

SUMMARY: The document below is the Prerogative Court of Canterbury copy of the will, dated 22 April 1573 and proved 2 October 1573, of James Bacon (d. 5 June 1573?), brother-in-law of Sir Roger Martyn, and uncle of Humphrey Martyn, the addressee of the *Langham Letter* which describes Leicester's entertainment of Queen Elizabeth at Kenilworth in the summer of 1575. For the will of Sir Roger Martyn, see TNA PROB 11/56/48.

FAMILY BACKGROUND

The testator was the son of Robert Bacon (d.1548), yeoman and sheep-reeve to the abbot of Bury St Edmunds, and his wife, Isabel Cage (d. after 1548), daughter of John Cage, yeoman, of Pakenham, Suffolk. He had two brothers, Thomas Bacon (d. 1573 or later), and Sir Nicholas Bacon (1510-1579), and two sisters, Anne, who married Robert Sharpe, and Barbara, who married Robert Blackman of Bury St. Edmunds. For his family, see the entry for his brother, Sir Nicholas Bacon, in the *ODNB*. The testator is said to have been the great-grandson of Edmund Bacon of Drinkstone, Suffolk, and the grandson of John Bacon and his wife, Agnes Cokefield. See *The New-England Historical and Genealogical Register*, Vol. XXXVII, (Boston: David Clapp & Son, 1883), p. 191 at:

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MARRIAGES AND ISSUE

According to his monument in the Church of St Dunstan in the East, and *The Analytical Index to the Series of Records Known as the Remembrancia* (both available online), James Bacon had three wives.

By his first wife, Mary Gardiner, the daughter of John Gardiner of Grove Place, Buckinghamshire, he had a daughter, Anne Bacon, the wife of John Rivet, gentleman, of Brampton, Suffolk.

By his second wife, Margaret Rawlins, the daughter of William Rawlins of London, grocer, and widow of Richard Goldston (d.1565) of London, salter, he had two sons, James Bacon and William Bacon.

He had no children by his third wife, Anne Pakington (d.1578), the daughter of Humphrey Pakington, and widow firstly, of Edmund Stile, and secondly, of Edward Jackman. For the will of Edmund Stile, see TNA PROB 11/47/122. For the will of Edward Jackman, see TNA PROB 11/52/55. For the will of the testator's father-in-law, Humphrey Pakington (d.1556), see TNA PROB 11/38/212.

The testator is said to have died on 5 June 1573. Shortly thereafter, his widow, Anne (nee Pakington), married Sir Edward Baynton (1517-1593). The rhyming couplet on Sir Edward Baynton's tomb in the Church of St Nicholas, Bromham, reads:

*Here lieth Edward Bayntun, Knight, within this marble clad,
By Agnes Ryce, his first trew wyfe, that thyrtyne children had.
Where of she left alyve withe him at her departure thre,
Henry, Anne and Elizabeth, whose pictures now here see.
The XIXth days of Auguste she deceased, of Christ ye year, 1574.
These little figurs standing bie present the number here.
Then married to Anne Pakington, his second wyfe she was,
For whose remembrance here in tombe these lynes he left in brasse. Anno Dni 1578*

The testator states in the will that he had recently purchased Dice Key from Richard Breton, brother of the poet, Nicholas Breton (1554/5-c.1626). The will of their father, William Breton (d.1559), states that he had purchased Dice Key from the testator's brother, Thomas Bacon. In his will, William Breton (d.1559), bequeathed a life estate in Dice Key to his wife Elizabeth, the daughter of John Bacon (d.1559), gentleman, of Bury St Edmonds, who appears to have been a first cousin of the testator. For the will of John Bacon (d.1559), see TNA PROB 11/42B/186. Within a few months of William Breton's death on 12 January 1559, his widow remarried, firstly to Edward Boyes of Nonnington, Kent, and secondly, to the poet George Gascoigne (1534/5?-1577), even though she was still legally Boyes' wife, which precipitated a public fray in Redcross Street noted by Machyn in his *Diary*. Eventually Elizabeth was divorced from Boyes, and remarried Gascoigne, probably in late 1566. The task of looking after the interests of the Breton children then fell to the executors of John Bacon's will, his brother and son (both named George), and Thomas Andrews. Following an inquisition post mortem in 1567, wardship of Richard Breton was granted in 1569 to George Gascoigne. Gascoigne died on 7 October 1577. Elizabeth Gascoigne survived him for about eight years; her son, Richard Breton, received letters of administration of her estate in 1585. See the *ODNB* entries for Nicholas Breton and George Gascoigne.

LM: T{estamentum} Iacobi Bacon alderman {i} (?) Ciuit{atis} London

In the name of God, Amen. The 22nd day of April in the year of Our Lord God 1573 and in the fifteenth year of the reign of our Sovereign Lady Elizabeth by the grace of God Queen of England, France and Ireland, Defender of the Faith etc., I, James Bacon, citizen & alderman and fishmonger of London, sick in body but yet of perfect mind and remembrance, thanks be therefore to Almighty God, make, ordain and declare this my present testament containing herein my last will in manner and form following, that is to say:

First and principally I bequeath and recommend my soul into the hands of Almighty God, the Father, the Son and the Holy Ghost, three persons and one very true God, in whom I

do unfeignedly believe, trusting through the merits, death and passion of our Saviour, Jesus Christ, that all my sins be forgiven me, and as for my body, I will that it shall be buried in Christian burial decently at the discretion of mine executors and overseers hereafter named;

And whereas of late I purchased of Richard Breton all that key called or known by the name of Dice Key within the parish of St Dunstan in the East of London for the sum of nine hundred pounds, whereof there is four hundred and fifty pounds already paid unto the said Richard, and four hundred and fifty pounds residue remaineth to be paid after the decease of Elizabeth Gascoigne, mother of the said Richard Breton, and to her during her natural life there is to be paid yearly fifty pounds, towards the payment of the which fifty pounds the said Richard standeth bound to pay yearly twenty and five pounds, my very mind and will is that within as convenient time as may be after my decease all my goods, chattels, plate, jewels, ready money and debts shall be indifferently valued and appraised, and out of the whole sum I will that there shall be the sum of four hundred and fifty pounds deducted and abated, the which sum of £450 I will that it shall remain in the hands of my well-beloved wife, Anne, she putting in bond with sufficient sureties unto mine heir within two months after my decease for the discharge of my said heir against the said Richard Breton for the payment of the said sum of four hundred fifty pounds after the decease of the said Elizabeth Gascoigne according to my covenant with him made in that behalf as by learned counsel shall be devised;

Provided always and my very will and mind is that if the said Anne, my wife, shall fortune to decease out of this present life before the said sum of four hundred fifty pounds shall be due and paid unto the said Richard Breton, that then within two months next after her decease the same £450 shall be delivered over into the hands of my friend, William Webb, citizen and salter of London, he putting in bond with sufficient sureties unto mine heir for his discharge against the said Richard Breton for the payment of the £450 as by learned counsel shall be devised;

And I will that the said £450 being defalked and abated as aforesaid, then I will that all the residue of my said goods, chattels, plate, jewels, ready money and debts shall be divided into three equal parts or portions according to the laudable custom of the City of London, the first part whereof I give, leave and appoint unto my said well-beloved wife, Anne, according to the said custom;

The second part I give, leave and appoint unto my two sons, James Bacon and William Bacon;

And the third part or portion I reserve unto myself and to mine executors for the performance of this my present testament and payment of the legacies herein contained, and out of the same third part by me reserved, I give and bequeath these several legacies hereafter ensuing, viz.:

First, unto fifty poor men, whereof twenty to be of my Company of Fishmongers, and the other 30 to be at the discretion of mine executors and overseers, and to every one of them one gown of such cloth as shall seem good unto mine executors & overseers;

Also I give and bequeath unto every of these several persons hereafter particularly named black gowns at such rates and prices as shall be thought meet for them after the discretion of mine executors and overseers, that is to say: first, Thomas Bacon, my brother, & his wife; Sir Lionel Duckett, knight, Lord Mayor, and the Lady, his wife; the Lady Barbara Champion, widow; the sword-bearer, Sir John White, and the Lady, his wife; Sir Christopher Draper and the Lady, his wife; Sir Roger Martyn and the Lady, his wife; Master Recorder and his wife; Mr Alderman Langley; Mr Alderman Bonde and Mr Alderman Oliff and their wives; my brother Paston and his wife; my brother John Lambert and his wife, my brother Coles and his wife; Robert Blackman; my sister Holiman; my brother William Pakington and his wife; Mr John Jackman, son of Edward Jackman; my brother Edward Pakington; Robert Bacon; the foresaid William Webb and his wife; my sister Amye Hill, widow; my brother Williamson and his wife; Michael Goldestone and his wife; my daughter Tyrrell; and to my household servants gowns, coats and cassocks at the discretion of mine executors and overseers; Robert Goldestone and his wife; Oliver Goldstone and his wife, if he have any at the time of my decease; Helen Flowerdale, widow; my son Ryvett and his wife; Thomas Bankes and his wife; Thomas Sharpe; my cousin Cokes in Lombard Street and his wife; Mr John Cooper and his wife; my neighbour Pyrowe Coltie; George Lording, clerk of the Company of Fishmongers; the deputies of my ward which shall be at the time of my decease, and the beadle of my ward; the Goodman Golding of Hornchurch in Essex, a black coat, and his wife a cassock; Humfrey Bawdrick, a black gown, and his wife a cassock; William Ashebolde, Master of Art, and Thomas Cattell, curate of St Dunstan's in the East of London;

Also I give and bequeath unto every of these several persons hereafter named these several sums hereafter particularly mentioned, to make them rings for remembrance of me, that is to say: to my Lord Keeper and to my Lady, his wife, £5 between them; my cousin, Nicholas Bacon, my Lord's eldest son, and to his wife, four pounds; my cousin Woodhouse and his wife, four pounds; to my cousin Windam and his wife, £4; to my cousin, Nathaniel Bacon, and his wife, four pounds; my cousin, Edward Bacon, 40s; my cousin Anthony Bacon, forty shillings; my cousin Francis Bacon, forty shillings; my said son Ryvett and his wife, five pounds; my said brother, Thomas Bacon, and his wife, five pounds; my cousin Robert Bacon, 40s; my cousin Thomas Banckes and his wife, four pounds; my cousin Robert Blackman, 40s; my cousin Robert Browninge and his wife, four pounds; my cousin Thomas Sharpe, 40s; Bartholomew Kemp and his wife, four pounds; the said Sir Lionel Duckett, knight, Lord Mayor, and the Lady, his wife, £5; the said Sir John White and the Lady, his wife, £4; the said Sir Christopher Draper and the Lady his wife, £4; the said Sir Roger Martyn and the Lady his wife, £4; the said Mr Alderman Langley and his wife, £4; the said Mr Alderman Bonde and his wife, £4; the said Mr Alderman Oliff and his wife, £4; my said brother Paston and his wife, £4; my said brother John Lambert and his wife, £4; my brother Coles and his wife, four pounds; my sister Holiman, 40s; my brother William Pakington and his wife, £4; the said

Nicholas Parkinson and his wife, £4; my brother Edward Pakington, 40s; the said William Webb and his wife, £4; my said sister Amye Hill, widow, 40s; my said brother Williamson and his wife, £4; the said Michael Goldestone and his wife, four pounds; my said daughter Tyrrell, 40s, and her sisters, Margaret and Martha, to either of them 40s, and to their brother, Richard Goldestone, the ring which was his father's with a cornelian therein; Mr John Broxholme, 40s; the said Mr Cooper and his wife, £4; the said Helen Flowerdale, forty shillings in money;

And I do likewise give and bequeath unto these several persons hereafter named these several sums hereafter particularly mentioned, to make them like rings for a remembrance of me, viz.: Sir Valentine Browne and his wife, four pounds; my cousin Crafford and his wife, £4; Mr Lilgrave and his wife, £4; John Gardiner th' elder, 40s; John Gardiner the younger and his wife, £4; to my brother John Pakington th' elder, 40s, and to his wife, 40s; Margery Burbridge, 40s; Mr Edmond Burton and his wife, four pounds; John Dudley and his wife, four pounds; my cousin Owen and his wife, four pounds; Mr William Sebright, 40s; William Megges and his wife, four pounds; John Jackman and his wife, four pounds; Francis Bowyer and his wife, four pounds, and John Nayler's wife, 40s; Richard Weekes of Battell, 40s; Bartholomew Jeffrey, 40s; Clement Hicins(?), 40s; David Willard, 40s; Robert Davis, 40s; Thomas May(?), 40s and Henry Davis, 40s;

Item, I do give and bequeath unto St Thomas' Hospital in Southwark, fifty pounds; to Christ's Hospital, twenty pounds; to St Bartholomew's Hospital in Smithfield, £20; and to Bridewell ten pounds, amounting in all unto the sum of one hundred pounds, the which I will shall be paid within one year after my decease;

Item, I give and bequeath unto the four prisons of Ludgate, Newgate and the two Counters in London five pounds apiece, sum, £20, and to the three prisons in Southwark, viz., the Queen's Bench, the Marshalsea and the White Lion, three pounds apiece, and to the Counter there 20s, sum, £10; and to Bedlam [=Bethlehem], five pounds;

Item, I will that within fifteen months (or sooner, if it may be) next after my decease my executors shall freely give and deliver unto the hands of the Wardens of the Commonalty of the Mystery of Fishmongers of London the sum of one hundred pounds to this intent and purpose, so that the same Wardens immediately after the receipt thereof shall deliver and lend out the same hundred pounds in free loan unto two honest young men of the same Company, not being in the livery, that is, to either of them fifty pounds apiece by them to be had in occupying during the space of two years, they putting in sufficient sureties, the which sureties I will shall not be free of the same Company of the Fishmongers, which shall be bound with them for the repayment of the same £100 at the end of the same two years, and so to be put then unto the hands of two other honest young men of the same Company and out of the livery thereof for other two years, and so forth from two years to two years by the grace of God during the world;

Provided always and my mind and will is that those two young men which shall have the use and occupying of the said sum of £100 shall yearly buy and provide between them

two loads of coals called cart coals, accounting 30 sacks to the load, and shall yearly from time to time as the Wardens shall appoint deliver the same two loads of coals, that is, one load between the first day of November and the twenty day of December, and the other load between the first day of January and the second day of February, to the end that the same two loads of coals may be distributed amongst the poorest of the said Company according to the discretion of the Wardens of the same Company for the time being;

Provided also and my mind & will is that if any of those which have been my servants at any time before my decease, and not being in the livery as is aforesaid, shall require to have the use and occupying of the said hundred pounds, then they to have the preferment thereof before any other, putting in sureties as is aforesaid, and providing and delivering the said two loads of cart coal in manner and form before declared;

Item, I give and bequeath unto the Wardens of the said Commonalty of the Mystery of Fishmongers of London £13 6s 8d for a dinner for them and the whole livery, at their discretions to be kept;

Item, I give and bequeath unto Robert Bacon, son of my brother, Thomas Bacon, one hundred pounds, whereof I will that such debt as he oweth me shall be accounted as part and parcel of the same hundred pounds, and I do give it unto him for this consideration, that he shall be good unto his sister, Jane, and I will that the residue of the said hundred pounds unto him by me bequeathed besides the debt which he oweth me shall be paid unto him within one year next after my decease;

Item, I give and bequeath unto my son Ryvett and his wife threescore six pounds thirteen shillings and four pence, to be paid unto them within two years next after my decease;

Item, I give and bequeath unto my said friend, William Webb, one hundred pounds;

Item, I bequeath to Thomas Sharpe £30, and to John, I forgive all such debt as he oweth to me, and I bequeath unto him thirty pounds more;

Item, I bequeath unto the two children of the said William Webb, that is to wit, Margaret and Christopher, to either of them five and twenty pounds apiece, to be paid unto either of them at their several lawful ages or marriage;

Item, I give and bequeath unto the said Anne, my well-beloved wife, two hundred pounds, and all her jewels and her chamber according to the custom of the City of London, over and above her said third part;

Item, I give and bequeath towards the reparations of the parish church St Peter the Poor whereas I am a parishioner, three pounds six shillings and eight pence, and to the poor of the same parish I bequeath £4, to be paid and distributed in manner and form following, that is to say, on the day of my burial, forty shillings, and within one year then next after the other, forty shillings;

Item, I forgive unto the beadle of my ward named Richard Spurling all such debt as he oweth unto me;

Item, I give and bequeath unto and amongst the poor people dwelling in the parish of Hornchurch in the county of Essex £3 6s 8d, to be distributed unto them according to the discretion of mine executors;

Item, I bequeath unto Henry Amcottes 40s, and to John Davies six pounds thirteen shillings and four pence, and to Thomas Emson three pounds, and to Michael Collett five pounds, and to Edward, my boy in the kitchen, 20s, and to every one of my maidens servant which shall be dwelling with me at the time of my decease, 40s apiece;

Item, I give and bequeath unto and amongst the four children of Richard Goldestone one hundred pounds, viz., to Jane Tyrrell, twenty and five pounds, to be paid unto her within such convenient time as mine executors shall think it meet and necessary, and to Margaret, Martha and Richard, to every of them twenty and five pounds apiece, to be paid unto them and every of them at their several lawful ages or marriages;

Item, I give and bequeath unto and amongst the poor people dwelling about the gate of my house where I dwell twenty shillings, to be distributed on the day of my burial at the discretion of mine executors;

Item, I give and bequeath unto and amongst the poor people dwelling in the parish of St Dunstan in the East forty shillings, to be distributed amongst them at the discretion of mine executors;

Item, I give & bequeath unto and amongst the learned preachers of God's Holy Word £10, to be paid for twenty sermons to be made, part in the said parish church of St Peter the Poor, and part in the said parish church of St Dunstan in the East;

Item, I bequeath unto the Goodman Golding of Hornchurch aforesaid and to his wife forty shillings apiece, and to Mary, their maiden, ten shillings;

Item, I bequeath unto Robert Holiman five pounds, to be paid unto him at his lawful age;

Item, I bequeath unto my cousin Cockes his wife ten pounds;

Item, I give and bequeath unto my said sister, Amye Hill, ten pounds;

And to Robert Blackman, ten pounds;

Item, I will that mine executors, with the advice of mine overseers, or of two of them, shall give and distribute forty pounds unto and amongst my poor kinfolks which I do not now remember and unto whom in this my present testament I have bequeath no legacy;

The residue of my third part and portion above by me reserved after that my funerals be finished and this my present testament in all things performed, I give and bequeath the same residue unto my said sons, James and William, equally to be divided between them, and either of them to be the other's heir;

And I make, name and ordain my said well-beloved wife, Anne, and my said son, James, executors of this my present testament and last will, and I bequeath unto either of them ten pounds apiece for their travails in that behalf;

And I constitute and appoint my said son Ryvett and my said brother Cole and the foresaid William Webb to be supervisors of this my testament, and to every of them for their pains I give and bequeath five pounds apiece;

In witness whereof hereunto I have set my seal, these being witnesses.

Item, I bequeath unto Henry Jaye £3 6s 8d.

By me, James Bacon

Lect^{um} subscript^{um} sigillat^{um} et pro testa^{men}to suo declarat^{um} p^{er} dⁱc^{tu}m testatorem quinto die maij inter horas tertiam et quartam post meridiem eiusd^{em} diei Annis predⁱc^tis in p^{rese}ntia n^{ost}r^um quor^{um} no^miⁿa subscribuntur [=Read, subscribed, sealed and for his testament declared by the said testator on the fifth day of May between the third and fourth hours after noon of the same day in the years aforesaid in the presence of us whose names are subscribed.]

By me, William Webbe. By me William Ashebolde. By me, Thomas Cattell. P^{rese}te etiam me, Georgio Lordinge [=Present also me, George Lordinge.]

This is the last will and devise of me, the said James Bacon, touching all those my lands, tenements and hereditaments which I have, as well within the City of London as elsewhere within the realm of England:

First, I will that all that my farm and all the lands thereunto belonging in Hornchurch in the county of Essex now in the tenure of Edmond James alias Pymier(?), shall be and remain unto my son William and to the heirs of his body lawfully begotten, and if he die without heirs, then to remain unto my son James and to the heirs of his body lawfully begotten, and for default of such issue, then to remain to my daughter Ryvett and to her heirs forever;

And as touching all that my tenement with th' appurtenances called the Sign of the Boar's Head in Thames Street in the parish of St Marie at Hill in London in the tenures & occupations of William Pennington, George Jackson, and the Lady Barbara Champion, and also all that tenement with the appurtenances called the Sign of the Neat's Foot in the

parish of St Dunstan in the East of London now in the tenure and occupation of George Quernebie, I will, give, devise and bequeath both the said two tenements with all and singular their appurtenances, rents, reversions & profits unto my said son James and to the heirs of his body lawfully begotten, and if he die without heirs then I will that the same two tenements with their appurtenances, rents, reversions and profits shall be and remain unto my said son William and his heirs, and for default of such issue then the same two tenements with the appurtenances to remain unto my said daughter Ryvett and to her heirs forever;

Also I will, give, devise and bequeath unto my said son James and to the heirs of his body lawfully begotten all that my key called Dice Key with all and singular th' appurtenances, rents, reversions and profits, which key is set and being in Thames Street in the said parish of St Dunstan in the East of London and is in the several tenures & occupations of Lawrence Mellowe, William Yonge, Walter Dypmiackes, stranger, and (blank) Thurstan, widow, and of the above-named William Webbe, and if my said son James die without heirs of his body lawfully begotten, then I will that the said key called Dice Key with all and singular th' appurtenances, rents, reversions and profits shall be and remain unto my said son William and the heirs of his body lawfully begotten, and for lack of such issue the remainder of the same key with th' appurtenances to be and remain unto my said daughter Ryvett and to the heirs of her body lawfully begotten forever;

In witness whereof unto this my present last will and testament I have also set my seal, these being witnesses. By me, James Bacon.

Lect{um} subscript{um} sigillat{um} et pro vero testame{n}to et vltima voluntate sua declarat{um} et deliberat{um} p{er} d{i}c{tu}m testatorem quinto die maij inter horas tertiam et quartam post meridiem eiusdem diei D{i}c{t}o Anno D{omi}ni 1573 et d{i}c{t}o anno decimo quinto Regine Elizabethe in p{rese}ntia n{ost}r{u}m quor{um} no{m}i{n}a subscribuntur [=Read, subscribed, sealed and for his true testament and last will declared and delivered by the said testator on the fifth day of May between the third and fourth hours after noon of the same day in the said year of the Lord 1573 and in the said fifteenth year of Queen Elizabeth in the presence of us whose names are subscribed.]

By me, William Webbe. By me, William Asheboolde. By me, Thomas Cattell. P{rese}nte etiam me Georgio Lordinge [Present also me, George Lordinge.]

A codicil annexed unto the testament and last will of James Bacon, citizen and alderman & fishmonger of London the 5th day of May Anno Domini 1573 Anno Decimo quinto Regine Elizabeth{e}

I, the said James Bacon, well weighing and considering that the key called Dice Key which I purchased of late of Richard Breton, gentleman, whereof mention is made in this my present testament, and the houses and edifices upon the same key are somewhat ruinous and do lack reparations, I will therefore and appoint by this my present writing

that mine executors with the advice of mine overseers or the more part of them which are named in my said testament within such convenient time as they shall think good after my decease shall bestow and employ upon the reparations of the same key and houses and edifices thereunto appertaining whereas they, my said executrix and overseers or the more part of them shall think it meet and necessary, the sum of two hundred marks;

Also I, the said James Bacon, will that from and sithence the last account which before the writing of this present codicil until the day of my decease touching the co-partnership & joint occupying used and exercised between me and the said William Webbe, salter, all manner of gain and profit which from the said account until my decease hath come and shall grow by reason of the same co-partnership (except only such weekly payment as between the said William Webbe & me is concluded and agreed upon) shall be and remain to the proper use and behoof of the same William Webbe without any account or other thing to be yelden or done therefore other than of the principal stock;

And furthermore I, the said James Bacon, will and my very mind and meaning is that if any ambiguity, doubt, scruple or question shall fortune to arise, grow or be moved by any manner of person or persons for or concerning any legacy, article, bequest, sentence, clause or word contained in my testament hereunto annexed or in this present codicil, then the exposition, declaration and opening of every such ambiguity, doubt, scruple or question shall be expounded, declared, opened and made plain by mine overseers named in my testament or the more part of them without any further suit of law to be commenced or attempted by any person or persons;

And in witness hereof I have also hereunto put my hand and seal, these being witnesses;

And I forgive unto Thomas Sharpe and John Sharpe all such debt as they owe unto me by reason of the execution of the testament of Barbara Sharpe, their mother.

By me, James Bacon.

Presens Codicillus Lect^{us} subscript^{us} sigillat^{us} et pro parte testamenti sui declarat^{us} et deliberat^{us} fuit per dⁱc^tu^m testatorem dⁱc^to quinto die maij Annis sup^{er}script^{is} inter horas tertiam et quartam post meridiem eiusd^{em} diei in p^{re}sentia n^{ost}r^um [=The present codicil was read, subscribed, sealed and for part of his testament declared and delivered by the said testator on the said fifth day of May in the years above-written between the third and fourth hours after noon of the same day in our presence.]

By me, William Webbe. By me, William Asheboolde. By me, Thomas Cattell. P^{re}sent^e etiam me Georgio Lordinge [Present also me, George Lordinge.]

Probatum fuit H^{uius}mo^di Testamentum Coram D^{omi}no Cant^{uariensis} Archiep^{iscop}o apud London Secundo Die mens^{is} Octobris Anno D^{omi}ni

Mill{es}imo quingen{tesi}mo Septuagesim{o} Tercio Iura{men}to Anne relic{te} et
ex{ecutri}cis Cui com{m}issa fuit admi{ni}strac{i}o o{m}niu{m} et sing{u}lor{um}
bonor{um} Iuriu{m} et creditor{um} &c De bene &c Iurat{e} &c res{er}uata potestate
Iacobo Bacon filio et ex{ecutori} etia{m} no{m}i{n}at{o} cu{m} vene{r}it &c
admissur{o}

[=The same testament was proved before the Lord Archbishop of Canterbury at London on the second day of the month of October in the year of the Lord the thousand five hundred seventy-third by the oath of Anne, relict and executrix, to whom administration was granted of all and singular the goods, rights and credits etc., sworn to well etc., with power reserved to James Bacon, son and executor also named, when he shall have come etc. to be admitted.]