SUMMARY: The document below is the will, dated 27 October 1557 and proved 3 November 1557, of Thomas Darcy (d.1557), the son of Anthony Darcy (d. 18 October 1540) and his wife Elizabeth Wilkinson or Wilson.

The testator's first wife was Anne Munday, the daughter of Sir John Munday (d.1537), goldsmith and Lord Mayor of London, by whom he had two sons, Thomas (1538?-1586) and Anthony. The testator's sister-in-law, Margaret Munday, was the stepmother of Oxford's friend, Sir George Howard (b. before 1523, d. 1580), and of Margaret (nee Howard) Arundel (d.1571), the mother of Oxford's one-time friend and accuser, Charles Arundel (d.1587). For information on the testator's sister-in-law, Margaret Munday, see the will of her father, Sir John Munday (d.1537), TNA PROB 11/27, ff. 72-3

After the death of Anne Munday, the testator married Elizabeth Heydon, the daughter of Sir John Heydon (d.1550) and his wife, Catherine Willoughby (d.1542), the daughter of Sir Christopher Willoughby (d.1499). The testator's second wife, Elizabeth, was related to the testator's sister-in-law, Elizabeth Munday, who had married Sir John Tyrrell (d.1573) of Gipping, the only son and heir of Sir Thomas Tyrrell (d.1551) of Gipping and his first wife Margaret Willoughby, the daughter of Sir Christopher Willoughby (d.1499). By his second wife, Elizabeth (nee Heydon), the testator had two sons, Bryan (d. 25 December 1587), and Arthur. For the marriage of Margaret Willoughby and Sir Thomas Tyrrell (d.1551), see Richardson, Douglas, *Plantagenet Ancestry* (Baltimore: Genealogical Publishing, 2004), pp. 519-520, 763. For the will of Sir John Tyrrell (d.1573) of Gipping, whom the testator mentions in his will below, see TNA PROB 11/56, ff. 209-11.

Two grants recited in the inquisition post mortem (see TNA C 142/136/12) of John de Vere (1516-1562), 16th Earl of Oxford, appear to refer to the testator's brother-in-law, Sir John Tyrrell (d.1574):

And the foresaid jurors say that the foresaid late Earl by his deed sealed by his seal & subscribed as above and dated the 16th day of June in the 38th year [=16 June 1546] of the reign of the late King Henry the Eighth granted to John Tyrrell, knight, under the description of John Tyrrell, esquire, a certain yearly rent of ten pounds sterling issuing of his manor of Christian Malford in the county of Wiltshire, to have & enjoy the foresaid yearly rent to the forenamed John Tyrrell & his assigns during the whole term of the life of himself, John, to be paid yearly at the feasts of Saint Michael the Archangel & the Annunciation of Blessed Mary the Virgin by equal portions, with a clause of distraint for non-payment of the foresaid yearly rent, as by the same deed to the foresaid jurors upon the taking of this present inquisition in manifest evidences more fully appears.

And the foresaid jurors say that the foresaid late Earl by a certain deed of his sealed by his seal at arms & subscribed by his own hand dated the 16th day of June in the 38th year [=16 June 1546] of the reign of the late King Henry the Eighth granted to Charles Tyrrell, gentleman, the office of constable of his castle of Hedingham in the county of Essex, and

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appointed him, Charles, constable of the foresaid castle, to have & occupy the foresaid office by himself or by his sufficient deputy from the day of the making of the said deed during the whole term of the life of himself, Charles, remainder after his decease to John Tyrrell, esquire, son & heir apparent while he lived of Thomas Tyrrell, knight, for term of his life, to take yearly for the exercise of the foresaid office during the foresaid term four pounds sterling at the feasts of the Annunciation of Blessed Mary the Virgin & Saint Michael the Archangel by equal portions with all fees & profits whatsoever to the foresaid office appertaining, with a clause of distraint within the foresaid castle for non-payment of the foresaid rent, as by the foresaid deed to the foresaid jurors upon the taking of this present inquisition in manifest evidences more fully appears.

Further evidence that the testator's brother-in-law, Sir John Tyrrell (d.1574) and the John Tyrrell to whom the 16th Earl made these two grants are one and the same person is found in a receipt by Sir John Tyrrell and his son, George, dated 12 February 1564 for the above-mentioned annuity (see TNA SP 12/33/14).

On 9 July 1558 the testator's widow, Elizabeth, married her co-executor, Robert Bedingfield (see Foster, Joseph, ed., *London Marriage Licences, 1521-1869* (London: Bernard Quaritch, 1887), p. 109, and Robert Bedingfield's pedigree in Burke, John, *A Genealogical and Heraldic History of the Commoners of Great Britain and Ireland*, Vol. III (London: Henry Colburn, 1838), p. 509, both available online). See also the record of Robert Bedingfield's admission to Lincoln's Inn in 1544/5 in Baildon, W. Paley, ed., *The Records of the Honourable Society of Lincoln's Inn*, Vol. I (Lincoln's Inn, 1896), p. 55, available online.

Administration of the testator's estate was first granted to his widow on 3 November 1557. However a note appended to the probatum clause states that by 10 November 1558 she had died, and administration was granted to her co-executor and second husband, Robert Bedingfield.

TM: Testamentum Thome Darcye

In the name of God, Amen. The 27th day of October in the year of Our Lord God a thousand five hundred fifty and seven, and in the 4th and fifth years of the reigns of our Sovereign Lord and Lady, King Philip and Queen Mary, I, Thomas Darcy of Tolleshunt Darcy in the county of Essex, esquire, being in whole and perfect mind, thanks be to God, remembering that I must depart out of this transitory life, and knowing not when, do therefore revoke, renounce and deny all testaments and wills heretofore by me made, spoken or declared, and ordain this to be my very testament containing m last will and none other as followeth:

First, I bequeath my soul unto Almighty God, my Maker and Redeemer thereof, and my body to be buried in the church where it shall please God to take me to his mercy;

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Item, I will that all my debts which I do owe, and can be duly proved, to be paid and satisfied, and restitution made for all wrongs and injuries by me committed and duly proved to be done;

Also I will that mine executors do perform, fulfil and pay all and singular the bequests and legacies contained and expressed in the testament and last will of my father, Anthony Darcy, which at the time of my decease be not fully performed and paid;

Item, I bequeath unto my son, Arthur [sic] Darcy, fourscore sheep and twenty bullocks, or else the same Anthony to have for the said sheep and bullocks forty marks of lawful money of England at th' election and choice of the said Anthony, and at his accomplishment of 21 years of age to be delivered or paid;

Also I give to my said son, Anthony, one garnish of vessel or 40s for the same, and one of my best brass pots, to be delivered at his said age of 21 years;

Also I give and bequeath to my said son, Anthony, three featherbeds with three coverlets, three pair of blankets, three bolsters, three pillows and 6 pair of sheets for the said beds, at his aforesaid age to be delivered;

Item, I give unto the said Anthony one gelding of the value of 40s, and a cross with diamonds which I had of my brother, John Tyrrell, or else four pounds for the same cross, to be delivered or paid as is aforesaid;

Item, I give and bequeath to my son, Thomas Darcy, four featherbeds with four coverlets, 4 bolsters and 4 pair of blankets meet and convenient for the same beds, and 6 pair of sheets for the same beds, to be delivered to him at th' age of 21 years;

Item, I give to the said Thomas eight score ewes and thirty milch beasts, or 2s 4d apiece for every of the said ewes, and 15s apiece for every of the said milch kine, at th' election & choice of the said Thomas, to be delivered or paid at th' accomplishment of his said age of 21 years;

Item, I give to my said son, Thomas, my ring of gold with mine arms therein engraved that I do use to seal with;

Item, I do give to my said son, Thomas, a garnish of vessel, to be delivered at his said age of 21 years, or else 40s;

Item, I will that my said son, Thomas, at his said age of 21 years, shall have all my interest, lease and term of years then to come which I have in a lease of my sister Barnerd, paying to her during her life according to th' indenture of the said lease, and also discharging mine executor of the covenants in the said indenture;

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And if my said son, Thomas, shall depart this world before his said age of 21 years, then I will that my son, Anthony, at his like age of 21 years shall have all my said term and interest, he paying and discharging as is before limited to the said Thomas;

Item, I give to my son, Bryan Darcy, one hundred pounds of current English money, to be paid at his age of 21 years;

Also I give to my said son, Bryan, a garnish of vessel, or 40s of lawful English money for the same, to be paid or delivered at his said age of 21 years;

Item, I will that if my said son, Thomas, shall fortune to depart this transitory life before th' accomplishment of his said age of 21 years, then I will that all the bequests in this my testament to him made shall come and be wholly and clearly unto the said Anthony, my son, at his full age of 21 years;

And if it fortune the same Anthony, my son, to die before his said age of 21 years, then I will that all the gifts and bequests to him made shall wholly and clearly come unto my said son, Thomas as [sic] his full age of 21 years;

And if it shall happen both my said sons, Thomas and Anthony, and the lenger liver of them, to depart this world before their several ages of 21 years, then I will that all bequests and gifts to them and either of them by me made shall wholly and fully come and be to my said son[s], Bryan Darcy and Arthur Darcy, at their several ages of 21 years;

And if my said son, Bryan Darcy, happen to die before his said age of 21 years, then my mind and will is that all and singular the bequests and gifts by me unto the same Bryan made shall come and be unto my said son, Arthur Darcy, at his full age of 21 years;

And if it happen the said Arthur to die before his said age of 21 years, then I will that all and singular the said gifts and bequests to him made shall come and be unto my said sons, Anthony and Thomas, at their said several ages of 21 years;

Item, I will that the hangings in the great chamber, and in the chamber next thereunto called the Lady Darcy's chamber, and of the inner chamber belonging to the same, and also the hangings in the chamber called the guests' chamber and of th' inner chamber unto the same chamber, shall remain and be left to and for th' use of such one of my sons as shall be my next heir at his said age of 21 years;

Item, I give to every of my servants, as well menservants as women-servants, being in my service at the time of my departure 20s over and above their wages then due and owing unto them;

Also I will that as many of my servants as will tarry in my house one month next after my decease shall have meat & drink there at the costs and charges of mine executors;

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Also I will that immediately after my decease and during the time of ten years then next ensuing, that there shall be yearly during the same ten years given and distributed unto the poor and needy people dwelling in Tolleshunt Darcy, 12s; Tolleshunt Major, 12s; and in Tolleshunt Knights, 16s;

Item, I will that my wife, Elizabeth, shall immediately from the time of my decease take and receive the profits yearly coming and growing of my lease that I have of Norton Hall with th' appurtenances in the county of Essex, and the profits of the stock and cattle remaining and being upon the same at the time of my decease for and during the term of 6 years towards the performance of this my said last will and testament;

And after the said 6 years expired, I will that the said Anthony, my son, shall have the interest of years then to come in the said lease of Norton Hall and as then not expired, with twenty milch beasts and six score sheep to the same;

And if Anthony, my son, shall die before th' end of the years of the same lease of Norton Hall be accomplished, then I will that my son, Bryan, to have th' interest of years then to come in the same lease of Norton Hall with the said stock before appointed to my said son, Anthony;

Also I give unto the said Elizabeth, my wife, all that my lease and interest yet to come which I have of and in the parsonage of Tolleshunt manor in the said county of Essex for so many years of my said term which I have therein as shall run and pass in the time of the life of my said wife;

And if it shall happen my said wife to depart this world before th' end of the years in the said lease of the said parsonage be expired, then I will that my said son, Bryan, shall have my said lease thereof for so many years as shall run and pass in the life of my said son, Bryan;

And after the decease of my said son, Bryan, then I will that the next heir and issue of the body of my said son, Bryan, shall have and enjoy my said lease of the parsonage for so many years as shall run and pass in the life of such issue and heir of the body of the same Bryan, and so from heir to heir of the body of the same Bryan for as many years as shall run and pass in the life of such heir and heirs, and so long as th' issue coming of the body of my said son, Bryan, shall have continuance and being;

And if it shall happen my said son, Bryan, & all his issue and my foresaid wife to depart this world (my lease in the said parsonage then continuing and not expired), then I will and give to my said son, Thomas Darcy, the said lease of the parsonage for so many years as then shall run and pass in the life of my said son, Thomas;

And after the decease of my said son, Thomas, then I will that the next heir and issue of the body of my said son, Thomas, shall have and enjoy my said lease of the parsonage for

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so many years as shall run & pass in the life of such issue and heir of the body of the same Thomas, and so from heir to heir of the body of the same Thomas for as many years as shall run and pass in the life of such heir and heirs, and so long as th' issue coming of the body of the said Thomas shall have continuance and being;

Also I will that if my said sons, Bryan or Thomas, or any heir of either of their several bodies issuing be under th' age of 21 years at such time as this my gift of the lease of the parsonage shall or ought to come by this my testament and will to them or any of them, then I will Robert Bedingfield of Lincoln's Inn shall take and perceive the revenues and profits of the same lease in the parsonage aforesaid until such time as the said Bryan and Thomas or any such heir of their several bodies issuing so being within th' age of 21 years shall come to the same age of 21 years, and then I will that the said Robert Bedingfield shall make account to my said sons, Bryan or Thomas, or to th' heirs issuing of their several bodies and to such of them as ought to have the same lease by force of this my last will as is afore limited, and upon such account yield and pay all such profits as during his occupying thereof in manner aforesaid shall be by him received and taken, always allowing unto the said Robert Bedingfield upon such his account to be made as well 20s yearly for the receipt of the said profits of the said lease of the parsonage as also all manner of charges and expenses at any time had or expended in and about the taking and receiving such yearly profits and th' account making for the same;

Also I will immediately from the time of my decease that my said executors shall have and occupy my farm and lease called Burneham Hall and Cronner Wike and Little Wyke, with all the stock of cattle thereupon laid towards the performance of this my said last will & testament until my said son, Anthony, shall come to his full age of 21 years, at the which age of my said son, Anthony, I will and give the same lease called Burneham Hall, Cronner Wike and Little Wycke with 25 milch neat and 9 score milch ewes unto the said Anthony, and all the rest of the profits coming of the said farms I will the said Anthony shall have and receive, and if the same Anthony shall happen to die before his said age of 21 years, then I will and give the same lease with the said 25 milch kine and nine score milch ewes to Thomas, my son, at his full age of 21 years;

Item, I will that mine executors shall provide and find a schoolmaster for to teach my children, and to see them brought up in learning virtuously, and taught their grammar until they be of years and learning convenient to be set forth and found in Cambridge or Oxford, and there to remain to be brought up until their several ages of 18 years, at which age I will my said children to be put and found in the Inns of Court until their several ages of 21 years, and that they and every of them at such their several ages of 21 years shall and may have, receive and take the possessions of such lands and other bequests as by this my will and testament I have given and assigned to them, and also then at the same their several ages of 21 years they to have the deliverance of such bequests and legacies as in this my said will is expressed and mentioned;

The residue of all my goods, chattels, money, jewels, plate and all other things movable and unmovable whatsoever they be unbequeathed, after my body is buried, my debts and

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funeral expenses contented and paid, and this my present testament in all things performed and truly fulfilled, I wholly and feely give and bequeath them to mine executors to dispose and order the same after their discretion, of the which this my said last will and testament, of a very trust and confidence to have the same truly performed and kept, I do ordain and make the said Elizabeth, my wife, my sole executrix, and the said Robert Bedingfield my supervisor of the same, so [-so] that the said Elizabeth within 12 weeks next after and immediately after my decease together with two other sufficient and agreeable sureties by their sufficient writing obligatory in the law shall stand and be bound unto the said Robert Bedingfield, his executors and assignees, in the sum of four thousand pounds endorsed with condition for the true performance on the part of my said executrice of this my testament & last will;

And if the same Elizabeth shall not so do, or else refuse the doing of the same, then I will by this my testament and last will the same Elizabeth from thenceforth to be as none of mine executors of the same, and from and after the same I will and ordain the said Robert Bedingfield to be mine executor of this my testament and last will, and he to have for the full execution of the same under like condition as the foresaid Elizabeth, my wife, was ordained and constituted executrice of the same, anything hereinbefore contained to the contrary notwithstanding, and then further my will is that my said son, Thomas Darcy, shall be my overseer and supervisor of this my said will, having for the same as is before appointed unto the said Robert Bedingfield;

These persons being witnesses of this my last will and testament: John Harman, clerk, vicar of Tollesbury, Thomas Wood, Leonard Cooke, Richard Sondford and Leonard Wyseman, with divers others. By me, Thomas Darcy. By me, Edward Baker, Thomas Colle, Nicholas Sone.

LM: Vltima voluntas eiusdem Thome

This is also my last will annexed unto this my testament declared the day and year first above-written of and upon all and singular my lands and tenements over and besides such other of my manors, lands and tenements as be not expressed in this my will and left to descend to my son and my heir for a third part of the same and more according to the statutes of this realm made and provided in that behalf, as hereafter ensueth:

First I will, devise and bequeath unto my executors all those my lands and tenements with their appurtenances called Estwelches and Westwelches lying and being in Steple Stangate, Saint Mary Lawrence and Halshed Ham in the said county of Essex as they be at this present time letten to farm, to have and to hold the same lands and tenements unto my said executors during the time and space of twelve years next and immediately after my decease according to certain covenants and agreements heretofore thereof had and made;

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And after the said term of 12 years expired, I will and bequeath unto my son, Bryan, the said lands, tenements and all other my hereditaments with their appurtenances called Estwelches and Westwelches, to have and to hold the same to him and to th' heirs males of his body lawfully begotten;

Also I will and bequeath my copyhold lands called Bogydayes with their appurtenances in Tolleshunt Darcy which be holden of the manor of Bowers Hall unto Thomas, my son, and to his heirs;

Item, I will, give and bequeath these parcels of land called the Hyde unto Elizabeth, my wife, during her life, and after her decease I will and devise the same lands called the Hyde unto Arthur, my son, to have and to hold to him and to th' heirs of his body lawfully begotten;

Item, I will and bequeath all those my copyhold lands and tenements set, lying and being in Saltcote and Tolleshunt Knights unto my said son, Arthur, to have and to hold the same to him and his heirs;

Also I will, devise and bequeath unto my executors towards the performance of my testament all those my lands, tenements and other hereditaments with th' appurtenances in Tolleshunt Darcy aforesaid which I purchased and late bought of James Langbroke, to have and to hold the same during the term and space of 18 years next and immediately after my decease, and after the said term of 18 years expired, I will and bequeath the same lands and tenements and all other hereditaments lately the said Lanbroke's with their appurtenances unto my son, Arthur, to have and to hold the same unto the said Arthur and to his heirs forever;

Also I will, devise and bequeath to my executors during the time that Arthur, my son, shall come and be of th' age of 21 years, all those my lands, tenements and other hereditaments with their appurtenances which I purchased of one John Wyndewell and lying in the towns of Witham, Wickham, Little Braxted and Great Braxted in the said county of Essex, at which said age of 21 years of the said Arthur I will that the said Arthur shall have the same premises purchased of Wyndwell, to have and to hold to him and to th' heirs of his body lawfully begotten, and for want of such heirs of his body, I will and bequeath the same premises purchased of Wyndewell with their appurtenances unto the said Bryan, my son, at the time of his age of 21 years, to have and to hold to him and th' heirs of his body lawfully begotten, and for want of such issue to remain to my said son, Thomas, & [-and] to th' heirs of his body lawfully begotten, and for want of such issue of the body of the said Thomas, to remain unto my said son, Anthony, and to th' heirs of his body lawfully begotten;

And moreover I will, devise and bequeath unto mine executors until my said son, Arthur, shall come and be of th' age of 21 years, all the lands, tenements and marshes and other hereditaments with their appurtenances which I purchased of one George Songer, and lying and being in the town of West Marsey [=Mersea?] in the said county of Essex, at

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which said age of 21 years of the same Arthur, I will, devise and bequeath the same premises purchased of the said George Songer unto the said Arthur, to have and to hold to the said Arthur and to his heirs of his body lawfully begotten, and if it shall happen the said Arthur to die before his said age of 21 years without heirs of his body lawfully begotten, my said son, Bryan, living and being of th' age of 21 years, then I will the same premises purchased of George Songer with their appurtenances to remain unto the same Bryan and to th' heirs of his body lawfully begotten, and before the accomplishment of the said age of 21 years of the same Bryan, I will mine executors to have th' occupying as well of the same premises purchased of the said George Songer with their appurtenances as also thother lands & tenements purchased of the aforesaid Wyndewell for and towards the performance of my said testament;

Item, I will, devise and bequeath unto mine executors towards the performance of my testament all those my lands, tenements and hereditaments with their appurtenances which I lately purchased of John Seyntcler, esquire, amounting to the yearly value of forty pounds, set, lying and being in the parish of Saint Osees [=Osyth] in the same county of Essex, to have and to hold the same during the term and space of 12 years next and immediately after my decease, and after the said term of 12 years expired, I will and bequeath the same lands, tenements and all other the hereditaments in Saint Osees aforesaid unto my son, Bryan, to have and to hold the same unto the said Bryan and his heirs;

Item, I will, devise and bequeath unto my said wife, Elizabeth, all that my manor of Benton alias Benyngton with th' appurtenances in the said county of Essex, and all hereditaments with their appurtenances set, lying and being in Witham, Hatfield Peverell and Wickham which I lately had and purchased as well of one William Berye alias Beriff of Colchester as of one John Greene and Elizabeth, his wife, to have and to hold the same manor, lands and tenements with th' appurtenances unto the said Elizabeth, my wife, during the term of her life, and after the decease of my said wife, then I will, devise and bequeath the same manor, lands and tenements and all other the hereditaments aforesaid called Bentons unto my said son, Bryan, to have and to hold the same unto my said son, Bryan, and to his heirs forever;

And further I will and devise and bequeath unto my executors towards the performance of my testament all that my manor of Wykes with th' appurtenances in the said county of Essex, together with all other my lands, tenements and other hereditaments with th' appurtenances which I lately bought of Sir John Huddlestone, knight, lying in Tolleshunt Major, Mundon, Norton and Bramston in the said county of Essex, amounting to the yearly value of £7 5s 9d, to have and to hold the same during the term and space of ten years next and immediately after my decease, and after the said term of ten years expired, I will, devise and bequeath the said manor, lands and tenements and hereditaments with th' appurtenances unto my said son, Bryan, to have and to hold the same unto the said Bryan, my son, and to his heirs forever;

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And moreover I will, devise and bequeath unto my executors towards the performance of my said testament all those my lands, tenements and other hereditaments with their appurtenances called Morehams, both free and copy or customary land, set, lying and being in Brickelsey [=Brightlingsea] in the said county of Essex, and which said premises I lately bought of one Master Lawrence Warren, amounting to the yearly value of £36 by year, to have and occupy the same by the term of ten years next and immediately ensuing after my decease, and the same term of ten years being expired, I will, devise and bequeath all the said premises in Brickelseye with their appurtenances unto my said sons, Bryan and Arthur, and to their heirs forever;

And if my said sons, Arthur or Bryan, shall happen to die without heirs of their bodies lawfully begotten before their said several ages of 21 years, and before the said lands and tenements by this my will unto them given and appointed as is aforesaid shall come to their possession according to my said gifts to them severally thereof made, that then I will that after their deaths and after their [sic?] said several terms of years of the same lands appointed unto the performance of my said testament, the same my said lands and tenements and other my hereditaments so unto them given shall wholly remain unto th' heirs males of the body of me, the said Thomas Darcy, the father, lawfully begotten, and for lack of such heir male, the remainder thereof to my right heirs forever;

And whereas I, the said Thomas Darcy, by my deed indented bearing date [+the] 20th day of January in the third and 4th years of the reigns of our Sovereign Lord, King Philip, and our Sovereign Lady, Queen Mary, have granted & given unto the said Thomas Darcy, my son and heir apparent, one annuity or yearly rent of fifteen pounds of lawful money of England to be going out of my said lands and tenements with th' appurtenances in Saint Osees aforesaid, and the same lands so charged with the same annuity now by this my will given and appointed unto my said son, Bryan, and his heirs as is before herein specified, the said annuity of £15 to be paid yearly at the feasts of th' Annunciation of Our Lady and Saint Michael th' Archangel by even portions, the first payment thereof to begin at either of the same feasts which shall next happen to fall after 12 years next unto the decease of me, the said Thomas Darcy, as by the same deed indented it doth among other things more plainly appear, my mind and will is, in a further declaration of the said grant of annuity as is aforesaid, that if the said Bryan, my son, and his heirs at any time after the said Bryan in his lifetime or any such his heir after his decease as is to have the said lands in Saint Osees by this my said last will, within half a year after the accomplishment of his or their said full ages of 21 years and before th' expiration of the said term of and in the said lands in Saint Osees appointed to th' occupation of my executors as is aforesaid, shall do and make or cause to be done and made unto my said son, Thomas Darcy, and to his heirs forever a good, sure, perfect and indefeasible assurance in the law from him, the said Bryan, and his heirs, be it by fine, feoffment, recovery, release or other assurance in the law of and in these parcels hereafter mentioned, that is to say, of and in one piece of land with th' appurtenances in Tolleshunt Darcy aforesaid called Garrettes now or late in th' occupation of one John Newman, and [sic?] other piece of [-of] land called Bettes with th' appurtenances in Tolleshunt Darcy aforesaid in the tenure or occupation of Weode(?) Bridges, widow, and one William Guye,

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and one other(?) piece of land called the Parsonage with th' appurtenances in Tolleshunt Darcy aforesaid, and another piece of land called the Priours Hyde with th' appurtenances in Tolleshunt Darcy aforesaid in th' occupation of one Nicholas Shone, the same premises with their appurtenances at the time of the assuring thereof in form aforesaid to be made being discharged of all former bargains, jointures, dowers, arrearages of rents, recognizances, estatutes, and of all other charges and encumbrances had, made or affirmed by the said Bryan or any such his heirs as is to have the same premises by this my said last will, that then and upon such good and perfect assurance of and in the [-the] said pieces of land by the said Bryan or his heirs unto the said Thomas Darcy and his heirs to be made as is aforesaid, the said grant of annuity by me made unto the said Thomas Darcy, my son, and unto his heirs to be void and utterly determined, and the same annuity of fifteen pounds to be from thenceforth wholly suspended and not demandable or leviable, the same my said grant of annuity or anything therein contained to the contrary in any wise notwithstanding,

And these persons being witnesses of this my said last will and testament: John Harman, clerk, vicar of Tollesbury, Thomas Wood, Leonard Cooke, Richard Somford, Leonard Wiseman, with divers other. By me, Edward Baker, Thomas Colle, John Kenyster, Nicholas Sonde.

Probatum fuit suprascriptum testamentum coram domino apud London tertio die mensis Nouembris Anno Domini Millesimo quingentesimo quinquagesimo septimo Iuramento Elizabethe Relicte et executricis in huiusmodi testamento nominate in persona Willelmi Walker notarij publici procuratoris sui in hac parte &c Ac approbatum et insinuatum &c Commissaque fuit administracio omnium bonorum &c dictum defunctum et huiusmodi suum testamentum ac vltimam voluntatem qualitercunque concernentium prefate executrici De bene &c Ac de pleno Inuentario conficiendo &c Necnon de plano & vero compoto reddendo &c in persona dicti procuratoris Iurati

[=The above-written testament was proved before the Lord [+Archbishop] at London on the third day of the month of November in the year of the Lord the thousand five hundred fifty-seventh by the oath of Elizabeth, relict and executrix named in the same testament, in the person of William Walker, notary public, her proctor in that behalf etc., and probated and entered etc., and administration was granted of all the goods etc. in any manner concerning the said deceased and the same his testament and last will to the forenamed executrix in the person of the said proctor, sworn to well etc., and to prepare a full inventory etc., and also to render a plain & true account etc.]

decimo Nouembris Anno 1558 Probatum fuit testamentum suprascriptum Iuramento Roberti Bedingfilde executoris etc pro eo quod Elizabetha Darcy Relicta et Executrix nominata in eodem testamento Condicionem in huiusmodi testamento inscriptam infra tempus sibi prefixum minime(?) perimpleuit nec se antequam ab hac luce migrauit in Summa in dicto testamento mentionata obligauit ad peremplendum huiusmodi testamentum iuxta voluntatem eiusdem defuncti

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[=On the tenth day of November in the year 1558 the above-written testament was proved by the oath of Robert Bedingfield, executor, etc., because Elizabeth Darcy, relict and executrix named in the same testament, did not fulfil the condition written in the same testament within the time prefixed to her, nor before she died obligated herself in the sum mentioned in the same testament to fulfil the same testament according to the will of the said deceased.]

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