

SUMMARY: The document below is the Prerogative Court of Canterbury copy of the will, dated 26 April 1563 and proved 10 March 1564, of Anne Pakington, widow of Sir John Pakington (d.1551).

FAMILY BACKGROUND

The testatrix was the daughter of Henry Dacre of Mayfield, Staffordshire, Merchant Taylor, Alderman of London in 1526 and Sheriff in 1528, a descendant of the ‘ancient family of the Dacres in Westmorland’, by his first wife, Elizabeth (d. 26 April 1530). For the will of Henry Dacre, see TNA PROB 11/27/489. She had a brother, Robert Dacre (d. 20 November 1543), Privy Councillor and Master of Requests to Henry VIII, who married Elizabeth Monox, the daughter of Sir George Monox (d.1544), Lord Mayor of London, and two sisters, Eleanor Dacre, who married George Rolle (d.1552) of London and Stevestone, Devonshire (for his will see TNA PROB 11/36, f. 20), and Alice Dacre, who married Robert Cheseman (d. 24 July 1547), esquire, of Dormanswell, Norwood, Middlesex. See Brydges, Egerton, ed., *Collins’s Peerage of England*, Vol. VIII, (London, F.C. and J. Rivington, 1812), pp. 517-18; Chauncy, Henry, *The Historical Antiquities of Hertfordshire*, Vol. I, (London: B.J. Holdsworth, reprinted 1826), p. 586; Rylands, John Paul, ed., *The Visitation of Chester in the Year 1580*, Vol. XVIII, (London: Harleian Society, 1882), p. 104; Beaven, Alfred B., *The Aldermen of the City of London*, Vol. II, (London: Eden Fisher & Company, 1913), p. 26; and Nichols, John Gough, ed., *The Topographer and Genealogist*, Vol. III, (London: John Bowyer Nichols and Sons, 1858), pp. 208-9, all available online.

MARRIAGES

The testatrix married firstly Robert Fairthwaite (d.1521), Merchant Taylor of London, by whom she had two sons, Martin Fairthwaite and Geoffrey Fairthwaite, who died without issue, and a daughter, Elizabeth Fairthwaite, the wife of Nicholas Tichborne of Roydon in Essex. See Rylands, John Paul, ed., *The Visitation of Chester in the Year 1580*, Vol. XVIII, (London: Harleian Society, 1882), p. 104, available online.

The testatrix married secondly Sir John Pakington, by whom she is said to have had two daughters, Bridget Pakington, who married Sir John Littleton (d.1590) of Frankley, and Ursula Pakington (d.1558), who married William Scudamore (d.1560). However neither daughter nor their children are mentioned in the will below, and it may be that Bridget and Ursula were Sir John Pakington’s daughters by an earlier marriage to a wife whose name is unknown. For the dates of death of Ursula and her husband, William Scudamore, see the entry for the Scudamore family in the *ODNB*.

For the will of Sir John Pakington, see TNA PROB 11/34/431.

BURIAL

The testatrix died 22 August 1563, and was buried in the church of St. Botolph's, Aldersgate:

Here under this tombe lyeth ye bodye of Dame Anne Packington, Widdow, late wife Sr John Packington, Kt: late Chirographer in the court of ye comon Please wch. Dame Anne deceased the 22nd. day of August in the yeare of our Lord God 1563.

See Beaumont, Edward T., *Ancient Memorial Brasses* (London: Oxford University Press, 1913), p. 150.

OTHER PERSONS MENTIONED IN THE WILL

Elizabeth Dacres Peckham Blount (c.1530–1602) mentioned in the will below was the testatrix' niece, as well as the niece of Sir Anthony Denny and Sir John Gates. She was the daughter of the testatrix' brother, Robert Dacres (d. 20 November 1543), and married, by licence dated 6 November 1547, Henry Peckham, (by 1526-1556). After Henry Peckham's execution for his part in the Dudley conspiracy, she married John Blount of London. She is not always mentioned in the Dacres pedigrees. For Henry Peckham, see the *ODNB* entry and the *History of Parliament* entry at:

<http://www.historyofparliamentonline.org/volume/1509-1558/member/peckham-henry-1526-56>.

For her brother, the testatrix' nephew, George Dacres (1533-1580), also mentioned in the will below, see the *History of Parliament* entry at:

<http://www.historyofparliamentonline.org/volume/1558-1603/member/dacres-george-1533-80>.

RM: T{estamentum} domine Anne Pakington

In the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Ghost the 26th day of the month of April in the year of the Incarnation of Our Lord Jesus Christ 1563, I Dame Anne Pakington, widow, late the wife of Sir John Pakington, knight, deceased, being in whole mind and in health of body, blessed be Almighty God, remembering and calling to mind the mutability of this transitory life, knowing myself mortal and subject to death whereunto every creature is born, do make, ordain and declare this my present testament and last will in manner and form following:

First and principally I bequeath my soul to the Blessed Trinity and the holy company of heaven, my body to be buried in that parish church where it shall please God to end my

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life, or where my executors shall think meet, at th' end of the high altar whereas the sepulture was used most commonly to stand if the room and place may be suffered, or else at thother end of the high altar;

And I will that my executors shall cause a tomb of marble to be made and set over my body, for the making whereof I bequeath twenty marks, or more if it come to more;

And I bequeath to 20 poor men and women, every one a black gown of an honest cloth or good frieze, whereof 12 of them shall bear at my burial 12 torches, and 4 of them shall bear four great tapers if the laws of this realm will so permit and suffer;

Item, I bequeath among the poor householders dwelling in that parish where I shall be buried twelve pence apiece, and among all other people coming to my burial 2d apiece, so far as the sum of five pounds will extend, and further if need require according to the discretion of my executors;

Item, I bequeath to the poor householders dwelling in the parish of Saint Dunstan's in the West forty shillings, and to the poor householders dwelling in Kentish Town 20s;

Item, I bequeath to the poor householders dwelling in Saint Bride's parish forty shillings;

Item, I bequeath to the poor householders dwelling in Islington 20s;

Item, I bequeath to my son, Nicholas Tichborne, a black gown, and to his wife a black gown, and my book of gold and two of my rings of gold, by the discretion of mine executors, and to every one of his children, scilicet, John Tichborne, Ralph Tichborne, Edward Tichborne, Anne Carter, Margaret Tichborne and Mary Tichborne a black gown;

Item, I bequeath to John Tichborne thirty-three pounds six shillings eight pence over and above one hundred pounds which he hath already received of me;

Item, I bequeath to Anne Carter twenty marks, to be paid to her immediately after my decease, and further I give to the same Anne Carter one hundred and forty pounds to be paid to her after her husband Carter's life ended if she overlive him, upon condition that she be ruled in bestowing of herself in marriage, if she be married again, by my executors then living, and if the same Anne die before the payment thereof or be not ordered by my executors as is aforesaid, then I will and bequeath those hundred and forty pounds to John Tichborne, Ralph Tichborne, Edward Tichborne, Elizabeth Glasier, Margaret Tichborne and Mary Tichborne, or as many of them as shall be then living, equally to be divided among them, and I forgive and bequeath to the said Anne Carter and to her husband those forty marks that I lent him;

Item, I bequeath to Margaret Tichborne three hundred marks towards her marriage if she be ruled and ordered by th' advice of her father and mine executors or the more part of them then living in her marriage and choice of her husband;

Item, I give to Mr Rowland Hayward, Alderman of London, one ring of gold of thirty shillings, and to his wife a ring of gold of twenty shillings;

And I bequeath and give to Alice Pemberton forty shillings;

Item, I bequeath to John Stockwood a ring of gold of ten shillings;

Item, I forgive and bequeath to George Grene of Kentish Town men [sic?] shillings that he oweth me;

Item, I give to John Wrighton a coat;

Item, I give to Margery Callowe and to Thomas Callowe, to each of them a ring of gold of twenty shillings;

Item, I bequeath to the wife of George Brode a black gown;

Item, I bequeath to Ellen Howlet twenty shillings in money, to be bestowed on her by mine executors in apparel or otherwise as they think good;

Item I bequeath to the painter's(?) wife, late the poulterer's wife, a black gown and thirteen shillings and four pence in money;

Item, I bequeath to Roger Webbe, my servant, a black gown, one of the best bedsteads that was bought at Islington, a featherbed, a bolster, a pair of blankets, 2 pair of flaxen sheets, a tablecloth of cross diamonds, 6 napkins of the same, a covering with a griffon upon it, the hangings with the green say and red with the border of Job, the picture of death, one of the painted cloths in tabells(?) hanging in my parlour, which he will, three cushions of orange tawny wrought with the needle with a rose in the middes, a great chair all writh(?) green cloth, half a garnish of vessel, and one pair of my four pair of andirons for a chimney, the best green carpet, a white silver pot with 2 ears, and [f. 74r] thirty pounds in money, and to his wife a black gown, which legacies I give to him and his wife upon condition that he shall diligently aid, assist and instruct mine executors in what they shall desire him touching the performance of my will and testament;

And I forgive to William Watson all the debts that he doth owe me, which is six pounds;

And I bequeath to every of my brother Rolle's children, scilicet, John Rolle, Henry Rolle, George Rolle, Christopher Rolle, Robert Rolle, Morris Rolle, Christian Courteney, Margaret (blank), Jacket Rolle and Elizabeth Rolle, to every of them a ring of gold of twenty shillings;

And to George Dacres, Elizabeth Blount and Dorothy Dacres, to every of them a ring of gold of twenty shillings;

Item, I bequeath to poor maidens' marriages in that parish whereas I shall be buried the sum of twenty pounds, that is to say, to every one which shall be married six shillings and eight pence or ten shillings apiece, to be delivered them the day of their marriages according to the discretion of my executors;

Item, I will that if any of the said persons do grudge and be not pleased and contented with their legacy before or after in this my present testament and last will or in any schedule thereunto annexed, mentioned, expressed or declared, or if any of them do vex, sue, molest or trouble mine executors for any cause other than by lawful suits for the legacies herein contained in form as they be bequeathed, then I will that every such legacy so bequeathed shall stand as void to any such person or persons so not contented or vexing, suing, molesting or troubling mine executors, and then I will that that legacy shall be given among poor people of my next kin;

Item, I bequeath to Mary Tichborne a tablet of gold with my picture in it, a ring of gold with a pointed diamond, a pair of fine [-fine] sheets of 3 breadths, a window cushion embroidered with silver;

Item, I give and bequeath to Margaret Tichborne a tablet of gold, a pair of beads of ibenis [=ebony?], 7 set with small stones of gold between them, a Roman 'a' hanging at the same beads, 3 great pearls, my best pair of fine Holland sheets of 3 breadths, a window cushion of blue velvet and gold, and a hoop of gold;

Item, I bequeath to Roger Osborne, my servant, a standing bedstead in the servants' chamber, a featherbed, not the worst, a pair of blankets, 2 pair of flaxen sheets, 2 pair of servants' sheets, a covering with flowers lined with linen cloth which lieth on my maid's bed, the hangings that was in the new parlour at Islington with flowers, 3 platters, 3 dishes, 3 saucers, a brass pot, a pan, a posnet, a plain tablecloth, a towel, 6 napkins, a black coat, and in money four pounds;

Item, I give to William Haies [=Hayes (?)] a black coat;

Item, I give to my servant Martha Box a gown and my little cross of gold with the image of Christ upon it;

Item, I give to my servant [interlined: Robert] Martha Jakes a coat cloth and forty shillings in money, and to his wife a cassock;

And to Alice Hall, my servant, a cassock and her wages then due, and twenty shillings in money;

Item, I give and bequeath to Master Tucker a black gown, and to his wife a black gown;

And to Mary Tichborne, the wife of the said John Tichborne, a black gown;

To Mr James Glasier a black gown;

To Elizabeth, his wife, a black gown and my ring with the seal and my arms in it;

And to her younger son my flat cross of gold with a rose of stones in the middes of it;

Item, I give to William Cleyfelde a coat and a ring of gold of 20s;

Item, I give to the daughter of Naylinghurste a cassock;

Item, I bequeath to the goodwife Meredith a ring of gold of twenty shillings;

To Katherine Partridge one of my rings of gold at the discretion of mine executors;

To Sir Harry, my chaplain, a black gown;

To Mistress Tawe twenty shillings and one of my cloth gowns;

To the Company of Clothworkers to make them a dinner five pounds;

Item, I give to Mary Norden a ring of gold of twenty shillings;

And to Anne Heywood a flower of gold with a white sapphire in it and 3 great pearls hanging at it;

Item, I bequeath to Hugh Russell a ring of gold of forty shillings;

Item, I give to (blank) Thornes, the clothworker, a ring of gold of twenty shillings;

Item, I will that my executors during the space of one whole year next and immediately after my decease shall every Sunday bestow in alms and deeds of charity 20d to 5 poor folks;

The residue of all my household stuff by this my present testament not willed nor bequeathed, I will shall be equally divided between John Tichborne, Ralph Tichborne and Edward Tichborne;

And the residue of all my goods, chattels, plate, ready money, jewels and debts owing me whatsoever they be in this my present will not willed nor bequeathed, except one chalice of silver with the paten, one pax of silver, a tester for a bed of yellow satin embroidered, and one cope of crimson velvet embroidered, one cope of black and blue silk, and except all mine apparel, my debts and legacies paid and my funeral expenses done and made, and this my will well and liberally performed, I will shall be equally divided by mine executors between the said John Tichborne, Ralph Tichborne, Edward Tichborne, Elizabeth Glasier, Anne Carter, Mary Tichborne and Margaret Tichborne indifferently;

And all mine silk apparel I give and bequeath to [f. 74v] Elizabeth Glasier and to Mary Tichborne equally to be divided between them;

And my mind and will is that my executors in as convenient time after my decease as they can, shall purchase lands and tenements to the yearly value of four pounds, and that they shall so establish the same that every Sunday perpetually 20d to be given to five poor folks in that parish where I shall be buried;

And of this my present testament and last will I make and ordain Mr Richard Heywood of the parish of St Bride's, and Francis Shakerley, gentleman, my only executors;

And to the said Mr Richard Heywood I give and bequeath for his pains and labour to be taken in that behalf six pounds thirteen shillings and four pence, with a flat cross of gold with a cross of diamonds in the middes upon it, and a black gown;

And to his wife a black gown and a ring of gold, the best I have except the ring given to Mistress Shakerley;

And to the said Francis Shakerley I do give and bequeath for his labour and pains to be taken ten pounds and a black gown;

And to his wife a black gown and my ring with the best diamond;

And as to the disposition of all my lands and tenements, I will that my tithe of Penbyn alias Penfyn in the county of Worcester late pertaining to the late monastery of Pershore in this manner following, that is to say, the one half thereof to John Tichborne and to his heirs forever, and thother half thereof to the said Ralph Tichborne and Edward Tichborne and to their heirs forever;

And as to the disposition of all my messuages, lands and tenements set, lying and being in Aldersgate Street which I late purchased of William Hamerton, gentleman, after my decease I will that they shall be and remain to the said Ralph Tichborne and Edward Tichborne and to their heirs forever;

In witness whereof to this my present testament and last will I, the said Dame Anne Pakington, have set to my seal the day and year abovesaid in the presence of Thomas Smith, Christopher Ruste, Franciscus Pridie, per Christopher Edwards.

LM: Codicillus D{omi}ne Anne Pakington

In the name of God, Amen. This schedule made by me, Anne Pakington, late wife to Sir John Pakington, knight, deceased, this present 13th day of July Anno Domini 1563 annexed unto my last will and testament bearing date the 26th day of the month of April last past, notwithstanding my said will, I will by this present schedule that if mine

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executors have not of my leaving money enough to perform my said will and this schedule, then I will that mine executors or the overliver of them shall sell 2 parts divided in three of my said tithes of Penbin, and with the money received thereof I will that my said executors or the survivor of them shall perform my said will and this schedule;

Item, I will and give to Elizabeth Bartlett a black gown and forty shillings in money;

Item, I give to (blank) Penrose, dyer, twenty shillings;

Item, I give to my water-bearer six shillings and eight pence, and I will that he shall have one of the said gowns given unto poor folks;

Item, I give to John Tichborne's wife a pair of my fine sheets and 3 of my rings by the discretion of mine executors;

Item, I give unto Sir Roger Sadler, priest, twenty shillings;

Item, I give to Mr Collsell a ring of gold of the value of twenty shillings, if it be not in my will before;

Item, I give unto Morris Roose, gentleman, a ring of gold of the value of twenty shillings and an hour-glass with a dial of mother-of-pearl, if it be not in my will before;

Item, I give unto Mistress Heywood a glass to drink ale with a cover of silver parcel gilt;

Item, I give to Mr Heywood my desk to write upon;

Item, I give unto Katherine Partridge 3 rings of gold and one of my little chests if she be not in my will before;

Item, I give unto Martha Boxe a little cypress chest with a lock and a key to the same;

Item, I give unto Mr Smithe a ring of gold of the value of twenty shillings;

Item, I give unto Margaret Tichborne my best chain of gold, my tablet of gold, my cross of gold without diamonds, my silver beads with stones of gold and a sapphire in the end of them, a pair of beads of ibannis [=ebony?] with small beads of gold with a Roman 'A' in th' end of them, if they be not bequeathed in my will before, a chain of silver and gilt, my best looking-glass of crystal and the brush to the same, and the bigger golden chest, a little chain of gold with friar's knots and 2 other little chains of gold, and my best bracelets;

Item, I give to Mr Hauarte [=Howard?], priest, to be given unto him at times convenient, twenty shillings;

Item, I give to Ellis Ambrose, to be given to him at times convenient, twenty shillings;

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Item, I give to the goodwife Meredith a ring of gold at the discretion of mine executors if she be not in my will before;

Item, I give unto the goodwife Clever(?) one of my old rings of gold of the value of ten shillings or above;

Item, I give to old Mistress Tichborne a pair of bracelets of half angels, and my best purse of purple velvet, and if this and that which I have given [f. 75r.] unto her in my will be not of the value of ten pounds, then I will my executors make it up to the same value;

Item, I give unto the goodwife Webbe my purse of black silk and gold, my girdle, my pin-pillow, a rose of mother-of-pearl silver and gilt, my best petticoat and another petticoat and one of my massers [=mazers?], a little chest bound about with iron when it is empty;

Item, I give unto Mistress Smithe a black gown, which gown I had bequested unto William Watson's wife in my will before, and a knit purse of black silk;

Item, I give unto Roger Osborne more than I have given unto him in my will before the sum of forty shillings;

Item, I give unto Alice Smithe more than she is in my will the sum of forty shillings and two of my old petticoats, which sum of 4 pounds I had given unto William Watson in my will before;

Item, I forgive William Watson the six pounds which he oweth unto me, and if he come to my burial I give him a black coat;

Item, I will that all my rings not bequested shall be given to my friends at the discretion of mine executors;

Item, that this is the will of me, Dame Anne Pakington;

Item, I will that if my executors have not goods sufficient to fulfil my last will, then I will that my two tenements, parcel of my dwelling-house, shall be sold by my executors for the fulfilling of the same;

Item, I will that my frontlets of gold shall be sold by mine executors;

And whereas I, Dame Anne Pakington, widow, hath willed unto Margaret Tichborne, daughter unto Nicholas Tichborne, gentleman, my son-in-law, a certain sum of money and other things, as may appear by my will remaining in the iron chest, my will and mind is if it please Almighty God to take the said Margaret out of this world before the day of her marriage, that then out of the whole sum to her bequested I give and bequeath unto Nicholas Tichborne, my son-in-law, and to Thomasine, his wife, the sum of twenty

pounds, and to Roger Webbe, my servant, out of the same sum the sum of thirty pounds over and besides that which I have given him in my will already; the rest of the sum remaining I will that to be equally divided amongst the rest of the said Nicholas Tichborne's children then remaining alive;

In witness that this is my full mind and will I have caused this bill to be made, and put to my hand and seal, given the 12th day of August Anno Domini 1563 in the presence of Francis Shakerley, Thomasine Tichborne, Roger Webbe and other;

Item, I give my ring with my arms to Elizabeth Glasier, wife unto James Glasier;

Item, I give one of my little chests until Myles Rose, servant unto John Tichborne;

Item, I give to Roger Osborne, my servant, another little chest;

Item, I give unto William Tooke the younger, gentleman, a black gown;

Item, I give unto William Jones more than I have willed him a hose-cloth.

Per me, Franciscum Shakerley, per me Franciscum Pridie, per me Christoferum Ruste.

Probatum fuit suprascriptum testamentum coram Magistro Waltero Haddonn Legum Doctore Curie Prerogative Cantuariensis Commissario apud London x^o die mensis Marcij Anno domini secundo Cursum et Computacionem ecclesie Anglicane Millimo Quingentesimo sexagesimo tercio Iuramento Magistri Willielmi Babham Notarij publici procuratoris Richardi Heywood et francisci Shakerley executorum in huiusmodi testamento nominatorum Ac approbatum et insinuatum &c Commissaque fuit administracio omnium et singulorum bonorum Iurium et creditorum dicte defuncte &c De bene &c Ac de pleno et fidei Inventario &c Necnon de plano et vero compoto &c Iurat

[=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 10th day of the month of March in the year of the Lord according to the course and reckoning of the English Church the thousand five hundred sixty-third by the oath of Master William Babham, notary public, proctor of Richard Heywood and Francis Shakerley, executors named in the same testament, and probated and entered etc., and administration was granted of all and singular the goods, rights and credits of the said deceased etc., sworn to well etc., and [+to prepare] a full and faithful inventory etc., and also [+to render] a plain and true account etc.]