

SUMMARY: The document below is the Prerogative Court of Canterbury copy of the last will and testament, dated 20 December 1588 and proved 12 May 1589, of Sir Henry Gates, the son of Sir Geoffrey Gates (d. 1526) and his wife, Elizabeth, daughter of Sir William Clopton. For the will of Sir William Clopton (d.1530), see ERO D/DRg 1/95. For the Gates pedigree, see Maclean, John, ed., *The Visitation of the County of Gloucester Taken in the Year 1623* (London: Harleian Society, 1885), pp. 65-6, available online.

The testator's elder brother, Sir John Gates (1504–1553), was appointed an executor of the 1552 will of Oxford's father, the 16th Earl. However Sir John Gates (1504-1553) was replaced as executor by a codicil dated January 28, 1554, having been executed on 22 August 1553 along with John Dudley (1504-1553), Duke of Northumberland, as a result of Northumberland's failed attempt to put his daughter-in-law, Lady Jane Grey, on the throne after the death of Edward VI (see BL Stowe Charter 633-4). For details of his career as a courtier, see the entry for Sir John Gates (1504-1553) in the *ODNB*. For the will of his wife, Mary (nee Denny) Gates, see TNA PROB 11/65/327.

The connection of the Gates family to the Earls of Oxford appears to go back several generations to John Clopton (1423-1497), who had the wardship of the testator's father, Sir Geoffrey Gates (d. 1526), and directed in his will that his ward, Sir Geoffrey Gates (d. 1526), should marry Elizabeth, the daughter of Clopton's eldest son and heir, Sir William Clopton (d.1530), which marriage took place, as noted above. John Clopton (1423-1497), a 'stout Lancastrian', was a friend and associate of John de Vere (1408–1462), 12th Earl of Oxford, and was condemned to death for treason along with the 12th Earl and his son and heir, Aubrey de Vere; however although the 12th Earl and his son were beheaded on Tower Hill, Clopton escaped execution. For John Clopton see his will, TNA PROB 11/11/266, and Ross, James, *John de Vere, Thirteenth Earl of Oxford (1442-1513), 'The Foremost Man of the Kingdom'*, (Woodbridge, Suffolk: The Boydell Press, 2011), pp. 42, 134, 184-5, 188-9, 191, 199, 201, 230-2, 237. John Clopton's son and heir, Sir William Clopton (d.1530), was also in the service of John de Vere (1442-1513), 13th Earl of Oxford. He was granted an annuity of £3 6s 8d in the will of the 13th Earl, and was one of the trustees of manors set aside for the performance of the will. See the will of John de Vere, 13th Earl of Oxford, TNA PROB 11/17/379, and Ross, *supra*.

The testator's brother, Geoffrey Gates, was also a servant of John de Vere (1442-1513), 13th Earl of Oxford. A 'Geoffrey Gates, esquire' is bequeathed an annuity of 53s 4d in the 13th Earl's will, and is named as one of the trustees of manors set aside for the performance of the will. For the will of the testator's brother, Geoffrey Gates, see TNA PROB 11/37/210. In his own will below, the testator leaves bequests to his nephews, Geoffrey Gates and Anthony Gates, the sons of the testator's brother, Geoffrey Gates.

One of the testator's sisters, Anne Gates, married Thomas Darcy, the uncle of Thomas (1506-1558), 1st Baron Darcy of Chiche, Vice-Chamberlain of King Edward VI's household, and brother-in-law of the 16th Earl of Oxford. For the will of Thomas (1506-1558), 1st Baron Darcy of Chiche, see TNA PROB 11/44/115.

Another of the testator's sisters, Dorothy, was at court during the years 1540-42 in the household of Queen Katherine Howard (1518x24-1542), and married Sir Thomas Josselyn (b. 1507, d. 24 October 1562). For the will of the testator's brother-in-law, Sir Thomas Josselyn (b. 1507, d. 24 October 1562), see TNA PROB 11/47/309. For the will of the testator's sister, Dorothy (nee Gates) Josselyn (d.1583?), see TNA PROB 11/65/111. In his own will below, the testator leaves bequests to his nephews, John Josselyn and Edward Josselyn, the sons of the testator's sister, Dorothy (nee Gates) Josselyn (d.1583?).

The testator's sister, Dorothy (nee Gates) Josselyn (d.1583?), and her husband, Sir Thomas Josselyn (b. 1507, d. 24 October 1562), had a daughter, Jane Josselyn, who married Oxford's receiver, Richard Kelton (d.1578). Richard Kelton is mentioned as a friend in the will of Oxford's stepfather, Charles Tyrrell (d.1570), and was a witness to the will:

Item, I do give unto my brother, Philip Tyrrell, and my friend, Master Kelton of Colne, all that my lease and term of years yet to come which I have of the said house, manor and priory of Colne with th' appurtenances by any means or ways, as well by force of one indenture made by the late Earl, deceased, to John Booth and Thomas Coe, which said John and Thomas have, by their deed signed and sealed, released over their interest to my late wife, the Countess of Oxford, in her widowhood, as by all other means and ways whereby any right or title of the same might or may accrue or grow to me;

Item, I do make my brother, Philip Tyrrell, my sole executor of all other my goods and chattels yet ungiven upon condition he do pay all such debts and duties as may lawfully be demanded of me and shall justly be proved as above-written to be my debts, these being witnesses hereof, Master John Seymour, esquire, one of the Queen's Majesty's Gentlemen-Pensioners, and Mr Richard Kelton, gentleman.

For the will of Charles Tyrrell, see TNA PROB 11/52/187.

After Richard Kelton's death, the testator's niece, Jane (nee Josselyn) Kelton, married Roger Harlakenden (d.1603), who defrauded Oxford in the sale of Colne Priory. Roger Harlakenden's marriage into a family which had numbered among its members trusted servants of the Earls of Oxford may have facilitated his fraud. For the will of Roger Harlakenden (d.1603), see TNA PROB 11/101/320.

The testator's nephew, Geoffrey Gates, was likely the Geoffrey Gates of Lincoln's Inn who on 9 July 1580 entered into an indenture with his first cousin, Jane (nee Josselyn) Kelton, for the purchase of the 21-year lease of Colne Priory, dated 12 February 1577, made by Oxford to his then receiver, Richard Kelton (d.1578). See ERO D/DPr/175, available on microfilm as ERO Ph 4/152/5.

Details of the testator's career are given in the *ODNB*:

Sir John Gates's younger brother Sir Henry Gates (b. before 1523, d. 1589) sat with his brother in parliament as the other MP for New Shoreham in 1545, had become a gentleman pensioner by 1546, and as a protestant flourished during the protectorate of the duke of Somerset, who knighted him in Scotland on 28 September 1547. MP for Bridport in the latter year, in 1551 he became a gentleman of Edward VI's privy chamber, and was also appointed controller of the petty custom at the port of London and receiver-general of the duchy of Cornwall. Like his elder brother, Sir Henry became involved in Northumberland's conspiracy against Mary, and was arrested and condemned to death. But though he lost his government offices he was soon pardoned and restored to favour, being entrusted with a command for the defence of the north during the Anglo-French war of 1557. Although he was MP for Bramber in 1559, he became increasingly settled in Yorkshire, where he acquired an estate at Seamer, and was MP for Scarborough in 1563 and 1572, and a knight of the shire for Yorkshire in 1571 and 1586. He became a member of the council of the north and gave valuable service against the northern rising of 1569, when he risked being murdered during an official mission to Scotland. Sir Henry Gates married twice. His first wife, Lucy Knyvet, with whom he had four sons and four daughters, died in 1577, and by 1584 he had married Katherine Vaughan, who survived him. When he died, on 7 April 1589, his heir was his eldest son, Edward.

In the floor of the choir vestry of the Church of St. Martin's, Seamer, is a memorial tablet with a Latin inscription commemorating the testator's first wife, Lucy (nee Knyvet) Gates (d. 1 October 1577). The inscription reads, in translation:

Blessed are the dead which die in the Lord. Here lies at rest the noble Lady Lucy Gates, the beloved wife of the illustrious Henry Gates, and daughter of Sir Charles Knyvet, the eldest son of Sir William Knyvet and his wife Joan, daughter of Humphrey Stafford, first Duke of Buckingham, and his wife, Anne, daughter of Ralph, 1st Earl of Westmoreland, and sister of Lady Cecily, mother of the most puissant King Edward IV, father of Queen Elizabeth, the mother of his Majesty, Henry VIII. The mother of this Humphrey, Duke of Buckingham, was Anne, the daughter and heiress of Thomas Plantagenet of Woodstock, Duke of Gloucester, younger son of the great King Edward III by Eleanor, his consort, daughter and sole heiress of Humphrey de Bohun, 10th Earl of Hereford, Essex and Northampton, and Constable of England. This lady was not only distinguished because of her ancient lineage and royal blood, but also on account of true constancy and conjugal spirit which are virtues truly worthy of praise. On the first day of October in the year of Christ the Saviour one thousand five hundred and seventy seven at the manor of Seamer she fell asleep in the Lord with great piety, to whose memory a most loving husband erected this monument, not on account of the honour which abounds and flourishes from the dead, but for the sake of his love.

For the pedigree of the testator's first wife, Lucy (nee Knyvet) Gates (d. 1 October 1577) and the memorial inscription, see Richardson, Douglas, *Plantagenet Ancestry*, 2nd ed., 2011, Vol. II, p. 189, and <http://news.rootsweb.com/th/read/GEN-MEDIEVAL/2006-07/1154034015>. For the births of the testator's eight children by his first wife (Mary, Elizabeth, Edward, John, William, Frances, Katherine and Henry) written in the testator's

own hand, see MS Trinity College Dublin A.1.10.b in Madden, Frederick, ed., *Collectanea Topographica et Genealogica*, Vol. I, (London: John Bowyer Nichols, 1834), pp. 396-7, available online.

The testator's second wife was Katherine Vaughan (d. 15 November 1594), the daughter of Watkyn Vaughan of Bredwardine, Herefordshire, and his wife, Joan Parry, the niece of Blanche Parry (c.1508–1590), Queen Elizabeth's childhood nurse and one of her favourite gentlewomen. At the time she married the testator, Katherine (nee Vaughan) was the widow of James Boyle of Hereford, by whom she had two daughters, Anne Boyle and Mary Boyle. After the testator's death, Katherine (nee Vaughan) married Robert White of Aldershot, Southampton. For a letter from Watkyn Vaughan to Lord Burghley dated 17 December 1584 mentioning his daughter's marriage to the testator, see Robinson, Charles J., *A History of the Castles of Herefordshire and Their Lords* (London: Longman, 1869), Appendix IV, available online. For the funeral certificate of Katherine (nee Vaughan) Boyle Gates White (d. 15 November 1594), see Madden, Frederick, ed., *Collectanea Topographica & Genealogica*, Vol. III (London: John Bowyer, 1836), p. 288, available online.

The testator's friendship with his second wife's aunt, Blanche Parry (c.1508–1590), is recognized in this bequest in the will below:

I give and bequeath also to mine approved good friend, Mistress Blanche Parry, a little ring of mine with a Turkey stone in it for a remembrance.

In her own will, TNA PROB 11/75/180, Blanche Parry left bequests to the testator's second wife, Katherine Vaughan Gates (d. 15 November 1594), and to Katherine's two daughters by her first marriage to James Boyle:

Item, I give to the Lady Katherine Gates a cup of plate weighing forty ounces, and to either of her two daughters ten pounds apiece.

For the testator see also the History of Parliament entry at:

<http://www.historyofparliamentonline.org/volume/1558-1603/member/gates-sir-henry-1515-89>.

For Katherine Vaughan's first husband, James Boyle, who may have been the son of James Boyle, Mayor of Hereford, see Duncomb, John, *Collections Towards the History and Antiquities of the County of Hereford*, (Hereford: K.G. Wright, 1804), Vol. I, p. 379 at:

https://books.google.ca/books?id=EvpCAAAAcAAJ&pg=PA379&lpg=PA379&dq=%22James+Boyle%22+%22hereford%22&source=bl&ots=78PKzP6uQy&sig=if9oFuFAmDj_2kZk2wx3bqoTwhY&hl=en&sa=X&ei=QQ-gVeC8Dsr1gwSJxoC4Cg&ved=0CC4Q6AEwBA#v=onepage&q=%22James%20Boyle%22%20%22hereford%22&f=false.

RM: T{estamentum} d{omi}ni Henrici Gate militis

In the name of God, Amen. The twentieth day of December in the year of Our Lord God a thousand five hundred eighty and eight and in the one and thirtieth year of the reign of our Sovereign Lady Elizabeth by the grace of God Queen of England, France and Ireland, Defender of the Faith etc., I, Henry Gates of Kilburn in the county of Middlesex, knight, being sick in body but of good and perfect remembrance, thanked be God, do ordain, devise and make this my last will and testament in manner and form following:

First I do most humbly commend and betake my soul to Almighty God, my Creator, and to Christ Jesus, his Son, mine only Saviour and Redeemer, to whom with the Holy Ghost, three distinct Persons and one coeternal and everlasting God, be all honour, glory, praise and thanksgiving forever and ever;

And I will my body, when it shall please God to call me forth of this transitory life, to be buried in the next parish church to the place where I shall decease at the discretion of my wife and mine executor or either of them, there to abide the coming of my Lord and Saviour, Christ Jesus, to judgment at the general resurrection of all flesh according to the Holy Scriptures;

And touching such things of this world as it hath pleased Almighty God to endue me with at the day of my decease, I do ordain, bequeath, devise and give as followeth:

And whereas I have heretofore granted by deed to Dame Katherine, my now wife, before our marriage and in consideration of her dowry and third part of my lands during her life natural all that mine annuity or yearly rent of one hundred pounds issuing forth of the manors of Sutton upon Derwent, Newton and Elvington in the county of York, to be perceived had, received and taken by my said wife or her assigns during her said life natural at such days and times as the same shall grow due and payable by the deed of grant and confirmation thereof made to me and mine heirs forth of the said manors forever, and whereas also since our said marriage I have purchased the site or manor of the late dissolved Priory of Kilburn aforesaid with all lands, tenements, buildings and hereditaments which Henry Josselyn, esquire, late owner thereof, did bargain, sell and confirm to me and my said wife and the longer liver of us, and after to the heirs of me forever, whereby she, my said wife, is by due intendment to continue therewithal to her and her assigns during her said life natural, yet my will is nevertheless to confirm and ratify to her, my said wife, all and singular the said annuity of an hundred pounds and the said site or manor of Kilburn in as ample and large manner for her said life natural as either appeareth by the said deeds on her behalf already made or as lieth in me to ratify and confirm to all true intent, purpose and meaning for her full enjoying thereof during her said life;

And to th' end that she, my said wife, may enjoy, have and possess the premises together with the said annuity according to good meaning with less fear of disturbance during her

said life, my will therefore is that she shall have in custody thone part of mine assurance for my said annuity made me from John Vaughan, esquire, deceased, and such parcels of mine evidences for Kilburn aforesaid as may conveniently be forborne with the maintenance of th' inheritance to my son and heir, Edward Gates, and as by learned counsel in the law to be indifferently chosen by and betwixt her, my said wife, and him, my said son and heir, shall be reasonably devised for the preservation of both their several estates, she, my said wife, laying in such sufficient land with like sureties in such reasonable sums of money for the safekeeking [sic] and restitution of the said part of my said assurance for th' annuity aforesaid and such parcels of evidences for Kilburn whatsoever without defacement or any other peril to be delivered to my said son and heir, his heirs or assigns, and the same within such reasonable time of demand to be made after the decease of my said wife as by the said counsel learned in the laws and to be chosen indifferently betwixt them concerning the premises shall be set down and advised, my said wife continuing and leaving the mansion houses and other the buildings thereunto belonging in Kilburn aforesaid in convenient and necessary repair;

And to that end and for the better relief of th' estate of my said wife I do give and bequeath unto her all th' estate for years which I have to come in any the parcels within Kilburn aforesaid which I have by any lease, together with the leases and conveyances of the same;

And whereas I have moreover for the tender affection and dutiful behaviour continued towards me by my said wife granted unto her by deed during her said life natural one annuity or yearly rent of twenty pounds to issue and go forth of my manor of Seamer and others in the said county of York and to be paid her or her assigns by equal moieties at the feast-days of th' Annunciation of the Blessed Virgin Mary and St Michael th' Archangel at a place mentioned for that purpose by my said deed, my will likewise is in that behalf to ratify and confirm unto her, my said wife, the said annuity of twenty pounds aforesaid for her said life natural in as large and ample manner as appeareth to be meant by the tenor of the said deed, requiring my said son and heir carefully to provide from time to time that the said annuity be thankfully satisfied and paid to the use of her, my said wife, accordingly;

And for th' avoiding of all matter of controversy to arise betwixt her, my said wife, and my said executor touching my goods, and for the better preservation of concord, affection and unity, whereof I doubt not the due regard and willing continuance in either of them, I do therefore, in consideration, lieu and satisfaction of my said wife's third part or portion to be due of all my goods, chattels and debts wheresoever, give and bequeath unto her all and singular my goods, chattels, gold, silver, plate, jewels, bedding, hangings, furniture, household stuff and implements within or about my said house at Kilburn and my lodging at Westminster in the said county of Middlesex, excepting only such parcels thereof as I shall hereafter particularly devise and give by this my said will, and excepting and forprising forth of my said last gift to my said wife all such standing implements, glass, ceiling, doors, wainscot and suchlike as should or might be carried away with the defacement and disfurnishment of my said houses of Kilburn aforesaid, requiring her, my said wife, carefully and lovingly to provide that nothing be attempted or taken away of

such things meant to be forprised purposely as aforesaid from the said house of Kilburn aforesaid contrary to my said meaning;

And to that end, and for the better maintenance of our people together in household after my decease, I give and bequeath unto my said wife an hundred pounds, parcel of such money as yet remaineth due unto me amongst others unpaid of my bargain and sale of the manor house of Kingston upon Hull, praying her for the due affection hithertoward continued betwixt us to accept of that I have here given and bequeathed unto her as proceeding from a disposition always bent to deal as bountifully by her as my mean ability can admit and more, though too little a great deal to answer either her faithful desert towards me or to supply the necessary estate wherein I shall leave her;

Item, I give and bequeath unto my said son and heir, Edward Gates, my great gold chain which was my former wife's, Dame Lucy, his own mother, and all and singular mine armour, weapons, books, writings and evidences of all sorts, as well within my said lodging at Westminster aforesaid and my said house at Kilburn as elsewhere wheresoever, together with my seal of arms annexed to my said great chain and now remaining therewithal in my said lodging;

And whereas I have heretofore devised, granted and to farm letten unto my eldest daughter, Mary Gates, in consideration, satisfaction and lieu of her filial or child's part of all my goods, chattels, cattles and debts all that the rectory of Hunardby in the said county of York with all and all manner of tithes, profits, appurtenances and hereditaments whatsoever thereunto belonging for many years yet enduring in such manner and form as appeareth in and by a conveyance thereof to her made by me by virtue of her Highness' letters patents to me granted for a more term, as thereby also appeareth, she, my said daughter, yielding and paying to me and mine assigns a certain annual rent for the premises yearly as is reserved by my said demise, and further observing, performing, fulfilling and doing all and every grant, covenant, article and condition which be contained and meant to be observed, performed, fulfilled and done on the part and behalf of me and mine assigns in respect of her Highness' said letters patents, the yearly rent therefore reserved only excepted to be paid by me or mine assigns yearly at such days and times as in the said letters patents be set down and limited, now my will is and I do hereby give and bequeath unto my said son and heir, Edward Gates, all and singular mine estate, right, title, interest, demand and term of years to come in and to the said rectory with th' appurtenances whatsoever, with all the rents hereafter to be due by my said daughter, Mary, or her assigns reserved in and upon my said demise, together with also her Highness' letters patents aforesaid, he, my said son, yielding and paying her said Highness, her heirs and successors, the annual rent from time to time to be due for the premises at the days and times thereunto limited by the said letters patents;

My will nevertheless is that for the better security of the state, title and term of years granted to my said daughter, Mary, and her assigns as aforesaid, he, the said Edward, with sufficient sureties with him, shall within six months next after my decease enter into band in the sum of a thousand marks to her, the said Mary's use, in due form of law to be made with condition endorsed for the payment of her Majesty's said yearly rent to be

duly made by the said Edward, his executors or assigns, during and according to the said letters patents, and for his, the said Edward, his executors and assigns, neither doing nor suffering any act, deed, matter or thing to the impeachment, prejudice or hindrance of the said title and term of years by me granted to her, the said Mary Gates, so as she, her execut{ors} or assigns shall and may peaceably and quietly use, hold, possess and occupy the premises during the said term according to the true purport, effect and meaning of my said grant to her already made as aforesaid, anything herein contained to the contrary notwithstanding;

Item, whereas my second son, John Gates, hath received of mine and at mine own hands sundry sums of money, of some part whereof there be some specialties with me remaining, my will is and I do give, bequeath, remit and forgive unto him, my said son, all such money aforesaid and all such specialties whatsoever betwixt him and me, and albeit that in respect of such sums of money by him heretofore received of mine and of some other leases and things besides which he, my said [+son], John Gates, hath had of my gift I may think him reasonably recompensed of a full child's part of all my goods whatsoever, yet in lieu, further consideration and full satisfaction thereof and for his better maintenance' sake I do give and bequeath to him, the said John Gates, one annuity or yearly rent of twenty pounds of lawful money of England for and during his life natural to issue and go forth of my said manor of Seamer and forth of all or any my lands, tenements and hereditaments parcel of the said manor, and to be paid to him, the said John Gates, or his assigns at the feast-days of Pentecost and St Martin the Bishop in winter by even and equal portions, and if it shall fortune the said annuity or yearly rent of twenty pounds aforesaid to be behind and not paid after any of the said feast-days of payment at which it ought to be paid according to the true meaning of this my will by the space of twenty days, then my will is and I do give full power and authority hereby to my said son, John Gates, and his assigns into the said manor of Seamer and into any part or parcel thereof to enter and distrain, and the distress or distresses there to be found to take, lead, drive and carry away and the same to keep and detain at th' owners' charges till the said annuity and th' arrearages thereof, if any such shall be, shall be fully satisfied, contented and paid according to the true meaning of this my last will and testament;

Item, I give and bequeath unto my very assured good friend and faithful counsellor, John Savile, esquire, of the Middle Temple, for his great pains, care and faithful counsel employed on my behalf for my causes in law already, and to be continued likewise on the behalf of my said son and heir, Edward Gate, one annuity or yearly rent of five pounds of lawful money of England during the life natural of him, the said John Savile, to issue and go forth of my said manor of Seamer and forth of all or any of my lands, tenements and hereditaments parcel of the said manor, and to be paid to him, the said John Savile, or his assigns at the said feast-days of Pentecost and St Martin the Bishop in winter by even and equal portions, and if it shall fortune the said annuity or yearly rent of five pounds aforesaid to be behind and unpaid after any of the said feast-days of payment at which it ought to be paid according to the true meaning of this my will by the space of twenty days, then my will is and I do give full power and authority hereby to the said John Savile and his assigns into the said manor of Seamer and into any part or parcel thereof to enter and distrain, and the distress or distresses there to be found to take, lead, drive and carry

away, and the same to keep and detain at th' owners' charges till the said annuity and th' arrearages thereof, if any such shall be, shall be fully satisfied, contented and paid according to the true meaning of this my last will and testament;

And whereas I have by grant heretofore for and in consideration of the good and faithful service of Peter Mease, my servant, given and confirmed for me and mine heirs to him, the said Peter, one annuity or yearly rent of ten pounds of lawful English money issuing and going forth of my manors or lordships of Seamer aforesaid and Depedale within the said county of York, and out of all other my lands, tenements and hereditaments within and parcel of the said manors or lordships or either of them, to have, hold, perceive and take the sum of six pounds thirteen shillings four pence, parcel of the said annuity of ten pounds, to the said Peter Mease, or his assigns from the day of the date of my said grant for and during the life natural of him, the said Peter, and the sum of three pounds six shillings and eight pence, being the residue of the said annuity of ten pounds, immediately after my decease for and during his said life natural, the said annuities or yearly rents to be paid yearly to the said Peter or his assigns at the feast-days of Pentecost and St Martin the Bishop in winter by even portions, with clause of warranty for the said Peter and his assigns, upon non-payment of the said annuity so by me granted or of any part or parcel thereof at the said feast-days of payment, to enter into the said manors or lordships and into every part and parcel thereof and to distrain, and the distress or distresses there to be found to take, lead, drive and carry away, and the same to detain in his custody at the charges of th' owners until such time as the said annual rent or such part thereof as then shall be behind and unpaid, with th' arrearages thereof, if any such be, shall be to him, the said Peter Mease, or his assigns fully contented, satisfied and paid, as by my said grant thereof made under my hand and seal of arms doth at large appear, now my will is and I do hereby ratify, allow and confirm to him, the said Peter Mease, the said annuity of ten pounds to be paid him or his assigns during his said life natural at the said feasts by equal portions forth of the said manors or lordships of Seamer and Depedale aforesaid as freely, clearly and absolutely and in as large and the same ample manner and form as the same is herein set down and mentioned to be granted by the said grant, and as I may any way further ratify and confirm the same to him, the said Peter, for his said life natural by this my last will and testament;

And whereas in further consideration of the said Peter his faithful service I did mean him a lease of that messuage with th' appurtenances in Thorstenby [=Throxenby?], parcel of the said manor of Seamer, which he referred unto me to bestow upon my servant, Lewis Gytins, now enjoying the same, and whereas afterward in lieu of that farmhold aforesaid I did mean him a lease within the lordship of Beamshe [=Beamish?], which upon the earnest means made unto me by the tenant, one William Browell, he, the said Peter, was willing that I did dispose thereof to the said tenant, now my will is and I do give and bequeath unto the said Peter all my estate, right, title and term of years yet to come in and to the house, garden, stable and appurtenances in York which I have of the devise of the Vicars Choral of the Minster there, together with such estate as I have in a little close in Clifton adjoining from one Newton, and refer him further to be considered with some such other recompense to be made him by my said son and heir as the benefits of the

leases aforesaid so meant him and yielded back may be reasonably supplied to him, the said Peter;

And I do give and bequeath unto him, the said Peter Mease, one horse with saddle and furniture, that is to say my horse called Gray Egerton, and further acquitting and freely discharging the said Peter of, for and concerning all manner of receipts, reckonings and demands whatsoever since my first putting him in trust, which I deem and pronounce to have been as faithfully and dutifully performed as became an honest and true servant in everything belonging me, wishing my said son and heir to consider of him thereafter as I know he both hath ever hitherto done and doubt not but he will continue upon this my commendation of so trusty a servant;

Item, I give to my youngest son, Henry Gates, whom I have already satisfied for his child's portion, my great gray horse at Kilburn for a remembrance by this my will;

Item, I give to each of my three daughters, Mary Gates, Frances and Katherine, being satisfied severally for their children's portions already, twenty pounds to be paid them by mine executor, desiring and charging all my said children, as they have been fatherly remembered by me as my ability might afford them my best means for their advancement in my life and forget them not at my death, that they will remember themselves towards God and one towards another in all brotherly duties and parts of natural affection as becometh the profession of our heavenly Father, that so doing will not leave them fatherless;

Item, I give and bequeath to each of my nephews, Geoffrey Gates and Anthony Gates, sons of my brother, Geoffrey Gates, deceased, five pounds to be paid by mine executor;

And to each of my nephews, John Josselyn and Edward Josselyn, sons of my late sister, Dame Dorothy Josselyn, deceased, a ring of gold worth forty shillings, to be performed by mine executor;

Item, I give and bequeath to either of my two sons-in-law, John Aldrid [=Alured?], husband to my said daughter, Frances, and Charles Egerton, husband to my said daughter, Katherine, five pounds;

Item, I give and bequeath to each of my two daughters-in-law, Elizabeth, wife of my said son, John Gates, and Elizabeth, wife of my said son, Henry Gates, five pounds;

Item, I give and bequeath to each of my wife's daughters, Anne Boyle and Mary Boyle, five pounds;

Item, I give and bequeath unto Richard Josselyn, late her Majesty's ward and to me committed, all those implements of household and other furniture late parcel of my said sister, the Lady Josselyn, his grandmother's goods which I left remaining at Newhall Josselyn in Essex at such time as I departed and removed my household from thence, and I will that all such writings as remain with me concerning th' inheritance of the said

Ric{hard} Josselyn be delivered immediately unto him, which I have safely kept for that purpose;

Item, I give and bequeath to each of my servants that have continued with me in household at Kilburn or Westminster aforesaid by the space of one year or more and shall serve me at my decease, to each of them a year's wages to be paid by mine executors, and to every of my other servants that have been less time with me half a year's wages, and to every of my said servants their diets in my house for two months next after my decease;

Item, I give and bequeath unto Richard Goodyeare and Elizabeth Hodgshon, my servants, in respect of their intent to marry together and for and in consideration of both their trusty and industrious services, that house in or adjoining upon Ramcliffe within the lordship of Seamer aforesaid in tenure of Edward More and of all such parcels and appurtenances thereunto belonging in the said More his occupation, to have and to hold the same unto the said Ric{hard} Goodyeare and Eliz{abeth} Hodgshon the said house and other th' appurtenances and to their assigns for and during the term of one and twenty years next after my decease for, at and under the yearly rent heretofore usually paid unto me for the same;

And I do give them, the said Ric{hard} and Elizabeth, all my right, title, interest and estate in and to two oxgangs of arable land with th' appurtenances in the territories of Irton within the said lordship of Seamer now in the tenure and occupation of Thomas and John Samond, parcel of the possessions of the late-dissolved Priory of Wickham [=Wykeham?] in the said county of York, and likewise in and to a parcel of ground enclosed in Irton aforesaid in tenure of Anthony Powell and th' assigns of Mrs Barker, late parcel of the possessions of the late-dissolved Monastery of Whitby in the said county of York, and for, towards and in consideration of the coming(?) th' estate(?) of the said Richard Goodyear in and to the said parcels at her Majesty's hands, and for both his and the said Elizabeth their better preferment, besides I do give and bequeath them the sum of ten pounds to be paid by my executor;

And whereas I have had a disposition to benefit my servant, Robert Duck, with a lease of the manor house of Beamish with the park and appurtenances in the county of Durham upon the said Robert his intent to dwell thereupon, if I shall not accomplish my determination on his said behalf, then I refer to my said son and heir, Edward Gates, and earnestly request him to take such consideration for the preferment of my said servant with the said lease as may stand with due regard of his commendable service done unto me heretofore;

And in like manner I commend to my said son his beneficial consideration of the services of Francis Grinstock, Thomas Ednam and such other of my servants of the North as I have not so done for as I determined, whom also I refer to him, my said son, to ease my wife of the charge of as soon after my decease as conveniently he may unless my wife shall think good otherwise to dispose of any of their services still, and to each of them, the said Francis Grinstock and Thomas Ednam, I give and bequeath five marks to be paid each of them by mine executor, and I do give and bequeath to my said servant, Peter

Mease, ten pounds of my ready money to be left at my decease, together with my little ring with a stone engraven for a remembrance;

Item, I give and bequeath to every of my other old servants, Lewis Gytins, William Lacie, Francis Ellestone, Hugh Glave and Richard Dixon, a ring of gold worth twenty shillings apiece for a remembrance for each of them, being otherwise in some reasonable sort provided for according to their several mean degrees;

So that having remembered all that belong unto me, as my wife, my sons, my daughters, my nephews, my sons and daughters-in-law, and my servants to th' uttermost of my poor ability, my will is likewise not to forget the poor whom it importeth especially to be remembered by me, and therefore I do give and bequeath to the poor of the parish of Seamer aforesaid and Cayton in the said county the sum of ten pounds, to be distributed by the discretion of my said executor, and to the poor to be assembled by occasion of my burial wheresoever as to my said executor shall seem convenient, not doubting and nevertheless charging my said son and heir as well in respect of the goods and chattels which I leave unto him as also and especially for that I leave unto him all my lands whatsoever in possession and reversion, that he see my meaning in every of my legacies and devises aforesaid set down in this my last will and testament truly, fully and simply accomplished and performed as he will answer for it at the general day of judgment;

And I do right humbly desire my singular good Lord th' Earl of Huntingdon to sustain the supervisorship of this my last will, in respect whereof I beseech him to accept my greatest standing cup of silver with a cover all gilt with the taster(?) for a testimony of my poor duty towards him, humbly craving at his honourable hands that as he hath continued a most favourable regard hithertoward for the good both of me and mine, so likewise he will persevere his like honourable care in the behalf of my said wife and my said son and heir and the rest of my other children as to decide and direct whereinsoever any question may be moved touching this my will or any legacy or gift mentioned or meant in the same, to whose honourable order I do eftsoons refer and recommend every party touched in this will from time to time, especially in any matter concerning my said wife, with whom as I began so I will leave, giving and bequeathing unto her in consideration of the charges she shall be put unto about the performance of my funerals one hundred marks to be paid her by mine executor, which my funerals my will is to be performed by my said wife at the discretions of her and mine executor or either of them, and the charges thereof (which I wish and my will is shall be with as little expenses as conveniently may be) to be defrayed and taken of such ready money as I shall leave at my decease;

I give and bequeath also to mine approved good friend, Mistress Blanche Parry, a little ring of mine with a Turkey stone in it for a remembrance;

And I give and bequeath to my very good daughter-in-law, Elizabeth Gates, wife of my said son and heir, Edward Gates, ten pounds to be delivered her by her said husband to be bestowed in a cup for her as a remembrance of my gift;

The rest of all my goods, chattels, debts and specialties of debts whatsoever I give and bequeath wholly to my said son and heir, Edward Gates, for and towards the payment of my debts and the performance of all such my legacies as are mentioned to be performed by him in this my last will and testament, whereof I make him sole and only executor, revoking all other wills whatsoever by me made heretofore;

In witness whereof I have hereunto set my seal of arms and subscribed my name with mine own hand upon every leaf of paper therein the (blank) day of (blank) a thousand five hundred eighty-eight Anno R{egni} Regine Elizabethhe tricesimo primo.

Probatum fuit testamentum suprascriptum apud London coram venerabili viro m{agist}ro Will{el}mo Drury Legum doctore Curie Prerogatiue Cant{uariensis} Com{m}issario &c Duodecimo die mens{is} Maij Anno D{omi}ni mill{es}imo quingentesimo octogesimo nono iuramento Petri Johnson notarij publici procuratoris Edwardi Gate filij d{ic}t{i} def{uncti} et executoris in h{uius}mo{d}i testamento nominat{i} Cui com{m}issa fuit administratio bonorum iurium et creditorum eiusdem def{uncti} de bene et fidel{ite}r administrand{o} &c ad s{an}c{t}a dei evangelia iurat{o} Ex{aminatur}

[=The above-written testament was proved at London before the worshipful Master William Drury, Doctor of the Laws, Commissary etc. of the Prerogative Court of Canterbury, on the twelfth day of the month of May in the year of the Lord the thousand five hundred eighty-ninth by the oath of Peter Johnson, notary public, proctor of Edward Gates, son of the said deceased and executor named in the same testament, to whom administration was granted of the goods, rights and credits of the same deceased, sworn on the Holy Gospels to well and faithfully administer etc. Examined.]