

Account of Purley on Thames

Will of Margaret Twynhoo - 1501

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In the Name of God Amen and under the protection of his blessed moder and virgin Saint Mary, saint George, Saint Nicholas, Saint Anthony and Saint Francis and Brethren the iij (F of Comyn Advanes - line 2) and of all the holy company of hev'n,

I Margaret Twynhoo of Redyng in the Counti of Berkshir wydowe, being in gode memorye and truth and stedfast in the faith and belief of Godlie chuch now a sister & christian woman on Wednesday in the vigill of Saint Mary Mawgdleyn and the xxj day of July in the year of our lord god a thowsand and v hundred and in the year of our sovereign lord king Henry the vijth the xvjth make my testament and will in this manner folowing

First I bequeth my sinful sowle unto almighti god my maker to be disposed after his juste and immovable mercyes And my weakened body to be buried in the church of the Gray Freers in Redyng in the chapell of Blessid Saint Fraunces as nye the tounge whiche I have made over my Fader and moder. as can conveniently be thought.

Also I bequith after the custome and ryte of the countie and specially for the (xliasness - line 9) of god to the moder churches of Sarum and Wellys eache of them xl d summa vj s viij d

Item - I bequith to the churchis of Hengstrige and Marnehull to have my husband Carant and me to be sett in the bederollys of the same churches and praied fore endless therin xx s

Item - I bequeth to the church at Bradfeld in which I reseived the holy sacrament of Baptisme to have my Fader my moder and me to be remembrid in likewise in the Bederoll xx s

Item - to the same church a pair of vestments of crymysyn velvett the crosse of blewe damaske.

Item - to the parish church of Frome to have my husband Twynhowe and me to be sett in the Bederoll there and praied fore xx s

Item - to the church of Saint Andrew there in recompense of a dewete which they claymed of my husband Twynyho a pair of vestymentes of blewe bawdekyn the cross of blak with lyons of gods

Item - to the howe of Carant Abbey where I am a suster toward the bilding and reparacions of the same church and for a (phempne) durge and masse to be said ther for me xx s

Item to the charity within to be dividid amonges the conent ther they to say dirige and masses for me and my husband Twynhoo xx s

Item to the church of More Kyrchill where my husband Twynhoo lieth to have him and me praied for in the Bederoll xij s and iij d

Item to the church of Bedyngton to pray for my husband Carew Nicholas my sonne and me xx s

Item to the parish churches of Purley Sulham and Hyde eachis of them vj s viij d to have my Father my moder my husbands Carrew Carant and Twynhoo sett in the bederoll and praied for.

Item to the parish churches of Saint Mary and Saint Giles eache of them vi s viij d

Item to the Bretheren of Jhus Masse in the parish Church of St Laurence in Redinge where I am a suster xl s

Item to the commune almshome in Reding vi s viij d

Item to the home of the Grey Freris in Reding to have me and my frendes praied four there in manner and forme as shall be devised by me or by myn executers and to be bestowed according to my mynde xxv li

Item I wil that myn Executors immediatly aftere my deth do prevent a wele disposid preste to singe for me and my frindys the grete Trentall and he for to havis for his labours x li

Item I wil that myne executors bestowe about my burying monthes vigils to be kept monthly for some yrs and the Lentt Trentall a quart to be said for me and my frindys During the same first yer and for six yers vigils to be kept and for all such further coosts all prests mete drynke almes money and blak cloth for my braits x li

Item I will that a nother wele disposed prest be persued to singe for me and my frendis at saint Frances unto whom the Gray Frers by the space of v years immediatly after my deth the same prest to have for his salere by the yer x marc and fynde him his wyne and wages and that the same preste give in almes to v poor men evry Fryday and to v poor women evry Satday during the same v yers v d summa by the yer xxi s viij d

Item I will that myn executers after the xij month mynde doon do ordeyne my dirge and masse to be said for me quartly in the chancell of saint Fraunces by the space of v year and to bestowe at every dirge xx d

Item to my sonn Carant my best borde cloth marcked with (H) and C with a parce of towells thereto and xij draprie nakkyns

Item to Anne Tropenell my daught^r my cover of goold with panyew and flowers my greatest himnerye of goold and my next best primer

Item - to Sanche Ewarby my daughtr my best broche my best prymer and my badge of goold and after her decesse to her doughtr to pray for me

Item - to Elizabeth Twynhoo my daughtr my buret of goold and after her decesse to Margaret her daughtr and to the saime Elizabeth my gowne fraid wt gray

Item to my suster Cowdrey my belt of goold a large fetherbed a tenstig with tapestry work with the picture of men and women hunting and after her decesse the said hert to my nece her daught to pray for me.

Item to my suster Newborough my blak bedes of jete with vij gawdels of goold and after her decesse to my nece Agnes her daughtr to pray for me.

Item to Edward Twynhoo my amyse of goold and iij gilt bollys with a covering of Twynhoo in bage

Item to his suster Margaret my color of goold sett w^t stonys and perle and iij gilt bollis with a cover of Twynhoo bage And if it happens the one of them by fore he or she come to their full age the longest lyver to have all And if it happe botte to dye or fore they come to full age the same to be reserved for the helthe of my soule after the discretion of myne executors.

Item - I will that myne executors imediatly after my deth do devise to Cecill some tyme the wyfe of my sonne William Twynhoo a grete flatt bolle of sylver and gilt with a cover which was hir faders whereso that she and her husband previndr sufficientes further that aftre her decesse the said bolle to remayne to the daughter of William Adams late hir husband.

Item to Thomasyn Langford a good featherbed a bolster a pelow of downe a paire of blankets a comfit of tapestry work with a picture of a gentelwoman knyttynng a grete potte of brasse ij broches ij pannes a garingsh of emerald c tresoe vessels ij paire of shetes of ij bredths and a half ij paire of sheetes of ij bredis and vj cushshins of verdure to pray for me

Item to John Distonyns in money vi l xiiij s iiij d

Item to John Heland of Shaftysbury and John Jankyns of Monketon for ther good promis and will to me to pay for me suche of the xx s

Item to Maist^r Woode chief juge of the Comyn place to have the custody and the oversight of this my will and testament and to see that my will wol be substancially and truly performed as my verie faithful trust is in him in that behalf to my present helth my best standing cuppe with a little floure uppon the toppe

Item - also the resiment of suche goodis as allmyghte god of his grete grace hath gevin and admitted to my godmoder and thir brste by me the said Margaret herein bequethed and devised my duty paid and content to evry creiture I give and bequeth (hoohe-line 60) in this diseison dis(pos)acion and gyving of my moost kynde Relative Sr John Langford knyght and to my kynde and trusty servant John Adams of Confford whence and (vmrikre- line 61) of hym I make and ordane myne executors to dispose, administere the said residue after ther confor(ma)nce having in there tender remembrance the dredd of god and the haran love whiche I owe unto them.

In witsesse whereof I the said Margaret have sealed this my verie wil with my seall the day and year above writtyn

In probatium fuit supra (Perxenni- line 65) testamentum apud Lamehithe iij to die mensis Marcii anno domini millielmo cccccj Immumento Pia Anthony presentatione executais at verbatum est et (innat - line 66) fuit admissione ... per ... bonorum etc debere ... defunct executor in dicto testamento monumentis in persona prevectoris induct de bone et fidelict administrando sic do de pletre et fidele et singular bororum et divitorum proximo future etc ... de plano et veve ro sancte dei

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Notes

Margaret Twynhoo (nee Langford) was the widow of Nicholas Carew IV who had been lord of the manors of both Purley Magna and Purley La Hyde from 1458 to 1466. Margaret and her son Nicholas succeeded in 1466 and the young Nicholas died childless in 1485. After his death Purley Magna was left to his sister Sanchea and her husband Sir John Iwardby and La Hyde to his sister Elizabeth and her husband Walter Twynhoo. Their other sister was Anne Tropnell.

Of the places named Reading, Bradfield, Sulham and Purley are all in Berkshire. The reference to the church at Hyde is interesting and possibly refers to a small chapelry attached to the manor and would therefore be likely to have been situated just to the west of where Purley Hall now stands. Bedyngton is Beddington in Surrey which was the main seat of the Carew family. Frome is in Somerset. The other places are all within about 15 miles of Blandford Forum in Dorset.

Hengestrige is presumably Henstridge which is just across the border in Somerset; Marnehull in Marnhull, Carant Abbey is possibly Tarrant Abbey near Blandford; More Kyrchill possibly Moor Crichel; Shaftysbury is Shaftesbury; Monketon is possibly Monkton up Wimborne and finally Confford is possibly Canford near Bournemouth.

Lamethith is Lambeth, the palace of the Archbishops of Canterbury in whose court the will was

proved (PCC 15 Blantyre)

Master Woode would be the chief judge in the Court of Common Pleas.

The Beadroll was a list of people, usually dead, for whom prayers were said on a regular basis. A Beadsman would be engaged by the church and he would count out the prayers that he had been paid for on his string of beads known as the Rosary. Somewhat more expensive was the payment for masses to be said or sung for the deceased as this required the service of a priest and would usually only be done at one church, in this case Grey Friars in Reading. A Trentall is a series of 30 masses spread over a period of about five years which were said for the repose of the soul of a deceased person.

