

SUMMARY: The document below is the nuncupative will, dated 8 February 1588, of Oxford's maternal uncle, William Golding, brother of Oxford's mother, Margery Golding (d.1568). Administration was first granted to the testator's wife, Elizabeth, the daughter and co-heir of Edmund West of Cornard, Suffolk, and widow of John Buckenham, esquire. See Golding, Louis Thorn, *An Elizabethan Puritan*, (New York: Richard R. Smith, 1937), pp. 14-15. A note in the margin of the will indicates that by 22 June 1591 Elizabeth (nee West) Buckenham Golding, too, was deceased, and administration was granted to their daughter, Mary Golding.

For the will of the testator's sister-in-law, Margaret (nee West) Daniel, dated 27 September 1587 and proved 30 April 1589, in which she mentions her 'sister Golding', her sister's two daughters, Margery Golding and Mary Golding, and 'my sister Felton', see TNA PROB 11/73, f. 313. For the will of the testator's brother-in-law, Edmund Daniel (d.1569) of Acton, esquire, dated 29 August 1569 and proved 11 November 1569, in which he mentions his 'brother William Golding', see TNA PROB 11/51, f. 169.

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

This is the will nuncupative of William Golding of Belchamp St Paul in the county of Essex, esquire, inhabiting within the jurisdiction of the Dean and Chapter of the Cathedral Church of Saint Paul, London, the eighth day of February in the year of our Lord God a thousand five hundred fourscore and seven in the thirtieth year [=8 February 1588] of the reign of our Sovereign Lady Queen Elizabeth etc. in the presence of us whose names are underwritten, viz., first the said William Golding, calling for Elizabeth, his wife, said unto her, Bess, I have nothing to give thee in consideration of the long time that thou hast been with me, but I would you should have all that I have, and I pray you pay my debts and have consideration of my daughters, and then the said Elizabeth answered, sir, I will pay your debts if I sell all that I have to my smock, and after the said William Golding, about three of the clock in the night following, died at his house in Belchamp Saint Paul aforesaid. William Maslevile, James Armond.

Decimo septimo ffebruarij anno d{omi}ni iuxta cursum et computac{i}o{n}em Eccl{es}ie anglicane mill{es}imo qui{n}gentesi{m}o octogesi{m}o septimo Emanavit Commissio Elizabethe Golding relicte d{i}c{t}i defunct{i} h{ab}entis dum vixit et mortis sue tempore bona iura siue credita in divers{is} dioces{ibus} siue Iuridicc{i}o{n}ibus peculiaribus administrand{o} bona iura et credita eiusdem iuxta tenorem testamenti suprascript{i} de bene et fideliter adminstrand{o} &c in persona petri Johnson notarij publici procuratoris sui &c Ad sancta dei evangelia Iurat{e}

[=On the seventeenth of February in the year of the Lord according to the course and reckoning of the English Church a thousand five hundred eighty seven [=17 February

1588] a commission issued to Elizabeth Golding, relict of the said deceased, having while he lived and at the time of his death goods, rights or credits in divers particular dioceses or jurisdictions, to administer the goods, rights and credits of the same according to the tenor of the above-written testament, sworn on the Holy Gospels to well and faithfully administer etc. in the person of Peter Johnson, notary public, her proctor etc.]

LM: xxijdo Iunij 1591 emanuit com{m}issio Marie Golding filie na{tura}li et l{egi}time d{ic}t{i} def{uncti} Ad admi{ni}strand{um} bona Iura et credita d{ic}t{i} def{uncti} (iuxta tenore{m} tes{tamen}ti h{uius}mo{d}i) p{er} Elizabetha{m} rel{i}c{t}am et ad{ministrato}rem ia{m} def{unctam} non ad{ministra}ta(?) de bene &c in p{er}sona Thome Lovell notarij pub{li}ci p{ro}cur{atoris} &c iurat{e}

[=On the 22nd day of June 1591 a commission issued to Mary Golding, natural and legitimate daughter of the said deceased, to administer the goods, rights and credits of the said deceased (according to the tenor of the same testament) not administered(?) by Elizabeth, relict and administrator, now deceased, sworn to well etc. in the person of Thomas Lovell, notary public, proctor etc.]