

SUMMARY: The document below is the Prerogative Court of Canterbury copy of the will, dated 3 April 1549 and proved 15 February 1552, of Sir Philip Calthorpe, whose wife, Amata Boleyn, was the aunt of Queen Elizabeth I, and whose great-aunt, Anne Calthorpe, was the wife of Sir Robert Drury, executor to the 13th Earl of Oxford.

FAMILY BACKGROUND

Testator's grandparents

The testator was the grandson of Sir John Calthorpe, who died in the lifetime of his father, Sir William Calthorpe (1409-1494), by his wife, Elizabeth Wentworth, the daughter of Roger Wentworth (d. 24 October 1452), esquire, and Margaret le Despenser (d. 20 April 1478). For Sir William Calthorpe, see Richardson, Douglas, *Plantagenet Ancestry*, 2nd ed., 2011, Vol. 1, p. 169; his will, TNA PROB 11/10/408, and the will of Sir Henry Wentworth (c.1448 - August 1499) of Nettlestead, Suffolk, TNA PROB 11/12/265. See also Richardson, Douglas, *Plantagenet Ancestry*, 2nd ed., 2011, Vol. III, pp. 88-9. See also the Calthorpe pedigree in Lee-Warner, James, 'The Calthorps of Burnham', *Norfolk Archaeology*, Vol. IX, (Norwich: A.H. Goose & Co., 1884), pp. 1-19 at:

<https://books.google.ca/books?id=imhIAAAAYAAJ&pg=PP1>

The testator's grandfather, Sir John Calthorpe, was the half brother of Anne Calthorpe, the first wife of Sir Robert Drury (before 1456 - 2 March 1535), lawyer and speaker of the House of Commons, and chief steward and executor to John de Vere (1442-1513), 13th Earl of Oxford. See the will, dated 1 May 1531 and proved 8 February 1536, of Sir Robert Drury, TNA PROB 11/25/467.

Testator's parents

The testator was the eldest son and heir of Sir Philip Calthorpe (d.1535) by his first wife, Mary Say, daughter of Sir John Say (d. 12 April 1478) of Sawbridgeworth by his first wife, Elizabeth Cheney (d. 25 September 1473), daughter and coheir of Lawrence Cheney, esquire, and widow of Sir Frederick Tilney (d. before 11 November 1446), esquire. See the will of Sir John Say, dated 10 April 1478, TNA PROB 11/6/459. See also the will, dated 26 January 1525 and 6 July 1525 and proved 6 March 1528, TNA PROB 11/22/294, of Sir William Waldegrave (c.1465 - 30 June 1527), one of the executors of John de Vere (1442-1513), 13th Earl of Oxford.

For the will, dated 27 March 1532 and proved 7 April 1535, of the testator's father, Sir Philip Calthorpe (d.1535), see Norfolk Record Office Platfoote 197 on this website.

MARRIAGE AND ISSUE

The testator married Amata Boleyn, for whom see 'A Who's Who of Tudor Women' at:

http://www.tudorwomen.com/?page_id=646

Amata or Amy Boleyn (sometimes called Jane) (c.1485-1543+) was the daughter of Sir William Boleyn (1447-October 10, 1505) and Margaret Butler (1465-1539/40), daughter of the earl of Ormond, and married Sir Philip Calthorpe of Ewerton, Suffolk (1480-April 7, 1549) on November 4, 1518. They had one daughter, Elizabeth (1521-May 26, 1578). In mid-October 1521, when Mary Tudor was five years old, Lady Calthorpe replaced Lady Bryan as her governess and Sir Philip was put in charge of the household at joint wages of £40 per annum. In 1525, when Mary set up her household at Ludlow as Princess of Wales, Calthorpe was her vice-chamberlain and his wife was one of her gentlewomen. She sent Mary a New Year's gift in 1542/3.

There is considerable confusion as to whether the Christian name of the testator's wife was Amata or Jane. Neither she nor her husband are mentioned in the will, dated 7 October 1505, of her father, Sir William Boleyn. It seems possible that the wives of Sir Philip Calthorpe (d.1535) and his son, Sir Philip Calthorpe (1480 - 7 April 1549), have been conflated, since the second wife of Sir Philip Calthorpe (d.1535), was *Jane* Blennerhasset.

See also the will, dated 28 October 1538 and proved 23 January 1539, TNA PROB 11/27/398, of the testator's sister-in-law, Alice Boleyn Clere (c.1487 - 1 November 1538).

The testator had one daughter:

* **Elizabeth Calthorpe**, for whom see:

http://www.tudorwomen.com/?page_id=667

Elizabeth Calthorpe (1521-May 26, 1578) was the daughter and heir of Sir Philip Calthorpe of Erwarton, Suffolk (1480-April 17, 1549) and Amata Boleyn (c.1485-1543+). Her first husband, married in 1548, was Sir Henry Parker of Morley, Norfolk (c.1513-January 6, 1552), by whom she had a son, Sir Philip (d.1604), who inherited the manor of Erwarton from her. The manor of Hingham, Norfolk had been settled upon her as her jointure. On November 16, 1552, by a settlement dated November 11, 1552, she married Sir William Woodhouse of Waxham, Suffolk and Hickling, Norfolk (1517-November 22, 1564). They had two sons and two daughters, including Thomas, William, and Elizabeth (1553-December 24, 1590). Woodhouse had settled most of his estate on Elizabeth before he made his will and in it left her all his lands not otherwise disposed of and made her his executrix. Her third husband, married in 1564, was Dru Drury (1531-1617), younger son of a Buckinghamshire family. He acquired Riddlesworth and Lynstead, Norfolk through Elizabeth. They had no children. Elizabeth was buried in a

magnificent chest tomb in the north chancel aisle of St. Martin at Palace Church, Norwich. Unfortunately, it does not feature an effigy or portrait brass.

See also *The English Baronetage*, Vol. III, Part I, (London: Thomas Wotton, 1741), p. 321 at:

<https://books.google.ca/books?id=aY9cAAAACAAJ&pg=PA321>

The said Sir Henry Parker, knight of the Bath, married, secondly, Elizabeth, daughter and sole heir of Sir Philip Calthorpe, of Erwarton, in Suffolk, Knt. (by Amata, his wife, daughter of Sir William Bolleyn, and aunt to Queen Anne Bolleyn, mother to Queen Elizabeth,) son of Sir Philip Calthorpe (b), by Mary, sister and heir of Sir William Say, son of Sir John Calthorpe, by Elizabeth, daughter of Roger Wentworth, of Nettledsted, who was son of Sir William Calthorpe, by Elizabeth, his first wife, daughter of Reginald, lord Grey, of Ruthen

See also Copinger, W.A., *The Manors of Suffolk*, Vol. 3, (Manchester: Taylor, Garnett, Evans & Co. Ltd., 1909), p. 236 at:

<https://archive.org/stream/cu31924092579568#page/n249/mode/2up/>

On Sir Oliver Calthorpe's death, the manor [Brome Hall] passed to his son and heir, Sir William Calthorpe, who married Eleanor, daughter of Sir John Mantly, and died in 1420, when the manor descended to his son and heir, Sir John Calthorpe, who married Amy, daughter and heir of Sir John Wythe, and on his death the manor passed to his son and heir, Sir William Calthorpe, who, dying in 1494, left by Elizabeth, his first wife, daughter of Reginald, Lord Grey of Ruthyn, a son, Sir John Calthorpe, who married Elizabeth, daughter of Roger Wentworth, of Nettlestead, and died in his father's lifetime, and on Sir William's death the manor passed to his grandson and heir, the son of Sir John, Sir Philip Calthorpe, who married 1st Mary, sister and heir of Sir William Say, and 2nd Jane, daughter of John Blenerhasset, and dying in 1535 the manor passed to his son and heir by his first wife, Sir Philip Calthorpe. He married Jane (? Amata or Amy), daughter of Sir William Boleyn, of Blickley, in Norfolk, and aunt of Queen Anne Boleyn, and died 7th April 1549, leaving an only daughter and heir, Elizabeth, married to Sir Henry Parker, K.B., son and heir of Lord Morley, who sold the manor in 1550 to Robert Hyde, from whom it passed to Sir Thomas Cornwallis, eldest son of Sir John Cornwallis.

For the will of Sir Thomas Cornwallis (1518/19 – 24 December 1604), whose eldest son and heir purchased Oxford's lease of the mansion of Fisher's Folly, see TNA PROB 11/105/106.

See also Brydges, Egerton, *Collins's Peerage of England*, Vol. VII, (London: F.C. and J. Rivington, 1812), p. 388 at:

<https://books.google.ca/books?id=zvQ6AAAAIAAJ&pg=PA388>

It should be noted that a pedigree compiled by J. Hawker, *Richmond Herald*, states that *Anne Boleyn* married Sir *Thomas Calthorpe*. See *Memoirs of the Life of Anne Boleyn*, (Philadelphia: Abraham Small, 1822), p. 384 at:

<https://books.google.ca/books?id=CmVHDAVDMB4C&pg=PA384>

See also the History of Parliament entry for Sir Dru Drury at:

<http://www.historyofparliamentonline.org/volume/1558-1603/member/drury-dru-1527-1617>

See also:

<http://www.drewry.net/Drury/indiI371.html>

LM: T{estamentum} Philippi Calthorpe Millitis

In the name of God, Amen. I, Sir Philip Calthorpe, knight, at Erwarton in the county of Suffolk, being sick in body but whole of mind, praise be unto God, in the year of Our Lord God a thousand five hundred forty and nine, the third day of April, in the third year of the reign of our Sovereign Lord King Edward the Sixth of England, France and Ireland King, Defender of the Faith and in earth Supreme Head of the Church of England and Ireland, do ordain and make this my last will and testament in manner and form following:

First I bequeath my soul unto Almighty God, my only Maker and Redeemer, of whom from the bottom of my heart I desire and ask mercy and forgiveness of all my sins, trusting only through the merits and bitter passion of Our Lord Jesus Christ to have remission and forgiveness of the same, and to be one of the partakers with him in the celestial kingdom, my body to be buried where I die;

Item, I give and bequeath to John Sotherton of Norwich th' elder, for the goodwill he hath ever borne me, twenty pounds of good and lawful money of England to be paid to the said John Sotherton immediately after my death by mine executors or assigns;

And further I will that immediately after my death my executors or assigns shall deliver to the said John Sotherton, over and besides the said twenty pounds to him given, thirty pounds sterling, provided that the said John Sotherton shall put(?) into my executors or assigns afore the delivery a good, lawful and a sure bond with sufficient sureties to be bound with him for the repayment of the said thirty pounds at th' end and term of twenty years next and immediately following after my decease unto my executors or assigns;

Item, I will and bequeath to Robert Skeie(?), my servant, a grey ambling gelding standing in the stable, with saddle and bridle and all that longeth to it which is now called Skeites(?);

Item, I will and bequeath to Richard Baxwell one other of my geldings now standing in the stable called Ramer, with saddle and bridle;

Item, I will to John Norwich one whole year's wages aforehand & [+the?] nag or gelding which I bought of Smythe, now going to grass at Bomsall with one Cooper;

Item, I will and bequeath to young John Skeie(?) one nag and one whole year's wages aforehand;

Item, to Humphrey Munninge one whole year's wages aforehand;

Item, I give and bequeath to Edmund, my horse-keeper, 26s 8d aforehand;

Item, I will to Ramer(?) of Walsingham forty shillings;

Item, I will to Oandell 20s;

Item, I will to Down[i]ng(?) of all such debts as he oweth me forty shillings;

Item, I will to the maids of the kitchen, each of them 3s 4d;

Item, I will to Sibsie and to Anne Dawton, each of them 6s 8d;

Item, I will and bequeath to Edward Cleyre, the shepherd, one whole year's wages aforehand;

Item, I will mine executors bring up my godson, Philip Cleyre, to school or to some good occupation to th' age of 21 years;

The residue of all my goods movable or unmovable I will and bequeath to Sir Henry Parker, knight, my [f. 42r] son-in-law, and Dame Elizabeth Parker, his wife and my daughter, to bring up & to bestow the same upon the children of my said daughter as it shall be thought good by the discretion of the said Sir Henry Parker and the said Elizabeth, my daughter, whom I ordain and make by this my last will my whole and sole executors;

Provided always & my will is that the said Sir Henry Parker, knight, my son-in-law, and my daughter, Dame Elizabeth Parker, my whole and sole executors, shall pay or see paid all such debts as may be justly proved that I do owe to any man or that by any conscience may be asked of me out of my said goods to them before bequeathed;

In witness whereof I have signed this my last will with mine own hand the day and year abovesaid;

These be witnesses: Symond Nicolls, priest, Robert Schette, Richard Baxwell and John Skett.

Decimo quinto die mens{is} ffebruarij Anno d{omi}ni Mill{es}imo quingentesimo quinquagesimo primo Com{m}issa fuit admi{ni}strac{i}o o{mn}i{u}m bonor{um} d{i}c{t}i defunct{i} d{omi}ne Elizabeth{e} Parker executrix(?) in testamento d{i}c{t}i defunct{i} ad viam intestate [sic?] pro eo q{uod} d{i}c{t}a d{omi}na Eliz{ab}etha P{ar}ker Ex{ecutor} in test{ament}o d{i}c{t}i def{uncti} vnacum Henrico P{ar}ker milite(?) defuncto no{m}i{n}at{i}(?) in p{er}sona Will{el}mi Dradby(?) No{ta}rij pu{bli}ci p{ro}cur{atoris} sui renu{n}tiauit(?) on{er}i execu{ci}onis d{i}c{t}i test{ament}i De bene et fide{i}te}r admi{ni}strand{o} ead{em} Ac de pleno In{uenta}rio &c exhibend{o} Ad s{an}c{t}a dei Eu{a}ngelia in p{er}sona d{i}c{t}i procurator{is} Iurat{i}

[=On the fifteenth day of the month of February in the year of the Lord the thousand five hundred fifty-first administration was granted of all the goods of the said deceased to Lady Elizabeth Parker, executrix in the testament of the said deceased, by way of an intestacy for that the said Lady Elizabeth Parker, executor named in the testament of the said deceased together with Henry Parker, knight, deceased, renounced the burden of execution of the said testament in the person of William Dradby(?), her proctor, sworn on the Holy Gospels to well and faithfully administer the same, and to exhibit a full inventory etc.]