

SUMMARY: The document below is the Prerogative Court of Canterbury copy of the last will and testament, dated 19 November 1545 and 18 May 1546, and proved 14 August 1546, of Sir Robert Hussey, father of 'Mistress Crane' in whose manor of East Molesey across the Thames from Hampton Court Palace the first of the Marprelate tracts was printed on a secret press by Robert Waldegrave in October 1588. The new National Archives catalogue number is TNA PROB 11/31/244.

The testator was one of the three sons of Sir William Hussey (1481 - 8 September 1495), Chief Justice of the King's Bench, and Elizabeth Berkeley (died c.1503), the daughter of Thomas Berkeley of Wymondham, Leicestershire. For the will of the testator's mother, Elizabeth (nee Berkeley) Hussey, see TNA PROB 11/14/415.

The testator's brothers were John Hussey (executed 29 June 1537), 1st Baron Hussey of Sleaford, and the courtier, Sir William Hussey (b. in or before 1473, d. 1531?). John Hussey, 1st Baron Hussey, married firstly, Margaret Blount, widow of Sir John Barr and daughter and heir of Simon Blount of Mangotsfield, Gloucester, by Eleanor, daughter of William Daubeney, and secondly, Anne Grey (d.1546), the daughter of George Grey (d.1503), 2nd Earl of Kent, by his second wife, Katherine Herbert, daughter of William Herbert, Earl of Pembroke. For the will of Anne Grey, see TNA PROB 11/13/56.

The testator also had two sisters, Elizabeth Hussey (d. 19 November 1516), who married Richard Grey (b. in or before 1478, d. 1524), 3rd Earl of Kent, and Mary Hussey, who was the first wife of William Willoughby (d. 14 October 1526), 11th Lord Willoughby d' Eresby (for whose will see TNA PROB 11/23/362). See Goff, Cecilie, *A Woman of the Tudor Age*, (London: John Murray, 1930), pp. 2-3, 9, 13, 290; Richardson, Douglas, *Magna Carta Ancestry*, 2nd ed., 2011, Vol. I, p. 299 and Vol. IV, p. 339; the *ODNB* entry for Katherine, Duchess of Suffolk; GEC, *The Complete Peerage*, Vol. VII (London: St. Catherine Press, 1929), pp. 15-18; and the *ODNB* entries for John Hussey (executed 29 June 1537), 1st Baron Hussey of Sleaford, and Sir William Hussey (b. 1481, d. 8 September 1495).

The testator is said to have married, firstly, Anne Saye, the daughter and co-heir of William Saye of Liston, Essex, and secondly, Jane Stydolf, the daughter of Thomas Stydolf of Surrey.

In the will below the testator mentions his son and heir apparent, Thomas (d. 31 May 1559), his other sons, William, Nicholas (d.1551), John, Robert, Charles the elder (d.1608/9) and Charles the younger (d.1586/7), and his daughters, Dorothy, Elizabeth, Katherine and Alvered. The testator states in the will below that Charles the elder, Charles the younger, Elizabeth, Katherine and Alvered are his children by his second wife, and it would appear that all the testator's other children were by his first wife. For the will of the testator's son, Nicholas Hussey (d.1551) of Gray's Inn, see TNA PROB 11/34/459. For the will of the testator's son, Charles Hussey the younger (d.1586/7), see TNA PROB 11/70, f. 41. It appears that the testator's son, William, died between the

making of the testator's last will on 19 November 1545 and the making of his testament on 18 May 1546.

The Hussey pedigree in Maddison, A.R., *Lincolnshire Pedigrees* (London: Harleian Society, 1908), pp. 526-30, and the will of Nicholas Hussey (d.1551) indicate that the testator had married daughters by his first wife not mentioned in the will below. See:

<https://archive.org/stream/lincolnshirepedi51madd#page/526/mode/2up>.

See also:

http://freepages.genealogy.rootsweb.ancestry.com/~gowenrf/husseys_003.html.

Elizabeth (nee Hussey) Crane Carleton, the 'Mistress Crane' of the Marprelate tracts, was the daughter of the testator and his second wife, Jane Stydolf. At the time her father made his will, she was unmarried. Her first husband was Anthony Crane (d.1583), Master of the Queen's Household. In his nuncupative will (see TNA PROB 11/65/507), Anthony Crane left all his goods to his wife, Elizabeth (nee Hussey) Crane, and his daughter, Mary Crane, including his 31-year lease of the manor of East Molesey which he had acquired from the Queen by a grant dated 19 April 1571 and which was to commence from the expiration of a 66-year lease which had been granted in 1518 to Sir Thomas Heneage (b. before 1482, d. 21 August 1553). The printing of Martin Marprelate's *Epistle* at her manor of East Molesey resulted in Star Chamber proceedings being instigated against Elizabeth Crane in 1590 under the name Elizabeth Carleton, she having at some time in the late 1580s married George Carleton (1529-1590) of Overstone, Northamptonshire. According to the *ODNB*, she was fined 1000 marks for refusing the oath *ex officio* and a further £500 for sheltering the secret press, and was confined during the Queen's pleasure, although the records do not reveal how long she remained in prison. Her then husband, George Carleton, had been called before the Privy Council in April 1589 and ordered to attend daily until otherwise advised. However his death in January 1590 forestalled further proceedings against him if any were intended. For the identification of Elizabeth Hussey as 'Mistress Crane', see McCorkle, Julia Norton, 'A Note concerning 'Mistress Crane' and the Martin Marprelate Controversy', *The Library* 1931 s4-XII(3):276-283. For the will of Elizabeth (nee Hussey) Crane's second husband, George Carleton (1529-1590), see TNA PROB 11/75, f. 11.

RM: Vlti {m}a Voluntas Rob {er}ti Husey milit {is}

This is the last will and testament in writing of me, Sir Robert Hussey of Linwood in the county of Lincoln, knight, made the 19th day of November in the 37th year of the reign of our Sovereign Lord Henry th' Eight by the grace of God King of England, France and Ireland, Defender of the Faith, and of the Church of England and also of Ireland in earth the Supreme Head, concerning th' order and disposition of such of my manors, lands, tenements and hereditaments as I intend to make my will of, and by this my present will I

revoke and renounce all other wills by me before made concerning my said manors, lands, tenements and hereditaments or any part thereof, and will and declare that this my present will concerning the disposition and order of my said manors, lands, tenements and hereditaments shall be accepted, reputed and taken for my very last will and testament concerning th' order and disposition thereof;

First, where I have manors, lands, tenements and hereditaments in possession and reversion of estate of inheritance, that is to say, the manor of Liston Hall with th' appurtenances, and certain other lands and [-and] tenements in Liston, Pentlow, Foxyarde [=Foxearth?] and Candys [=Cavendish?], and th' advowson of the church of Liston, and the manor of Carbonell{es} with th' appurtenances, and certain lands, tenements and hereditaments in Carbonell{es}, Bradefeldes, Canelesey, Bunanyon(?), Trewynt, Penpoint(?) in the parish of Alternory, Hilton, Halton, Palington and Noccer, and certain meses, lands, tenements and hereditaments with th' appurtenances in Long Melford, and also the manors of Radstock and Peryfichet with th' appurtenances, and certain lands, tenements and hereditaments with th' appurtenances in Harman Yarde, Shurton, Trill, Cannington, Bridgwater, Radstock and Peryfichet, and certain meses, lands, tenements and hereditaments with th' appurtenances in Inkepon [=Inkpen?], and the manor of Dettesham [=Dittisham?] with the appurtenances, and certain other meses, lands, tenements and hereditaments with the appurtenances in Cobhamwyke, Kingeshamerton, Plymouth, Woodryche and Dettesham with th' appurtenances in the counties of Essex, Cornwall, Suffolk, Somerset, Berkshire and Devon, amounting in the whole to the clear yearly value of one hundred marks or above, and also certain other manors, lands, tenements and hereditaments with th' appurtenances in Great Hale, Little Hale, Heckington and Old Sleaford in the county of Lincoln of the yearly value of twenty pounds, and certain other manors, lands, tenements and hereditaments with th' appurtenances in Bassingham and Haddington in the said county of Lincoln of the yearly value of eleven pounds, and the manor of Rokkesham [=Roxholm?] with th' appurtenances, and certain other lands, tenements and hereditaments with th' appurtenances in Roxholm and Cranewell [=Cranwell?] in the said county of Lincoln of the yearly value of eight pounds, and also the manors of Halton and Little Steeping in the said county of Lincoln of the yearly value of thirty pounds, and also a mese with th' appurtenances in the county of the city of Lincoln in the parish of Saint Lawrence, and also the capital or chief mese with th' appurtenances in Little Rauceby, and certain other lands, tenements and hereditaments with th' appurtenances in Little Rauceby and Great Rauceby in the said county of Lincoln to the yearly value of five pounds, and also certain other lands, tenements and hereditaments with th' appurtenances in Asgarsby [=Asgarby?], Ruskington, Dinangeton, Digby, Mettingham [=Metheringham?], Skalpwicke [=Scopwick?], Kirkby Green, Thorpe next Timberland, Marton [=Martin?], Dunston, Sudbrook and Timberland with th' appurtenances in the said county of Lincoln of the yearly value of twenty and two pounds:

I, the said Sir Robert Hussey, knight, will, give and bequeath by this my last will and testament in writing to my entirely beloved wife, Dame Jane Hussey, all the said manors of Great Hale, Little Hale with th' appurtenances, and the said manors of Heckington, Old Sleaford, Bassingham, Haddington, Roxholm and Cranewell with th' appurtenances in

the said county of Lincoln, and all and singular my meses, lands, tenements and hereditaments with th' appurtenances in Great Hale, Little Hale, Heckington, Kirton in Holland, Old Sleaford, Bassingham, Haddington, Roxholm and Cranwell, and the advowson of the church of Bassingham in the said county of Lincoln, and also all my meses with th' appurtenances in the county of the city of Lincoln, and my manors of Halton and Little Steeping with th' appurtenances in the said county of Lincoln, and all my said lands, tenements and hereditaments with the appurtenances and [sic?] Halton and Little Steeping in the said county of Lincoln, to have and to hold the said mese with th' appurtenances in the foresaid county of the city of Lincoln to the said Dame Jane, my wife, and to her heirs and assigns forever to the use of the said Dame Jane, her heirs and assigns forever;

And also to have and to hold all and singular the foresaid manors of Great Hale, Little Hale, Heckington, Old Sleaford, Bassingham, Haddington, Roxholm and Cranwell and the advowson of the church of Bassingham aforesaid, and all and singular the foresaid lands, tenements and other the premises with their appurtenances in Great Hale, Little Hale, Heckington, Kirton in Holland, Old Sleaford, Bassingham, Haddington, Roxholm and Cranwell to the said Dame Jane, my wife, for term of her life without impeachment of any waste;

And immediately after her decease, I will and give all the said manors of Great Hale, Little Hale, Heckington, Old Sleaford, Bassingham, Haddington, Roxholm and Cranwell, and th' advowson of the church of Bassingham aforesaid, and all and singular the said lands, tenements and other the premises in Great Hale, Little Hale, Heckington, Kirton in Holland, Old Sleaford, Bassingham, Haddington, Roxholm and Cranwell aforesaid to Robert Hussey, my son, and to th' heirs males of the body of the said Robert Hussey, the son, lawfully begotten;

And for default of such issue, and after the death of the said Dame Jane, my wife, I will and give all the said manors of Great Hale, Little Hale, Heckington, Old Sleaford, Bassingham, Haddington, Roxholm and Cranwell, and th' advowson of the church of Bassingham aforesaid, and all and singular the said lands, tenements and other the premises in Great Hale, Little Hale, Heckington, Kirton in Holland, Old Sleaford, Bassingham, Haddington, Roxholm and Cranwell aforesaid to Charles Hussey the elder, son of me, the said Sir Robert Hussey, knight, and Dame Jane, my wife, and th' heirs males of the body of the same Charles lawfully begotten;

And for default of such issue, and after the decease of the same Dame Jane, my wife, I will and give all the said manors of Great Hale, Little Hale, Heckington, Old Sleaford, Bassingham, Haddington, Roxholm and Cranwell, and th' advowson of the church of Bassingham aforesaid, and all and singular the said lands, tenements and other the premises with th' appurtenances in Great Hale, Little Hale, Heckington, Kirton in Holland, Old Sleaford, Bassingham, Haddington, Roxholm and Cranwell aforesaid to Charles Hussey the younger, another of the sons of me, the said Sir Robert Hussey, knight, and Dame Jane, my wife, and to th' heirs males of the body of the same Charles the younger lawfully begotten;

And for default of such issue, and after the decease of the said Dame Jane, my wife, I will and give all the said manors of Great Hale, Little [+Hale], Heckington, Old Sleaford, Bassingham, Haddington, Roxholm and Cranwell and the advowson of the church of Bassingham, and all and singular my said lands, tenements and other the premises in Great Hale, Little Hale, Heckington, Kirton in Holland, Old Sleaford, Bassingham, Haddington, Roxholm and Cranwell aforesaid to the heirs males of the body of me, the said Sir Robert Hussey, lawfully begotten of the body of the said Dame Jane, my wife;

And for default of such issue, and after the decease of the said Dame Jane, my wife, I will and give all the said manors of Great Hale, Little Hale, Heckington, Old Sleaford, Bassingham, Haddington, Roxholm and Cranwell, and the advowson of the church of Bassingham aforesaid, and all and singular the said lands, tenements and other the premises in Great Hale, Little Hale, Heckington, Kirton in Holland, Old Sleaford, Bassingham, Haddington, Roxholm and Cranwell aforesaid to William Hussey, Nicholas Hussey and John Hussey, sons of me, the foresaid Sir Robert Hussey, knight, and to th' heirs males of the body of the said William Hussey, Nicholas Hussey and John Hussey lawfully begotten;

And for default of such issue and after the decease of the said Dame Jane, my wife, I will and give all the said manors of Great Hale, Little Hale, Heckington, Old Sleaford, Bassingham, Haddington, Roxholm and Cranwell, and the advowson of the church of Bassingham aforesaid, and all and singular the said lands, tenements and other the premises in Great Hale, Little Hale, Heckington, Kirton in Holland, Old Sleaford, Bassingham, Haddington, Roxholm and Cranwell aforesaid to the heirs males of the body of me, the said Sir Robert Hussey, knight, lawfully begotten, and of th' heirs males of their bodies lawfully begotten;

And for default of such issue, and after the decease of the said Dame Jane, I will and give all the said manors of Great Hale, Little Hale, Heckington, Old Sleaford, Bassingham, Haddington, Roxholm and Cranwell, and the advowson of the church of Bassingham aforesaid, and all [+and] singular the said lands, tenements and other the premises in Great Hale, Little Hale, Heckington, Kirton in Holland, Old Sleaford, Bassingham, Haddington, Roxholm and Cranwell aforesaid to Elizabeth Hussey, Katherine Hussey and Alveryd Hussey, daughters of me, the said Sir Robert Hussey, knight, and Dame Jane, and to th' heirs males of the bodies of the said Elizabeth, Katherine and Alverid lawfully begotten;

And for default of such issue, and after the decease of the said Dame Jane, I will and give all the said manors of Great Hale, Little Hale, Heckington and Old Sleaford, Bassingham, Haddington, Roxholm and Cranwell, and the advowson of the church of Bassingham aforesaid, and all and singular the said lands, tenements and other the premises in Great Hale, Little Hale, Heckington, Kirton in Holland, Old Sleaford, Bassingham, Haddington, Roxholm and Cranwell aforesaid to the right heirs of me, the said Sir Robert Hussey, knight, and their heirs forever;

And also to have and to hold the said manors of Halton and Little Steeping with th' appurtenances and all the said lands, tenements and hereditaments with th' appurtenances in Halton and Little Steeping aforesaid to the said Dame Jane for term of her life without impeachment of any waste;

And I will that immediately after her decease the said manors of Halton and Little Steeping with th' appurtenances, and all the said lands, tenements and hereditaments in Halton and Little Steeping aforesaid shall remain and come to Thomas Hussey, my son and heir apparent, and to his heirs males of his body lawfully begotten;

And for default of such issue, I will that the said manors of Halton and Little Steeping and other the premises in Halton and Little Steeping aforesaid [-aforesaid] shall remain and come to th' heirs males of the body of me, the said Sir Robert Hussey, lawfully begotten, and the heirs males of their bodies lawfully begotten;

And also I will that the said Dame Jane, my entirely beloved wife, and her executors shall immediately from and after my decease, yearly take th' issues, rents and profits of the said capital or chief mese with th' appurtenances in Little Rauceby, and of all my lands and tenements and hereditaments with th' appurtenances in Great Rauceby and Little Rauceby, and all my lands, tenements and hereditaments with th' appurtenances in Scopwick and Kirkby Green aforesaid unto such time as the said Dame Jane or her executors have or might receive of the rents, issue and profits of the said capital mese in Little Rauceby and other the premises in Little Rauceby, Great Rauceby, Scopwick and Kirkby Green aforesaid the sum of one hundred pounds of good and lawful money of England to and for the performance of my last will and testament concerning my goods;

And immediately after the said Dame Jane or her executors have received or might have lawfully received of the rents, issues and profits of the said capital message in Little Rauceby and other the premises in Great Rauceby, Little Rauceby, Scopwick and Kirkby Green the said sum of one hundred pounds, then I will that the said capital mese in Little Rauceby and other the premises in Little Rauceby, Great Rauceby, Scopwick and Kirkby Green shall go and be to the said Dame Jane, my wife, and to her assigns for term of her life without impeachment of any waste;

And immediately after her decease and after the said hundred pounds be thereof received, perceived and taken by the said Dame Jane or her executors in form aforesaid, then I will that the said capital message in Little Rauceby aforesaid, and all other the premises in Little Rauceby, Great Rauceby, Scopwick and Kirkby Green shall remain to the foresaid Robert Hussey, my son, and to the heirs males of his body lawfully begotten;

And for default of such issue, I will and give the said capital mese in Little Rauceby aforesaid and all other the premises in Little Rauceby, Great Rauceby, Scopwick and Kirkby Green to the above-named Charles Hussey, th' elder, my son, and to th' heirs males of his body lawfully begotten;

And for default of such issue I will and give the said capital mese in Little Rauceby foresaid and all other the premises in Little Rauceby, Great Rauceby, Scopwick and Kirkby Green to the abovesaid Charles Hussey the younger, son of me, the said Sir Robert Hussey, knight, and to th' heirs males of the body of the said Charles lawfully begotten;

And for default of such issue I will and give the said capital mese in Little Rauceby and all other the premises in Little Rauceby, Great Rauceby, Scopwick and Kirkby Green to th' heirs males of the body of me, the said Sir Robert Hussey, begotten of Dame Jane, my wife's body;

And for default of such issue, I will and give the said capital mese in Little Rauceby and all other the premises in Little Rauceby, Great Rauceby, Scopwick and Kirkby Green to the said William Hussey, Nicholas Hussey and John Hussey and to th' heirs males of their bodies lawfully begotten;

And for default of such issue, I will and give the said capital mese in Little Rauceby and all other the premises in Little Rauceby, Great Rauceby, Scopwick and Kirkby Green to th' heirs males of the body of me, the said Sir Robert Hussey, knight, lawfully begotten, and to th' heirs males of their bodies lawfully begotten;

And for default of such issue I will and give the said capital mese in Little Rauceby and all other the premises in Little Rauceby, Great Rauceby, Scopwick and Kirkby Green to the aforesaid Elizabeth Hussey, Katherine Hussey and Alvered Hussey, and to th' heirs males of their bodies lawfully begotten;

And for default of such issue, I will and give the said capital mese in Little Rauceby and all other the premises in Little Rauceby, Great Rauceby, Scopwick and Kirkby Green to the right heirs of me, the said Sir Robert Hussey, knight, forever;

And moreover I will, give and bequeath to John Hussey, my son, all my said lands, tenements and hereditaments with th' appurtenances in Digby, Metheringham, Thorpe next Timberland, Martin, Asgarby, Ruskington, Dorrington, Dunston and Timberland aforesaid, to have and to hold all the said lands, tenements and other the premises in Digby, Metheringham, Thorpe next Timberland, Martin, Asgarby, Ruskington, Dorrington, Dunston and Timberland immediately from and after the decease of me, the said Sir Robert Hussey, knight, to the said John Hussey, my son, his heirs and assigns, to th' use of the said John, his heirs and assigns, forever;

Provided always and it is my will that if my said son, John Hussey, be now dead, that then all the said lands, tenements and hereditaments with the appurtenances before given unto him shall be sold by mine executor and be bestowed for the weal of my soul as to their discretion shall seem best;

And moreover as concerning my farms of Wilmore, Scalpy parsonage, the lordship of Blankney, Kirkstead grange and Northcootes [=North Coats?], I will and give my said

farms of Wilmore, Scalpby parsonage, the lordship of Blankney, Kirkstead grange and Northcootes with all the stocks thereupon as well corn as sheep immediately after my decease unto my entirely beloved wife, Dame Jane Hussey, to have and to hold all the said farms of Wilmore, Scalpby parsonage, the lordship of Blankney, Kirkstead grange and Northcootes with their stocks, as well corn as sheep, unto the said Dame Jane and her assigns during the years yet not expired, yielding and paying the rent due to the lessors, and yielding and paying forth of the said farms over and besides the rent due to the lessors thirteen hundred marks to th' use and intent hereafter expressed in manner and form following:

First, I will that the said Dame Jane, my wife, the two first years next immediately following after my death shall take up of the profits of the said farms the sum of two hundred and fifty marks sterling, parcel of the said thirteen hundred marks, and then [sic?] safely keep to th' use of Dorothy Hussey, my daughter, until the day of her marriage, and then to deliver the said sum of two hundred and fifty marks to the said Dorothy or her assigns;

[+And in the third year . . .?]

And in the fourth year, I will that my said wife or her executors shall pay or cause to be paid unto Nicholas Hussey, my son, out of the profits of the said farms, the sum of one hundred marks;

And in the fifth year after my death, I will that my said wife or her executors shall pay or cause to be paid forth of the profits of the said farms unto John Hussey, my son, the sum of one hundred marks sterling;

And further, after the said years that my said wife or her executors shall content and pay or cause to be contented and paid forth of the profits of the said farms unto Elizabeth Hussey, [+Katherine Hussey?] and Alvered Hussey, my daughters, at the day of their marriages, to every one of them two hundred and fifty marks sterling, the which maketh up the foresaid sum of thirteen hundred marks;

And further, I will that if any of my said daughters do chance to die before marriage, that her part shall be equally divided amongst her sisters then living;

And so likewise of my sons, if it chance any of them to die before the day of payment of his part, that then it shall be equally divided between his brethren;

Provided always and my will is that if it happen the stock of sheep being in or upon any of the said farms to decay by the death of any of the said sheep before the said thirteen hundred marks may be levied of the said farms, corn and sheep, then I will that my said wife or her executors shall not be otherwise charged with the payment of the said thirteen hundred marks or of any part thereof, but as she or her executors may levy the same of the said farms, corn and sheep over and above the rents due to the lessors thereof, their

heirs, successors and assigns, anything abovesaid to the contrary in any wise notwithstanding;

Moreover I will that if any of my sons Thomas, [+William?], Nicholas or John do in any court of record sue any action, suit or plaint against my wife or against any of my executors for or concerning my manors, lands, tenements, hereditaments or farms or any other thing contained, specified or mentioned in this present will other than for such thing or things as be to him or them given or willed by this my last will, and appear in his proper person or by his attorneys by him authorized to maintain or prosecute any such action, suit or plaint, or expel or put out my said wife of any of the manors, lands, tenements or farms to her willed or given by this my will or of or from the stock of cattle or grain being in or upon any of the said farms, that then my legacies and will as well of lands and tenements as of goods and moneys to every of them so offending willed or bequeathed by this my last will shall be utterly void and of none effect, anything above mentioned to the contrary notwithstanding;

And then I will that my said wife and mine executors or the survivor or survivors of them shall bargain and sell all the said lands, tenements & goods willed or bequeathed by this my will to him or them so offending, and to dispose and order the same for the maintenance and defence of this my said will and testament according to their discretions;

In witness whereof I, the said Sir Robert Hussey, knight, to this my present will and testament in writing have subscribed my name with my own hand the day and year first above-written. Robert Hussey. Richard Benet. By me John Weston, John Smowthinge, William Lovedaye, Richard Robarts and Thomas Bruswoode and Richard Roo.

RM: Test{amentu}m Rob{er}ti Hussey milit{is}

In the name of God the Father, the Son, and the Holy Ghost, three Persons and one God, I, Robert Hussey, knight, remembering how death is due to every mortal creature and the time uncertain, also trusting steadfastly to be saved by the infinite mercy of Christ's passion and the great mercy of God which is not denied to any proper man that effectually desireth, and will forsake sin, and trusteth in deeds of charity, as prayer and alms, to be relieved from pains, furthermore also, seeing the casualties of this world, I have not done so large alms as I would have done, therefore according to the custom and ordinance of the church I make my will and testament declaring how I will have my goods disposed by such as I take for my friends after my decease under this form:

I, the said Robert Hussey, being in my whole mind, thanked be God, the 19th day of May in the 38th year of the reign of our Sovereign Lord Henry th' Eight by the grace of God King of England, France and Ireland, Defender of the Faith and in earth Supreme Head of the Church of England and Ireland, bequeath my sinful soul to the great mercy of my Lord God, and my wretched body to be buried in the parish church of Blankney;

I will have no pompous exequies nor hearse but a taper to burn about my wretched body;

I will have no feasts made nor torches to burn about me;

I will have disposed in alms to poor folks in the towns nigh me at home at their houses on my burial day and seventh day twenty pounds;

I give to the town of Blankney three kine to the maintenance of their church and payment of the taxes to be letten, to the poor men there two shillings four pence that be most needful and have charge of children;

I give to Scopwick two kine to be letten as afore is said, and the money in like manner to be bestowed;

I give to Kirkby Green two kine to be letten as afore is said, and the money in like manner to be bestowed;

I give to Thomas Hussey towards his exhibition and finding five pounds yearly during seven years next after my death;

Item, I will that all my servants have their whole year's wages and their liveries;

I give to as many of my said servants as will tarry half a year's wages more;

I give to Page the gray colt that was William Hussey's which goeth in the close;

I give to Richard Bones a bay sorrel colt that was my son William's that goeth at Catteshall;

I give to John Carpetman a bay bald stag that was of the mare that Porter bought of me;

I give to Thomas Hussey, my son and heir, my best standing cup with a cover, and one hundred marks in money, provided always that if my said son do trouble or sue my wife, then I will he have no part of my goods;

I will that my wife do pay the rent that is behind of the lands which I bought of Trusse and Timberland, and she to have it to dispose for my soul as she will;

The residue of all my goods and chattels and debts before not given nor bequeathed by this my last will and testament, I give and bequeath to Dame Jane Hussey, my entirely beloved wife, whom I make one of mine executors, and William Monson, esquire, another of mine executors;

And he to have for his pains six pounds thirteen shillings four pence;

And Sir Anthony Browne, knight, to be the supervisor of this my last will and testament, and he to have twenty pounds for his labour to be sustained in the performance of this my will and testament. Robert Hussey.

By me, Richard Bones, William Lovedaye, John Snowthinge, Richard Robertes, Thomas Bruswod, Richard Roo, Thomas Page, with other.

Probatum fuit suprascriptum testamentum cum Vltima Voluntate coram D{omi}no Cant{uariensis} Archiep{isco}o apud London Decimo quarto die mensis Augusti Anno d{omi}ni Mill{es}imo quingen{tesim}o xlvjto Iuramento D{omi}ne Jane Hussey Relicte et executric{is} in h{uius}mo{d}i testamento no{m}i{n}ate Ac approbatum et insinuatum Et Comissa fuit administracio om{n}i{um} et sing{u}lorum bonor{um} iuriu{m} et creditor{um} d{ic}tu{m} defunctu{m} et eius tes{tamentu}m qualitercunq{ue} concernen{tem} d{ic}t{e} executrici De bene et fideliter administrand{o} eadem ac de pleno et fidei Inuentario exhibend{o} necno{n} de plano comp{ot}o reddend{o} Ad sancta dei Eu{a}ngelia Iurat{e} Res{eru}ata p{otes}tate Will{el}mo Mounson executori etiam cu{m} venerit Memorand{um} q{uod} post approbat{i}o{n}em et insinuat{i}o{n}em h{uius}mo{d}i tes{tament}i xxvij vz die me{n}s{is} noue{m}bris Anno pred{i}c{t}o producti erant ex p{ar}te d{ic}t{e} d{omi}ne Jane Hussey relicte et executricis quinq{ue} testes ad p{er}petuam Rei memoriam super testament{um} h{uius}mo{d}i ut in Recordis apparet.

[=The above-written testament with the last will was proved before the Lord Archbishop of Canterbury at London on the fourteenth day of the month of August in the year of the Lord the thousand five hundred 46th by the oath of Lady Jane Hussey, relict and executrix named in the same testament, and probated and entered, and administration of all and singular the goods, rights and credits whatsoever concerning the said deceased and his testament was granted to the said executrix, sworn on the Holy Gospels to well and faithfully administer the same, and to exhibit a full and faithful inventory and also to render a plain account, with power reserved to William Monson, also executor, when he shall have come. Memorandum: That after the probate and entry of the same testament, viz., on the 27th day of the month of November in the year aforesaid, there were produced five witnesses upon the same testament on the part of the said Lady Jane Hussey, relict and executrix, for the perpetual remembrance of the thing, as appears in the records.]

xxix die mens{is} Nove{m}bris A{nn}o d{omi}ni 1599 emanauit Commissio Carolo Hussey sen{iori} filio na{tura}li et l{egi}timo d{ic}t{i} def{uncti} H{ab}ent{i}s & c ad admi{n}istr{andum} bona iura et credita d{ic}t{i} def{uncti} p{er} D{omi}nam Iana{m} Hussey Rel{i}c{t}am et ex{ecutri}ce{m} test{ament}i pred{icti} def{uncti} ia{m} etia{m} def{unctam} non plene ad{ministra}ta iuxta tenor{em} test{ament}i dicti def{uncti} De bene & c in p{er}sona Ed{wa}r{d}i(?) Tay no{ta}rij pub{li}ci procur{atoris} sui & c Iurat{o}

[=On the 29th day of the month of November in the year of the Lord 1599 a grant issued to Charles Hussey the elder, natural and legitimate son of the said deceased, having etc.,

to administer the goods, rights and credits of the said deceased by Lady Jane Hussey, relict and executrix of the testament of the foresaid deceased, now also deceased, not fully administered according to the tenor of the testament of the said deceased, sworn to well etc., in the person of Edward(?) Tay, notary public, his proctor etc.]