

SUMMARY: The document below is the Prerogative Court of Canterbury copy of the last will and testament, dated 12 October 1572 and proved 25 January 1574, of Dorothy (nee Yonge) Haddon Saunders Dayrell (d. 18 January 1574), whose son, George Saunders, was murdered by Oxford's former servant, George Browne. The murder was the subject of a pamphlet by Oxford's uncle, Arthur Golding (1535/6-1606), *Brief Discourse of the Late Murther of Master George Saunders*, and an anonymous play, *A Warning for Fair Women*, performed by the Lord Chamberlain's Men.

FAMILY BACKGROUND

The testatrix was the daughter of John Yonge, gentleman, of Croome d'Abitot, Worcester, and his wife, Anne Jennetts, daughter of Richard Jennetts by his wife, Jane Wrottesley, the daughter of Hugh Wrottesley (d.1463x4), esquire, and his wife, Thomasine Gresley, the daughter of Sir John Gresley of Drakelow. The testatrix' brother, Humphrey Yonge, married Dorothy Underhill, the great-aunt of William Underhill (d.1597), who sold New Place to William Shakespeare of Stratford. For the will of William Underhill, see TNA PROB 11/52/126.

For the testatrix' family, see the pedigree of Saunders of Little Bowden in Metcalfe, Walter C., ed., *The Visitations of Northamptonshire*, (London: Mitchell and Hughes, 1887), p. 44 at:

<https://archive.org/stream/visitationsofnor00harvrich#page/44/mode/2up>

See also the pedigree of Yonge in Phillimore, W.P.W., ed., *The Visitation of the County of Worcester Made in the Year 1569*, (London: Harleian Society, 1888), pp. 152-3 at:

<https://archive.org/stream/visitationcount01mundgoog#page/n169/mode/2up>

See also Grazebrook, H. Sydney, *The Heraldry of Worcestershire*, Vol. II, (London: John Russell Smith, 1873), pp. 662-3.

The testatrix' father, John Yonge of Croome d'Abitot, was the brother of Francis Yonge (d. 31 March 1533) of Caynton (in Edgmond), Shropshire, whose wife, Anne Charlton (d.1507), was a descendant of King Henry II. See the pedigree of Yonge in Metcalfe, Walter C., ed., *The Visitation of the County of Worcester*, (Exeter: William Pollard, 1883), p. 109 at:

<https://archive.org/stream/visitationofcoun00maytrich#page/108/mode/2up>

See also Richardson, Douglas, *Plantagenet Ancestry*, 2nd ed., 2011, Vol. III, p. 546.

For the monumental brass to the testatrix' aunt and uncle at Edgmond see Stephenson, Mill, *Monumental Brasses in Shropshire*, (London: Harrison and Sons, 1895), pp. 62-5:

Of your charity ye shall pray for the souls of Francis Yonge, sometimes of Caynton, esquire, son & heir of Sir William Yonge, knight, & Dame Margaret, his wife, daughter of Nicholas Eyton, esquire, which Francis departed this world the last day of March the year of Our Lord 1533, & for the soul of Anne, late wife to Francis, daughter of Richard Charlton of Appley, esquire, & Elizabeth, his wife, daughter to William Mainwaring of Ightfield, esquire, which Anne deceased 24th day of August the year of Our Lord 1507, on whose souls Jesu have mercy, Amen.

Francis Yonge (d. 31 March 1533) and Anne Charlton (d. 1507) had, among other issue, a son, John Yonge (d.1551/2) of Caynton, who married Maud Bull of Staffordshire, and by her had a son, William Yonge (d. December 1583) of Caynton, who married Anne Sneyd, maternal aunt of Oxford's second wife, Elizabeth Trentham (d.1612x13). The testatrix was thus a first cousin of John Yonge (d.1551/2), whose daughter-in-law, Anne Sneyd, was the maternal aunt of Oxford's second wife, Elizabeth Trentham.

For 'Sir William Yonge, knight, & Dame Margaret, his wife, daughter of Nicholas Eyton, esquire', see the pedigree of Eyton of Weald Moors in Grazebrook, *supra*, Part I, Vol. XXVII, pp. 181-2 at:

<https://archive.org/stream/visitationshrop00britgoog#page/n236/mode/2up>

The testatrix was also related to the Earls of Oxford through her grandmother, Jane Wrottesley, who was the sister of Elizabeth Wrottesley, grandmother of John de Vere (1499-1526), 14th Earl of Oxford. See Richardson, Douglas, *Plantagenet Ancestry*, 2nd ed., 2011, Vol. I, pp. 272-3, Vol. III, p. 413; and Wrottesley, George, *History of the Family of Wrottesley of Wrottesley, co. Stafford*, (Exeter: William Pollard, 1903), p. 207.

The testatrix was predeceased by three brothers. For the will of the testatrix' brother, Walter Yonge (d.1555) of Aldermanbury, Merchant Taylor of London, see TNA PROB 11/37/449. Another of the testatrix' brothers, Thomas Yonge (d.1545), parson of Croome d'Abitot, is mentioned in TNA C 1/948/2. For his will, see TNA PROB 11/30/593. The testatrix' brother, Edmund Yonge, is said to have been 'slain at London by chance with an arrow'.

MARRIAGES AND ISSUE

Testatrix' first marriage

The testatrix married firstly William Haddon of Buckinghamshire, by whom she had three sons:

* **Walter Haddon** (1514/15-1571), for whom see the entry in the *ODNB*, and his will, TNA PROB 11/53/63.

* **James Haddon** (b. c. 1520, d. c. 1556), for whom see the *ODNB* entry.

* **Thomas Haddon** mentioned in the will below, who married Ursula Saunders, the daughter of the testatrix' second husband, William Saunders (d.1541), by his first wife, Dorothy Belgrave. See the pedigree of Saunders of Harington in *The Visitations of Northamptonshire, supra*, p. 44.

Testatrix' second marriage

The testatrix married secondly, William Saunders (d.1541) of Welford, Northamptonshire, for whose will see TNA PROB 11/28/488, by whom it appears she had three sons and five daughters:

* **Francis Saunders**, for whose will see TNA PROB 11/68/442.

* **George Saunders** (d.1573), murdered on 25 March 1573 by Oxford's former servant, George Browne. See above.

* **Saul Saunders**, mentioned in his father's will. He appears to have predeceased the testatrix.

* **Elizabeth Saunders**, who married Sir Thomas Newenham of Everdon, Northamptonshire, and predeceased the testatrix (William Newenham mentioned in the will below was likely the testatrix' grandson by this marriage);

* **Mary Saunders** (d.1609), who married Richard Bagot (c.1530-1597), son and heir of Thomas Bagot and his wife, Jane, daughter of Richard Astley of Patshull, Staffordshire, whose elder son, Walter Bagot (bap. 1557, d. 1623), married Elizabeth (d.1638), daughter of Roger Cave of Stanford, Northamptonshire, and Elizabeth Cecil, sister of Lord Burghley, and whose younger son, Anthony Bagot, took part in Essex' uprising in 1601 (see the entry for the Bagot family in the *ODNB*);

* **Frances Saunders**, who, as noted below, married Paul Dayrell (d.1606), son and heir of the testatrix' third husband, Paul Dayrell (d.1556);

* **Anne Saunders** (d.1581), who married Nicholas Beaumont (c.1526-1585) of Coleorton, Leicestershire; her fourth and youngest son, Huntingdon Beaumont (1561–1624), is mentioned in the will below, for whom see the entry in the *ODNB*, and:

<http://www.historyofparliamentonline.org/volume/1558-1603/member/beaumont-nicholas-1526-85>.

* **Dorothy Saunders**, who married Francis Ingoldsby, and predeceased the testatrix (her son, Sir Richard Ingoldsby, is mentioned in the will below);

Testatrix' third marriage

The testatrix married thirdly, Paul Dayrell of Lillingstone Dayrell, who died 25 May 1556, for whose will see TNA PROB 11/38/54. In his will, Paul Dayrell mentions three sons, Paul Dayrell, Francis Dayrell and George Dayrell, and two daughters ('my daughter Yonge, widow', and 'my daughter Leighton'). See also the pedigree of Dayrell in Burke, J. Bernard, *A Genealogical and Heraldic Dictionary of the Landed Gentry of Great Britain and Ireland*, Vol. I, (London: Colburn & Co., 1852), p. 317, available online, which states that the testatrix' third husband, Paul Dayrell (d.1556), had two sons and two daughters:

-Paul Dayrell (d.1606), son and heir, who married Frances Saunders, the daughter of the testatrix and her second husband, William Saunders (d.1541) of Welford, Northamptonshire (see above);

-Francis Dayrell, who married Anne Woodford, the daughter of Thomas Woodford, esquire, of Burnham, Buckinghamshire;

-Dorothy Dayrell, who married firstly, the testatrix' brother, Walter Yonge (d.1555) of Aldermanbury, London, Merchant Taylor, for whose will see TNA PROB 11/37/449, and secondly, John Quarles, draper. John Quarles was one of the executors of the will of Anne Watson (d.1561), mother of the poet, Thomas Watson (d.1592). For the will of Anne Watson (d.1561), see TNA PROB 11/44/183. For the will of John Quarles (d.1577), see TNA PROB 11/60/37. See also Westerweel, Bart, ed., *Anglo-Dutch Relations in the Field of the Emblem*, (Leiden: Koninklijke Brill, 1997), p. 125 for a reproduction of the lost mural table from the former church of St Peter le Poor, London, showing John Quarles, draper (d.1577), and his three successive wives, the second of whom was Dorothy Dayrell;

-Anne Dayrell, who married Edward Leighton, esquire, of Wattlesborough, Shropshire.

OTHER PERSONS MENTIONED IN THE WILL

(1) Sir Edward Saunders (1506–1576), judge, eldest surviving son of Thomas Saunders (d.1528) of Sibbertoft, Northamptonshire, and Margaret, daughter of Richard Cave of Stanford, Northamptonshire. Thomas Saunders (d.1528) was a younger brother of the testatrix' second husband, William Saunders.

(2) Blase Saunders (d.1581), a member of the Muscovy Company, and a brother of Sir Edward Saunders (1506-1576) above. For his will, see TNA PROB 11/63/486.

(3) William Saunders of Harington, nephew of the testatrix' second husband, William Saunders, and brother of Alice Saunders, mother of Queen Elizabeth's Chancellor, Sir Christopher Hatton (c.1540-1591). See the pedigree of Saunders of Harington in the

Visitations of Northamptonshire, supra, p. 45, and the entry for Sir Christopher Hatton in the *ODNB*. Audrey Saunders (d.1587), daughter of William Saunders of Harington, was the first wife of Sir George Villiers (c.1544-1606), who, by his second wife, Mary Beaumont (c.1570-1632), was the father of King James' favourite, George Villiers (1592-1628), 1st Duke of Buckingham.

(4) Clement Saunders, the testatrix' stepson, eldest son and heir of the testatrix' second husband, William Saunders, by his first wife, Dorothy Belgrave.

(5) Dorothy Eaton [=Eyton] 'sister to my Lord Chief Baron', appears to have been the sister of Sir Edward Saunders (1506–1576) mentioned above.

For the monument to the testatrix and her third husband at Lillingstone Dayrell, see:

http://www.flickr.com/photos/sic_itur_ad_astra/6488564107/in/photostream/

As noted above, the testatrix was the mother of George Saunders, murdered on 25 March 1573 by Oxford's former servant, George Browne. For a letter dated 14 November 1559 from George Saunders to his brother-in-law, Richard Bagot (c.1530-1597), in which he speaks of his need to find 'a good wife', see Folger L.a.775, available online. Ironically, the 'good wife' George Saunders found, Anne (nee Newdigate) Saunders, was hanged for complicity in his murder.

The testatrix made her will on 12 October 1572. Five months later her son, George Saunders, was murdered, and on 26 June 1573, as described in the memorandum below, the testatrix amended her will to delete bequests to George and his appointment as one of her executors. The Prerogative Court of Canterbury copy of the will is thus misleading and confusing in that it does not record the deletions and the wording thus suggests that the *entire* will was written after George Saunders' death ('to Walter Saunders and Thomas Saunders, sons of my late son, George Saunders'), despite the fact that the will is dated 12 October 1572, five months *prior* to his death. For the testatrix' original will showing the deletions, together with the contemporary memorandum mentioning the murder of George Saunders and the testatrix' alteration of her will, see Leicestershire Record Office DG39/906. In the transcript of the PCC copy below, the deletions in the original will have been added and are shown within square brackets.

LM: T{estamentum} Dorothe Dayrell

In the name of Almighty God, Amen. The twelfth day of October in the year of Our Lord God one thousand five hundred threescore and twelve and in the fourteenth 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, Dorothy Dayrell of Lillingstone Dayrell in the county of Buckingham, widow, late wife of Paul Dayrell, esquire, deceased, and sometime the wife of William Saunders of Welford in the county of Northampton,

esquire, also deceased, and executrix of both the last will and testament of the said Paul and William, now naturally looking for my departure out of this transitory world, and being now of good and perfect memory (thanked by Almighty God therefore), do ordain and make this my last will and testament in manner and form following, that is to say:

First and principally I bequeath, yield up and commend my soul into the hands of my most merciful Saviour and Redeemer, Jesus Christ, by whose mercy, death and passion I trust assuredly to be partaker of the kingdom and inheritance prepared of God for his elect;

My body I will to be buried and my funerals to be done in such sort, form & place as mine executor hereafter in these presents named shall think convenient by his discretion, upon which my funerals and to th' intent that poor people shall be thereby relieved, I will that my said executor do bestow to the sum or value of three hundred pounds of lawful English money at the least, saving that my will is and I declare by these presents that three and fifty pounds lately bestowed in charges for the making of my tomb, and also six pounds ten shillings lately bestowed in charges for the repairing of the church & chancel at Lillingstone Dayrell shall be accounted as parcel of the said sum of £300;

Also I will that there be twenty sermons made at such days and places and within such years as my executor shall think meet;

Also I will and give to every such of my own sons & every such of their wives and to every such of my own daughters and every such of their husbands as shall happen to be present at the burial of me as much black cloth as shall make every of them a black gown, and to every such of them aforesaid now living as shall be absent from my burial a ring of gold of the value of forty shillings;

Also I will and bequeath to twenty poor folk as much black cloth as shall make every of them a gown, and the same gowns to be made and delivered to them at the costs of mine executor;

Also I will & bequeath to every such manservant in Lillingstone house as is a household servant at the time of my decease, either to me or to my son Dayrell, and likewise to every such servant of mine executor as shall happen to be present at my burial as much black cloth as shall make every of them a coat;

Also I give to every of my maids being in wages with me at the [f. 29r] time of my decease so much black cloth as shall make to every of them a gown;

Also I will to George Coles and Robert Brett, to every of them as much black cloth as shall make every of them a coat, and to Agnes Coles, the wife of the same George, so much black cloth as shall make her a gown;

Also to Paul Miller, Thomas Woodward and to Harris the surgeon, to every of them so much cloth as shall make to every of them a coat;

Also I bequeath to my son, Francis Ingoldsby, as much black cloth as shall make him a gown, and likewise to his son, Richard Ingoldsby, so much cloth as shall make him a gown;

The charges of all which said cloth I will shall be accounted as parcel of the said £300 so to be bestowed upon my funerals as is aforesaid;

Also I will that there shall be bestowed in reparations of the chapel in Welford aforesaid, where the said William Saunders lieth buried, and in reparation of the church there ten pounds, to be employed in such order as my executor shall think convenient;

Also I will and devise that my executor yearly during ten years next after my decease shall distribute and give in alms to the most poor and needy people for the time being dwelling in the towns hereafter named such sums of money as be hereafter to that intent expressed, that is to say, in Welford aforesaid, forty shillings; in Pershore in the county of Worcester where my father and mother Iyen buried, twenty shillings; and in Croome, where I was born, ten shillings; in Northampton in the county of Northampton, forty shillings; in Leicester in the county of Leicester, forty shillings; in Aylesbury, half to the prisoners and half to the poor there, twenty shillings; in Brixworth in the county of Northampton, twenty shillings; and in the city of Coventry, forty shillings;

Also I will that my executor yearly during the said term of ten years next after my decease shall distribute to and for relieving as well of the poor prisoners for the time being in the Castle of Worcester as other poor people in the same town of Worcester, forty shillings;

Also I give forty shillings to be bestowed amongst the poor people at Yelvertoft, and as much among the poor people of East Haddon, and twenty shillings to the poor people at Cold Ashby;

Also I will to be bestowed among the poor people at Stowe, Leckhampstead, Lillingstone Lovell and Akeley five pounds, to be distributed as my executor shall think good;

Also I will to the poor at Stony Stratford, forty shillings, and to the poor at Towcester five pounds;

Also I will and devise that for and during ten years next after my decease there shall be given and distributed every Sunday in the year at Buckingham in the county of Buckingham to twelve of the poorest folks for the time being inhabiting there by the discretion of mine executor whilst he shall live, and after his decease by the discretion of the vicar or curate of Buckingham aforesaid and of the bailiff or constable there for the time being, to the value of two shillings, that is to say, twelve pennyworth of bread and twelve pence in money;

Also I give and bequeath to the maintenance of the children and poor people of the Hospital in London where the Grey Friars lately were twenty pounds, to be paid by the discretion of mine executor;

Item, I give and bequeath to be bestowed on the poor prisoners in London, that is to say, in Newgate, the Fleet, the King's Bench and Marshalsea ten pounds, that is to say, in every of those prisons fifty shillings;

Also I give and bequeath unto twenty poor scholars in Cambridge forty pounds, that is to say, to every of them forty shillings, and to ten poor scholars in Oxford ten pounds, the same to be paid at such time as mine executor shall think meet, and to such scholars as my executor shall think most needy and to be towardly in virtue & learning;

Also I give and bequeath to the repairing and amending of highways forty pounds, to be bestowed in such places and in such time as my executor shall think convenient;

Also I give and bequeath unto ten poor maidens towards their marriages twenty pounds, that is to say, to every of them forty shillings;

Also I will and bequeath to Sir Edward Saunders, knight, Lord Chief Justice of the Queen's Exchequer, to my cousin, William Saunders of Harington, my sister, Margery, my cousin, Blase Saunders, and my cousin, his wife, to my son, Edward Leighton, and my daughter, his wife, to my son, Quarles, to my son, Francis Dayrell, to my son-in-law, Clement Saunders, and to his wife, to my nephew, Henry Yonge, and to his wife [f. 29v], and to my niece Anne, his sister, to every of them, if they be all living at the time of my decease, and if they be not all then living, then to every such of them as then shall be living a ring of gold of the value of 40s with such inscription to be engraved in every of the same rings for the remembrance of me as my executor shall devise and think good;

Also I bequeath to my godson, Roger Cave, a ring of gold of the value of 40s;

And one other ring of the like value of 40s to Dorothy Tatte [=Tate?], my god-daughter;

And I give another ring of the like value to my god-daughter, Dorothy Eaton, sister to my Lord Chief Baron;

Also I will and bequeath to every of my godchildren in Welford 6s 8d apiece;

And to my god-daughter Dorothy, daughter of my son, Thomas Haddon, ten pounds of lawful English money;

And I give and bequeath to my grandchildren, Francis Dayrell and William Dayrell, sons of my son, Paul Dayrell; to [CROSSED OUT IN ORIGINAL WILL: Francis Beaumont] & Huntingdon Beaumont, son of my son, Nicholas Beaumont; to Walter Bagot and Anthony Bagot, sons of my son, Richard Bagot; to Edward Saunders and William Saunders, sons of my son, Francis Saunders; and to Walter Saunders and Thomas

Saunders, sons of my [CROSSED OUT IN ORIGINAL WILL: said] [INTERLINED IN ORIGINAL WILL: late] son, George Saunders, being scholars, towards their furtherance in learning, and to be bestowed by mine executor to that end and purpose, one hundred pounds of lawful English money amongst them, to be divided, that is to say, to every of them ten pounds, to be paid within two years next ensuing after my decease, and if it happen any of the said grandchildren to decease at any time within the said 2 years and before the said legacy paid, then I will that such part & portion of the said £100 as should affeer(?) or belong unto such of my said grandchildren so deceasing shall be equally divided among the rest of my above-named grandchildren scholars which shall overlive;

[CROSSED OUT IN ORIGINAL WILL: Also I will & bequeath unto my son, George Saunders, & to my son, Francis Saunders, to either of them one hundred pounds of lawful money of England;]

Also in fulfilling of the last will of the said William Saunders, my said husband, I will that the pasture in Welford aforesaid be stored with sheep for my son, Francis Saunders, according to the inventory made after the decease of the said William Saunders, my said late husband, and if it happen that there be more sheep or lambs there at the time of my decease than be mentioned in the said inventory, nevertheless I bequeath the same to my said son, Francis Saunders, and I will that the same pastures shall continue & be kept stored until my decease with such & so many sheep as the same hath been most commonly stored sithence the decease of the said William Saunders;

Also I give and remit all such debts and sums of money as Christopher Stafford doth owe unto me;

And likewise I do forgive and remit all such debts as be owing to me by any person or persons which be of the sum of 40s or under;

Also I give and bequeath to my sons-in-law, Nicholas Beaumont, Paul Dayrell and Richard Bagot, esquires, to every of them fifty pounds of lawful English money, desiring them to be good to their wives and children;

Also I bequeath to the said Francis Ingoldsby twenty pounds of lawful English money, desiring him to be good to his son, Richard Ingoldsby, and cause him to be well and virtuously brought up;

Also I will that all such apparel as I shall have at the time of my decease shall be divided as followeth, that is to say, amongst my own three daughters, Anne, Mary and Frances, [CROSSED OUT IN ORIGINAL WILL: & my son George's wife] equally according to the discretion of my executor, and some parcel thereof to be given to my waiting-gentlewoman, & some part thereof to my waiting-maid as my executor shall appoint unto her;

Also I bequeath to my said daughter, Frances Dayrell, the covering for a bed of crimson velvet with gold in it, and the cushion to the same, being now at Lillingstone, and also the

bed of white damask with the covering and curtains to the same, and a dozen of silver spoons, and to her daughter, Anne Dayrell, I bequeath my salt-cellar all gilt, and to her other daughter, Katherine Dayrell, the white cup of silver;

And also I will and devise that my said daughter, Frances Dayrell, shall have the use and occupation of my gilt bowl during her [f. 30r] life, and after her decease I will and bequeath the same unto her son, my grandchild, Francis Dayrell;

Also I bequeath to my said son, Francis Saunders, four pieces of hangings, being gilt leather, with the arms of his said father and my arms upon them;

And also a cushion wrought with silk with the arms of his said father in it;

[CROSSED OUT IN ORIGINAL WILL: Also I bequeath to my said son, George Saunders, a bed of down marked with D. D.;

And I bequeath the residue of such beds of silk and cushions to the same and such Spanish chairs and such plate as was to my said late husband, Paul Dayrell, esquire, belonging, and such other the household stuff now being at Lillingstone which I have any right or interest in unto my said son-in-law, Paul Dayrell, desiring him to leave the same to his wife and to such child of his after her decease as shall be his heir when God shall call him;

Also I bequeath all such harness and weapons of mine as late were in the keeping of Thomas Woodward unto my said son[s], Francis Saunders [CROSSED OUT IN ORIGINAL WILL: & George Saunders];

Also I bequeath to William Newenham forty pounds of lawful English money, to be paid or not paid to him by the discretion of my executor according as he shall grow towardly, saving five pounds, parcel of the said sum of £40, which for the relieving the necessity of the same William Newenham I have caused to be paid unto him lately before the date hereof;

Also I bequeath to my grandchild, Anne Dayrell, my drinking-pot all gilt, with the cover to the same;

[CROSSED OUT IN ORIGINAL WILL: Also I give more to the same Anne the featherbed which my said son, George, lately had in Lenborough];

Also I will and bequeath to every of the children of my said son, Nicholas Beaumont, and my daughter, his wife, of my said son Paul Dayrell, and my daughter, his wife, of my said son, Richard Bagot, and of my daughter, his wife, and of my son, Francis Saunders, [INTERLINED IN ORIGINAL WILL: and to Walter, Thomas and Elizabeth, children] of my said son, George Saunders, which shall be living at the time of my decease, to every of those children, being my grandchildren, except Dorothy Dayrell, my grandchild, to whom I did give fifty pounds to her marriage lately before the date hereof, ten pounds

apiece, to be paid severally to every of them at every of their full age of one and twenty years, over and besides the legacies before mentioned;

And if it happen that any of them shall decease before th' accomplishment of that age, then I will that such part or duty of such child so deceasing shall be equally divided to the brothers and sisters of such child so deceasing;

And I bequeath to my said grandchild, Richard Ingoldsby, twenty pounds to be paid to him at his full age of one and twenty years, if he be then living, and if he decease before that age, then this legacy to be void;

And I will and bequeath to the several persons hereafter named the several sums of money to them severally limited, that is to say, to Anne, the wife of Philip Havard and daughter to my sister, Margery, ten pounds; to my daughter, Anne Dayrell, wife of Francis Dayrell, ten pounds; [CROSSED OUT IN ORIGINAL WILL: To my cousin, Ambrose Saunders, ten pounds]; to George Dayrell, ten pounds, saving three pounds, parcel of the said sum of £10, which £3 I did give & pay to him lately before the date hereof; to Thomas Yonge, twenty pounds; to Margaret, my maid, ten pounds;

Item, I give and bequeath to Richard Dayrell, to be paid by my executor, forty shillings yearly for so many years as he shall fortune to live, the same to be paid at the feast of th' Annunciation of Our Blessed Lady St Mary and St Michael th' Archangel by even portions;

Also I give to John Ellys ten pounds; to Harrys, the surgeon, forty shillings; to every such manservant other than above-mentioned being at the time of my decease a household servant in Lillingstone house and being a serving-man or yeoman, twenty shillings apiece; to every hind servant there ten shillings apiece;

Item, to every maidservants [sic?] there 10s apiece, to Christopher and the wench in the kitchen 5s apiece;

And I will to Thomas North and his wife 20s;

Item, I give and bequeath to Robert Brett and to Christopher Stafford, to every of them 40s apiece;

Item, I give and bequeath to George Ingoldsby five pounds;

Also I bequeath to my shepherd at Welford 40s, and to my shepherd at Lillingstone five pounds;

Also I will that my executor shall have and occupy during three months next after my decease according to certain indentures made [f. 30r] the fifth day of September in the eleventh year of the reign of our said Sovereign Lady the Queen's Majesty that now is between me on the one party, and my son, Paul Dayrell, on the other party, these closes

or pastures with their appurtenances in Lillingstone Dayrell aforesaid called the Pilche field, Rysleys close, Marlpit field, Depden field, the Herde pasture, the Hale, and Monkes meadow, and I will that all my cattle, sheep and hay which shall be going or be in Lillingstone Dayrell aforesaid at the time of my decease shall be towards th' execution of this my last will and testament;

Item, I give and bequeath to Thomas Woodward ten pounds of lawful English money, to be paid to him within two years next after my decease;

Item, I give to Alice Quintyn 20s;

Also I give to Duke's wife of Lenborough twenty shillings;

Item, I give to Margery Lynley(?), widow, forty shillings, and her daughter, my god-daughter 6s 8d;

And forasmuch as I, the said Dorothy, have lately before the date hereof given and paid to Arthur Yonge ten pounds; unto Joan Dayrell, one of the daughters of Henry Dayrell, deceased, five pounds; to Clare Yonge, her sister, five pounds; to Alice, the cook, now wife of Nicholas Bate, forty shillings; to Robert Bishop, servant to my son, Francis Saunders, five pounds; and to John Burrow, the butler, 40s, therefore I make no legacy to them or any of them by this my last will and testament;

And I, the said Dorothy, do further will, devise and declare that my plain and full meaning, true intent and will is that if any legacy, thing to be performed or done, or sum of money declared, mentioned or expressed in this my last will or testament hath been at any time heretofore performed, done, paid or discharged, or at any time hereafter in the lifetime of me, the said Dorothy, shall happen to be performed, done, paid or discharged by me, the said Dorothy, or by my executor[s] named in this my last will and testament [CROSSED OUT IN ORIGINAL WILL: or by any of them], that then in all and every such case and cases my said executor[s] [CROSSED OUT IN ORIGINAL WILL: & every of them, their executors & administrators] shall be clearly exonerated and discharged after the decease of me, the said Dorothy, of and from the performance, doing, paying & discharging of such and the same legacies, things to be performed or done and sums of money to be paid declared, mentioned or expressed in this my said last will or testament as at any time heretofore have been so performed, done, paid or discharged or at any time hereafter in the lifetime of me, the said Dorothy, shall so happen to be performed, done, paid or discharged by me, the said Dorothy, or by my executor[s] named in this my last will and testament [CROSSED OUT IN ORIGINAL WILL: or by any of them] as is above-mentioned, any thing or matter to the contrary thereof in any wise notwithstanding;

[CROSSED OUT IN ORIGINAL WILL: And forsomuch as my said son, George, by the space of twelve years last past & more hath had the only intermeddling & administration of & with my stocks & stores of such sheep, great beasts & cattle as have been going or depasturing from time to time in those years to my use in Lenborough & Lillingstone in

the said county of Buckingham & in Welford in the county of Northampton, and that he only hath received the profits yearly coming, growing & arising upon the same, and my said son, Francis, hath had no doing or intermeddling therewith, and forsomuch as upon account made to me, the said Dorothy, by the said George it appeareth he hath remaining in his hands so much of my money as together with the sheep & cattle being at Lillingstone & with other things left for the execution of this my will will be fully sufficient to discharge & accomplish my funerals & legacies & more, therefore I will that only my said son, George, his executors & administrators, shall only be charged & chargeable with the charges of my funerals & with the payment of all & singular the legacies in this my last will & testament mentioned or expressed, charging my said son, George, on my blessing and as he will answer to the contrary before God Almighty at the last day well & truly to disburse & pay such money as shall be requisite for th' accomplishment, execution & fulfilling of this my last will & testament];

Also I will & declare that my said executor[s] hereafter named shall be allowed all such necessary charges as shall be laid out for or about the execution of this my last will and testament;

The residue of all my goods and chattels as well real as personal and sums of money to me owing or due not being before by these presents willed, given or bequeathed, my funerals being done and discharged and this my last will being truly fulfilled & performed, and my said legacies being truly paid and delivered, I give and bequeath them unto mine executor[s] hereafter named [CROSSED OUT IN ORIGINAL WILL: between them to be equally divided];

And I do ordain and make [INTERLINED IN ORIGINAL: sole] executor[s] of this my present last will & testament my [CROSSED OUT IN ORIGINAL: said two sons], [INTERLINED IN ORIGINAL: son], Francis Saunders [CROSSED OUT IN ORIGINAL WILL: & George Saunders] trusting [CROSSED OUT IN ORIGINAL WILL: they] [INTERLINED IN ORIGINAL: he] will see it justly executed as my especial trust is in [CROSSED OUT IN ORIGINAL WILL: them] [INTERLINED IN ORIGINAL: him];

[CROSSED OUT IN ORIGINAL WILL: And also where before in this my last will & testament as touching & concerning the residue of all my goods & chattels as well real as personal & sums of money to me owing or due not being before in this my last will willed, given or bequeathed, my funerals being done & discharged & my said will being truly fulfilled & performed & my said legacies being truly paid, & bequeathed the same unto my said executor[s] in this my said last will named between them to be equally divided, my will & intent is touching & concerning the said residue or dividend and I will & declare by these presents that such part of the said residue of my said goods & chattels & sums of money to me owing or due as by my last will & testament shall affeer or belong unto my said son, Francis Saunders, that is to say, the one-half of all the said residue, shall be well & truly paid & delivered by my said son, George Saunders, his executors, administrators or assignees unto my said son, Francis Saunders, his executors, administrators or assignees within the time hereafter mentioned, that is to say, the one

half thereof within that year which shall next ensue after the decease of me, the said Dorothy, and the other half within the year next following after that year which shall be next after the decease of me, the said Dorothy, any thing or matter in this my last will or testament to the contrary thereof in any wise notwithstanding];

Also I, the said Dorothy, do by these presents revoke, annul and make void all and every other will & testament by me ordained, made or declared at any time before the said day of ordaining and making of this my present last will & testament;

In witness whereof to this my present last will & testament containing twelve leaves I, the said Dorothy Dayrell, have put my hand & seal dated the day and year first above-written, the persons hereafter named thereunto being witnesses, viz., Paul Dayrell, John Smythe, John Lambert, Richard Milling, & John Harrys.

[ORIGINAL WILL SIGNED D D]

[THREE MEMORANDA IN A CONTEMPORARY HAND APPENDED TO THE ORIGINAL WILL

Memorandum, that these words interlined in this leaf, viz., ‘& sums of money to me owing or due’ were interlined before th’ ensealing of this testament, these persons hereafter named being witnesses: Paul Dairell, John Smyth, John Lambert, Richard Myllyng, John Harrys

Memorandum, that the within-named George Saunders was murdered by George Browne by the procurement of Anne, wife of the said George Saunders, & of Anne Drewry alias Calfhill [=Caulfield?], which murder was committed the 25th day of March next ensuing the date of this will, viz., a{nn}o 1573 et a{nn}o r{egni} r{egine} El{izabethe} xvto, for the which offence the said Anne Saunders, Anne Drewry & Roger, servant to Anne Drewry, were executed in Smithfield the Monday in Whitsun week A{nno} 1573 et a{nn}o r{egni} r{egine} El{izabethe} 15 aforesaid, and after, viz., the 26th day of June then next following, the within-named Francis Saunders, being come from London to Lillingstone, was commanded(?) by the within-named testatrix, the mother, to alter this will in such sort as it now is, which alteration chiefly & in manner only concerned the said George Saunders only, as the case required it should be, he being deceased as before appeareth, which being done, the said testatrix commanded the said Francis to roll up the will & with a fringe to tie it fast, & to set her seal of arms upon the same so as it could not be opened without breaking of the seal, & that being done, she caused the same Francis to put the same into a long bag of leather, which was done accordingly, and after, viz., the 18th day of January a{nn}o 1573 [=1574] et a{nn}o r{egni} r{egine} El{izabethe} xvjto the within-named testatrix deceased, & on the morrow, being Tuesday at the night, the said Francis did come to Lillingstone, & that night sent for the witnesses above-named to be at Lillingstone on the morrow morning, being Wednesday, & they came accordingly, and the same morning in their presence Margaret, the waiting-maid of the said testatrix, having the key of a trunk which stood locked in the bedchamber of the

said testatrix, did open the same & take out the said leather bag & therein this will, which the said Francis in the presence of the said witnesses did open, & then & there procured the said John Smith to read the same, which he did accordingly.

Memorandum, that after such time as the said Francis was administrator of the goods of the said George Saunders, & had presented the offence of murder aforesaid, the said Dorothy [-da] before such time as the said Francis did come from London, viz., die Iunij a{nn}o 1573, did recover against the said Francis, administrator, the debt which the said George Saunders did owe her at the time of his decease, with which debt she appointed at all times that her last will should be performed, for the said George Saunders having in manner all her substance in his hands, she had nothing like sufficient otherwise to perform the same.]

Probatum fuit h{uius}mo{d}i Testamentum in Cur{ia} Prerogative Cantuarien{sis} apud London vicesimo quinto die mensis Ianuarij Anno D{omi}ni Millesimo quingentesimo septuag{esi}mo tertio Iuramento ffrancisci Saunders executor{is} &c Cui &c De bene &c iurat{i} &c

[=The same testament was proved in the Prerogative Court of Canterbury at London on the twenty-fifth day of the month of January in the year of the Lord the thousand five hundred seventy-third by the oath of Francis Saunders, executor etc., to whom etc., sworn to well etc.]