

SUMMARY: The document below is the will, dated 16 May 1475 with codicils dated 18 March 1477 and 26 March 1477, proved 11 June 1477, of Sir Thomas Tyrrell (d. 28 March 1477) of Heron in East Horndon, eldest son and heir of Sir John Tyrrell (d. 2 April 1437), Speaker of the House of Commons, and his wife Alice (d.1422), daughter and heir of Sir William Coggeshall (d.1426).

The testator is said to have had four brothers, only two of whom can be documented:

*William Tyrrell of Gipping Suffolk, beheaded on Tower Hill 23 February 1462, who married Margaret Darcy, the daughter of Robert Darcy (d. 3 September 1448), by whom he was the father of Sir James Tyrrell (d. 6 May 1502), who married Anne Arundel, the daughter of Sir John Arundel (d. 12 November 1473) of Lanherne, by whom he was the father of Sir Thomas Tyrrell (d.1551), James Tyrrell (1475?-1538) of Columbine Hall, William Tyrrell, and Anne Tyrrell, who married Sir Richard Wentworth (d. 17 October 1528). See the entry for Sir James Tyrrell (c.1455-1502) in the *ODNB*; Richardson, Douglas, *Magna Carta Ancestry*, 2nd ed., 2011, Vol. III, pp. 183-5; Ross, James, *John de Vere, Thirteenth Earl of Oxford (1442-1513)*, (Woodbridge, Suffolk: The Boydell Press, 2011), pp. 42, 260; Benton, Philip, *The History of Rochford Hundred*, Vol. II, (Rochford: A. Harrington, 1888), pp. 478-9; and the pedigree of Tyrrell of Gipping in Metcalfe, Walter C., ed., *The Visitations of Suffolk*, (Exeter: William Pollard, 1882), p. 74 at:

<http://archive.org/stream/visitationsofsuf00harvuoft#page/74/mode/2up>.

For the will of Sir Thomas Tyrrell (d.1551), see TNA PROB 11/34/309. For the will of James Tyrrell (1475?-1538), see TNA PROB 11/26/266. For the will of Sir Richard Wentworth (d. 17 October 1528), see TNA PROB 11/22/654.

For Robert Darcy (d. 3 September 1448), see the History of Parliament entry at:

<http://www.historyofparliamentonline.org/volume/1386-1421/member/darcy-robert-1448>.

According to the *ODNB*:

William [Tyrrell] was executed for his involvement with John de Vere, the earl of Oxford, in a conspiracy against Edward IV in February 1462, but he was not attainted, and the custody of his land and of his heir James was bought from Cecily Neville, dowager duchess of York, by William's widow and her feoffees for £50 in March 1463.

As noted in the *ODNB*, 'It is as the murderer of the 'princes in the Tower'—the sons of Edward IV—that [Sir James] Tyrell is now usually remembered'.

For Sir James Tyrrell, see also the Wikipedia article at:

https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/James_Tyrrell.

* Sir William Tyrrell (died c.1471) of Beeches in Rawreth, Essex, who married firstly Anne Fitz Simon, the daughter of William Fitz Simon, by whom he had his son and heir, Sir John Tyrrell (d. 25 October 1494), and secondly Philippe Thornbury, the daughter of John Thornbury, by whom he had a son, Jasper Tyrrell (buried 1 March 1539). In his will he also mentions three daughters, Elizabeth Tyrrell, Jane Tyrrell and Anne Tyrrell. He also appears to have had a married daughter, Margaret Tyrrell, who married Thomas Huntingdon (d.1498), who is mentioned in the will of her brother, John Tyrrell (d. 25 October 1494).

For Sir William Tyrrell, see his will, TNA PROB 11/5/167, and Benton, Philip, *The History of Rochford Hundred*, Vol. II, (Rochford: A. Harrington, 1888), pp. 653-60 at :

<https://archive.org/stream/historyrochford01bentgoog#page/n265/mode/2up>.

See also King, H.W., 'Ancient Wills', *Transactions of the Essex Archaeological Society*, Vol. III, (Colchester: Essex and West Suffolk Gazette, 1865), pp. 75-94 at pp. 85-7 at:

<http://archive.org/stream/transactionsess03socioog#page/n137/mode/2up>.

The testator married Anne Marney, the daughter of Sir William Marney (d. 21 or 24 August 1414) and his wife, Elizabeth Sergeaux, a descendant of Robert de Vere (d. before 1221), 3rd Earl of Oxford, and his wife, Isabel de Bolebec (d.1245). For the will of William Marney, proved 22 August 1414, see TNA PROB 11/2B/21.

By Anne Marney the testator had four sons and two daughters:

*Sir William Tyrrell, who was slain at the Battle of Barnet in 1471, predeceasing his father. He married Eleanor Darcy, said to have been the daughter of Sir Robert Darcy (d.1402) of Maldon, Essex, by Alice FitzLangley, the daughter and heir of Henry FitzLangley of Maldon. See Metcalfe, Walter C., ed., *The Visitations of Essex*, Vol. XIII, (London: Harleian Society, 1878), p. 44; and Barrett, C.R.B., *Essex: Highways, Byways And Waterways*, (London: Lawrence & Bullen, 1893), p. 150 at:

<http://archive.org/stream/highwaysessex00barrich#page/149/mode/2up>.

As the testator's eldest son and heir, Sir William Tyrrell, had predeceased him in 1471, the testator's heir was his grandson, Sir William Tyrrell's son, Sir Thomas Tyrrell (c.1453-1510?), as noted in the *ODNB*:

With his wife, Anne, the daughter of Sir William Marney of Layer Marney, Essex, [Sir Thomas [Tyrrell] had four sons. The eldest, William, predeceased him and was buried with his wife, Alianore Darcy, at the Church of the Austin Friars, London, where Thomas's father and stepmother were also buried. Sir Thomas's heir was thus William's son Sir Thomas Tyrrell (c.1453–1510?). This Thomas was an esquire of Edward IV's body by 1480 . . . His first wife was Anne, daughter of Walter Devereux, first Baron

Ferrers of Chartley (c.1432–1485); his second Beatrix (d.1513), daughter of John Cockayne of Derbyshire and widow of John Sutton of London. Thomas had entered the service of Henry VII by 1487, when he was knighted at the battle of Stoke, and was present at the battle of Blackheath, where he became a banneret. In 1509 he attended the funeral of Henry VII and was present at the coronation of his successor as master of the queen's horse, a post in which he was to be succeeded by his son and namesake. Thomas made his will on 26 August 1510 and was probably dead by the end of the year, when his name was omitted from the Essex commission of the peace.

The testator's eldest son, William Tyrrell (d.1471), is said to have had daughters, Alice Tyrrell, who married John or Robert Rochester, and Maud Tyrrell, who married Robert White (see King, *supra*, p. 90). However in the will below the testator names the two daughters of Sir William Tyrrell as Elizabeth Tyrrell and Alice Tyrrell.

*Thomas Tyrrell (died c. 13 October 1473), esquire, who married Elizabeth Bruyn (d. March 1494), by whom he had a son, William Tyrrell of South Ockendon, Essex, who married Elizabeth Bodley, the daughter of Thomas Bodley (d.1492?) of London, and his wife Joan Leche (d.1530). After the death of Thomas Tyrrell, Elizabeth Bruyn married Sir William Brandon, by whom she was the mother of Charles Brandon, Duke of Suffolk. See Sutton, Anne F., 'Lady Joan Bradbury (d. 1530)' in Barron, Caroline M. and Anne F. Sutton, eds., *Medieval London Widows 300-1500*, (London: Hambledon Press, 1994), pp. 201, 219-20. The testator's daughter-in-law, Elizabeth Bruyn, is left a bequest in the will below.

*Humphrey Tyrrell (died c.1507), esquire, who married firstly Isabel Helion, the daughter and co-heiress of John Helion, esquire, and secondly Elizabeth Walwin, the daughter of John Walwin, esquire. His will mentions four sons, Sir John Tyrrell (d.1541) of Little Warley, Essex, his eldest son and heir; Thomas Tyrrell; John Tyrrell the younger; Humphrey Tyrrell; and four daughters, Anne Tyrrell (d.1534), who married Sir Roger Wentworth (d. 9 August 1539) of Codham Hall in Wethersfield, Essex (for whom see Richardson, *supra*, Vol. I, pp. 14-15, Vol. II, p. 463); Elizabeth, Anne and Maud Tyrrell, the latter three unmarried at the time the testator made his will. For the will of Humphrey Tyrrell, see TNA PROB 11/15/580.

*Sir Robert Tyrrell (d.1507/8), who married firstly Christian Hartshorn, widow of Edward Mackwilliam, and secondly a wife named Elizabeth, whose surname is unknown. His will mentions his son and heir, Thomas Tyrrell, another son, Robert Tyrrell, and a daughter, Margery Brice, who married Hugh Brice, the grandson of Sir Hugh Brice, Lord Mayor of London. See Ross, James, *John de Vere, Thirteenth Earl of Oxford (1442-1513)*, (Woodbridge, Suffolk: The Boydell Press, 2011), pp. 198-9; and TNA C 1/463/61.

*Anne Tyrrell, who married John Darcy of Tolleshunt Darcy. John Darcy and Anne, his wife, are mentioned in the will below.

*Elizabeth Tyrrell, who married firstly Sir Robert Darcy (d. 2 November 1469) of Maldon, Essex, and secondly Richard Haute (d. 8 April 1487), esquire, of Bishopsbourne,

Kent. For her issue by her two marriages see her will, TNA PROB 11/15/363. She is not mentioned in the will below, although it is likely her second husband, Richard Haute, whom the testator names as a supervisor of his will.

For the foregoing see also Richardson, Douglas, *Magna Carta Ancestry*, (Baltimore: Genealogical Publishing Company, 2005), pp. 604, 845; and Richardson, *Douglas, Magna Carta Ancestry*, 2nd ed., 2011, Vol. I, pp. 14-15, and Vol. III, pp. 216-17.

For the testator's nephew, Sir John Skrene, 'killed in a brawl provoked by himself, at Westhorpe, Suffolk, by Edward Tyrrell' on 4 December 1474, and the resulting lawsuit, *Skrene's case*, see McGlynn, Margaret, *The Royal Prerogative and the Learning of the Inns of Court*, (Cambridge: Cambridge University Press, 2003), pp. 43-6, and Brewer, J.S., ed., *Letters and Papers, Foreign and Domestic, of the Reign of Henry VIII*, Vol. I, (London: Longman, Green, 1862), p. 190, both available online. The testator mentions Skrene's widow, who was Elizabeth Ardern, the daughter and heir of Sir Peter Ardern of Latton, Essex, Justice of the Common Pleas (see ERO D/DU 622/1):

Item, I will that the wife of Sir John Skrene, knight, my nephew, have out of the lands that come to me by the death of the said Sir John Skrene her reasonable dower thereof.

For the testator's manor of Whitehall Botney (spelled 'Botnyng' and 'Botnyngs' in the original will) in Little Burstead, Essex, see:

<https://www.facebook.com/pages/Manor-of-Whitehall-Botney/414631215259550?ref=stream>.

For the testator's manors of Meldreth and Malton, see:

Parishes: Meldreth', *A History of the County of Cambridge and the Isle of Ely: Volume 8* (1982), pp. 83-97. URL: <http://www.british-history.ac.uk/report.aspx?compid=66744>.

RM: Test{amentu}m Thome Tyrrell militis

In the name of Almighty God the Father, the Son and the Holy Ghost and of our Blessed Lady Saint Mary the Virgin, of all the company of heaven, I, Thomas Tyrrell, knight, of the shire of Essex, being of whole mind the 16 day of the month of May the year of Our Lord God 1475 and the 15 year of the reign of our Liege Lord King Edward the 4th after the Conquest, make my testament in articles as hereafter followeth, beseeching Almighty God of pardon and forgiveness for all my sins done unto him, his saints and creatures to whom I have offended, and also beseeching Our Lord Jesus Christ to give his grace to mine executors and feoffees that they truly execute in as much as to them belongeth my testament and will to the pleasure of his pitiful mercy and grace;

First and principally I bequeath and recommend my soul to Almighty God, Our Lady Saint Mary, and all saints of heaven, and my body to be buried in the chancel of the church of East Horndon in Essex aforesaid under the place where the sepulchre is wont to stand there;

And I will that there be made a tomb of timber or of stone for me and my wife according honestly for our degrees;

And also that a stone be ordained for Sir William Tyrrell, my son, with his image and the image of Dame Alianor [=Eleanor], his first wife, thereupon to be made with their arms and furniture about them, the which stone I will shall be laid upon his burying-place in Friar Austins of London;

Item, I will that all the debts which can be proved duly of right that I owe shall be wholly and truly paid, and if I have wronged any person or persons and that be duly proved, I will that they and every of them shall be duly recompensed of my moveable goods, willing also that due search be made by mine attorneys in my books and evidences wherethrough the truth may be perfectly known and understood [=understood] in this behalf;

Item, where I have in a box 12 letters lying together sealed by the which I am made brother of divers houses of religion, I will that without delay after my decease the said 12 letters be sent and delivered separately to the houses that they came from, and every house to have with the letter 20s, and the house of Christchurch of Canterbury where the holy martyr Saint Thomas lieth to have delivered with the letter 40s, to th' intent that the religious people of every of the same houses upon the deliverance of the said letters and bequests shall pray specially for me and for Dame Anne, my wife, my father, my mother, and for all them that God would I should pray for;

Item, I bequeath to the church of East Horndon aforesaid my vestment of blue cloth of gold with the cope and 2 tunicles of the same and with th' apparel, and also a Mass book which I have belonging to the same church, and a gilt chalice that Sir William Wylby [=Willoughby?] gave thither to be prayed for every Sunday, and I will that a remembrance thereof and of other good deeds be made in the said Mass book wherethrough the prayers may the better be continued;

Item, I bequeath to the 5 houses of friars in London, to every house 10s, to th' intent that the convent of every of the same houses anon after my decease do sing a trental for me and for my wife and for tho [=those] that God would should be partners thereof;

Item, I bequeath to the churches of the towns that I have livelihood in, that is to say, Gyngraf(?) [=Ingrave?], Dunton, Little Burstead, Little Warley, Downham, Buttsbury, Stock, Hanningfield, Crays, Springfield, Chelmsford, Shepreth, Meldreth, Malton, Sopley and Milton, that is to say, to the church of every town of them 6s 8d sterlings to their comfort and relief, that is to wit, the parson of every church of them to have thereof 3s 4d, and the parishens other 3s 4d towards the church works and the reparations of the

ornaments of the churches aforesaid, to pray specially for me, my wife Dame Anne, and for all the souls that God would should be prayed for there;

Also I bequeath to the nuns of Barking to pray in like wise for me and for other souls aforesaid £3 6s 8d, and in like wise I bequeath to the nuns of Stratford £3 to pray as is aforesaid, and to the friars of Chelmsford for a trental to be done as is aforesaid, 10s;

Item, I will that if I make not up in my lifetime the steeple and nave work which I have begun in East Thorndon aforesaid, that then mine executors and feoffees see that it may be made up and done to the worship of Our Lord Jesus, and that it be made sure in such wise that the steeple fall not down;

Item, whereas there hath been gathered of me and of mine household many years certain money whereof part hath gone yearly to the finding of the sepulchre-light, I will that mine executors, to th' intent that a good rule be had hereafter to the pleasure of God and for the souls that anything have given thereto, shall give and deliver of my goods to the finding and continuance of the said light £5 sterlings, and I will that all other sums of money belonging to the said light and being in other men's hands shall be gathered and be delivered unto Humphrey Tyrrell and other, they to see that it may from henceforth be employed to the weal and profit of the said light;

Item, I will that my month's mind be discreetly done and in sober wise, and I bequeath £10 to be disposed and doled by the discretion of mine executors where they shall seem [f. 237v] expedient and needful to have my soul prayed for;

And I will also that an obit or anniversary for the souls of my father and mother, me and my wife, be well and truly kept in the church of East Horndon aforesaid yearly during 15 years remembered in my will of my lands, and that 13s 4d shall be employed thereupon yearly during the said 15 years;

And also I will that my household be kept at my costs by 13 weeks next after my decease;

Also I will that all brewing vessels with tables, trestles, cupboards, stools and forms be left still in every place of mine, there to remain and to be occupied as they have been used aforetime;

Item, I will that as soon as it may goodly be done after my decease, and at the furthest within (blank) weeks next after my death, a true inventory be made by mine executors of all my goods and chattels, and that they be consciencely praised, and thereupon I will that all my goods and chattels moveable, plate, jewels, household, and all debts due unto me be disposed and employed for the contentation of my debts and upon such recompenses as of right in my behalf owe to be made, and in bearing of mine ordinary charges and performing of my legacies and execution of my testament and last will by the discretion of mine executors or of the more part of them as far as they will attain unto;

Saving alway and foreseen that I will my Lady my wife shall have such certain parcels and portions of the said goods and chattels, jewels, plate and household as she will name and appoint, so that they exceed not the sum of an 100 marks by true praising, which 100 marks together with another 100 marks which in my will I have assigned her of the sale of certain lands and tenements, I will that my said Lady my wife shall have for her satisfaction of all the part to her belonging of all my said goods and chattels moveable, plate, jewels, household and debts, foreseen also and provided that all brewing vessels with tables, trestles, cupboards, stools and forms be left in every of my said places as I have afore ordained;

Item, I bequeath to John Darcy and to Anne, his wife, that is to say, to every of them, 100s sterlings;

Item, I will that all my servants that have no fee specified in my will have truly their wages for their service, and to be rewarded within 13 weeks after my decease, every gentleman and woman at that degree 20s, and every yeoman and woman at that degree 10s, and every groom 5s, to pray for me and my wife and other as is above rehearsed to be prayed for, for the love they owe to God and also to me that to my power have been their loving friend;

Item, I will that John Stokker's executors fulfil the will of John Gedeney, and also save harmless for the same me and John Clopton and our executors for that cause, and that done, I will that then they have delivered unto them an obligation made to me and to John Clopton for the same intent by the said John Stokker of £3000, for John Stokker had the goods of Gedeney so to do;

Item, I will that where I am one of th' executors of Ralph, late the old Lord Cromwell, and have had by deliverance of John Leynton for part of my costs and other deeds of alms by the space of 19 year and more according to his testament as is written in my rede [=red?] book, the which considering my great labour and the long and troublous time that I and John Leynton have suffered in that behalf, meseemeth of reason to have that and also a reward over it, considering also the great rewards that other have had for their labour and service, and so I trust that my fellows co-executors will see that I shall so have;

Item, I will that the 5 marks which Blyott took(?) to me to be disposed in highways, that it be disposed in the highway under the park of the herne(?) [=Heron] betwixt the gate at Mounsfrieth and Bornyng mill;

Item, I will that after my decease my book called Bartholomaeus' *De proprietatibus* be delivered to East Horndon church, there for to serve in perpetuity to have my soul and the souls of my wife and of mine aunt, Margaret Rypley [=Ripley?], and all Christian souls there prayed for;

Item, also I will that after my decease my book called *Legenda sanctorum* be delivered to the said church of East Horndon, there to abide perpetually to have my soul, my wife's soul, and the soul of Sir William Willoughby and all Christian souls specially prayed for;

Item, I will that all such sums of money and obligations and all other writings as have come to my hands since the death of John Leynton concerning to my said Lord Cromwell, I will that they be delivered to my Lord of Winchester and to the Lord Fortescue upon such discharge as shall be lawful to discharge mine executors, which sum of money exceedeth not (blank?);

Item, to execute this my testament and also my last will in all things as is remembered herein and in my said will in all that belongeth to be done according to mine intent in the said testament and will rehearsed, I make mine executors Dame Anne Tyrrell, my wife; Thomas Urswick, knight; John Tyrrell of Beeches; Humphrey Tyrrell, Robert Tyrrell, my sons; Sir William Howard, and Thomas Hotoft;

And to be supervisors [f. 238r] of my said testament and will I pray and desire my singular good Lord the Earl of Essex, Sir Thomas Montgomery, knight, Richard Haute, and John Tyrrell, that they or some of them will take the labour thereof, and I will that every of them so taking that labour shall be rewarded according to his diligence and labour by the discretions of mine executors or of the more part of them;

Requiring you, mine executors afore-named and also my feoffees, to remember mine intent and to do for me as ye would be done for to please God and thus to do for charity, I hereby pray you forget me not that your charity may be the more acceptable in the sight of Our Lord Jesus;

In witness whereof I, the said Thomas Tyrrell, knight, to this my present testament have set my seal and sign manual the day and year abovesaid;

Item, I will that mine executors find a covenable and an honest priest by the space of 15 years next after my decease at East Horndon church, taking yearly for his salary 10 marks, provided always that if my said wife will have the same priest to sing whereas her abiding shall be during her lifetime or part thereof, then I will mine executors abate yearly during the time that the said priest shall so sing and abide with my said wife yearly 4 marks of the said 10 marks, the said 4 marks so retained and abated by mine executors to be employed to the finding of a covenable priest by lenger time after the said 15 years etc.

RM: Vltima voluntas eiusdem

In the name of Almighty God, Father, Son and Holy Ghost. I, Thomas Tyrrell, knight of the shire of Essex, being in good mind and in the Christian faith of the church of God, make and put in writing this my will in articles following the 16 day of the month of May

the year of Our Lord Jesus Christ 1475, and in the year of the reign of King Edward the 4th after the Conquest 15th, as toward the disposition, guiding and governance to be done after my decease by mine wife, children, feoffees, executors, servants and friends touching my manors, lands and tenements which I have or any other person or persons to mine use have, willing, desiring and praying every of them above rehearsed to show his goodwill for his part and interest for execution thereof to be truly done according to my true intent and meaning to the pleasure of Our Lord sweet Jesus Christ, Amen;

First, I will that my wife, Dame Anne Tyrrell, have for term of her life the manors of Whites and Tyrrells with all their appurtenances in Essex lying in Ging Joyberd Laundry [=Buttsbury];

Also I will that my said wife without any interruption, action or trouble and immediately after my decease be endowed of the manors of Herne [=Heron], Springfield, Much Sampford, Ramsden Crays, Tyledhalle, Wyndelond with all their appurtenances in the shire of Essex;

And also that she have the manor of Shepreth and all my lands and tenements in Shepreth in Cambridgeshire for her dower in recompense of and for her whole dower of and for the manors, lands and tenements in Shepreth aforesaid, Meldreth and Malton with their appurtenances in the said shire of Cambridge, of and in which manors, lands and tenements in Meldreth and in Malton I have enfeoffed certain persons to th' intent that they shall give them to Thomas Tyrrell, esquire, and his wife in jointure under a certain form thereupon specified;

Also I will that my said wife be truly and lawfully endowed of all other lands and tenements being in any of the said shires which my father had, or any person or persons to his use had in the same at the time of his death;

And also I will that my said wife immediately after my decease have for term of her life the manor of Hemenhales called Downham Tyrrells lying in Essex with th' appurtenances;

And over and beside that I will that she have £20 worth lands yearly of my fee-simple lands in the same shire of Essex being in feoffees' hands, of the best thereof for term of her life in recompense of her dower of and for all my manors, lands and tenements in Hampshire, and also in recompense of and for all my other manors, lands and tenements, rents and services which that I have bought and purchased of any person, or any other person or persons hath, have or be seised of to mine use that were not my father's, so that she hold her pleased therewith as I have given it and assigned to her;

Of which £20 worth of fee-simple lands by year that I have so assigned to my wife, I will after my decease and my wife's £10 worth lands thereof yearly shall remain to Humphrey Tyrrell, my son, and to his heirs and assigns forever more, and I will that the other £10 worth thereof yearly after my said wife's decease shall remain to Robert Tyrrell, my son, and to his heirs and assigns forevermore, foreseen alway that the said Robert and

Humphrey, my sons, have none estate nor grant [f. 238v] of the said reversions of £10 by year and £10 by year unto the time that this my testament and will be performed or surety sufficient made and had for the performing of the same;

Item, I will that after my decease and after that my said wife be endowed and recompensed for her dower in manner and form as it is above expressed, if that my next heir male show his goodwill to the performing of this my will, and also that he will ratify, confirm and seal such writings in lawful form to be made as shall be showed to him by my said wife and executors for the performing of my said will and testament to my said wife, children, executors and other for the surety of her and their estates of and for the manors, lands and tenements that I have named and assigned to her and other above and under specified, and suffer my said will to be performed, and that he do nothing to the contrary thereof, then I will that he have estate made to him by my said feoffees of all the residue of all the said manors, lands and tenements that were my said father's with the reversions of the said dower and jointure by evidences in the tail thereof to be made according to the old tails thereof made, alway except the said £20 worth of fee-simple land which afore I have assigned to my wife in demesne(?) and to my said sons Humphrey and Robert in reversion;

And in consideration special that Thomas Tyrrell, now my next heir male, should suffer my said last will and testament to be performed and not letted by him in any wise, now late before the making of this my will I have given to the same Thomas Tyrrell, now my next heir male, and Anne, his wife, in jointure certain livelihoods, manors, lands and tenements in Hampshire and Cambridgeshire under certain form put in writing by and in that behalf made to his furthering, to th' intent to have the more largely his love and kindness in all things touching to my wife, children and servants, and in especial in that touching and concerning this my last will and testament, trusting upon his very truth and good disposition and his promise made to me that he would surely so do, and none otherwise;

Item, I will that if the said Thomas, now my next heir male, be loving, true and kind unto my said wife, children and other mine executors and servants in performing of this my last will and testament, as I trust that he will be, and that be fulfilled [sic for 'he fulfil?'] and let not my will nor testament and desires above and under specified, ne do anything to the contrary thereof, that then after my decease he have the issues, profits, revenues and occupation of all these parcels of lands and tenements following specified and named in this article which have cost me great sums of money, upon the condition aforesaid and upon this condition, that he yearly pay to Elizabeth, late the wife of Thomas Tyrrell, my son, deceased, £10 during her life by sufficient evidences to her in that behalf to be made, and in like wise he to bere [bear?] yearly to John Nynge for term of his life £3 10s for keeping of the parks at Heron, and that then after the decease of the said Elizabeth and John Nynge, the said heir male have estate made by my feoffees thereof in the tail to him and to his heirs males of his body lawfully begotten, and for default of such issue male the remainder thereof to the heirs males of my body lawfully begotten, and for default of such issue the remainder thereof to the heirs males of my father's body lawfully begotten,

and for default of such issue the remainder thereof to the heirs of my body lawfully begotten, and for default of such issue the remainder thereof to my right heirs;

And these been the parcels and the names of them that lien in the park of Herne [=Heron] and joining to the said park: the lands and tenements called Fowchers(?), Blowdon, Kyngeslond, Richers, Towldes, with the croft that I bought of John Pynnor and Machon's croft, which all lie within the park of Heron and Clobbers, Danyels, a tenement that Nicholas White hath by copy, the lands and the mead that I bought of Charesoule, a tenement that John Hayward and Katherine his wife hold by copy, a tenement that Sprott dwelleth in, a tenement that Joan Brown holdeth by copy, a tenement that Joan Herwarde dwelleth in, a tenement and meads that I bought of Wymbush, a tenement that Osbern holdeth by copy, and a tenement called Machons;

And if my said heir male will not perform this my last will, or let it or disturb it in any wise, then I will that my feoffees therein retain all the said lands and tenements in these articles specified in their hands, and that mine executors take the issues, profits and revenues of them during the lives of the said Elizabeth and John Nynge, and that then my said executors yearly pay out thereof to the said Elizabeth £10 term of her life, and to the said John Nynge £3 10d yearly during his life, and that if my said heir male after my decease [f. 239r] and after the decease of the said Elizabeth and John Nynge then will pay 100 marks to mine executors, he then to have all the said parcels of land in the said article specified, and if he will perform the said payments of £10 and £3 10d yearly as is above rehearsed and suffer my will to be performed as is aforesaid, then he to pay none 100 marks, and if he refuse and will not pay the said £10 and £3 and 10d during the lives of the said Elizabeth and John Nynge, ne will not pay the said 100 marks, or contrary or interrupt my will in any wise, then mine executors to sell all the said parcels of lands and tenements in this article specified to the most avail, and to dispose the money thereof to the performing of my testament and will, and for the health of my soul and other souls aforesaid;

Item, I will that all these manors, lands and tenements, rents and services with all their appurtenances remembered in this article ensuing shall after my decease continue in my feoffees' hands by the space of 15 years, and lenger if need require, for performing of this my will and of my testament together with the help of my goods and chattels, jewels, plate and household according to my said testament and last will, except £20 worth lands by year thereof above assigned to my wife in demesne with the remainders thereof over to my sons Humphrey Tyrrell and Robert Tyrrell as above more plainly is expressed, and except other lands and tenements, parcel of my said fee-simple lands, which I have by special name assigned to divers of my servants, the said feoffees for the time being by th' advice of mine executors to see that mine intent and will in this article and all other be truly executed and performed;

And I will that new estates be made of the said manors, lands and tenements (except afore excepted) to 16 persons, worshipful friends and other good neighbours of mine to the performing of this my last will, and if be [=by] death they come to the number of 7 persons or less, then they that overlive shall make a new estate thereof to the parson of

East Horndon, to the parson of Crays [=Cray?], to the parson of Warley Semell [=Warley Setmels?] for the time being, or to certain of them, in fee of trust that they shall thereof make estate again to the said feoffees that so thereof enfeoffed them, and to other in fee to the said number of 16 persons, and in this wise to do during the said 15 years from time to time as often as it shall in like wise hap to fall to the performing of this my last will;

The said manors, lands and tenements been these lying in Essex: the manor of Whitehall and Botney with all their appurtenances, which been of value yearly with that I hold in mine hand thereof £30 and more, my mill in Shenfield letten to Brene for 46s 8d by year; item, a tenement and lands in Stoke [=Stock?] called Danyelles that Miller holdeth with a tenement that Welde sometime held in Buttsbury letten for 53s 4d by year; my mill at Stok [=Stock?] of 46s 8d by year; the reversion of a tenement that Alianor Lyllyngstone dwelleth in of 46s 8d by year; item, certain lands and tenements that Kyrfote holdeth and other which were Byllyndon[‘s] of the yearly value of £18; item, certain lands that John Ponde holdeth called Bacons of 20s by year; item, certain land bought of Hacche which he holdeth for 6s 8d by year; item, certain lands, fields and meads bought of John Wortham that Raynolde holdeth for 20s by year; the *Lion* in Chelmsford with other lands and tenements with the reversions that I bought in Chelmsford and Springfield of £13 6s 8d and more by year; item, certain land bought of Merwyn called Whelers of 46s 8d by year; item, the manors, lands and tenements that descended to me by the death of Sir John Skrene, my nephew;

And I will that Humphrey Tyrrell, my son, and Sir William Howard, priest, see that by one of them yearly the issues and profits of the said livelihood be truly gathered up, and that they see the reparations and letting to farm of them and be receivers thereof, and yearly to pay out thereof to Thomas Cornwallis during his life £8 13s 4d, and to John Esteoste(?) £4 yearly and to his heirs males of his body lawfully begotten if he discharge an obligation of £100 that is made to Walter Esteoste, his father, for that cause, and that the said Humphrey have the chief rule of the said livelihood yearly, and to account thereof before my wife while she liveth and other mine executors, and after my wife is decease[d], afore mine other executors, and that the said receivers have their reasonable costs therefore, and that the said Humphrey, after my decease, have yearly during the said 15 year for his labour in that behalf 40s, and Sir William Howard yearly during the said 15 year 13s 4d for his labour therein;

Item, James Cotton and his wife, after my decease and after the decease of Alianore Lyllyngstone, to have for term of both their lives and of either of them longest living, the tenement and [f. 239v] lands with their appurtenances which the said Alianore now dwelleth in, to be true servants to me and to my wife and to pray for us;

Item, Thomas Hotooft [=Hotoft?] to have after my decease out of parcel of my said fee-simple lands yearly during his life 40s for his reward to do me and my wife true service and to pray for us;

And I will that part of the said issues and profits of the said livelihood remembered in this article be kept by mine executors, and that Elizabeth Tyrrell, daughter of my son, Sir William Tyrrell, have thereof to her marriage £40, and Alice Tyrrell, her sister, to her marriage £20 thereof if I ordain not myself in my life for their said marriages;

Item, I will first above and afore all things that my debts and very(?) duties be truly content and paid afore my legates or bequests or any other assignment by me in my testament or will made be executed or performed, and for the fulfilling and executing whereof I have given and give and grant full power and authority by this my last will to mine executors to sell 40 or 50 [+marks?] more worth land by year of my fee-simple land by their discretions, if need be, to the most avail, and that my wife have of the money coming of the sale thereof 100 marks in ready money unto her own proper use, which lands and tenements that shall so be sold by mine executors shall be no parcel of the £20 worth lands yearly of my fee-simple land above specified and to my wife by me assigned whereof the remainders shall be to my sons Humphrey and Robert in form abovesaid, nor of the manors of Whitehall and Botney ne of no parcel thereof;

Of which manors of Whitehall and Botney, after my debts be truly paid and content and my legates in my testament and this my last will truly and duly fulfilled, executed and performed after the said 15 year passed after my decease, if that my Lord Ferrers truly pay and content unto mine executors 300 marks of good and lawful money of England before the feast of the Nativity of Saint John the Baptist next now suing, or else the whole sum of 400 marks which that my said Lord oweth to me at certain days for the marriage of his daughter, Anne, to Thomas Tyrrell, esquire, now my next heir apparent, according to certain writings thereof between his Lordship and me made, as in the same more plainly it appeareth, and also if that the said Thomas Tyrrell, now my said heir apparent, do not let ne attempt anything that shall be contrary to my testament and this my last will, but do that in him is to the performing of the same my testament and last will, then I will that my feoffees, after the said 15 year and my said will and testament duly executed and performed, make estate of the said manors of Whitehall and Botney unto the said Thomas Tyrrell, esquire, and to the heirs males of his body lawfully begotten, and for default of such issue the remainder of the said manors of Whitehall and Botney to Humphrey, my son, and to the heirs males of his body lawfully begotten, and for default of such issue the remainder thereof unto Robert, my son, and to the heirs males of his body lawfully begotten, and for default of such issue the remainder thereof to the heirs males of the body of me, the said Sir Thomas Tyrrell, knight, lawfully begotten, and for default of such issue the remainder thereof to the heirs males of Sir John Tyrrell, knight, [+something omitted by scribe?] my father's body lawfully begotten, and for default of such issue the remainder thereof to the heirs of the body of me, the said Sir Thomas Tyrrell, knight, lawfully begotten, and for default of such issue the remainder thereof to the right heirs of me, the said Sir Thomas Tyrrell, knight, in fee forever more;

Item, I will as for said 400 marks that my Lord Ferrers oweth me for the marriage of his daughter, Anne, to the said Thomas Tyrrell, that if my said Lord truly pay to me or mine executors 300 marks before the said feast of the Nativity of Saint John the Baptist next now coming, then I will my said Lord be quitted and discharged against me and mine

executors of the other 100 marks, parcel of the said 400 marks, and if he pay not the said 300 marks by the said feast, then the said Lord to pay the said 400 marks to mine executors according to the indentures and writings thereof between his Lordship and me made;

And if the said Lord pay not the said 300 marks by the said feast of the Nativity of Saint John Baptist next sving, ne that not done, keep not his days of payment of the said 400 marks yearly and truly according to the covenants or pointments remaining in writing indented thereof made between his Lordship and me amongst other things, that then I will that the annuity of 26 marks late granted by Sir John Say, knight, and John Clopton, squire, unto me and Thomas Urswick, knight, Humphrey Tyrrell and John Tyrrell, be then yearly levied by mine executors by authority of the said grantees unto such time that my said executors have received thereof, and of the issues and profits growing and coming of the manors of Meldreth and Malton [f. 240r] in Cambridgeshire or of one of them, the said whole sum of 400 marks, the feoffees of which manors of Meldreth and Malton been Thomas Byllyng, Doctor Morton and others to the same intent, whom I require and pray specially that they suffer my said executors to receive the issues and profits of the said manors in form aforesaid unto the time the said 400 marks be paid;

And if the said Thomas Tyrrell, now my next heir apparent, or his heir male of his body lawfully begotten, let or interrupt my testament and will to be performed, or thereof in any wise do the contrary, or specially in any manner will not suffer my feoffees and executors well and peaceably to occupy and enjoy the said manors of Whitehall and Botney with their appurtenances during the said 15 years and lenger if it need be, or else in any wise within the said 15 years or afterwards, if lenger need and require, let my said executors to receive, levy and have the issues, revenues and profits of the same manors of Whitehall and Botney with their appurtenances, or else if my said Lord Ferrers, before the feast of the Nativity of Saint John the Baptist next now coming, pay not unto me nor to mine executors the said 300 marks, or that not done, pay not afterwards at the days expressed in our writings the said 400 marks according to our said writings, I will expressly that then my said will made to the said Thomas Tyrrell and his heirs males of his body of the manors of Whitehall and Botney shall be unto them void and of none effect, and the same Thomas Tyrrell and his heirs male of his body thereby then to take no benefit, but then I will that mine executors, with my feoffees, if need be, to the performing of my testament and will shall sell the said manors of Whitehall and Botney with their appurtenances, and thereto I will that then they have full power and authority, and if it be not then needful to sell the same manors, I will that then after my testament and will duly and truly in every point performed, my feoffees of the said manors of Whitehall and Botney shall thereof perform and execute the remnant of my said will thereof afore made and declared if it may be so spared, that is to wit, my said feoffees to make estate to the said Humphrey Tyrrell and to his heirs males of and in the said manors with their appurtenances [-with their appurtenances] with the remainders as is above declared;

Item, I will that the wife of Sir John Skrene, knight, my nephew, have out of the lands that come to me by the death of the said Sir John Skrene her reasonable dower thereof;

Item, I will that William Thorndon have his fee at Merkes during his life to be true servant to me and my wife during our lives, and that he have a grant of the feoffees for surety of the same according to this my will;

Item, I will that after my decease there be disposed every year during 15 year in East Horndon church 4 marks in money under this form, that every week in the year there be disposed 12d in alms to 12 poor folks, and this to be done by mine executors or by the parson of the church, and that the same poor folks hear their Mass and say Our Lady Psalter for my soul and all Christian souls that day that they have the alms, and that the alms be done on the Friday and on the Saturday weekly, that is to say, on the Friday 7d and on the Saturday 5d;

Item, I will that the tenement called Chamberlayns, if the heir thereof or his friends will pay and content to mine executors within a year after my decease the sum of £20, that then estate be made thereof to the said heir according to other evidences concerning the same, as right requireth;

Item, I will as for all manner evidences concerning any manors, lands or tenements, rents or services in fee-simple or fee-tail which I have in keeping or any other person or persons hath in keeping for me or to mine use, they be delivered to mine executors, and that mine executors have the rule thereof unto the time that all such states and grants be fully finished, made and done according to this my last will;

Item, I will that all my woodsales be good and effectual, and that the buyers thereof have and enjoy their bargain without interruption or letting of mine heir or heirs, wife, executors or [sic] feoffees in any wise, and that my next heir ratify and confirm such woodsales as I have made to all manner persons as he will have any profits or benefit by this my last will or testament, and also the money coming of the said sale thereof be counted and employed for th' execution of this my last will;

Item, I will that my said executors have and receive yearly the issues, profits and revenues of the manors of Tolleshunt Darcy unto the time that they be content of such sums of money as I have paid for the salvation of the said manors and the weal and behoof of John Darcy, squire;

Item, I will that the feoffees that be now enfeoffed in the manors, lands and tenements that were my brother Sir John Marney's suffer mine executors to have and receive all the issues and profits of the said manors, lands and tenements unto such time that they thereof shall fully receive all such sum of money as is to me due, with my reasonable costs that I have borne and sustained for the saving of the said [f. 240v] livelihood;

Item, I will that Robert Hapton [=Hopton?] and John Waller, after my will and testament performed and done, shall have out of my fee-simple lands, that is to say, each of them to have for term of his life an annuity of 13s 4d by year.

LM: Codicillus eiusdem

By this the codicil of me, Thomas Tyrrell, knight, made the 18 day of March the year of Our Lord God 1476 [sic?] and the 17 year of the reign of King Edward the 4th and annexed to my will, I will and ordain that if the sum of 300 marks to me due now and owing by the Lord Ferrers be content and paid at such time and season as shall be agreeable unto my wife, Dame Anne Tyrrell, Thomas Urswick, knight, John Tyrrell, William Howard and Thomas Hotoft, or to the more part of them, and that nothing hereafter be attempted nor done by Thomas Tyrrell, squire, now my next heir apparent, in balking of my testament or of my will, that then no hurt nor prejudice grow ne come unto the said Thomas Tyrrell, squire, as touching the manors of Whitehall and Botney with their appurtenances, but that the state of the same manors of Whitehall and Botney with their appurtenances at the request of my said wife, Thomas Urswick, John Tyrrell, William Howard and Thomas Hotoft, or of the more part of them to be made to my feoffees, be made unto the said Thomas Tyrrell and to his heirs males of his body coming immediately after the 15 years specified in my will, the remainder thereof to Humphrey Tyrrell and Robert Tyrrell, my sons, in manner and form in the same will contained.

Alius Codicillus eiusd{em}

By this second codicil made by me, Thomas Tyrrell, knight, the 26 day of March the year of Our Lord God 1477 and the 17 year of the reign of King Edward the 4th and annexed to this my will, I will and ordain that that parcel and part of the said 50 or 40 marks worth of that land that I have specified above in my said will to be sold by mine executors if need be to th' execution of my said will, I will that after my said wife be content by my said executors of an 100 marks coming and growing of the sale of parcel of the same lands, that then if my said executors by their discretions and specially by the discretion of my said wife and by the most part of my said executors can duly and truly execute, perform and fulfil my said will in every part thereof within the said 15 year next suing after my decease without sale or selling of any more of the said 50 or 40 marks' worth lands, I will and ordain that then my feoffees thereof that now be or hereafter shall be, after the said 15 years finished and my said will truly performed and fulfilled, make estate of two parts of that parcel of the said fifty or forty marks' worth land that so shall remain unsold after my said will duly and truly performed, and after the said 15 years finished, if any such shall fortune to remain unsold, as I trust to God there will be, to have to the said Humphrey Tyrrell, squire, my son, and to the heirs males of his body lawfully begotten, and for default of such issue male the remainder thereof to Thomas Tyrrell, squire, now mine heir apparent, and to the heirs males of his body lawfully begotten, and for default of such issue male the remainder thereof to the heirs males of the body of me, the said Thomas Tyrrell, knight, lawfully begotten, and for default of such issue male the remainder thereof to the heirs males of the body of Sir John Tyrrell, knight, my father, lawfully begotten, and for default of such issue male the remainder thereof to the heirs of

the body of me, the said Thomas Tyrrell, knight, lawfully begotten, and for default of such issue the remainder thereof to the right heirs of me, the said Thomas Tyrrell, forever more, the said Humphrey yielding and paying therefore yearly 100 shillings during the life of the same Humphrey to the finding of a covenable and a good priest singing for my soul, my wife's and children['s] souls, my father and mother's souls, and all Christian souls;

Item, I will that of the residue of all the said fifty or forty marks' worth land over and beside the said 2 parts to the said Humphrey by this codicil assigned that [f. 241r] so shall remain unsold after my said will performed and after the said 15 years finished, that my said feoffees that now be thereof or hereafter shall be, make estate of the said residue to Robert Tyrrell, squire, my son, and to th' heirs males of his body lawfully begotten, and for default of such issue male the remainder thereof to Thomas Tyrrell, squire, now mine heir apparent, and to the heirs males of his body lawfully begotten, and for default of such issue male the remainder thereof to the heirs males of the body of me, the said Thomas Tyrrell, knight, lawfully begotten, and for default of such issue male the remainder thereof to the heirs males of the body of Sir John Tyrrell, knight, my father, lawfully begotten, and for default of such issue male the remainder thereof to the heirs of the body of me, the said Sir Thomas Tyrrell, knight, lawfully begotten, and for default of such issue the remainder thereof to the right heirs of me, the said Sir Thomas Tyrrell, forever more, the said Robert paying yearly 5 marks during his life for [sic?] the said residue to the finding of a priest for to sing for my soul, my wife's and children['s] souls, my father and mother's souls, and all Christian souls;

In witness whereof I, the said Sir Thomas Tyrrell, have put my seal the day and year abovesaid.

Probatum fuit p{ri}us testamentum apud Lamethith undecimo die mensis Iunij Anno d{omi}ni Mill{es}imo CCCcmo lxxvijmo vna cum vltima voluntate & duobus codicil{is} eiusdem defuncti ac approbatum &c Et com{m}issa fuit admi{ni}stracio bonorum &c d{omi}ne Anne Relict{e} eiusdem ac executric{i} &c Iohanni Tyrell de Beches Humfrido Tyrell Roberto Tyrell d{omi}no Will{el}mo Howard cap{ellan}us et Thome Hotoft executoribus &c de bene & fideliter ac sub vnanimi cons{ens}u & ass{ens}u admi{ni}strand{o} &c Ac de pleno Inuentario &c citra festum Natalis d{omi}ni proxim{um} &c n{ec}non de plano compoto &c Iurat{is} &c Thoma Vrsewyk milite executore &c onus execuc{i}o{n}is &c ac admi{ni}stranc{i}o{n}em &c express{e} refutante &c

[=The former testament was proved at Lambeth on the eleventh day of the month of June in the year of the Lord the thousand four hundred fifty-seventh together with the last will and two codicils of the same deceased, and probated etc., and administration was granted of the goods etc. to the Lady Anne, relict of the same and executrix etc., to John Tyrrell of Beeches, Humphrey Tyrrell, Robert Tyrrell, Sir William Howard, chaplain, and Thomas Hotoft, executors etc., sworn to well & faithfully and with one consent and

assent administer etc., & a full inventory etc. before the feast of the Birth of the Lord next etc., and also a plain account etc., Thomas Urswick, knight, executor etc., expressly refusing the burden of the execution etc. and administration etc.]