

SUMMARY: The document below is the Prerogative Court of Canterbury copy of the will, dated 16 September 1560 and 1 April 1561 and proved 10 May 1561, of Sir Arthur Darcy (d. 3 April 1561). The testator was the uncle of Dorothy Neville, first wife of Oxford's father; the uncle of Oxford's friend, Arthur Throckmorton (c.1557-1626); the uncle of John Darcy (d.1602), 2nd Lord Darcy of Aston, 'Lord Darcy of the North', the dedicatee of Robert Greene's first published work, *Mamillia* (1583); and the uncle of Sir Nicholas Saunders (d. 9 February 1649), the dedicatee of *Greene's Vision* (1592).

The testator's nephew, Greene's dedicatee, Lord Darcy of the North, was made a Knight of the Bath on 15 January 1559 at the coronation of Queen Elizabeth. See Shaw, William A., *The Knights of England*, (London: Sherratt and Hughes, 1906), Vol. I, p. 153 at:

<https://archive.org/stream/knightsofengland01shawuoft#page/152/mode/2up>.

Lord Darcy of the North played an active part in the suppression of the Northern Rebellion of 1569. For documents indicating that Oxford accompanied the Earl of Sussex in the suppression of the Northern Rebellion, where he may have met Lord Darcy of the North, see BL Lansdowne 11/53, ff. 121-2, and TNA SP 15/19/37, f. 88.

The testator was a younger son of Thomas Darcy (c.1467 – 30 June 1537), Lord Darcy of Temple Hirst, Yorkshire, by his first wife, Dowsabel Tempest, daughter and heir of Sir Richard Tempest of Stainforth in Giggleswick, Yorkshire. The testator's father was beheaded for his role in the Pilgrimage of Grace. According to Froude, however, the testator 'shared in none of his father's opinions'. See Froude, James Anthony, *History of England*, New Ed., (London: Longmans, Green and Co., 1893), Vol. I, p. 541 at:

https://en.wikisource.org/wiki/Page%3AHistory_of_England_%28Froude%29_Vol_2.djvu/561.

Despite his father's attainder, and perhaps because of the role he himself had played in the suppression of the Pilgrimage of Grace, the testator became a trusted servant of Henry VIII and Edward VI. He was granted lands from three dissolved Cistercian monasteries, Jervaulx Abbey in Yorkshire, Sawley in Lancashire, and in August 1542, St Mary Graces in London. He was a Commissioner of the Court of Augmentations (1542-60), and Lieutenant of the Tower. For the testator's tenure as Commissioner of the Court of Augmentations, see Aston, Mick, *Monasteries in the Landscape*, (Stroud, Gloucestershire: Amberley Publishing, 1993), p. 99 at:

<https://books.google.ca/books?id=X1moAwAAQBAJ&pg=PA99-IA5&lpg=PA99-IA5&dq=%22Sir+Arthur+Darcy%22+%22Charterhouse%22&source=bl&ots=6H2s8w-kif&sig=9cJWK8GSwEcs5mZa13UVDh5Rba8&hl=en&sa=X&ved=0ahUKEwjWsJaemt3LAhVG5GMKHYm0ApUQ6AEIIDAC#v=onepage&q=%22Sir%20Arthur%20Darcy%22%20%22Charterhouse%22&f=false>.

For the manor house built by the testator at the former monastery of St Mary Graces in London, see Grainger, Ian and Christopher Phillpotts, *The Cistercian Abbey of St Mary Graces, East Smithfield, London*, Museum of London Archaeology Monograph 44, 2011, pp. 58-9, 70-2.

In February 1560 the testator sold the manor of East Smithfield and his property at the former St Mary Graces to the Queen for £1200 'to serve as a central depot for the victualing of the navy'. See Grainger, Ian, and Christopher Phillpotts, 'The Royal Navy Victualling Yard, East Smithfield, London', Museum of London Archaeology Monograph (2009/10), in Stephenson, Roy, 'The Tudor Port of London: An Archaeological Investigation', Museum of London, available online at:

www.gresham.ac.uk/sites/default/files/roystephensontudorport_0.pptx.

For the testator's appointment in 1551 as Lieutenant of the Tower, see Nichols, John Gough, 'The Lieutenants of the Tower of London', *Transactions of the London and Middlesex Archaeological Society*, (London: J.B. Nichols and Sons, 1860), Vol. I, pp. 225-42 at p. 231:

<https://books.google.ca/books?id=7q1DAQAAMAAJ&pg=PA231&lpg=PA231&dq=%22Sir+Arthur+Darcy%22+%22Lieutenant+of+the+Tower%22&source=bl&ots=x3fGDTPy96&sig=q21lp1-FQmrhyJ4QtI2ZNC7PY-c&hl=en&sa=X&ved=0ahUKEwintdmh8N7LAhVG8GMKHZzQCgYQ6AEIMjAF#v=onepage&q=%22Sir%20Arthur%20Darcy%22%20%22Lieutenant%20of%20the%20Tower%22&f=false>.

By his first marriage to Dowsabel Tempest, the testator's father had three sons, his eldest son and heir, George Darcy (d. 28 September 1558), 1st Lord Darcy of Aston, Richard Darcy (said to have died without issue), and the testator, and a daughter, Mabel Darcy (also said to have died without issue). See Richardson, Douglas, *Plantagenet Ancestry*, 2nd ed., 2011, Vol. II, pp. 388-90, and Harwood, H.W. Forsyth, ed., *The Genealogist*, New Series, (London: George Bell & Sons, no date), Vol. XVI, pp. 241-2 at:

<https://archive.org/stream/genealogist1619selb#page/n499/mode/2up>.

Before 7 December 1499, the testator's father married, as his second wife, Edith Sandys (d. 22 August 1529), sister of William Sandys (c.1470–1540) 1st Baron Sandys, by whom he had a daughter, Elizabeth Darcy, who married Sir Marmaduke Constable (d. 20 April 1560) of Nuneaton, son of Sir Robert Constable, executed 6 July 1537 for his role in the Pilgrimage of Grace. It is generally considered that Edith Sandys was the daughter of Sir William Sandys (d. 26 October 1496) of the Vyne, Sherborne St John, Hampshire, by his first wife, Edith Cheyney, the daughter of Sir John Cheyney (d. 20 June 1467), although in his will Sir William Sandys names his wife, who survived him, as Margaret. Margaret may have been Sir William Sandys' second wife; if so, her surname is unknown. For the will of Sir William Sandys (d. 26 October 1496), see TNA PROB 11/11/22. For Sir Robert Constable, see the *ODNB* article. For Sir John Cheyney (d. 20 June 1467), see

Salzman, L.F., 'Sussex Domesday Tenants: IV The Family of Chesney or Cheyney', *Sussex Archaeological Collections*, Vol. 65, pp. 20-53 at p. 48, available online. William Cheyney (d.1486), one of the sons of Sir John Cheyney (d. 20 June 1467), was the father of Sir Thomas Cheyney (d.1558), Warden of the Cinque Ports, for whose will see TNA PROB 11/42B/105. See also p. 48 *supra*.

For the Cheyney pedigrees which mention the marriage of a daughter of Sir John Cheyney (d. 20 June 1467) to Sir William Sandys (d. 26 October 1496), see Nichols, John Bowyer, ed., 'Pedigrees Showing the Relationship Between Many of the Nobility and Gentry, and the Blood Royal; Compiled About the Year 1505 (Harleian MS. 1074)', *Collectanea Topographica et Genealogica*, (London: John Bowyer Nichols and Son, 1834), Vol. I, pp. 295-319 at p. 314:

https://books.google.ca/books?id=TSsEAAAIAAJ&pg=PA314&redir_esc=y#v=onepage&q&f=false.

See also Blades, Frederic Augustus, ed., *The Visitations of Bedfordshire*, (London: Harleian Society, 1884), Vol. XIX, p. 15 at:

https://books.google.ca/books?id=v1UdcGWWSqQC&pg=PA15&redir_esc=y#v=onepage&q&f=false.

See also Rylands, W. Harry, ed., *The Four Visitations of Berkshire*, (London, 1907), Vol. I, p. 105 at:

<https://archive.org/stream/fourvisitationso5657ryla#page/104/mode/2up>.

At the time of her marriage to the testator's father, the testator's stepmother, Edith Sandys, was the widow of Ralph Neville (d.1498), Baron Neville, son and heir apparent of Ralph Neville (d. 6 February 1499), 3rd Earl of Westmorland. The testator's stepbrother, Ralph Neville (21 February 1498 – 24 April 1549), son of Ralph Neville (d.1498) and Edith Sandys, became the 4th Earl of Westmorland, and was the father of Dorothy Neville, first wife of Oxford's father, John de Vere (1516-1562), 16th Earl of Oxford. See Richardson, *supra*, Vol. II, pp. 388, 617, and the *ODNB* entry for Ralph Neville, 4th Earl of Westmorland.

At the triple wedding ceremony, Dorothy Neville's sister, Margaret Neville (c.1525–1559), married Henry Manners (1526-1563), 2nd Earl of Rutland, who after her death married Bridget Hussey Morrison Manners Russell (1525/6–1601), Countess of Bedford, who had the care of Oxford's daughters, Bridget and Susan Vere after the death of their grandfather, Lord Burghley, and was the grandmother of both Bridget Morison (bap. 1575, d.1623), wife of Robert Radcliffe (1573-1629), 5th Earl of Sussex (1573–1629), to whom Robert Greene dedicated *Philomela* in 1592, and Francis Norris (1579-1622), Earl of Berkshire, who married Oxford's daughter, Bridget de Vere (1584–1630/31?). See the will of Bridget, Countess of Bedford, TNA PROB 11/97/10; the *ODNB* entries for Henry Manners, 2nd Earl of Rutland, Robert Radcliffe, 5th Earl of Sussex, and Francis Norris,

Earl of Berkshire; and the Wikipedia article on Henry Manners, 2nd Earl of Rutland, edited by the author of this website:

https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Henry_Manners,_2nd_Earl_of_Rutland

The third couple at the triple wedding ceremony were the 4th Earl of Westmorland's son and heir, Henry Neville (1524/5–1564), 5th Earl of Westmorland, who married Anne Manners (*d. in or after 1549*), the daughter of Thomas Manners, 1st Earl of Rutland. Their son, Charles Neville, 6th Earl of Westmorland, married, about 1563/4, Oxford's first cousin, Jane Howard (buried 30 June 1593), the daughter of Henry Howard (1516/17-1547), Earl of Surrey, and Oxford's aunt, Frances de Vere (*d.1577*).

The testator's elder brother, George Darcy (*d.1558*), father of Robert Greene's dedicatee, was thus the stepbrother of the 4th Earl of Westmorland. Greene's dedicatee, 'Lord Darcy of the North', and Dorothy Neville, first wife of Oxford's father, were thus step first cousins.

For the triple wedding ceremony, see also the *ODNB* entry for Thomas Manners (c.1497-1543), 1st Earl of Rutland:

In July 1536 Rutland cemented his ties to other noble families with a triple wedding at Holywell, in which his eldest son Henry Manners (1526–1563) and daughter Lady Anne (d. in or after 1549) married Lady Margaret Neville and Henry Neville, Lord Neville (1524/5–1564), children of Ralph Neville, fourth earl of Westmorland, and Lady Dorothy Neville married John de Vere, heir of the earl of Oxford. Rutland was lord chamberlain to Jane Seymour, and, though illness kept him from court for a significant period in spring 1537, he was in attendance when she died in October. He was also chamberlain to Anne of Cleves and Katherine Howard. Lady Rutland served in the privy chambers of the first two queens and possibly of the third.

According to Richardson, the testator's father's second wife, Edith Sandys, was a near kinswoman of Henry VII, being the granddaughter of the King's great-aunt, Eleanor Shottesbrook. See Richardson, Douglas, *Magna Carta Ancestry*, 2nd ed., 2011, Vol. III, pp. 5, 253, 474.

For the Sandys family, see also Chute, Chaloner W., *A History of the Vyne in Hampshire*, (London: Simpkin, Marshall & Co., 1888) at:

<https://archive.org/stream/historyofvyneinh00chut#page/n53/mode/2up>

The testator married Mary Carew, the daughter of Sir Nicholas Carew (beheaded 3 March 1540), Master of the Horse to Henry VIII, and Elizabeth Bryan (*d.1546*), the daughter of Sir Thomas Bryan and Margaret Bouchier, the daughter of Sir Humphrey Bourghier. See Richardson, Douglas, *Magna Carta Ancestry*, 2nd ed., 2011, Vol. I, pp. 194-5.

Mary Carew had one brother, Sir Francis Carew (d. 16 May 1611), and three sisters. The testator's brother-in-law, Sir Francis Carew, was a close friend of the testator's youngest son, Sir Francis Darcy (d. 29 November 1641). See the History of Parliament entries for Sir Francis Carew and Sir Francis Darcy at:

<http://www.historyofparliamentonline.org/volume/1558-1603/member/carew-francis-1530-1611>

and:

<http://www.historyofparliamentonline.org/volume/1558-1603/member/darcy-sir-francis-1641>.

Mary Carew also had three sisters: Elizabeth Carew, who married a husband surnamed Hall; Anne Carew (d.1587), who married firstly Sir Nicholas Throckmorton (father of Oxford's friend, Sir Arthur Throckmorton), and secondly Adrian Stokes (1519-1585); and Isabel Carew, who married Nicholas Saunders (d. 17 December 1587) of Ewell, from whose second wife, Margaret (nee Bostock) Blount Fisher, Oxford leased or purchased the mansion of Fisher's Folly in the parish of St Botolph's Bishopsgate. See Richardson, Vol. I, *supra*, pp. 194-5; the will of Margaret's second husband, Jasper Fisher (d. 28 February 1579), TNA PROB 11/61/541; and the will of Adrian Stokes, TNA PROB 11/68/664. For Isabel Carew and Nicholas Saunders, see his will, TNA PROB 11/72/42; and:

<http://www.epsomandewellhistoryexplorer.org.uk/images/SaundersPedigree.jpg>.

According to the tomb at St Botolph's, Aldgate, the testator had ten sons and five daughters. See Strype's Survey of London at:

http://www.hrionline.ac.uk/strype/TransformServlet?page=book2_016.

In the will below, the testator names seven surviving sons: Henry, Thomas, Edward, Arthur, Nicholas, John and Francis. The testator also had three surviving daughters, Elizabeth, Anne and Jane. The inscription on the tomb suggests that three other sons, Charles, William and Philip, and two other daughters, Ursula and Mary, died young. For the testator's children, see also Richardson, Douglas, *Magna Carta Ancestry*, 2nd ed., 2011, Vol. III, p. 6; and Norcliffe, Charles Best, ed., *The Visitation of Yorkshire in the Years 1563 and 1564*, (London: Harleian Society, 1881), Vol. XVI, p. 93 at:

<http://archive.org/stream/visitationofyork00flow#page/92/mode/2up>.

As noted above, Greene's first dedicatee was the testator's nephew, 'Lord Darcy of the North'. Another of Greene's books, *Greene's Vision* (1592), allegedly written 'at the instant of his death', was dedicated to 'Master Nicholas Saunders of Ewell'. *Greene's Vision* is said by orthodox scholars to have been written at least two years prior to Greene's death in 1592, and was dedicated to the testator's nephew, Nicholas Saunders

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(d. 9 February 1649), son of the testator's brother-in-law, Nicholas Saunders (d. 17 December 1587). For Nicholas Saunders and his connection to Oxford, see his will, TNA PROB 11/72/42.

As noted above, the testator's elder brother was George Darcy (d. 28 September 1558), 1st Baron Darcy of Aston, whose daughter, Elizabeth Darcy, married, as his first wife, Brian Stapleton (d. 13 December 1606), esquire, of Carlton near Snaith, Yorkshire, son and heir of Sir Richard Stapleton (d. 11 January 1585) by his wife, Thomasine Amadas. It was possibly their son, Richard Stapleton (died c.1614) who as 'Richard Stapleton, gentleman' contributed commendatory verses to the second part of Robert Greene's *Mamillia*, which was likely written circa 1583 but was not published until 1593 after Greene's death. After the death of Elizabeth Darcy, Brian Stapleton married Eleanor Neville, daughter of Ralph Neville, 4th Earl of Westmorland, and sister of the 16th Earl of Oxford's first wife, Dorothy Neville. See the will of Sir Thomas Neville (d.1542), TNA PROB 11/29/193; the will of Robert Amadas, TNA PROB 11/25/85; and the Wikipedia article on Robert Amadas edited by the author of this website.

For the testator, see also Mayer, Thomas F. and Courtney B. Walters, *The Correspondence of Reginald Pole*, Vol. 4, (Aldershot, Hampshire: Ashgate Publishing Limited, 2008), p. 173 at:

https://books.google.ca/books?id=_daeDoWdQ0cC&pg=PA173&lpg=PA173&dq=%22manor+of+Gisburn%22&source=bl&ots=5knwRG2zqK&sig=C1JhkzhoGRyeJ5g--wMyG1ypgIM&hl=en&sa=X&ved=0ahUKEwj8-OOAtpjLAhVL8WMKHTKpDsoQ6AEILzAF#v=onepage&q=%22manor%20of%20Gisburn%22&f=false.

For the testator's sister, Mary Darcy, mother of the conspirator, Anthony Babington, see the *ODNB* entry for the latter.

For the History of Parliament entry for the testator's eldest son and heir, Sir Henry Darcy, see:

<http://www.historyofparliamentonline.org/volume/1509-1558/member/darcy-henry-1539-9293-or-later>.

For lands inherited by the testator's son, Sir Henry Darcy, see Whitaker, Thomas Dunham, *The History and Antiquities of the Deanery of Craven in the County of York*, 2nd ed., (London: J. Nichols and Son, 1812), p. 57 at:

https://books.google.ca/books?id=-FdJAAAaAAJ&pg=PA57&lpg=PA57&dq=%22Sir+Arthur+Darcy%22+%22monastery+of%22&source=bl&ots=4UjUOu2Nif&sig=Poc2_Cg1P2oHb45bLC58Fh-X4nE&hl=en&sa=X&ved=0ahUKEwjKg_astJLahUS4mMKHXo6BxQQ6AEILjAI#v=onepage&q=%22Sir%20Arthur%20Darcy%22%20%22monastery%20of%22&f=false.

For the History of Parliament entry for the testator's son, Edward Darcy, see:

<http://www.historyofparliamentonline.org/volume/1558-1603/member/darcy-edward-1543-1612>.

For the History of Parliament entry for the testator's son, Sir Francis Darcy, see:

<http://www.historyofparliamentonline.org/volume/1558-1603/member/darcy-sir-francis-1641>.

For the testator's manor of Langcliffe, sold by the testator's son, Nicholas Darcy of Northampton, on 29 November 1591, see p. 39 at:

https://issuu.com/cinnamonmb/docs/langcliffe_history.

For entries in Machyn's diary concerning the testator, including his death and burial, see Nichols, John Gough, ed., *The Diary of Henry Machyn*, (London: Camden Society, 1868), pp. xix, 26, 148, 220, 222, 254, 255, 379, 384 at:

<https://books.google.ca/books?id=P0UAAAQAAJ&pg=PR19&lpg=PR19&dq=%22Sir+Arthur+Darcy%22+%221551%22&source=bl&ots=SXajOSkLf6&sig=sZIk6Q5e8JytHf2stEANEMI8gao&hl=en&sa=X&ved=0ahUKEwjzXs8d7LAhUM0mMKHQw6AMQQ6AEIJzAE#v=onepage&q=%22Sir%20Arthur%20Darcy%22%20%221551%22&f=false>.

For the testator's connection to John Neville (d.1577), 4th Baron Latimer of Snape, Yorkshire, the son of Dorothy de Vere (d. 7 February 1527), sister and co-heir of John de Vere (1499-1526), 14th Earl of Oxford, see Brewer, John Sherren and Robert Henry Brodie, *Letters and Papers, Foreign and Domestic, of the Reign of Henry VIII*, p. 77 at:

https://books.google.ca/books?id=k4oKAwAAQBAJ&pg=PA77&lpg=PA77&dq=%22Sir+Arthur+Darcy%22+%22lands%22&source=bl&ots=5GNbuDNGsQ&sig=jbthtBFNOLx91ECf_Am-sI2a1gY&hl=en&sa=X&ved=0ahUKEwjiuaXwttzLAhVKxWMKHX7XD3QQ6AEIJjAC#v=onepage&q=%22Sir%20Arthur%20Darcy%22%20%22lands%22&f=false

40 Licences to alienate:

[1546] *Sir Arthur Darcy to Sir Richard Legh. Mansion in the eastern side of the Charterhouse churchyard in the parish of St. Botolph without Aldergate, London, in tenure of Lord Latymer. Charterhouse. 11th P. 17, m. 43.*

For Sir Arthur Darcy's mansion in Charterhouse churchyard, see Temple, Philip, *The Charterhouse*, Survey of London Monograph 18 (Yale, 2010). For Henry VIII's surveyor, Sir Richard Legh (d. 11 April 1575), see the History of Parliament entry at:

<http://www.historyofparliamentonline.org/volume/1509-1558/member/lee-sir-richard-15012-75>.

T{estamentum} Arthuri Darcy militis

[f. 134r] In the name of God, Amen. Forasmuch as the soul of man hath no perpetual dwelling-place in the carnal body but it is separate from it at the will of Almighty God, very expedient and necessary it is for every Christian man as much as God shall give him grace to put himself to such readiness as he may be found ready to march forwards when God shall call him, the remembrance whereof causeth that I, Sir Arthur Darcy, knight, the first day of April in the third year of the reign of our Sovereign Lady Elizabeth by the grace of God Queen of England, France and Ireland, Defender of etc. being of perfect memory, laud and praise therefore be given to God, determining and minding to set such stay and order of the goods of the world which hath pleased God to lend me inasmuch as I can, that through my negligence no suit nor variance should hereafter arise or grow for the same, do ordain and make this my last will and testament touching the disposition of all my goods and chattels movable and unmovable whatsoever within the realm or elsewhere in such sort and manner as hereafter followeth:

First, because I have nothing presentable to Almighty God but my soul, which I through mine iniquity have so defiled that I dare not, being yet before his seat of justice whereas I neither have deserved to come nor cannot deserve favour but extremity, yet I do appeal to his high throne and seat of mercy, trusting thereby to be received as one of his lost sheep;

Also I commend my body to the earth, there to be buried in such sort and manner as shall be thought good at the discretion of mine executors and overseers hereunder written;

Also I will, give and bequeath to Thomas Darcy, my second son, the wardship and marriage of Mrs Elizabeth Conyers, together with all the profit, commodities and advantages that shall thereupon happen and arise;

Also I give and bequeath to Elizabeth Darcy and Anne Darcy, my daughters, two thousand marks, that is to say, to either of them one thousand marks to be paid at the day of their marriage;

Item, I give and bequeath to every of my servants that hath served me above the term of three years, to have every of them over and above their wages which shall be due unto them at the day of my decease, a year's wages, as well men as women, and the residue to be considered at the discretion of mine executors;

My mind and will is also that all my said sons and daughters being as yet within the age of 21 years shall be in the custody, rule and government of mine executors, and that they shall yearly receive the issues and profits rising and coming thereof until they shall accomplish the said age of 21, and then to render a true and just account of the said issues

and profits to every one of his [sic?] said sons as they shall come to the said age of 21, deducting and allowing reasonable charges for the bringing up of my said sons during the said time;

Also I give and bequeath to my said son, Henry Darcy, the residue of all my goods, chattels and debts after my debts paid, my funeral expenses performed, and these my legacies in this my present testament fulfilled;

Also I bequeath to Thomas Scott one hundred pounds to be paid at Easter (blank);

Also I will and bequeath to my 2 servants, Anthony Buckley and William Tydswell, for their true and faith [sic] service to me done, to the said Anthony that my farm called Crume(?) house with the appurtenances, parcel of the lordship of Arden in the county of York, now in the occupation of one Robinson, paying the rent that the said Robinson payeth for and during the term of 21 years fully to be compete and ended, and in like manner unto the said William one farm called Paddockewathe(?) within the said lordship and county for the term of 21 years with like conditions in the other farm expressed;

Also whereas I have sold certain lands to the value of £8 by year, being parcel of the part of my son, Edward Darcy, [f. 134v] in recompense whereof I will and bequeath to my said son, Edward Darcy, £8 land of that rent as it now goeth or else so much money as I received for the sale of the said lands of Steven Pudsey;

Also I constitute and ordain to be mine executors Henry Darcy and Thomas Darcy, my said sons, and of th' execution of the same I make and ordain my trusty and very friend, Sir Robert Turwhite [=Tyrwhit?], knight, my overseer, to whom I give for his pains in giving good counsel and assisting mine executors £40;

And all other wills heretofore made as touching my goods I utterly revoke and annul, and this to be my last will and testament of my goods;

In witness whereof I have subscribed my name the day and year above-written. A. Throckmorton, Robert Ughtred, Richard Candwall, Thomas Scott(?) and Henry Pudsey.

And whereas by the last will of my lands I, the said Sir Arthur, did grant that all the lands of my younger sons should for fault of heir male of their body lawfully begotten descend in course from th' elder unto the younger, and not to descend unto my son and [+heir?], Henry Darcy but for default of the heirs male of all his said brethren, now my will, pleasure and full mind is that like as by my said last will of my lands the inheritance and lands of my said son, Henry Darcy, doth for default of his heirs male descend to every one of his younger brethren, my sons, so and in like manner shall the inheritance of his said younger brethren for default of heirs males of any of them descend and come unto my said son, Henry Darcy, and to the heirs males of his body lawfully begotten;

Witness that this is the last will of the said Sir Arthur Darcy for this point, and all the rest of his will to stand in force and full effect, we under-written, being present, have hereunto set out hands. A Throckmorton, Robert Ughtred, Richard Candwall, Thomas Darcy, Thomas Scott(?) and Henry Pudsey.

This is the last will of me, Sir Arthur Darcy, knight, made the 16th day of September in the year of Our Lord God 1560 and in the second year of the reign of our Sovereign Lady Elizabeth by the grace of God Queen of England, France and Ireland, Defender of the Faith etc. touching and concerning th' order and disposition of all and singular my manors, messuages, lands, tenements rents, reversions, services and hereditaments whatsoever they be, with all and singular their members and appurtenances as well in the counties of York, Lancaster, Gloucester, Hertford, Middlesex, Essex and Lincoln or elsewhere within the realm of England where my manors, messuages, lands, tenements and hereditaments whereof I am now seised in fee simple and fee-tail do at the day of making of these presents extend and amount to the clear yearly value of eight hundred £5 10s 11d ob of lawful money of England or thereabouts;

And forasmuch as by the Queen's Majesty's laws of this her realm I may lawfully make and declare my last will and testament of 2 parts of all my said manors, messuages, lands, tenements and hereditaments, being the third part thereof, to my heir, I, the said Sir Arthur Darcy, therefore do first will, devise and give unto Henry Darcy, my son and heir apparent, all that the site and demesne lands of the late monastery of Calley [=Sawley?] in the county of York, the moiety of the manor of Bolton with th' appurtenances in the said county of York, the lordship and manor of Aldeondesbury [=Almondsbury?] and the chantries in Thornbury with th' appurtenances in the county of Gloucester, and all that my manor of Hutton Rudby alias Hutton iuxta Rudbie in the said county of York, and all and singular granges, messuages, lands, tenements, buildings, woods, underwoods, rents, reversions, services and hereditaments whatsoever to the said manors, lordships, chantries and other the premises before by me, the said Sir Arthur Darcy, willed, given, devised and appointed to the said Henry Darcy, my son and heir apparent, and to the heirs males of the body of the said Henry lawfully begotten;

And for default of such issue of the body of the said Henry Darcy lawfully begotten, the remainder thereof to Thomas Darcy, one other of [f. 135r] the sons of me, the said Sir Arthur Darcy, and to the heirs males of the body of the said Thomas lawfully begotten;

And for default of such issue of the body of the said Thomas lawfully begotten, the remainder thereof to Edward Darcy, one other of the sons of me, the said Sir Arthur, and to the heirs males of the body of the said Edward lawfully begotten;

And for default of such issue of the body of the said Edward lawfully begotten, the remainder thereof to Arthur Darcy, one other of the sons of me, the said Sir Arthur, and to the heirs males of the body of the said Arthur, my son, lawfully begotten;

And for default of such issue of the body of the said Arthur Darcy, my son, lawfully begotten, the remainder thereof to Nicholas Darcy, one other of the sons of me, the said Sir Arthur Darby, and to the heirs males of the body of the said Nicholas lawfully begotten;

And for lack of such issue of the body of the said Nicholas lawfully begotten, the remainder thereof to John Darcy, one other of the sons of me, the said Sir Arthur Darcy, and to the heirs males of the body of the said John lawfully begotten;

And for default of such issue of the body of the said John Darcy lawfully begotten, the remainder thereof to Francis Darcy, one of the sons of me, the said Sir Arthur, and to the heirs males of the body of the said Francis lawfully begotten;

And for default of such issue male of the body of the said Francis lawfully begotten, the remainder thereof to the right heirs of me, the said Sir Arthur Darcy, forever;

Further I will and bequeath unto the said Thomas Darcy, my son, all my manor or grange of Sturton [=Stretton?] alias Stirton with all and singular th' appurtenances in the said county of York, and all and singular messuages, tofts, cottages, mills, lands, tenements, rents, reversions, services, woods, underwoods, courts leet, liberties, franchises, profits, commodities and hereditaments whatsoever they be to the said manor of Sturton or grange of Sturton belonging or appertaining or as part, parcel or member of the same now being had, known, occupied, reputed or demised, to have and to hold the said manor of Sturton or grange of Sturton and all other the premises with th' appurtenances last before expressed unto the said Thomas Darcy and to the heirs males of the body of the said Thomas lawfully begotten;

And for default of such issue of the body of the said Thomas lawfully begotten, the remainder thereof to the said Edward Darcy, my son, and to the heirs males of the body of the said Edward lawfully begotten;

And for lack of such issue of the body of the said Edward Darcy lawfully begotten, the remainder thereof to the said Arthur Darcy, my son, and to the heirs males of the body of the said Arthur Darcy lawfully begotten;

And for lack of such issue of the body of the said Arthur Darcy lawfully begotten, the remainder thereof to the said Nicholas Darcy, my son, and to the heirs males of the body of the said Nicholas lawfully begotten;

And for default of such issue of the body of the said Nicholas Darcy lawfully begotten, the remainder thereof to the said John Darcy, my son, and to the heirs males of the body of the said John Darcy lawfully begotten;

And for default of such issue of the body of the said John Darcy lawfully begotten, the remainder thereof to the said Francis Darcy, my son, and to the heirs males of the body of the said Francis lawfully begotten;

And for default of such issue of the body of the said Francis Darcy lawfully begotten, the remainder thereof to the right heirs of me, the said Sir Arthur Darcy forever;

All which manor or grange of Sturton and other the premises before bequeathed to the said Thomas Darcy, my son, are of the yearly rent of £20, out of the which manor or grange of Sturton aforesaid there is yearly paid to the Queen's Majesty for a parcel of tithe corn lately paid to the late house of the Trinities of the city of York 26s 8d, and so the said manor of Sturton remaineth clear £18 13s 4d;

And I will that the said Thomas, my son, and the heirs males of his body shall yearly pay the said quit-rent of 26s 8d, and then discharge and save harmless mine heirs forever;

And also I will, devise, give and bequeath to the said Edward Darcy, my son, and to the heirs males of his body lawfully begotten all that my manor of Stainforth Underbergh [=Stainforth under Bargh?] and all that my manor of Arneforthe [=Arnford?] with all and singular their appurtenances in the said county of York, and all my messuages, lands, tenements, rents, reversions, services, leets, liberties, franchises, profits, commodities and hereditaments whatsoever to the said manors of Stainforth Underbergh and Arneforth or either of them belonging or appertaining, and all other my lands, tenements and hereditaments in Staineforth Underbergh and Arneforth aforesaid or either of them whatsoever;

And further I will that if it shall fortune the said Edward Darcy, my son, to die without issue male of his body lawfully begotten, that then the said manors of Staineforth Underbergh and Arneforth and other the premises last before appointed to the [f. 135v] said Edward Darcy and every part and parcel thereof shall wholly remain to the said Francis Darcy, my son, and to the heirs males of the body of the said Francis lawfully begotten;

And for default of such issue of the body of the said Francis lawfully begotten, the remainder thereof to the said Arthur Darcy, my son, and to the heirs males of the body of the said Arthur lawfully begotten;

And for default of such issue of the body of the said Arthur lawfully begotten, the remainder thereof to the said Nicholas Darcy, my son, and to the heir males of the body of the said Nicholas lawfully begotten;

And for default of such issue of the body of the said Nicholas lawfully begotten, the remainder thereof to the said John Darcy, my son, and to the heirs males of the body of the said John lawfully begotten;

And for default of such issue of the body of the said John Darcy lawfully begotten, the remainder thereof to the right heirs of me, the said Sir Arthur Darcy, forever;

Which manors of Stainforth Underbirgh and Arneforth and other the premises before bequeathed to the said Edward now be of the yearly rent of £39 11s 10d, whereof there is yearly paid for the tenths going out of the same £4 16s, and so the same manors remaineth clear £34 15s 10d;

And also I will, give and devise to the said Arthur Darcy, my son, and to the heirs males of his body lawfully begotten all that my site and demesne lands of the late monastery of Arden in the said county of York with all and singular the members and appurtenances and all and singular my messuages, lands, tenements, pastures, woods, underwoods, rents, reversions, services and hereditaments, whatsoever they be, belonging to the said site and demesne lands of the said monastery of Arden now or late in the tenure of Christopher Williamson, yeoman;

The remainder thereof for lack of such issue of the body of the said Arthur Darcy to the said Edward Darcy, my son, and to the heirs males of the body of the said Edward lawfully begotten;

And for default of such issue of the body of the said Edward lawfully begotten, the remainder thereof to the said Nicholas Darcy, my son, and to the heirs males of the body of the said Nicholas lawfully begotten;

And for default of such issue of the body of the said Nicholas lawfully begotten, the remainder thereof to the said John Darcy, my son, and the heirs males of the body of the said John lawfully begotten;

And for default of such issue of the body of the said John lawfully begotten, the remainder thereof to the said Francis Darcy, my son, and to the heirs males of the body of the said Francis lawfully begotten;

And for default of such issue of the body of the said Francis lawfully begotten, the remainder thereof to the said Thomas Darcy, my son, and to the heirs males of his body lawfully begotten;

And for default of such issue, the remainder thereof to the right heirs of me, the said Sir Arthur Darcy, forever;

All which site, demesne lands and other the premises in Arden bequeathed to the said Arthur, my son, are of the yearly rent of £40, whereof there is paid yearly out of the said monastery of Arden and other the premises last before expressed to the Queen's Majesty for tenths and rents reserved 17s, and so the same remaineth clear £39 3s 4d;

Also I will, give, devise & bequeath to the said Nicholas Darcy, my son, all those my manors of Langcliffe and Nappey [=Nappay? Nappa?] with all lands, messuages, tenements, rents, reversions, services, courts leet, liberties, franchises, profits, commodities and hereditaments whatsoever to the said manor[s] of Langcliffe and Nappey or either of them belonging or appertaining, and all other my lands, tenements

and hereditaments whatsoever in Langcliffe and Nappey aforesaid or either of them, to have and to hold the said manors of Langcliffe and Nappey and all other the premises with th' appurtenances last before recited unto the said Nicholas Darcy and to the heirs males of his body lawfully begotten;

The remainder thereof for lack of such issue to the said Arthur Darcy, my son, and to the heirs males of the body of the said Arthur lawfully begotten;

And for default of such issue of the body of the said Arthur Darcy lawfully begotten, the remainder thereof to the said John Darcy, my son, and to the heirs males of the body of the said John lawfully begotten;

And for default of such issue of the body of the said John Darcy lawfully begotten, the remainder thereof to the said Francis [f. 136r] Darcy, my son, and to the heirs males of the body of the said Francis lawfully begotten;

And for default of such issue of the body of the said Francis lawfully begotten, the remainder thereof to the said Thomas Darcy, my son, and to the heirs males of his body lawfully begotten;

And for lack of such issue, the remainder thereof to the right heirs of me, the said Sir Arthur Darcy, forever;

Which manors of Langcliffe and Nappey and other the premises before bequeathed to the said Nicholas now are of the yearly rent of £38 9s 8d, whereof there is yearly paid to the collectors of St Leonard in the city of York to the Queen's Majesty's use 21s, and so the same manors remain clear £37 8s 8d;

Further, I will, give, devise and bequeath to the said John Darcy, my son, all that my manor of Potter Newton otherwise called Scothall with th' appurtenances in the said county of York and all and singular my messuages, lands, tenements, rents, reversions, services and hereditaments whatsoever in Potter Newton aforesaid being of the clear yearly value of £25, and all & singular those lands, tenements and hereditaments with th' appurtenances set, lying and being in Ardenside in the said county of York which I now have and hold in fee-farm of the grant of the late King of famous memory, King Edward the Sixth, and all those my 2 messuages and tenements called Gatecote and Cowath set, lying and being in Arden and Ardenside aforesaid with all & singular meadows, leasows, pastures, feedings, woods, underwoods and other th' appurtenances thereunto belonging or appertaining, to have and to hold the said manor of Potter Newton and all other the premises last before expressed unto the said John Darcy and to the heirs males of his body lawfully begotten;

The remainder thereof for lack of such issue to the said Nicholas Darcy, my son, and to the heirs males of the body of the said Nicholas lawfully begotten;

And for default of such issue of the body of the said Nicholas lawfully begotten, the remainder thereof to the said Francis Darcy, my son, and the heirs males of the body of the said Francis lawfully begotten;

And for default of such issue of the body of the said Francis lawfully begotten, the remainder thereof to the said Edward, my son, and to the heirs males of his body lawfully begotten;

And for default of such issue, the remainder thereof to remain to the right heirs of me, the said Sir Arthur Darcy forever;

And I will, give and devise to the said Francis Darcy, my son, all that my manor and forest of Gisburn with th' appurtenances in the said county of York, and all and singular my messuages, lands, tenements, rents, reversions, services and hereditaments whatsoever set, lying and being in Gisburn forest aforesaid in the said county of York, and all those my 9 several closes with th' appurtenances lying and being in Gonby [=Gunby?] and Brotofte [=Bratoft?] in the said county of Lincoln, to have and to hold the said manor and forest of Gisburn with the said 9 closes and all other the premises last before expressed unto the said Francis Darcy and to the heirs males of his body lawfully begotten;

The remainder thereof for default of such issue to the said John Darcy, my son, and to the heirs males of the body of the said John lawfully begotten;

And for default of such issue of the body of the said John lawfully begotten, the remainder thereof to the said Arthur Darcy, my son, and to the heirs males of his body lawfully begotten;

And for default of such issue of the body of the said Arthur, my son, lawfully begotten, the remainder thereof to remain to the said Nicholas, my son, and to the heirs males of his body lawfully begotten;

The remainder thereof to remain to the right heirs of me, the said Sir Arthur Darcy, forever;

All which manor and forest of Gisburn with the 9 closes last before expressed are of the yearly rent of £40 9s 6d, whereof there is yearly paid for tenths 55s and so remaineth clear £37 14s 6d;

Also I will and my mind and intent is that if any of my said sons or their issue to whom I have by this my last will given and devised any of my said manors, lands, tenements and hereditaments before mentioned shall hereafter make any discontinuance, bargain, sale or alienation thereof or of any part or parcel thereof, or do suffer to be done any act or acts whereof, whereby or by reason whereof the said manors, lands, tenements and hereditaments to him bequeathed shall not or may not revert, remain and go according to the true intent and meaning of this my last will, or if any of my said sons or their issue to

whom I have by this my last will given or devised any of the said manors, lands, tenements [f. 136v] and hereditaments before mentioned shall at any time hereafter molest, vex, trouble or sue in the law any person or persons or their heirs to whom I have bargained, sold, given or granted any manors, lands, tenements, rents, possessions or hereditaments whatsoever whereof I have been seised in fee simple, fee-tail or for term of life or any person or persons to whom I have demised, granted and to farm letten any of my manors, messuages, lands, tenements or hereditaments or any person or persons to whom I have bargained, sold, given or granted my whole interest, title or term of years of, in and to any manors, lands, tenements or hereditaments, that then all such devise to him or them so made of any part of my hereditaments before mentioned shall be utterly void, and he so offending utterly to lose the benefit of this my last will, and then as now and now as then I will that all such hereditaments as I have to him or them given by this my last will shall wholly remain, be and go to such person or persons as should have had the same after the decease of the said person or persons that so shall fortune to break my said last will such like estate as is appointed by this my last will if no such act had been made or had, anything before mentioned to the contrary in any wise notwithstanding;

Provided always and my whole mind and intent is that it shall and may be lawful to and for any of my said sons or their heirs to whom I have bequeathed any part of my manors, lands, tenements and hereditaments aforesaid to make a jointure to his or their wife or wives for term of life only of the said wife or wives, and to make leases for term of one and twenty years of any part or parcel of the premises to them or any of them before severally bequeathed whereupon the old accustomed rent or more shall be yearly reserved and payable during the said years to the said lessors and their heirs, anything before in these presents contained to the contrary thereof notwithstanding;

Provided always also and my whole mind and intent is that if any person or persons to whom I have bargained and sold, given and granted any of my manors, lands, tenements and hereditaments or demised, granted or to farm letten any of the same, or any person or persons to whom I have bargained, sold, given or granted my whole interest, title or term of years of, in and to any manors, lands, tenements or hereditaments do not observe and keep all and singular such covenants, grants, articles, payments and agreements which are on their behalf or of any of them, their heirs, executors or administrators or the heirs, executors & administrators of them to be observed, performed, fulfilled and kept specified and contained in any assurance or assurances made between me, the said Sir Arthur Darcy, of the one party and any of the said person and persons of the other party, that then it shall and may be leeful to and for any of my said sons and their heirs to whom of right it shall appertain to take and receive for the breach of any of the covenants, grants, payments or agreements as is aforesaid such remedy and remedies as the common laws of this realm hath ordained and provided, anything heretofore to the contrary hereof in any wise notwithstanding;

And forasmuch as by the Queen's Majesty's laws & statutes I ought to leave to descend to such person or persons as shall be mine heir or heirs at the time of my decease the full third part of all my manors, lands, tenements and hereditaments, I, the said Sir Arthur Darcy, do therefore leave to descend unto my said heir or heirs all that my manor of

Brymbem alias Brymham [=Bramham?] with Darre [=Dacre?] and parcel of the manor of Beverle [=Bewerley?] in the said county of York being in the whole of the clear yearly value of one hundred fifty £5 5s and one penny;

All that my manor of Grangemere with th' appurtenances in the said county of York and all other my messuages, lands, tenements and hereditaments in Grangemere aforesaid being of the clear yearly rent of £16 16s 11d;

And all that my manor of Gisburn with th' appurtenances in the said county of York and all other my messuages, lands, tenements and hereditaments in Gisburn aforesaid being of the clear yearly value of £14 8s 8d(?);

All that my grange of Ellingthorpe with th' appurtenances in the said county of York, and all my messuages, lands, tenements, rents, reversions, services [f. 137r] and hereditaments whatsoever with their appurtenances in Ellingthorpe aforesaid and in Paythorne in the said county of York being in the whole of the clear yearly value of £12 8d;

And also all that my manor of Stainton with th' appurtenances in the said county of York being of the clear yearly value of £30 19s;

All & singular my messuages, lands, tenements, meadows, pastures, rents, reversions, services and hereditaments whatsoever with their appurtenances set, lying and being in the towns, parishes, hamlets and fields of Swinden & Galbergh, Newsam [=Newsholme?], Horton, Holgill [=Halton Gill?], Remington, Newby, Rathmell, Cleatop, Giggleswick, Lytton [=Litton?], Ilkley, Farnley and Weston in the said county of York and in every of them being in the whole of the clear yearly value of £13 9s;

And all my messuages, lands, tenements, rents, reversions, services and hereditaments with their appurtenances set, lying and being in Gargrave in the said county of York now or late in the several tenures of occupations of Thomas Tomlynson, Thomas Sympson, Nicholas Clevelande, Richard Calverley, Thomas Thompson, Agnes Cooke and John Wilson or in any of them being in the whole of the clear yearly value of £3 9s 4d;

And all that my annual rent of £7 10d going out of certain lands and tenements lying within the town of Grindleton in the said county of York;

And all that my annual rent of 6s 8d paid yearly by the King and Queen's Majesties' receiver of her Grace's castle of Clitheroe in the said county of York;

All those my messuages, lands, tenements, rents, reversions, services [+and?] hereditaments set, lying and being in Fangfose(?), Ayton and Hundmondbye [=Hunmanby?] in the said county of York being of the clear yearly rent of £10 6s 8d;

All those my messuages, lands, tenements, rents, reversions, services and hereditaments whatsoever with all and singular their appurtenances set, lying and being in Chipping,

Downham and Salisbury in the said county of Lancaster or in any of them being of the clear yearly value of 23s 2d;

And all that my rectory and parsonage of Gargrave in the said county of York with all and singular the member sand appurtenances being of the clear yearly value of £55 6s 8d;

All and singular which manors, messuages, lands, tenements, rents, reversions, services and hereditaments before specified and appointed by this my last will to descend to my heir be now of the clear yearly value and rent of (blank) over and above all yearly charges and reprises, being the full third part of all and singular my manors, messuages, lands, tenements and hereditaments and more, that is to say (blank) yearly over and above the thirds of my manors, lands, tenements and hereditaments, which value of (blank) over and above the said thirds I leave to descend to my said heir in consideration and upon condition he and his heirs shall suffer this my last will to stand and take place in every behalf according as I have herein declared and expressed;

Provided always and I, the said Sir Arthur Darcy, by this my present testament will and do devise that my heir and his heirs and every of them at his and their proper costs and charges shall well and truly bear and pay or cause to be borne or paid all and singular such tenths and other chief or quit-rents as from time to time after my decease shall be due, payable or going out of or for the said manors, messuages, lands, tenements and other the premises with th' appurtenances whatsoever before in this my testament by me given, devised and bequeathed to my said sons, Edward Darcy, Arthur Darcy, Nicholas Darcy, John Darcy and Francis Darcy, and to every or any of them, as well to our Sovereign Lady the Queen's Majesty, her heirs and successors, as to any other person or persons whatsoever, he or they be being chief lord or lords of the fee or fees of the premises, and of every part and parcel thereof shall clearly acquit, discharge, save or keep harmless as well the said manors, messuages, lands, tenements and other the premises with th' appurtenances and every part and parcel thereof as also the said Edward Darcy, Arthur Darcy, Nicholas Darcy, Francis Darcy and their heirs and every of them at all and every time and times from time to time after my decease forever;

And also I, the said Sir Arthur Darcy, do further devise, order and declare by this my present testament that if my said heir and his heirs and every of them at all and every time and times from and after my decease at his or their own proper costs and charges do not clearly acquit, discharge, save or keep harmless as well the said manors, messuages, lands, tenements and hereditaments and other the premises with th' appurtenance and every part and parcel thereof as also the said Edward Darcy, Arthur Darcy, Nicholas Darcy, John Darcy and Francis Darcy, their heirs and assigns and every of them of and for all and singular such tenths and other chief and quit-rents as from time to time and after my decease shall be due, payable or going out of and for the said manors, messuages, lands, tenements and hereditaments and other the premises with th' appurtenances and every part and parcel thereof according as by me, the said Sir Arthur Darcy, in this my present will and testament [f. 137v] is appointed and devised, that then and at all times after it shall be leeful and lawful to and for my said sons, their heirs or assigns and every or any of them not acquitted, discharged, exonerated or saved harmless

of and for the said tenths and other chief and quit-rents as before by me in this my present testament and last will is willed and devised, to enter into all the foresaid manor of Stainton with th' appurtenances in the said county of York, and the same to hold and keep, and the rents, issues and profits thereof issuing, coming and growing to receive, perceiv and take to his and their own use not being discharged or exonerated as is aforesaid until such time as he or they not acquitted, discharged, exonerated or saved harmless of the said tenths and other chief and quit-rents by my said heir, his heirs or assigns as is aforesaid be of the said tenths and other chief [+or?] quit-rents fully satisfied, contented and paid, anything in this my testament willed, devised, given or bequeathed to the contrary thereof in any wise notwithstanding;

In witness whereof I, the said Sir Arthur Darcy, hereunto have set my seal and subscribed my name with my own hand the day and year first above-written in the presence of the witness[es] hereafter named: Thomas Atkinson, Richard Franckelande, Arnold Lothebury, James Turpyn, William Threhen, Michael Sohiers and Richard Allen.

Probatum fuit h{uius}mo{d}i Testamentum coram Mag{ist}ro Waltero Haddon Legum Doctore Curie Prerogatiue Cant{uariensis} Comissario apud London decimo die Mensis Maij Anno domini mill{es}imo quingentesimo sexagesimo primo Iuramento Chr{ist}oferi Smith notarij Publici procuratoris Henrici Darcie et Thome Darcie Executorum in h{uius}mo{d}i Testamento nominatorum Quibus comissa fuit administrac{i}o etc de bene etc Ac de pleno Inuentario Necnon de vero et pleno computo Reddend{o} Ad sancta dei Evangelia Iurat{is}

[=The same testament was proved before Master Walter Haddon, Doctor of the Laws, Commissary of the Prerogative Court of Canterbury, at London on the tenth day of the month of May in the year of the Lord the thousand five hundred sixty-first by the oath of Christopher Smith, notary public, proctor of Henry Darcy and Thomas Darcy, executors named in the same testament, to whom administration was granted etc., sworn on the Holy Gospels to well etc., and [+to exhibit] a full inventory and also to render a true and plain account.]