SUMMARY: The document below is the Prerogative Court of Canterbury copy of the will, dated 17 July 1552 and proved 26 November 1562, of Dame Anne Tyrrell.

The testatrix' maiden name is unknown. However a clause in the will of her first husband, John Hopton, suggests that she might have been the daughter of George Harwood or Herewood, and the sister of Frances, Thomasine and Elizabeth Harwood.

The testatrix married firstly, John Hopton of Deptford by whom she had a daughter, Elizabeth Hopton, who at the time the testatrix made her will on 17 July 1552, was the widow of Sir John Perient (d.1551), Auditor of the Court of Wards and Liveries. For the will of John Hopton, dated 22nd June 1522 and proved 24 November 1526, see TNA PROB 11/22, ff. 91-2.

The testatrix married secondly, Sir John Tyrrell (d. 28 February 1541) of Little Warley Hall, Essex, the eldest son and heir of Humphrey Tyrrell, esquire, by his second wife Elizabeth Walwyn, the daughter of Sir John Walwyn of Lunsford, Hertfordshire. It appears from the testatrix' will below that of the sons named in the will of her second husband, Sir John Tyrrell, only Maurice was the son of the testatrix. For the will of John Tyrrell (d. 28 February 1541) dated 20 February 1541 and proved 19 March 1541, see TNA PROB 11/28, ff. 196-7.

It appears that the testatrix and her 'cousin' and executor Guy Crafford were related through the Tyrrells. Guy Crafford married Joan Bodley, the daughter of Lady Joan Bradbury (d.1530), and Lady Joan Bradbury's daughter, Elizabeth, was the wife of William Tyrrell of South Ockenden, Essex, the grandson of Sir Thomas Tyrrell of Heron (d.1476). For the will of Guy Crafford, dated 29 January 1553 and proved 12 March 1553, see TNA PROB 11/36, f. 35. See Sutton, Anne F., 'Lady Joan Bradbury (d. 1530)', *Medieval London Widows 1300-1500*, (London: Hambledon Press, 1994), pp. 209-238 at p. 211.

LM: T{estamentum} D{omi}ne Anne Tirrell

In the name of God, Amen. The 17th day of July in the year of Our Lord God 1552 and in the 6th year of the reign of our Sovereign Lord Edward the Sixth by the grace of God King of England, France and Ireland, Defender of the Faith and of the Church of England and also of Ireland the Supreme Head, I, Dame Anne Tyrrell of London, widow, being sick of body but yet nevertheless of good and perfect remembrance [-being], laud and praise be unto Almighty God, do make, ordain and declare this my present testament containing [f. 202r] therein my last will in manner and form following, that is to say:

First and principally and above all earthly things I give, bequeath and recommend my soul to Almighty God, my Maker, Saviour and Creator and Redeemer, by the merits of whose bitter death and painful passion I faithfully trust and steadfastly believe to be

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saved, and my body to be buried where it shall please Almighty God to appoint for the same;

And after my body buried, I will that all such debts and duties as I of right do owe to any person or persons shall be first well and truly contented and paid;

Item, I give and bequeath to Maurice Tyrrell, my son, all my plate, that is to say, 12 silver spoons with 'postles;

Item, I do give to the said Maurice, my son, 4 featherbeds, 4 bolsters and 5 pillows, 4 coverlets, whereof one is lined, 3 pair of fustian blankets and all my sheets and other linen now being in the said house wherein I do now remain;

Item, I give and bequeath unto the said Maurice 2 chests of cypress and one chest bound with iron, 2 chests, one of wainscot and thother of fir, and 2 baskets;

Item, I bequeath to the said Maurice, my son, the sum of £20 which Richard Crayforde [=Crafford?] of Dover in the county of Essex doth owe unto me;

Item, I give unto the said Maurice, my son, ten pounds which William Huttens dwelling in Chancery Lane near unto Lincoln's Inn doth owe unto me;

Item, I give unto the said Maurice, my son, all my brass and my pewter now being in the said house where I do now remain;

Item, I give to my daughter, Elizabeth Perient, a flat piece of a unicorn's horn;

Item, I give and bequeath to the poor people of the hospitals 40s;

The residue of all and singular my goods, chattels, plate, jewels, ready money and debts after my debts paid and my funeral charges borne I freely and wholly give and bequeath to the said Morris, my son, whom with my said cousin, Guy Crayforde [=Crafford?] I make and ordain th' executors of this my present testament and last will, desiring my said cousin, Guy Crayforde, most heartily to be a helper to my said son in th' executing of this my said testament;

In witness whereof to this my present testament and last will I have set my seal given the day & year first above-written.

Probatum fuit h{uius}mo{d}i Testamentum coram Mag{ist}ro Waltero Haddon Legum Doctore Curie Prerogatiue Cant{uariensis} Comissario apud London vicesimo sexto die mensis Novembris Anno Domini mill{es}imo quingentesimo sexagesimo secundo Iuramento Mauricij Tirrell executoris in h{uius}mo{d}i Testamento nominat{i} Cui comissa fuit administrac{i}o &c de bene &c Ac de pleno Inuentario Necnon de vero et

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plano computo Reddend{o} Ad sancta dei Evangelia Iurat{i} Guydo Crayford executore demortuo

[=The above-written testament was proved before Master Walter Haddon, Doctor of the Laws, Commissary of the Prerogative Court of Canterbury, at London on the twenty-sixth day of the month of November in the year of the Lord the thousand five hundred sixty-second by the oath of Maurice Tyrrell, executor named in the same testament, to whom administration etc., sworn on the Holy Gospels to well etc., and [+to prepare?] a full inventory, and also to render a true and plain account, Guy Crafford, executor, being deceased.]

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