

SUMMARY: The document below is the Prerogative Court of Canterbury copy of the will, dated 6 February 1581 and proved 17 April 1581, of Sir Robert Throckmorton, uncle of both Oxford's friend, Arthur Throckmorton (c.1557-1626), and of Job Throckmorton (1545-1601), who assisted with the printing of the Marprelate tracts in 1589. For the friendship between Oxford and Arthur Throckmorton, son of the testator's brother, Sir Nicholas Throckmorton (1515/16-1571), see Rowse, A.L., *Raleigh and the Throckmortons*, (London: Macmillan, 1962), p. 78. For the part in the Marprelate tracts played by Job Throckmorton, son of the testator's brother, Clement Throckmorton (c.1515-1573), see the entry in the *ODNB*.

The testator was the eldest son and heir of Sir George Throckmorton (c.1489-1552) and his wife, Katherine Vaux (d.1571?), the daughter of Nicholas Vaux (c.1460-1523), 1st Baron Vaux of Harrowden, and Elizabeth Fitzhugh (1462-c.1505), the widow of Sir William Parr (1434-1483), grandfather of Queen Katherine Parr (1512-1548). For the will of the testator's father, Sir George Throckmorton, see TNA PROB 11/36/298.

The testator's first wife was Muriel Berkeley, the daughter of Thomas (1472-1533), 5th Baron Berkeley, and Eleanor Constable (c.1485-1527), daughter of Sir Marmaduke Constable. For the will of Thomas, 5th Baron Berkeley, see TNA PROB 11/25/28.

By his first wife the testator is said to have had three sons, including his son and heir, Thomas Throckmorton (c.1534 – 13 March 1615), who married Margaret Whorwood, by whom he had three sons and five daughters, including Eleanor Throckmorton, who married Henry Jerningham, the son of Henry Jerningham (d.1596). See the will of Henry Jerningham (d.1596), NRO, JER 246 55X1; and the History of Parliament entry for Thomas Throckmorton:

<http://www.historyofparliamentonline.org/volume/1558-1603/member/throckmorton-thomas-1534-1615>.

For Thomas Throckmorton, see also the pedigree of Throckmorton in Lipscomb, George, *The History and Antiquities of the County of Buckingham*, (London: J & W. Robins, 1847), Vol. IV, p. 401 at:

http://books.google.ca/books?id=mXkgAQAAMAAJ&pg=PA401&lpg=PA401&dq=%22Norwood%22+%22Throckmorton%22&source=bl&ots=tWfE7dXYeV&sig=_HpJzxp6CeNq6c7hqS3nd5LIXrk&hl=en&sa=X&ei=5rN4VLOICZKuogSzlYGgBg&ved=0CBwQ6AEwADge#v=onepage&q=%22Norwood%22%20%22Throckmorton%22&f=false.

The testator is also said to have had four daughters by his first wife:

(1) Elizabeth Throckmorton, who married Sir John Goodwin (d.1596/7) of Winchendon, Buckinghamshire, named in the will below as one of the testator's executors, by whom she was the mother of Sir Francis Goodwin (1564-1634), who refers in his will, dated 2

August 1634, TNA PROB 11/166/196, to the testator as ‘Sir Robert Throckmorton, my grandfather’:

I also give and bequeath to my dear well-beloved and well-deserving daughter, Margaret Elmes, my greater basin and ewer of silver which hath an inscription of the gift of Sir Robert Throckmorton, my grandfather.

Although the will of Sir John Goodwin, dated 18 February 1596 and proved 22 November 1597, TNA PROB 11/90/520, makes no mention of a wife still living, it is erroneously stated in *A History of the County of Buckingham* that Elizabeth Throckmorton survived him, married Thomas Stukeley, and sued her son, Sir Francis Goodwin, in the Court of Requests. See:

'Parishes : Upper Winchendon', *A History of the County of Buckingham: Volume 4* (1927), pp. 122-125. URL: <http://www.british-history.ac.uk/report.aspx?compid=62548>

By his son and heir, Sir John Goodwin, who was sheriff in 1587, it was settled about 1574 on the marriage of his son and heir of the same name with Anne, daughter of Sir Richard Baker. The younger John died before his father, and Upper Winchendon descended in or before 1597 to Sir John's younger son Francis. A dispute which arose in that year with Elizabeth Goodwin, widow of Sir John, already re-married to Thomas Stukeley, concerning the inheritance of Francis in Upper Winchendon and other parishes, seems to have been settled in 1600, Thomas and Elizabeth then relinquishing Elizabeth's claim on the manor to Francis, who mortgaged it later in the same year.

In his response to interrogatories dated 23 June 1597 in the suit in the Court of Requests (see TNA REQ 2/30/44), Sir Francis Goodwin alludes to his father's two marriages (mentioning indentures to Sir John Spencer and Sir Robert Throckmorton, respectively). The pleadings, which refer to an entail, suggest that the plaintiff, Elizabeth Goodwin, was not Sir Francis Goodwin's mother, Elizabeth (nee Throckmorton) Goodwin, but rather Sir Francis Goodwin's niece, Elizabeth Goodwin, the daughter of John Goodwin and Anne Baker (see above). Her husband, Thomas Stukeley, knighted in 1603, was the son of Hugh Stukeley (d. before 1627) and Elizabeth Chamberlain (baptized 5 January 1543), sister of John Chamberlain (1553-1628), whose correspondence with Dudley Carleton (1574-1632) is a well-known historical source for the Jacobean period. See Statham, Edward Phillips, *A Jacobean Letter-Writer: The Life and Times of John Chamberlain*, (London: Kegan Paul, no date), p. 244 at:

<https://archive.org/stream/jacobeanletterwr00chamuoft#page/244/mode/2up>.

Chamberlain's correspondent, Dudley Carleton, was also related to the Goodwin family. See the *ODNB*:

Carleton, Dudley, Viscount Dorchester (1574–1632), diplomat and letter writer, was born on 10 March 1574, the second son of Antony Carleton of Brightwell Baldwin,

Oxfordshire, and his second wife, Jocosa, daughter of John Goodwin of Winchington [=Winchendon], Buckinghamshire.

According to both McClure and Lee, Elizabeth Goodwin, wife of Thomas Stukeley, was the sister of Dudley Carleton's mother, Joyce Goodwin. See McClure, Norman Egbert, *The Letters of John Chamberlain*, Vol. I, (Philadelphia: The American Philosophical Society, 1939) pp. 11, 124, and Lee, Maurice, ed., *Dudley Carleton to John Chamberlain, 1603-1624; Jacobean Letters*, (New Brunswick, New Jersey: Rutgers University Press, 1972) p. 5. However Sir John Goodwin (d.1596/7) states in his will that Joyce Goodwin was his sister, and since Elizabeth Goodwin, wife of Thomas Stukeley, was apparently a granddaughter of Sir John Goodwin (d.1596/7), it seems that Joyce Goodwin and Elizabeth Goodwin were not sisters, but great-aunt and great-niece.

It should be noted that Sir John Goodwin was twice married. There is disagreement among reliable sources as to the order of his marriages. Anne Spencer, the daughter of Sir William Spencer (d.1532) and Susan Knightley, daughter of Sir Richard Knightley (d.1534) of Fawsley, Northamptonshire, was likely his first wife, and is said to have died without issue. She was the sister of Sir John Spencer (d. 1585) of Althorp, father of the three daughters to whom the poet Edmund Spenser claimed kinship, and to whom he dedicated verses. It should also be noted that the Knightley family had connections to the Earls of Oxford: Edmund Knightley (d.1542), son of Sir Richard Knightley (d.1534), married Ursula de Vere (d.1558), sister and co-heir of John de Vere (1499-1526), 14th Earl of Oxford. See the entry for Sir Edmund Knightley (d.1542) in the *ODNB*, and the will of Ursula (nee de Vere) Windsor Knightley (d.1558), TNA PROB 42A/10.

For Anne Spencer see also Brydges, Egerton, ed., *Collins's Peerage of England*, (London: F. C. and J. Rivington, 1812), Vol. I, pp. 385-6, and the History of Parliament entry for Sir Francis Goodwin at:

<http://www.historyofparliamentonline.org/volume/1604-1629/member/goodwin-sir-francis-1564-1634>.

(2) Katherine Throckmorton, who married Henry Norwood or Northwood (1523?-1556), son of Ralph Norwood (d.1560 or 1561) of Leckhampton, Gloucestershire, by whom she was the mother of William Norwood (d. 23 September 1632), who married Elizabeth Lygon (c.1548 - 16 April 1598), the daughter of William Lygon (d. 29 September 1567) of Madresfield, Worcestershire, and Eleanor Dennis. See the will of Ralph Norwood, TNA PROB 11/44/58, which mentions his late son and heir apparent, Henry Norwood, and Sir Robert Throckmorton, and the will of William Norwood, TNA PROB 11/163/627. See also the pedigree of Northwood in Maclean, John and W.C. Heane, eds., *The Visitation of the County of Gloucester Taken in the Year 1623*, (London: Harleian Society, 1885), Vol. XXI, pp. 117-18 at:

<https://archive.org/stream/visitationofcoun00inchit#page/116/mode/2up>.

For the monumental inscription to William Norwood and Elizabeth Lygon, see:

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<http://www.oxford-shakespeare.com/>

<http://wc.rootsweb.ancestry.com/cgi-bin/igm.cgi?op=GET&db=joanbill&id=I108>.

Elizabeth Lygon's sister, Margaret Lygon, was the mother of Thomas Russell, overseer of the will of William Shakespeare of Stratford. See Richardson, Douglas, *Magna Carta Ancestry*, 2nd ed., 2011, Vol. III, pp. 23-5 at:

https://books.google.ca/books?id=8JcbV309c5UC&pg=RA2-PA23&lpg=RA2-PA23&dq=%22William+Lygon%22+%22Eleanor+Dennis%22&source=bl&ots=kvIKO TJVba&sig=oGOJ6JzdnKcAa_RwZPOGfDnXz-k&hl=en&sa=X&ved=0ahUKĒwjg8OLEqbbJAhUP2GMKHUlnCBIQ6AEITDAJ#v=onepage&q=%22William%20Lygon%22%20%22Eleanor%20Dennis%22&f=false.

It appears from the will below that after the death of Henry Norwood, Katherine Throckmorton married John Williams. See also the pedigree of Throckmorton in Lipscomb, *supra*, p. 401.

(3) Mary Throckmorton (d.1603), who married Edward Arden (1533-1583) of Park Hall, for whom see the entry in the *ODNB*, and the will, dated 7 July 1544 and proved 14 April 1546, of his father, William Arden of Park Hall, TNA PROB 11/31/109.

(4) Anne Throckmorton (buried 16 December 1603), who in 1557 married Ralph Sheldon (c.1537-1613) of Beoley, named in the will below as one of the testator's executors. One of their daughters, Katherine Sheldon (d.1633), married Oxford's brother-in-law, Francis Trentham (d.1626); another of their daughters, Elizabeth Sheldon, married Sir John Russell (1552-1593), half brother of Thomas Russell (1570-1634), overseer of the will of William Shakespeare of Stratford upon Avon. For the will of Ralph Sheldon (c.1537-1613) see TNA PROB 11/121/345. For the will of Katherine (nee Sheldon) Trentham (d.1626), see TNA PROB 11/163/485.

The testator's second wife was Elizabeth (nee Hussey), Lady Hungerford, for whom see the will of her mother, Lady Anne Hussey (d.1545/6), TNA PROB 11/31/56, who was the aunt of Elizabeth (nee Hussey) Crane Carleton (d.1606?), the 'Mistress Crane' at whose home in East Molesey the first of the Marprelate tracts was printed in October 1588.

The testator is said to have had at least two sons and five daughters by his second wife, including:

(1) Muriel Throckmorton (d.1615), who married Sir Thomas Tresham (1543-1605) of Rushton, for whom see the *ODNB* entry.

(2) Anne Throckmorton, who married Sir William Catesby (1547-1598) of Lapworth, Warwickshire. See the *ODNB* entry for their son, the conspirator, Robert Catesby (c.1572-1605); Rosen, Adrienne, *Two Monuments at Little Rollright, Oxfordshire*, (Oxoniensia, 2005), p. 52, available online; and the Catesby pedigree in Fetherston, John,

ed., *The Visitation of the County of Warwick in the Year 1619*, (London: Harleian Society, 1877), Vol. XII, p. 126 at:

<https://archive.org/stream/visitationcount01britgoog#page/n152/mode/2up>.

(3) Elizabeth Throckmorton, who married Sir Anthony Tyringham of Tyringham, Buckinghamshire, for whom see a description of the tomb of his parents at:

<http://www.bonhams.com/auctions/12061/lot/29/>

In St. Peter's Church, Tyringham, on the north side of the south chancel and on an ancient paving stone, there was once a brass effigy of a man and a woman with seven children at their feet. The inscription began 'here lye buried Thomas Tyringham Esq & Parnell his Wife, Daughter of John Goodwin, of Over Winchingdon [=Winchendon], Esq., & sister to Sir John Goodwin, Knt., who lived together married three-score years. The said Parnell departed out of this Life the 29th December 1594, and the said Thomas the 29th March next following; he being of the age of 80 years, and she of the age of 72 years; and leaving behind them 2 sons Anthonie and Thomas; & 5 daughters, Eliz. Catherine, Mary, Anne, & Frances.

(4) Frances Throckmorton (according to some sources, Temperance Throckmorton), who married Sir Randle Brereton (d. 8 May 1611), by whom she had an only daughter, Mary Brereton (1576-1618), who married Sir Richard Egerton. See Rylands, John Paul, ed., *Cheshire and Lancashire Funeral Certificates, A.D. 1600 to 1678*, (Manchester: The Record Society, 1882), Vol. VI, p. 31 at:

<https://archive.org/stream/cheshireandlanc00britgoog#page/n73/mode/2up>.

See also Brereton, Derek P., 'Brereton Wealth and Scheming at the Time of James I' at:

<http://www.brereton.org/star2.htm>.

For the testator's children, see also Fetherston, John, ed., *The Visitation of the County of Warwick in the Year 1619*, (London: Harleian Society, 1877), Vol. XII, p. 88 at:

<https://archive.org/stream/visitationcount01britgoog#page/n114/mode/2up>.

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

<http://www.historyofparliamentonline.org/volume/1509-1558/member/throckmorton-robert-1513-81>.

The testator's executor, Edmund Plowden (c.1518-1585) married Katherine Sheldon, the daughter of William Sheldon (d.1570), and the sister of Ralph Sheldon (c.1537-1613) of Beoley (see above):

Probably towards the end of the 1550s Plowden had married Katherine, daughter of William Sheldon of Beoley, Worcestershire.

For the will of William Sheldon (d.1570) of Beoley, see TNA PROB 11/53/79.

RM: T{estamentum} D{omi}ni Rob{er}ti Throkmorton milit{is}

In the name of God, Amen. The sixth day of February in the 23rd year of the reign of our Sovereign Lady Queen Elizabeth and in the year of Our Lord God a thousand five hundred and fourscore, I, Sir Robert Throckmorton of Weston Underwood in the county of Buckingham, knight, of good and perfect remembrance (laud and praise thereof be to Almighty God), considering with myself death to be common to all men, and yet nothing more uncertain than the hour and time thereof, make and declare this my last will and testament in manner and form following, and now renounce all former wills by me made, and this my testament and last will do declare to be effectual:

First, I bequeath my soul to Almighty God, my Maker and Redeemer, to dwell amongst the holy company of heaven, and my body to be buried in the parish church of Coughton in the county of Warwick or in some chapel adjoining to the same church of Coughton;

Item, I give towards the reparations of the said church forty shillings;

Item, I will and devise by this my present testament that all the issues, profits, commodities and sums of money which shall yearly rise and grow out of my manor and lordship of Oversley alias Ouseley with th' appurtenances in the county of Warwick aforesaid, and out of my woodsales there, and the issues and yearly profits of my lordship of Weston Underwood aforesaid with th' appurtenances in the said county of Buckingham, and the next sale of my coppiced woods in my lordships of Coughton and Spennall, and also the profits and sales of my coppices in the lordship of Tanworth in the said county of Warwick, and the woodsales and trees in the old park in Tanworth aforesaid, and also all such sums of money which shall be going or remaining in my own custody at the time of my death amounting to the sum of six score seven pounds fourteen shillings shall be employed by my executors towards the performance and fulfilling of this my present last will and testament and in discharge of my funerals, debts and legacies until the same be fully paid and performed;

Item, I bequeath to Muriel Berkeley, my son Thomas Throckmorton's eldest daughter, the sum of one hundred marks, to be paid her when she sets up house;

Also I give to my said son's other four daughters, that is to say, Mary, Margaret, Elizabeth and Eleanor, to every of them the sum of one thousand pounds towards their advancement in marriage;

Provided always that as soon as my said funeral, debts and the said legacies bequeathed to my said son's daughters shall be fully satisfied and paid, then I will that the issues and commodities of my said lordship of Oversley alias Ousleye aforesaid, and the profits of my woodsales in the said lordship shall cease and determine towards the performance of this my present testament, and I will that the said manor with th' appurtenances, after the said funeral, debts and legacies discharged and paid, then to remain to my son, Thomas Throckmorton, and to the heirs males of his body lawfully begotten according to the form and effect of the conveyance which I have made thereof in my lifetime;

Item, I give unto my cousin, William Norwood, and unto every of my sons-in-law (except John Williams) one basin and an ewer of silver of thirty pounds' price apiece with their arms and mine graven jointly upon the same, which my meaning is should remain unto every of their heirs forever;

Also I will that my brother, Kenelm Throckmorton, shall have the choice of all my apparel, and that which he leaveth, I give to my cousin, Simon Throckmorton;

Also I bequeath the sum of one hundred pounds to be equally divided amongst my daughter Williams' children which she hath by this husband;

Also I give to my cousin, John Bracebridge his wife, twenty pounds;

Also I will that after the legacies last bequeathed shall be fully raised and grown out of the revenues of the lordship of Weston and of the woodsales abovesaid, then the said lordship of Weston and the said woods shall remain clearly to my son, Thomas Throckmorton, and to his heirs males lawfully begotten;

Also I will that my said son, Thomas Throckmorton, and his heirs shall at his and their costs and charges find, provide for and maintain four alms-men or women from time to time with alms-houses at Coughton or within three miles of the same according to the true meaning of Sir Robert Throckmorton, my grandfather, and Sir George Throckmorton, my father, as they have mentioned and appointed by their last wills & testaments, and I charge my said son to procure and make some devise and assurance for the continuance thereof for evermore;

Also I will that Robert Deacon, my servant shall have a room in the said alms-house [f. 99v] during his life, with such allowance for his maintenance as other alms-men have reasonably received there, so that he behave himself honestly during his abiding there, and I desire my son to be good to him for his meat and drink during his life;

Also I will that John Serydge and Margery, his wife, shall have the tenement and occupying which they now dwell in in Ravenstone for the yearly rent of three pounds six shillings eight pence as he now payeth until the end and determination of a lease of the tenement in Ravenstone aforesaid now in the tenure of one Ales [=Alice] Stonebancke, widow, whereof I have granted him a lease;

Item, I will and devise that all my servants which shall be menial and remaining in my house and service at the time of my death shall be kept together one whole year next after my decease at the charge of my said son, Thomas Throckmorton, with convenient meat and drink and lodging, and with such other allowances for their year's wages according to the rates which I have allowed them the last half year next before my decease, over and besides all such legacies and bequests to them or any of them given and bequeathed by this my present last will and testament or in any schedule or schedules annexed or to be annexed to the same or otherwise signed with my own hand or seal, which I charge my executors to see and cause to be discharged and paid according as is mentioned and expressed in the said schedule and writings and every of them;

Also I will and bequeath by this my present will and testament that all the clear yearly revenues, issues and profits coming, rising and growing out of my lease of the manor and parsonage of Ravenstone in the said county of Buckingham, and out of the parsonage of Coughton and Sambourne in the said county of Warwick, the Queen's Majesty's yearly rents being discharged, shall be bestowed and employed by mine executors towards the discharge and payments of all such legacies and bequests and charitable deeds as I have bequeathed, given or bestowed to or upon any of my servants or to or upon any other person or persons mentioned or expressed in any schedule or other writing signed or sealed with my own hand annexed or to be annexed to this my present last will and testament or otherwise as by word I shall express or limit until they and every of them be fully satisfied and paid according as I have bequeathed to them by this my last will and testament;

Also I will, charge and command that all and every lease, devise and grant by me made to any person or persons shall stand, remain and continue in full force and effect according to the form, intent and meaning of the same leases, any advantage of the insufficiency of any of them which may be taken by law in any wise notwithstanding;

Also my will is that my son, Thomas Throckmorton, shall have to him, his heirs, executors and assigns, my leases of the manor and parsonage of Ravenstone with th' appurtenances in the said county of Buckingham during all the years yet to come in the same leases, he, the same Thomas, his executors and assigns, paying & allowing yearly such sums of money which I have bequeathed to my servants and to every other persons which I have appointed to be levied or taken out of the yearly revenues of the said manor;

Also I will that Thomas Buggie, my servant, shall have the bailiffwick and woodwardship of Weston and Ravenstone in the said county of Buckingham and the profits thereof which he now hath during his life, and I give him for th' executing of the same the yearly fee of four marks issuing out of the said manor of Weston, payable yearly at the feast of Saint Michael th' Archangel;

Also I give the said office with the profits of the same aforesaid and the said yearly rent fee after his decease to John Hanger, my servant, during his life;

Also whereas I have given by patent one annuity of five pounds by year to Mr Fouxe, my old schoolmaster, my will is also that the said Mr Foux shall have five pounds more during his life yearly if in case he may not, for the state of his health, remain and continue in the house with my son for his meat and drink, which I pray my son to be good to him for during his life;

Also I give and bequeath all my other leases, goods, household stuff, plate and other chattels whatsoever before not bequeathed to Thomas Throckmorton, my son;

Also I make and ordain Sir John Goodwin, knight, my son, Thomas Throckmorton, and my loving son-in-law, Ralph Sheldon, esquire, mine executors of this my present will and testament, provided that the said Sir John Goodwin and Ralph Sheldon, nor either of them, shall not minister or execute anything or do any act or acts touching or concerning my said will without the special consent of my said son, Thomas Throckmorton, and I give to either of my said sons-in-law for their pains herein to be taken ten pounds, and I require and charge my said executors and every of them faithfully to fulfil and perform this my present will in all points and to pay my debts and legacies according to the special trust and confidence which I have above all others reposed in them, and as they will answer to the contrary at the dreadful day of judgment;

Also I make and ordain my loving son-in-law, Sir Thomas Tresham, knight, and my loving friend, Edmund Plowden, esquire, my overseers of this my last will and testament, and I give to every of them for their pains to be taken herein the sum of ten pounds. Robert Throckmorton.

A schedule of the legacies and bequests [f. 100r] given and bequeathed to my servants and other persons:

Item, to George Throckmorton, my servant, at his entering into some good service, twenty pounds;

Item, to David Williams against he enter into his service, ten pounds;

Item, to John Hanger towards his entering to his service, twenty pounds;

Item, to Raphael Butler, ten pounds;

Item, to Thomas Allen, ten pounds;

Item, to Ralph Greene, ten pounds;

Item, to Richard Goodwin, ten pounds;

Item, to Richard Streete, five pounds;

Item, to William Culles, five pounds;

Item, to Edward Hamner, ten pounds;

Item, to Christopher Mawdes, twenty pounds;

Item, to him a fee of forty shillings yearly for the gathering and receiving of certain of my bequeaths and for paying and discharging of the same, making an account to my son, Thomas Throckmorton;

Item, to my nephew, Edward Norwood, one hundred marks;

Item, to William Brewer twenty pounds which I owe him, and more of my gift, ten pounds;

Item, to Anne Buggye, twenty pounds;

Item, to Anne Waltonne, ten pounds;

Item to every maidservant in my house, and also unto Mabell, forty shillings;

Item, to every of my other household servants besides my yearly wages allowed them, forty shillings;

Item, to Mrs Burden, ten pounds.

Probatum fuit suprascriptum Testamentum apud London Coram venerabili viro magistro Will^{el}imo Drewrye Legu^m Doctore Curie Prerogatiue Cantuarien^{sis} Commissario etc Decimoseptimo die mensis Aprilis Anno Domini Millesimo Quingentesimo Octogesimo Primo Iuramento Robarti Saye Notarij publici Procuratoris Thome Throckemortoune Armigerⁱ filij et vnus Executor^{um} etc Cui Commissa fuit Administracio etc De bene etc Iuratⁱ Res^{er}uata potestate etc Domino Iohanni Goodwin militi et Radulpho Sheldon Armiger^o Executoribus etiam in huiusmodi Testamento nominatis etc Cum veneriⁿt etc Ex^{aminatu}r

[=The above-written testament was proved at London before the worshipful Master William Drury, Doctor of the Laws, Commissary of the Prerogative Court of Canterbury etc., on the seventeenth day of the month of April in the year of the Lord the thousand five hundred eighty-first by the oath of Robert Saye, notary public, proctor of Thomas Throckmorton, esquire, son and one of the executors etc., to whom administration was granted etc., [+sworn on the Holy Gospels] to well etc., with power reserved etc. to Sir John Goodwin, knight, and Ralph Sheldon, esquire, executors also named in the same testament etc. when they shall have come etc. Examined.]