

SUMMARY: The document below is the will, dated 1 February 1584 and proved 15 July 1584, of William Playters (d. 6 June 1584) of Sotterley, Suffolk.

The testator had four wives. He married firstly Thomasine Duke (d.1560), the daughter of George Duke, esquire, of Frenze, Norfolk, by whom he had one son, who died without issue. He married secondly Elizabeth Tymperley, the daughter of Thomas Tymperley, esquire, of Hintlesham, Suffolk, by whom he had two daughters and one son. He married thirdly Thomasine Tyrrell (d. 8 May 1578), the daughter of Edmund Tyrrell (d.1576) of Ramsden Barrington, son of Jasper Tyrrell (buried 1 March 1539) and Anne Goring, and grandson of Sir William Tyrrell (died c.1471) by his second wife, Philippe Thornbury, the daughter of John Thornbury. For the will of Sir William Tyrrell (died c.1471), see TNA PROB 11/5/167. For the will of Edmund Tyrrell, see TNA PROB 11/58/499. By his third wife the testator had one daughter, Susan Playters. By her marriage to her first husband, William Tyrrell, second son of Sir Henry Tyrrell (d. 20 May 1588) of Heron, the testator's third wife, Thomasine Tyrrell (d. 8 May 1578) had a son, Thomas Tyrrell, whose wardship the testator purchased, and whom he intended as the husband of one of his daughters, either Elizabeth Playters or Jane Playters. For the testator's third wife, Thomasine Tyrrell (d. 8 May 1578), see also Metcalfe, Walter C., ed., *The Visitations of Essex*, Vol. XIII, (London: Harleian Society, 1878), p. 111 at:

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

For Sir Henry Tyrrell of Heron, see also Metcalfe, Charles W., ed., *The Visitations of Essex, Part II*, Vol. XIV, (London: Harleian Society, 1879), p. 717 at:

<http://archive.org/stream/visitationsofess02metc#page/n373/mode/2up>.

The testator married fourthly Mary Drake, the daughter of William Drake, esquire, of Hardley, Norfolk, by whom he had one daughter and two sons. For the testator's fourth wife, Mary Drake, see:

'Loddon Hundred: Hardley', *An Essay towards a Topographical History of the County of Norfolk: volume 10* (1809), pp. 137-141. URL: <http://www.british-history.ac.uk/report.aspx?compid=78646>.

In the will below, the testator mentions only two sons, Thomas Playters and Drake William Playters, and four daughters, Elizabeth, Jane, Suzanne and Alice Playters, as well as his stepson, Thomas Tyrrell.

For Henry Avetson mentioned by the testator in the will below, see ERO D/DSp T72/9 at http://seax.essexcc.gov.uk/Result_Details.aspx?DocID=191127.

For the monumental brasses commemorating the testator and his wives, see Tymms, Samuel, ed., 'Monumental Inscriptions at Sotterley Church, Suffolk', *The East Anglian*, Vol. IV, (Lowestoft: Samuel Tymms, 1869), pp. 289-91 at p. 290:

<http://books.google.ca/books?id=khgjAAAAMAAJ&pg=PA290&lpg=PA290&dq=%22playters%22+%22tyrrell%22&source=bl&ots=iNe1tU6sCX&sig=FMxIdQtUKGyfKF4ii-ZcVMm5Lg4&hl=en&sa=X&ei=Iy8FUv7PLsPKiwKMrICoCA&ved=0CFgQ6AEwCQ#v=onepage&q=%22playters%22%20%22tyrrell%22&f=false>.

See also Haines, Herbert, *A Manual of Monumental Brasses*, (London: J.H. and Jas. Parker, 1861), p. 193:

http://books.google.ca/books?id=KugHAAAQAQAAJ&pg=PA193&lpg=PA193&dq=%22playters%22+%22tyrrell%22&source=bl&ots=9o8rJrmSWF&sig=HrznMyNuL6N3MCYmDSIFZBx_jsc&hl=en&sa=X&ei=Iy8FUv7PLsPKiwKMrICoCA&ved=0CFUQ6AEwCA#v=onepage&q=%22playters%22%20%22tyrrell%22&f=false.

See also Wadley, Thomas P., 'Notes on the Family of Playter, or Playters, of Co. Suffolk', in Selby, Walford D., ed., *The Genealogist*, Vol. I, New Series, (London: George Bell and Sons, 1884), pp. 45-9, 169-78, 243-56 at p. 176:

<http://books.google.ca/books?id=CiU9AQAIAAJ&pg=PA176&lpg=PA176&dq=%22robert+Berney%22+%22Lincoln%27s+Inn%22&source=bl&ots=XMU03BbkO-&sig=eUcRCzAXW0LIGaF9z9DPvE1jzJ8&hl=en&sa=X&ei=30wFUoawIsWMygGhw oCQCg&ved=0CCoQ6AEwAA#v=onepage&q=%22robert%20Berney%22%20%22Lincoln%27s%20Inn%22&f=false>.

See also Suckling, Alfred, *The History and Antiquities of the County of Suffolk*, Vol. I, (London: John Weale, 1846), p. 83:

http://books.google.ca/books?id=R8w_AAAAcAAJ&pg=PA83&lpg=PA83&dq=%22manor+of+sotterley%22&source=bl&ots=e6w-VWznDf&sig=dgYSk5pXrKtaTsmYaDqtgITvHTw&hl=en&sa=X&ei=wx4FUujXG8PSiwK79oC4Ag&ved=0CDAQ6AEwAQ#v=onepage&q=%22manor%20of%20sotterley%22&f=false.

For the testator's manor of Tannington, see Copinger, W.A., ed., *The Manors of Suffolk*, Vol. 4, (Manchester: Taylor, Garnett, Evans & Co. Ltd., 1909), pp. 94-5 at:

<http://archive.org/stream/cu31924092579576#page/n103/mode/2up/>

For another transcript of the testator's will, see Wadley, *supra*, at pp. 247-50.

LM: T{estamentum} Will{el}mi Playters

[f. 128v] In the name of God, Amen. The first day of February in the six and twentieth year of the reign of our Sovereign Lady Queen Elizabeth and in the year of Our Lord God

one thousand five hundred fourscore and three, I, William Playters of Sotterley in the county of Suffolk, esquire, being whole of mind and of good and perfect remembrance, laud and praise be unto Almighty God, do ordain and make this my last will and testament in manner and form following:

First I do commend my soul unto Almighty God and unto the Blessed Virgin Mary, and unto all the holy company of heaven, and my body to be buried within the chancel of the parish church of Sotterley aforesaid;

Item, I do give ten pounds of lawful English money to be distributed and given to five poor persons such as Robert Hare, esquire, Robert Barne of Lincoln's Inn, gentleman, and my brother, John Playters, shall name and appoint to have the same, of which said five persons I will my said brother, John, shall be one among to be distributed by the said Robert, Robert and John;

Item, I do give and bequeath to the said Robert, Robert and John one annuity or yearly rent of ten pounds issuing and going out of all my manors, lands, tenements and hereditaments situate and being within the county of Suffolk, to have and receive to them and to the survivor of them and to th' executors of the survivor of them for and during the term of ten years next and immediately following after my decease fully to be complete and ended at the several feasts of Saint Michael th' Archangel and th' Annunciation of Our Lady, the first payment to be made at the first feast of the feasts aforesaid which first shall happen and come next after my decease, and if that the same annuity or yearly rent of ten pounds be behind and unpaid in part or in all at any of the said feasts, then I will that it shall be lawful to and for the said Robert, Robert and John and to and for the survivor of them and for th' executors of the survivor of them to enter all and singular the premises and distrain, and the distress there taken to lead, drive and carry, and the same to detain and withhold until they, the said Robert, Robert and John and the survivor of them be of the same yearly rent of ten pounds and of the arrearages thereof, if any shall fortune to be behind, be fully satisfied, contented and paid, to that intent and purpose that they, the said Robert, Robert and John and the survivor of them, and th' executors of the survivor of them shall during the said term of the several feasts foresaid give, deliver and distribute the same to such or to the same five poor persons as the said Robert, Robert and John, of which I will my said brother, John, to be one;

Item, I will that my executors do pay and discharge all my debts which I do owe and am bound in conscience to pay in as short time after my decease as they can conveniently of th' issues and profits of my lands and other my hereditaments and of my goods and chattels which I shall have at the time of my decease;

And whereas I have by my deed indented bearing date the first day of July in the fifteenth year of the reign of our Sovereign Lady Queen Elizabeth demised and to farm letten my manors of Sotterley and Ogg [=Uggeshall?] with all and singular their appurtenances, and also all other my lands, tenements and hereditaments within the hundred of Wangford unto William Tymperley of Lincoln's Inn in the county of Middlesex and unto William Sidnor [=Sydnor?] of Blundeston in the said county of Suffolk, esquire, and unto the said

Robert Barney for the term of one and twenty years from the feast of Saint Michal th' Archangel next following after the date of the said [f. 129r] indenture for the yearly rent of six and thirty pounds thirteen shillings and four pence;

And also whereas I have by one other deed indented bearing date the six and twentieth day of September in the (blank) year of the reign of our Sovereign Lady Queen Elizabeth granted and to farm letten unto the said William, William and Robert my manor of Ellough with th' appurtenances, and also all that my manor or capital messuage in Willingham, and all the lands and other my hereditaments to the said manor of Ellough and manor or capital messuage in Willingham and to either of them belonging or appertaining, and all and singular other my lands, tenements and hereditaments situate, lying and being within the hundred of Wangford and Blything for the term of one and twenty years from and after the death of Elizabeth Playters, widow, mother to me, the said William, fully to be complete and ended for the yearly rent and farm of thirty pounds, as by the said several deeds indented at large it doth and may appear, I will, as well for the better bringing up of my younger children, videlicet, Elizabeth Playters, Jane Playters and Suzanne Playters, until every of them shall come to and be of the full age of one and twenty years or shall be married, as for the better payment of my debts and true performing and fulfilling of this my last will and testament, that my executors shall have, receive and take yearly for and during so long time and space as is yet for to come and not expired of the said several terms mentioned in the said several leases all that rent and farm as is mentioned and reserved in and by the said several grants and leases and in and upon every other grant or lease thereof or of any other part thereof or by any of them made and that shall be due and payable for the said manors, lands, tenements and other my hereditaments in Sotterley aforesaid or by any part of them;

And also I will that they shall for the consideration aforesaid sell all my cattle of what kind soever they be of, except such as I have given to Mary, my well-beloved wife, by this my last will and testament;

And also shall have, receive and take all th' issues, profits and commodities of all those lands, tenements and hereditaments that shall be at the time of my decease in my occupying and not granted nor promised to any other person or persons;

And also all that farm and rent as shall be from time to time due and payable for the manor of Sotterley and divers other lands and other hereditaments lately granted unto Lawrence Lynge of Theberton in the county of Suffolk, yeoman;

And also all that rent as shall be from time to time due and payable for those lands which I lately granted to my uncle, John Reade;

And also for that malting house which I have granted to William Sherswerde;

All the woods, underwoods & timber standing now and growing and hereafter to be standing and growing in and upon the premises or in or upon any part of them and the profits of them always excepted;

Item, I do give to Mary, my well-beloved wife, six featherbeds, six pair of blankets, six coverlets, six pillows, twenty pair of sheets, neither of the best nor worst, but to be indifferently chosen by my executors;

And also four of my geldings, such as she shall and will have and choose among all my geldings;

And also four saddles and four bridles of the best sort, one male pillion and side-saddle, the cloth and bridle thereunto belonging which she heretofore have used and occupied;

And also all her apparel and also all those rings and borders and also all other jewels of what kind or nature soever they be of which she have used, occupied or worn, except one pair of bracelets of gold which Thomasine, my late well-beloved wife, did give unto my daughter, Jane Playters;

And also I do give unto her two dozen of silver spoons and also three cups of silver parcel gilt;

And also one other cup of silver all gilt with a cover thereunto belonging;

And twenty pounds of lawful England money;

And also that hundred pounds which her father promised me at the time of her marriage and to be paid unto me immediately after his decease in recompense and satisfaction of her marriage apparel and divers other things which he should then have given unto her;

And also the third part of all my brass and pewter;

And if that Mary, my well-beloved wife, will have and take upon [+her?] the charge, keeping and bringing up of all those children which I have by her, that is to say, Drake William Playters, Alice Playters, and of this child which she is now withal until they and every of them shall come to and be of the full age of one and twenty years or be married, in consideration hereof and for and towards the keeping and bringing up of them I do give unto her all such that rent and farm of all those my manors, lands, tenements and hereditaments which I have within the county of Norfolk and now in the tenure and farmhold of one Gyles Godfrey of Holme-next-the-Sea in the said county of Norfolk, gentleman, during the continuance of the same lease;

And if she shall refuse and will not take upon her the keeping and bringing up of them, then I will that my executors shall have [f. 129v] the bringing up of them, and also shall have, receive and take the rent and farm of all my said manors, lands, tenements and hereditaments within the county of Norfolk to that intent and purpose aforesaid, videlicet, to the keeping and bringing up of my said children which I have by Mary, my said well-beloved wife;

Item, I do give and bequeath unto Alice Playters, my daughter, and unto that child that my said wife is now withal or was the tenth of this present month of May one thousand five hundred fourscore and four, to either of them five hundred marks to be paid unto either of them by my executors at their several full ages of one and twenty years or at the day of their marriages, which first shall happen or come;

And if either of them shall die before his or her full age of one and twenty years or be married, then I do give and bequeath that her or his part or portion of money which he or she shall have had by this my last will and testament if that he or she had lived to have been married or to have come to and been of the full age of one and twenty years unto Drake William Playters, my son, and unto such other of my children which I have by Mary, my now well-beloved wife, equally among them to be divided and to be paid unto them at their several full ages of one and twenty years or in and upon the day of their several marriages, which first shall happen or come;

And if Alice Playters, my daughter, and the child with which my wife now goeth with shall die before that they shall be of the full age of one and twenty years, then I do give their said portions of money unto my sons, Thomas Playters and Drake William Playters, equally to be divided between them;

Item, I do give and bequeath unto Drake William, my son, after that my said children by Mary, my said well-beloved wife, be brought up as is aforesaid, all my manors, lands, tenements and hereditaments with th' appurtenances situate, lying and being within the county of Norfolk, to have and to hold to him and to the heirs of his body lawfully begotten, and for want of such issue to the heirs males by me, the said William, of the body of the said Mary, my well-beloved wife, lawfully begotten; and for default of such issue to Thomas Playters, my son, and to his heirs forever;

Item, whereas my father have by his last will and testament given unto my daughter, Elizabeth, one cup of silver, I do give unto the said Elizabeth in recompense of the same cup one other standing cup of silver all gilt, and I will the same be delivered unto her in and upon the day of her marriage or at her full age of one and twenty years, which first shall happen & come;

Item, I do give unto my daughter, Jane Playters, one pair of bracelets of gold which my late well-beloved wife, Thomasine, did give unto her, and I will the same be delivered unto her at her full age of one and twenty years or in & upon the day of her marriage, which first shall happen or come;

Item, whereas my father have by his last will and testament given and bequeathed unto my said son, Thomas Playters, one cup of silver worth five pounds, I do give unto my said son, Thomas, in recompense of the same cup my best salt-cellar, being all gilt, and the cover thereunto belonging;

Item, I do give and bequeath unto my said son, Thomas Playters, all my bricks, tiles, boards, planks and timber now felled, and also all my apparel, household stuff and

implements of household except such [+as?] I have given to Mary, my well-beloved wife, and also all my plate and jewels not to any other person or persons by this my last will and testament given nor bequeathed, and also except that plate which was Mr Henry Avetson's, the which plate I do give unto Thomas Tyrrell, my son-in-law, and I will that the same plate be delivered unto my said son-in-law, Thomas Tyrrell, at his full age of one and twenty years or in and upon the day of his marriage had and solemnized between him and my said daughter, Jane Playters or Elizabeth Playters;

And also I will that my said plate, jewels, household stuff and implements of household, tiles, bricks, boards, planks and timber now felled before given and bequeathed unto my said son, Thomas Playters, be delivered unto him at his full age of one and twenty years, and if that he shall happen to die before that he shall come to and be of the full age of one and twenty years, having no issue of his body lawfully begotten then living, then I do give all my said plate, jewels, household stuff and implements of household, and also all my said tiles, bricks, planks, boards and timber now felled, and also all such money as might have fallen and come unto him by the death of any of my daughters unto Drake William Playters, my son, and I will that the same be delivered unto him at his full age of one and twenty years, and if that he shall die before that he shall come to and be of the full age of one and [f. 130r] twenty years, then I do give all the said plate, jewels, household stuff, implements of household, bricks, tiles, boards, planks and timber now felled unto that child with which Mary, my well-beloved wife, now goeth with, if it be a son, and I will that the same plate and other the said premises be delivered unto the same child, if it be a son, at his full age of one and twenty years, and if the same child, being a son, shall die before that he shall come to and be of the full age of one and twenty years, then I do give all my said plate, jewels, household stuff and implements of household, tiles, bricks, boards, planks and timber ready felled unto all my other children then living, among them equally to be divided, and I will that the same be delivered unto every of them at their several full ages of one and twenty years or in and upon the days of their several marriages, which first shall happen and come;

But if that my said son, Thomas Playters, shall have issue of his body lawfully begotten living at the time of his decease, then I do give all my said plate and all other the premises unto the same issue, and I will that the same be delivered unto the same at his or her full age of one and twenty years, any gift thereof or any other thing or matter in this my last will and testament contained to the contrary in any wise notwithstanding;

Item, I do give and bequeath all my right, title, use, interest and term of years that I have yet for to come of, in and to all those manors, lands, tenements and hereditaments which I have within the county of Essex and which Thomasine, my late well-beloved wife, had as administratrix unto William Tyrrell, her late husband, or otherwise, and which the said William Tyrrell had of the gift and grant of Sir Henry Tyrrell of Heron in the county of Essex, knight, and of Thomas Tyrrell, son and heir apparent unto the said Sir Henry Tyrrell, and also all other my manors, lands, tenements and hereditaments with all and singular their appurtenances situate, lying & being in Cannonder [=Canewdon?] in the county of Essex or elsewhere within the said county unto my executors for and during the term of six years next following after my decease fully to be complete and ended, and the

money that they and the survivor of them shall receive and take during the said term and time of the issues and profits of all the said manors, lands, tenements and other the premises I do give and will the same to be bestowed and employed by my executors and by the survivor of them to and for the payment of my debts and to and for the performance of this my last will and testament;

Item, I will that if Thomas Tyrrell, my son-in-law, shall espouse and take unto his lawful wife one of my daughters, videlicet, Elizabeth Playters or Jane Playters, and be married unto her before that he shall come and be of the full age of twenty years, and also shall pay or cause to be paid unto my said daughter of my said two daughters which he shall not espouse and take to his lawful wife as its aforesaid five hundred pounds of lawful English money at one whole and entire payment at her full age of two and twenty years, and also pay or cause to be paid unto Suzanne Playters, one other of my daughters, six hundred pounds of like lawful English money at her full age of one and twenty years at one whole and entire payment, or if that he shall not espouse and take unto his lawful wife one of my said daughters, videlicet, Elizabeth Playters or Jane Playters, and be married unto her before that he shall come to and be of the age of twenty years, then if he shall pay or cause to be paid unto either of my said daughters, Elizabeth Playters and Jane Playters, at their several full ages of one and twenty years six hundred pounds of lawful English money at one whole and entire payment, and also shall pay or cause to be paid unto my said daughter, Suzanne Playters, six hundred pounds of like lawful English money at her full age of one and twenty years at one whole and entire payment, then I do give and will that the residue of the years then for to come after the six years ended before bequeathed to my executors of, in and to those said manors, lands, tenements and hereditaments which I have in the county of Essex and which Thomasine, my late well-beloved wife, had as administratrix or otherwise by and after the death of her late husband, William Tyrrell, son unto Sir Henry Tyrrell of Heron in the county of Essex, knight, and also all and singular my other manors, lands, tenements and hereditaments with all and singular their appurtenances situate, lying and being in Canonder [Canewdon?] within the county of Essex or elsewhere within the said county shall wholly remain and be unto the said Thomas Tyrrell and to his heirs forever;

And if that such a marriage shall not be had and solemnized between the said Thomas Tyrrell, my son-in-law, and one of my said daughters, videlicet, Elizabeth Playters or Jane Playters, as is aforesaid, and also [f. 130v] the said several sums of money of six hundred pounds paid unto my said three daughters in manner and form abovesaid, then I do give and will all my said interest and term of years then for to come from and after th' expiration and ending of the said six years of all those manors, lands, tenements and hereditaments within the county of Essex which Thomasine, my late well-beloved wife, had as administratrix or otherwise unto her late husband, William Tyrrell, and also all and singular my other last-said manors, lands, tenements and hereditaments situate, lying and being within the county of Essex shall remain and be unto my son, Thomas Playters, and to his heirs forever upon condition that he shall pay or cause to be paid unto every of my said daughters, viz., Elizabeth Playters, Jane Playters and to Suzanne Playters, six hundred pounds apiece of lawful English money at one whole and entire payment at their several full ages of one and twenty years;

And if that my said son, Thomas Playters, shall not pay or cause to be paid unto every one of my said daughters six hundred pounds of lawful English money in manner and form aforesaid, then I do give and will all my said manors, lands, tenements and hereditaments and other the premises shall wholly remain and be unto my said three daughters, Elizabeth Playters, Jane Playters and Suzanne Playters, and to their heirs forever;

Item, if that that my said son-in-law, Thomas Tyrrell, shall take unto his lawful wife my said daughter, Jane Playters, or my daughter, Elizabeth Playters, and be married unto her before that he shall come to and be of the full age of twenty years, then I do give unto the said Thomas Tyrrell, my son-in-law, his wardship and marriage and all such money and every other profit and commodity that my executors might have, receive and take for the same if such marriage were not had and solemnized;

And if that the said Thomas Tyrrell, my son-in-law, shall not take unto his lawful wife one of my said daughters, Elizabeth Playters or Jane Playters, & be married unto her as is aforesaid, then I do give the wardship, custody and marriage of him and all such money and other commodity that may be had and received thereby unto my executors to be employed and bestowed by them to th' use and performance of this my last will and testament;

Item, I do give and bequeath unto my brother, Henry Playters, one annuity or yearly rent of seven pounds to be issuing and going out of all my manors, lands, tenements and hereditaments situate, lying and being within the parish of Sotterley in the county of Suffolk for and during the term of his natural life, to be paid unto him at the several feasts of th' Annunciation of Our Lady and Saint Michael th' Archangel by even portions, and if it shall happen the said annuity or yearly rent of seven pounds to be behind and unpaid in part or in all at any of the said feasts, then it shall be lawful to and for the said Henry and his assigns to enter into my said manors and other the premise within the parish of Sotterley aforesaid to enter & distrain, and the distress there taken to lead, drive [+and?] carry away and the same to detain until he, the said Henry, be of the said annuity fully satisfied, contented and paid;

Item, I do give and bequeath unto my brother, John Playters, one annuity or yearly rent of three pounds issuing and going out of all my manors, lands, tenements and hereditaments situate, lying and being within the parish of Sotterley in the county aforesaid for and during the term of his natural life, to be paid unto him at the several feasts aforesaid, and for default of payment thereof as is aforesaid, I will that it shall be lawful to and for the said John and his assigns to enter into the foresaid manors and other the premises in Sotterley aforesaid and distrain, and the distress there taken to lead, drive and carry away, and the same to detain and withhold unto the said John be of the said annuity and of th' arrearages, if any shall fortune to be behind and unpaid, be fully satisfied, contented and paid;

Item, I do give and bequeath unto my servant, John Estys(?), one annuity or yearly rent of twenty shillings issuing and going out of all my manors and other the premises last abovesaid for and during the term of his natural life, to be paid unto him at the several feasts aforesaid, and for default of payment thereof, I will that it shall be lawful to and for the said John to enter into the last-said manors and other the premises and distrain, and the distress there taken to take, lead and drive away, and the same to detain and withhold until he be thereof fully satisfied, contented and paid;

Item, I do give one windmill situate and being in Henstead within the said county of Suffolk, and all the lands and ground whereupon the same [f. 131r] is situate and built, and also free egress and regress to and from the same by and through those ways, enclosures and pastures now and heretofore used to the same mill, and also all those messuages, lands, tenements and hereditaments which I late purchased and bought of Richard Ferriby, John Dully and Alice, his wife, Richard Middleton and Maute [=Maud?], his mother, of Agnes Mortlocke, widow, and of John Manning situate, lying and being within the parishes of Sotterley aforesaid, Henstead and Shadingfield or elsewhere within the hundred of Wangford and Blything within the county of Suffolk, and also my manor of Brusiardes with th' appurtenances after the death of Mary, my well-beloved wife, situate, lying and being in Tamington alias Tadington in the county aforesaid, and also all and singular other my manors, lands, tenements and hereditaments in Tannington alias Tadington aforesaid and in all other towns thereunto adjoining, unto my son, Thomas Playters, and to the heirs males of this body lawfully begotten, and for default of such issue unto my son, Drake William Playters, and to the heirs males of his body lawfully begotten, and for default of such issue to the heirs males of my body lawfully begotten, and for default of such issue to my brother, John Playters, and to the heirs males of his body lawfully begotten, and for default of such issue to my brother, Henry Playters, and to the heirs males of his body lawfully begotten, and for default of such issue to my brother, Thomas Playters, and to the heirs males of his body lawfully begotten, and for default of such issue to the heirs males of the body of my said son, Thomas Playters, lawfully begotten, and for default of such issue to the right heirs of me, the said William Playters, forever;

Item, I will and my mind is that if my said daughter, Elizabeth Playters, shall nor will within one year next after request made unto her by my executors of this my last will and testament or by one of them, or if that she shall happen to be married to one within the age of one and twenty years or to one of the full age of one and twenty years, if he shall not nor will not within one month next after request made unto him by my executors of this my last will and testament or by one of them, make, seal and deliver as his, her or their deed one lawful deed of release or other sufficient and lawful discharge to the executors of this my last will and testament or to one of them of all such sums of money as she may ask or claim and that shall be due and payable by my executors or by one of them as executors of this my last will and testament, except such legacies and sums of money as I have given unto her by this my last will and testament, that then the foresaid gifts and bequests to her by this my last will and testament given and bequeathed shall be utterly void and of none effect, this my last will and testament or anything herein contained to the contrary hereof in any wise notwithstanding;

And if that my son, Thomas Playters, shall challenge, demand or ask by law or otherwise any part of those manors, lands, tenements and hereditaments situate, lying and being within the county of Essex which I have given by this my last will and testament unto my said son-in-law, Thomas Tyrrell, and shall not within six months next after request and demand made unto him by my said son-in-law, Thomas Tyrrell, do and suffer or cause to be done and suffered to be done all manner of lawful acts [+and?] things whatsoever for the extinguishing, conveying and sure making unto my said son-in-law, Thomas Tyrrell, and to his heirs forever with the same conditions(?) as I have given the manors and other the premises unto my said son-in-law by this my last will and testament, all his right, title and interest that he shall have or of right ought to have after my decease by any ways or means except that and such right, title and interest as he hath and may have by virtue and force of this my last will and testament of, in and to the said manors and other the premises which I have by this my last will and testament given and bequeathed unto my said son-in-law, Thomas Tyrrell, with the same condition as I have given the said manors and other the premises to my said son-in-law, Thomas Tyrrell, then I do give unto the said Thomas Tyrrell and to his heirs so much in yearly value of my lands, tenements and hereditaments situate, lying and being in Tannington alias Tadington within the said county of Suffolk in recompense and satisfaction of those lands and other hereditaments as my said son, Thomas Playters, shall challenge, have and take the issues and profits of situate, lying and being within the county of Essex and given unto my said son-in-law, Thomas Tyrrell, to have to him and to his heirs forever, anything in this my last will and testament to the contrary notwithstanding;

And also if that my said son, Thomas Playters, shall challenge, demand or ask by law or otherwise any part of those manors, lands, tenements and hereditaments situate, lying and being within the county of [f. 131v] Norfolk and which I have given by this my last will and testament unto my son, Drake William Playters, and shall not within six months after request and demand made unto him by my said son, Drake William Playters, do and suffer or cause to be done and suffered to be done all manner of lawful acts and things whatsoever for th' extinguishing, conveying and sure making unto my said son, Drake William Playters, and to his heirs of his body lawfully begotten all his right, title and interest that he shall have or of right ought to have after my decease by any ways or means, except that and such right, title and interest as he hath and may have by virtue and force of this my last will and testament of, in and to all those manors, lands, tenements and hereditaments which by this my last will and testament I have given and bequeathed unto my said son, Drake William Playters, then I do give unto my said son, Drake William Playters, and to his heirs so much in yearly value of my lands, tenements and hereditaments situate, lying and being in Tannington alias Tadington within the said county of Suffolk in recompense and satisfaction of those lands and other hereditaments as my said son, Thomas Playters, shall challenge, have, take and receive th' issues and profits of situate, lying and being within the county of Suffolk and given by this my last will and testament unto my said son, Drake William Playters, to have to him and to his heirs forever;

Item, I do give and bequeath unto Mary, my well-beloved wife, and unto my mother, Mistress Elizabeth Playters, widow, and unto my father and mother-in-law, Mr Drake and Mistress Drake, and unto my brother-in-law, Master Castle, and to my sister, his wife, to every of them one ring of gold with a death's-head worth twenty shillings, which said rings I will that my executors shall cause to be made and delivered to every of them aforesaid as shortly after my decease as they conveniently may;

And all my goods, chattels, jewels, money, plate and every other thing whatsoever not given nor bequeathed that shall remain, after that my debts and legacies be satisfied and paid, I do give unto my son, Thomas Playters, to be delivered unto him at his full age of one and twenty years;

And of this my last will and testament I do ordain and make William Sidnor of Blundeston in the county of Suffolk, esquire, and Robert Berney of Lincoln's Inn in the county of Middlesex, gentleman, my executors, and to the said William and Robert I do give to either of them forty shillings to be paid unto either of them yearly during the minority of my son, Thomas Playters, at the feast of Saint Michael th' Archangel, at which time I will that they keep or cause to be kept an audit for all my manors and other my hereditaments;

And in witness that this is my very last will and testament I have to every sheet of paper thereof subscribed my name with my own hand and set to my seal. William Playters.

Probatum fuit suprascriptum testamentum apud London Coram venerabili viro magistro Will^{el}mo Drury legum Doctore curie prerogative cantuarien^{sis} commissario etc Decimo quinto Die mens^{is} Iulij Anno Domini mill^{es}imo quingentesimo octogesimo quarto Iuramento Rich^{ard}i Windor notarij publici procuratoris Roberti Barney vnus executo^{um} etc Cui commissa fuit administracⁱo bonor^{um} etc De bene etc Iuratⁱ Res^{er}uata potestate similem com^missionem faciend^o Will^{el}mo Sidnor alter^o execut^{ori} cum venerit etc

[=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 fifteenth day of the month of July in the year of the Lord the thousand five hundred eighty-fourth by the oath of Richard Windor, notary public, proctor of Robert Barney, one of the executors etc., to whom administration was granted of the goods etc., sworn to well etc., with power reserved for a similar grant to be made to William Sidnor, the other executor, when he shall have come etc.]