

SUMMARY: The document below is Prerogative Court of Canterbury copy of the last will and testament, dated 10 August 1558 and proved 10 December 1558, of William Windsor, (1498-1558), 2nd Baron Windsor, whose son and heir Edward Windsor (1532?-1575), 3rd Baron Windsor, married Oxford's half-sister, Katherine de Vere (1538-1600).

The testator was the second, but first surviving, son of Andrew (1467-1543), 1st Baron Windsor, and his wife, Elizabeth, elder sister and co-heir of Edward Blount, 2nd Baron Mountjoy.

The testator was twice married. His first wife was Margaret Sambourne, the daughter and heir of William Sambourne (d.1503) by Anne Copley, the daughter of Roger Copley of Roughey, Sussex. The terms of the testator's will suggest that, with the exception of William and Anne, the children of his first marriage had already reached the age of majority. Three sons and five daughters of the testator's first marriage are mentioned in the will below:

* Edward, 3rd Baron Windsor, eldest son and heir, who married Oxford's half-sister, Katherine de Vere (1538-1600).

* Walter Windsor.

* William Windsor.

* Bridget Windsor, who married Edward Ferrers of Baddesley Clinton.

* Mary Windsor, who married William Scott of the Mote.

* Dorothy Windsor, who married Thomas Pauncefoot.

* Elizabeth Windsor, who married firstly Henry Sandys (died c.1555), secondly Sir George Paulet (d.1558) of Crondall, Hampshire, and thirdly Ralph Scrope (d. 28 October 1572) of Hambleden, Buckinghamshire, grandson of Henry, 6th Baron Scrope and Lady Elizabeth Percy.

According to the pedigree at this website, Sir George Paulet (d.1559), married firstly Jane Larke, secondly Barbara Hampden, and thirdly, Elizabeth Windsor:

<http://genealogy.richardremme.com/tng/getperson.php?personID=I131201&tree=tree01>

It thus seems likely that the History of Parliament entry for George Paulet (1553-1608), which states that he was born in 1553, the son of Sir George Paulet (d.1558) and Elizabeth Windsor, is in error, since in 1553 Elizabeth Windsor was still married to her first husband, Henry Sandys (d.1555). See:

<http://www.historyofparliamentonline.org/volume/1558-1603/member/paulet-george-1553-1608>

b. 1553, s. of Sir George Paulet of Crondall, bro. of 1st Mq. of Winchester by his 3rd w. Elizabeth, da. of William Windsor[†], 2nd Lord Windsor; half-bro. of Hampden Paulet educ. Eton 1564-72, KS 1564; King's, Camb. 1572-5. m. bef. 1586, Joan, da. and coh. of Richard Kyme of Lewes, Suss., 1s. 1da. suc. fa. 1558. Kntd. 1607.

For the Paulet family, see also Collins, Arthur, *The Peerage of England*, 4th ed., Vol. I, (London: H. Woodfall, 1768), pp. 223-4 at:

<https://books.google.ca/books?id=Y2ZUAAAACAAJ&pg=PA223&lpg=PA223&dq=%22Sir+George+Paulet%22+%22Larke%22&source=bl&ots=NdHWLRznp&sig=SkuaVE dKbqJWAhplrQIBfkqBkzM&hl=en&sa=X&ved=0ahUKEwjExKnf2v7SAhVI62MKHX MOBUQQ6AEILzAF#v=onepage&q=%22Sir%20George%20Paulet%22%20%22Larke%22&f=false>.

For Elizabeth Windsor's third husband, Ralph Scrope (d. 28 October 1572, see his will, TNA PROB 11/54/520, and the History of Parliament entry at:

<http://www.historyofparliamentonline.org/volume/1509-1558/member/scrope-ralph-1529-72>

Family and Education

b. by 1529, 2nd s. of John Scrope of Spennithorne, Yorks. and Hambleton by Phyllis, da. of Ralph Rokeby of Mortham, Yorks. educ. L. Inn, adm. 4 July 1543, called 1548-9. m. by July 1560, Elizabeth, da. of William Windsor, 2nd Lord Windsor, wid. of Henry Sandys (d.c.1555) and Sir George Paulet, at least 3s. 1da.2.

For Ralph Scrope as one of the parties to an indenture made by Henry Wriothesley, 2nd Earl of Southampton, see the Earl's will, TNA PROB 11/65/88.

* Anne Windsor, who after the testator's death married Sir Henry Grey of Pirgo (1547-1614), and was buried at Broughton Astley on 28 June 1605.

Another daughter, not named in the will and now deceased, had been married to Christopher Browne.

See GEC, *The Complete Peerage*, pp. 792-7; Fletcher, William George Dimock, *Leicestershire Pedigrees and Royal Descents* (Leicester: Clarke and Hodgson, 1887), p. 71, available online; Burke, John, ed., *A Genealogical and Heraldic History of the Extinct and Dormant Baronetcies*, 2nd ed., (London: John Russell Smith, 1844), p. 475, available online.

The testator's second wife, whom he married circa 1554, was Elizabeth Cowdray (1520–1588/9), widow of Richard Paulet, younger brother of William Paulet, 1st Marquess of

Winchester. Lord Windsor had two children by his second marriage, Philip and Elizabeth, both of whom were still very young at the time of his death. It would appear that Philip was dead by 1572, since the manor of Minchinhampton in Gloucester, which William, 2nd Baron Windsor, had bequeathed to his youngest son Philip, with remainder to another of his younger sons, William, with remainder over to his eldest son and heir, Edward, 3rd Baron Windsor, was by 1572 in the latter's possession. Certain clauses in Lord Windsor's will state that his widow Elizabeth is to enjoy certain properties only if she remained unmarried, but circa 1560 she wed George Puttenham (1529-1590/91), reputed author of *The Art of English Poesy* in which Oxford is named among court poets who have written 'excellently well', and is said to deserve 'the highest prize' for comedy and interlude. Several clauses in Lord Windsor's will concern members of the de Vere family. The Lady Knightley mentioned in the will is Ursula de Vere, widow of Sir George Windsor, elder brother of William, 2nd Baron Windsor. Like Lord Windsor, Ursula de Vere died in 1558, but was apparently still living when Sir William made his will on 10 August 1558.

The dowry of £1000 to be paid by John de Vere (1516-1562), 16th Earl of Oxford, at the marriage of his daughter Katherine de Vere (1538-1600) as stipulated in the private Act of Parliament of 23 January 1552 (see HL/PO/PB/1/1551/5E6n35) is also referred to in the will. A clause states that the 16th Earl still owed 1000 marks [=£666 13s 4d] to William, 2nd Baron Windsor at the date of the making of the will on 10 August 1558, although payment of that amount had not yet fallen due:

Also whereas there is at this present time due and owing unto me by the right honourable lord, th' Earl of Oxford, the sum of one thousand marks of lawful money of England, I will my executors shall receive and get the same into their hands at such times as the same shall be due and payable

The date of the marriage of Katherine de Vere (1538-1600) to Edward (1532?-1575), 3rd Lord Windsor is not recorded. However their eldest son, Frederick, was born, according to his father's inquisition post mortem, on 2 February 1558/9 (see *The Complete Peerage*, p. 798). Under the terms of the private Act of Parliament, Katherine de Vere's dowry of £1000 was to be levied from certain lands set aside in the 16th Earl's will for payment of his debts and legacies. The terms of the Act thus indicate that it would not be paid until after the 16th Earl's death. However the foregoing clause in the will of William, 2nd Baron Windsor, indicate that some other arrangement for payment of the dowry of £1000 had been made, perhaps with part to be paid during the 16th Earl's lifetime, and part to be paid after his death.

Another clause in the will bequeaths lands to Edward, 3rd Baron Windsor, and Katherine de Vere, his wife. It seems likely that these were the specific lands which William, 2nd Baron Windsor, had provided for his daughter-in-law's jointure at the time of the marriage. Moreover a further marriage with de Vere connections was planned. A clause in the will provides for the marriage of Lord Windsor's daughter, Anne, and Sir John Danvers (1540-1594), who at the time was the ward of his uncle, Sir Anthony Hungerford, and whose grandmother is said to have been a member of the de Vere

family. Lord Windsor's will was probated on 10 December 1558, at which time, the named executors having refused to act, and Lord Windsor's son and heir Edward, 3rd Lord Windsor having been specifically forbidden to act by a clause in the will itself, Lady Windsor was granted administration as executrix.

RM: T{estamentum} Will{el}mi Wyndesore milit{is} D{omini} Wyndesore

In the name of God, Amen. The tenth day of August in the year of our Lord God a thousand five hundred fifty and eight, and in the 5th and 6th years of the reigns of our most dread Sovereign Lord and Lady Philip and Mary, by the grace of God King and Queen of England, Spain, France, both Sicilies, Jerusalem and Ireland etc., I, William Windsor of Bradenham in the county of Buckingham, knight, Lord Windsor, being of good, whole and perfect mind and remembrance (laud and praise be unto my Saviour and Redeemer Jesus Christ) do ordain, constitute and make this my present last will and testament in manner and form following:

First, I do give, bequeath and recommend my soul unto Almighty God, my Creator and Maker, and to his most Blessed Virgin, Our Lady, Saint Mary, his gracious mother, and to all the holy company of heaven, beseeching the most holy and blessed Trinity to have mercy on me and t' accept my soul unto his mercy and grace;

And I will my body to be buried in the right side of the choir within the parish church of Bradenham aforesaid over the right side of the same church, if it shall so fortune and chance me to decease within the county of Buckingham, and if it shall happen me to decease and die in any other place within this realm, then I will my body to be buried in the conventual or parish church of friars in Hounslow within the county of Middlesex in such place within the same church as shall be thought most decent and convenient by the discretion of mine executors, if it so come to pass that the same church in Hounslow shall fortune at the time of my decease to be a parish church or house of religious friars, and so that it shall be thought convenient to mine executors hereafter named, and [sic?] that my body shall be there buried;

Also, I will that my burial, interment and anniversary be conveniently kept, and in such church and place as shall fortune my body to be buried, and I will that all things touching th' order of my burial and anniversary shall be done, executed and finished according to my degree and estate, with such clothing for my lady my wife and our children and menial and household servants and such mourners as shall be appointed by mine executors at the several days and times of my burial and anniversary;

Item, I will that there shall be given at the said interment or shortly after by the discretion of mine executors among the poor households where my body shall be buried, £6 13s 4d;

Moreover, I will that from and after the time of my decease there shall be yearly kept and maintained the Monday next before the feast of Saint Michael th' Archangel in such

place where it shall fortune my body to be buried an anniversary or year's mind, and I will then and there there shall be done and executed divers Masses and other divine service according to the godly order of the Catholic church with certain priests & clerks to pray for the souls of me, the said William, Lord Windsor; Andrew, Lord Windsor, my father; Thomas Windsor, esquire, my grandfather, and all their wives', ancestors', friends' and children['s] souls, and for all Christian souls;

And I will that my son Philip yearly forever the said Monday or before do pay or cause to be paid to the minister or other governor or governess of the said house of Hounslow for the time being one yearly rent or payment of 33s 4d, which yearly rent or payment I will to be issuing or going out of the manor of Cranford le Mote at Cranford Saint John with th' appurtenances in the county of Middlesex, which said yearly rent in payment I do so will and devise to th' intent that the said minister, governor or governess for the time being shall and may yearly take and receive the same, and I will that in default of payment thereof in part or in all, that it shall be lawful to the minister, governor or governess of the said house of friars for the time being to enter into the said manors and to distrain, and the distress so taken to convey away and retain until the said yearly payment or rent of 33s 4d and all th' arrearages thereof (if any be) be fully contented and paid;

And I will that the minister, governor or governess of Hounslow aforesaid for the time being shall have yearly of the same yearly payment or rent to his own proper use the sum of 20d, and I will that all the residue of the said yearly payment or rent shall be yearly by the said minister or governor or governess yearly for the time being be distributed and divided amongst the priests and clerks that shall sing or say Mass or dirges, and amongst the poor householders of Hounslow if it fortune that any of the said money do remain, and also one quarter of wheat and one quarter of malt for the poor at dirge overnight to be given;

Also I will and devise to the vicar of Herriard for my tithes and oblations negligently escaped and left unpaid, the sum of 13s 4d;

Also I will, give and devise to Sir Edward Windsor, knight, mine eldest son and heir apparent, such of my great and best stuff at Bradenham as be hereafter mentioned, that is to wit, all the arras and tapestry, & all other stuffs of bedding, as beds, bolsters, pillows, pillow-beres, sheets, blankets and coverings for beds there being, other than such as is hereafter otherwise by me specially devised;

Item, I devise to my said son Sir Edward all my chapel-stuff, apparel and ornaments at Bradenham aforesaid, and all the great kitchen-stuff there being, as pots, pans, spits, platters, voids, dishes and servers and suchlike utensils and necessities;

Item, I will, give and bequeath to Walter Windsor, my son, three beds of feathers, 3 bolsters, three coverlets and blankets to the same belonging, of my bedding being at Bradenham aforesaid;

Item, I give and bequeath to my son William Windsor three beds, viz., one featherbed and two mattresses, three bolsters and coverlets and blankets to the same belonging, being also at Bradenham aforesaid;

Item, I give and bequeath to my son Philip Windsor a featherbed and two mattresses, three bolsters and coverlets and blankets to the same appertaining, being parcel of any bedding remaining at Herriard in the county of Southampton;

Item, I will and devise that my son William Windsor, at such time as he shall accomplish and come to the full age of 21 years, shall have and enjoy from henceforth to his proper use towards his living and finding my lease and indenture of the prebend and parsonage of Thame within the county of Oxon, and all my interest and term of years then to come of and in the same, and all manner of profits, commodities and emoluments to the same prebend and parsonage in any wise belonging or appertaining, and I will that my said son William, during his interest & terms of years in the said prebend and parsonage shall pay such rent and rents for the same as in the the [sic] said indenture are contained;

And I will that during the time that my said son William shall be within th' age of 21 years, that my son-in-law Christopher Browne shall receive the profits of the said prebend and parsonage of Thame to th' use and behoof of my said son William Windsor, to be employed for and towards his exhibition and finding, either at school at Oxenford or at one of the Inns of the Court or of Chancery, or in such other place as to his friends shall be thought most convenient;

Item, I will that my said son William Windsor shall have to him and to his heirs according to the custom of the manor of Monks Risborough with my other copy-land in Ascote in the county of Buckingham, which I bought of one Thomas Ray, to be surrendered unto him accordingly with other copy-lands called Lichingams, Brandes & Campions, and one other copyhold called Sirattes which I late purchased of one [] Syratt;

Item, I will and devise to the said Sir Edward all that my lease and term of years of Towersey and all the profits thereof, which lease I had late of Edward Ferrers of Baddesley, my son-in-law;

Also I will that my said son Sir Edward shall have and enjoy all that mine estate, term and interest which I in any wise have of my Lady Knightley for term of her life of and in the manor of Baylham, Willisham, Aldham, Tafton, Darnesdon and Barkins in the county of Suffolk, and during all the term of the life of the said Lady Knightly paying unto her yearly two hundred marks out of Baylham and other lands and manors before declared, as by indenture doth appear;

Item, I will, for the disposition of my plate, that my said son Sir Edward shall have all such plate as my Lord Andrew Windsor, my late father, did bequeath to the heir male, the particulars whereof are contained specially in the last will and testament of my lord my father, and also one chain of gold with a cross of gold garnished with diamond and pearls

also especified in the said last will and testament, a spoon of gold, my cup of silver and gilt called the Helmet, with three bowls of silver and gilt, and two salts of silver and gilt, and my great chafing-dish of silver, and a basin and ewer of silver with my Lady Bedyll's arms in it, two pair of great silver pots parcel-gilt, all which said parcels of plate I will shall remain to my said son Sir Edward and to his heirs males, and in default of such issue to remain and be according to the last will of the said Lord Andrew, my late father;

Item, I give and bequeath to my said son Walter Windsor a cup with a cover gilt, a cup of silver, a salt of silver and gilt, three spoons of silver, and a basin and ewer of silver;

Item, I give likewise in plate to my said son William Windsor a cup with a cover gilt, a cup of silver, a salt of silver and gilt, three spoons of silver, and a basin and an ewer of silver;

Also I will, and my meaning and intent is, that my daughter Anne Windsor shall take to husband John Danvers, if my said daughter and the same John Danvers can so be contented, and if the said John fortune to die, then she to take to husband the next heir of the same John Danvers, if she & such next heir can so agree;

And if it come to pass that my said daughter Anne do not marry with the said John Danvers nor with any of his next heirs, then I will that mine executors shall bestow and appoint the said John Danvers or his next heirs according to the tenor and effect of the covenants made between Sir Anthony Hungerford, knight, on thone party, and me, the said Lord Windsor on thother party, and if the said John do refuse to marry, then I will that such sum or sums of money as shall thereby grow and be due unto mine executors, be it for the double value of the marriage or for the single value, shall be bestowed & divided by mine executors equally amongst the said Anne and my children by me begotten of the Lady Elizabeth Windsor, now being my wife, for and towards their advancement and marriage;

Also whereas there is at this present time due and owing unto me by the right honourable lord, th' Earl of Oxford, the sum of one thousand marks of lawful money of England, I will my executors shall receive and get the same into their hands at such times as the same shall be due and payable, and that done, my full mind and intent is that the said Walter Windsor, my son, shall have one hundred pounds, parcel thereof, and that my said son William Windsor shall have one other hundred pounds, parcel thereof, and I will that two hundred marks thereof shall be employed for and towards the performance of the last will and testament of the said Lord Windsor [RM: my father, given to the daughters of my brother, Thomas Windsor, as] as it is set forth in the said will, and the residue of the said sum of one thousand marks I will shall be employed in and to the payment of my debts, and performance of this my last will and testament;

Item, I will that every gentleman or gentlewoman at the day of my death shall have 26s 8d, every yeoman 20s, and every other servant 30s 4d to pray for my soul and all Christian souls departed in Christ;

Item, I will that my said son Philip Windsor shall have my farm and lease of Allesbourne in the county of Suffolk, and all my whole interest, possession and term of years therein, which farm was had and bought of one Thomas Alford, and which said farm did sometime appertain unto the late prior of Woodbridge, over and besides the fee simple that my Lord Dacres and I, the said Lord Windsor, have in [+the same];

Also I will that all my hangings of arras and tapestry-work which be at my house at Bradenham after my decease shall continue with my said son Sir Edward Windsor, and that he shall have and enjoy the same to his own use;

Also, I will that all the stock of cattle being at Herriard in the county of Southampton shall be and remain unto the Lady Elizabeth, now my wife, during her life, and after her death the said stock shall be and clearly remain to Philip and Elizabeth, the children of the Lady Elizabeth and of me, the said Lord Windsor, and Mary Paulet, daughter unto my said wife;

Item, I will and devise to my said son Philip all such plate as is now severed and sorted out at Bradenham aforesaid, that is to wit, a basin and an ewer of silver and parcel-gilt wreathen, a cup which King Philip gave him to his christening, and a standing cup of gilt and a cover that the Bishop of Winchester gave him to his christening, and a drinking-cup of silver and gilt with a cover that my Lady Marquess of Winchester, his godmother, gave him, and moreover I will my son Philip shall have three drinking-cups of silver and gilt of mine own plate without covers, and my mind and will is that the said Lady Elizabeth, my wife, being his natural mother, shall have th' only custody and occupation thereof during her life, so always that my said wife do put in sufficient sureties to mine executors or to some of them for the sure and true deliverance thereof to my said son Philip after her decease, and to my daughter Elizabeth if it should fortune my said son Philip to die before his said mother, unto the which Elizabeth, if the said Philip do die before his said mother, I give the said plate towards her marriage;

Item, I will and devise that my said wife shall have for term of her life my house in Mugwell Street in London called Windsor Place with my garden beneath, with all my hangings of tapestry and arras, during her life, and being unmarried, and I will that my said wife during her life shall have th' occupation of my new lodging there, and of my garden above near adjoining to London Wall with th' appurtenances in the ward of Cripplegate, London, she paying the yearly rent of 10s 8d to the chamberlains of London and his successors;

Nevertheless, I will that the new lodging and parcel of the ground thereunto appertaining near London Wall aforesaid, which I have of lease of the Mayor and Commonalty and Citizens of the city of London for certain years yet to come, shall after the decease of my said wife come and be to my next heir male, to whom then I do give and bequeath the said new building and garden, and not to be severed from Windsor Place aforesaid, provided always that the way going to the nether tower within the precinct of my said house in Mugwell Street shall be always reserved to my heirs to have free coming in and free going out at all such time and times as they shall have need thereunto;

Item, I will that all such debts as I do owe for mine own debts, and my lord my father's debts being unpaid, be well and truly contented and paid by mine executors unto every such person and persons as I do owe the same for the discharge of my conscience therein;

Also I will that all and singular such debts as are owing unto me shall be levied, gathered and received by mine executors with all reasonable speed of such person and persons as do owe the same, to th' intent therewith to pay (so far-forth as the same will extend) the marriage money of Elizabeth Windsor, my daughter by me begotten of the body of the said Lady Elizabeth, my wife;

Item, I will that the said Lady Elizabeth my wife, Sir Thomas White of South Warnborough and mine executors be charged and have the governance and finding of my said son and daughter Elizabeth, that is to wit, until the same my son shall fully accomplish th' age of 21 years, and until such time as my said daughter Elizabeth shall accomplish and come unto th' age of 18 years, and the marriage money to them by this my present testament and last will given and bequeathed be unto them fully satisfied and paid;

Item, I will that my son Sir Edward shall have all those my leases and farms with their appurtenances called the manor of South Mimms, Greatworth and Stuckley in the county of Middlesex, Northampton and Huntingdon during the lives of certain persons and for and during all such estate and interest as I have therein;

Item, I will that mine executors for their indemnity and discharge shall take sure obligations and sufficient sureties of every such person and persons having any legacy or bequest allotted and given unto them or any of them in this my present testament and last will upon the delivery of every of the same legacy and legacies as to their discretions shall seem convenient and necessary for the true performance of this my last will and testament;

And for the due and true execution of this my last will and testament I do ordain, constitute and make mine executors the right reverend father in God, Doctor White, Bishop of Winchester (£10), Lord Chidioc Paulet (£6 13s 4d), Sir John Baker, knight, (£13 6s 8d), Sir Thomas White of South Warnborough (£10), and William Roper, gentlemen;

And I make overseers of this my present will the right honourable the Marquess of Winchester, Lord Treasurer of England (£20), and Sir George Paulet, knight (£6 13s 4d);

And to every of my executors and overseers I give and bequeath the sums of money assigned and written in a bill of mine own hand and annexed to this my will and testament, praying them to accept it in good part and to pray for my soul and to be diligent and well-willing in and concerning the execution of this my last will and testament;

The residue of all my goods and chattels moveable and unmoveable heretofore in this my last will and testament not given nor bequeathed (except my harness, armory, weapons, guns, shot, powder and my tent, which I give unto my said son Sir Edward Windsor), the same will and testament being duly and fully performed and fulfilled in every part thereof, I give and bequeath to my son Philip Windsor, and Elizabeth Windsor my daughter, his sister;

And I will that the same goods shall be kept and ordered by my overseers aforesaid or by the survivor of them until he or she shall come to their age of 21 years, and if it shall fortune the said Philip or Elizabeth to depart this transitory life before he or she shall come to his or their said full age, then I will that the survivor of them shall have the whole, and if it fortune both the said Philip and Elizabeth to decease before they or either of them shall come to their said full ages, then I will that all the residue of the said goods and chattels unbequeathed shall remain to my said son Sir Edward Windsor and his heirs males;

Also I will to the men children had of my daughter Elizabeth Sandys, wife of Henry Sandys, son and heir of Thomas, Lord Sandys, a cup of gilt, and to Margaret Sandys £20 of my debts owing by the said Lord Sandys;

Item, I will to the two sons of Edward Ferrers of Baddesley all my debts which he doth owe me and £20 more, to be delivered for them to find them at their learning, and if my daughter Bridget Ferrers do overlive her said husband, she to take the charge thereof to pray for me;

Item, I will to my son Browne's two children two cups of silver for a token to pray for me;

Item, I will to the son of my son Scott and my daughter Mary, his wife, and to the son of my daughter Dorothy Pauncefoot, to every of them a cup of silver and gilt of the smallest sort;

Provided always, and my full mind and will is, that if it shall fortune my said executors above-named, and every of them, do refuse and deny to take upon them the probation and execution of this my present last will and testament, contrary to such trust and confidence as I have in them put (as I do verily trust they will not), then I will that my said son Sir Edward Windsor shall in no wise meddle ne attempt or make any enterprise in or concerning th' execution of this my last will and testament or concerning th' order or administration of any of my goods, chattels, debts or credits, but I will that the said Lady Elizabeth, my wife, and Sir Thomas White, knight, or the survivor of them, shall within convenient time after such refusal or denial take upon them or the survivor of them the execution of my said last will according to the purport and tenor of the same.

LM: vltima volunt{as} eiusdem d{omini} Will{elm}i

This is the last will and testament of me, the said William, Lord Windsor, made and declared the day and year above-written of two parts of all my manors, lands, tenements, rents, reversions, services and hereditaments with their appurtenances, in three parts to be divided egally according to the statutes and laws in such cases made and provided:

First, I will that mine executors and the survivors or survivor of them shall with part of the rents, issues and profits of such manors, lands and tenements, being parcel of mine inheritance as be hereafter mentioned, shall perform my said father's will in all such points and things as I am charged with by my said father's will either in law or conscience;

Item, I will that mine executors and the survivors and survivor of them shall for that purpose, and for the performance of such other things as be hereafter mentioned in this my present last will, shall take and perceive the rents, issues and profits of my manor of Bradenham and Penn called Beelings with their appurtenances, and of all my lands, tenements and hereditaments with their appurtenances in Cheeping Wycombe and West Wycombe and Weston Turville called Molens manor and Butler's manor in the same towns of Weston Turville and Puttenham and Ascott in the counties of Buckingham and Hertford, the manor of Mill Court with th' appurtenances in the county of Southampton, the manor of Eluanston, Ambaston, Hatton, Bentley, Thinwaston, Alkmanton and Alkmanton Bentley with th' appurtenances in the county of Derby, the manor of Madeley Holme with th' appurtenances in the county of Stafford, the manor of Medeley Houghton and Billingley with their appurtenances in the counties of York and Nottingham, immediately from and after the decease of Dorothy, Lady Windsor, late wife of Sir Thomas Windsor, knight, for and during the space of 20 years, and my mind and will is that during the life of the said Dorothy, mine executors or any of them shall not take any of the rents or issues of the premises being in jointure to the said lady;

Item, I will that after my decease the manor of Minchinhampton and Penbery with their appurtenances in the county of Gloucester, and the manor of Cranford St. John and Cranford le Mote with their appurtenances in the county of Middlesex, shall come, remain and be to my son Philip Windsor and his heirs and assignees forever, yielding and paying out of the said premises unto the monastery of Hounslow to be erected yearly forty pounds, and I will that my said son Philip, his heirs and assignees, forevermore shall well and truly content and pay to the prior, master, governor or governess of the said house of friars of Hounslow in the county of Middlesex for the time being the said sum of forty pounds of lawful money of England at two feasts of the year, that is to wit, at the feast of th' Annunciation of Our Blessed Lady and Saint Michael th' Archangel by even portions for and towards the maintenance of the said house, and if default of payment thereof fortune to be in part or in all by the space of forty days after any of the said days of payment thereof, then I will and devise that it shall be lawful for the said minister, governor or governess of the said house of friars for the time being to distrain in and upon the said manors of Minchinhampton & Penbery with their appurtenances and the manor of Cranford Saint John and Cranford le Mote with their appurtenances for the same and all arrearages thereof;

And I will and devise that the rents, issues and profits of my manor of Minchinhampton and Avening and Penbery with their appurtenances in the county of Gloucester, over and besides the said £40 before limited and appointed to be paid to the said master, minister, governor or governess, shall during all such time as my said son Philip shall be within age, shall be taken, received and employed by mine executors or the survivor or survivors of them to the profit and behoof of the performance of my testament, and the same being performed, then to th' use and behoof of the said Philip Windsor, my son, and of Elizabeth Windsor, his sister, begotten of the body of the Lady Elizabeth Windsor, my wife;

Also I will that after such time as my said son Philip shall accomplish his full age of 21 years, and after this my last will and testament shall be performed and fulfilled, then I will that my said manors of Minchinhampton, Avening and Penbery with their appurtenances shall immediately come and remain to the said Philip and his heirs males of his body coming, paying the said yearly rent or payment of £40 to the said master, minister, governor or governess of the said house of friars as is aforesaid, and I will also that the said master, minister, governor or governess of the said house of friars for the time being shall have full power and authority to distrain in the said manor of Minchinhampton, Avening and Penbery and every of them for lack of payment of the said yearly rent or payment of £40 or of any part thereof, and the same distress to convey away and to retain until full payment be made thereof;

And for lack of issue male of the said Philip Windsor lawfully begotten, then I will that the said manors of Minchinhampton, Avening and Penbery with their appurtenances shall wholly remain and come to my son William Windsor and his heirs males [RM: of his body lawfully begotten, the said William and his heirs males paying] paying the said yearly rent or payment of £40 as is before expressed, and for lack of heirs males of his body lawfully begotten, then the remainder thereof shall be to Sir Edward Windsor, knight, and to his heirs males of his body lawfully begotten, he and his heirs males paying the said yearly rent or payment of £40 in manner aforesaid;

Also I give and devise the manor of Southcote with the lands and tenements in Burfields and Shinfield in the country of Berkshire to the said Lady Elizabeth, my wife, for term of her life if she live sole and unmarried, the remainder thereof to th' heirs males of my body of the body of the same Lady Elizabeth lawfully begotten, and for default of such heirs males to remain to the said Sir Edward Windsor, knight, mine eldest son, and to th' heirs males of his body lawfully begotten, and for lack of such issue the remainder thereof to Walter Windsor, my son and to th' heirs males of his body lawfully begotten, and for lack of such issue the remainder thereof to William Windsor, my son, and to th' heirs males of his body lawfully begotten, and for lack of such issue the remainder thereof to the right heirs of me, the said Lord William Windsor, forever;

And I give unto Sir Edward Windsor, my son, the advowson and parsonage of the parish church of Monks Risborough with the glebe land thereunto belonging and the law-day at Ascote once in the year to be kept;

Also I will that my closes at Weston Turville with the mead thereunto reserved from my farmers there shall lie to my house at Bradenham, yielding the rent to mine executors as my book of accounts doth purport;

Item, I give to either of my said sons, Walter and William, either of them an crinces(?) to be levied, taken and received of my lands & tenements by mine executors, and they to employ the same in several stocks by their discretion for them as Staplers admitted to occupy it as merchants of the Staple;

And my full mind and will is that the third part of all my manors, lands, tenements and hereditaments with their appurtenances which I have or am seised of, of any estate of inheritance, after my decease immediately descend and come unto my next heir, to th' intent that if my heir be within th' age of 21 years the day of my decease, the King and Queen's Highness may have the custody thereof during the nonage of my heir, and if my said heir be then of full age of 21 years, the King and Queen's Highness to have primer seisin according to the laws and statutes of this realm the third part of all my lands, which is £474, the parcels of which said third parts of which said third part of my manors, lands and tenements, which my mind and will is to leave and to descend and come unto my next heir to th' intent abovesaid, I will, devise and limit to be these hereafter mentioned, that is to wit:

First, the manor of Ockbrook within Chaddesden with th' appurtenances within the county of Derby, the manor of Tardebigge with Bordesley in the counties of Worcester and Warwick, the manors of Hedeley in the county of Surrey, the manor of Alkmanton, Bentley, Chappell in the county of Derby, the manor of Hurtmore in the county of Surrey, the manor of Eton next Windsor in the county of Buckingham, the manors of Baylham, Willisham, Goddlesford and Rowes, Aldenham, Tafton Hall and Brandeford in the county of Suffolk, the manor of Farnesham in the county of Berkshire, the manor of Stoke Doyle in the county of Northampton, the manor of White Waltham in the county of Berkshire, the manor of Bunckhurst in the county of Wiltshire, a tenement in Mugwell Street wherein John Lister lately dwelt, and a tenement in Lothbury called the Alby, and a house called Windsor Place, sometime Westmoreland Place, in Silver Street within the said city of London, the reversion of the manor of Bone Jorden in Stoke Poges, and lands in Eton called Groves and Poultnayes, with lands in reversion in Stanwell in the county of Middlesex sometime of the monastery of Ankerwycke, to have and to hold the said manors, lands, tenements and hereditaments with all and singular th' appurtenances, commodities and profits unto my said next heir and to th' heirs males of his body lawfully begotten, and for default of such issue the remainder thereof to the next heir male of the body of Andrew, Lord Windsor, my father, begotten, and for default of such issue the remainder thereof to my next heirs forever;

Also I assign and appoint to my next heir and to his heirs males of his body begotten as is aforesaid, with remainder over as is aforesaid, the reversion of the manor of Greenford and Grethedge in the county of Middlesex, the reversion of the rectory or parsonage of Willisham in the county of Suffolk, the reversion of the manor of Eliveston, Ambaston,

Hatton, Bentley, Alkmanton in the county of Derby, and the reversion of the manor of Madeley Holme and Chickley in the county of Stafford, and the reversion of the manors of Hawton, Billingley and Medeley in the counties of York and Nottingham, after the decease of the Lady Dorothy Windsor, for the performance of my last will;

Also I will that the reversion of the manor of Stokebowne Jordan in Stoke Poges and all my lands and tenements in Denham, the manors of Groves and Pultneys with th' appurtenances in Eton within the county of Buckingham, be and remain according to the last will and testament of Andrew, late Lord Windsor, my father;

And I will and give unto Sir Edward Windsor, my son, the manors of White Waltham in the county of Berkshire, the manors of Androwes Goldeforde and Ambrose Bramfords within the county of Suffolk, and my manors of Goddlesford, Canon Leigh and Little Belstead and lands and tenements in Stoke, Sproxston and Belstead in the county of Suffolk, and the moiety of the manor of Maplestead, Tapons and Deanes with th' appurtenances in the county of Essex, and also the manor of Burkhurst in the county of Wiltshire, to have and to hold to the said Edward and Lady Katherine, his wife, one of the daughters of the daughters [sic] of th' Earl of Oxford;

Item, I will and give unto Walter Windsor, my son, the manor of Lusshill, the third part of Hendonweeke, and the manor of Sopworth with th' appurtenances in the county of Wiltshire, to have and to hold unto my said [+son] Walter Windsor and to the heirs males of his body lawfully begotten, the remainder thereof to the right heirs of me, the said William, Lord Windsor;

Also I will, give, assign and appoint the third part of the manors of Langrige and the 4th part of Langrige which I had of Egion Wilson with the advowson of my toure(?) of the same, and the manor of Chippenham with th' appurtenances in the counties of Wiltshire and Somerset, and all the lands purchased of Egion Wilson in Heydonwike, Kerson, Milford, Henton and Growbridge in the county of Wiltshire, unto my said son William and to th' heirs males of his body lawfully begotten, the remainder for lack of such issue to my right heirs forever;

Also I assign and appoint to the performance of my last will the reversion of the manors of Mill Court, Binsted, Bolinghurst, Thurstons, and Great Bentworth in the county of Southampton;

Also I will that my lands liable and set out for the payment of my debts shall also pay for the making up of the friars' house in Hounslow, and for the obtaining of the lease and reversion of the demesnes to the said house appertaining, which one [] Rone, the auditor, how hath;

Item, my manor of Snaylham lying in Guestling parish for the jointure of the Lady Elizabeth, my wife, and the residue of the said manor of Snaylham lying in the parish of Icklesham to the heirs of me, William, Lord Windsor, or to William Windsor for Bullesdone and Little Bentworth.

William Windsor. William Windsor test{e} Thoma Vavasor test{e} Will{el}mo Adams

Probatum fuit suprascriptum test{amentu}m cora{m} d{omi}no apud London decimo die mens{is} Decembr{is} Anno d{omi}ni Mill{es}i{m}o quingen{tes}i{m}o quinquagesimo Octauo Iurament{o} D{omi}ne Elizabeth{e} Windesore Relic{te} et executric{is} in h{uius}mo{d}i tes{tamen}to no{m}i{n}at{e}. Ac app{ro}batum et insinuat{um} &c Com{m}issaq{ue} fuit admi{n}istracio &c pifat{e} executrici &c De b{e}n{e} &c Ac de pleno et fideli Inuentario &c Necnon de plano et vero compoto &c iur{ate} Res{er}uata p{otes}tate &c Ioh{ann}i Baker militi &c executor{i} &c cum ven{er}it &c D{omi}no Iohanne Winton{ie} Ep{iscop}o Chidioc Poulet milit{e} Thoma White milite et Will{el}mo Roper{er} Executorib{us} &c in p{er}sona Edmundi Brudnell no{tar}ij pu{bli}ci procur{atoris} sui &c on{er}i executionis d{i}c{t}i tes{tamen}ti expres{se} renu{n}cian{tibus}

[=The above-written will was proved before the Lord at London on the tenth day of the month of December in the year of the Lord one thousand five hundred fifty-eight by the oath of Lady Elizabeth Windsor, relict and executrix named in the same testament, and approved and entered etc., and administration was granted etc. to the forenamed executrix etc. to well etc., and a plain and faithful inventory etc., and also a plain and true account etc., sworn. With power reserved etc. to John Baker, knight, etc., executor etc., when he shall have come etc., Lord John, Bishop of Winchester, Chidiock Paulet, knight, Thomas White, knight, and William Roper, executors etc., in the person of Edmund Brudnell, notary public, their proxy, etc., expressly renouncing the burden of the execution of the said will.]

[RM: Administrac{i}o bonoru{m} iuriu{m} et creditoru{m} dict{i} def{uncti} p{er} D{omi}nam Elizabeth{am} Windsore relict{am} et ex{ecuto}rem tes{tamen}ti dict{i} def{uncti} non admi{n}istrat{orem} com{m}iss{a} fuit xiiijto die mensis ffebruarij iuxta computac{i}o{n}em eccl{es}ie Anglicane 1582 prout ex act{u} Lique]

[=Administration of the goods, rights and credits of the said deceased by the Lady Elizabeth Windsor, relict and executor of the will of the said deceased, not administrator, was granted on the 13th day of the month of February according to the reckoning of the English church 1582, as from the act appears.]