

SUMMARY: The document below is the Prerogative Court of Canterbury copy of the will, dated 19 August 1558 and proved 21 March 1559, of Anne Sapcote (d. 14 March 1559).

The testatrix was the daughter and coheir of Sir Guy Sapcote by his wife, Margaret Wolston, the daughter and coheir of Sir Guy Wolston (d.1504) by Margaret Tamworth (d.1476). She had a sister, Elizabeth Sapcote (d. 18 August 1548), who married firstly John Stile (d.1505), and secondly Sir James Yarford (d.1527), Lord Mayor of London. See Howard, Joseph Jackson and George John Armytage, eds., *The Visitation of London Taken in the Year 1568*, Vol. I, (London: Harleian Society, 1869), p. 84, and:

<http://www.kateemersonhistoricals.com/TudorWomenWi-Z.htm>.

For the will of Sir James Yarford, see TNA PROB 11/22, ff. 159-60. For the will of Elizabeth Sapcote Stile Yarford, see TNA PROB 11/32, ff. 96-7.

The testatrix married firstly John Broughton (d. 24 January 1518), the son of Sir Robert Broughton (d.1506) by his wife Katherine de Vere, who is said to have been an illegitimate daughter of John de Vere, 13th Earl of Oxford. See Ross, James, *John de Vere, Thirteenth Earl of Oxford (442-1513), 'The Foremost Man of the Kingdom'*, (Woodbridge, Suffolk: The Boydell Press, 2011), p. 187. For the will of John Broughton (d. 24 January 1518), see TNA PROB 11/19, ff. 135-6. For the will of Sir Robert Broughton, see TNA PROB 11/15, ff. 234-5.

By John Broughton the testatrix had a son, John (d.1528), and three daughters:

-Katherine Broughton (d. 23 April 1535), who was the ward firstly of Cardinal Thomas Wolsey, and secondly Agnes Howard, Duchess of Norfolk, who married Katherine, as his first wife, to her eldest son, William Howard, 1st Baron Howard of Effingham. See Richardson, Douglas, *Magna Carta Ancestry*, 2nd ed., Vol. II, (Salt Lake City, 2011), p. 417; Lysons, Daniel, *The Environs of London*, Vol. I, (London: A. Strahan, 1792), pp. 278-9; Harris, Barbara J., *English Aristocratic Women 1450-1550*, (New York: Oxford University Press, 2002).

-Anne Broughton (d. 16 May 1562), who married, as his second wife, by dispensation dated 24 May 1539, Sir Thomas Cheyney. There is a monument to her at Toddington. See Pollard, Albert Frederick, 'Cheyne, Thomas', *Dictionary of National Biography*, 1901 Supplement, pp. 421-3; entry for Sir Thomas Cheyney in Bindoff, S.T., *The House of Commons 1509-1558*, Vol. I, (London: Secker & Warburg, 1882), pp. 634-8; Blaydes, Frederic August, *The Visitations of Bedfordshire*, Vol. XIX, (London: Harleian Society, 1884), p. 14; Nichols, John Gough, ed., 'A Summary Catalogue of Monumental Art Existing in Parish Churches', *The Topographer and Genealogist*, Vol. I, (London: John Bowyer Nichols and Son, 1846), p. 156; Nichols, John Gough, ed., *The Diary of Henry Machyn*, (London: Camden Society, 1848), pp. 282, 370. Nichols gives the date of Anne's death as 16 May on p. 282, and as 18 May on p. 370.

-Elizabeth Broughton, who died unmarried in 1524. There is a monument to her at Chenies. See Nicolas, Nicholas Harris, *Testamenta Vetusta*, Vol. II, (London: Nichols & Son, 1826), p. 557; Haines, Herbert, *A Manual of Monumental Brasses, Part II*, (London: J.H. and James Parker, 1861), p. 21.

The testatrix married secondly, Sir Richard Jerningham (d.1525), the son of Sir John Jerningham (d.1503) and Isabel Clifton, the daughter of Sir Gervase Clifton (d.1471) and Isabel Herbert. See Richardson, Douglas, *Magna Carta Ancestry*, 2nd ed., Vol. I, (Salt Lake City, 2011), p. 512; Druery, John Henry, *Historical Notices of Great Yarmouth*, (London: Nichols & Son, 1826), p. 172; and Betham, William, *The Baronetage of England*, Vol. I, (Ipswich: Burrell and Bransby, 1801), pp. 226, 232, available online. There were no children of the testatrix' marriage to Sir Richard Jerningham, although in his own will he names three illegitimate children ('Richard, Robert and Mary, my bastards'). For the will of Sir Richard Jerningham, see TNA PROB 11/22, f. 67.

The testatrix' brother-in-law, Edward Jerningham (d. 6 January 1515) of Somerleyton, married firstly Margaret Bedingfield (d. 24 March 1504), and secondly Mary Scrope (d. 25 August 1548). After Edward Jerningham's death, Mary (nee Scrope) Jerningham married Sir William Kingston. For the will of Edward Jerningham, see TNA PROB 11/18, ff. 30-1. For the will of Mary (nee Scrope) Jerningham Kingston, see TNA PROB 11/32, ff. 168-9. For the will of Sir William Kingston, see TNA PROB 11/28, f. 252.

The testatrix' sister-in-law Margaret (or Mary) Jerningham married Thomas Stanhope, esquire, of Shelford or Rampton, by whom she had two sons, Sir Edward Stanhope (who married firstly Adelina or Avelina Clifton, and secondly Elizabeth Bourchier), and John Stanhope. See Burke, John, *A Genealogical and Heraldic Dictionary of the Peerage and Baronetage of the British Empire*, 6th ed., (London: Henry Colburn, 1839), pp. 195-6; Burke, Bernard, *A Genealogical and Heraldic Dictionary of the Peerage and Baronetage*, (London: Harrison and Sons, 1880), p. 237; Brydges, Egerton, *Collins's Peerage of England*, Vol. III, (London: F.C. and J. Rivington, 1812), pp. 412-13, available online.

Shortly after the death of Sir Richard Jerningham, the testatrix married John Russell, 1st Earl of Bedford, by whom she was the mother of Francis Russell, 2nd Earl of Bedford.

The testatrix appoints three persons to take charge of her burial, 'my Lord Marquess of Westminster, my Lord Abbot of Westminster, and my Lord of Saint Jones', who can be identified as:

-William Paulet, 1st Marquess of Winchester (1474/5?-1572), grandfather of William Paulet (c.1532-1598), 3rd Marquess of Winchester, husband of Agnes Howard (d.1601), only child of the testatrix' daughter, Katherine Broughton, by William Howard, 1st Baron Howard of Effingham. See the entries for William Paulet, 1st Marquess, and William Paulet, 3rd Marquess, in the *Oxford Dictionary of National Biography*, available online.

- John Feckenham, Abbot of Westminster.

-John Paulet, Lord St. John (1517-1576), son and heir of William Paulet, 1st Marquess of Winchester, and father of the testatrix' son-in-law, William Paulet (c.1532-1598), 3rd Marquess of Winchester. In 1557 John Paulet, Lord St. John, had married Elizabeth Seymour (d. before 9 June 1563), a younger sister of Queen Jane Seymour. See:

<http://www.kateemersonhistoricals.com/TudorWomenSa-Sn.htm>.

For the testatrix' manor of Covington, see:

'Parishes: Covington', *A History of the County of Huntingdon: Volume 3* (1936), pp. 38-41. URL: <http://www.british-history.ac.uk/report.aspx?compid=66141>.

LM: D{omi}ne Anne Comitisse Bedford

In the name of God, Amen. The 19th day of August in the fifth and sixth years of the reign of our Sovereign Lord and Lady Philip and Mary by the grace of God King and Queen of England, France, both Sicilies, Jerusalem and Ireland, Defenders of the Faith, Archdukes of Austria, Dukes of Milan, Burgundy and Brabant, Counties of Hapsburg, Flanders and Tyrol, I, Lady Anne, Countess of Bedford, being sick in body but of good and perfect memory, do make and ordain this my present testament containing my last will in manner and form following:

First I commit my soul into the hands of Almighty God, trusting only by the death and passion of his dear son, Jesus Christ, to be saved, and my body in the earth to be buried as hereafter it is expressed;

Item, I give and bequeath unto my son, the Earl of Bedford, all my goods movables and unmovable, chattels and debts whatsoever and wheresoever they be;

Item, I give and bequeath to the Lord Edward Russell, my son's son, my manor of Thornhaugh with all the lands and tenements and other the appurtenances to the said manor belonging or appertaining, set, lying and being within the counties of Northampton and Huntingdon, to have and to hold the said manor, lands, tenements with the said appurtenances to him, the said Lord Edward, and to the heirs of [-of] his body lawfully begotten;

Item, I give and bequeath to Francis Russell, gentleman, one other of my son's son[s], my manor of Covington in the county of Huntingdon, to have and to hold the said manor to him, the said Francis, for term of his life;

Item, I give to Henry Cheyney, esquire, my daughter's son, one annuity or yearly rent of fifty pounds by year out of my lands and tenements, to have and to hold the said annuity

or yearly rent of fifty pounds to him, the said Henry, during the natural life of the father of the said Henry;

Item, I give to Hugh Tebanien, gentleman, and Sibyl, his wife, my servants, one annuity or yearly rent of twenty pounds by the year during the life of the father of the said Henry [sic?];

And of this my present testament and last will I make, constitute, ordain and appoint my foresaid son, th' Earl of Bedford, my sole executor;

And for my burial and [f. 405r] order of my servants, I put to the discretion of my Lord Marquess of Winchester, Lord Treasurer of England, my Lord Abbot of Westminster, and my Lord of Saint Jones [=John's?];

These being witnesses, the Lord Marquess of Winchester, Lord Treasurer of England, and Thomas Bright.

Probatum fuit h{uius}mo{d}i Testamentum Coram Mag{ist}ro Waltero Haddon legum doctore Curie Prerogatiue venerabiliu{m} viror{um} Decani et Capit{u}li Ecc{le}sie xpi Cant{uariensis} Sede Archie{pisco}pali Cant{uariensis} iam Vacan{te} Commissario xxjo die mens{is} Marcij Anno d{omi}ni mill{esi}mo quingen{tesimo} quinqu{gesimo} octauo Iuramento Thome Willet no{ta}rij pu{bli}ci procur{atoris} d{omi}ni ffrancisci Comi{tis} Bedford executor{is} in h{uius}mo{d}i Testamento no{m}i{n}at{i} Ac probatu{m} &c Et com{m}issa fuit administrac{i}o &c p[re]fat{o} executor{i} de bene &c Ad sancta dei Eu{a}ngelia in persona d{i}c{t}i procurator{is} iurat{i}

[=The same testament was proved before Master Walter Haddon, Doctor of the Laws, Commissary of the Prerogative Court of the venerable Dean and Chapter of Christ Church, Canterbury, the Archiepiscopal seat of Canterbury now vacant, on the 21st day of the month of March in the thousand five hundred fifty-eighth year, by the oath of Thomas Willet, notary pubic, proctor of Lord Francis, Earl of Bedford, executor named in the same testament, and probated etc., and administration was granted etc., to the forenamed executor, sworn in the person of the said proctor on the Holy Gospels to well etc.