

SUMMARY: The document below is the Prerogative Court of Canterbury copy of the will, dated 16 March 1471, of Sir William Tyrrell (1420-1471?) of Beeches in Rawreth, Essex, whose grandson, Edward Tyrrell, was the first husband of Alice Cloville, who later married Oxford's maternal uncle, Henry Golding.

The PCC copy of the will below lacks a probatum clause, and the testator's date of death cannot be determined from other sources. He is not mentioned in the will of his brother, Sir Thomas Tyrrell (d. 28 March 1477) of Heron in East Horndon, Essex, and likely predeceased him.

The testator is said to have been knighted, together with his brother of the same name, on 10 July 1460 before the Battle of Northampton. See Shaw, William A., *The Knights of England*, (London: Sherratt and Hughes, 1906), Vol. II, p. 12.

Some sources identify the testator as the Sir William Tyrrell slain at the Battle of Barnet in 1471, although according to other sources the Sir William Tyrrell slain at Barnet was the testator's nephew, Sir William Tyrrell the younger (d. before 16 May 1475), eldest son and heir apparent of the testator's brother, Sir Thomas Tyrrell (d. 28 March 1477) of Heron. For the will of Sir Thomas Tyrrell, see TNA PROB 11/6/417.

NOTE: The National Archives online catalogue recently changed the reference number for the testator's will from TNA PROB 11/5/167 to TNA PROB 11/5/492.

CONNECTIONS TO THE EARLS OF OXFORD

The Earls of Oxford were connected to the Tyrrells through the three daughters of Sir Richard Sergeaux (d.1393) and his wife, Philippa Arundel (d.1399). Alice Sergeaux (d. 18 May 1452) married Richard de Vere (d. 15 February 1416/17), 11th Earl of Oxford; Philippa Sergeaux (c.1373 – 11 or 13 July 1420) married Sir Robert Pashley (d. 8 June 1453), and Elizabeth Sergeaux married Sir William Marney (d.1414). For the will of Sir William Marney see TNA PROB 11/2B/21 and King, H.W., 'Ancient Wills (No. 8)', *Transactions of the Essex Archaeological Society*, Vol. V, pp. 281-5 at:

<https://babel.hathitrust.org/cgi/pt?id=hvd.32044090331075&view=1up&seq=329>

King's transcript erroneously dates the will to 9 August; however the will itself is dated 19 August ('decimo nono Augusti'). King also omits a bequest to Robert Newport.

For the connection between the Sergeaux and Tyrrell families, see Richardson, Douglas, *Magna Carta Ancestry*, 2nd ed., 2011, Vol. I, pp. 11-14 at:

<https://books.google.ca/books?id=8JcbV309c5UC&pg=PA14>

See also the Pashley pedigree after p. 12 and the Sergeaux pedigree after p. 32 in MacMichael, N.H., 'The Descent of the Manor of Evegate in Smeeth with Some Account of its Lords', *Archaeologia Cantiana*, Vol. 74, 1960, pp. 1-47 at:

<https://www.kentarchaeology.org.uk/index.php/arch-cant/vol/74/descent-manor-evegate-smeeth-some-account-its-lords>

FAMILY BACKGROUND

For the testator's family background, see the Tyrrell pedigrees in Metcalfe, Walter C., ed., *The Visitations of Essex, Part I*, (London: Harleian Society, 1878), Vol. XIII, pp. 15-16 at:

<http://archive.org/stream/visitationsofess13metc#page/14/mode/2up>

and p. 111 at:

<http://archive.org/stream/visitationsofess13metc#page/110/mode/2up>

See also the Tyrrell pedigree in Metcalfe, Charles W., ed., *The Visitations of Essex, Part II*, (London: Harleian Society, 1879), Vol. XIV, p. 717 at:

<http://archive.org/stream/visitationsofess02metc#page/n373/mode/2up>

See also the Tyrrell pedigree in Rylands, W. Harry, ed., *The Visitation of the County of Buckingham Made in 1634*, (London: Harleian Society, 1909), Vol. LVIII, p. 118 at:

<https://archive.org/stream/visitationofcoun58phil#page/118/mode/2up>

See also the Tyrrell pedigree in Bright, J.B., *The Brights of Suffolk, England*, (Boston: John Wilson, 1858), p. 228 at:

<https://archive.org/stream/brightsofsuffolk00brig#page/n537/mode/2up>

See also the Tyrrell pedigree in Sewell, W.H., 'Sir James Tyrell's Chapel at Gipping, Suffolk', *The Archaeological Journal*, (London: Royal Archaeological Institute of Great Britain and Ireland, 1871), Vol. XXVIII, pp. 23-33 at p. 33:

<https://books.google.ca/books?id=YrRSAAAACAAJ&pg=PA33>

There are significant errors in the Tyrrell pedigrees. The most reliable pedigree is in Metcalfe, *Part I, supra*, pp. 15-16.

For the testator's family background, see also Wedgewood, Josiah C., *History of Parliament: Biographies of the Members of the Commons House 1439-1509*, (London: His Majesty's Stationery Office, 1936), pp. 893-4 at:

<https://archive.org/details/in.ernet.dli.2015.210096/page/n965/mode/2up>

Testator's paternal grandparents

The testator was the grandson of Walter Tyrrell of Avon, Hampshire, and Eleanor Flambard (d.1422), the daughter and heir of Edmund Flambard of Shepreth, Cambridgeshire, by Elizabeth Fitz Ralph. See Moriarty, G. Andrews, 'The Early Tyrrells of Heron in East Herndon', *New England Historical and Genealogical Register*, Vol. CIX, 1955, pp. 17-31.

See also the History of Parliament entry for Eleanor Flambard's second husband, Sir Nicholas Haute (1358-1416), at:

<http://www.historyofparliamentonline.org/volume/1386-1421/member/haute-sir-nicholas-1357-1415>

b. 20 Sept. 1357, s. of Sir Edmund Haute (d.v.p) of Petham, Kent by Benedicta (d.c.1391), yr. da. and coh. of John Shelving of Bourne Place in Bishopsbourne. m. (1) bef. 1392, Alice (d. 11 Mar. 1400), da. of Sir Thomas Couen[†] of Ightham, wid. of Richard Charles (d.1387) of Icklesham, Suss. and Palstre, Kent, 4s. inc. William; (2) Eleanor (d. 29 Mar. 1422), da. and h. of Edmund Flambard of Shepreth, Cambs., wid. of Walter Tyrrell of Avon, Hants. Kntd. bef. Nov. 1379.*

For the will of the testator's uncle, Edward Tyrrell (d. 17 December 1442), esquire, of Downham, Essex, see Jacob, E.F., ed., *The Register of Henry Chichele, Archbishop of Canterbury 1414-1443*, (Oxford: Clarendon Press, 1938), Vol. II, pp. 628-36 at:

https://books.google.ca/books/about/The_Register_of_Henry_Chichele_Archbisho.html?i d=6JkxAQAAIAAJ&redir_esc=y

Testator's parents

The testator was the son of Sir John Tyrrell (d. 2 April 1437), Speaker of the House of Commons, and his first wife, Alice Coggeshall (d.1422), daughter and heir of Sir William Coggeshall (d.1426). See the History of Parliament entry for Sir John Tyrrell at:

<http://www.historyofparliamentonline.org/volume/1386-1421/member/tyrell-john-1382-1437>

b.c.1382, 1st s. of Walter Tyrell of Avon, Hants by Eleanor da. and h. of Edmund Flambard of Shepreth, Cambs.; nephew and h. of Sir Thomas Tyrell[†] of Heron, and er. bro. of Edward Tyrell[†] of Downham. m. (1) Alice (d.1422), da. and coh. of Sir William Coggeshall of Codham Hall, ?wid. of Thomas Mandeville (d.1400) of Broomfield, Essex, 6s. inc. Thomas[†], 4da.; (2) between June 1421 and July 1423, Katherine (d. aft. June 1436), da. and coh. of Sir William Burgate* of Burgate, Suff., wid. of Robert Stonham (d.1397) of Stonham Aspall, Suff. and of John Spencer* (d.1417) of Banham, Norf., 1da. 1 Kntd. c. July 1431.*

In the will below the testator mentions that his father left a will. Its whereabouts are unknown.

Testator's siblings

For the testator's siblings, see the will of his brother, Sir Thomas Tyrrell (d. 28 March 1477) of Heron, TNA PROB 11/6/417. See also Wedgewood, *supra*, pp. 891-4 at:

<https://archive.org/details/in.ernet.dli.2015.210096/page/n963/mode/2up>

MARRIAGES AND ISSUE

In the will below, the testator mentions his two wives, Anne and Philippa:

[A]nd the said priest to have for to sing for me in the church of Rawreth, and to remember when he is disposed to sing [-to sing] in his Mass to have in remembrance the souls of me, Anne and Dame Philippe, my wives, the soul of my father, John Tyrrell, knight, Alice and Katherine, his wives, and the souls of my brother, Thomas Tyrrell, knight, Anne, his wife, and the souls of John Thornbury and Anne. . . .

Testator's first marriage

The testator married firstly Anne Fitz Simon. According to Wedgewood, *supra*, p. 893, and the Tyrrell pedigrees, she was the daughter of Sir Robert Fitz Simon. See Metcalfe, *Part I, supra*, p. 111, and Norcliffe, Charles Best, ed., *The Visitation of Yorkshire in the Years 1563 and 1564*, (London: Harleian Society, 1881), Vol. XVI, p. 329 at:

<https://books.google.ca/books?id=BvFMAQAAMAAJ&pg=PA329>

However according to Benton she was the daughter and coheir of Sir William Fitz Simon. See Benton, Philip, *The History of Rochford Hundred*, (Rochford: A. Harrington, 1888), Vol. II, p. 653 at:

<http://books.google.ca/books?id=ioYuAAAAMAAJ&pg=PA653>

By Anne Fitz Simon, the testator had a son and a daughter:

* **John Tyrrell** (d. 25 October 1494) of Beeches. In the pedigree in Metcalfe, *Part I, supra*, p. 111, his Christian name is erroneously given as Thomas. For his will, see TNA PROB 11/10/311. He married Katherine Walden, the daughter of John Walden (1410-1464), alderman and grocer of London, by Margaret Rich, daughter of the London mercer, Richard Rich (d.1464). See the will of Margaret Rich's brother, John Rich (d.1458), TNA PROB 11/4/279; the will of her brother, Thomas Rich (d.1475), TNA PROB 11/6/296; the Latin will of her father, Richard Rich (d.1464), TNA PROB 11/5/84; and the Wikipedia entry for Richard Rich (d.1464) edited by the author of this website at:

[https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Richard_Rich_\(Sheriff_of_London\)](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Richard_Rich_(Sheriff_of_London))

By Katherine Walden, John Tyrrell had two sons and two daughters:

(1) Edward Tyrrell (c.1476? - 16 June 1541). According to Benton, *supra*, he was 18 years of age at his father's death in 1494 and was thus born about 1476. He married Alice Cloville, but died without issue. After his death, Alice Cloville married secondly George Forster (d.1556), the son of Robert Forster (d.1545) of Little Birch, Essex (for his will, see TNA PROB 11/39/125), by whom she had two daughters. She married thirdly Oxford's uncle, Henry Golding (d.1576), by whom she had no issue. For the will of Alice (nee Cloville) Tyrrell Forster Golding, see TNA PROB 11/70/187. For the will of Henry Golding, see TNA PROB 11/59/98.

(2) William Tyrrell (c.1487? - 28 September 1543). He was under the age of 22 at his father's death in 1494. According to Benton, *supra*, he succeeded his brother, Edward Tyrrell, at the age of 54, and was thus born about 1487. He married Elizabeth Cromer, the daughter of William Cromer (d. 20 July 1539) by Alice Haute, the daughter of Sir William Haute and his wife, Joan, by whom he had two daughters: Alice Tyrrell, who married firstly Thomas Latham of Lancashire and secondly William Cade of Romford, and Mary Tyrrell, who married Peter Hammond of Kent by whom she was the mother of an only daughter, Jane Hammond, who married John Honeywood, esquire, by whom she had an only daughter, Catherine Honeywood, who was heir to her grandmother, Mary Tyrrell, and married Sir Edward Scott of Scots Hall. See Benton, *supra*, p. 657, and *Magna Carta Ancestry, supra*, Vol. I, p. 326. William Tyrrell died without male heirs, and was succeeded by his first cousin of the half blood, Edmund Tyrrell (c.1513? - 8 November 1576), son of his uncle, Jasper Tyrrell. See under 'Jasper Tyrrell', *infra*.

(3) Anne Tyrrell, a nun at the Minorities in London.

(4) Margaret Tyrrell, unmarried and under the age of 20 at her father's death in 1494.

* **Margaret Tyrrell**. In the pedigree in Metcalfe, *Part I, supra*, p. 111, her Christian name is erroneously given as Mary. She married Thomas Huntingdon (d. 28 December 1498?), esquire, (for whose will see TNA PROB 11/11/560), by whom she had two

daughters, Margaret Huntingdon, who married John Paris (d. 19 January 1517), esquire, of Little Linton, Cambridgeshire, son of Robert Paris (d.1504?), esquire, of Linton (for whose will, proved 29 January 1505, see TNA PROB 11/14/436), and Anne Huntingdon, who married William Mordaunt, Chief Prothonotary of the Court of Common Pleas. See the memorial brass to Margaret Tyrrell and her husband, Thomas Huntingdon, in Christy, Miller and W.W. Porteous, 'On Some Interesting Essex Brasses', *Transactions of the Essex Archaeological Society*, New Series, Vol. VII, Part III, (Colchester, 1899), pp. 223-5, which can be downloaded as a pdf file at:

www.esah1852.org.uk/images/pdf/new-series/T2070000.pdf

For the testator's daughter, Margaret Tyrrell, see also:

'Hempstead', in *An Inventory of the Historical Monuments in Essex, Volume 1, North West* (London, 1916), pp. 157-161. *British History Online* <http://www.british-history.ac.uk/rchme/essex/vol1/pp157-161> [accessed 15 August 2020].

Brasses: In N. chapel—(1) said to be of [Thomas Huntingdon, 1498, and Margaret (Tyrrell) his wife,] figure of man in plate armour and woman in pedimental head-dress, four shields (a) fretty a chief with three molets thereon, for Huntingdon; (b) Huntingdon impaling two cheverons and a border engrailed with a cinquefoil for difference, for Tyrrell; (c) Huntingdon quartering 1 and 4 nine crosslets fitchy, 2 and 3 a cheveron and a quarter with a lion therein; (d) Huntingdon impaling Tyrrell quartering 2 and 3 three scutcheons, 4 barry wavy a chief; indent of inscription.

For John Paris (d. 19 January 1517) see his will, TNA PROB 11/18/458, and the Paris pedigree in Green, Everard, 'A Pedigree of the Ancient Catholic Family of Parys of Linton in the County of Cambridge' in Clarke, A.W. Hughes, ed., *Miscellanea Genealogica et Heraldica*, 5th Series, (London: Mitchell, Hughes and Clarke, 1916-17), Vol. II, pp. 123-6 at:

<https://archive.org/stream/miscellaneagenea2191bann#page/n263/mode/2up>

John Paris (d. 19 January 1517) was the father of Sir Philip Paris (d.1558) of Little Linton (for his will, see TNA PROB 11/42A/230).

For William Mordaunt, see his will, TNA PROB 11/19/111, and Brydges, Egerton, *Collins's Peerage of England*, (London: F.C. and J. Rivington, 1812), Vol. III, p. 312 at:

https://books.google.ca/books?id=r_M6AAAAIAAJ&pg=PA312

Testator's second marriage

The testator married secondly Philippa Thornbury (living May 1478), the daughter of John Thornbury, esquire, of Faversham, Kent. For his will, dated 10 April 1473 and proved 16 February 1474, see TNA PROB 11/6/202.

When she married the testator, Philippa Thornbury was the widow of John Pympe (20 July 1417 – 8 November 1454), esquire, of Nettlestead, Kent, whom she married as his second wife, and by whom she had two sons, John Pympe (1447/8 – 9 or 11 August 1496), esquire, and Reynold Pympe (1448/9 – 21 March 1530/1), esquire, and a daughter, Anne Pympe, for whom the testator makes provision in the will below:

[T]hat it please my feoffees to suffer my wife, Dame Philippe, to take the yearly profits coming of them term of her life, or else to have estate for term of her life to this intent, that she should honestly find and keep my three daughters, Elizabeth, Jane and Anne, till they be married, and also Anne Pympe till she be married, and when Anne Pympe is married to give her £20 of my besetting.

Anne Pympe was still unmarried when her grandfather, John Thornbury, made his will in 1473.

MacMichael, *supra*, p. 40, does not appear to be aware of Philippa Thornbury's second marriage to the testator. However he records her subsequent marriage, as his second wife, to Sir John Guildford (1430–1493) of Rolvenden, Kent. Given the customs of the period, it seems likely this marriage took place when Philippa's daughter, Anne Pympe, married Sir John Guildford's son and heir by his first marriage, Sir Richard Guildford (c.1450-1506).

It appears Philippa Thornbury predeceased her third husband, Sir John Guildford (1430-1493), and that after her death he married a wife named Elizabeth, whom he names as one of his executors in his will dated 20 March 1492. See the will of Sir John Guildford, TNA PROB 11/9/386, the *ODNB* entry for Sir Richard Guildford, and the Pympe pedigree in Robertson, Herbert, *Stemmata Robertson et Durdin*, (London: Mitchell and Hughes, 1893-95), p. 102 at:

<https://archive.org/details/stemmatarobertso00robe/page/102>

See also the Pympe pedigree in Ball, W.E., 'Stained-Glass Windows of Nettlestead Church', *Archaeologica Cantiana*, Vol. XXVIII, (London: Mitchell, Hughes & Clarke, 1909), pp. 157-250 at pp. 166-7:

<https://archive.org/details/archaeologiacant28kent/page/174>

See also the pedigree of Guildford of Hempstead, Kent, in Ellis, Sir Henry, ed., *The Pilgrimage of Sir Richard Guylforde to the Holy Land, A.D. 1506*, (Camden Society, 1851), p. xvii at:

<https://books.google.ca/books?id=zQMFoKGs7loC&pg=PR17>

By Philippa Thornbury the testator had a son:

* **Jasper Tyrrell** (buried 1 March 1539). He was under age when the testator made his will. He is not mentioned in the 1473 will of his grandfather, John Thornbury. He is said to have married Anne Goring, by whom had a son and a daughter:

(1) **Edmund Tyrrell** (c.1513? - 8 November 1576), esquire. As noted above, he was heir to his first cousin of the half blood, William Tyrrell (c.1487? - 28 September 1543), the son of John Tyrrell (d. 25 October 1494) and Katherine Walden (see above). See Benton, *supra*, pp. 653-60 at:

<http://books.google.ca/books?id=ioYuAAAAMAAJ&pg=PA653>

There is nothing upon record to prove whether Sir William Tyrell's design [for a school] was carried out, or what became of his daughters. By his first wife he had John, and by the second Jasper. John the eldest son and heir held this manor of Beches, the manor of North Bemfleet and Scotts in Canewdon, and divers lands in Hockley. By Catherine his wife, daughter of John Walden, Alderman of London, he had two sons, Edward and William. He made his will in 1493. He died 25th Oct. 1494, and the will was proved 23 Nov. 1494. . . . He was succeeded in Beaches by his eldest son Edward, then 18 years old. He married Alice Cloville, but dying the 16th of June 1541 without issue, he was succeeded by his brother William Tyrell then above 54 years old, who had to wife Elizabeth, daughter of William Cromer of Kent, but he dying 28th Sept. 1543, also without issue male, Edward or Edmund Tyrell son of his uncle Jasper above mentioned, by Anne, daughter of (blank) Goring, of Sussex, inherited this and the rest of the estates. . . . This Edmund Tyrrell was a man of considerable political importance, being elected member for Maldon in 1st 4th and 5th of Mary. He was a bigoted member of the old faith, and made himself conspicuous as a Magistrate in apprehending the so called hereticks, and forwarding them to Bishop Bonner for examination. . . . Edmund Tyrell died 8th of November, 1576, at Whitestaple in Kent, surviving to see the Reformation firmly established.

Edmund Tyrrell married Susan Cooke, the daughter of (blank) Cooke of Gidea Hall, by whom he had four daughters. See Benton, *supra*, p. 660. It seems likely she was a descendant of one of the three sons of Sir Thomas Cooke (d.1478), Lord Mayor of London, who held considerable property at Romford, including the manor of Gidea Hall. See his will, TNA PROB 10/6/467, and:

Daniel Lysons, 'Romford', in *The Environs of London: Volume 4, Counties of Herts, Essex and Kent* (London, 1796), pp. 183-203. *British History Online* <http://www.british-history.ac.uk/london-environs/vol4/pp183-203> [accessed 17 August 2020].

She may have been the daughter of 'Sir Harry Cooke' mentioned in the will of Anne (nee Tyrrell) Knight Knighton (d.1587), TNA PROB 11/70/312. A 'Harry Cooke' is also mentioned in BL Lansdowne 25/27, ff. 56-8, a letter dated 15 December 1577 from

Katherine (nee Willoughby) Brandon Bertie (1519-1580), Duchess of Suffolk, to Lord Burghley.

About 1570, Edmund Tyrrell, and perhaps Susan Cooke, signed a pedigree connected with the Tyrrell family of Heron. See Essex Record Office, D/DP Z30/3:

Copy of a pedigree made ?c.1570 to show that John Baker, son of Richard Baker and his wife Katharine, was the heir of Gertrude [Courtenay], late Marchioness of Exeter [died 1558], Katharine being daughter and heir of John Tyrell of Heron, esquire - through his mother a grandchild, like the marchioness, of John Blount [3rd] Lord Mountjoy [died 1485]. Witnessed by R. Ryche, Will'm Petre, Anne Petre, Henry Tyrell, Edmund Tyrell, John Baker knight, Susan C. and Thomas Argall having 'signed this writing with our owne handes'.

For a brass commemorating Edmund Tyrrell and his wife, Susan Cooke, see Miller, Christy and W.W. Porteous, 'Some Interesting Essex Brasses', in Allen, J. Romilly, ed., *The Reliquary & Illustrated Archaeologist*, New Series, Vol. IX, (London: Bemrose and Sons, Limited, 1903), pp. 145-162 at pp. 159-60 :

<http://www.archive.org/stream/reliquaryandill02coxgoog#page/n175/mode/1up>

For Edmund Tyrrell see also his will, TNA PROB 11/58/499, and the History of Parliament entry at:

<http://www.historyofparliamentonline.org/volume/1509-1558/member/tyrrell-edmund-1513-76>

(2) Joan Tyrrell, who married Edward Lewknor (d.1545) of Tangmere, Sussex, the son of Roger Lewknor (d.1509?), esquire. See *Magna Carta Ancestry, supra*, Vol. IV, p. 112, and the will, dated 16 October 1515 and proved 7 February 1521, of John Goring, TNA PROB 11/20/104. See also:

<https://mhollick.typepad.com/slovakyankee/2015/02/the-lewknors-of-sussex-england.html>

In the will below the testator also mentions three unmarried daughters, likely his daughters by his second marriage to Philippa Thornbury:

* **Elizabeth Tyrrell**, She is not mentioned in the 1473 will of her grandfather, John Thornbury. This website, citing a document dating from 1485-6 concerning her marriage portion, TNA C 1/76/16, identifies her husband as Edmund Ailmer:

<http://www.rootschat.com/forum/index.php?topic=799215.18>

* **Jane Tyrrell**, under sixteen years of age when the testator made his will. In the 1473 will of her grandfather, John Thornbury, provision is made for £20 to be delivered to the prioress and convent at Dartford at the time of Jane Tyrrell's profession there.

* **Anne Tyrrell**, under sixteen years of age when the testator made his will. She is not mentioned in the 1473 will of her grandfather, John Thornbury.

OTHER PERSONS MENTIONED IN THE WILL

As noted above, Anne Pympe, for whose marriage the testator provides in the will below, appears to have been Anne Pympe, the daughter of John Pympe and Philippa Thornbury. She married, before 1479, Sir Richard Guildford, for whose will see TNA PROB 11/17/381. See also Richardson, Douglas, *Plantagenet Ancestry*, 2nd ed., 2011, Vol. I, p. 413.

Anne Pympe was related to the testator through his sister-in-law, Anne Marney. Anne Pympe's brother, Reynold Pympe, married Elizabeth Pashley, the great-granddaughter of Sir Robert Pashley by Philippa Sergeaux. As noted above, Philippa Sergeaux's sister, Elizabeth Sergeaux, was the mother of Anne Marney, wife of the testator's elder brother, Sir Thomas Tyrrell (d. 28 March 1477). See the Pashley pedigree after p. 12 and the Sergeaux pedigree after p. 32 in MacMichael, *supra*.

For the will of Anne Pympe's brother, John Pympe (d.1496), see TNA PROB 11/11/124. The will contains a clause mentioning the marriage of Anne Pympe and Sir Richard Guildford:

Item, whereas there be certain blank scutcheons in the window of Saint Thomas within the said church, I will that there be put in those scutcheons the names of Master Sir Thomas Sellinger [=St Leger] and of my Lady, his wife; the names of my cousin, James Sellinger, and of his wife; the names of my cousin, Bartholomew Sellinger, and of his wife; the names of Sir John Cheyne and of his wife; the names of Sir Richard Guildford and of my sister, his wife; the names of my cousin, Edward Guildford, and of his wife; the names of [f. 21v] my cousin, George Guildford, and of his wife; the names of me and of my wife; the names of my brother, Reynold, and of his wife.

TESTATOR'S LANDS

For the testator's manor of Plumberow see Benton, Philip, *The History of Rochford Hundred*, Vol. I, (Rochford: A. Harrington, 1867), pp. 278-9:

<http://archive.org/stream/historyrochford00bentgoog#page/n280/mode/2up>

For the testator's manor of Rawreth see Benton, Philip, *The History of Rochford Hundred*, (Rochford: A. Harrington, 1888), Vol. II, pp. 653-60, *supra*.

For the testator's will, see also:

King, H.W., 'Ancient Wills (No. 3)', *Transactions of the Essex Archaeological Society*, (Colchester: Essex and West Suffolk Gazette, 1865), Vol. III, pp. 75-94 at pp. 85-7:

<http://archive.org/stream/transactionssess03socigoog#page/n137/mode/2up>

[f. 253v] In the name of Our Lord God, Amen. The 16 day of March the 49 year of King Henry the 6th [=16 March 1471] and the new taking upon him of his royal power the first year, and the year of Our Lord 1470, the last will and intent of me, William Tyrrell of Beeches in the shire of Essex, knight, written in a copy paper of this with mine own hand, then being in good mind & reasonable health of body, blessed and thanked mote be Almighty Jesus:

First, I, the said William, ordain and make my last will in manner and form as followeth, that is for to say that I pray all my feoffees in the tenement of Gatewardis with all the appurtenances, my feoffees in the tenement that was young Ridley['s] with all the appurtenances, the tenement that was late Hayes' with all the appurtenances, and the tenement late purchased of John Cock [=Cooke?], suffer mine executors & attorneys to receive, immediately after my decease out of this wretched world, to take & receive the yearly profits coming of them during the space of 4 year to this intent, that it go and serve for to the finding of my three daughters, Elizabeth, Jane and Anne;

And after the 4 year be ended and expired, I will then that John Tyrrell, my son, if he then live, have all the said lands and tenements, except the tenement of Cokkes [=Cooke's?], with all that longing & appertaining unto them & to every of them for the sum of £100 of lawful money of England, that sum to be paid & delivered immediately unto mine executors & assign[s] for the marriage of Elizabeth Tyrrell, my daughter;

And if my said son, John, will not pay the sum of £100 in the manner & form aforesaid, then I will pray my feoffees by the advice of mine executors to see that all the tenements etc. afore written be sold to the most avail, and the overplus over an £100 to go to the buying of a bed for her chamber and other things needful and convenient for her;

And if the said Elizabeth die or [=ere] that time come unmarried, that God defend, then I will that the said sum of £100 with the overplus go to the marriage of my two daughters, Jane and Anne;

And if they die or that they be married, that God defend, then I will the said sum of £100 with the overplus be disposed in alms-deeds to see(?) Hull bridge, Battles bridge and other bridges and highways near adjoinant about the manor of Beeches by the discretion & assignment of the most part of my feoffees & executors at that time living;

And if my said son, John Tyrrell, will pay or do to be paid the said sum of £100 in the manner & form aforesaid, then I will he have the reversion of the tenement called Cookes with all the appurtenances after the decease of Denys [=Dionyse?] Palgraffe, to him [sic?] and to his heirs forever more;

And else the said tenement with all the appurtenances to be sold after the decease of Denys to the most avail, desiring my feoffees that she may have estate in the said tenement of Cokkes with all the appurtenances for her life;

Item, I pray my feoffees in the tenement of Alcottes, and my feoffees in the tenement of Bukers which I bought of the executors of William Cobbe of London, and my feoffees of the tenement of Davies(?) Sanew(?), mine executors to sell all tho [=those] tenements & lands to the most avail, and with all the money that [cometh of the said?] sale to discharge me of such goods to me delivered by John Wakelyn which were Ralph Marche[‘s], sometime citizen of London, which in especialty followeth, that is for to say:

In money, £60;

Item, in money received by my Lord of Rochester, sometime called Master Thomas Rotherham, for things sold unto him by the said John Wakelyn and by agreement of the Ordinary £10;

Item, in money received of my Lord Cardinal Ordinary for things sold unto him, £20;

Item, for things that I had myself amounting to the sum of £16 or thereabout;

Summa totalis, £106;

Whereof paid by the assignment of my Lord Cardinal unto Ralph Marche’s wife, 50 mark, and to one that hath wedded her daughter, dwelling with Pygotte in Cambridgeshire, £16 13s 4d;

Item, to one Baron(?), 9s 2d;

Item, unto Bulstrode, £12;

Item, unto the said Bulstrode upon 4 obligations sealed with my seal, payable at days, £19;

Whereof [f. 254r] one obligation of an 100s is paid;

Item, for an obligation with an indenture of Randolph, mercer of London, for a duty unto Ralph Marche which was beselyd [=bezzled?], and for to have it again I paid £5, and £15 more should pay by promise or else deliverance of the said obligations & indenture again, I as yet having right naught for my labour, costs, pains & expenses;

And so the whole sum paid by me upon the assignment of my Lord Cardinal Ordinary of the said sum of £106 draweth unto the sum £86 9s 2d, and so remaineth unpaid of the sum of £106, £19 10s 10d, I to be allowed for my labour & costs in that behalf;

Item, I will that the old rent of Alcottes tenement due of old unto the manor of Beeches be reserved unto the said manor when it is sold;

Item, I pray my feoffees in the manor of Plumberow with all the appurtenances, my feoffees in a tenements called Pryorse with all the appurtenances, my feoffees in the tenement of Blounts with all the appurtenances, my feoffees in the tenement of Glasiers which is copyhold, with all that longeth thereto, my feoffees in the tenement of Porters with all the appurtenances, my feoffees in the tenement of Dymuk(?) with all the appurtenances, my feoffees in the tenement[s] of Gooldes [=Gowles?], Russells, Gavndyshe [=Cavendish?], Cokerelles, Howolottes, Godfrayes, Kels crofts, Kings crofts, a little croft purchased of young Jolylok, 6 acre of wood purchased of Guy Harling, 16 acres wood, be it more or less, purchased of Lythen, with all their appurtenances, suffer mine executors to receive the yearly profits of them immediately after my decease by the space of three year next ensuing to this intent, that they and every of them pay or do to be paid to the executor of Robert Mounteney in discharge of three obligations that certain of my neighbours and friends be bounden in the sum of £60, and with the overplus of the three yearly profits I will it be demeaned in this wise, that is to say, to every of mine executors that duly and justly put them in devoir to execute this my last will have every of them 53s 4d, and every of them that I make in my testament supervisors to have as much, that is to say, 53s 4d, desiring them in the way of charity to see that this my last will & also my testament be duly executed and fulfilled;

And as for the remnant of the revenues that cometh over all this that is specially set of all the tenements and lands in this article afore specified during the space of the said three year, that it be disposed to honest array of my three daughters, Elizabeth, Jane and Anne, or whosoever of them live at that time;

And after the three year aforesaid be fully ended and expired, I desire and then pray my feoffees in the tenements of Porters and Vynnes with all their appurtenance to make estate unto Dame Philippe, my wife, for term of her life, and after the decease of her unto Jasper Tyrrell, my son, and to the heirs male of his body lawfully begotten, and for fault of issue male of his body lawfully begotten unto John Tyrrell, my son, and to the heirs male of his body lawfully begotten, and for fault of issue male of his body lawfully begotten to the right heirs of my body lawfully begotten, they and also mine heirs male and their issue male to be charitable that they and every of them shall yearly keep my mind-day in perpetuity with a Mass of Requiem and 6d to be doled in alms in the worship of the Five Wounds of Our Lord Jesus both in the church of Rawreth and in the parish of [sic] church of Prittlewell, and at that time in both places to remember the souls of John Tyrrell, knight, Alice [+and?] Katherine, his wives, Anne [+and?] Dame Philippe, my wives, and my father, John Thornbury, & all my good-doers;

Item, I will and pray my feoffees in the tenements of Blounts and Glasiers with all their appurtenances and all thereunto belonging as it is letten to farm, that after the three year aforesaid expired that they be sold to the most avail, and the money thereof by the advice of two persons most worshipful of my [f. 254v] feoffees and by the advice and assent of the most part of my feoffees [+and?] mine executors to be put in a place whereas it may be sure to this intent, that when my 2 daughters, Jane and Anne, come to th' age of 16 year or 18 year may evenly be departed and delivered unto them for their marriage, they to be married by the advice of the said 2 feoffees and mine executors & supervisors;

And if any of them die unmarried or they come to the age of 16 or 18 year, that then she that overliveth have to her marriage her part that is passed out of this world;

And if these both die or they be married, then all the said money to be kept and serve for this intent following, that is for to say, Robert Belton may be entreated with for to buy Glasiers tenement, and my feoffees & executors to have Hawkes tenement of him, as he and I have been in communication of the same;

And if it might be brought about, then I would have a convenient place made there for a priest to dwell in that could teach grammar, and a house made for children of the country to be taught in their school here to be free, and the said priest to have for to sing for me in the church of Rawreth, and to remember when he is disposed to sing [-to sing] in his Mass to have in remembrance the souls of me, Anne and Dame Philippe, my wives, the soul of my father, John Tyrrell, knight, Alice and Katherine, his wives, and the souls of my brother, Thomas Tyrrell, knight, Anne, his wife, and the souls of John Thornbury and Anne, and every Friday in the year weekly to say in the church of Rawreth for the souls aforesaid dirge, and on the morn a Mass of Requiem but there be a reasonable cause of let, then I will the said priest should have the said tenement of Hawkes so builded with all the appurtenances, 12 mark of money yearly, his reasonable fuel & candle, for to execute truly this mine intent;

And to make this sure by the advice of my said 2 feoffees, executors and supervisors, I will leave & ordain for a ground after the three year aforesaid expired the manor of Plumberow with all the appurtenance[s] and the tenement of Periois(?) with all the appurtenance to serve and abide in perpetuity to the execution of this my last will and intent in this articles [sic] contained either by the way of mortisement or else by sufferance of my feoffees to the execution of the same, mine executors & supervisors while they live to desire my said feoffees to fulfil in effect the same;

And if it fortune that all my feoffees in the said manor and tenement die except 2 or 3, that when it cometh to 2 or 3 persons, that they 2 or 3 persons have power to make estate unto divers other, als [sic?] many as pleaseth them which they suppose for a truth will execute and fulfil this my last will and intent, and so forth when it cometh to 2 or three persons alway to make a new feoffment to the said intent, desiring of my said feoffees that it may please them to have an oversight of the guiding of the said manor & tenements or commit some other true person thereto, for it will some year be better than the charge that I have laid thereon, desiring furthermore that it should please my feoffees

in the same to have the denomination of the priest that should do & observe this mine intent, and that he should have it for term of his life;

And if it please not them to have the nomination and purveyance of the said priest that should do this, that then mine executors and supervisors, if they then be alive, to have the nomination and purveyance of the said priest, and if they be slowful, that then my heirs of my body lawfully begotten have the nomination, and if they be forgetful and not diligent to the execution of this my last will, then I will desire and require in the way of charity the Ordinary that shall prove this my last will to have the nomination of the said priest and purveyance of him;

And if this mine intent contained in this article may not be [=by] lawful means be fulfilled and brought about, then I will after 2 year over the three year aforesaid expired, [+it?] go unto my wife, term of her life, to this intent following, that is for to say, to find Jasper Tyrrell to school, and after my wife's decease to return to the said Jasper Tyrrell, my son, and unto the heirs male of his body lawfully begotten, and if the said Jasper die without issue male of his body lawfully begotten, that God defend, that then the said manor & tenement to remain unto John Tyrrell, my son, and unto the heirs male of his body lawfully begotten, and if the said John die without issue male of his body lawfully begotten, then to remain to the right heirs of my body lawfully begotten forever more;

Item, I will and pray my feoffees in the tenements of Gooldes, Russells, Cawndysshe [f. 255r] Cokerelles, Hovelottes, Godfrayes, Kels crofts, Kings crofts, a little croft purchased of young Jolylok, 6 acre wood purchased of Guy Harling, 16 acres wood purchased of Lythen, with all their appurtenances, after three year aforesaid expired, that it please my feoffees to suffer my wife, Dame Philippe, to take the yearly profits coming of them term of her life, or else to have estate for term of her life to this intent, that she should honestly find and keep my three daughters, Elizabeth, Jane and Anne, till they be married, and also Anne Pympe till she be married, and when Anne Pympe is married to give her £20 of my besetting;

And if my wife die or this may come to effect, that God defend, then I will pray my feoffees, executors and supervisors to set and see that this mine intent may be observed and kept;

And after this mine intent to my children in this article specified with Anne Pympe fulfilled and observe[d], and my wife's estate term of life determined, then I will and pray my feoffees that after the decease of her to make estate unto Jasper Tyrrell, my son, and to the heirs male of his body lawfully begotten, and for fault of issue male of his body lawfully begotten to remain unto John Tyrrell, my son, and unto the heirs male of his body lawfully begotten, and if the said John die without issue male of his body lawfully begotten, then I will my brother, Thomas Tyrrell, knight, have all the said tenements, lands & woods in the said article specified and contained to him and the heirs male of his body lawfully begotten, and if he die without issue male of his body lawfully begotten, that God defend, then to go to the right heirs of my body lawfully begotten forever more;

Item, I pray my feoffees in all the lands that I have purchased lying in the parish of Southchurch to grant immediately after my decease an annuity of 60s by the year to be divided in this form following, that is to say, unto Ralph Judde for term of his life 20s, unto Robert Stanner in like form 20s, and 20s unto Edmund Palgraffe, and if any die, the remnant overliving, I will then that tho [=those] 2 that overliveth have the 20s that he had which deceased for term of their lives, and if any of them 2 die that overliveth the 3, I will then that he that overliveth have 40s for term of his life with a clause of distress for lack of payment, and so I will each of them have a clause of distress for lack of payment when they have every of them but 20s;

And after the decease of Ralph, Robert and Edmund aforesaid, I will and pray my feoffees to make estate unto John Tyrrell, my son, in and of all the said lands in this article specified and contained to him and the heirs male of his body lawfully begotten, and if he die without issue male of his body lawfully begotten, that God defend, then I will that my brother, Thomas Tyrrell, knight, have all the said lands in Southchurch to him and to the heirs male of his body lawfully begotten in recompense for the tenement of Gooldys and Russells, and for fault of issue male of my said brother his body, Thomas Tyrrell, knight, begotten, to remain after the form and effect of my father's will, John Tyrrell, knight;

And if my said brother and his issue male grudge and think that it is not of so good value as the tenement Gooldys and Russells, then I will he and his heir male have the tenement of Russells and Gooldis and all the tenements and lands in Southchurch aforesaid to stand in the case(?) of this my last will after the form as I have set in the said tenement of Gooldys and Russells;

Item, I will as for a croft of land in Hockley called Halffehydes which is copyhold and wherein I and John Kellowedon stand seised after the custom of the manor, which croft cost me £8, I will the said John Kelowedon have it for £6 to the intent that William Kelowdon, my godson, might have it, and the £6 I will be demeaned in this form following, that is to say, every one of my godsons in the country of Essex at the time of mine decease living have to pray for me in their remembrance an honest bed to lie in, that is for to say, a mattress, a pair [+of?] sheets, a pair of blankets and a coverlet, and with the remnant of the £6 over that, I will it be wared in stuff of bedding and to be departed by the discretion of mine executors without delay to the most poor folk that doon their part truly to live, and if the world fortuneth not with them and hath need thereof, within the towns of Hockley and Rawreth, some a coverlet, some a pair of sheets, some a pair [+of?] blankets;

[f. 255v] Item, I will if there be found and proved upon surmise or complaint by the discretion of my feoffees and executors that I have anything wrongfully or unconsciencely do[ne] in all my life, that it be recompensed as right and conscience will; I trust to God there is but little thereof unrecompensed but if it be one thing that I told my wife in secretness, which I trust she will recompense;

Item, I will that John Tyrrell, my son, suffer Dame Philippe, my wife, to occupy for term of her life in the name of her dowry the manor of North Benfleet with the advowson of the church & with all the appurtenance belonging unto the said manor if she like so to take it;

Item, I will, as for a place in Maidstone that I stand joint purchaser in with James Brown and other, that my wife, Dame Philippe, have it in fee simple, paying the money that is behind at such days as is assigned & accorded between the parties;

Item, as for other lands that I have purchased in the shire of Kent, that she have it in fee simple, and that my feoffees make to her estate according;

Item, I pray the feoffees that stand seised jointly with me in all the lands and tenements in Much Wakering [=Great Wakering] and Little Shoebury, as well freehold as copyhold, and as well demesne as reversion, which lands and tenements were late John Cart's and so come to his heirs, of which heirs I have purchased all the said lands and tenements in this article specified & contained, which I will pray the feoffees aforesaid to suffer my wife to have all the said lands & tenements aforesaid with the reversion when it falleth during the nonage of Jasper Tyrrell, my son, to find him withal, and when the said Jasper cometh to full age, I will he have it to further him to a marriage if he so be disposed, and if he be not, then he to have estate term of life, and after the decease of him to my wife term of her life if she overlive him, and after the decease of her unto John Tyrrell, my son, and to the heirs male of his body lawfully begotten, and for fault of issue male of him(?), unto the right heirs of my body lawfully begotten forever more;

Provided alway that such money as I have assigned to pay unto divers persons by them that I purchased all the said tenements etc. of be contented and paid by my wife, which passeth not £20;

Item, as for a tenement in Prittlewell that I bought of William Claidon [=Claydon?] & his wife, I will that Jasper Tyrrell, my son, have it to give and to sell, my wife to have the governance thereof during his nonage, and if he die or(?) he come to lawful age, then John Tyrrell to have it to him and his heirs forever more;

Item, as for a croft lying by Gatewardes tenement purchased late of Thomas Scott, I will & I pray my feoffees in the same to suffer mine executors to receive immediately after my decease the yearly profits of the said croft during the space of 4 year to go to the same intent as is in the first article of this my will specified, and that fulfilled, John Tyrrell buying Gatewardes tenement, he to have it to him & his heirs forever more, and if he do not, then to be sold etc;

That all this afore written here in paper hitherto written with mine own hand is for truth the very last will and intent of me, William Tyrrell of Beeches in the shire of Essex, knight, I set to this paper my sign manual till it may be written on parchment;

And furthermore, though this writing be not so lawful made as it ought to be, yet mine intent what I mean may be clearly understood, and thereafter I will pray and require mine feoffees, executors and supervisors at the reverence of the Passion of Our Lord Jesus & on [sic?] the way of charity to help to make it good & lawful according to mine intent, and to see the execution of the same written with mine own hand & sealed with my seal of mine arms the day & year abovesaid.