anne and Grissel, and to William, his son, 20s to either of them;

Item, I bequeath to Margery Ryce, my daughter, a standing cup with a cover all gilt;

And to my godson, Edward Ryce, 40s in money;

And to her daughter, Anne, 20s in money;

Item, I give to Thomas West my tawny camlet gown furred with fox and 40s in money;

Item, to Thomasyn, my wife's woman, 20s in money;

Item, to Elizabeth Rose ten shillings;

Item, I bequeath to Sir Thomas Ellys, my priest, my black gown furred with budge and lamb and 26s 8d in money to pray for me;

Item, to Thomas Hunt, my servant, my jacket of worsted furred and 26s 8d in money;

Item, to Thomas Motham one of my doublets of stammyn [=estamin?] and 13s 4d;

Item, to my servant, Anthony, my other doublet of stammyn and 13s 4d in money;

Item, to Christopher, my servant, a pair of my hosen and 13s 4d in money;

Item, to John Warren, my servant, 13s 4d in money;

Item, to William Pecoche, my servant, 10s in money;

Item, to William Steven 6s 8d in money;

Item, to John Harvy, my boy in the kitchen, 3s 4d in money;

Item, to the widow in the kitchen 20d;

Item, to the widow of Stevyn 3s 4d in money;

Item, to John Hall, my bailiff, one of my coats and 6s 8d in money, and to Joan, his wife, 3s 4d in money;

Item, to Edward Hall, their son, 3s 4d in money;

Item, to John Torvys and John Clarke, to either of them 20d;

Item, I give to the two daughters of Edmund West after the decease of me and my wife two acres of land di(?) called Gilbertes crofts which I bought of Martyn and other if they make no sale of no part of Grayes ground;

Item, I bequeath for a poor remembrance to Sir William Waldegrave, knight, my best broge [=brooch?];

Item, to my nephew, Anthony Waldegrave, a double ducat;

To my nephew, George Waldegrave, a double ducat;

Item, to my goddaughter, his wife, an old noble;

Item, to my nephew, Edward Waldegrave, servant to my Lord Prince's Grace [=Edward VI?], a double ducat;

And to my niece, Jane Waldegrave, a double ducat;

Furthermore I bequeath and give to every lady and gentlewoman whose names hereafter ensueth, whose prayers I do desire, to each of them for a poor token of remembrance a ducat of 5s apiece, praying every of them of their charity to give 20d of the aforesaid ducat of 5s to the most poor people in their parishes or about them:

First to my Lady Marney, to my Lady Waldegrave, my Lady Corbet, my Lady Jermyn, my Lady Drury, my Lady Clopton, Mistress Clopton of Melford Park, Mistress Waldegrave of Bures, old Mistress Polye [=Poley?], my niece Ayloffé, Mistress Golding of Paul's Belchamp, Mistress Spring of Lavenham, Mistress Rokewood of Lavenham, my niece Spring, Mistress Wentworth of Gosfield, Mistress Coston, Mistress Graue(?), Mistress Danyell, Mistress Felton, widow, Mr Felton's wife, Mistress Clopton of Liston, Mrs Clopton of Kentwell, Mrs Hunt of Haysdon;

The residue of my goods and debts not given nor bequeathed, I commit to the order and discretion of mine executors, heartily desiring and praying them to remember my soul with deeds of charity as to their discretions shall seem convenient, whom I ordain and make my very loving wife, Edward Waldegrave and Robert Rochester, desiring them to see this my last will executed and performed according to the true meaning, tenor and effect of the same;

For witness this to be my last and only will to the same I have not alonely set my hand and seal but also have desired certain persons to witness the same, whose names with their proper hands be underwritten the day and year abovesaid. By me, Edward Waldegrave. Per me Robertum Rochester. Sir Ralph Metcalfe. Sir Thomas Ellys. Thomas Hunte.

Probatum fuit suprascriptun [sic] testamentum coram D{omi}no Archie{pisco}po Cant{uariensis} apud London Vicesimo tercio die mensis Novembris Anno domini Mill{es}imo quingen{tesim}o xlvto Iuramento Edwardi Walgrave executoris in h{uius}mo{d}i testamento no{m}i{n}at{i} cui com{m}issa fuit administracio Ac approbatum et insinuatum Et com{m}issa fuit administracio o{mn}i{u}m bonor{um} etc prefato executori de b{e}n{e} et fideliter administrand{o} eadem Ac de pleno et fideli Inventario etc exhibend{o} Necnon de plano et vero comp{ot}o reddend{o} Ad sancta dei Eu{a}ngelia Iurat{o} Res{er}uat{a} p{otes}tate alijs executoribus in h{uius}mo{d}i testamento no{m}i{n}at{is} cum venerint in debita iuris forma admissur{is}

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[=The above-written testament was proved before the Lord Archbishop of Canterbury at London on the twenty-third day of the month of November in the year of the Lord the thousand five hundred 45<sup>th</sup> by the oath of Edward Waldegrave, executor named in the same testament, to whom administration was granted, and probated and entered, and administration was granted of all the goods etc. to the forenamed executor, sworn on the Holy Gospels to well and faithfully administer the same, and to exhibit a full and faithful inventory etc., 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 in due form of law to be admitted.]