

SUMMARY: The document below is the Prerogative Court of Canterbury copy of the will, dated 24 August 1581, 4 September 1581 and 18 June 1583, and proved 31 October 1583, of Anthony Cage (d. 24 June 1583), who purchased Oxford's manor of Hormead.

The testator was the son of Richard Cage of Pakenham, Suffolk. His mother's name is unknown. He may have been related to Sir Nicholas Bacon (1510-1579), who was the son of Robert Bacon (d.1548), yeoman and sheep-reeve to the abbot of Bury St Edmunds, by Isabel Cage (d. after 1548), daughter of John Cage, yeoman, of Pakenham, Suffolk. See the *ODNB* article on Sir Nicholas Bacon.

According to the Cage pedigree, the testator had a brother, Simon Cage, who is not mentioned in the will below. The testator also had a sister, Margaret Cage, whose husband, Robert Hopton of Sotherton, Suffolk, is mentioned in the will below.

In the will below the testator also mentions a nephew, the physician, Dr Peter Turner (1542-1614), son of William Turner (d.1568), Dean of Wells, for whom see the *ODNB* articles and the History of Parliament entries at:

<http://www.historyofparliamentonline.org/volume/1558-1603/member/turner-peter-1542-1614>.

<http://www.historyofparliamentonline.org/volume/1509-1558/member/turner-william-1512-68>.

The precise relationship of the testator to Dr Peter Turner is unclear, apart from the History of Parliament entry above, which states that Peter Turner's mother, Jane (nee Auder) Turner Cox, may have been the widow of one 'Cage of Pakenham, Suffolk', when she married William Turner. She later married Richard Cox, Bishop of Ely (see below).

The testator married firstly Elizabeth Dale, the daughter of Richard Dale and Agnes Mynot, the daughter of Richard Mynot, steward to the abbots of Walden. See the will of Richard Dale, proved 17 January 1526, TNA PROB 11/22/19; and Clay, John W., ed., *The Visitation of Cambridge Made in Anno 1575*, (London: Harleian Society, 1897), Vol. XLI, p. 35 at:

<https://archive.org/stream/visitationcambr00britgoog#page/n48/mode/2up>.

See also *A Genealogical Record of the Minot Family in America and England*, (Boston, 1897), p. 6 at:

<https://archive.org/stream/genealogicalreco00mino#page/n19/mode/2up>.

See also Metcalfe, Walter C., ed., *The Visitations of Suffolk*, (Exeter: William Pollard, 1882), p. 186 at:

<https://archive.org/stream/visitationsofsuf00harvuoft#page/186/mode/2up>.

By his first wife the testator had four sons (Anthony, John, Edward and Daniel) and five daughters (Thomasine, Elizabeth, Anne, Martha and Katherine) living at the time he made his will:

\* Anthony Cage (d.1603), of Longstowe, Cambridgeshire, and Gray's Inn, who had licence on 17 April 1572 to marry Dorothy Rudston, daughter and heir of William Rudston of Swaffham Bulbeck, Cambridgeshire. See his will, proved 12 November 1603, TNA PROB 11/102/558; Metcalfe, *supra*, p. 186, and Chester, Joseph Lemuel and George J. Armytage, eds., *Allegations for Marriage Licences Issued by the Bishop of London, 1520 to 1610, Vol. I*, (London: Harleian Society, 1887), Vol. XXV, p. 52 at:

<https://archive.org/stream/allegationsforma01ches#page/102/mode/2up>.

*17 April 1572 Anthony Cage of Gray's Inn, gentleman, & Dorothy Rudstone, spinster, of London, general licence.*

See also 'Parishes: Longstowe', *A History of the County of Cambridge and the Isle of Ely: Volume 5* (1973), pp. 120-127:

<http://www.british-history.ac.uk/report.aspx?compid=66680>.

See also Sherlock, Peter, *Monuments and Memory in Early Modern England*, (Aldershot, Hampshire: Ashgate Publishing Company, 2008), p. 119 at:

<http://books.google.ca/books?id=bTb9v-DK-gkC&pg=PA119&lpg=PA119&dq=%22Anthony+Cage%22+%221603%22&source=bl&ots=Q06RYhN553&sig=h5-Tw-INbfTxFhJ9Nnt1-qqtdVw&hl=en&sa=X&ei=rn4sVKeaGqmCjAKDx4HgCA&ved=0CD4Q6AEwBQ#v=onepage&q=%22Anthony%20Cage%22%20%221603%22&f=false>.

\* John Cage of Totteridge, Hertfordshire, who was married at the time the testator made his will. For John Cage and his son, Richard Cage, see CP 70/91, and the pedigree of Cage 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. 33-4 at:

<https://archive.org/stream/visitationofcoun00inchit#page/34/mode/2up>.

See also:

'Hornsey, including Highgate: Other estates', *A History of the County of Middlesex: Volume 6: Friern Barnet, Finchley, Hornsey with Highgate* (1980), pp. 146-149:

<http://www.british-history.ac.uk/report.aspx?compid=22522>.

\* Edward Cage (d.1619), grocer, who married Judith Harte, the daughter of Sir John Harte (d.1604), Lord Mayor of London, by whom he had a son, John Cage, esquire, who in 1609 sold nine shares of land in Virginia. See Chester, *supra*, p. 110:

*9 August 1582 Edward Cage, grocer, & Judith Harte, spinster, of St Swithin's, London, general licence.*

See also the will of Sir John Harte, TNA PROB 11/103/59, and Brown, Alexander, *The Genesis of the United States*, (Boston: Houghton, Mifflin and Company, 1890), Vol. II, p. 841 at:

[http://books.google.ca/books?id=29w-AAAAAYAAJ&pg=PA841&lpg=PA841&dq=%22Cage,+Edward,+grocer%22&source=bl&ots=BAN3CVTKFt&sig=QU1Ye4RMv\\_y5DEHpqk6vU-xhNFA&hl=en&sa=X&ei=9AuCVIKgJ-T1iQKKqYHACw&ved=0CCoQ6AEwAw#v=onepage&q=%22Cage%2C%20Edward%2C%20grocer%22&f=false](http://books.google.ca/books?id=29w-AAAAAYAAJ&pg=PA841&lpg=PA841&dq=%22Cage,+Edward,+grocer%22&source=bl&ots=BAN3CVTKFt&sig=QU1Ye4RMv_y5DEHpqk6vU-xhNFA&hl=en&sa=X&ei=9AuCVIKgJ-T1iQKKqYHACw&ved=0CCoQ6AEwAw#v=onepage&q=%22Cage%2C%20Edward%2C%20grocer%22&f=false)

\* Daniel Cage, who was unmarried at the time the testator made his will.

\*Thomasine Cage, who married a London salter, George Hawes (d.1598). See his nuncupative will, TNA PROB 11/92/187, and the pedigree of Hawes (where her name is erroneously stated to be Dorothy) in Bannerman, W. Bruce, ed., *The Visitations of the County of Surrey*, (London: Harleian Society, 1899), Vol. XLIII, p. 181 at:

<https://archive.org/stream/visitationscoun01banngoog#page/n194/mode/2up>.

\* Elizabeth Cage, who on 2 December 1564 had licence to marry George Warren. See Chester, *supra*, p. 29:

*2 December 1564 George Warren & Elizabeth Cage, spinster, of St Matthew, Friday Street, London, to marry there.*

Her husband appears to have been George Warren (d.1596), leather-seller, buried at St Helen's, Bishopsgate, on 6 May 1596. See his nuncupative will, TNA PROB 11/87/297, and Bannerman, W. Bruce, ed., *The Registers of St. Helen's, Bishopsgate, London*, (London: Harleian Society, 1904), Vol. XXXI, p. 260 at:

<https://archive.org/stream/registersofsthel31sthe#page/260/mode/2up>.

\* Anne Cage, who on 22 July 1572 had licence to marry Roland Elrington, for whom see his will, TNA PROB 11/86/265, and Chester, *supra*, p. 53:

*22 July 1572 Roland Elrington of St Christopher le Stocks & Agnes Cage, spinster, of All Saints, Honey Lane, London, general licence.*

See also 'House of Lords Journal Volume 2: 16 June 1610', *Journal of the House of Lords: volume 2: 1578-1614* (1767-1830), pp. 613-615:

<http://www.british-history.ac.uk/report.aspx?compid=28592>

\* Martha Cage, who on 22 July 1572 had licence to marry Thomas Lawrence (d.1593). See Chester, *supra*, p. 53:

*22 July 1572 Thomas Lawrence of St Michael Bassishaw, & Martha Cage, spinster, of All Saints, Honey Lane, London, general licence.*

\* Katherine Cage, who on 12 January 1581 had licence to marry Arthur Wright. See Chester, *supra*, p. 99:

*12 January 1581 Arthur Wright of St Mary Magdalene, Milk Street, cloth-worker, & Katherine Cage, spinster, of All Hallows, Honey Lane. At All Hallows aforesaid.*

Several of the testator's children by his first marriage predeceased him. The register of All Hallows records the burial of a son, Francis, on 7 June 1566 and a daughter, Mary, on 31 August 1569. The testator's wife was buried 13 October 1575. See Bannerman, W. Bruce, ed., *The Registers of St. Mary le Bowe, Cheapside, All Hallows, Honey Lane, and of St. Pancras, Soper Lane, London, Part I*, (London: Harleian Society, 1914), Vol. XLIV, pp. 260-1 at:

<https://archive.org/stream/registerstofstmar44stma#page/260/mode/2up>.

The testator is said to have married secondly a widow, Catherine Cooke, by whom he had no known issue. See Chester, *supra*, p. 20 at:

<https://archive.org/stream/allegationsforma01ches#page/38/mode/2up>.

*7 May 1560 Anthony Cage of St Matthew, Friday, Street, & Catherine Cooke, widow, of City of London, general licence.*

However it seems possible that he widowed Catherine Cooke who married Anthony Cage on 7 May 1560 was the same woman who, as Katherine Cage, widow, on 6 March 1566 married James Collymore, and if so, her husband, Anthony Cage, was not the testator, but was perhaps the testator's son, Anthony Cage, who predeceased the testator. See Clay, *supra*, p. 36, and Chester, *supra*, p. 33:

<https://archive.org/stream/allegationsforma01ches#page/64/mode/2up>

*6 March 1566 James Collemor & Katherine Cage, widow, of All Hallows, Honey Lane, general licence.*

On 24 January 1576 the testator had licence to marry Anne Haynes (d.1625), who appears to have been the widow of John Hudson, for whose will, dated 13 March 1572 and proved 1 February 1576, see TNA PROB 11/57/664. For the testator's licence to marry, see Chester, *supra*, p. 68 at:

*24 January, Anthony Cage of All Hallows, Honey Lane, & Anne Hudson, widow, of St Martin Outwich, general licence.*

For Anne (nee Haynes) Hudson Cage, see her will, TNA PROB 11/145/391, and the pedigree of Haynes in Howard, Joseph Jackson and Joseph Lemuel Chester, eds., *The Visitation of London Anno Domini 1633, 1634 and 1635*, (London: Harleian Society, 1880), Vol. XV, p. 371 at:

<https://archive.org/stream/visitationoflond01stge#page/370/mode/2up>.

By Anne (nee Haynes) the testator had a son, Nicholas Cage (d.1607), who married firstly Anne Wood, the daughter of Toby Wood, esquire, and secondly, Robert Barker (c.1568-1646), King's Printer, and printer of the King James Bible. Robert Barker was the son of the Queen's Printer, Christopher Barker (1528/9-1599) (see the *ODNB* entries for Christopher Barker and Robert Barker). By Nicholas Cage, Anne (nee Wood) had two sons, Sir Toby Cage and John Cage, and two daughters, Anne Cage and Elizabeth Cage. See the will of Nicholas Cage, proved 9 July 1607, TNA PROB 11/110/167, and the pedigrees of Cage and Barker in Rylands, W. Harry, ed., *The Visitation of the County of Buckingham*, (London: Harleian Society, 1909), Vol. LVIII, p. 8 and 22 at:

<https://archive.org/stream/visitationofcoun58phil#page/22/mode/2up>.

See also the pedigree of Cage in Metcalfe, Walter C., ed., *The Visitations of Essex, Part I*, (London: Harleian Society, 1878), Vol. XIII, pp. 367 at:

<https://archive.org/stream/visitationsofess13byumetc#page/366/mode/2up>.

The testator was buried 8 July 1583. See Bannerman, *supra*, p. 262 at:

<https://archive.org/stream/registerstofstmar44stma#page/262/mode/2up>.

After the testator's death, his widow, Anne (nee Haynes) Hudson Cage, married, by licence dated 14 May 1586, Sir John Harte (d.1604), Lord Mayor of London, who resided at Oxford's former mansion of London Stone. There were no issue of the marriage. See p. 149 at:

<https://archive.org/stream/allegationsforma01ches#page/296/mode/2up>.

In his will, Sir John Harte bequeathed Anne (nee Haynes) Hudson Cage Harte a life estate in Oxford's former mansion at London Stone:

*First, I will and devise to the said Dame Anne, my well-beloved wife, all that my mansion or dwelling-house wherein I now dwell in the parish of St Swithins in Candlewick Street near London Stone aforesaid.*

See the will of Anne (nee Haynes) Hudson Cage Harte, TNA PROB 11/145/391; the will of Sir John Harte, TNA PROB 11/103/59; and the History of Parliament entry at:

<http://www.historyofparliamentonline.org/volume/1558-1603/member/hart-sir-john-1604>.

As mentioned in the will below, the testator purchased Oxford's manor of Great Hormead in Hertfordshire in 1579. For the fine in the Court of Common Pleas dated 29 June 1579 by which Oxford transferred clear title to the manor of Hormead in Hertfordshire to the testator for £640, see TNA CP 2/157/2160/21ELIZITRIN, Item 11.

As a result of this sale, Oxford and the testator's son, Daniel Cage, competed for the right to serve as chamberlain to Queen Anne at the coronation of James I. See Chauncy, Henry, *The Historical Antiquities of Hertfordshire*, Vol. I (London: Mullinger, 1826), p. 270 at:

<https://archive.org/stream/historicalantiq03chaugoog#page/n329/mode/2up>

*[Edward de Vere, 17<sup>th</sup> Earl of Oxford] on the 11<sup>th</sup> of June, 21 Elizabeth, conveyed this manor [=Hormead] to Anthony Cage, citizen and salter of London, and to his heirs forever, who had issue four sons: 1 Anthony, who lived at Stone in Cambridgeshire; 2 John, who lived at Totteridge in this county; 3 Edward, who lived in Southwark, and 4 Daniel, to whom he gave this manor.*

*This Daniel, 1 James I, claimed his right to serve the Queen in the office of Chamberlain at her coronation by his tenure of this manor before the Earl of Shrewsbury, the Lord Henry Howard, the Lord Zouche, the Lord Lumley, Popham and Anderson, Chief Justices, commissioners appointed to hear and determine the claims and services at the coronation of King James and Queen Anne, but by reason of the pestilence the King deferred all the ceremonies of his coronation concerning his riding from the Tower of London to Westminster, and commanded by his proclamation that no preparation should be made but only what concerned the real part of the coronation to be exercised within the church, and the commissioners also commanded that no claims made should be examined but those for the service done within the church at the coronation, and respited the judgment upon the claim of this Daniel for that the Earl, who held the manors of Fingrith, Hormead and Ginges by his service, had sold Hormead to this Cage, but they doubted whether the Earl had retained Ginges or not.*

In the will below the testator leaves a bequest to 'Mrs Cox, late wife of the Bishop of Ely'. She was Jane (nee Awder), widow of Dr William Turner (see above), who after his death had married, as his second wife, Richard Cox (c.1500–1581), Bishop of Ely.

LM: T{estamentum} Anthonij Cage

[f. 31v] In the name of God, Amen. The 24<sup>th</sup> day of [f. 32r] August Anno Domini one thousand five hundred eighty-one and in the three and twentieth year of the reign of our Sovereign Lady Elizabeth by the grace of God Queen of England, France and Ireland, Defender of the Faith, I, Anthony Cage, citizen and salter of London, being (thanks be to God for it) in good health and perfect memory, do make and declare my last will & testament in form following, that is to say:

First I commend my soul into the hands of Almighty God, and I will that my body be seemly buried at the discretion of mine executors, trusting assuredly of a joyful resurrection thereof, and that through the merits and passion of our only Saviour, Christ Jesus, and of my faith in my salvation, I shall inherit the kingdom of heaven;

Secondly I will that my funerals be discharged, and such debts as I shall happen to owe be well and truly paid, and that the residue of all and singular my goods, chattels, debts, wares, plate, money, merchandize and movables be divided into three equal parts and portions as is the custom of the said City of London, concerning three [sic?] which three parts, one part thereof being belonging to my children, another part to my wife, and the third part liable to the performance of this my present last will and testament by reason of the custom of the same City, for and in eschewing as well of ambiguities and doubts as also of strife and contention which in this behalf may happen or arise, I do first declare that whereas of my sons there is Anthony Cage, John Cage and Edward Cage, married, and my two other sons, Daniel and Nicholas Cage only are unmarried, the same Nicholas being also in his minority, and whereas I have given and advanced my said son, Anthony Cage, with divers sums of money and other things of good value, so that according to the custom and ordinance of the said City of London my mind is he shall be barred to have any further child's part or portion amongst my other children, and I have only given in advancement to my said [+son?], John Cage, the sum of five hundred pounds, and to my said son, Edward Cage, towards his advancement the sum of seven hundred and fifty pounds, and my said sons, Daniel Cage and Nicholas Cage, are yet wholly unadvanced;

And therefore I will that the said John Cage & Edward Cage shall have and be admitted to have to make up their child's parts and portions with that which they have had already as is aforesaid only so much of my goods, chattels and credits out of that third part dividable amongst my children by the custom as aforesaid as shall suffice thereunto, and that my said sons, Daniel Cage and Nicholas Cage, shall have their full child's parts and portions without any diminution or abatement, and my said son, Nicholas Cage, to have his child's part at his age of one and twenty years;

And also whereas I have married and fully advanced all my daughters;

And forasmuch as Anne, now my wife, hath had assurance before our intermarriage for her part aforesaid, to weet, by an obligation bearing date the three and twentieth day of

January in the eighteenth year [=1576] of her Highness' reign wherein I stand bound in the sum of two thousand pounds that my executors or administrators, if it happen my said wife to survive me, shall deliver unto her and her assigns as well all such money, plate, jewels, goods and chattels as she brought unto me and as in her right I at any time during my life shall happen to receive or the full value of all the same, paying also unto her and her assigns moreover the sum of one thousand marks of lawful money of England for and in full contentation of all such part and portion as she, the said Anne, by reason of any custom, law, usage or title whatsoever might have or claim of or in all the goods, chattels, ready money, wares, plate and jewels whereof I, the said Anthony, shall happen to die possessed, and of all such debts as then shall happen to be owing unto me, as by the same obligation with the condition thereof made unto her by the name of Anne Hudson of London, widow, more plainly appeareth;

And it was also agreed and concluded in consideration of the said marriage that I should assure a jointure of my lands and tenements to the clear yearly value of thirty pounds to the behoof of the said Anne for and during the term of her natural life, which I have also done accordingly, as by a pair of indentures bearing date the four and twentieth day of January in the said eighteenth year of the Queen's reign made between me, the said Anthony Cage, on thone party and John Newman, citizen and grocer of London on thother party, doth also more plainly appear;

And where also in consideration of the premises she, the said [f. 32v] Anne, by the name aforesaid by her obligation bearing date the said three and twentieth day of January became bound to my said son, Anthony Cage, by the name of Anthony Cage the younger, son and heir apparent of me, the said Anthony, in the sum of three thousand pounds that she, the said Anne, after the decease of me, the said Anthony, or any other for and in the name of the same Anne or in her right by her means, consent or procurement shall not in any wise ask, sue for or demand any greater or more part or portion either of the goods chattels, jewels, plate and ready money whereof I, the same Anthony, shall happen to die possessed, or of such debts as to me, the same Anthony, shall then happen to be owing, other than only such goods, chattels, jewels, plate or money or the value thereof as the said Anne brought to me and as I, the same Anthony, shall have and receive in her right by reason of th' intermarriage aforesaid, and the said sum of one thousand marks and such other sum and sums of money, gifts and legacies as I by my last will and testament shall give, will and bequeath to the said Anne, neither in any wise shall ask, require, sue for or demand any further jointure or dower of or in all or any the lands and tenements whereof I, the said Anthony, shall happen to be seised during th' espousals between me and the said Anne, other than only the jointure afore specified, as by the said obligation of the said Anne with the condition thereof may also appear;

In consideration whereof I, the said Anthony Cage, do make full account that the said Anne my wife, shall not ne will not demand or sue to have any greater part or portion of my goods, chattels, debts or movables than is afore mentioned, nor any farther jointure or dower of my lands and tenements than is already assured as is aforesaid, but am persuaded that she is contented for her part as aforesaid;



And therefore I will that the two other parts of the three parts of my goods, chattels and premises aforesaid, that is to say, as well that part which by the said custom might belong to the said Anne, my wife, for the which I have contented her as aforesaid as that which is liable to the performance of this my present last will & testament as is aforesaid, shall be used and employed in manner and form following, that is to say, thereout(?):

First I will that my executors shall pay and deliver to the said Anne, my wife, in discharge of my bond aforesaid and according to such order as is therein limited as well all such the goods, chattels, plate, money and jewels of the said Anne as she brought unto me at the time of our marriage and as I, the said Anthony, at any time during my life received in her right or the full value of the same, as also the said sum of one thousand marks mentioned in the condition of the same bond;

Item, moreover of my further goodwill and for the hearty love that I have to my said wife I give and bequeath out of the same two parts to the said Anne, my wife, five hundred marks of money, to be paid thone moiety within one year next after my decease and thother moiety at thother year's end then next following, upon condition that she content herself according to th' effect and tenor of the said bond, and do not make any further challenge or demand to any my lands, tenements or hereditaments or any my goods, chattels or debts other than such as in and by the same bond are left to her liberty, and also upon condition that if she be required by mine executors or any of them she do release her title of dower of, in and to all my lands and tenements and every part of them to such person or persons as I do give or bequeath the same, and upon condition also that if she be required by mine executors or any of them she do release to them or one of them all her title and right to all such goods, debts and chattels as she by the custom of the said City might have or claim;

And upon like conditions I do will & appoint by these presents that she shall have her dwelling in my now mansion house in West Cheap in London with one maidservant and one man, and that they shall be found with meat, drink and fire competently according to their degrees at the costs of my executors by and during one whole year next after my decease, with liberty to dry her and her servants' linen at my garden in Grub Street from time to time during that year without any let, default or disturbance to the contrary;

And furthermore upon like condition I will that during all the time of her widowhead that she shall have her liberty as well to use my said garden by herself or her servant to dry their linen and for her recreation, and the use of my stable [f. 33r] in Grub Street there near adjoining for keeping of her two horses or geldings, not barring any my son or sons to whom I shall leave the said garden and stable or either of them in using or occupying the same together with her;

As also to have and use in my house at Totteridge which I have in mine own hands two chambers to herself, and the going & pasturing and hay of and for two geldings and two kine upon my grounds there during her widowhead, and the hall, parlour, kitchen, stable, garden and orchard of the same house for her, her man and maid to use with such of my sons as I shall leave it unto;

And the residue of the said two third parts to be employed in manner and form following, that is to say:

That forasmuch as my daughters Thomasine, Elizabeth, Anne, Martha and Katherine whom I have preferred and advanced in marriage are by reason thereof and by the custom and ordinances of the same City of London restrained and barred to demand their children's parts, therefore I give and bequeath to the said Thomasine, my daughter, whom George Hawes hath married, two hundred threescore and six pounds thirteen shillings and four pence of lawful money of England if she be living at the time of my decease;

And to my said daughter, Elizabeth, whom George Warren hath married, if she be living at the time of my decease, two hundred thirty-three pounds six shillings eight pence of like money;

And to my said daughter, Anne, whom Rowland Eldrington hath married, one hundred marks of like money if she be likewise living at my decease;

And to my said daughter, Martha, who Thomas Lawrence hath married, one hundred marks of like money if she be living at my decease;

And to my said daughter, Katherine, whom Arthur Wright married, one hundred pounds;

And I will that if any of my said daughters happen to be deceased before me, that then their several children shall have the same legacies, that is to say, the legacy of the said Thomasine to & amongst her children if she be dead as aforesaid;

And the legacy of the said Elizabeth to & amongst her children, if she be dead as aforesaid;

And the legacy of the said Anne to & amongst her children, if she be dead as aforesaid;

And the legacy of the said Martha to & amongst her children, if she be dead as aforesaid;

And the legacy of the said Katherine to & amongst her children, if she be dead as aforesaid, part and part like to be divided and to be paid unto the said children, that is to say, to the men children as they shall severally attain to their lawful ages of one and twenty years, and to the maid children at their several ages of one and twenty years or marriages, which shall first happen;

Provided always that if any of my said daughters or any of their husbands or any other in their or any of their right by their consent or the consent of any of them shall demand or sue in any court to have any child's part or portion of my said goods, debts and movables due to any of their wives or to have any supply of a child's part or portion thereof in any sort otherwise than by this my will for their several legacies only therein bequeathed, or of [sic for 'if?'] any of my said daughters or their husbands who shall receive any of the

said legacies shall at the receipt thereof refuse to make and give unto my executors a sufficient general acquittance in writing for their discharge of the same legacy and of and for all such child's part and portion of my goods, chattels and debts as she or they might have or claim or shall be entitled to have by any law, ordinance, custom, usage or title whatsoever, that then all and every legacy and legacies bequeathed to any such of my said daughters so suing or claiming or any other for them or so refusing to make acquittance as is aforesaid or otherwise bequeathed unto any of their children, shall be void and of none effect, anything above mentioned to the contrary thereof notwithstanding;

Item, I do remit and release unto the said George Hawes the sum of three hundred fifteen pounds which I have heretofore lent unto him at sundry times;

Item, I will and bequeath to every of mine own natural daughters' children that shall be living at the time of my decease the several sums of ten pounds apiece, to be paid unto them at their several full ages of one and twenty years;

Item, I give and bequeath to my brother-in-law Robert Hopton's two children, namely to Katherine and Reignold, his children, six pounds thirteen shillings four pence betwixt them equally to be divided;

Item, [f. 33v] I give to the poor people of Pakenham in Suffolk where I was born twenty pounds, which I will shall be paid by five pounds a year unto them until all of it be paid, and to be distributed amongst the same poor by the discretion of my son, Anthony Cage, and the churchwardens and chief of the said parish of Pakenham;

Item, I give to twenty poor scholars, being students in divinity of the universities of Cambridge, ten pounds amongst them, to be distributed by mine executors;

Item, I give to the poor people of the town of Cambridge forty shillings amongst them, to be distributed at the discretion of Master William Foxton, alderman of the same town, and Thomas Hodilowe of the same town, brewer, or by any two aldermen of the same town if thother be dead;

Item, I will and bequeath to my nephew, Doctor Turner, five pounds in money, and to Elizabeth, his sister, forty shillings;

Item, I give to the Wardens and Company of Salters of London for a recreation to be had amongst them seven pounds in money;

Item, I give to every of my household servants which shall be dwelling in my house at my decease a gown or a coat and forty shillings apiece in money;

Item, I give to my friends [sic], John Escott of London, haberdasher, forty shillings to make him a ring;

Item, I give to thirty poor men thirty gowns, to be made good and meet to keep them warm;

And I will that a godly and learned preacher shall preach at my funeral, to whom I do bequeath twenty shillings and a gown for his labour;

And further I will and bequeath towards the advancement of the glory of God that my executors shall give unto some godly preacher to be appointed by my son, Anthony Cage, ten pounds for thirty sermons to be made in those parish churches within the county of Suffolk at the discretion of my son, Anthony Cage, where the gospel hath been least preached since the Queen's Majesty's reign, the same to be done within one year after my decease;

And my hearty desire and request to the Lord Mayor and his right worshipful brethren, the aldermen, is that in consideration of the legacies hereafter mentioned they will be contented to suffer the use and occupation of my orphan's portion during his nonage to remain with them to whom I have bequeathed the same, they putting in good and sufficient sureties before them to the Chamberlain of London for the true answering thereof to my said son, Nicholas, at his lawful age under such conditions and according to their ancient custom and order as in like cases used, and that my wife shall have the custody and government of my said son, Nicholas, during his nonage;

And upon those conditions I give and bequeath to the Chamber of London to the use of the Commonalty of the City of London ten pounds;

And I do give to the three hospitals, Christ's Hospital and Saint Bartholomew's in London, and Saint Thomas' Hospital in Southwark, to every of them ten pounds apiece;

And to the prisoners in Ludgate & Newgate in London, the King's Bench, Marshalsea and White Lion in Southwark, and the two Counters in London, to every of them forty shillings apiece to the prisoners that have most need to be distributed;

And to my friend, Andrew Palmer, goldsmith, forty shillings to make him a ring;

Item, I give to Master Thomas Andrews of Bury forty shillings to make him a ring;

To John Newman, grocer, to Mrs Cox, late wife of the Bishop of Ely, to William Smith, grocer, to Thomas Haynes, my wife's brother, unto my cousin, Thomas Cage, of this parish, and William Dalby, gentleman, to every of them forty shillings apiece to make them rings;

Item, I will that my executors shall permit and suffer the said Elizabeth, my daughter, wife of the said George Warren, to have the use and occupying of that messuage or tenement with th' appurtenances in the parish of Saint Matthew in Friday Street wherein the said George Warren now dwelleth that I hold by lease of Henry Allington and Anne, his wife, for and during the term of the natural life of the same Elizabeth if my lease and

term of years that I have in the same house so long shall endure, so that the same Elizabeth do yearly and in due time pay and discharge the rent of six pounds thirteen shillings four pence per annum payable by my lease which the said George Warren hath heretofore accustomed to pay, and do also bear and do all the reparations of the same house according to the covenants of the same lease;

And further I will and my mind is that if my executors shall at any time hereafter during the life of my said daughter think it good for the preferment of my said daughter and with her consent to sell the said lease, then it shall be lawful for mine executors to sell the same and pay to my said daughter the money [f. 34r] they shall receive for the same for her better preferment;

Item, I will and bequeath and devise unto my said sons, Anthony Cage and John Cage, the sum of three hundred pounds for the behoof of my said daughters, Thomasine, wife of the said George Hawes, and Elizabeth, the wife of the said George Warren, that is to say, for their behoof of payment of annuity of thirty pounds per annum during the term of their natural lives, that is to say, to either of them fifteen pounds apiece a year, which I will that the said Anthony and John Cage, my sons and executors hereafter named, shall pay and be charged to pay in consideration of the having of the said sum of three hundred pounds, and shall also give and make assurance by their bond or otherwise to the reasonable contentment of the said Thomasine and Elizabeth for the payment of the same annuities upon condition that the same annuities or any part thereof shall not be bargained, sold, aliened or done away by the said Thomasine and Elizabeth or any their husbands unto any other person or persons, or in lieu of the said annuity to pay the said sum of three hundred pounds to the said Thomasine and Elizabeth, my daughters, at the liking and choice of my said sons, Anthony and John;

And all the residue of all and singular my goods, chattels, debts and other the premises by these presents by me not given, willed or bequeathed, I do clearly and wholly give, will and bequeath to my said sons, Anthony, John, Edward, Daniel and Nicholas, amongst them equally to be divided, other than my lease for years of certain tenements and garden in Grub Street aforesaid, which lease and term of years I give to John Cage, my second son, and other than one lease for years of a wood in Pakenham aforesaid, which I give to my said son, Anthony Cage;

And I will that my said son, Nicholas, shall and may remain in my wife's government during his nonage, and that Edward and John, my sons, upon good sureties shall have the portion of my said son, Nicholas, until he come to his age of one and twenty years, and they to pay to my said wife or to them that shall bring him up the sum of twenty-five pounds per year;

Provided always and my mind is that Anthony, my son, and all other his brethren who may claim any lands and tenements by me in my will and testament given and bequeathed to any my said children shall, upon request of every of my said other sons within six months next following after their or any of their requests made to him or them or their heirs and at their costs and charges who shall make the same request, make, do

and suffer all and every such lawful act and acts, things and things, for the assurance of all and singular such lands, tenements and hereditaments as they or any of them have of my several gift or devise by my last will of my lands, to th' intent the same may be and remain sure to them and their several heirs males of their bodies, and with remainders over according to the several estates to them severally limited and appointed;

And if the said Anthony, my son, or any his brethren or their heirs do not make, do and suffer to be made and done all and every such lawful act and acts, thing and things, for the assurance of all and singular such lands, tenements & hereditaments as I have given or by my last will devised and bequeathed to any my said sons within six months next after request made as aforesaid, then I will and my mind is that he and they and every of them who shall not make, do and suffer such act and acts, things and things, for assurance as is last aforesaid shall lose the several legacies of my goods and money to him or them before bequeathed, and the same legacies I will and bequeath to and among such and so many of my said sons, Anthony, Edward, John, Daniel and Nicholas, who shall require the same assurance and cannot have or obtain the same within six months as aforesaid;

And further my will and mind is that my sons, John Cage and Edward Cage, shall have the receipts of all such rents and profits of all those lands and tenements that I have given or bequeathed to my son, Nicholas, during his nonage, and to make him a just account and payment thereof at his full age;

And I do make and ordain my said sons, Anthony and John Cage, my executors of this my present testament, whom I charge in the faith and obedience that they have unto Almighty God and for the love they bear to me, their natural father, that with all fidelity they do perform this my present testament according to my trust put in them;

And I also charge all and every of my said sons that they deal friendly and like loving children in all things towards my said wife;

And I ordain and appoint overseers of this my present testament my said son-in-law, Thomas Lawrence, and my good friend, William Smythe, my neighbour, and I give to each [f. 34v] of them for his pains taking therein five pounds, declaring that this is my last will and testament of my movables, and I revoke all other by me heretofore made;

In witness whereof to these presents I, the said Anthony Cage, have set my hand and seal the day and year first above-written. Anthony Cage. Witnesses: Thomas Pecke, William Smythe, Roger Heyley.

Memorandum: That the testator aforesaid the eighteenth day of June Anno Domini one thousand five hundred eighty-three, being of perfect mind and memory, gave and bequeathed to Mr Alderman Harte and (blank) Casey, the parson of the church, the legacies following, and spake to John Cage, his son and one of his executors, as followeth, viz.:

John Cage, there be many friends to be remembered that I have forgotten in my will, and amongst the rest I would have to be set down five marks for a ring of gold to Mr Alderman Harte, and to (blank) Casey, the parson of the church, forty shillings. Witness: Mistress Jane Coxe, widow.

This is the last will of me, Anthony Cage, citizen and salter of London, made the fourth day of September in the three and twentieth year [=1581] of the reign of our Sovereign Lady Elizabeth by the grace of God Queen of England, France and Ireland, Defender of the Faith etc. concerning the disposition of all and singular my lands, tenements, rents, reversions and hereditaments whatsoever:

First I give and bequeath to Anthony Cage, my eldest son, all and singular my manors, messuages, lands, tenements, rents, reversions & hereditaments whatsoever which I have or ought to have in the counties of Suffolk and Cambridge or either of them, except and reserved all that annuity or yearly rent of forty pounds issuing out of the manor of Thurlow alias Thurlow Magna in the said county of Suffolk with th' appurtenances, the which I bought and purchased of Thomas Lucas, esquire, to have and to hold the same manors, messuages, lands, tenements, rents, reversions and hereditaments, except before excepted, to my said son, Anthony Cage, and the heirs males of his body lawfully begotten and to be begotten;

The remainder thereof for lack of such issue to John Cage, my second son, and the heirs males of his body lawfully begotten and to be begotten;

And for default of such issue the remainder thereof to Edward Cage, my third son, and the heirs males of his body lawfully to be begotten;

And for lack of such issue the remainder thereof to Daniel Cage, my fourth son, and to the heirs males of his body lawfully to be begotten;

And for lack of such issue the remainder thereof to Nicholas Cage, my fifth son, and the heirs males of his body lawfully to be begotten;

And for lack of such issue the remainder to the right and next heirs of me, the said Anthony Cage the father, forever;

And for and concerning the lands, tenements and hereditaments whereof my said son, Anthony Cage, is joint purchaser with me, my trust is as hath always been in my said son, Anthony, that he will be content so to assign the same lands, tenements and hereditaments that the same may descend or come to the heirs males of his body lawfully begotten and to be begotten;

And for want of such heirs to the residue of my said sons and to their heirs males of their several bodies successively as aforesaid, that the same may remain in my name and

blood, for my very will and mind is and always hath been that the same lands, tenements and hereditaments should remain and go accordingly;

Item, whereas I have caused certain lands to be assured to John Cage, my said son, and his heirs, that is to say, the lands lying in Islington, Iseldon, Holloway and Highgate which I bought of John Ingham Edwardes [sic?] and Thomas Edwardes, gentlemen(?), and a farm in Totteridge that of late I bought of Henry Goodyear, now in further declaration of my goodwill to my said son, John Cage, and that it may appear how I have provided for him in like manner as for my other sons, I ratify and confirm by these presents in as much as in me is his assurance, estate and interest in and to the same lands and tenements, and do will that the same lands and tenements shall remain to the same John Cage, my son, his heirs and assigns, accordingly, reserving to Anne, my wife, such interest as I have limited [f. 35r] unto her in the will and testament of my goods;

And of my further goodwill I give and bequeath unto my said son, John Cage, and to his heirs my house, yard and garden with th' appurtenances which I bought of the Brewers situate in Grub Street, provided nevertheless and my mind is and I do will that Elizabeth Warren, my daughter, shall have the said garden now in her holding during her life;

Item, I give, grant and devise unto the said Edward Cage, my son, all my messuages, lands, tenements, rents, reversions and hereditaments whatsoever in the borough of Southwark or elsewhere in the county of Surrey, to have and to hold to the said Edward Cage and the heirs males of his body lawfully to be begotten;

And for lack of such issue the remainder thereof to my said son, Anthony Cage, and the heirs males of his body lawfully begotten and to be begotten;

And for lack of such issue the remainder thereof unto my said son, John Cage, and to the heirs males of his body lawfully begotten and to be begotten;

And for default of such issue the remainder thereof to my said son, Daniel Cage, and the heirs males of his body lawfully to be begotten;

And for default of such issue the remainder thereof to my said son, Nicholas, and the heirs males of his body lawfully to be begotten;

And for default of such issue to remain to the right and next heirs of me, the said Anthony Cage th' elder, forever;

Item, I will and bequeath to the said Daniel Cage, my son, all that my message with th' appurtenances in Friday Street in London late in th' occupation of one Richard Fowlsham, late citizen and salter of London, deceased;

And also I will and bequeath unto the said Daniel Cage, my son, all that my manor of Hormead with th' appurtenances which I bought of the Earl of Oxford;



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And also the said forty pounds by year issuing out of the said manor of Thurlow Magna in the said county of Suffolk;

To have and to hold the said manor, annuity of forty pounds and messuage with their appurtenances to the said Daniel Cage and the heirs males of his body lawfully to be begotten;

And for lack of such issue the remainder thereof to my said son, Anthony Cage, and the heirs males of his body lawfully begotten and to be begotten;

And for default of such issue the remainder thereof to my said son, John Cage, and the heirs males of his body lawfully begotten and to be begotten;

And for default of such issue the remainder thereof to my said son, Edward Cage, and the heirs males of his body lawfully to be begotten;

And for default of such issue the remainder thereof to my said son, Nicholas Cage, and the heirs males of his body lawfully to be begotten;

And for default of such issue to remain to the right and next heirs of me, the said Anthony Cage th' elder, forever;

Item, I give and bequeath unto the said Nicholas Cage, my son, all my freehold lands and copyhold lands in Hornesey in the county of Middlesex which I late purchased of Nicholas Mynne;

And also my messuages and tenements in Gutter Lane, London, and also my messuage in West Cheap late purchased of Henry Potkin, provided nevertheless and my will and mind is that the said Anne, my wife, shall have my house which I purchased of the said Henry Potkin during her widowhood;

To have, hold and enjoy the said freehold and copyhold lands, messuages and tenements last mentioned to the said Nicholas Cage and the heirs males of his body lawfully to be begotten;

And for default of such issue the remainder thereof to my said son, Daniel Cage, and to the heirs males of his body lawfully to be begotten;

And for default of such issue the remainder thereof to my said son, Anthony Cage, and to the heirs males of his body lawfully to be begotten;

And for lack of such issue the remainder thereof to my said son, John Cage, and the heirs males of his body lawfully begotten and to be begotten;

And for lack of such issue the remainder thereof to my said son, Edward Cage, and to the heirs males of his body lawfully to be begotten;

And for lack of such issue the remainder thereof to the right and next heirs of me, the said Anthony Cage th' elder, forever;

And I make executors of this my last will my said sons, Anthony Cage and John Cage;

In witness whereof hereunto I, the said Anthony Cage, have set my hand and seal, given the day and year first above-written. By me, Anthony Cage. Witnesses: Thomas Peck, William Smythe, Roger Heyley, Vincent Norington.

Probatum fuit suprascriptum testamentum apud London coram venerabili viro [-viro] mag{ist}ro Will{el}imo Drury Legum doctore curie prerogatiue cantuarien{sis} commissario etc Vltimo Die mens{is} Octobris Anno Domini mill{es}imo quingentesimo octogesimo tertio Iuramento Mag{ist}ri Ioh{ann}is Theker notarij publici procuratoris Ioh{ann}is Cage filij dict{i} defunct{i} vnus executor{um} in h{uius}mo{d}i testamento nominat{orum} etc Cui com{m}issa fuit administrac{i}o etc De bene etc Iurat{i} Res{er}uata p{otes}tate similem Com{m}issione{m} faciend{i} Anthonio Cage filio dict{i} Defunct{i} et executori etiam in d{i}c{t}o testament{o} no{m}i{n}at{o} cum venerit &c admissur{o}

[=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 last day of the month of October in the year of the Lord the thousand five hundred eighty-third by the oath of Master John Theker, notary public, proctor of John Cage, son of the said deceased, one of the executors named in the same testament etc., to whom administration was granted etc., sworn to well etc., with power reserved for a similar grant to be made to Anthony Cage, son of the said deceased and executor also named in the said testament, when he shall have come etc. to be admitted.]