

SUMMARY: The document below is the will, dated 6 November 1576 and proved 29 November 1576, of Edmund Tyrrell (d. 8 November 1576) of Ramsden Barrington, whose cousin, Edward Tyrrell (d. 16 June 1541), married Alice Cloville, who later married Oxford's maternal uncle, Henry Golding, half brother of Oxford's mother, Margery Golding. For the will of Alice Cloville Tyrrell Forster Golding (d.1587), see TNA PROB 11/70/187.

FAMILY BACKGROUND

For the testator's family background, see the will of his great-grandfather, Sir Thomas Tyrrell (d. 28 March 1477) of Heron in East Horndon, TNA PROB 11/6/417, and the will of the testator's grandfather, Sir William Tyrrell of Beeches in Rawreth, TNA PROB 11/5/167. See also the will of the testator's uncle, John Tyrrell (d. 25 October 1494) of Beeches, TNA PROB 11/10/311.

The testator was born by 1513, the son of Jasper Tyrrell (buried 1 March 1539) and Anne Goring, and the grandson of Sir William Tyrrell (died c.1471) by his second wife, Philippe Thornbury, the daughter of John Thornbury. The testator was heir to his grandfather, Sir William Tyrrell (died c.1471). See:

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

See also Benton, Philip, *The History of Rochford Hundred*, Vol. II, (Rochford: A. Harrington, 1888), pp. 653-60 at p. 654:

<http://books.google.ca/books?id=ioYuAAAAMAAJ&pg=PA653&lpg=PA654>

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

November, 1576, at Whitestaple in Kent, surviving to see the Reformation firmly established.

The testator's father, Jasper Tyrrell (buried 1 March 1539), is also said to have had a daughter, Joan Tyrrell, who married Edmund Lewknor. See Richardson, Douglas, *Magna Carta Ancestry*, 2nd ed., 2011, Vol. IV, p. 112 at:

<http://books.google.ca/books?id=8JcbV309c5UC&pg=RA3-PA112>

MARRIAGE AND CHILDREN

The testator married, by 1543, Susan Cooke, by whom he had four daughters:

* **Mary Tyrrell**, eldest daughter. She is said to have married John Church, by whom she had a son, Edmund Church. She is not mentioned in the will below. See Metcalfe, *infra*, and Benton, Philip, *The History of Rochford Hundred*, Vol. I, (Rochford: A. Harrington, 1867), p. 279 at:

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

See also:

<http://soc.genealogy.medieval.narkive.com/nALp0geb/mary-tirrell-wife-of-john-church-ancestor-of-reade-epps-etc>

* **Susan Tyrrell**, apparently unmarried in 1576. She is said to have married Charles Cutler.

* **Margaret Tyrrell**, who married firstly Robert Bradbury, and secondly John Danyell. According to Benton, she was also the wife of Sir Francis Fitch.

* **Thomasine Tyrrell**, who married firstly William Tyrrell, second son of Sir Henry Tyrrell of Heron, by whom she had a son, Thomas Tyrrell, who was the testator's heir. She married secondly William Playters (d.1584) of Sotterley, Suffolk. For the will of William Playters, see TNA PROB 11/67/251.

For the testator's daughters see Metcalfe, Walter C., ed., *The Visitations of Essex*, Vol. XIII, (London: Harleian Society, 1878), p. 111 at:

<http://archive.org/stream/visitationsofess13byumetc#page/110/mode/2up>

See also Benton, *supra*, pp. 660, at:

<http://books.google.ca/books?id=ioYuAAAAMAAJ&pg=PA660>

See also Fitch, Marc, and Frederick Emmison, eds., *Feet of Fines For Essex*, Vol. V, (Oxford: Leopard's Head Press, 1991), pp. 213, 234.

The testator's son-in-law, Robert Bradbury, appears to have been the son of William Bradbury (d.1550), nephew of Sir Thomas Bradbury (d.1510), Lord Mayor of London. See:

<http://worldconnect.rootsweb.ancestry.com/cgi-bin/igm.cgi?op=DESC&db=adgedge&id=I15826>

See also Barron, Caroline M. and Anne F. Sutton, eds., *Medieval London Widows 1300-1500*, (London: The Hambledon Press, 1994), p. 211, 214, 219.

For a brass commemorating the testator and his wife, see Miller, Christy and W.W. Porteous, 'Some Interesting Essex Brasses', *The Reliquary & Illustrated Archaeologist*, (July 1903), pp. 145-162 at pp. 159-60 :

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

OTHER PERSONS MENTIONED IN THE WILL

The testator bequeaths an annuity to 'Mrs Anne Browne' and her husband, Philip Browne, partly 'in consideration of their troubles':

And also I will and give unto Mrs Anne Browne, wife to Mr Philip Browne, for the gentleness and goodwill that I have found in them, and in consideration of their troubles, during her natural life one annuity or yearly rent of three pounds by year, to have to her and her assigns during her natural life with a clause of distress.

Given the connections between the testator and Sir Anthony Browne, whose death on 16 May 1567 was considered by the Spanish ambassador, writing to King Philip of Spain, as a great loss to the Catholics, it seems possible that Anne Browne and her husband, Philip Browne, were Catholic recusants. For Sir Anthony Browne, who made his great-nephew, Philip Browne, one of his residuary legatees, see his will, TNA PROB 11/49/181, and the History of Parliament entry at:

<http://www.historyofparliamentonline.org/volume/1509-1558/member/browne-anthony-ii-150910-67>

RM: T{estamenu}m Edmu{n}di Tirell Ar{migeri}

[f. 243r] The sixth day of November in the eighteenth year of the reign of our Sovereign Lady Queen Elizabeth, I, Edmund Tyrrell of Ramsden Barrington in the county of Essex,

esquire, being visited with sickness by the merciful hand of Almighty God, and calling to my remembrance that I have made and declared my last will and testament written with my own hand, the contents and particularities whereof, being now troubled with sickness, I do not well remember, yet nevertheless because I was at the time of the writing of the same will in perfect health, I do yet pronounce and at this presents do affirm the same will written with my own hand to be my last will and testament, and every article and clause in the same contained to stand as my last will and testament;

And where I did assign and appoint Sir William Petre, my dear friend, deceased, to be the receiver of all such profits and revenues as be given and willed by me to Thomas Tyrrell, my daughter's son, by this my will I do authorize, assign and appoint Mr John Clyff, gentleman, and Robert Bradbury, gentleman, to receive the issues, revenues and profits of those lands appointed & give[n] to the said Thomas Tyrrell, my daughter's son, in such manner and form to all intents and purposes as I did assign and authorize Sir William Petre to do if he had lived;

And because I left divers other lands & tenements which I was possessed of at the making of the said will written with mine own hand lying in the said county of Essex to dispose and give otherwise at my will and pleasure, I will therefore that John Archer shall have, hold and enjoy to him and his assigns during his natural life the house and lands in his occupying with the appurtenances, paying no rent nor farm for the same, and if my children will not suffer him to continue and occupy the same, then my will is that they shall place him in some other house and lands to the value of eight pounds by the year without any rent yielding;

Also I will and give to William Taylor, my servant, one annuity or yearly rent of twenty-six shillings eight pence going out of the said lands and tenements not disposed and willed by my foresaid will;

And also I will and give to William Madyson, my servant, one annuity or yearly rent of twenty shillings by year during his natural life going out of the said lands and tenements not disposed;

Also I give to Piers Powell, my servant, one annuity or yearly rent of thirteen shillings four pence by year going out of the said lands and tenements before not disposed;

And every of them to distrain for their several annuities or rents being behind every half year;

And also I will and give unto Mrs Anne Browne, wife to Mr Philip Browne, for the gentleness and goodwill that I have found in them, and in consideration of their troubles, during her natural life one annuity or yearly rent of three pounds by year, to have to her and her assigns during her natural life with a clause of distress;

And also I will and give to Dame Anne Crispe, widow, twenty pounds of current money, to be paid to her by my executors out of my goods and chattels;

And also I will and give to William Randall and John Haselherst, gentlemen, to either of them ten shillings, and to Isack Spracklinge, Lactance Cole, Stephen Mylles and Robert horse-keeper, my Lady Crispe's men, to every of them ten shillings, and to Mr Browne's men, to every of them ten shillings;

And I will to Robert Staunton, my servant, three pounds six shillings eight pence during his natural life, to be taken out of the lands before not disposed;

And where since the making of my former will written with my own hand I have purchased the manor of Ramsden Barrington with the appurtenances, and all other the lands and tenements, rents and services belonging to the said manor of Ramsden Barrington or being reputed or taken as part or parcel of the said manor, set and being in divers parishes within the said county of Essex, I will and give up to Susan Tyrrell, my daughter, forty pounds, parcel of the said manor of Ramsden Barringtons and the appurtenances, to her and her heirs forever;

And I will and give to Robert Bradbury and Margaret, his wife, my daughter, during their two lives and to the longest liver of them other forty pounds, parcel of the said manor of Ramsden Barringtons with the appurtenances, and after their deceases and the longest liver of the said Robert Bradbury and Margaret, the said forty pounds to descend and come to Thomas Tyrrell, son of William Tyrrell and Thomasine, my daughter, and his heirs males of his body lawfully begotten, and for default of such issue male then to the right heirs of me, the said Edmund Tyrrell, and their heirs forever;

And I will and give the residue of the manor of Ramsden Barringtons with the appurtenances to the said Thomas Tyrrell, my daughter's son, and to his heirs males of his body lawfully begotten, and for default of such issue to the right heirs of me, the said Edmund Tyrrell, and to their heirs forever;

And because my very will is that the said manor of Ramsden Barringtons should not be severed but to remain one entire manor as it is now, provided always and my will is that if those persons to whom I have given and willed my lands, tenements & hereditaments contained and mentioned in my will written with my own hand, that they and every of them with the consent of my executors and overseers shall appoint and assign so much of my other lands and tenements with the appurtenances to the clear yearly value of forty pounds to the said Susan, my daughter, and [f. 243v] to her heirs and assigns forever in full recompense of her part before willed of the said manor of Ramsden Barrington with the appurtenances to be well assured to her & to her heirs forever, and my will is that the profits of the said manor of Ramsden Barrington given to Thomas Tyrrell, my daughter's son, shall be received and taken by them before assigned by my will to th' use of the said Thomas Tyrrell and keeping and maintaining the reparations thereof;

And also my will is that the said part of the said manor of Ramsden Barrington to the value of forty pounds given to my son Bradbury and Margaret, his wife, during their lives shall remain and come and I will the same to Thomas Tyrrell, my daughter's son, and to

his heirs males of his body lawfully begotten, and for default of such issue to the right heirs of me, the said Edmund Tyrrell, forever;

And by this my will I do make and affirm Robert Bradbury and John Clyffe, gentlemen, to be my executors, and George White, gentleman, my overseer;

And I revoke all other executors and overseers named in my former will written with mine own hand, and only appoint and assign my son, Robert Bradbury, and John Clyff to be my executors, and George White, my overseer, to which executors I will and give my goods and chattels to dispose to see me honestly buried, my debts & legacies paid. Edmund Tyrrell. Per me Ciriciu{m}(?) Petit, William Darrell, John Haselherst, William Randolf, Thomas Lake.

Probatum fuit testamentu{m} h{uius}mo{d}i coram Mag{ist}ro Will{el}mo Drewrie Legu{m} doctore Curie Prerogatiue Cantuarien{sis} Comissario apud London Vicesimo Nono Die mens{is} Novembris Anno d{omi}ni Mill{es}imo Quingentesimo Septuagesimo sexto Iuramento Mag{ist}ri Edwardi Orwell Notarij Publici Procur{ator}is Executor{um} &c Quibus Comissa fuit Admin{ni}strac{i}o &c de bene &c Ac de plano et fideli Inuent{ari}o &c Necnon de plano et vero Computo &c Iurat{is}

[=The same testament was proved before Master William Drury, Doctor of the Laws, Commissary of the Prerogative Court of Canterbury, at London on the twenty-ninth day of the month of November in the year of the Lord the thousand five hundred seventy-sixth by the oath of Master Edward Orwell, notary public, proctor of the executors etc., to whom administration was granted etc., sworn to well etc., and [+to exhibit] a plain and faithful inventory etc., and also [+to render] a plain and true account etc.]