

SUMMARY: The document below is the Prerogative Court of Canterbury copy of the will, dated 13 March 1543 and proved 26 November 1546, of Sir Humphrey Wingfield (b. before 1481, d. 23 October 1545), who was granted an annuity of 53s 4d by John de Vere (1442-1513), 13<sup>th</sup> Earl of Oxford, and was appointed as one of the executors of the Earl's will.

The testator was related to the Earls of Oxford through the marriage of his nephew, Sir Anthony Wingfield (b. before 1488, d. 1552) of Letheringham, Suffolk, to Elizabeth Vere (d. 1557), eldest sister of the 13<sup>th</sup> Earl's successor, John de Vere (1499-1527), 14<sup>th</sup> Earl of Oxford. For the will of Elizabeth Vere Wingfield, see TNA PROB 11/42B/640.

The *ODNB* entry for the testator provides details of other connections which assisted the testator's career:

*The Wingfield family had an important connection with the Brandons—Humphrey's aunt Elizabeth had married Sir William Brandon, the grandfather of Charles, later duke of Suffolk. Brandon patronage was to be important throughout Humphrey Wingfield's life, though it cannot be shown to have secured him his first important position, that of deputy chief steward of the duchy of Lancaster in the north parts, which he obtained in 1512. None the less he was then already a member of the Brandon affinity. A leading mourner in January 1510 at the funeral of Sir Thomas Brandon, uncle of Charles, by 1515 he was the latter's general attorney. He was soon responsible for the duke's financial affairs and was acting as his London agent: in 1518, for example, he handled delicate negotiations between Suffolk and Cardinal Wolsey. Although he continued his close relationship with Brandon, as time passed he performed less routine legal work for his patron, owing to his own expanding practice. For the subsidy of 1523 he was assessed at £130 in goods, placing him twelfth in riches in the inns of court. Wingfield had many important clients besides Suffolk: he served the corporations of Ipswich and Great Yarmouth, the earl of Oxford, and the duke of Norfolk (who entertained him at new year 1526), among others. Cardinal Wolsey highly esteemed his legal acumen, and in March 1527 Wingfield was reportedly 'in great favour with the cardinal', assisting in establishing his college at Ipswich (LP Henry VIII, 4/2 no. 2989). Following Wolsey's fall, he was retained as among 'the best counsel we could' in a (doomed) attempt to save the college from royal confiscation (LP Henry VIII, 4/3 no. 6510). In 1529 he was appointed one of the commissioners to hear cases in chancery. . . .*

For the testator, see also Manning, James Alexander, *The Lives of the Speakers of the House of Commons*, (London: George Willis, 1851), pp. 177-82 at:

[https://books.google.ca/books?id=Y8myn0GX\\_pAC&pg=PA177](https://books.google.ca/books?id=Y8myn0GX_pAC&pg=PA177)

See also the History of Parliament entry for the testator at:

<http://www.historyofparliamentonline.org/volume/1509-1558/member/wingfield-humphrey-1481-1545>

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***FAMILY BACKGROUND***

For the Wingfield family, see the detailed pedigree at the Letheringham Lodge website at:

<http://www.letheringhamlodge.com/wingfield-of-wingfield-and-letheringham/>

The testator was the twelfth and youngest son of Sir John Wingfield (d. 10 or 11 May 1481) of Letheringham, Suffolk, and Elizabeth Fitz Lewis (d.1500), one of the three daughters of Sir Lewis John (d. 27 October 1442) of West Horndon, Essex, citizen and vintner of London, by his second wife, Anne Montagu (d. 28 November 1457), Duchess of Exeter, daughter of John Montagu (c.1350–1400), 3<sup>rd</sup> Earl of Salisbury. For the will of Elizabeth Fitz Lewis (d.1500), dated 14 July 1497 and proved 22 December 1500, see Norfolk Record Office 135-8 Cage.

Anne Montagu's first husband was Sir Richard Hankford (d. 8 February 1431), by whom she had a daughter, Anne Hankford, who married Thomas Butler (c.1424–1515), 7<sup>th</sup> Earl of Ormond.

After the death of Sir Richard Hankford, Anne Montague married secondly, as his second wife, Sir Lewes John (d. 27 October 1442), by whom she had three daughters, Elizabeth Fitz Lewes, Alice Fitz Lewes, and Margaret Fitz Lewes.

After the death of Sir Lewis John, Anne Montagu married thirdly, as his third wife, John Holand (d. 5 August 1447), Duke of Exeter, by whom she had no issue.

Sir Lewes John's first wife was Alice de Vere (died c.1431), widow of Sir Francis de Court (d. 11 September 1413) of Byfleet, Surrey, and daughter of Aubrey de Vere (c. 1338 – 15 February 1400), 10<sup>th</sup> Earl of Oxford. By Alice de Vere, Sir Lewes John had five sons, Lewes Fitz Lewes, Sir Henry Fitz Lewes, John Fitz Lewes, Philip Fitz Lewes and Edmund Fitz Lewes, and a daughter Margaret Fitz Lewes. See Corder, Joan, *The Visitation of Suffolk 1561*, Vol. 2, (London: Harleian Society, 1982), pp. 217-18; the *ODNB* entry for John Montagu, 3<sup>rd</sup> Earl of Salisbury, and Richardson, Douglas, *Magna Carta Ancestry*, 2<sup>nd</sup> ed., 2011, Vol. II, pp. 334-6, and Vol. IV, pp. 270-1.

***MARRIAGE AND CHILDREN***

The testator married Anne Wiseman, who is often stated to have been the daughter of Sir John Wiseman of Great Canfield, Essex. It would appear, however, that she was the daughter of Simon Wiseman (born c.1435, d. 21 October 1497), esquire, of Great Thornham, Suffolk. See Lawrence-Archer, J.H., *An Account of the Sirname Edgar*, (London: John Camden Hotten, 1873), p. 41 at:

<https://books.google.ca/books?id=6ToXAAAAYAAJ&pg=PA41>

*The old Armes of this family were, Gules, a Chevron Or, between 3 Leopards' faces Argt., no doubt in allusion to the De La Poles, ancient dukes and earls of Suffolk, as are to be seen in a certain house in Ipswich, among many other coats of ancient depicture; as also upon Sir Gregory Edgar's gravestone, in Brantham Church, in Suffolk; who was a serjeant at law sub Henry 7, and was not named "Sir George" as Baker's "Chronicle" and Mr. W. Dugdale's "Armes judiciales" have it by mistake; and this is manifest not only from memorials such as was Sir Gregory's epitaph, viz: -- Hic jacet Gregorius Edgar Miles, . . . . et Anna uxor ejus, una filiaram Simonis Wiseman, Arm. Qui Gregorius obiit. – August, Anno. Domini MCCCCIJ(?) . . . . An old table hanging in the same church, before the unhappy times, speakes as follows: -- Sir Humphrey Wingfield of Brantham in Suffolk died 1545, and was then buried: he took to wife, Anne, daughter of Simon Wiseman, a man valiant and noble, who was afterwards well endowed by her marriage with Sir Gregory Edgar, Lawyer. This woman was graced with modesty, manners, affability, and good parentage, and acceptable to all; and so liberal to the Poor as is incredible . . . .*

See also Corder, *supra*, p. 218, who cites Edgar, Gery, *Aedes Edgarorum*, (Ipswich: J. Haddock, 1868), pp. 55-8.

Anne Wiseman's mother was Isabel Wyndham, the daughter of John Wyndham, esquire, and Margery Clifton, the daughter of Sir Robert Clifton of Buckenham Castle, Norfolk, widow of Sir John (or Sir Edward) Hastings. Isabel's sister, Ela Wyndham, was the wife of Thomas Fastolf, esquire, who may have been related to the John Fastolf and 'aunt Fastolf' mentioned in the will below. Isabel's brother, Sir John Wyndham, married firstly Margaret Howard, fourth daughter of John Howard (d.1485), 1<sup>st</sup> Duke of Norfolk, and secondly, Eleanor Washbourne. Sir John Wyndham was beheaded, together with Sir James Tyrrell, on Tower Hill on 6 May 1502. By her second husband, Richard Scrope (d.1485), Eleanor Washbourne was the mother of Elizabeth de Vere (d.1537), the second wife of John de Vere (1442-1513), 13<sup>th</sup> Earl of Oxford. See the wills of Eleanor Washbourne, TNA PROB 11/15/3, and Elizabeth de Vere, Countess of Oxford, TNA PROB 11/17/379; and Brydges, Egerton, *Collins's Peerage of England*, (London: F.C. & J. Rivington, 1812), Vol. IV, pp. 402-3 at:

<https://books.google.ca/books?id=udIxAQAAMAAJ&pg=PA402>

See also the pedigree of Wyndham in Hughes, J., ed., *The Boscobel Tracts*, 2<sup>nd</sup> ed., (Edinburgh: William Blackwood and Sons, 1857), p. 386 at:

<https://books.google.ca/books?id=sGkLAAAAYAAJ&pg=PA386>

See also:

<http://knight-france.com/geneal/names/261.htm>

See also:

<http://archiver.rootsweb.ancestry.com/th/read/GEN-MEDIEVAL/2012-11/1351753049>

See also Copinger, W.A., *The Manors of Suffolk*, (Manchester: Taylor, Garnett, Evans & Co. Ltd., 1910), Vol. 6, pp. 22-4 at:

<https://archive.org/stream/cu31924092579592#page/n33/mode/2up/search/Adgore>

*Manor of Bridge Place. In the time of Hen. VIII. this manor was vested in Simon Wincenan [sic] of Brantham, and passed on his death to his daughter Anne, married to Gregory Adgore, who died seised in 1507, leaving two daughters, Alianor and Dorothy. The widow of Gregory Adgore, however remarried Sir Humphrey Wingfield, Knt., and on his death 23<sup>rd</sup> Oct. 1545, the manor vested in his son and heir, Robert Wingfield, and on his death in his son and heir, Humphrey Wingfield. He levied a fine of the manor in 1574 against William Calybutt and others, and the followed year had a fine levied against himself by Ralpsh Scryvener. Humphrey Wingfield died in 1579, when the manor vested in his son and heir Humphrey, on whose death in 1612 it devolved on his son and heir John Wingfield.*

Richardson states that ‘according to Dugdale (Origines Juridiciales, 292) [Humphrey Wingfield] was a Reader at Gray’s Inn, and his arms, quartering Bosvill and Gowsell, with the coat of his wife, a daughter and coheir of Simon Wiseman of Brantham, Esq., as an escutcheon of pretence, are in the south window of the hall’. See Richardson, William H., ed., *Annalls of Ipswche by Nathaniel Bacon, Serving as Recorder and Town Clark in that Town Anno Domini 1654*, (Ipswich: S.H. Cowell, 1884), p. 179 at:

<https://books.google.ca/books?id=2iBKAQAAMAAJ&pg=PA179>

At the time of her marriage to the testator, Anne Wiseman was the widow of Gregory Edgar (spelled ‘Adgore’ in the will below). For Gregory Edgar of Brantham, Suffolk, sergeant at law, see the inquisition post mortem taken after his death, TNA C 142/21/1, and Ives, E.W., *The Common Lawyers of Pre-Reformation England*, (Cambridge: Cambridge University Press, 1983), p. 105, 379 at:

<https://books.google.ca/books?id=xu08AAAIAAJ&pg=PA379>

See also the grant dated 26 May 1512 of the wardship of Ela and Dorothy, daughters of Gregory Edgar, to the testator and his wife in Brewer, J.S., *Letters and Papers, Foreign and Domestic, of the Reign of Henry VIII*, (London: Longman, Green, 1862), Vol. I, p. 358 at:

<https://books.google.ca/books?id=q4Y9AAAaAAJ&pg=PA358>

Ela Edgar (d. 21 January 1541), predeceased the testator. She married John Fincham of Fincham. See the marriage settlement dated 1519, NRO Hare 965 190 X 4; and Blyth,

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William, *Historical Notices and Records of the Village and Parish of Fincham in the County of Norfolk*, (King's Lynn: Thew and Son, 1863), p. 117 at:

<https://books.google.ca/books?id=tdVCAQAAMAAJ&pg=PA117>

The testator's stepdaughter, Dorothy Edgar, wife of William Calibut, is mentioned in the will below. For Dorothy Edgar and William Calibut, see also:

<http://archiver.rootsweb.ancestry.com/th/read/GEN-MEDIEVAL/2012-10/1351669191>

According to the will below, the testator had two children by his wife, Anne Wiseman, a daughter, Anne Wingfield, who married Alexander Newton, and a son, the historian Robert Wingfield (c.1513–c.1561). From the ODNB:

*Robert Wingfield (c.1513–c.1561), historian, was son and heir of Sir Humphrey Wingfield (b. before 1481, d. 1545), a successful lawyer who became speaker of the House of Commons in 1533, and his wife, Anne (d. 1537), daughter of Simon Wiseman and widow of Gregory Adgore or Edgar. Anne brought her second husband Brantham Hall, some 7 miles south of Ipswich, which became one of two homes for the family, the other being a major town house in Tacket Street in Ipswich itself. Born about 1513, Robert was undoubtedly educated at home, since Sir Humphrey sponsored in his own household a private school that was considered at the time a model of humanist education; like other boys in the household Robert may have proceeded to St John's College, Cambridge. At an unknown date he married Bridget, daughter of Sir John Pargiter (lord mayor of London 1529–30), and inherited lands around Brantham and properties in Ipswich on his father's death in 1545.*

See also the pedigree in Metcalfe, Walter C., ed., *The Visitations of Suffolk*, (Exeter, William Pollard, 1882), p. 176 at:

<http://www.archive.org/stream/visitationsofsuf00harvuoft#page/176/mode/2up>.

For the testator's connection with Roger Ascham, see the ODNB:

*In addition to his legal work Wingfield encouraged humanist education, supporting schools for boys in his households at Ipswich and Brantham. His most notable pupil was the scholar Roger Ascham, who paid tribute to Wingfield as the man 'to whom, next God, I ought to refer for his manifold benefits bestowed on me, the poor talent of learning' (McConica, 207–8).*

For a bill of complaint filed in the Court of Chancery against the testator's son, Robert Wingfield, concerning the 13<sup>th</sup> Earl of Oxford's ward, Roger Corbet (1501/2 – 20 December 1538), see TNA C 1/1485/58.

For the will of the testator's brother, Sir Richard Wingfield (b. in or before 1469, d. 1525), see TNA PROB 11/22/51. For the will of the testator's brother, Sir Robert Wingfield (b. in or before 1464, d. 1539), see TNA PROB 11/27/582.

LM: T{estamentum} Humfridi Wingfelde mi{li}t{is}

[f. 178v] In dei nomine Amen. I, Sir Humphrey Wingfield, knight, the 13<sup>th</sup> day of March in the 34<sup>th</sup> year of the reign of our Sovereign Lord King Henry the 8<sup>th</sup>, being whole in body and in good memory, perceiving the unstableness and frailty of this world and the uncertainty of continuance of life, do make and ordain mine last testament as well concerning the disposition of my soul as the disposition of all my goods, chattels, jewels, plate, money and of all other mine stuff of household that I have and am possessed of at the making of this my said testament and not given away in mine lifetime, and of such debts as be owing to me and not by me remitted in manner and form hereafter following, that is to say:

First and principally I bequeath and commend my soul unto the Holy Trinity, three Persons and one God, to Our Blessed Lady, and to all the whole company of heaven, where I have good hope it shall remain eternally by their special grace when it shall be their pleasure and will;

Item, I, the said Sir Humphrey, by this my said testament do commit and bequeath the disposition and order of all mine said goods, chattels, jewels, plate, money and of all other mine stuff of household not before by me given and of the receiving of all my debts which be owing unto me and not by me remitted unto my loving son, Robert Wingfield, therewith to pay my debts and to make restitution of such wrongs as I have committed if any such in the space of two years next after my decease can or shall be lawfully proved;

I also do ordain and make by this my said testament my said son, Robert Wingfield, my sole executor, and I do fully trust in him that he will keep in remembrance all such communications as hath been rehearsed between him and me as well concerning this my said testament as also mine will concerning the disposition of all my manors, lands, tenements and other mine hereditaments with their appurtenances within the counties of Suffolk and Essex whereof I, the said Sir Humphrey, at the making of this testament am seised of an estate of inheritance or possessed for years, the order of all which manors, lands, tenements and other hereditaments and farms doth appear in mine said last will concerning the disposition of the same bearing date of this present testament.

This is the last will and testament of me, Sir Humphrey Wingfield, knight, [f. 179r] concerning the disposition and ordering of all my manors, lands, tenements and other hereditaments which I, the said Sir Humphrey, have within the counties of Suffolk and Essex or elsewhere within the realm of England made the 13<sup>th</sup> day of March in the 34<sup>th</sup>



year of the reign of Henry the 8<sup>th</sup> by the grace of God of England, France and Ireland King, Defender of the Faith, and in earth under God chief and Supreme Head of the Churches of England and Ireland, and in the year of Our Lord God a thousand five hundred forty and two:

First I, the said Sir Humphrey, will and declare by this my said last will that mine manors of Overhall and Netherhall in Dedham in the said county of Essex and in other towns thereunto adjoining with their appurtenances commonly called Dedham Campsey immediately after my decease shall remain, come and descend unto my son, Robert Wingfield, mine heir apparent, to have and to hold all the said manors with their appurtenances unto mine said son, Robert, and unto the heirs males of his body lawfully begotten, and if it shall fortune mine said son, Robert, to decease without heirs males of his body lawfully begotten, which God defend, that then the same manors with their appurtenances shall remain to the heirs males of the body of me, the said Sir Humphrey, lawfully begotten, and for default of the heirs males of the body of me, the said Sir Humphrey, lawfully begotten, the same manors with all and singular their appurtenances to remain to the King, mine Sovereign Lord's Majesty, to his heirs and successors forever according to his Grace's letters patents to me, the said Sir Humphrey, thereof made;

And I will that mine said son, Robert, and the heirs males of his body lawfully begotten, and for default of such issue the heirs males of the body of me, the said Sir Humphrey, lawfully begotten, shall yearly pay or cause to be paid to the King, my said Sovereign Lord, his heirs or successors, at the time limited and expressed in the said letters patents £15 sterling in the name of the tenths of the said manors with their appurtenances reserved by the same letters patents at such feast as in the same letters patents more at large doth appear;

And over that I, the said Sir Humphrey, by this my said last will do further will and declare that mine said son, Robert Wingfield, immediately after mine decease, shall have and enjoy to him and to his heirs of his body lawfully begotten upon Bridget, his wife, all that my manor of Braham Hall with all and singular their appurtenances lying and being within the said counties of Suffolk and Essex which I purchased and bought of William Cornwallis, esquire, John Fastolf of Pettaugh, gentleman, and of Edward Bolton, gentleman, and of (blank), his wife, daughter and heir of one (blank) Lancaster, as by evidence purporting the same more at large shall appear, upon condition that my said son, Robert, and his heirs before expressed shall pay or cause to be paid unto the said John Fastolf of Pettaugh aforesaid at such days as are prefixed and appointed between me, the said Sir Humphrey, and the said John Fastolf for the purchase of his part of the same manor of Braham Hall such duty as I do owe unto him for the same;

And if it shall fortune mine said son, Robert, to decease without heirs of his body lawfully begotten upon the body of the said Bridget, his wife, that then I, the said, Sir Humphrey, will and declare that the same manor of Braham Hall with all and singular their appurtenances shall remain and go unto my said son, Robert, and to the heirs males of his body lawfully begotten, paying the said debt owing to the said John Fastolf at days to be appointed between them, and if it shall fortune mine said son, Robert, to decease

without heirs males of his body lawfully begotten, that then I, the said Sir Humphrey, will that the same manor of Braham Hall with all and singular their appurtenances shall remain to the right heirs of me, the said Sir Humphrey, and to mine heirs forever;

And over that I, the said Sir Humphrey, will that all mine part of all the manor of Briggeplace with th' appurtenances in Coddendam and in other towns thereunto adjoining in the said county of Suffolk, and all mine part of and in all those meses, lands, tenements, rents, reversions and other hereditaments whatsoever they be lying and being within Brantham, East Bergholt, Capel, Stutton and in the hamlet of Cattawade in the said county of Suffolk, and mine salt-house in Harwich in the said county of Essex, with all and singular th' appurtenances, which the premises last rehearsed I, the said Sir Humphrey, purchased and bought of mine daughter [=stepdaughter], Dorothy Adgore, one of the daughters and heir of Gregory Adgore, serjeant at the law, deceased, now wife of William Calibut, gentleman, before she was married unto the said William Calibut, immediately after the decease of me, the said Sir Humphrey, shall remain and come unto my said son, Robert, and to my daughter, Bridget, his wife, and to the heirs of the body of my said son, Robert, lawfully begotten;

And I will that mine said son, Robert, and Bridget and the heirs of the body of mine said son, Robert, lawfully begotten shall yearly pay or cause to be paid unto my said son, William Calibut, and to my said daughter, Dorothy, his wife, and to the heirs of the same mine said daughter, Dorothy, forever [f. 179v] six pounds thirteen shillings and four pence of good and lawful money of England at such feasts by even portions as be expressed and declared in certain indentures made between me, the said Sir Humphrey, on thone party and mine said son, William Calibut, and mine said daughter, Dorothy, his wife, on the other party, which yearly rent of six pounds thirteen shillings and four pence I, the said Sir Humphrey, will it be yearly paid unto mine said son, William Calibut, and to mine said daughter, Dorothy, his wife, and to the heirs of mine said daughter, Dorothy, in manner and form above declared, and that the same annual rent of six pounds thirteen shillings and four pence may be made sure by learned counsel according to such covenants as be made and written between me, the said Sir Humphrey, and mine said son, William Calibut, and mine said daughter, Dorothy, his wife;

And if it shall fortune mine said son, Robert, to decease without heirs of his body lawfully begotten, then I, the said Sir Humphrey, will and declare by this mine said present will that after the decease of mine said daughter, Bridget, wife of mine said son, Robert, and after the decease of my said son, Robert, dying without heirs of his body lawfully begotten, that then all mine said part and purparty of and in the said manor of Brigge Place and of all other the said meses, lands, tenements, rents, reversions and all other hereditaments being of the inheritance of the said Gregory Adgore and which I, the said Sir Humphrey, purchased of my said daughter, Dorothy, and mine said son Calibut before marriage had between them shall remain and go unto mine daughter, Anne Newton, the wife of my son, Alexander Newton, and to the heirs of the body of my said daughter, Anne Newton, lawfully begotten, she and her heirs of her body lawfully begotten to pay like annuity of six pounds thirteen shillings and four pence unto my said son, William Calibut, and to mine said daughter, Dorothy, his wife, and to the heirs of



mine said daughter, Dorothy, forever at like feasts and after like manner as is expressed in the said indentures made between me, the said Sir Humphrey, and the said William Calibut and Dorothy, his wife;

And if it shall fortune mine said daughter, Anne Newton, to decease without heirs of her body lawfully begotten, then I will that mine part and purparty of all the premises with th' appurtenances last rehearsed, sometime the said Gregory Adgore[<sup>c</sup>s] lands, shall remain and go unto Robert Calibut, the son of the said William Calibut and Dorothy, his wife, and to the heirs males of the body of the said Robert Calibut lawfully begotten;

And if it shall happen the said Robert Calibut to decease without heirs males of his body lawfully begotten, then I, the said Sir Humphrey, will and declare by this mine said will that mine said part and purparty of all the premises last remembered, sometime the inheritance of the said Gregory Adgore, shall remain and go to the right heirs of me, the said Sir Humphrey, forever;

Also I will, give and declare by this mine said will that all mine lands, tenements, rents, reversions and other hereditaments lying and being in Tattingsstone aforesaid which late were Manning's, and the lands that I bought of Edward Latymer lying nigh unto the same lands called Mannings and which one Cole of Tattingsstone aforesaid hath in farm, and all mine meses, lands, tenements, rents, reversions and all other hereditaments lying and being in Tattingsstone aforesaid, Freston and Holbrook within the said county of Suffolk now in farm and occupation of old Heyward and of one Frewarde by several(?) leases with all and singular their appurtenances immediately after my decease of me, the said Sir Humphrey, shall remain and come to mine said son, Robert Wingfield, and to his heirs forever;

Also I, the said Humphrey, by this mine said last will do will, give and declare that mine water-mill called Stamfordes mill and the yearly farm thereupon reserved with the lands thereto belonging with all the appurtenances now being in farm of Nicholas Skrevener of Brantham aforesaid immediately after the decease of me, the said Sir Humphrey, shall remain and be unto mine said son, Robert, and to the heirs of his body lawfully begotten, and if it shall happen mine said son, Robert, to decease without heirs of his body lawfully begotten, then I, the said Sir Humphrey, will and declare by this mine said last will that the same mill and lands thereunto belonging and the farm thereupon reserved shall remain and be unto mine said daughter, Anne Newton, and to the heirs of the body of mine said daughter, Anne Newton, lawfully begotten, and if it shall happen my said daughter, Anne Newton, to decease without heirs of her body lawfully begotten, then I, the said Sir Humphrey, by this mine said last will do declare and will that the same mill and lands thereunto belonging and the farm thereupon reserved shall remain and be unto the right heirs of me, the said Sir Humphrey Wingfield, and to mine heirs forever;

Item, I will and declare by this mine said will that mine great messuage with the garden(?) and all the buildings thereunto belonging lying and being within the said town [f. 180r] of Ipswich which I purchased of mine Aunt Fastolf, and all mine other tenements and houses and mine close called the Saffeene(?) Payne(?), and the houses

which I purchased of th' executors of one Fox late of Ipswich aforesaid, now in the farm of Ralph Wilkinson, and mine close sometime appertaining unto the Black Friars late of Ipswich aforesaid which I purchased of the Prior and Convent of the same Friars long before the same Friars was suppressed, as by sufficient writing under the Convent seal shall appear, with all and singular their appurtenances set, lying and being within the parishes of Saint Margaret's, Saint Stephen's, Saint Eleanor and Saint Clement's within Ipswich aforesaid or elsewhere within the said town of Ipswich immediately after my decease shall remain in manner and form hereafter following, that is to say:

I will that immediately after my decease that the chambers in my said great messuage wherein mine son, Robert, and mine daughter, Bridget, his wife, now lodge and commonly before hath lodged, mine great study next to the chapel there, the great chamber over the hall and the inner chamber unto the same, and the chambers as well above as beneath the same, and the chamber where I mineself have commonly used to lie, with all the new buildings thereunto newly made towards the garden there shall remain and go immediately after my decease unto mine said son, Robert and to the said Bridget, his wife, and to the heirs of the body of mine said son, Robert, lawfully begotten, and for the default of such issue I will all the premises of the said messuage before assigned unto mine said son, Robert, and mine said daughter, his wife, shall remain and be unto my said son, Alexander Newton, and to my daughter, Anne, his wife, and to the heirs of the body of mine said daughter, Anne Newton, lawfully begotten, and that for lack of such issue I will all the premises parcel of the said messuage shall remain and be unto the right heirs of me, the said Humphrey Wingfield, and of mine heirs forever, and where I, the said Sir Humphrey, shall farther assign and appoint the same by this mine said will or otherwise;

And I will that the chamber, parcel of mine said messuage, over the chamber sometime called the schoolhouse there wherein my said son Newton and mine said daughter, Anne, his wife, now do lodge, and the chamber over the backhouse there, and all the chambers over the gatehouse there unto the said chamber where mine said son, Robert, lieth now within the said messuage, and the said chamber sometime called the schoolhouse with the little chamber annexed to the same immediately after mine decease shall remain and be unto my said son, Newton, and to mine said daughter, Anne, his wife, for term of their lives and for term of the life of the longest overliver of them;

And after the deceases of mine son Newton and of mine said daughter, Anne, his wife, I will that all the premises parcel of mine said messuage in Ipswich aforesaid before assigned and appointed unto mine said son Newton and to mine said daughter, Anne, his wife, shall remain and be unto mine said son, Robert, and to mine said daughter, Bridget, his wife, and to the heirs of the body of my said son Robert's body lawfully begotten, and for default of such issue to the heirs of the body of mine said daughter, Anne Newton, lawfully begotten, and if it shall fortune mine said daughter, Anne, to decease without heir of her body lawfully begotten, then I will that all the premises last rehearsed parcel of my said messuage and before assigned to my said son Newton and unto my said daughter, Anne, his wife, for term of their lives in manner and form above remembered shall remain and be unto me, the said Sir Humphrey Wingfield, and to mine heirs forever

as I shall further appoint and assign by this my last will or otherwise by the order of the King's laws in mine lifetime;

And all the residue being parcel of mine said messuage in Ipswich aforesaid, that is to say, the garden there, the hall, parlour, chapel, buttery, cellar, pantry, the kitchen, larder-house(?) and backhouse there being, the residue of the parcels of mine said messuage shall remain immediately after my decease to mine said sons, Robert, and Alexander Newton and to their said wives for term of their lives and the longest liver of them, there to use and occupy the same lovingly together when they or any of them shall be minded to dwell within mine said messuage in Ipswich aforesaid;

And that all the parcels aforesaid last rehearsed, being parcel of mine said messuage in Ipswich aforesaid, after the deceases of my said sons, Robert, and Alexander Newton and of their said wives shall remain and be unto the heirs of the body of mine said son, Robert, lawfully begotten, and for default of such issue to the heirs of the body of mine said daughter, Anne Newton, lawfully begotten, and for default of such issue to the heirs of me the said Sir Humphrey, and of mine heirs forever, to be assigned by me, the said Sir Humphrey by this mine said will or otherwise in mine lifetime;

And all the residue of all mine said tenements, houses, closes, gardens and lands in Ipswich [f. 180r] aforesaid before rehearsed I will that all the same with all and singular their appurtenances immediately after mine decease shall remain and be unto mine said sons, Robert, and Alexander Newton and to their said wives during all their lives and during the life of the longest liver of them, the remainder thereof with their appurtenances after all their deceases to be and remain unto the heirs of the body of mine said son, Robert, lawfully begotten, and for default of such issue to remain to the heirs of the body of mine said daughter, Anne Newton, lawfully begotten, and for default of such issue the remainder thereof to remain and be to the right heirs of me, the said Sir Humphrey, and of mine heirs forever further to dispose as shall stand further with mine pleasure in mine lifetime or otherwise;

Item, I will that my said sons, Robert, and Alexander Newton and their said wives and the heirs of the body of mine said son, Robert, lawfully begotten immediately after mine decease shall yearly pay unto Alice Caythpull, my servant, during her life natural in recompense of the honest service that she by a long season did unto me and unto my wife, deceased, an annual rent of twenty shillings of lawful money by year to be going out yearly out of all mine said messuage, lands, tenements with all and singular their appurtenances setting, lying & being within Ipswich aforesaid and before assigned by me unto my said sons and daughters in form aforesaid, to have and to perceive the said annual rent of twenty shillings unto the said Alice and her assigns during her life natural at the feasts of Easter and Saint Michael th' Archangel by even portions, the first payment thereof to begin at one of the said feasts afore-named which shall next ensue and follow mine decease etc.(?);

Item, I, the said Sir Humphrey, will, give and declare by this my said will that mine said son, Robert, and Bridget, his wife, immediately after my decease shall have and enjoy

mine tenement and lands called Barkers lying in Tattingstone and Brantham aforesaid with th' appurtenances, late Gregory Barker's, deceased, to mine said son, Robert, and Bridget, his wife, and to the heirs of the body of mine said son, Robert, lawfully begotten, and for default of such issue and after the decease of mine said son, Robert, and Bridget, his wife, I will that the said tenement and all the lands thereto belonging called Barkers with th' appurtenances shall remain and go unto mine said daughter, Anne Newton, and to the heirs of her body lawfully begotten, and for default of such issue and after the deceases of mine said son, Robert, Bridget, his wife, and mine said daughter, I will that the said tenement and lands called Barkers with th' appurtenances shall remain and be unto the said Robert Calibut, the son of my said son, William Calibut, and of mine said daughter, Dorothy, his wife, and the heirs males of the body of the same Robert Calibut lawfully begotten, and for default of such issue to the right heirs of me, the said Sir Humphrey, forever;

And also I will that mine said son, Robert, immediately after my decease shall have mine farm of the manor Sayes Court in the said county of Essex with all such kine and ewes as I have there, which manor, kine and ewes one John Stone of Lawford in the said county of Essex now hath in farm of me, the said Sir Humphrey, and the yearly rent and farm thereupon reserved according to the King's lease of the same manor to me, the said Sir Humphrey, and to mine son, Richard Wingfield, now deceased, had and made during the term in the same letters patents expressed, and all mine whole interest and right in the same;

Also I, the said Sir Humphrey, by this mine said last will do will, give and grant unto mine said son, Robert, all that mine whole farm and years of Christ's Church, Foxhole and of all other manors, lands, tenements, rents, reversions and services with all and singular their appurtenances lying in Ipswich aforesaid or elsewhere within the said county of Suffolk sometime appertaining unto the late monastery of Christ's Church in Ipswich aforesaid, now suppressed and dissolved, and which I, the said Sir Humphrey, have of the lease, demise and grant of the King, our said Sovereign Lord, for term of certain years not yet determined, as by his letters patents to me thereof made more plainly doth appear, and all such interest, right and possession as I, the said Sir Humphrey, have in and to the said farm, mine said son, Robert, his executors or assigns, to pay yearly to the King, our said Sovereign Lord's Majesty, his heirs and successors, such yearly farm for the same as is reserved by the said letters patents and lease;

And where I, the said Sir Humphrey, at divers times bought and purchased of Mother Moptyd, late the wife of William Moptyd, deceased, and of Gregory Moptyd, their son and heir, a tenement and certain lands thereto belonging lying in Brantham and Cattawade aforesaid nigh unto the park pale of Brantham before said, and of Robert Whyting certain closes, wood and pigtle lying together nigh unto Ismer pond, which lands, tenement, closes, woods and fields so bought one Revers, now deceased, late held by farm of me, the said Sir Humphrey, from year [f. 181r] to year, paying therefore yearly 53s 4d;

Also where Mother Bowhed, widow, hold[s] of me, the said Sir Humphrey, a certain tenement, a barn, marsh, meadow and lands lying nigh unto the said Ismer pond which I, the said Sir Humphrey, purchased of one Agnes Whyting and of John Whyting, deceased, paying to the said Sir Humphrey (blank);

All which tenements, lands, woods, marsh and fields last and before rehearsed, and also all other my lands, tenements, meadows and pastures with their appurtenances lying and being in East Bergholt or elsewhere within the county of Suffolk which I, the said Sir Humphrey, have purchased and am seised of at the making of this will to mine own proper use and of mine heirs, I, the said Sir Humphrey, declare, grant and give by mine said last will that all the same tenements, lands, woods, marshes and fields with all their appurtenances so by me, the said Sir Humphrey, purchased immediately after the decease of me, the said Sir Humphrey, shall remain and be unto mine said son, Robert, and to the heirs of his body lawfully begotten, and if it shall happen mine said son, Robert, to decease without heirs of his body lawfully begotten, that then all the same lands, tenements, meadows, pastures last rehearsed and by me, the said Sir Humphrey, purchased and am sole seised of in form aforesaid shall remain unto my said daughter, Anne Newton, and to the heirs of her body lawfully begotten, and if it shall fortune mine said daughter, Anne Newton, to decease without heirs of her body lawfully begotten, then I will that all the same lands, tenements, meadows and pastures with all and singular their appurtenances last rehearsed as is aforesaid shall remain to the right heirs of me, the said Sir Humphrey, and of mine heirs forever;

These being witnesses: Alexander Newton, gentleman, William Clark, chaplain, John Wilkinson, John Alltn(?) and Alice Cathepole, maid. Per me Humfridum Wingfelde, militem.

Probatum fuit suprascriptum testamentu{m} cora{m} Domino Archiep{iscop}o Cantuarien{sis} apud London vicesimo sexto die mensis Novembris Anno Domini Mill{es}imo quingen{tesim}o xlvjto Iurament{o} Iohannis Adams notarij pu{bli}ci procuratoris Roberti Wingfelde executoris in h{uius}mo{di} testamento no{m}i{n}at{i} cui com{m}issa fuit admi{n}istrac{i}o Ac approbatum et insinuatum Et com{m}issa fuit admi{n}istrac{i}o om{n}i{um} bonor{um} etc pefat{o} ex{ecutori} De b{e}n{e} etc Ac de pleno Inventario etc exhibend{o} Ad sancta dei Eu{a}ngelia in p{er}sona d{i}c{t}i p{ro}curator{is} Iurat{o}

[=The above-written testament was proved before the Lord Archbishop of Canterbury at London on the twenty-sixth day of the month of November in the year of the Lord the thousand five hundred 46<sup>th</sup> by the oath of John Adams, notary public, proctor of Robert Wingfield, 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 in the person of the said proctor to well etc., and to exhibit a full inventory etc.]