

SUMMARY: The document below is the Prerogative Court of Canterbury copy of the last will and testament, dated 31 August 1543 and proved 16 February 1544, of Elizabeth (nee Throckmorton) Englefield, whose daughter, Anne Englefield married, as her second husband, Sir John Huband (d. 24 December 1583), who held the lease of the Stratford tithes later purchased on 24 July 1605 by William Shakespeare of Stratford upon Avon.

### ***FAMILY BACKGROUND***

The testatrix was the daughter of Sir Robert Throckmorton (c.1451-1518) of Coughton Court, Warwickshire, and his first wife, Katherine Marrowe (d.1503), the daughter of William Marrowe (1419?-1464?), Lord Mayor of London.

Job Throckmorton (1545-1601), son of the testatrix' nephew, Clement Throckmorton (c.1515-1573), was involved with the printing of the Marprelate tracts.

The testatrix' sister, Mary Throckmorton, married Thomas Burdett (d.1539x40), and it would appear that the testatrix' niece, Eleanor Burdett, and the testatrix' 'cousin', Clement Burdett, both mentioned in the will below, were the children of her sister, Mary Throckmorton. See Kimber, E. and R. Johnson, *The Baronetage of England*, Vol. I, (London: G. Woodfall, 1771), p. 150, available online:

*Thomas Burdet, died about the 31<sup>st</sup> of Hen. VIII. [=1539-40] leaving by Mary his wife, daughter to Sir Robert Throckmorton, Knt. Robert Burdet, Esq.; his son and heir; Clement, a Clergyman; Humphrey, William, and Ethelbert; also three daughters, Blanch, wife to (blank) Samborne; Catharine to (blank) Ludlow; and Eleanor to (blank) Willenscote.*

See also the will of Humphrey Burdett, TNA PROB 11/69/110.

### ***MARRIAGE AND CHILDREN***

The testatrix married Sir Thomas Englefield (1488-1537), by whom she is said to have had three sons and nine daughters only two of whom will be mentioned here. For their other known children see the will of Sir Thomas Englefield, TNA PROB 11/27/152.

\* **Margaret Englefield** (d.1563), who married firstly, George Carew (d.1538), by whom she had a son, Thomas Carew (d.1604), and a daughter, Elizabeth Carew, for whom see the will of their grandmother, Elizabeth Throckmorton Englefield (d.1543), TNA PROB 11/30/47. See also the will of George Carew's grandfather, Sir William Carew (d.1501), who was a half brother of John de Vere (d.1486), father of John de Vere (d.1482-1540), 15<sup>th</sup> Earl of Oxford, TNA PROB 1/12/390.

Margaret Englefield married secondly, Sir Edward Saunders (1506-1576), Chief Baron of the Exchequer, by whom she had a daughter, Mary Saunders, who married Thomas Morgan. See the *ODNB* entry for Sir Edward Saunders, and his will, TNA PROB 11/58/517.

In the will below, the testatrix leaves a bequest of £20 to her granddaughter, Elizabeth Carew, the daughter of Margaret Englefield by her first husband, George Carew:

*And furthermore I, the said Dame Elizabeth, will and give unto my son-in-law, Edward Saunders, to the marriage and behoof of my cousin [=granddaughter], Elizabeth Carue [=Carew], his wife's daughter, twenty pound sterling which he oweth me by obligation, and if she fortune to die before marriage, then I will the said sum to be paid, given and delivered to my cousin [=grandson], Thomas Carue [=Carew], by my said son-in-law or his assigns towards the suing out of his livery or when he shall accomplish the age of 21 years, and if he fortune to die before the said time, then I will and give the same sum to my cousin [=granddaughter], Mary Saunders, towards her marriage or other preferment.*

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

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

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

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

Anne Englefield married secondly Sir John Huband (d. 24 December 1583), who held the lease of the Stratford tithes later purchased on 24 July 1605 by William Shakespeare of Stratford upon Avon. For the will of Sir John Huband, see TNA PROB 11/66/331.

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

The testatrix names as one of her executors her nephew, Thomas White, the son of the testatrix' sister-in-law, Elizabeth Englefield and her husband, Robert White. See the will of the testator's nephew, Sir Thomas White (d.1566), TNA PROB 11/49/377; *Collectanea Topographica & Genealogica*, Vol. VIII, (London: John Bowyer Nichols, 1843), p. 134; and Nicolas, Nicholas Harris, *Testamenta Vetusta*, Vol. II, (London: Nichols and Son, 1826), p. 678. See also the pedigree in Fetherston, John, ed., *The Visitation of the County of Warwick in the Year 1619*, (London: Harleian Society, 1877), Vol. XII, p. 123 at:

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

The testatrix mentions plate purchased from Dame Susan Kingston, Dame Goditha Peyto, and 'my uncle, Doctor Throckmorton'. For Dame Susan (nee Fettiplace) Kingston (d. 23 September 1540), see Erler, Mary C., *Women, Reading, and Piety in Late Medieval England*, (Cambridge University Press, 2002), pp. 85-94, and Richardson, Douglas, *Magna Carta Ancestry*, 2nd ed., 2011, Vol. I, p. 189. For the testatrix' aunt, Dame Goditha (nee Throckmorton) Peyto, see her will, TNA PROB 11/24/11, and Erler, pp. 111-15. For the testatrix' uncle, Dr William Throckmorton (d. 3 January 1536), see his will, TNA PROB 11/27/63.

The testatrix directs that the wardship of her ward, Edward Ferrers, be sold. From the *ODNB*:

*Edward Ferrers (1524x7–1564), was the only son of Henry Ferrers (d. 1526) and Katherine, the daughter and coheir of Sir John Hampden of Hampden, Buckinghamshire. Edward's grandfather Edward Ferrers (d. 1535) had acquired the manor of Baddesley Clinton, Warwickshire, through marriage to Constance (d. 1551), younger daughter and coheir of Nicholas Brome, and established it as the family seat. Edward succeeded to his grandfather's estate as a child and his wardship was acquired by Elizabeth, the widow of Sir Thomas Englefield and daughter of Sir Robert Throckmorton; he had probably come of age by 1545. The royal marriage of Katherine Parr, a kinswoman to the Throckmortons, led Edward Ferrers into court circles, and he attended the funerals of both Edward VI and Mary as a gentleman pensioner. In 1548 he married Bridget (d. 1582), the daughter of William Windsor, second Baron Windsor; they had six sons and three daughters. Ferrers represented Warwick in Mary's first parliament, but otherwise played little part in public affairs. The last years of his life were dogged by financial troubles, and by the time of his death his estates were in the control of his brother-in-law Edward, third Baron Windsor. He died at the latter's home, Hewell Grange, and was buried at Tardebigge church on 10 August 1564. Anthony Wood records a man of his name as a playwright, thereby perpetuating the error of Richard Puttenham and Francis Meres in attributing to Edward Ferrers the works of the Hertfordshire poet and MP George Ferrers.*

For the testatrix' aunt, Elizabeth Throckmorton (d. 13 January 1547), Abbess of Denny, see Erler, pp. 111-15.

For the testatrix' manor of Pattishall, see:

'Parishes: Rothersthorpe', *A History of the County of Northampton: Volume 4* (1937), pp. 285-288. URL: <http://www.british-history.ac.uk/report.aspx?compid=66370>.

For the testatrix' manor of Lillibrooke, see:

<http://lillibrookemanor.com/#/history/4556885328>.

RM: Testamentum d{omi}ne Elizabet{he} Englefelde vidue defunct{e}

In the name of God, Amen. This is the last will and testament of me, Dame Elizabeth Englefield, widow, made for the disposition of all my manors, lands and tenements and also for my goods and chattels the last day of August in the year of Our Lord God a thousand five hundred forty and three and in the 35th year of the reign of our most dread Sovereign Lord King Henry the 8th, being then sick of body and yet of good and perfect memory, thanks be unto God:

First I bequeath my soul unto Almighty God, and will that my body be buried within the parish church of Englefield in the chapel there by my husband, and such deeds of charity as well in alms, Masses, Dirge as in other orisons and prayers to be done at that time as by the discretions of mine executors shall be thought convenient;

And I will there be given the day of my burial 30s to thirty of the poorest householders being my tenants within the parish of Englefield and the Theale, and that there be the same day said and sung there in the said church for my soul and all Christian souls 15 Masses if so many priests then conveniently may be had;

And within the month after my decease I will there be given to the poor householders of Englefield and Horton, being my tenants and my late husband's, deceased, four pound to pray for his soul, my soul, and all Christian souls, and every day within the said month I will also there [f. 25v] [+be?] Dirge said within the same church where my body shall lie, and that mine executors do deliver the day of my burial to seven poor men 7 black gowns and seven shirts, and also to seven poor women seven petticoats and seven smocks, the which I ended [sic?], God willing, to leave in a readiness for them, and that the same poor folks be at every Dirge and Mass which shall be daily said from the day of my death until the day next after my month's mind, and to every of the said poor folks I will to be paid 2d every day by mine executors or their assigns, and also that five tapers do burn at every Dirge and Mass;

And I also will that at my month's mind there be said and sung in the same church 15 Masses, and that day to be given to poor folks and in deeds of charity five pounds, and that the day of my year's mind there be said and sung in the said church as many Masses and as much money also given;

And I will to the mother church of Sar{um} 12d, and to the parish church of Englefield 40s, and with part thereof I will that mine executors see there be a canopy bought for the high altar;

And I will also to the reparations of the chapel where my husband lieth forty shillings to be bestowed from time to time by the discretion of mine executors;

And I further will that Sir Nicholas Hyenson, my chaplain, do sing for my husband's soul and mine and all Christian souls in the said church whereas my husband's body lieth or

there whereas my body shall lie for the term of twenty years next ensuing the day of my burial if he, the same Sir Nicholas, so long do live and also demean and order himself virtuously and honestly and also accomplish these my ordinances hereafter remembered and by me set forth, and if he fortune to die during the said term or that it shall seem to mine executors that he do demean himself otherwise than heretofore I have declared, being thereof put in remembrance and yet then nevertheless not using himself according to this my will, then I will that mine executors do by the time of his avoidance by death or otherwise or within one month after provide some other honest and virtuous priest to sing for my said husband's soul and mine and all Christian souls in manner and form as hereafter is expressed;

And that the said Sir Nicholas or the priest or priests and either of them which sing for the souls before remembered do say every day during the said term Dirge, Commendations and Our Lady Psalter, and once weekly the 15 Oes, and the Psalter of Jesus in English to be said weekly at his pleasure at one time or at three several times, and every Sunday to say Mass of the Holy Trinity, on Monday Mass of the Holy Ghost, on Tuesday [-of] Mass of Requiem, on Wednesday of the Five Wounds, Thursday to do as he is disposed for saying Mass only, Friday of the Feast of Jesus, and on Saturday of Our Blessed Lady, and I will also that the said several prayers and either of them be said in the said church or churchyard if the priest be in health and have no other lawful cause or impediment to the contrary;

Provided alway that if it happen any solemn or principal feasts to occur or fall of any of these days during the said term, that then it shall be lawful for the said priest to serve any such feast, anything herein to the contrary notwithstanding, or if it fortune the said priest at any of these said days not to be disposed to serve as is before rehearsed, then it shall be lawful and sufficient for him in place and stead of any such day to serve the same on the Thursday, or if it happen him to have any manner of just impediment by business so that he cannot discharge the said service himself, then it shall be lawful and sufficient for him at his own cost to provide some other that shall justly supply his room for that time;

And as concerning the disposition of my manor of Pattishull otherwise call Patishill with the appurtenances in Pattishall in the county of Northampton, and of all my meses, lands, tenements and hereditaments in Pattishall, Ayscotte [=Astcote?], Darlescott [=Dalscote?], Avescote, Derescott, Descotte, Grimscote, Pottcrofte, Tiffield otherwise called Tiffield by the Barowe, Maidford, Preston and Gayton in the said county of Northampton, and also of my manor of Lillibrooke otherwise called Lollesbrookes otherwise called Lodebrokes with the appurtenances in the county of Berkshire, and of all my meses, lands, tenements and hereditaments with the appurtenances in Lowbrokes, Bray, Cookham and Maidenhead in the same county of Berkshire as is aforesaid, to be by me, the same Dame Elizabeth Englefield, set forth, given, ordered, willed and bequeathed according to our said Sovereign Lord the King's Grace's statutes and laws heretofore in that behalf made, ordained and provided, I, the said Dame Elizabeth Englefield, will, give and bequeath unto Francis Englefield, my son, Thomas White, my nephew, and John Yate all these my said manors, meses, lands, tenements and hereditaments with all and singular the appurtenances, to have and to hold the same meses, lands, tenements and all

other the premises with th' appurtenances to the said Francis Englefield, Thomas White and John Yate from and immediately after my decease until such time as the said Francis, Thomas and John or the survivor of them, his executors or administrators, shall or may lawfully receive, levy, perceive and take of the yearly rents, revenues, issues and profits of the said manors, meses, lands, tenements and all other the premises with th' appurtenances so much of good and lawful money of England as shall and will fully content and pay, satisfy, perform and fulfil all and singular the gifts, legacies, bequests and ordinances which I, the said Dame Elizabeth, hereafter in and by this my last will and testament do and shall declare, will, give or bequeath to any person or persons or to and for any manner. purpose or intent, to be taken and levied of the said yearly issues, rents, revenues and profits of all the said manors, [f. 26r] meses, lands, tenements and other the premises, that is to wit:

I will and ordain that the said Francis, Thomas and John or the survivor of them, his executors or administrators, during the term of twenty years next and immediately ensuing the day of my decease, do yearly at the feasts of the Nativity of Our Lord God, the Annunciation of Our Blessed Lady, the Nativity of Saint John Baptist and Saint Michael th' Archangel by even portions well and truly pay or cause to be paid of the yearly rents, revenues and profits of the said manors, meses, lands, tenements and other the premises with the appurtenances unto the said Sir Nicholas Hyenson or to such priest or priests as shall sing and pray for the soul of my husband and me and all Christian souls in manner and form as is beforesaid £6 13s 4d sterling, as well for his yearly stipend and wages as for the yearly finding of bread, wine and wax at such times as the same Sir Nicholas or other priest or priests shall say Mass as is aforesaid, and also for and to the reparations, mending and washing the apparel or ornaments of the altar to be prepared and appointed for him and to him to be delivered by mine executors;

And further I, the said Dame Elizabeth Englefield, will and give to mine aforementioned nephew, Thomas White, esquire, one of my late husband's executors, in consideration of his bequests made unto him by the last will of my late husband, forty shillings sterling, and unto Thomas Vachell, esquire, one other of the same executors, for the same consideration other 40s sterling, and unto Christian Foxe, my servant, other 40s sterling, unto Sir John Cooke, priest, five pound sterling, to be levied and paid unto the said Thomas White, Thomas Vachell, Christian Foxe and Sir John Cooke by the said Francis, Thomas and John or the survivor of them, his executors or administrators, of the issues, rents, revenues and profits of the said manors, lands and tenements and other the premises during either of their lives at the feast of the Annunciation of Our Lady and Saint Michael the Archangel by even portions, so that he, the said Sir John Cooke, for and in consideration of his bequest, do yearly during his life pray for my husband's soul and mine and all Christian souls, as well in saying Mass and Dirge as other orisons in the said church or churchyard of Englefield aforesaid;

After all which my said several legacies and bequests levied, received and taken of the said yearly rents, revenues and profits of the said manors, lands and tenements and other the premises to the use and behoof as before is declared by the said Francis, Thomas and John or the survivor of them, his executors or administrators, I, the said Dame Elizabeth

Englefield, will and my very mind, intent and purpose is that all the same my said manors, meses, lands, tenements and hereditaments with the appurtenances and every part and parcel thereof, and the lands and tenements which I lately bought of Thomas Toonge [=Tong?] in Beneham [=Benham?] in the county of Berkshire, and also the evidences, writings, charters and muniments concerning the same, shall remain, come, grow and be unto my said son, John Englefield, and his heirs to the only use and behoof of the said John Englefield, his heirs and assigns, forever, except and always reserved unto the said Francis, Thomas and John or the survivor of them, his executors and administrators, so much lands and tenements parcel of the said manors, lands and tenements and other the said premises to be then elected and chosen by the said Francis, Thomas and John or the survivor of them, his executors or administrators, as the said Francis, Thomas and John or the survivor of them, his executors or administrators, shall and may of the yearly rents, issues and profits thereof by them to be levied yearly content and pay the said several legacies and bequests willed and made to the said Thomas White, Thomas Vachell, Christian Foxe, Sir Nicholas Hyenson and to the other priests [sic] or priests, and to Sir John Cooke, priest, and also all other legacies and bequests which I, the same Dame Elizabeth, heretofore have or hereafter shall have or give and appoint to be levied of my said manors, lands and tenements and other the premises;

And further I, the said Dame Elizabeth, will and ordain that they, the said Francis, Thomas or John, the survivor of them, his executors or administrators, shall have the order, custody, rule and governance of all the said manors, meses, lands, tenements and other the premises with th' appurtenances and of all the evidences concerning the same, and also of all such other manors, lands, tenements and hereditaments with the appurtenances in the said counties of Berkshire and Northampton, and of all the writings, charters and muniments concerning the same which I, the said Dame Elizabeth, do hold for term of my life or otherwise, the reversion or remainder thereof in fee simple or in fee tail to the said John Englefield belonging or appertaining, and also the custody, rule, order, governance and virtuous bringing up of the said John Englefield unto his full age of 26 years, and that they or the survivors of them having the order, governance and bringing up of him of the yearly issues, rents, revenues and profits of the said premises shall honestly find the same John Englefield unto his said age as well at his grammar until he be sufficiently learned in the Latin tongue as then after also by their discretions at the study of the common laws of this realm in the Middle Temple in London, any clause, article or sentence in this my present testament remembered to the contrary notwithstanding;

And I will that all the said evidences of the said manors, lands, tenements and all other the premises, and also all such sums of money as the said Francis, Thomas and John or the survivor of them, his executors or administrators, shall then have levied, received and taken of the yearly issues, revenues and profits of the said premises over and besides my said bequests and legacies to the said persons, and the yearly charges of and for the finding of the said John, and all other necessary and lawful charges concerning the said lands to be deducted and abated as is aforesaid, shall be by them delivered unto the said John Englefield, my son, at his said age of 26 [f. 26v] years or before if mine executors shall think so convenient;

And further I will that my cousin, Clement Burdet, parson of Englefield, by the advice of the said persons have the order, rule and oversight of the said John Englefield while he is at his learning of the Latin tongue at Oxenford or elsewhere he shall be, and that for lack of him some other honest and gentle tutor or cryensor be by mine executors provided for him, and that he have with him necessary and sufficient bedding stuff as well for sickness as of health, and coffers sufficient to put all such his stuff in, and that there be by mine executors provided some honest, discreet and wise person to be and remain with him as his servant to wait upon him until his said age of 26 years to th' intent that he may make his bed and see his bedding and all other his stuff and apparel clean and safely kept and mended from time to time, and to do and see to all such other necessary business as well for his bodily health as otherwise as shall be needful about him, and for his pains diligently to be taken in that behalf I will and give unto the said person yearly during the said time to be paid to him by mine executors at four usual terms in the year by even portions towards his finding and learning £3 6s 8d sterling to be levied, received and taken of the said yearly issues, rents, revenues and profits of the said premises;

Also my full mind, will and intent is that my executors receive and take all the revenues and profits of the whole manors of Brownsover and Brinklow in the county of Warwick until my said son, John Englefield, come to his said age of 26 years according to the gift, will, bequest, mind, intent and devise of Sir Thomas Englefield, my late husband and father to the said John, to the only use and behoof of the said John Englefield and not otherwise;

And if it fortune the said manors to be redeemed by reason of a tender of a certain sum of money late made to me, the said Dame Elizabeth, by Edward Boughton, son and heir of William Boughton, then my full mind and intent is that my said executors shall buy and provide with the said money for the said John and the heirs of his body lawfully begotten, and the remainder thereof to the right heirs of the said Sir Thomas Englefield, the manors, lands and tenements which my brother, Sir George Throckmorton, of late offered me to sell if my executors shall think so good upon further sight of the evidence thereof;

And if they do not buy my said brother's lands, then I will that they shall buy therewith as much lands as they can or may buy with the sum of money which they shall receive to the only use as before is declared;

And if it fortune the said John Englefield to die before his said age of 26 years unmarried, as God forbid, then I will that all the rents, revenues, issues and profits of the said premises by the said persons so to be received to the use of the said John Englefield as is before said shall be disposed by mine executors at his burial, month's mind and year's mind and in deeds of charity for the wealth of his soul;

And further I, the said Dame Elizabeth Englefield, give and will to the said John Englefield to be delivered him by mine executors at his said age, or before if he be married, all the plate which I bought of Dame Susan Kingston, late before William Fettiplace's, and also all the plate which I had of Dame Godith Peyto and of my uncle,



Doctor Throckmorton, and also all other parcels of my plate which I have lying together with the said plate before remembered in a basket;

And also I, the said Dame Elizabeth, will and give unto the said John, my son, to be delivered him by mine executors at his said age, or before if he be married, 6 of my coffers of the greatest, middlest and least sort, and also two saddles and a mail, and 2 bridles of the best sort, a mail pillion and two mail girths, two cloth sacks, 6 of my featherbeds, 6 bolsters, 6 pillows, 6 mattresses and four bolsters to them, a pair of fustians, 6 pair of blankets, one pair of fine sheets with a head-sheet, 6 pair of flaxen sheets, 6 pair of other sheets, two coverings of verdour, 6 coverlets, 6 cushions of verdour work, a carpet of carpet-work, the colours being two russets, three diaper tablecloths, one diaper cupboard cloth, three diaper towels, one dozen of diaper napkins, 6 plain tablecloths, 4 plain towels, two dozen plain napkins, 6 plain cupboard cloths, one garnish of vessel of the best sort, two deep pewter basins to wash in, and a great leaden basin, one pewter pot of a pint, another pewter pot which the late parson of Englefield gave me, and also his cupboard, and also one chamber pot of pewter of the best sort, the which said premises be severally marked with two letters, that is to say, with an J and an E, and also 6 brass pots, two of the greatest sort, 2 of the middle sort, and two of the less sort, five brass pans of all sorts, 4 kettles of all sorts, three posnets, 4 broaches, two pair of racks or andirons, one pair of pot-hooks, two pot hangers of iron, one gridiron, a frying-pan, a trivet of iron, a fire-shovel and a fire-fork;

And moreover I will and give unto mine elder son, Francis Englefield, and to my said son, John Englefield, all the plate & books of scripture, law and other which were their late father's, deceased, to be between [f. 27r] them equally divided by the oversight of mine executors within one month next after my decease, in, at and upon the which division, severing and departure thereof I will that my said son, Francis shall have the first election and choice of his half and part thereof, and the other half and part thereof which he shall leave at his election as is aforesaid to be my said son John's;

And further I will that all the said premises willed and given to my said son, John, also the featherbed and such other stuff and plate as the late parson of Englefield gave him, shall be in the custody, rule, order and safekeeping of my executors unto his said age of 26 years, and if he be before the same age married or that he shall have need of any part thereof, then I will it be delivered to him before his said age;

And if it fortune the same John to die before the said age or before the said stuff or other bequests be to him delivered as is aforesaid, then I will all the said plate which shall happen to his part being my late husband's as is aforesaid, and also all the said bedding, books and household stuff except the said plate, bedding and household stuff late the said William Fettiplace's, Dame Godith Peyto's and the said parson's of Englefield, shall remain and be unto my said son, Francis Englefield, and the same plate and stuff before excepted shall be by the discretion of mine executors sold, given and distributed to the marriage, relief or other preferment of the poorest of my sisters' children;

And to my said son, Francis Englefield, I will and give all such money and debt as he oweth me, and all the indentures and leases for term of years which I have of and in the parsonage of Phyplake [=Shiplake], the warren of Stretteley [=Streatley?], being my Lord of Derby's(?), and also the indenture and lease for term of years which I have in the farm of Beneham [=Benham?];

And also all my horses, mares and colts, bridles, saddles, mails, cloth sacks and all other their appurtenances;

And also all the residue of my household stuff as well bedding, hangings, napery, linen or woollen, and all my milch beasts, all and as many of my sheep, oxen beasts and other cattle, and as much wheat, oats, malt and other corn as shall and will remain unspent and be left at the end of the quarter next after my decease except and always to be deducted thereof as many sheep, beasts and cattle, wheat, oats, malt and other corn as shall and will serve [+and?] honestly suffice at my year's mind, to th' intent that the said Francis therewith may and shall keep and set up then his house, trusting that he will so do;

And also upon that condition that he or his assigns shall at such time as his said brother shall come to the age of twenty years give him one good gelding for himself and another for his man, and also one good mare with a colt by her side;

And also if my said son, Francis, keep house at the same time, then I will and give him the indenture and lease for the years which I have touching Thomas Harrolde, and if he do not keep house, then I will that the said Thomas shall be put to service there where mine executors shall think meet, and I give to him to be delivered to him by mine executors at th' end of the years contained in the said indenture forty shillings sterling to be levied, received, perceived and taken of my goods and chattels;

And over that I will that if my said son, Francis, will not keep nor set up his household at th' end of the said quarter next ensuing my decease, that all my said sheep, milch beasts, oxen beasts and other cattle, wheat, oats, malt and other corn, except before excepted, shall be sold, given and disposed in deeds of charity for my soul and all Christian souls if my will may not otherwise be performed;

And further I will that if my said son, Francis, fortune to die before the said parsonage of Shiplake, warren of Strettely or farm of Beneham or any of them [-or any of them] fortune to come to his hands by virtue of the said several leases and indentures, that then the same leases and indentures for & concerning the premises shall grow, be and remain to my said son, John Englefield;

And also I will and give to my said son, John, mine own chain, and a ring with a diamond, and a ring with a Tristram knot, and also a piece of my unicorn's horn, and my signet of gold, and a sovereign of gold, all which shall remain to his brother if he die before marriage;

And moreover I, the said Dame Elizabeth, will that mine executors do within a convenient time after my decease bargain and sell Edward Ferrers, my ward, to the best profit and advantage, and so much of the money so received and taken for him as shall be needful I will and give to my daughter, Susan Englefield, towards her marriage, so that she do marry by th' advice of mine executors;

And I give also unto the said Susan, over and besides the said money so to be received and taken for my said ward, in consideration of the legacies and bequest of the said Sir Thomas Englefield, her late father, to be levied and taken of my said goods and chattels and to be delivered to her the day of her marriage, if she marry as is aforesaid, four hundred pound sterling;

And as much of the said money so received for the said ward and shall remain undelivered to the said Susan, I will shall be paid & given by mine executors and by their discretions in general deeds of charity, as to the marriages and preferment of the poorest of my late husband's sisters' children, or to any of the same children which shall have most need thereof;

And if it fortune the same Susan to die before marriage, then I will the money so received or to be received for the said ward and all the said sum of four hundred pounds sterling and every part and parcel thereof shall be by the discretion of mine executors disposed and distributed among my said husband's sisters' children, his and mine children's children, & my sisters' [f. 27v] children, or to any of them which shall have most need thereof;

And until the day of the marriage to be concluded for my said daughter, Susan, I will that she remain and be in the custody, rule, order, governance and virtuous bringing up of Mistress Mompesson, wife to Edmund Mompesson, esquire, and that mine executors all the time of her there being do not only pay sufficiently for her board but also do see her honestly apparelled, and towards her apparelling I give her all the better part of mine own apparel as well silk, linen as woollen;

And I will that mine executors shall see that the same apparel by the oversight of the said Mistress Mompesson and by the discretion of mine executors [+be?] made at their costs and charges necessary and meet for her from time to time, and if the same will not serve her, then I will that they buy more at their costs and charges for her;

And also I will that mine executors shall take all such apparel as was my late husband's and mine towards the honest finding and apparelling of my said son, John Englefield, my said daughter, Susan, and my niece, Eleanor Burdet, which my said niece Eleanor I will shall be and remain in the custody, rule, governance and bringing up of Mistress Denton, late wife to Master Edmund Fettiplace, esquire, if she will take her, and that mine executors, so long as she shall there remain, shall see her honestly and sufficiently apparelled with such apparel as before is expressed;

And furthermore I, the said Dame Elizabeth, will and give unto my son-in-law, Edward Saunders, to the marriage and behoof of my cousin [=granddaughter], Elizabeth Carue [=Carew], his wife's daughter, twenty pound sterling which he oweth me by obligation, and if she fortune to die before marriage, then I will the said sum to be paid, given and delivered to my cousin [=grandson], Thomas Carue [=Carew], by my said son-in-law or his assigns towards the suing out of his livery or when he shall accomplish the age of 21 years, and if he fortune to die before the said time, then I will and give the same sum to my cousin [=granddaughter], Mary Saunders, towards her marriage or other preferment.

And further I, the same Dame Elizabeth, will and my very mind and intent and purpose is that no mo black gowns, frocks nor coats nor any of them be or shall be given or provided to or for any other person or persons other than to and for such persons whose names be written in a bill subscribed with mine own hand etc.;

And further I, the said Dame Elizabeth, will and give to Christian Foxe my black frocks and a black gown, or twenty shillings at her election to be levied, received and taken of my goods and chattels;

And to my three maidens, every of them ten shillings to be delivered to them at th' end of the quarter aforesaid and levied of my said goods;

And to Sir Nicholas Hyenson, if he refuse to serve as heretofore I have expressed, and to all my other household menservants, to either of them I give their whole year's wages to be delivered to them at the end of the said quarter next after my death, and to be levied of my said goods and chattels;

And further I will that there be purveyed by mine executors for as many of my said servants as will tarry one quarter of a year after my decease in the mansion house and place of Englefield sufficient meat, drink and lodging, trusting that my said son, Francis, will therewithal be contented, and to every of them so tarrying I will that there be given by mine executors to be levied of my said goods and delivered to them at the end of the said quarter their several quarter's wages in manner and form as though I were on live;

And further willing that either of my said servants so tarrying the said quarter shall be ready and diligent to do unto my said son, Francis, their service, or else his and their bequests not so doing to be void if my executors shall think so good;

Item, I will and give to Agnes Otewell, my servant, ten pound sterling, to Joan Punchion, £6 13s 4d, and to Agnes Collens 40s sterling, to be delivered to either of them by mine executors the day of their several marriages or before to their other preferment according to the discretion of mine executors to be levied, received and taken of my said goods and chattels, and if it fortune the said Agnes Otewell, Joan Punchion or Agnes Collens or any of them to die before their said legacies and bequests be to them delivered, then I will and my very mind & intent is that the said legacies and bequests so remaining undelivered shall be by mine executors given and distributed in deeds of charity for the wealth of my soul;

Also I will and give to Sir Reading, serving priest here, and to Sir Martyn, now serving priest at Tilehurst, to either of them to be delivered to them by mine executors within one month next after my decease twenty shillings sterling to be levied of my said goods and chattels to pray for my soul and all Christian souls;

Item, I will and give to Katherine Tanner, servant to mine Aunt, Elizabeth Throckmorton, late Abbess of Denny, 40s to be levied of my said goods and chattels;

And to Katherine, my maid now dwelling with Mother Whate 40s sterling to be levied as is before;

And to Joan Englefield, now dwelling with Martyn of this parish, other 40s to be levied of my said goods and to be delivered to the said Katherine Tanner and other Katherine and Joan Englefield and to either of them by mine executors the day of their several marriages or before to their other preferment if mine executors shall think so good;

Also I will & give [f. 28r] to the said Agnes Otewell, my maid, and Joan Punchion, to every of them 13 ells and a half of the canvas that I leave behind me, to make either of them one pair of sheets, two smocks and 2 aprons;

And to Agnes Colleyes, my other maid, 8 ells of the same canvas to make her a pair of sheets;

And further I, the same day [sic] Elizabeth, will and my very mind and intent is that if any part of my goods or chattels do fortune to remain in my executors' hands by me heretofore unbequeathed and by them undistributed after all my said legacies and bequests performed, fulfilled and accomplished, that the same goods and chattels and every part and parcel thereof shall be distributed and given by my executors in deeds of charity, and not converted to any otherwise [sic] or purpose;

And over this I will that if any ambiguity, doubt or question fortune to arise or be in any article before specified in this my last will, that the same shall be explained and made open by my said executors or by the more part of them as near as they can make open the same to my very mind and intent for the discharge of their own consciences and for the avoiding of variances between them;

And for the true fulfilling and just performance and accomplishment of this my last will and testament and of my very intent concerning the same, I, the same Dame Elizabeth Englefield, ordain, constitute and make my said well-beloved son, Francis Englefield, my said nephew, Thomas White, and my said servant, John Yate, my executors, unto whom for their true and diligent labour and pains to be sustained in this behalf I will, give and bequeath and to every of them to be paid them yearly by the way of retainment in their own hands until my aforesaid son, John Englefield, shall accomplish and come to his said age of 26 years and not above, 40s sterling to be levied, received, perceived and taken of my said goods and chattels;

In witness whereof I, the said Dame Elizabeth, have to this my testament and last will set my seal & subscribed my name the day and year above-written. Elizabeth Englefield.

Probatum fuit suprascriptum Testamentum coram Domino apud London xvjto die mensis february Anno Dominj mill<sup>es</sup>imo quingen<sup>tesim</sup>o xliijto Iuramento xpoferi Robynson notarij publici p<sup>ro</sup>cur<sup>atoris</sup> executor<sup>um</sup> in h<sup>uius</sup>mo<sup>d</sup>i testamento no<sup>m</sup>i<sup>n</sup>ator<sup>um</sup> Ac approbatum et insinuatum Com<sup>m</sup>issaq<sup>ue</sup> fuit administracio om<sup>n</sup>i<sup>um</sup> et singulorum bonor<sup>um</sup> dict<sup>e</sup> defunct<sup>e</sup> prefatis executoribus De b<sup>e</sup>n<sup>e</sup> et fideliter administrand<sup>o</sup> eadem Ac de pleno et fideli Inuentario om<sup>n</sup>i<sup>um</sup> et singuloru<sup>m</sup> bonor<sup>um</sup> h<sup>uius</sup>mo<sup>d</sup>i conficiend<sup>o</sup> Necnon de plano et vero comp<sup>ot</sup>o inde reddend<sup>o</sup> Ad sancta dei Eu<sup>a</sup>ngelia in p<sup>er</sup>sona d<sup>i</sup>c<sup>t</sup>i procuratoris Iurat<sup>i</sup>

[=The above-written testament was proved before the Lord at London on the 16th day of the month of February in the year of the Lord the thousand five hundred 43rd by the oath of Christopher Robynson, notary public, proctor of the executors named in the same testament, and probated and entered, and administration was granted of all and singular the goods of the said deceased to the forenamed executors, sworn on the Holy Gospels in the person of the said proctor to well and faithfully administer the same, and to prepare a full and faithful inventory of all and singular the goods of the same, and also to render a plain and true account.]