SUMMARY: The document below is the last will and testament, dated 12 July 1557 and proved 14 June 1559, of Thomas Tilney of Hadleigh, Suffolk, grandfather of Philip Tilney (d. 13 March 1602), who purchased Oxford's manor of Aldham, Suffolk, a few miles from Hadleigh. For Philip Tilney's purchase of the manor of Aldham, see TNA C 54/1094, Part 24.

The testator was the son of Sir Philip Tilney (d. 8 January 1533) by his first wife, Margaret Brewse, the daughter of Sir Thomas Brewse (d. 17 June 1482). See the will of Margaret Brewse' mother, Elizabeth (nee Debenham) Brewse, TNA PROB 11/13/418, and the Brewse pedigree in Crisp, Frederick Arthur, *Fragmenta Genealogica*, (Bowie, Maryland: Heritage Books, 1996), Vol. VIII, pp. 57-60 at:

https://archive.org/stream/fragmentagenealo08cris#page/60/mode/2up.

The testator married Margaret Barrett, by whom he had two sons, Frederick Tilney (d. 26 January 1541), called Frarey in the will below, who predeceased him, and Emery Tilney (d.1606), who survived him, and married Winifred Davis, the daughter of John Davis of Cranbrook, Kent, by whom he had several children, including his son and heir, Thomas Tilney, who married Elizabeth Gosnold, the daughter of Anthony Gosnold (d. 7 September 1602) and sister of the Jamestown settler, Bartholomew Gosnold (d. 22 August 1607). See Metcalfe, Walter C., ed., *The Visitations of Suffolk*, (Exeter: William Pollard, 1882), p. 170 at:

https://archive.org/stream/visitationsofsuf00harvuoft#page/170/mode/2up.

The testator's eldest son, Frederick or Frarey, married Margaret Buck (d.1598), the daughter of Robert Buck of Long Melford, Suffolk, by whom he had two sons, Thomas Tilney, the testator's heir, and Philip Tilney (d. 13 March 1602), who purchased Oxford's manor of Aldham, as noted above, and was the father of the Babington conspirator, Charles Tilney. See the *ODNB*:

Charles Tilney (1561–1586) was born on 23 September 1561, the son of Philip Tilney of Shelley Hall, Suffolk, and his wife, Anne, daughter of Francis Framlington of Crowshall, Debenham, Suffolk.

See also the pedigrees of Tilney and Framlingham in Metcalfe, *supra*, pp. 73-4, and 192:

https://archive.org/stream/visitationsofsuf00harvuoft#page/72/mode/2up.

The testator's daughter-in-law, Margaret Buck, was the sister of Robert Buck (d.1580), father of Sir George Buck, Master of the Revels. See the *ODNB*:

Buck [Buc], Sir George (bap. 1560, d. 1622), master of the revels and historian, was baptized in Holy Trinity, Ely, Cambridgeshire, on 1 October 1560, the eldest son

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and probably second of the four children of Robert Buck (d. 1580), church official, and Elizabeth Nunn, née Petterill, of Brandon Ferry, Suffolk.

For the Tilneys of Shelley, see also Copinger, W.A., *The Manors of Suffolk*, (Manchester: Taylor, Garnett, Evans & Co. Ltd., 1910), Vol. 6, p. 81 at:

https://archive.org/stream/cu31924092579592#page/n89/mode/2up.

The manor [of Shelley] subsequently vested in Sir Philip Tilney, Knt. He married 1st Margaret, daughter of Sir Thomas Brewse of Little Wenham; 2ndly, Joan, daughter of Thomas Tey by Margaret his wife, relict of John Fincham of Fincham; and 3rdly Elizabeth, daughter and heir of (blank) Jeffery, of Stansfield, co. Suffolk, who afterwards remarried Francis Framlingham of Crow's Hall, in Debenham. Sir Philip Tilney died 8th Jan. 1532-3, when the manor passed to his son and heir, Thomas Tilney, who married Margaret Barrett. From Thomas the manor passed to his grandson, Philip Tilney (whose father, Frederick Tilney, of Kelsale, married Margaret Buck of Long Melford and died 26th Jan. 1540-1). The marriage settlement of Philip Tilney on Anne, daughter of Sir Charles Framlingham of Crow's Hall, Debenham, 9th Oct. 1561, will be found amongst the Egerton MSS. in the British Museum (Egerton 2713). It is referred to also in the Historical MSS. Commission Reports. On 11th Aug. 1561 Philip Tilney entertained his kinswoman, Queen Elizabeth, at Shelley Hall. His only son Charles was executed in 1586 for his share in the Babington Conspiracy.

On Philip's death, 13th March 1601-2, the manor passed to his first cousin and heir, Emery Tilney . . . .

Copinger states above that Emery Tilney was a first cousin of Philip Tilney (d. 13 March 1602); however according to the will below, Emery was the testator's second son, and thus Philip Tilney's uncle.

As noted in the will below, the testator was the brother of Philip Tilney (d.1541), and thus the uncle of Edmund Tilney, Master of the Revels. See the *ODNB*:

Tilney, Edmund (1535/6–1610), courtier, was . . . the only son of Phillip Tilney (d. 1541), an usher of the privy chamber to Henry VIII, and his wife, Malyn Chambre, a chamberwoman to Queen Katherine Howard. His paternal grandfather, Sir Philip Tilney, was closely attached to Thomas Howard, second duke of Norfolk, who married first his cousin Elizabeth and later his sister Agnes. . . . Phillip Tilney died in debt in 1541 and was buried in St Leonard's Church, Streatham.

For Philip Tilney's purchase from Oxford of the manor of Aldham, see also Copinger, W.A., *The Manors of Suffolk*, (Manchester: Taylor, Garnet, Evans & Co. Ltd., 1909), Vol. 3, p. 133 at:

https://archive.org/stream/cu31924092579568#page/n141/mode/2up.

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Edward de Vere, 15th [sic] Earl, who sold the manor [of Aldham] in 1580 to Philip Tilney. He was succeeded in 1603 by his cousin and heir, Emery Tilney, who died in 1606, being succeeded by Thomas Tilney, who sold the manor to Sir Edward Coke, Knt., in 1609.

For the Tilneys, see also *The Works of Thomas Hearne, B.A.,* (London: Samuel Bagster, 1810), Vol. IV, pp. 671-5 at:

https://books.google.ca/books?id=QOVYAAAAcAAJ&pg=PA671&lpg=PA671&dq=%22Tylney%22+%22Inner+Temple%22&source=bl&ots=2tqVsHTAd0&sig=bma503E9ChGi6Wu2m0_L_InQAIc&hl=en&sa=X&ei=a--NVLPkHMHooATA_4CoBg&ved=0CB0Q6AEwAA#v=onepage&q=%22Tylney%22%20%22Inner%20Temple%22&f=false.

The testator's godson, John Digge, mentioned in the will below, would appear to be the John Digge of the Revels Office who appointed Edmund Tilney and Philip Tilney joint executors of his will. See Streitberger, W.R., 'On Edmond Tyllney's Biography', *Review of English Studies* (1978), XXIX (113): 11-35 at p. 26:

http://res.oxfordjournals.org/content/XXIX/113/11.extract

Edmond [Tilney, Master of the Revels] became involved, along with his cousin, Phillip Tyllney of Shelley Hall, as joint executor of the will of John Digges, in a battery of suits which dragged on until the early 1590s. Digges, Merchant Taylor and employee of the Revels Office from 1579 until 1584/5, is variously described in the testimonies. . . . The cousins first brought a Star Chamber suit against Raffe Bott and William Combes of the Middle Temple over the lease of Spitleshope, a field in Stepney, Middlesex, owned jointly by Digges and Bott. . . . Edmund sued in Chancery . . . Bott countersued in Chancery in 1589-90. . . .

RM: T{estamentum} Thome Tylney

[f. 213r] In dei nomine Amen. I, Thomas Tylney of Hadleigh in the county of Suffolk, esquire, being in good health and perfect remembrance, my Lord God I thank therefore, do make and declare this my last will and testament the 12th day of July in the years of the reigns of our Sovereign Lord and Lady Philip and Mary by the grace of God King and Queen of England, Spain etc. the third and the fourth [sic?];

First I commend my soul to Our Saviour Christ Jesus, through whom and by whose mercy and merit I hope and believe assuredly to have clear remission and forgiveness of all my sins, my corruptible body to be buried and honestly brought forth to the earth in Shelley church chapel called Tylney chapel by my father if so be I do die within 4 miles' compass of the said village or town of Shelley, and if I depart this life without the circuit

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of the said 4 miles, then to be likewise honestly buried and brought to earth in the next Christian burial wheresoever shall please my said Lord God to call me;

Item, I give unto that priest or curate in whose said Christian burial my said vile body and bones shall happen to sleep and rest for a season 10s;

Also I give unto every poor person dwelling or inhabiting in the said town of Shelley at my funeral day or day of burial, man, woman or child, 4d to be paid them by mine executors or their assigns at home in their houses;

And I do give unto the relief and comfort of the same poor people inhabiting or dwelling in the said village or town of Shelley aforesaid £6 of lawful and current money of England to be paid them quarterly, every quarter 10s until the said sum of six pounds be well and truly delivered by mine executors or their assigns as is aforesaid;

Item, I give towards the covering up again of Shelley church steeple 40s;

Item, I will, give and bequeath unto my daughter-in-law, Margaret Tylney, widow, late the wife of my eldest son, Frare Tylney, deceased, forty pounds of lawful and current money of England, to be paid the same Margaret by mine executors or their assigns immediately after the lawful probation of this my said last will and testament;

And if the said Margaret shall happen to die before my said last will and testament be lawfully approved as is aforesaid, then I will the said £40 to be equally divided, parted and paid between Thomas and Philip Tylney, the two natural sons of my said son, Frarey, and Margaret;

Item, I will, give and bequeath unto Thomas Tylney, the eldest son of my said son, Frareye, and Margaret, at this present day mine heir, all my silver plate whole gilt, parcel gilt and not gilt, my chain of fine gold and forty old royals, all my harness and weapons, whose parcels, troy weights and clear values be written in two red books of paper royal, the one less than the other, to be delivered and paid unto the said Thomas Tylney by mine executors or assigns when he cometh to the full age of 21 years;

And if he do die before the said age of 21 years, then to be delivered & paid to his brother, Philip, in like sort and fashion, he then being mine heir;

And if they both die before their said ages of 21 years, then I will all the same parcels afore rehearsed to be delivered, yielded and paid unto mine next heir or heirs whom Almighty God and the laws of this realm shall permit and suffer to be my said heir or heirs in manner and form abovesaid;

Item, I will, give and bequeath unto the said Philip Tylney, the younger son of my said son, Frarye, and Margaret, forty pounds of lawful and current money of England, to be paid and delivered unto the said Philip Tylney by mine executors or their assigns when he cometh to the age of 21 years;

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And if he die before his said age of 21 years, then I will the said forty pounds to be delivered and paid unto my son, Emory Tylney, in the Inner Temple at London if he be then living, or else to be paid and delivered unto Edmund Tylney, the only son of my brother, Philip, deceased;

Item, I give and bequeath unto my said son, Emory, and his heirs twenty pounds of lawful and current money of England, to be paid and delivered to the said Emory Tylney by mine executors or their assigns within three months next after my said funeral day or day of burial;

And forasmuch as my said daughter-in-law, Margaret [f. 213v] Tylney, widow, aforesaid was left without jointure or dower of my foresaid son, Frarye Tylney, deceased, in consideration thereof I, the said Thomas Tylney, do give and grant unto the said Margaret for term of her life natural all those lands, meadows and pastures now by lease in the tenure, farm and occupation of one John Cossey, lying and being in and about the towns and parishes of Skirbeck and Wyberton on the west part the water or haven of Boston in the county of Lincoln for the clear yearly value of £20 2d by year, as by the said lease of the said John Cossey more at large may and doth appear;

Item, I give and bequeath unto John Dygge, my godson, and freeman of the Merchant Taylors' Hall in the city of London, £6 13s 4d, and to Parnell West, my god-daughter, £3 6s 8d, to be paid them by mine executors or their assigns within three months next after my said funeral day or day of burial;

Item, I give unto my household servants, man or woman, 5s 8d with their wages and liveries due unto any of them at the next quarter after my said funeral day or day of burial, to be paid by mine executors or their assigns within one month as is aforesaid;

The residue of my goods not given or bequeathed, whatsoever they be, wheresoever they be, and in whose custody soever they remain or abide, whether they be on land or on water, my debts paid and this my very last will and testament fulfilled and performed, clearly, frankly and freely I give them all unto my heir whom Almighty God of his mere mercy and goodness shall permit and suffer to be mine heir at my said funeral day or day of burial, at this present day to Thomas Tylney, the said eldest son of my son, Frarye, and Margaret, his wife, aforesaid;

And I do ordain, institute and make mine executors and administrators of this my said very last will and testament Thomas Tylney, my said heir, and Philip Tylney, his brother, with their natural mother, Margaret Tylney, aforesaid;

And I will my said daughter-in-law, Margaret Tylney, widow aforesaid, to have in her custody and safekeeping all these legacies, gifts and bequests given and bequeathed by this my foresaid very last will and testament unto Thomas and Philip Tylney, her 2 natural sons, until they come and be at their full ages of 21 years aforesaid, and then they

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and either of them all those said legacies, gifts and bequests quietly to have and enjoy in manner and form written;

And further I will that my said daughter-in-law shall have the government of the bodies of the said Thomas and Philip and the profits of all my manors, lands and tenements for their better education until they and each of them shall accomplish the age of 21 years aforesaid;

In witness hereof I, the foresaid Thomas Tylney, with divers of their friends at my request have subscribed our proper names the day and year above-written, Anno domini 1557. Thomas Tylney, William Mannocke, George Boyes, clerk, Robert Dobes, William Reynolde, Thomas Whiple.

Probatum fuit suprascript{um} testamentu{m} cora{m} mag{ist}ro Gwaltero Haddon legum doctore Curie prerogatiue Cant{uariensis} Custode siue Com{m}issario sede Archie{pisco}pale ib{ide}m iam vacante Decimo quarto die mensis Iunij Anno D{omi}ni Mill{es}imo quingentesimo quinquagesimo nono Iurament{o} Ed{ward}i Brudenell p{ro}cur{ator}is Margarete Rel{i}c{t}e et executricis in h{uius}mo{d}i testamento no{m}i{n}ate Ac approbatu{m} et insinuatu{m} com{m}issaq{ue} fuit administratio o{mn}i{u}m et sing{u}lor{um} bonor{um} Iuriu{m} &c prefat{e} executrici de bene &c Ac de pleno et fideli inventario Necnon de vero et plano compot{o} reddend{o} &c Iurat{e}

[=The above-written testament was proved before Master Walter Haddon, Doctor of the Laws, Keeper or Commissary of the Prerogative Court of Canterbury of the archiepiscopal seat there now vacant, on the fourteenth day of the month of June in the year of the Lord the thousand five hundred fifty-ninth by the oath of Edward Brudenell, proctor of Margaret, relict and executrix named in the same testament, and probated and entered, and administration was granted of all and singular the goods, rights etc. to the forenamed executrix, sworn to well etc., and to [+exhibit] a full and faithful inventory, and also to render a true and plain account.]

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