

SUMMARY: The document below is the Prerogative Court of Canterbury copy of the will, dated 1 October 1565 and proved 2 December 1568, of Thomas Eden (c.1502-1568), esquire, Clerk of the Star Chamber, half brother of the translator, Richard Eden (c.1516-1576), whose widow married Oxford's kinsman, Sir Griffith Don.

A further connection to the Earls of Oxford is found in this bequest in the testator's will below:

And I do give unto my said son and heir, Thomas Eden, in money two hundred pounds over and besides the hundred pounds which my good uncle gave him, for the which he hath an obligation to demand the same of th' executors of the late Earl of Oxford.

FAMILY BACKGROUND

For the testator's family background, see the Eden pedigree in Sperling, C.F.D., *A Short History of the Borough of Sudbury in the County of Suffolk*, (Sudbury: B.R. Marten, 1896), p. 208 at:

<https://archive.org/stream/shorthistoryofbo00sper#page/n249/mode/2up>

See also the Eden pedigree in Howard, Joseph Jackson, ed., *The Visitation of Suffolke, Vol. I*, (Lowestoft: Samuel Tymms, 1866), p. 18 at:

<https://books.google.ca/books?id=ExI2AQAAMAAJ&pg=PA18>

See also the Eden pedigree in Metcalfe, Walter C., ed., *The Visitations of Suffolk*, (Exeter: William Pollard, 1882), pp. 27, 135 at:

<https://books.google.ca/books?id=EycAAAAAQAAJ&pg=PA135>

The testator was the son and heir of Henry Eden (d.1518) by his first wife, Mary Olney, the daughter of John Olney of London (possibly the John Olney (d.1471) who was Lord Mayor in 1446). See the will of Henry Eden (d.1518), TNA PROB 11/19/176, and the transcript in Howard, *supra*, 3 at:

<https://books.google.ca/books?id=ExI2AQAAMAAJ&pg=PA3>

In the will below the testator mentions his 'good uncle', Richard Eden (d.1551?), Archdeacon of Middlesex, brother of the testator's father, Henry Eden. For the will of Richard Eden, dated 6 December 1549 and proved 2 May 1551, in which he states that he was born in Bury St Edmunds, see TNA PROB 11/34/144, and the transcript in Howard, *supra*, pp. 6-7 at:

<https://books.google.ca/books?id=ExI2AQAAMAAJ&pg=PA6>

For his career, see Venn, John and J.A. Venn, eds., *Alumni Cantabrigienses*, Vol. I, Part 2, digital ed., (Cambridge: Cambridge University Press, 2011), p. 84 at:

<https://books.google.ca/books?id=b3qyL71WIPQC&pg=PA84>

See also Sperling, *supra*, p. 209.

The testator appears to have had two brothers and three sisters of the whole blood:

-Henry Eden (d.1545?) of Barningham, Suffolk, who married Elizabeth Heigham, daughter of Sir Clement Heigham (d. 9 March 1571), Chief Baron of the Exchequer and Speaker of the House of Commons. For Sir Clement Heigham (by 1495-1571), see the History of Parliament entry at:

<http://www.historyofparliamentonline.org/volume/1509-1558/member/heigham-clement-1495-1571>

See also the Heigham pedigree in Gage, John, *The History and Antiquities of Suffolk: Thingoe Hundred*, (London: Samuel Bentley, 1838), p. 9 at:

<https://books.google.ca/books?id=knVPAAAAYAAJ&pg=PA9>

After Henry Eden's death, Elizabeth Heigham married secondly Robert Kempe (by 1526-1571) of Finchingfield, Essex. See the History of Parliament entry at:

<http://www.historyofparliamentonline.org/volume/1509-1558/member/kempe-robert-1526-71-or-later>

b. by 1526, 1st s. of William Kempe of Spains Hall by Mary, da. of John Colt of Netherhal, nr. Roydon, Essex. educ. L. Inn, adm. 11 Mar. 1540, called 1547. m. Elizabeth, da. of (Sir) Clement Heigham of Barrow, Suff., wid. of Henry Eden of Bury St. Edmunds, at least 3s. 3da.1

Apart from his wife and daughters, Henry Eden makes no mention of any member of the Eden family in his will dated 23 December 1545 and proved 8 November 1546, TNA PROB 11/31/316. See the transcript in Metcalfe, *supra*, pp. 4-5. However the fact that Henry Eden and his three daughters are mentioned in the will of the testator's uncle, Richard Eden (d.1551?), Archdeacon of Middlesex, tends to confirm that Henry Eden was the testator's brother.

-George Eden (after 1502-1558/9), for whom see his will, dated 20 December 1558 and proved 4 April 1559, TNA PROB 11/42B/7, and the transcript in Metcalfe, *supra*, pp. 8-9, in which he mentions 'my uncle Archdeacon', confirming that he was the testator's brother.

See also the History of Parliament entry at:

<http://www.historyofparliamentonline.org/volume/1509-1558/member/eden-george-1502-155859>

The name of George Eden's wife is unknown. However in his will he appoints his 'cousin William Humberstone, gentleman' as his sole executor, which suggests that his wife was a member of the Humberstone family.

-Anne Eden (d.1557?), who married firstly Robert Spring (1502 – 3 or 20 April 1549?) of Lavenham, Suffolk, for whose will see TNA PROB 11/32/437. After his death she is said to have married secondly Sir Philip Paris, of Linton, Cambridgeshire, and thirdly Justinian Champneys, of Bexley, Kent. See Corder, Joan, ed., *The Visitation of Suffolk, 1561, Part I*, (London: Harleian Society, 1981), pp. 32-3. Corder cites the Parys pedigree in *Miscellanea Genealogica et Heraldica*, 5th Series, Vol. II, pp. 123-6 at p. 124:

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

See also the Eden pedigree in Sperling, *supra*.

-Elizabeth Eden, who is said to have married George Chamberlain of Barnham Broom, Norfolk. She is mentioned in the will of the testator's uncle, Richard Eden (d.1551?), Archdeacon of Middlesex, as 'my niece, Elizabeth Chamberlain', and in the will of the testator as 'my sister Chamberlain'. See the Eden pedigrees in Howard, *supra*, and Sperling, *supra*.

For George Chamberlain, second son of Sir Edward Chamberlain (d. 15 July 1541), see *History and Antiquities of the County of Norfolk*, Vol. IV, (Norwich: J. Crouse, 1781), p. 15 at:

<https://books.google.ca/books?id=uHVbAAAAQAAJ&pg=RA2-PA15>

See also:

<https://wc.rootsweb.ancestry.com/cgi-bin/igm.cgi?op=GET&db=ancestorsearch&id=I67232>

-Margaret Eden, who married Thomas Maynard. She is mentioned as 'my niece, Margaret Maynard', in the will of the testator's uncle, Richard Eden (d.1551?), Archdeacon of Middlesex. See Howard, *supra*, p. 7 at:

<https://books.google.ca/books?id=ExI2AQAAMAAJ&pg=PA6>

Testator's father's second marriage

After the death of his first wife, Mary Olney, the testator's father, Henry Eden (d.1518), married secondly a wife named Elizabeth whose maiden name is unknown. At the time of the marriage she was the widow of Brian Roche (d. May 1514), Serjeant of the Acatry, by whom she had a son, Nicholas Roche, and a daughter, Grissel Roche (buried 26 February 1582). See the will of Brian Roche, dated 12 May 1514 and proved 29 May 1514, TNA PROB 11/17/555, and the inquisition post mortem taken at York between 22 April 1516 and 21 April 1517, TNA C 142/31/65.

After the death of Henry Eden, Elizabeth married, as her third husband, Oxford's kinsman, Sir Griffith Don (c.1487 - 18 January 1543), for whom see his will, TNA PROB 11/30/109, the inquisition post mortem taken after his death, TNA C 142/69/79, and *The Edward de Vere Newsletter*, No. 47, on this website.

By his second wife, Elizabeth, the testator's father, Henry Eden (d.1518) had two sons, the testator's half brothers:

-Richard Eden (c.1516-1576), the translator, for whom see the *ODNB* entry (which, however, erroneously states that the translator was the son of George Eden (after 1502-1558/9), and that he was born in Herefordshire). For the translator Richard Eden's relationship to the testator's stepsister, Grissel Roche (see above), wife of Sir John Boteler, see also Arber, Edward, ed., *The First Three English Books on America*, (Birmingham, 1885), p. xlv at:

<https://archive.org/stream/firstthreeenglis00arberich#page/n47/mode/2up>

Richard Eden, an Englishman, born of a respectable family in Herefordshire, -- where he still has a sister living, well known to Her Majesty, being the wife of a knight, John Butler of Lamer, -- was well educated as a boy, studied at Cambridge for ten years under that most learned man, Sir Thomas Smyth, now Her Majesty's Secretary [of State], who can testify to his erudition and blameless character.

In the will below the testator bequeaths five marks to his brother, Richard Eden:

[A]nd I give to my brother, Richard Eden, if he be in life, 5 marks.

The testator's uncertainty as to whether his brother, Richard Eden, was still living when he made his will on 1 October 1565 accords with the *ODNB* entry which states that the translator, Richard Eden, was travelling on the continent from 1562-1572:

Now a widower, he was employed in 1562 by Jean de Ferrieres, vidame (chief lay officer) of the bishop of Chartres, as a travelling companion and secretary. He remained in Ferrieres's service until 1572, travelling extensively in France and Germany and conducting a series of chemical experiments, about which he wrote to Sir Thomas Smith in 1572. Eden managed to flee from Paris just before the massacre of St Bartholomew's day and he returned to London in September 1572.

For the manor of Lamers, see:

'Wheathampstead with Harpenden: Manors', in *A History of the County of Hertford: Volume 2*, ed. William Page (London, 1908), pp. 297-309. *British History Online* <http://www.british-history.ac.uk/vch/herts/vol2/pp297-309> [accessed 28 May 2018].

The manor of LAMER, DELAMERS, or LAMMERSHE . . . in 1502 it was settled on Brian Roche and Elizabeth his wife and the heirs of Elizabeth. (fn. 35) Who this lady was is not known, but it seems possible that Lamer descended to her from the Carews. She was married three times: firstly to Brian Roche, secondly to—Edon, and thirdly to Sir Griffin Dunne, and died in 1541, (fn. 36) leaving issue by her first two husbands. This manor being settled upon the issue of the first marriage subject to a life interest of the third husband, who died in 1543, it passed to Griselle, the wife of Sir John Boteler, as daughter of Brian Roche and Elizabeth. (fn. 37) Sir Philip Boteler, son of Sir John Boteler and Griselle, in 1597 conveyed it together with the manor of Botelers and Brydalls to George Peryent, (fn. 38)

It thus seems that the brother, Richard Eden, to whom the testator bequeathed 5 marks in the will of Thomas Eden was in fact his half brother, the translator, Richard Eden (c.1516-1576).

-John Eden, mentioned in the will, TNA 11/30/109, of Sir Griffith Don.

It should also be noted that by Sir Griffith Don, the testator's stepmother, Elizabeth, had a daughter, Elizabeth Don (c.1525-1590), who was also the testator's stepsister. See the will of Sir Griffith Don, *supra*.

MARRIAGE AND ISSUE

The testator married Grissel Waldegrave (d. 12 January 1573?), the daughter of Edward Waldegrave (d.1545?), esquire, of the Friars, Sudbury, by his second wife, Grissel Writtle (d.1547), the daughter of Walter Writtle (d.1475) of Bobbingworth, Essex, by Katherine Boston, the daughter of Thomas Boston. See the Writtle pedigree in Metcalfe, Walter C., ed., *The Visitations of Essex, Part II*, (London: Harleian Society, 1879), Vol. XIV, p. 622 at:

<https://archive.org/stream/visitationsofess14metc#page/622/mode/2up>

See also the History of Parliament entry for the testator at:

<http://www.historyofparliamentonline.org/volume/1509-1558/member/eden-thomas-1502-68>

b. c.1502, 1st s. of Henry Eden, and bro. of George. educ. L. Inn, spec. adm. 16 Nov. 1527. m. by 1534, Griselda, da. of Edward Waldegrave of the Anyers [recte 'the Friars'], Sudbury, 5s. inc. Richard^t and Thomas^t 4da. suc. fa. 1518.1

See the 1544 will of Edward Waldegrave, TNA PROB 11/30/620, and:

Doyle, Anthony I., 'Borley and the Waldegraves in the Sixteenth Century', (Colchester: *Transactions of the Essex Archaeological Society*, Vol. XXIV, New Series, 1951), pp. 17-31, available as a pdf file online at:

esah1852.org.uk/images/pdf/new-series/T2240000.pdf

At the time of her marriage to Edward Waldegrave, Grissel Writtle was the widow successively of John Rochester (d.1506?) and Thomas West (d. August 1508), for whom see her will, TNA PROB 11/31/550.

In the will below, the testator mentions his two sons, Sir Thomas Eden and Richard Eden; an unmarried daughter, Grissel Eden; a daughter married to a husband surnamed Heveningham; and a daughter who had married a husband surnamed Barnes, now deceased. See also the will of the testator's wife, Grissel Waldegrave Eden (d.1572?), in which she mentions her son, Richard Eden, her daughter, Grissel Eden, and her 'daughter Sulyard', in Howard, *supra*, pp. 9-10 at:

<https://books.google.ca/books?id=ExI2AQAAMAAJ&pg=PA9>

It thus appears from their wills that the testator and his wife, Grissel Waldegrave Eden, had two sons and three daughters:

* **Sir Thomas Eden** (c.1534 - 30 June 1614), for whom see the History of Parliament entry at:

<http://www.historyofparliamentonline.org/volume/1558-1603/member/eden-thomas-1534-1614>

He may be the 'Thomas Eden, gentleman', who was bequeathed £10 in the will of John de Vere (1516-1562), 16th Earl of Oxford. See TNA PROB 1146/247.

He married firstly Elizabeth Seyntclere (buried 28 December 1574?), only child of John Seyntclere, esquire, of St Osyth, Essex, and secondly Mary Foljambe, widow of Vincent Harris (d.1574) of Maldon, Essex. For the will of Mary Foljambe's first husband, Vincent Harris, dated 21 April 1574 and proved 28 November 1574, see TNA PROB 11/56/571 and the transcript at:

<https://wc.rootsweb.ancestry.com/cgi-bin/igm.cgi?op=GET&db=bfulgham&id=I20680>

Family background of Sir Thomas Eden's first wife, Elizabeth Seyntclere

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For the will, dated 25 November 1546 and proved 24 January 1547, of Sir John Seyntclere, brother-in-law of Elizabeth (nee Scrope) de Vere (d.1537), Countess of Oxford, wife of John de Vere (1442-1513), 13th Earl of Oxford, see TNA PROB 11/31/383. According to Wright, Sir John Seyntclere was the uncle of Sir Thomas Eden's first wife, Elizabeth St Clere. See Wright, Thomas, *The History and Topography of the County of Essex*, Vol. I, (London: George Virtue, 1836), p. 551 at:

<https://books.google.ca/books?id=SgQVAAAAQAAJ&pg=PA551>

However quare whether Sir John Seyntclere was the grandfather, rather than the uncle, of Sir Thomas Eden's first wife, Elizabeth Seyntclere. It seems likely that Elizabeth Seyntclere was the daughter of Sir John Seyntclere's eldest son, John Seyntclere, esquire, and his wife, Margaret. See a fine in Easter term, 1552, between John Foxton, plainant, and John Seyntclere, esquire, deforciant, concerning the manors of Seyntclere's Hall and Frowyke, in the manors were granted to John Seyntclere for life, remainder to Margaret, his wife, for life, and William Cardinal, gentleman, and his heirs, in Fitch, Marc, and Frederick Emmison, eds., *Feet of Fines for Essex, Vol. V, 1547-1580*, (Oxford: Leopard's Head Press, 1991), p. 27.

Family background of Sir Thomas Eden's second wife, Mary Foljambe

According to Badham, Thomas Eden's second wife, Mary Foljambe, was the daughter of Sir Thomas Foljambe of Derbyshire. See Badham, *infra*, p. 45 at:

<https://books.google.ca/books?id=cWdKAAAAYAAJ&pg=PA45>

Badham appears to be in error. According to other sources, Mary Foljambe was the daughter of Sir James Foljambe (d. 26 September 1558) of Walton, Derbyshire, for whose will, dated 26 August 1558 and proved 1 May 1559, see TNA PROB 11/42B/137 and the transcript at:

<https://wc.rootsweb.ancestry.com/cgi-bin/igm.cgi?op=GET&db=bfulgham&id=I20445>

See also:

<https://wc.rootsweb.ancestry.com/cgi-bin/igm.cgi?op=GET&db=bfulgham&id=I20679>

Mary Foljambe was Sir James Foljambe's daughter by his first wife, Alice Fitzwilliam, the daughter of Thomas Fitzwilliam (c.1474 – 9 September 1513) and Anne Pakenham (d.1543). Thomas Fitzwilliam (c.1474 – 9 September 1513) was the son of Sir Thomas Fitzwilliam (13 January 1448 – 1497x8) of Aldwark by Lucy Neville (d. 25 March 1534), the daughter of John Neville (c.1431 – 14 April 1471), Marquess of Montagu, and Isabel Ingoldesthorpe (c.1441 20 May 1476). After the death of Sir Thomas Fitzwilliam, Lucy Neville married secondly, as his second wife, Sir Anthony Browne (d. before 17 November 1506), by whom she was the mother of Sir Anthony Browne (c.1500-1548),

and the grandmother of Anthony Browne (1528-1592), 1st Viscount Montagu (1528–1592), grandfather of Henry Wriothesley (1573-1624), 3rd Earl of Southampton, dedicatee of Shakespeare's *Venus and Adonis* and *The Rape of Lucrece*. See the *ODNB* entries, and Richardson, Douglas, *Plantagenet Ancestry*, 2nd ed., 2011, Vol. I, pp. 179-80, 512-14.

After Thomas Fitzwilliam's death at the Battle of Flodden, Anne Pakenham married secondly Sir William Sidney (c.1482-1554). See Richardson, Douglas, *Magna Carta Ancestry*, 2nd ed., 2011, Vol. II, pp. 453-5, and Brennan, Michael G., ed., *The Correspondence (c.1626-1659) of Dorothy Percy Sidney, Countess of Leicester*, at:

<https://books.google.ca/books?id=eAokDwAAQBAJ&pg=PT24>

It should also be noted that Mary Foljambe's grandfather, Thomas Fitzwilliam (c.1474 – 9 September 1513), was the elder brother of William Fitzwilliam (c.1490 – 13 October 1542), Earl of Southampton. See:

<http://www.tudorplace.com.ar/NEVILLE2.htm#Lucy%20NEVILLE1>

For the Fitzwilliam family of Aldwark, see also:

https://groups.google.com/forum/#!topic/soc.genealogy.medieval/LfNgq_q0K6M

See also the 'Pedigree of Foljambe, of Aldwarke Hall' (where, however, the name of Mary Foljambe's first husband, Vincent Harris, is erroneously given as 'Vincent Fearne, Esquire', and no mention is made of her second husband, Thomas Eden):

<http://www.medievalgenealogy.org.uk/families/foljambe/foljambe.shtml>

For the will of Sir Thomas Eden (d. 30 June 1614), see the transcript in Howard, *supra*, p. 10-11 at

<https://books.google.ca/books?id=ExI2AQAAMAAJ&pg=PA10>

* **Richard Eden** (d.1604), esquire, of Dorewards Hall in Bocking, Essex (and South Hanningfield?). See the History of Parliament entry at:

<http://www.historyofparliamentonline.org/volume/1558-1603/member/eden-richard>

Richard Eden married, on 3 January 1574, Margaret Peyton, the daughter of Christopher Peyton, esquire, by Joan or Jane Mildmay, the sister of Sir Walter Mildmay (d. 31 May 1589), Chancellor of the Exchequer, and daughter of Thomas Mildmay, esquire, of Chelmsford, Essex, by his wife, Anne Reade [=Rede?]. See the Mildmay pedigree in Muskett, Joseph James, ed., *Evidences of the Winthrops of Groton*, (Privately printed, 1894-1896), p. 47 at:

<https://books.google.ca/books?id=XPc7AAAAMAAJ&pg=PA47>

See also the Peyton pedigree in Burke, John and John Bernard Burke, *A Genealogical and Heraldic History of the Extinct and Dormant Baronetcies of England*, (London: Scott, Webster, and Geary, 1838), p. 409 at:

<https://books.google.ca/books?id=K1kBAAAAQAAJ&pg=PA409>

See also the entry for Christopher Peyton in Hayden, Horace Edwin, *Peyton, of England and Virginia*, (Wilkes-Barr, Pennsylvania, 1891), p. 464 at:

<https://books.google.ca/books?id=RuWSgcMrTusC&pg=PA464>

After the death of Richard Eden, Margaret Peyton married secondly, Sir William Worthington, and thirdly, in 1617, Bryan Tuke. See the Worthington pedigree in Metcalfe, Walter C., ed., *The Visitations of Essex*, (London: Harleian Society, 1878), Vol. XIII, p. 328 at:

<https://books.google.ca/books?id=0m1KAAAAYAAJ&pg=PA328>

See also the pedigree in Sperling, *supra*.

According to some sources, Richard Eden was tutor to Henry VIII. This seems unlikely. It was perhaps Richard Eden (d.1551?), Archdeacon of Middlesex, who was the King's tutor. See Ward, John, *The Lives of the Professors of Gresham College*, (London: John Moore, 1740), p. 240 at:

<https://books.google.ca/books?id=jp5bAAAAQAAJ&pg=PA240>

See also Badham, Charles, *The History and Antiquities of All Saints Church, Sudbury*, (London: Hatchard and Son, 1852), pp. 161-2 at:

<https://books.google.ca/books?id=cWdKAAAAYAAJ&pg=PA161>

According to the History of Parliament entry for his son, Thomas Eden (by 1579-1645), Richard Eden's will is at the London Metropolitan Archives, LMA DL/C/359 (microfilm X19/15b), f. 299r-v. See:

<http://www.historyofparliamentonline.org/volume/1604-1629/member/eden-thomas-1579-1645>

* **Anne Eden**, who married, as his second wife, Henry Heveningham, eldest son of Sir Anthony Heveningham (c.1507 – 22 November 1557) by his first wife, Katherine Calthorpe. Henry Heveningham married firstly Anne Wyndham, daughter of Sir Edmund Wyndham, but died without issue of either marriage. See:

Francis Blomefield, 'Hundred of Humble-Yard: Keteringham', in *An Essay Towards A Topographical History of the County of Norfolk: Volume 5* (London, 1806), pp. 89-97. *British History Online* <http://www.british-history.ac.uk/topographical-hist-norfolk/vol5/pp89-97> [accessed 16 June 2018]

Sir Anthony Heveningham, his son and heir, was made a banneret by King Henry VIII. and married first Katherine, daughter and heir of Sir Philip Calthorp, by whom he had Henry, his son and heir, who died without male issue, by Anne his wife, daughter of Eden of Suffolk; as did Amy their daughter, who married to Sir Edmund Windham of Felbrigge, Knt.

See also Hunter, Joseph, 'The History and Topography of Ketteringham, in the County of Norfolk', *Norfolk Archaeology*, Vol. III, (Norwich: Charles Muskett, 1852), pp. 245-314 at pp. 288-9:

<https://books.google.ca/books?id=utcGAAAAYAAJ&pg=PA430>

See also Copinger, W.A., *The Manors of Suffolk*, Vol. II, pp. 94, 152 at:

<https://archive.org/stream/cu31924092579550#page/n103/mode/2up>

and:

<https://archive.org/stream/cu31924092579550#page/n161/mode/2up>

According to the Eden pedigrees, Anne Eden married secondly Sir Edward Sulyard (d.1610) of Flemings, for whose will see TNA PROB 11/116/183.

* **Elizabeth Eden**, who married William Barnes or Berners (d. 4 September 1559), esquire, of Thoby, Essex. See his will, proved 20 November 1559, TNA PROB 11/42B/660, and the History of Parliament entry at:

<http://www.historyofparliamentonline.org/volume/1509-1558/member/barnes-%28barne-barneis-berners%29-william-ii-1533-59>

See also the will, dated 20 August 1558 and proved 5 December 1558, of his father, William Berners (by 1502-1558), and the History of Parliament entry at:

<http://www.historyofparliamentonline.org/volume/1509-1558/member/barnes-%28barne-barneis-berners%29-william-i-1502-58>

By a settlement of 1556 Barnes granted his manor of Hinton, Gloucestershire to Waldegrave, Sir Robert Rochester, and Eden's son and heir Thomas, to the use in fee tail of William Barnes's son and namesake and his wife Elizabeth.

See also the Berners pedigree in Chauncy, Henry, *The Historical Antiquities of Hertfordshire*, (London: J.M. Mullinger, 1836), Vol. I, p. 317 at:

<https://archive.org/stream/historicalantiq03chaugooq#page/n383/mode/2up>

* **Grissel Eden**, who according to the Eden pedigrees married, as his second wife, by settlement dated 13 December 1575, William Steward, esquire, of Goldsthorpe Hall in Swardeston, Norfolk. See her will, dated 31 October 1620 and proved 19 April 1623. See also Dashwood, G.H., *The Visitation of Norfolk in the Year 1563*, Vol. I, (Norwich: Miller and Leavins, 1878), p. 20 at:

<https://books.google.ca/books?id=qkpFAAAAYAAJ&pg=RA1-PA5>

OTHER PERSONS MENTIONED IN THE WILL

In the will below the testator mentions a bequest in the will of his uncle, Richard Eden (d.1551?), Archdeacon of Middlesex:

And I do give unto my said son and heir, Thomas Eden, in money two hundred pounds over and besides the hundred pounds which my good uncle gave him, for the which he hath an obligation to demand the same of th' executors of the late Earl of Oxford.

It appears 'the late Earl of Oxford' was John de Vere (1516-1562), 16th Earl of Oxford. Why the Earl's executors were bound by obligation to pay £100 in connection with this bequest is unclear.

TESTATOR'S LANDS

For the testator's manor of Ballingdon (spelled 'Balydon' and variants in the will) see Hodson, W.W., 'Sudbury College and Archbishop Theobald', *Proceedings of the Suffolk Institute of Archaeology and Natural History*, Vol. VII, 1891, pp. 23-32 at p. 30:

<https://books.google.ca/books?id=UKkJAQAIAAJ&pg=RA1-PA30>

See also Hodson, William Walter, 'Ballingdon Bridge and the Sudbury Stour', *Proceedings of the Suffolk Institute of Archaeology and Natural History*, Vol. VIII, 1894, pp. 21-30 at p. 21:

<https://books.google.ca/books?id=Qcs4AQAAMAAJ&pg=PA21>

For the College of St Gregory in Sudbury referred to in the will below as Sudbury College, see also Hodson, *supra*.

RM: Testam{entum} Thome Eden

In the name of God the Father, the Son and the Holy Ghost, Amen. The first day of October in the year of Our Lord God one thousand five hundred threescore and five and in the seventh year of the reign of our Sovereign Lady Queen Elizabeth, I, Thomas Eden th' elder of Sudbury in the county of Suffolk, esquire, of th' age of 63 years and above or thereabouts, as I do suppose and guess, being [+of?] whole and perfect mind and of good remembrance, thanks be to God, make this my last will and present testament in manner and form following, revoking all other wills and testaments:

First I commend and bequeath my soul to the mercy of Almighty God, and my body to be buried in the chapel of the parish church of All Saints in the town of Sudbury aforesaid where I have been wont and accustomed to hear the divine service in the said church;

And I will my burial be done as it shall seem meet to the discretion of mine executors;

And I give to the said church to the reparations thereof 20s;

Also I give to the relief of the poor people of the said town of Sudbury the sum of ten pounds to be given and distributed as followeth, that is to wit, at the day of my burial five pounds and at the same day twelvemonth following other five pounds;

And whereas my loving wife, Grissel Eden, is joint purchaser with me for term of her life, the reversion to mine heirs, of and in my capital house in the said town of Sudbury of late called the Blackfriars in Sudbury with the ground and tenements thereto belonging;

And where also my said loving wife in consideration of her jointure is also joint purchaser with me for term of her life, the reversion to mine heirs, of and in my manor of Ballingdon in the county of Essex;

And forasmuch as since the purchase of the same I have gotten and purchased other lands and tenements as well in the said town of Sudbury as also other lands and tenements adjoining to the said manor of Ballingdon wherein my said wife hath none estate;

Therefore I will and give unto my said wife for term of her life all the said lands and tenements;

Also I give unto my said wife to have and enjoy during her life all the tithes, profits and commodities of my parsonage of All-Hallows in the town of Sudbury which I purchased of one William Harris, esquire, which he bought for me of the late King Henry th' Eight, as appeareth by his letters patents which he had of the same King amongst other lands;

Also I give unto my said wife my five acres of arable land parcel of the manor of Neales of late belonging to the dissolved College of Sudbury aforesaid, paying a penny for every acre, which I bought of the executors of William Wiston, deceased, which five acres I

will my wife to have and possede during her life, and after her decease the same five acres to remain to mine heirs;

Also I will that my said wife shall have during her life my two gardens which do lie and adjoin to the late College gardens, the one called Skalders garden, th' other called Guyblons garden;

Also I give unto my said wife during her life all that my manor of Ryes in Little Henny in the county of Essex with all and singular th' appurtenances thereunto belonging;

Also my said wife shall have during her life my five acres of meadow lying in Much Henny which I bought of one Mylksopp;

Also I give unto my said wife my tenement to have during her life which I bought of one Cooke of Cornard where one Warner did dwell, and my said wife to have liberty to make a lease of the said tenement for the term of 20 years, after her decease the reversion thereof to mine heirs;

Also I will my said wife shall have during her life all my other housing and tenements which I have in Sudbury town or in the hamlet of Ballingdon;

Item, I give to my said wife all such rings and jewels as she hath;

And also I give freely to my said wife all such necessaries and pretty things as she hath in both her closets and chambers;

And further I do give to my said wife in money fifty pounds;

And I do also give her as much of my plate as she will choose to the valor of other fifty pounds;

And further I do give unto her for her maintenance of her house after my death all such provision of household as I shall fortune to leave in my house at Sudbury and at my manor of Ballingdon;

And also I give her all such corn and grain as I shall leave behind me as well in my house at Sudbury as at my manor of Ballingdon or elsewhere in any other place;

And in consideration thereof I will my two sons and my daughter, Grissel, shall have their being with their mother for one year;

And my milch beasts I will shall be divided between my wife and my son and heir, Thomas Eden;

And in like manner I will my plough horses with the carts and ploughs and all things belonging or appertaining to them shall be divided between my said wife and my said son and heir;

And I do give unto my said son and heir, Thomas Eden, in money two hundred pounds over and besides the hundred pounds which my good uncle gave him, for the which he hath an obligation to demand the same of th' executors of the late Earl of Oxford;

And I give to my son, Richard Eden, one hundred pounds over and besides the 500 pounds which I have given him upon the sale of my house in London;

Also I give to my daughter, Grissel, to her marriage and living, four hundred marks;

And I give to my said daughter, Grissel, the blue sparver of damask with the bedstead that was her sister Barnes', and that she shall have to the same a good featherbed and bolster with a pair of good blankets, [f. 179v] and one of my Turkey quilts of silk for a coverlet to the same bed, and she to have two pillows with pillow-beres, and two pair of good sheets;

And I give her of my pewter one garnish with a dozen of pewter plate trenchers and a basin and ewer of pewter with two pewter candlesticks and two other latten candlesticks and such coffers as she hath now to lay in her apparel;

I give to my son [=son-in-law] Henyngham [=Heveningham] and to my daughter, his wife, as much of my plate as shall be worth ten pounds;

And I give to them also the coverlet of green velvet and flowers of gold;

And as touching mine household stuff here in my house at Sudbury, I will the same shall be used as hereafter is declared:

First I will that my hangings of tapestry in my parlour with all the furniture belonging to the same parlour with the best Turkey carpet and the 6 new cushions of late bought at London shall continue and remain in the same parlour as heirlooms which I do give to my son & heir, Thomas Eden, saving I will that my wife during her life shall have th' occupying and keeping of the same, and she to leave them at her decease without impeachment of any waste for the occupying of the same;

And in like manner I will that the hangings and beds and beddings with all the furniture in my two chief chambers, th' one called the parlour chamber and thother called the hall chamber, shall remain and continue in the same chambers as heirlooms, all which I do give to my said son and heir, saving I will as afore that my wife during her life shall have the keeping and the use of them and so to leave them at her death in my said house without impeachment of waste;

The residue of my household stuff and implements not before given I give between my wife and my son and heir;

And my armour I give to my said son and heir, Thomas Eden;

And my apparel I give to my son, Richard Eden;

And I give to my brother, Richard Eden, if he be in life, 5 marks;

And to my sister Chamberlain I give five marks;

And to Mr Cesar I give 40s, willing with the same some pretty thing be made for remembrance;

And to Mr Good and his wife I give five marks;

And to Robert Lynton I give 40s;

And to Dickman, and to Susan, my wife's little maid, I give each of them 40s;

And I will mine executors shall consider the residue of my servants with some remembrance according as they have been with me in service;

The residue of my goods I will mine executors shall have;

And I will my wife during her life shall be charged with the keeping and finding of Great Henry and Bess Arther;

And if they overlive my said wife, then I will mine heir shall be and stand charged with the finding of them during their lives;

And for the finding of the said Great Henry and Bess Archer, I will the profits and rents of Sparrow shall with the lands belonging to the same shall go to my said wife;

And after the decease of the said Henry and Bess Arther the same tenement and lands to go to mine heirs;

And I will my son and heir, Thomas Eden, shall have the order and receipt of the annuity granted to my daughter Barnes by her father [=father-in-law?], and my said son to have in his hands all such sums of money as I have received of the said annuity, and he to yield account of the same to my said daughter or to th' use of the will and testament of my son [=son-in-law] Barnes;

And my said son, Thomas Eden, to have the doings in all things concerning the said will and testament;

And for the ministration of this my last will and testament I ordain and make my very loving wife, Grissel Eden, and my two sons, Thomas and Richard, willing and [-and] requiring them to see all things discharged and paid, as well touching the last will and testament of my good uncle, Mr Richard Eden, as touching the last will and testament of my son Barnes, by both which wills there is very little behind unpaid;

In witness hereof I, Thomas Eden th' elder, have written this my last will and testament all and every word with mine one [=own] hand and subscribed every leaf thereof.
Thomas Eden.

Probatum fuit h{uius}mo{d}i testamentu{m} Coram Mag{ist}ro Waltero Haddon Legum Doctore Curie Prerogatiue Cant{uariensis} Com{m}issario Apud London Secundo die Mens{is} Decembris Anno D{omi}ni Mill{esi}mo Quingentesimo Sexagesimo Octavo Iurament{o} Mr Georgij Harrison No{ta}rij publ{i}ci p{ro}cur{atoris} Thome et Rich{ard}i Eden ex{ecutorum} Quib{us} Com{m}issa fuit ad{ministraci}o om{ni}um et singulor{um} bonor{um} &c Ac de pleno et fideli Inve{n}ta{ri}o Necno{n} de plano comp{ot}o Reddend{o} Res{er}uata p{otes}tate &c Grisille Rel{i}c{t}e et ex{ecutrici} cu{m} venerit cui(?) quidem Grisille Relic{te} et ex{ecutrici} xxvijo Novembris 1570 com{m}issa fuit si{mi}lis admi{n}istrac{i}o De bene etc In p{er}sona Chr{ist}oferi Rochell no{ta}rij pu{bli}ci p{ro}cur{atoris} sui l{egi}t{i}me constitut{o} Iurat{i}

[=The same testament was proved before Master Walter Haddon, Doctor of the Laws, Commissary of the Prerogative Court of Canterbury, at London on the second day of the month of December in the year of the Lord the thousand five hundred sixty-eighth by the oath of Mr George Harrison, notary public, proctor of Thomas and Richard Eden, executors, to whom administration was granted of all and singular the goods etc., [+sworn on the Holy Gospels to well and faithfully administer?] and [+to exhibit?] a full and faithful inventory, and also to render a plain account, with power reserved etc. to Grissel, relict and executrix, when she shall have come. To which same Grissel, relict and executrix, a similar grant issued on the 28th November 1570, sworn to well etc. in the person of Christopher Rochell, notary public, her lawfully constituted proctor.]